

asked, if he has ever attended any Communist Party meetings with Joseph Butterworth, Herbert J. Phillips, or Ralph Gundlach.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Let me state that we are specifically interested in obtaining information which we feel we are authorized to elicit; and I will repeat the questions asked by Mr. Houston, as to whether you have attended closed Party meetings with Professor Butterworth, or Professor Phillips, or Professor Gundlach.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I understand

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Do you refuse to answer?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I decline to answer those questions.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I ask that this witness be excused.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: No, we will not excuse the witness; we will ask the witness to step aside and remain in attendance until the Committee decides what action to take on your refusal to give testimony in this hearing. You may step aside.

THE WITNESS: Well, may I ask one question of you, sir, a question of permission?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: No, you may—we will not permit this to go on. Either you will answer the questions, the proper questions of this Committee or the questions we believe to be proper, or you will step aside until we wish to call you to the stand again.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I will ask you to step aside, and remain in attendance until formally released from the subpoena.

(Applause—and also—demonstration.)

Chairman Canwell Again Warns Demonstrators

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: If there are any further demonstrations by the audience, we will ask the State Patrol to remove those participating in said demonstration, and upon removal said demonstrators will remain out of the hearing room during the course of these hearings.

I believe that we will now be in recess for about ten minutes.

(Recess)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I wish to state again, that we will tolerate no demonstrations. If it becomes necessary to remove demonstrators, that will be done, and in aggravated cases we will ask for the arrest of demonstrators. I do not feel that it should be necessary to make this statement again; and those who may have it in their purview to create a disturbance or a noise, please be advised at this time that we will not tolerate any further displays of that kind.

Will you proceed, Mr. Houston?

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Whipple, will you take the stand?

Will you please stand and be sworn, Mr. Whipple?

JOHN W. WHIPPLE, produced as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

Affidavit of Harold Hippert

BY MR. HOUSTON:

MR. HOUSTON: Will you please state your name, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: John W. Whipple.

MR. HOUSTON: Are you a resident of the City of Seattle, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: I am.

MR. HOUSTON: What is your occupation, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: I am the Assistant Chief Investigator for the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee.

MR. HOUSTON: In the performance of your duty, has it become necessary for you to take certain depositions and affidavits of individuals from time to time?

MR. WHIPPLE: It has, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you have any of those in your possession that you feel should be incorporated in this record?

MR. WHIPPLE: At this time I have two. I have others that will probably—should probably appear later.

MR. HOUSTON: Will you proceed with the explanation of why the deposition was necessary?

MR. WHIPPLE: In the first instance, I have the affidavit of one Harold Hippert. Mr. Hippert's name is Harold Hippert, who resides at 4233 Latona Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

At the time this information was obtained in the affidavit, Mr. Hippert was in the process of moving to the State of California; by reason of the expense of bringing him back from the State of California, it was seen advisable to reduce the small bit of testimony that he had to an affidavit.

I will read Mr. Hippert's affidavit.

“State of Washington, County of King, bracket, ss.

“Harold Hippert, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says:

“My name is Harold Hippert and I reside at 4233 Latona Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

“I am personally acquainted with Professor H. J. Phillips and have known him for several years. He lives down the street from me just a few houses and his address is 4316 Latona. Professor Phillips used to ride to and from work with me during a couple of summers when both of us were working at the shipyards during our vacation. During that period my father-in-law was living next door to him, and on one occasion just prior to the war in 1939 or '40, I had occasion to look through a window in his basement. The vision was clear, as the curtain was pulled back, and I saw on the inner wall of the room a large picture of Joseph Stalin. This particularly interested me at the time and I took a good look at it to be sure of what I saw, because of the fact that I had been curious about him for some time because they had been having weekly gatherings at his home for several months and this continued up, as I remember it, until about the middle of the war. These gatherings would require his bringing in folding chairs for each occasion, and you could see them stacked in the yard before and after each meeting. I never attended any of these meetings.

“I have lived at my present address for the past eight years, and have worked in the Todd Shipyards for approximately twenty-three years, and am at the present time getting ready to move to California, and consequently will not be available to testify before your Committee.

“I have read the above affidavit consisting of one page and thoroughly understand the matters and things contained therein. These statements are made by me of my own free will and accord, without promise of remuneration or reward of any nature and without duress or threat of violence.

“Signed, Edwin Harold Hippert.”

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