

A Self-Proclaimed Rebel with a Cause

"No Gods No Masters"

So read the proclamation beneath the masthead of *The Woman Rebel*, a spirited journal launched in 1914 by a resolute and engaging reformer who would proceed to mold public thought both in America and abroad as few people in history have done.

In the course of her mission, this daughter of a "village Atheist"¹ would also mold a business empire to match her international notoriety.

Annual income would eventually rise to hundreds of millions, and her devoted admirers and benefactors would include leaders of Wall Street, government, and manufacturing. Of education, medicine, and the arts. From New York, London, Frankfurt, Paris.

American presidents and industrial magnates would squeeze her winsome hand, while the moral certainties girding the world's oldest living republic—America—anguished beneath her conquest.

In the end (1966), death would find her the frail victim of delusion and despair. Yet within her assertive legacy burgeoned the sexual revolution and "new morality" now engulfing America and the world.

In life she was known as a "Radiant Rebel." Two decades later, her pervasive influence garnered her the title "Architect of Modern Society."² It is a title she would have cherished for the legacy she fashioned—and laid over the battered remains of Judeo-Christian ethics she sought to destroy.

THE EARLY YEARS

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), was born into the Corning, New York, family of Michael Higgins in 1879. She was the sixth of 11 children in a family that knew poverty and humiliation, due largely to unsteady family leadership.

Bright, self-willed and venturesome, Margaret followed the "free-thinking" path of her Irish-immigrant father, an outspoken Socialist and skeptic who placed phrenology above divine revelation and denied his devoted, tubercular wife Anne the privilege of attending church. Margaret described her early home life as "joyless" and willingly exchanged it for boarding school at Claverack College, where she immersed herself in academics, friendships, and un-chaperoned romance.³

At age 18, she and friend Corey Albertson shared a brief trial marriage. In 1902, in an impromptu ceremony, she married the respectable William Sanger, father of her three children and recurrent victim of her adultery. Her journal *The Woman Rebel* would later call marriage "the most degenerating influence of the social order . . . a decadent institution,"⁴ and would urge for women (and men) a voluntary association among sexual partners. "The basic freedom of the world is woman's freedom," Sanger wrote in her book *Woman and the New Race*.⁵

In young adulthood, Margaret developed a malice for the church that hardened with passing years. She came to regard Christianity as an "infamous" and "parasitic"⁶ institution that victimized women through its allegiance to childbirth. Additionally, she explained in *What Every Boy and Girl Should Know* that a primary "aim of life" is to "free all inhibitions."⁷

That she achieved. After liberating herself from Christian (cont. on p. 3)

What The Facts Reveal About PLANNED PARENTHOOD



"These [Planned Parenthood] clinics have a vested interest in promoting and encouraging teen fornication; profiting from teen fornication and its attendant side effects is Planned Parenthood's business . . . Planned Parenthood's insatiable desire for more and more tax dollars has led it to oppose chastity programs and parental consent laws, because reducing teen fornication spells disaster for Planned Parenthood."³¹
—Robert Ruff, author of *Aborting Planned Parenthood*

"Planned Parenthood profits tremendously from sex, and its counseling is geared toward promoting its products (contraceptives) and services (abortion). A pregnant teenager, confused and vulnerable, who looks to Planned Parenthood for neutral and complete information is all but guaranteed to be given the opposite: selective information calculated to sell abortions."³²
—David Kupelian, Journalist, and Jo Ann Gasper, former U.S. Department of Health and Human Services official

A Record of Greed, Deception, and Devastation

The skill with which Planned Parenthood has deceived America is a marvel of historic proportion.

While contributing steadily to current epidemics and working compatibly with the pornography industry,³³ Planned Parenthood, with 167 affiliates and 857 clinics, has not only escaped the legal ire directed at porno chieftains but has, instead, earned a key to the federal treasury, an endorsement from the National Education Association, and lucrative favor from corporate donors.

