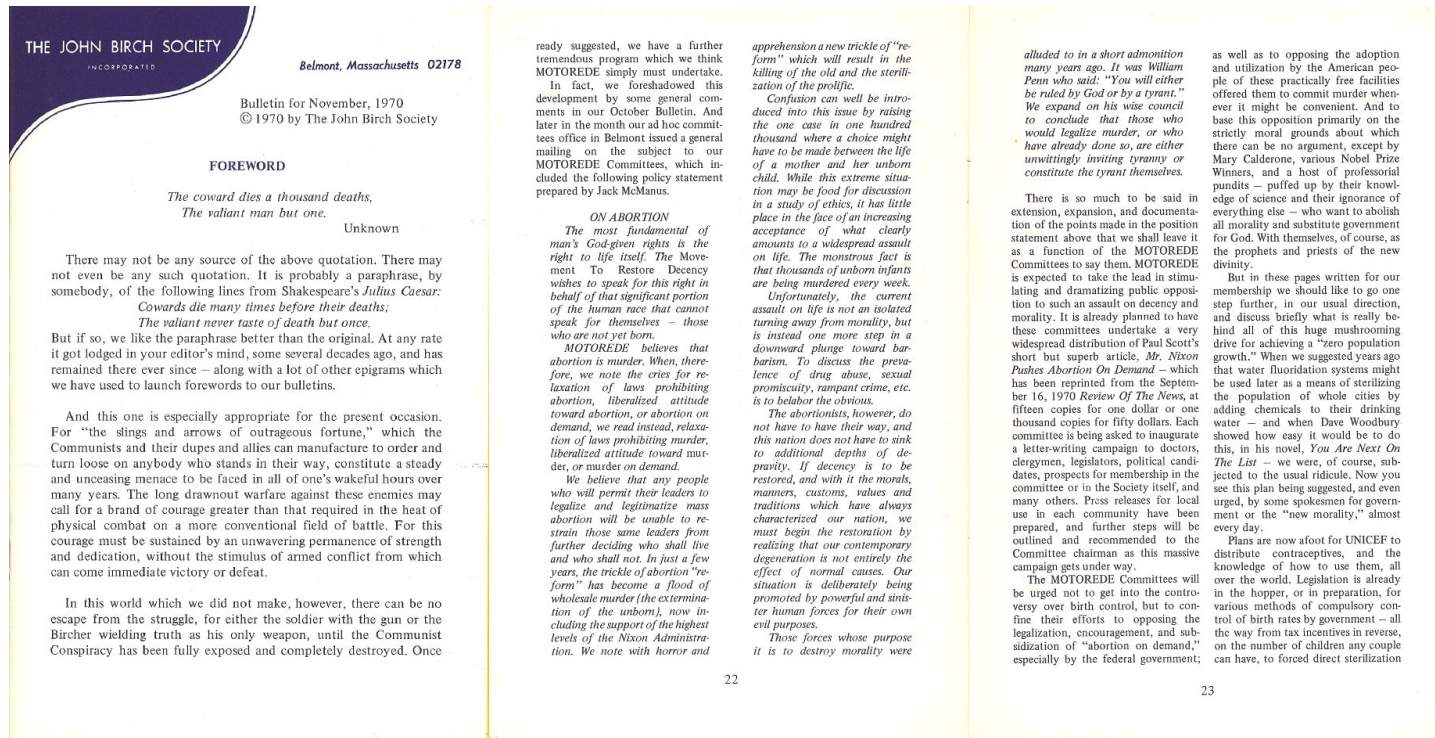


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## FOREWORD

*The coward dies a thousand deaths,  
The valiant man but once.*

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There may not be any source of the above quotation. There may not even be any such quotation. It is probably a paraphrase, by somebody, of the following lines from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*:

*Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once.*

But if so, we like the paraphrase better than the original. At any rate it got lodged in your editor's mind, some several decades ago, and has remained there ever since — along with a lot of other epigrams which we have used to launch forewords to our bulletins.

And this one is especially appropriate for the present occasion. For "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," which the Communists and their dupes and allies can manufacture to order and turn loose on anybody who stands in their way, constitute a steady and unceasing menace to be faced in all of one's wakeful hours over many years. The long drawnout warfare against these enemies may call for a brand of courage greater than that required in the heat of physical combat on a more conventional field of battle. For this courage must be sustained by an unwavering permanence of strength and dedication, without the stimulus of armed conflict from which can come immediate victory or defeat.

In this world which we did not make, however, there can be no escape from the struggle, for either the soldier with the gun or the Bircher wielding truth as his only weapon, until the Communist Conspiracy has been fully exposed and completely destroyed. Once

ready suggested, we have a further tremendous program which we think MOTOREDE simply must undertake.

