Out of Business

Missionaries Close Another One

Gary McCullough

Metropolitan Medical Services abortuary is surrounded by police barricades and snow fences during the height of protest activity.

Milwaukee, WI — After 20 years of operation, Milwaukee's oldest abortuary, Metropolitan Medical Services located at 2625 West Wisconsin Avenue has closed its doors for good.

The abortuary cited an "economic burden" as the reason for closing. Pro-lifers have stated they "know what this economic burden is." Rev. Matthew Trewhella of Missionaries to the Preborn (MTTP) says the demand is down. "Less people are killing their babies so there is not enough business to sustain six killing-centers," he said. From 1990 to 1991, the latest available statistics, abortions dropped by 16% in the state of Wisconsin.

Trewhella said that three abortuaries have closed in Milwaukee since MTTP began nearly three years ago, leaving only five still operating. "Ten abortionists have hung up their skull-crushing forceps and no longer kill babies," he added.

"I thank God for their closing down," said Carole Robbins. For the last eight years, Robbins has stood outside Metropolitan three days a week. She has prayed, picketed, counseled and even blocked the doors, and has provided personal help to the mothers who decided to keep their babies. "When the short-term mission started last June there was a marked decrease in the number of women entering and they cut back on their killing days," she said. "It stayed that way until they finally closed for good."

Metropolitan was the site of nearly thirty rescues, and Christians went there every day they killed from last June until the permanent closing. ■

Clinton Intends to Lift Ban on Medicaid Abortions

Washington — President Clinton will go ahead with his campaign pledge to lift the ban on federal financing of abortions for poor women, White House spokesperson Dee Dee Myers said on March 30.

President Clinton

When he submits his formal budget to Congress, Clinton will recommend repeal of the Hyde amendment, named for Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Illinois. The amendment bars the use of federal Medicaid money for abortions unless the woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy.

"Repeal of the Hyde amendment will involve the federal government in coercing tax dollars from millions of American citizens whose consciences forbid them from becoming accessories," Hyde told a news conference. "I'm not optimistic, but I certainly won't throw in the towel," he said.

Hyde said the action "comes as absolutely no surprise," in view of Clinton's campaign pledges and following the Democratic convention, which produced a platform "zealously committed to abortion" and which refused to allow a speech by Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey, an abortion opponent.

But Hyde said even some pro-abortion lawmakers might oppose Clinton's move. "There are people who are pro-abortion who oppose federal funding for fiscal reasons. We have to identify those people and seek their support." He also predicted other administration moves to make abortions easier to obtain. "The most serious aspect of this inevitable move by the Clinton administration is the president's intention to propose elective abortions as a mandated benefit under his national health plan," he said. ■

Two Saved in Cherry Hill

by Robert A Brothers

Cherry Hill, NJ—The urge for a cup of coffee resulted in the saving of two lives from abortion.

The night security guard at the Cherry Hill Women's Center always uses his car to block the entrance to the parking lot of this abortion clinic during the night.

On March 19, at 7:30 a.m., with the wind-chill factor at zero degrees, the guard decided to take a quick break for a hot cup of coffee. He drove to a nearby fast-food place.

As soon as he was gone, rescuers drove two cars up against the two front doors of the free-standing one-story building.

Two men and two women, all in their 20s and 30s, quickly locked themselves under the car with kryptonite bicycle locks around their necks. A fifth rescuer remained locked inside one of the cars.

The Cherry Hill police, who are the roughest in the region against rescuers, were frustrated and stymied. An extra 20 police and firemen were called to the scene.

Diane Strauss, administrator of the abortion "clinic" and two others in nearby Philadelphia, stated, "Look at all the taxpayers' money being spent here." A few weeks earlier, during a rescue at one of her mills in Philadelphia, Strauss goaded police by boasting, "They haven't hit us in Cherry Hill for two years because of an ordinance there! Why don't you do that here?"

Cherry Hill, which is a sprawling township of more than 75,000 people, has an automatic $500 fine for anyone blocking people from getting into an abortion clinic.

George Krail, who organized the rescue, said that the Cherry Hill clinic averages 200 abortions a week. "They recently increased their killing days from two to three," Krail said. He and his wife, Tina, have adopted two babies that were saved from abortion.

Police broke the window of the locked car to get the woman rescuer out, but it was nearly five hours before they cut away rescuers from under the cars.

