

the *New Republic* magazine, Abraham Lincoln would have been a "neo-Nazi" because he was a nation-builder and great defender of the Union; Gen. George Patton and Gen. Douglas MacArthur would have been neo-Nazis because they defended the sovereignty of the United States.

For the Trust, Jews like Trotsky, Meyer Lansky, the Bronfmans, Max Fisher, are mere agents, like the Jews who were forced to be tax collectors in the feudal period. They fear and despise Jews like the great Mendelssohn family of Germany. LaRouche is being accused (rightly) of wanting the "immediate elimination of *Trust* agents from business, government and labor and a special prosecutor's office to try *Trust* agents for treason."

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# AMA backs murder of the comatose

by Linda Everett

On March 15, the American Medical Association announced that it had determined that it is "ethical" for physicians to starve their coma patients to death. The ruling by the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs allows physicians to withhold food, water, medicine, and "heroic" procedures from comatose and non-terminal patients if the family agrees, and if it meets the patient's previous wishes.

The announcement followed a New Orleans Conference on "New Ethics for a New Medicine," and is the predictable outcome of 18 months of collaboration between the AMA and the premier voice and formulator of the "new ethics of the '80s," the Hastings Foundation of New York.

This, of course, is the old ethics of the 1930s and '40s in Nazi Germany, among other locations.

The ruling was a brutal awakening to just what the euthanasia forces and medical "cost-efficiency" experts have achieved in an avalanche of second-generation "living-will" bills and euthanasia court cases which have hit the United States in the last six months. The AMA has thrown over the Hypocratic Oath to advocate murders of convenience, and there is no doubt that this will have immense impact on life or death court decisions in coming months, among them:

- Three New Jersey courts have denied the requests of the Lincoln Park Nursing Home for a "life advocate" to protect the rights of their patient, 30-year-old Nancy Jobes, considered "permanently comatose" by her husband, parents, and the court-appointed guardian, who want to remove her feeding tube. But this relatively healthy young lady has a high level of awareness, moves her head to follow her visitors around the room, and responds to light, pain, and more. Her physicians feel she is, in fact, seriously disabled and not even in a coma. Her case began to be heard by Judge Arnold Stein of the Morris County Superior Court on March 24.

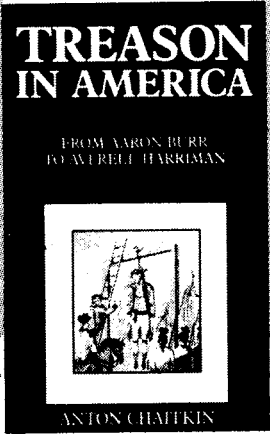
- The ruling of the New Jersey State Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly, Jack D'Ambrosia, who prevented removal of the feeding tube of a 65-year-old, severely brain-damaged patient, Hilda Peter, will be appealed in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. Eberhard Johanning, Peter's companion, wants to broaden the conditions set in the 1985 Clair Conroy decision that allows starvation of incompetent elderly if they will "probably" die within a year, and if there is "limited evidence" that the patient would want all medical care (including nutrition) removed.

- On Oct. 22, Dedham, Massachusetts Probate Judge

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David Kopelman denied permission to the "loving" and "very Catholic" family of 48-year-old comatose patient Paul Brophy to starve him to death, saying that the state is "morally obligated to sustain the life of an ill human being, even if one in a persistent vegetative state." When the decision was presented to the Appellate Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, the highest court in the state, intervened and scheduled an appeal. The Supreme Court decides on matters of far-reaching importance, such as Judge Kopelman's decision, for he clearly put a limit on just how far a patient's or family's "right" to order death can go.

● California Superior Court Judge Warren Deering, in a Feb. 13 decision, denied the removal of a naso-gastric tube supplying nutrition to cerebral palsy victim Elizabeth Bouvia. He stated: "If we allow her to die because of an irreversible handicap, we're making a value judgement on the worth of her life." In 1983, Bouvia, a quadriplegic, lost a petition in California courts to be allowed to be starved to death while hospitalized. Richard Scott, her ACLU and Hemlock Society lawyer, argued that her right to refuse medical care—even if that refusal brings her death—must be protected. Judge Deering's decision is being appealed.

● New York Governor Mario Cuomo has found a "legal" way to eliminate costly care for the state's coma patients. His taskforce produced two "ethical" rulings: "'Do Not Resuscitate' Guidelines" and the latest, "Exact Determination of Death," which eliminates care and allows organ farming once the patient is declared "brain dead."

The only dissenting voice on the task force was Rabbi David Bleich, professor of Talmud, Yeshiva University, and professor of Jewish law and ethics, Benjamin Cordozo School of Law. He stated: "The decision to withhold treatment from a person manifesting a given clinical profile [is] not a judgment that further medical treatment will be of no avail. . . . *It is precisely because the patient is not beyond medical treatment that a determination not to employ treatment is advocated. . . .* [his emphasis]."

A New Jersey commission, patterned after Cuomo's in New York, was created in January 1986 to deal with refusal and termination of treatment, surrogate decision-making, and the care of seriously disabled newborns.

### **From living wills to 'active inducement'**

The Nazi-euthanasia organization called Concern for Dying and the Right to Die announced recently that the number of states with living-will is now 36. Ideologues are happy with this, but cost-efficiency experts and insurance companies are now demanding *active inducement* of death, whether death is imminent or not, whether you are terminally ill or not, whether you ask for it or not, and in some cases, whether you are pregnant or not. Just about anyone qualifies in the second generation living-will bills now being pushed in Massachusetts, Oregon, and elsewhere.

Included are the following:

● Stanford University Hospital includes living wills in their information packet when admitting patients, seeking their signature while sick, vulnerable, and without objective advice.

● Bill No. 3228 has just been defeated in Washington State, for now. It called for elimination of all care, all feeding which would "postpone the moment of death" for anyone in "any prolonged or unresponsive state without evidence of purposeful or voluntary movement and a state from which the patient cannot be aroused, although such patients might have the appearance of wakefulness . . . and such a state has been present for not less than 30 days."

● Derek Humphrey of the Hemlock Society could not find a sponsor for his legislative proposal to allow California

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doctors to give lethal injections to terminally ill patients who request it. He will try again. Humphrey, who killed his own wife, calls this "rational suicide." He says, "Current laws must change. They spring from the idea that life is totally sacrosanct. . . . This is the last modern issue society must decide: Can we provide help for death? We say yes."

● For many months, the "ethical experts" for genocide have incessantly preyed upon the patients and doctors of the artificial-heart research program, demanding a moratorium on operations, and demanding that the patients themselves and their families reconsider dying as better than the "quality of life" they would enjoy with an artificial heart. The son of recipient Bill Schroeder said, "Dad chose life and the artificial heart," and no family or patient has ever expressed a desire to withdraw from the program.

Nevertheless, legislation allowing artificial-heart patients to disconnect themselves from life support systems was approved on March 19 by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.