
Interview: Warren J. Hamerman



An eyewitness account of the AIDS crisis in Europe

During the first two weeks of March, Warren Hamerman, director of EIR's Biological Holocaust Task Force, gave a series of press conferences attended by nearly 100 media, scientific researchers, and health professional associations, in Paris, Rome, Milan, Bonn, Munich, and West Berlin, releasing the new EIR Special Report, "An Emergency War Plan to Fight AIDS and Other Pandemics."

EIR: What is the AIDS situation in Europe?

Hamerman: In Europe the actual spread of the disease is far worse than is being officially reported. For example, I had numerous scientists in Italy, France, and West Germany tell me that they knew that the actual number of cases and those infected were anywhere from three to five times the official reports, at least. Europe has no margin of error to repeat the policy mistakes made on AIDS in the United States, because there is already a much higher percentage of cases among people who do not belong to any of the so-called risk groups.

In Italy, for example, a very high percentage—nearly 10%—of the AIDS cases in the Lombardy region are children under three years old, while more than 6% of the "official" AIDS cases there are among people who belong to no identifiable risk group. Also, the Italian health officials and scientists I met were particularly alarmed to hear detailed reports on the situation in Belle Glade, Florida, because they too had hypothesized the possibility of "mechanical" mosquito transmission of AIDS, in which the mosquitoes act as "flying syringes."

After World War II, there were massive insect eradication programs with DDT, but for budgetary austerity reasons, these programs were abruptly cut out in the last decade. As a result there is an uncontrolled mosquito (*zanare*) problem during the summer in Milan, Venice, and the low-lying Po Valley in general. The *zanare* are malaria-carriers, which breed uncontrolled in the covered canals of Milan and other areas. In the south of Italy, from Naples on down, other species of mosquitoes infest the area year-round, in areas where the population is terribly malnourished.

Disastrously, the budget austerities forced on Italy by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have left that great nation

virtually defenseless. I went to a meeting in Rome at the Ministry of Health for the Lombardy and other regions. The health ministry building was a huge palace of four floors. I was shocked to find the first and second floors entirely closed, two offices open on the third floor, and a few more on the top floors. Twenty men and women were walking about in their overcoats in this huge building, because the health budget had been cut so much.

EIR: What about the situation in France and Germany?

Hamerman: I was in France just before the recent elections and was informed that the health authorities knew that the AIDS epidemic was far, far worse than it was "politically acceptable" to inform the population. France, like West Germany, has also experienced "unexplained" increases in atypical tuberculosis cases, with extremely high mortality rates in the past year and a half. There is suspicion that AIDS and tuberculosis could be closely linked co-infections. As I arrived in West Germany, for instance, the television had just reported a 25% increase in tuberculosis cases in the poor areas of Bremen, Duisberg, and Berlin in the past year. Generally the populations of France, Germany and Italy all suspect that the situation is far worse than they are being told, and are eager for truthful reports and briefings. Also, the Europeans are much more directly connected to the unfolding biological holocaust in Africa.

EIR: What did you learn about the African situation?

Hamerman: The African AIDS pandemic is far worse than anything reported in the United States; the actual scope of the disease is being covered over, because the epidemic there is so clearly caused by the economic collapse conditions imposed by the IMF. One leading German scientist told me that unless emergency actions are immediately taken in Africa, "all of African civilization will be destroyed."

While the Geneva-based World Health Organization desperately tries to cover up the African AIDS pandemic, apparently the WHO's own center in Zambia, near the border of Zaire, has diagnosed 130 full-blown AIDS cases in one town alone since Christmas! Other European scientists who are experimenting with new drugs for possible treatment, told me that they were receiving calls from colleagues in

Africa, begging them for samples, whether or not they were fully tested. One caller from Kinsasha, Zaire told a European researcher to send the drugs even before all the tests were completed, because they were picking up rates of 20% and more of the Kinsasha population testing positive for AIDS and *something*, anything, had to be done, because "people were dropping dead like flies."

Several tropical disease experts told me that they entirely agreed with the hypothesis on Belle Glade, that there was mechanical transmission of AIDS by mosquitoes. One African disease expert pointed out that in Cameroon and the Central African Republic, near the border of Zaire, there were very active mosquito eradication programs and low incidence of AIDS in the general population. Right across the border in Zaire, there were very high rates of AIDS and *no* insect eradication programs.

