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THE MISSING MOVES OF MAGIC JOHNSON

In his book, "What You Can Do To Avoid AIDS", Magic Johnson gives overwhelming evidence that universal, mandatory testing for the AIDS virus is desirable. Unfortunately, he fails to finish by accepting the obvious conclusion to which his evidence leads.

Immediate Treatment

He urges those, who are infected with the AIDS virus, to commence treatment immediately. He writes:

"The earlier you're diagnosed, the better. There's still no cure for AIDS, but there are drugs you can take to help you recover from any symptoms you may be having, postpone others, and help you live longer and better."

He gives this advice to those who discover that they are infected:

"If your HIV antibody test is positive, don't panic. Your life isn't over because you have HIV. You've got to be strong, because tomorrow they may find an answer. Who knows? In the meantime, there's a lot you can do to give yourself the best chance for many years of healthy, happy life ahead. Each year that passes brings promising new treatments, more support services, progress toward a cure. Who knows when there might be a medical breakthrough. You are not alone; you're about to discover that there's a huge network of people and organizations all dedicated to helping you learn to live as normal a life as possible with HIV."

How many of those who are infected with AIDS, should receive treatment to enable them to "live longer and better"? Only an elite few? Surely the only possible humane answer is, "all of them".

The Penalty of Ignorance

How can all those infected with HIV take advantage of the available treatment and support services if they do not know that they are infected? The tragic truth is that the great majority of the infected are unaware of their infection. Magic draws attention to this sad fact when he writes:

"In New York City alone, there are an estimated 10,000 to 40,000 adolescents infected with HIV who do not know they have the virus."

It is believed that at least 75 percent of those who are HIV positive are unaware

of their infection. The only way that all, or a large majority, of the infected can be discovered and receive the treatment Magic advocates, is to test everyone.

Protecting Others

Having shown that the infected individual must be made aware of his infection for his own sake, Magic then argues that such awareness is also necessary for the sake of others. He writes:

"You might think, 'Well, if there's no cure, why bother?' You should bother because the earlier the others you may have infected--or who may have infected you --get tested, the earlier they'll get diagnosed, and the earlier they can get treatment and the longer they may live. Remember, you might get HIV and live a long, long time, but someone who got the virus from you might die very quickly without treatment." (Page 134)

Magic stresses how those who are unaware of their infection, can endanger others:

"They could go on unknowingly giving the virus to others, who will in turn give the virus to still others--and on and on, and more people--including babies--will become infected and could die from AIDS."

The Obvious Conclusion

The obvious conclusion is that universal testing should be carried out for the sake of those who are already infected with the AIDS virus, and also for the protection of potential victims.

Magic Misses

Somehow, Magic cannot see this obvious conclusion. In answer to the question, "Why not test everybody for HIV?" he writes:

"That would be tremendously expensive. Everybody in the country would have to be tested every few months. Most public health experts feel it would not be worth the cost. It makes better sense to spend money on education about AIDS so people can learn how to avoid the virus."

Magic himself is a living testimonial to the inadequacy of the education program which he recommends. He writes:

"It wasn't so much that I didn't have information about HIV and AIDS. It was right there in my face--on the radio and TV, in newspapers and magazines. The L.A. Lakers even had lectures on HIV in the locker room. I wish I had paid attention. I just didn't think it could ever happen to me."

Magic's lament that universal testing would be tremendously expensive is simply

not true. All potential recruits for the U.S. military are tested for HIV infection. These tests are carried out by profit-making laboratories under contract to the military. The military pays less than \$4 for each test.

Compare this cost with the cost of the programs advocated by Magic. He constantly urges "safer sex". By "safer sex" he means the use of a condom during vaginal, anal, or oral sex. He does state numerous times that abstinence is the only way to assure safety from the virus, but he recognizes that many young people will not abstain, and he urges the consistent use of a condom as the next best protection. He stresses that a condom must be used once only, so a new condom is essential for each sexual engagement.

