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Moved to Wilmington, Del. 1920s. Wil. High School., Univ. Del. until about 1934.
Employment included Wil. Morning News, Sunday Star, by-line features for Phila.
Ledger Syndicate

Washington area from about 1935 on. Recalled residences in some instances no longer exist. GW Hospital is on one. 2020 G St., NW, 2220 N, NW, 313 H NW, 1717 R NW, 2210(?) n. Nottingham, Arlington, Hyattstown, Md.

Employed Agriculture, Farm Security (detailed to Senate) Senate Education and Labor Subcommittee under S.Res. 226 ("Civil Liberties Committee"), magazine correspondent and free lance writer. O.S.S. and State Dept. Army (32484933) 1942-3.

During Great Depression days helped others get started in Washington, ranging from former college and high school acquaintances and friends to established professionals with whom I'd worked. No political considerations. Ranged from those alleged to be communist to head of Eisenhower political committee. One has become a State Supreme Court Justice, others varying degrees of fame, including artistic. One former college associate Isadore Salkind, later reported to have worked for or to have known Gregory Silvermaster.

Among employees of Senate committee who later figured in political cases I recall two with whom I had no other than working relationship, nothing social, John Abt and Charles Kramer. (Kramer brought Edward Dwytryk to my home during "Hollywood Ten" case to borrow some of the records I'd compiled for a book on the Dies committee. Dwytryk never returned them. He later turned out to be an informer, so I presume this accounts for the current possession of that research.) The widow of another, former college professor Robert Lamb (Helen) later married Corliss Lamont.

Senate duties included slight liaison function with FBI.

"Fired" by subcommittee chairman Robert M. LaFollete, Jr. when not on Senate payroll on phoney charge of leaking secrets to Daily Worker. Had no secrets to leak and didn't leak. Involved non-secret transcript of hearing, published. Told by superior to give galley proofs to late Henry Zon, then correspondent for a labor-union news service, later officer in Navy intelligence and partner in Washington public relations firm with Henry Fleischer, who had been with union earlier. Practise to provide proofs to press. Real reason for which this phony was a cover was my lobbying, with late Gardner Jackson, to get committee's life extended for California migratory worker - industrial farms investigation. (As Grapes of Wrath.)

Dies committee later charged total fabrication, that I tried to place a spy inside it. Nothing to it. Involved one Alexander Sachs, later DJ attorney, still later functionary of I think American Jewish Committee. Actually was researching book on committee with Jackson's interest and supposed but never provided support of Marshall Foundation. Committee tried to entrap me with Silver Shirt Wash. Rep. David Dubois Mayne, who swore to authenticity of records he manufactured while in committee pay disguised as a "witness." DJ tried to get me indicted, grand jury indicted Mayne, not me, two counts of uttering and forging and false pretense. David Fine then USA, Edward Curran first assistant. Knew me from earlier case, U.S. v. Crecch. Harlan County, Ky. case in DC.

About 1938 Criminal Division borrowed me from Senate as consultant on duces tecum subpoenas and to rep. Senate in U.S. v. Mary Helen et al. (Fed. dist. court, Wash., D.C.) Division chief then Brian McMahon. Other assistants Wellby K. Hopkins (who I recommended to be counsel to United Mine Workers when asked for recommendation and he got that job); late Henry K. Schweinhaut, later DC judge; Walter Gallogher; Dick Shanahan. FBI SA in charge of detail late J.R. McInerney, later chief DJ Bands and Criminal Divisions.

When Thurman Arnold head Ant-Trust provided Division with info, records on Nazi cartels, etc. When Geo. McNulty head Criminal supplied copies plans for Nazi putsch in Santiago, Chile.

As soldier in OSS was in Presentation Division (and not a friend of Carl Marzani). As civilian in Latin American Division (from Miami cartel expertise). Transferred to State Dept., whence fired during pogrom under McCarran Rider. No charges, no hearing. Rehired and resigned. This followed story by Bert Andrews (Pulitzer winner) in N.Y. Herald Tribune after interview with J.E. Hoover, quoted as saying nothing to it at all, whatever he believed. Represented by Arnold, Fortas and Rooter.

