

for Communist Party policy as laid down by the Comintern. And Roosevelt never had anything to do with that, he never subscribed to any of it that I know of.

Q. Now, Mr. Armstrong, you testified earlier that when at a Party meeting the cards were stolen and it appeared you were in trouble, you telephoned Rapport and he told you to get—to go see Caughlan, did he not? John Caughlan?

A. I don't know—I don't recall now, Mr. Houston, who all we telephoned, I know that we ended up Brockway, Kelso, Dobbins and myself, ended up out at John Caughlan's house somewhere on Queen Anne Hill.

Q. Did Caughlan seem to be sympathetic with your problem?

A. Very much so.

Q. As a member of the Communist Party who knew the program and to observe the actions of Communists, would it be your opinion that he was a member of the Communist Party?

A. It would be.

Q. And you testify then, as a Communist at the time and knowing what the actions of the Communists were?

A. That's right.

Q. He followed the Communist Party line?

A. Invariably.

MR. HOUSTON: I believe that's all. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for just a five-minute recess now, just a very short recess. I think I've concluded with the—

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Do you have other witnesses to produce at this time?

MR. HOUSTON: I may have, I want to—I want to confer.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Mr. Armstrong may be excused, and we will be at ease for about five minutes.

(Witness Excused)

(Recess)

MRS. KATHRYN FOGG, resumed the stand for further examination and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

Q. You are the Mrs. Kathryn Fogg who testified here the other day?

A. Yes sir, I am.

Q. Mrs. Fogg, did you hear the testimony of Mr. H. C. Armstrong?

A. I did, sir.

Q. At all places in this testimony where he mentioned your name and placed you in meetings, was that true and correct?

A. Yes sir, it was. He failed to remember I was in his car with Mike and he, was the only thing.

Q. You recall that now.

A. Yes.

Q. And none of Mr. Armstrong's testimony wherein he placed you in a meeting was incorrect, then?

A. It was all correct, every time.

MR. HOUSTON: Thank you very much, Mrs. Fogg.

(Witness excused)

JESS FLETCHER, resumed the stand for further examination and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

Q. You are the Jess Fletcher who testified before this committee last week?

A. I am.

Q. Mr. Fletcher you have heard—have you heard the testimony of Mr. Armstrong?

A. I did.

Q. At all places where Mr. Armstrong placed you in Communist Party meetings, were you there?

A. I was, although he missed some of them.

Q. Was all of the testimony of Mr. Armstrong pertaining to meetings where you were present, correct?

A. Absolutely correct.

Q. Now I will ask you, Mr. Fletcher, have you ever sat in closed Communist Party meetings with Florence Bean James?

A. Well, yes. She was always raising money and she asked my union for money, and I refused to give it to her, and then she brought Mr. Rapport and Mr. DeLacy to my office and said, "This is a comrade and we expect you to support him."

Q. You refer to Mrs. Florence Bean James as a comrade and deserving of the support of your union.

A. That's right. I'd refused to sign the check until they had identified her as a comrade, and then I signed the check.

Q. They put pressure on you.

A. That's right.

Q. Have you ever addressed her as comrade?

A. Oh, yes, I said, "Here you are, comrade," when I give her the check.

Q. Did she remonstrate?

A. No, no. No.

Q. Did she address you as Comrade Fletcher?

A. She said, "Thank you, comrade."

Q. And you have, in addition to that, sat in fraction meetings with her?

A. In meetings where DeLacy and Rapport and Huff and all the other leaders that's been mentioned here, of all Communists, and discussed policy and political campaigns, the policy of the Party that was handed down from New York. Well, we took the policy as handed down by Rapport or Huff.

Q. Was there anyone present at these meetings except members of the Communist Party?

A. There was not.

Q. Your testimony is then, as a Communist she sat in Communist Party meetings with you.

A. That's right.

Q. Now what were the checks for that she wanted checks?

A. Well, they—she wanted to sell a night at the Repertory Playhouse. She'd try to sell them to organizations, and she come down to sell one night, all the seats, to our local union.

Q. And you declined to take them?

A. Until she was identified as a Communist, I did.

Q. And she went out and got Rapport and came back with him then, is that correct?

A. That's right. That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: That's all, Mr. Fletcher, thank you.

(Witness Excused)

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, that concludes our witnesses for today.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: We will now be in recess until nine-thirty to-morrow morning.

(WHEREUPON adjournment was taken until 9:30 o'clock a. m., February 3, 1948.)

(February 3, 1948, 9:35 a. m. o'clock)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: This hearing is in session.

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

MR. HOUSTON: I will ask you as you testify if you will bear in mind that we are recording the proceedings of this testimony, so try to speak so that one of those two "mikes" will pick up your voice.

Also when you say "yes" or "no" don't do it with a shake of the head, because the recording devices so far have been unable to record motions.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

Q. Please state your name.

A. Joseph Kornfeder. K-o-r-n-f-e-d-e-r.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Kornfeder?

A. Detroit, Michigan.

Q. Are you a citizen of this country, Mr. Kornfeder?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America?

A. I did.

Q. And received an honorable discharge?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever been known by any names other than Kornfeder?

A. Yes, I was known by the name of Zack, Z-a-c-k, my mother's maiden name.

Q. That was your—withdraw that.

Q. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was that your name within the Party?

A. That's the name I used within the Party.

Q. Is that quite common custom for Party members to take the maiden name of their mother or some near relative?

A. That's very common in the Party to use a name of mother or relative, or even just an assumed name.

Q. Now, when did you first affiliate with the Communist Party?

A. I became a member of the Party in 1919 as a result of the split in the Socialist Party. I went with that wing of the Socialist Party which broke away and formed the Communist Party.

Q. In other words, then, you are a charter member of the Communist Party in the United States of America, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Now where did you join the Communist Party?

A. New York City.

Q. Now will you detail for me very briefly, your activities after you joined the Party?

A. Well, I first became a unit organizer in Yorkville, New York City, and then I became a section organizer which took in all the units of the Communist Party in Yorkville and Harlem, New York City, and then I became a district organizer in New York District, and my next position was with the National Labor Union activities director of the Communist Party. After the Party was—went underground in 1920, I became one of several members of the then Secret Central Committee of the Communist Party, and I remained a member through 1920, '21 and '22 up to '23. Meanwhile the Party had come out from underground and owned itself as an open party.

Q. Now, Mr. Kornfeder, you testified that when the Party was underground from 1900 to nineteen—from 1920 to 1923, that you were a member of the Secret National Committee.

A. Yes.

Q. Was that committee also called the Political Committee, the Politbureau?

A. That was then the Politbureau of the Party.

Q. And how many members were on that Politbureau?

A. Seven.

Q. Can you name some of them at this time?

A. Yes. There was C. E. Ruthenberg, who died since then.

Q. Now, can you spell that for us?

A. R-u-t-h-e-n-b-e-r-g.

Q. Uh-hum.

A. Then there was William Wienstone, Jay Lovestone, Alexander Bittleman—

Q. Is that the Bittleman that's still connected with the Party?

A. That's right. —James Canon, Alfred Vagsnik, Edward Lindgreen, deceased—I think that's about all I recall.

Q. Now, during the period of time that this Party was underground and its operation was illegal, it continued to function through the secret apparatus of the Party, is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Now in 1923, when the Party came out in the open, what position did you—were you then given by the Party?

A. Well, I was on the first National Committee elected by the Party which