

RALLY

AUGUST. 1st

12:00 to 2:00

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90% of all cases in the Criminal Court last year never reached the stage of a trial. Most of these cases involved those who were too poor to get their own attorney and so were forced to accept the deal which Legal Aid deemed to be "justice" for them. And yet we are told that all citizens are entitled to "equal justice under law," this may be true if one is able to pay for equal justice.

We are also told of lofty ideas of free speech, yet the history of judicial repression in this country reveals that speech is free only if you say what the government wants to hear. All too familiar in the memory of honest union men is the way the courts have consistently been used to crush the efforts of working men to organize to gain a decent living wage. The list of labor frame-ups presents a long and sordid record, from Joe Hill and Eugene V. Debs to the use of the courts to crush Bill Haywood and the Industrial Workers of the World. Yet it is a mistake to think this is all in the past. Recent history reveals the "thought control" trials of the 1950's and more recent, that of Dr. Spock who dared to think that speech was truly "free."

The time has come for progressives to expose the true nature of the judiciary and how it acts as a very potent arm of the forces of repression, from hustling the undesirable poor off the streets so as to maintain its corrupt corporate empire, to putting opponents of its criminal aggression in Vietnam behind bars. The forces that oppress the black man in Harlem, the peasants in Vietnam and Transit Workers on the picket line is one and the same and its fortress is 100 Centre Street.

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