

AIDS: The Deliberate Catastrophe

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In the context of the July 9-14 international AIDS conference in Durban, South Africa, the world press has been full of headline stories on “the AIDS plague,” declaring that Africa is a “dying continent.” According to the July 10 lead article of the London *Daily Telegraph*, “Scientists say that the scale of the plague is comparable to the Black Death in Europe in the 14th century.”

In terms of the incredible scale of infection and deaths through HIV and AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, reflected in recently released data, the comparison with the Black Death—which wiped out one-third to one-half of the European population in the mid-14th century—is indeed fully justified. For example, the director of the Health Studies branch of the U.S. Census Bureau, Karen Stannecki, speaking at the Durban conference, stated that the ongoing reduction of the population of Sub-Saharan Africa, by AIDS, is the first such instance since the 1347-51 Black Plague in Europe. AIDS is spreading throughout southern Africa at a rate that was unimaginable five years ago, she said, reporting that rates of HIV infection had risen to *20% or more of the adult population* in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swazi-

land, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Millions are dying every year, and life expectancies are rapidly dropping to 30 years and below.

Why, after over a decade and a half of systematic government and media disinformation and cover-up, have the leading world press, as well as major international organizations, suddenly begun to express “shock” and “horror” about the incredible scale of the AIDS disaster in Sub-Saharan Africa?

What the press neglects to say, but what is a provable fact, is that the AIDS catastrophe is the result of *deliberate policy* on the part of leading circles in the Anglo-American and allied oligarchy, to depopulate Africa and other regions of the world.

The most damning evidence of this, is the 15-year history of systematic efforts by those circles, to prevent Lyndon LaRouche and his collaborators, as well as courageous public health officials and medical experts in a number of countries, from organizing a serious international effort to stop the AIDS pandemic.

Everything that is now happening in Africa, and in other regions, in connection with the scale and nature of the HIV-AIDS threat, was correctly forecast by LaRouche, and stated

Oligarchs Demand that Population Be Reduced

“I do not intend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing. There are others. . . . Perhaps bacteriological warfare may prove effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. . . . This state of affairs might be unpleasant, but what of it? Really high-minded people are indifferent to suffering, especially of others.”

—Bertrand Russell, in *The Impact of Science on Society*, 1953.

“There are only two possible ways in which a world of 10 billion people can be averted. Either the current birth rates

must come down more quickly. Or the current death rates must go up. . . . There are, of course, many ways in which the death rates can go up. . . . Famine and disease are nature’s ancient checks on population growth, and neither one has disappeared from the scene.”

—Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, at a banking conference, Oct. 2, 1979.

“AIDS is not a malediction, but the welcome remedy to reduce the population of the planet.”

—Earth First! founder David Foreman, quoted in the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, June 1987.

“In the event I am reborn, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.”

—England’s Prince Philip, as quoted by the German Press Agency (DPA), Aug. 8, 1988.

repeatedly in public warnings beginning in 1985 (see box). He emphasized, above all, the role of International Monetary Fund (IMF)-style economic austerity and looting policies, in collapsing the nutrition, health, and sanitation levels in Africa and other developing regions, and thereby creating the conditions for the explosive spread of new and old epidemics. LaRouche also pinpointed the lies and cover-up which were being disseminated to permit AIDS to spread—such as the lie that AIDS is by nature a “sexually transmitted disease”—

and put forward a package of public health and other measures which would have brought the epidemic to an early stop and saved tens of millions of lives.

