

Millions Died Because LaRouche's Warnings on AIDS Were Ignored

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In 1974, and again, on a far grander scale, in 1983-86, Lyndon LaRouche launched a worldwide campaign to defeat the evolving global biological holocaust, brought on by the willful policies of such oligarchical institutions as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the Club of Rome, the World Wildlife Fund, and sub-agencies of the United Nations Organization, including the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

On both occasions, LaRouche's warnings were not only ignored by much of the public-health community, world leaders, and the scientific establishments on both sides of the Iron Curtain. But also, LaRouche was targeted, slandered, vilified, and, ultimately, thrown in jail, by agents and assets of that Anglo-Dutch-American oligarchy, after attempts to assassinate him and destroy his political movement failed.

As the direct consequence of those attacks against LaRouche, tens of millions of people have died unnecessarily, through the spread of pandemic diseases, geopolitical wars, and famine, that could all have been prevented, had LaRouche's warnings been heeded and his policy solutions adopted.

Now, nearly a quarter-century after LaRouche first issued the clarion call warning of a biological holocaust, world leaders, public-health professionals, and even in some cases the media, are waking up to the horrors that they have allowed to transpire, and are now panicked that they may have waited too long to act. As a result, billions of human beings may be condemned needlessly to early death, unless, even at this late date, LaRouche's solutions are rapidly implemented.

First among the four horsemen of the present-day Apocalypse is HIV/AIDS. At the July 9-14 Thirteenth International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, it was estimated that there are now 40 million people infected with the HIV virus worldwide, and the number is growing at such a rapid rate in Africa, Asia, Russia, and even in so-called "advanced sector" countries like the United States, that Sandra Thurman, director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, recently declared: "We are at the beginning of a pandemic, not the middle, not the end. We certainly know that before we're able to stop this pandemic, we'll have hundreds of millions of people infected and dead, and that's the best-case scenario."

James Sherry, director of program development for UNAIDS (the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS), was even more blunt, in a July 5 interview with the *Washington Post's* Barton Gellman: "I can't think of the coming of any event which was more heralded to less effect. It still hasn't changed. It hasn't changed. In terms of real redeployment of resources, it hasn't changed. The bottom line is, the people who are dying from AIDS don't matter in this world."

What Was LaRouche's 'Crime'?

On Labor Day 1974, LaRouche issued a memorandum, directing a team of his colleagues to produce a study, forecasting the consequences of a revival of "zero-growth" policies by the IMF, the World Bank, and, in the infamous *Limits to Growth* study of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Forrester and Meadows, issued by the Club of Rome. LaRouche identified these policies as a revival of the eco-



A demonstration against LaRouche's Proposition 64 in San Francisco, June 29, 1986. The ballot initiative called for the use of traditional public health measures to prevent the spread of AIDS. If LaRouche had been heeded then, millions of lives would have been spared worldwide.

conomic policies of Adolf Hitler's Economics Minister Hjalmar Horace Greeley Schacht, the "liberal" architect of the Nazi slave-labor genocide policies, who was backed by the British-led financier oligarchy. LaRouche warned that the revival of Schachtian economics on a global scale, first targeting the darker-skinned races of the developing world, would have murderous consequences far beyond anything that Hitler ever imagined.

Preliminary findings, based on LaRouche's specified method of investigation, were presented at the founding conference of the Fusion Energy Foundation on Nov. 23, 1974, and a more detailed report was released on Dec. 28, 1974 at an international conference in New York City.

The study warned that, by the early 1980s, unless there was a change in global policy away from the dogmas of "zero growth," the world would be facing the first wave of a global "ecological holocaust," characterized by growing famine in parts of the planet, and the emergence of new forms of virulent disease, as well as recurrences of such known diseases as cholera, bubonic plague, and malaria, in new drug-resistant strains, that would overwhelm the human immunological system. That study warned that, by the end of the 1980s, nearly a billion people could potentially die, with a large percentage of those deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa, and with pandemic disease being one of the principal sources of the genocide.

