

actual assault. My attorney, Albert Barclay, simply said, 'Well, if this is the testimony, it does not constitute assault, not in this kind of situation,' and Judge Foster Voorhees said, 'That's true.'"

Elliot Greenspan is 27 and originally from the Bronx. He makes his living by substitute teaching the Trenton school system. If Elliot Greenspan is in possession of a dangerous weapon, it could only be his mouth, and then it is only dangerous to him.

"The arrests are directed at the Labor Party and our working class support," Greenspan says, "to keep people out of the party, to keep people from joining, from campaigning in the plants. You can prevent people from doing this by continuing to harass ...

"It's not directed by Trenton Police in any way — it's directed by Interpol, an unreformed Nazi international police organization ... Interpol interfaces with various federal law enforcement agencies, through Justice, through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, through the FBI, through the Treasury Department, which then interface in turn with state police and conduits in local police ...

"It's through those conduits that the orders which are international in terms of, for example, in this case — containing and harassing the Labor Party in Germany or in Detroit or in Mexico ... It's from there that the orders come down, and they're conduced, and then you get this kind of street stuff in the City of Trenton ...

"We're not dangerous because we throw bombs, we're not dangerous because we're underground — we're dangerous because we're right about what to do with the world economy," Elliot Greenspan says ...

Hence, the containment, the harassment. Greenspan says he's had it, though, with these charges in Mercer and particularly in Trenton. This is, after all, America. The land of the free. He says he's working on a federal suit alleging violation of his civil and electoral rights over the last 18 months.

"We'll name specific officers who have been involved," said the candidate for Congressman Frank Thompson's seat. "I know who (Officer Blank) is and who (Blank) is and who (Blank) is and so on — these guys are a little off their rocker. I'll take the off-the-rocker idea into court, on the basis of a pattern in violation of our rights."

Health Emergency In U.S.A.

FLASH REPORT:

More Cases Of "Swine Flu" Reported; Lassa Fever Hits 11 Persons In Canada

Aug.13 (NSIPS) — Two more cases of the so-called "Legionnaire" disease have been detected, as of Aug. 12. The victims were attendees at the Eucharist Congress in Philadelphia last week which was attended by 1 million people. The cases exactly fit the symptoms of the disease — also like the symptoms of swine flu — which has killed 27 people who attended the American Legion Convention in Philadelphia some weeks ago. However, Dr. Polk, Philadelphia's City Health Commissioner, said today, "We think it may be a coincidence, since pneumonia breaks out all year round." His Deputy Health Commissioner, Dr. David Soricelli, declared: "Two cases mean nothing more than two people were in Philadelphia and now have a cough."

Another "undiagnosed" illness has infected 24 persons in a Boyton Beach, Fla. nursing home and has killed five. Although the symptoms here do not yet look like the same virus infecting the Legionnaires, public health officials have refused to release

any information on the possible cause of the disease, which also infected two nurses aides except to say that "there may have been some problems with the air conditioning, though heat exhaustion has been ruled out." Flaunting minimal public safety and health measures, the nurses aides were sent home before a substantive diagnosis had been made.

In Canada, an entire hospital in St. Catherines has been quarantined because a woman who collapsed from Lassa fever is bedded there. Lassa fever — identified some seven years ago in Lassa, Nigeria is highly contagious and has a 50 per cent mortality rate. There is no known cure for Lassa fever which is caused by diseased wild rats. The victim reportedly caught the disease from a 33-year old British engineer who is in "isolation" in a British hospital. The disease, until now, has not been included in the "reportable" diseases category (meaning that a person with Lassa fever symptoms cannot be forced to report to health officials for an examination.) The woman was transported to the U.S. by a plane carrying 407 passengers, all of whom are susceptible to infection, three of which now have symptoms. Eight nurses from the hospital where the woman has been examined are also showing Lassa fever symptoms.

The Threat Of Epidemic Diseases In The United States

Aug. 13 (NSIPS) — The deterioration of the United States health care and disease monitoring apparatus has reached a point at which the system is no longer able to effectively monitor or combat possible epidemic outbreaks of infectious diseases.

This breakdown of the health system comes at a time when there is a pattern of perceptible increase in major infectious diseases — for instance bubonic plague — which health officials are unable to even effectively monitor under present funding levels. Yet under conditions of Wall Street-dictated austerity, when families are forced to scrimp on diets and health care, the potential for rapid growth of infectious disease is greater than at any time since the last depression.

Worse, as shown by the handling of the Philadelphia legion fever, the U.S. Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has been transformed from the nation's leading infectious disease control

organization into a black propaganda outlet for Wall Street's genocide plans. Contrary to the CDC pronouncements on the killer fever as a "poison," virtually every virus and poison expert in the country contacted on the disease has warned that the fever is likely to be identified as a virus, and numerous leading experts have blasted the CDC's handling of the situation.

After months of stalling an opposition led by New York financier connected forces such as the New York Times and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass), the Congress this week finally passed a bill authorizing passage of President Ford's swine flu immunization bill. However, Congress only appropriated thirteen cents per dose to pay for administering the vaccine; actual cost of providing manpower and infrastructure to carry out the vaccination program will cost between 40 and 60 cents

per dose, and the difference will have to be made up by states and localities. In New York City, where state and local finances are tightly controlled by the same banks which guided the New York Times in its opposition to the vaccine program, the director of the city's Infectious Disease division, Dr. John Marr, has already stated that New York will not be able to implement the program unless more federal funds are forthcoming. And Federal health officials have warned that the vaccine program will only reach one-half of the U.S. population by January at the earliest.

