

Q. Now, do you at this time know who that emissary was?

A. I do not.

Q. Was it a man or a woman?

A. It was a woman.

Q. A person totally unknown to you at that time?

A. Completely unknown to me, yes.

Q. And a person whose identity has never yet been revealed to you?

A. I wouldn't know her if I saw her tomorrow.

Q. That's all, Mr. Wills, thank you every much.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Wills.

(Witness Excused)

MR. WHIPPLE: Now the next witness is Alfred Gordon.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you stand and be sworn.

ALFRED GORDON, having been first duly sworn, testified on direct examination as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Be seated, please. And try to speak loud enough to be heard and toward the microphone.

MR. WHIPPLE: He refers to that microphone there.

If it please the Chairman, I would like to have this instrument identified and given a number in this case.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Number 17.

MR. WHIPPLE: I should like to have this one marked.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Number 18.

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Will you state your name?

A. My name is Alfred Gordon.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Gordon?

A. 1325 Holly Street.

Q. How long have you lived in the State of Washington?

A. Twenty-three years.

Q. Mr. Gordon, I hand you what has been marked for purposes of identification as Committee's Exhibit No. 17. I will ask you to examine that and state for the record, if you will, what that is.

A. That's my membership in the Communist Party for the year 1947.

MR. WHIPPLE: May it please the Chairman, I would like to dictate this exhibit into the record as being 1946-1947 membership card of the Communist Party of the United States of America, the same being No. 55817 over the signature of Henry E. Huff, signature of state chairman.

Q. Mr. Gordon, do you remember when you joined the Communist Party?

A. October, 1946.

Q. Mr. Gordon, who recruited you into the Communist Party?

A. A party by the name of Ward Coley, executive of the Building Service Employees International Union.

Q. Were you a member of that union at that time?

A. Yes sir. Member of the executive board.

Q. Mr. Gordon, do you know a man by the name of William Pennock?

A. I do.

Q. Is that the same William Pennock who at this time is the president of the Washington Pension Union?

A. He is.

Q. Will you—I would like to ask you whether or not this same William Pennock was a member of the Communist Party at the time you were a member of the Communist Party?

A. I was so informed.

Q. Who informed you that he was a member of the Communist Party?

A. A party by the name of Olga Schock and also Mr. Ward Coley.

Q. Were you—is that the same Mr. Ward Coley that recruited you into the Communist Party?

A. That's right.

Q. Did you know this Olga Schock to be a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you spell that name, please?

THE WITNESS: S-c-h-o-c-k.

Q. Was she also an employee of the Local 6 Building Service Union?

A. She was.

Q. I will ask you to state how long you were a member of the Communist Party?

A. I resigned from the Communist Party in May, 1947.

Q. Mr. Gordon, I will ask you to state if you ever heard of a person by the name of Thomas Rabbitt?

A. I did.

Q. I will ask you to state whether or not Thomas Rabbitt was a member of the Communist Party?

A. I was so informed.

Q. Who informed you that Thomas Rabbitt was a member of the Communist Party?

A. Olga Schock and Ward Coley.

Q. The same two officials that you referred to a few minutes ago?

A. The same two, that's right.

Q. And were they members of the Communist Party at that time?

A. They were.

Q. Were they members of the same unit of the Communist Party that you were a member of?

A. That's right.

Q. This Thomas Rabbitt whose name you have referred to, is that the same Thomas Rabbitt who at this time is vice-president of the Washington Pension Union?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you answer it yes or no?

THE WITNESS: That's right.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Thank you.

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Mr. Gordon, as a former member of the Communist Party, I will ask—I would like to ask you to state whether or not the Washington Pension Union

was being used by the Communist Party as a Communist Party front organization?

A. Absolutely.

Q. What causes you to make that statement?

A. The fact that I belonged to the Party and I heard the matter discussed.

Q. Did you hear that matter discussed in the Communist Party?

A. In the unit of which I was a member at that time.

Q. Did you ever receive a card put out by the Old Age Pension Union?

A. I have.

Q. I hand you at this time again what was identified for purposes of identification as Committee's Exhibit 17, which you testified was your Communist Party card.

A. That's correct.

Q. That is the card that was issued to you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now, I hand you what has been marked for purposes of identification as Committee's Exhibit No. 18 and ask you to exhibit—ask you to examine that and state what—what similarity, if any, exists between those two cards?

A. This is a card of membership from the Washington Pension Union.

Q. Yes sir.

A. It is copied after the membership card of the Communist Party to my opinion.

Q. It is your testimony that Exhibit 18, which is the card that is given to the Old Age Pensioners of this state, is similar to the card that is given to members of the Communist Party?

A. On the same lines.

Q. What is the date on the card issued to the Washington Old Age Pension Union members?

A. That is 1946 and '47.

Q. What is the date issued on the card—the Communist Party card that was issued to you?

A. 1947.

MR. WHIPPLE: For the purpose of the record, may it please the Committee, I want to call the Committee's attention to the fact that they are formed structurally the same, for whatever benefit that might be for the record, no allegation being made, of course, that they are put out by the Communist Party.

That's all, Mr. Gordon, thank you.

(Witness Excused)

MR. WHIPPLE: There seems to have been a little misunderstanding here, Mr. Chairman. The next witness isn't here, he is on the way here and I very much wanted to use him ahead of the last witness that I was going to use.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: How many witnesses?

MR. WHIPPLE: There are just two more witnesses.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Approximately how much time will it take to cover their testimony?

MR. WHIPPLE: It will take probably an hour and a half for the two of them. I can start with the one I was going to use last, if you want me to.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I would prefer that you do. The State Patrol is tied up here at this time, and other parties who find it inconvenient to be here late in the day.

MR. WHIPPLE: I will be very happy to proceed.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I wish you would proceed.

MR. WHIPPLE: Call Mr. Smith.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Stand and be sworn, please, Mr. Smith.

HOWARD F. SMITH, called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified on direct examination as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. You may state your name.

A. Howard F. Smith.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Smith?

A. 1612 Boylston Avenue, Seattle.

Q. In the City of Seattle?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What position or occupation do you hold at this time?

A. What do you mean—what occupation?

Q. Well, what do—do you do anything for a living? What occupation are you in?

A. Well, I have a hotel, and have a dairy, and I raise cattle and hogs.

Q. Oh, now, Mr. Smith, I first want to ask you if you ever joined the Communist Party of the United States?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you ever—have you joined the Communist Party of the United States more than once?

A. Well, no, not that I know of.

Q. I hand you what has been marked for purposes of identification as Committee's Exhibit No. 19, and will ask you if that is a photostat of your former Communist Party card?

A. One of them, yes.

Q. I will hand you what has been marked for purposes of identification as Committee's Exhibit No. 20, and ask you to state if that is a true photostat of another of your Communist Party cards?

A. It is of another year.

Q. I would like to dictate into the record Exhibit 19 is a photostat of Communist Card No. 88628, Communist Party of the United States, 1944 membership book, name, Howard Smith; State, Washington; District, Northwest; County, King; City, Seattle; Section A.D. or Ward 35. Branch 350. This book was issued on October 26, 1943, signed Henry P. Huff, Chairman. I would like to dictate into the record the Committee's Exhibit No. 20, which is a true photostat of the Communist Party card No. 42014, 1946 membership card, Communist Party of the United States of America. Name, Howard F. Smith; City, Seattle; State, Washington; under date of November 4, 1945, signed Henry P. Huff, signature of State Chairman.

During your membership into the Communist Party, Mr. Smith, did you ever make any contribution to the Communist Party?

A. Yes, I believe I did.