

Allen, Henry D., Pasadena, California.  
Part 6, pp. 3972-4044; August 22, 1939, Morning Session:

(Note: On pages 3971-3972, Dies says, "research department has devoted three months to a study of foreign propoganda emanating from foreign countries.

"It is the Chairman's idea that the research department of the committee will prepare reports and submit them to the committee from time to time to show what efforts are being made by foreign governments, the amounts of money set aside by foreign governments for propoganda purposes, newspaper items originating in the United States and purporting to come from foreign countries, but which really originate in America, and other matters relating to that subject.

"It is the Chairman's idea that Mr. Matthews be instructed to prepare a series of reports giving all the factual matter he has to the committee, so that we will have before us the books that have been printed in foreign countries dealing solely with the propoganda movement in the United States and the general efforts being made to involve this country in a European war...."

"We will have some people in this country involved in it but primarily, in view of the matter of economy, it seems to me, after thinking the matter over from every angle, that the most effective way to handle it is to have our research department submit to the committee a series of reports dealing with all these matters.

"Probably the first report will be in the hands of the committee by Saturday and it will deal with British and French as well as German efforts to propogandize this country largely to involve us in war...."

"Witnesses have previously been carefully examined by investigators...."

"No statements really ought to be made by counsel or by members of the committee.") (!!)

(Beginning of Allen's testimony)

3972 Lives at 2860 Mina Street, Pasadena, California; born in Worcester, Massachusetts, 1879; educated in Boston schools; engaged in exploring mine properties in Mexico (for forty years).

3973 Was member of Silver Shirts; joined in 1933 in Los Angeles; bought copy of Liberation and became interested in "fighting Jewish Communism in the United States".

Mr. Whitley. What do you mean, Mr. Allen, by Jewish Communism?

Mr. Allen. The subject matter of this article I glanced through identified Jews with Communism.

Mr. Whitley. Will you proceed?

Allen was directed to the office of the Silver Shirts and given a copy of "protocols" to read. He said, "I had made some study of the Jewish question."

(Note: There is no effort made to dispute the Jewish Communist, Jewish Communism libel by any member of the committee or its staff, nor is there any query about the protocols.)

3974 Captain Eugene Case in charge of "post".

Met Pelley in summer of 1935 at meeting in German house, Bund headquarters in Los Angeles.

3975 No Silver Shirt-Bund collaboration in Los Angeles.

Acquainted with Herman Schwinn.

Mr. Whitley. What were the objectives of the Silver Shirts you approved of, and which caused you to join that organization?

Mr. Allen. To rid the government of the United States, the Federal Government, of Jews and Communists.

Mr. Whitley. In other words, it was an anti-Jewish organization; their teachings were anti-Jewish?

Mr. Allen. Not particularly anti-Jewish; as I understood, and have always understood the objectives of the Silver Shirts, it was, as I said, then to rid the government of Communistic Jews.

(Note: Again no cross-examination.)

3975- When asked if the Silver Shirts advocated "any form of Fascist or Nazi government or any radical change in our form of government", Allen was allowed to get out of answering by saying he doesn't believe what he reads in the papers and that Nazi and Fascist governments are dictatorships.

3976 Meetings of metropolitan post of Silver Shirts in Los Angeles attended by 1500 in 1935 (capacity of hall).

3977 Asked about the speech Pelley made at that meeting, Allen said, "Well, the flavor of his speech, as I recall it, was essentially the fact that you could not talk about Communism without talking about Jews; that if you did not talk about Jews, you were removing the substance and essence of Communism."

(Note: No cross-examination.)

3977- "Lost contact" with Silver Shirts at time of Dickstein in-  
3978 vestigation. Dies insists on referring to this as "McCormack committee" whenever it is referred to as Dickstein's. Allen says at that time Silver Shirts' activity ceased.

3979 Silver Shirts members attended Bund meetings and Bund members attended Silver Shirt meetings. They also exchanged literature.

Allen said, "As a rule, at all Bund meetings which I attended, or any of the Silver Shirt meetings which I have attended, all literature of the recognized groups combatting Jewish Communism were on sale."

(Note: Again no cross-examination.)

3980 At meetings there were copies of The Defender (Winrod's), World Service and perhaps Ficht Bund, Julius Streicher's and Julius Sturmer's stuff (Whitley uses Ficht Bund as name of publication, not as name of organization).

