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## Journal admits AIDS could be bio-warfare

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# Soviets attack LaRouche for exposé of AIDS cover-up

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In the journal *Literaturnaya Gazeta* on Oct. 30, for the first time in history anywhere in the world, the Soviets have admitted the possibility that the deadly AIDS virus could have been "bioengineered" and worked up into a weapon in a military laboratory. The extraordinary Soviet admission that it was technically possible to prepare a virus like AIDS as a biological warfare agent came in the context of an article which featured an attack on *EIR* and its founder, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. *EIR* had published a cover story titled "Soviet Role in Covering Up the Deadly Threat of AIDS" in its Oct. 25, 1985 issue.

The *EIR* exposé reported that **Dr. Sergei K. Litvinov** and other top officials of Warsaw Pact nations run the Communicable Disease Division of the Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO), placing them in charge of *all* AIDS work.

Five days later, Moscow responded like a wounded bear. In its defensive rage, the bear revealed more about its own maraudings than about its victims.

In fact, the timing of the Soviet article was very precise, as it came in the midst of the pre-Geneva summitry and, literally, on the eve of an extraordinary planned WHO meeting on AIDS held in Copenhagen, Denmark under the direct supervision of Dr. Litvinov himself and his Russian WHO associate **Dr. Berczenko** of the European WHO coordinating team located in Copenhagen. At the WHO meeting, the first week in November, the Russians presented new uniform European AIDS "guidelines."

*EIR* investigators have established that Dr. Berczenko was in the U.S.S.R. until a few days before the meeting. WHO's so-called "European Division" has been expanded to extend from the Iberian Peninsula in the West to Siberia and the Bering Straits in the East; it also includes Mediterranean and North African countries such as Greece, Malta, Morocco, and Algeria.

Under Litvinov's immediate command, the WHO Copenhagen meeting was supposed to be a secret gathering of 65 officials, consisting of international regional directors of the WHO from Africa, the Far East, the Western Pacific, and so forth, and "observers" from UNICEF and other agencies.

*EIR*'s exposé of the Soviet control of WHO in its Oct. 25 cover story, revealed that Litvinov's immediate superior in the Soviet Federal Ministry of Health is none other than **Dr. Yevgenii Chazov**. Chazov, who has come under attack in West Germany, has been named the co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in his capacity as co-founder of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. West German Christian Democratic Union Chairman Heiner Geissler has made a formal protest against granting this Nobel Prize to Chazov since, as a leading health official in the Soviet Union, Chazov has overseen violations of medical ethics.

*Literaturnaya Gazeta*—the most important official mouthpiece of the Soviet KGB—published the Russian admission on AIDS in an article titled "Panic in the West, or What Is Really Behind the Sensationalism of AIDS," authored by **Valentin Zapevalov** (see *Documentation*, below). Heretofore, all nations, military spokesmen, and scientists have rejected the idea that AIDS could be a biological warfare weapon, on the grounds that it was "technologically impossible" for the deadly virus to have been experimentally developed.

Soviet author Zapevalov's conclusion is explicitly stated, however, that AIDS is "the result of the latest monstrous experiment" by the CIA and the Pentagon. The Soviet admission, lightly cross-referencing various speculative articles such as one which appeared in the Indian newspaper *The Patriot*, and touching points from a hodgepodge of anecdotes about biological warfare over the years, comes disguised as an elaborate charge that the U.S. Pentagon and Fort Detrick laboratory had "worked up the AIDS virus" from deadly disease agents collected in Africa and Latin America. *The Patriot* of India has been used in the past as a channel through which the Soviet KGB conduits disinformation into the West.

