

Editorial

Convicting Nazi Richard Lamm

"It is my conclusion that 'Toughlove' means that we let God's judgment take place in much of the Third World and that by trying to relieve this suffering all we do is postpone it."

"We demand, for our sake and the sake of our nation, the right to timely suicide. . . . We demand that all hospitals, V.A. centers, and nursing homes be required to provide the *coup de grace* pill to those of us who need and desire such help."

These outrageous remarks, worthy of the most demented mental patient or of a Hitlerian dictator, were not made by such an individual. Rather, they were made by the current governor of the state of Colorado, before a group of theologians at Graduate Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California less than two weeks ago.

In literal terms, these remarks of Gov. Richard Lamm qualify him to be removed from office for cause and tried before a reconstituted Nuremberg Tribunal for crimes against humanity. For advocating the deliberate murder—euthanasia—of the old and sick, as well as the deliberate starvation of an entire continent such as Africa, Lamm deserves to be condemned to the same fate as the doctors, politicians, and judges who "knew, or should have known" that their activities would lead to barbaric acts of genocide.

There is literally no difference between the "humanitarian" appeal of Governor Lamm for freeing people from the "dying process," and the statements of humanitarian concern made by Nazi Doctor Karl Brandt and Adolf Hitler himself in justifying the murder of thousands of mental patients and sick and elderly under the Nazi regime.

The question arises: Is there any political force in the United States, or anywhere else in the world, with the political morality to take such action?

Lamm believes not. And he believes not, because the leading institutions of our society have already so compromised themselves with Nazi practices, that he

has every reason to believe they will never act.

Take the United Nations, for example. Legally, it is the responsibility of that organization to defend the principles of civilization and prosecute the crimes against humanity as defined by Nuremberg. Yet the United Nations is the host agency for the International Monetary Fund, the systematic perpetrator of mass murder within the Third World. The U.N., which allows the IMF to cut off the life-saving technologies which would feed and cure Africa, is not about to condemn Governor Lamm.

What about the Congress and Senate of the United States? Can the same individuals who fear even to question the policies of "leading bankers" such as the IMF, and who turn their backs on famine throughout the world in order to try to "balance the budget," be expected to stand up and fight against murder of the elderly and the starving? Don't hold your breath.

And what about the private institutions, the entrepreneurs, the labor unions, and the churches? Well, Blue Cross, the leading private health insurance company, is offering cash breaks for the signing of living wills; the unions are out to cut health costs; and the churches are hosting "ethicists" like Nazi Governor Lamm. Would you expect these compromised institutions to even raise their voices in protest?

There is one force alone which has taken up the battle to eliminate the political power of the chief enforcers of Nazi genocide throughout the world today. That force is represented by two organizations founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the Club of Life and the Schiller Institute. Both these organizations, since their inception, have fought to bring the Nazis to trial.

At this point, these institutions are poor, small, and relatively powerless. That leaves it up to you—the moral citizen—to determine the outcome of the battle. Will you join with the Schiller Institute and the Club of Life to bring Nazi Governor Lamm to Nuremberg, or will you allow our civilization itself to die?