

Is National Socialism Just Around the Corner for U.S.?

THE United States of America has degenerated from a nation of free and independent people to a society of subsidized spongers.

We have devolved from a people determined to support their government to a country where the people are determined that the government should support the citizens.

One definition in my dictionary for parasite is "frequenting the tables of the rich, earning welcome by flattery." Substitute "votes" for "flattery" and you have the picture.

Cries of agony are being sent to

the Halls of Congress by special interest groups pleading that their particular subsidies not be sacrificed. Each group regards itself as a worthy exception to fund-cutting to balance the budget.

A letter published in "The People Speak" recently asked: "Who subsidizes me?" The writer said others were being subsidized but that he did not benefit from such handouts.

The fact is that everyone of us is subsidized, whether we like it or not. A major item of business at the National Governor's Conference in Washington was "revenue sharing,"

which being interpreted means "How can our states keep on getting subsidy cash from Washington to spend?" Municipal officials claim that budget cuts would place an "unfair burden" on their communities.

The filibuster staged in the U.S. Senate recently was a sort of stomp dance demanding continuation of subsidies for farmers who long ago gave up independence for price supports.

When the "Payment in Kind" farm program was used in 1983, Uncle Sam set up a subsidized loan program to bail out local businesses

damaged by reduced farm production.

Government subsidies also have been used to bail out automobile manufacturers, banks and other big businesses.

Congress has been debating whether Amtrak, what is left of rail passenger service, could or should survive elimination of subsidies. Airlines have been subsidized, too.

Unemployment payments, welfare programs, public schools and lunches for the pupils, colleges and loans for students, health care and retirement, highways and transportation,

food stamps and postage stamps, housing and urban renewal, various art forms and research are other ways we are subsidized.

Back in 1933 the Supreme Court of the United States declared: "That which the government subsidizes it automatically acquires the right and obligation to regulate." Thus every subsidy concentrates more authority in Washington.

We have reached a point where we can't and may not want to exist without subsidies from Washington. We are headed full-speed for national socialism because of the resulting concentrated control of our money and our lives.