

## World AIDS conference assails genocidal policies

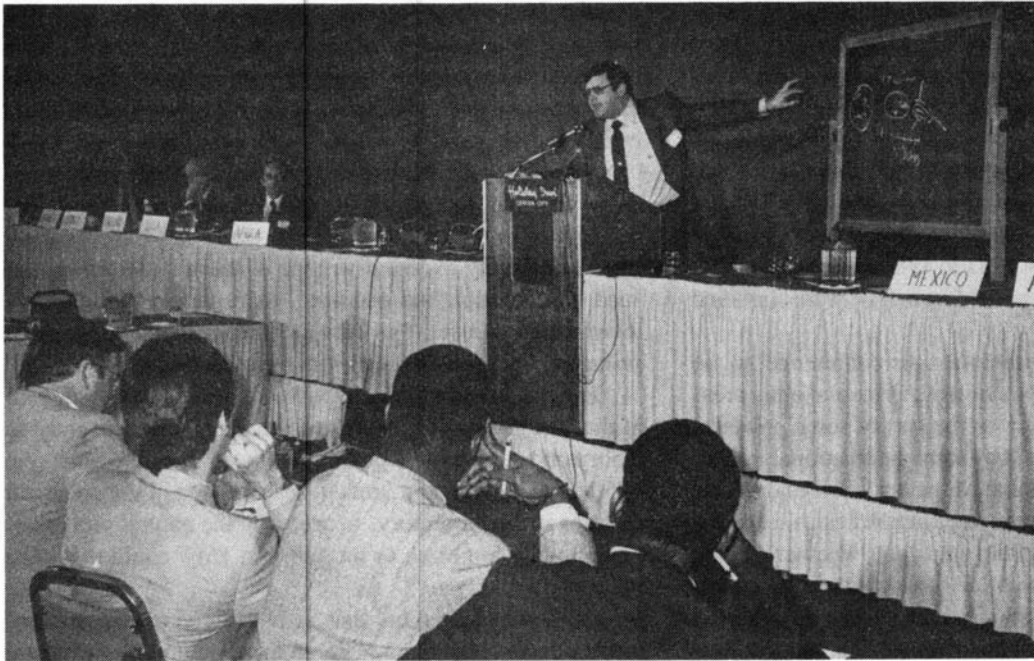
by Jonathan Tennenbaum

Medical scientists from all over the United States, Europe, Africa and Ibero-America met in Philadelphia on Nov. 28-30 to determine whether or not there is any substance to allegations and rumors, to the effect that the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes AIDS was created for, or is being used as an instrument of global depopulation. The international group of scientists was brought together at the invitation of Samuel L. Evans, chairman of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs (AFNA) and a leading fighter for civil rights in the United States.

In three days of deliberations, held before a select audience of some 250 observers from the scientific community, as well as teachers, local leaders, and representatives of several nations, the team of experts came to some highly disquieting conclusions concerning the possible origin of the AIDS virus, and the reasons why AIDS is presently depopulating entire regions of Africa and other parts of the world.

In his opening address to the conference, Samuel Evans stated, "This conference seeks clarification of disturbing rumors and grave allegations . . . that the HIV virus causing AIDS was cultivated artificially in laboratories as an instrument for biological warfare: that viruses have been cultivated which will attack only people with melanin [dark pigment] in their skin; that plans for depopulation targeting certain racial and ethnic groups are being implemented through ethnic weapons." Evans noted that despite denials by various U.S. agencies, "these devastating allegations continue to circulate worldwide, doing great damage to the United States' global relations with peoples of other nations." This was the reason why he had invited leading scholars from around the world to examine the scientific evidence, pro and con, in order to "lay these rumors to rest and clarify the allegations."

But, "the reactions of various government agencies to the convening of this conference have proven to be the cause of both alarm and disappointment to me.



