

hospitality. They were decent to me and I hope to God they'd turn me down if I didn't behave decently to them.

MR. HOUSTON: Did you ever sit in a Communist Party meeting with Ralph H. Gundlach?

MRS. BEAL: Same answer.

MR. HOUSTON: You refuse to answer?

MRS. BEAL: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Well, Mrs. Beal, we—I think you understand the position you are placing us in, and yourself, and I'm going to ask you to step aside.

TESTIMONY OF MRS. JUDITH FLETCHER

JUDITH FLETCHER, called as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. WHIPPLE: Mrs. Fletcher, in addressing your answers to questions asked we'd appreciate you to speak in the microphone and spell out any names.

Will you state your name, please?

MRS. FLETCHER: Judith Fletcher.

MR. WHIPPLE: Where do you live, Mrs. Fletcher?

MRS. FLETCHER: Just out of Monroe.

MR. WHIPPLE: Is that in the State of Washington?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes, it is.

MR. WHIPPLE: How long have you been a resident of the State of Washington?

MRS. FLETCHER: About thirty years or thirty-two years.

MR. WHIPPLE: Mrs. Fletcher, what relation, if any, are you to Jess Fletcher?

MRS. FLETCHER: I am his wife.

MR. WHIPPLE: Mrs. Fletcher, I'll ask you to state whether or not you have ever been a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes, I was.

MR. WHIPPLE: Mrs. Fletcher, approximately when did you become a member of the Communist Party?

MRS. FLETCHER: Well, I believe around 1937, or '38.

MR. WHIPPLE: Do you remember at this time, Mrs. Fletcher, who recruited you into the Communist Party?

MRS. FLETCHER: No, I don't.

MR. WHIPPLE: How long did you remain a member of the Communist Party, Mrs. Fletcher?

MRS. FLETCHER: Well, it's rather indefinite—I think sometime in 1944.

MR. WHIPPLE: You were a member of the Communist Party from about 1927 until—

MRS. FLETCHER: No, '38.

MR. WHIPPLE: About nineteen thirty—

MRS. FLETCHER: '37 or '38.

MR. WHIPPLE: —'37 or '38 to 1944. Something like a six or seven year period—in through there.

Now, do you know a person by the name of Harold Eby?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes, I do.

Identifies Professor Eby and Wife as Communists

MR. WHIPPLE: How long have you known him?

MRS. FLETCHER: Well, I met him, I believe in 1938 or thereabouts.

MR. WHIPPLE: At that time what if any business or occupation did he have?

MRS. FLETCHER: I understood he was teaching at the University.

MR. WHIPPLE: Is that the same Harold Eby who's an Instructor at the University at the present time, or has been?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes, I believe it is.

MR. WHIPPLE: Now, I will ask you to state whether or not, during the period of time that you as a member of the Communist Party, if you ever had occasion to see Mr. Eby?

MRS. FLETCHER: Oh, yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Did you ever attend any Communist Party meetings that Mr. Harold Eby attended?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Were those closed meetings in the Communist Party?

MRS. FLETCHER: That's what I understood.

MR. WHIPPLE: Meetings at which none other than Communists would be present?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes, sir.

MR. WHIPPLE: Did you know his wife, Lenna Eby?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: During the period of time you were a member of the Communist Party did you ever have occasion to sit in any Communist Party meetings with her?

MRS. FLETCHER: No, not that I'm sure of. No.

MR. WHIPPLE: During the time that you were a member of the Communist Party, did—were any meetings ever held in your home?

MRS. FLETCHER: Oh, yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Were any meetings ever held in the Eby home?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Did Mr. Harold Eby ever attend any meeting of the Communist Party held at your home?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Did you ever attend any meetings of the Communist Party held at Professor Eby's home?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: Approximately how many meetings—closed meetings in the Communist Party, would you say that you have attended at which Professor Harold Eby was present.

MRS. FLETCHER: Oh, at least a half-a-dozen.

MR. WHIPPLE: At least half-a-dozen.

During the period of time that you were a member of the Communist Party did you pay any dues into the Party?

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: To whom did you pay those dues?

MRS. FLETCHER: To Lenna Eby.

MR. WHIPPLE: Is that the same Lenna Eby that you say has—was a member of the Communist Party.

MRS. FLETCHER: She was Harold Eby's wife.

MR. WHIPPLE: Harold Eby's wife. Now, where did you go to pay those dues to her?

MRS. FLETCHER: Oh, at her home or she came to mine.

MR. WHIPPLE: In other words, you paid dues both—to Lenna Eby, both at her home and at your home.

MRS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. WHIPPLE: I think that's all. Thank you, Mrs. Fletcher.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: You may be excused, I believe. Are you through with this witness?

MR. WHIPPLE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: You may be excused.