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PUBLIC LAW 601, 79TH CONGRESS

The legislation under which the House Committee on Un-American Activities operates is Public Law 601, 79th Congress [1946], chapter 753, 2d session, which provides:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, * * **

PART 2—RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULE X

SEC. 121. STANDING COMMITTEES

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House Resolution 5, January 3, 1953

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FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1954

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Detroit, Mich.

PUBLIC HEARING

The subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to notice, at 11:34 a. m., in room 859, Federal Building, Hon. Kit Clardy (acting chairman) presiding.

Committee member present: Representative Kit Clardy (acting chairman).

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Donald T. Appell and W. Jackson Jones, investigators; and Mrs. Juliette P. Joray, acting clerk.

Mr. CLARDY. The committee will be in session. Due to the fact that the subcommittee found it necessary to fly to Washington to vote on the seaway bill yesterday—I am thankful for the outcome on that—our plans had to be changed somewhat for that and other reasons. Congressman Scherer has another committee assignment that we decided could not be postponed. Congressman Moulder is en route somewhere between here and Washington. Neither his office nor anyone else has been able to determine precisely the moment of his arrival. We know he is on his way, but beyond that we know nothing, so we have been waiting in hopes that he would show up.

Due to the fact that he isn't here and because of the rule that the committee scrupulously observes of having at least a quorum of the committee or the subcommittee present at the time of the hearing, when and if a witness who is not cooperative is on the stand, I have chosen not to go forward.

As to this afternoon, whether Mr. Moulder shows up or not, Bereniece Baldwin will be the first witness, and the hearing will go forward at that time at 1 o'clock.

As to how many others of you will be reached will depend entirely upon the length of time that her testimony may take. During the afternoon session a time for the appearance of witnesses that have been subpoenaed for Detroit to appear will be announced. In other words, we will get as many witnesses on the stand and off this afternoon as we can. As to those not reached, I will then make a definite announcement as to the day on which you are to return. In all prob-

ability it will be a week from this coming Monday, that date being May 17, subject, of course, to additional information I hope to get between now and the time of the announcement this afternoon. Of course even if that announcement as to a firm date is made this afternoon, it is always possible that committee or congressional business may make a further postponement necessary, in which event everyone who is subpoenaed will be notified in ample time through telegraphic notice as to what they should do.

So at this time we adjourn the hearing now until 1 p. m. this afternoon.

(Thereupon, at 11:37 a. m., the hearing was recessed, to reconvene at 1 p. m. of the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

(At the hour of 1:27 p. m. of the same day, the proceedings were resumed, Representative Kit Clardy being present.)

Mr. CLARDY. The committee will be in session.

Since the noon recess we have learned that Congressman Moulder was taken ill at the airport in Washington and will be unable to be present. A little later on the Chair will make an announcement as promised this morning with regard to the disposition of those witnesses who were subpoenaed to be here today.

Are you ready, Counsel?

You may proceed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. William Estes Fletcher, will you come forward, please?

Mr. CLARDY. Hold up your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM ESTES FLETCHER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL, BERNARD PROBE

Mr. FLETCHER. I do. Mr. Chairman, I would like to be represented by an attorney, if you please—I don't have an attorney here—Attorney Probe.

Mr. CLARDY. I didn't quite catch what you said.

Mr. FLETCHER. I said I would like to be represented by an attorney.

Mr. CLARDY. Very well, if you wish to.

Mr. FLETCHER. Attorney Probe.

(Whereupon Bernard Probe came forward.)

Mr. CLARDY. This gentleman has been with us during the week. Will you identify yourself, however, for the record at this point.

Mr. PROBE. My name is Bernard Probe. I have offices in the National Bank Building. However, I would like to say this, Congressman—

Mr. CLARDY. Pardon, we will have to go off the record if you want to say anything.

Mr. PROBE. That is all right.

Mr. CLARDY. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. CLARDY. Mr. Tavenner, I think I shall excuse this witness. It was your understanding—at least you conveyed it to me—that the witness would cooperate with the committee.

Mr. TAVENNER. I had that information, that there was a possibility of it. I wasn't certain.

Mr. CLARDY. At any rate, I will excuse you at this time, and when we finish with Mrs. Baldwin, you will undoubtedly have finished talking with counsel, and it may be possible that we call you again, depending upon your attitude.

At the moment you are temporarily excused.

I want to make it clear at this point that this committee will not under any circumstances go forward with only one member sitting unless there is a witness before it desirous of cooperating with the committee. In the event that a witness takes any other attitude, we refuse to hear the testimony.

Now will you call Mrs. Baldwin. Mrs. Baldwin, will you stand and hold up your right hand. You do solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I do.

Mr. CLARDY. You may be seated. You have been a witness before this committee before and have been sworn before, but I think it good form to go through it again.

You may proceed, Mr. Counsel.

TESTIMONY OF BERENIECE BALDWIN

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your name, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Bereniece Baldwin.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Baldwin, You testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities in 1952, did you not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. At that time you told the committee that you had been a member of the Communist Party, I believe, since 1943?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. And that during that period of time you had been working within the Communist Party for the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. My recollection is that you were called as a witness before this committee immediately after your return from Washington where you had been engaged in testifying before the Subversive Activities Control Board. Now, because of this the staff had just a little over 24 hours to confer with you before you testified. During those conferences you made available to the staff of this committee information which came into your possession while you worked on the membership records of district 7 of the Communist Party. Because of the lack of time to prepare, only a portion of the information which you made available to the committee was used in the course of your testimony when you appeared before the committee in 1952. Since that appearance it is true, is it not, that you have had a number of conferences with members of the staff of this committee and that you have appeared before the committee in executive session in Washington, D. C., and also in a public session in Ohio?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is true.

Mr. TAVENNER. In calling you today, the committee desires to have such further information as you may be able to give it regarding

some of the more active members of the Communist Party. However, before going into those matters, I want to refer you to Johnson Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2,¹ copies of which I handed you a few minutes ago. These are documents which the committee introduced in evidence several days ago. Exhibit No. 1 is entitled "Resolution on Concentration for Discussion at All Clubs, Sections, Commissions, and Departments," and the second one is "Plan of Work for Dearborn Auto Section of the Communist Party." Can you throw any light on the things that occurred leading up to the issuance of this document by the Michigan State organization of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. The beginning of this resolution was brought out in a 1948 State convention, at which time they stressed what they called concentration in industry, specifically auto industries. From that 1948 conference, a 3-day conference, this was born out of it. In other words, I believe this document—in fact I know this document carries the fact that they had had 9 months' work testing it.

Mr. CLARDY. Say that last again. They had 9 months' work doing what?

Mrs. BALDWIN. They had 9 months trying to work on this plan.

Mr. CLARDY. In other words, this is the product of a lot of intensive thought and study and discussion.

Mrs. BALDWIN. And criticism, yes; everything is involved of what has happened through the approximate 9-month period.

Mr. CLARDY. Then it is possible to say that it certainly represented the studied decision on the part of the Communist leaders as to strategy, method, and the other things that the document discusses?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is right, exactly what they were going to carry out. Also, in a functionaries' meeting held in March of 1949, many of the facts were brought out in that functionaries' meeting by our educational director, who was educational director at that time, James E. Jackson, and many excerpts are in here of his report at that functionary meeting.

Mr. CLARDY. Repeat that name again.

Mrs. BALDWIN. James E. Jackson, who was then educational director for district 7.

Mr. CLARDY. Was he named in your prior testimony?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. CLARDY. That is my recollection.

Mr. TAVENNER. He is now a fugitive, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CLARDY. That is what I know.

Mrs. BALDWIN. This paper here, document, entitled "Resolution on Concentration for Discussion at All Clubs, Sections, Commissions, and Departments," was put out on a State level. Coming from that was a plan of work for each section, primarily the concentration sections such as auto miscellaneous section, Dearborn section, and so forth.

Mr. TAVENNER. The one that the committee has been able to secure relates to the Dearborn section of the Communist Party, does it not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

¹ See Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of Michigan, pt. 2, pp. 5116 and 5122. These had previously been introduced as evidence into the record as Schemanske Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2.

MR. TAVENNER. The Dearborn auto section?

MRS. BALDWIN. Dearborn auto section.

MR. TAVENNER. Were there similar plans or somewhat similar plans prepared for the other sections?

MRS. BALDWIN. Oh, yes. We each had a section, but the concentration at that time was on the auto industry. That was the concentration.

MR. CLARDY. Is it fair to say that the substance of the documents you now hold and that have been placed in evidence was contained in the directives given to all other branches and sections of the party?

MRS. BALDWIN. Yes—well, an instance of that, most of the community clubs were required to help in the concentration program, which would be the auto industry, and their plan of work would carry such things.

MR. CLARDY. All the rest of them not in the auto industry were advised of the contents of this in order to impress of them the importance of helping in the auto industry itself?

MRS. BALDWIN. Yes.

MR. TAVENNER. It is not my intention to go into detail in this document. We have read a great deal of it in evidence, but there are just one or two things that I want to call to your attention and ask you if you have any special knowledge regarding them. For instance, on page 4 of the document there is a paragraph, the first sentence of which is as follows—it is the last paragraph before you come to the heading "For a Struggle Against Tendencies of Economics"—the first sentence of which is as follows:

Many comrades would be encouraged to volunteer to change their jobs to seek employment in large auto plants.

Now, can you tell the committee what was done about that in the Communist Party, how that was translated into action in the Communist Party?

MRS. BALDWIN. Yes. That was activized on the plan of what were called colonizers.

MR. TAVENNER. Colonizers?

