

# Two Admit Communist Party Affiliations at Seattle

**By JIM HUTCHESON**  
**SEATTLE** — In a quiet session contrasting sharply with the previous day's tumult, a Seattle contractor testified Thursday to former Communist Party membership and a drugstore owner told of having contributed to one of the defendants during the 1953 trial of state Communist leaders.

They were the only two witnesses during the fourth afternoon of the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing.

Both drew reprimands from one or more of the congressmen for repeated replies that they couldn't remember names or details.

**Owned 2 Drug Stores**  
 They were Phillip L. Ceis, 47-year-old contractor and president of the Alki Community Club in West Seattle, and Henry Shain, 42, who said he had been the owner of two Seattle drug stores until recently.

Ceis frankly acknowledged having joined the Communist Party in

the 1930's at the University of Washington but said he left it after disagreements in 1947 or 1948. He estimated he had contributed \$200 to \$300 to the party during his membership.

Shain, who was on the stand for more than two hours, said he has been "sympathetic" with some of the Communist Party aims and had been "a sucker for pleas" and "a muddled fool."

**Denies Joining Party**  
 He denied, however, ever having joined the party or contributed directly to it to his knowledge.

Mrs. Barbara Hartle, former Communist Party functionary who is under sentence for conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force, had testified to having received small contributions from Shain over several years in the 1940's in behalf of the Communist Party.

She had estimated that Ceis had contributed possibly as much as \$2,000 to the party.

She testified Shain's name was on the party membership rolls and that she was sure he must have been aware that in giving her money it was for the party.

She also added about 85 more

names to the long list of persons she has named as having been in the party during her career in it.

Shain contended that he did not recall ever having donated to Mrs. Hartle, but that he might have on the assumption that she needed help personally or that it was going to the Pension Union or some other "left wing" cause that he considered "worthwhile." He said he frequently made donations at his store. He said he knew Mrs. Hartle to be a Communist.

**Makes Small Donations**  
 He said if his name got on the Communist rolls as a paying member it must have been because of donations he thought he was making for other purposes.

He testified, however, that he made several small donations to John Daschbach after he was indicted on the Communist conspiracy case with Mrs. Hartle. Daschbach was convicted in that case.

He said he spurned Daschbach, an acquaintance of about three years and a customer in his store, when Daschbach recently came to his home "to tell me how to fight when I was called before this committee. I summarily closed the door and sent him away."

**'Scared'**  
 Shain, who told the committee he was "scared" in his appearance as a witness, declared: "I'd like to state I've been under strain; I was possibly sympathetic to the party, but unalterably opposed to the doctrine of the party for overthrow of the government."

Shain acknowledged having subscribed to the People's World and the Sunday Worker, and contributed cash to the former, but didn't view them as Communist organs.

The statement brought a curt rejoinder from Chairman Velde (R-III): "Now let's not be ridiculous."

Rep. Jackson (R-Calif) said: "This witness has been culpable

and conspiratorial or naive and fantastically glib."

**Gives Daschbach Money**  
 Shain estimated he had given Daschbach, over a period of about three years, an estimated \$600 or \$700. Daschbach has headed the Civil Rights Congress here, an organization listed by the attorney general as subversive.

The druggist said he attended from 6 to 10 Communist Party meetings because of an interest in its theories, but he said he didn't learn much or take away any literature. He said he was sure they were open meetings and that once his wife went with him without any question being raised.

Mrs. Hartle had testified to seeing Shain at a meeting that was for Communists only.

Ceis, the contractor, irked Rep. Jackson (R-Calif) with his repeated replies that he could not remember the names even of the officers in Communist groups to which he belonged.

**Ex-Chairman of Branch**  
 He said he was chairman of the Alki branch at one time but could not remember who preceded or followed him.

"That is fantastic," Jackson admonished. After Ceis finished, he added: "I'm far from satisfied with his testimony."

Ceis had named Daschbach as

the man who recruited him into the party. He also named Mrs. Hartle and one or two others as persons he knew in the party.

Rep. Scherer asked: "Have you broken ideologically with the party?"

"I think I'm ideologically apart from the party today," he replied. "I don't know where the party stands; I haven't read of it or talked with members."

**'American Citizen'**  
 When Scherer pressed for a more specific answer, Ceis added: "I wouldn't say I'm a Communist as described here. I'm an American citizen and loyal to my country."

