

**Box 29**

Contents consist primarily of a number of loose, un-catalogued hearing transcripts of the Assembly Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, conducted from 1941 to 1943. In addition, there is a large brown envelope labeled "Photostats" and a copy of a paperback book entitled, "The Soviet Spies."

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#### Numbered Transcripts

**Volume 1: Hearing, July 28-Aug. 1, 1941, State Building, Los Angeles**

Includes letter of authorization, dated July 25, 1941, for creation of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, per Assembly Concurrent Resolution 13. Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney to serve as chairman.

Committee questions Jack Moore, Secretary of the Communist Party of Los Angeles, at length. He is asked whether the Communist Party is dominated by a foreign power, advocates the overthrow of the U.S. government by force, whether there is a link between the Communist Party and the German-American Bund, about Communist Party volunteers to the Spanish Civil War and whether there have been Communist Party efforts to infiltrate Hollywood.

**Volume 3: Hearing, Oct. 14-17, 1941, State Building, Los Angeles**

Various citizens questioned about membership in Young Communist League, Laborer's Non-Partisan League, Young Democrats of California, American Civil Liberties Union; others questioned about involvement in the German-American Bund, America First Committee and the True American Organization.

**Volume 3a: Executive Session, Los Angeles, Oct. 16 and 17, 1941**

Informant tells committee of German American Bund activities, sabotage by Japanese American militarists, distribution of Communist propaganda by the Young Communist League, participants in meetings of Young Communist League in Berkeley.

**Volume 4: Hearing, Oct. 24-17, 1941, State Building, Los Angeles**

Editor of "California Staats-Zeitung," a Los Angeles newspaper, questioned about pro-German and anti-Jewish writings; others questioned about activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

**Volume 5: Hearing, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Dec. 1-5, 1941 and San Quentin Prison, Dec. 6, 1941**

William Schneiderman, secretary of the California Communist Party, questioned about origins and goals of U.S. Communist Party and differences between Trotskyite and Stalinist branches.

Alameda County District Attorney Ralph Hoyt testifies about murder of chief engineer George Alberts on steamer "Point Lobos" while docked at Encinal Terminal in Alameda on March, 22, 1936, the capture and prosecution of three suspected killers with alleged CIO connections, and the escape of a fourth, Ben "Wimpy" Sakowitz.

**Volume 6: Hearing, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Dec. 1-5, 1941, and San Quentin Prison, Dec. 6, 1941**

Continued testimony into the murder of George Alberts, including testimony of Attorney General Earl Warren about possible Communist instigation.

Questions of witnesses about strike of 5,000 lettuce workers in Imperial Valley; testimony of woman who says she served 6 months in jail for her part in the strike.

**Volume 7: Continuation of Dec. 1-6, 1941 committee hearing**

Secretary of San Francisco CIO Council questioned about influence of labor movement in campaign to secure early prison release for convicted killers of George Alberts.

Editor of "L'Italia" questioned about activities of fascists in San Francisco.

**Volume 8: Hearing, San Diego, Feb. 19 and 20, 1942**

Questioning of Communist Party members about activities, philosophy, and fund-raising by Communist Party, trade union involvement. Questioning of Herman Schwinn, leader of the German American Bund, about activities of the Bund and the sinking of the Rube James.

**Volume 9: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, Feb. 23 and 24, 1942**

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Committee questions members of the America First Committee, Friends of Progress and other suspected Nazi sympathizers.

Questioning about Black Dragon Society of Japan and Japanese fascism. Discussion of whether residents of "Japanese colonies" on the West Coast are being pressured to commit un-American activities and therefore should be "interned for their own protection and good."

**Volume 10: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, March 24, 1942**  
Editor of "Rafu Shimpo," Japanese language daily newspaper in Los Angeles, questioned about Imperial Japanese propaganda being circulated through the columns of the newspaper.

**Volume 10a: Hearing, May 12, 1942**  
Transcript of discussion of Ruth-Ann Bureau, Mankind United, International Registration Bureau, Ray of Light Bureau --- all apparently part of a secret network to supply information, food and clothing in the event of an Axis invasion.

**Volume 11: Hearing, May 22 and 13, 1942, Fresno.**  
Discussion of metaphysics, Universal Service Corp. and Mankind United organization -- described as anti-war groups.

