Army doctor calls for "Manhattan Project" to find AIDS vaccine; defends HTLV-3 test

By Gerard Kosovich

A physician and biophysicist working for the United States Army has called for the federal government to fund "the equivalent of a Manhattan Project" to develop an AIDS vaccine.

The doctor defended the Pentagon's plan to test all recruits and active military personnel for HTLV-III antibodies, but said similar screening would be inappropriate for private industry.

Dr. Stephen L. Davis, a civilian staff physician at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, made his remarks to a "grand rounds" luncheon at Ming's Restaurant in East Palo Alto, sponsored by the University of California at San Francisco.

Davis holds a PhD in biophysics as well as an MD. He has worked with AIDS patients since 1980.

"My own feeling is that the technology in this country exists [to develop an AIDS vaccine] if someone were willing to fund the equivalent of a Manhattan Project," Davis said.

"I think one of the reasons funding is not forthcoming is that there is a perceived notion that this disease only affects 'them'—that type of really insane thinking," he said.

"If this virus is not stopped," Davis continued, "it's going to be everywhere. Questions of who should be tested and who shouldn't be tested are really secondary and are really evading the point. And that point is that the Congresspeople should get off their rear-ends, the Administration should get off their rear-ends, and there should be funding and more funding until somebody develops a vaccine.

Davis emphasized that his remarks on funding were made as a private individual, not as a representative of the Department of Defense. His discussion and defense of the military HTLV-III antibody screening program were made in his capacity as a staff physician at Letterman Army Hospital.

The Pentagon presently requires antibody screening for all applicants; recruits who test positive are refused. Davis said he agrees with this policy.

"I think in terms of the functions of the military — leaving out any controversial areas — that it's legitimate to say, 'Hey, you've got something that's going to be a source of problem, and the military simply doesn't want to deal with this problem,'" he said.

The Armed Forces plan to expand their screening to all personnel on active duty this year.

According to Davis, HTLV-III antibody tests will not be required for civilian employees of the military, but will be offered if it is "in the best interest of the individual."

Family members and "admitted contacts" (sexual partners) of antibody-positive military personnel will also be offered the test, he said.

Information about sources of infection obtained by military physicians is being held confidential, Davis said. "They do get complete medical histories, and these histories could include your sexual activities or your drug use. If this information is elicited only in response to medical questions, it is not used in any disciplinary functions, and that is being adhered to, regardless of what you might hear otherwise," he said.

Current Pentagon policy is to retain otherwise healthy HTLV-III positive individuals in the military and review their medical status annually, Davis said. "There's no automatic discharge of these persons." He added that personnel who develop full-blown AIDS are placed on "temporary disability retirement" at half-pay with complete medical benefits.

According to Davis, "At least locally, the [military] patients with AIDS are receiving the same kind of care that they'd receive [at civilian hospitals]. The disease is being treated as best it can.

Davis stressed that in military hospitals, AIDS "is not being dealt with in the sense of attempting to make the person a pariah or an administrative problem."

Davis maintained that HTLV-III antibody screening would serve a purpose for private employers. Differences between the military and civilian industry, however, "make testing for AIDS in the military a little more rational. The reason for this is that the military has a certain mission," he said.

"One may not care for their mission, one may not agree with their mission, but it's to — in a nutshell — fight a war."

Gay 'Welcome Wagon' Rolls Out for Moral Majority leader Rev. Jerry Falwell in San Jose

By Rosalie Nichols

Is it a church? But that's using a political tool against a theological institution!

Only in this case, the church is Los Gatos Christian Church, and the activity inside the church on the evening of May 7 promises to be highly political.

Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the so-called Moral Majority, will be leading a Christian fundamentalist rally at 7:30 p.m. inside the church on that date, and members of the Gay, feminist, racial and religious minority, peace movement and other communities will be staging a peaceful demonstration outside from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to show opposition to the hatred and bigotry spread by Falwell and his ilk.

The occasion is a meeting of the "Coalition for Christians in Government," a group which has been circulating a questionnaire to candidates for political office in Santa Clara County.

