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Subversion Destroys Nations, Too

A READER, Theresa T. Tarvin of Tammetar Farm, Okemah, has a complaint. She accuses writers of using the term "Socialist" in preference to "Communist" without telling readers "the words are synonymous."

"The aims of both are redistribution of wealth," Tarvin argues, "but never their own — just the other fellow's!"

Clear-cut definitions of political party philosophies are hard to find. On the basis of the above point alone, Socialists or Communists might not look very different from Democrats or Republicans.

These parties also have been working toward the same objective for decades, but Democrats have done more taxing and redistribution of wealth because they have controlled Congress and the White House longer.

Socialist and Communists failed so many times to gain any appreciable amount of voter support in the United States that they long ago turned to other methods for accomplishing their objectives.

One has been to unite with major

parties, securing key positions and engineering their ideas into party rhetoric and platforms.

Another has been to obtain well-paying positions in the federal bureaucracy, where they can expedite Socialist/Communist philosophies and delay movements for traditional American freedom. This includes the distribution of public funds to institutions and local governments.

Another by-no-means insignificant procedure used by Socialist/Communists has been to obtain influential positions in communications from which they may advance their philosophy by subtle propaganda.

Motion pictures, television documentaries and newscasts, newspaper reports, magazine articles, and teaching public schools and colleges are being used in this way.

Even patriotic Americans are sometimes used as "fronts" for Socialist/Communist movements if they can be induced to participate in radical demonstrations. The cause is not as important as the disturbance itself in destroying democracy or freedom.

Political and social reformers rely heavily upon apathy of voters, citizens' inability to see through propaganda, and people's interest in other affairs which prevents those who do catch on from mounting effective counterattacks to protect their freedoms.

Voters frequently elect to office people who are committed to policies that erode our liberty.

The system for destroying democracy by subversion works better than destroying it by military actions. Dan W. James, retired hotel executive, calls attention to this observation in the Tillman survey, an investment newsletter:

"Have you ever noticed how many nations have given up democracy over the past 60 years? Some didn't fight hard enough against revolutionaries. Some didn't fight at all. And some voluntarily voted into power either a dictator himself or else the political party of which the prospective dictator was the recognized leader. How could people care so little about freedom that they could actually vote it away?"

It could happen here!