OSS Latin American Division chief Maurice Halperin, not previously known to me and between us no social relationship. In State last one named Mussey, whose complaint about my work was that I used FBI sources relating to the Falange in Latin America. (Oddly he regarded this as "not worthy of a scholar's salt.")

Belonged to newspaper guild, government employees' union only.

Some of other people I knew casually were mentioned in FBI investigations, like Rosenberg and Hiss, none intimates, some I didn't like. Know of this from one or two released documents used as affidavit attachments. One mentions FBI coverage, including of automobiles, of a Paul Robeson concert. Unlikely that I did not turn up in that one because beginning when his plane landed at old National Airport I drove him around, including to and from concert.

At time Dies, with FBI/DJ assistance, tried to get me met and became friendly with a number of Congressmen. One was Vito Marcantonio of New York, who won Dem. Rep. and American Labor Party nominations. He was Fiorello LaGuardia's first campaign manager. He was considered radical then but what he believe in has since been enacted into legislation or become national policy. While I was in Army my wife worked in his Washington office. Once when they were dining at Arvey's restaurant J.E. Hoover sent them a bottle of Cherry Heering. I think his companion then was Clyde Tolson. (Or Hoover was a secret red.)

My wife also worked for the Senate Unions (Nye) and Railroad (Wheeler) committees. Among other Unions employees was Alger Hiss. She was interviewed about him by FBI in Washington after an agent stopped off looking for her at our Hyattstown residence when she was at work, I think for Reconstruction Finance then.

We knew all sorts of people whose beliefs ran the gamut, to and including relatives of Dominican dictator Trujillo. Friendly with Uruguayan military attache, Gen. Guillermo Maroch, may have known a half dozen people I knew or believed to be Communists, many more of opposite extreme. Never Communist. Hyattstown neighbors included Kluxers and others of like extremist view. Racist area in which I was only Jew. These prejudices manifested themselves during FBI investigation when we sued Army over helicopter trespasses. (Won. Civil provided incomplete files.) All FBI reports NOT provided, to my knowledge. And FBI's.

This political range, if not as far to left, characterized our Capitol Hill acquaintances, mostly "New Deal" types, which is what I considered myself.

While there may have been more I recall only one I knew was a Communist, aside from the Daily Worker correspondent I met through my work. He was Leon Josephson. I met him through Gardner Jackson, a violent anti-Communist with whom I was then associated. He also left no doubt about his beliefs. When I was unemployed and needed a pad in New York, including once when I went there for a week or more of medical treatment, he provided it. Plus the wonderful entertainment of his brother's place, Cafe Society. There I met such entertainers as Lena (then Helena) Horne, Hazel Scott (later Mrs. Adam Clayton Powell), Zero Mostel, Jack Guilford and the jazz pianists whose fun I remain, Albert Ammons, Meade Lux Lewis and Pete Johnson. Once when I was at the Josephson apartment there was a stranger who, years later, I wondered if he could have been Gerhard Eisler, of FBI interest. When they conferred they left my presence. When O. John Rogge was head of the Criminal Division he told Jackson that the FBI had Josephson bugged, tapped of both and that they had picked me up. (I knew Rogge only slightly.)

It is not unlikely that in those days the FBI considered all trades-unionists to be reds. I knew many through my work at the Senate. These were not lasting associations only a few of which were slight friendships. The latter were probably those who were among my sources when I was writing. Most if not all of these associations, none intimate, ended with World War II. Some earlier.

I met Judith Coplon once, maybe twice, when she was at DJ and I at OSS (where I was also a troubleshooter of sorts). She helped me save the government \$10,000,000 on one of these assignments outside the regular. I don't recall having ever met any of the others who figures in sensational events of that period and I was intimate with none.

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