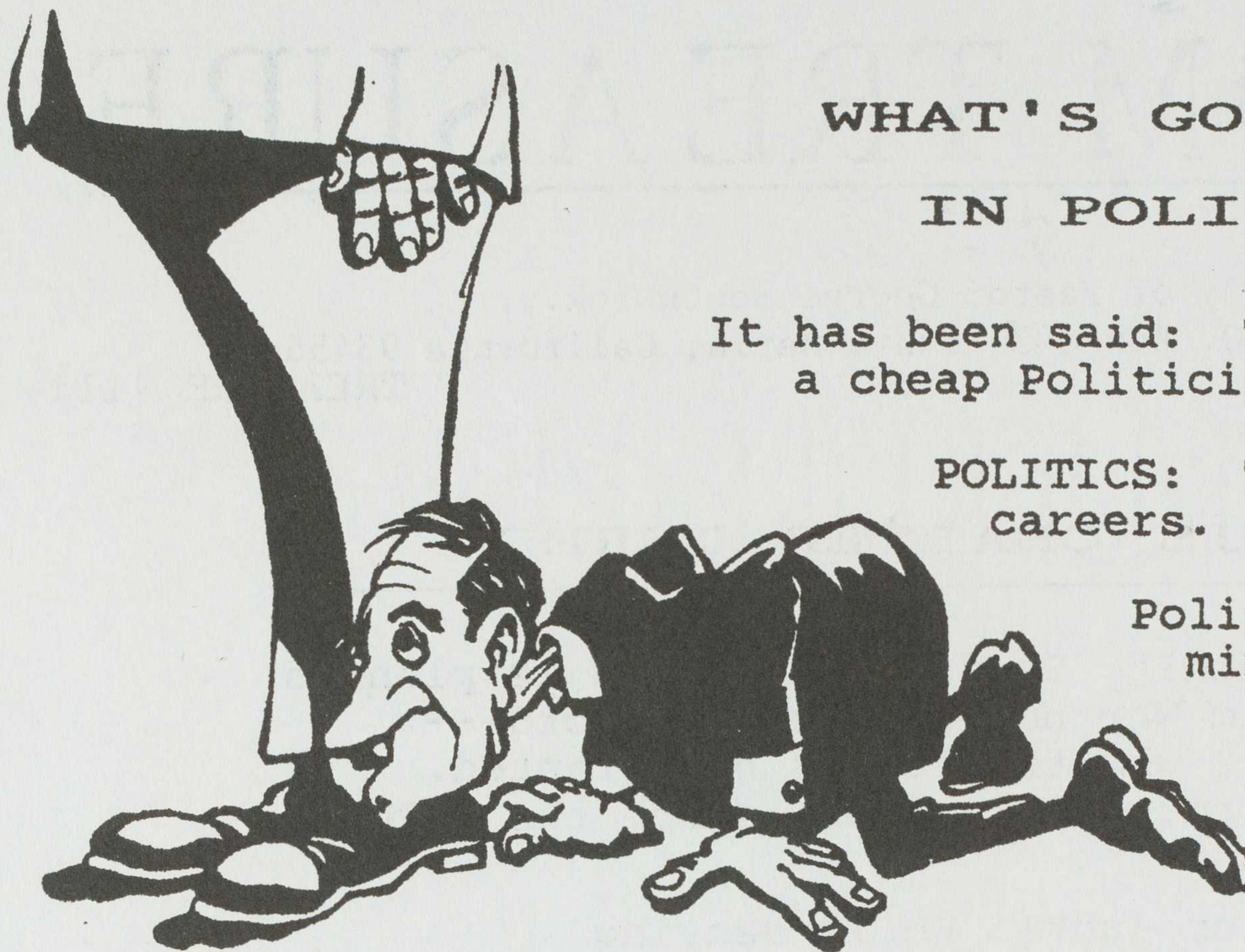




WHAT'S GOING ON... IN POLITICS?

It has been said: There is no such thing as a cheap Politician.

POLITICS: The most promising of all careers.

Political Machine: A united minority working against a divided majority.

The lower politics goes the higher it comes.

Is not this a melancholy spectacle? A boot-licker?

A man standing in some high place of trust and honor. Splendid in brain, intellect. But---on one side of him, the moral side: stricken with paralysis! Paying lip-service to God, all self inside! A black-hearted wretch! Sub-servant to pride of place! Knee-bower to power!

Here is a person, collegiate trained, of finest culture. Well versed in law, now prostrating himself before that 'god' mammon.

Saul-like in appearance, with delicate sensibilities playing in his nature. A lofty goal in his eye for higher office. A person of manipulative genius. See him now: beating his wings like some spread-eagle up, higher and higher, to the top pinnacle of authority.

Here is a hard, cold heart of stone. Hidden wickedness like a Pharisee with gushy mouth, a back-slapper. But, all marked out by the spiritual eye as a deserter from God's righteousness.

See such an one in public action. When some great occasion breaks, and imperilled justice calls unto him from the ground to rise above all party-pride, to cease from clanging factions and political pay-offs: when the clear voice of duty calls to stand for that which is just and right like the trump of God...

See him vacillate. Oh how he takes up the lance half-hearted. He lets the righteous cause totter on the brink of defeat. See him cower down before the dagon of the hour...

See him fall away from the good, the righteous cause, He betrays it. A false friend; a broken tooth and a foot out of joint! But: not only that, he becomes hot against it!

The words of this man of politics, that might have been words of glory and righteousness; of regeneration and victory, now clatter down upon the ears of the people like "thirty pieces of silver."