If the price of a condom is about \$1, and an individual engages in sex once a week, the cost will be over \$50 a year. Compare this with the "tremendously expensive" cost of \$4 for an HIV test.

Magic's other argument against universal testing is also flawed. He states: "Everybody in the country would have to be tested every few months." It is true that the original test should be followed by a second test three months later in order to identify recent infections, but the vast majority of the infected could be identified if everyone had an annual test thereafter. This test could be part of a medical exam. It takes only a few seconds to draw the blood necessary for testing.

Why?

Why does Magic fail to see and to advocate the obvious program to which his evidence leads? I cannot answer this question. It must be answered by Magic himself. If he would advocate mandatory, universal testing, he would increase the effectiveness of his campaign to halt the spread of AIDS many times over.

The way to stop an infectious epidemic is to discover the location of the infective agent, and to design and carry out programs that will prevent the transfer of the infectious agent to others.

When applied to the AIDS epidemic, this means: 1) Universal testing to discover the virus, and 2) The enactment and enforcement of laws to control conduct which may transfer the virus to others.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Like the Curate's egg, Magic's book, "What You Can Do To Avoid AIDS", is good in parts. He makes many true statements but, unfortunately, serves as the conscious or unconscious spokesman for the homosexuals.

I am well aware that I will be accused of taking some of Magic's statements out of context. In order that you may judge for yourself whether I have done this, we will send a copy of his book without charge to those who request it.

AIDS: RAGE AND REALITY

By Gene Antonio

Gene Antonio is one of the unsung heroes of the battle against AIDS. His 1986 book, "The AIDS Coverup", educated countless thousands about the danger of AIDS and what should be done to defeat the epidemic. He has now written, "AIDS, Rage, and Reality", which is a veritable encyclopedia of what is currently known about AIDS. Everyone, who desires to be fully informed, should study this book. Here is some information provided by the publisher:

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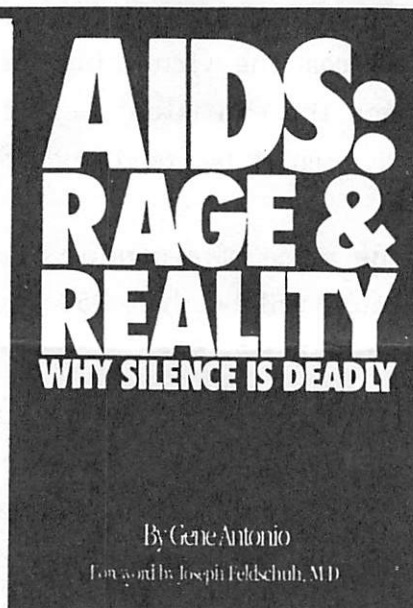
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William J. Mayo, one of the founders of the Mayo Clinic stated:

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The President and members of Congress are the surgeons who operate upon the malignant tumors of society. They need sound pathology. For information about the moral, material, and spiritual pathology of society, write to the CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNISM CRUSADE. P.O. Box 890, Long Beach, California 90801.

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Mike Davidow is the resident representative in Moscow of the PEOPLE'S WEEKLY WORLD, which is published by the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA). His report on "Reconstituting Unifying Congress of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation" is published in the February 20 edition of the PEOPLE'S WEEKLY WORLD. Below are portions of his report:

Communist Party alive in Russia

The Communist "corpse" is very much alive in Russia and is now rising to haunt its would-be counterrevolutionary grave diggers. This was demonstrated at the Reconstituting Unifying Congress of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation. Assembled were 807 delegates representing 500,000 members in hundreds of reorganized, functioning primary organizations embracing the entire Russian Federation. (There were 197 members of the media from all over the world who were present).

There was near unanimous agreement on the name, Communist Party of the Russian Federation. From all over Russia there was insistence on "communist." A fervent appeal for international solidarity was made by Valentin Kuptsov, chair of the Organizing Committee, who delivered the main report. He stressed these points:

The struggle for saving Russia from impending catastrophe, the fight against capitalization, for putting Russia on the path of socialist development, for a renovated USSR and for a step-by-step movement toward the difficult but key task of establishing a union of Communist Parties of the former Soviet Union, a new form of CPSU in keeping with the new conditions.