3981 Other "leading groups" (like Pelley's) and the Bund (Deatherage's, James True's, Robert Edmondson's.

(Note: Witness says he has had dealings with Deatherage and is not asked any questions about the nature of these dealings; also says he got Industrial Control Reports.)

3982 Doesn't "know a thing in the world about Frank Clark" of Tacoma, Washington.

3983 Not acquainted with any leaders or officials of the Gold Shirts during 1933-1935.

Didn't know Mrs. Leslie Fry or Mrs. W. K. Jewett at that time.

No literature from "Captain" Beamish of South Africa at that time.

No connection with Klan, Hiram Evans, William Kullgren (Publisher of Beacon Light) of Atascadero, California at that time or with Martin Luther Thomas of the Christian American Crusader. "Knows about" Thomas.

3984 Not asked what he knows about Thomas.

3985 Since dropping out of Silver Shirts, has not "been affiliated with or identified with any other organization or a similar nature".

Says he has organization of his own, "The American White Guard," which was formed to carry on where the Silver Shirts left off after the Dickstein-McCormack hearings.

(Note: No questions are asked about his own organization.)

Identifies Mark White as secretary of Silver Shirts Los Angeles post, 1933-1935. Kenneth Alexander not known to him at that time but was subsequently.

(Note: No questions asked about knowledge of Kenneth Alexander.)

Says Silver Shirts inactive temporarily.

3986 Silver Shirts then became "secret underground" organization. Silver Shirts then used varying names other than their own, in calling meetings, he says, because the halls were all owned by Jews who, when they discovered the meeting was against

Communism, canceled permission.

(Note: No cross-examination on the point. Insists on "Jewish Communism" though saying all Jews are not Communists and not all Communists are Jews.)

3987 Insists couldn't get halls "the moment we tell the truth and identify Jews with Communism".

(Note: Still without cross-examination, allowed to identify Jews with Communism and Communism with Jews.)

American White Guard set up with "substantially the same purposes and objectives of the SilverShirts."

Those who formed it: Colonel McCord; Major Fowler; Captain Case; Doctor Lackey; Allen.

McCord was head.

Mr. Whitley. What type of activity did that organization engage in?

Mr. Allen. Combatting Jewish Communism.

Mr. Whitley. Did they have meetings? Did they make speeches?

3988 Mr. Allen. Yes, sir. We had meetings. We had one meeting in Patriotic Hall addressed by Red Hines, who was the head of the "red" squad of the police department of Los Angeles.

(Note: No cross-examination; no establishing of attendance of Hines and his background and record of Unamerican activity and connections with espionage agents of foreign governments, already a matter of public record. Cf KEN.)

3989 American White Guard disbanded and since then Allen has not, he repeats, become identified with any other organization. Says he has worked "independently" with "all the groups that I felt were doing the job of fighting against Jewish Communism.

Mr. Whitley then said, "we will get to the groups named a little later, Mr. Chairman.

(Note: No cross-examination)

Participated in "anti-Communist convention in Los Angeles on 8/6-8/38 with:

Mrs. Fry (also known as Mrs. De Shishmareff. He became actively connected with her in the fall of 1937. "She appeared to be carrying on the campaign against Jews and Communists in the government" through her organization, the Militant Christian Patriots, whose organ was called the Christian Free Press.)

(Conrad) Chapman (then in Glendale).

3990 Mrs. Fry claims to have written the book, "Water Flowing East-Ward".

She was one of those who conceived the anti-Communist convention.

Others: Mrs. W. H. (sic) Jewett, Pasadena;

Conrad Chapman (both identified by witness as associates of Mrs. Fry).

3991 Whitley asks if the purpose of the convention was to consolidate the groups. Allen replies, "I do not know that there was any specific purpose expressed as to that. The purpose was to call all the representatives who had really recognized representatives of anticommunistic work, anti-Jewish communistic work into that convention." Whitley replied, "I see. And the purpose being to get them closer together so they could cooperate more effectively?"

Convention nationwide.

3992 Among those present: Mr. Alexander (identified by Whitley, not by witness, as "leader of the Silver Shirts in Southern California at the present time"): Charles Hudson, of Omaha, of America Awake, organ, "America in Danger"; William Kullgren, editor, Beacon Light.

