

Students in Their Pajamas at Cooperative

JOHN W. WHIPPLE, resumed the stand for further examination and testified as follows:

MR. HOUSTON: You are Mr. John W. Whipple, Assistant Chief Investigator for the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee who has twice previously been in the witness chair and was sworn at that time, are you not?

MR. WHIPPLE: That is right.

MR. HOUSTON: What is the purpose of your taking the chair today, Mr. Whipple?

MR. WHIPPLE: For the purpose of reading to this Committee the—an affidavit of one Henry Kariel. That is spelled Kariel, a former student of the University of Washington who is now a resident of the State of California, over whom we have no subpoena power and whom it is impossible for us to have here at this time in person.

"STATE OF WASHINGTON }
COUNTY OF KING } ss.

"HENRY KARIEL, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

"My name is Henry Kariel, and I am a student at the University of Washington, majoring in Speech. I am living in the men's dormitory known as Chelan Hall on the University campus. I am giving this affidavit since at the time of any hearing on Un-American Activities at the University of Washington it is entirely possible that I will be out of the State of Washington. It is my expectation to go to Europe at the end of the current Spring quarter to further my studies for a year there.

I wrote a thesis for a course in Propaganda at the University. The thesis was on Communism. During the course of my research I was told about a girl by the name of Janet Todd. Janet Todd was one of the leaders of the American Youth for Democracy at the University. She was living in a house at 942 East 42nd Street. This house was also used as an off-campus headquarters for meetings of a Marxist Discussion Group, from which discussion group people were chosen to become members of the American Youth for Democracy and the Communist Party. **This house was a student cooperative. By that I mean both men and women lived in the same house. I was actually in the house only once at about nine o'clock in the morning. At that time both the men and women occupants were having breakfast, and seemingly, a good time. They were all dressed in their pajamas and appeared quite relaxed with each other. This was either in April or May, 1947.**

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."

Signed "Henry Kariel." Duly subscribed and sworn to.

(Witness Excused)