

Editorial

AIDS and Al Gore

It is well known that Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR* have campaigned forcefully for an effective response to AIDS, as a *species-threatening* pandemic, ever since 1985. It should be obvious by now, that everything we did and said was completely right in all essentials. But why was it dismissed, and why were we vilified and persecuted for it? We now know some things about this side of the question, which we didn't know back in 1985-86. We now know of the then-secret U.S. National Security Study Memorandum 200, or NSSM 200, of 1972, calling for the reduction of the populations of major Third World nations as a U.S. national security priority. And we now know that a predecessor of NSSM 200 existed at the State Department as early as 1966. After NSSM 200, the next step in the population-reduction campaign was the Stockholm environmental conference of 1972, organized by the Canadian kook Maurice Strong. The massive attacks against us in the 1980s, were lies; we were exposing the hoax that AIDS can only be transmitted through sex.

AIDS was first found in two locations simultaneously: Kinshasa, Zaire, and San Francisco. Both were areas where the population had heavy interaction with blood banks.

Remember that before AIDS, there was no known human retrovirus. There was a retrovirus which infected green monkeys, which were immune to it, which went on from them to infect other monkeys and apes. It is relevant that chimpanzee tissues appear to have been used in the 1950s to develop experimental polio vaccines for use with humans in Africa, a continent which has always been an open field for any sort of obscene medical experiment. Once you discover and isolate a retrovirus, you can insert it into immune agents, such as a polio vaccine.

LaRouche's expressed view then, was that if AIDS were man-made, it were probably the result of a laboratory accident. But whether or not it were man-made, what followed its origins was an anomalous initial pattern of contagion. Its initial spread in Africa, can be charted almost directly from certain experimental inoculation programs. There is no explanation for the pattern but a mechanical spread, whether through inoculation programs or in some other way. The pattern of AIDS

epidemia now, is that of a disease of poverty, as South African President Thabo Mbeki has said. But that was not the case at the beginning.

Looking at the way in which LaRouche and his friends were persecuted around this issue, one might venture that perhaps some people were trying to cover their tracks. In the 1980s, we explained this hysteria by saying that, once the magnitude of the problem became publicly known, a budget would be needed to deal with it, but that some persons in authority were so morally insane, that they would rather deny the existence of the danger, than discuss that budget. The moral insanity was certainly there. But Dr. Alim Muhammad's testimony at the Ad Hoc Democratic Party Platform Hearings last month, showed that Cuba was able to contain the epidemic, at a much earlier stage of knowledge of the disease, without a big budget. This means that other avenues of explanation must be explored.

LaRouche did not say then, and is not saying now, that AIDS was created or spread deliberately. But he is saying that views like those Dr. Muhammad expressed at those hearings, should be more fully explored.

"This is me versus Gore," LaRouche says. Maurice Strong is the key continuity to H.G. Wells, and to the Bertrand Russell who wrote that we needed a pandemic disease every generation, so that the survivors could then procreate freely. Why was LaRouche targetted for his AIDS warnings of the mid-1980s, which later proved true? This was a conscious cover-up. Now, we are faced with a massive national security problem from AIDS, just as he warned. California Proposition 64, which LaRouche initiated in 1985, must now be used to morally discredit population-reduction fanatic Gore.

Along with other life-and-death issues, the AIDS question must be addressed through the mass circulation and replication of those platform hearings. That campaign is the center of everything. Everything essential is in those hearings, in the testimony of Dr. Muhammad of Washington, Dr. Kildare Clarke of New York, and Councilman Joe Jones of Cleveland, and in their give-and-take with the panel.

LaRouche is optimistic that he can unify the Democratic Party in this way; no one else has the credibility to do it.