

Washington, D.C. Policy Forum

Managed Health Care: Crime Against Humanity

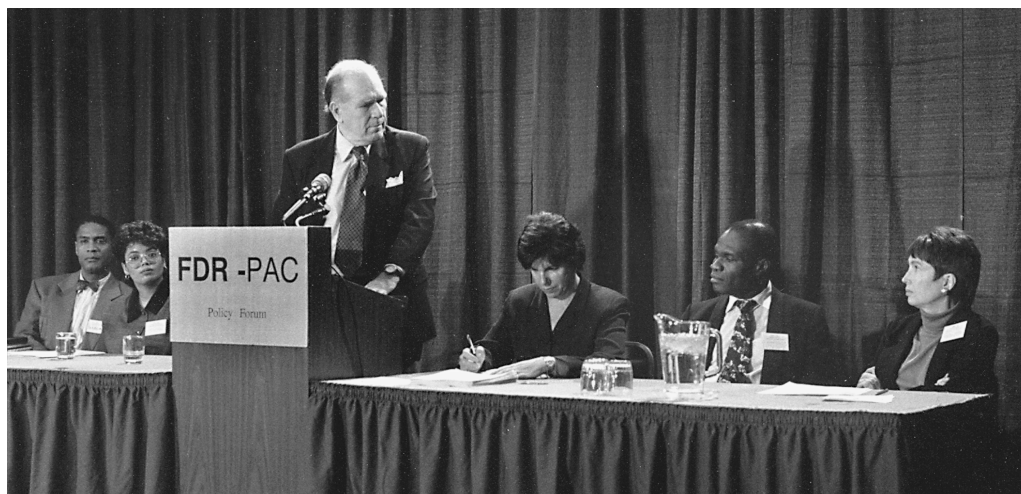
The newly formed political action committee known as FDR-PAC, held a forum in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 9, to establish standards for the provision of health care. The event was dedicated to the memory of Chief Justice Robert Jackson, U.S. representative to the Nuremberg Tribunal, and his assistant, Dr. Leo Alexander, who worked on the Nazi doctors' trials.

The forum was addressed by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., a policy adviser for FDR-PAC, and a panel of four speakers from different sections of the health care profession. First was Dr. Abdul Alim Muhamad, Minister of Health for the Nation of Islam; then Barbara Mallory, from the Executive Board of Nurses of Pennsylvania; then Dr. Kildare Clarke, Associate Director of the Emergency Room at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and then Marcia Merry Baker, Director of Economics for E.I.R.

Lyndon LaRouche defined the problem: faced with financial disintegration, the financial oligarchy is using the economic collapse to accelerate the looting of the population. But, how is the population responding? Some say, let's be practical, and they go along with the cuts. Others, like the President, say, let's be "civil," and find "middle ground" with the killers.

We have shown in the recent election campaign that, when there is leadership which addresses the issues without civility—which tells the truth—Americans will move. The three factors responsible for the successes of the Democrats in the recent election were seniors, the AFL-CIO, and the LaRouche intervention.

Hence, "we cannot be civil," LaRouche said. Where the actions are paralleling Nuremberg crimes, we are



Podium: Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. **Panelists:** (left to right) Dr. Abdul Alim Muhamad, Barbara Mallory, moderator Debra Hanania Freeman, Dr. Kildare Clarke, and Marcia Merry Baker.

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going to call them mass murder. We must "make pariahs of mass murderers."

Health Care Experts

The panel of health care professionals was led off by Dr. Muhamad, who said that doctors had let accountants and other profiteering sharks take over the hospitals, and that the monied institutions had particularly targeted health institutions because they represent

\$1 trillion out of \$6 trillion "product" in the economy. Managed care is to move in on that cash flow, he said.

Dr. Muhamad also hit hard at the question of Dr. Kevorkian, as an example of how the culture of death had changed the role of the doctor. How are you to trust your doctor? Who is he responsible to?

Barbara Mallory then spoke on the Nurses of Pennsylvania's fight for decent care for nurses, and patients, in

Schiller Institute Fights 'Assisted

The Schiller Institute has filed for permission to submit an *Amicus Curiae* (Friend of the Court) brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in the upcoming case on "assisted suicide."