Wrote author-lecturer Bernard Nathanson, M.D.: "Only an utterly ruthless, steely-nerved manipulator such as [Margaret] Sanger could have parlayed a daring, New Age-style immorality into a massive, multibillion-dollar enterprise . . ."³⁴

MASTER OF DECEPTION

Statistical evidence confirming the failure of Planned Parenthood's "morally neutral" sex education programs abounds, with minimal refutation from Planned Parenthood and the "family planning" industry.

To say Planned Parenthood is no leader in the battle to curb teenage pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is a pronounced understatement. As various researchers have shown, Planned Parenthood is "not even in the battle"³⁵ but is, instead, a substantial part of the problem.

Essentially, Planned Parenthood promotes and facilitates "free sex." In the process, it focuses on economic gain, on enlarging its clientele, and on advancing its aberrant social agenda in America and the world.

How could that be? How could the arsonist who fuels the blaze join the fire department's payroll and otherwise benefit from the department's good graces? Yet that is precisely what Margaret Sanger and her successors have done.

Their message has been enticing, their resolve unyielding, and their public strategy artfully honed. While living, Sanger spoke passionately of loving relationships and family values yet did more to undermine the traditional family than any other American, before or since her death. As for her own role as parent, Sanger's son Grant lamented: "Mother was seldom around. She just left us with anybody handy, and ran off we didn't know where."³⁶ Grant attributed the death of his sister Peggy to his mother's extended absences and neglect.³⁷

In addition to broad sexual freedom for heterosexuals, gays, and lesbians, Planned Parenthood has pressed for tax-funded abortions through nine months of pregnancy; for defeat of all spousal and parental consent legislation relative to abortion rights; for strict international population controls via sterilization, abortion, and government coercion (as seen in China's "one child per

family" policy); for liberal sexual privileges and contraception for youth; and for a basic restructuring of America's value system.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S MASTER STROKE

Unique to Planned Parenthood's approach to sexuality counseling and services is the fact that *profits rely not on the triumph of its sex education and birth control programs but on their failure*—which allows Planned Parenthood to seek annually, from Congress and private donors, increased funding with which to "fight" the "growing epidemics" that Planned Parenthood itself helps to nurture (see p. 2, "Birth Control Programs Increase Teen Pregnancies, Abortions, and STDs").

Succinctly put by author George Grant, ". . . the 'failure' of [Planned Parenthood's] sex education programs has been its greatest 'success.'"³⁸ □

RESULTS WORSE THAN FAILURE

The role of "family planning" in public health has been tragedy compounded. Aided by political gains after the 1940s, industry leader Planned Parenthood grew in the 1960s with the sexual revolution it crafted; and since passage of major funding for family planning in 1970, it has received from government about \$3 billion (plus corporate and individual donations) with which to establish "safe sex" programs and clinic "services" in America's cities, towns, and schools. Additional billions of dollars have gone to Planned Parenthood's allies and government administered programs.

The results? From 1960 to 1990, premarital teen pregnancies in the U.S. doubled, and the teen illegitimate birth rate almost tripled.³⁹ Teen abortions rose over 400%,⁴⁰ forcible rape rose 600%,⁴¹ and child abuse rose almost 1500%.⁴² During the same period, student academic achievement declined sharply, the violent juvenile crime arrest rate tripled, the teen suicide rate tripled, and the percentage of single-parent homes tripled.⁴³ Also by 1990, the U.S. divorce rate had more than doubled, the marriage rate had declined 25%,⁴⁴ and 12 million Americans, including three million teenagers,⁴⁵ were contracting a sexually transmitted disease annually.

