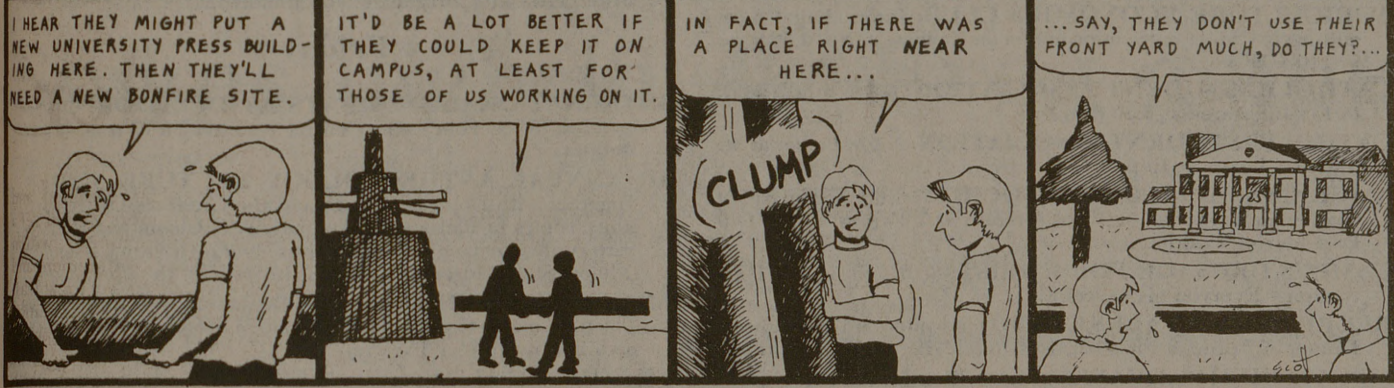


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## Warped

By Scott McCullar



## Labor agrees

### O'Neill calls Reagan's administration 'class B' act

NEW YORK — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill compared the Reagan administration to a "very, very bad class B movie" and told AFL-CIO leaders Tuesday the Republicans were responsible for the economic recession.

O'Neill's attack on President Reagan's policies followed similar broadsides from former Vice President Walter Mondale and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was expected to have more criticism in Wednesday's address to the labor group's 14th biennial convention.

Neither Reagan nor any other administration official was invited to speak at the convention, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the labor movement.

On Tuesday, the delegates heard O'Neill give a calm, but deliberate, negative assessment of the administration, blaming Reagan personally for the recession.

"The sad truth is this recession is the direct result of the Reagan administration policy," he said.

O'Neill said the economy was making a recovery when Reagan took office in January "and he has sent it into a recession in the period of six months."

Reagan is no friend of working men and women in this country, O'Neill said. "His recession is proof of that," he added.

Later, acting on the recommendation of the AFL-CIO executive council, the 900 delegates overwhelmingly approved a poli-

cy statement proposing a four-point anti-recession package.

It would:

—Restore several job-producing measures by the government, including public service employment; provide low- and middle-income housing and restore nationwide unemployment compensation benefit triggers.

—Place temporary restrictions on harmful imports to prevent penetration of U.S. markets and establish a Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans,

loan guarantees, interest rate subsidies and targeted tax benefits for retooling basic industries.

—Use credit control authority to offset tight money policy and high interest rates.

—Finance the ventures by limiting the individual tax cut in 1982 to \$700, reduce the investment tax credit from 10 percent to 7 percent and withdraw oil windfall profits tax exemptions.

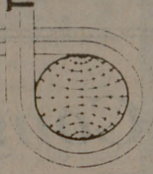
United Auto Workers President Douglas Fraser challenged the term recession, saying his auto

industry is in a depression with 200,000 autoworkers unemployed.

In internal activity, a group of black delegates met Tuesday to push for two of the five vacant seats on the 35-member Executive Council to be filled by black union leaders.

Currently there is only one black on the council, Frederick O'Neal of the Associated Actors and Artists of America, and one woman, Textile Workers Vice President Joyce Miller.

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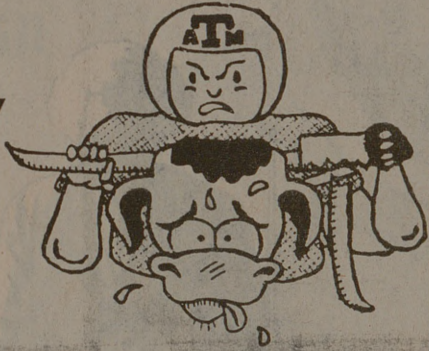


