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Two officers dragged young demonstrator out City Hall door; he was one of 64 persons taken to jails

The Stubborn Students

How Police Clubs Drove Crowd Out

By George Draper

Inside the main door of City Hall stood a tall young man holding a handkerchief to his eyes while blood ran scarlet down his face.

"Look at this," his companion shouted, "at this!"

It was about 1:40 p. m. and you could hear screams from inside the rotunda mingling with the choral-like voices of the crowd singing:

"We shall not be moved
Just like the tree beside
the water

"We shall not be moved!"

I ran through the hall and there they were on the broad marble stairway, like so many trees in a hurricane. I'd say about 200 kids.

They stood together against the impact of a firehose that splashed against them from above on the landing. There were about 25 blue-uniformed policemen standing like soldiers up there.

FIREHOSE

The water from the hose cascaded down the stairs, making it as slick as ice. It gushed out into the packed lobby.

Two or three young men were doggedly trying to push their way backwards against the smash of the water, but they couldn't keep their footing on the slick marble and

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SIDE I, Band 1:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE BY THE COMMITTEE

The hearings which begin today in San Francisco, are in furtherance of the powers and duties of the Committee on Un-American Activities pursuant to Public Law 601 of the 7th and 9th Congress, which not only establishes the basic jurisdiction of the Committee but also mandates the Committee along with other standing committees of the Congress, to exercise continuous watchfulness of the execution of any laws, the subject of which is in the jurisdiction of the Committee. In response to this power and duty the Committee on Un-American Activities is continuously in the process of accumulating factual information respecting Communists, the Communist Party and the Communist activities which will enable the Committee and the Congress to appraise the administration and the operation of the Smith Act, the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Communist control act of 1954 and numerous provisions of the Criminal Code relating to espionage, sabotage and subversion. In addition the Committee has before it numerous proposals to strengthen our legislative weapon designed to protect the internal security of this nation.

SIDE I, Band 2: WITNESS #1

..."Were you arrested as a hard-core member of the Communist Party under the Smith Act?"

..."Yes."

..."Were you actually sentenced under the Smith Act as a hard-core conspirator of the Party itself?"

..."Yes."

..."You have, have you not, broken irrevocably, finally, from this conspiratorial force?"

..."That, I certainly have."

..."You have found your way back to God and to patriotism, is that correct?"

..."Now based upon your experience, Mrs. Hartel, as a hard-core conspirator yourself at one time in the Communist Party, tell us how that process is evolved by the comrades."

..."In the course of united front work, the Communist Party teaches its members how to combat what it calls red-baiting. And it teaches the Communist Party members the technique of how to get across to broader masses of people, non-Communists, that pursuing Communists in an organization is not really for the purpose of getting the Communists, but its for the purpose of smashing that organization where that is and they say that that is red-baiting that organization. What the Committee for example, is trying to do is to smash the schools, not the Communists in the schools. Or it's trying to smash the unions, not the Communists in the unions."

..."Did they explain in any of the sessions of the comrades, (and I say this facetiously although I can't resist saying it,) do they say that this Committee is after Communists, after conspirators, and that's our sole and exclusive function, do they make that clear?"

..."No, they don't make that clear even in the Communist Party, because even there they continue to carry on the line that the efforts of this Committee will hurt the other fields more than the Communist Party, although I must say that in the higher echelons of the Communist Party, the masks are taken off and assignments are made and forces are assigned and finances are turned over and a program is laid out to stop such a Committee as this, whereas across the street there'd be another committee that's doing a lot of harm to some other field of something or apparently doing a lot of harm and they don't even know about it much less do anything..."

SIDE I, Band 3: WITNESS #2

..."Now give us just a word of the career you had in Detroit in the Party after you completed your basic training as a hard-core Communist, before we get into your activities in this area.... Just in summary form please sir."

..."The Communist Party trained me in trade union activity and I worked in such plants as Briggs, DeSoto, Packard, Plymouth, Chensmir Spring Plant, General Motors Truck and in every instance, was sent into these plants by the Communist Party for the purpose of building the Party in those plants and arousing class hatred, strikes, dissention, in the effort to build what they call a strong militant union in preparation for the forthcoming revolution..."

