

## Why Communism Spreads

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WITH all the headlines that the Un-American activities committees have gotten, the most important phase of the subject has not been disclosed—"Why do Americans become Communists?"

Nothing can happen without a cause. The Un-American activities committees and those on the band-wagon, have actually been interested only in the effects. With the cause ignored, the conditions that cause communism to take root, have affected, more insidiously, the American economy.

The answer to the "Why" is that there are these four by-products of one fundamental cause:

1, *Advertising* which creates a ravenous consumer demand for goods and services. If the consumer lacks purchasing power, economic dissatisfaction ensues.

2, *Labor Unions* founded on the Marxist claim that labor is exploited at the point of production, by the employer; and that because employers do not pay enough wages labor lacks purchasing power.

Since the advent of the New Deal, labor unions have gained large memberships. Strikes and the threat of strikes have followed in yearly succession. Newspapers, radio and labor publications have told of labor's victories.

And yet, all these victories when added up, convey the information—that the total net result has been: that steadily and continuously—the cost of living has outdistanced wages; and that labor's purchasing power is still inadequate.

(On December 18, 1954, the Los Angeles Daily News, suspended publication and 450 employees lost their jobs. Several days later, the board of directors of the Los Angeles Press Club met and mapped out plans for relief of hardship cases. With union wages, in a year of prosperity—why were there hardship cases?)

3, *Truth Evasion in College Economics*. Every year the nation's colleges graduate thousands who have studied economics. Some graduates become labor leaders, labor editors, labor economists, economics professors, news-

paper editors, Congressmen, U. S. Senators, etc. Instead of examining the falsity of the fundamental Marxist and labor union claim that labor is exploited at the point of production by the employer, many students actually believe it.

This truth evasion economics has also done great harm to the mental attitudes of the thousands of students from foreign lands who have studied in America's colleges. It may have had an influence on China going Communist. Had America's educational institutions been animated by the philosophy of: "Let truth and error grapple," what a different world we might now

be living in. As Dr. McGlynn, famous Catholic priest used to preach: "At the Father's table there is room for all His children," and "God is the Father of us all, and not the Stepfather of any of us."

4, *Social Legislation*. A hundred years ago human muscles and animals supplied 94 per cent of America's production. Today, mechanical energy and power tools account for 92 per cent of America's production. Yet with all this remarkable change, economic insecurity and inadequate purchasing power are still with us.

Instead of dealing with the cause, politicians, labor leaders and many others, advocate "social amelioration" via "social legislation." Social legislation begets more and more social legislation and solves *nothing*.

### *The Causative Factor of Economic Insecurity*

In all parts of the civilized world, even in what are known as normal times, there appears, on the one hand a condition of more seekers of jobs than jobs available—and alongside of this condition—more employers than seems necessary.

Since civilized society is an exchange society, where goods and services are exchanged for goods and services, what is it that puts a monkey wrench in the exchange mechanism?

Some years ago the president of a large corporation, said in an address: "The customer, the consumer, is by far the most important cog in the wheel, for the customer is the source of all business and all jobs and employment. Businesses don't employ people. Customers employ people. Businesses just hire them to make things which the customer is willing and able to buy . . . Both labor and management work for the customer . . ."

And since as we previously pointed out that advertising has created a ravenous consumer demand for goods and services—why do a large percentage of America's population lack adequate purchasing power?

Thus the CIO Economic Outlook (July 1954), stated: "If we add together *all* substandard dwellings—in both cities and rural areas—we find that over 15 million housing units, or almost one-third of our total supply, are either dilapidated, are surrounded by decaying dwellings, or lack plumbing or running water."

There are only three ways of making a living on this earth; by labor, theft, charity. Theft and charity produce no wealth. If society permits some to live by unearned income, then that unearned income must come from those who labor. Because the answer as to how "social theft" arises in civilized society has been suppressed, communism has spread.