

Q. What do they take a collection up for?

A. Huh, I don't know.

Q. You pay dues, don't you?

A. Yes. Well, I paid my dues for the year, when I joined.

Q. Now then, just going back to these—this resolution that you introduced, did you receive any callers the next day or two after you introduced this resolution?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Tell the committee what—about that circumstance.

A. I beg your pardon?

Q. Tell the committee about the—about that circumstance.

A. Well, there was a couple gentlemen come there to see me, and they praised me for having had the courage to introduce such a resolution among a bunch of Communists. They thought I done a pretty good job of drawing it. They wanted to know who helped me. I told them I didn't need any help. I done it myself. And—well, when they called me from the Monte Cristo Hotel, and I was just getting ready to come downtown when they called me.

Q. What hotel was that?

A. The Monte Cristo.

Q. Monte Cristo.

A. They called me from there, yes, and I was just getting ready to come downtown, and I told them I'd come down there and see them, and I did. And later on they, well it was a few days afterwards, they come down there and took me down there.

Q. Took you down where?

A. Out to his office.

Q. Yeah. Now, going back to this resolution again, were there ever any threats of physical violence or anything of that nature interjected into this affair?

A. Well, no. No.

Q. Did anybody call at your house and—

A. Oh, yes. A couple of days afterwards, after I introduced that resolution, I went up to Bremerton. I have a daughter that lives up there and I go up there quite often and spend a few days. And while I was there, there was three men that come up there one evening. My wife was alone.

Q. And what did—

A. She didn't know who they were. They wanted to know if I was home, and she told them I wasn't.

Q. Do you know what their mission was?

A. No.

MR. WHIPPLE: That's all, Mr. Adams. Thank you.

(Witness Excused)

MR. WHIPPLE: Mr. Larson.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Do you have time to conclude this witness' testimony?

MR. WHIPPLE: Sir?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: How long will it take for this witness?

MR. WHIPPLE: It will take about fifteen or twenty minutes. I can put him on right after lunch if you want to. We just have—we have three more, on the Everett situation. A total of probably an hour's testimony.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Well, if you can handle this in, as you say, fifteen minutes, proceed.

MR. WHIPPLE: Well, I'll go at it just as fast as I can.

MR. LOUIS J. LARSON, produced as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Will you state your name, please?

A. Louis J. Larson.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Larson?

A. At Everett, Washington.

Q. And how long have you been a resident of Everett, Washington?

A. Since 1922.

Q. Have you ever belonged to the Pension Union at Everett?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever held any offices in the Pension Union at Everett, Washington?

A. I held the office of treasurer, following Mr. McCarter.

Q. Is that the Mr. McCarter who testified here a few minutes ago?

A. That's right.

Q. When did you first join the Pension Union at Everett?

A. In April of '38.

Q. How long did you remain a member of the Pension Union in Everett?

A. Well—

Q. Or are you still a member?

A. I haven't paid any dues this year. I was paid up until the last of December of last year, '47.

Q. In other words, you were paid up as a dues-paying member until the last of this last December.

A. That's it.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Pete, P-e-t-e, Ohman, O-h-m-a-n?

A. I do.

Q. Were you ever present at any time when Mr. Ohman attempted to pay his dues as a pensioner?

A. Well, yes.

Q. Will you explain that circumstance, please?

A. He—I was standing off a ways from him, about ten feet, talking with some people, it was at a recess of that certain meeting, and I noticed him walk up to the desk and he pulled out a card, and I heard somebody say, "Well, what is this? I don't want this." "Oh," he says, "That's a mistake," he says, "give me that back." And he produced another card and paid some dues. And after he left and went and sat down, or went somewhere in the room, I got through talking with this party and I was wondering if it was some disturbance or what happened. I walked over to the treasurer who was Mrs. Hough at that time, and—

Q. Just a minute. That's Mrs. Hough?

A. Hough.

Q. How do you spell that?

A. H-o-u-g-h. And I says, "What was the disturbance here?"

"Oh," she says, "there wasn't any disturbance. He just gave me his Communist card instead of his Pension Union card." And she says, "It was paid up, too."

