Seale warns AIDS could wipe out man

Dr. John Seale of Britain warned that the AIDS virus is the "molecular-biological equivalent of the nuclear bomb," and "has the capability to wipe out the entire human race," during a press conference at the Royal Society of Medicine in London Oct. 9. He also expressed his full support for the California, U.S.A. "Proposition 64," mandating screening and quarantine of AIDS victims, as the "minimum commonsense measure" to combat the spread of the disease.

Seale, a member of the Royal Society, had just returned from a U.S. tour, which included testimony on the referendum before a California legislative committee, and a well-attended National Press Club address in Washington Oct. 3, which was subsequently blacked out by the media.

Seale also denounced the Oct. 6 raids in Leesburg, Virginia, U.S.A., on the offices of associates of U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, warning that one effect of these raids will be to delay information on AIDS from reaching the American people. LaRouche and associates are sponsors of Proposition 64.

"Less than four weeks from today," Seale noted, voters in California will be voting on "the AIDS initiative, or Proposition 64," an initiative to treat AIDS as a "notifiable" disease requiring public health measures. He then asked: "Why has no medical, religious, political, or charitable institution in California, or in the entire United States, endorsed the proposition, apart from Lyndon LaRouche's organization? Not one member of the medical or scientific establishment of the United States, or of the rest of the world, has had the moral courage to be seen to give support to this minimal, common-sense measure, to protect the lives of all American citizens from this particularly deadly virus.

"On the same day as I delivered my testimony in Sacramento, the LaRouche organization began distributing the pamphlet entitled, 'A Vote for Proposition 64 Could Save the Life of Someone in Your Family.' On pages 8-12 inclusive, it contains the most lucid, succinct, and accurate scientific analysis of the AIDS epidemic which has yet appeared in print. It is hardly surprising that a spokesman for the California Medical Association, which violently opposes the Proposition, described this pamphlet as 'frighteningly sane.'

"In the year since the scientists advising LaRouche first read the editorial which I wrote for the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, published in August 1985, our views of the scientific aspect of the AIDS epidemic have converged to the point that there are no major points of disagreement."

Seale reported on the details of his letters to President Reagan and British Prime Minister Thatcher, calling on them to declare a "state of national emergency."

Then, he made the explosive revelation that there has been an unusual pattern of "back-channel" discussions between the United States and Soviet Union on AIDS, coinciding with a shift in the Soviet line on AIDS. While in Washington in early October, Dr. Seale reported, he had met with U.S. Deputy Surgeon-General Dr. Samuels. At that time, U.S. Surgeon-General Everett Koop, who has opposed testing for AIDS, even in the U.S. Armed Forces, was in the Soviet Union, "a fact that has not been released to the American public." The Surgeon-General's office agreed with Dr. Seale on numerous points, but nonetheless was "opposed to mandatory testing. This position is, in the light of the multiple means by which the virus is known to be transmitted, and its lethality, manifestly and dangerously irrational," Seale declared.

"In this context, it is of interest that virologists in Finland have recently been asked to supply the Soviet Union with AIDS-testing kits, so that compulsory testing of the 5 million members of the Soviet Armed Forces can be carried out at once, as a first step in controlling the virus in the U.S.S.R."

He noted that suddenly, on Oct. 3, the same day that he was making public in Washington his appeal to Reagan and Thatcher, Soviet virologist Dr. Zhdanov of the Ivanovski Institute reversed the standard Soviet line on AIDS by declaring that it was not created artificially, contrary to Soviet publications which accused U.S. military and intelligence agencies of synthesizing AIDS.

Seal stated: "Three days later, at dawn on Monday, Oct. 6, 400 agents of the U.S. government and troopers from the State of Virginia, armed with machine guns and backed by armored vehicles and helicopters, occupied the editorial offices of Lyndon LaRouche's organization in Leesburg, Virginia, on the grounds of credit-card irregularities. Several people were arrested, and are still in jail. One effect of this armed action, within the United States by the federal government, is that publication and distribution by the LaRouche organization of the full text of my testimony before the California Senate, and of my statements in press conferences in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington, and my letters to Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, will be suppressed from the American people, at least until after the pre-summit meetings between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachov in Iceland this weekend.

"The world's politicians, scientists, and doctors should heed the words of Abraham Lincoln: 'You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time. But you cannot fool all of the people, all of the time.'"