

LaRouche Was Right: the Record on AIDS

Since the early 1970s, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. has warned that the destruction of the physical economy of nations, by the conditionalities policies of the global financier oligarchy, would unleash pandemic diseases on a horrifying, global scale. When the AIDS virus became known, LaRouche immediately made it a primary focus of his political efforts, and placed it at the center of his campaign for the 1988 Presidential nomination, which he announced in 1985. He was subjected to a virulent campaign of vilification for this, especially for his recommendation that traditional public health measures be adopted to stop the spread of the disease. Fifteen years later, the U.S. National Security Council has admitted that LaRouche was right. Here is a chronology of important statements.

1974

September: Lyndon LaRouche proposes a science-oriented interdisciplinary team be set up to explore the thesis that International Monetary Fund and World Bank policies of slashing food and energy consumption and denial of health services to the developing countries, would lead to biological holocaust, the reemergence of old, previously conquered diseases, and the emergence of new deadly diseases, creating conditions like the 14th-century Black Death, in which one-third of Europe's population died.

1975

Jan. 4: LaRouche issues a Draft Policy Resolution for the intelligence staff of his political organization, on "Functions of the Science Section": "To emphasize the appropriate point. Unless we provide, beginning in 1975, a minimal per-capita daily caloric intake in order of 2,500-3,000 calories, with adequate proportion of animal protein, we shall fail to develop the immunological potentials in depressed populations necessary to prevent early outbreaks of deadly pandemics which must overwhelm the entire world population by the 1980s."

1977

Sept. 9: *New Solidarity*, the newspaper of the LaRouche political movement, prints an article on "Ecological Holocaust Is Aimed at Advanced Sector": "Wall Street's years-long policy of austerity and deliberate starvation of the Third World is responsible for the resurgence of the most dread diseases known to mankind." The article traces how diseases will spread through developing countries and industrialized ones.

1981

Dec. 31: LaRouche states in a speech: "In the National Security Council, the Ad Hoc Committee on Population Affairs is committed to planning genocide as a strategic objective of the united States. . . . We are talking about billions of people. Sometimes these people are modest. Those who aren't so radical talk only of hundreds of millions. . . . The policy, in the minds of those who wrote the report [*Global 2000 Report to the President*] and authored the policy, is to kill 2 billion people at minimum. And the policies will kill at least 2 billion people. . . . The objective of human reproduction is not simply to produce more people, but to produce a higher, more perfected quality of individual. . . . Even today, most of the problems in the developed countries, the so-called industrial nations, are due to underpopulation."

1985

July 9: LaRouche writes in *EIR*: "Unless there is, immediately, a sudden and rapid reversal in accelerating, 1967-1985 trends in nutrition, medical services, and sanitation, there will be an unstoppable eruption in both old and new varieties of bacterial and viral pandemics, from which no population of any part of the world will escape. Unless the needed reversal in economic trends bearing upon nutrition, medical services, and sanitation, occurs very soon, this eruption of pandemics will affect not only human populations, but will carry over into plant and animal life in such a general way, as to cause a general collapse in the quality of the biosphere itself . . . to a lowered thermodynamic level."

Sept. 15: LaRouche issues a statement, "Spread Panic, Not AIDS," in which he calls popular panic "entirely justified" and warns that "AIDS is the most deadly global pandemic since the bubonic plague." Mass screening, worldwide economic recovery, and crash research program are essential, he says. "Although the known cases of AIDS are concentrated among those with dirty sexual habits or drug-users, studies of the spread of AIDS among heterosexuals in Africa correlate with trends in the United States and Europe: Every sector of the population is threatened."

Oct. 11: LaRouche announces his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic Party Presidential nomination, stating: "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 called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or simply AIDS. . . ."

"In central black Africa, teams of experts estimate that between 10 million and 32 million are already infected, with infection distributed without regard to age or sex. Medical experts report that AIDS is raging out of control already in Brazil. A similar pattern is found in parts of the United States where sanitation is extremely poor and the population badly



A demonstration against LaRouche's Proposition 64 in San Francisco, June 29, 1986. The ballot initiative called for the use of traditional public health measures to prevent the spread of AIDS; but the medical establishment and the gay rights lobby went berzerk, launching a campaign of vilification that led to the defeat of the initiative—and thereby causing more deaths of AIDS victims.

nourished. It is absolutely clear, from these cases, that it is a fraud to argue that AIDS can be transmitted only by persons who are already showing symptoms of AIDS, or can be transmitted only by homosexuals or hypodermic needles. The tracing of most cases to homosexuals or drug-users, applies only to environments where levels of sanitation and nutrition are still within normal standards.

“True, AIDS is a medical problem. It is also a political issue. No epidemic in progress was ever stopped by the discovery of a cure. Since the Black Death, which killed one-third to one-half of the population of Europe, during the middle of the 14th century, civilization has learned that the only way to stop the spread of epidemics is public health measures, especially sanitation and isolation of infected victims. Only public health measures by governments can halt the spread of a pandemic.

“At the beginning of the Constitution of the United States, the highest law of our nation, our forefathers compacted to ‘promote the general welfare.’ Until 1975, our Federal, state, and local governments enacted laws, and created public health institutions, to enforce public health measures against communicable epidemic diseases. Most of these laws are on the books; they are the law. Any law, any act of negligence by the Federal, state, or local government, which attempts to overturn that provision of our Constitution, or to violate that law by negligence, is grounds for impeachment and other appropriate actions against any public official whose acts or negligence cause injury to the general welfare. . . .

