

NO MORE WORDS

WE WANT ACTION

Thus far during this conference, ACT UP has made many points without disrupting the exchange of scientific information. However, today's scheduled speech by Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis B. Sullivan, is not a scientific presentation. After 10 years of Bush/Reagan rhetoric on AIDS, we will no longer tolerate words without action. You will not hear Louis Sullivan today.

THE BUSH/SULLIVAN CRIMES

- THE WORDS: "We have to fight the disease, not the people with the disease."
- THE ACTION: HIV-positive individuals are denied entry to and deported from the U.S.A.
- THE WORDS: "We are on a war-time footing against AIDS ..."
- THE ACTION: The Bush Administration opposes the AIDS CARE legislation intended to provide disaster relief funds for devastated communities.
- THE WORDS: "Every time there is a promising [treatment] opportunity, we pursue it."
- THE ACTION: ACT UP has identified over 99 drugs that have shown promise as possible AIDS treatments. VIRTUALLY NONE OF THESE ARE SLATED FOR GOVERNMENT TRIALS.
- THE WORDS: "Clean needle exchange programs are a viable option in control of the spread of HIV among IV drug users."
- THE ACTION: Just as Louis Sullivan has abandoned women by flip-flopping on abortion, so he has abandoned IV drug users by flip-flopping on needle exchange and bleach distribution programs, leaving them to die.
- THE WORDS: "I want a kinder, gentler nation."
- THE ACTION: The Bush Administration says this nation cannot afford to offer health care to over 37 million uninsured Americans. The U.S. and South Africa remain the only industrialized nations without national health care.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN PROTEST. STAND AND TURN YOUR BACK
ON SULLIVAN AND HIS MEANINGLESS RHETORIC.

ACT UP

Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Louis B. Sullivan, as the highest ranking government official and a person of color, has failed to voice the concerns of communities of color regarding the spread of HIV infection. People of color are disproportionately over-represented in the demographics of this epidemic. Entire generations are being wiped out. Yet Dr. Sullivan's prescription is an absurd health policy dictated by partisan politics. We demand effective and humane leadership.

Science, not politics.

Education, not ignorance.

Health care, not lip service.