

Oxnam Emerges Clean But Termed 'Muddled Thinker' After 10 Hours

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities today voted 10-0 to clear Oxnam of charges of Communist party affiliation.

But a grueling, sometimes short-tempered hearing that dragged on after midnight brought charges by some members that the Methodist clergyman's zeal for social reform plus what one congressman called "muddled thinking" had led him into suspicious company.

And Chairman Velde (R-Ill.) said it was "impossible to make any definite conclusions" until the bishop has submitted further information he promised.

The marathon affair, held in a packed committee room mostly filled with ready-to-demonstrate Oxnam supporters, left in doubt the question the bishop asked it to settle: Would the committee alter its files on him or, better yet, halt the practice of giving out unverified and unevaluated information on anyone.

Velde did say that "some of the facts possibly should be considered... with a view toward establishing procedures enabling us to continue the search for subversives and provide more protection for individuals."

Ranging far and wide in a dozen directions, the unusual afternoon-into-morning session produced one testimony from a previous secret hearing that two clergymen once in the public eye were active members of the Communist party.

They were named by the committee as Dr. Harry F. Ward, retired member of New York's Union Theological Seminary faculty, and Jack McMichael, said to be still in the Methodist ministry somewhere in the West.

Both have been mentioned before in connection with Red front investigations but Oxnam called this new testimony "quite amazing."

He promptly challenged the committee to put its evidence before church courts which, he said, will expel them from the ministry if Communist membership charges are proved.

As for himself, Oxnam said he'd make no apologies to anybody for working in good faith with now suspect organizations he was associated with in the belief they were dedicated to human progress.

He acknowledged, though, he'd investigate some of them more carefully nowadays and maybe wouldn't join quite so many.

Oxnam, gray-suited and portly, settled into the witness chair at 3:35 p.m. and launched into a

15-minute statement accusing the committee of bearing "false witness" against him.

The spectators later applauded some of his mild witticisms and stirred restively when the questioning of the churchman seemed aggressive. Velde once threatened to have any further demonstrators thrown out.

It was 12:30 a. m., 9 1/2 hours later, when the 61-year-old bishop, perspiring but still firm-voiced, called it quits.

A few minutes earlier the committee adopted without dissent a motion by Rep. Doyle (D-Calif.) saying its files show "no record of any Communist party membership or affiliation" by the bishop.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Calif.) — the same man who helped precipitate the hearing by saying on the House floor that Oxnam had "served God on Sunday and the Communist front for the balance of the week."

After the hearing Velde told reporters he couldn't say, at least until the committee held an executive session, whether there would be any "reconstruction" of the files.

Oxnam, about to leave on a trip to Europe, also held an impromptu news conference.

He said he thought individual committee members had tried to be fair to him. But he stuck to his earlier position that the committee's way of working—especially its release of unevaluated material about individuals—can and does hurt innocent men's reputations.

Oxnam declared as the outset of the hearing that he rejects communism absolutely but is dedicated to "concrete measures through which the ideals of religion may be translated into the realities of world law and order, economic justice and racial brotherhood."

This, some committee members declared, after a long recitation of groups with which the bishop was said to have been associated, has led him into some pretty dubious company. Oxnam insisted he had quit all such groups years before they were officially tagged as subversive.

"I am not accusing you of being a Communist—far from it," Rep. Clardy (R-Mich.) told Oxnam, "but I do think you were muddled in your thinking and unclear in your understanding."

Jackson, too, commented that the bishop seemed remarkably slow in recognizing Communists and Red-fronters with whom he admittedly was associated in one way or another.

The names of Ward and Mc-

Michael were brought up late in the hearing.

Committee Counsel Robert L. Kunzig said both were described as active communists by at least two ex-Reds who testified before the House group at recent closed sessions in New York. He named the witnesses as Manning Johnson and Leonard Patterson.

Kunzig said the testimony showed Ward, while a teacher at the Boston School of Theology, sent two young graduates to Baltimore for dual assignments—to serve as ministers and to take their places in the local Communist apparatus.

Oxnam appeared shaken by this disclosure.

