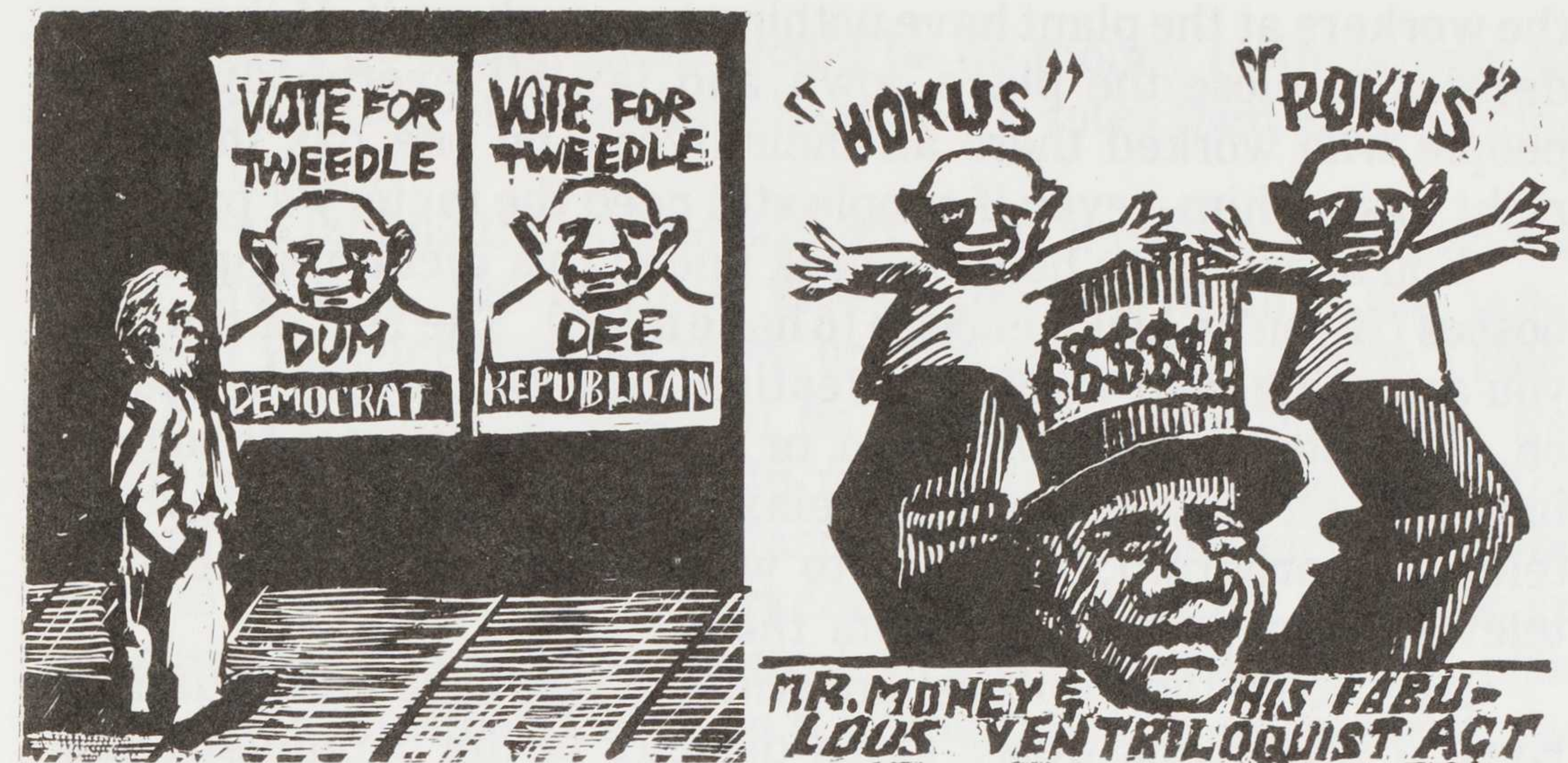


When the capitalists are overthrown all over the world, the state will begin to disappear. The world's wealth, produced abundantly by modern technology, will be shared in common. With the historic end of oppressed classes, the state, an instrument used to carry out their suppression, will be obsolete and the human race will return to its original stateless condition but on a far higher level.



Democracy

In this society we are told from our earliest days in school that we live in a democracy—"of the people, by the people, and for the people." The only "proof" of this we are given is that most government officials are elected—except for a few "unimportant" posts like Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, local police chiefs, etc. In between elections you can write a letter to your elected representatives. If they don't represent the views of the majority, we are told, next election time the majority can vote in somebody else. That's how the story goes.

But how does this work out in reality? Do the elected politicians really represent the majority of the people?

The majority of people in this society are members of the working class, yet only a tiny minority of the politicians were ever workers. Almost every single politician today represents the capitalist class, in one way or another. Some are wealthy capitalists themselves, like Vice-President Rockefeller or Ted Kennedy, and some are corporate lawyers and bribe takers, like ex-President Nixon.

When it comes to running the economy, everybody knows we live under a dictatorship of the capitalists. If the owner of a factory wants to make machine guns instead of sewing machines,