**Volume 12: Hearing, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, May 25, 1942**  
Discussion of pro-fascist Italian element in San Francisco. The beating of a committee investigator on a San Francisco street.

**Volume 13: Hearing, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, May 26 and 27, 1942.**  
Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the state CIO testifies about uniformed German storm troopers unloading German ships in San Francisco during the 1930's. Tells of his union's refusal to load scrap metal and oil on Italian ships after the invasion of Ethiopia and of San Francisco police beating demonstrators who protested the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

San Francisco Mayor Angelo Rossi defends himself against charges that he is subversive.

Paul Bibily, French Vice Consul in San Francisco, tells of being dismissed by Marshal Petain and the Vichy government.

**Volume 14: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, Dec. 16 and 19, 1942.**

Testimony on the "Sinarquistas," an alleged Mexican fifth column in Los Angeles fomented by the Nazis. It is supposedly discouraging the war efforts of Mexican-American people.

**Volume 15: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, Feb. 27 and March 27, 1943.**

Interrogation of Hans Wilhelm Rohl, described as a German alien who headed a construction company which built strategic installations for the government prior to World War II at Pearl Harbor, Wake, Guam and Midway.

**Volume 16: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, Feb. 7, 1943 and March 1, 1943**

Testimony from the executive director of the Americanism Educational League of Inglewood concerning the "Japanese-American citizen problem on the West Coast." Witness urged continued internment of Japanese-Americans and "putting Japanese males to work, under strict Army control." Maintained that Japanese-Americans "should prove their loyalty by giving our government information on Japanese subversive organizations within California."

**Un-Catalogued Transcripts**

**Executive Session: July 30 and July 31, 1941**

An investigator describes how he placed microphones (bugs) in each room of a house in the Carmel Valley, described as Communist Headquarters, secretly recording meetings of such prominent figures as Harry Bridges, Lincoln Steffens, William Schneiderman and William Z. Foster.

**Executive Session, State Building, Los Angeles, Oct. 17, 1941**

Motion picture industry cameraman deposed about activities of German-American Bund, America First and individuals in Hollywood. Existence of a Communist Prostitution Squad.

**Executive Session, Nov. 17, 1941**

Former Communist Party member questioned about individual Communist activities in Berkeley.

**Executive Session: Dec. 1-4, 1941**

Report to the committee from the Los Angeles District Attorney that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute for perjury witnesses who had denied they were Communists.

**Executive Session: Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Dec. 1-4, 1941**

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Committee questions witness about whether Italian Consul in San Francisco maintains a network of Fascist spies.

**Executive Session: San Diego City Council Chambers, Feb. 2, 1942**

Decision made to go to the home of a reluctant witness to seek his testimony.

**Executive Session: St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, May 27, 1942**

Committee discusses sending telegram to the President asking for an investigation of Fascist activities in Santa Clara County.

### Additional Items

**Large Brown Envelope**

Envelope, labeled "Photostats," contains approximately 250 photostatic copies of documents which identify Communist Party members from throughout California. Documents include names and often addressees of persons who have signed nomination papers for Communist Party candidates for legislative and constitutional offices; delegates to the Communist Party State Central Committee meeting in 1940; and members of the State Central Committee in 1936 and 1938.

**Book**

Copy of paperback book, "The Soviet Spies, the Story of Russian Espionage in North America," by Richard Hirsch.

## **Box 30**

Contents of this box are one un-catalogued transcript of the testimony of Edward T. Clark, and 14 numbered transcripts, 17-24 and 27-32, of testimony taken at open and closed hearings of the Joint and Senate Fact-Finding Committees on Un-American Activities. The hearings were conducted during 1943, 1944, 1946, and 1947 at various locations.

### **Un-Catalogued Transcript**

**Executive Session: Attorney General's Office, San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1943.**

Interrogation of Edward T. Clark by Assemblyman Randall F. Dickey before the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. Clark was the project leader for circulation of "The International Petition -- People Committed to Victory over Axis Powers, Supportive of a Supreme Council of the United Nations." Testimony about associations, activities, and names and addresses of acquaintances. Included are copy of petition and accompanying flier.

### **Numbered Transcripts**

**Volume 17: Executive Session, June 21, 1943, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Hearing before the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. Five witnesses were questioned by the committee panel about their connections with the Mexican-American Sinarquista Union and Mexican-American "Communist" movement, organizations, and activities.

