
Confirmation Hearings

Senators let Bowen get away with murder

"If LaRouche opposes you, I'm for you." That was the essence of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's (D-N.Y.) contribution to the Senate Finance Committee's hearings around the controversial nomination of Dr. Otis Bowen, the former governor of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Bowen is the euthanasia advocate who introduced "living will" legislation to Indiana, and cheered on the infamous, court-ordered murder of "Baby Doe" in 1982.

Shortly after Committee Chairman Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) opened the nomination hearings on Dec. 10, declaring that Bowen was an exemplary nominee, with "no enemies anywhere," Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) noted, "I have to say that you do have one enemy. I have here a statement by the National Democratic Policy Committee which 'absolutely denounces' your nomination. May I say, sir, that the National Democratic Policy Committee is neither national, nor Democratic, nor is it a committee. It is a wholly owned operation of Lyndon LaRouche, and the less said about him the better. I had some tough questions for you, but now that I see that he has absolutely denounced this appointment, you have my total support." Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) then introduced Bowen. He was followed up by Sen. Daniel Quayle who stated: "Given Senator Moynihan's pronouncement, I think that perhaps we should thank Mr. LaRouche, too."

As that would indicate, members of the Committee, who forbid any public testimony, an unprecedented procedure, let Dr. Otis Bowen get away with murder in their questioning of him, with the exception of Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) who meekly tried to pin him on the issue of euthanasia. Grassley asked him about his endorsement of the concept of federal "living wills" as one way to cut costs, and about his concern about the cost of caring for patients in their final days.

Bowen replied, "The discussion of the living will was not truly put in as a means of reducing costs—that sounds inhuman. It was put simply because the individual should have a right to say, don't do all these heroic things [to save the individual's life]. Those who have stated that I have a view of euthanasia are just as far wrong as possible." Bowen then went on to explain, again, the high costs of caring for patients in the last days of their lives.

Documentation

The NDPC testimony against Bowen

The following is the written statement submitted to the Senate Finance Committee by Warren J. Hamerman, chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, and director of EIR's Biological Holocaust Task Force, on the matter of the nomination of Otis Bowen to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The National Democratic Policy Committee absolutely denounces the appointment of Otis Bowen to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. I also absolutely denounce the KGB-style methods that are being used to railroad this nomination through the Senate, without allowing for public testimony. It is normal Senate procedure, and should be a guaranteed right in a republic, for opposition witnesses to be afforded time to present their case to the Senate, especially in the case of a controversial nominee. But, to the contrary, a colleague of mine was told, by a Finance Committee staff member, that verbal testimony was being refused on the Bowen nomination "because it's too controversial." These tactics are repugnant to the American system of government.

The record on Dr. Bowen is clear. He supports the doctrine that some lives are not worth living—this is the policy of euthanasia. His appointment will guarantee a further, rapid institutionalization of the kind of "useless eaters" policies, through which the Nazi regime murdered millions of innocent people, in part, because they were considered a drain on financial resources. This is not the first time that someone with a medical degree has abused that degree. Will Dr. Bowen become this decade's version of Dr. Joseph Mengele, the Angel of Death?

What we see with the Bowen appointment is the logical consequence of the decision, promoted by Donald Regan and publicly announced by Treasury Secretary James Baker III at the International Monetary Fund meeting last April, that the U.S. economy should be subjected to the same "surveillance" and austerity measures which have already decimated the developing sector. IMF policies are merely the modern version of Shakespeare's Shylock—the debt must be collected or the deficit reduced, no matter what the price paid in lives.

It is no accident that Donald Regan was the person who

sold the President on Bowen. Regan is an IMF mole, and he knows that Bowen will start slashing medical costs to meet the budget goals dictated by the IMF and the international financial establishment.

Bowen's pro-euthanasia stand is a matter of public record. As head of the President's Advisory Commission on Social Security, he told the Senate Finance Committee in 1984 that Congress should act to incorporate, into the Medicare system, "living wills [which] would prevent unnecessarily heroic measures being taken in the terminal days of life." Such heroic measures, he argued, cost too much. In his testimony, Bowen continued, "Eleven percent of Medicare

expenditures are spent in the last 40 days of life and some 25% of Medicare expenditures are incurred by patients in the last year of life. The Council fully recognizes that this may be a controversial recommendation; however, the Council unanimously endorsed it."

Bowen also endorsed the reappointment of Indiana Supreme Court Justice Givan, in the face of widespread criticism of Givan's role in the legal murder by starvation in 1982 of a Bloomington, Indiana infant, "Baby Doe," whose Down's Syndrome affliction identified him as another life not worth living.

It is an abomination to appoint someone who puts a dollar

LaRouche replies to Moynihan, Quayle

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued the following statement in response to the Senate Finance Committee hearings.

