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The LaRouche plan to defeat the AIDS virus

While officials of both the Reagan and Bush administrations have been guilty of gross negligence in respect to the AIDS pandemic, Lyndon H. LaRouche has distinguished himself by foreseeing the current crisis. In 1973, LaRouche put together a biological holocaust task force to study what could be done to prevent mass disease outbreaks, which he said would occur as a result of the austerity policies of the International Monetary Fund. In October 1985, in a statement announcing his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination, LaRouche declared AIDS to be "the most important of the political issues threatening us right now." In November 1989, Warren J. Hamerman wrote the following, in a preface to an EIR Special Report on AIDS:

Within the immediate period ahead, mankind will reach the point of no return on adopting one of the only two proposed concrete courses of action to deal with the out-of-control AIDS pandemic.

As he pledged to the American people in a June 4, 1988 prime time national television broadcast, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s science-intensive plan will lead to total victory over AIDS—the wiping of the virus from the face of the Earth.

The alternative course proposed by [then-Surgeon General] Dr. C. Everett Koop, by the insurance companies, the banks, governments, and the health establishment, in the name of "cost containment," is to revive Nazi policies of euthanasia ("mercy killing") and death camp "hospices" instead of hospitals. This plan will doom the human species to a miserable end. . . .

We remain optimistic that mankind will ultimately choose victory over defeat. However, we must offer three particular limiting conditions upon our philosophical optimism.

1) The choice for victory must be made and adopted in time.

2) The victory plan of a crash scientific, public health, and economic renaissance program must be adopted in its entirety and not selectively.

3) The LaRouche victory plan must be directed by the designer of the plan—physical economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.—or it will not be perceived as or in fact be a victorious "total war" effort, since LaRouche is the policy "energizer" at the center of the international scientific, politi-

cal, and medical networks who must lead the war to vanquish the AIDS virus.

That the alternative to the LaRouche plan spells total defeat for mankind is underscored by how governments and the health establishment have let the situation get completely out of control.

As we have long warned, the brutal cost-cutting and sub-human austerity policies of the international banking institutions and the tragic failure of the Reagan-Bush administration and allied governments to tell the truth about AIDS and commit the resources to fight it, have allowed the 100% lethal disease and related pandemics to spread unchecked through all the continents of the globe.

The willful intransigence of governments and institutions to adopt traditional public health measures, such as mass testing, has combined with a peculiar and devastating biological feature of the AIDS virus itself—the very long "lag time," of 5-10 years or more, between infection and the onset of sickness. . . . Thus has much of the continent of Africa been devastated. Thus have America and Europe's once-invincible health infrastructures been overwhelmed. Thus have the nations of Ibero-America been brought to the brink of the needless death of millions. And thus has the killer virus established a beachhead in the vast, highly concentrated populations of Asia.

Yet because of the biological lag time of the virus and the policy of governments to consciously blind our public health radar, all of the devastating map of AIDS we see today is actually the after-shock of infections that occurred half a decade to a decade ago. Those sick today were potentially infecting others throughout most or all of that half decade to a decade. How many, and who, we do not know, because of the health establishment's policy.

The EIR-proposed science-intensive war plan to fight AIDS is designed to:

a) Pump money into basic bio-medical research programs to catalyze "crash" breakthroughs, through advancing our understanding of life processes on a broad scientific front. Technology-intensive solutions are always the most efficient and least costly ways to solve problems.

b) Upgrade and enhance the immunological disease-resistance potential of populations through improving nutrition and sanitation, housing, and so forth.

c) Modernize and augment both the skilled medical manpower and hospital facilities for a "surge" of health care delivery to populations.

d) Give doctors the advanced training and resources required to fight disease, while liberating them from attack through so-called malpractice insurance law suits.

Today . . . we would only underscore what is at stake in the choice between these two alternatives, by identifying it as a "global showdown" leading to mankind's total victory over a deadly disease threat under the LaRouche plan, or our total defeat as a species.