

THE ABORTION RACKET -AMERICA'S SHAME

Not only are half a million potential American lives blotted out every year by the abortionists, but fifty thousand women are also killed. What is worse, this racket is increasing alarmingly!



Ten per cent of the women who undergo abortions die in agony. Others suffer permanent damage.

By A. B. STEVENS

THE cop's stomach slowly churned and his nose wrinkled at the sour odor of rotten garbage as he beamed his flashlight from side to side of a narrow alleyway behind a row of tenement houses in the Montreal dock area.

Suddenly the cop tensed and the odor of rotten garbage no longer bothered him. "Sacre bleu!" he exclaimed. His flashlight beam centered on the figure of a girl huddled brokenly almost at his feet. His teeth gritted in anger as he took in her disarranged clothes.

"Sex attack," he muttered, as he knelt down beside the girl. He reached automatically for a pulse beat even though he knew the girl was dead. He got to his feet and hurried toward a nearby call box.

Based on the fact the girl's clothing was disarranged and bloodstained it was understandable for the cop to assume she was the victim of a sex attack. But he was mistaken. Later, autopsy reports proved him wrong.

The dead girl, age about 20, was the victim of a hacking quack—an abortionist. And although she hadn't realized it at the time, the hacking quack who had cheerfully promised to rid her of an unborn child fully realized that chances were he would kill the girl as well as the child she didn't desire. But, being typical of his kind of human louse he didn't let a little matter of possible double murder bar him from collecting a fee.

During the same week the butchered Montreal girl was found, a similar incident, differing only in setting, occurred in New York City. The 19-year-old daughter of a business man returned home from what her parents believed to be an evening at a nearby movie house.

When the girl entered her home her parents remarked how pale she appeared. The girl said, "she just had a headache," and went upstairs to her room.

2 ABORTION

About 2 A.M. that morning the parents heard groans coming from their daughter's room. Upon entering they found the girl writhing on the bed in great pain. The family doctor was immediately called and after examining the girl ordered her rushed to the hospital. She died shortly after admittance.

The heartbroken parents learned the "movie" the girl had attended was a session with an abortionist. Death was caused by massive hemorrhages from a torn uterus. The girl's premature and agonizing death cost her \$250.



ARE the tragic deaths of the Montreal and New York girls isolated cases of women dying at the hands of a bungling abortionist?

Unfortunately, police records and autopsy reports tell us the answer is no. Contrary to popular belief, the abortion game is not run by kindly old women who wish to help unfortunate girls or married women who can't afford a child.

It is a foul business run by organized vice rings and individuals whose only concern is to make blood money as fast and as often as they can.

Last November, Constable Leo Joseph, of the Ontario Provincial Police, flagged down an automobile near Windsor to warn the driver that the car had faulty headlights. When the constable looked into the car he saw a girl and a man, as well as the driver. He also noticed the girl didn't appear well and was obviously frightened. The constable took the occupants of the car to the station.

Examination by a police doctor showed the girl had just undergone an illegal operation. Joint investigation by Windsor and Detroit police established that the girl had been operated upon by a member of an abortion ring working U.S. and Canadian border cities. Super salesmen were drumming up business in bars, industrial plants, offices, and dance halls. They boasted to prospective clients that "their rates were reasonable."

ABORTION



Unmarried women make up majority of abortion victims. Wealthy girls face the same hazards as poor girls at the hands of abortionists.

During a recent investigation by the California State Crime Commission it was stated that organized vice rings in Fresno did a particularly thriving trade in abortions, transporting women in and out of town by plane to illicit motels where the operation was performed. It is highly improbable that they transported back the bodies of women who didn't survive their ordeal.

THE tragedy of the abortion racket is threefold in that chances of the woman losing her life are high. A potential citizen is lost. And much of the need for abortion can be easily removed. Of all the racketeers that plague us, none is more of a national shame than the hacking quack.

The following facts give us an idea of the horrible size of the abortion racket:

The text book, *Legal Medicine and Toxicology*, 2nd. ed. Vol. 1, reads in part, "More potential children are killed each year than are born."

Dr. Beatrice Bishop Berle, of the Gallinger Hospital, Washington, D.C., says, "Abortions accounted for 24 per cent of maternal deaths in the District of Columbia during the war years."

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, says about hacking quacks and their deeds, "Criminal abortion is increasing alarmingly. Twenty to thirty per cent of pregnancies terminate in abortion."

