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# Pro-life organizations rally against Holland's 'death lobby'

by Our Special Correspondent

"Whom do you intend to put on trial at Nuremberg?"

The question came from a reporter from one of Holland's leading dailies, and was addressed to two representatives of the Club of Life organization, during the course of the Club of Life's first-ever press conference in Holland, in The Hague, April 28. The two representatives, West German physician Dr. Jürgen Spahn and Mark Burdman, an international correspondent for *EIR*, had just presented the proposal by Club of Life founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, for the formation, by Dutch citizens, of an "investigative commission" that would prepare dossiers on those individuals in Holland who are actively propagating the legalization and practice of euthanasia.

Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche had proposed the formation of this investigative commission, in the context of a statement-of-greetings to an April 26 mass meeting of Dutch anti-euthanasia activists in the city of Amersfoort; in the statement, she expressed her hope that the findings of this commission would be presented to reconstituted Nuremberg "Crimes Against Humanity" Tribunals, called for by the Schiller Institute, which she founded.

In response, Dr. Spahn emphasized that the choice of those to be indicted should be a sovereign decision of Dutch patriots, but that certain obvious "proposed candidates" might be suggested. "Who?" the reporter insisted. "One might be Dr. Admiraal, the most active proponent of euthanasia in this country, who has already murdered many patients," Spahn responded. "Another might be Johannes Witteveen, the banker and former head of the International Monetary Fund, whose financial policies have created untold misery in the world, and have created the financial justifications for the euthanasia lobby."

But, Spahn repeated, those would only be two preliminary suggestions. Many more would need to be suggested, in the face of the massive crimes being committed in Holland now, in the name of "mercy-killing," "death with dignity," and other lying euphemisms for murder.

The Club of Life had come to Holland as one of several pro-life organizations invited by Bert Dorenbos, head of the Dutch "Cry for Life" group, to map out strategy to prevent

Holland from becoming the first nation in history to *legalize* euthanasia.

It was in response to this situation, that the extraordinary April 26 gathering was pulled together by Dorenbos. During the morning and afternoon of April 26, his group congregated several hundred Dutch citizens in the centuries-old St. Joris Church in the eastern town of Amersfoort, to listen to speakers from Holland and elsewhere sound the alarm, about what is now unfolding in that nation. The citizens included both the elderly, who had lived through the occupation by and resistance against the Nazi barbarians, and the young, as well as a certain number of handicapped persons. The meeting, interspersing speeches and church music composed by Bach and others, had the moral tenor of a meeting of resistance against evil.

During the evening of April 26, Cry for Life, Club of Life, the International Right-to-Life Federation, Lawyers for Life, the World Federation of Doctors Who Respect Human Life, Pro-Vita, and other groups and individuals held a strategic brainstorming session, to decide what to do to stop the euthanasia movement in Holland.

Two-nights earlier, on April 24, Dorenbos's group had presented a feature television program, on the national EO TV network, on "international reactions to the euthanasia situation in Holland." The show portrayed harshly critical reactions to the Dutch euthanasia movement from the United States, Israel, and Sweden, including a brief filmclip from a Club of Life rally in Washington, D.C., in which the chants said Holland was becoming a "Nazi state." There were, as well, some chilling excerpts from the January 1986 U.S. CBS-TV "60 Minutes" broadcast on euthanasia in Holland—a broadcast which has never been shown in Holland, despite that nation's pretensions to ultra-liberalism and freedom. "To see people from outside Holland, demonstrating in front of Dutch embassies, calling us Nazis—this really shocked people in a way I've not seen in a long time," one Dutch attendee at the Amersfoort meeting commented.

The producer of the show, Willem Glashouwer, commented, "To paraphrase William Shakespeare, 'There is something rotten in the state of Holland.' We, as Dutch, live

by our exports. Now, we have a new art: deadly injections for ill patients." Glashouwer named his show, "Spritzen-product from Holland," which is a play on words: "Spitzen-product," would mean, "product of high quality," while "Spritzenproduct," means "product for death injections."

During the course of the Amersfoort public and private sessions, some extremely shocking facts were reported about the euthanasia situation in Holland:

- According to Dr. Gunning, of the Dutch branch of the Doctors Who Respect Life, an estimated 18,000 people per year are already being killed by euthanasia, even before there has been any decision by the Parliament to legalize murder.

