this financial condition, in which each editorial specifically refers to the story in U. S. News. Not one of these editorials mentions that in the same issue of the magazine, on page 112, there appears an article entitled: "State Taxes Going Up: Where and on What." This account deals with the financial troubles now being encountered by almost every industrial state in the nation, and lists as states that will increase taxes this year California, Ohio, New York, Rhode Island, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Maine, Texas, Vermont, and many others. As a matter of fact, the lead paragraph of this account asserts: "Put your finger on a map of the United States and odds are that you will find a state in serious financial difficulty."

To the article in U. S. News and World Report, add the column by one Carl L. Biemiller in the NAM News of February 27, 1959. This piece contains the same outrageous distortions as are found in the U. S. News article.

Thus, the NAM which claims to be profoundly concerned over the need for better "climates" does not miss the opportunity to befog and becloud the climate in Michigan by spreading such scurrilous propaganda over the pages of its weekly publication.

The Detroit Times, a conservative Hearst publication, has been moved to comment editorially on such vicious and destructive accounts. In an editorial of March 5, 1959, the Times commented:

> "The Detroit Times, a year ago, deplored what has become an orgy of self-degradation in Michigan. It started as a bit or political opportunism which proved a political flop. But it was taken up and shouted from housetops by publications which should have known better. It is harder to stop than it was to start."

I cite these only as examples of the depths to which certain political and economic forces are willing to reach in order to gain for themselves a special advantage at the expense of society at large.

I would like to make it perfectly clear that big business has a perfect right in our free society to organize such campaigns and carry on such activities as we are witnessing in Michigan and elsewhere. But those of us who are interested in facts and in problems and their solutions also have the right--indeed the responsibility--to set the record straight by exploding these carefully nurtured myths.

The problems and challenges facing America at home and abroad are far too serious to be used as partisan weapons for the sole purpose of selfish political or economic advantage. We are hopeful those responsible for such campaigns will cease their activities and join with the forces in America that are honestly trying to find solutions to what are, in reality, the common problems of America.

Insofar as the UAW is concerned, we will continue to speak out in favor of positive and constructive programs which we feel will help not only the unemployed workers, the small businessmen and the farmers of America--but the whole of American society. American labor is desirous of cooperating with all groups that are seeking solutions to pressing economic problems for we understand that American labor can make progress only as the community and the nation progress.