

# We're on Way to Share the Wealth

**B**FORE BOWL games, folks usually gave some thought on New Year's Day to the future and made resolutions for improving their lives.

Nowadays, much of our thinking is being done for us, not by electronic computers, but by formidable social reform groups who have vast plans for bringing the entire world under one government.

The public appears to be either unaware of or indifferent to the spread of the philosophy of national and world socialism. The theory is that American citizens not only would become "equals" with each other but also with citizens of both developed and undeveloped nations, sharing everything we have with them on even terms.

One of its leading exponents is Ralph Nader, whose stated objective is called "a consumer-owned economy." It isn't capitalism, because it doesn't provide for private ownership.

H. Peter Metzger, Ph.D. and manager of public affairs planning for Public Service Company of Colorado, has made an extensive study of

reformers who want to change our form of government and way of living.

Metzger calls these people "Coercive Utopians". He notes that being a utopian is no crime, but challenges their methods.

"The difference between classic Utopians and these is that instead of convincing the public that their vision of tomorrow is so attractive that we ought to move their way by normal democratic means, they are doing it covertly and, therefore, coercively," Dr. Metzger says.

He points out that a great many sub-cabinet posts have been given over to former public-interest lawyers, consumerists, civil rights workers and especially environmental advocates.

Conservative Digest magazine suggests an example. This is the appointment by President Carter of Sam W. Brown Jr., radical anti-war activist of the 1960s, to the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Board.

Creation of this bank was accomplished rather quietly by Congress. It has \$300 million in federal funds

and billions more in loans available to help consumer activists build consumer-owned stores.

Dr. Metzger's report spells out in detail how social reform groups have blocked utilization of nuclear power, water and timber resources, and industrial productivity to help their schemes along.

"Now if you wanted to destroy American and you'd already stopped energy, water, natural resource development and new industry, what would you strike out at next?" he asks. "How about the U.S. dollar? And to increase our balance of deficit payments is the way."

He concludes that if the United States' share of the world's export market remained where it was in 1960, instead of declining from 18 to 12 per cent, "then our balance of payments deficit would be changed into a surplus, oil imports notwithstanding."

Socialist reformers have our country well on the way toward their objective of a worldwide "share-the-wealth" economy. Is that what Americans want for the 1980s and the 21st century?