MRS. BALDWIN. Yes. They would be people who had had thorough studying and schooling in mobilizing and organizing the Communist Party in general, and they would be put in—in other words, they would be the leading cadres that would be put into these various sections. Some of them were brought from out of town; some of them were within the State itself.

MR. TAVENNER. Do you recall whether persons were brought into the Detroit area from outside of the State of Michigan for colonizing purposes?

MRS. BALDWIN. Yes, they were.

MR. TAVENNER. I asked you about this for the first time just a few minutes ago, and I don't know whether you have had an opportunity to study the matter or to reflect upon the names of those who were brought in as colonizers.

MRS. BALDWIN. No, I don't believe I would.

MR. TAVENNER. If you do recall any at this time, I would like to ask you about them; I would like you to tell us about them.

MRS. BALDWIN. Well, there was one individual who was called Murray Borod.

MR. CLARDY. In an advertisement that was published in a news-

paper here in town attacking the committee there is a Murray Borod listed among the 18 that are supposed to have authorized the publication of this ad.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, that would be it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether any persons living in Detroit were sent out into other areas for the purpose of colonization of industry?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, many of our organizers. In this particular case, Jack White, who had been an organizer for the party, was sent to Flint.

Mr. CLARDY. Again, may I interrupt you. I want to make it very clear on this record that the Jack White sitting here in the left-hand corner is not the Jack White you had in mind.

Mrs. BALDWIN. No, that is true.

Mr. CLARDY. This is Jack White of WJR fame, pleasantly giving out the news every day.

Mrs. BALDWIN. I believe I made that clear at the other hearing.

Mr. CLARDY. I know you did, but seeing him sitting here, I thought it a good opportunity to give him a little plug.

Go ahead.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the nature of the colonization work that was done at Flint?

Mrs. BALDWIN. First they established cells within the various auto plants, Buick and so forth, and they broke them down into small cells to recruit and re-recruit Communist Party members or progressives, whomever they could sell their program to.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were describing the colonization work that was done in Buick, in Flint. By that do you mean persons were sent from Detroit to Flint to become employed in the Buick plant?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In the Buick plant to help organize a Communist cell or cells within that particular plant; yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. During the course of our hearing at Flint we will hear evidence regarding persons who came there from Detroit and other places under this colonization plan which you have just spoken of.

That was one device, as I understand, by which the Communist Party implemented this directive, by getting people to go to various industries to be employed; that is, persons who were members of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct. I want to stress the point that they just wouldn't go into the ranks of the Communist Party and pick out any person. They would select what they would call their most militant cadres, such as was in the case of Geneva Olmsted, who had also very extensive party training, persons of that caliber.

Mr. TAVENNER. Going back to your testimony before this committee in 1952, I believe you told us that you succeeded a person by the name of Mildred Perlstein as membership director of district No. 7 of the Communist Party, is that correct?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, that is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to the time that you succeeded her—which I believe was in 1947, was it not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. It was in the fall, I believe around October 1947, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to that time had you been associated in any way with Mildred Perlstein in her work as membership director?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Oh, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. For how long a period of time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. From approximately the summer or early spring of 1947 I worked with her constantly, and as I learned the technique and devices that were used, I was put into a step higher. For instance, I began being assistant dues and membership director to her by having charge and responsibility of the lower east side section; from there I eventually took on all outstate clubs and did my work and continued my work through my home. From there I went into drop box arrangement where I was stationed for the dues, and eventually in the fall of 1947 is when I became the membership and dues secretary for the registration of the party in 1948.

Mr. TAVENNER. Well, during that period when you were performing those services did you have access to the membership records of the Communist Party in district 7?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have access to the records which identified the officers of the various units of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I had a mailing list, and some of the individuals were officers of the various clubs which changed from year to year; I mean, there would be elections, and as they changed I would come into possession of the officers of those clubs.

Mr. TAVENNER. Now, your connection with that work having been as early as the early part of 1946, you therefore were aware of the names of the officers of these clubs virtually from the time of the transformation of the party from the Communist Political Association to the Communist Party, were you not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, as far as having possession of the club leaders, that happened prior to even 1947. That began in 1945 when I began a period of working directly out of the district office, and that was my responsibility even at that time through the mailings and the other technical help.

Mr. TAVENNER. I would like to ask you at this time to inform the committee of the names of the officers and the persons whose activities stood out in the various groups of the Communist Party, and I will begin with the Flint section of the Communist Party. Will you tell us, please, who were the officers of the Flint section of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In 1947, Jack White was responsible for the dues and all other activities of the Flint-Pontiac section. Elinor Widmark was responsible for literature in the Buick section, Lucile Angus was responsible for literature in the Chevrolet section, and Mary Walker was responsible for literature in the third ward. There were approximately 110 members in this club.

Mr. CLARDY. Now we are talking about the club at Flint?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is right, the Flint section. That was classified as a section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I may be able to be of some assistance to the committee from work that we have done on these records by telling you as names are given whether or not they have been identified by this witness before or whether they have been identified by other witnesses before.

Mr. CLARDY. I think that would be helpful if your notes will permit you to do it without any great delay.

MR. TAVENNER. Yes, sir. Jack White was identified by this witness in 1952. The other persons just named have not been identified. After this I will just mention the names of those who have been identified. In order to get started with this right again, what was the name of the first person you mentioned after Jack White?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Elinor Widmark.

MR. TAVENNER. She has not been named before. The second is?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Lucile Angus.

MR. TAVENNER. The same is true of her?

MR. CLARDY. This is the first public identity?

MR. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

MR. CLARDY. Proceed.

MR. TAVENNER. I believe the third was Mary Walker.

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is right.

I have other chairmen, what we called the chairmen of the Flint club. They became sections. Before the colonizing and transformation program was carried into effect, they had just a club there, of which Charles Shinn was chairman in 1945.

MR. CLARDY. Pardon. Let us go back to the name of Walker. What about her, or do you know at the moment?

MR. TAVENNER. She has not been identified.

MR. CLARDY. Let us leave it this way to expedite it: Unless they have been identified previously, let the record show that this is the first public identity that has been made.

MR. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

MR. CLARDY. How about this last one?

MR. TAVENNER. Charles Shinn has not been identified prior to this time. How do you spell his last name?

Mrs. BALDWIN. S-h-i-n-n. He was succeeded in 1946 by Russell Coppock.

MR. TAVENNER. C-o-p-p-o-c-k?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct.

MR. TAVENNER. He was identified in 1952 by the witness Salisbury. Did Russell Coppock hold any other position?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; he was press chairman.

In June of 1946 Bolza Baxter was succeeded by Geneva Olmsted.

MR. TAVENNER. What position did Bolza Baxter have at that time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As chairman.

MR. TAVENNER. He was a witness before the committee at this session. Is there any other person connected with that group of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; Charles Mitchell handled different phases of club work. Joe Brant was the organizer.

MR. TAVENNER. Joe Brant was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Sylvia Brant, Joe Brant's wife, was the financial secretary. Shirley Foster was the educational chairman. Warren H. Carter was then literature director.

MR. TAVENNER. Does that complete the list of the principal members of that group?

Mrs. BALDWIN. At that particular period, yes.

MR. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers, please, of the Bohn Club of the Communist Party. Before doing so in what general area was the Bohn Club located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That club was the Communist members of the Bohn Aluminum, also known as local No. 305. In 1946 John Reynolds was chairman. He was later succeeded by Fred Williams.

Mr. TAVENNER. Fred Williams was identified in 1952 by this witness.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Hilliard Chamblis became press chairman in 1946, and this work was taken over by a Frank McDonald.

Mr. CLARDY. You had better spell that name.

Mr. TAVENNER. Would you spell Chamblis first?

Mrs. BALDWIN. C-h-a-m-b-l-i-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Hilliard Chamblis was identified by this witness in 1952, but Frank McDonald—will you spell McDonald?

Mrs. BALDWIN. M-c-D-o-n-a-l-d.

Mr. TAVENNER. He has not heretofore been identified.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Donnie Barron at that time—I am still speaking of the Bohn Club of the Communist Party—was the financial secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was also identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. John Reynolds became labor secretary of the Bohn Club. However, in 1947 for the 1948 party registration Fred Williams was issued registration cards.

Mr. TAVENNER. For that particular club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. For that particular club.

Mr. TAVENNER. Does that indicate that at that time the membership of the club was in the neighborhood of 51 persons?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Approximately, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, where the David White Club was located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The Dave White Club was in the west part of the city.

Mr. TAVENNER. Of Detroit?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Of Detroit, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, who the officers were of that group?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In 1945 and 1946 Ruth Belmont was then chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. How do you spell that?

Mrs. BALDWIN. B-e-l-m-o-n-t. Dolores Storich was educational chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Spell that, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. S-t-o-r-i-c-h. George Mogill, was literature chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. George Mogill was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Sandra Goldstick, who later became Mrs. Max Chait was recording secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. How do you spell that?

Mrs. BALDWIN. C-h-a-i-t.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall who was press chairman of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As I recall, I believe it was Max Chait.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know how many registration cards were issued for that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. There were approximately 47 registration cards issued to that club for the 1948 registration.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club known as the General Motors Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what general area of Detroit was that club located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The club would hold its meetings at various places, various clubrooms which the party was able to get, but it took in all General Motors workers at that time, within Wayne County and adjacent locales.

Jack White was chairman, and Joe Brant became organizer in Flint. Now, there is the Flint part of the G. M. Club. We also had one in Detroit called G. M. East which was the Chevrolet transmission.

