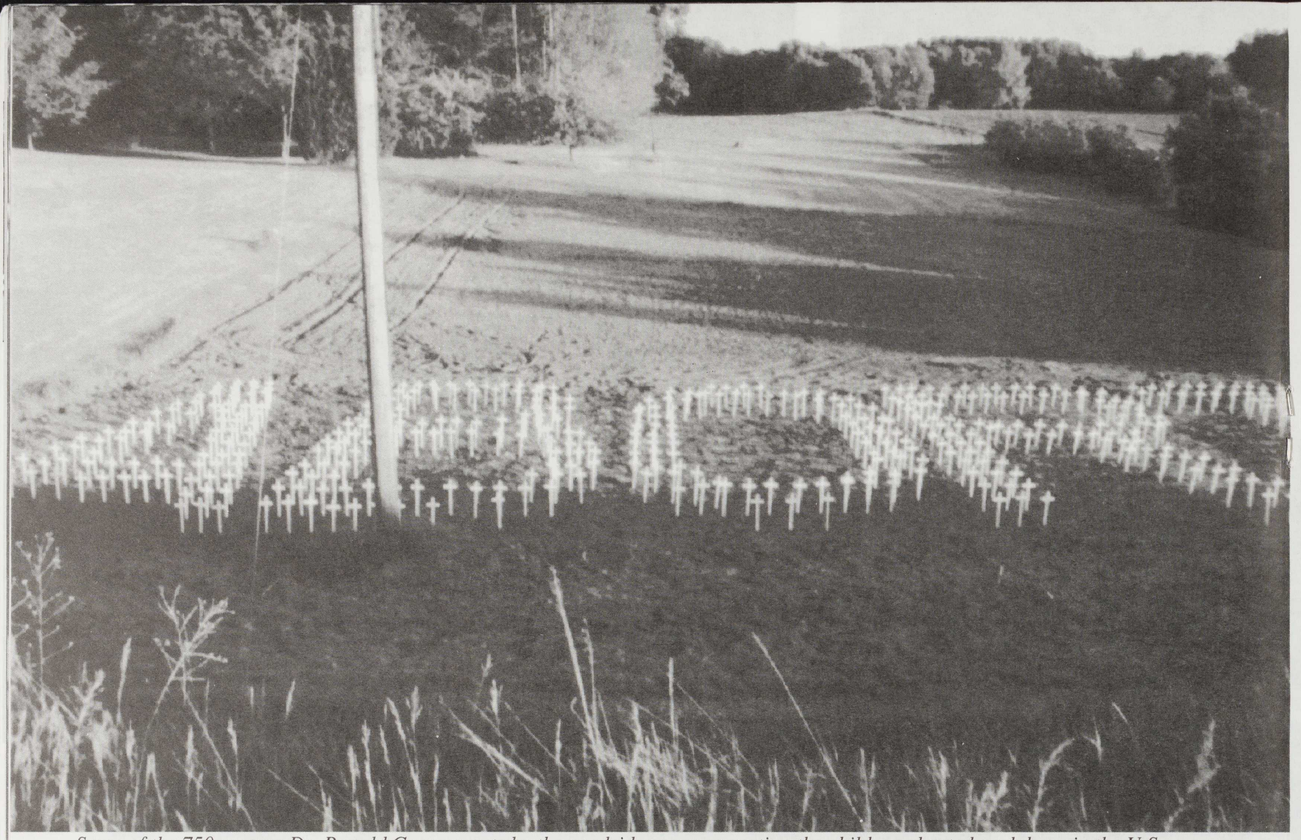


Some of the 750 crosses Dr. Ronald Graeser puts by the roadside commemorating the children aborted each hour in the U.S.

Pro-life doctor under attack for opinion

Fremont, MI — "I hesitated a long time before deciding to sign that statement," said Dr. Ronald Graeser, a physician who serves as medical examiner for three rural Michigan counties.

The "statement" was the Defenders of Defenders of Life release that called for the acquittal of Paul Hill in the shooting deaths of abortionist John Britton and his armed bodyguard, James Barrett. The statement said that Hill had probably exercised justifiable lethal force in stopping the abortionist.

Since he signed it, Graeser, 54, has gained some local notoriety. Even the serial-killing Jack Kevorkian has publicly called for Graeser's medical license to be pulled.