While not alone in undermining America's traditional values, Planned Parenthood has been a leading contributor to the alarming statistics above. Even so, the "freedoms" and moral relativism advanced by Planned Parenthood, SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S.), and their fellow "family planners" readily appeal to the social and political views of many government officials and educators. □

Birth Control Programs Increase Teen Pregnancies, Abortions, and STDs

Most U.S. adults refuse to endorse premarital sex, yet many believe sexually active teens who are “determined” to have sex should be given “protection” against STDs and especially AIDS. This view may sound reasonable, even compassionate; but the evidence, for over two decades, has proven it to be self-defeating, as shown below:

◆ In *Birth Control for Teenagers: Diagram for Disaster*, Drs. James Ford and Michael Schwartz found in their analysis of Planned Parenthood research data that, in that set of data, “contraceptive users were 20% more likely to become unintentionally pregnant than were girls who did not use contraceptives.”⁴⁶ Probable reasons include more frequent intercourse, carelessness and false security, more partners, intercourse at a younger age, and greater reliance on abortion.

◆ In *Effects of Family Planning Programs for Teenagers on Adolescent Birth and Pregnancy Rates*, researchers Joseph A. Olsen and Stan E. Weed wrote: “As the number and proportion of teenage family planning clients increased, we observed a corresponding increase in the teenage pregnancy and abortion rates: 50 to 120 more pregnancies per thousand clients.”⁴⁷

◆ Professor of economics and statistics Dr. Jacqueline Kasun reported in “Teenage Pregnancy: Media Effects Versus Facts” that “for every additional million dollars given to family planners by the federal government, an additional 2,000 adolescent pregnancies were occurring two years later.”⁴⁸

Kasun also found that states most heavily invested in family planning programs have the highest incidence of premarital pregnancy and abortion and that an actual reduction in state government appropriations to family planning led to a reduction in teen pregnancies and abortions.⁴⁹

◆ Planned Parenthood’s sex education programs betray youth by reducing the protective “sexual guilt” that has traditionally restrained most youth from engaging in sexual intercourse prior to marriage. Dr. Phillips Cutright, in 1971, was first to confirm a decline in “sexual guilt” and an increase in promiscuity as a result of government endorsement of adolescent birth control programs.⁵⁰

Since Cutright, other confirming studies have been published, including “Premarital Sexual Guilt and Contraceptive Attitudes and Behavior” by Dr. Edward S. Herold and Marilyn Goodwin, who saw “sexual guilt” drop from 41% to 8%, as sexual activity continued with use of contraception.⁵¹

◆ Wrote Dr. Douglas Smith, a former family planning director in Tennessee: “Contrary to claims that the knowledge of birth control is the truth that sets one free, these programs often result in just the opposite, chaining young people to a loss of self-respect, moral dissipation, and unrelenting guilt. They present teenage sexual activity as an acceptable lifestyle, providing teenagers use the agents of exploitation that they peddle”⁵²

◆ *Teen Pregnancy: What Is Being Done? A State-by-State Look*, by the House Select Committee on Children, Youth & Families (Minority Views, 1985) stated: “Currently, federal policy mandates that children be given contraceptives without their parents’ knowledge and consent. The result has been a dramatic increase in the rate of pregnancy among unmarried teens, due to a proportionate increase in sexual activity among unmarried teens and no decrease in pregnancy rates for those who are sexually active.”⁵³

◆ To gain clients, Planned Parenthood endeavors to counsel adolescents onto contraceptives before the youth are sexually active. Once active, adolescents who use contraceptives experience sexual intercourse more frequently than do peers without birth control. Garris, Steckler, and McIntire found among teenage contraceptive users a rise from 8.8 to 13.4 acts monthly, within six to eight months of their first clinic visit.⁵⁴ In 1992, Planned Parenthood’s estimated profit from birth control pills alone was \$64 million in the U.S., and of their total sales of birth control devices, only 15% gave any protection against STDs (including AIDS).⁵⁵

◆ Analyst Robert Ruff used a binomial probability formula to extrapolate Planned Parenthood’s published first-year contraception failure rates and found the chance of a sexually active 14-year-old girl, on the pill, getting pregnant a) by age 19 was 44%; b) by age 24 was 69%; c) of getting pregnant twice by age 24 was 30%; d) if she relies on condoms (till age 24) 87%, and of getting pregnant twice 57%.⁵⁶ Planned Parenthood is America’s most active abortion provider, and 98% of abortions in the U.S. are for birth control. Almost half are repeat abortions.

