

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?