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Pushing Collectivism At Every Level

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On February 12, 1972, as Richard Nixon and his entourage prepared to wing their way toward Red China on *Air Force One*, an Executive Order numbered 11647, which the President had signed two days earlier, appeared in the daily *Federal Register*. With all eyes on the precedent-setting excursion to Maoland, this monumentally dangerous Executive Order went virtually unmentioned in the press. Carrying all the authority and power of a law passed by Congress, it was every bit as revolutionary as Mr. Nixon's trip to Red China.

Without so much as consulting the Congress, President Nixon had by Executive Order divided the United States into ten federal regions to be run by "Federal Regional Councils." Excused as a new means to develop "closer working relationships between major Federal grant-making agencies and State and local government," the Federal Regional Councils represent a major step toward the era of Big Brother predicted by George Orwell.

Executive Order 11647 creates, along with the ten regions, ten sub-capitals through which the federal bureaucrats will reign over the natives. The Order states:

"There is hereby established a Federal Regional Council for each of the ten standard Federal Regions. Each Council shall be composed of the directors of the regional offices of the Department of Labor, of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Housing and Urban Development, the Secretarial Representative of the Department of Transportation, and the directors of the regional offices of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The President shall designate one member of each such Council as Chairman of that Council and such Chairman

shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Representatives of the Office of Management and Budget may participate in any deliberations of each Council"

This Executive Order had been "telegraphed" on March 27, 1969, in a policy statement by Professor Daniel P. Moynihan, then a top Presidential advisor. Professor Moynihan, who is a former chairman of the Fabian Socialists' Americans for Democratic Action, told newsmen at a press conference that the creation of Federal Regional Councils "has been something Presidents have been trying to put into effect for almost twenty years now." And Daniel Moynihan's assistant added: "No President has ever been willing to bite the bullet. Now we have done so."

The division of our country into federal regions was so radical a step that neither John Kennedy nor Lyndon Johnson had dared make the move. It took a Richard Nixon to so hypnotize the American public that our very form of government could be changed without eliciting so much as a yawn.

But what is so radical and revolutionary about establishing ten federal regions? Are they not just a mechanism for "improving the delivery system" for federal programs? After all, we have Federal Reserve Districts and Federal District Courts. We seem to have survived them. Why be excited over Federal Regional Councils? Read on Macduff.

The Federal Regional Councils are part of something variously known as Regional Government, Metropolitan Government, or "Metro." In a nutshell, Metro is the governing of an area or region by a central body of "experts" - planners who are usually appointed and vested with great powers, and who are not directly accountable to the people.

Metro policies and programs, goals and methods, appear in a variety of forms designed to deal with varying state and local laws. But the basic strategy involves merging and consolidation of local city or town governments into it larger area government.

Among the city-county mergers which have taken place are Miami-Dade County, Florida; Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee; Virginia Beach-Princess Anne County, Virginia; South Norfolk-Norfolk County, Virginia; Jacksonville-Duval County, Florida; Indianapolis-Marion County, Indiana; Carson City-Ormsby County, Nevada; and, Juneau-Bureau of Juneau, Alaska.

There is a veritable army of salesmen now promoting Metro. Often they set up area councils. Two of the biggest in California are the Association of Bay Area Governments, known as A.B.A.G., and the Southern California Association of Governments, calling itself S.C.A.G. In your area it may be called something like East Overshoe Council of Governments. The names vary, but the objectives are always those described above.

Cities are merged with other cities and/or with a county. The counties are merged with other counties, erasing state lines. The distinguished columnist Jo Hindman, who has for fifteen years specialized in watching this business, sums it up this way:

Metro proposes to collect independent units of municipal government under a big super-government and to maintain control of such bodies through something described

as "appointed executive" administration. Since these proposed metropolitan districts frequently cross state lines, the very concept of government units corresponding to them makes hash of our Constitution which vests all reserved governing powers in the several states.