◆ Planned Parenthood has said that “comprehensive sex education” must contain four of the following six topics:

1. Biological facts about reproduction.
2. Talk about coping with your sexual development.
3. Information about different kinds of birth control.
4. Information about preventing sexual abuse.
5. Facts about abortion.
6. Facts about where to get contraceptives.⁵⁷

Notably absent from the preceding list is any mention of abstinence education, ethics, or sexually transmitted diseases (including AIDS).

◆ Rockford Institute president Allan Carlson has outlined the sex education industry’s strategy for “a new moral and sexual order.”⁵⁸ as follows: 1) declare the old morality dead; 2) destroy the residual influence of tradition and religion; 3) make everything relative by recasting the traditional as the abnormal; 4) declare religious opinion unacceptable in public debate; 5) advocate “choice”; 6) advance the “contraceptive” solution; 7) seize control of the schools and indoctrinate the young.⁵⁹

“About 10 years ago I declared that the pill would not lead to promiscuity. Well, I was wrong.”⁶⁰ —Dr. Robert Kistner, Harvard University contraceptive developer

“Just as Planned Parenthood’s wealth and prestige has been built on death, defilement, and destruction, its reputation has been built on deception, disinformation, and distortion. It is a reputation built on illusion.”⁶¹ —George Grant, author of *Grand Illusions: The Legacy of Planned Parenthood*

“Abstinence” as Defined by Planned Parenthood

While committed to virtually uncensored recreational sex, Planned Parenthood finds abstinence a strategic weapon to use with unsuspecting audiences that assume abstinence has the same meaning for everyone.

Not so. *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, a volume Planned Parenthood recommends, gives the family planning/birth control industry definition of abstinence, as follows: “*ABSTINENCE: There is nothing wrong with abstinence. In fact, sometimes it is just what we want. Abstinence means making love without having intercourse. It is the most effective form of birth control, has been used for centuries and is still very common. It has no physical side effects as long as prolonged sexual arousal is followed by orgasm to relieve pelvic congestion* [italics added].”⁶²

A companion volume for youth entitled *Changing Bodies, Changing Lives* tells adolescents how to apply the abstinence definition (including, how to relieve “pelvic congestion”) through a wide range of erotic oral sex techniques (heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual) that cannot be printed here. The volume also reminds youth that “The important thing to remember is that what you do should feel right for you.”⁶³

Planned Parenthood’s publication *The Great Orgasm Robbery* tells youth: “Sex is fun, and joyful, and courting is fun, and joyful, and it comes in all types and styles, all of which are OK. Relax about loving. Do what gives pleasure and enjoy what gives pleasure and ask for what gives pleasure. Don’t rob yourself of joy by focusing on old-

fashioned ideas about what’s ‘normal’ or ‘nice.’ Just communicate and enjoy.”⁶⁴

As for true abstinence-based sex education, Planned Parenthood has denounced the *Sex Respect* curriculum for portraying a husband-wife heterosexual couple as role models; for failing to maintain church and state separation (*Sex Respect* nonreligious); for using the term “baby” instead of “fetus”; for exhibiting “bias . . . against people who are sexually active and unmarried”; for declaring that “abstinence has future benefits for teens”; and, in a summary charge, that *Sex Respect* appeals “to the lowest common denominator of mentality.”⁶⁵



To convey her contempt for both motherhood and Christianity, Margaret Sanger put “Weeping Virgin Mary” (with infant Jesus) on the cover of her *Birth Control Review* magazine in 1921.⁶⁶

Evidence of Success for “Family Planning” Is Seriously Lacking

Declared U.S. Public Health Service officer Dr. William Archer III in 1992: “No condom program or school-based clinic has ever shown the ability to reduce pregnancy.”⁶⁷ Attempts by Planned Parenthood to show otherwise have been ineffectual.

