

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Butterworth, are you, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

PROF. BUTTERWORTH: **Because of conscience, and because I—this body has no right to force me to testify against myself, I refuse to answer the question.**

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: **You refuse to answer the question?**

PROF. BUTTERWORTH: **I do.**

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: You refuse to answer the question our interrogator and the question of our committee, and you understand fully what the penalty may be?

PROF. BUTTERWORTH: I do.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: You may step aside, Mr. Butterworth.
(Witness Excused)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: We will now be in recess until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

TESTIMONY OF MR. JAMES J. SULLIVAN

(2:15 P. M.)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: The hearing is in session.

MR. HOUSTON: Will Mr. Sullivan take the stand?

JAMES J. SULLIVAN, called as a witness, after being first duly sworn was examined and testified as follows:

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Sullivan, I will ask you as you testify that you speak directly into the microphone because it's being recorded and that you answer audibly the questions and not just nod or motion because the transcription can't record that.

MR. HOUSTON: Will you please state your name?

MR. SULLIVAN: James Sullivan.

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

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, I am.

MR. HOUSTON: How long have you lived in the City of Seattle?

MR. SULLIVAN: About twenty years.

MR. HOUSTON: What is the name of your father, Mr. Sullivan?

MR. SULLIVAN: He is James T. Sullivan.

MR. HOUSTON: That's Mr. Sullivan, senior, I presume.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, my middle initial is "J," his is "T."

MR. HOUSTON: Now, was your father active at one time in the affairs of the Washington Commonwealth Federation?

MR. SULLIVAN: He was active at its beginning—for some time he was a member of the State Board of the W.C.F.

MR. HOUSTON: And you accompanied your father on many of the—his speaking engagements and induction business that way?

MR. SULLIVAN: That's correct.

MR. HOUSTON: This was primarily during what years?

MR. SULLIVAN: I would say between 1936 and about 1940.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, you attended various meetings from time to time there, didn't you?

MR. SULLIVAN: That's right; both the W.C.F. and the Pension Union.

MR. HOUSTON: Now do you recall attending a meeting at which Jesse Epstein presided?

MR. SULLIVAN: It was more of a seminar sub-meeting of a W.C.F. convention.

MR. HOUSTON: It was a fraction meeting, you might say, of the W.C.F. convention?

MR. SULLIVAN: I hate to use the word fraction meeting. The—after the convention we used to break down into smaller groups to discuss—oh, civil liberties, pension issues, taxation, labor, specialized interests.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, did you attend any of these meetings?

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, the ones that Jesse Epstein was presiding, were taxation although I attended others than just those.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, would you describe that meeting for us—in general what went on; what was said and done.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, it was a discussion of the tax structure of the state. Jesse Epstein was the chairman or moderator, or whatever the technical term would be. There would probably be—oh, five to ten people at one of these meetings. Some of them, like myself, would be visitors. Others would be more or less delegates, if you could call them that—some from the A. F. of L., the C.I.O., Technocrats, and so forth.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, would they call the roll or anything like that?

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't believe there was any formal calling of the roll. There was usually questions as to what organization you represented, or whether you were there as a visitor.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, was that common then for people to get up and state whether or not— Withdraw that. Was it common practice for people to get up and state what organization they represented?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, frequently.

MR. HOUSTON: Do you recall that that was done on any particular occasion of this meeting which was chairmanned by Mr. Epstein?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, I believe that the majority of those who were there mentioned one organization or another.

Eby Admitted Representing Communists

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

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, I do.

MR. HOUSTON: Did you see Harold Eby at any of these meetings?

MR. SULLIVAN: He was at this taxation meeting.

MR. HOUSTON: At this taxation meeting. Did he announce who he represented?

MR. SULLIVAN: I wouldn't say that he said he represented them. He either said he was a Communist or he was there for the Communists—something to that effect.

MR. HOUSTON: In other words, as the roll went around and each one said I am representing the C.I.O. faction or A. F. of L., Harold Eby said "I am a Communist" or he said words to the effect "I am representing the Communist Party"?

MR. SULLIVAN: To that effect. That's correct.

MR. HOUSTON: Is this the same Harold Eby that's a professor at the University of Washington?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes it is.

MR. HOUSTON: You know him of your own—

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: —acquaintanceship and knowledge. Now, can you tell us approximately when that occurred, Mr. Sullivan?

MR. SULLIVAN: I would say it was probably '37, it might have been '36—roughly, '37.

MR. HOUSTON: Probably 1937.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, that's all I have for this witness and I ask the witness be excused and thanks from the Committee for his attendance, here.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: We do thank you for your attendance and you are now excused from attendance at this hearing.

(Witness Excused)

Students in Their Pajamas at Cooperative

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

MR. HOUSTON: You are Mr. John W. Whipple, Assistant Chief Investigator for the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee who has twice previously been in the witness chair and was sworn at that time, are you not?

MR. WHIPPLE: That is right.

MR. HOUSTON: What is the purpose of your taking the chair today, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: For the purpose of reading to this Committee the—an affidavit of one Henry Kariel. That is spelled Kariel, a former student of the University of Washington who is now a resident of the State of California, over whom we have no subpoena power and whom it is impossible for us to have here at this time in person.

"STATE OF WASHINGTON }
COUNTY OF KING } ss.

"HENRY KARIEL, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

"My name is Henry Kariel, and I am a student at the University of Washington, majoring in Speech. I am living in the men's dormitory known as Chelan Hall on the University campus. I am giving this affidavit since at the time of any hearing on Un-American Activities at the University of Washington it is entirely possible that I will be out of the State of Washington. It is my expectation to go to Europe at the end of the current Spring quarter to further my studies for a year there.

I wrote a thesis for a course in Propaganda at the University. The thesis was on Communism. During the course of my research I was told about a girl by the name of Janet Todd. Janet Todd was one of the leaders of the American Youth for Democracy at the University. She was living in a house at 942 East 42nd Street. This house was also used as an off-campus headquarters for meetings of a Marxist Discussion Group, from which discussion group people were chosen to become members of the American Youth for Democracy and the Communist Party. **This house was a student cooperative. By that I mean both men and women lived in the same house. I was actually in the house only once at about nine o'clock in the morning. At that time both the men and women occupants were having breakfast, and seemingly, a good time. They were all dressed in their pajamas and appeared quite relaxed with each other. This was either in April or May, 1947.**

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 "Henry Kariel." Duly subscribed and sworn to.

(Witness Excused)