

Foes Use Freedom to Destroy Freedom

THE greatest weakness in a free country is that liberty guaranteed to its citizens may be used by selfish interests to impose restraints and destroy principles revered by its founders. This is happening to us.

Complexities of life, a multitude of distractions, hunger for entertainment and indifference permit subversive elements to thrive.

Our constitution guarantees freedom of religion, stating that government has no right to establish a state religion. This has been abused by humanists to outlaw any religion but their own and atheism has become entrenched in government, schools and business.

In a column describing this situation Phyllis Schlafly quoted this paragraph from an essay in *The Humanist* magazine:

"The classroom must and will become an area of conflict between the old and the new — the rotting corpse of Christianity together with all of its evils and misery and the new faith of Humanism, resplendent in its promise of a world in which

the never-realized Christian idea of 'love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved."

Humanists, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Supreme Court have eliminated prayer, the story of creation and the Bible from school grounds. In their stead idols of self-worship, evolution and licentiousness have been re-erected.

Freedom of the press has been interpreted to allow open distribution of every sort of vile and profane communication.

"Anti-nuke" protestors, draft dodgers and those who believe it is "better to be red than dead" are undermining our nation's defenses.

Judicial delays and legal technicalities protect "rights" of criminals while rights of law-abiding citizens get little attention.

Advocates of vices and socialism have capitalized on freedom to use businesses, entertainment and communications as vehicles for spreading their propaganda and practices.

Publicized notions that profits are obscene and that corporations, private businesses and wealth should

be abolished in favor of government ownership are straight out of the communist manifesto.

In a column in *The Sunday Oklahoman* Allan Cromley described how "television's creative community" of Hollywood writers, producers and executives is reforming American society. Here are a few points turned up in an extensive study cited by Cromley in his column:

Two out of three believe TV entertainment should be a major force for social reform. Only five percent feel strongly that homosexuality is wrong. Only 17 percent strongly believe extramarital affairs are wrong. Only 7 percent attend church services. Business men are second only to criminals as lawbreakers in movies and TV shows.

Our standards of freedom do not call for and do not permit the abolition of subversive teachings.

The situation does call for citizens who believe in freedom, right, morality and justice to present those traditional principles to young and old in a more positive manner than we have been doing.