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THE TRUTH



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AIDS

A DISEASE CAUSED BY ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION

AIDS is potentially the most serious public health problem to afflict humans for many generations. It appeared suddenly and spread across the whole world with frightening rapidity.

Scientists are groping in the dark as regards the origins of the disease and have proposed that it originated in Africa, in the form of a monkey virus which crossed the species barrier to humans. This is a tempting theory since it also diverts attention away from Europe and the USA where for the past 40 years vivisection and other biologists have been blindly playing around with viruses which they did not understand.

The African green monkey concept is, in part, correct; but the disease did not originate in Africa. It is now generally agreed by most virologists that the AIDS virus (HIV) is related to the monkey virus STLV-III, which was discovered as recently as 1983 and is now known to infect up to 80% of African green monkeys. People infected with the AIDS virus actually produce antibodies against certain proteins of STLV-III, since that virus forms part of human HIV. But it was the vivisection industry that added the final ingredient to create AIDS.

It has long been known that viruses can mutate when exposed to various chemicals, irradiation, hormones and so on. Even transmission from one species to another can cause a virus to mutate. Equally, a spontaneous or a deliberate mutation can cause a virus to cross the species barrier into a new host. Spontaneous mutation occurs naturally; it is this which gives rise to uncontrollable epidemics of 'flu which periodically sweep across the world. In this case, the mutation involves a complete



Photo: Frank Bingham

Green Monkeys

swap of genes between two or more different types of normally mild 'flu viruses to produce a single very dangerous one.

THE CREATION OF AIDS

Under laboratory conditions many other viruses have been studied and deliberately made to mutate and change host range. It is equally possible for such a mutation to occur accidentally in a laboratory and this is precisely how AIDS originated.

By the very nature of animal experimentation such a disaster was inevitable and unless action is taken now it is only a question of time before it happens again.

To date, HIV is the most complex virus of its type — a group known as retroviruses. Whereas

"All over the USA during the 1960s and 1970s, vivisection from animal to animal, species to species, laboratory speed of action. No attempt at all is made to contain consequences of such work were unknown."

All vivisection laboratories represent a biological time-bomb just waiting to go off, presenting a massive health threat not only to their immediate population but even worldwide.

most of these contain only four genes, HIV also has others which are only found in a small subgroup of retroviruses called lentiviruses. This subgroup includes the viruses which cause the brain disease scrapie (visna) in sheep and goats, and the slow viruses which cause the brain diseases Kuru and Cruetzfeld-Jacob disease (CJD) in humans. According to Nobel Prize winner D. Carlton Gajdusek, these viruses are so similar that they must be different strains of the same virus. The 1986 Annual Report of the British Medical Research Council also supports this statement.

The evidence points to HIV being formed by a mutation which involved STLV-III and a lentivirus. Although such a mutation could not happen under natural circumstances because of the completely different host ranges of the viruses involved, there has been ample opportunity under laboratory conditions. Much, but not all, of the research into the viruses of Kuru and CJD has been carried out in the laboratories of the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Maryland, USA, under the direction of D. Carlton Gajdusek. His work involved injecting these viruses, and others, into the brains and bloodstreams of many species of monkey, including the African green. By 1976, over 300 monkeys and apes of at least 19 species had been used, and the project was still continuing. The viruses were also grown in cultures of cells from African green monkeys, and during this experiment were deliberately mixed with many other forms of virus. It is hardly surprising that one or more mutations occurred and that STLV-III combined with a lentivirus. The workers involved were totally ignorant of the presence of STLV-III, although it is now known that it existed

in United States laboratory monkeys as long as twenty years ago. Incredibly, vivisectors continued again and again to inject animals with viruses about which they knew virtually nothing, and with no idea of the consequences. That they continued to do so was to beg for disaster.

Interestingly, even though there are no doubt many more unknown viruses in monkeys, vivisectors are even now injecting HIV, the human AIDS virus, into these animals. The possibilities for further mutations are endless.

ESCAPE FROM THE LABORATORY

Once the AIDS virus had been created, it would have been all too easy for it to escape into the local population via laboratory workers, and such incidents are well documented. For example, the top security USA Army Biological Warfare Establishment, Fort Detrick, is considered to be the most secure laboratory in the world. Over a 25 year period there has been, on average, an accident involving serious infection (including 3 deaths) every three or four weeks. Accidents are even more likely to occur under normal civilian conditions and must increase dramatically when staff are unaware of the hazards.

Similar work with viruses is carried out in Britain, and a large number of laboratories use non-human primates. It is quite possible that another virus similar to HIV will be produced, probably sooner than later. For example since human AIDS was produced, other vivisectors in the USA have already combined two harmless herpes viruses of mice to produce another herpes virus which kills mice.

**ectors were deliberately transmitting simian AIDS
ry to laboratory, watching it develop in severity and
n the viruses, for at this stage the human**

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READ "BIOHAZARD"

The information given on this leaflet is a very brief summary of the findings gleaned by NAVS from over a thousand research papers dating back from the 1930's. The full story is published in our report "Biohazard", along with full scientific references. The report covers an introduction to viruses, and traces the origins of AIDS. It shows a picture of life and thinking behind laboratory practices which displays greed, callousness, and irresponsibility. Also covered are a range of other infections which have affected laboratory workers and a discussion of their mode of transmission, with a breakdown of British laboratories and the primates they use.



"Biohazard" is available from the address below, price £2.50 plus 50p p&p.

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- WRITE to your MPs and ask if they have read the report "BIOHAZARD". Ask what they plan to do about the dangers presented to the public by pools of biological time bombs in our towns and cities. (The summary of "BIOHAZARD" has been distributed to all MPs, and members of the House of Lords).
- DEMAND that your MP asks questions in parliament about how the public are going to be protected from the contents of the laboratories, when laboratory workers are moving freely amongst us.
- DEMAND that all laboratories and dealers in the UK cease using primates, or moving them around the country, pending full Home Office and independent safety investigations.
- DEMAND that the import and export of primates is banned in Britain, pending investigations. Send a petition to your MP.

- DEMAND that vivisection laboratories stop transporting infected animals and tissues around the country.
- INSIST that the Home Office reveals where the licensed laboratories are, and what they are doing.
- INSIST that all laboratories become more accountable to the public for their activities, and that details of 'projects' are made public.
- DEMAND that the Home Office finds out, and publishes, a list of which apes and monkeys are kept in Britain, where they are, where they have come from, for what purpose they have been kept and whether they have already undergone experimentation (and if so what and where).
- DISTRIBUTE this leaflet and TELL others what you have just read.
- WRITE to your local council and newspapers.

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