..."Now tell us if you please then why you have concluded that these 20,000 Communists constitute a menace or are more threatening now than ever before in a population of 180 million people..."

..."My experience within the ranks of the conspiracy definitely indicates that individual Communists are capable under certain conditions, of leading hundreds, thousands, possibly more in certain issues..."

SIDE I, Band 4: WITNESS #3

..."Mr. Chairman, again, I stand on the ground of the 1st Amendment, the Committee's violation of the 1st Amendment pertaining to my beliefs and associations..."

..."And so on the grounds of the 1st and the 5th Amendments..."

..."But I have an additional reason in which I refuse to answer the question. One is the Constitutional Amendment, I believe the 6th that gives a person who is accused of anything, the right to confront his witnesses. Since I have not had that opportunity, and I apparently, from past experiences with this Committee, am not about to get such opportunity, I will have to respectfully decline to answer any other questions..." (Applause)

..."I take the 1st, 6th, 14th and 5th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States to that question. I do so in full awareness that these amendments to the Constitution are designed exactly to protect people like me facing people like you."

..."And I further refuse to answer these questions or any questions you may have to ask me on the basis of the 1st, the 4th, the 5th, the 6th and the 10th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution, the entire Constitution, as well as all the laws and statutes on our books which substantiate and support these Amendments, and laws and Constitutional guarantees and the various court interpretations of those laws and statutes."

..."I ask this question in all sincerity. If this Committee on Un-American Activities initiates the proceedings to guarantee you a complete immunity from criminal prosecution based on any information, direct or collateral which you can give this committee in the course of testimony to serve your government, and if those proceedings are consummated so that you are granted such immunity, would you accept that immunity and would you then testify fully and freely respecting all items of information which we might interrogate you within the purview of this Committee's jurisdiction?"

SIDE I, Band 5: WITNESS #4

..."I should like to read you the press account and ask you if this is a true and correct statement by yourself. It appears in the Daily Californian under date of May 4, 1960. The 18 year old University sophomore who has been subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee told the Daily Cali-

fornian yesterday why he thought he had been called to appear at the May 10th hearing. Quote: I think the Committee wanted to subpoena someone on campus in order to tag Cal's political movement as un-American. I don't know why they picked my name. People have been involved in actions similar to mine, he said. Continuing the quotation: I think they pick people whose ideas are liberal, radical or in any way considered to be non-conformist, the student said. I will not be intimidated by this subpoena. I'm going to fight this Committee for my political freedom in every way that I can" now is that a true and correct reproduction of the public statement which you issued respecting your appearance before this Committee?"

..."I respectfully object to that question because it clearly violates my rights under the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America."

..."Do you think that there might have been some other reason why you were under subpoena to appear before this Committee other than the reasons that you gave in this press statement that we are exploring into your liberal ideas your political beliefs? Is there something else that you have been doing that you think might be of interest to this Committee?"

..."I respectfully object to the question on the same grounds. Any question asked as to my political beliefs, associations, statements, deprive me of the right of free speech, press, assembly and petition. The House Un-American Activities Committee serves no real legislative or Constitutional purpose. It punishes individuals..."

..."You're reading from a paragraph..." (Applause)

..."You're reading from a prepared statement..."

..."That's all right, let him answer the question.." (Chairman)

..."Continue reading it please..."

..."It punishes individuals and groups for their political ideas and associations, through public exposure and condemnation..."

..."Now I'm sorry---you are refusing to answer on the basis of the 1st Amendment, is that correct?"

..."I have objected to the question..."

..."Well I don't believe you have completed your answer sir and I'd like to have you complete it please, thank you."

..."It punishes individuals and groups for their political ideas and associations, through public exposure and condemnation, often resulting in economic sanction. I cannot cooperate with the Committee in answering any such questions. I feel I have an obligation as a citizen of this country, to preserve the Constitution and I do not feel I can do so in good conscience by allowing the House Un-American Activities Committee to inquire into my beliefs or my associations."

..."It is the information of this Committee of unimpeachable intelligent sources---(noises) that you were a delegate to the National Convention of the Communist Party from the northern district of California. The Communist Party Convention held in New York City in December of 1959. Would you kindly affirm or deny while you are under oath that information?"