3993 J. H. Peyton, Beverly Hills, editor of American Ranger. Bund--(Arno) Risse and (Herman) Schwinn.

3993- Among those he said were not there: Edmondson, Deatherage,  
3995 True, Moseley, Peter H. Stahrenberg of the National Press Association, and the National American, "Frank W. Clark (head of the National Liberty Party), Pelley, Major Frank Pease (editor, "American Defender", Coral Gables, Fla.), Kuhn, Winrod, George W. Christians (of the Crusader White Shirts), Edward J. Smythe (head of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States). Asked by Whitley if Martin L. Thomas was present, the witness did not answer the question. Congressman Thomas said, "I think counsel ought to also have the witness tell whether the individuals were identified with any organization."

3995- Identifies letter to "Dear James" dated 8/24/38  
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(Note: This letter is not made an exhibit and only a small portion is read into the record. The source of the letter is not shown)

reading in part, "without taking any undue credit, I might say with truth that the convention just held was the combined thought and originated by Mr. Arno Risse of the German-American

Bund and myself, and we worked like dogs for its success." Caught in this discrepancy as to the sponsorship and organizers of the convention, Allen, after trying to sidestep a direct answer, was helped by Dies who says, "Well, that is a matter for the Committee anyway."

3997 When again asked by Whitley if the Bund's interest was more than that arising from having rented the hall, he admits there was a "similarity of interest."

Mr. Whitley. And that, of course, brought about a closer contact?

Mr. Allen. Only in so far as Jewish communistic interests were concerned.

Mr. Whitley. Yes.

Mr. Allen. That is right.

Mr. Thomas. I would like to get a point clear.

The Chairman. Yes, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas. Was this just a convention against communism or with regard to anti-Jewish Communists? (sic)

Mr. Allen. It was an anti-Jewish communistic convention, for the purpose of----

The Chairman. He just asked you what it was for; you have answered.

Mr. Allen. Yes. !!!

All sorts of literature sold.

3998 Speakers in convention: Dr. Rex Mitchell, Baptist minister in Paso Robles, California; Mrs. Jewett; Mrs. Fry; Schwinn;

Arno Risse; an Italian; and several "White Russians".

3999 No Gold Shirts. Says he knows two Gold Shirts

(Note: Isn't asked who they are)

Says he, Mrs. Jewett and Hudson presided.

4000- First became acquainted with Deatherage in fall of 1937. Met  
4001 him at Mrs. Fry's home.

4002 Couldn't get leader for anti-communist federation thus started.

Dies announced taking of a recess and then this ensues:

Mr. Thomas. Mr. Chairman, some of the members of the committee have some questions they would like to ask the witness.

The Chairman. There will be ample opportunity for each member of the committee to do so.

Mr. Thomas. When will the opportunity be given?

The Chairman. The witness will be on the stand for some time but full opportunity will be given every member of the committee. I was of the opinion that perhaps in the interest of orderly procedure it would be much better if counsel conclude his examination first. Of course, if questions relate to any matter which members of the committee wish to interrupt with questions that is perfectly all right.

Mr. Thomas. Might I ask a couple of questions in regard to the convention?

The Chairman. Yes; any question on the convention may be asked. Proceed.

Mr. Thomas. Mr. Allen, you have used the phrase "Jewish Communism"?

Mr. Allen. Yes, sir.

Mr. Thomas. Do you mean to infer that all Communists are Jews?

Mr. Allen. No, Sir.

Mr. Thomas. It is not clear to me why you use that phrase "Jewish communism"?

Mr. Allen. Because we feel that we know and there is enough documentary evidence to show that the Jews are the originators, promoters, financiers of communism, and agitators of it.

Mr. Thomas. Yes; but don't you know, also, that some of the leaders of communism in this country today aren't Jews?

Mr. Allen. I know that, also.

Mr. Thomas. Then don't you think it is very wrong to pass this reflection on the Jews by calling them, or referring to this phase "Jewish communism"?

Mr. Allen. No, sir. We know that the Jewish leaders are behind communism.

The Chairman. You have answered the question. Now right at that point--had you finished, Mr. Thomas?

Mr. Thomas. Yes.

The Chairman. You say that the Jews originated communism; you mean they started it in Russia?

Mr. Allen. Oh, no; we go away, far back on that.

The Chairman. I say do you mean they started it in Russia?

Mr. Allen. We know the Jews control the situation in Russia; we know that, of course.

The Chairman. That is probably the reason Germany and Russia are getting together right now?

Mr. Allen. I don't know. [Laughter]

The Committee then took a recess.

Although not shown at the beginning as present, members of the committee reflected as present by the transcript are Dies, Voorhis and Thomas.

There are 12 distinct "Jew Communist" connections in the morning session of the committee.