Mr. TAVENNER. Both of those individuals, Jack White, and Joe Brant, you have already mentioned in your testimony today?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, that is right. Fred Fisch was chairman and responsible for general club activities of the G. M. East Club, located here in Wayne County and is the one I just mentioned being the Chevrolet transmission.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes. He was identified by you in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Walter Dunn was financial secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. Walter Dunn appeared as a friendly witness in the hearings in 1952, admitted his prior Communist Party membership and that he had withdrawn from the Communist Party.

Mrs. BALDWIN. I had the name of an M. Moxham, M-o-x-h-a-m. I did not become acquainted with that person, but I did direct mail to them.

Mr. TAVENNER. To them?

Mrs. BALDWIN. To he or she, who was educational director.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there an organization in the Communist Party known as the Southfield Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where was it located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That was more or less on the north-south section or in around Southfield Road, in through that territory.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the officers of that club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and 1946 Thomas Bryant was chairman, B-r-y-a-n-t.

Mr. TAVENNER. Thomas Bryant, Mr. Chairman, was a witness before the committee a few days ago but refused to testify.

Mr. CLARDY. I recall.

Mr. TAVENNER. He refused to testify as to any material question that was asked.

Mr. CLARDY. That is still quite vivid in my memory.

Proceed.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Helen Rosenfeld Rollins was press chairman. Rollins is R-o-l-l-i-n-s. Esther Shapiro was the financial secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment. Esther Shapiro was identified by this witness in 1952 here. Proceed please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Florence Sniderman, S-n-i-d-e-r-m-a-n, council delegate.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell it louder so all can hear?

Mrs. BALDWIN. S-n-i-d-e-r-m-a-n.

Mr. TAVENER. Was there a Professional Club of the Communist Party organized within the Detroit area?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there was.

Mr. TAVENER. What can you tell us about the Professional Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, the Professional Club at that period—and I am speaking of 1945 and 1946—would have embraced any people of the professional groups, such as doctors, musicians, lawyers, and it even took in civil workers at that time.

Mr. TAVENER. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club, that is, the Professional Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In 1945 and 1946, Paul Breitt was chairman, B-r-e-i-t-t, Jules Yanover was the educational director.

Mr. TAVENER. Will you spell it, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Y-a-n-o-v-e-r.

Mr. TAVENER. Jules Yanover was identified by the Witness O'Hair¹ in the 1952 hearings.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Jean Johnson was the press chairman.

Mr. TAVENER. Jean Johnson was also identified by the same witness who testified before the committee?

Mr. CLARDY. By the witness O'Hair?

Mr. TAVENER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLARDY. I am checking on you here on the annual report. I wasn't sure that you meant that.

Mr. TAVENER. We have heard of the McGraw Club of the Communist Party. Will you tell us where it was located in a general way?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. That was also on the west side of the city in the McGraw Avenue area.

Mr. TAVENER. Will you give us the names of its officers?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, In 1945 and 1946, Leo Cottrell was then chairman, C-o-t-t-r-e-l-l.

Mr. TAVENER. Leo Cottrell was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Edward Crawford was the press chairman, C-r-a-w-f-o-r-d. Frank George was literature director, G-e-o-r-g-e. Rifka Maisenberg was executive secretary. M-a-i-s-e-n-b-e-r-g.

Mr. TAVENER. Possibly you should spell the first name, too.

Mrs. BALDWIN. R-i-f-k-a.

Mr. TAVENER. We have had evidence at this hearing as to the membership of various individuals in the Hamtramck Club of the Communist Party. Will you give us, please, the names of the officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In 1945 and 1946, Tom Dombrowski was chairman, D-o-m-b-r-o-w-s-k-i.

Mr. TAVENER. Tom Dombrowski was identified as a member of the Communist Party during the course of the 1952 hearings by a witness by the name of Salisbury. Mr. Tom Dombrowski was called as a witness to Washington and refused to answer questions relating to alleged Communist Party membership on the ground that to do so might tend to incriminate him.

Will you proceed?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Mike Sprowso, S-p-r-o-w-s-o, was press chairman, Verna McAllister, M-c-A-l-l-i-s-t-e-r, was executive secretary.

¹ Richard Franklin O'Hair.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, Verna McAllister was identified by this witness in 1952, and in the course of her testimony—that is, this witness' testimony—it was brought out that the home that was occupied by Verna McAllister at the time she left Detroit was used as a mail drop.

Mr. CLARDY. Is that the witness that was sent to California? Just 2 or 3 weeks ago we had a hearing in San Diego. We located Verna McAllister there, her married name now being Langer. She was called as a witness. She admitted the address that she had used in Detroit and her former name as Verna McAllister, but she refused to answer all other questions on the ground of the fifth amendment. However, testimony was introduced in the course of that hearing that she was very active in the Communist Party and one of the leading functionaries there now.

Will you proceed?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Harry Kutkowski, K-u-t-k-o-w-s-k-i, was educational director. Pete Gabriel, G-a-b-r-i-e-l, was literature chairman. In 1947, Niemski of 5856 Chene was chairman and Anton Kosheway, K-o-s-h-e-w-a-y, was responsible for the dues.

Mr. TAVENNER. Neither of these persons, Mr. Chairman, has been identified before this committee prior to this time, but I should say out of all fairness, as to Anton Kosheway, that he has appeared as a witness in several cases for the United States Government in immigration and naturalization matters, so I assume from that that he is no longer a member of the Communist Party and has broken, severed all connection, with the Communist Party.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1947, Joe Chrin, C-h-r-i-n, became chairman of the Hamtramck youth group. Al Krup—

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment, please. Joe Chrin was one of the early witnesses we had during the course of our hearings in Detroit on Monday. He refused to testify. I believe it was on Tuesday that he appeared as a witness.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Al Krup, K-r-u-p, and Steve Cerousky, C-e-r-o-u-s-k-y, were also members of the Hamtramck youth group.

Mr. TAVENNER. For purposes of further identity, can you give their addresses at that time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. I have Al Krup's address. It was 8212 Winkelman, W-i-n-k-e-l-m-a-n, and Steve Cerousky's was 2450 Holbrook.

Mr. TAVENNER. We have learned at various places in the country, particularly in California, the names of the clubs corresponded with the number of the Congressional District or the legislative assembly. We have heard several times during the course of our investigation in Detroit that in some instances that policy was followed here. We have heard, for instance, of the 14th Congressional Club. What did that mean?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That was in the 14th Congressional District.

Mr. TAVENNER. That means the Communist Party club within the 14th Congressional District?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct. We also had a First Congressional District and a few others from time to time within the Congressional District.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let us take the 14th Congressional District, please, and give us the names of the officers of the 14th Congressional District Club.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and prior to that Stanley Adamski, A-d-a-m-s-k-i, was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. He has been identified by this witness before; that is, in the 1952 hearings.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Milton Schleicher, S-c-h-l-e-i-c-h-e-r, was press chairman. George Cook was educational director.

Mr. TAVENNER. George Cook was previously identified by this witness also.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Hope Smith was executive secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. The same is true of Hope Smith.

Mrs. BALDWIN. However, in 1947, Leslie Roquemore of 684 Tennessee became chairman. Roquemore is R-o-q-u-e-m-o-r-e.

Mr. TAVENNER. You spoke of the First Congressional Club. Will you give us the names of the members of that club, please; that is, the officers?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Gus Polites was chairman in 1945 and 1946, P-o-l-i-t-e-s. He was later succeeded by Frank Sykes, S-y-k-e-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Frank Sykes was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Aldo Sandretto, S-a-n-d-r-e-t-t-o.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is the spelling of the first name A-l-d-o?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, it is.

Mr. TAVENNER. This person was also identified by the witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1947 Steve Rodick, R-o-d-i-c-k, became chairman, and in 1948 Aldo Sandretto at 3551 Kanter became chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell Sandretto?

Mrs. BALDWIN. It is the same one I spelled before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you already identified that person?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; I have.

Mr. TAVENNER. Very well. I don't recall that name.

Mrs. BALDWIN. I just read it now.

Mr. TAVENNER. I beg your pardon. I see.

Mrs. BALDWIN. He was executive secretary in 1945 and 1946. John Domarian, D-o-m-a-r-i-a-n, was responsible for dues, and Frank Sykes, whom I have just mentioned, at 13971 Fleming, became chairman at times during the club meetings.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club known by the name of Fenkell Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; there was, and that was also located or took in members of the Fenkell district. It was on a community basis.

Mr. TAVENNER. F-e-n-k-e-l-l.

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of those persons, please, who were officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Phil Halper, H-a-l-p-e-r, was chairman in 1945 and 1946. Ed Wolf, W-o-l-f, was the press chairman and was later succeeded by R. E. Mullins, M-u-l-l-i-n-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club known as the Ford Motor Building Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Describe that club a little more fully for us, please. What was meant by the Ford Motor Building Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, as I—

Mr. TAVENNER. In what unit was that?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That would include, take in, all of those in the Ford—in the motor building. I understand that it was broken down into various departments, and this happened to be the motor building, the Communist Party members, of course.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Edwin V. Martin, M-a-r-t-i-n, was the press director, and Vernia L. Wilson assisted with presswork also.

Mr. TAVENNER. There was a group known as the Ford Production Foundry Club. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. The foundry Ford unit, Leo Cottrell—and this is still in 1945 and 1946, and perhaps a little time later—Leo Cottrell, C-o-t-t-r-e-l-l, was chairman. Tessie Suttles was press chairman, T-e-s-s-i-e S-u-t-t-l-e-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. I should state, Mr. Chairman, that Leo Cottrell was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Harold Franklin, Fr-a-n-k-l-i-n, was educational and literature director.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he the person known as "Big Pipe" Franklin?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I don't know.

