

Should euthanasia be promoted in Christianity?

To the Editor:

Should Euthanasia be promoted in a Christian Democratic community? Writing in the *Indiana Law Journal*, Louis Kutner, matter of factly stated that efforts to legalize, voluntary euthanasia have been persistently rejected because they appear to be an entering wedge which opens the doors to possible euthanasian and genocide. What Kutner says is a

commonplace in all the literature that treats of death by choice. He is evoking, of course, the ghost of Nazi Germany, where some 275,000 people are thought to have been murdered in German euthanasia centres. Today, there is no precedent that is more regularly brought forward than this one, and well it should be, for what happened in Germany did not happen in an ancient tribe cen-

turies ago, but in a modern state.

The German euthanasia is the Nazi period began at a more moderate level. It was to involve only the severely and hopelessly sick. But once it grew and spread preposterously, until hundreds of thousands of socially unproductive, unemployed, defectives, and

eventually, racially "tained" persons were liquidated, this all started from small beginnings.

If we allow exceptions, even in the case of a mature adult who wishes his death in the face of unbearable alternatives, the logic will send us cascading all the way to compulsory imposition of

death.

Some of our citizens are proposing what is called euthanasia, at present only who are a nuisance to themselves, but eventually it will be applied to those citizens who may be a nuisance to our politicians.

Capt. Peter B. Medwid



Father of the year

The Father of the Year is Mr. Birch, left, shown with his daughters, Cathy, Beverly, Jennifer and Stephanie, who wrote the winning story (see page 1). Mr. Birch, for being the Father of the Year, won a desk clock and a coffee mug. His daughters were the happy recipients of a kite, felt markers and the free rental of the three movies. The *News* had difficulty choosing the winning story, but the Birch girls' story eventually won out. It showed care and time was taken in writing it. The *News* would like to thank the Strawberry Patch for donating the kite, Churchley's Jewelers for donating the mug, Photo Prints for donating the markers, Spadoni's for donating the desk clock, and the Nugget for donating the free movies. (Photo by Ken Lusk).



Ugliest tie

The ugliest tie was finally chosen and it belongs to none other than John Vandergraaf, right. His daughter Layla entered the eyesore into the contest. The second prize went to Mr. Wallwin, left. His daughter Stacy, far left, submitted his tie for competition. First place winner John Vandergraaf won a camping stool, beer mugs and a travel shaver. The *News* would like to thank Cebrario's Hardware for donating the stool, The Bay for donating the beer mugs and Terry's Sight & Sound for donating the travel shaver. The Wallwins, second place winners, won a sportsman's hat, a wrist band, a head band, socks and a roll of film. The *News* would like to thank Young Fashions for the socks, wristband and headband, Photo Prints for the film, and the Nipigon Bay Resort for the sportsman's hat.

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