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(Continued from page 2) ered by field hearings of the House Banking Committee. One hearing in Tucson, Arizona, found that in this "promised land" in the Sun Belt, people were afflicted "with layoffs, bankruptcies, rising food prices, worthless checks, high bank interest rates, homeless and jobless migrants, and precarious existences for many elements.

derly people."

UAW's own Henry Lacayo, speaking as chair of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, warned the AFL-CIO convention in a major speech that the Houston organizing drive must have hispanic participation. "No real headway can be made in organizing hispanics in Houston," he said, "or in any other place of heavy hispanic workers concentration for that matter, unless there is a visible and credible hispanic presence in the leadership of this effort, in the organizing staff, in the public affairs staff and unless all media and other public relations campaigns are conducted so that they can be properly understood by hispanic constituents we're trying to reach."

The struggle to keep a professional union-buster off the National Labor Relations Board continues. John Van de Water's sitting on the NLRB, even though he does not yet have Senate approval. The Senate Labor Committee in an 8 to 8 tie refused to send Van de

Water's name to the Senate floor.

## Labor's got a program

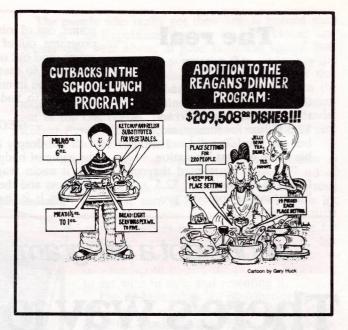
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UAW President Douglas Fraser, speaking on the resolution, drew applause when he said of Budget Director David Stockman's much-quoted magazine interview on Reaganomics that Stockman "could have put it a little differently.

"What he really was thinking is there's no use kidding about it, that this is a government of the rich and

by the rich and for the rich."

Fraser continued, "We will not and we cannot recover from the depression in the auto industry unless we change the economic policy of this Administration... The auto layoffs and all the ripple effects" in other



industries, he said, "equates to \$25 billion in terms of what the government loses" in income tax revenues and the added cost of social programs.

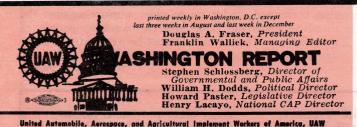
Speaking on the resolution from the convention floor, Ironworkers President John H. Lyons declared, "There are some in the United States who say we should give the President's program a chance. But I ask you, has it not already moved past its first major watershed?

"Did he not promise that the passage of that program all by itself would automatically result in a great uplifting of the economy based on everybody's great expectations of what would result? But, instead of an uplifting of economic prosperity, we are now suffering from a recession?"

Lyons continued, "It's time to provide new housing for low- and middle-income Americans by restoring the

cuts of the Reagan Administration."

"It's time to restore nationwide extended unemployment compensation benefits to protect the long-term unemployed," said Lyons. "A year ago when unemployment was 7.6 percent, there were 622,000 workers on extended benefits. Today, as a result of the budget cuts and higher unemployment, at 8 percent, only 75,000 are receiving extended unemployment insurance."



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