Mr. TAVENNER. I may be mistaken, but at any rate Harold Franklin appeared as a witness before the committee in 1952 and refused to testify and was indentified by you during that hearing. We have heard of the Dearborn Club of the Communist Party; in fact, this plan of operations, known as Johnson Exhibit No. 2, was made out for the Dearborn auto section. This is the Dearborn Club. What is the difference between the Dearborn auto section and the Dearborn Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. They became sections when the concentration became evident or was put into process or to be processed. Prior to that time it was just the Dearborn Club or the Ford foundry, and so forth, which was still classified as being in the Dearborn section. In 1948, at the time of the concentration, they then became sections. There was a Dearborn section and a Ford section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers in the Dearborn Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. This is still in 1945 and 1946: George Nathan, N-a-t-h-a-n, was educational director. Leo Krugh, K-r-u-g-h, was chairman. Milo Marotich, M-a-r-o-t-i-c-h, was press chairman, and James Nemeth, N-e-m-e-t-h, was the organizational secretary. Charles Regan, R-e-g-a-n, was financial secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the spelling, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. R-e-g-a-n. Florian Kapata, K-a-p-a-t-a, was press chairman. Mike Zurovich, Z-u-r-o-v-i-c-h, was literature chairman, and Alonzo Ansell, A-n-s-e-l-l, was just a member at large.

Mr. TAVENNER. What do you mean by member at large of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. We had two categories in the early part of 1947 and 1946, whereby we would have members at large who were not able to attend meetings, or they may live out of territory or perhaps they lived in a territory but did not belong to a certain shop group, so they were clasified as members at large.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there an organization known as the Downtown Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and 1946, Art McPhaul, M-c-P-h-a-u-l, was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was identified by you in the 1952 hearings, was he not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; he was.

Mr. TAVENNER. He also appeared as a witness and refused to answer material questions regarding his alleged membership in the Communist Party on the grounds of the fifth amendment.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Reva Redstone, R-e-d-s-t-o-n-e, R-e-v-a, was dues secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. That person was identified by you in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Ray Blossom—

Mr. TAVENNER. I beg your pardon. That person was identified by the witness DUNN¹ rather than by you at the 1952 hearing.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Ray Blossom, B-l-o-s-s-o-m, was membership director.

Mr. TAVENNER. Ray Blossom was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Alice Ferris, F-e-r-r-i-s, was literature chairman.

For the 1948 party registration, which began in the fall of 1947, Helen Allison was given approximately 10 to 12 registration cards for this group.

Mr. TAVENNER. What position does that indicate that Helen Allison held at the time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, in the fall of 1947 each member of the State commission or the State board received the responsibility of seeing that a given number of clubs were registered in record time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a Midtown Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Matilda Maxwell, M-a-x-w-e-l-l, was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Matilda Maxwell was identified by Mr. O'Hair² in the course of the 1952 hearings.

Mrs. BALDWIN. And Maurice Cook, C-o-o-k, later became chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Maurice Cook was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Terry Clark, C-l-a-r-k, was press chairman and was succeeded by James Woodley, W-o-o-d-l-e-y.

Mr. TAVENNER. Terry Clark was identified also by Mr. O'Hair in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1947, Mary Bray, B-r-a-y, 5338 Beauhies, became chairman, and Maurice Cook, of 242 Marston, became the educational director.

Mr. TAVENNER. Maurice Cook was identified in 1952, but I am not certain whether it was by you, Mrs. Baldwin, or whether it was by Mr. O'Hair.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Midge or Mildred Reed, 5250 John R., and Matilda Maxwell Parrish—it is the same Matilda I previously mentioned—Parrish, P-a-r-r-i-s-h, of 252 East Palmer, were held responsible for dues.

Mr. CLARDY. We will take a five-minute recess.

(Whereupon, at 2:33 p. m., the hearing was recessed, to reconvene at 2:38 p. m.)

¹ Walter Scott Dunn.

² Richard Franklin O'Hair

(Whereupon, at 2:52 p. m., the hearing was reconvened.)

Mr. CLARDY. The hearing will come to order.

The Chair has an announcement to make at this time. Due to the unfortunate circumstance that prevented Congressman Moulder from returning after we had voted on the seaway bill yesterday, it is, of course, under our rules impossible to go forward with any hearing of witnesses who do not desire to and will not cooperate with the committee, and due to the fact that we have a rather full schedule at both Lansing and Flint, under the direction of Chairman Velde I can only transfer some four of those that are under subpoena yet to appear before us here in Detroit to the Lansing hearing. Those four will be John Houston, Harold Shapiro, Richard Davis, and Vera Raymond. All the other witnesses under subpoena to appear here at Detroit on any of the days the hearing was scheduled are, by the order and direction of Chairman Velde of the committee, now instructed to report in this room in the Federal Building here in Detroit at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesday, May 25. We have some hope that at that time it may be possible to completely cover the list of witnesses who have not been heard.

Now I will repeat that so there will be no possibility of misunderstanding, and then what I say will be in shorter form, repeated in the form of either a telegram or a written communication of some kind, advising you of the postponement of your date of appearance here.

Four witnesses are now under instructions from the committee to be in the hearing room which will be in the House of Representatives of Michigan in the State Capitol, next Monday, the 10th day of May, at 9:30 a. m., those four being John Houston, Harold Shapiro, Richard Davis, and Vera Raymond.

All the rest of the witnesses who are under subpoena and who have not yet been heard will report at 9:30 a. m., in this room at the 25th day of May, that day being a Tuesday. It is hoped that we may be able to hear everyone on that day. If not, we will continue the hearings over on the morning of the 26th, but I think we can finish them all on that one day.

Now, if there are any among you at this time, after that announcement, who desire to leave, you may do so now so that the disturbance created by people leaving may be over as soon as possible, and we will get on with the hearing.

We will suspend for a few moments while that is done.

There is one further thing. The deputy clerk sitting in front of me to the right will be in room 957 for the witnesses to sign the necessary vouchers and to have the little matter of witness fees and things of that sort taken care of, so if you will repair to that room now, Mrs. Joray will go along with you and take care of it. The committee will recess.

(Whereupon, at 2:57 p. m., the hearing was recessed.)

(Whereupon, at 3:01 p. m., the hearing was reconvened.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Baldwin, where was the Oakland Club of Detroit located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The Oakland Club was also located around Oakland Avenue.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names, please, of the officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, Merrill Work, W-o-r-k, was chairman and later succeeded by Charles Mason. Work is W-o-r-k, and Mason, M-a-s-o-n. Dolly Mason was executive secretary. Deri Jenkins, membership chairman, D-e-r-i J-e-n-k-i-n-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. May I interrupt a moment. Merrill Work mentioned a few names back was identified by you in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Saul Broat, B-r-o-a-t, was press chairman, but in 1946 he left for California.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know where he went in California?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No, I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Saul Broat appeared as a witness in the 1952 hearings and was identified by this witness at that time.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Jean Kapnick was literature chairman, K-a-p-n-i-c-k. Curt Davis was labor chairman, D-a-v-i-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. This witness identified Curt Davis in the 1952 hearings. Curt Davis has been a witness during the course of this hearing.

We have heard of the 12th Street Club during the course of our hearing at this time. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That was also located in the territory of 12th Street. Eve Neidleman, was chairman, and she was succeeded by Ben Plotkins in 1946, P-l-o-t-k-i-n-s. Bob Taylor, T-a-y-l-o-r, took care of the press work. Lydia Mates, M-a-t-e-s, was organizer and executive secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. Lydia Mates has previously been identified by this witness.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Marie Sampey, as she was then known, is now Mrs. Raymond Bascom, B-a-s-c-o-m. She was executive chairlady. In 1947, Ray Hall of 2670 East Congress, became chairman, and Gene Cunningham, 205 Melbourne, became responsible for dues.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club known as the Plymouth Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there was, and that was the Communist Party members within the Plymouth local.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and 1946 Ralph Fileccia was chairman, F-i-l-e-c-c-i-a. Charles Lindouf, L-i-n-d-o-u-f, was press chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Charles Lindouf was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Fred Gebelle, G-e-b-e-l-l-e, was financial and membership director.

Mr. TAVENNER. Fred Gebelle was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Elmer Burnetti, B-u-r-n-e-t-t-i, was recording secretary, and Wallace Batholomew was educational director, B-a-r-t-h-o-l-o-m-e-w.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us now the names of the officers of the Packard Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Andrew Beldean, B-e-l-d-e-a-n, was chairman and in 1946 was succeeded by Neal Weston, W-e-s-t-o-n. Felix B. Maise was organizational secretary, M-a-i-s-e. Paul Brooks was educational chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Paul Brooks was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. James Hollis was press and literature chairman, H-o-l-l-i-s, and in 1946 Katherine Ripken became literature chairman, R-i-p-k-e-n.

Mr. TAVENNER. Katherine Ripken was identified in 1952 by the Witness Dunn. Will you give us now the names of the officers of the United States Rubber Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and 1946 a B. Whitlow, W-h-i-t-l-o-w, was chairman. John Peteray, also known as Richards, P-e-t-e-r-a-y, was financial secretary. Leslie Nalley was just a member, N-a-l-l-e-y.

Mr. TAVENNER. We have heard of a club known as the Tom Paine Club. Let us know where that club was located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. It had no particular address. It was just more or less of a semiprofessional section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were its officers?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Dave Silverberg, S-i-l-v-e-r-b-e-r-g, was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Dave Silverberg was identified in 1952 by the witness O'Hair. Proceed, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Jessie Blakka, B-l-a-k-k-a, was executive and financial secretary. Sam Kelman, K-e-l-m-a-n, was educational chairman. Corrine Furay was educational chairman. Corrine Furay was literature chairman of URAY.

