

During today's trial, the prosecution called three witnesses: two denied any "riot atmosphere" was present during the factory gate rally; the third, the arresting officer, could not pronounce the "foul language" he claimed Ogden had used. Although the Commonwealth Attorney Robert Aster insisted that Virginia does not allow free speech "just any time," Labor Party lawyer Richard Huggins' First Amendment arguments convinced Judge Robert Phelps, who threw the case out of court. Despite today's courtroom victory, it is evident that Virginia authorities have labeled Ogden a target for police harassment and frequent arrest.

UAW AND REUSS PROPOSE PHONY RECONVERSION

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 7 (IPS)--To counteract support among workers for the Labor Party's call for the conversion of auto plants to tractor production, the United Autoworkers (UAW) and Rep. Henry Reuss (D.-Wisc.) have stepped up their organizing for a phony re-conversion program.

Speaking on a popular radio talk show here, UAW General Motors Vice President Irving Bluestone proposed that part of the auto industry be reconverted to the production of buses and other transit equipment.

Two weeks earlier, Reuss had made similar proposals in the report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. Reuss makes quite clear the meaning of such proposals when he states: "The situation is too grave for us to be finicky at this point. Like the Germans, who, oil starved during World War II, liquidified their coal at vast expense--not because the solution was ideal but because the crisis demanded it--we must find alternative jobs right now in mass transportation for workers who can't find jobs in the depressed auto industry."

The vast expense Reuss refers to was the Nazi's extermination of millions of European workers in order to keep their economy running.

Workers already briefed on the Labor Party proposal for tractor and agricultural equipment reconversion realize that Reuss and the UAW have no intention of converting auto plants for useful production and see their plan for the sop that it is. One Labor Party member called the talk show here and demanded to know why Bluestone would not support reconversion for tractor and agricultural equipment production when such production is urgently needed to prevent mass starvation. Bluestone was left speechless.

When reached for comment today, Reuss' office said that the Congressman was not even considering reconversion for agricultural equipment production.

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Indications are that the UAW and Reuss will soon map out a strategy to push their phony proposal. When the UAW's Washington, D.C. office was asked to comment on Reuss' proposal, a spokesman exclaimed, "What we would tell Reuss is to get your pooposal into legislative form. It's full speed ahead!"

ROCKY'S CHOICE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
EXPOSED AS WAR CRIMINAL

Jan. 7 (IPS)--According to this week's issue of U.S. News and World Report, "It was Nelson Rockefeller...who was behind President Ford's controversial choice of Democrat Edward H. Levi, president of the University of Chicago, as U.S. Attorney General."

No wonder. Edward Levi served the Rockefeller interests faithfully since World War II, when he helped to cover up a secret wartime agreement between Rockefeller's Standard Oil and the Nazi firm of I. G. Farben. Edward Levi is a Nazi collaborator.

In March and April of 1942, Edward Levi, then an assistant to Thurman Arnold in the Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department, conducted hearings before Senator Harry Truman's Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program. At these hearings cartel agreements between I. G. Farben and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey were to be investigated.

Material in the hands of the Justice Department showed that I. G. Farben and Standard Oil had:

*Merged the developmental efforts of their two companies beginning in the late 1920s;

*Pooled all patents and new technology as it was developed throughout the 1930s in the fields of chemistry and petroleum;

*Worked together to eliminate competition against either company in every part of the world, specifically blocking Farben's American competitors within the United States;

*Sabotaged the development of synthetic rubber in the United States;

*Pledged themselves to continue their cartel relationship whether or not their two "host" countries went to war.

In the 1930s the Standard Oil Company had turned over to the Nazis all of the patents and inventions they had developed in the field of chemistry, including those relating to coal liquification --the extraction of high-octane gasoline from coal. It was this process which constituted the employment of slave laborers at the