The brief, written by Attorney Max Dean of Michigan, is being filed on behalf of the State of Washington, which is challenging a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, which threw out Washington State's ban on physician-assisted suicide. The Washington case will be heard in January, along with a similar case from the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, which threw out New York State's ban.

In its appeal to the Supreme Court to accept its brief, the Institute argues: "The accompanying proposed brief advances an argument not developed by Petitioners: the extent to which allowing physician-assisted suicide on any of the alleged grounds, or permitting the various states to do as they please, would be an act of worldwide negative significance. It would expose all those physicians acting in reliance upon such rulings to be adjudged criminally responsible for crimes against humanity in future proceedings similar to those had under the Four Power Agreement establishing the international tribunals at Nuremberg at

their state. It's a question of profit margins versus patient care, she said, and demonstrated with numerous cases how this was exemplified. The Institute of Medicine claims there is no definitive evidence of how much harm HMO's are doing, but the testimony given by Pennsylvania nurses this last summer, showed there to be plenty of evidence. She showed how "downskilling" and the replacement of nurses with all kinds of technicians are tantamount to murder.

Dr. Kildare Clarke, who is both an attorney and a physician, first posed the question: is health care a right, or a privilege? He then told numerous stories about the decline of health care in New York, as doctors have knuckled under to those who put profit above care.

Dr. Clarke stressed that doctors and patients have the power to break the HMO's. He said that he, along with others, had also taken out a law suit against HMO's, which charges that they are responsible for the murderous acts of those under their authority—along the lines of the Nuremberg Tribunal principles.

The final speaker on the panel was E.I.R.'s Marcia Merry Baker, who gave a national overview of the change in health-care policy from the late 1960's/early 1970's, and the spread of HMO's. She then contrasted HMO policy with the Hill-Burton policy: It's a question of "universal care," she said, "versus managed care."

Impeach Governor Ridge! Call for Hearings on Pennsylvania Medical Cuts

State Representative Harold James (D-Phila.), chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, released the following statement on Oct. 31.

Last May, Democratic leaders warned of the deadly and devastating impact that Gov. Ridge's medical cuts would have on the people of Pennsylvania. Our beloved state senator, the late Roxanne Jones, told Gov. Ridge that his plan was "a form of genocide."

Yet, Gov. Ridge rammed his killer bill through the legislature, despite all warnings and appeals, including some from his own party. This means that an estimated 220,000 poor and disabled Pennsylvanians are in the process of being systematically



Representative Harold James reviews petitions signed by 7,000 constituents for the impeachment of Governor Ridge.

cut off state medical assistance.

I recently asked that research be done on the impact of Ridge's medical cuts so far. The preliminary report I have received reveals a picture of death, devastation and threat to innocent lives beyond what many of us thought possible in a civilized society. This includes:

- the mass layoffs of medical personnel at hospitals and other cutbacks, including the severe restriction of emergency room care for persons without medical coverage, and the replacement of nurses with unlicensed substitutes, which according to the testimony of nurses before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Health and Human Services, has already led to the unnecessary suffering and death of patients;
- the cutoff of people in the middle of life-saving medical procedures, such as chemotherapy;
- the cutoff of mentally disabled people from treatment and medication, leading to at least one tragic death already, and inhumane conditions for

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Suicide' with Supreme Court *Amicus*

the conclusion of World War II.

"The Schiller Institute's brief supports the position of Petitioners, and points out where such Nazi policies have led in the past and where they will lead again. . . ."

The brief then argues, with documentation from Dr. Leo Alexander, a consultant to the Chief of Counsel at Nuremberg, from the Nuremberg Tribunal itself, and from the history of Nazi euthanasia, that there can be "no constitutionally protected right to suicide. To judicially accord a terminally ill competent individual, a constitutional right to the assistance of a physician to

commit suicide, will lead to punishable acts under future Nuremberg-type tribunals established to punish those who commit such crimes against humanity."

Dr. Alexander, in particular, sharply identified the way in which a philosophy of "lives not worthy to be lived," which began in small ways, led to the genocidal mass killings in Nazi Germany. It was Dr. Alexander's belief, expressed in an interview with the Schiller Institute in 1984, that moves to legalize euthanasia in the U.S., and the philosophy of individuals such as Dr. Richard Lamm, were leading toward Nazi crimes.

