

# DROP DEAD!

## *That's what the government of the United States has been telling us about AIDS since 1981.*

Some groups and Congressional offices want to compromise with the Administration that is saying to us, "DROP DEAD". Mobilization will not compromise and instead is pushing for a *"moon shot effort"* to defeat AIDS. Such an effort is called for in the recent report released by the National Academy of Sciences.

This is Mobilization's Ten Point Plan for which we will be lobbying nationally:

- Appropriate \$1 billion for AIDS prevention education.
- Fund all scientifically valid AIDS research proposals.
- Create a national AIDS Coordinating Committee.
- Remove control of AIDS education from the Center for Disease Control.
- Implement National Health Insurance for everyone.
- Authorize all efficacious AIDS drugs and treatment protocols.
- Redefine AIDS to include all people with HIV infection.
- Ban discrimination against HIV infected people.
- Guarantee anonymity in all HIV screening.
- Establish international cooperation on all aspects of AIDS.

Mobilization neither receives nor solicits government funding — we cause too much trouble! That is why every penny of our funding is from the community. We need your support. Please help Mobilization say to the government, "NO! We won't drop dead — **WE'LL FIGHT!**"

YES! I want to help Mobilization in its campaign for a "moon shot effort" to defeat AIDS. I am enclosing the following contribution.

☐ \$500   ☐ \$250   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$25   ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form to the Mobilization Against AIDS,  
2120 Market Street, Suite #106, San Francisco, CA  
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by Delta re boycott  
will begin February 1st.

### Mobilization Against AIDS to Boycott Delta Airlines

"It is to us unacceptable that discrimination against people with AIDS and those in high risk groups <sup>could</sup> ~~should~~ be tolerated by Delta toward the living <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ advocated by Delta toward the dead. We cannot contribute to these policies by continuing to use your airline. We will <sup>inform</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>others</sup> people of our reasons and ask them not to fly Delta until a change is made."

Thus in a letter to Delta Airlines Mobilization Against AIDS declared its intention to boycott <sup>that corporation</sup> ~~Delta Airlines~~ <sup>if its ~~corporate~~ immediate change did not occur.</sup> This is the latest action in series of events involving Delta Airlines and Mobilization. The first instance was the ~~removal~~ <sup>last</sup> minute removal of a person with AIDS, Mark Sizars, from a Delta flight because a stewardess thought he was not fit to travel unaccompanied. <sup>Despite the</sup> ~~Sizars~~ <sup>fact that Sizars carried a letter declaring him fit to travel from his physician</sup> Delta refused to let him fly & he was forced to use another airline. <sup>As Mobilization</sup> ~~Mobilization~~ called off a possible boycott at that time because Delta apologized to Sizars and announced policy changes to prevent recurrence. Two weeks later the S.F. Examiner reported another case of AIDS discrimination by Delta. In November the Wall Street Journal reported that Delta ~~Delta~~ <sup>not</sup> <sup>1. R of</sup> attorneys had argued the a group <sup>man</sup> killed



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in a plane crash had diminished value because he was gay and therefore might have AIDS.

Confronted by Mobilization by ~~the~~ ~~people~~ about the continuing AIDS

discrimination Delta ~~denied~~ denied responsibility, Delta Vice President Pete Caldwell

replied "... we purchase insurance coverage from one of the major aviation insurance carriers which has responsibility for the selection, supervision and control of the attorneys it retains in any litigation. Delta is kept informed in general terms about the progress of damage cases but we are not involved in their handling."

Delta ~~denies~~ whether apologized for any of the incidents ~~and~~ was promised they would not happen again.

