

## TESTIMONY OF MRS. KATHRYN FOGG Former Legislator

KATHRYN FOGG, called as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. HOUSTON: Mrs. Fogg, as you testify it is being recorded and it is also being sent downstairs to another room where they have a loudspeaker so will you please answer audibly and not by motion, and will you try to speak into the two microphones in front of you, and if we have any unusual names or new names will you spell them for us.

Now will you please state your name.

MRS. FOGG: My name is Kathryn Fogg.

MR. HOUSTON: Are you a resident of the city of Seattle?

MRS. FOGG: I am, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: And you have lived in Seattle for a number of years?

MRS. FOGG: 25 to be exact.

MR. HOUSTON: 25 years. Mrs. Fogg, I will ask you if you have ever been a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: I have, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you recall about when you joined the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: The last few months of—the last month or so of Janu—of December, or November of '37, or the first part of January, February, those months of '38.

MR. HOUSTON: 1938.

MRS. FOGG: I can't say the exact date or month.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, you are a housewife.

MRS. FOGG: I am.

MR. HOUSTON: —occupation. You at one time served a term in the legislature in the state of Washington?

MRS. FOGG: I did, in 1939.

MR. HOUSTON: In 1939 you served in the legislature.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, as a member of the Communist Party you attained some prominence in the party, did you not?

MRS. FOGG: Supposedly, yes.

MR. HOUSTON: Fact of the matter you attended a convention—the national convention of the Communist Party in New York City, did you not?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

MR. HOUSTON: And you performed many services for them here in the state of Washington, in a way of speaking, did you not?

MRS. FOGG: I did.

MR. HOUSTON: And as such you spoke before many meetings and groups and much Communist information came into your possession, did it not?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, you also, from time to time, sat in different meetings, didn't you?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

## Professor Butterworth and Earl Browder

MR. HOUSTON: I will ask you if you know a man by the name of Joe Butterworth?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Have you ever sat in any Communist Party meetings with Joe Butterworth?

MRS. FOGG: I have been in—I was in about three meetings in Mr. Butterworth's home, one when Earl Browder was there.

MR. HOUSTON: You attended the meeting that—this hush-hush meeting where the leaders of the party met and conferred with Earl Browder?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: And that was in the home of Joe Butterworth?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Now you attended two other Party meetings.

MRS. FOGG: Those were meetings dealing with the women in activities in the Party. Mrs. Butterworth was also a very active Party member and very active in the Commonwealth Federation.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you—what—do you know what Mr. Butterworth's occupation was at that time?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, he was a teacher at the University.

MR. HOUSTON: **Do you know what his occupation is today?**

MRS. FOGG: **Yes, he is a professor at the University.**

MR. HOUSTON: Still a professor at the University.

MR. HOUSTON: Did Mr. Butterworth appear to be active in the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, he wasn't as active at that time as he probably became later because he was more active in front organizations later.

MR. HOUSTON: More active in front organizations later?

MRS. FOGG: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: **But he was sufficiently active that this important meeting was scheduled and held in his home where Earl Browder, who was then head of the Communist Party, appeared and conferred with the members, is that right?**

MRS. FOGG: **Yes, sir.**

MR. HOUSTON: Now, did Mr. Butterworth attend any of the county conventions of the Communist Party that you recall?

MRS. FOGG: I think he did, the county convention—I'm not absolutely positive, but I—I have thought about it a great deal and I think maybe that he was there at that meeting.

MR. HOUSTON: Now was that the 1938 convention or the '39 one, do you recall?

MRS. FOGG: '38.

MR. HOUSTON: The 1938.

MR. HOUSTON: Did information come to you in your capacity as one trusted and high in the party that Professor Butterworth was a member of the party?

MRS. FOGG: Oh, that was an accepted fact, yes.

MR. HOUSTON: It was an accepted fact.

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

### Names Professor Harold Eby as a Communist

MR. HOUSTON: Now, I will ask you if you know a man by the name of Harold Eby?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I do.