Mr. TAVENNER. Corrine Furay was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1947 for the 1948 party registration about 11 cards were issued to the chairman of that club, which in that case would have been Dave Silverberg.

Mr. TAVENNER. We have heard of another club called the Nat Turner Club. Will you give us, please, the names of the officers of that club, but before doing so tell us more about the character of the club and where it was located.

Mrs. BALDWIN. The Nat Turner Club was located on the east side of the city, more or less down river. It later became part of what was known as the lower east side section.

The chairman was Heywood Maben. The organizational chairman was Carneller Foreman, C-a-r-n-e-l-l-e-r, Foreman. Eleanor Perkins was financial secretary, P-e-r-k-i-n-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let me interrupt, please. Carneller Foreman was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Jerry or Gerald Boyd was educational chairman, B-o-y-d.

Mr. TAVENNER. This person was also identified by the witness in 1952.

Some clubs are described by numerals. Here is one called local 155. What is the significance of that designation?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That would be the Communist Party members within the given local, 155.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know what branch of the industry local 155 was working in?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No; I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of its officers, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Tom Parry, P-a-r-r-y, was the chairman. Art Peters, P-e-t-e-r-s, was secretary and treasurer. Sam Sweet, S-w-e-e-t, was educational chairman. Mike Zackler took care of the press and literature.

Mr. TAVENNER. Z-a-c-k-l-e-r?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. I understand there is a club by the name of Michigan Club of the Communist Party. Will you give us any descriptive information you have regarding that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. When I went into the party in 1943 it was then the headquarters of the Michigan Club which was centered on Michigan Avenue, and that is where they would usually meet. Later it became a Dearborn headquarters section and also the Ford headquarters section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the officers of that club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1945 and 1946, John Hell was chairman. Nat Wald—

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment. Nat Wald was identified in 1952 by the witness Salisbury.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Nat Wald, W-a-l-d, was the organizer. Clem Dalton, D-a-l-t-o-n, was the membership chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. He has been identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. George Kantechey was dues chairman, K-a-n-t-e-c-h-e-y. Ed Lock was the educational chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Ed Lock was identified by this witness in 1952, was called at that hearing as a witness and refused to answer any material questions, relying upon the fifth amendment as the reason for his refusal.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Walter Litivin, L-i-t-i-v-i-n, was literature chairman. Steve Simmons, or Stephen Schemanske, was the press chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Stephen Schemanske was identified during the course of this hearing and was one of the witness in the Smith Act trials who testified in behalf of the government and had been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to work within the Communist Party.

Mrs. BALDWIN. In 1947 for the 1948 registration approximately 67 registration cards were given to Clem Dalton who was then club chairman for registration of the members.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the Joe York Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The Joe York Club was a youth group, and in most cases it was comprised of university members, university students from the various colleges.

Mr. TAVENNER. They were not limited to any one particular college?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Not at first, no. Later on it became known as the U. of M., which the Ralph Neafus and et cetera, and Wayne University, and Lansing had their own group. It was just known as the Lansing group.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where was this Joe York Club centered, in Detroit or Lansing or where?

Mrs. BALDWIN. This was in the Wayne County area at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of the other officers, please, and that would be in 1945 and 1946.

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct, yes. Peter Dopolos, Jr., D-o-p-u-l-o-s, was chairman and was later succeeded by Jack Palmquist.

Mr. TAVENNER. Jack Palmquist was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Kenny Goodman, membership chairman and also took care of the finances, G-o-o-d-m-a-n. June Keil was recording secretary, K-e-i-l. Annabel Purdy was educational chairman and was later succeeded by Mary Maraniss, M-a-r-a-n-i-s-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mary Maraniss was identified by this witness in 1952.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Anna Vidakis was literature chairman, V-i-d-a-k-i-s. Joan Ellis was press chairman and was later succeeded by Georgianna Panaretos, P-a-n-a-r-e-t-o-s. Alex Seller, S-e-l-l-e-r, was the social chairman and was later succeeded by Rolf Cahn, C-a-h-n, and for the 1948 registration approximately 43 registration cards were issued to the chairman of that club, which was Peter Dopulos, Jr.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club in the Del-Ray area?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did it bear the name of Del-Ray Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; it did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of its officers, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Louis Lenny, L-e-n-n-y, and Paul Boatin, B-o-a-t-i-n, acted as cochairmen.

Mr. TAVENNER. Boatin was identified by this witness in 1952, and he also appeared as a witness before the committee but refused to testify as to material matters on the grounds that to do so might tend to incriminate him.

Mrs. BALDWIN. George Bufford, B-u-f-f-o-r-d, was dues chairman and later succeeded by Joe Miller, M-i-l-l-e-r. Tersil Obriot, O-b-r-i-o-t, was press and literature chairman.

Approximately 21 cards were issued to this club. They were issued to Clem Dalton in 1947 for the 1948 registration.

Mr. TAVENNER. We have heard of the Ben Davis Club; where was that located?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That was located more or less in the northwest section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of its members, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In 1945 and 1946 William Fletcher was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment. Were you in the hearing room just before you were called as a witness this afternoon?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Before I entered as a witness?

Mr. TAVENNER. Before you were called to the witness stand?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No, sir.

Mr. CLARDY. No, Mr. Tavenner, she wasn't present when Mr. Fletcher was called to the stand.

Mr. TAVENNER. You didn't observe Mr. Fletcher at the witness table, did you?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No; I didn't. But I saw him in the hall during the recess.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right.

Mr. CLARDY. In other words, you recognized him as the same Mr. Fletcher you have identified?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As the Bill Fletcher that we knew him as.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was the chairman of the Ben Davis Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. He was.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right, if you will proceed, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Jeanette Ross was organizational secretary, R-o-s-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let me stop you there just a moment. William Fletcher—can you tell the committee something of his activities in the Communist Party; that is, anything that you can recall at this moment?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, he was very active during my debut into the Communist Party, which was in the spring of 1943. He participated in the State convention in May of 1944 and was active, as I recall, until the party was reconstituted, the latter part of 1945.

Mr. TAVENNER. When did you leave the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. In October of 1950 I went underground. I left it, I presume, in 1952.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether William Fletcher was active in the party when you went underground in 1950?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That I wouldn't know.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right. Did you have any information as to whether or not he withdrew from the Communist Party prior to the time you went underground?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I had been told he had withdrawn from the party.

Mr. CLARDY. Repeat that, he was what?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That he had withdrawn from the party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know about when it was he withdrew from the party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As I recall, it was approximately 1946. I know it was after the party was reconstituted.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right.

Mr. CLARDY. I think at this point, Mr. Tavenner, I should interject the remark that it was on the basis of that knowledge that we had assumed that the witness might cooperate and called him and had also had some discussion, or the staff had, with him that led us to think that he would cooperate and get into the record through his own words the things that Mrs. Baldwin has just said.

We do not want in any way to have anything appear in our records that will reflect upon any of those called before us, and in this case it was our understanding that the witness had left the party, and we wanted that clearly on the record because it has, to our knowledge, become quite widespread that he was a member, but the fact that he had withdrawn had not been given equal circulation.

We thought in justice and fairness it would be well to give him that opportunity.

You may proceed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Very well. You told us that William Fletcher was chairman at one time.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you proceed, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Reva Bernstein, B-e-r-n-s-t-e-i-n, was a member who was active and handled various phases of the party club work from time to time. Elsie—

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment. Had you given us the name of the organizational secretary?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I believe I have. Jeanette Ross. I believe I had gone into that.

Mr. TAVENNER. Excuse me. Go ahead.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Elsie Nichamin, N-i-c-h-a-m-i-n, was the financial secretary. Milton Santwire was the labor chairman and also a council delegate.

Mr. CLARDY. Pardon, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLARDY. I think we should have something to say about the witness Santwire she has just identified.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir. The witness, Milton Santwire, testified during the course of the Smith Act cases in behalf of the Government. He had been working within the Communist Party under the employment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. CLARDY. Proceed.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Leonard Smith, S-m-i-t-h, was the press chairman. Evelyn Cochran was the literature chairman, and in 1947, for the 1948 registration, there were approximately 11 cards issued to this club.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell us now, please, the names of the officers of the Muskegon Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Hoke Higdon was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Hoke Higdon was identified during the 1952 hearings by Mr. Salisbury.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Barbara Higdon, H-i-g-d-o-n, was press chairman. Violet Meyers, M-e-y-e-r-s, secretary and treasurer and was later succeeded by Frank Melder, and J. R. Grant, G-r-a-n-t, was director of union activities.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us now the names of the Grand Rapids officers, the officers of the Grand Rapids Club of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Fred Darcy was recording secretary, D-a-r-c-y. William Glenn was the educational chairman, G-l-e-n-n.

Mr. TAVENNER. William Glenn was identified by this witness in 1952 and appeared as a witness before the committee. He refused to answer material questions on the ground that to do so might tend to incriminate him. Proceed.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Ruth Gilbert Williams was the labor chairman, W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s. Eighteen cards, 18 registration cards, were issued to this club for the 1948 registration.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you now give us the names of the Ypsilanti Club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As chairman in 1945 and 1946—Tom Dennis was chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tom or Thomas Dennis was identified by this witness in 1952 and was later indicted as one of the Smith Act defendants and has been tried and convicted.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Mrs. Zacky Chevalier was dues chairman, Z-a-c-k-y C-h-e-v-a-l-i-e-r. D. George Matnick was the press chairman, M-a-t-n-i-c-k. In 1947 John Williams of 306 South Hamilton, Ypsilanti, was listed as financial secretary of this club, and as I recall, he was issued registration cards for that particular section.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a club at Ann Arbor, Mich.?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was it called the Ann Arbor Club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, it was. I believe it was called at that time the A. A. Town.

