

## Just-Discovered Letter Shows Margaret Sanger Was Part of Euthanasia Society

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In 1938, just a few years prior to the American Birth Control League (ABCL) changing its name to Planned Parenthood, which today is the largest abortion provider in the nation, a group of American Eugenics Society Members and members of Margaret Sanger's American Birth Control League (ABCL) formed the National Society for the Legalization of Euthanasia.

### SANCTION IS SOUGHT FOR 'MERCY DEATHS'

**New Group Formed to Fight  
for Legalization of Ending  
Agony of Incurably Ill**

**DR. POTTER IS FOUNDER**

**Members Include Leaders in  
Various Fields—Opposition  
Expected to Be Strong**

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Dr. Clarence Cook Little, managing director of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.  
Dr. George H. Parker, Professor of Zoology in Harvard University.  
Dr. Oscar Riddle of the Department of Eugenics, Carnegie Institution of Washington.  
Dr. Walter F. Willcox, Professor of Economics in Cornell University.

#### The Advisory Board

The Advisory Board, in addition to the above, includes:

Sherwood Anderson, author.  
Dr. Henry H. Goddard, Professor of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology, Ohio State University.  
Dr. Truman Lee Kelley, Professor of Education, Harvard University.  
Dr. Foster Kennedy, Professor of Neurology, Cornell University Medical College.  
Dr. William McDougall, Professor of Psychology, Duke University.  
Dr. Horatio H. Newman, Professor of Zoology and Embryology, and dean in the Colleges of Science, University of Chicago.  
Leon F. Whitney, biologist, executive secretary, American Eugenics Society.

The American society also has on its advisory board a number of prominent Englishmen who are likewise members of a society which has already introduced a euthanasia bill in the House of Lords. They include Havelock Ellis, Julian Huxley, the Earl of Listowel and H. G. Wells.

The announcement of the formation of the National Society for the Legalization of Euthanasia was made by Dr. Charles Francis Potter, leader of the First Humanist Society. He said he was the founder and president of the new organization, which will have offices at 1,775 Broadway.

He explained that it was "not a part" of his Humanist Society but "a definite outgrowth of its policy, which fosters all projects for human betterment."

"We have for years been active in the birth-control movement," Dr. Potter said, "and since that fight is largely won we feel free to transfer some of our efforts to the euthanasia enterprise."

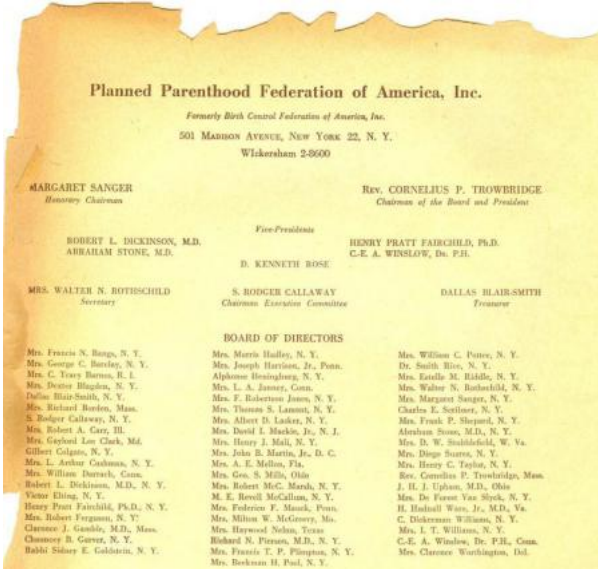
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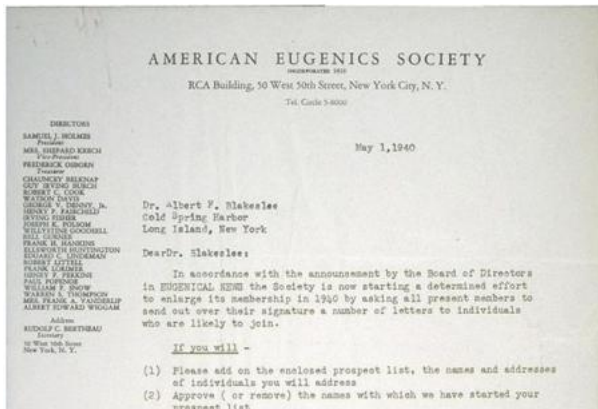
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Heading this pro-euthanasia panel was a man by the name of **Charles F. Potter** who, in 1938 was also on the ABCL [Committee for Planned Parenthood](#) according to a February 1938, New York Times story.

