

Q. Mrs. Stone, I would like to ask you just a general question. Has your membership ever been solicited into the Communist Party?

A. Yes, it has.

Q. Will you tell this committee when, where and by whom?

A. Mr. Hicks is one I remember and he handed me a card, along with Mr. Stone at the time we were coming back from the meeting at the hall in Ballard.

Q. Do you remember about that year—what year it was?

A. Yes, 1939.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of John Caughlan?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to be present at a meeting where he was present, in the home of Ed Friel?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was that?

A. At Ed Friel's home on Queen Anne Hill.

Q. Do you remember the year or date, approximately?

A. In 1938.

Q. I will ask you to state if your membership to the Communist Party was solicited on that occasion?

A. I don't believe they solicited my membership. I was not then married to Mr. Stone, but I know they solicited his membership, and I put up an argument on it.

Q. You put up an argument on the question. Is that the reason you remember it?

A. That's right.

Q. All right. Now, then, did you at any time thereafter visit in the home of William Ziegner?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Were you married to Mr. Stone at that time?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. Where was that meeting held?

A. At Bill Ziegner's home.

Q. In the City of Seattle?

A. Yes, about a block from where we lived on 6th Avenue North.

Q. Do you remember what year or what time of the year that was?

A. It was in 1939, because it was after we were married.

Q. Just relate if you will, to the stenographer, please, the names of the persons that you remember that were present on that occasion?

A. I remember Mr. and Mrs. William Ziegner. Mrs. Ziegner invited me to the meeting. She came down and declared it was a precinct committee meeting of the Democratic Party, and I reported that information to Mr. Stone and we went up there in the evening, and Bill Ziegner, Jr. was there, and John Caughlan and Ed Friel, the gentleman from Tacoma that Mr. Stone mentioned—I didn't know him, but I did know he was there, Mr. Stone told me so.

Q. All right. Was the subject of the Communist Party mentioned on this occasion?

A. Yes. It was declared as a fraction meeting and that we were the only

members who were not members of the Communist Party and they were soliciting our membership at that time.

Q. Now who, Mrs. Stone, made that declaration?

A. I know that Ed Friel did because he was getting quite a laugh out of Mr. Stone not knowing that he was a member of the Communist Party and that he had been the treasurer of the Queen Anne unit for quite a few years, and he hadn't divulged that information at the time he spoke to him at his own home, but did tell us at that time that he was.

Q. In other words, if I understand you correctly, at the time John Caughlan solicited his membership in the Communist Party at the Ed Friel home, Mr. Friel did not divulge the information that he was a Communist at that time?

A. That is right.

Q. At this later meeting at Mr. William Ziegner's home, he did divulge that information?

A. That is right.

Q. Together with the fact that he had been the secretary did you say, of the Queen Anne unit?

A. I believe he was the treasurer.

Q. Treasurer of the Queen Anne unit. Was there anything stated by the persons present there as to whether the other persons present were Communists, or not?

A. I believe the statement was made that we were the only people there who were not members of the Communist Party and that it was a fraction meeting, and they got quite a laugh out of inviting us to a Democratic Precinct committee meeting and having it turn out to be a Communist fraction meeting.

Q. Mrs. Stone, did you or your husband, or either of you, ever join the Communist Party as the result of the solicitation of these various persons?

A. Definitely not.

Q. Mrs. Stone, going back to the time you visited at the Friel residence, who was present, besides yourself, there?

A. Mr. and Mrs. Friel; Mrs. Friel was not in attendance at the conversation for the whole period of time, but was going in and out between the kitchen and the living room. And John Caughlan and Mr. Stone and myself.

Q. I think that's all. Thank you very much, Mrs. Stone.

(Witness Excused)

(Recess)

(After recess of a few minutes, the hearing was resumed and the following proceedings were had):

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: The hearing will now be in session. Proceed, Mr. Houston.

MR. HOUSTON: Will you please call the witness, Mrs. Fogg.

KATHRYN FOGG, having been duly sworn, testified on direct examination, as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

Q. As we proceed, Mrs. Fogg, will you spell all names that are being used here.

Please state your name.