..."I object to the question on the previous grounds."

..."Are you now, at this instant, a member of the Communist Party?"

..."Same objection."

..."Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that this wit-

ness has not invoked that part of his Constitutional privileges against self-incrimination, I respectfully suggest he now be ordered to answer the question as to whether or not he is presently a member of the Communist Party and I explain to the witness that the reason why we want that information is that it is a necessary first question in order that we may undertake to elicit from this witness information, of which we think he is possessed, respecting the operation of this conspiratorial force known as the Communist Party in northern California of which we know he is a member. If he will answer that question, we expect to elicit from him, information respecting the techniques of the Communist operation, particularly among youth groups in northern California, that that information might be available to the Committee on Un-American Activities in appraising the administration and the operation of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Communist Conspiratorial Act of 1954, the Foreign Agents Registration Act and other security legislation, with the end in view of attempting to evolve such legislation as may be necessary to cope, so far as we can legislatively, with the operations of the Communist Party on American soil. With that explanation, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest now that the witness be ordered and directed to answer the principal outstanding question; namely, Are you now a member of the Communist Party?"

..."Yes I order you to answer sir because you have not invoked, you have only invoked the first Amendment to the Constitution. You have a lawyer and you have a right to act on his advice if you want but as Chairman I tell you that in our opinion, your position at this time is not justified and I order you to answer the question..."

..."I decline to answer that question on the grounds previously stated and I also respectfully refuse to answer that question on the Constitutional grounds that I cannot be forced to bear witness against myself."

..."Do you honestly apprehend young man that if you told this Committee whether or not you are presently a member of the Communist Party, you would be giving information that might be used against you in a criminal proceeding, and I advise you that if you honestly apprehend that you would be giving information that could be used against you in a criminal proceeding, you have a right under the Constitution to invoke the provisions of the 5th Amendment against self-incrimination."

..."As the Chairman knows, the purpose of the Amendment to the Constitution to which I refer was created to safe-guard both the innocent and the guilty. There is no inference in that Amendment as to the position of the person who invokes it. I respectfully refuse to answer that question on the grounds previously stated..." (Applause)