*Dr. Robert Strecker presents a hypothesis about the origin of the AIDS virus as a weapon of biological warfare, at the Philadelphia conference on Nov. 29.*

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For example, Mr. Todd Leventhal of the U.S. Information Agency contacted me on three occasions, urging me to not hold this conference.”

### **The truth about how AIDS is spreading**

Following Evans’s introduction, John Grauerholz, M.D., a pathologist and former deputy chief medical examiner of the state of Rhode Island, presented the basic facts about AIDS and the HIV viruses. He noted that the U.S. government and other governments have been lying about these basic facts, and in particular have been denying the possibility of casual transmission and transmission by insects. He presented detailed evidence pointing to AIDS transmission by saliva, drawn from the First International Symposium on Oral AIDS held in Montreal on June 1-3, 1989.

Later during the conference, the Florida tropical diseases specialist Dr. Mark Whiteside, together with Prof. Ricardo Veronesi, President of the Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases, presented extensive research showing that insect transmission of AIDS is possible, and is doubtless occurring on a significant scale in tropical areas. Veronesi, who was formerly the health commissioner of the city of São Paulo, with 14 million inhabitants, also told how the promise of millions of dollars of profits in “the dirty, underground side of the AIDS business,” was being used to manipulate scientists into keeping quiet about all the ways in which AIDS is spreading.

### **AIDS is causing depopulation**

Dr. Nicholas Mosezera, a doctor and researcher from Uganda, spoke of the devastation AIDS is causing in his

country, and made a passionate appeal for concrete help, in the form of equipment and training. “The question of where AIDS came from may be very interesting, but my people are more interested in what we can do to save them right now,” he said.

Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum, European director of the Fusion Energy Foundations, gave a report on two major AIDS conferences held recently, in Marseilles, France and Rome, Italy. He presented shocking figures on the explosive spread of HIV infection in Africa. In several major cities of Uganda over 20% of the general population is infected, and in many other areas of central and west Africa the rate has reached over 10%. Tens of millions of Africans will die of AIDS during the coming ten years, unless drastic action is taken. The rapid spread of AIDS is directly linked to the catastrophic collapse of living standards and health care in Africa. All manner of diseases are running rampant and serving as “co-actors” accelerating the spread of AIDS. AIDS victims are often sent home without treatment, becoming sources of further infection. Many hospitals have no antibiotics, no pain killers, even no running water, he said.

Dr. Berta Farfán, an epidemiologist from Mexico, spoke of a similar situation developing in many parts of South America. “Brazil is becoming a new Uganda,” she said, showing slides of slum housing and collapsing hospital buildings. The immune systems of people are being weakened by malnutrition, opening the door to infection by HIV and other microbes. In Mexico, 60% of the adult population and 80% of the children suffer from protein deficiency. It is estimated that 2.5 million persons are HIV-infected in Ibero-America, of whom 30% are in Central America.

The AIDS disaster is unfolding in the black and Hispanic slums of major U.S. cities, too, according to Dr. Ernest Shapiro, a New York physician and public health specialist. Dr. Shapiro demonstrated how the actual death toll from HIV in the United States is being concealed from the public by manipulation of statistics and use of criteria exempting all but a narrow range of HIV-caused illness. In one U.S. state, for example, the death rate among women between ages 15 and 44 went up by 30% from 1981 to 1986 as a result of HIV spread. But, most of those who died from HIV were classified under other causes.

Strong evidence was presented to the conference, to the effect that the ongoing depopulation of Africa and other areas is linked to a deliberate policy on the part of some powerful circles in the United States and by some international institutions including the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. Dr. Debra Hanania-Freeman, a public health specialist from Baltimore, addressed the question, whether people could exist who were capable of deliberately creating conditions under which depopulation could occur, through the spread of disease and other conditions. Her answer was "yes," and among her evidence she quoted statements by former Secretary of Defense and World Bank President Robert S. McNamara, and of Thomas Ferguson of the U.S. State Department Office of Population Affairs, to the effect that "overpopulation" was the most serious world problem which had to be solved "by any means possible," including fascism. She also cited Bertrand Russell's 1950s statement that "biological warfare might prove effective" for controlling human population growth.