- A. My name is Kathryn Fogg, K-a-t-h-r-y-n F-o-g-g.
- Q. Where do you live, Mrs. Fogg?
- A. 7764—14th Avenue Southwest.
- Q. What is your occupation?
- A. I am working at the present time on the information desk.
- Q. Are you the Kathryn Fogg who formerly was a member of the legislature of the State of Washington?
- A. I am.
- Q. What years did you serve in the Legislature?
- A. I served in the session of 1939.
- Q. I will ask you, Mrs. Fogg, have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?
- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Can you state the approximate date that you joined the Communist Party?
- A. Either the last month or so of '37 or the first month of '38. I can't exactly determine the actual date.
- Q. Did you receive a book in the Communist Party—a membership book?
- A. I did.
- Q. Was that in your name?
- A. It was.
- Q. Did you belong to any other organizations that were Communist dominated or Communist controlled?
- A. Yes, I was in the Pension Union, Commonwealth Federation, and before becoming a Party member I was interested in the radio work in the League Against War & Fascism.
- Q. You mentioned the Pension Union. You refer to the Washington Old Age Pension Union, do you not?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Was that a Communist dominated organization?
- A. Not in the beginning.
- Q. But at the time that you were active in it was the Communist Party interested in the Old Age Pension Union?
- A. Indeed they were.
- Q. Were you aware that they were attempting to get control of it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware, Mrs. Fogg, for what purposes they wished to get control of the Old Age Pension Union?
- A. Yes. It was an extremely large organization and could be used as an organization to get votes for people who were following the Communist Party line, and elect them to offices.
- Q. Was it used as a vehicle to further the propaganda of the Communist Party line?
- A. Yes, it was.
- Q. Did you ever hold any office in the Old Age Pension Union?
- A. Yes, I was on the state board.

- Q. Was that during the period of time that you were a member of the Communist Party?
- A. Yes, it was.
- Q. Were there other members of the Communist Party on the state board at the time you served?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did the Communist Party have sufficient control in the latter part of your service there to where they could control the policies of the Washington Old Age Pension Union?
- A. Yes, definitely.
- Q. Did they control the policies?
- A. They did enough to dislodge Jim Sullivan as the president.
- Q. Now, who served with you on the executive board that you recall?
- A. Bill Pennock.
- Q. William Pennock, the present president of the Union?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was William Pennock a member of the Communist Party?
- A. He was.
- Q. How do you know that?
- A. I have been to fraction meetings where he was there—policy meetings.
- Q. Who else was on the state board?
- A. N. P. Atkinson.
- Q. N. P. Atkinson, now was he a member of the Communist Party?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And did you attend fraction meetings and policy making meetings with him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall any others that were on the state board? Was William Dobbins a member of the state board?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was William Dobbins a member of the Communist Party?
- A. He was.
- Q. And you attended fraction meetings with him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was H. C. Armstrong a member of the state board?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Was he a member of the Communist Party?
- CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Mrs. Fogg, will you answer a little louder, because it is being recorded, please.
- A. Army Armstrong was a member of the state board and I attended fraction meetings, policy making meetings where Armstrong was one of the—in attendance, never, unit meetings or anything like that.
- Q. Now you attended very few unit meetings while you were a member, is that correct?
- A. That is correct.
- Q. Why was that?
- A. Because I was a political figure, the fact that I had a number of campaigns and was running for office.

Q. And because of your importance in the political field they attempted to have your membership kept a secret, is that right?

A. That is right.

Q. Do you know William Pennock very well?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he ever tell you how he happened to get in the Communist Party?

A. He mentioned something about a youth—the Young Communist Party League I believe it was called at one time, but I accepted him as a party member when I came into the Commonwealth Federation office as a secretary.

Q. Do you know John Caughlan?

A. I do.

Q. Did John Caughlan serve with you in the Washington Old Age Pension Union?

A. Yes, he was in those fraction meetings.

Q. Was he a member of the Communist Party?

A. He was in the—I can't—I never saw his book, but I've sat in fraction meetings with him.

Q. Sat in fraction meetings with him. Do you know Thomas Rabbitt?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Was Thomas Rabbitt active in the Old Age Pension Union?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. Did he occupy any official position?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. What was the position?

A. Secretary. He was very active though. He was on the state board and—

Q. He was a member of the state board?

A. Yes, he was a member of the state board.

Q. That's what I wished. Was Thomas Rabbitt a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you sat in closed fraction meetings with Thomas Rabbitt?

A. In fraction meetings, yes.

Q. Have you sat in policy making meetings with Thomas Rabbitt?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did Thomas Rabbitt ever disclose to you that he was a member of the Communist Party?