Mr. TAVENNER. Would you give us the names of the officers of that club, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Katherine Shorfman—

Mr. TAVENNER. That is over what period of time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. 1945 and 1946—Mary Cummins, C-u-m-m-i-n-s, Mary Loeser, L-o-e-s-e-r, Jean Langerman, L-a-n-g-e-r-m a n.

In 1947 Dorothy Griffel, G-r-i-f-f-e-l, of 7305 South State Street, was an official of this club and assisted by Millie McIntire, 436 Fourth Street, who was responsible for dues.

Mr. TAVENNER. Millie McIntire was identified by this witness in 1952.

You spoke a little earlier when we were referring to Ann Arbor to a club known as the Ralph Neafus Club. Will you tell us what that club was?

Mr. CLARDY. You had better spell that.

Mr. TAVENNER. N-e-a-f-u-s.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, the Ralph Neafus Club was confined primarily to students, U. of M. students.

Mr. TAVENNER. University of Michigan?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, it was a campus club.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, what you know of that club, as to its officers, and its operations?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, its operations were just like all the other Communist operations, anything of an agitational nature, anything that upset the students, anything that had to do with State or Federal legislation, they were busy with their pamphlets.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of its officers, please, if you recall, or any other persons connected with it that you can now recall.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Ed Shaffer, S-h-a-e-f-f-e-r, who resided at 530 Hill Street, was the individual I sent a letter to. He was the one that I had advised on taking over the membership and dues secretary task for 1947.

Mr. CLARDY. Are we sure of the spelling on that name? I thought it was spelled S-h-a-f-f-e-r. Let me check back. Is his first name Edward and his middle name Harry?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I don't know his middle name.

Mr. CLARDY. His first name is Edward?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. CLARDY. Counsel, do you know which of the spellings—

Mr. TAVENNER. The correct spelling according to our information is S-h-a-f-f-e-r.

Mr. CLARDY. That is the way I have noted that it was spelled in the public press, following his release of the first information that got to the public about his having been subpoenaed, so I think that last spelling must be correct. Proceed.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say that you have had official communications as a functionary of the Communist Party with him?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is correct; yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Very well. Can you recall the approximate date? Do you know in what year you had that communication with him?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes; in the early fall or summer of 1947.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were there any other students that you had official contact with who were members of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. In response to the letter I had written to Mr. Shaffer I received a reply from a Bill Carter who informed me at that time that he was assuming the responsibilities for dues and other club work of the Ralph Neafus Club.

Mr. CLARDY. Would you repeat that name again?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Bill Carter, C-a-r-t-e-r. He gave his address at that time as 508 Hill Street in Ann Arbor.

Mr. TAVENNER. Does not that rather indicate that at the time you wrote to Mr. Shaffer that he may not have been there or held some other position within the Neafus Club due to the fact that you received a reply from Mr. Carter?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, as I recall, my notes indicated that he was the chairman of that club, and that is why I directed my correspondence to him, to find out who I would contact to send me the membership information.

Mr. CLARDY. Let me see if I understand. You addressed your letter to Mr. Shaffer?

Mr. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. CLARDY. But you received a reply from Mr. Carter?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, I also received a reply from Mr. Shaffer stating that Bill Carter was assuming the responsibilities.

Mr. CLARDY. I see. In other words, Mr. Carter confirmed what Mr. Shaffer told you about Mr. Carter's having charge of a certain part of the activities?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is true. Well, then, in the early part of 1948 they again changed officers, obviously, because I received a letter from Betty Houston, who stated at that time she was living at 221 North Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, and had assumed the duties as dues secretary. From there on my correspondence was with her.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know the name of the husband of Betty Houston?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, John Houston.

Mr. CLARDY. Were you in the courtroom at the time I made the announcement about continuing subpoenas and certain persons were to appear at the Lansing hearings?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I was.

Mr. CLARDY. Did you recognize any of those four that I named, or did you see them?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I recognized the name John Houston.

Mr. CLARDY. Did you observe him in the audience, or did you observe him at all?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No, I did not.

Mr. CLARDY. I see. I am informed by the investigator that he was not present in the room.

Mr. TAVENNER. I might say, Mr. Chairman, that as a result of a request by his counsel and by him as to inconvenience that he would undergo to appear here at the time when it looked like we could reach him that we agreed to transfer him to Lansing, and he has been notified to appear at Lansing.

Did you know John Houston, the husband of Betty Houston, to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, my records indicate that in 1947 he held a Communist Party membership card number 69464, and also in December it came to my attention, and I issued him a transfer card to New York, which was later rescinded because they said that Betty and John Houston had returned to Ann Arbor, and he was a member; he was listed at that time as a member of the Ralph Neafus Club.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you aware of the existence of a campus club at Wayne University?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, it was known or called the Wayne youth group.

Mr. TAVENNER. Wayne youth group?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, Wayne Youth Club or Wayne youth group.

Mr. TAVENNER. Of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, who were the officers of that club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. George Shenkar was chairman, S-h-e-n-k-a-r.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, George Shenkar was also identified during the course of this hearing by Witness Mikkelsen.¹

Proceed, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Gene Kowalski, K-o-w-a-l-s-k-i, was dues and financial secretary. In the early part of 1946 he was replaced by Edward Black, B-l-a-c-k. John Cherveney, C-h-e-r-v-e-n-y, was a member of the executive board.

Mr. TAVENNER. John Cherveney was identified by this witness in 1952. He appeared as a witness in those hearings. He refused to testify as to any material matter on the basis that to do so might tend to incriminate him.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Sidney Graber, G-r-a-b-e-r, was the organizational secretary, and he was the person to whom I directed my correspondence in October 1947, informing him that I had become the membership and dues secretary for district 7.

Mr. TAVENNER. Sidney Graber was a witness before this committee during the course of this hearing and refused to testify as to his alleged Communist Party membership on the ground that to do so might tend to incriminate him.

Did you know a person by the name of Al Milstein?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I did not know him personally. However, I did handle a transfer card dealing with him.

Mr. TAVENNER. A transfer card?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee what you know about his transfer card. I assume you mean Communist Party transfer card.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I do. He was transferred from New Orleans into the Communist Party here in Wayne County, and he was put at that time into the Ralph Neafus Club.

Mr. TAVENNER. I would like to ask you a few questions regarding Communist Party functions that you attended. Did you attend a meeting of the auto miscellaneous section of the Communist Party which we are informed was held on May 7, 1949?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, I usually attended all of them, as I was the membership director, financial secretary.

¹ Harold M. Mikkelsen.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you tell us where that meeting was held?

Mrs. BALDWIN. At 2419 Grand River. That was the auto miscellaneous section headquarters at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who was the chairman of that meeting that was held on May 7, 1949?

Mrs. BALDWIN. As I recall, Edith Van Horn was given charge of the meeting. She was employed at the Dodge Motor Co. at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. You identified her at the 1952 hearings.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. As a member of the Communist Party, I believe.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you tell me in just a few words what was the general purpose of that meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. As I recall, that was to organize for a peace petition, as I recall.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is noted from the plan of operation of the Dearborn auto section, Johnson Exhibit No. 2, that that was one of the general plans of work for the Communist Party.

What position were you in during the course of that meeting to know who attended?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I was registrar; I mean, I was—

Mr. TAVENNER. What do you mean by "registrar"?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, I was assigned to see that the people who entered there were known.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were known members of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Were known members of the Communist Party, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. So it was both registrar and security, was it not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. That is true.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you, at the time, record for purposes of delivery to the Federal Bureau of Investigation the names of those who attended?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us their names, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Oscar Rhodes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, when it comes to these names, many of them have been identified by this witness before, and I think it will hasten matters for us to assume that the names she gives have been identified by her before unless I state otherwise.

Mr. CLARDY. Very well.

Mr. TAVENNER. In other words, just reverse the proceedings.

Mr. CLARDY. Very well.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you start again please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Oscar Rhodes, Harold Wells, W-e-l-l-s, and Bob Purdy of GM, Phil Horowitz, H-o-r-o-w-i-t-z.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is the first time he has been identified before this committee.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Charles Lindouf, who is now living in Sweden.

Mr. TAVENNER. Spell that name, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Sweden?

Mr. TAVENNER. No, Lindouf.

Mrs. BALDWIN. L-i-n-d-o-u-f. Lee St. John, S-t. J-o-h-n, and he was believed to have used the alias Miller, M-i-l-l-e-r, in the party.

Mr. TAVENNER. This is the first time he has been identified.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Herman Burt was of Midland Steel, B-u-r-t.

Imogene Brantley, B-r-a-n-t-l-e-y, Sven Falk of Packard.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell the first name, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. S-v-e-n. Phil Carroll, C-a-r-r-o-l-l.

Mr. TAVENNER. This is the first identification of Mr. Carroll.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Cliff Bollin, Jr. Ernie Syversen, S-y-v-e-r-s-e-n.

Mr. TAVENNER. This is likewise his first identification.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Merrill Work, W-o-r-k, Scotty—Sidney was his name—Barclay, B-a-r-c-l-a-y, Walter Christie, C-h-r-i-s-t-i-e, and Paul Endicott, E-n-d-i-c-o-t-t.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Baldwin, there was another meeting reported to us at the auto miscellaneous section of the Communist Party held on June 25, 1949. Were you present at that meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you act in the same capacity as the former meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the general nature of the meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The general nature of that meeting, I believe, was a press gathering; I mean, to see that the Michigan edition of the Worker was circulated, and it also took care of literature, and we had union reports from Nat Ganley.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names, please, of those who were present?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Nat Ganley, John Nowak.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is his first identification.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Phil Hodak, H-o-d-a-k.

