

AIDS: The lies of the coverup artists

From the Centers for Disease Control to officials of the U.S. government, the World Health Organization, and the Soviet health ministry, the line went out in 1985: Don't panic about AIDS—and don't do anything to stop the epidemic.

The Atlanta CDC

This letter, dated Aug. 27, 1985, was sent to Warren Hamerman, director of EIR's Biological Holocaust Task Force, by Dr. James Mason, director of the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As acting assistant secretary for health, Dr. Mason de facto ran the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for much of 1985, as a result of the political controversy surrounding HHS Secretary Margaret Heckler.

... We agree fully with your basic intent to defeat diseases which threaten the life and health of people throughout the world. We do not, however, agree with your analysis and conclusion that continuation of human life is threatened and that we are faced with an ecological-biological collapse. We are much more optimistic about the general health condition of mankind, particularly as compared to the past. Part of our optimism is based on significant advances which have been made in research and the application of those advances. We also have many clear indications that the health condition of mankind in general is improving as modern day technology to improve sanitation, water supplies, and general living standards spreads around the world. . . .

We also cannot agree with your conclusion that the national security is threatened by the diseases and conditions which your report discusses. Many of them could be threats if we do not maintain adequate surveillance, necessary expertise, continued research and control efforts, and an adequate standard of living. We are optimistic, however, that these are securely in place in this country and that we will continue to make advances toward protecting mankind against the diseases you discussed. We also have more confidence than you express in the multinational efforts through the World Health Organization. . . .

Although some migrant farm workers encounter problems with housing, health care, education, and other socioeconomic conditions, as seen in Belle Glade, no available

evidence establishes a cause and effect relationship between socioeconomic conditions and transmission of HTLV-III, the virus that causes AIDS. . . .

The New York Times

The New York Times published an editorial Oct. 7, titled "AIDS and Apartheid," which charged New York City Republican mayoral candidate Diane McGrath with "bigotry" because of her call for screening and quarantining:

There's every reason to try to contain bigotry; there's none for locking up those who carry the AIDS virus. . . . Mrs. McGrath is not the only victim of ignorance about AIDS. A severe case has befallen Judge Harold Hyman, [who] says he can't imagine why the city Health Department doesn't quarantine adults with advanced AIDS. . . . In the meantime [quarantine] promises only to institute a new apartheid, just as fruitless and just as cruel as the old one.

WHO and the Russians

The Soviet weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta published an article, "Panic in the West, or What Is Behind the Sensation Around AIDS," in its Oct. 30, 1985 issue. It charged that the CIA and the Pentagon have been carrying out biological warfare experiments at Fort Detrick, and this may have been the origin of the AIDS virus. The article, by Valentin Zapevalov, concludes:

P.S. As we were going to press, a "sensational" report appeared in the American journal *Executive Intelligence Review* that the Soviet Union was supposedly blocking the struggle against AIDS.

Let us note that this publication is one of the press organs of the extreme rightist American grouping of LaRouche, known for his ties to the CIA.

It is not excluded that the publication in *Executive Intelligence Review* is nothing else than a clumsy attempt at covering up tracks. . . .

Dr. Sergei Litvinov, assistant secretary general of the WHO for Communicable Diseases and an official of the Soviet health ministry, in a discussion with a journalist in October:

There has been a panic and exaggeration emanating from the originating country where AIDS developed—namely, the United States of America.

Dr. F. Assad, coordinator of the WHO Task Force on AIDS; assistant to Dr. Litvinov, in a discussion with a journalist in October:

My reaction to the fears on AIDS, is that, this is a disease, and anybody who does not have certain practices, won't get it. The most important thing is a good information system. It's tied up with certain sexual practices, and drugs, and that's all! It's the kind of disease that you have to go yourself and get it. It's hard to get. You have to work hard to get it. Everyone is free to speculate, but responsible people should restrain themselves, we shouldn't have panic.