Dirty Tricks To Stop LaRouche

Not only were the necessary actions not taken—actions which were absolutely feasible and had the potential for overwhelming political support around the world—but LaRouche and his collaborators were targeted by a massive dirty opera-

LaRouche Warned of AIDS as ‘Deliberate Genocide’ Fifteen Years Ago

AIDS was a central focus of Lyndon LaRouche’s political activities throughout the period leading to the 1988 Presidential election. Already in his announcement of his intention to participate in the 1988 campaign, released in October 1985, LaRouche placed the HIV-AIDS issue up front. It began:

“The world today is threatened by the most deadly pandemic disease so far known to mankind, a disease far more deadly to its victims than the Black Death which wiped out between one-third and one-half of the population of Europe during the middle of the 14th century. This deadly pandemic is AIDS. . . . During the recent six months, a team of specialists has been advising me on the nature and spread of this pandemic. . . . Many important questions about the diseases can not yet be answered, but certain facts demand very clear courses of action by governments. Most of the world’s leading experts denounce the Switzerland-based World Health Organization and the U.S.A.’s Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as behaving irresponsibly, and many accuse these institutions of circulating false information as part of a political cover-up. . . . Medical support is necessary . . . but medical support by itself will not stop the epidemic. . . . Public health measures must be taken on the Federal, state, and local levels immediately. We must identify and isolate the carriers of the AIDS virus, until we are assured that they are no longer capable of transmitting the virus. . . . We must provide treatment centers for the victims. We must correct lack of adequate public sanitation. We must improve levels of nutrition. . . . We must recognize that the spread of other epidemic diseases, including the recent explosion and spread of tuberculosis, contributed to the spread of AIDS. . . . The most important of the political issues threatening

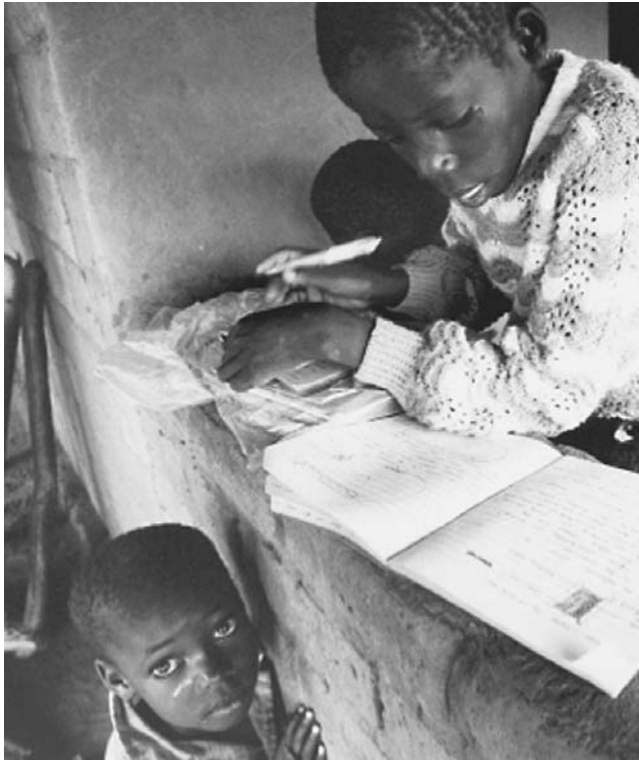
us now, AIDS, reflects the fact, that a 1988 Presidential candidate who is not campaigning openly for the nomination now, is not serious about the future of the United States.”

At the same time, LaRouche repeated his long-standing accusation, that the economic austerity and looting policies being imposed upon the African and other Third World nations by the Wall Street/City of London financial oligarchy via the IMF and related institutions, constituted *deliberate genocide* of a sort actually worse, and on a larger scale, than the crimes perpetrated by the Nazis. For example, in a July 1985 declaration LaRouche stated:

“The cheapest method for ‘cost-reduction’ in the camps to which the worn-out slaves are returned, is to place these worn-out slaves in crowded, filthy barracks, with assorted other ‘unusables,’ and to allow the spread of disease to decimate their ranks. This was the essence of the Nazi death-camp system. . . . The same method actually used to cause the deaths of the majority among those victims, are the methods imposed upon entire, increasingly numerous regions of the world today, by the Schachtian [austerity] policies of the International Monetary Fund.

