

Why**By A. Philip Christianson**

Why are there millions of unemployed with a need for millions of new homes? Why does Congress appropriate billions for home construction when a currency circulation five times the pre-war amount does not stimulate building?

Why don't those who can build, produce homes? Why do not those who manufacture building material produce what builders need? Why don't the unemployed of other trades and professions produce the things which builders and producers of building material want in exchange for their products?

Why do we expect the government to do those things which we seemingly cannot do for ourselves? Why do we forget that during the war our government told us, "We cannot buy the sinews of war unless you buy bonds," and "We will not win the war unless our ship and factory workers forge the tools of war."

Why do we tax those who have, and give to those who have not, if what a man has is honestly acquired? If what a man has is not his, why did our government allow him to acquire it?

Why do we forget our early American history, yes, why do we forget that men came here, found no government to aid them, yet in a few years they had homes, and food enough to stimulate them to set aside a day of thanksgiving? Why do we forget that in those early days the labor shortage was so great that Tom Paine wrote, "In America men need each other."

Why, despite the fact that the proud Texans tell us that their state is big enough to support the population of the United States, do we feel so crowded? Why, with vast areas of our country as yet not even scratched, do we put up temporary homes in public parks and filled-in land?

Why do we forget that the man is both the demand and the supply? Why with unsatisfied and growing desires and limited human energy are there unemployed? Why with unemployed labor and abundance of raw material is there a housing shortage? Why, O wise men, why?