

Editorial

AIDS and ecological fascism

The axiomatic assumptions underlying the ecologist movement are that 1) there are too many people in the world, and 2) that the sharpest reductions should be among the peoples of Africa, Ibero-America, and Asia. The policies of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and their representatives within national governments, have already been fulfilled in the awful impoverishment we see not only in the underdeveloped sector, but increasingly in the United States as well.

One consequence is the unchecked pandemic spread of AIDS. Over the past six years, this magazine has exposed a continued policy among governments and world health officials to lie about the danger of a new plague. When LaRouche warned that diseases like AIDS were the inevitable outcome of the global collapse of the real economy, and called for emergency measures, he was attacked for panic mongering. Now, finally, the extent of the crisis is being admitted, but the approach is still woefully inadequate.

The Hudson Institute has issued a 200-page report, *The Catastrophe Ahead: AIDS and the Case for a New Public Policy*. Authors William B. Johnson and Kevin R. Hoplins reckon that 14.5 million Americans will be infected by the year 2002—more than are officially admitted to be infected in the whole world, today. They recommend the institution of a free, voluntary national testing program. What is sorely needed is an accelerated program of basic research using the frontier methods of optical biophysics.

The report reiterates the accepted shibboleth that AIDS is transmitted either sexually or through intravenous injection and contaminated transfusions. The reality is that AIDS is a disease of poverty, and will prove to be transmitted—if not now—in the near future, as a respiratory virus. There is convincing evidence that it is already transmitted by insects such as mosquitoes.

AIDS is increasingly a disease of the ghetto poor, as is shown by the following statistic: Nearly 42% of the U.S. black population aged 15-50 is expected to be infected by HIV by the turn of the century, according to the Hudson report.

The situation in Africa, the poorest continent of all, and the one scheduled by the malthusians for a early death, is devastating. An international conference on AIDS, held in Marseilles, France, amply documented this reality. The spread of AIDS in Africa will be “explosive” over the next few years, warned World Health Organization AIDS program coordinator Dr. Jonathan Mann, in his keynote speech.

Mann said this explosion would occur in the context of a huge worldwide spread of AIDS in the next decade. Already, the WHO has reports of 5-10 million infected in 152 countries around the world, but “we expect the number of people with AIDS to increase dramatically in the next few years.” Mann said that 48 of Africa’s countries were reporting growing numbers of AIDS cases, spreading through both the heterosexual community and through mother-to-child transmission, and from the cities to rural areas.

American AIDS researcher Dr. Shaw presented important findings at the conference, which showed that the amount of AIDS virus contained in the blood of infected people is vastly higher than earlier thought. Shaw showed that the virus increases as the patient gets sicker, making him or her extremely infectious.

EIR’s reporter on the scene, Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum, stresses that Shaw’s measurements put the amount of infection into the domain of the horse virus disease which is transmitted by insects. Tennenbaum himself developed an epidemiological model for the spread of AIDS three years ago (reported in *EIR*), which predicted the accelerated spread of the disease as the density of infection in populations increased.

It is a major scandal that his work was not picked up by mainstream institutions, and only now—six years after the virus itself was discovered—are they willing to consider its obvious implications. To reverse the threatened biological holocaust, all of the economic and political assumptions of ecological fascism will have to be sharply reversed, and we will need a crash economic effort to rebuild the global infrastructure, and to care for the world’s sick and poor.