Evidence for a New Nuremberg: Obama’s Nazi Health Plan

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June 4—When the Obama economic team, dominated by the larcenous economics advisor Larry Summers, and murderous accountant and Budget Director Peter Orszag, launched their offensive to ram through the Administration’s Nazi health “reform” June 2, they thought they would have their day. Instead, they found themselves confronted and exposed as the purveyors of a Hitler genocide plan, that would condemn millions of Americans to death, as having what Hitler called “lives not worthy to be lived.”

The Obama team showed no shame. Again and again, burnished under a patina of bureaucratic jargon, they demanded hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts for the most vulnerable of American citizens, insisted upon stopping so-called unnecessary medical care for as much as a third of the American population, and put their version of fiscal health before the lives of people. While they brazenly pour trillions of dollars of Federal monies into the very banking institutions which have brought the world economy to its knees, they tell American citizens, particularly those on Medicare and Medicaid, that they are “overconsuming” health care, and have to be stopped, “for their own good.”

“Exhibit A” (Figure 1) is the presentation of the Council of Economic Advisers’ report on the economic effects of the health reform, which occurred at the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. the morning of June 2, the transcript of which event we present in full below, as an exclusive. In it, you will read not only the Hitlerian intent of these “reformers,” but see them exposed by EIR’s correspondent for their criminal intent.

In commissioning the full publication of this transcript, which has otherwise been suppressed by the White House and major news media, Lyndon LaRouche put the issue squarely before the American people, and the Congress:

“If we don’t defeat these bastards, there will be no humanity left. We have to clobber these murderers.

“How would you treat Hitler if he were standing before you? The Obama team is standing before you. Do you want to hit the Hitler of the past, or the new Hitlers who are threatening humanity today? They are your target.
“This transcript is evidence to present to a new Nuremberg Tribunal, should they succeed in carrying out their crimes against humanity. Here the criminals indict themselves, as if they were carrying out a secret conference of the inner cabal of the new Nazi regime. Now is when we must stop them, before the mass murderous ‘reform’ is put into place.”

The Outlines of the Nazi Plan

Don’t be confused by the Orwellian gobbledygook, uttered by the promoters of Obama’s health plan, that you will find in the transcript of the June 2 event. Look into their minds. The Nazis used euphemisms as well, when they set up the infamous T4 program of “euthanasia,” which sent hundreds of thousands of German ill and aged to their deaths, under the rubric of a “merciful death” for those for whom treatment would be “ineffective” or “futile.” Shown: Jewish handicapped, victims of Nazi euthanasia.

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The Nazis were also not loathe to point out the economic “benefits” of their program, which would allegedly permit money to be spent on healthy citizens instead. The fact that the monies were actually going into armaments and financial cartels, didn’t stop them from peddling their lies.

From beginning to end, the presentation of the Obama Hitler health plan hinges on cutting health care, starting with $309 billion from Medicare over the next ten years. The HMO system is defended. Current health-care practices in the United States are treated as if they are overabundant, even as the American people have been facing massive shortages of hospitals and medical personnel, and have been forced to forego necessary care because of costs, HMO restrictions, or lack of facilities. The genocidal consequences of these cuts are obvious, even to a child. Can we not say that the perpetrators met the standards of the Nuremberg Tribunal: that they knew, or should have known?

But, after being confronted by EIR’s Paul Gallagher, the Obama team continued to simply repeat the same mantra about keeping the murderous HMO system, and cutting back on health care. At a Brookings Institution event, and then a National Press Club
Obama’s Nazi Doctor Recasts Hippocratic Oath

May 31—Ezekiel Emanuel, M.D., called for a reinterpretation of the physician’s Hippocratic Oath to take account of “costs” and “effect on others” (like HMOs), in an article in the June 18, 2008 Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), titled, “The Perfect Storm of Overutilization.” The brother of Obama’s chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, Ezekiel is a top designer of Obama’s Hitlarian medical-care “reform,” as health-care advisor to Peter Orszag’s OMB and a member of the Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research. He wrote:

“At least 7 factors drive overuse [of medical care], 4 related to physicians and 3 related to patients. First, there is the matter of physician culture. Medical school education and postgraduate training emphasize thoroughness. When evaluating a patient, students, interns, and residents are trained to identify and praised for and graded on enumerating all possible diagnoses and tests that would confirm or exclude them. The thought is that the more thorough the evaluation, the more intelligent the student or house officer. Trainees who ignore the improbable ‘zebra’ diagnoses are not deemed insightful. In medical training, meticulousness, not effectiveness, is rewarded.

“This mentality carries over into practice. Peer recognition goes to the most thorough and aggressive physicians. The prudent physician is not deemed particularly competent, but rather inadequate. This culture is further reinforced by a unique understanding of professional obligations, specifically, the Hippocratic Oath’s admonition to ‘use my power to help the sick to the best of my ability and judgment’ as an imperative to do everything for the patient regardless of cost or effect on others” (emphasis added).

Compare the account in Robert Jay Lifton’s book, The Nazi Doctors. The anti-Nazi physician Ella Lifton-Reiner pointed to the chimneys in the distance, and asked Nazi doctor Fritz Klein, “How can you reconcile that with your [Hippocratic] oath as a doctor?” His answer was, “Of course I am a doctor and I want to preserve life. And out of respect for human life, I would remove a gangrenous appendix from a diseased body. The Jew is the gangrenous appendix in the body of mankind.”

—Tony Papert

event later the same day, Administration spokesmen kept up the pep talk. The next day, Administration official Nancy-Ann DeParle felt compelled to reference the fact that what she called “scary rumors” were being circulated about the Obama plan, but claimed that the Administration was not going to be forced to “react.”

