Treshman

non grata here." The press waited along with the pro-lifers. An hour later word came out and one by one they were called into Carl Stern's office—apparently in violation of the typed order not to let them into the building—and each man was given a hastily contrived "reason" as to why they were "disinvited" the day after being invited to attend.

Don Treshman was told that the Justice Department had just discovered an old outstanding arrest warrant for him from Florida. Stern advised him, "Not to worry, I'm not going to arrest you over it," at which point the outspoken pro-lifer told him, "You can't arrest me. You are a press officer, not a police officer. Besides, the warrant is for a non-extriditable charge . . . and there are probably 20 others out there if you look hard enough."

Pat Mahoney was told that he was excluded "because of his record of violating injunctions." Stern said that Reno would have met with a representative of Operation Rescue other than Mahoney.

He told Stern, "If that were the case, then the Attorney General would not have met with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King as then Attorney General Bobby Kennedy did." Joe Scheidler was given the lame duck excuse that he "is a party in an ongoing lawsuit in which the government is a participant, and that Ms. Reno cannot speak to him without his attorney being present." Joe pointed out that one of the invited participants, Paige Comstock Cunningham, is the president of Americans United for Life—the law firm representing him in the *NOW v. Scheidler* case which is before the Supreme Court.

The explanations of the pro-life leaders fell on deaf ears.

"The Justice Department charade and the blatant attempt to cover-up their mistake was best illustrated when Stern placed his hand on Treshman's shoulder, to suggest he now leave the office. His remarks to him were simply, 'We both know what this is all about'" one pro-lifer said.

At the conclusion of the hour long meeting with Reno and seven staff members, the six pro-lifers addressed the press to discuss what transpired. Jerry Horn, vice president of the American Life League, said that many points were discussed, including: pro-life opposition to the FACE bill; the "disinvitation' of three prolifers; the manipulation of the government by the abortion lobby; and the lack of contacts, until now, with pro-lifers. The attendees told Reno that they hoped this would be the start of a regular dialogue with them so that she could hear their side of the issue, and not remain isolated with only a pro-abortion view. She then gave the pro-lifers her private fax number and agreed to stay in touch.

Paige Comstock Cunningham, of Americans United for Life, called attention to the fact that the abortion industry is the only largely unregulated one in the country, and that parents or spouses of mothers killed or maimed by abortionists generally have no recourse because of the way a typical abortion clinic is set-up, without insurance or assets in their name. She observed that in New York City alone, only seven of the abortion clinics are even licensed, and there, as in other cities, local authorities generally look the other way. The attorney general appeared most interested in the lack of regulation the abortion profiteers enjoy, and made a number of detailed notes on this matter after hearing the facts.

Jerry Horn, in a summation to the press, observed that "After twenty years of legal abortion, the pro-lifers have continued to use peaceful, non-violent direct action tactics in education, counseling, maternal assistance and other areas, and they have won many gains for life. The abortion advocates are now striving for extraordinary measures from government to in back what we have won, by attempting to take away our free speech rights."

As the exhaustive rounds of press conferences were being concluded, the excluded pro-lifers observed that several of the Justice Department officials assigned to "handle" them remarked that there was indeed a lot of growing frustration among Justice employees. Many of them say they are pro-life and realize that the movement is peaceful and also understand that certain elements within the pro-abort side are anything but peaceful. They said they know that the abortion industry is one built on lies.

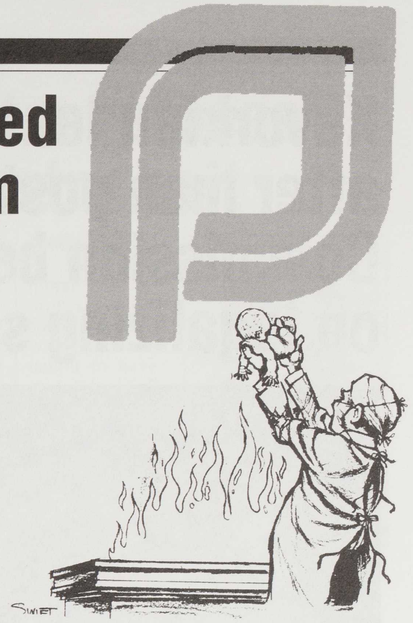
The "disinvited" leaders were able to share some first hand experiences with them showing some of the frustration pro-lifers feel when they are assaulted by pro-aborts or some police officers—and local authorities refuse to press charges on their behalf. The attitude is always the same . . . "If you were not at the clinic you would not have been hurt."

They were also told of a number of cases in which pro-aborts lied, under oath, about a pro-lifer and went on to win in the courtroom. They also discussed their concern with the FACE act, and pointed out that contrary to the attorney general's public remarks about it not impacting peaceful pro-lifers, in fact it would be misapplied just as the RICO statues have been for a number of years.

Some of the Justice employees admitted that they and their colleagues are dissatisfied with Reno—because of the heavy handed approach she has taken toward the pro-life movement, These Justice Department officers were visibly upset with the totally unprofessional manner in which she invited, then several hours later "disinvited", three pro-life leaders after receiving pressure from the abortion profiteers.

