

U.S. LABOR PARTY

LABOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

PRESS CONFERENCE: FRIDAY FEB 22, 1:30 pm.
North Entrance, New City Hall (Marshall St.)

February 21, 1974, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA -- Alan Ogden, U.S. Labor Party candidate for Congress from the Virginia Third District, releases this statement to the press today:

"An assortment of Richmond City officials are falling into line with the international CIA-directed attack on socialist forces. Two of my campaign workers and myself were arrested in violation of the Bill of Rights on the charge of "trespass" on Jan. 24 after distributing New Solidarity newspaper to high school students at John Marshall High School. Today, Judge Davila in the Richmond District Court sentenced me to six months in jail and the two other socialist organizers to a \$100 fine each. We will appeal this "conviction."

"The Rockefeller faction internationally is moving full speed ahead to impose fascist-type governments on Europe and the U.S. The results of this can be most clearly seen in Britain, wherenoch Powell is busily preparing a replay of the Hitler rise to power. Rockefeller and Kissinger are renewing Cold War tensions with the USSR. The CIA-created the "Symbionese Liberation Army," a group of brainwashed zombies, to spread terror in the US. No employed or unemployed worker should let this cheap trick derail them from proceeding to educate themselves and others on how the working class will take over and run the economy within three years.

"My comrade Shango, our Revolutionary Youth Movement organizer in the State Farm, under attack like myself for his revolutionary organizing, is helping lead our campaign to smash "behavior modification," the CIA's brainwashing program.

"Every class conscious worker will know that the attempt to shut me up in the City Jail from now til the election can not stop my campaign for Congress. My campaign is an organizing campaign. The Northamerican Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and the Revolutionary Youth Movement will continue to expand the intelligent socialist political machine we need to beat Rockefeller and the CIA.

"This serious organizing is the only alternative to the shortage the fear, confusion and fascist hell Rockefeller and the CIA are cramming down workers' throats."

Alan Ogden
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