To cut taxes, government services must be cut. It's a cinch that Dukakis won't suggest that the state stop paying back the banks. Nor will he suggest cutting back state programs that create a "better business climate."

The only programs cut will be those that serve the working class. Lowering taxes for business will mean a lowering of the standard of living for the working class. This will raise, not lower, our cost of living.

DEADLY COMPETITION

The deadly competition that the capitalists have set up between the North and the Sunbelt will either force our standard of living down to the level of Puerto Rico, the South, and the Southwest, or force us to join with the workers there to raise their standard of living and defend our own.

Otherwise, if they don't have public recreation facilities and good schools in Alabama, then the capitalists will tell us that we can't have them in Massachusetts. If the jails are terrible in Georgia, then we will have to have terrible jails here. If the hospitals are bad in Mississippi, then that's all we'll be able to afford without harming the "business climate." If wages for public employees in Louisiana are low, then the capitalists and their politicians will push them down here, too.

In Boston in 1974, the average salaries for teachers were $16,700, for police $14,400, for firemen $13,800, for sanitation workers $10,700. In New Orleans, a strong union city but a Southern city, the averages were teachers $10,500, police $10,700, firemen $10,600, and sanitation workers $4,200.

These are the figures that city officials are going to be throwing in the faces of city workers come contract time.

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CHARTER REFORM···· THREAT OF FASCISM

How will the finance capitalists accomplish the destruction of our standard of living? Through fascism. The recent attempt at charter reform in Boston was a move towards fascism by the local capitalists acting through Kevin White.

No truly democratic government could participate in the ruination of the people's standard of living. Even the sort of bourgeois democratic government that we have with Carter, Dukakis, and White can't do it to the extent that the capitalists would like.

In the colonies and neo-colonies, the finance capitalists have installed fascist governments for delivering them cheap labor and superprofits. The fascist military dictatorships of Chile and Argentina, for instance, protect the investments of the U.S. finance capitalists and the profits of the multinational corporations, while the slums of Santiago and Buenos Aires provide them with a large pool of cheap labor. The same is true around the world.

WITH AN IRON FIST

In the advanced capitalist countries, the capitalists have employed fascism when economic and political conditions required that they rule with an iron fist or not at all -- Germany, Italy, Japan. Now, as the deepening economic crisis faces Northern capitalists to reduce our wages and ruin our standard of living, they must have the political means to do so. They are laying the base for fascism.

The real purpose of White's charter reform attempt was to consolidate enough power in his hands so that he could carry