"Ignorance is at the root of most harm that comes from abortion. Every mature woman should know its danger. The time has come for widespread study of this sociological and economic problem."

Dr. Robert L. Dickenson, an outstanding gynecologist and a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, has made an extensive study of the abortion problem and says, "At least half a million abortions occur annually in this country."

"Few operations offer more uncertainty or difficulty and most of them are performed by border line M.D.'s uninstructed in expert technique. Little or no after care is



ABORTION

given. American women pay dearly for their ignorance through long illness and a high death rate."

All reputable medical men agree that even when performed under the best conditions an abortion is a serious operation. Quacks who perform abortions do the operation and have the woman away from their office in thirty to 90 minutes from the time they enter.

Dr. Thomas Parran, a Surgeon General of the United States public Health Service, has said, "For every one hundred women who die in pregnancy or childbirth, twenty-four perish from abortions. Three-quarters of these deaths are due to blood poisoning. Hemorrhaging accounts for many more."

Even the woman who survives an abortion is not let off easy. Bellevue Hospital, New York, reports that 22 per cent of all obstetrical patients are admitted for repair of damages, such as blood poisoning, and internal tears, caused by abortions.

AT the present time Armed Forces man-power chiefs are finding it increasingly difficult to fill their quotas. This can be blamed on a past generation of hacking quacks, and in view of the size of the abortion racket, the problem of finding future man-power will be more difficult.

Dr. Nicholas J. Eastman, Obstetrician In Chief of the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, says, "Estimates range from 100,000 to over 500,000 potential American lives blotted out yearly by abortionists."

During his term of office as District Attorney of New York State Frank S. Hogan, a man abortionists had good reason to fear, smashed a ring that took in over \$150,000 a year. Taking \$200 as the average fee charged per abortion, this means at least 750 potential lives lost. And of course, we have an unknown number of women who didn't survive their abortion.

Special Prosecutor John Amen disclosed during an investigation of the abortion racket that in Brooklyn, New York, one hundred enterprising quacks had performed operations at the rate of 20 a week each.

One ambitious butcher testified that he had performed 20,000 abortions and made hundreds of thousands of dollars. A little simple arithmetic shows that this quack may have caused the death of 2,000 women, based on the medically accepted fact that 10 per cent of abortions kill the patient.

In Baltimore a knife-happy quack testified that he'd performed 4,000 abortions in six years. His loathesome record was broken by a brother butcher who claimed to have performed 3,000 abortions in one year.

ABORTION

Time Magazine reported a chain of abortoriums operating on the Pacific coast that did a million-dollar-a-year business until the human rats that ran the show were arrested.



posed by professional models

WHY is an abortion such a dangerous and often deadly operation?

Most hacking quacks perform what is known medically as a curettage, in which the surface of the womb is scraped with a curette. This instrument looks like a spoon with a long handle and a small, sharp edged bowl.

The quack relies only on his sense of touch and must work in haste. The curette is an extremely dangerous instrument unless handled by an expert.

The abortionist too often punctures the walls of the womb, and when this happens the end result is death due to blood poisoning or hemorrhaging.

Although most abortionists use the curette, there are some who prefer the syringe method. This is just as dangerous and as deadly as the curette.

Various types of pastes and jellies are injected into the womb by syringe. Often this technique does not induce abortion. It can, however, induce sudden death.

According to Dr. Frederick J. Taussig, author of a medical text

ABORTION

on abortion, the syringe technique "Can result in particles of fat or air bubbles from the injection being forced into the blood vessels causing clot formations and leading to sudden death."

Always out for a fast and bloody dollar, hacking quacks will operate on women *who are not pregnant*, even though the women may believe they are pregnant.

Dr. Hannah M. Stone, Medical Director of the Margaret M. Sangster Birth Control Clinic, reports that "In a study of 500 women who came for pregnancy examination over 50 per cent of the women who believed themselves pregnant were not."

According to the code of the hacking quack, a non-pregnant condition of a client is no reason not to perform an abortion. As a matter of fact, very few abortionists ever examine a patient to determine whether she is or is not pregnant.

A short time ago in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Earl Clouse was sentenced to 10 years in Kingston Penitentiary for performing an illegal operation. His victim was a young stenographer, and as is common an emergency occurred during the operation.

Instead of sending the girl to a hospital where she might have had a chance of survival, the doctor sent her home. The girl died ten days later.

