Minority Intent on Stifling Progress

THE connection might not be apparent at first, but look for a direct relationship between the gathering of an estimated 200,000 "anti-nuke" extremists in New York City and the threatened shutdown of Oklahoma City's meat industry, one of our oldest, most important businesses.

Both occurrences are evidence of a nationwide campaign to stifle progress in the United States, make people more dependent upon government and deliver government into control of a socialist minority.

It began in the 1960s when the anti-American, anti-everything movement was destroying colleges, attacking religion, ridiculing morality, making a mockery of marriage and denouncing profits as obscene acts of business. They also caused loss of the Vietnam war.

When these people realized they were moving too fast and too overtly toward their subversive goals, they switched off to adopt what appeared to be constructive, desirable goals for everybody.

The reasoning seemed to be that people who might be against their radical political philosophies couldn't oppose such things as clean air, pure water, saving whales, preserving forests, etc.

By staging noisy demonstrations, they persuaded Congress to enact laws and appropriate tax money to support their cause. When EPA, OSHA and other bureaus were created, first in line for jobs were the radicals, who now control much of the future of America.

It is desirable to clean up our streams and lakes, but it is questionable whether we should destroy our industries and throw people out of work by seeking unreasonable degrees of purity.

That is the case in regard to the 70 meat packing and processing plants in Oklahoma City. The Environmental Protection Agency, a direct outgrowth of the extremist protest movement, has compelled the city to install expensive sewage treatment facilities and raise sewage service rates so high the indus-

tries may have to close.

Other businesses in this city have little reason to feel secure if they have not been hit yet. Under the Clean Air Act, another extremist measure, EPA could crack down any time on cleaning plants, filling stations, restaurants or other firms if an EPA odor inspector decides his or her nose is offended.

Other programs have featured an anti-business "Food Day" with the theme "Food is for people, not for profit"; an anti-energy "Sun Day" to make people think they would derive free energy from the sky; and "Ag Day" to make socialists look like friends of farmers.

The same gang that has backed these projects also is promoting "The Year of the Child" to adjust people to the idea of state control of children.

Evidence indicates these reformers want to block any sort of progress and prosperity. After everything is nationalized and freedoms gone, the radical minority can run things to suit themselves.

Celebration Harmless

TO THE EDITOR:

I was at a meeting to plan the Oklahoma/International Year of the Child when I read Ferdie J. Deering's editorial, "Minority Intent on Stifling Progress."

It is hard, surely, for Mr. Deering to see the world changing when he liked it the way it was. Probably he speaks for many people. Naturally, to disappointed and angry people, the ones who helped to bring about the changes appear to be a gang, trouble makers, anti-everything.

As one of the "gang," I can say that we are for a lot of things, good and needed things, things which promote real human progress. I doubt that Mr. Deering believes that everything in the old days was good and should continue.

Surely he believes in Mother's Day. We are planning a celebration of our children. I am amazed at the accusations and insinuations which I have heard from persons who don't go to the meetings. We have no gradiose socialist plans, no devious motives, neither are we working to undermine any American institution.

Just a celebration of our children. No more harmless than Mother's Day. Next meeting, Oct. 25, 2 p.m., 50th and May.

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