The relevant passage in the *Literaturnaya Gazeta* article states:

*The Patriot* advanced the version, that "specialists from Fort Detrick, by all appearances, have succeeded in creating yet another type of biological weapon." They received considerable assistance from the staff of the CDC [the Centers for Disease Control, in At-

lanta—ed.]. On contract from the Pentagon, they made special trips to Africa—specifically, to Zaire and Nigeria, and then to Latin America (!) to collect material on highly pathogenic viruses, not found in European or Asian countries. This information was subsequently processed at the CDC's "maximum security" laboratory and at Ft. Detrick. As a result, asserts *The Patriot*, they succeeded in isolating an entirely new type of virus—AIDS. The rest was "just a technical matter." Evidently, they infected with this virus part of the blood supply, which in the course of experiments, was transfused into unsuspecting patients during surgery and other operations. Special experiments, possibly, were conducted in Haiti (a U.S. satellite country, remember?), and among certain groups of the U.S. population—above all, society's pariahs—drug addicts, homosexuals, the homeless.

A leading scientist whose area of expertise concerns such questions, commented to me on the Russian article:

The extraordinary significance of this article cannot be overlooked. In the midst of their wild charges, the Russians are admitting something of monumental importance. They now claim that the biotechnology and scientific capability exists to have worked this virus up into a warfare agent. No other individual or agency, with the scientific competence to make such a judgment, has ever before said that such a thing was technologically possible. Their admission of its feasibility is an incredible self-indictment of what their researchers have been working on.

### The LaRouche issue

The Russian admission comes in a very particular context: an open attack on the devastating accuracy of the *EIR* cover story on the Soviet direct role in "managing" the Western coverup on AIDS, through the Russian Dr. Sergei K. Litvinov, assistant director general of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

The *Literaturnaya Gazeta* article builds in intensity to an extraordinary conclusion in the form of a "postscript" attack on Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR* directly. The postscript reads in full:

P.S. While this material was in preparation, the American magazine *Executive Intelligence Review* published a "sensational" notice to the effect that the Soviet Union was blocking the fight against AIDS. Note that this publication is one of the press organs of the extreme rightwing American grouping of LaRouche, known for his ties to the CIA. It is not excluded that the publication in the *Executive Intelligence Review* is nothing but a clumsy attempt to cover up the tracks.

### Not the first time

The fact that the Soviet attack appears in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* is especially significant because that journal, as a principal organ for top-level KGB evaluations, has been utilized on previous occasions for attacks on Lyndon LaRouche, Jr.

- On May 23, 1983 *Literaturnaya Gazeta* presented a furious attack on the book *Hostage to Khomeini* commissioned by LaRouche.

- On July 6, 1983 *Literaturnaya Gazeta* attacked LaRouche's associates in Wiesbaden, West Germany for the exposé of the Soviet involvement in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II.

- On Oct. 26, 1983 *Literaturnaya Gazeta* published a furious article by **Fyodor Burlatskii** attacking Lyndon LaRouche's role in designing and promoting the Strategic Defense Initiative.

- On March 28, 1984 *Literaturnaya Gazeta* published yet another direct attack on LaRouche for his delivery of a major policy speech in promotion of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Thus, for a period of several years, the KGB journal *Literaturnaya Gazeta* has responded with fury to *EIR* and its founder Lyndon LaRouche whenever it felt that LaRouche had touched precisely upon policies which threatened Soviet strategic interest.

The fact that it was *Literaturnaya Gazeta* which responded to the *EIR* cover story on the "Soviet Role in Covering Up the Deadly Threat of AIDS" is a definite indication of the strategic precision of the *EIR* exposé. In their haste to respond to *EIR*, *Literaturnaya Gazeta* admitted that it was technically possible from a scientific standpoint to work up the AIDS virus as a biological weapon.

Therefore, the *EIR* Biological Holocaust Task Force has intensified its investigation into the Soviet role in the spread of the 100% lethal AIDS pandemic. Currently under preparation is a scientific evaluation of the basic Soviet biophysics capability. It has been determined, for example, that in 1981 the top Soviet scientist **Kaznacheev** of Novosibirsk reported on intensive experimental projects going on at Novosibirsk on "Ultraweak Radiation in Intercellular Communication." Soviet researchers known to be intensively involved with AIDS include **Rakhim M. Khaitov**, **Boris Labin** and **Professor Ivanovskii**. Furthermore, during the 1960s Soviet genetic engineering programs were geared up almost precisely with the forced "takedown" of U.S. biophysics capabilities when the NASA program was brutally slashed.