Infectious Diseases Spread

California health officials are warning that the epidemic of plague among the rural rodents of California is a direct threat to human urban population centers such as the San Francisco Bay area. Dr. Phil Duffy of the San Mateo County Health Department, who was featured in a San Francisco Chronicle article Aug. 4, entitled "Plague Bacteria Carriers, Rats Worrying Bay Area Officials," said today that the rural-urban rodent ecology has been destabilized by the recent appearance of the "roof rat" in San Mateo County, just south of San Francisco. The "roof rats," according to Duffy, are more likely than other species of urban rodents to come in contact with rural field mice, now known to be carrying the plague.

Yet incredibly, the county is not monitoring the roof rats for plague; they have put all of their miserably small staff to work on rodent extermination! Twenty-five thousand dollars a year for a technician and a car is all they would need for at least a sampling and baseline monitoring for plague. Within San Francisco itself, there are now only five personnel monitoring rodents, less than half the minimum number needed according to a health department spokesman, Domenic Crociani.

Los Angeles County Health Department Director, I.A. Witherill, responding directly to a U.S. Labor Party statement warning that ecological holocaust will be the lawful outcome of continuing economic collapse, has drawn up a detailed accounting of the developing epidemic threats due to the collapse of public health. The report stresses that "the surveillance capability of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services is markedly lower than it was in 1972," and that "the loss of surveillance capability may well be the most negative factor occurring in the health system over the last three years." All 23 communicable disease control physicians have been dropped from the health department in the last several years.

The report agrees with the Labor Party's overall analysis, stating that "poor nutrition causes decreased resistance leading to increased disease in the population ... Disease organisms plus appropriate vectors plus negative environmental and social factors equals epidemics in any population." The report detailed the statistics of those diseases which are "most likely to become epidemic in this urban population" under collapse conditions, such as natural disaster, and the disruption of water and sewerage:

Amebiasis, an intestinal infection, as increased 60 per cent over a five year median;

Shigella, another intestinal infection, has increased 30 per cent over a five-year median;

Typhoid fever cases have increased 40 per cent over a five-year median;

Typhoid carriers have increased 40 per cent over a five-year median.

The report concludes that although the plague has not been reported in the city for years, "a shift in rodent control would certainly leave us open to problems. Whenever rats increase to the point of outgrowing their food supply, they will become more 'tame' and threaten the human population. Effective control is an ongoing necessity in the control of disease." Rodent control

has been slashed by 30 to 50 per cent this year in nearly every major U.S. city as part of banker-dictated budget cuts.

Naturally, typhoid is up from 166 cases in the first 29 weeks in 1975 to 197 cases in the same period of 1976. Meningitis is up to 1,032 cases in 29 weeks in 1976, compared to 926 cases last year, and primary encephalitis is up to 442 cases from 390 in the first 29 weeks of 1975.

CDC: From Disease Control To Disease Cover-up

At the same time, the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), under the leadership of Dr. David Sencer, has transformed itself into a center for disease cover-up.

Under intense pressure from Kennedy and his allies in the Democratic Party, the "official" medical investigation into the "American Legion disease" has concluded, through CDC head Dr. Sencer, that the disease is definitely **not** swine flu, nor any kind of flu or infectious disease. Instead, the disease is some mysterious "poison." **This is a lie.** Evidence now publicly available strongly indicates that the disease **is in fact swine flu or another virus.** The CDC and the Pennsylvania State Department of Health are deliberately covering up other vital evidence which will help determine the nature of the disease and are criminally **acting to prevent the reporting of the spread of the disease.**

In an incredible violation of all medical and scientific procedures, CDC head Sencer has "redefined" the Legion disease to include only those victims who were at the Legion Convention — thus stopping the reporting of all cases of the disease contracted through secondary (contagious) spread from the original victims. This move is aimed solely at covering up the probably continuing spread of the disease thereby preserving the cover story that it is not infectious.

Such actions have outraged honest medical researchers. Dr. Cyril Wecht, a world famous Pittsburgh-based coroner working on the Pennsylvania disease has denounced health officials for "disregarding every scientific principle of investigation" and for withholding information from him and other researchers. "Never in the history of medicine have so many worked so long to accomplish so little," Wecht said, charging that the investigation was incompetent and dominated by "confusion and near panic."

Despite the attempted cover up, the evidence is accumulating that the disease is in fact continuing to spread. Four deaths from this or a similar disease have been reported from North Carolina, two from Atlantic City, New Jersey, and one, unrelated to the Legion convention, from Williamsport Pennsylvania. Philadelphia hospitals report an unusually large number of cases of viral pneumonia. Following the Sencer "redefinition," however, hospital officials are refraining from labeling these cases as similar to those of the Legionnaires.

Sencer's conclusions are made on the basis of two pieces of "evidence;" negative outcomes for the hemagglutination tests (which involve culturing a virus in eggs) and the supposed lack of secondary spread of the disease through infection. Yet all medical authorities agree that the hemagglutination test is not decisive — some viruses are simply too hard to culture in eggs, but grow with deadly speed in human beings. Secondly, even if the lack of secondary spread were true, this would indicate nothing. It is well known that flu spreads poorly in the summertime and the temporary, rapid dying out of the contagion would be no surprise. Further, it is well known that crowding, such as the large meetings of the American Legion Convention, **creates especially favorable conditions for flu spread.** It is entirely possible that the flu expanded explosively at the convention, and stopped once the Legionnaires dispersed, a phenomenon which in no way prevents an explosive spread in the fall or even earlier.

Independent blood tests by Dr. Harvey Friedman yielded 11