The Coalition for Christians in Government was officially formed two years ago by the pastors of five local churches with a combined congregation of about 20,000—Marvin Richard of Los Gatos Christian Church; Churches of Christ; Crabtree of Bethel Church in San Jose; Kenney Foreman of the Cathedral of Faith in San Jose; Richard Marshall of Crossroads Bible Church in San Jose; and James Cook of First Baptist Church of San Jose.

Questions asked candidates include their position on gay rights legislation, a woman's right to abortion, tax-exemption of churches, Bible Clubs in public schools, national defense, zoning of church construction, and the quarantine of "people who are affected by AIDS."

One question asks, "Do you believe the city or county should prohibit the use of city or county facilities for groups that advocate drugs, suicide, and sexual perversion?"

While the Coalition claims that it will not endorse candidates but will merely present the questionnaires to candidates, it is clear that the Coalition is trying to monopolize the voice of Christianity.

"It is an attempt to present a political position as the Christian position," the pastor said.

Christians of a different socio-political persuasion will be on hand to show opposition to the COC's attempt to monopolize the voice of Christianity.

Rev. Sky Anderson, former pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose, and Rev. Randy Hill, pastor of Holy Trinity Community Church of San Jose, are among the community leaders who are organizing a vigil at the intersection leading into Los Gatos Christian Church at Hicks Road and Camden Avenue.

The Metropolitan Community

**A Peaceful Demonstration**

supporting the oneness of humanity and opposing bigotry and prejudice will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of Hicks Road and Camden Avenue to mark the occasion of Rev. Jerry Falwell's visit to our town. Join us. 

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Church of God in Christ (without a pastor) has issued a
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"You Make It Happen"

By Al Rattee

This was the main theme of the Spiritual Renewal of Holy
Trinity Community Church of San Jose on Apr. 25-27.

The bound pastor was Rev. Sky Anderson, pastor
of the Holy Trinity Community Church (MCC) of
San Jose.

Rev. Richard Johnson of Columbus, Missouri was to
be the other guest speaker, but due to unforeseen
conditions, he was unable to attend the Renewal.

Art Pashlom show at the Artists for ARTS benefit at One Step Beyond.

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BGL/GDC: June Candidates Endorsed

At a Demo Club meeting on Saturday, June 2, 1984, a group of
Democratic Club members endorsed a number of candidates for
electoral offices in the June 6 primary election.

All except Uhuru were endorsed by both the Demo Club and the
statewide Democratic Party. Prop 49 through 49 were strongly endorsed, and
Prop 49 received a total of endorsements for the state's first
primary election.

Both Alameda County candidates were endorsed. As an example, this was
an endorsement by a group of people.

Nominees candidates, some of whom are eligible to make
endorsement decisions for their own candidates.

"A Joe can run a more accurate number than you and I can do.

Heterosexual AIDS Study

The San Francisco Women's Coalition Study is now the Califor-
nia State University Study.

We have changed the name because we're now recruiting partic-
ants from all over the state. We are focusing on the behav-
ioral aspects of the AIDS virus and what men and women
are doing.

All those who are not symptomatically infected with the virus and
are not married are included.

If you know of any infected individuals, we are interested in
contacting them. If they agree, we will contact them and
partner with them.

The most common ways to contract the virus are to give the virus
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Opinion

On AIDS and the Gay Community

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of the time that we lived in San Francisco, there was a time when gay men had AIDS and the gay community did not know about it. The gay community was not aware of AIDS until the early 1980s. Mr. Hyman was one of the first gay men to be diagnosed with AIDS. He has been a leader in the fight against AIDS and has done much to raise awareness of the disease.

Mr. Hyman has always been a strong advocate for the rights of gay and lesbian people. He has been a vocal critic of the policies of the gay community and has been a strong supporter of gay rights. He has been a leader in the fight for equal rights for gay and lesbian people.

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We would like to thank Mr. Hyman for his tireless work in the fight against AIDS. He has been a strong advocate for the rights of gay and lesbian people and has done much to raise awareness of the disease.

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A couple of weeks ago, a friend named Steve and I stopped by the Happy Club Social to check it out and see what it was all about.

It was a wonderful place with a great vibe and a lot of people having a good time. The DJ was playing great music and the atmosphere was very welcoming. I hope to go back again soon!
COMING SOON!