The legions of Metro promoters, dubbed "metrocrats" by columnist Hindman, are either government bureaucrats out huckstering the wonders of a myriad federally funded programs, or they are connected with one of the organizations collectively known as "Thirteen-Thirteen."

Thirteen-Thirteen is at once an idea, a "movement," and a clearinghouse address. The term is applied to the complex by its own people, and is used to designate twenty-two separate organizations with heavily interlocking officers, directors, and trustees - all headquartered in a building erected to house them at 1313 East Sixtieth Street in Chicago. The building is located on land provided by the University of Chicago and was built with funds given for the purpose by the Rockefellers. Out of this headquarters operate the "planners" and social engineers of Metro - men and women who feel they are a class apart; people keepers who see their role in life as that of managers of hoi polloi.

Ten regions, run by Federal Regional Councils, were created in February by Executive Order 11647. Please note that the map show as if some States are cut down the middle and the following the best the map shows!

- 1 - Capital: Boston includes all the States east of New York.
- 2 - Capital: N.Y.C. includes States: New York and New Jersey.
- 3 - Capital: Philadelphia includes Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia.
- 4 - Capital: Atlanta; includes States: Kentucky, Tennessee and all east and south.
- 5 - Capital: Chicago includes States: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- 6, Capital: Dallas-Ft. Worth includes States: Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and all south.
- 7, Capital: Kansas City includes States: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.
- 8, Capital: Denver includes States: Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota.
- 9, Capital: San Francisco includes States: Arizona, Nevada, and California.
- 10, Capital: Seattle includes States: Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

In practice, the groups making up Thirteen-Thirteen are a single organization divided into twenty-two divisions, each pursuing a separate socialist program aimed at promoting Metro government. Consider the breakdown:

taxing (Federation of Tax Administrators);
rezoning for higher taxation (Municipal Finance Officers Association);
prefabricated Metro systems (Public Administration Service);
masterplanning (American Society of Planning Officials);
international affairs (international City Managers Association and Committee for International Municipal Cooperation);
mental health propaganda (interstate Clearing House on Mental Health);
erasing state sovereignty (Council of State Governments); and,
retroactive building codes (Building Officials Conference of America).*

*The complete list of the twenty-two organizations housed at Thirteen-Thirteen includes American Committee for International Municipal Cooperation; American Municipal Association; American Public Welfare Association; American Public Works Association; American Society for Public Administration; American Society of Planning Officials; Conference of Chief Justices; Council of State Governments; Federation of Tax Administrators; Governor's Conference; International City Managers' Association; Interstate Clearing House on Mental Health; Municipal Finance Officers Association; National Association of Assessing Officers; National Association of Attorneys General; National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; National Legislative Conference; National Association of State Budget Officers; National Association of State Purchasing Officials; National Institute of Municipal Clerks; Public Personnel Association; and, Public Administration Service.

See the author's paperback book, *None Daro Call It Conspiracy*.

The Thirteen-Thirteen operation is an avatar of the National Municipal League, founded in New York City in the 1890s. It is not without meaning that the National Municipal League is today located on East 68th Street in New York City, right across the street from the Establishment *Insiders'* Council on Foreign Relations. Metro has often been described as the domestic arm of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the connections go far beyond mere location as we shall see.

In the beginning the National Municipal League held meetings which were attended by prominent citizens sincerely interested in ending corruption in municipal affairs. By the Thirties, however, the League was being run by highly trained (and highly salaried) "urban specialists," city planners, radical university professors, and an assortment of fanatically ambitious city officials. The National Municipal League quickly became the executive "brain" of the Metro movement and established Thirteen-Thirteen in Chicago as a base for its operations.

Many of the arguments heard in town council meetings from Bangor to San Diego and from Tallahassee to Seattle are now little more than restatements of materials distributed by one or more of the twenty-two organizations centered in the Thirteen-Thirteen complex. Chances are that your own city manager and other city, county, and state officials are members of one or more of these organizations, subscribe to Thirteen-Thirteen publications, have been trained by the Metro staff, or have attended one of its seminars.

