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The Soviets are covering up the deadly AIDS pandemic

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For most of this year, high officials of the U.S. government have systematically rejected *Executive Intelligence Review's* attempts to raise the national security implications of the global AIDS pandemic and declare a full-scale War on AIDS.

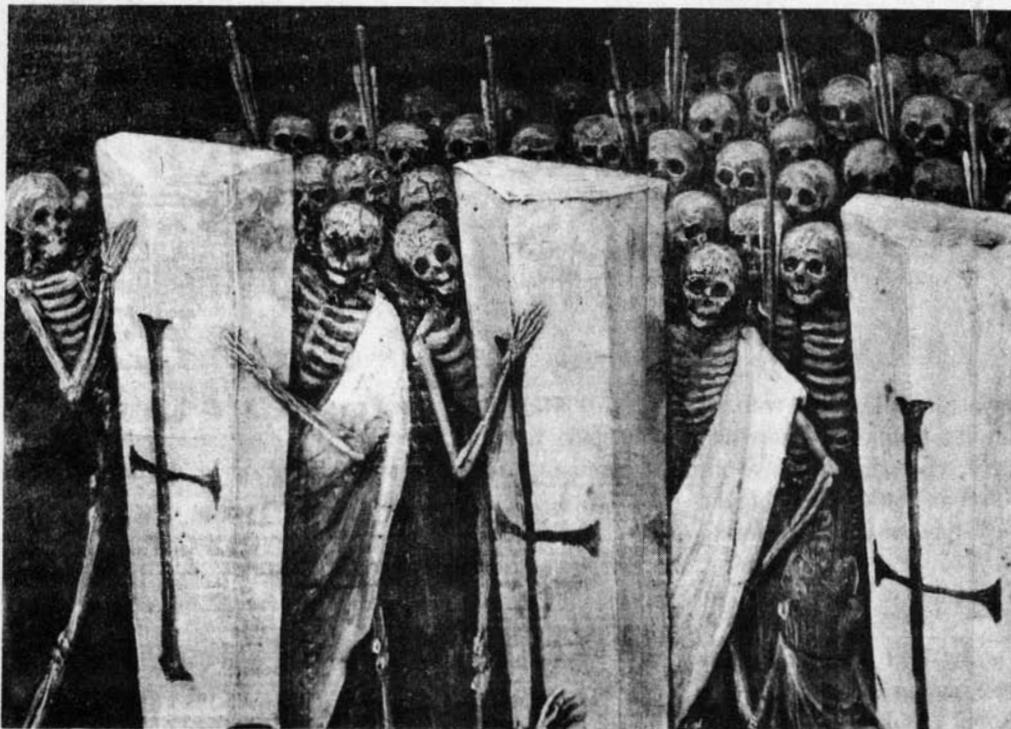
In my capacity as Director of the *EIR's* Biological Holocaust Task Force, for example, I received a letter dated Aug. 27, 1985 from Dr. James O. Mason, the Director of the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Health of the United States. In his letter, Dr. Mason stated:

"We also cannot agree with your conclusion that the national security is threatened by the diseases and conditions which your report discusses. Many of them could be threats if we do not maintain adequate surveillance, necessary expertise, continued research and control efforts, and an adequate standard of living. We are optimistic, however, that these are securely in place in this country and that we will continue to make advances toward protecting mankind against the diseases you discussed. We also have more confidence than you express in the multinational efforts through the World Health Organization, although we recognize that there is much to be done in the coming years for the good of mankind."

At the time he wrote that letter, Dr. Mason *knew or should have known* the following facts contained in this special package.

Soviet control of WHO

The Soviet Union controls all the critical command positions in the precise institution which has coordinated and is at this very moment coordinating the statements, policies, and actions of the world's governments on the deadly AIDS pandemic—namely, the World Health Organization (WHO) based in Geneva, Switzerland. The entire chain of command within the WHO responsible for AIDS surveillance programs and information is under explicit Warsaw Pact Command. **Dr. Sergei K. Litvinov** is the Assistant Director General of WHO, a current high official in the Soviet Federal Ministry of Health and a Soviet-trained specialist in the epidemiology of African diseases; in his official capacity at the WHO, Litvinov is in full command of all principal divisions and sub-divisions for the surveillance,



Detail from Bruegel's The Triumph of Death

control, and supposed prevention of virtually every deadly disease known to man, including: AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, smallpox, leprosy, venereal diseases, diarrheal diseases such as cholera, parasitic diseases, and viral diseases.

T.A. Bektimirov is the head of the WHO Virus Diseases Sub-Division which coordinates all operational medical questions on AIDS globally. Bektimirov is a Soviet-trained specialist who also functions as a special deputy to Litvinov. The so-called AIDS Task Force of the WHO under Dr. F. Assad—the man most American scientists think of as the “WHO coordinator of AIDS”—actually works under the Russian Bektimirov, who reports to Litvinov, who reports to the Communist Party Central Committee through his superior in the Soviet Health Ministry, Dr. Chazov.

Dr. Yevgenii Chazov, Litvinov's superior in the Soviet chain of command, is not only the Soviet Deputy Minister of Health, but also the personal physician of all recent Soviet heads of state, and a member of the Central Committee. He has just been named co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in his capacity as co-founder of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). When the announcement was made, Chazov himself was at Geneva WHO offices, in discussions on how to utilize the WHO even more effectively to promote the aims of the IPPNW.

Rakhim M. Khaitov is the deputy director of the Immunology Institute in Moscow and has travelled to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia and been actively engaged in the recent period in disseminating deliberate disinformation on the nature of AIDS.

Dr. Boris Labin of the Sukhumi Primate Center in the

Soviet Union is engaged in joint AIDS and SAIDS (Simian Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) research projects with the Yerkes Primate Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which projects are now under investigation. Other Soviet research disinformation has revolved around **Professor Ivanovskii** of the Soviet Institute for Virus Research, and others.

WHO control of CDC

Numerous professional scientists in this nation and around the world have stated in private, and increasingly, in public, that they are “astonished,” “astounded,” and “upset” by the radical and irresponsible position taken by Atlanta CDC and other government institutions on the subject of AIDS. Private citizens have been angered by the preposterous hostility of the CDC to Public Health measures against AIDS, et al., while the disease continues to rage out of control.

In its own brochure, the Centers for Disease Control states the following about its relationship to the WHO:

“On the international front, CDC works with governments of other nations and with the World Health Organization (WHO) to help control diseases before they can spread from one country to another.”

Too much time has been wasted in the face of an urgent need for a full-scale Public Health Emergency Program against AIDS. The lethal pandemic is infecting tens of millions in the West, while the Soviets chortle that they have no native-born AIDS cases. We now know why *EIR's* requests for national security action have been rejected. The Soviets have been running the global command and control of all AIDS policies through WHO. How convenient.