

Gardner, Fraser, political research worker
Part 6, pp. 4045 ff, August 23, 1939.

(Note: Testimony of Fraser Gardner follows executive session of committee of August 23, 1939, part of which appears read into the record of his testimony in the public hearings.)

4045 Identifies himself as a political research worker with office space at Room 229, Bond Building, Washington, D. C., and says he is on a job for Congressman Harry R. Sheppard.

4046 Has no connections that would interfere with services to the committee as investigator.

4047 Didn't offer to sell information about the committee to George Sullivan.

Testifies about the "new" American Protective League.

4048- Denies giving "inside" tip about committee to newspaper
4049 men.

4050 Admits connections with Skyland Press.

4051 No knowledge of Skyland Press connection with William Dudley Pelley.

No personal connections with William Dudley Pelley.

4051- Doesn't know the identity of any officers of, or persons
4052 connected with, the Skyland Press.

4052 Money orders signed by Talpey.

Doesn't know who "W D" is. These initials appear as the signature on a telegram to Gardner.

- 4053 Met cartoonist (Ernest Hial Cummings).
Suspected a connection between Skyland Press and Liberation.
- 4054 Identifies Telegram signed William Dudley Pelley.
- 4055 Knows Pelley and has done research for him.
Has gotten books from Pelley.
- 4056 Has gotten copies of all pamphlets Pelley published.
- 4057 No private meetings with Pelley.
- 4058 Got money orders via Postal Telegraph.
- 4059 Worked for Skyland Press on a fee basis of approximately \$50
a week.
- 4060 Quotes David Babp that "they have 25 or 30 employees and a
\$50,000 plant."
- 4061 Employed by Cummings. Verbal agreement, approximately March
1, 1939.
- 4062 Identifies Mayne as partially disabled veteran, formerly
prohibition agent, former New York State Trouper.
Doesn't know that Mayne is connected with Pelley.
- 4063 Stripling, committee secretary, says Mayne approached the
committee eight or ten times and offered information con-
cerning Communists.
- 4064 Interested in a credit promotion agency for professional men.
"Understands" Babp is still Pelley's attorney.

4065 Met Roy Zachary in Philadelphia railroad station on night of General Van Horn Moseley's speech.

4066- Nothing.
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4068- American Protective League leaders, etc.
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4070 Recommended for job with committee by Walter Steele "whom you (Mason) know very well", whom he met in Mason's office.

4071 Steele later repudiated this. Says doesn't know Mayne.

(Note: Earlier testified to knowing him and gives accounts of meetings, etc. Personal statement of Gardner to me is that he did not testify that he doesn't know Mayne as the printed record on page 4071 shows.)

4072 Nothing.

4073 Whitley says Mayne has offered to work for the committee free of charge.

(George Sullivan testifies on pp. 4073-4075)

4075- Re-hash and then denial of George Sullivan's testimony.
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Connects Sullivan with Archdeacon Curley of Baltimore and says Sullivan was counsel for Moseley in his appearance before the committee.

Talks about work he does.

(Telma L. Smith, official reporter, on pp. 4079-4081 reads Gardner's testimony before the committee in executive session.)

4080- Gardner quoted as having or having had no connections that
4081 would keep him from devoting his full-time and uncompromised interest in the committee's work if employed as an investigator.

4081 Members of committee (Dies, Thomas, Mason, Voorhis) feel Gardner's earlier and later testimony are contradictory and that he is trying to sabotage the committee. Gardner denies this and points out he applied for the committee job before employment by Skyland Press.

4082 After executive session, committee adopts resolution to ask the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia to prosecute Gardner for perjury.

The Chairman. I wonder if this is not a good time to complete the Bremer Gardner matter, and if it would not be advisable to introduce at this point these telegrams, so that they can be submitted with the statement of facts which you are going to certify.

For the record, on August 21, 1936, Mr. Gardner received from the Felley organization \$35 by Postal Telegraph; on August 8, he received \$50 from the same source in North Carolina.

On August 20, he received a sum of money described as a "bucket," which is the code for \$50.

On July 24, he received \$40 from Asheville, from Pap; on July 22, he received \$21 by Postal wire from the same source. On July 1, he received \$65 from the Felley publishers, from Asheville, N. C.

I think these telegrams ought to go into the record showing that he received regular sums of money from Felley's organization in Asheville.