A warm welcome was given to members of the State Committee for the Emergency Situation (now released awaiting trial), a number of whom were present. Anatoly Lukyanov, former Chair of the USSR Supreme Soviet and Oleg Sheinin, secretary of the CPSU, were elected to the CEC.

The Congress declared the CPRF is based on the creative science of Marxism-Leninism. It reaffirmed democratic centralism as the basis of the Party's rules, with emphasis on the primary organizations as the key element of the party structure. The rights of primary organizations were greatly extended – they now include full independent consideration and action on all matters which do not take upon themselves the scope of the higher bodies.

The largest number of the delegates were in the age group of 30 to 45. And they came from all sections of the population, including the armed forces. There were 65 deputies of the Supreme Soviet of the R.F. and 197 deputies of area, city and regional soviets present.

Also attending were representatives of fraternal parties from Armenia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, the Baltic states and Tajikistan. Greetings came from many Communist Parties around the world, including the Peoples Republic of China. The delegates gave a standing ovation to the letter of greetings from the CPUSA.

In all speeches the focus was upon mobilizing a people's patriotic and socialist front to save Russia from catastrophe. The stress was on the grassroots. There was recognition of the urgent need to concentrate on workers in the big enterprises, as well as women and youth.

The long awaited process of uniting Communists has begun and, although it faces many difficulties, it is an irreversible process.

THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL AT WORK

The international campaign to humanize the monstrous Communist murderer, Abimael Guzman, who founded and directed his gang of assassins and terrorists, officially known as the Communist Party of Peru, but better known as the Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path, proceeds apace. One of the beneficiaries of this campaign is the U.S. Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), for which it serves as a great recruiting tool.

The centerpiece of the February 21 edition of REVOLUTIONARY WORKER (RW), which is published by the RCP, is devoted to an article promoting an international conference to defend Guzman. Extracts from the article are as follows:

Worldwide Conference Defends Chairman Gonzalo

"On the weekend of February 27-28, the Founding Conference to Defend the Life Of Abimael Guzman will take place in Krefeld, Germany. Hundreds of people from all over the world will come together to discuss and learn more about the unprecedented international campaign that started shortly after Abimael Guzman was arrested by the Peruvian security police on September 12...

"Massoud Rahimi, Coordinator for the International Emergency Committee (IEC) in London, told the RW last week that preparations for the conference are going very well. So far, participants are expected from at least 22 countries--an inspiring sign of the international scope of the campaign! Participants include people coming from faraway areas, such as Bangladesh and Nepal in Asia. Many people are expected from Turkey where thousands of people have signed the IEC Call. And there will be participants from all over Europe and North and South America...

"An important development in building for the conference has been the coming together of a 'host committee' in Germany. The committee is made up of over 20 local organizations--anti-imperialists, youth, communist groups, people involved in solidarity with struggles in oppressed countries, and others. They are helping to arrange meeting locations, lodging, food and other important aspects of the conference. A key task is organizing translation, since participants will be coming from so many different areas of the world. The IEC is trying to provide simultaneous translation (through earphones) in Spanish, English, German, Turkish and Farsi...

"The campaign has so far extended to over 40 countries. It involves masses of workers, peasants, the poor and progressive middle class people in oppressed countries--over 10,000 people in Nepal and over 7,000 in Turkey have signed the IEC Call. ... The campaign is drawing many people in the U.S., the main imperialist backer of the fascist Fujimori regime...

"And prominent people in various fields--artists, musicians, lawyers, parliamentarians, judges, professors, political activists and others--are also coming to Abimael Guzman's defense. Recent additions from the U.S. to the list of signatories to the IEC Call include actor Danny Glover and writer Gloria Steinem. The signatories outside the U.S. include well-known figures such as Dr. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, former president of Iran; musicians Chrissie Hynde, Sinead O'Connor and Mutabaruka; Donald Woods, journalist from South Africa and author of Biko.

