

Let Us Do It American Style

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Introduction

The program commenced operations on July 1, 1947. It consisted primarily of DDT application to the interior surfaces of rural homes or entire premises in counties where malaria was reported to have been prevalent in recent years. [1] Centre for Disease Control

Why are only three countries on the planet earth producing DDT today? The World Health Organization has called for malaria to be eradicated worldwide using DDT but hardly any large-scale progress is being made, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. [2] Why? Why was DDT banned in the first place? In the middle part of the last century Europe and America eradicated malaria from their domains by spraying this insecticide. Shortly after kicking malaria out of its shores the United States banned the production of DDT. Why? The official theory is that DDT was causing cancer and reducing the viability of some bird species. Pish tosh! I believe the reason why DDT was banned was to prevent the newly emerging countries of Africa from acquiring DDT and wiping out malaria in Africa. That seems to me to be the reason. And they have succeeded. Since DDT was banned millions of sub-Saharan Africans have died of malaria. The good Book says "the love of money is the root of all evil". How true! Imagine if malaria had been eradicated in sub-Saharan Africa shortly after it had been done in Europe and America. All the millions of dollars being made by the pharmaceutical industry from selling anti malarials and prophylactics would not have been generated. The mosquito net and mosquito coil makers would be out of business. All the foundations, research organizations and NGOs "fighting" malaria and

working on the will of the wisp malaria vaccine would not exist. Anybody serious about ending malaria today knows what to do. Spray DDT. Or millions will continue to die. The fate of sub-Saharan Africa, malaria wise depends on DDT. Whether as the chemical itself [dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane] or as the acronyms viz

DARE DO THIS [DDT] that is use the spray and millions will live or

DON'T DO THIS [DDT] that is, don't spray and millions will continue to die.

What is good for the goose is good for the gander. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. Let us kick malaria out of Africa American Style. DDT is the solution!

Conflict of interest

None.

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