

MR. WHIPPLE: I am.

MR. HOUSTON: And you have previously been in the box and been sworn.

MR. WHIPPLE: I have.

Affidavit of Col. Ralph R. Glass, Retired

MR. HOUSTON: What is your purpose in taking the witness stand at this time?

MR. WHIPPLE: I would like to present to the committee at this time—at this time—an affidavit of Colonel Ralph R. Glass, a resident of the State of California, concerning whom it is impossible for him to be here to testify at this hearing.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA } ss.

Ralph R. Glass, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

My name is Ralph R. Glass, and I am a Colonel, United States Army retired, and at the present time living at 1019 Ardmore Avenue, Oakland 10, California.

During 1941 I was Post Commander at Fort Lewis, Washington. At that time Joseph D. Roberts was my Recreation Officer. I remember that Mr. and Mrs. James and others took a theatre group from the Seattle Repertory Playhouse to Fort Lewis to present plays on the Post. I recall that Mr. Roberts informed me that the plays were subversive propaganda in substance and that they should not be allowed to present plays of that type before the men. I personally did not see the plays. Due to the information given to me by Mr. Roberts I instructed Mr. Roberts to inform the Jameses that there were no more open dates available for them to present plays on the Post. I believe these instructions were carried out by Mr. Roberts.

I have read the above affidavit consisting of one page and thoroughly understand the matters and things contained therein. These statements are made by me of my own free will and accord, without promise of remuneration or reward of any nature and without duress or threat of violence. To the best of my recollection the above statements are correct.

/s/ Ralph R. Glass

Ralph R. Glass

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to this 9th day of June, 1948, before me.

/s/ C. A. Larson

Notary Public in and for
the State of California.

MR. HOUSTON: Phillip H. Davis.

MR. HOUSTON: Mr. Chairman, I'm just informed that the witness is outside parading in the picket line. Do you suggest we send a patrolman out and get him?

CHAIRMAN CANWELL: I suggest that a patrolman go out and advise Mr. Davis that he is called for appearance on the witness stand; he was required to remain in attendance but we will go that far to help him to find his way here and it will be my suggestion that we will be at ease for about two minutes. Seems to be some difficulty in locating Mr. Davis. He is required to be in attendance; however, we will call him again in a few minutes and he should be here at that time. Can you proceed with another witness at this time?

TESTIMONY OF PROF. MELVILLE JACOBS Dept. of Anthropology, University of Washington

MR. HOUSTON: Melville Jacobs. Is your counsel here, Dr. Jacobs.

DR. JACOBS: Yes, it is.

MELVILLE JACOBS, called as a witness, after being duly sworn was examined and testified as follows:

MR. HOUSTON: And you wish the record to show that Mr. Henry is acting as your counsel at this occasion.

DR. JACOBS: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: You have heard our instructions, have you not, to the other witnesses, Dr. Jacobs?

DR. JACOBS: Yes, Mr. Houston, go ahead.

MR. HOUSTON: It's correct to call you Doctor, isn't it?

DR. JACOBS: Yes.

MR. HOUSTON: Will you please state your name?

DR. JACOBS: Melville Jacobs.

MR. HOUSTON: Are you a resident of the city of Seattle?

DR. JACOBS: Yes, sir.

MR. HOUSTON: How long have you lived in the city of Seattle?

DR. JACOBS: My appointment to the University was in January, 1928, and immediately afterwards I went on a field expedition and made my first residence here in the third quarter of that year. That would be, I suppose, the beginning of April, 1928.

MR. HOUSTON: And have you taught at the University ever since then?

DR. JACOBS: Yes, except for quite a number of sessions when I was on leave of absence to conduct field researches or for one or another purpose.

Admits Communist Party Membership

MR. HOUSTON: Dr. Jacobs, I will ask you if you are, or ever have been, a member of the Communist Party.

DR. JACOBS: I was a member of the Communist Party but I am not now.

MR. HOUSTON: When did you join the Communist Party, Doctor?

DR. JACOBS: When?

MR. HOUSTON: Yes.

DR. JACOBS: I'm not clear, because it's so long ago, of the precise date. It could have been as early as '35. I prefer or think rather that the probabilities are somewhat higher than it was in early '36, but I prefer to let it go in that vague way because it is long ago and I've been so busy and it just doesn't fit in as a definite point, sir, anywhere.

MR. HOUSTON: Now, when did you get out of the Communist Party, Doctor?

DR. JACOBS: That was an extremely gradual process in my own mind and as far as any formal disaffiliation is concerned, there again I feel that I cannot place it more precisely than possibly at the end of '45, possibly in the beginning of '46, somewhere along in that vague period there were many months, many, many months, that were—one could say, the end occurred. Simply because I was not attending or participating in any way and I simply just was out of the picture, just dropping by the wayside.