The vast Thirteen-Thirteen operation requires, and spends, great sums of money. Who finances it? Who would lie interested in promoting regional amalgamation pursuant to elimination of governments below the federal level?

Students of the operations of Establishment *Insiders* will not be surprised to learn that the Rockefeller clan has been the major sugar daddy of the Metro movement. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial created the Spelman Fund in 1928, with capital of tell million dollars, and it has received further capital from the Rockefeller Foundation. According to the Fund's annual report of 1947-1948: "The Spelman Fund assumed as its major responsibility an exploration of the possibilities of cooperation with public bodies for the improvement of public administration." The report also speaks of the Fund's role in creating Thirteen-Thirteen:

In 1938, a new building at 1313 E. Sixtieth St., Chicago, (constructed under grants front the Spelman Fund) was completed to provide adequate quarters ... for the use and occupancy of the national governmental organizations. This building has come to be known as "1313." ... An agency known as the Public Administration Clearing House was set up Endorsement of the public Administration Clearing House came from the National Municipal League, the American Municipal Association, etc. ... The Public Administration Clearing House manages the building at 1313 E. Sixtieth St., Chicago

The report of the Rockefellers' Spelman Fund adds: "The Public Administration Clearing House ... has no members and no independent means of support."

Further bankrolling of Thirteen-Thirteen has since been provided by such perennial cornucopias of the Left as the Carnegie Corporation, the Julius Rosenwald (Sears Roebuck & Company) Fund, and the Russell Sage Foundation. But, as with most *Insider* projects, the primary funding now comes from the Ford Foundation. Ford has poured tens of millions of dollars into scores, possibly hundreds, of regional government projects.

It is no coincidence that it is these same foundations which have financed the Establishment *Insiders'* Council on Foreign Relations. The C.F.R.'s primary objective is the creation of a World Government. The replacement of local governments by regional governments is the domestic version of the same program, by which socialism is to be used as a means to control the people from central headquarters.



This building at 1313 East Sixtieth Street in Chicago houses the twenty-two Metro organizations that form the vast Thirteen-Thirteen complex, the purpose of which is to remove local control from the people and place it in the hands of appointed "experts" and "managers." The structure was built to house this operation by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Fund and it all was long supported exclusively by the Rockefellers. The major funding now comes from the Ford Foundation ... which reminds Contributing Editor Gary Allen of an admission by H. Rowan Gaither Jr., then president of the Ford Foundation. Gaither told chief investigator Norman Dodd of the Reece Committee that the purpose to which the Ford Foundation would be applied **"was to so alter American society that it**

could be comfortably merged with that of the Soviet Union." Ford grants to Thirteen-Thirteen support that purpose by financing Metro collectivism.

When the Reece Congressional Committee was charged with investigating the tax-free foundations, its chief investigator Norman Dodd personally interviewed H. Rowan Gaither Jr., then president of the giant Ford Foundation. Gaither blithely admitted to Dodd that the purpose to which the Ford Foundation would be applied "was to so alter American society that it could be comfortably merged with that of the Soviet Union." Regional government is a major and necessary step toward that merger. Its objective is to prepare our economy to be merged efficiently with that of the U.S.S.R. by placing all authority in the hands of the elite planners.

For those who have sought to create the New World Order abroad and the New Society at home, the unique American form of government - specifically the division of powers between the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches; and between federal, state, and local units of government - has been an almost insurmountable obstacle. To overcome this system of checks and balances, schemes had to be devised which appear to ameliorate problems, but which result in the concentration of more and more power in the Executive branch of the federal government. Indeed, we have been unable to find a single piece of legislation passed by Congress during the last four decades that has not done this - including Mr. Nixon's vaunted "revenue sharing" program, which is ballyhooed as doing exactly the opposite.

