

I have not received a reply to that communication. I cannot say for certain that the communication reached the address. I do not know what the postal regulations or the censorship standards are in that respect. There was no subterfuge about the communication. The envelope was addressed -- I have forgotten the name of the gentleman -- to the secretary of the communist party of the United States. It may well be whoever sorted the mail first of all had a slight fit when he read that on the envelope and it is now being considered or perhaps similarly with respect to the reply.

Had I been less intensively engaged during the last several days I would have put through a telephone call or something of that sort to find out if the letter had been received and if there is going to be a reply. I should like to have the permission of the committee to forward a communication to you with respect to that item if I do receive a reply.

MR. MR. McKINNON: You say that it was in the fall of 1940 that the communist party of Canada dissociated itself --

MR. COHEN: From the comintern, the communist international.

MR. MacINNIS: Disaffiliated itself.

MR. COHEN: Disaffiliated itself, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I was expecting that information from you.

MR. COHEN: As a matter of fact I had jotted it down on my little notes here, but one does not always exhaust all one's arguments.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have no document to support that?

MR. COHEN: The only documents I can hope to get, unless I cable to the comintern wherever they are -- where are they, Moscow, Mr. Anderson?

MR. ANDERSON: Try Mexico.

MR. COHEN: It seems to me I should be able to get