There is overwhelming circumstantial evidence to indicate that the direct Soviet involvement in spreading AIDS in the West may well have preceded their already documented role in running the coverup.

The clumsy *Literaturnaya Gazeta* article of Oct. 30, 1985 will perhaps go down as one of the most important self-indictments in human history.

# Text of admissions by the Russians

*The following excerpts are from an article, "Panic in the West, or what is behind the sensation around AIDS," by Valentin Zapevalov, published in Literaturnaya Gazeta, on Oct. 30, 1985. The official weekly of the Union of Writers of the U.S.S.R., Literaturnaya Gazeta is known as the unofficial mouthpiece for the KGB, and has been a frequent channel for the Soviet intelligence agency's attacks on Mr. LaRouche and his wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, since the fall of 1983.*

... AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), or SPID (*Sindrom priobretennogo immunnogo defitsita*) is most probably among those illnesses which are triggered by so-called hidden or "dormant" viruses. Medical researchers hypothesize, that this is most probably a new, highly pathogenic virus which attacks man's immune system and renders him practically defenseless in the face of any infection. . . .

The first warning signs about AIDS appeared in 1978, when outbreaks of this mysterious illness were recorded in New York, among immigrants from Haiti (a U.S. satellite country). It often began after a routine blood transfusion. . . .

In the course of research conducted by the Centers [for Disease Control], a direct link has been established between the increase in cases of tuberculosis (by 5% in the first 6 months of this year) and the spread of AIDS which, by weakening the organism's defenses, creates particularly favorable conditions for the activation of tuberculosis bacteria. In the Western scientific world, the opinion is already being voiced, that, within a few years, AIDS will take first place in the U.S.A. in the number of fatalities, outstripping cardiovascular illnesses and cancer.

This prompted the WHO to convene a conference of specialists in Geneva in early October of this year. During the meeting, there was discussion of methods for determining an antiviral vaccine to cure AIDS, of questions of information

exchange and the coordination of doctors' efforts worldwide, to combat this terrible epidemic.

Reviewing all this, one involuntarily wonders: Why does AIDS, like certain other new diseases (for example, atypical pneumonia or so-called "Legionnaires' Disease," from which many people died; according to reports in the Western press, it was the consequence of experiments on people), invariably appear in the United States and begin to spread above all in the East Coast cities, in this case New York? . . .

Several years ago, the American religious and social organization, Church of Scientology, published certain declassified Pentagon documents which it had obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. They caused quite a stir in the United States and abroad. According to this material, the Pentagon and the CIA were already conducting, back in the 1950s and 1960s, secret tests of new types of biological weapons, in densely populated regions of the U.S.A. and Canada, such as New York, Philadelphia, and Winnipeg. Model weapons for inducing sickness, and weakened microorganisms of dangerous viral illnesses, were scattered over these regions in aerosol form. . . . As a result of these experiments, epidemics broke out in several regions of the U.S.A., and many Americans perished.

All this information, taken together with the "AIDS mystery," leads one to very serious reflections. The respectable newspaper *The Patriot*, published in India, for example, directly suggested that AIDS was the result "of such inhuman experiments by Washington." In support of its position, it adduced the following facts.

The American journal *Army Research, Development and Acquisition Magazine* has written many times before, on how military scientists from the Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, located at Fort Detrick [Md.], conduct research in the field of immunology, particularly on questions of artificially influencing the human immune system, and study the mechanism both of acquired and of natural immunity. According to articles published in 1979 and 1980 in that journal, one of the leaders of this work, at the time, was Lt.-Col. Karl E. Pedersen, Jr., who today heads the Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick. There, too, as director of the Medical Bio-engineering Laboratory, works Col. John N. Albertson, who specializes in the field of microbiology and genetic engineering.