"After nearly twelve years in Congress," said John Ashbrook of Ohio, **"I continually witness a gap between the stated intention and the real goal, between the alleged and the actual, between the reported and the unreported . . ."** Americans would do well to keep Congressman Ashbrook's observation in mind, as well as these words of the sagacious Thomas Jefferson: **"When all governments shall be drawn to Washington, as the center of power, it will become venal and oppressive."**

American government was built upon the political theory of divided sovereignty - the concept known as a republic. **The Constitution declared that "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union, a Republican Form of Government . . ."** The law books say that a "Republican Form of Government" is a government of elected representatives, wherein no basic power of government can be withheld by appointees. Metro is designed to reverse this system. It is government by an elite corps of experts. These metrocrat appointees replace or assume authority over locally elected officials.

It is a hoary cliché that you can't fight City Hall. Sometimes that has been true. But there have been a lot of City Hall gangs unceremoniously dispatched by the voters to the ranks of the unemployed. It is nonetheless a fact that when City Hall is run by appointed bureaucrats you are not likely to receive satisfaction. You have a complaint. You take it to your friendly local bureaucrat. He may even be sympathetic. But he explains to you that the matter is out of his hands. Just where the jurisdiction lies to deal with your problem is hard to determine. Your town government has now been merged with ten others into a countywide government. The county government has its own rules and regulations, and then there are the federal guidelines established by the Federal Regional District. Your only recourse is to bang the metrocrat over the head with a copy of Atlas Shrugged - a prospect which is seldom productive.

Our Constitutional Republic was based upon the rule of law, not on the whims of bureaucrats. But, as we have seen, regional government reverses the process. With regional governments becoming more and more enmeshed with the federal government through Urban Renewal, the Model Cities Program, air and water pollution control, road construction, "aid" to law enforcement, transportation control, War on Poverty programs, manpower training, welfare, and a ton of other schemes, local government is being turned into an administrative arm of the federal bureaucracy.

The many federal bureaus with which you must now deal operate on general grants of power given to them by Congress at their creation. But Congress lets the bureaus set up their own day-to-day procedures by non-statutory administrative rules and regulations that carry the force of law. This is nearly the same situation, except at a lower level, as the one we discussed earlier whereby the President issues Executive Orders that amount to royal decrees. Metro administrators, armed with these administrative rules and regulations, run their fiefdoms with all the impunity of the agents of King George III. The Declaration of Independence cites the arbitrary power of such "swarms of officers" as one of our grievances against England. Today we are enthroning precisely the system against which our colonial forebears once rebelled.

Closely related to the replacement of our Constitutional system of rule by law with rule by bureaucratic edict is the regional government policy of disregarding state lines. One of the major checks and balances (or "counterveiling powers") established by the Constitution in the Tenth Amendment was the retention of all powers, not specifically given to the federal government, in the hands of the states and the people. This makes for sovereign states whose internal affairs are their own business. But by tying federal grants to the new federal *regions*, each of which encompasses a number of states, the state lines are made to have no more meaning than traffic lights in New York City.

The attitude of Metro proponents towards the states is typified by the Council for Economic Development, an important study group closely tied with the Council on Foreign Relations.* In one of its studies on local government, the C.E.D. declares:

Fiscal realities have modified the legal concept that the states are the fountain source of all governmental power. The states created the national government, assigning it certain functions and granting it essential powers. The powers of local units were also granted by the states. Realistically, however, capability of response to public desires and adequate financial resources take precedence over legal theory. The states seem less "sovereign" with 20% of their total annual revenues drawn from the federal treasury.

The point is that the sovereignty of the states is *meant* to diminish as the percentage of annual revenue received from the federal government rises. This explains the real purpose behind "revenue sharing" and similar Metro-backed proposals.

*See "Who They Are" in *American Opinion* for October 1972.