Rescue America/Nationial has billed the Justice Department for $1,200 for expenses incurred for the wasted trip to Washington.■

Planned Parenthood accused of making huge profits from contraceptive sales



La Grangeville, NY, October 15, 1993—A report by Stop Planned Parenthood, Inc. (STOPP) accuses Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) of making over $64 million a year profit from the sale of the birth control pill and other contraceptive devices. The report cites a 1992 newsletter of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association , a 1985 Federal Form 990 filed by a Planned Parenthood affiliate and a STOPP survey to demonstrate the profit made by PPFA.

In commenting on the report, STOPP's National Director, Jim Sedlak, said: "We are not accusing Planned Parenthood of illegal activity. We believe, however, that the public deserves to know the truth. Many people mistakenly believe that PPFA is some benevolent organization sacrificing itself for the betterment of society. The truth shows otherwise. Planned Parenthood receives over $140 million a year from the American taxpayer. It takes this money, gets into schools and other community organizations urging the use of contraceptives, and then makes an outlandish profit from the sale of these devices. To make matters even worse, PPFA is recognized as a non-profit organization and pays no taxes on these profits!"

The STOPP report is believed to be the first ever revealing the huge profits made by PPFA on contraceptive sales. The report noted that PPFA normally includes its contraceptive business under the general category of clinic operations. It took STOPP several years of research to gather the documentation used to produce the report.

When asked to comment on what STOPP hoped would be the impact of this report, Sedlak said: "We see three constructive things which we hope will happen. First, we ask government officials at the federal, state and local levels to look closely at taxpayer money going to Planned Parenthood. As the nation tries to do something about health costs, it seems ludicrous that the government should be supplying PPFA with money so it can increase its profits.

"Second, we hope the government will look at PPFA's tax exempt status and either remove that status or force PPFA to sell its contraceptives at a more reasonable price. A 600-700% mark-up is just not acceptable for a government-subsidized organization.

"Finally, we hope parents and all persons working with our children will recognize the true nature of Planned Parenthood and refuse to let it anywhere near our children."

STOPP is a national organization with supporters in 50 states and 20 foreign countries. Further information on STOPP and a free copy of its Report on PP Contraceptive Profits can be obtained by writing to: STOPP, P.O. Box 8, La Grangeville, New York 12540.■

Longworth sentenced to two years

By Cameron Gulden

Milwaukee, WI—Bryan Longworth, founder of Youth for America-National was sentenced to two years in Wisconsin state prison on Nov. 8 by Judge Daniel Konkol.

"What happened to Bryan is disgraceful," said Rev. Mike Skott. "Judge Konkol gagged Bryan throughout the entire trial and wouldn't allow him to say *why* he was at the abortuary. The whole trial was absolutely unfair.

"Longworth was charged with two counts of violating a permanent injuction which prohibits named defendants from coming within 50 feet of the city's five remaining abortuaries. However, Longworth is not named on the court's injunction."

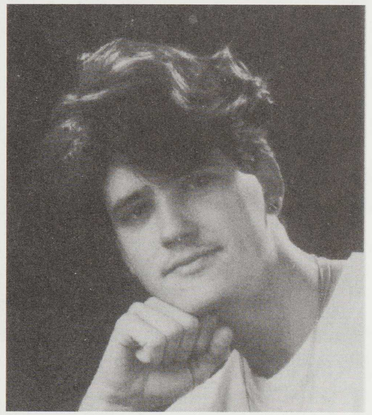
After state agents forcefully raided a July 16 rally at which Longworth was to speak, Longworth spent over 100 days awaiting his trial, despite his demand for a speedy trial, which was apparently ignored by Judge Konkol. "Though Bryan was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Konkol's kangaroo court," said Rev. Joseph Foreman, "there is a God in heaven who will reward Bryan's obedience."

During his incarceration awaiting his trial, Longworth was ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation because of his refusal to accept a public defender. Though he was deemed fully competent! the judge went against the psychiatrist's recommendation and ruled Longworth incompetent. "Each act of tyranny has a silver lining," said Rev. Matthew Trewhella. "This outrageous behavior by Judge Konkol is awakening the Church. Bryan is treading where the saints have trod, loving his neighbor as himself and paying the price."

In preparing for his defense, Longworth gathered both legal information and facts about the murder of preborn children, though according to observers at the trial, nearly every time Longworth began a sentence, he was silenced by either the judge or prosecuting attorney.

"Bryan was barely allowed to speak at all," said one person who attended the trial, which was attended by over 20 Christians and ten deathscorts. "They trampled all over his First Amendment rights and didn't care a bit."

Longworth began rescuing children in 1989, and in early 1990 began rescuing as a full time missionary. Since then, Longworth has spent nearly 20 months in jail for defending the preborn. During his four-month incarceration pending his trial, Longworth said he was able to share the Gospel with over 150 men, one of whom he baptized in the jail's sink.



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In his pre-sentencing statements, Longworth gave the judge an ultimatum. "Either let me go so I can continue to protect preborn children, or give me the death penalty," said Longworth, "because my life is worth no more than the lives of the children. ■