

Your Opinion

Planned Parenthood: The Charge

To the editor:

In a few days at most places of business a solicitor will be asking you to "contribute to murder." Of course they won't use those terms but in reality this is what they will be asking you to do by contributing to the United Fund who has set a goal of \$20,000 for Planned Parenthood. An organization who admittedly assists women in murdering their children locally. And who, on the national level according to the New York Times, opened up a "family planning center" at 380 Second Ave. in New York that's "able to perform 8,000 to 10,000 low-cost abortions a year." How's that for mass murder? Then there was the November 1972, edition of Triumph magazine that reported how Planned Parenthood earned between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in California blood money in 1971 by getting a kickback of \$20 per for referring and transferring 20,000 women from all over the country to California for abortions. It also reported how that Dr. Kenneth Mitzner, president of the "California Mobilization for the Unnamed" used the Los Angeles, Bel Air Hospital, a small hospital (68 beds), to dramatize the financial link between the abortionists themselves and Planned Parenthood, with its "clergy" counseling service. Dr. Mitzner's investigations have shown that 95 percent or more of the women counseled by PP are ultimately referred for

abortions, and that Bel Air benefiting from the inter-state abortion commerce, was murdering 100 children a day. On 9-7-72, Deborah Wiggins, a 21-year-old California feminist turned anti-abortion activist released information to the press that on 9-3-72, a Texas woman at this hospital by courtesy of PP, died of internal complications after a saline abortion.

PP likes to use the phrase "every child should be a wanted child" which sounds good until you consider the fact that what they mean by it is, if you don't want the child kill it!

When we lose respect for and eliminate the safeguards protecting human life at other stages of development, we could then come to accept (as Hitler said) that "useless eaters" of any age are a burden on society. Their lives must be snuffed out. Some day you may be an older person, that "useless eater." Would you want someone else to make the decision of whether YOU live or die? Something to think about with our government created food shortages and all the other government created shortages. Even the Bloomington Hospital is saying they could have to do away with surgery due to the "created" fuel problem. Of course they could start conserving now by doing away with their murder clinic.

Phil Spaulding
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Planned Parenthood: The Response

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald-Telephone asked the executive director of Planned Parenthood to respond to the charges in the above letter so that both sides of the issue could be presented simultaneously. This is the response.

To the editor:

The letter from Phil Spaulding is full of misstatements, inaccuracies and faulty reasoning, and I am most grateful to you for the opportunity to respond to it immediately. I think it is particularly unfair to use this attack on Planned Parenthood to attack the United Fund, which supports twenty agencies performing a great variety of community tasks and offering a large number of much needed community services.

I am not going to debate the abortion issue with him, because that issue has been resolved by the Supreme Court of the United States. Abortion is a legal, medical procedure. And I am only going to respond to those portions of his letter which relate to Planned Parenthood, except to say that if Bloomington Hospital is running an abortion clinic Mr. Spaulding seems to be the only person in town to know it.

No Planned Parenthood anywhere in the country, including Los Angeles, California, receives a kickback for referral of abortion patients, and to the best of my knowledge no Planned Parenthood affiliate ever has.

The family planning center in New York he refers to is not a function of our national organization, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, but is run by the New York City af-

filiate. Each affiliated organization is autonomous, free to set its own local policies, provided certain standards, promulgated by the national organization, are met.

Planned Parenthood's slogan is very definitely "Every Child a Wanted Child" and we mean just what we say. For Mr. Spaulding to equate that slogan with murder is not only ridiculous, it is another lie.

In supporting the Planned Parenthood Association of Monroe County, the United Fund recognizes it is precisely because we have such a high respect for human life, for the potentialities of every human being, that we feel each child deserves that most precious of gifts, without which his whole life will be blighted: being wanted and loved.

Anyone who cares to investigate knows that our primary purpose is to provide contraceptive service to those persons in need of it, and we are proud to say that we served almost 6,000 women last year. We were able to do this because of the support of the United Fund, the Indiana State Board of Health, and even more important, the hard work and dedication of almost 100 Monroe County citizens who volunteer and staff our clinics. What kind of blindness, what kind of crazy reasoning, can make a person think that by hindering the work of Planned Parenthood he contributes to the reduction of the demand for abortion? Only by supporting the work of Planned Parenthood in providing contraceptive care will that goal be achieved.

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