A. We discussed it many times.

Q. Discussed it many times. Did he admit membership to you?

A. We were discussing the policies of the Communist Party. Occasionally we were arguing about it, because I always objected to the fact that there was no democracy.

Q. And he stood up for the Communist Party?

A. That's right.

Q. You accepted him as a Communist?

A. I did.

Q. And he accepted you as a Communist?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you both sat in closed fraction meetings together?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know Terry Pettus?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Was Terry Pettus active in any of these front organizations that you have referred to?

A. He was the editor of the paper that spoke for the Pension Union and the Commonwealth Federation—also the Communist Party.

Q. Was this paper the organ of the Communist Party?

A. They didn't have an official organ in King County at that time—the Communist Party didn't, but it was the paper that carried the news and the party line, I should say, and all of that.

Q. Well, was its policies controlled by the Communist Party?

A. Yes, it is. Definitely so.

Q. Is Terry Pettus—was Terry Pettus a member of the Communist Party?

A. I never attended a unit meeting with him, but I have certainly sat in many policy forming meetings.

Q. Did he speak as a Communist there and in the interests of the Communist Party?

A. In the interest of—supposedly the Pension Union and of the Commonwealth Federation when it was not an absolute closed meeting.

Q. Did he accept you as a Communist?

A. He did.

Q. Did you accept him as a Communist?

A. Yes.

Q. And you together carried out the program of the Communist Party?

A. That's right.

Q. From party sources did you ever receive any information as to the particular assignment given William Pennock?

A. No, it was an accepted fact that that was his job; other than that I don't know.

Q. When you refer to "that was his job" you mean his activity in the Pension Union?

A. Yes, I do. That's right.

Q. Did you ever attend a national convention of the Communist Party as a delegate?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. What con—when did you attend the national convention of the Communist Party?

A. 1938.

Q. Where was this convention held?

A. In New York City. It lasted two or three days in May and two or three days into the month of June.

Q. Were there any other delegates from the Pacific Northwest that you met back there?

A. Yes, there were.

Q. Who were those other delegates?

A. Rapport, and Lou Sass, Phil Gillette.

Q. Now, that is a new name that hasn't come up before. Will you spell that for us?

A. Phil—I can't spell her real name, but it is P-h-i-l G-i-l-l-e-t-t-e.

Q. Gillette?

A. Yes. She was Morris Rapport's secretary in the office.

Q. She was what?

A. She was Morris Rapport's secretary.

Q. Now when you speak of Morris Rapport, do you refer to the man who is called Morris Rapport and Morris Rappaport?

A. Yes.

Q. They are one and the same?

A. Yes.

Q. And he was the Northwest chairman of the Communist Party then?

A. That is right.

Q. Now did you sever your connections with the Communist Party?

A. I had.

Q. When did you sever those connections?

A. I was never purged from the Party officially that I know anything about. I wanted to quit a long time before I got into the position where I could get out. After having attended the national convention I certainly didn't want to go any further, but through the pressure that was put on me by Lou Sass and others, I must say I had a sense of fear of doing it; not only physical, but otherwise.

Q. Is that a tenet of the Communist Party to surround the members with fear and to threaten their jobs if they do not do just as they wish?

A. Definitely so.

Q. Do you know Hugh DeLacy?

A. I do.

Q. I will ask you to state whether or not Mr. DeLacy was a member of the Communist Party?

A. I think he was a Communist Party member because he attended all the fraction meetings, of the policy forming group of the WCF and in attendance with the Communist—The Pension Union also.

Q. Now you are referring to Hugh DeLacy as a Communist?

A. I am referring to Hugh DeLacy.

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: Those were Communist Party fraction meetings?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

BY MR. HOUSTON:

Q. Have you discussed Communist Party programs with Mr. Hugh DeLacy and have you joined with him in following through on these programs and carrying them out—in other words, you and Hugh DeLacy have accepted assignments in the Communist Party?

A. Under the guise of the Commonwealth Federation.

Q. Now at that particular time was the Commonwealth Federation dominated by the Communist Party?

A. It wasn't in the beginning, but they soon came in and took over control.

Q. And at the time you refer to now, they had complete control of the Washington Commonwealth Federation and you were on the executive board of the Washington Commonwealth Federation?

A. I was. I was the only woman on the political welfare committee.

Q. Now why did you break with the Communist Party?

A. First and paramount—the most important reason—basic reason is that they do not believe in democracy. They do not practice democracy. They have no intentions of practicing democracy.