**Volume 18: Executive Session, June 22, 1943, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuation of hearing on involvement and connections with the Mexican-American Sinarquista and Mexican-"Communist" organizations. Eleven witnesses.

**Volume 19: Executive Session, June 23, 1943, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuation of hearing on involvement and connections with the Mexican-American Sinarquista and Mexican-"Communist" organizations. Sixteen witnesses questioned. Also included is a committee statement regarding the National Lawyers Guild.

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**Volume 20: Public Session, March 20, 1944, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Hearing before the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. Seven witnesses questioned about their involvement with Arthur L. Bell and "Mankind United," with particular reference to the purchase of certain properties. Bell also testified.

**Volume 21: Meeting, March 22, 1944, District Court of Appeal, Fresno.**

Testimony of seven witnesses. Arthur L. Bell was present with Attorney Russell E. Parsons. This transcript is a continuation of the investigation of activities of and individual involvement with "Mankind United," including the purchase of certain property.

**Volume 22: Open Session, March 24, 1944, State Building, San Francisco.**

Testimony of three witnesses, Irving G. Breyer and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bell. Questioned about purchase of property and other activities of the "Christ Church of the Golden Rule" and "Mankind United."

**Volume 23: Executive and Open Sessions, Oct. 12 - 13, 1944, State Building, Los Angeles.**

- Executive session of the committee on Oct. 12, 1944 to discuss the absence of certain members of the committee due to campaigns and to authorize proceeding with the scheduled open hearing.
- Open session on October 12 and 13, 1944. Fifteen witnesses questioned about their associations with Communist organizations. Focus was on the Communist Political Association, Young Communist League, PAC-Political Action Committee, Hollywood Writers Mobilization, the Screen Writers Guild and subscribers to "Peoples World." Witnesses included "Communist functionaries" such as an officer of the "Communist Political Association," a regional director of the "CIO Political Action Committee," and a CIO union organizer. Other witnesses were teachers, authors, and Hollywood screen writers.

**Volume 24: Open Session, Oct. 27, 1944, State Building, San Francisco.**

This transcript appears to be a continuance of proceedings conducted in the prior volume, No. 23. Two witnesses, the president of the Communist Political Association of California and a longshoreman from San Francisco, secretary of the CIO Industrial Union Council. They were questioned on associations and knowledge of Communist organizations.

**Volume 27: Open Session, Sept. 25 - 26, 1946, Alameda County Courthouse, Oakland.**

This transcript appears to be a continuance of proceedings of transcript volumes that are missing from this box. Witnesses consist of officers of the Communist Party in Alameda County; CIO officers; the publicity director for "People's Daily World;" general secretary of the YMCA and secretary of the YWCA at the University of California at Berkeley; a chief steward and seaman; and several scientists questioned about their associations with individuals and organizations, particularly the "Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians." The committee concluded that Communist activities in Alameda County were aimed at establishing party members in various Navy yards, airplane and automobile factories and other defense industries.

**Volume 28 (Inside cover - Volume 26): Hearings, Oct. 7- 10, 1946, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Testimony of 39 witnesses, including Communist Party members; the president of the Los Angeles Board of Education; teachers; writers; city officials; law enforcement officers; district attorney's investigators; San Francisco district attorney Edmund G. Brown subscribers to "Peoples Daily World, " and teachers accused of Communist leanings. Questions dealt with Communist affiliations and activities, the Ku Klux Klan, names of witnesses' acquaintances, their activities and beliefs.

**Volume 29: Open Session, Oct. 31, 1946, Alameda County Courthouse, Oakland.**

Hearing consisted of questioning 10 witnesses about their associations with Mrs. Mildred Bowen, Communist Party organizer for Contra Costa County; Cleophas Brown, president of the Richmond NAACP; and Archie Brown, Communist Party candidate for governor, 1946

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**Volume 30: Subcommittee hearing, Feb. 26, 1947, Veterans Memorial Building, Chico.**

Hearing of the Subcommittee of the Joint Interim Committee on Un-American Activities. Transcript consists of testimony from 13 witnesses and was conducted in response to a petition from Chico residents who asked the committee to investigate certain courses and related books used in the schools of Chico. Butte County and Chico public school officials were questioned about sex education in the schools.