◆ Following initial praise from a sympathetic media, Planned Parenthood’s Baltimore School Birth Control Program wilted under scrutiny. Analysts noted that program evaluators failed to account for a) girls who dropped out because of pregnancy; or to explain b) why the dropout rate at campuses offering birth control was three times that of schools with no birth control clinic; c) why only 96 of 1033 girls returned their final questionnaire;⁶⁸ d) why seniors supplied no responses;⁶⁹ or e) why abortion was not mentioned as a depressant on the pregnancy rate.⁷⁰

◆ Similarly, in-house evaluators for Planned Parenthood’s acclaimed St. Paul program a) failed to account for a 25% enrollment decline; b) failed to verify the pregnancy rate; and c) failed to provide abortion statistics (they gave only birth data).⁷¹

The evidence confirms that a solution to premarital sex, illegitimacy, and STDs relies on personal values and not on “information,” yet many school boards and other public officials still blindly endorse sex education programs that are destined to fail.

How Safe Is the Condom?

Hardly a modern invention, the condom was named by 16th-century anatomist Gabriel Fallopius and ridiculed by renowned 16th-century essayist Montaigne as “armor against enjoyment, gossamer against infection.”⁷² The condom failure rate is commonly set at 10-24% and is strongly influenced by the age and habits of user.

Scientist Paul Cameron, who first proved the hazards of secondary tobacco smoke, observes in *Exposing the AIDS Scandal* that for centuries “Condoms were passe, stupid—and above all, ineffective. Then with the arrival of AIDS, this old-fashioned ne’er-do-well was rehabilitated and given the key to the city.”⁷³

Reporting a condom failure rate of 17%, Cameron speculates that Ralph Nader would be incensed if workers were permitted to operate a machine that afforded them “a 17% chance of being burned to a crisp.”⁷⁴

Family Health International president and co-inventor of the lubricated condom Dr. Malcolm Potts has stated that recommending condoms to persons with high-risk behavior “is like telling someone who is driving drunk to use a seat belt.”⁷⁵

Condom researcher William B. Vessey has offered six “causes” and 34 “negligent reasons” for condom failure, while focusing on shipping and warehousing practices that

allow condoms in transit to be “oven-baked, french fried and frozen stiff” in 0 to 185 degree temperatures.⁷⁶

Vessey cites failure rates exceeding 30% among imported condoms and stresses that the AIDS virus is three times smaller than herpes, 60 times smaller than the spirochete which causes syphilis, and 450 times smaller than sperm.⁷⁷ This helps explain why the Food and Drug Administration certifies the condom for pregnancy prevention only.

The Centers for Disease Control reported that “21% of females with sexually transmitted diseases said their partners used condoms regularly.”⁷⁸

Another study revealed that 90% of sexually active adolescent males knew of the “efficacy of condoms” yet only 15% “regularly use them.”⁷⁹ That figure rises to only 23% for college students. Former Surgeon General Everett Koop mailed a condom use booklet to 107 million American households in 1988. When asked in 1990 what the booklet did to improve the sexual behavior of U.S. youth, Koop replied, “Essentially nothing.”⁸⁰

These facts confirm the danger of Planned Parenthood programs, which stimulate interest in sexual intercourse but fail to provide actual protection. The result is personal tragedy for millions of American youth. □

ViewPoint

A “Solution” That Worsens the Problem

“The current belief that illegitimacy will be reduced if teenage girls are given an effective contraception is an extension of the same reasoning that created the problem in the first place. It reflects an unwillingness to face problems of social control and social discipline, while trusting some technological device to extricate society from difficulties. The irony is that the illegitimacy rise occurred precisely while contraceptive use was becoming more, rather than less, widespread and respectable.”⁸¹ —Dr. Kingsley Davis, sociologist

