

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

June 6, 1947.

The Committee met in Executive Session at 10:00 A. M., in the Committee's Chambers, 225 Old House Office Building, there being present the following members:

Hon. J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman
Hon. John McDowell
Hon. Richard M. Nixon
Hon. Richard B. Vail
Hon. John S. Wood
Hon. John E. Rankin
Hon. Herbert C. Bonner

MR. THOMAS: The purpose of this meeting is to have the showing of the pictures which were taken in New York of the May Day Parade. We sent one of our investigators, Donald Appell, and Director of Research, Ben Mandel, and one of our stenographers to New York. We hired a picture concern, and space in a building right on the line of march. As a result of this picture, we found one very interesting thing. In the line of march were many men in uniform. As a result, I sent a letter to the Secretaries of War, Navy and Treasury, informing them we had these pictures, and I would like to read to you the answer from the Secretary of the Navy.

The Chairman then read to the Committee the answer from the Secretary of the Navy, together with a report from the Commandant, Third Naval District to the Secretary of the Navy. He then read part of the letter to the Secretary of War, and the answer thereto. The Chairman then stated that this film would be made available to the Armed Services.

In regard to the investigation being made of the strike at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mr. Thomas stated that word had been received from Investigator Donald Appell that the investigation was very thorough, and he had some startling facts regarding the same.

Mr. Rankin then brought up the matter of an investigation of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Thomas stated that an investigation would be instituted in the near future.

At this point, the Chairman laid before the Committee the report on the "Southern Conference for Human Welfare" which the Committee staff had prepared. A galley proof was given each member, to be read and returned with any suggestions they may have, as soon as possible.

After viewing the film of the May Day Parade, the Committee adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

Donald E. Stripling
Clerk

J. Parnell Thomas
Chairman.