Mr. TAVENNER. First identification.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Wallace Christie.

Mr. TAVENNER. First identification. You had better spell that name, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. C-h-r-i-s-t-i-e. That is the same one that I mentioned in the previous meeting.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, I see.

Mrs. BALDWIN. And Oscar Rhodes. Bob Brown is now deceased. Robert Cummins, C-u-m-m-i-n-s, Cliff Bolin, and Edith Van Horn.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a closed meeting of the auto miscellaneous section of the Communist Party on July 23, 1949, in which the meeting embraced the representatives from the Ford section and the Dearborn section of the Communist Party?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did, and that was attended by a national officer of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who was that?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Johnny Gates, or John Gates.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of the meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The purpose of that was to usher Nat Ganley out of the press work. He had been editor of the Michigan edition of the Worker up to that point, and also to impress upon the Communist Party members the need of getting petitions out in the unions, raising the resolutions within the unions on the indictment of the 11 Communist Party leaders.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was one of the main plans set forth in this plan of action known as Johnson Exhibit No. 2, to create sentiment in

favor of the 12, as it was stated, so that is another instance of the work that was done pursuant to those directives.

Will you tell the committee, please, who were present from the various sections represented at that meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Ann Vartainian, who is now Mrs. Paul Boatin, was there from the Dearborn section. From the Ford section we have Paul Boatin, B-o-a-t-i-n, Tersil Obriot, O-b-r-i-o-t, Nelson Davis, Harold Robertson, R-o-b-e-r-t-s-o-n, Ed Lock, John Gallo, G-a-l-l-o, and Max Chait, C-h-a-i-t.

From the auto miscellaneous section were Ernie Sorenson, S-o-r-e-n-s-o-n, Cliff Bollin, Jr., Merrill Work, Paul Brooks, Scotty Barclay, Phil Horowitz, Ed Pietrowski, P-i-e-t-r-o-w-s-k-i, Bob Cummins, and Bob Brown, who is deceased.

From the packing unit, Olga Zenchuck was present, Z-e-n-c-h-u-c-k.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend an executive meeting of the auto miscellaneous section of the Communist Party on August 6, 1949?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you tell the committee at this time the general nature or the general purpose of that meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. This was in connection with the peace petitions, a mobilization, an organizing meeting, to circulate and glean names for the peace petitions.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were present at these?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Nat Ganley, Bob Cummins, Lee Marsh, M-a-r-s-h, and James Plater. He was from local 922. He replaced Walter Warner, the regular club chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Lee Marsh and James Plater have not been previously identified. Did you attend a mobilization of the Communist Party at Yeamens Hall on January 26, 1950?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were representatives present from various labor unions?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, they were. There was Curt and Sally Davis, D-a-v-i-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. What plant were they from?

Mrs. BALDWIN. They were from the Dodge cell.

Mr. TAVENNER. Very well. Will you give us others from the Dodge plant?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Paul Henley, H-e-n-l-e-y, Charles Walters, W-a-l-t-e-r-s, and Leroy Ellery, E-l-l-e-r-y, and a Sid. He was known to me only as Sid, from the youth section. Harry Boskey, B-o-s-k-e-y, who is now residing in Canada, and Nat Ganley. He was from local 155.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were present from Briggs?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Don DeBlois, Milton Schleicher. From Plymouth, Charles Lindouf, whom I said is now living in Sweden, and an Amiel of whom I did not get his last name.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell the name, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. A-m-i-e-l. From Chrysler was represented Cliff Bollin, Jr., Van Brooks, B-r-o-o-k-s, and James Cooper, C-o-o-p-e-r.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend an organization conference of the Communist Party at Jericho Temple, 2705 Joy Road, on April 21 and 22, 1950?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell us about that meeting, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. That meeting was more or less a report from the various clubs on the activities, each chairman of the club giving a report on what they had done and expected to do.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall who was chairman of the meeting?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes. Phil Schatz was chairman of that meeting.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was one of the Smith Act defendants, was he not, in Detroit?

Mrs. BALDWIN. He was, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the names of those who were present, please?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Saul Wellman.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was one of the Smith Act defendants, I believe.

Mrs. BALDWIN. He was also. He gave the main report. Tom Dennis.

Mr. TAVENNER. Another Smith Act defendant.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Bill McKie, M-c-K-i-e. Nat Ganley.

Mr. TAVENNER. Also a Smith Act defendant.

Mrs. BALDWIN. A Mr. Spiegel, S-p-i-e-g-e-l, from upper peninsula, Max Chait, Billy Allan.

Mr. TAVENNER. He was a Smith Act defendant also, was he not?

Mrs. BALDWIN. He was. Marvin Gladstone, who was then organizer of Washtenaw County.

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment Marvin Gladstone. Do you know his wife's name?

Mrs. BALDWIN. No, I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Marvin Gladstone has been previously identified in the testimony as a member of the Communist Party by this witness.

Mrs. BALDWIN. From the district office, Helen Allison Winter, Mrs. Carl Winter.

Mr. TAVENNER. Also a Smith Act defendant.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, she is. Tom Dennis, Ann Beiswenger, B-e-i-s-w-e-n-g-e-r, Faye Gingold, G-i-n-g-o-l-d, Saul Wellman, W-e-l-l-m-a-n. From the Ford and Dearborn, Phil Schatz. Nelson Davis, Steve Simmons, Max Chait, Dave Moore, M-o-o-r-e, and Bill McKie. The auto miscellaneous representatives were Herman—

Mr. TAVENNER. Just a moment before we go into that.

Mr. Chairman, may we have a few minutes recess?

Mr. CLARDY. Very well. Take a 5-minute recess.

(Whereupon, at 3:58 p. m., the hearing was recessed, to reconvene at 4:03 p. m.)

(Whereupon, at 4:10 p. m., the hearing was reconvened.)

Mr. CLARDY. The hearing will resume.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Baldwin, I will ask you, because of the lateness of the hour, not to spell the names. We will check the spelling with you after you have testified.

You were about to name those present at this meeting in the auto miscellaneous group which was held on April 21 and 22, 1950. Will you give us those who were in attendance from the auto miscellaneous club?

Mrs. BALDWIN. From the auto miscellaneous club, Herman Burt, Nat Ganley, Edith Van Horn, Bob Cummins, Oscar Rhodes, Van Brooks, and that Van is his first name; Brooks is the second. Fred Williams, Russ Kitto, Jerry Boyd, James Walker, Paul Brooks, Eddie

Pietrowski, Robert Purdy, Gladys Purdy, Sven Falk, Nick Swetnick, Cliff Bollin, Jr., Scotty Barclay, Imogene Brantley, and a Mr. Jackson from local 205.

From the Daily Worker office, Billy Allan, Izzy Berensen, Louis Klitzner, Betty Thomas Mayen, Phil Halper.

In the youth section, Bernie Bellinson, Jack Gore, Nate Mitchnick, Ernie Ellis, and Freddie Patterson.

Polish section, Ben Koel.

Outstate, Jack White from Flint, Jack Palmquist, Jr., Matt Savola from upper peninsula, Marvin Gladstone from Washtenaw County, Larry Davis, and Ellen Dennis.

Larry Davis was from the Port Huron section, New Baltimore. Ellen Davis represented Washtenaw County.

East side community, Mary Bray, James Harris, Fred Jones.

From the west side section, Phil Raymond, George Mogill, and Mrs. George or known as Billie Mogill, Zina Brandi Haskell, Ray Haskell, Reva Bernstein, Lydia Mates, Kathy Lee Bizziochi, Mary Maraniss, John Edmonds.

From the professional section was Mrs. Coleman or Marian Young, and Harold Shapiro.

MR. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting in June 1950 of the functionaries of the Communist Party at the Civic Center, 114 Erskine Detroit?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I did.

MR. TAVENNER. Will you give the names of those who attended?

Mrs. BALDWIN. The following were in attendance—

MR. TAVENNER. Let me ask you, were you in the same position to accurately ascertain those present at this meeting as the former meetings?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, I had been chosen as one of the security groups. There were 3 of us, and I was 1 of those. It was my duty to register the names as they entered the meeting hall after they had been identified.

MR. TAVENNER. Who were the other two working with you in connection with that matter?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Paul Brooks and Oscar Rhodes and a few of the other organizers were on the security list.

