

MR. O'BRIEN: Will the record show my participation on behalf of this witness was also under the same instructions previously given by the chairman?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: That is correct.

(Witness Excused)

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Albert Ottenheimer take the stand.  
Mr. Ottenheimer excused from attendance, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: We excused him—Mr. Ottenheimer's mother is ill or having an operation, and I believe that was to occur today, and Mr. O'Brien stated that he would get him here for us on short notice when we wanted him.

MR. O'BRIEN: That's right, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I do not believe we will—if he is not in attendance now—

MR. O'BRIEN: He is in Tacoma this afternoon.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Yes. We will not expect his appearance here this afternoon.

MR. O'BRIEN: I am sure we can have him here in the morning.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: All right, thank you.

MR. HOUSTON: Joseph Cohen please take the stand.

MR. COHEN: I was informed that I would be notified enough in advance to have my attorney here.

MR. HOUSTON: Who is your counsel?

MR. COHEN: Mr. Starin.

MR. HOUSTON: I do recall,—there was so many there.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Well I think that we will—

MR. HOUSTON: Will you ask Mr. Starin to be present tomorrow, because we will get to you tomorrow, Mr. Cohen?

MR. COHEN: Tomorrow morning?

MR. HOUSTON: I can't say definitely, but some time tomorrow. In other words will you be prepared to take the witness stand tomorrow?

Will Ted Astley take the stand?

Mr. Chairman, did you excuse this witness?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Is Mr. Ted Astley in the audience?

STATE PATROLMAN: He was taken out this morning.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: How far did you take him?

Well we will expect Mr. Astley to be in attendance tomorrow. If you can find him bring him in.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you call another witness, or will we be at ease a few moments?

MR. HOUSTON: Well, I didn't expect quite all of this, Mr. Chairman.

### Research Data on Communist Front Organizations Presented

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Stith, will you take the stand, do you have your data ready? Do you have your stuff?

MR. STITH: Data is what you asked for—a list of the organizations.

MR. HOUSTON: You don't need to be re-sworn.

MR. HOUSTON: You are Mr. Ernest Stith, an investigator for the un-American Activities Committee for the State of Washington that previously testified from that stand?

MR. STITH: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: You were sworn then?

MR. STITH: I was.

MR. HOUSTON: And asked to stand aside, fine.

MR. HOUSTON: What is the occasion of your being on the witness stand now, Mr. Stith?

MR. STITH: You asked me for a list of organizations which—to which various professors were sponsors, members or offices.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, you have completed very lengthy documents in this matter, have you not?

MR. STITH: I have, showing how they fit in with the Communist Party line over the years.

MR. HOUSTON: Now you have boiled down here, have you not, just a bare sta—

MR. STITH: Statement of organizations.

MR. HOUSTON: Statement of organizations.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly recommend to the Committee, for it would take several hours to read this lengthy document of very—material to this investigation, that Mr. Stith be permitted to read the list of organizations and the professors involved and that the complete research analysis of his be extended into the record without his reading it from the stand.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I believe that is acceptable and preferable and if you will proceed to read your analysis.

### Communist Front Affiliations of Florence Bean James

MR. STITH: Florence Bean James was a sponsor, member, or officer in the Teacher's Union, Local 401; Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy; Committee to Lift The Embargo on Spain; Women's Committee for Peace, which affiliated with the American Peace Mobilization Movement; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; American Counsel on Soviet Relations; Citizen's Committee for Harry Bridges; Spanish Refugee Appeal; Seattle Labor School or Northwest Labor School, as it's variously called; Win the Peace Movement; Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Progressive Citizens of America; Civil Rights Congress and Emergency Peace Mobilization.

### Burton W. James

Burton W. James was a sponsor, member or officer of Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy; Committee to Lift the Embargo; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Spanish Refugee Appeal; Win the Peace Movement and Emergency Peace Mobilization.

### Prof. Ralph H. Gundlach

Professor Ralph H. Gundlach: Teacher's Union, Local 401; Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy; National Emergency Conference; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; North American Spanish Aid Committee; Peace

Co-ordinating Committee; Emergency Peace Mobilization and American Peace Mobilization; Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Committee for Citizenship Rights for William Schneiderman; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Puerto Rican Freedom Committee; Counsel for Pan-American Democracy; Spanish Refugee Appeal; Northwest Labor School; Win the Peace Movement; Independent Citizen's Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Progressive Citizens of America.

