

Euthanasia, Never Again!

In late December 2010, the hideous face of fascism, in the form of an overt drive for reinstating the Nazi policy of euthanasia against “lives not worthy to be lived,” surfaced throughout Western Europe, as well as the United States. In Germany and France, and in the U.S., the LaRouche movement sprang into action, publicizing and condemning this revival in hard-hitting video and print form. At the forefront of the attack was the Dec. 31 appeal by Helga Zepp-LaRouche entitled “Operation Euthanasia Never Again!” which was circulated broadly throughout Germany.

It took only a few days for the Obama Administration to beat a retreat from its establishment of T4 death-counseling by regulation, a move aimed at attempting to defuse opposition to the Obama death-care bill. Now, on Jan. 21, we have another significant victory on the German front.

In mid-December, the president of the German Medical Association, Prof. Jörgen Dietrich Hoppe, announced that he expected the upcoming annual conference of the association, scheduled for May, to alter its ethical code, so that doctors’ participation in “assisted suicide” (i.e., euthanasia) would no longer be considered unethical. This was a radical shift for Prof. Hoppe, allegedly based on polling among German doctors.

But three weeks after Zepp-LaRouche’s appeal, on Jan. 21, according to German media, the Medical Association agreed upon a statement which rejects any softening of the ethical rules, thereby maintaining the current standard. That standard says: “Assistance by the doctor in the suicide of a patient contradicts medical ethics and can be prosecuted under law.” Dr. Theodor Windhorst, a member of the board, told the *Neue Westfälische Nachrichten* Jan. 24, that the doctors would main-

tain their prohibition even if the federal legislature moved to declare “so-called active suicide assistance not subject to legal prosecution.”

This rejection of euthanasia is a victory for the LaRouche movement’s drive. It comes at the same time as a similar victory in France, where the Senate, with the apparent backing of President Nicolas Sarkozy, had been poised to pass a bill containing a provision legalizing euthanasia. In the face of the LaRouche movement mobilization, which was followed by strong statements from the Prime Minister, the Health Minister, and leading doctors, the amendment authorizing assisted suicide was withdrawn from the bill.

As in the U.S., these European victories are only the first step in rolling back the revival of the new fascism. Behind that revival stands the bankrupt British imperial monetary system, led by the very same forces who brought us Hitler’s Nazism, and who remain committed to massively depopulate the Earth, in order to maintain their power. It is this system, not just particular policies, which must be buried, or it will inexorably continue its cannibalistic practices.

To deal with the cause of the problem, the LaRouche movement has put forward the only solution, beginning with the removal of President Obama by the 25th Amendment, to be followed immediately by a bankruptcy reorganization under the Glass-Steagall law. Once the toxic waste is blown away, there will be no problem in generating state credit to both save the drowning localities, and to launch a real recovery, with Great Projects such as NAWAPA.

Those actions directly repudiate the Nazi view of man, putting human creative power back at the center of the economy.