**GREATER TUNA**by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, Ed Howard
VERA.

*(to an audience member)* Oh-Hiii. Vera Carp. Welcome to Coweta Baptist Church, where everybody's welcome. Even Catholics. *(to another)* Hi. How are you? Isn't that just the prettiest dress. I used to have one just like that-years ago. . . Isn't it wonderful how some people can just wear anything! *(to another)* Why, I thought you were dead! I don't remember who told me that, but I'm so glad they were wrong. *(to another)* How are you? *(to another)* How're you? *(VERA begins meeting.)* I**,** Vera Carp, Vice-President of the Smut Snatchers of the New Order, in the absence of our president, the Reverend Spikes; do hereby declare this meeting to be officially open. *(She bangs gavel.)* Now, we need to send out a communique from our education committee. Now after all the vicious things they've said about us in the newspapers, we've decided to become more flexible on bi-lingual education, and we do indeed have a bi-lingual education program to submit to the Tuna schools. The difference is, our program is one of moderation. It entails learning the following Spanish phrases.
*(The following are pronounced with a distinct East Texas accent:)*"Habla.. usted ingles?", which means, "Do you speak I English?"; "Cuanto?", which means, "How much?"; I "Donde puedo cambiar este cheque?", which is "Where can I cash this traveller's check?"; "Por favor, envieme un botones para recoger mi equipaje", which is "Please send me a boy for my luggage"; and the last one is "No he pedido esto", which is "I didn't order this!" Now that's all the Spanish any red-blooded American oughta feel obligated to learn. Now let's just see the newspapers make fun of that! . . . Well, he's still not here, *so* I'm gonna forge ahead. We need to send out a snatch squad . . . Well, we *do.* We need *to* send out a book-snatchin' squad tothe Tuna High School Library to check those dictionaries. Now*,* we have a new list of wordsthat have been declared possibly offensive or misunderstandable to pre-college students. Now the words are: hot, hooker, coke, clap, deflower, ball, knocker and nuts. Now after much prayer and soul searching with the Lord, the Committee has decided not to include the word snatch on this year's list. We know some of you have very strong feelings about snatch, but we just can't afford to change our letterhead at this time. *(SPIKES enters.)* Well, here he is. I hereby turn this meetin' over to our honorable president, the Reverend Spikes. *(She bangs gavel again.)*