MR. HOUSTON: Will you tell me how you happened to know Mr. Eby and the circumstances—

MRS. FOGG: Yes, he was—we were—

MR. HOUSTON: Will you speak just a little louder, please?

MRS. FOGG: We were very active in the Commonwealth Federation and he was on the Executive Board of the Commonwealth Federation. We attended meetings and policy forming meetings for the Federation; Howard Costigan, Hugh DeLacy, Bill Dobbins, Harold Eby, John Caughlan. I can't think of any more at the present time.

MR. HOUSTON: These were all members of the Communist Party of your knowledge?

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: And they were here and meeting as a fraction or a group to control the policies of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, is that right?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: And in this capacity, Mr. Eby functioned and worked there with you?

MR. HOUSTON: Will you answer a little louder please.

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, do you know what the occupation of Mr. Eby was at that time?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, he was a teacher at the University.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you know what his occupation is today?

MRS. FOGG: I presume that he is still at the University.

MR. HOUSTON: Still a teacher. This is Professor Harold Eby that you have reference to?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, did you ever have occasion to visit the county office of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, on a few occasions.

MR. HOUSTON: I will ask you, have you ever seen Harold Eby in the county headquarters of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

MR. HOUSTON: On more than one occasion?

MRS. FOGG: I think there were two occasions.

MR. HOUSTON: Two occasions.

MR. HOUSTON: Did he appear to be there on Communist Party business?

MRS. FOGG: We were in the midst of a campaign. A number of us were there because of the activities of the campaign. I think it was Hugh DeLacy's campaign.

MR. HOUSTON: And you were there as Communists?

MRS. FOGG: I wasn't meeting with Mr. Eby—

MR. HOUSTON: Oh, you weren't to meet him there?

MRS. FOGG: No, I—there—we were other groups or a number of people there this one particular meeting that I remember. As I remember it there were a group of us from the different district headquarters came into the office and, who sort of being cased I guess it would be called, on the accomplishments in the districts—different districts in the campaign. And that was my—the one particular incident that I remember.

MR. HOUSTON: Did Harold Eby appear to have some authority in Communist Party circles, appear to be up in the party?

MRS. FOGG: Well, in the Commonwealth Federation, as a member of the executive board, he was greatly respected by all of the leaders in the Commonwealth Federation.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, he was functioning there with the Communist faction which I believe you testified previously controlled the Commonwealth Federation.

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, do you know Lenna Eby?

MRS. FOGG: By sight only.

MR. HOUSTON: By sight.

MR. HOUSTON: And where did you see her?

MRS. FOGG: I saw her at the same time that I mentioned to have seen Mr. Eby leaving the headquarters.

MR. HOUSTON: She was in the headquarters of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: I asked who she was and was told who she was. I don't know her.

### Identifies Ralph Gundlach

MR. HOUSTON: Now, do you know a man by the name of Ralph Gundlach?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I do.

MR. HOUSTON: And how do you know—what is the occasion of your knowing Mr. Gundlach?

MRS. FOGG: Well, he spoke before many meetings that I attended and well—I don't recall just the exact meetings but they were Communist front meetings.

MR. HOUSTON: Communist front meetings.

MRS. FOGG: Right.

MR. HOUSTON: Was Mr. Gundlach a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: I never attended a meeting with him or even a closed meeting. I just assumed that he was because he was accepted by the leadership of the Commonwealth Federation as one of the good fellows.

MR. HOUSTON: He was accepted by the leadership of the Communist Party too? Did they accept him also?

MRS. FOGG: Well, we were—the people I am discussing were the people who were all Communists the ones that I am thinking of in the leadership of—

MR. HOUSTON: And he just worked right along with you—

MRS. FOGG: So far as speaking and speeches—

MR. HOUSTON: Well, I see what you are driving at, correct me if I'm wrong. In effect you are saying that the leadership of the Commonwealth Federation was all Communist.

