

In other words, he was going to prove that Browder was wrong and the Communist Internationale endorsed his work. It shows the intense bitterness which I say exists in that organization, but here it was intensified by the way you have to operate, by the long period in which a man like Foster has to keep his mouth shut or be thrown out, and then in his reaction he was more bitter than he would normally be, than most persons would be under such circumstances.

Mr. Rankin. Was there anything like a threat of physical violence or threat of death?

Mr. Budenz. Well, of course, that is not given, but it is sometimes implied; that is to say -- I only know it in this way, that as editor I had asked a number of questions -- of course, there was the case of this Ignace Maria Reiss in France or Switzerland, a case in which even the New Republic claimed that he had been done away with by Soviet agents, and I felt that we ought to answer that. Well, I was just told we should keep our mouth shut, that this was too delicate. In other words, I was told, though not in so many words, that Soviet agents had really performed this function, you see. Of course, that is mentioned in Varenna's book in Cuba.

There was also the disappearance of Julia Stewart La Pointe, which frequently I wanted to hammer home, and while I only know about it from this angle, you appreciate, I was told to leave it alone. Which means, although the Communists are so voluble in denouncing anyone as a liar and thief -- you

know their tactics -- they really don't want any disturbance along that line.

There have been other incidents that I can not recall for the moment, but this is an indication that there is quite a considerable punishment of those who are mixed in -- a conspiratorial apparatus at least, and that is a fact which you can not mention in the Daily Worker. They are always ready to rush out and attack anybody that attacks them -- an indication that they think that silence and that sort of bromide is the best method of dealing with these questions. Of course, that is an indirect way of proving it, but it is a fact. I mean no one ever told me I was going to be physically injured for any of my acts, but necessarily that is a possible penalty. I mean especially for people in the conspiratorial apparatus. For instance, Ignace Maria Reis was a member of the conspiratorial apparatus. Julius Stewart La Pointe was likewise. She just walked out of the picture, an American citizen. Nobody ever found her. Of course, there have been many other people.

When you are the editor of a paper you don't know so much about who is a Communist and who isn't. You know who is with you. That is, you don't see the cards like the district organizer does. You don't know just who is a member of the Party and who isn't, but what you have to know is who is with you and who is against you. But what you do learn is some other things that are very interesting. For example, in regard

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to pictures. You know, you have to watch pictures very carefully, because some day you might publish a picture of a man who will be shot or purged. We had a number of Generals out there that I had to look over, and I wanted to be sure that they were all correct before we published them. So I showed them -- at that time I was in Chicago, and I showed them to William Patterson, Negro, associated with me. He had just come back from the Soviet Union and had been there a number of years with the American Bureau of whatever you call it at that time. I says, "How does this picture look?" He said, "Well, Yessoff" -- Yessoff was, you appreciate, head of that Secret Police at the time of the big trials. He is the man that they were supposed to have painted the wall of his room with poison in order to kill him. At any rate, whether they used that method or not, the point was here was Yessoff and he told me "No, don't put that in." So we had to cut Yessoff's picture off. I says, "Where is he?" He says, "Well, nobody knows. Some people say he is in Siberia. Nobody has ever known. He went up to Leningrad and just walked off the face of the earth." He was head of the Russian Secret Police. Imagine that. And the man that conducted all that investigation. And as a matter of fact, he was the one who helped convict his predecessor head of the Secret Police before him, and then Yessoff became sort of a patriotic hero. Then he just walked off the Leningrad stage and disappeared forever. No accounting was ever