

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMO

Ronald Reagan

RONALD REAGAN:

This individual is presently President of the Screen Actors Guild. He has no fear of any one, is a nice talker, well informed on the subject, and will make a splendid witness. He is of course reticent to testify, because he states that he is a New Deal Liberal, and does not agree with a number of individuals in the Motion Picture Alliance. I believe we straightened out a number of his differences, in that he felt Menjou and some of the others referred to him, Reagan, as a man who had been a Leftist and then reformed. Reagan resents this very much, as he states he never was a Leftist, that actually he got tangled up with a few committees that he thought were all right,

but it took him some time to learn that they were not. As soon as he discovered that fact, he got out of them.

I think that that is absolutely correct. I happen to have been raised in the same town with Reagan, and know him very well, and because of that fact he opened up and talked to me very freely, and he will go to Washington if we request him to do so. I think we should have him there.

We will have to be very careful about instances like this, however, as when we talked to Reagan, he felt that Jim McGuinness is a professional Red-baiter. However, when we explained McGuinness' position to him, he admitted he was probably wrong, that he did not personally know Mr. McGuinness, and had just drawn erroneous conclusions from promiscuous statements made by other individuals.

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