

IF YOU DOUBT that compulsory socialism has gone to that extreme in this country, just test it, for instance, by refusing to pay the social security tax that is taken from your salary. The government will do the same thing to you that it did to the owner of a small battery shop in Pennsylvania who balked at the idea of compulsory social security. First, the state confiscated his property. Still he refused to obey. Then the state preferred *criminal* charges against him. And in January of 1943, the government gave him the choice of conforming or going to prison as a criminal — an enemy of the state because he refused to pay social security! He paid. And his six-months prison sentence was suspended.

Next may come total government housing — “for our own good,” of course. Then the state will assign us so many square feet of “adequate” living space. This is true because, under complete state ownership of housing, there is no other way that government can do it. We may ask for more space, a different location, better service, or a choice of neighbors. But we already know the government’s answer. Even today, a person has no real choice when he lives in government housing.

Next may come full employment with government-guaranteed jobs for everyone. A person will say: “I don’t want this job.” And as happened under England’s program of gov-

ernment-guaranteed full employment, the American Welfare State will also answer: “We will put you in jail as a criminal unless you work at your assigned task.”

Along about then, the advocates of government-guaranteed “security” may begin to understand the inevitable results of their ideas. They may realize that it is *power* that makes a dictator, and not what he’s called or how he’s elected. When that fact has become obvious to everyone, the advocates of compulsory “security” will then exclaim: “But we didn’t mean this!” It will be too late to turn back at that point. Just as the night follows the day, so government aid *to* the individual is followed by government control *of* the individual, which necessarily means government force *against* the individual.

NO EASY WAY

FORTUNATELY, it is not yet too late for America to turn away from the evil that is a Welfare State; a Slave State. But, unfortunately, there is no simple or easy way to do it. Both major political parties — along with the smaller ones — seem to be trying to outbid each other by promising more government housing, more social security, more “free” medical care, more government “welfare” projects, and more special privileges to various groups and interests.

Most of our movies, magazines, newspapers and radio programs generally endorse — directly or indirectly — the idea of some form