Also on this [board](#) was [Sidney Goldstein](#) who sat on the [American Birth Control League's National Council](#) and later was on [Planned Parenthood's Board of Directors](#).

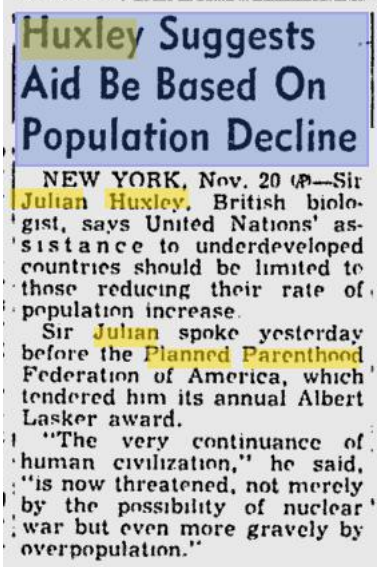


Another member was [Frank H. Hankins](#) who was a managing editor for Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger's newsletter called the [Birth Control Review](#). Hankins was also an [American Eugenics Society member](#).



Another more famous name who was sat on the advisory board of this panel was Julian Huxley, who was a recipient of a Planned Parenthood [award](#).

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Mrs. F. Robertson Jones was also on this panel, she was an [ABCL President](#), wrote for Sanger's Birth Control Review, and was an honorary board member of Planned Parenthood-World Population and a Board of Director of Planned Parenthood.

ABCL Citizen's Committee for Planned Parenthood member, Dr. Foster Kennedy, was also on the panel.

American Eugenics Society Member, Clarence Cook Little was the President of Margaret Sanger's American Birth Control League (ABCL), at the same time he was on this pro-euthanasia panel.

[Clarence Little](#) was the president of the University of Michigan, a founding member of The American Eugenics Society, and a board member of the American Birth Control League which would later be known as Planned Parenthood. (Watch [Maafa21](#))



American Eugenics Society founder and friend to Margaret Sanger, [Leon Whitney](#), also sat on this panel. [Whitney](#) advocated forced sterilization, was published in Sanger's Birth Control Review, and openly praised Adolf Hitler for his Nazi effort.

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# 'MERCY KILLING' Hold Everything! RIGHTS SOUGHT BY NEW GROUP

National Leaders Organize To Get Death For Incurables

(Special to Miami Daily News)

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The advisory board, in addition to the above, includes Sherwood Anderson, author; Dr. Henry H. Goddard, professor of abnormal and clinical psychology, Ohio State university; Dr. Truman Lee Kelly, professor of education, Harvard university; Dr. Foster Kende, professor of neurology, Cornell university medical college; Dr. William McDougall, professor of psychology, Duke university; Dr. Horatio H. Newman, professor of zoology and embryology, and dean in the college of science, university of Chicago; and Leon F. Whitney, biologist, executive secretary, American Eugenics society.

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"But common men and women, faced with the practical problems of whether or not they will let their loved ones suffer torment, for months before death, will cut through all this ancient red tape and somehow make it possible to do the decent and right thing."

Dr. Potter concluded that most of the arguments against euthanasia were founded on emotion rather than on reason.

He said the purpose of the new society was to conduct a national campaign of education so that bills might be introduced in state legislatures and in congress with hope of eventual passage.



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**TURKEYS GO 200 MILES** | 1,250 turkeys 200 miles to market at El Paso, Tex. He lost only one bird on the journey.

**ARTESIA, N. M. (U.P.)**—Dr. E. P. McCormick of Artesia emulsified the trail herds of the cattle kings. Adam is the Hebrew word for of the old west when he drove his man.

MARGARET SANGER AND EUTHANASIA



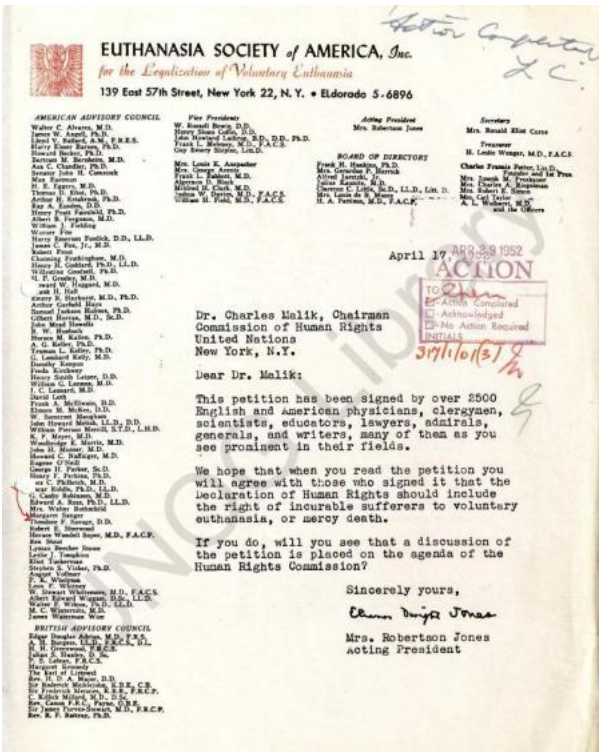
It is unclear why Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger was not listed on the above article because Sanger was clearly involved in the Euthanasia Society. Sanger was a member of the American Eugenics Society and many of their members were on this panel. Sanger admitted that she gave a speech to the Klu Klu Klan and in her autobiography, she bragged that she received a dozen invites from the Klan for further speeches.

