

(WHO) for lack of seriousness in the fight against AIDS. Adelman was the former head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in the Reagan administration.

EIR has charged that the WHO, controlled by Soviet health officials, but with the full connivance of U.S. officials at the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control, had been conducting a cover-up of the AIDS threat to Africa, where it is reliably estimated that there are already tens of millions of AIDS cases.

Adelman's commentary included some devastating statistics:

- In 1989, "WHO planned a piddly 0.3 percent growth [in spending] for countries in Africa, the world's AIDS den, though a whopping 65 percent boost for Europe."

- WHO will spend \$2.7 million on its two-week conference in Geneva in May, but has budgeted less than half that amount on treating malaria in Africa.

Bush aides had large role in Central America

Testimony and documents newly presented in the lawsuit of the Christic Institute against Lt. Col. Oliver North and 20-odd associates, show that aides to George Bush were deeply involved in operations in Central America, the *Washington Post* reported May 1.

The evidence shows that Bush's chief of staff, Donald Gregg, was not being exactly truthful with congressional investigators during earlier stages of the Iran-Contra affair. Documents date his and the vice president's involvement in the affair, a full six months earlier than he had previously admitted.

One piece of evidence is a Gregg memo to Bush on June 3, 1986, advising him of the Salvadoran Air Force's need for spare parts for its helicopters and new helicopters equipped with armored pilot seats. The memo said these were needed "soonest" because "we may be at a turning point that could win the war for Duarte."

Bush scrawled the word "Good!" at the top of the memo.

Gregg was in contact as early as March 17, 1983 with NSA chief Robert McFarlane, endorsing the plan for a "small elite strike force" to destroy Salvadoran guerrilla units.

Bush's deputy national security adviser, Col. Samuel Watson, testified that he saw two warehouses full of weapons and ammunition during a visit to Contra base camps in Honduras in January 1986, and that, several days later, he got close enough to a combat operation to observe a rocket near-miss on a helicopter carrying CIA man Felix Rodriguez (a.k.a. Max Gomez) into action.

Telephone logs and testimony provided at the Christic Institute trial by Gregg and Watson also make it clear that both men were in frequent contact with Rodriguez in 1985 and 1986, when he was working for Oliver North in Contra supply operations.

The documents and testimony were presented by Christic Institute lawyers in order to establish a pattern which shows that Bush's office was in charge of the Contra supply and combat effort.

Army data show teen spread of AIDS

Data from the U.S. Army's testing of all personnel for the presence of AIDS antibodies show a higher-than-expected incidence among the nation's teenagers, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported May 2.

Incidence is reported to vary from as few as 1 in 20,000 teens in some non-urban areas of the central United States, to 1 in 200 in cities like New York or Baltimore.

Both male and female teenagers are affected, with a slightly higher percentage in males.

Another statistic uncovered by the Army is that the incidence of AIDS in black officers and enlisted men is about 5 of every 1,000—three to four times as high as that found among whites.

The ugliest fact, however, is that this information was disclosed 10 months ago at an international conference on AIDS in Washington, but has still not been published by the Army.

Briefly

- **THE PENTAGON** has failed to brief President Reagan on the need for an emergency \$6-12 billion for the Indigo-LaCrosse spy satellite, essential in treaty verification efforts. Columnists Evans and Novak now report that if the President isn't persuaded to find the money, "he can abandon whatever hopes remain for his strategic treaty."

- **SPECIAL FORCES** units will undergo a new "cheap" deployment, which treats them as "the front line of defense in skirmishes between the superpowers," Jack Anderson reported on May 2. "Congress . . . recognizes that we are far more likely to use front-line elite forces in coming years than nuclear weapons, tanks, 'Star Wars' and many of the other budget-breaking items in the Pentagon arsenal."

- **NUCLEAR TESTS** in the Nevada desert and similar tests last September in Russia were labeled a success May 1 by American and Soviet scientists from the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The tests used sensitive seismographs. Their purpose was to prove that a test-ban treaty is verifiable.

- **THE PROSECUTION** finished presenting its case against top Medellín Cartel drug-runner Carlos Lehder Rivas in Florida, having called 115 witnesses during 22 weeks of testimony. Defense counsel will now try to portray Lehder as a flamboyant businessman framed by angry drug smugglers whom he ejected from his Caribbean island.

- **JAPANESE TERRORIST** Yu Kikumura had the United Nations building and New York's garment district as targets, according to the May 2 *Wall Street Journal*. He was arrested on the New Jersey Turnpike in late April.