

fact that: "It is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes."*

But the statement regarding the political right of education goes even further. The article states that education shall encourage the full development of the human personality, the strengthening and respect for human rights and freedoms, and the suppression of all incitement to racial and other hatred. It shall promote understanding, tolerance, and friendship among all nations, racial, ethnic, or religious groups.

A Perverted Phrase

WHEN one remembers the way in which the phrase in the American Constitution, "to provide for the general welfare," has been perverted to include the responsibility of the state to take over practically every form of social endeavor, one can understand how easily the seemingly humanitarian and enlightened motives of this paragraph in the Covenant could be construed to allow the state to indoctrinate its children with the mind, morals, and the mores of the dominant political power of any given time. In fact, it would have been possible for Adolph Hitler to have accepted these words as the basis for

*Wickard v. Filburn, 317 U.S. 111, p. 131, Oct., 1942.

the educational program of national socialism in Germany. His party had control of the educational system of Germany. This educational system extended throughout the entire educational life of the child and young person. He also had a philosophy of national socialism with definitions describing what he thought the full development of the human personality should be, and what, in the Nazi concept, human rights and fundamental freedoms are. We should remember that in an area controlled by such a process as national socialism, or any similar philosophy of governmental direction, the question and definition of what human personality is, and what human rights and fundamental freedoms are, rest with the dominant political power.

The leaders of the collectivized, totalitarian governments always give their own definitions to words such as democracy, freedom, hatred, tolerance, and rights. Recall the Soviet definition given to such a term as "peace-loving people's democracies." This United Nations Covenant of educational rights would provide legal sanction for any dictator or any totalitarian government — any government at all to which the people had given control of education — to frame the definitions of the meanings of words, and then to control education and the educational system according to its will.