

Surgeon General outraged at untruths

WASHINGTON — Surgeon General C. Everett Koop told the White House AIDS commission Tuesday he is outraged at any suggestion that there is no danger of the disease being spread through vaginal intercourse.

Acknowledging that only about 4 percent of the known AIDS cases have resulted from heterosexual transmission, Koop said, "We know from the infected spouses of persons with hemophilia that (this virus) can be spread through normal vaginal

intercourse. "What concerns me is the potential for a more rapid spread... into the general population," he said.

"I am outraged at recent newspaper and magazine articles stating that there is no danger of heterosexual transmission from normal vaginal intercourse," said Koop. "Although homosexual sex and IV drug abuse are the principal modes by which most cases are transmitted, it is just not true that there is no danger from normal vaginal intercourse.

"What is unknown is the level of danger. There is always a danger whenever people engage in casual sex."

His only mention of condoms was in citing a National Institutes of Health study of heroin addicts that found 93 percent of those entering methadone treatment programs reported sharing needles — a prime method of transmitting AIDS. Only 14 percent used condoms when having sex.

Corrections

In Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan article "Survey: Ag college must recruit," Bryan Kliever was misquoted as saying the agriculture college has no recruitment programs. He said there is not an active recruitment program which jointly uses students, faculty and administrators.

In a preview for a diversity panel in Sandoz Hall Linda Brown was misidentified as a Unitarian minister. Brown is a member of a Unitarian church and a pharmacist at Bryan Memorial Hospital.

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Panama ineligible for aid

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration on Tuesday added Panama to the list of countries ineligible for aid because of its poor anti-drug efforts, and said 1988 would be a boom year for cocaine production in Peru and Colombia because of ineffective crop-killing programs.

In its annual report on the international drug situation, the State Department found major faults with drug programs in Mexico and Colombia, but stopped short of placing them among countries that have suffered aid cutbacks.

The administration, citing national security considerations, also declined to list Lebanon, Paraguay and Laos among nations not doing enough to stop drugs.

Laos was kept off the list out of concern that a condemnation would harm U.S. efforts to win Laotian help in accounting for more than 500 U.S. servicemen listed as missing there after the Vietnam War, said Ann Wroblewski, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics matters.

Ms. Wroblewski told a news conference that Panama was denied certifi-

cation this year because its military chief and de-facto leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, was indicted on drug conspiracy charges by a U.S. grand jury.

Panama will not lose U.S. aid as a result of Tuesday's action because its assistance from the United States already has been cut. Wroblewski said, however, that the decision gives the president the option of taking further steps, such as increasing tariffs on Panamanian goods and withdrawing certain customs rights that make it easier for Panama to sell products in the United States.

Asked whether only the ouster of Noriega would satisfy the administration, she said, "I'm not at liberty to say."

At a White House conference on drugs, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chided administration officials, including President Reagan, for claiming the battle against drugs was being won.

"If we are winning the war on drugs, I wish the commanders would go out and tell it to the troops in the field," Rangel said.

In Brief

Higgins' captors to put him on 'trial'

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The kidnappers of a U.S. Marine officer said in a statement released Tuesday they are determined to put him on "trial" for espionage.

The typewritten Arabic statement from the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, said the "trial" would begin once the interrogation of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins was completed.

The statement, delivered to a Western news agency, said Israel's crackdown on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the Middle East trip of U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz "make us more determined to try this criminal Higgins."

"This will be done after the completion of the investigation to make the world understand that any hand that reaches out to hurt (our) pride, Islam, or the dignity of our people will be chopped off," the statement said.

Soldiers break into West Bank hospital

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers broke into a Ramallah hospital Tuesday, fired tear gas and rubber bullets, beat doctors and took away two Palestinian boys suspected of throwing stones at troops, the hospital director said.

Soldiers shot an Arab protester in the shoulder at Sebastiya, a West Bank town near Nablus, hospital officials in Nablus reported.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel was willing to exchange for peace those parts of the occupied territories not crucial to its security, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has opposed trading any land for peace. The two men are partners and rivals in Israel's tenuous coalition government.

A leaflet distributed by leaders of what Arabs call "the uprising" — the violence that began Dec. 8 — urged Palestinians to intensify an economic boycott of Israel through strikes and other actions.

Dole attacks Bush with Iran-Contra ads

GOP presidential contender Bob Dole struck at George Bush in new TV ads Tuesday, including one declaring Bush supported arms deals with Iran, as Pat Robertson sought Cuban-Americans' support with new talk about missiles in Cuba.

The biggest delegate day of the primary season is a week from Tuesday, and the presidential candidates were swarming across the South, where most of the 20 Super Tuesday states are located. Jesse Jackson started his day in New York, but then he, too, headed South, to Baltimore for more campaigning.

Rep. Richard Gephardt paid a call on former President Carter, who made it clear that with fellow Georgian Sam Nunn not in the race he had no plans to endorse anyone before the Democratic convention next July.

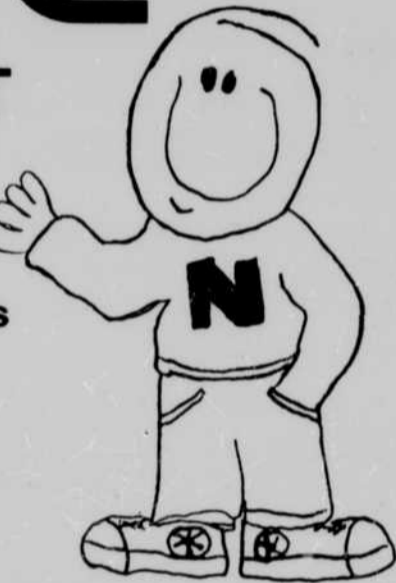
Carter also said he thought there was a 50-50 chance that no one will have clinched the party's nomination before the convention.

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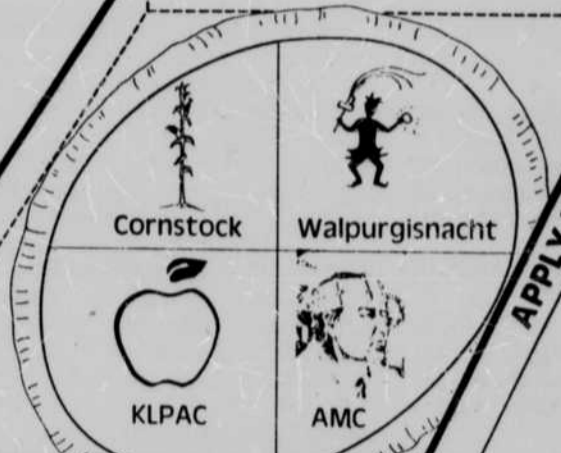
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