MRS. FOGG: Most of them were at that particular time, they controlled—there were people that were not Communist who on the W.C.F., I mean on the Executive Board and hundreds of memberships that were never—that were not Communists.

MR. HOUSTON: That's true but this group that you're talking about that worked and sat in these meetings, they were Communists?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: And Ralph Gundlach was one of those.

#### Attends Communist School Taught by Professor's Wife

MR. HOUSTON: Do you know a man by the name of Melville Jacobs?

MRS. FOGG: I'll—I have heard him speak and I ne—I only—I don't think I ever met him personally. I have heard him speak a number of times and he is a very excellent speaker.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, you mentioned that you have heard Melville Jacobs speak.

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: What was the occasion of his speech? Do you recall?

MRS. FOGG: I can't remember the exact meetings I heard him speak. I've heard him speak in the last year at a meeting or a luncheon. He made an excellent speech. It had nothing to do with Communism, of course, because it was a political meeting of one of the major parties.

MR. HOUSTON: Did these early speeches that you heard him make back when you were a member of the party were they—did they have something to do with Communism?

MRS. FOGG: No, I don't remember that they did, I only th—feeling that I had about it was that they were all right in my—I thought he was a very good speaker and—I don't remember the subject.

MR. HOUSTON: Did you form an opinion in your functions as to whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Well, I assumed he was because I knew his wife as a Communist but I never knew him as one.

MR. HOUSTON: But you did know his wife as a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

MR. HOUSTON: You have reference now to Elizabeth D. Jacobs commonly known as Bess.

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Now you knew personally that she was a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

MR. HOUSTON: Did you attend any of the Communist schools or classes on Marxism?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I did.

MR. HOUSTON: And who taught some of these classes on Marxism?

MRS. FOGG: Mrs. Jacobs—

MR. HOUSTON: Mrs. Jacobs.

MRS. FOGG: —had charge of the classes.

MR. HOUSTON: This was a Communist school and no one went there but Communists?

MRS. FOGG: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: And she was a teacher—

MRS. FOGG: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: —at the Communist school.

MR. HOUSTON: When was this? Can you affix the time, approximately?

MRS. FOGG: I imagine it was in '38.

MR. HOUSTON: 1938. Do you recall where it was, about?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, it was in I.O.G.T. Hall.

MR. HOUSTON: I.O.G.T. Hall.

MRS. FOGG: I think it's—I don't know what the name is.

MR. HOUSTON: About how long did this class last?

MRS. FOGG: About a week.

#### Burton and Florence B. James Active in Communist Front Organizations

MR. HOUSTON: Now do you know Burton James?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: And how do you know Burton James?

MRS. FOGG: As a person that's wro—from the Repertory Playhouse, of course, and a person who spoke at many of the meetings in the League Against War and Fascism and many other organizations that were active at that time, counting our Federation.

MR. HOUSTON: He was active in the front organizations?

MRS. FOGG: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: Was Burton James a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: I never attended a meeting with him but I assumed that he was—he was accepted by people in the W.C.F.

MR. HOUSTON: He was accepted as a Communist—did you accept him as a Communist?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, in my mind I did, but I have no proof that he was.

MR. HOUSTON: But he was working in the same program that the rest of the Communists were?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, along the same line the rest of us were.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you know Florence Bean James?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I do.

MR. HOUSTON: Did you form any opinion as to whether or not she was a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, in the same manner as Mr. James.

MR. HOUSTON: She was just going right along with the Communist Party program—

MRS. FOGG: That is right.

MR. HOUSTON: —the Party Line at that time?

MRS. FOGG: That is right.

**Repertory Playhouse an Arm of the Communist Party**

MR. HOUSTON: How did the Communists look upon the Repertory Playhouse?