**Volume 31: Open Hearing, Oct. 23, 1947, Fairfax.**

This hearing was requested by the city council of Fairfax. The subject matter was alleged subversives active in Fairfax community affairs.

**Volume 32: Hearing, Nov. 3-6, 1947, Courthouse, Oakland.**

Volume 32 is part one of a two-part hearing transcript. This hearing transcript consists of the testimony of 13 witnesses plus exhibits. Volume 32 contains the testimony of six of the 13 witnesses and the opening statement of Chief Investigator Combs.. The hearing sought to identify Communists and Communist organizations, concentrating on the activities and structure of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

## **Box 31**

This box contains Volumes 33-55, which are transcripts of testimony taken at a series of major hearings by the committee into suspected Communist and other subversive activities in California. The hearings were both open and closed and were conducted at various locations in the years 1947, 1948 and 1950.

### **Volume 33: Hearing, Nov. 3-6, 1947, Courthouse, Oakland**

Committee questions witnesses about Communist organizations and activities in the San Francisco area. Among those questioned were Haakon Chevalie, who had been approached by a vice-consul of the Soviet Union and asked to contact someone at the University of California. That person in turn allegedly was to be asked to contact J. Robert Oppenheimer about atomic research and the atomic bomb. Inquiries into Communist Party membership and Communist organizations in San Francisco. List of Communist Party officials in Alameda County and officers of the Communist Party club.

### **Volume 34: Open Meeting of the Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles. Dec. 1, 1947.**

This was a hearing on the unauthorized "bugging" of the committee's conference room in the Los Angeles State Building, the Los Angeles Police Department's narcotics squad room in City Hall and three other public offices. According to testimony, a private detective persuaded the telephone company to run five direct telephone lines from his office to the state and city offices. Believing it to be a confidential government operation, the telephone company failed to seek approval from state and city officials. A microphone and amplifier were found at the end of the telephone line in a janitor's closet in Sen. Jack Tenney's conference room, and two loose wires for a bugging device were discovered in the police narcotics bureau at city hall. State narcotics agents became suspicious when information about their raids was leaking out in advance. They requested the search for possible office bugging.

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**Volume 35: Statements given to Sen. Hugh M. Burns, Vice Chairman of Senate Committee on Un-American activities, at DiGiorgio Farms, Kern County, Jan. 16, 1948.**

Statements about farm labor strike at DiGiorgio Farms.

**Volume 36: Meeting of the Joint Un-American Activities Committee and election of temporary officers of Southern Advisory Committee. State Building, Los Angeles, Feb. 15, 1948.**

Meeting to form a new committee to study organized Communism and consider possible legislation to combat it. The new Southern Advisory Committee is to report back to the full committee on subversive activities in local communities.

**Volume 37: Hearing, Feb. 16, 1948, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Purpose of hearing was to read into the record a series of histories of suspected Communist-front organizations

**Volume 38: Hearing, Feb. 17, 1948, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Hearing to investigate suspected Communist-front organizations. Witnesses included John T. McTernan, attorney from Gallagher, Margolis, McTernan & Tyre, Los Angeles; Helen Hall Moreland, faculty member, USC; Louis Schwartz, newspaper industry; William Axelrod, official of the News Vendors Union Local 75, C.I.O.; Victor M. Shapiro, public relations.

**Volume 39: Hearing, Feb. 18, 1948, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuation of investigation into Communist-front organizations from Feb. 17, 1948. Witnesses included Katharine McTernan, wife of John McTernan; H.L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union; Henry R. Hasiwar, a member of the executive board of the National Farm Labor Union; Mrs. Frederic March, actress; Erick Lionel Pridinoff, engineer formerly employed by the United States government at the American embassy in Belgrade

**Volume 40: Hearing, Feb. 19, 1948, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuation of investigation into Communist front organizations from Feb. 18, 1948. Witnesses included Leon R. Yankwich, U.S. District Court judge; Rose Hobart, actress; Roman Bohan, actor; A.A. Heist, Methodist minister and director of the Southern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union; J. Edward Bromberg, actor and member of the executive committee of Actors' Laboratory; Will Lee, actor and teacher at Actors' Laboratory Theatre, also a member of ACLU executive board; Ira Gershwin, free lance lyric writer; and Virginia Gardner, reporter for People's Daily World.