The Danger of Birth Control Referral

“Birth control referral confirms a decision which the individual may not yet have made. Sexual activity may, to this point, have been infrequent or merely a one-time experimentation. Referral, however, can take this experimental behavior and form it into regular sexual activity. . . . Rather than being a young woman who ‘happened to have sex,’ she now becomes a planfully sexually active woman. Additionally, this referral can imply that sexual activity is an appropriate choice as long as pregnancy is avoided.”⁸² —Ursula H. Slaggert, author

Why “Family Planning” Has Failed

“The fundamental reason why these family planning programs for teenagers have been such a disaster is that they create a new clientele for the services offered.”⁸³ —James Ford, M.D., and Michael Schwartz, Ph.D., birth control researchers

The Duty of Education

“I believe there are certain kinds of surrender that adults may not declare in the presence of the young. One such surrender is the abdication of moral authority. Schools are the last place this should happen. To do what is being done in some schools, I think, is to throw up one’s hands and say, ‘We give up We give up on teaching right and wrong to you; there is nothing we can do’ If we revoke responsibility, if we fail to treat young people as moral agents, as people responsible for moral actions, we fail to do the job of nurturing our youth.”⁸⁴ —William J. Bennett, former U.S. Secretary of Education; former U.S. Drug Czar

An Abandoned Generation

“The task we face today is not a new one. Every generation has inherited the difficult job of bringing children into adulthood, and the same problems have presented themselves. What is so different now? Why does the problem seem so much more difficult in this generation? Are babies born today different from babies born fifty years ago? Or is the difference in the adults who are raising them?”⁸⁵ —U.S. House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families

A Mixed Message to Youth: “NO” to Drugs — “Be Safe” to Sex

“We learned our mistake with drug abuse: when we expect young people to engage in a forbidden behavior, we actually encourage them to do so. The parents who told their kids not to use hard drugs but ignored their private use of marijuana were fostering the conduct they hoped to prevent. The states which taught the dangers of drunken driving in classrooms but also lowered the drinking age taught youngsters a lesson, but it was not the one presented in school.

“Teenagers are not fools. They distinguish between what we say and what we mean. We say they should be responsible about sex; we mean they should not get pregnant. We say they should understand the dangers of promiscuity; we mean they can get contraceptives, antibiotics, and abortions. We have repeated the terrible mistake we made about drugs 20 years ago, and with the same consequences.”⁸⁶

“Regarding drugs, we are now sending an absolute message of ‘no’ to our children. On sex, we’re still stuck in the ‘60s, trying to make the best of unacceptable conduct. But if these two patterns of behavior are intimately related, if, indeed, they are two parallel expressions of the same ethical vacuum among many teens, we cannot address them in conflicting ways. We cannot hope to fill half a vacuum. Either we give young people a coherent, integrated approach to the temptations of modern life, or else they will apply the least common ethical denominator to all the moral questions that confront them.”⁸⁷

—White House Working Group on the Family

AIDS Education

“Basically, there are two kinds of AIDS education. The first stresses chastity. The second emphasizes so-called ‘safe sex.’ The first one is moral. The second professes to be moral. The first is traditional. The second is radical. The first one works. The second doesn’t.”⁸⁸ —Dr. Paul Cameron, research scientist

The Evidence Speaks Clearly

“After almost three decades of experience and study, the promoters of government birth control have failed to produce any evidence of its salutary effects. On the contrary, the weight of the evidence . . . shows it to be associated with increases in premarital sex, teenage pregnancy, births out-of-wedlock, welfare dependency, and abortion. . . .