The scheduled appearance of attorney John Caughlan under subpoena was postponed until Friday. He was called Wednesday after Mrs. Hartle named him as a party member, but was granted a delay when he argued hotly with the committee that he had been unable to obtain an attorney for his counsel.

The committee announced Thursday that the Seattle Bar Assn. was providing Alfred J. Schweppe, prominent attorney and former University of Washington Law School dean, as Caughlan's counsel.

Four members of the committee will continue the hearing for an extra day here Friday while two open a hearing at Portland.

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## Andorans Ignore Freedoms, Keep the Peace, Live Cheap

**ANDORRA** — When someone dies of an unknown cause in the tiny principality of Andorra, sandwiched between France and Spain, in the lofty Pyrenees, the coroner cries three times: "Dead one! Get up! The law commands you!"

Getting no answer, he shouts again, "Dead one, who killed you?"

Finally, the coroner observes solemnly, "This dead one is dead because he doesn't get up, and he doesn't answer."

Half-way through the 20th century, the Andorans are still living largely in the past as shown by this curious questioning of the dead, a hangover from the Middle Ages.

Another ancient custom to which the fewer than 7,000 inhabitants of this pocket-handkerchief country cling to is that of being governed by someone else.

**Dual Rule**  
 Since 1278 A.D. they have been content to let the Spanish Bishop of Urgel and the French Comte de Foix, or their successors, rule their lives. This hereditary rule has, on the French side, passed from the Comte de Foix to the presidents of France.

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**Freedom Rejected**  
 Once, during the French revolution she gained partial freedom. But the spectacle of the guillotine in France and the excesses which followed the revolution nearly frightened her out of her wits. By 1806, she was petitioning Napoleon to re-establish the ancient fiefdom.

There are virtually no taxes to pay, no military service, practically nothing to pay on imports from Spain or France. Life, as a consequence, is remarkably cheap. A liter of gasoline for example, costs only 42 francs a liter compared to 63 in France.

There are no railroads or air-

## Linguistics Help Decipher Passport

**HONG KONG** — When 73-year-old Yugoslav priest, Francis Alexis Benigar, was expelled from China recently he presented a problem to American priest, Paul J. Duchesne, who met him at the Hong Kong border.

There was a bit of difficulty about Father Benigar's ancient passport. He went into China 30 years ago and has been there ever since. His Yugoslav passport, issued by King Alexander I (1921-34), was so out-of-date and battered the customs guards were suspicious. Suspicion was allayed after lingual detours.

Father Benigar speaks seven languages—Yugoslav, Polish, Russian, German, Chinese, Mandarin, Italian and Latin. Father Duchesne speaks four, English, French, Chinese Cantonese (which has no similarity to Chinese Mandarin) and Latin.

The old passport was explained in the language of the Caesars to Duchesne and in English to the border guards.

Father Benigar is now in a Hong Kong hospital recovering from general exhaustion.

## Taipeh Life Said Austere

**TAIPEH** — More than 3,000 foreigners now live in Formosa, the majority in Taipei, giving this city of Nationalist China some of the cosmopolitan atmosphere which once prevailed in Shanghai and other former treaty ports on the mainland.

There is no chance, however, of Taipei ever becoming the Paris of the east as was Shanghai. The government's austerity program prevents that. Most entertaining is done in private homes. There are no western-type night clubs.

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 1 Onion (Chopped)  
 5 Cups Steamed Rice (Cold)  
 2 Eggs  
 1/2 Cup Mushrooms

Wash and shell shrimp. Break into small pieces. Fry until half done, add onion, celery, green pepper, mushrooms, mixing together until almost cooked. Add rice, salt, pepper and soy sauce to taste (or serve soy sauce separately). Break eggs in to rice, turn and mix well until eggs are cooked. Serves 6 persons.

## Smoking at Desks Okayed for Gals

**CHICAGO** — (INS) — A Chicago insurance company has struck another blow at discrimination against the working woman.

The firm also stands to save a lot of "woman hours."

From now on, the 500 women employees of the Zurich-American Insurance Co. need not slip out to the lady's lounge to smoke. They can puff away right at their desks — just like the men do.

Neville Pilling, United States manager of the firm, said in announcing the new policy that "it was high time for our woman employees to get the same rights as men."

Then, in a little less righteous tones, he added: "Besides, we want to see if we can't get the girls to spend less time smoking in lounges and on their coffee breaks."

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