

AIDS cover-up exposed in Europe

Every principal myth about the AIDS disease that has been propagated by the World Health Organization and associated institutions, has been smashed in Western Europe, through explosive press accounts during the month of August. The myths include the following: 1) AIDS only hits “high-risk” groups—homosexuals, intravenous drug-abusers, and hemophiliacs; 2) AIDS is transmitted by bizarre sexual practices, not by “casual” contact; and 3) most of those infected with the AIDS virus will not come down with the disease itself.

At the center of the debate in Europe, as in the United States, is the ballot initiative in the state of California—Proposition 64—which would declare AIDS a contagious disease, and thereby mandate the application of traditional public-health measures to stop it. Two of the organizers of Proposition 64, LaRouche Democrats Ted and Dorothy Andromidas, gave a press conference in Paris on Aug. 6, which received prominent coverage in the influential Paris daily *Le Monde*. According to *Le Monde*'s Aug. 7 article, Lyndon LaRouche, the originator of the California initiative, “is on the verge of actually reaching the rank of political star. . . . Far from being an ephemeral initiative, that movement seems, on the contrary, to be catching fire remarkably: More than 600,000 people have already signed up in favor of the organization of a referendum.” *Le Monde* added that Ted Andromidas compared the recent “gay pride” parades in California with “the end of the Roman empire.”

Le Monde followed up this coverage with a half-page feature on Aug. 13, presenting the evidence of mosquito transmission of AIDS. Headlined “AIDS Epidemic in Florida: The Mosquitoes of the Okeechobee Lake,” the article reported on the work of AIDS specialist Dr. Mark Whiteside, head of the tropical medicine clinic in Belle Glade, Florida, the town which has the highest per-capita incidence of AIDS in the United States. (For Dr. Whiteside's speech in Paris on June 7, to a conference of the Fusion Energy Foundation, see *EIR*, July 18, 1986, pp. 40-41).

“Why is this Florida town, proportionally, the Western world's most AIDS-ridden city?” *Le Monde* asks. “. . . Dr. Whiteside believes that the AIDS virus, HTLV, does not suffice to induce the onset of the disease. It needs an activating, cofactor virus. And precisely such viruses are prolifer-

ating, according to him, in Belle Glade. What is worse, they are transmitted by mosquitoes. . . . For many experts, the Belle Glade epidemic looks strangely like that which is growing now in Central Africa. A worrying fact, according to Dr. Mark Whiteside; these statistics tend to prove the ‘tidal wave’ is only starting: 22% of the observed AIDS cases in Florida don't belong to any of the high-risk groups. . . . The myth that AIDS only affects homosexuals and drug addicts has outlived itself. We have to face reality in order to attempt to fight efficiently and with intelligence against this scourge, which is only starting to spread.”

No ‘homosexual disease’

Another expert whose views are well known to *EIR* readers, Dr. John Seale of London, received prominent coverage in the British newspaper *Sunday Express* on Aug. 10. (Dr. Seale's affidavit in support of the California AIDS referendum appeared in *EIR*, Aug. 15, 1986, p. 63.) He commented to the *Sunday Express* on the recent death of a 12-month-old boy from AIDS, the youngest victim ever in Great Britain: “The Government's public alert system is so grotesquely misleading that unless there is a change of approach, I fear this case will be the first of very many. The Department of Health's ‘stay pure’ message is ridiculously out of touch with reality. Ministers are still preaching on the television that the best way to beat AIDS is to avoid promiscuous relationships, particularly of a homosexual nature. As a result, many people still believe it only affects homosexuals.”

Other British experts and columnists are also now sounding the alarm. There is a “steep rise in the number of people suffering from AIDS” in Britain, the London *Daily Telegraph* reported on Aug. 9. The article cited the following new expert testimony:

- An editorial in the *British Medical Journal*'s most recent issue condemns the British government's AIDS publicity campaign as “unimaginative and of little impact,” and endorses a recent call by a medical team led by Lord Young of Dartington for a 25-fold increase in funding in the next financial year for fighting AIDS.

- Dr. Charles Farthing, an AIDS specialist, told BBC television that 10% of British homosexuals are now carrying the disease, but *every* sexually active person is at risk. “I feel that by the end of the century there won't be one family in the United Kingdom that isn't touched in some way by this disease.”

In West Germany, a feature article in the Aug. 11 edition of the news magazine *Der Spiegel* debunked the myth that only 15-20% of those infected with the AIDS virus actually come down with the disease. New studies, including one in Frankfurt, are showing that the rate is more like 75%—if researchers follow the course of the infection over a four-year period. *Der Spiegel* particularly blamed Dr. Sussmuth, the director of AIDS work at the Federal Ministry of Health, for maintaining the cover-up line.