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what they want. It's like business telling these so-called representatives of so-called organized so-called labor, we'll let you sit down at the table with us and you can feel like you're somebody. You'd never be able to sit down with us because you're nothing and you're nobody, and we'll give you a cigar. We'll let you big-shot it, but here's what you got to do. You got to sell out your brothers. And that's what union people refer to each other as, brothers and sisters in the union. You got to sell out your brothers. So they look at that cigar, they look at all these important businesspeople who would never sit down at a table with them on anything, and it's just too much for them to resist. So they say, for a cigar and a chance to sit down with these important people, I'll sell out my brothers. They should have been smart enough...yeah, for a cigar. They should have been smart enough not to put somebody like me out there to represent them. A jackal should not represent lions. There's an expression; it says the following: An army of sheep led by a lion; an army of sheep led by a lion would defeat an army of lions led by a sheep. Working people are represented by sheep. And I always have to apologize when I compare unfavorably an animal to a two-footed critter who wears shoe leather and pretends to be what is called a man. But for my purposes, the working people are represented by sheep. The businesspeople are the carnivores but they're like scavengers. They're like the hyenas, the jackals and those that take wing, the buzzards and the vultures. Look at how they operate. Look what it is that they do. They pick the bones of the people clean, and then they're not through. After those with the beaks that can't crush bones but can only pull off decayed flesh and strings of rotting intestines have done what they do, then the little jackals come, but they stand a little distance away while those with the big, strong crushing teeth come and pop the bones and take the marrow. Then the little jackals come and they pick up the scraps and the leavings. And what is it that has provided a dinner for all of them? Why, the working people, that's who. We're watching the working people be dismantled, and then these people who call themselves representatives of organized labor will run around here pretending that they're representing the working people. They have more in common with business than they do the rank and file who comprise the labor unions. People in labor unions pay dues. They pay money out of