SIDE I, Band 6: IN THE COURTROOM

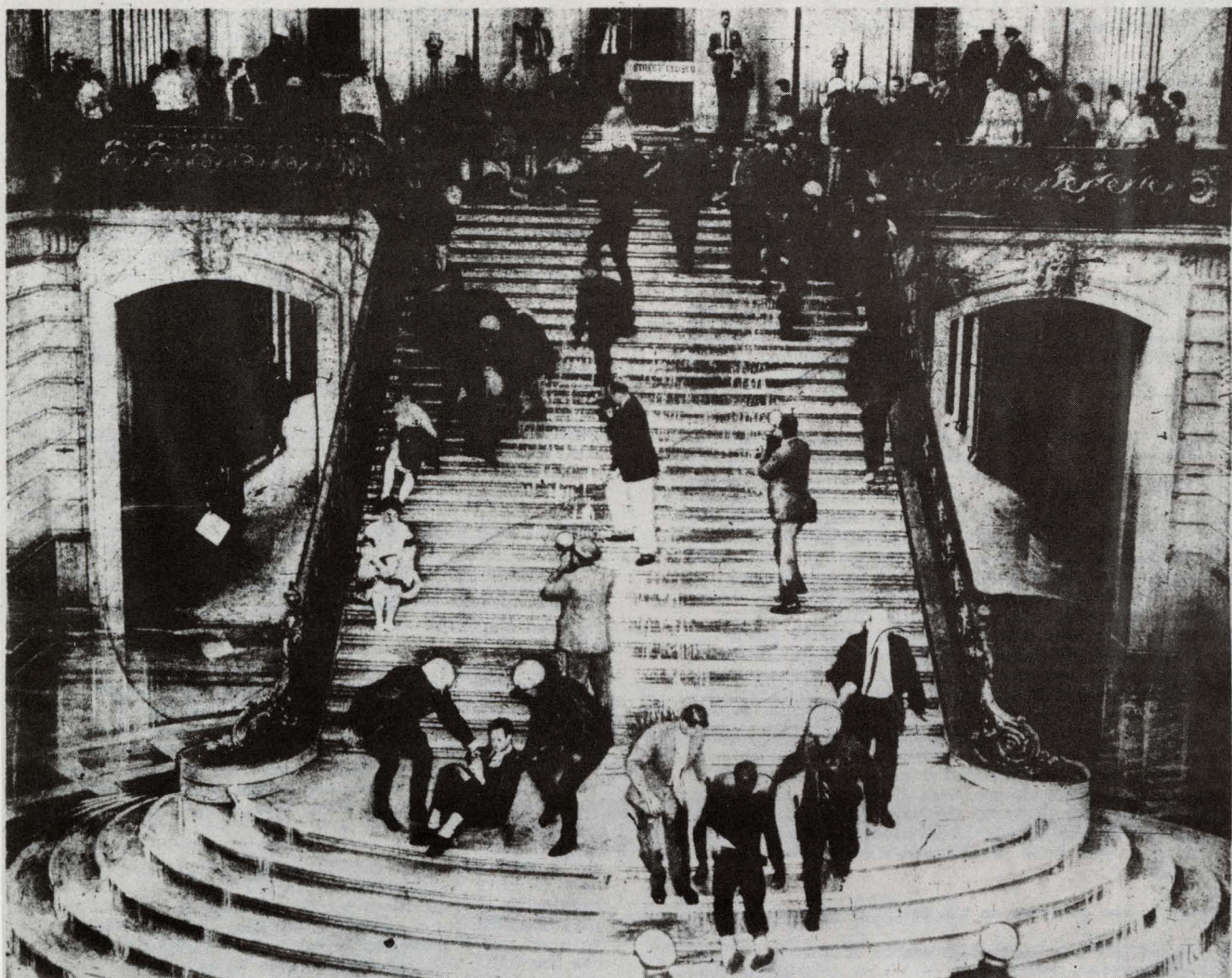
..."(Yells, shouting and screaming) Most of the demonstrators who were carried out by policemen are the people who were subpoenaed by this Committee..."

..."That's right, one of them Archie Brown had his suit torn off and he was yelling 'Help, help help!' as he was going out. That's the voice you may have heard. They were motor-cycle patrolmen. Now they're throwing a woman out. Three enormous men are throwing this very small woman out, now its two. They were all subpoenaed people however, this is rather an interesting thing because what are they going to do?"

..."I don't know what they're going to do. Now they're going among the students and they're picking up a couple more people and they're throwing them out. Again I don't know whether this man was subpoenaed or not but he's going out now too. What they're going to do at this point..."

..."We are here under the vow of the U.S. Congress in order to be here. We want to conduct these hearings in an orderly fashion. I think everyone

400 COPS BATTLE MOB AT CITY HALL



City Hall exploded in violence yesterday as a shouting crowd of 200 demanded entrance to a hearing of the House Un-American Acti-

vities subcommittee. When a policeman was knocked down, officers used their clubs and fire hoses, and the rotunda looked like this

Most of the crowd had been dispersed or hauled off to jails, but police were still dragging soaked demonstrators down the stair-

City Hall photos by Ken McLoughlin, Bob Campbell, Bill Young and Peter Reising

case. Four hundred officers answered the riot call; 12 persons were injured. For stories and more pictures, see Pages B, J, 2, 3.

Un-American: Emotions Flare as Hearing Opens

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Inside the Hearing Room

16 Take Witness Stand; One FBI Agent, 15 'Silent'

By Elmont Waite

Sixteen witnesses went before the House Un-American Activities Subcommittee here yesterday in City Hall—but the only

one who would talk about Communism was an FBI undercover agent.

The 15 hostile witnesses pleaded Constitutional defenses to all questions deal-

ing with the purposes of the hearing.

Inside the hearing room relative quiet reigned except for a few brief moments of uproar just before the mid-morning recess, during which police ejected a half-dozen.

A grilling examination of Vernon Bown, warehouseman living at 585 San Bruno avenue, wound up with his calling Staff Director Richard Arens "some kind of a nut," calling Chairman Edwin E. Willis (Dem-La.) "a madman," and touching off a clamor in the audience that brought the morning's only ejections.