Helen Allison Winter; Carl Winter, who was then chairman of district 7 of the Communist Party, Michigan; Saul Wellman; Bill Allan; Mabel Mitchell, who was circulation manager for the Michigan Worker; Mary Bray, who was organizer for the East Side Council and a Midtown Club member; Mrs. Bill Morrey, member of the Nat Turner; Carneller Foreman, member of the Nat Turner Club; Bob Rowson, was not as yet assigned to a club; Milly Rowson, his wife, was a member of Twelfth Street Club; Russ Kitto, a member of the Eddie Elberts Club, which was of the auto miscellaneous section; Mrs. Russ Kitto was a member of Oakland Club; Don De Blois, educational division of the Briggs Club; Faye Grossman, educational division of the Oakland Club; and just Albert, a member of the Joe Hill Club; Ed Buczak, member of the Polish section; Nat Wald, member of the Michigan Club; Steve Simmons, member of the Michigan Club; Ray Haskell, member of the Freiheit Club; Zina Brandi, member of Midtown; Ida Olshansky, member of the Twelfth Street; Orville Allen, Steel and Foster section; Harold Robertson, member of local 600;

Alice Kocel, member of the Polish young group; John Isaac, member of Freiheit; Mrs. Lila Isaacs, member of the Bloor Club; May Allen, 14th Club; Ed Crawford, McGraw Club; Oscar Rhodes, auto section organizational secretary and a member of Briggs Club; Scotty Barclay was chairman of the Hudson cell of the auto miscellaneous section; Ike Greenberg, Ben Davis Club; Goldie Greenberg, Ben Davis Club; Mrs. Beverly Rhodes, Ben Davis; Alonzo Ansell, member of the Dearborn section; Saul Grossman, member of Twelfth Street Club; James Tsinis, member of the Greek section; Mr. Douglas, member of McGraw; Elliott Maraniss, Southfield Club; Mary Maraniss, Southfield Club; Bob Cummins, De Soto; Nelson Davis, local 600; Jack White, Flint; Murray Borod, organizer of the Flint section; Geneva Olmsied, Negro commission in Flint; Chuck, executive board, Flint.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let me interrupt you a moment, please. What do you mean by "Negro commission, Flint"?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, there was a Negro commission organized, and she was the chairman or the officer in charge of that Negro commission.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Milton Schleicher, financial secretary, Briggs Club; Mrs. Joe Schleinher was a nonmember; Val Clough, member, 600; Mrs. Ed Lock, just a member; Marvin Gladstone, organizer Washtenaw County; Curt Davis, chairman of Dodge Club; Sally Davis, financial secretary of the Dodge Club; Malcolm Wright, member of the Dodge Club; Paul Brooks, chairman of Murray Club; Merrill Work, chairman of local 835, Communist Party club; Lonie Klitzner, member of LaBelle; Dolores Storich, membership director of the Twelfth Street Club; Gladys Purdy, chairman of Southfield; Ann Beiswenger, member of Ford plastic; Sylvia Alston, member of the State literature committee; Rifka Maisenberg, chairman of the State literature commission; Gus Polites, member of the Greek group; Lee Marsh, chairman of the youth group; Nat Gauley, chairman of auto miscellaneous, and also a member of 155 Communist Party club; Lenny Cohen, member of the youth section; Bob Purdy, chairman, GM East; Harry Boskey, financial secretary, Packard; Bob Brown, executive board of Packard; Al Storich, member of the Dave White section; Art McPhaul, member Ford pressed steel, local 600; Mrs. Art McPhaul, member of the Ford pressed steel; Gert Schatz, literature director, Twelfth Street Club; Jack Gore, member of the youth section; Bill, no last name, member of Budd Wheel; Chris Alston, member of Packard Club; Van Brooks, chairman of the Joe Hill; James Harris, president of the Tenants Council Club, Downtown Club also; Sid Linn, organizer of the Dave White section.

Mr. TAVENNER. In the year 1950 did you attend a course of instruction in Communist Party matters?

Mrs. BALDWIN. I certainly did.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell us briefly about that, please.

Mrs. BALDWIN. I attended a course on the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and that was taught by Ann Beiswenger.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, who attended that course with you?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Those who were students in that course were Ellen Dennis, Bereniece Baldwin, Ernest something, Ann Crowe, Harold

Smith, Tillie Sigadelli, and a Chet, Annie Cash, an Arnold, and Marian Coleman Young.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long did the school last?

Mrs. BALDWIN. We began that on the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and had three different sections. We had to go over into 1951 in order to complete the book which was founded on the complete revolution of the Soviet Union.

Mr. TAVENNER. You had to do what?

Mrs. BALDWIN. We had to extend over past the term period of the Michigan School of Social Science under which this was taught.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know about how long you were in that particular course?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. At that time?

Mrs. BALDWIN. From the summer of 1949, into the spring of 1950.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there a second school on that subject, or was it a continuation of the same school?

Mrs. BALDWIN. Well, the brochure on that particular classed two terms. We had a fall term, and then a spring term, which went into January of 1950, but we also had an extension course on that, to complete the book, which would carry past actually the period it had been specified.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were there any other persons who became members of this study group besides those that you have already mentioned.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Yes, there were. In the second part of it, Ernie Persons joined us, Evelyn Loeser, Roberta Myers, Ellen Dennis, Joan Ellis, and the members I have just mentioned previously.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, this links up the testimony that we had planned to present at this time.

Mr. CLARDY. Does that conclude the list of identities that she was prepared to make at this hearing?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLARDY. Do you have any further questions on any other subject, or can those be deferred to some other time, if we think it important?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, I think it should be deferred.

Mr. CLARDY. Then that concludes your examination of this witness?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLARDY. Mrs. Baldwin, I don't think I need to repeat the thanks that were extended to you at the prior hearing in 1952. I merely need say that the subcommittee feels exactly as the prior subcommittee felt. You have made an important contribution in our work, in our research, and in our efforts to discover as much as we can about the conspiracy. I only wish that the message that I think your testimony carries with it could be heard by everyone in the State of Michigan, and for that matter, in the United States. I want to again thank you and let you know that we do deeply appreciate your contribution.

Mrs. BALDWIN. Thank you.

Mr. CLARDY. Witness excused. Now, before the hearing is concluded here and adjourned to Lansing, the Chair wants to make a few observations and to say a few words about some of those who have cooperated with us, but particularly I would like first to call your attention to the fact that the hearings that have been carried

on here thus far this week are precisely the kind of hearings the committee has been conducting at other places and at other times. There is nothing unusual about it. We are, I am afraid, not as sensational in our presentation as, perhaps, the people who have not witnessed them may think or believe, and I don't think that anyone who has observed these hearings will be able to recognize them from the description that you sometimes read in the left wing press and from the left wing columnists and the left wing commentators.

I am certainly thankful that here in Michigan we have a press that is adequately and fairly and completely represented by men of good will and people of considerable talent and ability, because I do want to thank the press for the more than excellent reporting, the clear factual reporting, that has gone forth from this hearing room during the time that we are here. I thank all of the men at the press table for the press services, and three Detroit newspapers are to be congratulated on doing an excellent job of fair reporting. I only wish that we could have the same kind everywhere we go and on every hearing that we carry on.

And, of course, because of the fact that the name Jack White has entered into this proceeding on several occasions, I can't let the day pass without pointing out that he has done an excellent job in condensing and reporting the proceedings that we have carried on, along with his partner in crime, Joe Hainline, both of whom I listen to quite regularly when I am able to be back in Michigan.

Now, we have had great cooperation from Commissioner Joseph Childs, of the State Police, and the men that are with him. We have had cooperation from the Detroit police and from Commissioner Leonard; from the Detroit Loyalty Commission, of which Mr. May is chairman; and, of course, I think you gentlemen of the press, along with us, owe a little bit of thanks to the building superintendent for the way they have taken care of us and to the marshal's office in really helping me keep the proceedings well in hand; and, by the way, I think I should point out that, with a few exceptions that called for a little attention, this audience in the main has been very, very good and quiet, and I have no criticism, and in the main the attorneys who have appeared are the same way.

I hope no one will draw the unpopular conclusion about these attorneys who have to appear on behalf of unpopular clients. No onus should be attached to any attorney who is called on to represent persons, whether they be Communists or criminals or what have you. Being an attorney myself, I realize that it is absolutely necessary that attorneys give their best to anyone who desires their services, and I think that, with one or two exceptions, the attorneys here have been very fair. I regret very much that on the first day of the hearing, in order to secure the quiet and in order to be able to carry on the business of the committee, it was necessary to take the drastic action that I did, but I think that everyone must agree that on Wednesday the gentleman acted as he should, as a gentleman, and that, despite all of the rather vicious attacks that have been made upon the committee and upon me personally, alleging that I am anti-Negro and all that sort of thing, despite all of those attacks, I have only the kindest feelings for all of them who have appeared before us.

Now, in concluding, I want to straighten out one misapprehension that I find voiced by a number of people, and that is the belief that

we came into Michigan and that we go other places for the purpose, for example, of investigating communism in some certain school or to investigate it in some other institution or in some group. That never has been the purpose of the committee. It is not now the purpose. We are not engaged in that kind of an investigation; we are interested in finding and exposing Communists whoever they may be and whatever station in life they may occupy. We are not attempting to investigate, for example, Wayne University or University of Michigan or any of the other great schools in my State. We have attempted no such investigation. We will not attempt any such. We do not want the unfair inference to be drawn that because some few people may come from those institutions that the committee believes that they are or that they have a faculty or student body that is infested with Communists and communism. We hold no such belief at all, and the same applies to the labor group. We are not attacking any labor union. We have not investigated any labor union. We do not intend to do that. What we do intend to do is to continue in what we think is a fair way to uncover these people that we regard as dangerous to the safety of this Nation and to uncover them to expose their methods to show the nature of the organization to which they belong and in general to let the public, as well as the Congress, know and understand the scope and extent of the Communist conspiracy.

At the adjourned hearing we hope to clean it up in one day and dispose of the witnesses primarily because we do not want to keep people under subpoena for a great length of time. We think that is unfair. We want to give them an opportunity to take the stand and to answer fair questions as quickly as we can and dispose of the problems so far as they are concerned. I am certain no one desires that more than I do; and, while it may be difficult for us to fit another hearing into our schedule because of the busy days that are ahead of us, we are going to endeavor to do that. Now we adjourn the hearing to convene again at 9:30 a. m. on Monday next, May 10, in the house chamber of the capital at Lansing, Mich.

(Whereupon, at 4:35 p. m., the hearing was recessed until 9:30 a. m. Monday, May 10, 1954.)

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