

## The Founder

### 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 in America and abroad as few people in history have done.

In the course of her mission, this daughter of a "village Atheist" 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 place her winsome hand while the press circled her like a hawk, seeking to bring republicanism to a halt by exposing her "immoral" conduct.

In 1966, she would find her true victim of delusion and despair: her own 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." 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, intertuber wife Anne the privilege of attending church. Margaret described her early home life as "joyless" and willingly exchanged it for boarding school at Claverick College, where she immersed herself in academics, friendships, and unchanged romance.

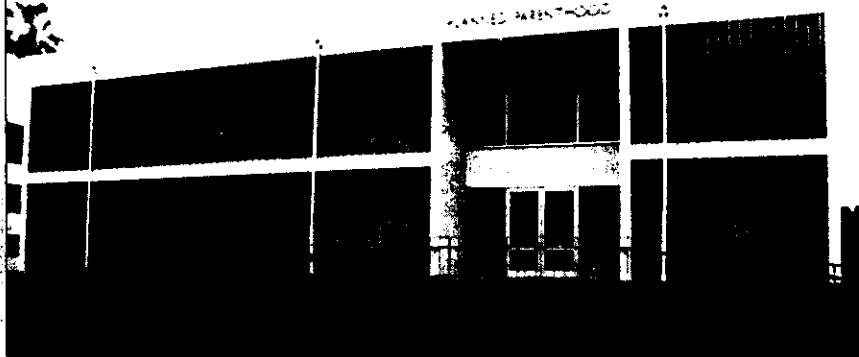
At age 18, she and friend Corey Albertson shared a brief trial marriage. In 1902, in a responsible ceremony, she married the irresponsible William Sanger, father of her three children and recurrent victim of her spurious *The Woman Rebel*. "The worst degrading influence of the socialists," a "decadent institution," and would urge for women (and men) voluntary association among sexual partners. "The basic freedom of the world is women's freedom," Sanger wrote in her book *Woman and the New Race*.

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" 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."

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

# PLANNED PARENTHOOD

## WHAT THE FACTS REVEAL



"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." —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." —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,<sup>31</sup> Planned Parenthood, with 167 affiliates and 922 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. . . ."

#### 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"<sup>32</sup> 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."<sup>33</sup> Grant attributed the death of his sister Peggy to his mother's extended absences and neglect.<sup>34</sup>

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.'"<sup>35</sup> □

#### 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 \$2 billion (plus corporate and individual donations) to fund its birth control programs and clinic "networks" in America's inner cities and nation's "distressed" sections of dollars have gone to Planned Parenthood, often and government administered programs. The impact? From 1960 to 1990, the U.S. divorce rate rose from 11% to 21%—doubled, and the teen birth rate rose from 18% to 28%—increased 55%. In 1990, 600,000 women had their first child before age 20, a 50% increase since 1960. In 1990, 1.5 million women 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 "freedom" 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. □