**Volume 41: Hearing, Feb. 20, 1948, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Documentary material read into record regarding Hollywood Writers Mobilization organization, then characterized by the U.S. Department of Justice as Communist-dominated. Exhibit, "What Significance does Psychoanalysis have for the Artist?," deals with analyzing films and the influence of films on the public.

**Volume 42: Organizational Meeting of Northern California Citizens Advisory Committee. City Hall, San Francisco, April 10, 1948.**

Called to develop legislation for 1949 legislative session. Election of officers, report of Dr. John R. Lechner, chairman of the Southern California Advisory Committee. Statements by 37 delegates and visitors.

**Volume 43: Executive Session of Senate Fact-Finding Committee On Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, May 3, 1948.**

Committee investigator Thomas L. Cavett is asked to identify a document which refers to the candidacy of Edward E. Elliott for the Assembly, 44th District. Cavett also identifies a series of documents relating to the American Civil Liberties Union. Editor Edward H. Gibbons testifies on the alleged relationship between union labels and communism.

**Volume 44: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, May 3, 1948.**

Witnesses included the Los Angeles County registrar of voters, police record bureau officers from Los Angeles and Burbank. Committee executive secretary Murray Stravers produced criminal records and a list of associates of an Assemblyman accused of being a Communist.

Exhibits in file include photographs, card lists, voter registration information, stationery letterheads, affiliations to alleged Communist-front organizations, lists of Progressive Party candidates in 1948, ACLU publications and names of screen stars who contributed to the Salinas lettuce strike fund.

**Volume 45: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Capitol, Sacramento. Aug. 9, 1948.**

Hearing on alleged Communist infiltration of the American Federation of Labor; witnesses from the Food, Tobacco & Agricultural Workers Union of Salinas and testimony from the chairman of the Salinas lettuce strike picket committee in 1936.

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**Volume 46: Joint Meeting of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities and the Southern Advisory Committee. State Building, Los Angeles, Aug. 30, 1948.**

Conclusions of the Advisory Committee are presented.

**Volume 47: Meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. City Hall, San Francisco, Sept. 1, 1948.**

Meeting called to elect officers, recommend legislation to eliminate Un-American activities in California.

**Volume 48: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, Sept. 7, 1948.**

Meeting convened to investigate the California Labor School, a branch of which has been established in Southern California. School is believed to be an extension of a Communist organization in San Francisco. Effort to determine those active in the southern branch. Numerous witnesses, exhibits.

**Volume 49: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, San Diego, Sept. 8, 1948.**

Committee quizzes large number of suspected Communists.

**Volume 50: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Chamber of Commerce Building, San Diego, Sept. 9, 1948.**

Committee examines group of San Diego area citizens, including local labor leaders, suspected of Communist activities.

**Volume 51: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Chamber of Commerce Building, San Diego, Sept. 10, 1948.**

Hearing continued from Sept. 9, 1948. Witnesses include representatives of the San Diego Building Trades Council; other labor groups and the Independent Progressive Party.

**Volume 51-A: Hearing, executive session, of Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Chamber of Commerce Building, San Diego, Sept. 10, 1948.**

Executive session to decide how to handle contemptuous witnesses. Discussion of witness fees.

**Volume (not numbered): Hearing, executive session of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, Sept. 12, 1950.**

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the testimony of a witness and inquire into the extent of Communist organization at the University of California at Los Angeles. Witness has contempt charges filed against her for refusal to testify and answer questions before the committee.

**Volume (not numbered): Hearing, executive session of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. State Building, Los Angeles, January 3, 1950.**

Called to discuss open hearing the next day. Discussion of what the Communist Party planned to do after the 11 members of the National Committee of the Communist Party in New York were convicted. Testimony by witness, a member of the Labor Youth League.

**Volume 52: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, Jan. 4, 1950.**

Called to discuss the nature and activities of a new youth movement, the Labor Youth League. Witnesses include several teenagers

**Volume 53: Hearing, Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, Courthouse, Oakland, May 8-10, 1950.**

Testimony about the activities of many prominent members of the Communist Party in the San Francisco Bay Area during World War II. Many witnesses called.

