

SAC, Los Angeles

June 8, 1950

Director, FBI

JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Your File 100-22949)

Reurlet dated May 11, 1950 in which you suggested that the Bureau consider authorizing two Agents of your office to interview this subject under appropriate pretext. You state that if authorization for this interview is granted it would be held in abeyance pending receipt of information [REDACTED]

B7D The Bureau will not grant authority for you to interview this subject without first being advised concerning the results of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] you should advise the Bureau making your request for interview at that time.

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August 15, 1950

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 11, 1950, has been received and I want to thank you for making these facts available to me. I have given your letter careful consideration and I am fully cognizant of the problem which confronts you and your client.

I regret to inform you, however, that it has been a longstanding policy of this Bureau not to grant a clearance to any person and I am, therefore, unable to assist you in the manner which you suggest.

May I suggest, however, that inasmuch as this Bureau has primary investigative jurisdiction of matters concerning the internal security of our country, it is considered advisable that your client furnish our Los Angeles Office with details concerning his membership in the Communist Party together with the nature of the Party activities during that period.

In order to comply with this request may I suggest that you contact Mr. R. B. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles 13, California, in order to arrange for an interview of your client.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Los Angeles (with copies of [redacted])

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SAC. Bureau files indicate that correspondent is known to your office. See your report of October 19, 1949, re "The Emergency Coordinating Committee to Defeat the Tenney Bill and Internal Security," your file 100-31058, wherein

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it was reported that

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SAC (SAD) You will note that correspondent has been requested to contact your office in order to make his client available to you for interview. If this has not been done within thirty days of receipt of this letter, you are requested to contact correspondent to determine if he intends to do so. The results of your interview with correspondent's client or with correspondent in the event he fails to contact your office should be furnished to the Bureau.

Note: The letter of acknowledgment to correspondent contains the salutation "Dear Sir" and the closing "Very truly yours" in view of the allegations made concerning correspondent as noted above.

GANG, KOPP & TYRE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

MARTIN GANG
ROBERT E. KOPP
NORMAN R. TYRE
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1401 TAFT BUILDING
LOS ANGELES 28
HILLSIDE 4111

July 31, 1950

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir:

This office has a client who has discussed with us a problem which I believe can only be answered through your organization.

In June of 1946 this young man, in a moment of emotional disturbance, became a bona fide member of the Communist Party in the State of California. In November of 1946 he decided that he had made a mistake and terminated his membership and his association with the Communist Party. Ever since November of 1946 this client has had no connection whatsoever with the Communist Party or with any organization affiliated with it.

The gentleman in question is an American born citizen with a distinguished war record. He enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private and received his termination as a captain. Because of his distinguished services he received the Silver Star medal with citation from the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army. The citation recognized his gallantry in action in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations with the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Our client is not engaged in any activity where security is involved. However, since the commencement of the operation in Korea, he has felt that the time may come, in the near future, when his services might be of aid to the United

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States. He is concerned with the fact that his brief membership in the Communist Party, as aforesaid, may operate to prevent the use of his services.

In addition to the foregoing, he is married and has young children. If his services are not needed by the United States, conditions may develop so as to require an answer in connection with ordinary employment to the query: "Are you now or have you ever been a communist."

Our client can, of course, answer honestly and frankly that he is not now a member of the Communist Party. He could not answer the rest of the compound question without (a) either lying, or (b) if he told the truth he would probably find himself unable to earn a living.

While it must be admitted that a mistake was made in 1946, it does appear that justice requires some method by which one mistake does not operate (a) to prevent the United States from making use of the services of our client, (b) to prevent our client from earning a living.

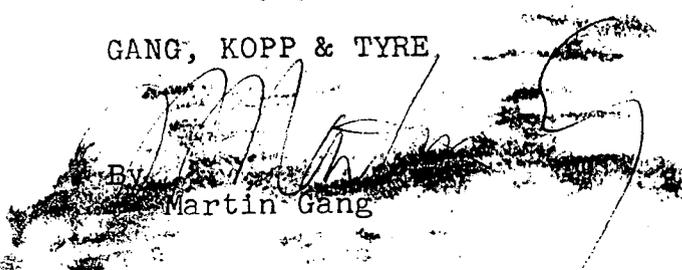
He is perfectly willing to submit to any interrogation or examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation so that that organization may be convinced of his sincerity and of the truth of all the statements related herein.