Q. Now, do you remember when it was that this took place? How long ago?

A. Well, about three months ago, I—

Q. Somewhere along in—

A. Along in October.

Q. Of what year?

A. '47.

Q. And where—where were you when this occurrence took place?

A. At our Local meeting of number 25, in the C.I.O. Hall, upstairs, in the C.I.O. Hall in Everett.

Q. Now, were you—as a member of the Pension Union there in Everett, were you ever requested to attend any Communist Party meetings?

A. Well, at one time in 1940, I'm pretty sure it was, in the fall in 1939 or— or early winter of '40, there was a man by the name of George, and I can't—I've been trying to get ahold of his last name and think of it, but I can't think of it, but he was a school teacher over in Snohomish, and he asked me on two or three occasions if I wouldn't attend Party meetings with him. And I, at one time—I refused several times, and one time it was a very dark stormy night and he asked me again, he says, "We're holding a meeting over there, Party meeting," he says, "would you—wouldn't you like to go over with me?" And I said, "Well, it's a pretty dark stormy night and I have some funds here, Treasurer's funds, and I don't care about packing that around. I'd rather go home."

Q. Now just a minute. Were you at the Pension Union Hall—

A. At the Pension Union Hall—

Q. —at the time?

A. —at the time, on Wetmore. And he says—he suggested that he go down with me, if I wished to come back and go to the meeting with him. Well, I got to thinking it over and, well, maybe that'd be a good idea, so we went down to where I lived on Lombard, and I put my accoutrements away, and the funds, and went back with him, and it was a very stormy night. That's one reason I didn't care about—

Q. All right, now where did you go back to? Did you go with him to attend a Communist Party meeting?

A. To the meeting, to the Communist Party meeting.

Q. Now where was it held?

A. It was held on Rockefeller Avenue. Just above Hewitt.

Q. Do you know—

A. South of Hewitt.

Q. —whose home it was held at?

A. It was held in a hall.

Q. In what hall?

A. Well, I don't know as there was any name on the door.

Q. Well, did you recognize any—any persons there?

A. Oh yes, I saw—Art Knowles was chairman of the meeting at that time.

Q. Will you spell his last name?

A. Knowles. K-n-o-w-l-e-s. Art Knowles.

Q. Now, just identifying that a little further, you say he was the chairman. Are you referring to this Communist Party meeting?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. All right, who else?

A. Well, I saw Mr. and Mrs. John Matson there. I saw—

Q. How do you spell Matson?

A. M-a-t-s-o-n. That might be two "t's" but I—M-a-t-s-o-n.

Q. All right, who else?

A. Well, I saw a man there by the name of Jack Bobier.

Q. How do you spell Bobier?

A. B-o-b-i-e-r.

Q. And who else?

A. Oh yes, there was several there, but I can't—

Q. Just to refresh your recollection, does the name O'Malley mean anything to you?

A. Yes, he was there.

Q. Now what O'Malley was that?

A. Phil O'Malley.

Q. Was there any literature passed out there at the time?

A. Well, there was some literature laying over on the desk and they said, "Before you go home, why take some of this literature."

Q. Now had any of these persons that you later met at this Communist Party meeting, had any of these people been active in Pension Union affairs there in Everett?

A. All but Art Knowles. I don't think he was ever a Pension Union member.

Q. The rest of them, though, were all active in the Pension Union affairs.

A. Well, some of them were not. Some of them were Workers Alliance people, and I'd seen them at the Workers Alliance meeting.

Q. Well, what about Phil O'Malley?

A. Well, he was a pensioner. He belonged to the Pension Union.

Q. Was he—had he taken an active part over the years, in the Pension Union movement?

A. Oh yes.

Q. What about Mr. Bobier?

A. Well, he had taken an active part also.

Q. How did you know that this was a Communist Party meeting?

A. Well, that night that I did go, I asked the gentleman, I says, "What kind of a meeting is this? You keep calling it a Party meeting." And he says, "Well," he says, "it's a Communist Party."