**Volume 54: Hearing of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Los Angeles, Sept. 12, 1950. Exhibits - 5.224A**

Hearing pursuant to a request from the Speaker of the Assembly, Sam Collins, and Assemblyman Kilpatrick; for a full airing of charges made against a member of the Assembly. Copy of a letter from the chief of police in Beverly Hills, dated July 31, 1950. Witnesses include Clinton H. Anderson, chief of police of Beverly Hills; and Era F. Chase, health inspector for the City of Los Angeles and one time member of the Communist Party.

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**Volume 55: Hearing, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State Building, Los Angeles, Dec. 15, 1950. Exhibit- 2.77A.**

Hearing called to receive testimony on Communist recruitment and indoctrination of students. Inquiry into the death of Everitt Hudson, a student at UCLA. Report from coroner. The father of the dead student presented correspondence to and from his son. Everitt Hudson's son's reading list deals exclusively with Russia and the economics of Communism.

## **Box 32**

This box contains four un-catalogued transcripts and 24 numbered transcripts of testimony taken at committee hearings conducted in 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, and 1958 at various locations in California. Also included in this box are Congressional and Hawaiian legislative reports on subversive activities in Hawaii.

### **Numbered and Un-Catalogued Transcripts**

#### **Volume 56: Open Session, Sept. 11 and 12, 1951, City Hall, San Francisco.**

Hearing of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, with Chairman Sen. Hugh M. Burns presiding. Chief Counsel R. E. Combs examined 15 witnesses. There were 51 exhibits submitted. Witnesses were asked about alleged Communist front organizations in San Francisco and the East Bay, their activities and membership. They included the Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, the San Francisco Division of the Civil Rights Congress, the California Labor School, the American Russian Institute, and the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

#### **Volume 57: Open Session, Sept. 26, 1952, Aliso Village, Los Angeles.**

Three witnesses, officials of the City Housing Authority of Los Angeles, were questioned about Communist influence in the authority.

#### **Volume 57A: Closed Session, Sept. 26, 1952, Aliso Village, Los Angeles.**

Ten witnesses who were job applicants or employees of the Los Angeles City Housing Authority were questioned about their knowledge of Communist activities.

#### **Volume 57B: Closed Session, October 28, 1952, Aliso Village, Los Angeles.**

Seven witnesses were questioned to determine whether the policies of the City Housing Authority of Los Angeles were influenced by Communist subversive groups or individuals.

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**Volume 58: Closed Session - Executive Session (Confidential),  
June 23, 1953, Capitol Building, Sacramento.**

Five witnesses were examined by the committee about allegations to the committee that employees of the Contra Costa Junior College were members of the Communist Party.

**Volume 59: Closed Hearing, Aug. 10 and 11, 1953, State Building, San Francisco.**

Six witnesses were questioned pertaining to Communist infiltration and activities of "subversive groups in public utilities."

**Volume 60: Open Hearing, Jan. 5- 9, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Chief Counsel R. E. Combs quizzed 35 witnesses over a period of five days. They were asked about their memberships in the Communist Party and other suspect organizations, about their subscriptions to publications, their activities and about other individuals.

**Volume 61: Open Session, May 8, 1954, Contra Costa County Junior College, Martinez.**

Two witnesses were questioned about their activities at Contra Costa Junior College. They were also asked about their membership in the Communist Party and about other organizations, activities and associations.

**Volume 62: Open Session, July 26, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Six witnesses were examined upon their request to clarify their position on being Communists, associated with Communists or Communist front organizations, and to correct misinformation published in prior Committee reports. Some said they had been confused with and mistaken for other individuals or had been active in organizations until they realized they were Communist fronts.

Most of these witnesses were writers, screen writers, producers, directors, and others involved in the motion picture industry. All denied being Communists.

**Volume 62A: Open Session, July 27, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Four witnesses associated with the motion picture industry were examined upon their request to clarify their associations with Communists or Communist-front organizations, and to correct information published in prior committee reports.

**Original Transcript - Executive Session (Closed), July 27, 1954, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.**

This closed meeting was held so as little publicity would be given to it as possible. The witness, who was subpoenaed, was a conciliator for the State Department of Industrial Relations who had a prior affiliation with the Communist Party. Questioned on knowledge of various organizations, activities, individuals, and associations.