Kevorkian has also written to the counties of Newago, Lake, and Osceola, where Graeser serves as medical examiner, and insisted that he be fired because of his signature on the statement.

"Such unspeakably malicious conduct is patently unethical," wrote Kevorkian to Phillip Margolis of the Board of Medicine.

Some pro-lifers noted the irony of one named "Dr. Death" objecting to a supporter of Paul Hill.

In Newago County, Administrator Kurt Humphery said, "He serves the county well in his position."

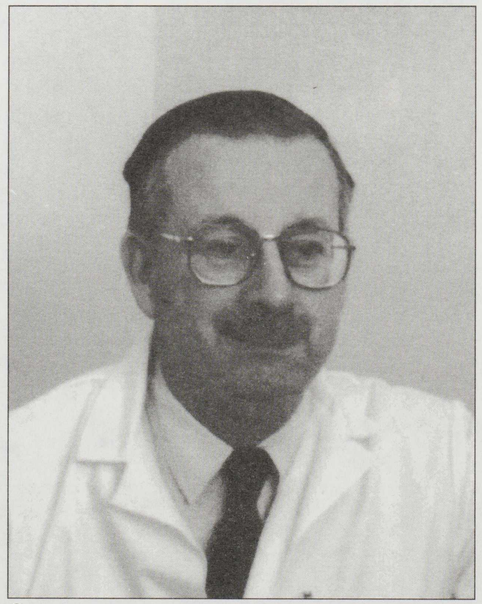
Humphery also said, "As far as I know, [Graeser's opinion] has not been an issue here."

Robert Rhine, a Lake County Commission Supervisor, when asked whether he was concerned about Graeser, said, "No, not really."

However, since those quotes, the counties have come under more pressure to fire Graeser. Lake County has scheduled a meeting to consider firing Graeser.

"I would hope there is still freedom of speech in this country," said Graeser, "but I don't think it's necessarily true."

Graeser has formerly made the news for his placement of 750 crosses on his lawn representing the number of children aborted every hour in the United States. ■



Graeser

New UN document calls for international abortion "rights"

The US has prepared a proposal for the upcoming World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) to be held in Copenhagen in March, a part of the United Nations, that calls for international implementation of school-based clinics and "health information programs."

These phrases, say pro-life activists, are euphemisms for teaching contraception and abortion.

Indeed, the proposal itself recommends "establish[ing] school-based health information programs to inform students about . . . reproductive health, including family planning."

The document adds, "Ensure that women and adolescents have access to good quality, comprehensive health care, including the full range of reproductive and sexual health care services, including access to safe abortion."

"Even though so-called 'abortion rights' were roundly rejected at the UN's ICPD meeting in Cairo a few months ago, the pushers of a worldwide 'right to abortion' have obviously decided not to give up," said Jean Guilfoyle, director of the Population Research Institute of Gaithersburg, Maryland. "They're trying an indirect approach that must be opposed as strenuously now by the threatened nations of the Third World as the one in Cairo was."

The proposed wording was introduced on January 16 by the Women's Caucus led by Women for Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). WEDO is led by well-known feminist and abortion enthusiast, Bella Abzug.

Opponents say that if the words "reproductive rights" or "family planning" are left in the document, they must be clearly modified to exclude abortion. ■

Troubled abortionist suspended in Florida

Pensacola, FL — Perhaps abortionist Stephen Brigham thought that the need to replace slain abortionist John Britton was so desperate that they would even take a man with his checkered medical career. He was right about the desperation of the Ladies Center abortuary, who hired him as soon as they could, but the State of Florida, evidently, respectfully disagreed.

After Brigham was hired, he was immediately identified by Mike and Vicki Conroy of Legal Action for Women, an organization which helps abortion-injured women file suit against malpracticing abortionists, and they sent up the red flags. Brigham had been suspended in two other states, restricted in two more, and been such a bad "provider" that the Pennsylvania NOW had issued a "consumer alert" about him and New Jersey feminists groups refused to provide "escorts" for his clinics.

Local media picked up on the information and the Conroys contacted the Florida Agency of Health Care Administration.

As of February 3, Brigham will no longer be allowed to practice in Florida during the pendency of the emergency order. He was served notice on that same date at the Pensacola Regional Airport.

"This shuts him down right now," said Ed Towey, spokesman for the state agency. "This emergency order instantly stops him from practicing." ■

Brigham