Back in 1974, no one had ever heard of HIV-AIDS. But, LaRouche and his colleagues understood that, if the genocidal policies of people such as Prince Philip, Maurice Strong,

Henry Kissinger, and the late Lord Bertrand Russell were allowed to prevail, new forms of disease would evolve, and, eventually, no one would be immune from a new Black Death, more horrific than the plague of the fourteenth century.

Russell and Kissinger

In his 1951 book, *The Impact of Science on Society*, the evil Bertrand Russell had written: "At present the population of the world is increasing at about 58,000 per diem. War, so far, has had no very great effect on this increase, which continued throughout each of the world wars, . . . but perhaps bacteriological war may prove effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. The state of affairs might be unpleasant, but what of it?"

Russell's ideas were promulgated inside the U.S. National Security establishment by Kissinger, parallel to LaRouche's efforts to expose the consequences of "zero growth."

On April 24, 1974, Kissinger, who was serving then as both National Security Adviser and Secretary of State for President Gerald Ford, issued a directive mandating a study on the impact of population policy on U.S. national security interests abroad, focussing on "the trade problems the U.S. may face arising from competition for resources," and "the likelihood that population growth or imbalances will produce disruptive foreign policies and international instability." Kissinger mandated that the study take up "economic and



Henry Kissinger's National Security Study Memorandum 200 defined Third World population growth as a "national security threat" to the United States.

political implications of population growth, rather than its ecological . . . aspects."

The study that Kissinger commissioned was completed on Dec. 10, 1974, but it was not declassified until late 1989. National Security Study Memorandum 200 (NSSM-200) stated, "The political consequences of current population factors in the LDCs [lesser developed countries] . . . are damaging to the internal stability and international relations of countries in whose advancement the U.S. is interested, thus creating political or even national security problems for the U.S." The study bluntly targetted the developing sector for population reduction: "Clearly development *per se* is a powerful determinant of fertility. However, since it is unlikely that most LDCs will develop sufficiently during the next 25-30 years, it is crucial to identify those sectors that most directly and powerfully affect fertility." "World population growth," the Kissinger study proclaimed, "is widely recognized within the government as a current danger of the highest magnitude, calling for urgent measures."

Ironically, even the United States was not exempted from the population reduction quotas, detailed in the NSSM-200 study. Kissinger advocated a one-child-per-household policy for the U.S.A., in order to achieve, by the end of the century, "zero population growth" in America.

PANIC Is Appropriate

By the mid-1980s, AIDS was on the minds of billions of people, on every continent, as the first tens of thousands of

horrible deaths were recorded, and the rate of spread of the infection was taking on epidemic proportions. On Oct. 25, 1985, colleagues of LaRouche held a press conference in California, launching of the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC). PANIC would launch a petition drive to place a referendum on the California ballot in November 1986, mandating that AIDS be treated as a communicable disease (see box). The referendum, Proposition 64, would have treated AIDS like other infectious and contagious diseases, while providing optimal treatment for those already infected. These standard public-health measures had been used effectively in the past, to halt the spread of tuberculosis and many other contagious diseases.

The initiative followed a statement by LaRouche on Sept. 15, 1985, in which he admonished, "Spread panic, not AIDS," and warned that panic is "entirely justified. AIDS is the most deadly global pandemic since the bubonic plague." He proposed that a mass screening program, a worldwide economic recovery, and a crash research program were all urgently needed to halt the AIDS spread.

On Oct. 5, 1985, LaRouche announced his decision to seek the Democratic Party Presidential nomination in 1988, in large measure because of his anger over "the continued cover-up of the rapid spread of AIDS," a disease he described as "potentially more deadly than a full-scale thermonuclear war." Striking a note of cultural optimism in the face of the AIDS cataclysm, LaRouche forecast that the "explosion of rage over government cover-up of the risk of AIDS, to all sections of the population will probably trigger an explosion of traditional American moral and pro-scientific values."

The launching of the PANIC initiative also came in the context of two other stunning developments on the AIDS front, one of which was featured prominently in *EIR*.

