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One Day Conference

AIDS: DISSENTING VOICES

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Date: Saturday 28th November 1992
 Time: 11.00am to 6.15pm
 Admission: £5.00 per person. By ticket only.
 Venue: The Jubilee Room, The New Cavendish Club, 44 Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 8BS
 Entrance in Upper Berkeley Street - Nearest tube: Marble Arch

This conference, held on the Saturday before World AIDS Day on December 1st, attempts to provide a forum for the principal dissenting voices on both the causes and potential threat of AIDS. It is arguable that there now exists an "aids establishment", which not only seeks to silence dissenting views on causation, but which for reasons of varying (and often contradictory) ideological, social and bureaucratic agendas, has exaggerated or misrepresented the extent, dangers and groups at risk. This establishment also defames any critics as "homophobic" or "irresponsible". Ironically, as some speakers will show, those who (quite understandably) seek to avoid the stigmatization of homosexuals may well have contributed to a discourse of repression and falsehood which will ultimately harm the very group they wish to defend.

10.30am - 11.00am Arrival - Tea and coffee will be served.
 Introduction by Chris R. Tame, Conference Chairman

11.00am - 11.30am Professor Gordon Stewart "AIDS: Problems of Causation and Control"
 11.30am - 12 noon Jad Adams "A Short History of HIV"
 Noon - 12.30pm Discussion

Gordon Stewart is Professor Emeritus of Public Health at the University of Glasgow, and a consultant on AIDS to the World Health Organization. He is the author of over 100 journal articles and contributions to books, and of such books as *Trends in Epidemiology and The Penicillin Group of Drugs*.

Jad Adams is a journalist, author and television producer. He is author of *AIDS: The HIV Myth*, and, most recently, *Tony Benn: A Biography*. His 1987 television documentary *AIDS: The Unheard Voices* received the Royal Television Society Award for the best International Current Affairs Documentary, and was the first exposure in Britain of the non-HIV interpretation of AIDS causation. He has also contributed to a wide range of journals and magazines, including *The Listener*, *New Scientist*, *The Lancet* and *The British Medical Journal*.

12.30pm - 1.30pm Lunch break

1.30pm - 2.00pm Dr. James Le Fanu "The Misrepresentation of AIDS Statistics"
 2.00pm - 2.30pm Discussion

Dr. Le Fanu is a general practitioner and medical columnist of *The Sunday Telegraph*. He is author of "A Health Diet: Fact or Fiction" in Digby Anderson, ed., *Health, Lifestyle and Environment: Countering The Panic*, "Diet and Disease: Nonsense and Nonsense", in Anderson, ed., *A Diet of Reason: Sense and Nonsense in the Health Eating Debate*, of such books as *Eat Your Heart Out and Healthwise*, and of contributions to a wide range of newspapers, magazines and journals, including *The Times*, *New Scientist*, *New Statesman*, *The Economist*, *The British Medical Journal* and *The Lancet*.

2.30pm - 3.15pm Susil Gupta "The AIDS Fraud"
 3.15pm - 3.45pm Discussion

Susil Gupta is Lecturer in Economics at the City of London Polytechnic and at Birkbeck College. He is Editor of *Analysis*, an independent Marxist review. His essay "The AIDS Fraud", dissecting the British AIDS statistics, which appeared in the December 1991 issue of *Analysis*, attracted considerable media attention.

3.45pm - 4.00pm Tea/Coffee Break

4.00pm - 4.30pm Robert Whelan "The AIDS Establishment: A Public Choice Economics Analysis"
 4.30pm - 5.00pm Discussion

Robert Whelan is Director of the Committee on Population and the Economy. He is the writer and producer of two documentaries on population issues, the author of *Choices in Childbearing* and *Mourning Greenery: A Short View of the Green Phenomenon*, and has contributed to such journals as *Economic Affairs*.

5.00pm - 5.30pm Jason Annetts "Surviving the Holocaust: AIDS, Victimology, and the Myth of the Backlash"
 5.30pm - 6.00pm Discussion

Jason Annetts is a postgraduate researcher in sociology at Reading University. He is co-author (both with Dr. Bill Thompson) of "Dangerous Activists" in Ken Plummer, ed., *Modern Homosexualities: Fragments of Gay and Lesbian Experience and Soft Core: A Content Analysis of Legally Available Pornography in Great Britain 1968-90 and the Implications of Aggression Research*. He also delivered the paper "Guilt by Association" to the Lesbian and Gay Studies Conference in June of this year and is due to be published shortly in the journal *Paidika*.

600-615 final comments close of conference

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