Ironically, some Metro programs are promoted under the guise of increasing the power of the states, others purport to increase the jurisdiction of the counties, while others are said to increase the independence of cities. In each case Metro plays the bigger government against the smaller, the objective being to centralize power at an ever higher level. The purpose is to place all power in the hands of the federal government and to turn state, county, and city governments into administrative cogs in one big bureaucratic machine. Metro is a mechanism for changing a limited Constitutional Republic into an unlimited autocracy without altering the *apparent* form of our government. The State of Kansas will still exist. The City of Seattle will still exist. The County of Los Angeles will still exist. But their independence will not. Our entire form of government will have changed. And we hardly need remind you that when a government is run by bureaucratic edicts which for all practical purposes cannot be reversed by the people, dictatorship exists.

You doubt that it will happen? You think this is an exaggeration? Think about your own experiences in trying to obtain justice from the Bureau of Internal Revenue where bureaucrats act as prosecutor, judge, and jury.

Control over taxation is a very important aspect of the Metro movement. Thomas Jefferson advised us long ago that the power to tax is the power to destroy. We might add that the power to tax is also the power to control. That is why Metro units are so eager to get their hands on the power to tax. One of their main arguments is that the big city politicians, through vote-buying welfare schemes, have chased productive taxpayers to the suburbs - leaving the central cities between a fiscal rock and a financial hard place. The woebegone taxpayer who accepts Metro taxation to improve the tax base for the cities is then caught between a vice of rising taxes levied by regional government (often raised to obtain matching federal grants), and increased federal taxes to finance the myriad federal programs said to be designed to "improve the quality of life" at the city, county, and state level. Voters can still deal with the problem at the federal level because Congress controls the purse strings; but, in the local Metro areas, taxes can be set by metrocrats in what amounts to taxation without representation.

While taxation is used to make a direct attack on private property, it is not the only such attack made by the metrocrats. The Metro Planners have used their foundation grants to develop a variety of programs to control and confiscate private property. One of the most successful is Urban Renewal, and such related schemes as Public Housing and Model Cities. Promotion of these programs has long been a priority for the organizations based at Thirteen-Thirteen. It was their lobbying that first put the federal foot in the door of local housing when they persuaded Congress to pass the Title I Housing Act of 1949, establishing federal financing for slum clearance and redevelopment.

The Housing Act of 1954 broadened the provisions of Title I to include not only slum clearance but slum prevention.

Then, in 1954, the Warren Court produced a swamp of sociological jurisprudence giving unlimited power to the government to seize anything it wanted through the formerly very limited "right of eminent domain." According to the Supreme Court, the government could use eminent domain to seize any piece of property it wanted. Karl Marx proposed this concept somewhat differently: He

said it in German. The Court blasted *selfish* owners who might not want their property, in many cases the product of a lifetime of work and saving, seized to satisfy the whims of bureaucrats. The Court stated:

If owner after owner were permitted to resist these redevelopment programs on the ground that his particular property was not being used against the public interest, integrated plans for redevelopment would suffer greatly. The argument pressed upon us is, indeed, a plea to substitute the landowner's standard of the public need for the standard prescribed by Congress Once the question of the public purpose has been decided, the amount and character of land to be taken for the project and the need for a particular tract to complete the integrated plan rests in the discretion of the legislative branch.

Here is an uncomfortable thought for the future: If forced sale of property for Urban Renewal and related programs is Constitutional, why not forced sale for agrarian reform? Sorry I mentioned it.

One would have thought that associations of property owners would have held court and put the Warren gang on trial with Judge Lynch presiding. They did not because Urban Renewal amounted to a federal subsidy for realtors (appraisals are required), for bankers (who financed rebuilding), for construction workers and contractors, and for lawyers who defended the practice with great vigor. The Chambers of Commerce loved it. And no one said that compulsory Urban Renewal is nothing but politically legalized theft.

Besides the immorality of Urban Renewal, it is also a monumental flop from the standpoint of the "humanitarian" purposes that were ascribed to it by the Thirteen-Thirteen lobbyists. During the nineteen-year period from its inception to the end of January 1968, Urban Renewal has depleted the nation's housing supply by 315,451 units. Only 124,175 replacement dwellings were built, but 439,626 were demolished under Urban Renewal programming.

