

# American Government Under Attack

**A**NYBODY who is still unaware that our nation's form of government is being seriously attacked hasn't been reading all the news.

Forces hammering at the foundations of the United States of America are not unified, but all hope for a major political upheaval or rebellion, figuring to gain by looting the ruins.

One aggressive group is parading under the banner of patriotism, calling itself the People's Bicentennial Commission. Led by opportunists who have been identified with Communist or socialist groups, PBC is waging a major campaign. It is obviously well-funded from unidentified sources.

Wives of Oklahoma City corporate executives, along with some 8,000 others over the nation, are receiving letters attacking business and urging them to discuss the issues the letter raises with their husbands when they come home to dinner.

What are the issues? In these letters, PBC pleads for justice "spiritually and morally," even if it means wives informing on their husbands' possible misdeeds in corporate affairs. The letters are unsigned, but PBC officials Jeremy Rifkin and Ted Howard have announced that they were being sent out.

In earlier statements, Rifkin has advocated that the government take control of all capital and corporate assets, then lease them back to "the people," who would form democratic collectives to run them. It sounds a lot like the Russian Communist system.

Earlier this month, black activist Stokely Carmichael told University of Oklahoma students they must "serve as a spark for revolution against the vicious, racist, capitalist system."

Now that Communists have gained political status, Fortune magazine (March 1976) asks: "Can Communists be democrats?" The writer points out that a number of Communist parties in advanced industrial countries claim to be democratic. They have changed names but not their philosophy or their objectives.

The article notes that 17 countries have gone Communist over the years, from the Soviet Union in 1917 to Laos in 1975. There is today no political opposition or cultural freedom in any of these countries. All are totalitarian.

Since the United States was found-

ed upon such principles as limited government, free enterprise, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, individual moral responsibility, self-reliance and minimal taxation, these are primary targets of those who would wreck our country.

They advocate big, centralized government, irresponsible federal spending, excessive regulation of business, ridicule of religion and morality, restrictions on the press, wel-

fare instead of self-reliance, and taxation to the point of confiscation.

Not all of those who advocate those things or changes in our government actually want to wreck our country, because some may have been swept into anti-American campaigns without realizing it.

But unless we find out who they are and keep them out of office, we may find ourselves swept into totalitarianism before we know it!