**Volume 62B: Open Session, July 28, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuance of the line of questioning from volumes 62 and 62A, and consists of the testimony of six witnesses. The questioning centered on what was referred to as the "Westminster" situation, concerning subversive activities that affected the educational system and the general community atmosphere in the Westminster area.

**Original Transcript - Executive Session, July 28, 1954, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.**

One witness, a past member of the Communist Party, appeared before the committee voluntarily. Questioning consisted of the individual's knowledge of Communist organizations, Communist policy, activities, individuals, and meetings.

**Volumes 63A through 63F:**

Transcripts of a series of open hearings held at the request of the Los Angeles Medical Society to investigate subversive activities among medical professionals, and the Communist Party policy of soliciting professionals because of their position of respect in the community. Witnesses consisted of prominent physicians and surgeons in Los Angeles. Professional investigators also gave testimony of subversive activities in the medical profession. All witnesses testified under subpoena.

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**Volume 63A: Open Hearing, December 6, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Five witnesses questioned. All were members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**Volume 63B: Open Hearing, Dec. 7, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Eight witnesses were examined, seven physicians and one attorney who was dean of the School of Medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles.

**Volume 63C: Open Hearing, Dec. 8, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Eight witnesses were called, mostly physicians. All chose to invoke Fifth Amendment protections against self-incrimination. Two witnesses were unable to appear and were represented by an attorney.

**Volume 63D: Open Hearing, Dec. 9, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Eight witnesses were called, all but one physicians. They were questioned on their activities, membership, affiliations, and attendance at meetings of organizations described as subversive or Communist-dominated. All chose to invoke the Fifth Amendment.

**Volume 63E: Open Hearing, Dec. 10, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Three witnesses were called, two were past Communist Party members who gave testimony on Communist Party meetings, names of individuals present, publications, and names of individuals who were Communist Party members of the Medical Branch. Witnesses included an undercover agent of the committee.

**Volume 63F: Open Hearing, Dec. 11, 1954, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Testimony of undercover agent of the committee about Communist Party activities. Also, testimony of a physician who tells about alleged Communist individuals, organizations and meetings.

**Volumes 64, 64A, 64B, and 64C**

These four volumes are of testimony taken before the Subcommittee of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities over a two-day period, August 6 and 7, 1956. They are a continuation of an inquiry regarding subversive influences in education and public utilities.

**Volume 64: Open Session, morning Aug. 6, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Testimony of five teachers. They are questioned on their knowledge of Communist organizations and individuals.

**Volume 64A: Open Session, afternoon, Aug. 6, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Testimony of three witnesses, one employed by the Los Angeles Board of Education and the other two by the Southern Gas Company. Questioned about Communist-front organizations. All invoke their Fifth Amendment rights.

**Volume 64B: Open Session, A.M. - August 7, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

One witness examined, a Southern California Gas Company employee, about his knowledge of individuals and organizations considered Communist fronts. He states he is a member of the Communist Party.

**Volume 64C: Open Session, afternoon, Aug. 7, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Los Angeles teacher questioned on her knowledge of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council and individuals associated with it.

**Original Transcript - Executive Session, afternoon, Aug. 7, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

This closed session was held for the purpose of hearing the testimony of three witnesses who were not represented by counsel and who voluntarily offered to assist the committee. The first witness is a teacher at Harbor School in Costa Mesa, the second is an author, teacher, and psychotherapist who authored the book "Birdman of Alcatraz", and the third is a high school teacher. All were questioned about membership in Communist-front organizations, the Communist Party, and associations and knowledge of other individuals.

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**Volume 65: Open Session, Dec. 10, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Testimony of five witnesses on the events surrounding the death of Sheldon Abrams, a graduate student at UCLA, and the activities of Communist and other subversive groups that have infiltrated higher education. The witnesses consisted of the Chancellor of UCLA, the dean of students at UCLA, the student body president, a men's clothing tailor who found the "deceased", and a police officer who testified of contents in the victim's home.

**Volume 65A: Open Session, December 11, 1956, State Building, Los Angeles.**

Continuance of the line of questioning begun the day before in Volume 65 and consists of the testimony of six witnesses on the activities of subversive organizations infiltrating the educational system in the Los Angeles area. The witnesses consisted of the 17th District state Assemblyman, a NAACP attorney, and three physicians concerning the death of Sheldon Abrams.

