

Oh, no!

ALL

PHOGBOUND

Oh, yes they is! You cain't tell no mo' whether you got two cherries or three plums! Three bells or two oranges! And when you hits a jackpot, you don't dare touch yo' money 'cause it might be radio-active.

SAM

That po' industry!

PHOGBOUND

(Hands outstretched for silence)

But does you think yo' Government up there in Washington is gonna stand by and let a tragedy like this happen to an American industry to whom so many have given so much!...fo' so little!

ALL

No!

PHOGBOUND

No, my good friends. An' that's why the Jack S. Phogbound Committee has been chosen!

SAM

To find a new place to test them bombs?

PHOGBOUND

Yes, sir! Some place we can blow off the face of the earth -- some spot that ain't ever gonna be missed! In fact, the most unnecessary place in the whole U.S.A.!

SAM

Well, Well, I'll be dogged!
(CROWD murmur)

PHOGBOUND

And I now has the honor and privilege of announcin' that after a four-year governmental survey, of all the no-good, no-account, unnecessary places in this whole country you has been selected as the most unnecessary of all.

(ALL cheer;

getting silence, HE continues)

Now, listen here. You all gonna be moved out of here by the U-nited States Government.

(CROWD cheers;

HE silences them with hand)

And here's the fine government scientist who is gonna supervise yo' evacuation. Citizens, meet Dr. Rasmusson T. Finsdale!

(Cheers and applause as
studious DR. FINSDALE steps
up beside the SENATOR)

DR. FINSDALE

Friends, we intend to move you from Dogpatch to a necessary
place in our society! The first detonation will be on
Wednesday but the evacuation will start immediately. Good
luck, and thank you.

(CROWD reaction)

PHOGBOUND

(Enthusiastically; Xes DC)

An' so, dear constituents, as ah bids you farewell, ah begs
you, don't let me down. Just remember yo' gov'ment is
spendin' one million dollahs on one bomb to blow yo' homes off
the face of the earth! So show yo' appreciation!

FIRST GROUP

LIGHT CUE

(Right stage)

Hooray!

SECOND GROUP

(Center stage)

Yipee!

THIRD GROUP

(Left stage)

Yahoo!

/9/ "RAG OFF'N THE BUSH"

FIRST GROUP (R)

DON'T THAT TAKE THE RAG OFF'N THE BUSH?

SECOND GROUP (C)

Sho' do!

THIRD GROUP (L)

DON'T THAT TAKE THE TASSEL OFF 'N THE CORN?

ALL

Ya hoo!

(MAMMY leads ABNER, DAISY and
PAPPY off L2)

PHOGBOUND

OF ALL THE VERY ORDINARY
MOST UNLOVED ONNECESSARY
PLACES ON THIS EARTH THEY SETTLED ON YOURN.