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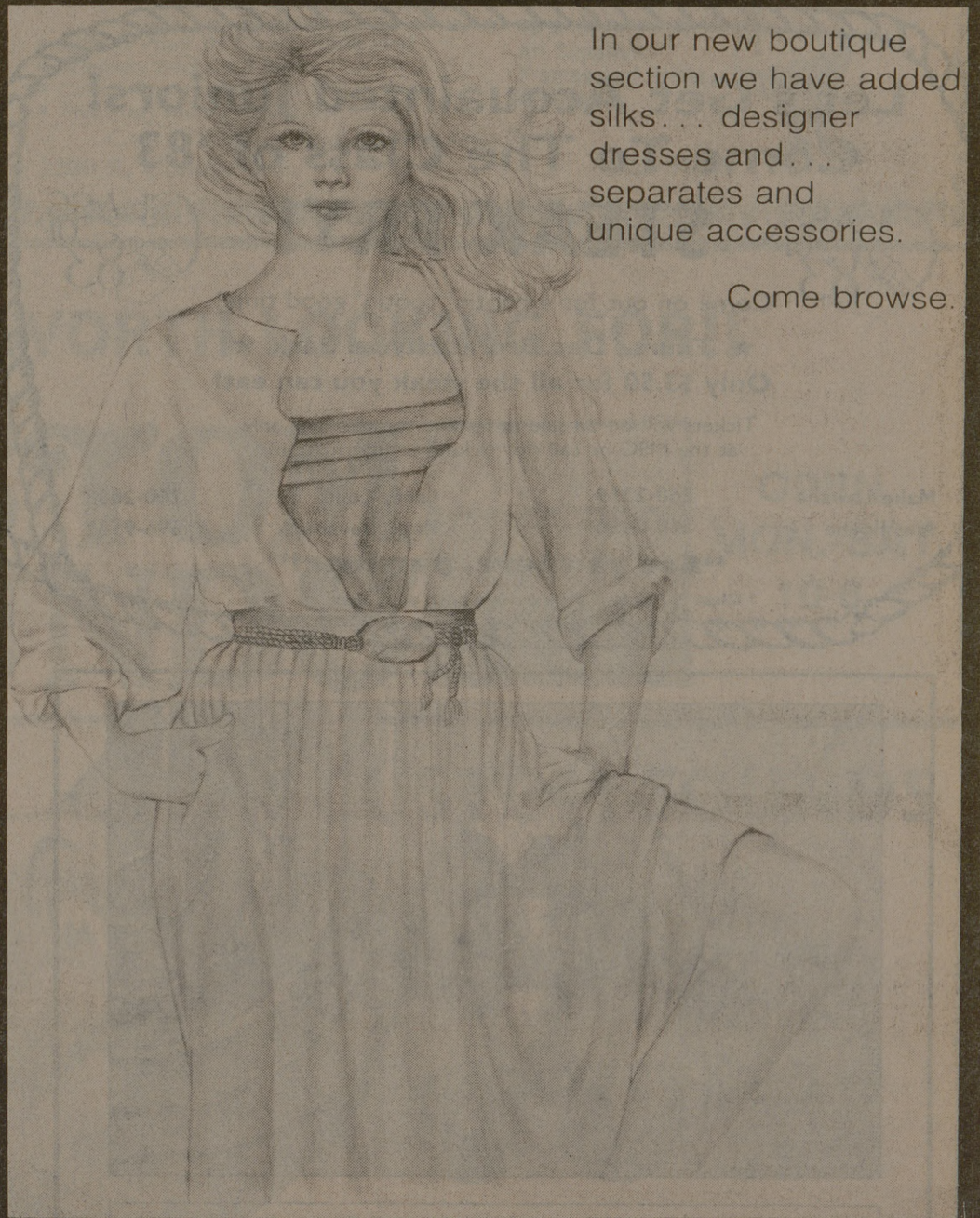
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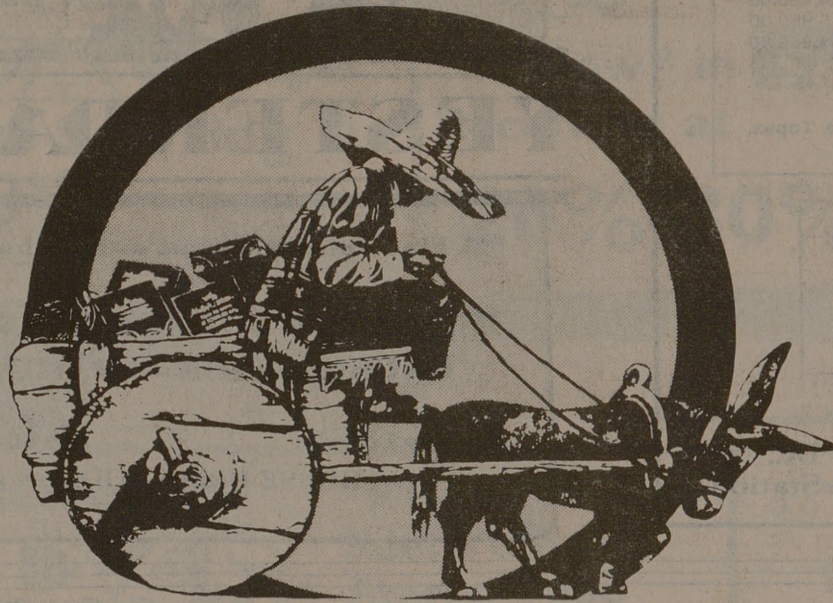


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