DeParle, however, effusively endorsed the genocidal cuts put together by the private “health-care industry” which the Administration proposes to keep in charge of the system. Typical of the proposals these “stakeholders” put together to cut $2 trillion in health-care costs, are those of the American Medical Association, under a section called “Efforts To Reduce Unnecessary Utilization.” These include reducing “overuse” of surgical and non-surgical management of back pain, angioplasty, treating sinusitis with antibiotics and sinus radiography, and diagnostic imaging.

In fact, President Obama’s own actions June 2 compounded the evidence of genocidal intent. Following a meeting with 24 Democratic Senators on the plan, the President gave a five-minute presentation, during which he stressed that it is not sufficient to add people to the Medicare and Medicaid rolls, “in the absence of cost controls and reforms.” He then sent a letter to Sens. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), heads of the committees in charge of ramming through the plans, proposing more cutbacks in Medicare and Medicaid than are in his budget—$200-300 billion more, to be precise.

As LaRouche put it, “The President is fully guilty of a policy of genocide.”
Letting the ‘Experts’ Decide

As we stressed in last week’s issue, the preferred modus operandi of the President’s Nazi health-care advisors, is to set up a “non-political” structure which would have the responsibility of deciding the parameters on who should live, and who should die. This is in line with the procedures adopted by the Hitler regime, and by its most faithful model today, the British National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

The leading proposals for such a structure have come from former Sen. Tom Daschle, whom Obama had intended to bring on as a health czar; from Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, a health-care advisor to Office of Management and Budget director Orszag; and from Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), who has legislation before the Congress which would turn the Medicare Payment Advisory Council (MedPAC) into an agency able to dictate what will be paid for.

The latest statement in favor of this approach came from DeParle, counselor to the President and director of the White House Office of Health Reform. Speaking to the Congressional Quarterly Healthbeat conference in Washington June 3, DeParle stated that the President is open to giving special consideration to recommendations coming from MedPAC, for dealing with rising health-care costs. These recommendations involve making MedPAC decisions mandatory, concerning which medications and procedures will be reimbursed, unless they are opposed by a joint resolution of the Congress. This mirrors a bill introduced by Senator Rockefeller, which seeks a procedure to cut health costs, “insulated from political pressure,” as in the Base Realignment and Closing Commission (BRAC), which shut down military bases across the country. That “political” debate and “pressure,” of course, is otherwise known as the constitutional authority of the Legislative branch of government.

A more-elaborated policy to the same effect, has been in circulation since 2008 from Dr. Emanuel. In his book, Healthcare, Guaranteed, Emanuel calls for phasing out Medicare, Medicaid, and the children’s health program SCHIP, and replacing it with government-paid private insurance. He also calls for the institution of a value-added tax (VAT), one of the most regressive taxes in existence. But the oversight on the health-care payments, procedures approved, and the like, will be made by an “independent” National Health Board. “To reduce political interference and allow the necessary tough choices to be made,” Emanuel says, this board will be nominated by the President, and confirmed by Congress, but otherwise be insulated, even getting its funding independently of Congressional appropriations.

Emanuel’s plan is a virtual carbon copy of that put forward in another 2008 book, Critical: What We Can
Do About the Health-Care Crisis, by Daschle, who was also on the hustings this past week in Washington. Daschle seeks to set up the equivalent of a Federal Reserve Board for health care, insulated from political pressure, and able to set up such genocidal rules as demanding that everyone registering for Medicare sign a document outlining their “end of life” directive.

Challenged by William Jones of *EIR* at the June 2 National Press Club event on health care, to explain how his and Obama’s health-care cuts, to pay for Wall Street bailouts, differ from the thinking behind Hitler’s 1939 order to eliminate useless eaters by withdrawing their medical care, Daschle just lied: “We’re not cutting. We’re slowing growth.” He then proved *EIR*’s point by claiming that there is “a growing awareness among Americans, of the large amount of unnecessary medical care being delivered” (emphasis added).

A later challenge from *EIR*’s Paul Gallagher, who asked how Daschle could deny that the “reform” would deny care and cut off “lives unworthy to be lived, like the Nazi doctors did,” was met with a similar denial. But, while claiming that he and Obama didn’t want to ration care, Daschle showed that, in fact, he did, by saying, “We’re just trying to allocate resources so that everyone can get necessary care, although some will get less elective care.”

**Stopping Fascism**

There is no question but that the President, who is fully embracing the policies of his Nazi economic advisors, is determined to get this Hitler health policy through in a matter of months. Senator Baucus and others have laid out a schedule that calls for getting a bill approved before the August Congressional recess, and insiders, such as Daschle, have declared that the Administration intends to maneuver (criminally) so that the bill can be passed with only a simple majority of 51 in the Senate, rather than go through a process which would be subject to potential filibuster.

While there is substantial disagreement with the plan from medical professionals, and supporters of the single-payer proposal of Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), the LaRouche Political Action Committee is the only force prepared to confront the Administration’s fascist character—and to present a workable solution in the context of a total change in economic policy.

LaRouche PAC has been underscoring its point by going onto the streets with a poster of President Obama sporting a Hitler-style mustache, with the caption “Is this your President?” On June 4, in Detroit, Mich., Alan Egre (shown here) was arrested for organizing with this poster. LaRouche responded: “This is a real civil rights case . . . a violation of the Constitution.”

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LaRouche responded: This is a real civil rights case. The President of the United States is recommending the same policy as Hitler on health care, and the Detroit police are trying to prevent the truth from being told. This is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. Are the police acting on the orders of the Obama Administration? Why is a Michigan law enforcement official supporting fascism?

Egre was released after two hours, without any charges being brought against him, but the question remains: Can Obama be stopped from putting through his fascist policies? Will the American people follow LaRouche’s lead, and defeat the new Hitler to save our republic?