Mr. Justice Ferguson said, in sentencing the elderly doctor, "that to have sacrificed the life of a girl to protect himself was the lowest thing a physician could do, and that he was lucky no more a serious charge than manslaughter had been laid against him." Autopsy reports showed the girl *was not pregnant*.

ARE all abortionists shady doctors?

Some hacking quacks are "respected" medical men. But they are also rooming house operators, clerks, even messenger boys. Many quacks are ex-medical students who didn't have either the brains or the guts to finish their course. Some are doctors who have been struck off the medical register for unethical conduct.

Commercial vice rings are always on the lookout for doctors barred from practicing. Such doctors are often in a frame of mind that makes it easy to talk and buy them into performing an abortion.

Once a doctor performs his first illegal operation for a ring he's in to stay. He can't get out without incriminating himself, and that would mean a jail term.

If a shady, but skilled medical man can kill or cripple a woman

ABORTION

makes it easy to talk and buy them into performing an abortion.

Once a doctor performs his first illegal operation for a ring he's in to stay. He can't get out without incriminating himself, and that would mean a jail term.

If a shady, but skilled medical man can kill or cripple a woman during an abortion, what chance has she got with an untrained operator?

WHAT type of women go to a hacking quack?

Statistics show the abortion victims include the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. And as many married women as single ones have stained abortion tables with their life blood.

One ambitious quack, Dr. Louis G. Small, evidently had a soft spot in his heart for the wealthy. A list of his patients reads like a convention list comprised of socialites.

Dr. Small had special offices on East 63rd Street, New York City, and for ten weeks police kept watch on his seven room office watching mink clad ladies get out of chauffeur-driven cars.

Finally a policewoman visited the doctor and told him of her "distress." Police officers got their evidence and the doctor was picked up. He was convicted on ten counts of abortion and sentenced to Sing Sing.

Dr. Small was released on \$12,000 bail pending an appeal, which he promptly skipped. He was picked up a year later in Eastman, Georgia, and again took off. At last reports the doctor was still at large, probably hacking his way out of the country.

Why do women go to hacking quacks?

A simple answer would be, "because they don't want a child." The answer isn't that simple. As a rule, the married woman goes to an abortionist because she cannot afford another child.

A study made by the Milbank Memorial Fund shows that for women on relief in New York City, there were 36 abortions per 100 women. This is a far higher percentage than for any other group.

There are also a number of women who cheat on their husbands. Frantic at the thought of being found out they are more than willing to risk all if it will avoid detection.

HOW can the hacking quack be eliminated?

Some authorities say the answer is legalized abortion performed by skilled doctors. This proposal is met with outright condemnation by all

ABORTION

religious groups and many brilliant medical men. These people point to the Russian Legalized abortion experiment which indicates that an abortion is never a simple operation.

Recently, after a 10 year legalized abortion experiment the Soviet Union again made the operation illegal. It was found that even though skilled surgeons performed the operation the after-effects were serious.

The women developed tumors, infection, and retinal blindness. About 10 per cent were rendered sterile and a considerable number of patients developed serious guilt complexes. In general, it was found the physical and mental health of the aborted woman deteriorated.

Many social workers and police officials claim that the hacking quack would receive a serious blow if married women who cannot afford a child were to receive state assistance until they are financially able to look after their baby.

The problem of the single woman is perhaps even simpler. We, in our narrow mindedness, drive many of these women to the hacking quack. Our witch hunting attitude toward the single pregnant woman drives them to abortion.

A woman judge has said, "She is the girl to whom society says 'if you have the abortion you'll go to hell.' On the other hand 'if you have the baby we'll make it hellish for both of you.' What can the girl do?"

Many medical men say the answer to the abortion racket is more widely spread information on birth control. But here, society argues moral values pro and con. And while society argues women run for the nearest hacking quack.

Dr. Nicholas J. Eastman, Obstetrician In Chief, John Hopkins Hospital says, "Beyond question any reduction in the incident of abortion, whether criminal or therapeutic, must depend in a large part on provision of effective medical contraception."

As long as conditions exist that drive women to the hacking quack and his trade of double murder, we have no right to call ourselves good citizens. Conditions that make the abortion racket flourish can be to a great extent controlled. As long as the abortion racket thrives it remains a national shame.

SIR!
A MAGAZINE
FOR MALES

October, 1954

p. 18