### Albert Ottenheimer

Albert Ottenheimer: sponsor, member or officer in the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Win the Peace; Seattle Labor School; the Northwest Sponsoring Conference on China and the Far East; and the Progressive Citizens of America.

### Prof. Melvin Rader

Melvin Rader: Northwest Congress against War and Fascism, and also, the Congress for Peace and Democracy; Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy; Harry Bridges Defense Committee; Washington State Sponsoring Committee for Harry Bridges; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Teacher's Union, Local 401; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Independent Citizen's Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Win the Peace Movement; Northwest Sponsoring Committee on China and the Far East; Progressive Citizens of America.

### Professors Joseph Butterworth, Melville Jacobs, Herbert J. Phillips and Harold Eby

Joseph Butterworth: Teacher's Union and Win the Peace.

Melville Jacobs: Teacher's Union, Local 401; American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born and Win the Peace.

Herbert J. Phillips: Teacher's Union, Local 401; Washington Commonwealth Federation; Emergency Defense Conference; Northwest Labor School and Win the Peace.

Harold Eby: Teacher's Union, Local 401; Washington Commonwealth Federation; Defense Committee for Harry Bridges; Washington State Sponsoring Committee for Harry Bridges; American Youth for Democracy; Northwest Labor School; Independent Citizen's Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the Win the Peace Movement.

Garland Ethel I read the other day. You didn't want that, did you?

MR. HOUSTON: Wo—

All these organizations have been cited as Communist front organizations by one or more of the following: Attorney General Biddle, Attorney General Clark, Committee on un-American Activities in the United States House of Representatives, or the Joint Fact-Finding Committee of California. With the exception of the Teacher's Union, Local 401; and the Pension Union of the State of Washington, which organizations are characterized in the documents.

MR. HOUSTON: In the document that is to be incorporated in the records.

MR. STITH: That's right.

MR. HOUSTON: Thank you, Mr. Stith. You may step aside.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, Mr. Chairman, we have a witness that—can't get here until about 5:15 without great inconvenience. I suggest that we be in recess until then but I would like to ask the chairman if he considers it pertinent that we instruct every one of those under subpoena that it is their counsel to be here with counsel tomorrow prepared to testify because there are so many that we just can't keep this thing down where—it is not like there was one person and one counsel. There's just so many that we can't work the schedules.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Witnesses under subpoena will be expected to have their counsel in attendance tomorrow if they wish benefit of counsel. We will not be able to prolong the hearings for delays required in sending for counsel and that sort of thing. We just have too much business to conduct and please be advised that that is the case. We will now be in recess until about 5:15.

(Recess)

### Sarah Eldredge Recalled and Identifies "Rocky" Forschmiedt and Wife as Communists

MR. HOUSTON: I'm very sorry, Mrs. Eldredge, to recall you but I failed to ask you one question this morning. Do you know a man by the name of Forschmiedt, Rachmiel Forschmiedt, commonly called "Rocky" Forschmiedt?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Yes, we called him "Rocky" Forschmiedt and he and his wife were members of my unit.

MR. HOUSTON: Your unit in the Communist Party?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: In the Communist Party. He was especially active in that—the Medical Conference that I mentioned this morning and he attended the preliminary meetings and helped to arrange it—these preliminary meetings were held at the Y. W. C. A. and he helped us all the way through and he was a member of that unit for—oh, until I was transferred, I'd say about half as many meetings until I was transferred to another unit, the final unit that I belonged to, the Professional Unit.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, did you know what Mr. Forschmiedt did at that time? What was his occupation?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: He—at that time he was associated with the State Medical Department in the Smith Tower. I was up to the office at one time. I can't give you the office number but it was high and on the upper floors of the Smith Tower.

MR. HOUSTON: Was it the Health Department?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: It was the Health Department for the state.

MR. HOUSTON: Is Forschmiedt present?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: No, he left.

A VOICE: He was ejected.

MR. HOUSTON: Oh, he was ejected.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, do you know what that Mr. Forschmiedt is doing at the present time?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: No, I do not.