Meanwhile, 20 prayer supporters and sidewalk counselors were in front of the clinic. Two young women who came for abortions changed their minds after talking with the counselors and said they would allow their babies to live. The sister of one of the women thanked the pro-lifers for talking her sister out of the abortion. Two other women who came for abortions that morning left the site.

The five rescuers remained nameless "in conformity with the silence of the unborn babies" and stated they were committed to staying in jail until their trail. ■

English Government Deports Rescue Leader

Planned Activities Continue Despite Government Action

London, England—Media-hyped fears of abortuary bombings and abortionist killings have resulted in a deportation order being issued for Don Treshman, director of the Texas-based Rescue America.

Rescue America joined with Rescue Outreach, a pro-life activist group based in Scotland, for a series of pickets, lobbying efforts, and rescues scheduled in late March and early April.

When the international effort became known, British radical feminists loudly accused Treshman and Rescue America of "firebombing clinics" and implied they were involved in the killing of Florida abortionist, David Gunn.

The government acted under the "Prevention of Terrorism Act" which, until now had only been used to deport Irish Republican Army (IRA) and Mafia members. Citing that Treshman's presence was "not conducive to the public good," officials arrested Treshman on March 29, outside the BBC building following an interview he did for the Newsnight program.

"The rights of peaceful dissent are rapidly being diminished on Her Majesty's soil," said Treshman. "In this particular case, the Home Office, under pressure from 30 abortion harlots in Parliament and elsewhere, fell prey to the false media assertion that an organization I represent condones or participates in violent activity."

The planned picket outside the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) office in Regent's Park London scheduled for March 30 was postponed, but other leaders said, "The rest of our events will proceed with or without Don."

Several dozen abortion enthusiasts showed up at the time of the canceled event and 20 of them were arrested for disruptive activities. None were deported.

The deportation order allows 14 days for appeal, which Treshman is pursuing. He was released on $3,000 bond pending the deportation hearing. He is restricted from leaving London.

Scottish priest Fr. James Morrow, who helped coordinate the activities, invited Treshman to protest with him outside the offices of what he called "the biggest enemy of the human race after its ally, Satan."

The 20 others who arrived with Treshman and Rescue America assisted the British group in a rescue that took place on April 3 in Edgbaston, Birmingham. Three of the six rescuers who entered the Calthorpe Clinic there were arrested along with one abortion supporter.

Two dozen police officers kept the 40 pro-life activists separate from the group of pro-aborts. All those arrested were later released without charge.

Eight sidewalk counselors attempted to speak with abortion-bound mothers.

While Mark Laskin, assistant secretary general of IPPF, called the activities "terrorism by tourism," Ray O'Connor, a New York pro-life activist said, "We believe in direct action but that means picketing and sitting down in a prayerful mode." ■

Two London policemen force an abortion rights demonstrator into a police van outside the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Pro-Life Priest Requests FBI Investigation of Radical Abortion Terrorist Groups

Puerto Rico -- Pro-life advocate, Father Patricio Welch, has requested that the F.B.I. open an investigation regarding the possible arrival on the island of a pro-abortion terrorist group known as "Refuse and Resist." Referring to this group, Father Welch warned, "This is an extremely dangerous leftist terrorist group, which the F.B.I. has investigated in other cities of the U.S., for attacking pro-life organizations, and for other terrorist acts against the government."

> *"[Refuse and Resist] is an extremely dangerous leftist terrorist group, which the FBI has investigated in other cities in the U.S., for attacking pro-life organizations, and for other terrorist acts against the government."*

Father Welch has over the last two years organized and carried out numerous rescues that have resulted in the lives of dozens of children being spared. Most recently, he led over 500 people in a rescue that took place one week before Christmas in San Juan.

Father Welch claims that recently numerous threats have been directed at him and his supporters by means of intimidating telephone calls demanding that he and others "get the hell out of Puerto Rico, or else." In addition to the threats, three vehicles have been physically damaged, tire bolts loosened, and brake systems tampered with.

In a formal statement, Father Welch has also charged that "there is an element protesting against us in Puerto Rico composed of homosexual activists. The group is known as 'Act Up.' The lawyers representing the anti-life groups are organizing protests with the participation of university professors from the University of Puerto Rico (Rio Piedras and Cayey campus), and from the Sacred Heart University. These professors, in turn, consider anti-life protests and court hearings as class projects, forcing students to participate. I strongly urge all Puerto Rican families to carefully evaluate the institutions in which these professors have infiltrated and investigate their activities. The government must investigate the possibility that tax dollars are utilized to support feminist anti-life activities." ■