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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.

MR. HOUSTON: But it was Rachmiel—

MRS. ELDREDGE: Yes, I have a card of his that he gave me some place with the State Health—it was the state health card with his name on the corner.

MR. HOUSTON: And offices in the Smith Tower.

MRS. ELDREDGE: Yes, in the Smith Tower. We called him “Rocky”, that’s all we ever—

MR. HOUSTON: You called him “Rocky.”

MR. HOUSTON: Now, about what year was this?

MRS. ELDREDGE: That was in 1937.

MR. HOUSTON: 1937.

MR. HOUSTON: And you attended more than one Communist Party meeting—

MRS. ELDREDGE: Oh, yes, yes, about half a dozen that he was present at.

MR. HOUSTON: About half a dozen. That’s all.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I think that—

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Well, thank you very much for coming back, Mrs. Eldredge, it was due to our negligence that we didn’t ask that question while you were here before. You may be excused, I—permanently now.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, that’s all that I have today.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: We will be in recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

(Recess)

TESTIMONY OF PHILLIP H. DAVIS Former Professor, University of Washington

(July 23, 1948. 9:45 o'clock a. m.)

Pursuant to adjournment, the hearing was resumed at 9:45 o'clock a. m., July 23, 1948.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: The hearing is in session. Call your first witness.

MR. O'BRIEN: Mr. Chairman—

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: That can follow in the regular order of business. Call your first witness.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Davis. Phillip Hunt Davis.

MR. DAVIS: Where is my attorney?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Well, you tell us, if you want one.

MR. DAVIS: Well, of course I want one.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Who is your attorney?

MR. DAVIS: John Caughlan.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Mr. Caughlan—you may confer with Mr. Caughlan on the outside. Are you in contact with him?

MR. DAVIS: No, I have to have him here.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: No, you don't have to have him in this room.

MR. DAVIS: That's what you said we could do at the start of the hearing.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: If you will be seated a moment, I will tell you what our procedure will be in relation to Mr. Caughlan.

MR. DAVIS: Well, I will have to have a lawyer.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Do you have to have a lawyer to be sworn?

MR. DAVIS: Why certainly.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: You don't— You keep quiet and you will hear the instructions. We will instruct you that you may confer with your attorney on the outside, if there are any questions that you are unable to answer without advice of counsel; and you will remain a little less boisterous in this hearing; and now we will proceed—you will proceed to be sworn, and we will let you confer with your—

MR. DAVIS: (Incoherent.)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Will you be sworn, Mr. Davis?

MR. DAVIS: (Incoherent.)

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Take him out. There is a grave doubt as to his mental competence, and I don't want to carry the responsibility.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Is Mr. Ted Astley in attendance? Mr. Ted Astley. Mr. Ted Astley has been instructed to be in attendance here, and we will expect him to be here shortly. Now, proceed, Mr. Houston.