"A policeman swiped me with his club"

Youths Dragged From City Hall

Riot raged in San Francisco's famous City Hall rotunda yesterday.

A shouting crowd of 200 persons demanding entrance to a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities was dispersed with police clubs and fire hoses after a policeman had been trampled and clubbed with his own billy.

The battle sent 12 persons to the hospital—eight of them policemen—and put 48 men and 16 women in jail for participating in a riot, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer.

Representative Edwin E. Willis (Dem-La.) presiding at the hearings, said the riot was "probably the worst incident in the history of the committee."

The great, domed rotunda rang with shouts of defiance as the demonstrators—most of them young students—were drenched with fire hoses and dragged protestingly away from the scene.

12 Thrown Out

City Hall Crowd In Angry Protest Of Red Probe

By Elmont Waite

Hearings of the House Un-American Activities subcommittee erupted in a clash of emotions here yesterday.

A dozen witnesses and spectators were forcibly ejected into an excited, clamoring crowd that sang and yelled in the City Hall Rotunda.

Reinforced police lines aided by Sheriff's deputies restored a semblance of order shortly after 2 p. m., nearly an hour after the noisy protest demonstrations got out of hand.

Thereafter, there was no overt defiance of the committee except by three witnesses who declined to answer questions. All three—a jobless Oakland tilesetter, a U C student and a Monterey county teacher—had been labeled by the committee as current or recent Communist party leaders.

'NOT A SHOW'

The hearings were opened at 9:30 a. m. by Chairman Edwin E. Willis (Dem-La.) and Representative August E. Johansen (Rep-Mich), with Willis declaring: "We have not subpoenaed witnesses merely to put on a show..."

"Our task," he explained, "is to pursue the trails of Communists wherever they may lead... We are ear-

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Legion and Bishop Pike Deplore Riot



Bandaged, booked

Red Hearing Assailed by Students

5000 Gather at City Hall For Red Hearing Protest

with a sense of fairness and decency will...(Boos)
...that these hearings have been conducted in a dignified fashion...(Boos)..."

..."Marshall please face the witness, Archie Brown, please come forward"...

..."I'm informed he is not in the building"...

..."Let the records show that the witness who I never heard of in my life, was in a room a while ago and offered some violent demonstration, he had to be temporarily ejected out of respect for orderly procedure. He is now being called and he's under subpoena. He should respond at this moment. Counsel, will you suggest waiting?"...



..."No, Mr. Chairman I suggest that we proceed and we will call him again this afternoon, if he does not appear this afternoon his counsel is present and hearing this statement by myself, I respectfully suggest Mr. Chairman, that if he does not appear this afternoon, this sub-Committee consider a recommendation to the full Committee to cite him for contempt of this Committee"...

...("All right"...)

SIDE II, Band 1a: STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM

..."If you don't want us out here, are the white cards going to be let in first?"

..."My dear young lady I explained yesterday I know nothing about white cards, as far as I'm concerned the people who are here will be admitted by the Committee. They were spoken to about this..."

..."Well you're directing the policemen and they're letting the white cards in."

..."They're not directing anyone in unless there are vacant seats within---yesterday the white cards did not represent 15% of the audience"...

..."If you'll come back here in an orderly manner this afternoon and wait to get in I'm certain that a representative group, sufficient of them will get in, I'm asking you to do that. We are concerned about the preservation of law and order and I'm telling you now what the police responsibility this afternoon is protecting the due process for all these other civil courts in this building. I'm not going to tell you anymore 'cuz there are more questions...my office is on the 3rd floor, come up next week and I'll tell you about it."

..."I'd like to know why you threw us out."

..."No one was thrown out."

..."We were thrown out by the policemen."

..."I don't know a thing about you're being thrown out."

..."There are plenty of vacant seats in there, people could be in there."...