**Deposition: Statement Taken, June 5, 1958, Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara.**

Transcript of testimony given in the presence of R. E. Combs, Chief Counsel, and John B. Hossack, Certified Shorthand Reporter by Virginia Hedges, a past member of the Communist Party, pertaining to her experiences during the time that she was a member of the Communist Party.

**Volume 66: Open Session, June 9 and 10, 1958, State Building, Los Angeles.**

This hearing covered the testimony of four witnesses taken over a two-day period. It centers on the origin and activities of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council and concludes with the testimony of a paid committee investigator who joined the council. He testifies of council members and activities and threats made to him.

**Report: October, 1950.**

Report on "The Honolulu Record," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives.

**Report: March 1951.**

Report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, dated March, 1951.

**Report: February 1955.**

Report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, dated Feb. 28, 1955.

**Report Summary:**

"Communism in Hawaii," a summary of the 1955 Report of the Territorial Commission on Subversive Activities. Published by the Hawaii Residents' Association, Inc.

## **Box 33**

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Un-catalogued transcript. Executive Session: July 30 and July 31, 1941. Box 29. One copy.

### **October 17, 1941**

Un-catalogued transcript. Executive Session, State building, Los Angeles, October 17, 1941. Box 29. One copy.

### **November 17, 1941**

Un-catalogued transcript. Executive Session, San Francisco, November 17, 1941. Box 29. Two copies.

### **December 1, 3, 4, 1941**

Un-catalogued transcript. Executive Session, Room 403, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, December 1, 3, 4, 1941. Box 29. One copy.

### **December 1-5, 1941 and December 6, 1941 -- Volume 5**

Volume 5: Open Hearing, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, December 1-5, 1941 and San Quentin Prison, December 6, 1941. (Pages 1259 - 1641) Box 29. One copy.

### **December 1-5, 1941 and December 6, 1941 -- Volume 6**

Volume 6: Open Hearing, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, December 1-5, 1941 and San Quentin Prison, December 6, 1941. (Pages 1642 - 1928) Box 29. One copy.

### **February 27 and March 1, 1943 -- Volume 15**

Volume 15: Open Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, Feb. 27 and March 1, 1943. (Pages 3719 - 3932) Box 29. One copy.

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**March 20, 1944 -- Volume 20**

Volume 20: Public Session, March 20, 1944, State Building, Los Angeles. Box 30. One copy.

**March 24, 1944 -- Volume 22**

Volume 22: Open Session, March 24, 1944, State Building, San Francisco. Box 30. One copy.

**October 12 and 13, 1944 -- Volume 23**

Volume 23: Executive and Open Sessions, October 12 and 13, 1944, State Building, Los Angeles. Box 30. One copy.

**February 26, 1947 -- Volume 30**

Volume 30: Subcommittee hearing, February 26, 1947, Veterans Memorial Building, Chico. Box 30. One copy.

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Volume 33: Hearing, November 3,4,5, and 6, 1947, Court House, Oakland. Box 31. One copy.

**August 9, 1948 -- Volume 45**

Volume 45: Hearing, August 9, 1948. Room 414, State Capitol Building, Sacramento. Box 31. One copy.

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### **January 4, 1950 -- Volume 52**

Volume 52: January 4, 1950, State Building, Los Angeles. Box 31. One copy.

### **May 8, 9, and 10, 1950 -- Volume 53**

Volume 53: Open Session, Court House, Oakland, May 8th, May 9th, and May 10th, 1950. Box 31. One copy.

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### **September 12, 1950 -- Volume 54**

Volume 54: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, September 12, 1950. Box 31. One copy.

### **December 14, and 15, 1950 -- Volume 55**

Volume 55: Hearing, State Building, Los Angeles, December 14 and 15, 1950. Box 31. One copy.

### **September 11 and 12, 1951 -- Volume 56**

Volume 56: Open Session, September 11 and 12, 1951, City Hall, San Francisco. Box 32. One copy.

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Volume 61: Open Session, May 8, 1954, Contra Costa County Junior College, Martinez. Box 32. One copy.

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Deposition: Statement Taken, June 5, 1958, Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara. Box 32. One copy.

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Volume 66: Open Session, June 9 and 10, 1958, State Building, Los Angeles. Box 32. One copy.