Warren Hamerman of the *EIR* Biological Holocaust Task Force recounted the history of a groundbreaking study he had coordinated in 1973 at the direction of economist Lyndon LaRouche, to determine what the effects of IMF-World Bank austerity policies would be upon the populations of the developing nations.

### **Artificial origin of HIV**

One of the most remarkable papers presented at the conference was by the British venereologist and Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, Dr. John Seale. He spoke about the possibility that the HIV viruses were created artificially in the laboratory, by deliberate or accidental modification of existing viruses of monkeys. Dr. Seale noted that in the last 2,000 years, up to the emergence of HIV in the late 1950s or 1960s, there is no known example of a truly new, infectious virus disease appearing in man. All other viruses of man, such as smallpox, yellow fever, polio, and herpes, can be traced back to the beginnings of medical history. How could it be that suddenly, in the space of a decade or less, not one but *three* quite distinct, new viruses of man—HIV 1, HIV 2, and the oncogenic virus HTLV-1—appeared and began to spread in pandemic fashion throughout the world?

Dr. Seale noted that each of these viruses has a marked

genetic similarity to certain viruses in monkeys, but that some highly unusual event, or chain of events, would have been required to convert a monkey virus into one which could cause an epidemic in humans. The most mysterious of these is HIV-1, the virus associated with over 95% of all AIDS cases known in the world today; although it is distantly related, genetically, to a family of primate lentiviruses, the genetic distance is so great that HIV-1 could not have evolved from that family except over tens of thousands of years. If such an evolution had occurred, there would doubtless be intermediate viruses ("precursors") either in man or in other primates, but no such precursors have been found.

The much more likely hypothesis, Dr. Seale concluded, is that the precursors never existed in nature, but only in laboratory cultures. In fact, it has been possible since the 1950s, by cultivating a virus in a succession of different cell cultures in the laboratory, to speed up the natural process of evolution by a million or more times. How could that have happened?

Dr. Seale pointed out that such artificial modification of viruses occurs on a large scale, in the production of what are called "modified live viral vaccines." In fact, some polio vaccines and other vaccines were produced in laboratory cultures using monkey cells. It is quite possible that one of the monkey viruses might have contaminated an experimental culture, undergone successive modifications (which might have included passage through human cells), and then have been injected into a "critical mass" of humans as part of an experimental vaccine trial.

In answer to a question from Samuel Evans, Dr. Seale stated that he considered the probability as 10,000 to 1 that the HIV viruses were artificially created. But, on the basis of presently available evidence, it is not possible to say exactly when, where, and how this occurred, nor to determine whether it happened accidentally or through deliberate design.

Dr. Robert Strecker and Dr. Allen Cantwell presented hypotheses about a deliberate origin of the AIDS virus as a weapon of biological warfare. Strecker claimed that the HIV virus had been synthesized as a "heterodimer recombination between bovine leukemia virus and Visna virus" of sheep. Cantwell pointed to a correlation between hepatitis B vaccine trials among cohorts of homosexuals, and the appearance of AIDS in the United States.

Dr. John Grauerholz examined the possible feasibility of "ethnic weapons"—microbes which would preferentially attack members of some particular ethnic or racial group. He indicated that the idea of an "ethnic weapon affecting only persons with melanin in their skin" was ridiculous since all persons, black or white, have melanin, though in different amounts. In general human beings are biologically all very similar, and individual differences between members of a single racial group are generally larger than any systematic differences between one such group and another.

All in all—as Evans noted in his closing statement—no

empirical evidence was presented by anyone at the conference indicating that such a weapon existed or was even being developed. Evans concluded that allegations circulated by the Soviet Union, to the effect that the U.S. was cultivating new viruses as ethnic weapons, seem to be “nothing but propaganda.”