In all, I had the opportunity to receive precise briefings from approximately one-half-dozen African disease experts—scientists who travel back and forth from Africa to Europe—and they all had the same picture. We do not have very much time left to stop a full-scale murderous AIDS pandemic there.

EIR: In the United States, you have documented that the leading government health institution, the Atlanta CDC, is consciously covering up the true dimension of the AIDS crisis. Is that true for Europe also?

Hamerman: Unfortunately, yes. West Germany is the worst situation, because the WHO representative there who is from Munich—a Dr. F. Deinhardt—appears to have a big stake in misreporting. We have received persistent reports from informed and independent sources, that he has actually made enormous personal profits from delaying the introduction of testing programs for AIDS until the price of the testing kit was raised by a pharmaceutical firm for which he works. We now have these charges under investigation, because thousands of German citizens were infected at blood banks with AIDS, because of the delay in the introduction of the screening tests. The laws in Germany are straightforward; the constitutional law empowers the state to guarantee the health of the citizens, and they have an excellent federal Communicable Disease Act there. All they would have to do is include AIDS among the diseases covered by the Act, and the medical community would have all the basis it needs to implement a very admirable public health campaign.

EIR: Are the Europeans prepared to spend the funds to fight AIDS?

Hamerman: Not without a full mandate from the population. This is what we are fighting for. There has been a worldwide effort to revive the ugly Nazi practice of euthanasia, as a way to "cut costs." The day I left Europe, I read reports that the American Medical Association had shamelessly condoned so-called mercy-killing practices. In Hol-

land and Germany, Nazi doctors such as Julius Hackethal and P. V. Admiraal are openly promoting euthanasia, and they have big backers. For instance, one leading official of Hoechst Pharmaceuticals told me flat out, that while Hackethal went a little too far, they had to agree that it was "too expensive" to treat all the opportunistic diseases which an AIDS patient gets.

EIR: We understand that you discussed the strategic implications of the way AIDS is spreading in Western Europe, but not in Eastern Europe.

Hamerman: I cannot believe that there could be so precise an "AIDS curtain" between East and West Europe. East Berlin, for example, claimed to have only two cases as of Christmas, while West Berlin is flooded with cases.

The European regional office of the World Health Organization in Copenhagen, Denmark is headed by a Soviet. He reports to the WHO main office in Geneva, whose communicable disease division is headed by the Soviet infectious disease specialist Dr. Sergei K. Litvinov.

The Europeans whom I met were extremely concerned about the AIDS disinformation campaign being run out of the WHO by Soviet operatives. European specialists have monitored Soviet biological warfare capabilities in detail. I will just cite three examples. Yugoslavia has quite active biowarfare facilities in Pliva and Krka, from Zaga and Lubyana, respectively. Czechoslovakia has active biotechnology centers in Brno, Prague, and Bratislava, while we also learned a great deal about Soviet "micro-organism banks" attached to military and Academy of Sciences programs throughout the U.S.S.R.

I wish to indicate here, that there was an enthusiastic receptivity among our allies in Western Europe for the initiation of a Biological Strategic Defense Initiative, as proposed in our Emergency War Plan. Many scientists were thrilled at the possibilities we reported, for utilizing the laser flow cytometer with the Circular Intensity Differential Scattering (CIDS), for directly assaying for viruses. One researcher indicated that three top virologists, with luck, in four days could barely hope to match what this technology can accomplish in four minutes.

It is inappropriate for me to discuss this matter further in this context, but I am extremely pleased at the enthusiastic response of the Europeans for our plan to revive basic optical biophysics research capabilities in the West. Optical biophysics was the particular approach to life science first developed by the great French scientist of the last century Louis Pasteur. Pasteur was actually trained as a physicist, who approached biological and medical questions from the broadest scientific standpoint. In June we plan to honor his work with a scientific conference on his method which we will hold in Paris, because, unfortunately, even the Pasteur Institute no longer conducts experiments in the optical biophysics or spectroscopy domains founded by Pasteur.