The purpose of this, of course, is to permit our client, if the compound question is asked him, to say in answer to the question, "Please inquire of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." The Federal Bureau of Investigation could then notify the prospective employer that there was no reason for not employing our client.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

GANG, KOPP & TYRE

BY 
Martin Gang

MG:SA

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director
FROM: SAC,
SUBJECT: JOHN
SECUR
(Buff)

August 15, 1950 directed to [redacted] acknowledging his letter to you of July 31, 1950. [redacted] became a bona fide member of the Communist Party for a short period of time.

[redacted]

When information set forth [redacted] to you of July 31 is compared with the information set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, October 5, 1948, it is immediately apparent that the personal history [redacted] is identical with that of subject.

The Bureau will be advised of developments in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 19, 1950

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-337177)

CANCELLED

Cancel

Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] in above case, dated September 19, 1950, at Los Angeles, five copies of which are enclosed.

In view of the information contained therein, it is recommended that the Security Index card on subject be cancelled.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Bureau file 100-337177

SEP 17, 1950

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

SPECIAL SECTION OF THE SECURITY INDEX

PURPOSE:

To advise that the Security Index Card previously maintained in the Special Section on the above-captioned individual is being cancelled.

BACKGROUND:

A Security Index Card has been maintained on this individual who is more commonly known as Sterling Hayden, the movie actor.

ACTION:

None. Submitted in compliance with your memorandum of September 28, 1950.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : All Supervisors in the Espionage and Internal Security Sections

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SECTION OF THE SECURITY INDEX

DATE: September 28, 1950

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JOHN HAMILTON
100-337177

memo del 10-17-50 f. h. m.

PURPOSE:

To provide for a review of all cases involving subjects currently in the Special Section of the Security Index for the purpose of determining whether or not they are properly included therein and to provide for instructions to be issued to the field to submit information in summary type reports suitable for distribution concerning these subjects.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

As you are aware, the Special Section of the Security Index contains the names of individuals who should be given special consideration as to the desirability of their apprehension in the event of hostilities. This Special Section is broken down into six categories as follows:

- Espionage Subjects
- Government Employees
- Prominent Individuals
- Atomic Energy Employees

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There are over 200 names in the Special Section and since the Bureau will be taking the responsibility for allowing these people to be at large after the start of hostilities while separate consideration is given to the desirability of apprehending them, the investigative files regarding these subjects should be examined now, for the purpose of determining whether the national security might better be served by including the names of various individuals now in the Special Section along with the others in the Security Index.

Each Supervisor should review those cases of individuals assigned to him who are now in the Special Section of the Security Index to determine if they are properly included therein. At the conclusion of the review, each case should be the subject of a memorandum which will indicate why the name should be deleted from the Special Section or why the name should be continued in the Special Section. These memoranda will then be correlated by Supervisor [REDACTED] and a summary memorandum of recommendation will be prepared.

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It will then be necessary for each Supervisor to whom any of the subjects now included in the Special Section of the Security Index are assigned to issue instructions to the Field for summary type reports concerning those subjects to be continued in the Special Section so that these reports will be readily available for dissemination in the event of an emergency. These instructions should also provide that periodic reports suitable for dissemination be submitted covering the activities of those subjects retained in the Special Section.

With regard to those individuals who are to be deleted from the Special Section and placed in the Security Index for apprehension in the event of an emergency, each Supervisor, in reviewing his case files should determine whether reports now in the file are suitable for dissemination. If necessary, the Field should be instructed to prepare a summary type report suitable for dissemination on such subjects as are being placed in the regular Security Index.

Factors to Consider in Connection with Review:

With regard to all subjects now in the Special Section of the Security Index, you should consider the following five factors in determining whether they should be continued in the Special Section:

1. Is the category in which they are placed supported by the facts of the case?
2. Are any members of their households in the Security Index? If so, are they in the Special Section?
3. Have we ever attempted to interview the subject?
4. Could we adequately cover the subject's activities during the opening days of hostilities?
5. With regard to the application of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950, do we have evidence of the following:

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B. Any past acts of Espionage or Sabotage or participation in any attempt or conspiracy to commit Espionage or Sabotage.

C. Holding of membership at any time after January 1, 1949 in the Communist Party, USA or any other organization seeking the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

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Espionage subjects are in the Special Section because:

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

are: Additional considerations with regard to Espionage subjects

1. Can we present the facts concerning the subject's Espionage activity to the Attorney General now?

2. If subject is a member of the Communist Party, USA, or an official of a party front, are others in a comparable position in the Communist Party, USA, or front in his locality in the Security Index?

3. Do we have sufficient data exclusive of the subject's Espionage connections to hold the subject under the Detention Program?