“The conclusion must be, as the common sense of an earlier generation would have predicted, that government birth control corrupts youth.”⁸⁹ —Dr. Jacqueline Kasun, professor of economics and a “family planning” analyst

America’s Youth Betrayed

“The philosophy that directs teens to ‘be careful’ or to ‘play it safe with condoms’ has not protected them. It has only enticed them into the quagmire of venereal warts, genital cancer and precancer, herpes for life, infertility and AIDS.”⁹⁰ —Dr. Joe McIlhane, Jr., president of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health

What Planned Parenthood Tells Adolescents about Sexual Readiness

Planned Parenthood craftily reminds adolescents about readiness for sexual intercourse and does so with considerable assurance of what adolescents will do if they follow Planned Parenthood’s superficial “caution.” The popular Planned Parenthood’s pamphlet “Teen Sex” suggests to youth, “The only question is: What’s right for you?”⁹¹ In response, author Douglas Scott wrote in *Bad Choices: A Look Inside Planned Parenthood*: “The pamphlet stresses that teens should make up their own minds and do what they feel is best for them. It doesn’t say teen sex might be wrong, or teen sex might be a mistake, or teens might regret having sexual intercourse, or even that sexual intercourse might not be in the self-interest of the teen. The pamphlet merely states that the teen might not be ready. If the teen feels that he or she is ready, is it right to have sex? ‘Make up your own mind,’ the pamphlet urges.”⁹² —Douglas R. Scott, author

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guidance, she rested her faith on the dual altar of recreational sex and birth control.

“Through sex,” she wrote in *The Pivot of Civilization*, “mankind may attain the great spiritual illumination which will transform the world, which will light up the only path to an earthly paradise.”⁸

Through birth control, Sanger hoped to secure for women sexual freedom by ending the “slavery” she thought imposed on them by fear of pregnancy and childbearing. She also hoped to purify the human race and end poverty, prostitution, and war. An early admirer of Hitlerian eugenics, she believed birth control would “create a race of thoroughbreds”⁹ by ridding mankind of the “dead weight of human waste.”¹⁰

The illiterate and immigrant poor, the mentally impaired and physically deformed, “the Negro people,” and WWI inductees with substandard IQ scores helped confirm in Sanger’s mind the “menace of feeble-mindedness to the race”¹¹ and the need to license parents for each birth.¹² As for the total U.S. population, Sanger believed 70% of Americans were of inferior intellect.¹³

Birth prevention filled her career, and she called it “my cause” and “my religion.”

AN OBSESSION FOR SEX

In the long history of sexual incontinence, Margaret Sanger has had few equals. Wrote friend Mabel Dodge: “She was the first person I ever knew who was openly an ardent propagandist for the joys of the flesh.”¹⁴

Her sexual affairs have been commonly described as countless. Endowed with charm and embittered by poverty, she joined (in Greenwich Village and Europe) the avant-garde partiers and “intellectuals” of her day: the Malthusian Socialists, Fabians (Humanists), Eugenicists and Hereditarians, Oneidians, Polygenists, Neotenists, Phrenologists, Anarchists, and similar reform groups.¹⁵ Among her “Comrades,” as she referred to them, was a common obsession: free love encased in radical social causes.

Wrote Margaret, “I love being ravaged

by romances,”¹⁶ and the obsession did not end with her advancing years. As tenuous paramours grew feeble or died, she chose younger lovers.

To her 16-year-old granddaughter, an aging Sanger advised: “Kissing, petting, and even intercourse are alright as long as they are sincere. I have never given a kiss in my life that wasn’t sincere. As for intercourse, I’d say three times a day was about right.”¹⁷

TO EUROPE AND BACK

As a young mother and housewife, Margaret was unfulfilled. Her husband William, an aspiring New York City architect and artist, endeavored to pacify her with a grand home, vacations, and social privileges; but she remained restless. In 1911, he intro-



Sanger, 1931, lobbying in Washington, DC

duced her to Manhattan’s Socialist party elite and was initially pleased by her crisp writings and her fervent labor union activism.

To his dismay, however, his wife met Emma Goldman, the anarchist publisher of *Mother Earth*. Margaret was inspired by Goldman’s radical bookshelf and by her ardor for unbridled sex and contraceptive theories. She was also inspired by Swedish feminist Ellen Key, author of *The Woman Movement*, who proposed “new erotic ethics” to repel the “slavery” of marriage

and believed “the most sacred thing in life is individual desire.”¹⁸

Soon Margaret’s interest in family life dissolved. She became a regular guest at Mabel Dodge’s famed bohemian salon, and William Sanger denounced his wife’s social environment as a “hellhole of free love, promiscuity, and prostitution masquerading under the mantle of revolution.”¹⁹ His response was to move his family to Paris, in hopes of a new start.