- Were Holland to legalize euthanasia, it would be the first nation in history to do so, according to various speakers. They underscored, that even the Nazis never went so far as to legalize euthanasia.

- Speakers documented how euthanasia evolved into mass-murder in Germany. One American right-to-life official reported: "German doctors killed 275,000 'Aryan people' before they killed the first Jew. They killed those who were useless eaters. They said there were those whose lives were not worth living, the hopelessly insane, idiot children. They began to *kill*. The first gas chamber was erected in a ward in a German mental hospital. They put a price tag on human life. . . . If it was too much of a burden, they would kill. . . ."

- Specifics of the legislation being proposed in the Parliament are, in some cases, worse than anything the Nazis advocated. The author of the legislation, Mrs. Wessel-Tuinstra of the left-liberal "Dem '66" Party, has proposed, for example, that young children be allowed to decide whether they want to die or not!

It was in this context that Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche's proposals, both for reconstitution of the Nuremberg Tribunals as such, and for the formation of a Dutch "investigative commission," were presented. This became a most-controversial issue among the pro-life activists: Some encouraged circulation of the idea and supported it, but others stated, nervously, that the idea was "too polemical," that it would undermine Holland's reputation as a liberal society that believes in "personal freedom," and that euthanasia advocates should be regarded "primarily as insane, not immoral." The objections showed how far the extremes of liberalism have penetrated Dutch society, even affecting its better citizens.

"Pro-life" organizations are also hampered by a very limited conception of what "life" is, and become uneasy when the Club of Life introduces questions like economic policy, cultural policy, and the necessity for a medical science/technology renaissance. Mr. Willke, the head of the U.S. branch of the Right-to-Life Federation, for example, responded to a Club of Life attack on the U.S. Gramm-Rudman bill, by saying that this attack was "too pessimistic," and that Gramm-

Rudman would have a negligible effect on the U.S. health-care situation!

Nonetheless, an independent Dutch pro-life group, Lawyers for Life, has just prepared a report, in Dutch, documenting the history of euthanasia advocacy during the past 100 years, and showing how, in the Nazi era, euthanasia spread from an apparently "limited" practice, among certain specific groups like the elderly and infirm, to a general practice of mass-murder against a wide array of target groups. The book-length report, entitled, "From Holocaust to Holocaust," also draws upon evidence from the original, post-World War II Nuremberg trials, that euthanasia is a crime against humanity. This is the first Dutch-language study to provide this documentation; an earlier, Dutch-language book on the history of euthanasia, drawing upon much of the same evidence, had been written to justify the practice. The Lawyers for Life report was presented at an April 28 Cry for Life press conference in The Hague, and copies were presented personally to the prime minister and other leading Dutch officials.

### **The strategic threat to the West**

One of the more potent interventions during the April 26 sessions in Amersfoort, was made by Spanish Dr. Gonzalo Herranz, head of the Spanish Medical Association, representing 120,000 doctors in Spain. "We refuse euthanasia," he said, "and by fighting euthanasia here in Holland, we are protecting ourselves. Our nation has just held a referendum on participation in NATO, and to paraphrase Article 5 of the NATO charter, 'an attack against life in one member country, is an attack on us all.'"

This point was elaborated by *EIR*'s Burdman, who stressed that euthanasia, is of a piece with AIDS, drugs, and other signs of "decadence" in the West, in aiding Soviet leader Gorbachov's propaganda campaign about the "decline of the West." Burdman noted the extraordinary coincidence of those in Holland who are closest to the KGB, and the Dutch "Death Lobby," thereby also demonstrating that euthanasia practice and advocacy in the West, is to all extents and purposes, a Soviet-encouraged conspiracy.

This points the way to the method for expanding the prospective Dutch "investigative commission" Nuremberg-indictment list. The list begins to come together: Admiraal, Witteveen, Labour Party leaders like Joop den Uyl and Hasberger, Dem '66's leader Wessel-Tuinstra, the IKV/Interchurch Council in Groningen, and many more who will emerge if Holland performs the ghastly action of legalizing murder.

As Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche reminds us in her statement-of-greetings, the essential difference between Germany then and Holland now, is that the leaders and people have been *forewarned* of the consequences of their acts, and have the historical precedent of Nazi Germany already before them.