4. [REDACTED]

Government employees are in the Special Section because:

1. The case is still pending under the Loyalty Program, or

2. The case has been determined in the subject's favor by the Loyalty Board.

Additional consideration to be given Government employees is the question of whether our investigation has developed additional evidence or pertinent information since the last referral to the Government Board.

Also, in the case of Government employees, is there any logical objection to presenting the name of the Government employee, at this time, to the Attorney General for inclusion on his Master Warrant of Arrest?

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Prominent individuals are in the Special Section because:

1. Apprehension might be attended by considerable publicity tending to make a martyr of the subject, or
2. Apprehension might affect adversely other persons not on the Security Index who are necessary to the war effort.

Additional considerations in regard to prominent individuals are as follows:

1. Why, specifically, is the subject considered a prominent individual?
2. Is the person whom the subject's arrest might affect adversely still necessary to the war effort?
3. What elements need to be developed in order to make the case against the subject a strong case?
4. What could the subject reasonably be expected to do during the first few days of hostilities that could injure the United States and thereby embarrass the Bureau, assuming he was not apprehended at the outset of the Detention Program?
5. What is the reasonable chance of developing data sufficient to make a strong case in the first few days after the outbreak of hostilities?

Atomic Energy employees are in the Special Section because their apprehension must be cleared with Atomic Energy Commission representatives in order to avoid interference with Atomic Energy work. With regard to these individuals, the following additional matters should be considered:

1. Is the subject working for the Atomic Energy Commission, for a contractor, or for a subcontractor? If so, where?
2. Does the subject have access to restricted material?
3. Does the subject have access to restricted areas?



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ACTION:

Memoranda regarding each of the subjects assigned to any Supervisor should be submitted no later than the close of business Wednesday, October 11, 1950. The memoranda should contain a recommendation to continue the individual subject in the Special Section or should contain a recommendation that he be removed from the Special Section and placed in the regular Security Index. Each memorandum should show that consideration has been given to each of the items set forth in the preceding portion of these instructions.

Instructions to the field regarding summaries will be sent after the correlated summary is approved.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 8, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

JOHN HAMILTON, WAS. SECURITY MATTER - C. REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTY-SIX, ONE
NINE FIFTY, B, INSTRUCTING YOU TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO REPLY RECEIVED TO DATE ADVISING OF RESULTS. BUREAU IMMEDIATELY.

REURTEL MARCH FIVE, ONE NINE FIVE ONE, AND WFO TEL MARCH SEVEN, ONE NINE FIVE

ONE, CAPTIONED "COMPIC, INTERNAL SECURITY - C," ADVISING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS IF NECESSARY.

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IF REPORTS NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED SUBMIT NOT LATER THAN MARCH THIRTY. REBUTEL MARCH EIGHT LAST RE JOHN HAMILTON WAS. EN DASH C. MAKE CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS THEREIN FULLY COMPLIED WITH.

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TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *pl*

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, aka
Sterling Hayden
Bureau file 100-337177

DATE: April 12, 1951

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PURPOSE:

To answer your inquiry on the attached news release as to Hayden's testimony before the HCUA that he wrote to you after the outbreak of the Korean war stating that he had been a Communist for several months in 1946 and asking FBI clearance. He claimed in his testimony that he asked you to allow him to refer prospective employers to the FBI and stated that you replied that the FBI "could not do that." To also answer your inquiry as to what our files show re Hayden.

DETAILS:

On April 31, 1950, Martin Gang an attorney at Los Angeles wrote to the Bureau stating that he had a client who, in June, 1946, became a member of the Communist Party in California and terminated his membership in November, 1946. Gang partially described his client without naming him and stated that since the commencement of the operations in Korea his client felt that the time might come when his services might be of aid to the United States and was concerned that his previous membership in the Communist Party might prevent use of his services; or conditions might develop which would require an answer in connection with his employment as to whether he had been a Communist. Gang stated that his client was willing to submit to interrogation by the FBI so that the FBI would be convinced of his client's sincerity. He stated that the purpose of this would be to permit his client to make inquiries as to his Communist Party membership with the statement "Please inquire of the FBI." Gang suggested that the FBI could then notify a prospective employer that there was no reason for not employing his client.

We replied to Martin Gang advising him that it was the Bureau's policy of not granting clearance to any person. Gang was advised that inasmuch as the Bureau has primary jurisdiction in matters concerning the internal security of the country, it

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was considered advisable that his client furnish our Los Angeles Office with details concerning his membership in the Communist Party together with the nature of the Party activities during that period. He was advised to arrange an interview for his client with SAC Hood. His client was subsequently identified as Sterling Hayden.

