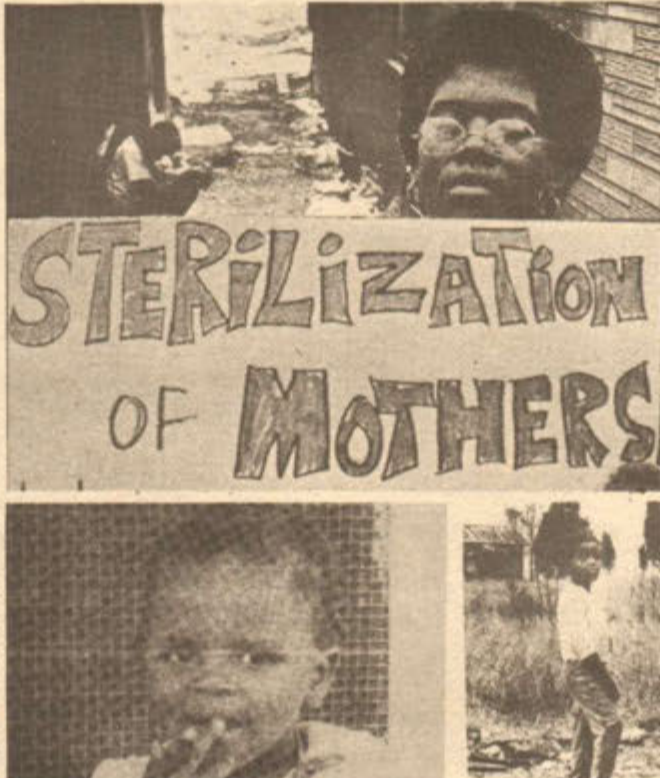


STERILIZATION - ANOTHER PART OF THE PLAN OF BLACK GENOCIDE



America's poor and minority people are the current subject for discussion in almost every state legislature in the country: Reagan in California is reducing the already subsistence aid given to families with children; O'Callaghan in Nevada has already completely cut off 3,000 poor families with children.

However, Tennessee is considering dealing with "the problem" of families with "dependant children" by reducing or eliminating the very possibility of children for black and poor people. The number of "illegitimate" children would be controlled by involuntary sterilization of women.

Specifically, a woman who gives birth to a child outside of this racist society's marital laws would have to be sterilized in order to continue to be able to feed her children by receiving welfare benefits. Sterilization would be the State's insurance against a large young generation of blacks and other poor people swelling the welfare roles.

For approximately the last 65 years, various dysgenic (causing the deterioration of a family line or race, generation after generation) sterilization laws have been introduced and passed in states' legislatures across America. In the last 15 years alone, at least nine states - California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia - have passed involuntary sterilization legislation.

In the late 1930's (during the Depression), records show that at least 25,000 mothers were sterilized without either their knowledge or permission. These were all poor people, mostly blacks. A classic justification for such a blatant violation of human rights is that sterilization is necessary "to keep the country from being flooded with criminal and degenerate and weakminded elements." In fact, in some places, sterilization laws have been called "eugenic" (relating to improvement of a race of people by bearing "healthy" children) laws.

In 1964, in Mississippi a law was passed that actually made it felony for anyone to become the parent of more than one "illegitimate" child. Originally, the bill carried a penalty stipulation that first offenders would be sentenced to one to three years in the State Penitentiary. Three to five years would be the sentence for subsequent convictions. As an alternative to jailing, women would have had the option of being sterilized. Pressure from the people caused the sterilization section of the bill to be dropped. However, the State of Mississippi to this day still can impose a jail sentence upon women who born more than one "illegitimate" child. (Three months in prison is the maximum penalty).

The modifications of this genocidal law were made in the bill after women, mostly black, came together in Jackson (Mississippi) and exposed as Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer stated, that "six out of every ten negro women were taken to Sunflower City Hospital to be sterilized for no reason at all. Often the women were not even told that they had been sterilized until they were released from the hospital."

The current bill (House Bill Number 20) being proposed in Tennessee will absolutely force women to submit to sterilization or lose all welfare benefits. It also grants the State the right at its own discretion to take children of welfare recipients from their natural parents and place them in foster homes. This bill was introduced by racist freshman Representative Larry Bates, a Dixiecrat from Northwestern Tennessee, who sits on the General Welfare Committee.

Because of the angry protests from black and poor women in Tennessee, the State generously allowed a public hearing to take place on this bill. At this meeting, pig Bates referred to welfare mothers as "brood cows", while reading so-called letters of support for his plot, specifically a letter from a Tennessee mayor which stated

that "...Even my maid said this should be done. She's behind it 100 percent." When he (Bates) argued that one purpose of the bill was to save the State money, it was pointed out that welfare mothers in Tennessee are given a maximum of \$15.00 a month for every child at home (The maximum welfare payment in Tennessee, which is for a family of five or more children, is \$161.00 per month.), and a minimum of \$65.00 a month would have to be spent by the State to keep a child in a foster home.

The so-called open hearing was closed while Mrs. Willie Pearl Ellis, who is the head of the Memphis Welfare Rights Organization, was in the middle of a sentence. She challenged this, saying, "I'm a welfare recipient. If Mr. Bates can propose a bill as to what to do with my life, I think I have a right to question that ...If you're going to sit and make decisions on how to control my life - and you don't live under the same circumstances - I have a right to ask questions."

The overall plan of Genocide of Black People by the U.S. Government has been exposed for some time now. What we must always be conscious of is the various manifestations of this plot. We deny, some of us, that the history of the Nazi reign of terror could repeat itself here and now. We say that we won't let it happen. We won't allow ourselves to be a part of mass murders, such as occurred in Auschwitz or Dachau. But, under Hitler's rule many women suffered death and permanent physical damage to themselves and their offspring under so-called medical research examinations and operations upon them, while the insane Hitler worked frenziedly to eliminate all races of people, except the "Master Aryan Race" or the white, non-Jewish Germans.

The U.S. Government does have and will and is enacting its plan to commit Genocide on Black people. The involuntary sterilization of our women, reaching into generation after generation is, unfortunately, just one part of that plan.

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