By 1952, Margaret Sanger was open about her belief in Euthanasia.

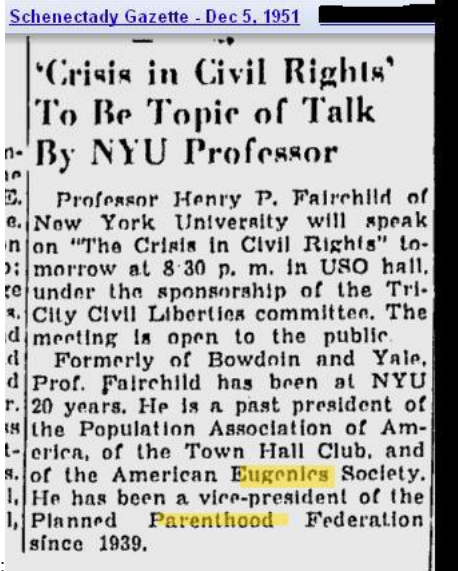




This 1952 letter from the Euthanasia Society of America clearly shows Margret Sanger on the American Advisory Board of the Euthanasia Society of America

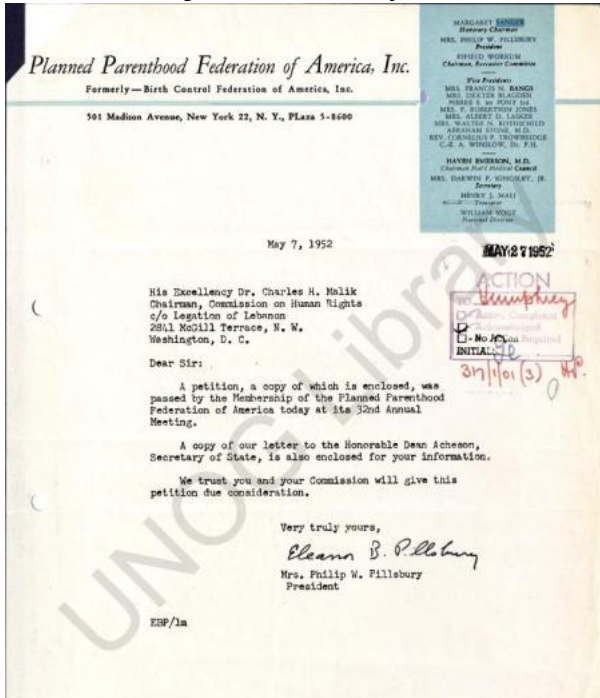


In addition to Margaret Sanger who founded Planned Parenthood – the panel also shows [Henry P. Fairchild](#) a past president of the American Eugenics Society, a VP of Planned



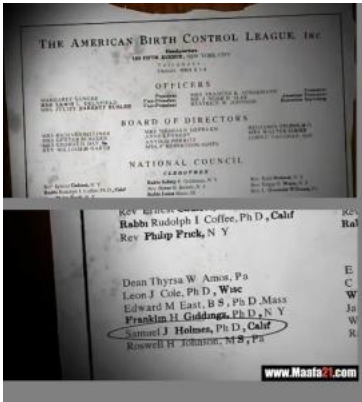
Parenthood;

See here where Sanger is listed as Honorary Chairman of Planned Parenthood in their early years:



Also listed is [Harry Emerson Fosdick](#), who was a [recipient](#) of the Albert Lasker Awards Given by Planned Parenthood in 1953.

Henry H. Goddard is also listed and he was [published](#) in Margaret Sanger's book, The Case for Birth Control.



Also on the list is Samuel H Holmes. According to the film, [Maafa21](#), in a 1929 speech, American eugenicist Samuel Holmes had proposed that mandatory birth control should be used as a tool to eliminate what he called the menace to the white race that had been created by increases in black population. His solution was to have a quota system in which the right to have a child would be controlled by the government and determined by race. At the time, Holmes was on the National Council of the American Birth Control League which would later become known as Planned Parenthood.