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Our investigation of Hayden was initiated in December, 1944. No definite evidence that Hayden was engaged in espionage or was active in the illegal apparatus of the Communist Party was developed during that investigation. However, considerable information was developed reflecting him to be outspoken and sympathetic to the Communist Party.

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Los Angeles has been instructed to contact Hayden whenever they believe he may have further information of value to us.

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None submitted. For your information.

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HAYDEN REELED OFF NAMES OF THE CELL MEMBERS FROM THE MOVIE LOTS OF THE FILM CAPITAL. MOST OF THEM, HE SAID, WERE "BACK LOT" WORKERS SUCH AS CARPENTERS AND "GRIPS."

"I ONLY KNEW THEIR FIRST NAMES AND EVERYBODY CALLED EVERYBODY ELSE COMRADE," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A CELL MADE UP LARGELY OF "BACK LOT" WORKERS, THE COMMUNISTS TOLD HIM IT WAS FOR "SECURITY REASONS" -- PRESUMABLY "FOR MY OWN SECURITY."

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE CELL WAS MADE UP LARGELY OF WORKERS FROM UNIVERSAL, RKO, PARAMOUNT, AND REPUBLIC STUDIOS, BUT SAID HE WASN'T SURE ABOUT THAT.

ABE POLONSKI WAS A MEMBER OF THE CELL AND BEFORE HAYDEN QUIT BEGAN ACTING AS THE "HEAD OF THE GROUP," HE SAID.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL ASKED WHETHER POLONSKI CURRENTLY IS WRITING FOR 20TH CENTURY-FOX. HAYDEN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HAYDEN IDENTIFIED THESE OTHERS AS MEMBERS OF THE "CELL":

A MAN NAMED HJ LAMAR WHO COLLECTED THE PARTY DUES. "I THINK HE WAS WITH PARAMOUNT, BUT I'M NOT SURE."

BEA WINTERS, AN AGENT'S SECRETARY WHO SIGNED HIM UP AS A MEMBER.

"BERNIE" -- "HE WAS A WHITE COLLAR TYPE AND MORE INTELLECTUAL THAN THE OTHERS . . . ALL OF WHOM SEEMED TO BE BACK LOT WORKERS; BERNIE FREQUENTLY CONDUCTED DISCUSSIONS ON THE DIALECTICAL PHASES OF COMMUNISM."

"FRANK"

ROBERT LEES, WHO WAS PRESENT AT 10 OR 12 MEETINGS.

HAYDEN SAID THAT MEETINGS "FREQUENTLY" WERE HELD AT POLONSKI'S HOME. OR "THREE MONTHS HE WAS SELDOM PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS, BUT TOWARD THE END HE STARTED ACTING AS HEAD OF THE GROUP," THE ACTOR TESTIFIED.

"AT THE MEETINGS THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF 10 OR 20 PEOPLE," HE SAID. "THEY WERE HAPPY, IF THEY GOT MORE THAN EIGHT."

THE DUES WERE ASSESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS, HAYDEN SAID. HE AID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS AN EXCEPTION AND ONLY PAID "WHAT THE REST PAID. IT RAN ABOUT \$1.75 TO \$2.00 - MONTH."

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HE ASKED HOOVER TO ALLOW HIM TO REFER PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS TO THE FBI WHEN HE HAD TO MAKE OUT JOB APPLICATIONS CARRYING QUESTIONS ON COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP.

HE SAID HOOVER REPLIED THAT THE FBI COULD NOT DO THAT.

HAYDEN URGED THE COMMITTEE TO FIND SOME WAY THAT PEOPLE WHO HAD MADE "MISTAKES" AND BECOME COMMUNISTS COULD CLEAR THEMSELVES AGAIN.

HAYDEN SAID JOINING THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS "CERTAINLY THE STUPIDEST, MOST IGNORANT THING I'VE EVER DONE."

"I DON'T MAKE ANY APOLOGIES," HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE.

HE SAID HE WENT INTO THE PARTY "WITH A VERY EMOTIONAL AND UNSOUND OPINION."

"IT TOOK THREE OR FOUR MONTHS," HAYDEN TESTIFIED, "TO REALIZE THE TRUE NATURE OF WHAT I'D DONE."

"THE ONE THING THAT DECIDED ME ONCE AND FOR ALL AGAINST THE THING WAS THE MANNER IN WHICH EVERYTHING IS PREDETERMINED. I THOUGHT THEY HAD A FORM OF DEMOCRACY IN MIND. THE WHOLE THING IS THAT THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE KEY THROUGH SOME OCCULT POWER AND THAT THEY KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERYBODY."