MRS. FOGG: Well, it was considered just a part of the activities, in my own opinion from the discussions that we've always had. I attended some of these plays and so on. I felt that it was—well—at one time, when I was first in the Party, I thought that a lot of these things were just the "right thing" and then I began to discover that it was part of the Program and I at first didn't include the Repertory Playhouse, **but over a period of months, though, I discovered that it was part of the Program.**

MR. HOUSTON: **Practically an arm of the Communist Party?**

MRS. FOGG: **That is right.**

MR. HOUSTON: Now, do you know Mary Jo Lawrence—Mary Jo James Lawrence?

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: And how did you know her?

MRS. FOGG: She attended the school that I did.

MR. HOUSTON: She attended the school that you did—

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: —and this was that Communist school—

MRS. FOGG: In the I.O.G.T.

MR. HOUSTON: In the I.O.G.T. taught by the wife of Professor Jacobs. Now who is Mary Jo James Lawrence?

MRS. FOGG: She is the—Professor James and Mrs. James' daughter.

MR. HOUSTON: She's the daughter of—

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: —Burton James—

MRS. FOGG: That's right.

**Professor Rader a Fellow Traveler**

MR. HOUSTON: —and Florence Bean James. Now, do you know a man by the name of Melvin Rader?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I do.

MR. HOUSTON: Was Mr. Rader active in any of these front organizations?

MRS. FOGG: Yes, I remember his having spoke a number of times on different groups—The League Against War and Fascism and there was—we had a study group, I think. We, because I was a part of it. That was of the women's group and I remember he reviewed one of his books. I don't recall the title. It had something to do with war and Fascism. I'm sorry I don't remember the title.

MR. HOUSTON: Was this a unit of the American League Against War and Fascism that he—

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: —reviewed this before?

MRS. FOGG: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: **Would you class Mr. Rader as a "Fellow Traveler" of the Communist Party?**

MRS. FOGG: **Yes, that I would. Not a Communist, however.**

MR. HOUSTON: **You don't think he's a Communist then.**

MRS. FOGG: **No, I have no feeling that he was.**

MR. HOUSTON: **But he carried out the Communist Party Line?**

MRS. FOGG: **Yes, sir.**

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you answer a little more distinctly please because of the recording—

MRS. FOGG: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: —device.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I believe that's all I have for this witness and I ask that this witness be excused. She's had to leave her work and come here at quite some sacrifice. Thank you, Mrs. Fogg.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Thank you Mrs. Fogg, you may be excused.  
(Witness Excused)

**Nat Honig, American Representative to Red International Labor Union**

JOHN W. WHIPPLE, having been previously sworn, resumed the stand for further examination and testified as follows:

MR. HOUSTON: You are Mr. Whipple who was sworn and read a deposition yesterday, are you not, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: That is correct.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you have another document to present into the record at this time?

MR. WHIPPLE: I do have.

MR. HOUSTON: Would you present this document?

MR. WHIPPLE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to present at this time the affidavit of Nat Honig.

Nat Honig testified at a previous hearing. He's at the present time employed in California, and the nature of his work is such that he could not attend this hearing, nor did we have subpoena power to subpoena him here. I'd like now to read the affidavit of Nat Honig.

"STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss.

Nat Honig, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, says:

'My name is Nat Honig, and I reside at 3219 Budeau Avenue, Los Angeles 32, California. I was born in the State of New York and was a member of the Communist Party for a period of twelve years, having joined in 1927 and left the Communist Party completely in 1939. I joined the Communist Party in Jersey City, New Jersey, and I believe three months after I joined the Communist Party, which I think was in December of 1927, I joined the staff of the Daily Worker, which was as it is now, the principal newspaper and news medium of the Communist Party. The Daily Worker was an organ of the Communist Party, and I was a full time employe when I worked for the Daily Worker at their address on Union Square and later at 50 East 13th Street, New York City. I worked for the Daily Worker until March of 1930 when I was assigned by the Central Committee of the Communist Party to become editor of a weekly newspaper called Labor Unity. It was the official organ of the Trade Union Unity League, the same being a trade union front for the Communist Party. I was editor of the Labor Unity until April, 1934, when I was approached by an agent of the Comintern by the name of Merker,