Q. He said it was the Communist Party.

A. Yes.

- Q. Now, that's this Mr. George somebody whose last name—
 A. Somebody, I can't remember the last name, but he was a teacher over at Snohomish.
- Q. Now you are referring to the town or city of Snohomish, or the county?
 A. City of Snohomish.
- Q. Now then, do you know a Mrs. Ellie Hendrickson?
 A. Well, I met the lady, yes.
- Q. I'll ask you if you ever overheard a conversation with her and Mrs. Hough, relative to certain card parties?
 A. Well—
- Q. Or a card party, as the case might have been.
 A. —in the kitchen of the hall up there where we meet, C.I.O. Hall,—
- Q. Are you referring to the Pension Union meeting?
 A. Yes. They asked them if they would come up to the meeting at Mr. Walberg's house.
- Q. Now, when you say they asked them, who do you mean by they?
 A. Well, Mrs. Hendrickson.
- Q. All right, now who do you mean by them?
 A. Asked Mr. and Mrs. Hough—
- Q. All right, now go ahead.
 A. —if they would come up to the card party, and Mr. Hough asked if there was admission charges, and they said, "Well, it would be twenty-five cents." And Mr. Hough asked what the proceeds went to, and she said, "to the Communist Party."
- Q. Who said?
 A. Mrs. Hendricks.
- Q. Mrs. Hendricks said that the proceeds, this twenty-five cent charge that was made over to the card party went into the Communist Party.
 A. Communist Party.
- Q. And that invitation was given there in the—
 A. In the hall.
- Q. —in the Washington Pension Union Hall. Now is that—I just want to be right sure of the spelling of that last name. Was that Hendrickson or Henderson?
 A. No, Hendrickson.
- Q. That's what I want to get into the record. Could you spell that name for us?
 A. Well, I don't know that I could. H-e-n—
- Q. Is it H-e-n-d-r-i-c-k-s-o-n? Hendrickson.
 A. -s-o-n, I believe that—yes, that's it. -s-o-n.
- Q. Now, Mr. Larson, you, from your testimony, have been a member of the Pension Union about how many years all together?
 A. Since April 1938.
- Q. You have been a member a little less, then, than ten years.
 A. That's right.
- Q. And active in the Pension Union affairs there in Everett.
 A. That's right.

- Q. Did you have occasion to attend any of the state conventions from time to time?
 A. I have.
- Q. Based on your activity as a pensioner there at Everett and in your participation in the state convention of the Pension Union, would you state whether or not the Old Age Pension Union movement is controlled by the pensioners themselves, the old people who get pensions, or is it controlled by somebody else?
 A. Well, I think it—well, definitely it is controlled by somebody else.
- Q. All right, now who is it controlled by? That's what we're interested in.
 A. Well, it's controlled—it seems to me, by a subversive element.
- Q. Well, now, do you refer to any particular persons, or any particular element, or particular group?
 A. Well, in my opinion, that up the line, dating back with Atkinson and Pennock and Thomas Rabbitt, I think that that is subversive element.
- Q. In other words, you think the activities of N. P. Atkinson, William Pennock and Thomas Rabbitt, that those three men whose names you mentioned, comprise the subversive element that you refer to?
 A. I do.
- Q. Now why do you indicate—or why have you indicated that they represent a subversive element?
 A. Well, in time gone by and up to the present, that is the last that I heard them talk, they bring it in their speeches; they mention how much or how they have things over in Russia, and that it's better over there, that is, they use the old people better, they use the women folks better over there than they do here, and such—now they don't talk on that right along, but in their talk somewhere they always bring this stuff up.
- Q. Was there any comparison—have there ever been any times when Atkinson, and Pennock, and Rabbitt would compare the treatment that the old people got in Russia as compared to what they got in this country?
 A. Yes.
- Q. What sort of comparison would they make?
 A. Well, the old people over there, they get better pensions than they do here, at a lower age, a pension age, and the women are taken care of better, when they're due for confinement or anything like that, why they say that they're taken to hospitals and their babies are put into homes, so that they can get back to work, and these homes are very good, that the children are well taken care of, and so on.
- Q. Do you mean to tell this committee that that's the picture that they've been painting to these old age pensioners in Everett?
 A. That I've heard them mention at different times. Maybe not a dozen times or anything, but three or four times I've heard that kind of talk.
- Q. In other words, they've represented to the old age pensioners that they pay better pensions in Russia to their pensioners, at a lower age.
 A. At a lower age than they do here.
- CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Mr. Whipple, I'm a little concerned about a phase of Mr. Larson's testimony regarding hearsay evidence about a card that was shown. Do you intend to show further that—

