

that allowed them to view human beings not as human beings. They were numbers. They were objects. They were obstacles that had to be gotten out of the way in order that the goals of the Reich could be achieved. What is being done by the Governor in bringing Leuenberger into government is to take a man who might understand numbers and shifting around bureaus but he has, in my opinion, no concept of human compassion or human understanding. When he can oversee and orchestrate the mishandling of a family because the wife was found to have AIDS, I see an attitude of coldness, of the ability to calculate without any moral compunction that was the hallmark of SS members. I am trying to be as harsh in condemning this man as I can without using profane or vulgar words. This man had come to my office to talk about a situation and I brought up another one. The one I brought up involved a man and his wife, who were the foster parents of a little boy. The wife had AIDS, and Don Leuenberger and I were talking about it, and I said under the policies of your department, you're going to mess with this family, aren't you? He said, oh, no, I don't think that ought to be done. This family is functioning as a family. However, I believe Don Stenberg is going to take it to court and try to take the little boy from the family. And I said, well, if Stenberg does it, you have no control over that, but if you had your way, what would happen? He gave me to believe that he wanted to leave the family alone. We discussed the way Attorney General Don Stenberg pushes those hot political buttons to get all the publicity he can, then will let the thing go away. After the thing went through the first stage of court, Stenberg did fall out of the picture, and the family was to be left intact. And you know what? Leuenberger then stepped in. He was ferocious in his attack on this family. He was tenacious in his pursuit of them, and he was more dogged than in that poem they talked about, "The Hound of Heaven". He wanted to move heaven and earth, if necessary, to wrench this little boy from this family, the only family he had known, a family with which he had bonded. This man told me a cold, barefaced lie, and with all this talk of family values, I didn't see others in public life becoming concerned, but because certain employees and the Foster Care Review Board did its job, they are being punished politically now. Board members, who need to be confirmed, probably can't even get out of committee. This is the kind of politicking that is occurring right now, and I'm supposed to sit back, like the majority will do, and allow a superbureau with cold-blooded bureaucrats to come into existence and view human beings not as