Fort Detrick is infamous around the world, because biological weapons are created in its laboratories, and various experiments have been carried out there many times in the past. After President of the U.S.A. Richard Nixon officially banned production and testing of such weapons in the United States, the Pentagon and the CIA did not cease these activities at all, but to make the work more strictly secret, transferred several research projects to other countries, under cover of opening up various types of medical laboratories there. To this day, one can hear the echo of the scandal over one such laboratory, in Lahore, Pakistan, where they were raising

certain types of mosquito and other insects, which were subsequently infected with dangerous diseases like yellow fever, Dengue fever, and American St. Louis encephalitis (cf. *Lit'eraturnaya Gazeta*, No. 5, 1982).

New facts came to light not long ago concerning the links between this center and the Pentagon. The Western press informed readers that at the U.S. air base in Torrejón (a northern suburb of Madrid), a huge quantity of chemical and biological weapons was being stockpiled. Leakage of poisons from the stockpiles led to epidemics in the neighborhood, but no measures were taken.

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This is the conclusion reached by *The Patriot*.

Today, I repeat, the disease is progressing swiftly. In August of this year, more than 120 cases of AIDS were identified among American servicemen. Affairs reached the point, where on Aug. 30, U.S. Deputy Minister of Defense W. Taft had to sign an order for mandatory testing of all recruits for antibodies to the AIDS virus.

Summing up, I would like to remark that it is entirely possible that, ultimately, as has happened often in the past, one of the victims will sue the Pentagon and the CIA, and then it will finally be revealed that all the victims of AIDS suffered as the result of the latest monstrous experiment.

—Valentin Zapevalov

P.S. As we were going to press, a "sensational" report appeared in the American journal *Executive Intelligence Review* that the Soviet Union was supposedly blocking the struggle against AIDS.

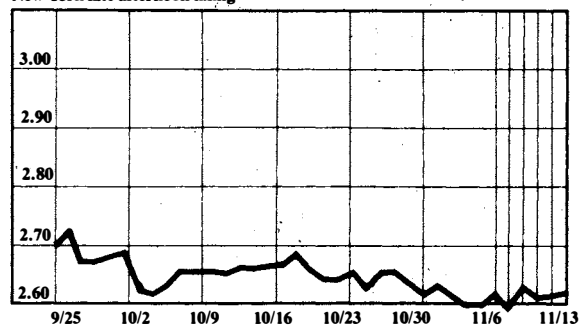
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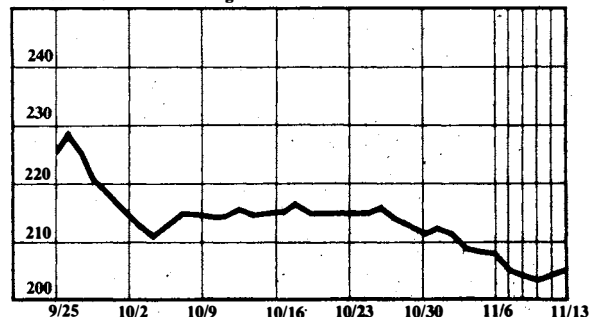
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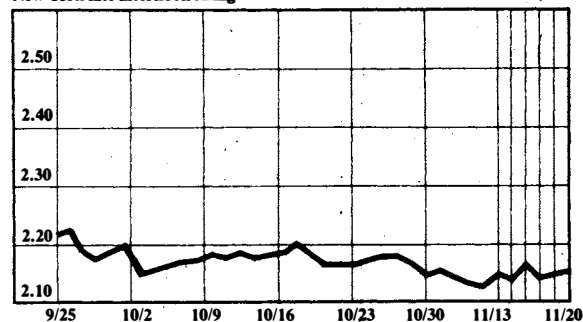
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