MR. WHIPPLE: I intend to prove by other witnesses who this person was, what he did, and all about it. The next two witnesses.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: In that case it will be admitted into the record.

Q. One other thing, Mr. Larson, do you know whether or not the Pension Union group were ever called on to give any money to any so-called subversive groups?

A. Well, when I was treasurer we paid two dollars a month to the—to the, oh, W.C.F., Washington—

Q. Commonwealth Federation?

A. —Commonwealth Federation, and we were asked to do that, and at times they got up a collection for Harry Bridges when he was in a jam.

Q. Now what did—what did taking up a collection for Harry Bridges when he was in a jam have to do with old age pensions?

A. Well, I don't know. It seemed like they were working for support for him.

Q. Well—

A. In my estimation.

Q. —did you ever hear of this so-called Northwest Labor School?

A. Yes. I was up in the—at a State Board meeting, I think it was in the early part of '47. Well, it might have been the latter part of '46. At a meeting up there they passed a motion to donate to the Labor School a hundred and fifty dollars.

Q. Well, did they—

A. Out of the Pension—out of the treasurer funds.

Q. Who—who was instrumental in getting that motion passed?

A. Well, William Pennock was the chairman.

Q. Well, now that hundred and fifty dollars that they donated on that occasion to the Northwest Labor School, was that the same school, now, that the Attorney General of this United States has later declared to be a subversive organization?

A. Unless they've changed it without my knowledge since then, and I haven't heard of any such changes. And then I was—I wanted very much to know why this hundred and fifty dollars was going to be paid to this school, and they told me that it was for the purpose of helping get the school started and that we, the Pension Union State Board, could meet there instead of paying out rent where we were meeting, or at places where we had been in the habit of meeting.

Q. Who told you it was for the purpose of helping getting the school started? What person told you that?

A. William Pennock.

MR. WHIPPLE: That's all, Mr. Larson. Thank you very much.

(Witness Excused)

(Recess)

1:35 o'clock P. M.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you call your first witness.

IVY DODD, produced as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, will you request the photographers, with this witness now, not to take any pictures. This witness has asked that her picture not be taken.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Oh, all right. Mr. Photographer, if when these films are developed, if you will make a note, we will delete that part from the roll of film.

Q. You may state your name, please.

A. Ivy Dodd.

Q. Mrs. Dodd, for the purpose of the record, your testimony is being transcribed on a machine. And if you will talk into that microphone and will talk loud enough so it will come in clear, we will greatly appreciate it. How do you spell your last name?

A. D-o-d-d.

Q. Where do you live, Mrs. Dodd?

A. Cascadian Apartments, Everett.

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

A. Since 1933.

Q. Mrs. Dodd, I would like to ask you first, if you've ever been a member of the Communist Party?

A. I have.

Q. When did you join the Communist Party?

A. I believe 1937.

Q. Do you remember when in 1937?

A. About September.

Q. Where did you join the Communist Party in 1937? What city?

A. In the City of Seattle.

Q. Do you remember who recruited you into the Communist Party?

A. Ward Coley.

Q. Do you know what business or profession he was in at that time?

A. He was the business agent of the Building Service Local No. 6.

Q. Here in the City of—

A. Seattle.

Q. —Seattle. And at the time that you were recruited into the Communist Party, were you married at that time?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was your husband at that time?

A. Carl Wilson.

Q. Is Carl Wilson alive at this time?

A. No.

Q. Was your husband, Carl Wilson, a member of the Communist Party?

A. He was.

Q. And when did Mr. Wilson pass away?

A. I'm not positive. I don't know.

Q. After being—after joining the Communist Party in September of 1937,