Frank L. Babbott is listed as a Vice President of this Euthanasia Society. Babbott was a founding member of the American Eugenics Society.

Frank H. Hankins – is listed on the Board of Director – his associations are listed above.



Clarence C. Little is also listed on the board of directors. Clarence Little was the president of the University of Michigan, a founding member of The American Eugenics Society, and a [board member](#) of the American Birth Control League which would later be known as Planned Parenthood. He was President of the International Fed of Birth Control League, Birth Control Federation President, on the Birth Control review editorial board, A Birth Control Federation of America VP, and on the 1938 Citizen Committee for Planned Parenthood. Among other known Sanger associations.

The Citizens Committee for Planned Parenthood

As a first step in a campaign to expand the nation-wide activities and services of the American Birth Control League, the Citizens Committee for Planned Parenthood will conduct a fund-raising campaign for \$263,990 this Spring in metropolitan New York

Never before has so distinguished a group of men and women come forward to back the League's effort of sixteen years to democratize knowledge on child spacing. The list given below of the Citizens Committee is further evidence of a rapidly awakening public realization of the social and economic implications of family planning.

THE COMMITTEE

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Charles Francis Potter was founder of the Humanist Society and in 1924 Margaret Sanger wrote an "Introduction for Charles Francis Potter." Potter was active in the Rhode Island Maternal Health Association, which he served as medical director, as well as Planned Parenthood. He was a member of the American, Rhode Island, and Providence medical societies. In 1967, Dr. Potter was awarded the Margaret Sanger Medal by Planned Parenthood for outstanding service to family planning, after he served 11 years as medical director of its clinic.

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We would later discover that RL Dickinson was President of the Euthanasia Society and Senior VP of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.



**Dr. R. L. Dickinson,  
Birth Control Leader,  
Dies at Amherst**

AMHERST, Mass. -AP- Dr. Robert L. Dickinson, 89, a leader in birth control and euthanasia movements, died here yesterday.

He also was a sculptor and an author of many books relating to sex and birth control. His works included more than 200 researchers and reports on obstetrics.

Dr. Dickinson was honorary chairman of the National Committee on Maternal Health, president of the Euthanasia Society and senior vice president of the Planned Parenthood Federation.

During World War I he was assistant chief of the medical section of the National Council of Defense and a medical member of the general staff in 1918-19.

Dr. Dickinson was an outstanding gynecologist. He was a former president of the New York Obstetrical Society and ex-president of the American Gynecology Society.

He received his medical education at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y., Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and

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In 2012 [PETER GOODWIN, MD](#) ended his life in accordance with Oregon's Measure 16 "Death with Dignity Act," the landmark legislation that he helped craft and champion into law in 1997. . Aside from publicly advocating for Measure 16, he served as chairman of the Oregon Death with Dignity Committee. He was also a member of the Planned Parenthood of Columbia/Willamette board.

In 1964, [Evelyn Ames](#) co-founded the Planned Parenthood Association of Nashville. She served as the organization's southeastern representative for nine southern states, and on the executive committee of the national board of directors of Planned Parenthood-World Population. She was also a founder and member of the board of the Nashville chapter of Concern for Dying, an advocacy group for the right to die. Ames Davis died in 1993.

[Esther Instebo](#) delivered donations and filled fundraiser tables for Planned Parenthood and Washington politicians. Instebo pulled her friends into Democratic Party politics. Instebo worked with the euthanasia organization Compassion & Choices to qualify for help in dying under the state's Death with Dignity law. Knowing that she had that option "greatly improved the quality of the last six months of her life because she knew she wouldn't have to put up with what she was afraid of."

According to researcher, Rita Dillar, when Compassion & Choices, formerly The Hemlock Society, convened its June 2012 conference, former Planned Parenthood insider [Theresa Connor](#) was a featured speaker. She was public policy director for Planned Parenthood in Washington state for 15 years and instituted the research and strategy behind the 2001 Erickson v. Bartell case "that required employers' insurance plans to cover prescription birth control under anti-discrimination laws.



### Margaret Sanger — 20<sup>th</sup> Century Hero

Margaret Sanger changed the world, forever and for the better.

It is interesting how Margaret Sanger, founded in Eugenics, the American Eugenics Society, and members of the Planned Parenthood all helped establish euthanasia and so-called mercy-killing ideologies in America. The purveyors of death have taken their fanaticism all the way from conception to end of life and no one is outside their bloody grips.

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