Q. Orders come from the top down?

A. You cannot ask questions without being ridiculed before people—members and non-members.

Q. How did you become the delegate to the national convention? Were you elected?

A. I was not elected. I was chosen and told that I should go. I objected for two reasons: First, I wasn't sure I wanted to go, and secondly, there was illness in my family and I did not want to go.

Q. Did you carry credentials as a duly elected delegate?

A. We had credentials.

Q. But the election consisted of your being chosen?

A. By Lou Sass, and no other.

Q. Lou Sass. Now, what happened after you decided to break with the Communist Party?

A. There are too many to enumerate here. Many of them were very personal.

Q. Were you ever threatened?

A. Yes. I was threatened. Again I must hark back to Lou Sass. He seemed to be the one who was putting on the heat. He came to my home and told me that I could not quit the Communist Party; that if I did that the Communist Party if they were asked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation if I were a Communist Party member, that they would say that I was and in good standing.

Q. Did anybody else ever threaten you?

A. Yes, I—there were a few 'phone calls which I didn't—wasn't very disturbed about.

Q. Did Bill Dobbins ever threaten you?

A. Not alone, no. Hugh DeLacy threatened me in the presence of Hugh De—of Bill Dobbins.

Q. Now you are referring again to former Congressman DeLacy?

A. I am, to Congressman DeLacy.

Q. Will you relate that?

A. At a picnic in 1940, in August, I believe—I am sure, at Shadow Lake. He waved his finger under my nose and said, "Kathryn Fogg, we made you and we will break you."

Q. Was there any doubt in your mind about what he meant by "we"?

A. None whatever.

Q. Pardon?

A. I say, no doubt in my mind whatever who he spoke for.

Q. Who was he speaking for?

A. He was speaking for the Communist Party, in front of Bill Dobbins.

Q. Is Bill Dobbins a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes.

Q. And was at that time?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. Did you ever attend a Communist Party meeting at Joe Butterworth's home?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Would you relate the circumstances of that for us?

A. Yes. Mike Smith and I attended the meeting. Neither of us used to go because we had been thoroughly criticized for the way in which we were conducting our campaign. We were both—Mike was running for re-election; I was running for election. We had been nominated but not elected as yet, and we didn't want to go, but we didn't know exactly why we were going, we didn't know where we were going, but even at that, attended the meeting, and—

Q. Now, who gave you your instructions to attend the meeting?

A. They were given to Mike. I don't recall by whom.

Q. But he told you?

A. Yes.

Q. That the Party had instructed that you were to attend the meeting?

A. It sort of came as a command. I didn't go—he came after me in a car.

Q. Who was present at that meeting?

A. Earl Browder, the national—

Q. Earl Browder?

A. Yes.

Q. The then head of the Communist Party in the United States?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who else? Was Bill Pennock there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. William Pennock. Was Ernest Olson there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was Tom Rabbitt there?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Al Bristol there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. A party by the name of Hildebrandt there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When was this meeting as near as you can picture?

A. It was between the—it was near the end of the political campaign, which was probably during the last part of August.

Q. The last part of August, of 1938?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now when you were told to attend this meeting, you were told it was to be a Communist Party meeting were you not?

A. That it was one of the "must" meetings.

Q. One of the "must" meetings. Was this a high fraction meeting of leaders of different groups of Communists?

A. Yes, and people that had the Communist Party—the WCF paper, and under the guidance of the Communist Party, had supported in their political campaign.

Q. Well, we will have to go through this list, then. Was William Pennock, to your knowledge, a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Mike Smith?

A. No.

Q. Mike Smith was not. Was Ernest Olson?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Tom Rabbitt?

A. Yes.

Q. At Bristol?

A. Yes.

Q. And this party Hildebrandt?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't know the name of this—first name of this Hildebrandt party?

A. Oh. —Beatrice Hildebrandt.

Q. Buford?

Q. Beatrice.

Q. Oh, Beatrice. Now, at this meeting did you discuss Communist Party strategy?

A. It was mostly bragging about the conduct and the success of the Communist Party campaign which was not true, because none of us were elected by the sole activity of the Communist Party. That's stupid. There were only a few members in this state. We were elected by people who believed in our program, and at that time, if you remember, the Communist Party policy was a united front. All liberal thinking people were working along that same line. The Communist Party wasn't being broadcast to the local press in that way—I mean they were not statements to that effect to the press, but those who were in the "know" knew that was true.