During this period, \$7.1 billion was spent on these projects. Over a million people and an uncounted number of small neighborhood businesses have been the victims of the federal bulldozer. Who weeps for them? Private land which Urban Renewal confiscates from hapless owners is divided by the bureaucrats between public and private interests. About sixteen percent has remained tax exempt in public ownership (raising local taxes) while valuable acreage is sold at cut-rate prices to privileged interests which build high-rise office complexes and shopping centers rather than housing. Meanwhile the former residents of the area find it harder and harder to locate alternative low-cost housing. This leads to over-crowding in adjacent areas. It has in some cases (Cleveland, for example) been blamed as a contributing factor in massive rioting.

With the creation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.), and the passage of the Model Cities Act, the Urban Renewal concept went regional. Model Cities programs now involve 150 cities - or, to be more accurate, areas - forcing regional government by tying federal funds to its creation. Such payoffs became necessary because, despite all of the pro-Metro propaganda about (lie wonders of government by certified wizards, whenever Metro government was offered on the local ballot, voters almost always rejected it by a ratio of two to one. It took promises of "free" federal funds to overcome their better judgment.

Under Title II of the Omnibus Cities Bill of 1966 - the Metro title - all applications for federal aid under ten programs to provide sewers, construction of hospitals, highways, libraries, airports, etc., must soon be submitted for recommendation to a Metro government before they are forwarded to Washington. The Metro government to which the applications are to be submitted must be a joint planning body for the central city and suburbs.* As a result, the big city Urban Renewal projects have been integrated with the suburbs, forcing "scattered-site" public housing upon quiet, formerly pleasant, suburban communities. Just as with busing, President Nixon decries what his own appointees are doing, but he lets them go right on doing it.

Taxation and the direct seizure of property are not the only ways in which the metrocrats attack private property. Thirteen-Thirteen literature boasts of plans to use practices common in Urban Renewal and Model Cities programs to place complete control of all land in the United States in the hands of Metro. Now, whenever land is even temporarily held by Metro Authority, land-use controls are applied by covenants which pass with the land. Forever after, that land is subject to the control of the Metro Planners. Robert C. Weaver, former Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.), was quite frank about it, declaring:

*Regional government means absolute Federal control over all property and its development regardless of location, anywhere in the United States, to be administered on the Federal officials' determination. It [regional government] would supercede state and local laws...
77rough this authority we seek to recapture control of the use of land, most of which the government has already given to the people.*

Land control is people control. Already Model Cities programs have forced communities to integrate their schools under preposterously racist schemes; to establish sensitivity training for community leaders, teachers, social workers, and the police; and to accept federal guidelines concerning health, education, employment, recreation, and housing. The Metro Planners also have an abiding interest in the police. Not only do they promote sensitivity training for the local constabulary, they often require the establishment of the highly discredited "civilian review boards." Even before H.U.D. became involved, Thirteen-Thirteen pushed for consolidation of local police departments and sheriff's offices into metropolitan police forces under a political appointee responsible to a Metro manager. A manual published by the International City Managers Association of 1313 East Sixtieth Street, Chicago, states:

The Police function should be administered through a regular city department headed by a police chief directly responsible to the chief administrator of the city [manager] Appointment of the police chief should be made by the chief administrator of the city ... rather than by a separate board, commission, or the city council.

*Even when federal laws do not specifically tie federal grants to the creation of regional bodies, in practice the bureaucrats who say yea or nay to funding the projects require the establishment of a regional governing group or give the impression that such a group is a prerequisite for receiving the federal funds.

