Some people leech off of others' achievements

(Continued from page 5) They take their money and distribute it to the "less fortunate" as it sees fit. Any successful individuals are punished and the lazy are rewarded. There is no incentive to achieve beyond the quota. Under communism or socialism, citizens are slaves to the government. When the United States was founded, its Constitution guaranteed all citizens the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. For approximately 150 years, our country maintained this ideal very well.

Recently, however, some very dangerous concepts have begun to gain popular support. The Democratic Party platform of 1960 claimed that all men have the right to food, clothing, shelter, a job, and even recreation! Who is to provide these things? I quote from Ayn Rand: "If some men are entitled by right to the products of the work of others, it means that those others are deprived of rights and condemned to slave labor. Any alleged 'right' of one man, which necessitates the violation of the rights of another, is not and cannot be a right." (Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal: pg. 324)

The welfare system, social security, labor legislation, and economic interference of today's government are merely stepping stones on the path to communism. The same laws which now permit censorship of pornographic materials due to their "potential threat to the social interest" will soon lead to more restrictive laws suppressing any scientific or political ideas which might be a threat to the "social interest."

Every individual must pull himself out of the quagmire of apathy into which we are all rapidly sinking and make a firm and immediate commitment to action.