In October 1985, *EIR* revealed that doctors and workers at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia had concluded, based on a study of the AIDS outbreak in Belle Glade, Florida, a poor southern Florida community of migrant workers, that "poor sanitation [and] economic squalor are significant co-factors for generating deadly new pandemics." Dr. Mark Whiteside developed strong evidence that AIDS was being spread by mosquitos, under the conditions of poverty and squalor which were widespread in Belle Glade.

On Nov. 25, 1985, Gus Sermos, the CDC public-health adviser for Florida, was relieved of his post for "overzealous" reporting of the AIDS crisis. In January 1986, Sermos told *EIR* that he had specifically been fired to make sure that the Belle Glade evidence was "covered up or shuttled aside."

The Sermos firing was a metaphor for a far more vast effort by public-health officials—at the CDC, the WHO, and elsewhere—to suppress evidence of the true nature of the AIDS catastrophe, and to avoid the costly effort that would be mandated, were the public made truly aware of the reality. Thus, the public-health establishment, with a few exceptions,

joined with the Anglo-Dutch oligarchy in willfully committing genocide. LaRouche, at the time, warned that bureaucrats at the IMF, the World Bank, the CDC, etc., were sentencing millions of people to an early death with the flick of a pen.

Heterosexual Transmission

The second dramatic development occurred in Africa. The *Washington Post* belatedly admitted, on July 5, 2000, that a team of AIDS researchers, led by 37-year-old American doctor Jonathan Mann, had spent 1984-86 in Zaire, tracking the spreading circle of HIV infection. According to Robert W. Ryder, who took over the project from Mann, the 1984-86 work proved, conclusively, that AIDS was not a “homosexual disease,” but that large numbers of heterosexuals had contracted the disease as well. As the *Post* noted, “With heterosexual transmission established, AIDS might go anywhere.” Yet, “early in 1986, the World Health Organization in Geneva still regarded AIDS as an ailment of the promiscuous few. Halfdan Mahler, the organization’s Danish-born director general, enraged [Dr. Peter] Piot with a casual suggestion in one

early meeting that other diseases were far more important than AIDS.”

Mann warned that the finding of heterosexual transmission had “transcendental importance.” The *Post* reported, “AIDS was not merely another infectious disease, Mann argued. It seemed to flourish in — and reinforce — conditions of poverty, oppression, urban migration, and social violence. It therefore could not be solved as a biomedical problem. . . . In an interview with filmmaker Robert Bilheimer before Mann’s Sept. 3, 1998 death in the crash of SwissAir 111, Mann said discrimination ‘isn’t just an effect, it’s actually a root cause of the epidemic itself.’ ”

Mann’s remarks should recall to readers the statement of Bertrand Russell, and similar statements by Britain’s Prince Philip, who, at the height of the AIDS panic, according to the German Press Agency on Aug. 8, 1988, said: “In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.”

Given the full-court press by the genocide lobby to accelerate the spread of HIV as an explicit population reduction

California’s Proposition 64

The following is the full text of the 1986 California ballot initiative, Proposition 64, submitted to the voters by the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC). The initiative was defeated, thanks to an enormous propaganda campaign by opponents of LaRouche, who was the initiator of the referendum.

Section 1

The purpose of this Act is to:

A. Enforce and confirm the declaration of the California Legislature set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 195 that acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is serious and life threatening to men and women from all segments of society, that AIDS is usually lethal and that it is caused by an infectious agent with a high concentration of cases in California;

B. Protect victims of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), members of their families and local communities, and the public health at large; and

C. Utilize the existing structure of the State Department of Health Services and local health officers and the statutes and regulations under which they serve to preserve

the public health from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Section 2

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is an infectious, contagious and communicable disease and the condition of being a carrier of the HTLV-III virus is an infectious, contagious and communicable condition and both shall be placed and maintained by the director of the Department of Health Services on the list of reportable diseases and conditions mandated by Health and Safety Code Section 3123, and both shall be included within the provisions of Division 4 of such code and the rules and regulations set forth in Administrative Code Title 17, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, and all personnel of the Department of Health Services and all health officers shall fulfill all of the duties and obligations specified in each and all of the sections of said statutory division and administrative code subchapter in a manner consistent with the intent of this Act, as shall all other persons identified in said provisions.

