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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN RE: WASHINGTON PENSION UNION

At this point William Pennock, President of the Washington State Pension Union, attempted to create a disturbance but was warned to desist by Chairman Canwell.

CHAIRMAN ALBERT F. CANWELL: Mister State Patrolman, if we do not have order, clear the room. Anyone making a demonstration will be removed. Now, those in this room—if you wish to stay here, appear here as American citizens.

At this point William Pennock, President of the Washington State Pension Union, again attempted to create a disturbance by reading a prepared statement and by direction of Chairman Canwell was removed from the hearing room by the State Patrol.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: —in the matter brought before this hearing, you may stay. Otherwise, you will be removed. There will be no compromise with that.

At this point Edward L. Pettus, former State Representative from Tacoma, created a disturbance, and by direction of Chairman Canwell was removed from the hearing room by the State Patrol.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: If there is any further display back there, I shall ask the State Patrolmen to remove the parties responsible.

This meeting will proceed in an orderly manner, if you all are taken out. This Committee has heretofore acted upon the assumption that it was legally constituted by the Legislature and had full power to act as an official Committee of the State Legislature. The question was raised in Superior Court today, as to whether the Committee had been legally constituted, and in view of this question, if there should be any doubt as to whether this Committee may legally speak for the State of Washington, any statements which we may make in the course of this proceedings, should be considered as the statements of us as individual members of the Legislature, rather than as official statements made on behalf of the State of Washington.

Mr. Houston, do you have any information to come before this Committee?
MR. HOUSTON: Call the first witness. Please stand and be sworn. Will you swear the witness, Mr. Canwell?

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, called as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

- Q. Please state your name.
- A. Louis Francis Budenz.
- Q. And where do you live, Mr. Budenz?
- A. New York City. I am a teacher of Economics at Fordham University.
- Q. Fordham University is located in New York City?
- A. That is correct. I live in Crestwood, New York, nearby.
- Q. What has been your past occupation?
- A. I taught one year at Notre Dame, and before that, for five years was managing editor of the Daily Worker, for a period before that, about three years I was editor of the Communist paper in Chicago, the Midwest Daily Record. Before that, I was labor editor of the Daily Worker. Prior to that time I could go into other matters, but that suffices for the present.

MR. HOUSTON: That is sufficient.