



Court upholds censorship in AIDS voter education

California State Court Judge Ford in Sacramento on Aug. 8 made four rulings on the wording of the Proposition 64 Voter Education Pamphlet which will be printed for the California electorate. The judge made a gross error by upholding the precedent-setting request of Secretary of State March Fong Eu to “censor” key sentences from the Ballot Education Pamphlet and thereby keep the public from receiving critical public health information. Specifically, the Judge ruled to strike the reference to numerous studies of the “potential transmission of AIDS” by insects and the respiratory route and other formulations, despite the massive scientific documentation supplied in the affidavits of Dr. Whiteside, Gus Sermos, Dr. Seale, and Dr. Grauerholz.

or documented and even denies that they are “potentially possible.” As supporters of Proposition 64 point out, potential insect and respiratory transmission has been established by numerous studies (see affidavits below).

A similar point can be made with regard to Silverman’s assertions that “casual contact” cannot transmit AIDS. In an amended statement, initiative supporters point out that there is *no* scientific evidence for the assertion that AIDS *cannot* be transmitted by casual contact.

Who is Dr. Silverman?

On Dec. 12, 1984, Silverman, then public-health director of San Francisco, resigned under a cloud of controversy, as scandals and political disagreements rocked his administration. The first scandal concerned his administration of San Francisco General Hospital. Control of the hospital was taken from him in June 1984, after state investigations revealed problems in medical practices there.

Commentators at the time noted that Silverman was believed to spend more time on the “gay”-dominated politics of the city, than on administering the hospital. For much of his career in San Francisco, Silverman had basked in the praise of the deviant community for his willingness to tailor health-care and outreach programs to its needs. He was also known as the darling of City Hall, much admired and trusted by San Francisco’s liberal Democratic Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

Nonetheless, Silverman balked at Feinstein’s order that he outlaw the city’s “gay” bathhouses, which public health officials knew to be promoting the spread of AIDS. At that

time, Silverman stated, “It was important that we be seen as protectors rather than policemen. If we had closed the bathhouses, we would have lost that relationship.” Silverman ultimately lost on the bath house issue.

Silverman currently serves as president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, whose founder and co-chairman is Dr. Mathilde Krim.

Krim was born into a wealthy Swiss family and attended the University of Geneva, where she came into contact with the terrorist organization known as the Irgun, and worked with them smuggling guns in southern France. She married American lawyer Arthur Krim, a top figure in the “Hollywood Mafia.” The well-known Russophile and fellow traveler of the Soviet KGB, Armand Hammer, a close friend of Krim, is one of the leading figures operating on behalf of The Trust, the coordinating body which links networks of the Western financial oligarchy to the Soviet state and Soviet interests. Hammer personally provides significant funding to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, which Silverman heads, and Hammer’s Occidental Petroleum provides corporate funding as well.

Silverman-associate Krim has been one of the leading “experts” opposing the use of traditional public-health measures for AIDS carriers, and also supports the giving of free needles to drug addicts, supposedly to prevent the spread of AIDS.

EIR has long maintained that only individuals seeking to undermine the United States or promote organized crime would oppose the use of traditional public-health measures