He said Ward was a "dear friend" until he—Ward—returned from Russia in the late 1920s with some ideas that sounded antireligious to Oxnam. The bishop said he then broke off personal relations with Ward but continued to serve with him on some semireligious and political bodies.

As for McMichael, Oxnam said he had suspicions about that fellow official of the Methodist Federation of Social Service for a long time.

Finally, Oxnam said, either he or McMichael had to leave the federation and, because he was burdened with church affairs anyway, he quit the organization rather than fight it out with McMichael.

"Maybe I did wrong," the bishop said.

A disagreement between Protestant groups entered into the hearing when Oxnam protested the House committee's files of material about him had been used by certain private agencies to his disadvantage.

"What agencies?" Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) demanded.

Oxnam replied he'd rather not go into that. Walter insisted, however, so the bishop finally said:

"The American Council of Churches, for one. The so-called Council of Christian Laymen is another."

Then Walter wanted to know why these groups were attacking Oxnam. A spirited row among the committee members ensued, with everybody insisting there was nothing to be gained by going into interchurch disputes.

Oxnam confined his reply to saying the American Council of Churches was organized "to attack the National Council of Churches," with which has long been identified.



HE'LL LOOK DOWN IN THE MOUTH—A whale of a surprise awaits this young fisherman when he awakes from his nap beside a lake in a Roman exhibition. Actually, the fearsome "fish" is an inflated rubber toy, placed there by practical jokers.

Trail Blazer Cadets Plan Night Ride, Seek Members

Trail Blazer Cadets met July 14 to plan a group night ride, acting on a suggestion brought up at a previous meeting. A group was commissioned to ride out Tuesday in search of a suitable trail with a good eat-spot at the end.

Loud-Snorer Flees Less Shoes When Stabbed

Snoring too loud resulted in a stab in the back for Earl Stoneham.

So went the story told to Judge Frank Blackmer in Municipal Court Tuesday morning.

Stoneham was arraigned on a charge of intoxication. When questioned by the judge, he said he had been picked up near Klamath Valley Hospital where he had gone for treatment for a slash in his back, allegedly inflicted by a companion.

He said he and a companion were sleeping by the Great Northern tracks.

"I guess I was snoring too loud, because he stabbed me," he declared. "I got out of there fast; even had to leave my hat and shoes."

Previous to this, Stoneham said he had been bucking hay near Merrill.

Stoneham pleaded guilty on the drunk charge and was given 30 days. He was released on 6 months probation.

Truce Would Cut Draft Calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson says draft calls might be trimmed 5,000 to 8,000 men a month about 90 days after a truce in Korea.

And prospects for a truce, the

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John W. Halford, 19-year-old Korean vet, was convicted of using a gun as a persuading medium in an attempt to date a woman. He received a one-year term.

Halford won a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts in Korea.

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Wrong Williams Released from Jail

CLEVELAND (AP) — There were two men named Williams in city jail. William Williams was a shoplifting suspect and Doyle Williams was held for intoxication.

Doyle Williams was to be released yesterday, but was asleep when Patrolman John Unatemy called his name into a large cell which also held William Williams.

So William Williams signed Doyle Williams' name to a waiver slip and walked out to freedom, police reported.

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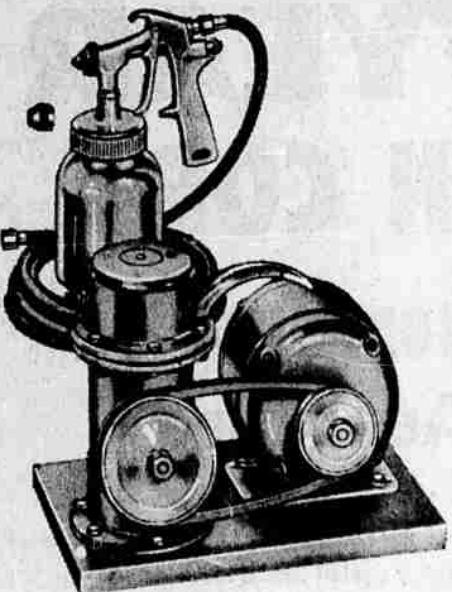
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