

## Editorial

### *A climate of disease*

Under circumstances where one of the leading agenda items of the U.S. Congress is paring down medical benefits to the poor and aged, it should not be too surprising that there has been a decrease in life expectancy, and a rise in the rate of infection—at least, among the poor and elderly. Translate this to a global scale, and we see the rise of pandemics from cholera, to hemorrhagic fever. Meanwhile, the number of AIDS cases continues to climb, threatening in Africa to become a genuine population catastrophe.

The Sept. 25 issue of *Newsweek* reported on a meeting between the President of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, the World Bank, along with other organizations, on the topic of the uncontrolled spread of AIDS. According to this report, nearly 70% of those infected with the HIV virus now live in Africa; in Ghana, one out of every 20 people is HIV-positive, while in Uganda, 30.5% of all pregnant women are infected with the AIDS virus.

Yet this is only the tip of the iceberg. Africa is an underpopulated continent, but most of the world's population lives in Asia. AIDS had long been rampant in Thailand, but now we learn that India also has a spreading epidemic. It is not an exaggeration to say that we are not in danger of *overpopulating* the Earth, but quite to the contrary, the drastic increase in epidemics, unless it is reversed, can easily *depopulate* the world.

Many studies have shown a correlation between the upswing in disease and the destruction of infrastructure. This of course, is especially so with waterborne diseases such as cholera. Poor nutrition is also a factor in the spread of epidemics, even in the case of AIDS, as is suggested by overlaying a map of the spread of AIDS in Africa with areas with selenium-deficient soils.

Under these circumstances, it is not condoms, but massive development programs that are needed, along with major public health measures—accompanied by a serious effort to develop new means of treating diseases.

But instead of taking seriously the implications of this pandemic spread of viral diseases, the National

Academy of Sciences sponsored a Sept. 11-12 Conference on “Human Health and Global Climate Change,” which in effect argued for an even more drastic destruction of the economic superstructure necessary to support healthy life.

They did this by making the incredible assertion that the recent increase in the spread of disease is directly correlated to an increase in—“global warming”! The scare is based on claims that climate change will warm the United States and lead to the spread of these diseases, including malaria, cholera, dengue fever, Ebola, Rift Valley fever, and what not (including many as yet undiscovered emerging diseases), into northern latitudes.

Their proposed “remedy” was not to take the obvious, tried-and-true measures which have defeated diseases in the past, nor to promote the frontiers of research in the field of optical biophysics, but instead to urge that further dramatic actions be taken to reduce industrial emissions. In other words, they propose a further reduction in the infrastructure of productive economies globally.

The conference brought together climate hoaxsters as well as infectious disease experts, to paint a truly frightening picture of the re-emergence of known deadly diseases, as well as the emergence of new ones. As early as 1965, Lyndon LaRouche warned of the dangers of the occurrence of just such a biological holocaust, unless measures were taken then to check the speculative economy which was parasitizing on the physical economy and preventing an adequate rate of growth.

Even though the Universe is not entropic—contrary to the pagan “Gaia” ideology spread by the British House of Windsor—a failure to provide an increasing throughput to the biosphere as a whole can cause an entropic crisis such as occurred in the Dark Ages. The effects of such a catastrophe, LaRouche warned, could extend over an entire century.

So it is not “global warming” that is creating a climate of disease, but rather activities such as this disgraceful environmentalist conference supported by the National Academy of Science.