Section 3

In the event that any section, subsection or portion thereof of this Act is deemed unconstitutional by a proper court of law, then that section, subsection and portions thereof shall be stricken from the Act and all other sections, subsections and portions thereof shall remain in force, alterable only by the people, according to process.



World Health Organization Director Dr. Jonathan Mann (center) at the Third International AIDS Conference, 1987. Mann was one of those principally responsible for blocking effective action against AIDS at that time.

policy, it was no surprise that when PANIC organizers submitted 690,000 signatures of California voters to put the PANIC initiative on the ballot, on May 22, 1986, all hell broke loose.

On June 25, 1986, California authorities officially placed the PANIC initiative on the November 1986 ballot, as Proposition 64.

In a Sept. 10, 1986 introduction to a National Democratic Policy Committee pamphlet promoting Proposition 64, LaRouche reviewed the evidence that AIDS is not exclusively transmitted via homosexual sex or intravenous drug use, warning, “All of this evidence is known to every responsible medical official and public-health agency. Therefore, those who say there is very little danger from ‘casual contact’ are liars. They are guilty of one of the most evil cover-ups in medical history.” Refuting the claim that adequate medical care for AIDS victims is “not cost-effective,” LaRouche wrote, “Americans today are spending more on illegal drugs than the Pentagon is spending for national defense; with a small part of what Americans are now spending on drugs or rock music, we could fund the medical care and research needed to conquer AIDS.”

Instead, the Hollywood mafia, led by Elizabeth Taylor and Patty Duke, launched a campaign against LaRouche and Proposition 64, spending more than \$5 million over several months to defeat the referendum — which indeed was defeated by a margin of nearly two to one. In the pages that follow, you will find a “who’s who” of who was behind that campaign to destroy LaRouche, and make the world “safe” for the out-

of-control spread of AIDS—just as Bertrand Russell and Kissinger demanded.

Anglo-Dutch Preach Genocide for Africa

To focus exclusively on the role of the polymorphous-perverse crowd in Hollywood in defending AIDS as a “human right,” would be a grave error. Lest there be any doubt that the spreading of HIV was a conscious policy of factions of the financier oligarchy, just consider the recent admissions of Peter Schwartz, former head of scenario planning at Royal Dutch/Shell Group, who later founded the Global Business Network.

In a July 13, 2000 conversation with *EIR* economist Richard Freeman, during a New York Council on Foreign Relations conference on Global Financial Vulnerabilities, Schwartz boasted that, in 1986, he “did a study on [AIDS] for AT&T, Royal Dutch Shell, and Volvo. We concluded that people who have AIDS in Africa should not be kept alive; they spread the disease. It is better they should die quickly.”

The fact that Shell, the crown jewel of the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy, had commissioned Schwartz to conduct such a study of the AIDS epidemic in Africa, and preach early death as the solution, *at precisely the moment that LaRouche was making a strategic intervention to force governments to adopt a sane policy to defeat the pandemic*, proves, again, that the battle against AIDS is not a fight against nature, but a fight against the oligarchy!

John H. Loudon, Schwartz’s boss at the Anglo-Dutch oil conglomerate for many years (although he was no longer

CEO of Royal Dutch/Shell Group at the time), was Prince Bernhard's handpicked successor to serve as president of the genocide-preaching World Wide Fund for Nature, and a charter member of Prince Philip's 1001 Club, the piggybank for most of the "deep ecology" and eco-terrorist organizations operating in the world today.

In July 1997, Schwartz and Peter Leyden co-authored a widely circulated article for *Wired* magazine, the semi-official house organ of the Global Business Network, promoting the preposterous idea of "The Long Boom: A History of the Future, 1980-2020." The article boasted, "We're facing 25 years of prosperity, freedom, and a better environment for the whole world. You got a problem with that?"