SIDE II, Band 1b:

..."Now wait a minute please. A lot of questions that I hear and a lot of answers I don't know, I told you what we're trying to do within our legal responsibility in law enforcement and preserving the peace. I am suggesting to you, this Committee will adjourn in a matter of a few minutes now. Time for lunch. I suggest you come back and wait in an orderly manner and act in an orderly manner this afternoon, you may wait here. If you act in a disorderly manner, disturbing the peace, you're placing yourself subject to arrest. I mention that to you because of the things I've told you. I don't want to hear any more questions, I answered your question sir."

..."Why did the courts adjourn yesterday, why are they adjourning today?"...

..."Are you suggesting that they adjourned these courts because you want to make a lot of noise?... (Loud Yes!)"

..."If they adjourned and we were not kicked out yesterday, we weren't, and they adjourned, why didn't this happen today?"

..."If you will act in a quiet and orderly manner..."

..."We didn't act in a quiet manner but we acted in an orderly manner..."

..."Did..t you learn anything yesterday..." (Loud Yes!)"

..."When a policemen kicks you out and says you can come back in the afternoon he doesn't know what he's talking about. I was 20 minutes from the door yesterday afternoon. No one got a white card. I was in there yesterday morning..."

..."Well I think you've been in there a great deal of the..."

..."The point is we were told we would be let in. I was about this far from the door in the afternoon and no one in front of me went in either..."

..."I suggest you come back here this afternoon..."

..."We're not trying to get in, we're trying to demonstrate here, that's all."

..."I told you what the situation is..."

..."But if we were entitled to get in yesterday, why aren't we entitled to today?..."

..."You let us in yesterday, you cooperated with us yesterday, why don't you cooperate..."

..."I'm cooperating with you now, to the fullest extent, I'm only telling you what the situation is in this building."

SIDE II, Band 1c:

..."It was the same yesterday, why is there a change?..."

...(Loud talk, unintelligible discussion) Before we decide upon anything, could I suggest we keep it orderly and he will be kind enough to stay around and answer questions. He will not make it necessary for us to act in any arbitrary way either at his suggestions, as he admits in some cases, uninformed, or at ours which may be uninformed. Can we have hands and if the Sheriff will be so kind, will he answer the questions to the best of his ability."

..."I will be here all day, I'm available all day..."

..."Sheriff, would it be possible, the same people have been in there...."

..."He'll be back here at 2:00..."

..."I've been here all day as I was all day yesterday and you've had complete cooperation..."

..."So let us in on an equal time basis..." "At 2:00 you'll hear from us again."

..."We shall cooperate with you until 2:00 and if you keep your promise, we'd better go into that hall on a first come first serve basis..." "Then we'll cooperate but if at that time we find out that all law-enforcement agencies, including the Committee which says it is a law-enforcement agency, will allow people to go into that hall on a free and Democratic basis, that is, first come, first serve, we will cooperate with the law-enforcement agencies. However I suggest to the group that if the law-enforcement agencies, either true or not so true do not cooperate with us, that we do organize, we do use our free assembly, our right to petition, we do it orderly but we do it loudly. Are you with me?..." (Loud cheers)

..."Now may I make another suggestion, the Committee has adjourned for lunch, why don't you suggest that these people do the same?..."

..."Let's leave until 2:00, are you agreeable to this?..."

..."You may stay here it's entirely up to you but I'm suggesting you act like ladies and gentlemen..."

..."I hope I get my voice back by then..."

SIDE II, Band 2a: WITNESS #5

..."Next witness if you please Mr. Chairman will be Mr. William Mandell--please come forward, remain standing while the Chairman administers an oath"

..."Please raise 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?"

..."I do."

SIDE II, Band 2b:

..."Kindly identify yourself by name, residence and occupation."

..."My name is William Mandell, I live at 233 Lake Drive, Berkeley; my occupation: I am a translator of scientific material, a lecturer, a leader of travel tours, an author, radio and television commentator and have been a newspaper man at various times until a Committee such as this made it difficult for me to continue in some of these fields."

..."I say, not facetiously but in earnest appraisal, you're certainly engaged in a number of activities here. You're appearing here today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by this Committee?"

..."I do."

..."And you're represented by Counsel?"

..."I am, to the degree that a Counsel not able to speak for me can represent me."

..."By the way, if the television men want some news they can put those lights on."
(Put the lights out)

..."I think he was suggesting the reverse..."