One should keep in mind that among the federal bureaus that will have offices in each of Richard Nixon's ten regional districts is the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (L.E.A.A.). Only those who are still moist behind their hearing apparatus will doubt that L.E.A.A., working through the federal sub-capitals, is laboring to produce regional police as a step toward a federal police force. When they start recruiting in one region for duty in another region, or begin the transfer of police from one region to another, you will know that Fedcop is here. Loss of jurisdiction and control over our local police is a certain step toward Orwell's 1984.

But this is only part of what is involved when one recalls that in addition to Executive Order 11647 of February 10, 1972, and the Revenue Sharing Act that has given the federal government dictatorial power in setting guidelines for our local communities, we also face Executive Order 11490 of October 30, 1969, "Assigning Emergency Preparedness Functions to Federal Departments." This Order, discussed at length in Alan Stang's article beginning on page one, empowers Regional Council members, under the color of law, to control all food supply, money and credit, transportation, communications, public utilities, hospitals, and other essential facets of human existence. *That* is what regional government really means!

America has genuine urban problems. But regionalization can hardly be cited as a solution so long as communities can voluntarily contract with each other to work together in their solution. Such things as fire, police, or trash collection services, for instance, can be shared by contract. Pollution problems can be solved by state legislatures and the courts - so that if someone is pouring sewage in your drinking water, you can settle the matter in court. Curing pollution hardly requires the abolition of our Constitutional Republic. But the metrocrats are not interested in these genuine solutions, they are after power. **They are working to carry out what the Ford Foundation's Rowan Gaither described as the plan to merge the United States with the Soviet Union.**

Certainly Richard Nixon is carrying out part of this program by making the United States dependent on Soviet natural resources. Does it not seem odd that our government will not allow a pipeline to be built across Alaska to allow the development of that state's huge petroleum resources under the excuse that it will upset the ecology of snow bunnies and polar bears, while at the same time we prepare to import natural gas from the Soviet Union? Does it not seem odd that the Rockefellers' Chase Manhattan Bank is opening a branch in beautiful downtown Moscow, even as the Soviets are preparing to sell bonds in America?

The Metro conspiracy made great advances with the aid of Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson, but its triumph awaited the Administration of Richard Nixon. Mr. Nixon was the first to "bite the bullet" and create the ten federal regions as part of his "New Federalism" . . . a takeover which he describes as part of a "New American Revolution." It might more accurately be described as a "counter revolution" to that of 1776 which freed us from the arbitrary rule of "swarms of officers."

As I write, President Nixon is in the process of creating a Cabinet post of Community Development, the boss of which will act as a commissar ruling over his ten regional soviets and using the \$30 billion in "revenue sharing" funds as both a carrot and a stick to implement Metro rule. And Richard Nixon means business. Washington columnist Richard Wilson informs us that the "new

federalism ... is an obsession with him." Ironically, Mr. Nixon's collectivist obsession is being sold to the public as decentralization. The President has proclaimed:

I realize that what I am asking is that not only the executive branch in Washington, but even this Congress will have to change by giving up some of its power.

Nixon is taking power from the Executive Department in Washington by creating ten branches of the Executive Department throughout the country. *Sacrebleu!*

Under the title "Domestic Kissingers To Have Vast Powers," columnists Evans and Novak reveal what Mr. Nixon is really up to:

Many details await final Presidential determination, but the intent of the drastic reorganization has now become inescapably clear: To devise lines of power and authority which will centralize all decision-making in the White House to about the same extent that Henry Kissinger now controls every aspect of foreign policy.

In blueprint form is a proposal to create four or five new Kissingertype master bureaucrats, working directly under the President. They would exercise fully as much control over their old-line departments as Kissinger now exercises over the State Department through the National Security Council (NSCJ).

What this means is that Mr. Nixon intends to take direct control of the sprawling and often immovable bureaucracy into his own hands, operating through his new master bureaucrats.

Our country is being changed into a Big Brother dictatorship with Newspeak as the official language. The first thing you know, the "domestic Kissingers" will be trying to put a federal television set in every home to spy on us. And if you don't believe it, read Alan Stang's article called *Big Brother* in America

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