

Dull Outfit By Writer

A radio Activities Committee were enlivened yesterday by such observations from Max Benoff, 28, a writer for the "Life With Luigi" radio show.

The committee is conducting hearings this week in continuing its probe of possible Communist influences in the movies and other fields.

Benoff said he attended some Communist party meetings in Hollywood during 1944 but as far as he could remember never signed any card or paid any dues.

"I attended very few meetings," he said. "They were dull. I didn't expect to get laughs everywhere but I didn't get any there."

Committee Counsel Frank S. Tannen Jr. commented that he had heard Communist writers were rather humorless individuals. "Well, I never wrote any of their material," was Benoff's observation.

Asked if he had ever read any Communist literature on such subjects as dialectic materialism, Benoff quipped while the committee laughed: "I don't even study books on vegetarianism."

The comedy writer said that after a "fleeting" experience with the Communist party he was glad to get out and assumed the party was

glad to be rid of him. "I always considered that I was not a member of the party," he added.

Benoff said he had been writing for radio for several years, including such shows as "Duffy's Tavern," but wanted to get into movie writing after coming to Hollywood in 1944.

He said he was invited to a Communist party meeting by Bob Rosen, a Hollywood writer, on the promise that he would meet some "big writers."

"I was glad to meet big writers," added Benoff. "If somebody had said come out to the Republican party and meet some big writers, I'd have gone."

When the writer concluded his testimony Rep. Donald Jackson (R-Calif.) commented: "It seems to me you and the Communist party came out about even. You got no laughs and they got no dues."

Film writer David Lang, 40, former Communist, told the committee he believes that virtually all of the Hollywood persons he knew as fellow party members have been cleared out of the industry. He said, however, that "there's reason to believe there are a few left whom I didn't meet."

Igl Qualifies For UO Choir

Competition is exceedingly keen for positions on the University Choir of the University of Oregon. Gerry Igl of Klamath Falls is one of the very few freshmen at the university to qualify for membership. Gerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Igl.

The University Singers will appear in concert at the Mills School auditorium tonight, 8 p.m. A varied program will be presented under the leadership of Donald W. Allon, director of choral music at the university.

The Mothers and Dads Club of Klamath Falls as well as alumni of the university are sponsoring the choir's appearance here. The entire proceeds will go to a scholarship fund for boys and girls of Klamath County who attend the university.

Tickets may be secured at the door or at Drews Manstore or at First Federal Savings and Loan, 540 Main Street.

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Senators Call On Ike To Decide On Control Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators called on the Eisenhower administration today to say whether it wants power to clamp on immediate economic controls, or a wage-price freeze, in time of possible war crisis.

Arthur S. Flemming, the acting defense mobilizer, and his aides were invited to lead off for the administration on bills being considered by the banking committee.

This includes not only the emergency freeze bill Capehart is pushing, but also sections of the present Defense Production Act which are to be continued.

Capehart has discussed his freeze measure with President Eisenhower and has reported the President "is quite favorable" to such legislation but wants Congress to decide whether to initiate it. Eisenhower told a news conference several weeks ago he would not ask for such legislation.

Capehart's bill would give the President power to slap on price, wage and rent ceilings for 90 days in a declared war emergency. During that period, Congress would presumably decide whether to enact comprehensive controls legislation.

The President has ended all post-Korea price and wage controls and says he does not want renewal of sections of the Defense Production Act covering them. Those sections expire April 30.

However, he has said he wants extension of (1) authority to ration materials and the other scarce materials needed in defense production and (2) authority to curb rents in areas where housing is critically short because of defense work.

After Monday's White House meeting with congressional leaders, House Speaker Joseph Martin (R-Mass.) reported the President also wanted a five-month extension of general federal rent controls now in effect.

These ceilings apply in several large cities which voted last fall to continue them; they are scheduled to die April 30. The extension Martin said was agreed upon would run to Oct. 1. However, the fate of such a five-month continuance in the Senate is highly doubtful.

Capehart said in an interview he could not understand the White House request for it—that it complicates his task in getting a freeze bill through. He said this is so because many businessmen opposing ent controls. The Indianan has bitterly denounced this as a misrepresentation of his position.



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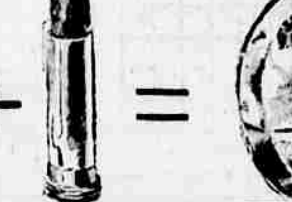
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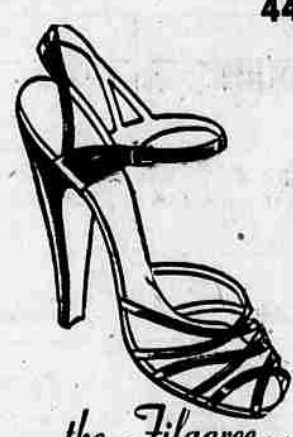
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