

tributing when the top cat up in the board room told him he had to come up with it? And there is a source of big money there for the right wing. That is what finances the Viguerie direct mail machine, the engine of the right wing in this country today. Every mass mailing he makes generates millions of dollars of income for their illicit programs. That provides the cash to buy the United States of America. That's the corporate state strategy. If they can't buy America, they'll surely try to buy the government. The tragedy there seems to be that two or three hundred Congressional members, candidates, will sell their soul for a bundle of cash. And that may just be what this shift to the right in the Congress is all about, the smell of money and a bundle of corporate cash.

So my first charge to you is to sound the alarm on the danger of these corporate political action committees. Put it on them. Yell about it. Make everyone aware. Talk to the managers of these plants. Tell them to keep their hands in their pockets when the boss comes around, if they have guts enough.

My second charge has to be to raise money, the volunteer money from our members and anyone else you can reach, that we need to offset the activities of the political action committees. We may not be able to match their bucks. But if we can get a couple of bucks from each of our members, remember that we've got more members than they've got executives, when election day rolls around and we turn ours out to vote we still outnumber them. So spur that MNPL program in your shop, your local, your district. It's the only way we can halt the shift right in Congress and counteract Nixon's Supreme Court adverse decisions.

We see the corporate state in action overseas. We can't even contain it within our border. We see them rape economic and human rights in the Third and Fourth Worlds—all the underprivileged and underdeveloped parts of the world—in Argentina, South Africa, Brazil, Chile, Nicaragua, Rhodesia; and there's probably a longer list than that. It always boils down to the ruling elite versus the powerless masses. That, if nothing else, is living proof that they are the same animals they always were and always will be. It's kind

of a replay of what we see around the world now, of what life was like in this country before unions and what life will be like after unions if we let them get away with it.

Myth of competition

This corporate state is almost like an invisible hand, like a shadow government that is always there. They mask themselves behind this myth of the free market and free enterprise.

Look at our economy. You live in it everyday. It's all around you. Where do you see competition? Where do you see free enterprise? Not in automobiles, not in baby foods or breakfast cereals, not in chemicals, not in light bulbs, not in energy, not in health care, not in housing or lumber, not in meat packing, not in mining, not in steel. Free enterprise is a myth.

Competition today is a myth. What it's worth in this economy today in my humble judgment is a genuine full-blown collision—a collision of ethics and economics, of the values of equity and fairness, and the greed of profit and plunder. The free market today offers no priorities, no values, no end and no human purpose. It may well be true that a single monopolistic firm does not rule each sector of industry. But domination in this country today by a big three or a big four has become an accepted fact of life. I think everyone knows, that competition within an oligopoly is a lot more of a struggle for power to control supply and demand than to win any customers by price competition. And when all American industry today is dominated by 100 corporations which necessarily must rig prices, and they do, then no one else is going to risk the logical results of free competition. When the corporate state and the right wingers raise the banner of free enterprise, all they are really doing is laying down a smoke screen to preserve the system exactly the way it is today.

This system of concentrated ownership, monopolistic and anti-social behavior has profited neither the public, the nation, or this union or any of our membership. So my third charge is to look behind this propaganda blitz of free enterprise and the free market. When you do, you will find that corporate America and the right