Ibero-American Continent Mobilizes 'There Is Life After the Death of the I.M.F.'

On Oct. 12, the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (M.S.I.A.) carried out a continental mobilization, the keystone of which was a forum held in Mexico City, to pull together the forces needed to bury the International Monetary Fund.

The initiative was joined by the Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration (MINeII), founded by Col. Mohamed Ali Seineldin, the Argentine nationalist leader. Also joining were other political movements, professional and civic associations, and a number of labor organizations, including the Colombian oil workers, the Argentine farm women, Peruvian port workers, and the Stone Workers' Union and the Federation of Construction Workers of Venezuela.

In addition, prominent individuals sent messages of support—including Panama's General Manuel Noriega, who is imprisoned, a Bush POW in the United States, and Domingo F. Maza Zavala, the former president of the

Venezuelan Academy of Economic Sciences who is currently a director of Venezuela's Central Bank.

The level of mobilization shows the hemisphere's growing resistance to the I.M.F. and its genocidal policies.

'Time for Justice'

The reason for this was explained by Lyndon LaRouche, who spoke in a videotaped address that was shown in Mexico City and at the other forums. "Argentina's almost not a country any more. Chile is a corpse which is nicely embalmed. It's not a real economy, it's an illusion, it's virtual reality. Peru is almost destroyed. Central America—don't talk about Central America. Colombia is a narcoterrorist dictatorship by George Bush's drug-pushing friends. Venezuela can blow, it's on the edge, they're out to crush it. Brazil is ready for civil war, or some other form of disintegration."

But, there is hope. "The power, the economic power, the authority of the institutions, which have imposed these

policies over the past 30 years, is crashing. And therefore, we have a moment of a vacuum in history. This is the time you can intervene, because those in power are at their moment of greatest relative weakness. And, that's our opportunity, because the time for justice has come. Justice is not going to be delivered to us; but, *the opportunity to win that victory, is now presented to us.* And therefore, we should seize it."

The only real policy proposal on the table with which to intervene, is the "LaRouche Plan," more formally known as the Emergency Bill for the Bankruptcy Reorganization of the Economy. This draft bill, which is already before the Congresses of Mexico and Argentina, calls for declaring moratoria on the foreign debt, imposing exchange controls, establishing a new international financial system to replace the I.M.F., and eliminating autonomous central banks, replacing them with national banks to issue credit for infrastructure and the production of needed physical goods.

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many others;

- the denial of essential medications and procedures to diabetics, severe asthmatics, people with HIV and life-threatening conditions;
- the devastation of the working poor, who cannot afford to purchase life-saving medications or procedures;
- the cutoff of persons seeking rehabilitation from drug addiction.

In addition, my constituents have presented me with petitions representing over 10 percent of the people in my legislative district, along with many in nearby neighborhoods, asking that I take action toward the impeachment of Gov. Ridge. Over 7,000 people in my

area, of all colors and ethnic backgrounds, have signed their names, demanding action against the governor. This is an overwhelming demand for action, which I respect.

Gov. Ridge must sit down with our legislative leadership, including the Democratic Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and other pertinent legislators, and work out a plan whereby adequate medical services will be provided to those being cut off of medical assistance.

At the same time, I am calling for public hearings, to thoroughly document the deadly impact of Gov. Ridge's actions. I believe, based on the information already at hand, plus the additional information we will gather as people's health further deteriorates, that Gov. Ridge's actions will rise to the level of an impeachable offense, and a resolution to

impeach Ridge will be introduced into the House of Representatives.

The objective of impeachment would be to charge the governor with gross misbehavior in office under Article VI of the Pennsylvania Constitution, since he knew, or should have known, that his medical cuts would result in the wrongful death or injury of innocent persons. I warned Gov. Ridge on the floor of the House of Representatives on May 15, that when Pennsylvanians begin to die as a result of his cuts in the state medical assistance program, that, upon proper complaint, I foresee an indictment being considered against him.

An impeachment resolution will demonstrate that the people will hold government leaders responsible for the Gingrich-style, mean-spirited policies that cause injury and loss of innocent lives. . . ."