In announcing the Boycott Mobilization Against AIDS called for actions Delta should take to correct its policies and end the boycott. There are

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Mobilization Against AIDS is seeking public <sup>endorsed</sup> support from groups and individuals in support of the boycott. Financial support is also needed for ~~the~~ <sup>any</sup> national organizing efforts. To support the boycott contact M.D.A. 2120 Market St #106, S.F. CA 94114. Phone 415 431-4660. <sup>Individuals may also contact</sup> Pete Caldwell, Delta Airlines, Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA 30320 or 404-265-2600

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To Implement a "moon shot" effort to defeat AIDS the US Govt in 1987 should:

Mobilize Federal

In 1987 the US Government should take the following actions on AIDS:

1. Appropriate one billion dollars for AIDS prevention education <sup>actions</sup> including multiple direct mailings to every household, business, school and labor union in the nation, prime time television and radio advertisements, print media advertisements and intensive workshops <sup>among</sup> small community groups.
2. Fund all AIDS research proposals approved as medically valid by the National Institutes of Health. This will exceed one billion dollars.
3. Create a National AIDS Co-ordinating Commission to establish an national AIDS plan within six months and serve as an aggressive oversight body for all Federal AIDS programs.
4. Remove control of AIDS prevention education campaign from the Center for Disease Control and give it to a team of experts drawn from local AIDS education groups.
5. Guarantee the provision of adequate health services to all Americans by ~~map~~ creating national health <sup>insurance</sup> ~~security~~ programs such as exist in Europe <sup>immediately</sup>.
6. Eliminate FDA red tape ~~to make~~ <sup>to make</sup> available AIDS drugs and treatment protocols ~~to~~ which show efficacy in research studies in the US or abroad. These treatments should cover both traditional and alternative approaches and be <sup>made available</sup> ~~provided~~ to all H.I.V. infected persons regardless of their ability to pay.
7. Redefine AIDS <sup>to provide treatment</sup> ~~in such a manner~~ social services <sup>or</sup> disability payments in a fair manner to any person suffering from H.I.V. infection and to reflect the true scope of the epidemic.
8. Establish a ban ~~on~~ <sup>against</sup> discrimination against H.I.V. infected people in housing, employment, insurance, transportation, public accommodations and funeral services.
9. Guarantee anonymity in any form of H.I.V. screening and confidentiality in research and treatment programs.
10. Establish co-operative relationships with other nations on all aspects of AIDS, share all AIDS research information without regard to national or personal rivalry and provide 50 million dollars to the World Health Organization for global AIDS efforts.



ALBERT



Against AIDS is a San Francisco based AIDS pressure group that was formed in 1984 to "move the option into a 'moon shot effort' to end AIDS." It lobbies <sup>Congress</sup> for increased federal AIDS <sup>by focusing on local organizing in each district as well as</sup> ~~is co-operative with local groups.~~

presenting Congress with ~~3000~~ thousands of petition and leading two delegations of people with AIDS to Washington. Mobilization is also known for organizing the world wide candlelight memorials in support of people with AIDS, confronting De/ha Airlines over discrimination against PWAs, and leading the battle in California Against the Lelande AIDS Institute.

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~~The AIDS Task Force~~

dispute

The ~~base AIDS Task Force~~ centers upon NGLTF's public call

for AIDS funding goals of 200 million dollars <sup>pragmatic</sup> ~~as seen transition toward~~

~~immediate~~ 2 billion dollars by 1990 and Mobilization call for <sup>immediate action</sup> ~~an~~

<sup>of</sup> ~~immediate~~ funding goals of 42 billion next year. Mobilization has

released a ~~the~~ public appeal to NGLTF in which they contend

that ~~NGLTF~~ the Task Force's ~~goals~~ announced goals ~~undermine~~

are far too small and undermine efforts to obtain a ~~the~~ maximum

effort from the Federal government. Mobilization charges that the

Task Force's goals are "strategically incorrect" ~~and~~ and that they have "begun

1987 by openly compromising our communities goals for Federal AIDS spending."

It appears that of the nations other two ~~primary~~ AIDS lobby groups are,

The AIDS Action Council agrees with ~~the~~ the Task Force while the others

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, <sup>agrees with Mobilization that</sup> ~~the~~ NGLTF's funding goals

are too low.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is <sup>principle</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>leading</sup> ~~the~~ gay lobby group

in the nation and has ~~the~~ played a major role in lobbying Congress for

increased AIDS funding. It is based in New York and Washington D.C. Mobilization