Today, Tuesday, Dec. 10, Senator "Pat" Moynihan endorsed the nomination to be Secretary of Health and Human Services of Otis Bowen, a man who has advocated publicly some of the same practices, of killing of "useless eaters," for which we hung German doctors at Nuremberg. Moynihan, who has long held racist theories cousin to those of the Nazis, explained, that he was endorsing Bowen's nomination, without questioning, for the simple reason that I opposed that nomination.

I have issued no statement on the Bowen nomination to be the Reagan administration's Health Secretary. The denunciation of Bowen, to which Moynihan referred, was published by a registered political action committee based within Senator Moynihan's own Democratic Party, the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC). I was not involved in any way, in prompting, preparing, or issuing the NDPC's public information on Mr. Bowen.

It is true, that I was among those who founded the NDPC during the closing hours of the 1980 Democratic National Convention, and that I was formally chairman of the advisory committee for the NDPC, from September 1980 up to the time of my own campaign for the Democratic Party's 1984 presidential nomination. I am a supporter of the NDPC, still. I adopt the NDPC's opposition to the Nazi-like qualities of Mr. Bowen, but it happens that I was too much involved with certain other matters even to discuss the Bowen case with my friends in the

NDPC, until Mr. Moynihan's attack on me, today.

Senator Moynihan stated the following points at the opening of the Finance Committee session:

1) He opened the proceedings, by announcing that the NDPC opposed Mr. Bowen's nomination. This small part of the Senator's statement was true.

2) That the NDPC has no connection with the Democratic Party. This, from the Senator's mouth, happens to be a very big lie. Not only are the founders of the NDPC members of the Democratic Party, but members of the NDPC have been elected to offices within the Democratic Party. Mr. Moynihan is painfully aware of these facts.

3) That the NDPC is nothing but a "wholly owned operation of Lyndon LaRouche." As FEC records show accurately, I have never given a penny to the NDPC, since its founding in August 1980, to he pre-ator might have said, truthfully, that the NDPC tends to agree with my political philosophy; instead, he chose to make a statement he knew to be false.

Mr. Moynihan, as long as I have known him, frequently enough will go to strange lengths, to avoid telling the truth about even the simplest matters of fact. Honest men take pride in telling the truth; that compulsive perjurer, Mr. Moynihan, leans to the contrary, satanic compulsion.

To conclude the carnival's "geek-act" performance at the hearings, Mr. Moynihan then announced, that since LaRouche opposed Bowen's nomination, he, Moynihan, was going to support the nomination unquestioningly. Indiana's Senator Quayle followed, announcing that he adopted Moynihan's curious logic: that whatever LaRouche supports, the dismal likes of Quayle and Moynihan will axiomatically oppose.

Very well, I herewith announce publicly, that I categorically, and energetically, demand that senators Moynihan and Quayle shall not commit suicide. I await the results of this announcement with interest.

sign on human life. It is a danger to national security to appoint such a person at a time when the AIDS epidemic is raging out of control in the African AIDS belt, where between 10 and 60 million Africans are infected, and at a time when the epidemic threatens to break outside of the "risk populations" in the advanced sector. Emergency U.S. government policies are necessary. We must spend *whatever* is necessary to carry out a crash mobilization to halt the AIDS epidemic, not what the financial community tells us is affordable. Not only must an Apollo-style crash medical research program be launched, but the collapsed economies of Africa and the collapsing economy of the United States must be rebuilt. The debt-repayment and deficit-closing demands of the bankers must be put aside, so that Western civilization can save itself from biological holocaust.

As *EIR's* Biological Holocaust Task Force, of which I am chairman, has revealed, it is, in part, direct Soviet influence in the World Health Organization, which is responsible for spreading the disinformation line that AIDS is only a homosexuals' or drug users' disease. WHO's top official, responsible for AIDS, is Dr. Sergei Litvinov, simultaneously a top official in the Soviet Health Ministry. Dr. Litvinov willfully ignores the pandemic nature of the disease in Africa, in an effort to prevent the appropriate public health mobili-

zation in the nations of the West.

At a time when most Americans are convinced, correctly, that AIDS, and the necessary public health response, are a matter of national security, it is a danger to the nation that someone, whose philosophy stands directly opposite, has been appointed.

At the just concluded Bishop's Synod in Rome, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, prefect for the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, spoke for peoples of all faiths when he denounced the immorality of the "free market" policies of Adam Smith. He attacked the "astounding presupposition" that "the natural laws of the marketplace are by their nature good, and must necessarily work to the good, regardless of the moral dispositions of individual human beings." Ratzinger called for recognizing the "powers of the human soul" as a "factor in economics," and called for the establishment of an economics based in morality: "It has become an increasingly clear fact of economic history that the formation of economic systems and their grounding in the general welfare, depends upon a certain moral discipline."

The Senate can begin to recognize the moral force of that concept, by rejecting the nomination of Dr. Bowen, and any concept of a life to expensive to maintain.

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