Picketers continue regular activities outside the new abortuary in Maryland.

PA abortionist quits

by Margaret Compton

Harrisburg, PA — The only area abortionist at the Harrisburg Reproductive Health Services abortuary on February 28 has quit.

Henry Train announced to pro-life picketers that he wants his name removed from their signs and the "threats" to stop. Train acknowledged to the picketers that he was aware that the threats had not come from them. He then showed picketers his bulletproof vest and cited safety reasons for himself, his family, and his ob/gyn practice as his reason for quitting.

One lone woman picketer had also demonstrated at Train's home — which is also the site of his ob/gyn practice — for the last year and a half. Train's wife gave the welcome news to this picketer. The picketer, who did not want to be named, said she was happy at the news and hoped Train would be a "real doctor."

The clinic had recently moved to a Harrisburg suburb, Camp Hill, after being evicted because the landlord tired of the regular protests.

Protests continue at the new location with regular pickets whenever the clinic is open and rallies averaging 150 people every six weeks.

In a 1992 rescue, the clinic became infamous for its gloating abortion enthusiasts showing a dead child to rescuers and saying, "Here's a little toddler that didn't get away." (*Life Advocate*, February 1993)

Local pro-lifers indicate that there is no apparent change in Train's spiritual condition, but that they still rejoice over him quitting the abortion trade.

"Henry Train was as committed to his cause as any doctor that we have ever known in our area," said Ed Snell, a local pro-life leader. "We felt it was almost impossible to move him, but, as Jesus said, 'With men, this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible.'"

The owner of the clinic, Carl E. Stave of 10109 Logan Drive, Potomac, Maryland, will replace Train.

Harrisburg area pro-lifers say they will begin to picket Stave in Maryland. ■

For years, a lone picketer stood outside abortionist Train's office—which is also his home.

Operation Rescue/National assets seized; work continues

Dallas, TX — "Planned Parenthood has stolen from God the tools He gave us to help save children," said Flip Benham, executive director of Operation Rescue/National (ORN) after the April 19 seizure of property belonging to the organization by sheriff's deputies.

The seizure was related to the $1.01 million dollar judgment awarded to Planned Parenthood of Houston, Texas. The suit was brought against ORN, Rescue America, and other pro-life groups resulting from pickets and other protest activities held during the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston.

The case is up on appeal but ORN and the other groups elected not to put up a $1 million appeal bond which would have forestalled attempts to collect the debt.

The sheriff's department was acting on a court order signed by Judge Eileen O'Neill, who has since been removed from the bench. Jane Bush, director of Choice Foundation of Dallas, admitted that the overall value of the seized materials was not very high. Supporters of ORN have been volunteering loaned equipment and furniture to replace that which was taken.

Abortion enthusiasts expressed delight at the seizure and said that contributors to ORN "might as well make out their checks to Planned Parenthood." This, however, was not a factual statement as contributions are not subject to garnishment.

ORN also had the opportunity to purge their files from the seized computers prior to their sale so the mailing list and other information will not fall into other hands.

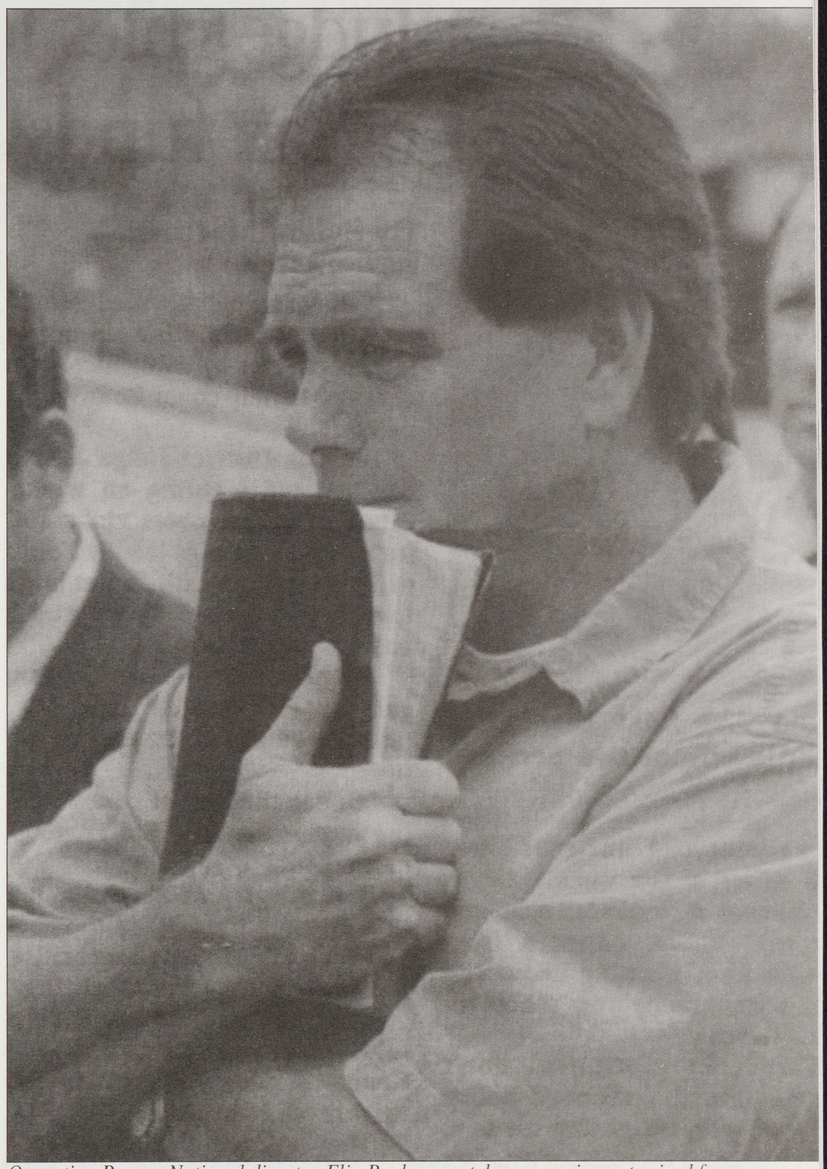
"Planned Parenthood wants to silence the Christian message all across the country," Benham said.

ORN had recently moved their national offices into a house next door to A Choice for Women abortuary in Dallas. The clinic, ironically, is operated by Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade* fame. Earlier, on March 2, another Dallas abortuary, the A to Z Women's Health Clinic, permanently closed its doors. While its former director would not attribute the closure to ORN's activities, she said, "Who's to say? Operation Rescue has spent many hours and many days out there to close down the clinic." After that event, ORN moved to its new location.

"We're at the very gates of hell, where child sacrifice takes place," Benham, 47, had said of the new headquarters.

Only two weeks later, it seems, some of the assets of ORN were apparently scorched by the fires of "the gates of hell."

On May 8, the equipment was auctioned off. Benham watched soberly as a Planned Parenthood shill, Carol Adams, outbid ORN and purchased the equipment for $3,325.



Operation Rescue National director Flip Benham watches as equipment seized from the anti-abortion group is auctioned.

Adams claimed not to be acting on behalf of Planned Parenthood but the equipment was purchased with money from abortuary staff and she said that the equipment would be given to organizations "that have been terrorized by Operation Rescue."

Benham and the ORN staff, however, are not dissuaded.

Rick Blinn, who works for ORN said, "The Christian community has already responded. We're still in the business of saving children." ■