

Editorial

Keep the heat on Ridge

With the latest revelations on the role of drug kingpin George Bush, it would be a mistake to forget for a single minute, the campaign to unseat Pennsylvania's own Nazi Governor, Tom Ridge. Both are genocidalists.

Both are also guilty of menticide, of destroying the minds and morality of Americans. For, those who connive and conspire directly to turn the United States into a parody of Hitler's Germany, are guilty of heinous crimes. Those who have allowed the Bush networks to penetrate the federal government, and who hold back from impeaching Pennsylvania's Nazi governor, are complicit as well.

The fact that a President of the United States would foster the spread of drug addiction in his nation's cities—particularly among black and Hispanic populations—is like something out of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, where *soma* was applied as a means of social control. And teachers and other school personnel are implementing an equally horrible policy: feeding the drug Ritalin to America's schoolchildren.

An outgrowth of this policy is the release of mental patients into city streets, without any provision for their supervision. In Pennsylvania, as a result of the Ridge budget cuts, the policy has taken an extreme turn. Mentally disturbed young people over age 16 are being released to their own supervision, against the wishes of their parents—even when the parents are willing and able to pay for their care.

Thus, as we have warned, policies which at first appear to be directed only against the indigent, are in reality calculated to reduce the standard of living of all working people. This is precisely the kind of slave-labor society which existed in Nazi Germany.

What is happening in Pennsylvania, illustrates precisely how this works. A case in point was the suicide of an unemployed mentally disabled Cuban immigrant, Wilzon Lescay, who hanged himself after his welfare subsidy was eliminated. Without the restoration of \$250 million annually to repair all of Ridge's cuts in the state medical assistance program, many more innocent people will suffer and die.

And now we find a second case—this time of murder—which can be directly attributed to Ridge's drive to eliminate the mentally ill. Markeis Baylor was a young man who suffered from severe depression. He had repeatedly been hospitalized for this. His mother, Carla West, had medical insurance which covered that part of his treatment not covered by the state funding. However, in 1995, the 17-year-old Baylor was reclassified as an adult.

The mentally disturbed teenager was then given the option of taking mood-altering drugs, and being released back on the streets. No supervision was enforced to ensure that he took the drugs on a regular schedule. Predictably, Markeis stopped taking his "medication," and tragedy followed when, on July 9, of this year, he shot and killed an elderly couple, Lillian and James Wilson, who were almost like grandparents to him.

This is not a case where welfare benefits had been withdrawn, but an even more ominous outcome of Ridge's Nazi program. Hospital rules had been changed in order to discourage the provision of in-patient treatment for the mentally ill.

As we have said, repeatedly, when a society turns against the elderly, the very young, the poor, and decides that these elements of the population are no longer to be protected, then the society itself will self-destruct.

This autumn, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is facing a massive moral crisis, and potential financial catastrophe as well. The nature of the crisis is typified by the destruction of health infrastructure, and is exemplified by the suicide, and, now, murder, directly attributable to the governor's Nazi agenda.

But, what is happening in Pennsylvania, is happening everywhere. The moral rot is not limited to just one state, nor one nation even. As Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly stressed, the human race itself is faced with a crisis perhaps more grave than at any time in the past that we know of. This notwithstanding, there must be accountability. George Bush should stand trial for his crimes, and Governor Ridge should be driven from public office.