

ACLU Joins Labor Committee in Legal Action on Roeshman Case

PHILADELPHIA, August 17 (IPS) — While the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office continue to stonewall investigation of the Gail Roeshman kidnap/brainwash case, the American Civil Liberties Union has joined the Labor Committees in legal efforts to force the authorities to act.

Miss Roeshman, a 19-year old member of the Labor Committees abducted by her parents and held for brainwashing at the hands of self-styled "deprogrammer" and convicted criminal Ted Patrick, is still in the hands of her captors nearly a month after the kidnapping took place. Yesterday in Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the ACLU filed a motion to appear *amicus curiae* (as a friend of the court).

In the motion, the ACLU charged that "in spite of serious and prima facie substantiated allegations of unlawful restrictions on the liberty of Gail Roeshman, no steps have apparently been taken by the United States Attorney or any law enforcement agency to find her and determine whether she is being held against her will." Philadelphia ACLU Executive Director Spencer Cox also has written a letter to the Philadelphia District

Attorney's office urging them to make a full investigation of the Roeshman case.

Yesterday in Federal court, Judge Fullam renewed the court order he had issued ten days earlier instructing Mr. and Mrs. Roeshman and Patrick to appear in court with Gail and show cause why they should not be enjoined from further violation of her civil rights. Since the original order was issued, police agencies have made only token efforts to locate the Roeshmans and serve them with subpoenas to appear.

If the Roeshmans are not located and served within the next few days, Labor Committee attorneys will ask Judge Fullam for a writ of *mandamus* directing the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office to do their duty in carrying out an investigation. As Patrick has denied further contact with Miss Roeshman since the original brainwashing session several weeks ago, the Labor Committees now consider the mental and physical coercion to which Gail is being subjected and the possible destruction of her ability to think and feel as a human being to be the direct responsibility of the FBI and the U.S. Attorney. Their refusal to act is maintaining the controlled environment in which further efforts at brainwashing, more sophisticated than the amateur Patrick's, undoubtedly are being made.

It's Rocky in Maine

August 10 (IPS) — "If you people have all the answers, why do you ask me all the questions?" said a decomposed Nelson Rockefeller when confronted by the Labor Committee at a banquet in Presque Ile, Maine. And he turned on his heels and left the building.

Rocky had just delivered a speech at a GOP fund-raising dinner, focussing on how the American public must deal with the shortages of food and fuel. Afterwards, the Vice-Presidential hopeful went into the

audience to sign autographs.

A Labor Committee organizer handed him a copy of *New Solidarity* to sign. When he recognized what he was autographing, he stopped dead. The Labor Committee thereupon told him and the gathering that he and his brother David are responsible for the financial manipulations which are causing the food, fuel, and fertilizer shortages throughout the world. Unable to regain his composure, Rocky retreated, leaving behind him a gaggle of disappointed Republicans.