..."They can put them on if they want something to show their audiences. (Pause) Fine, ya might miss something."

..."Do I understand, you want the lights on?"

..."I want the lights on, precisely, I want the fullest glare of publicity in this Committee's activity."

..."Where and when were you born please sir?"

..."I was born in New York City on June 4, 1917."

..."Give us a word about your education."

..."Yes sir, I was educated in the public schools, junior high schools and high schools of New York City. I had one semester in bio-chemistry at the age of 14 at the University of Moscow, U.S.S.R., I specify my age so no nonsense about the Lenin School can be asked of me. I then had one year at City College in New York. I was expelled for opposition to military training in 1933 at age 16. In 1947, the Hoover Institute at Stanford University engaged me as a Fellow at Post-Doctoral stipend on the basis of two books I had written for the specific purpose of compiling an encyclopedia of the U.S.S.R. This is my education."

..."Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

..."Sir I am 42 years of age and I've never had to face a jury as defendant or grand jury as witness in my life. My research and writing have been so public that two Committees similar to this one, the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee and the McCarthy Committee subpoenaed me as far back as 8 and 7 years ago respectively, for having written a book entitled the Soviet Far East and Central Asia. No indictment resulted from those hearings either or from my continued public speaking and writing since that date. Clearly therefore I have engaged, I have committed no crime under any of the laws of this country and am not engaged in subversion. Consequently, I refuse to testify on the grounds that as a radio and T.V. public affairs broadcaster active in those capacities today, the subpoena issued to me interferes with the rights to my stations to schedule informational programs on their merits and is thus a direct violation of the First Amendment, guarantee of freedom of speech and of the people's right to hear. Further, as a scholar with a 20 year record of research and public writing and lecturing in my chosen field, the study of the Soviet Union, a field admitted by all to one in which this country is in vital need of knowledge, I refuse to testify on the grounds that the subpoena is in violation of the freedom of inquiry, which can only be expressed through the free speech and the free press guaranteed in the First Amendments to the academic community as to all others. Lastly, I certainly shall not answer questions representing allegations against me, made by persons not present and not identified, whom I cannot confront and whom my lawyer cannot cross-examine as to their truthfulness. To rest my case solely on the First Amendment would, as 36 cases now in the courts show, condemn me to years of court action at enormous cost, it would cost me my home and impoverish my family for a very long time to come which is of course what this Committee desires. Therefore I also refuse to testify under my right not to be a witness against myself, a right originated to protect the innocent; the guilty can be convicted by the testimony of others if there is any real evidence to present."

SIDE II, Band 2d:

..."Do you honestly apprehend sir that if you told this Committee truthfully while you are under oath, whether or not you are now this instant or ever have been a member of the Communist Party, you would be supplying information that might be used against you in criminal proceedings?"

..."Honorable beaters of children and sadists, uniformed and in plain clothes, distinguished Dixiecrat wearing the clothing of a gentleman, eminent Republic-

can who opposes an accommodation with the one country with which we must live at peace in order for us or our children to survive, my boy of 15 left this room a few minutes ago in sound health and not jailed solely because I asked him to come in here to learn something about the procedures of the United States Government and one of its Committees. Had he been outside where sort of a friend of mine had his head split by these goons operating under your orders, my boy today might have paid the penalty of permanent injury or a police record for desiring to come here and hear how this Committee operates! If you think that I am going to cooperate with this collection of Judases, of men who sit there in violation of the United States Constitution, if you think I will cooperate with you in any way, you are insane!"

..."This is the first time there had been in any contact between policemen and students and it was begun by this police officer, a plain-clothes officer..."

..."So the cop says, 'How would ya like this?' pointing the hose at us and then the cops just turned on the hose and started lashing out..."

..."So the cop says, 'How would you like this?' pointing the hose at us and then there was a call to sit down to show that we weren't being violent and then everyone sat down..."

..."There was a call to sit down with their hands in their pockets..."

..."And everyone sat down more or less except a few people standing up around and then the cops turned on the hose and started lashing out and a few people moved away but most people stood their ground. And then some people stood up with their backs to the hose and sort of shielded the rest from the water and we just stood our ground. And then there were more hoses brought in, about 2 or 3 more and then that didn't do any good so eventually they shut off the hoses and without any warning at all the cops just charged and pushed people all around..."