“Medical support is necessary. We should be spending

between a half-billion and one billion dollars for research, and should be providing hospital treatment-places for isolating infected persons, as we did for tuberculosis victims, adequate to the number of expected cases needing treatment. But, medical support by itself will not stop the deadly pandemic. Public health measures must be taken on the Federal, state, and local levels, immediately. . . . We must correct lack of adequate public sanitation. We must improve levels of nutrition, including levels of animal-protein consumption. . . .

“It is the urgent public health measures which are the most costly actions we must take to control this deadly pandemic. Those public health measures are far more costly than the medical action needed. That is why government agencies are covering up so many of the facts about the AIDS pandemic, during the present fight in Congress over ‘balancing the Federal budget.’

“This is the first time in our nation’s history, that so many in government have attempted to balance the budget by allowing a deadly pandemic to kill off the tax-payers. . . .

“The most important of the political issues threatening us right 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.”

Oct. 25: Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC), inspired by LaRouche’s associates in California, announces a drive to place a referendum initiative, mandating that AIDS be treated as a communicable disease, on the California ballot. Proposition 64 would bar AIDS victims from schools, as food handlers, and would permit quarantine.

Dec. 28-31: LaRouche organizes an international confer-

ence, calling for a Biological Strategic Defense Initiative against AIDS and other pandemics.

1986

Feb. 15: *EIR* publishes “An Emergency War Plan To Fight AIDS and Other Pandemics,” which calls for 1) a crash program in basic bio-medical research; 2) public-health measures to raise immunological disease-resistance potential of populations; and 3) upgrading health care systems to give a “surge” of health care to populations.

June 6: LaRouche issues an open letter to California Democrats: “As an economist, I have been involved in researches into the correlation between public-health conditions and epidemics and pandemics, for about 14 years, since I presented a research outline on this subject to a task-force among my associates. By the close of 1974, we had made the following calculations. That, assuming that the then-established ‘post-industrial’ and ‘floating-exchange-rate’ policies persisted internationally, by the middle of the 1980s, the growth of epidemic fatalities, from a combination of old and new varieties of such, would begin to peak in Africa, centered around a cholera upsurge in the Sahel region. . . . AIDS is not essentially a venereal disease. . . . Among 30 million Africans now, conservatively, estimated to be infected, most fit none of the WHO-CDC [World Health Organization-Centers for Disease Control] risk categories. . . .”

June 16: LaRouche warns: “AIDS is presently a greater threat to life on earth than nuclear war.”

July 18: LaRouche writes in *EIR*: “At present, detection and isolation of persons infected with AIDS is our first line of national defense. . . . Humane isolation and treatment of persons infected with AIDs means the kind of costs per person we associate with tuberculosis sanatoria; with not less than 4 million Americans already infected, this means many billions of dollars. . . . In the present budget-balancing hysteria, our government does not wish to hear about spending such sums, no matter how many millions of Americans die because of such stubborn neglect. A crash program for medical research, is also a multibillion-dollar effort.”

Oct. 11: At a Washington, D.C. press conference, LaRouche proposes U.S.-U.S.S.R. cooperation in launching a Biological Strategic Defense Initiative, to fight AIDS. “Both the Soviet Union and Western OECD [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development] and developing nations face a common threat potentially more deadly than general nuclear war between the two superpowers: the AIDS pandemic. . . . Each has an overriding interest in seeking the other’s cooperation in a joint commitment to defeat this pandemic. . . . The United States should seek a nested set of bilateral and multilateral agreements among sovereign nation-states, bypassing all supranational agencies, for earliest possible total victory in a war against the AIDS infection. The Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China should be included among the nations with which such treaty agree-

ments are sought. The United States should establish a joint mission-assignment, Apollo-style crash program effort. . . . The research aspect of the U.S. program, should be in the order of \$3 billion a year or more of Federal expenditure. . . . The most important area of such cooperation, is the area of optical biophysics.”

1987

Feb. 7: LaRouche releases Presidential campaign statement, “My Program against AIDS”: “There is no class of persons which can not be infected, even if the initial concentration of AIDS carriers appears to be limited generally to homosexuals and drug-addicts. On this issue, the U.S. government and many other supposed experts lied their heads off during 1986. There is no known case, in which any research institution has conducted tests to determine whether AIDS is or is not actually transmitted by coughing, or insect bites, for example. These tests could have been made with monkeys. . . . So, a rational course of action for government would involve a twofold program: 1) Public-health measures of mass-testing, and medically required isolation of carriers, to get us through the next 10 years; 2) An Apollo-style crash program of combined clinical, conventional biological, and optical biology research, the combined effort given the mission assignment of conquering the virus.”

1988

June 4: LaRouche, on a nationwide primetime TV Presidential campaign broadcast, calls for a war against AIDS, including \$3 billion a year in an Apollo-style crash program of research to develop a cure, mandatory universal testing for HIV, and constructing hospital bed capacity to handle all infected patients and their families. “The problem is that the United States has presently no capability for handling the hundreds of thousands of AIDS cases who will require hospitalization each year beginning the early 1990s. . . . We must invest in building the required number of hospital beds facilities now. . . . There is no denying that this will cost a lot of money, but there is no price too high for saving human lives from this terrible infection.”

1989

November: *EIR* issues Special Report, “AIDS Global Showdown,” on the LaRouche plan for victory in a war against AIDS, the efforts of the health establishment to promote cost containment rather than a serious effort to fight AIDS, the question of whether AIDS was deliberately created, the role of AIDS in the biological holocaust that is depopulating the developing sector, and the necessary approach toward AIDS research.

December: LaRouche, now unjustly imprisoned by the Bush administration, issues a three-point program to fight AIDS: research mobilization, mass testing, and construction of additional hospital-bed facilities to care for the sick.