

# WHEN CORPORATIONS BREAK THE LAW...

YOU PAY THE FINE!

In a letter to Attorney General Levi; Sen. Lee Metcalf, Representatives Benjamin Rosenthal and Thomas Downey, and Ralph Nader stated that "WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A CORPORATE CRIME WAVE."

An unprecedented wave of corporate illegality has been sweeping the nation. The roster of corporations named for illegal operations reads like a Who's Who of American industry:

Gulf Oil, United Brands, Northrop, Lockheed, Braniff, ITT, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, Exxon -- all have admitted to crimes ranging from bribery to political slush funds to foreign subversion.

Actually, the list is endless.

WHO PAYS FOR THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES?

YOU DO!

To cover the costs of these payoffs, bribes and corporate theft, it has been estimated that companies add from 2 to more than 30 per cent to their prices.

The Federal Trade Commission has estimated that white collar crime costs Americans at least \$100 billion annually.

The penalties imposed in these cases are hardly calculated to deter similar offenses: Since the firms prosecuted by the Watergate Special Prosecutor paid an average fine of \$7,000 and earned an average \$77,000 a minute, it took each about six seconds to pay its debt to society.

Obviously, existing statutes and law enforcement agencies cannot contain  
"CRIME IN THE SUITES"

*Support the New York State Democratic  
Committee Resolution calling for a full scale  
Congressional investigation of corporate power*