That he did in 1913, but his dream shattered shortly after arriving in France. When he refused his wife’s demand to return to Greenwich Village, she left without him.

Back in New York, Sanger began publishing *The Woman Rebel*, a magazine that, in her words, was “to proclaim the gospel of revolt.”²⁰ The first issue declared it “A Woman’s Duty” to “look the whole world in the face with a go-to-hell look in the eyes”²¹ and “claim: The Right to be lazy. The Right to be an unmarried mother. The Right to destroy. . . . to create. . . . to love.”²²

Upon publication in 1914 of articles defending bombing and assassination²³ as political weapons, she was indicted and with a forged passport²⁴ fled to England. There she met one of her most famous lovers and mentors, Fabian Society co-founder and master of sexual perversion Henry Havelock Ellis.

Noted for use of hallucinogens and urination during the orgies he arranged,²⁵ Ellis authored *Studies in the Psychology of Sex* in seven erotic volumes and gained further distinction for “the whole range of sexual behaviors—the heterosexual and the homosexual, the sadist, the libertine, the masochist, the fetishist, the lover of animals or corpses”²⁶ Ellis’s wife, whom he lured into lesbian acts for his own observation, grew suicidal and died insane. When in 1922 Sanger married wealthy Noah Slee (“for money alone”²⁷), her heart remained with Ellis and other lovers.

Sanger’s first legal indictment ended “when liberal friends interceded.”²⁸ In 1916, she opened her first birth control clinic, in Brooklyn, and forced a landmark case that she ultimately won. In 1917, she launched the *Birth Control Review* and helped found the Birth Control League (of New York). The League became the American Birth

Planned Parenthood Ignores the Child’s Latency Period

Responsible adults, throughout history, have protected latency age children (5 to 12) from sexually explicit materials, but today’s family planning industry builds its future clientele by redirecting children’s inquisitiveness from the outer world to their own bodies. Industry leader Planned Parenthood has declared that “sexuality education must be a fundamental part of the school curricula from kindergarten through twelfth grade in every school district in the country.”⁹³

Planned Parenthood guidelines for 5- to 8-year-olds include genitalia, masturbation, sexual intercourse, and homosexuality.⁹⁴ Wrote psychotherapist Dr. Rhoda Lorand: “Forcing sexual preoccupation on the elementary school child is very likely to result in sexual difficulties in adulthood, and it can lead to disturbed behavior in childhood.”⁹⁵

Wrote psychiatrist Dr. William McGrath: “Premature interest in sex is unnatural and will arrest or distort the development of the personality. . . . Anyone who would deliberately arouse the child’s curiosity or stimulate his unready mind to troubled sexual preoccupations ought to have a millstone tied around his neck and be cast into the sea.”⁹⁶

Psychoanalyst Dr. Melvin Ansell has asserted: “Now, latency is an essential psychoanalytical precept. If it were untrue, the very keystone from the arch of psychoanalysis would be torn down. Because latency does not augment SIECUS and Planned Parenthood’s sex education arguments, they simply declared it does not exist.”⁹⁷ □

Control League in 1921 and, with “birth control” still in political disfavor, was changed to Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1942.

Sanger’s philosophical goal was to destroy the traditional Western ethic and mold a “new morality,” and subsequent Planned Parenthood presidents have praised her head-ship. “We are merely walking down the path that Mrs. Sanger carved out for us,”²⁹ said her successor Alan Guttmacher. His heirs Faye Wattleton, Pamela Maraldo, and current pres-ident Gloria Feldt have expressed similar pride in the path Sanger charted—a path that has led millions of American youth onto the quicksand of promiscuous sex and into the sinkholes of illegitimacy, abortion, disease, and lasting regret.³⁰ □