While arguing that the so-called "New Economy" could produce infinite inflation-free growth, through the application of Information Technology, Schwartz projected a far-less rosy picture for Africa:

"An even more disturbing crisis hits Africa. While some parts of the continent, such as greater South Africa, are doing fine, central Africa devolves into a swirl of brutal ethnic conflict, desperate poverty, widespread famine, and disease. In 2015 the introduction of biological weapons in an ethnic conflict, combined with the outbreak of a terrifying new natural disease, brings the death count to unimagined levels: an estimated 5 million people die in the space of six months—this on top of a cumulative death toll of roughly 100 million who perished prematurely over the previous two decades."

Even today, faced with the reality of the AIDS pandemic wiping out much of the population of Sub-Saharan Africa, and driving life expectancies in some countries below 30 years of age, Schwartz still dismisses the idea of applying standard testing and quarantine public-health measures as "concentration camps."

The Fight in Washington

High-level sources in the U.S. national security establishment have confirmed that, paralleling the brawl over Proposition 64, the LaRouche intervention around the AIDS pandemic had also triggered a ferocious behind-the-scenes battle within U.S. intelligence agencies and at the White House.

According to a July 5, 2000 front-page story in the *Washington Post* headlined "World Shunned Signs of the Coming Plague," in 1987, CIA national intelligence officers-at-large Katherine J. Hall and Walter L. Barrows had petitioned their bosses for permission to prepare an estimate on the national security consequences of the AIDS crisis worldwide. It took the pair three years to get permission to conduct the study, and, when they finally produced their "Interagency Intelligence Memorandum 91-10005" the next year, which forecast 45 million cases of HIV infection by 2000, there was scarcely a whimper in reply. The study's principal author, Kenneth Brown, described the reaction as "indifference—that's the right word."

Worse, some high-ranking national security policymakers, obviously aware of Kissinger's NSSM-200 dogmas, hailed the advent of AIDS. Brown told the *Post* about one unnamed military colleague at the National Intelligence Council: "His penetrating analysis was, 'Oh, it will be good, because Africa is overpopulated anyway.'" The *Post* continued, "Still others, Brown recalled, discounted the likelihood of damage to allied militaries. If officers began dying of the disease, they said, 'That boosts morale, because there's more room for advancement.'"

Such behind-closed-doors warfare sabotaged any effective global campaign against AIDS at the World Bank and the WHO. Former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, who became WHO director general in 1998, has placed tobacco and tuberculosis at the top of her list of priorities, virtually ignoring the AIDS pandemic since her arrival in that post. Last year, as AIDS became the number-one cause of death on the African continent, the WHO annual report did not even make mention of this stunning fact.

And several years ago, the World Bank produced an internal policy memorandum arguing that there is a "silver lining" to be found in the AIDS pandemic sweeping Africa. South African economist Alan Whiteside described the June 1992 World Bank document to the *Washington Post*: "If the only effect of the AIDS epidemic were to reduce the population growth rate, it would increase the growth rate of per capita income in any plausible economic model." Whiteside lamented, "Only the World Bank would put that on paper."

The Death Toll Is Rising

Since doctors first described the symptoms of HIV, less than 20 years ago, 53 million people have been infected with the HIV virus and 19 million have already died. With drug "cocktails" now on the market that can at least slow the rate of spread of HIV into full-blown AIDS, some specialists estimate that \$3 billion a year for a global program of medical care for those already infected, could prolong their lives and curb the spread of the disease. Yet, that figure, which is less than what Americans spend every day of the year on health care, is ten times the current worldwide AIDS budget. The WHO today has 2,000 fulltime professional staff, and only three are assigned to work on AIDS.

Clearly, the battle that LaRouche launched a quarter-century ago—against the oligarchy's policies of population genocide, through the willful spreading of AIDS and other pandemic diseases—rages on. LaRouche's enemies are responsible for the greatest genocide in human history, and they should be held accountable for their crimes.

In the pages that follow, you will be introduced to these mass-murderers, and brought into the escalating battle to forge a sane policy for dealing with this pandemic, before humanity is wiped out. You will see the kinds of measures readily available, even at this late date, to win the war to prevent a New Dark Age.