In fact, we foreshadowed this development by some general comments in our October Bulletin. And later in the month our ad hoc committees office in Belmont issued a general mailing on the subject to our MOTOREDE Committees, which included the following policy statement prepared by Jack McManus.

### ON ABORTION

*The most fundamental of man's God-given rights is the right to life itself. The Movement To Restore Decency wishes to speak for this right in behalf of that significant portion of the human race that cannot speak for themselves — those who are not yet born.*

*MOTOREDE believes that abortion is murder. When, therefore, we note the cries for relaxation of laws prohibiting abortion, liberalized attitude toward abortion, or abortion on demand, we read instead, relaxation of laws prohibiting murder, liberalized attitude toward murder, or murder on demand.*

*We believe that any people who will permit their leaders to legalize and legitimize mass abortion will be unable to restrain those same leaders from further deciding who shall live and who shall not. In just a few years, the trickle of abortion "reform" has become a flood of wholesale murder (the extermination of the unborn), now including the support of the highest levels of the Nixon Administration. We note with horror and*

*apprehension a new trickle of "reform" which will result in the killing of the old and the sterilization of the prolific.*

*Confusion can well be introduced into this issue by raising the one case in one hundred thousand where a choice might have to be made between the life of a mother and her unborn child. While this extreme situation may be food for discussion in a study of ethics, it has little place in the face of an increasing acceptance of what clearly amounts to a widespread assault on life. The monstrous fact is that thousands of unborn infants are being murdered every week.*

*Unfortunately, the current assault on life is not an isolated turning away from morality, but is instead one more step in a downward plunge toward barbarism. To discuss the prevalence of drug abuse, sexual promiscuity, rampant crime, etc. is to belabor the obvious.*

*The abortionists, however, do not have to have their way, and this nation does not have to sink to additional depths of depravity. If decency is to be restored, and with it the morals, manners, customs, values and traditions which have always characterized our nation, we must begin the restoration by realizing that our contemporary degeneration is not entirely the effect of normal causes. Our situation is deliberately being promoted by powerful and sinister human forces for their own evil purposes.*

*Those forces whose purpose it is to destroy morality were*

*alluded to in a short admonition many years ago. It was William Penn who said: "You will either be ruled by God or by a tyrant." We expand on his wise counsel to conclude that those who would legalize murder, or who have already done so, are either unwittingly inviting tyranny or constitute the tyrant themselves.*

There is so much to be said in extension, expansion, and documentation of the points made in the position statement above that we shall leave it as a function of the MOTOREDE Committees to say them. MOTOREDE is expected to take the lead in stimulating and dramatizing public opposition to such an assault on decency and morality. It is already planned to have these committees undertake a very widespread distribution of Paul Scott's short but superb article, *Mr. Nixon Pushes Abortion On Demand* — which has been reprinted from the September 16, 1970 *Review Of The News*, at fifteen copies for one dollar or one thousand copies for fifty dollars. Each committee is being asked to inaugurate a letter-writing campaign to doctors, clergymen, legislators, political candidates, prospects for membership in the committee or in the Society itself, and many others. Press releases for local use in each community have been prepared, and further steps will be outlined and recommended to the Committee chairman as this massive campaign gets under way.

The MOTOREDE Committees will be urged not to get into the controversy over birth control, but to confine their efforts to opposing the legalization, encouragement, and subsidization of "abortion on demand," especially by the federal government;

as well as to opposing the adoption and utilization by the American people of these practically free facilities offered them to commit murder whenever it might be convenient. And to base this opposition primarily on the strictly moral grounds about which there can be no argument, except by Mary Calderone, various Nobel Prize Winners, and a host of professional pundits — puffed up by their knowledge of science and their ignorance of everything else — who want to abolish all morality and substitute government for God. With themselves, of course, as the prophets and priests of the new divinity.

But in these pages written for our membership we should like to go one step further, in our usual direction, and discuss briefly what is really behind all of this huge mushrooming drive for achieving a "zero population growth." When we suggested years ago that water fluoridation systems might be used later as a means of sterilizing the population of whole cities by adding chemicals to their drinking water — and when Dave Woodbury showed how easy it would be to do this, in his novel, *You Are Next On The List* — we were, of course, subjected to the usual ridicule. Now you see this plan being suggested, and even urged, by some spokesmen for government or the "new morality," almost every day.

Plans are now afoot for UNICEF to distribute contraceptives, and the knowledge of how to use them, all over the world. Legislation is already in the hopper, or in preparation, for various methods of compulsory control of birth rates by government — all on the way from tax incentives in reverse, on the number of children any couple can have, to forced direct sterilization

## JBS Opposes Abortion

In the November 1970 *JBS Bulletin*, Robert Welch announces the Society's opposition to abortion.