“As for those who console themselves, that the death of as many as 300 million Africans, through the chain-reaction effects of IMF ‘conditionalities’ over the coming period is a far-away catastrophe . . . we have inside the United States already, no fewer than 30 million Americans in a ripe condition for assimilation and spread of pandemic infection. . . . When we continue to tolerate IMF policies already unleashing genocide against black Africa, and other ‘Third World’ regions, we exhibit in ourselves a lack of moral fitness to survive.”

For telling the truth in this way, LaRouche was systematically slandered as a “racist” and “fascist” in countless press articles, radio and television programs, books, and pamphlets. What could be the motivation of those who deliberately waged the Goebbels-like vilification campaign against LaRouche, *knowing full well* that they were thereby attacking the main political figure who could have organized effective international action to stop the spread of AIDS?



A boy orphaned by AIDS in northern Malawi does his homework at his grandmother's home, accompanied by two siblings.

tion by sections of the U.S. government and the Anglo-American backers of Henry Kissinger, escalating especially in 1986. This operation finally led to the prosecution and jailing of LaRouche and several key collaborators, at the high-point of their increasingly effective international campaign against AIDS (among other issues on which LaRouche's policies displeased the financier oligarchy).

The circles who targetted LaRouche in this manner were fully conscious of the fact, that LaRouche's analysis of the AIDS threat was correct, and that the measures he proposed would have been effective. This by itself is *prima facie* proof of a deliberate, conscious design to kill tens of millions of people in Africa and elsewhere through the direct and indirect effects of HIV-AIDS.

These facts in themselves justify criminal investigations and prosecution on the model of the post-World War II Nuremberg Tribunal for crimes against humanity. At the same time, they provide the essential background for evaluating evidence, documented in a number of locations, pointing to the conclusion that not only were anti-AIDS activities deliberately sabotaged, but also that HIV was *deliberately spread* among certain populations in Africa and elsewhere, as well as that the HIV virus itself is of an artificial, man-made origin.

At this point, only persons who are ill-informed or hopelessly naive, could dismiss out-of-hand the evidence pointing

toward the deliberate causation of the AIDS catastrophe. We cannot go into this matter here in detail, but only note the following:

1. Starting with Bertrand Russell's infamous call in 1953 for unleashing an artificial "Black Death" to kill off "excess population," leading figures of the Anglo-American oligarchy have repeatedly and openly spoken of the desirability or even necessity of radically reducing the world's population, especially the population of developing countries (see box). The goal of radical population reduction has been explicitly put forward, among other places, in documents of the U.S. State Department, and in especially brutal and explicit fashion in the infamous National Security Study Memorandum 200 of Kissinger. Leading population reduction fanatics, including England's Prince Philip, have openly expressed the hope, that a "killer virus" would emerge to "solve" the "overpopulation problem." And, in 1992, a World Bank internal study claimed, "If the only effect of the AIDS epidemic were to reduce the population growth rate, it would increase the growth rate of per-capita income."

2. There is no doubt of the scientific feasibility, in principle, of the artificial creation of an HIV-like human virus, through re-cultivation of closely related monkey viruses in tissue cultures, injections into humans, etc. There is a pattern of relevant research and testing, going back to the 1970s, in locations cohering with the appearance of HIV.

3. The pattern of initial appearance and spread of AIDS, and many features of its later spread in Africa and elsewhere, do not fit the natural pattern of spontaneously emerging natural diseases, but point to artificial manipulation.

4. The naive idea, that "no one would be crazy enough" to deliberately create, or deliberately spread a deadly virus like HIV, is refuted by the reality, pointed out above, of deliberate sabotage of attempts to stop the spread of HIV-AIDS, coming from the very same Anglo-American oligarchical circles who have openly stated their aim to reduce population "by any means."

A high-level international investigation is needed to pin down details and responsibility for the genocide which the AIDS pandemic represents in Africa. In the meantime, an emergency mobilization must be launched *now*, to save Africa and the world as a whole from the process which has been unleashed.

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