"From the U.S. come reports that in Latino neighborhoods--The Pico Union in Los Angeles and Washington Heights in New York--people on the streets greet revolutionaries with "Gonzalo, he's my main man'." (Pages 8 and 9)

This campaign is an excellent example of how a minority of Communists utilize a "social force" to magnify their power. The "social force" which they are using is the alleged threat to the "Civil Liberties" of Guzman.

THE HARVEST OF LIBERAL HEDONISM

The harvest from atheism and hedonism, which lie at the heart of "Secular Humanism", has been described well in an article by Joseph Farah in the February 13 edition of the conservative weekly, HUMAN EVENTS.

Reviewing the book, "A Jewish Conservative Looks at Pagan America", Farah quotes its author, Don Feder, as saying:

"'If my book could be summed up in a single sentence, it would be this: Ideas have consequences,' he says. 'First the elite, then to a lesser extent (imperceptibly, almost subconsciously), the masses embrace certain toxic notions. The consequences fill our prisons, drug rehab centers, divorce courts, shelters for battered and abused, rape crisis centers, mental hospitals, singles bars and the roster of guests on the 'Oprah Winfrey Show.'"

Jesus said, "You shall know them by their fruits." The fruits of the permissive pleasure-seeking society include crime, insecurity, abortion, AIDS, drug addiction, spouse and child abuse, sodomy, family breakdown, illegitimacy, the feminization of poverty, suicide, syphilis, tuberculosis, and insanity. The only place where such a harvest would be welcomed is hell.

When the Sandinistas were voted out of power in Nicaragua's democratic election, they vowed that they would rule from below. It now seems that this has not been necessary. They are ruling from above through their control of the Army and Police and their influence over the elected president, Violeta Chamorro.

A POSSIBLE ALLIANCE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA

One portentous possibility is that a new alliance between Russia and Communist China may be formed. Among the groups that are presently contending for power in Russia, there is one which is led by "former" Communists who are impressed by the economic progress that is being made in China where the Communists maintain dictatorial political power but permit, even encourage, free enterprise in the economic realm. These leaders are seeking to re-establish ties with the Chinese Communists.

The military power of Communist China is increasing as submarines and other armaments are purchased from the Russians.

LIBERAL ABSURDITY MEETS LEFT INSANITY

Many U.S. College professors and students could profit from reading the following statement by Christopher Clausen, who is professor of English at Pennsylvania State University, in an article captioned, "Liberals and the Academic Left", which appears in the January 25 edition of the magazine, THE NEW LEADER:

"How any well informed person in 1993 can regard Marxism, however diluted, as a new or liberating doctrine is a mystery. The fashionable excuse that there has never been a real Marxist regime--that Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Castro, and Ho Chi Minh all betrayed the true faith--is akin to someone claiming that Hitler betrayed the worthy cause of anti-Semitism.

"There is no future in proclaiming the analytic virtues of a system whose predictions have been so wrong and whose practical impact has been calamitous wherever it was tried." (Page 16)

A DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC IN RUSSIA

The 1-5 February edition of NEWS BRIEFS, which is published by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Inc., reports that a diphtheria epidemic is raging in Russia:

"The incidence of diphtheria in Russia is reaching what the World Health Organization calls epidemic proportions, according to an article in the New York Times of 29 January. The number of new cases being registered is now approximately 500 per month, and the total recorded in November 1992 was 3,278. The number of people affected by the disease was expected to reach 4,000 by the end of 1992. Both Moscow and St. Petersburg have more than 650 registered cases. The disease is also spreading in other CIS states. Ukraine had 1,344 registered cases by November, 1992. The spread of the disease is attributed mainly to the failings of the Russian vaccination program for infants."

President Clinton affirms that many U.S. infants remain unvaccinated. Is a similar epidemic possible here?

HITLER'S ADVICE

The infamous Adolf Hitler is quoted as saying, "Tell a lie; make it big; repeat it often; and the majority of people will believe you."

Certain active politicians follow Hitler's advice. Do you know any who do? Can you name one?