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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 Dmytryk to my home during "Holly ood Ten" case to borrow some of the records I'd compiled for a book on the Dies committee. Dmytryk never returned them. He later turned out to be an informer, so ¹ presume this accounts for the current possession od 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 Work?" Had no secrets to leak and didn't leak. Involved non-secret transcript of hearing, published. Tol d 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 Poundation. 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 "ayne, not me, two counts of uttering and forging and false pretense. David Pine then USA, Edward Curran first assistant. Knew me from earlier case, <u>U.S. V. Creech</u>. Harlan County, Ky. case in DC.

About 1938 Criminal Division borrowed me from "enate as consultant on duces tecum subpoenaes and to rep. Senate in <u>U.S. v. "ary Helen</u> et al. (fed. dist. court, London, Ky.) Division chief then Brien McMahon. Other assistants Wellky 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 ; Walte Gallagher; Dick Shanahan. FBI SA in charge of detail late J.M.McInerney, later chief DJ Lands 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 Mazi cartel expertise). Transferred to State Dept., whence fired during pogrom under AcCarran 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 Poeter.

OSS Latin American Division chief Maurigce Halperin, not previously known to me and between us no social relationship. In State last one named Hussey, 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.

Son of other people I knew casually were mentioned in FBI investigations, like Rosenberg and Hiss, Mone intrinates, 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 ¹ did not turn up in that one because beginning then 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 Gongressmen. One was Vito "arcantonio 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. (Cr Hoover was a secret red.)

My wife also worked for the Senate Munitions (Nye) and Railroad (Wheeler) committees. Among other Munitions 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. Frienfly with Uriguayan military attache, GeM.Guillermo Hurdoch, 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 which view. Racist area in which I was only Jew. These prejudices manifested themselves during FBI investigation when we sued Arry over helicopter trespasses. (Won. Civil provided incompleteofiles.) 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 "eal" types, which is what ' considered myself.

While there may have been more I recall only one 1 knew was a Communist, aside from the Daily Worker correspondent I met through my work. He was Leon Josephson. I met him through Gardner Jakkson, a violent anti-Communist with whom I was then associated. He also left no doub! 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 fang I remain, Albert Anmons, Heade Lux Lewis and Pete. ohnson. 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 Griminal Division he told Jackson that the FBI had Josephson bugged, tapped of both and that they had picked me up. (I knew "ogge only slightly.) It is not unlikely that in those days the FBI considered all trades-unionists to be reds. ¹ 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. Host 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 tamibleshooter 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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