Q. Do you recall the name of the party who solicited your membership into the Communist Party?

A. Yes. I remember her first name only.

Q. What was her first name?

A. Esther.

Q. Now, where was this solicitation made?

A. Well I was asked to join the Party before that, but—had been many times, by a few individuals, but—what was the question, sir?

Q. Where was this solicitation made?

A. In West Seattle.

Q. In West Seattle, and that is where you live, is it not?

A. I did then.

Q. You lived there then. Now, who else has ever solicited you for membership in the Communist Party?

A. Harriet Dennett.

Q. Harriet Dennett. That's D-e-double "n" e-t, or two "t's"?

A. Two "t's".

Q. Two "t's", Harriet Dennett, and who else?

A. A Mr. Jolly—I don't recall his name—his first name.

Q. That's J-o- double "l"-y?

A. Yes, and George Edwards. I can't tell you anything about him.

Q. George Edwards?

A. And a fellow by the name of Harris.

Q. Of what?

A. Harris.

Q. Harris. You don't recall his first name?

A. No, sir. I am sorry.

Q. Now when you did join the Communist Party, where was that? Where were you inducted into the Party?

A. Well, I signed this card and then the problem was, where would they put me. I couldn't go into the professional group, because—or the campus group; I didn't fit in a labor union group. All I was, was a housewife, and if they put me as a housewife in the local unit, I again would be meeting with the common herd, for I attended a very few unit meetings.

Q. Where was the meeting held when you were actually put into the Party—the first meeting you ever attended as a member?

A. In West Seattle, up on the hill. I couldn't give you the address. I don't know whose home it was, other than the fact that I thought it was Margaret Heglund's, but I am not sure that it was. There were a lot of strange people there that I didn't know.

Q. How do you spell Heglund, H-e-g-l-u-n-d?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Margaret Heglund. Did you know Margaret Heglund?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was she a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And she was present at this meeting?

A. She was.

Q. You have sat in various meetings in West Seattle, have you not, at various places?

A. Not a great number, no.

Q. Can you name some of the people that would be present at some of these meetings—this is when you were first inducted, wasn't it?

A. Yes. Margaret Heglund was there, Dr. Baxter—I don't know her other name.

Q. Was Al Bristol present?

A. Yes, sir, Al Bristol was present. Morris Rapport spoke at one meeting.

Q. Did you ever attend any meetings at the I.O.G.T. Hall?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did you know these to be Communist Party meetings?

A. Well, we were usually called and told that they were having a meeting. I was never notified of a meeting in writing. They usually called. Phil Gillette usually called me.

Q. Now who would be present at those meetings in the I.O.G.T. Hall? Do you recall any of those?

A. Well, some of them were for campaigns on different things—I don't mean political campaigns, but initiatives, and I believe they held one meeting

on Initiative 141, the Old Age Pension. That was a meeting held in the I.O.G.T. Hall.

Q. Did you ever attend a meeting in the I.O.G.T. hall to which you had not been invited?

A. Yes, I did. I went there to see someone who was at the meeting, in order to get a ride home, mostly to find out something about a campaign which was going on, and I wasn't well known, so I had quite a time convincing the man at the door that I should get in, but I was finally admitted.

Q. You identified yourself as a Communist?

A. I told who I wanted to see.

Q. Who did you wish to see?

A. Phil Gillette.

Q. Phil Gillette. Now, what happened after you got in?

A. Well, there were a lot of people there that I didn't know and hadn't seen before and there were a lot of people that I did know, and some of them were—it was rather crowded room, and sitting up in front I saw one said Hugh DeLacy, former Congressman. I don't know why the meeting was called, other than it was to do with union activities,—teachers' union might have been one of them.

Q. Do you know Harold Eby's wife?

A. I have seen her, yes.

Q. Was she an employee of the Communist Party headquarters office?

A. I understand she was the treasurer.

Q. She was the treasurer?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you seen her in that office?

A. I did, once.

Q. Do you know Harold Eby?

A. I do.

Q. Is he a member of the Communist Party?

A. I'd say he was, yes. I have met him in fraction meetings, at the WCF and Pension Union meetings.

Q. And he conducted himself as a Communist?

A. Definitely.

Q. And worked toward the Communist program?

A. Yes.

Q. Were there any in these meetings that were not Communists?

A. Well, we had state and county conventions and state board meetings that he attended, but there were other people there other than Communists.