THE COMMITTEE'S SMALL, SMOKE-FILLED HEARING ROOM WAS MINUS THE BIG TELEVISION AND NEWSREEL LIGHTS THAT HAVE MARKED OTHER RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.

THERE WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY. ONLY EARLY ARRIVALS WERE ABLE TO GET A SEAT. A GROUP OF WOULD-BE SPECTATORS JAMMED THE DOOR.

THE ROOM WAS QUIET MOST OF THE TIME, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE FAST-TALKING HAYDEN RELATED HIS DARING UNDERCOVER EXPLOITS IN THE WAR.

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What do our files show re Hayden?

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HAYDEN SAID AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH MEETING, THE CELL MEMBERS WOULD BE TOLD:

"WE WILL MEET AT SUCH AND SUCH AN ADDRESS NEXT TIME."

FREQUENTLY, HE SAID, HE WASN'T SURE AT WHOSE HOME THE MEETINGS WERE HELD.

HAYDEN SAID THAT IN 1947 HE REFUSED MISS MORLEY'S OVERTURES TO GET HIM BACK INTO THE PARTY. HE SAID SHE THEN SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTINUE AS "A PASSIVE OR CONTRIBUTING" COMMUNIST BY GIVING MONEY TO THE PARTY.

HAYDEN SAID THAT A MONTH AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR HE WROTE FBI CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER STATING THAT HE HAD BEEN A COMMUNIST FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN 1946 AND ASKING CLEARANCE BY THE FBI SO THAT HE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER MILITARY SERVICE IN CASE OF WAR.

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SAC, Los Angeles

April 24, 1951

Director, FBI

JOHN HAMILTON, aka
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Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of the column, "Washington Scene," by George Dixon which appeared in the Washington "Times Herald" of the April 18, 1951, issue.

You will note that this subject is discussed in this column. Dixon claims that when Hayden was in Washington in 1947 for the HUAC hearings he arranged a dinner party to which he invited "one of our wealthiest heiresses." Hayden allegedly demanded to know why she was not a Communist and told her that the Communist way is the only way of life. He also reportedly gave her some pamphlets and made reference to a "pal" who was a captain of a Russian boat and who kept him supplied with pamphlets.



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He delved into a pocket and produced a handful of pamphlets. The heiress looked them over.

"I was shocked," she told me later. "They contained the most vicious Communist propaganda I have ever seen."

THE young lady said she asked Hayden where he got such stuff. She said he told her:

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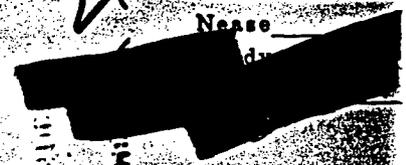
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Although he was wont to leer copiously for the "underling," he nevertheless liked to be with the "right" people.

The handsome Mr. Hayden arranged a dinner party at one of our most fashionable hostelrys and induced one of our wealthiest heiresses to be among the guests. At the height of the festivities he took this young lady back by suddenly demanding to know why she was not a Communist.

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He is arriving and I go up to San Francisco to meet him.

"He keeps me supplied with these pamphlets."

WE'RE so used to the unusual here that the extraordinary is commonplace. Under the heading, "Transaction of Routine Business," the Congressional Record of April 11 (Page 3,713) has this:

"The Vice President laid before the Senate the following:

"A letter from the acting Secretary of Commerce transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to promote the rescue of civil employes of the federal government who are lost in the performance of their official duties."

How did they get lost, for goshsake?—Trying to follow Truman's circumlocutions?

MISS Reid, who is an authority on many esoteric subjects, informs me that flashlight photography threatens to replace necking among our celebrated cherry blossoms.

Miss Reid says that when she was a young girl in the Nation's Capital, cherry blossom time was a time for nocturnal romance. It was sweet, she reminisces, to be wooed among the blooms.

The beautiful blossoms are here again, but young lovers are finding themselves stultified by camera fiends with flash bulbs, she says.

"It is indeed distressing," she adds, in sad, sweet plaint. "Who wants to be wooed with a flash bulb going off in one's maidenly kisser?"

THE Women's National Press club sent out this announcement of its big dinner of the year, which will be held in the Statler hotel tonight (Wednesday):

"Secretary of State Acheson will deliver a major foreign policy address."

"Soft dinner music by the Marines."

Oh, mlgawd!!!

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The FBI:

It is understood that Sterling Hayden, c/o
[REDACTED] Hollywood,
California was a communist in 1951; it is not known
what his status on this score is at this time. He
is an actor by profession.

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