..."You say people stood up and blocked the water..."

SIDE II, Band 4: EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

...were thrown, rather brutally across the floor and were unable to keep their balance in the flood of water on the marble flooring and seemed to be very hurt but I see none of them now, perhaps they're all better, they've all recuperated. Police now are clearing away through the center of the students. (Loud cheers) Police are hauling out a bearded student. A woman is protesting and they are dragging her out too. The police who left the upper floor here have suddenly appeared on the lower floor and they seem prepared to start hauling the students down the stairs from behind. The major core of the students are now kneeling, sitting on the upper stairwell, the police are on both sides of them. The kids are sitting down again with their hands in their pockets with their arms crossed. The police are taking them by the arms and hauling them bodily down the long stairway to the main floor. A girl is screaming, refusing to be taken. The principle here is apparently passive resistance, none of the students seem to be striking back. Some students are being taken out one by one and some students have started again, somewhat weakly, their chant of 'We Shall Not Be Moved.' (Singing) The police have grabbed a Negro by the ankles and are dragging him down the stairs on his back, by the ankles..."

...(Lots of noise, commotion and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.)

..."As you hear now in the background, they're singing the Star Spangled Banner at the top of their voices, many of those who were wounded or injured...(Cheers...'The cheers are because the police are leaving')..."

SIDE II, Band 5: EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

..."And how did you get all wet son?"

..."Well, I was just over there singing, singing 'We Shall Not Be Moved' and they came over and turned the hose on us and I got all soaked..."

..."And how old are you?"

..."10."

..."10, were you in the rotunda when this happened?"

..."Not right here, I was over there by the steps."

..."And you were with your brother?"

..."Most of the time."

..."And how old is he?"

..."16"

..."And where is he now do you know?"

..."In the paddy-wagon."

..."Oh, he was arrested?"

..."Yea"

..."I saw two police officers in the rotunda at City Hall in San Francisco today, pulling out or leading out a young student who was completely unarmed. One policeman had him by the shoulders and the other policeman shoved one of these billy-clubs into the middle of his stomach. The guy's head was bleeding. I saw other students with their heads cracked open. I saw one man with a cut above the eye that'll need about 5 stitches. I saw all of them running around and I saw for a while that some of the police refused to call ambulances, that's what I saw."

..."And what are you doing here sir?"

..."I'm a citizen of San Francisco."

..."And why are you here before the mayor's office?"

..."I'm trying to bring this young boy in, he's about 10 years old, to show him what the city police was doing today..."

SIDE II, Band 6: CHAIRMAN'S SUMMATION

..."We've probably received 2500 to 3000 telegrams-- I have as Chairman, from Mr. and Mrs. America all over California. Our obligation is to assemble facts that might lead to legislation. Specific instances of who goes to jail as a result of a hearing, that's a coincidence, that's not the object of our hearings. If someone happens to have invoked the Constitutional privilege improperly or abused it, it's a matter of law and for the Department of Justice. And if it does happen, it's not to our making, our records are submitted to the Department of Justice and we don't prosecute anybody so we're not concerned about that..."

Other Recordings of Interest

FN2501 THE GAZETTE Vol. 1. Pete Seeger sing topical songs.	FH5436 SONGS OF THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR. vol. 1: Ernst Busch, P. Seeger
FN2502 THE GAZETTE Vol. 2. More songs about newsmaking world events	FH5457 THE SCS & STORIES OF AUNT MOLLY JACKSON, with J. Greenway
FH5285 TALKING UNION. The Almanac Singers, P. Seeger and chorus	FH5485 BLDS OF SACCO & VANZETTI Written & sung by W. Guthrie.
FD5441 SONGS OF F. L. N. Algerian Freedom Fighters, in Arabic	FD5590 THE NASHVILLE SIT-IN STORY Dramatic documentary & song
FD5444 DING DONG DOLLAR, Scottish anti-polaris, republican songs	FD5591 WE SHALL OVERCOME. Songs of the FREEDOM RIDERS and SIT-IN