

S A R A H P O W E L L , called as a witness, having first
been duly sworn by the Foreman, testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Can we have your address and telephone number?

A 56-27 194th Street; Flushing 7-9642.

Q Are you married? A Yes, I am.

Q To Mr. Sidney Powell? A That's right.

Q What does he do? A My husband is an office manager
for a plumbing contractor here in town.

Q What is the name of the firm that he works for?

A Is that in relation to this?

Q Everything that we ask you here, unless it will
tend to incriminate you, you must answer. A Yes, but I
didn't think my husband had anything to do with this; I mean,
I was called as a witness.

Q Let's not debate this. I will tell you what the law
is, and you are supposed to answer the questions I ask. This
is in connection with background information which we usually
ask for. A He works for Fine-Shlosberg.

Q They are plumbing suppliers? A No; they are plumbing
contractors.

Q Where is their place located? A I think it is on
Second Avenue. I don't know the exact address.

Q You were born in New York City, were you? A No, I
was not. I was born in Baltimore, Md.

Q What was the date? A December 29, 1912.

Q Do you have any children? A Yes, I do.

Q How many? A One.

Q Girl or boy? A Little girl.

Q How old? A Two and a half.

Q When were you married? A May 19, 1946.

Q Now, where did you go to school? A In Baltimore.

Q Grammar and high schools? A Yes; and then I went to Teachers Training School at Towson, Md.

5 Q When did you graduate? A 1932.

Q Did you teach after that? A For a little while, yes.

Q Where were you employed after 1932? A Where was I employed?

Q Yes; and by whom? A As I say, I worked for the School Board; I taught night school; I taught Americanization for a while.

Q Where, in Baltimore? A Yes.

Q Baltimore Night School, is that what they call it?
A Yes.

Q You taught Americanization? A Classes, that's right.

Q What is that - civics? A I did not teach the civics part, but that's involved. I taught reading and writing, I mean, to foreigners who want to become citizens, who were taught the English language.

Q When was this, what years? A Oh, I think in '32 or '33. It has been so long ago, I just can't recall the

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exact dates. I think it was '32 or '33.

Q Do you speak any foreign languages? A No, I do not.

Q After '32 or '33 what did you do? A I taught nursery school for a while, for about a year, in Baltimore. And then I worked on a research project at the Johns-Hopkins Hospital. And then I worked for the -- do you want me to continue?

Q Yes, if you will, please. A Then I worked, temporary employment, with the Social Security Board in Baltimore; and then I went to Washington on a temporary job with the National Relations -- no.

Q Labor Relations? A No, no, no. Coal Commission. I forget -- the National Bituminous Coal Commission.

Q When was that? A That was in -- I think it was June of '39.

Q Were you employed as a secretary? A No, no. I was hired as an alphabetic key-punch operator, and then I was called and I worked with the commission, U. S. Civil Service Commission. I worked there from I guess '39 till '42. Do you want me to continue?

Q Yes, if you would, please. A And then from '42 to I think '43 I worked for the Office of Quartermaster General in Washington. Then from there I went to Procurement Division which is part of the Treasury Department. I worked there three years. Then from there -- oh, that's when I was married, and I had leave of absence, and I came up

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here, I had a three months' leave of absence, and I was out for three months until I found a job, with transfer, with the Veterans Administration here in New York. And I worked with the Veterans Administration here, it was the main office -- I was hired for the Brooklyn Regional Office, but before the office was set up they were here at the main branch at Broadway.

Q Who was your boss? A I know the person who hired me was Mr. Kellman -- not Kellman, no -- oh, Klegman, Joseph, I think, Klegman, and then when the office opened in Brooklyn we went out to the Brooklyn office, and I was with them until I left, I was pregnant, and that was the end. Now I am a housewife.

Q During 1939-1940 did you know Max Elitcher?

A Yes, I did know Max.

Q How did you meet him, do you recall? A He lived in my neighborhood out in northwestern Washington, and I met him out in Rock Creek Park on the tennis courts.

Q What was the nature of the relationship with him?

A Just an acquaintance you go out to the park and you play tennis and you just meet people.

Q Did you have occasion to visit him at his place?

A No.

Q On 7th Street? A No.

Q Washington, D. C.? A No.

Q Never? A I did not even know he lived on 7th St., no.

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Q Did you ever visit any apartment/^{that}he lived in?

A No, not that I recall.

Q Did you ever meet Morton Sobell? A No. The name doesn't sound familiar to me.

Q I show you a picture of Sobell, and ask you if that perhaps refreshes your recollection? A No. You know, in Washington, when you work there and you eat out, you go to restaurants and meet -- I mean, if you go to the same place every day, even if you go to work on the bus, you will see the same people day in and day out.

Q Do you know Julius Rosenberg? A No; I do not know who he is.

Q I am showing you pictures of him. A No.

Q Never saw him? A No.

Q Do you know Joel Barr? A No.

Q William Perl or Perlmutter? A No.

Q Alfred Sarant? A No.

Q Louise Sarant? A No.

Q Joel Barr? A No.

Q Mike Sidorovich? A No.

Q Mrs. Sidorovich? A No.

MR. LANE: May the record indicate that pictures of those people were shown to the witness.

Q You don't recall having met Mr. Sobell at all?

A No, I don't.

Q Did you ever visit Elitcher's place at 4925 7th St., Washington? A No.

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Q Did you ever go out on dates with this Sobell? A No.

Q What you must understand, it is very important, is that you are sworn here, and anything you say that is false, if it is a deliberate falsehood, it is subject to the penalties for perjury. Do you understand that? A Not that I recall.

Q In the light of that admonition, you still say that the answers you have given so far are correct? A Yes. In Washington I was a young single girl and I went to parties lectures and concerts. I mean, he might have been at some of those concerts or lectures or parties. But I do not recall noticing him or knowing who he was.

Q Did you ever attend any Communist Party meetings? A No.

Q Never? A No.

Q Did you ever attend any meetings of the Young Communist League? A No, I did not.

Q Did you ever attend a meeting of a Communist cell in Washington? A No, not that I recall attending any of them. As I say, I attended socials, parties.

Q What sort of socials? A Musicales.

Q These groups have any names? A No, not that I know of.

Q Were any meetings ever held in your home in Washington? A No; I did not have a home in Washington.

Q Where did you live? A I lived in a room with a family.

Q What was the name of the family? A Gee, I don't know. This has happened ten years ago, 12 years ago.

Q Do you remember what the address was? A I do not even remember the street. I know it was out the northwest section.

Q Do you know whether Elitcher was a member of the Communist Party? A No, I do not.

Q Or whether Sobell was a member of the Communist Party? A No, I do not.

Q Were you ever a member of the Communist Party?
A No, I was not.

Q Were you ever a member of the Young Communist League? A No.

Q Is your husband a member of the Communist Party?
A No.

Q Or of the Young Communist League? A No.

Q Were you ever a member of the Communist Party?
A No.

Q Or the Young Communist League? A I was not.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)