

Rwanda, has reached between 550 and 1,000 cases for every million adults, the highest rate in the world; 3) Increasing numbers of children are being born with traces of the AIDS infection, and at least 12% of children aged between 1 and 2 attended at Kinshasa hospitals have traces of the virus in their blood; and 4) Blood banks are contaminated in many African countries, but donors are not being screened because of lack of resources or expertise, even though, in at least one city known so far, 18% of donated blood is contaminated. The report is quoted: "AIDS has become a major health threat to all Africans, and prevention and control through educational programs and blood-bank screening must become an immediate public health priority."

### Africa needs emergency funds!

What is clear is that attempts to deal with the AIDS epidemic in Africa are sabotaged by the brutal shut-off of credits to these nations from the international agencies. In most countries, the combination of the Soviet-inspired and U.S. State Department-fostered "barefoot medicine" programs for Africa which were pushed on the continent for "budgetary reasons" at the 1978 World Health Organization Conference at Alma Ata in the Kazakh, S.S.R. between Sept. 6-12, 1978, has left Africa defenseless. (See *An Emergency War Plan to Fight AIDS and Other Pandemics*, EIR Special Report, pp. 33-42, 1986.)

As a result of the curious alliance between the Soviets such as Dr. Sergei Litvinov at the WHO and the Malthusians of the U.S. State Department to mutually "facilitate" so-called population control in Africa, hospital budgets have been too small to buy the necessary antibiotics or provide disposable injection equipment. The costs of caring for 10 AIDS patients in the United States (about \$450,000) is greater than the entire budget of a large hospital in Zaire, where up to 25% of children and adult admissions may have HIV infections!

Since the national resources of African countries are insufficient to deal with the problem, a concerted international effort will be necessary to prevent further dissemination of HIV infection.

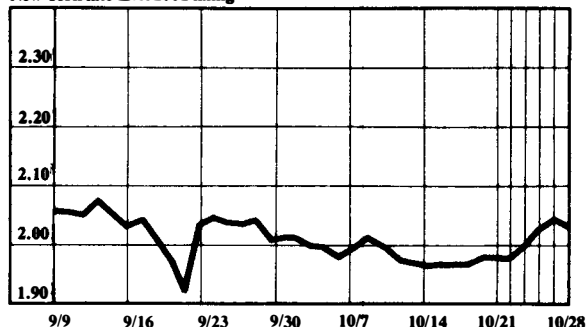
Even the new Mann/Curran report draws the correct conclusion: "Unless the financial resources to support national AIDS control programs is made available and unless information about AIDS research including vaccine development, antiviral treatment and prevention programs, are shared among scientists and public health officials of all countries, AIDS will continue to spread throughout the world, exacting its toll on the health of mankind."

The situation in Africa today portends the future situation for the rest of the world. Only a full-scale emergency economic reorganization can provide the financial means to pay the billions of dollars which must now be spent in an Apollo Moon-shot-style crash research program and emergency public health and medical programs needed to halt the spread of this species-threatening disease.

## Currency Rates

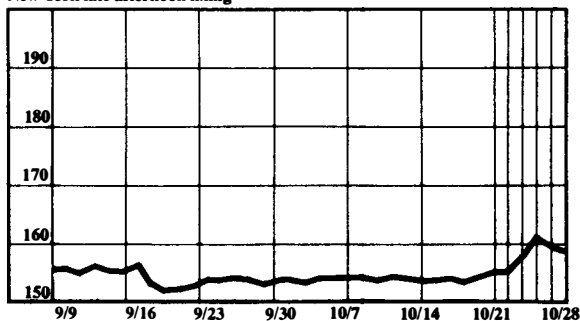
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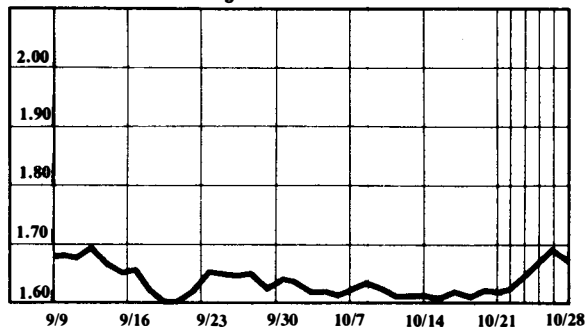
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