### Defeating the AIDS pandemic

The final session of the conference was devoted to “care and cure of AIDS.” Mrs. Garance Phau, editor of the French medical bulletin *SIDA—Médecine sentinelle*, gave a brilliant presentation on the methods of the Pasteurian school for prevention and control of disease.

Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum gave an overview of the possibilities of “optical biophysics,” a branch of biology founded by Louis Pasteur, for research and treatment of HIV-AIDS. This approach is based on the characteristic differences in the geometry of organization of living and non-living matter as electromagnetic processes. Experiments have been done indicating that the AIDS virus could be inactivated in the blood of a patient, without damage to that blood, by irradiation with the proper wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation.

Another promising direction of research was presented by the leading French cancer specialist Prof. Georges Mathe. He announced results of testing of a new antiviral drug, acriflavine, which appears to be 10 times more effective than AZT in combatting HIV.

### ‘In the company of Martin Luther King’

A highpoint of the conference was the reading of a paper submitted by the economist and former U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, from his jail cell in Rochester, Minnesota. LaRouche recounted how he had come to play a leading role in the fight against AIDS. As a physical economist in the tradition of Leibniz, LaRouche’s concern is “the means to increase the standard of living and the level of culture and freedom of the individual through increase of the average productive powers of labor of society.”

LaRouche said his best evaluation was that AIDS had emerged as the result of an accident. “It would have been possible for someone to have created it deliberately, but this being a Satan bug—everyone dies of it, no known cure—we didn’t think anyone on this planet with the capability of creating such a disease would have created this Satan bug deliberately.”

“But even disregarding that, we come to the other question. Are we willing to allow the disease to take its course, to the effect that the continent of Africa, at least black Africa, is decimated? Other parts of the world are decimated? Or do we consider human life sacred, and are we willing to mobilize the resources needed, whatever the cost, to save every life, whatever the color of skin, whatever the part of the planet?” LaRouche concluded.

# Is the AIDS virus a biological weapon?

by Samuel L. Evans

I want to take this opportunity to extend words of welcome to all of the participants present here this morning, and special thanks and appreciation to the many scholars from abroad and within the United States, who have set aside their busy schedules to be present at this World Conference on the HIV Virus Causing AIDS and Global Depopulation.

Indeed, the plague of the HIV virus causing AIDS represents the greatest threat to life ever visited on the planet Earth.

The conference seeks clarification of disturbing *rumors* and *grave allegations* which have achieved widespread international circulation . . . that the *HIV virus* causing AIDS was cultivated artificially in laboratories as an instrument of *biological warfare*; that viruses have been cultivated which will attack only *people with melanin* in their skin; that plans for depopulation targeting certain racial and ethnic groups are being implemented through *ethnic weapons*.

Indeed, such is the gravity of these allegations, that two book-length reports addressing these issues were prepared at the request of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, and presented to Congress at the hearing March 28, 1988, by Charles Z. Wick, director of the United States Information Agency (USIA). The USIA asserted that these allegations were part of a Soviet disinformation campaign, and dismissed the allegations as “absurd,” while neglecting to present scientific facts or evidence to refute the allegations.

Notwithstanding, the USIA reports, these devastating *rumors* and *allegations* continued to spread worldwide, doing great damage to the United States’ global relations with peoples of other *nations*. Therefore, in the interest of laying these *rumors* to rest and clarifying the allegations, *invitations* have been extended worldwide, inviting scientists and scholars to attend the conference and present scientific research and empirical data, *pro* and *con*, on the following subjects:

- 1) Is the HIV, the virus causing AIDS, of artificial origin, or a natural phenomenon?
- 2) If the HIV, the virus causing AIDS, is of artificial origins—was it created as an *ethnic weapon* to spread an epidemic among selected *people* and *nations* to achieve *global depopulation*?
- 3) If the HIV, the virus causing AIDS, is of artificial origins, where and when was such a virus cultured or created,