Q. Well, but I'm thinking—did he attend any meetings—did you attend any meetings where he was present and no one else was there except Communists?

A. At fraction meetings, yes.

Q. At fraction meetings. No one was admitted except Communists, and he was there?

A. Yes.

Q. You testified that you attended a meeting out at Joe Butterworth's home—was Joe Butterworth a member of the Communist Party?

A. At that particular meeting Joe Butterworth's—I didn't see him. His wife—she's passed away, was there, and she was one of the people who did most of the talking during the meeting.

Q. You refer to Dorothy Butterworth?

A. I do.

Q. I believe you testified that you have sat in closed meetings with N. P. Atkinson and Army Armstrong, also John Caughlan.

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know Harry Jackson?

A. I did.

Q. What was Harry Jackson's position?

A. I think at the time he was only—I never encountered him but two or three times. I think he was secretary. I am not sure. He was in his office in the Smith Tower.

Q. He was in the headquarters of the Communist Party and was an official there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Harry Jackson ever have a conversation with you pertaining to your duties to the Communist Party?

A. Yes, he did. After I came back from the national convention he suggested that I go out and speak throughout the northwest, organizing campaigns.

Q. Did you do such speaking?

A. I refused to.

Q. And did anybody remonstrate with you about that?

A. Yes, Rap did.

Q. Did he just remonstrate, or did he berate you?

A. He did everything but strike me, putting it mildly.

Q. Would it, in other words, be fair to say he abused you?

A. Yes, I think you certainly could. But had I been a man I would have struck him.

Q. We hear a lot about discipline. Is there iron discipline in the Communist Party?

A. Definitely.

Q. To be a good Communist you must subjugate your will to the will of the powers above you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is there anything democratic about the Communist Party?

A. Not one thing.

Q. And that is why you left the party?

A. Yes, that is why I left the party.

Q. Within the party were you known as "Kay"?

A. A great deal, yes.

MR. HOUSTON: I believe that is all, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CANWELL: Thank you. Before you call your next witness, I would like to have a conference. We will recess just a moment.

(Witness Excused)

A short recess was taken, after which the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

SARAH MARY ELDREDGE, having been first duly sworn, testified on direct examination as follows:

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HOUSTON:

Q. Will you please state your name.

A. Sarah Mary Eldredge, Sarah, S-a-r-a-h, Mary, M-a-r-y, Eldredge, E-l-d-r-e-d-g-e.

Q. You are a resident of Seattle?

A. I am, for fifteen years.

Q. You are appearing here today under subpoena, are you not?

A. I am.

Q. I will ask you, Mrs. Eldredge, have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

A. Yes, for about two years during the—about half of 1937, all of 1938 and about half of 1939—not active all the time, but—

Q. Now, while you were a member of the Communist Party in what general field were you assigned to work?

A. Before I was solicited—I will have to go back awhile—before I was solicited for membership in the Communist Party, I attended first just out of curiosity, meetings at the Y.W.C.A. of the American League Against War & Fascism. Later they asked me if I would like to be secretary and take minutes. I did. Later than that, Mr. Atkinson, who was the director—

Q. Which Mr. Atkinson?

A. Mr. N. P. Atkinson. —and his wife, Mrs. Atkinson, asked me if I would like to be the chairman of the League. I still had no idea that Communism was connected with the League. The subjects which we studied were the Nye Munitions Investigating Committee, the findings of that committee, the manipulations of the munitions group all over the world to provoke war and the things which we studied were innocuous and good information. But that was not the sinister part, of course, of the program.

Q. Did you consequently learn that the American League Against War & Fascism was a Communist front?

A. I did, and there—at the last meeting, we were down in one of the main rooms of the Y.W.C.A.—they used to send me over to the Y.W.C.A. to get the room, and Mr. Atkinson always said, "If you have any trouble, see Vera Harris. She will see that you are given accommodations." At this last meeting I was approached by a new figure that I had met just once, Lillian Minot. Whether or not that is her right name, I don't know. I understand the contact between the Communist Party and a new member is when they are not certain of the feelings of the new prospect that a contact is frequently made by an unknown person not of the group, so that it will not be traced back. She said to me, "You are very interested in all these problems, and in the distress of the world and of the people. Wouldn't you like to join a group which is devoted to the study of that?" and I said "I would be very interested." She said, "All right, meet me for lunch some day this week. When would it be convenient?" and I told her, and we met at a very fine tearoom downtown