

Editorial

The new Nuremberg criminals

After World War II, Nazis were tried and hanged for wartime crimes like those which have become accepted practice by peacetime U.S. institutions today: the "mercy killing" of the elderly and the sick, who are deemed "useless eaters"; experimenting on the mental processes of innocent victims—seen today in the proposals to legalize mind-killing drugs and spread them by giving free "clean needles" to addicts under the ludicrous pretext of fighting AIDS; economic policies which kill "inferior races," such as those being carried out against Africa. These form the policy agenda of the West's financial power elite, with the heady encouragement of the Soviet elite, in the face of a deepening financial catastrophe and the AIDS health catastrophe.

Take three examples that might appear "extreme."

1) A new American group of "ecological Nazis" with liberal backing, called "Earth First," is being given feature news coverage in parts of Europe. It praises the spread of AIDS as a "natural remedy" for reducing world population and denounces the use of a cure for cholera as a "crime." Just as the Black Plague ended the feudal era, so AIDS will end the industrial era of progress. The group calls for turning human life back to "hunting and gathering."

2) A Portland, Oregon AIDS Project is becoming the first clinic in the country to begin dispensing clean needles to drug addicts. The policy has the full endorsement of the Soviet-dominated World Health Organization, the National Academy of Sciences, Surgeon General "Condom" Koop, and Armand Hammer's American Foundation for AIDS Research. Ostensibly meant to stop the spread of AIDS, the "clean needle" policy has been adopted amid a massive campaign for legalization of marijuana, cocaine, and heroin.

3) During the first week of June, CBS-TV news, for four days running in the New York area, broadcast 3-5 minute spots entitled, "Euthanasia, Mercy or Murder?" Soap opera-like vignettes portrayed the Nazi practice as "normal." Polled viewers were reported in large numbers to favor "assisted suicide" and other forms of murder of the sick and infirm.

Extreme examples? Not at all. America's elite refuses to act against AIDS except with policies that kill, to save costs. Health professionals who have retained their consciences in the face of massive "cost containment" pressures, say that murder of patients, outright or by denial of essential care, has become routine in their profession.

"I've observed a very disturbing trend in the education of physicians and in the restructuring of clinical care," writes Coleen D. Clements, a psychiatrist on the Ethics Board of Rochester, N.Y.'s Strong Memorial Hospital. Her message, "The De-Moralizing of Medicine," was sent to a conference in Munich, Germany denouncing the worldwide revival of Nazi euthanasia for "cost containment." "Physicians are being redefined as economic gatekeepers and facilitators of patient refusal of treatment. . . . The chronic, the terminal, the elderly patients were seen as selfishly demanding resources. . . . Physicians were seen as ethical only if they refused access to certain medical treatments based on an unexamined assumptions about resource availability."

Even as the Munich anti-euthanasia conference, co-sponsored by the Club of Life and the Schiller Institute, came to a close, another conference was convening in Sweden on AIDS, featuring studies of clean needle distribution and low-cost "hospice" death camps for victims. Then, on June 13-14, the Swiss-Venetian reinsurance cartel, the Geneva Association, meets in The Hague, Holland to plan out an international genocide policy toward AIDS victims, to contain costs.

These are Nuremberg-scale crimes and Nuremberg-scale criminals. The Munich conference provided some weapons to stop them. Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's recent national broadcast on a scientific approach to "Total Victory Over AIDS," to be repeatedly rebroadcast around the country, is another strong weapon. Either a mass political movement is built against this policy agenda of our financial power elite, or life will not be any more worth living than it was in Nazi-occupied territories 45 years ago.