

The Royal Death Scheme

by Anton Chaitkin

Sept. 10—The British Royal Family and panicky City of London financiers began implementing, in 2008, a program to kill elderly and other sick people, precisely repeating the opening phase of Hitler's 1939 Tiergarten-4 euthanasia program. Under the Liverpool Care Pathway, adopted for general use by the National Health Service, those showing symptoms that might foreshadow death are to be killed by heavy narcotics and the withdrawal of fluids and nutrition. The policy accounted for about one-sixth of all deaths in Britain last year, according to a study by Dr. Clive Seale of the Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

When the world financial system meltdown began in 2007, British imperial leaders pursued drastic shifts in funds away from public services and into bailouts of the London-Wall Street axis. They rushed into general practice a euthanasia policy that had been introduced as a pilot project in 2003-04 by then-Prime Minister Tony Blair and royal health advisor Simon Stevens.

This British fascist agenda was exported to the United States for adoption by the incoming Obama Administration.

The King's Fund is the official agency driving the new euthanasia. A government-funded charity, called, alternatively, Marie Curie Cancer Care or Marie Curie Hospice, is the operations center tasked with shaping the killing program. Prince Charles has been president of the King's Fund since 1986, and president of the Marie Curie Hospice organization since about 2000.

What is today called the King's Fund was created in the late 19th Century by the Prince of Wales. After he became King Edward VII, the agency was incorporated in 1907 as King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. This was the Royal Family's planning center for the reform of health care, in accord with the Empire's innovation of the time, eugenics, or race-purification theory.

To start up the new killing program in 2008, the Queen became the Patron; the agency was re-incorporated under the name King's Fund; and Prince Charles and his retainers went into overdrive.

The King's Fund and the Marie Curie Hospice were merged for action with the June 24, 2008 announcement that King's Fund Policy and Development Director Steve Dewar would henceforth lead both agencies, to "develop the contribution of both organizations to the further improvement of end-of-life services across the U.K." In July 2008, the National Health Service published its End of Life Care Strategy, developed by an NHS Strategy unit set up for the new euthanasia program.

The Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute in Liverpool is one of two centers for experimental killing regimes. Out of this has come the procedure called the Liverpool Care Pathway, with its Continuous Deep Sedation procedure for euthanasia, which has recently broken into the headlines in Britain due to a public protest by physicians against the murders.

'Doing Less with Less'

Marie Curie chief executive Tom Hughes-Hallett, a King's Fund Senior Associate, chairs the external Implementation Advisory Board for the national End of Life Care Strategy. In his forward to the Board's first annual report, published by the National Health Service in July 2009, Hughes-Hallett wrote:

"We're trying to change the way this country thinks about and responds to the idea of death. We're trying to change the way the medical and social care professions think about and respond to death. We're trying to change the way end of life care services are commissioned."

Hughes-Hallett, a City of London financier, wrote further on the urgency of getting the killing program going full blast: "One thing that has changed quickly, and unexpectedly, is the financial climate. For this financial year and the next, the NHS has new money for this strategy. After that things are much less certain...."

In that Strategy Report, the "end of life care pathway" proceeds from "Step One: Identifying people who are approaching the end of life," to "Step Six: Care After Death," or what to do with the bodies and the survivors, and the sticky problem of the death certificate. If the medical staff is to kill patients, they will run into what faced the Nazis in their T-4 euthanasia program: how to convincingly lie that the deaths resulted from underlying conditions, rather than homicide. The Strategy document hints at this dilemma: "In response to ... evidence that carers were being forced to wait unacceptable amounts of time for a doctor to verify the death ... it was proposed that a policy be developed allowing

nurses to perform this function.”

A National Health Service-commissioned report by McKinsey and Company, calling for saving \$32 billion per year by drastic cuts in health care, was leaked to the press last week. King’s Fund chief economist John Appleby (quoted in *Time* magazine, Sept. 9, 2009) responded that these savings must be accomplished by finding “ways to counter rising health-care costs associated with an aging population, expensive new medical treatments and rising patient expectations.” King’s Fund chief executive Niall Dickson chimed in that, rather than doing more with less resources, “Doing less with less seems a more realistic scenario.”

The Royal euthanasia program was introduced as a

pilot project in 2003 and 2004, by Simon Stevens, Blair’s chief advisor on health policy 2001-04). In 2007, Stevens came to the United States to spread the euthanasia project here, becoming vice president of the Minnesota-based UnitedHealth Group, a massive private health insurance company for the United States and Britain, including the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Stevens’ official job is to advise all private health insurers to get behind the new agenda for health-care reform.

Continuing as a trustee of the King’s Fund for Prince Charles in London, Stevens connects President Obama with the London-Wall Street axis, for implementation of its urgent strategy in the face of financial catastrophe.

Simon Stevens and His Mobile Death Squads

Sept. 17—Royal Family courtier Simon Stevens was Britain’s “Death Minister,” simultaneously advising Prime Minister Tony Blair and successive health ministers from 1997 to 2004.

From that post, in 1999, he established NICE, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, to ration health care. In 2000, he crafted the plan for creeping privatization of the National Health Service. In 2002, as fascist financiers claimed that the elderly were “clogging the beds,” Stevens arranged a National Health Service contract with UnitedHealth Group’s Evercare Hospice unit, to conduct pilot studies on how to restrict hospital access for older patients.

Based on the mind-set in the Evercare contract and Evercare’s pilot-project report, Stevens then put into effect the Liverpool Care Pathway, an experimental program for killing the frail elderly.

In 2004, Stevens left the Blair government to become chief executive of UnitedHealth Group’s European division. Then, in 2007, he moved to the United States to become chief executive of the elderly (“Ovations”) division of the company, where he oversees the Evercare Hospice unit. The Minne-

apolis-based UnitedHealth Group was founded in 1974, as an outgrowth of President Richard Nixon’s 1971 deal to establish health management organizations (HMOs).

UnitedHealth Group and its allies at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation put millions of dollars into the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care 2008, a propaganda sheet that is demanding lower medical costs (see series by Dr. Ned Rosinsky, *EIR*, July 31, Sept. 11, 2009).

Stevens’ photograph is displayed on the website of the American Association of Retired Persons, whose 40 million members are advised to buy AARP-endorsed insurance—from Evercare. In effect, UnitedHealth has simply bought AARP for this purpose, paying for this promotion.

During Spring 2009, Stevens was all over the American media, beating the drums for austerity “reform.” Quoting the phony Dartmouth Atlas statistics, Stevens demanded \$540 billion in cuts from payments for medical services to the elderly and poor.

Working with the George Soros apparatus, Stevens is now a central player in the London-Wall Street axis that is driving President Obama’s health-care reform. *Business Week* (Aug. 17), gloating under the headline, “Why Health Insurers Are Winning,” featured a full-page photo of Stevens, overshadowing the U.S. Capitol Building.

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