

in unions or don't they? Do they believe in democracy or don't they? Do they want industrial peace or do they want the workplace chaos of class warfare? Those are legitimate questions.

Sixth, everytime political candidates come to us for help and assistance, throw labor law reform and gas deregulation in their teeth. Ask them which side they are on. The corporate state and right wing or the free trade union?

Seventh, forget about being socially accepted and having socially acceptable behavior. It's clear that the right wing has never accepted trade unionism. For years and years and years, the Business Roundtable of this country accepted, they said, the principle of free trade unions—the recognition of free trade unions in the U.S.A. It was in return for a commitment by the American labor movement that it would promote democratically-controlled trade unions abroad. They have foresaken their commitment. It will condition how we conduct our affairs elsewhere in the world in the future. It is equally clear that a lot of other people in the society don't accept us anymore either.

Let me quote Wayne Horvitz, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Director. He says, "management is emboldened by recent declines in membership and public standing of unions. A more fundamental factor is a growing management perception that union strength is waning. Management is testing the relationship to see what it will bear. Employers believe that for many, many years they have given away more than they should across the bargaining table and this is a good time to get some of it back."

That's straight out of the Wall Street Journal of January 27th of this year. That says it all and that was said before labor law reform came up in the Senate. So don't worry anymore about being mister cooperative nice guy. It won't work because they don't want it to work. It's time, it seems to me, for some good old fashioned civil disobedience and disrespect in labor relations. And maybe by that method, we'll give a lesson to the politicians as well.

The Carter Failure

Eighth, start thinking about the 1980

elections. President Carter has abandoned his constituency, his party's platform, and his own campaign pledges. Carter may be the best Republican President since Herbert Hoover. Look at his record. He's done nothing for full employment, simply continued the Nixon/Ford program for unemployment. He's done nothing to curb inflation, but continue the Nixon/Ford policy of scape-goating labor as the culprit. He sold out consumers, workers and the poor on the energy bill. He's surrendered to the energy octopus.

Carter has done absolutely nothing to get national health insurance. He's hedged his pledge with a piecemeal plan that would allow the insurance and medical leaches to make certain it would be still-born.

He also did precious little to break the filibuster on labor law reform. I didn't see him publicly flog anybody the way he was publicly flogging people on the energy bill when it came to labor law reform. I didn't see him deliver either Georgia Senator's vote for cloture. If I were the ex-governor of Georgia and the President of the United States, I'd have some kind of whip to crack to get at least one of their votes. One vote would have made the difference.

Corporate influence

He named a corporate conservative by the name of Bill Miller to the Chairmanship of the Federal Reserve Board. So the old Nixon/Ford right wing monetary policies of high interest rates, tight money, and secret monetary deliberations continues right on with no abatement.

He hasn't done a thing to change free trade to fair trade. He continues to misdirect his human rights sanctions against exports rather than imports. He has needlessly heated up the cold war in a chest-beating effort to improve his image.

Carter has done zilch for honest tax reform, which has to be our cry; next to nothing for the cities; zip point zero for public employees and government workers.

President Carter—to me—is through. He's a weak, vascillating and ineffective President. I know as well as anyone, that those are dangerous words. I also know how easy it is for an incumbent-sitting president to launch some spectacular and