

### 3. Tariffs and regulation: the core constituencies

Nearly twenty years after a joyous “V-E Day,” U.S. citizens and their nation had accumulated such advantages inside their nation and the world at large, that it still seemed to nearly all of us, that the U.S. could not have been destroyed, unless a majority consented to acts which might destroy the nation and ourselves alike. Now, just slightly longer than thirty-five years since President Kennedy was murdered, it is clear that, during these more recent decades, it is we ourselves, at least a majority among us, who, by consent, have ruined our once great nation, and, in that process, the overwhelming majority now among us, too.

One among the simplest and most commonplace examples of that galloping, self-destructive immorality, which has destroyed us, is a disease commonly known as “consumerism.” In its present form, this sometimes wild-eyed fad is of approximately thirty years duration to date; it is matched by a number of different specific types of fads reflecting the same kind of moral corruption and mental disorientation in much of our population.

For example, if the farmer is ruined by market prices far below the actual cost of agricultural production, the faddish consumerist gloats, “The price is right!” If armies of our labor-force are driven from decent employment, by such forms of “globalization” as NAFTA, into so-called “service jobs” at sweat-shop wage-levels, “So, what!” screams the triumphant consumerist; “If I get it cheaper from dirt-cheap prison labor, or from foreign countries, so what? The right price for me is the lowest price!” So, the self-deluded, politically militant consumerist insists: “I don’t have to worry about the farmer; I get my milk from the supermarket!”

The “consumerist” is comparable to the case of the drug-addict who was hauled into the hospital just yesterday, “Dead On Arrival.” The consumerist’s lustful adoration of his own petty cupidity, impels him to return, again and again, more and more, to his self-destructive habit.

That consumerist should remind us of the way in which, according to British sources, the Malay farmer was accustomed to catching monkeys, with a devilishly simple device called a “Malay monkey-trap.” The trap was a jar with a narrow neck. The jar was fastened to a post or a tree, and a nut placed within the jar. The nut selected was just small enough to fit, but only barely, through the neck of the jar. The greedy monkey finds the nut, and reaches his paw through the neck to clutch the desired nut within. Since he refuses to

relinquish his grip on the nut, he can not remove his paw from the jar. He refuses to relinquish the grip on that nut. The farmer’s family ate monkey that night. Consumerists are like that monkey; so are many duped investors in mutual funds, financial derivatives, and similar chain-letter scams. Satan himself could not have been more clever than the inventor of such monkey-traps.

Simple greed is not the only form of fetishism which works as the consumerist fad does. Look at the amount of mass political and other behavior of the U.S. population, which is controlled through the willful crafting of widely-circulated horoscopes; astrology today, like the related cult of worship of the heathen goddess Fortuna, gambling, has become again a dangerous pagan religious cult, a leading threat to U.S. national security. Much of the influence of the predatory present-day “Elmer Gantrys,” is the work of televangelist hate-mongers, such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, who operate their cults on the basis of the same blend of pagan superstitions and confidence-game swindles as the horoscope cults, or as dangerous varieties of so-called weight-reducing and other health fads do. Similarly, the epidemic spread of ecology cults, is among the most influential pseudo-scientific fads today. Men and women intoxicated by their conversion to the murderous madness of “eco-terrorism,” typify the way in which our nation’s internal security is threatened by poor, deranged people, who would even burn their houses down around themselves, or participate in similar forms of organized mass-suicide, all for the sake of some astrological, religious, or similar ecstasy.

Thus, the consumerists, like the drug-addicts, and kindred varieties of self-destructive faddists, are brimming with lust over the excitement of acts by means of which, wittingly or not, they destroy our nation and themselves.

Such is our national tragedy. So, the prevailing opinions among our people often prove to be our greatest enemy, the enemy within.

So, many of you have lost your employment, or your farm, your pension, or your health-care benefits, all because someone else, such as a Wall Street shark, has looted you, all as a part of keeping his price for your existence “right!” Even then, just as you gloated over your advantage in “right” prices at everyone else’s expense, you seem not to recognize your own suffering is all a product of something lustful and lunatic which you, turned fanatic, have done to yourselves. Is “the