

and that corporate state all by ourselves.

All of those groups are useful in a full range of activities, political action and organizing campaigns. They'll help us in organizing campaigns if we work with them properly. Strike support and assistance, education programs, legislative programs, public information campaigns—they are very good at those. So reach out and form these coalitions. Use them, because that's what it's going to take to ultimately win this war. That win is a long way down the road.

Union solidarity

Secondly, support your local public employees who are organized. They're taking their lumps right now from the right wing budget cuts and the proposition 13 drives and all of that kind of thing. If the police, firemen, sanitation or office employees are up against it, demonstrate with them against layoffs or wage freezes or cut-backs. Show some solidarity to the community. Do what was done in Memphis, Tennessee. Recognize that there are some human rights that redound to the benefit of workers as well. Fight for your brothers and sisters. Fight for genuine tax reform, not tax cuts. If you don't, and the city bosses get away with freezing wages or firing these public employees and using strikebreakers, don't forget that you're next. That's really what it's all about. Our President used the 5½% wage ceiling as well. There's legislation in the Congress right now called the Inflation Reduction Act of 1978. What do you suppose it proposes? Wage and price guidelines.

I've got news for you. We don't have any guideline cops on the price side. But every employer in this country who signs a paycheck is an enforcer for the President on the wage guidelines. You don't need a police force. They're already there.

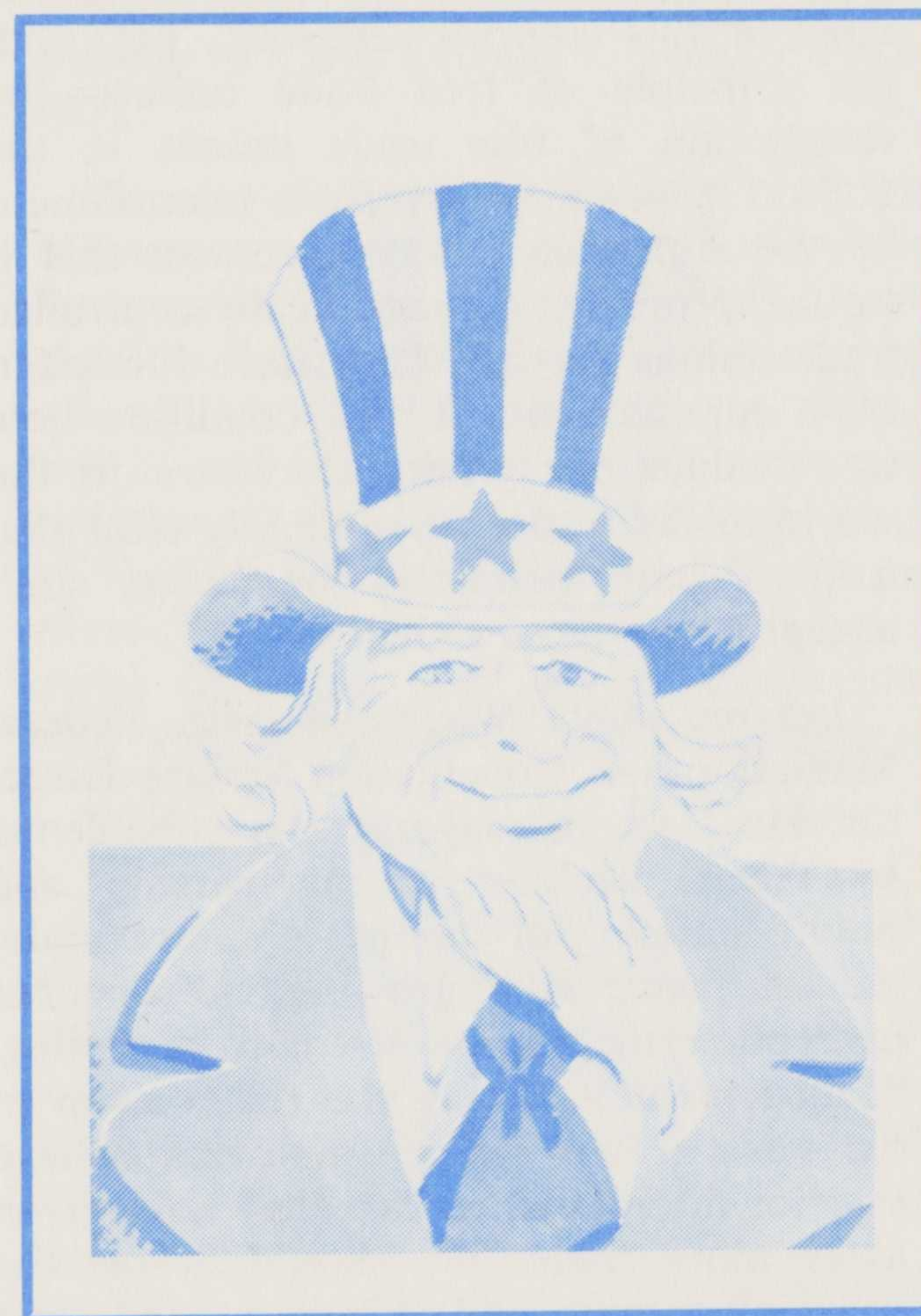
The only thing the corporations and these politicians and our President really understand is power, horsepower, people power. A united labor movement in the local communities across this land can be more powerful than anything I've seen lately if we go to work and do it. Do your part to make sure it happens in your community.

Thirdly, support the other unions that strike in your community in the private

enterprise sector. Their existence is threatened too. If we don't get back to the strong helping the weak, we are all going to lose the war.

Telling our story

Fourthly, cultivate your local news media. Go visit the editors and reporters. We've ignored them and cussed them and everything else for years. Find out what their problems are. Give them the facts about yours. Reporters are workers too. They are not all wishy-washy intellectuals, and they're not all hired guns. Most of them put their pants on the same way we do, one leg at a time. They have the same



kind of work-related problems as our members do. So make an effort to know them and to cultivate them. It can make significant differences in public opinion where you live, I've done it and I know it works. Don't be afraid. Even if they bad mouth you, that gets the IAM right out front. So, when somebody wants to join up when they've got a problem, they know we are fighting.

Fifthly, everytime a corporate or management official comes to you and asks for help or cooperation, throw labor law reform right in his kisser. Ask them where they were on that issue. Do they believe