ABBREVIATIONS IN NOTES

CLRC Coast Labor Relations Committee
FHC Family History Libraries, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Portland
ILWU:P ILWU archives, Portland
ILWU:SF ILWU archives, San Francisco
JR Julia Ruuttila papers at Oregon Historical Society
MC Multnomah County Records Department
NA National Archives
NYT New York Times
OHS Oregon Historical Society
OJ Oregon Journal
OSA Oregon State Archives
Or Oregonian
PDW People’s Daily World
RB Ray Becker papers at Oregon Historical Society
UO Division of Special Collections and University Archives, University of Oregon Libraries
UW Mary Farquharson papers at University of Washington Libraries
NOTES

FORWARD

2. “Wobbly” is a term used to describe members of the Industrial Workers of the World, a radical labor organization founded in 1905.
7. Ruuttila played this role in both of the auxiliaries to which she belonged. Women radicals played similar roles in both the Flint, Michigan sit-downs of 1937 and the Minneapolis Teamsters’ strikes of 1935. See Dollinger, especially chapter 12, and Lasky.

INTRODUCTION

1. In 1997, the union changed its name to International Longshore and Warehouse Union, but the original name is used here since that was its name during Julia’s lifetime.
2. Louis Aragon (1897–1982) was a French writer. During the Nazi occupation of France he was one of the leaders of the resistance writers, directing the work of clandestine publication. These lines are from his poem “C” translated by William Jay Smith, appearing in Aragon: Poet of Resurgent France, edited by Hannah Josephson and Malcolm Cowley, London, Pilot Press, 1946, p. 60. (The poem was originally published in Aragon’s 1942 book Les Yeux d’Elsa.)


9. Julia also painted Reed College professor Lloyd Reynolds as heroic in his appearance before a congressional committee. He was not. He claimed the Fifth Amendment (see chapter 15). It is possible Julia is confusing him with someone else: Four men were found in contempt during the hearings—they were likely “heroic.”


12. Julia Ruuttila, to author, 30 April 1989, JR.


15. Julia’s father’s name was John B. Godman, her brother, John R. Godman. John B. was called Jack, her brother goes by John. To avoid confusion I will call the former Jack, as much as possible, and the latter John.


17. 1840 census M704122 Ky. Pendleton County reel 7831, p. 5; 1850 census Greenup Ky. microfilm roll 0442970, p. 205, dwelling house in order of visitation and family 684; 1850 census Pendleton County reel 442995, p. 369; 1860 census Greenup Ky. microfilm roll 7835, p. 6; Marriages in Greenup Co., vol. 2, 1854–1903, fiche 6101147, #46, FHC.


20. Cone, p. 77; 1880 and 1900 Ohio census information from e-mail correspondence with Laurel Lynn Demas, genealogical research volunteer, 3–5 November 2002; Polk’s Eugene, vol. 4, p. 94.

21. Marietta College information from e-mail correspondence with Linda Showalter, Special Collections, Dawes Memorial Library, Marietta College, 6 November 2002; Spanish War Military Pensions; *Ky. Civil War Rosters*; Oscar Ruuttila was a Navy Seaman First Class, 1942–45, phone call, Willamette National Cemetery, 1 October 2002; Mike joined the service June 1946 and was released in January 1948. May Apgovannon, Veterans Administration counselor, phone call, 19 November 2002. The records do not say which branch Mike served in but his letters from the period are on U.S. Marine Corps stationary and he writes of being in the Marines.

22. Watts tapes and transcripts OHS; Bigelow tapes in collection of Bill Bigelow, Portland; Copeland transcripts at the Tamiment Library, New York University. The interview is part of the Tamiment Library’s Oral History of the American Left Collection, Series I.

23. I have incorporated an unpublished manuscript, “Eggs in Baskets,” into chapter 1. One talk I made use of was a lecture Julia gave in the summer of 1975 to a political science class at Oregon State University, Corvallis. In the chapter on Ray Becker and the Centralia Tragedy, I use a letter she wrote on 5 January 1971 to accompany the Ray Becker materials she donated to the OHS, JR and RB.

CHAPTER 1

1. John B. Godman served in the First Kentucky Infantry as a private. Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers, roll 40, FHC.
2. Kornbluh, ed., Rebel Voices, p. 13; Dubofsky, We Shall Be All, p. 156.
3. Godman, p. 3; Kennedy, Interracial Intimacies, p. 258.
7. Since the job locations of loggers were isolated and far from the cities where the Wobblies had branches, in 1911 they instituted a camp delegate system, a man on the job to recruit and service union members. Howd, Industrial Relations, pp. 67–8.
8. “[P]ine logs were cut shorter than the ‘long logs’ of forty feet or more in the Douglas fir region on the western slopes of the Cascades.” Tyler, Rebels, p. 92.
9. Ella’s grandfather, Charles Cone, was a justice of the peace for 26 years. He also owned a wholesale grocery business and, after some years in Cincinnati, moved to his farm near Marietta. Cone, p. 43.
10. “Ohio School Reports . . . in the 1880s and 1890s . . . contain a . . . description of the examination that any teacher had to complete in order to teach. . . . They could be a high school graduate or could have completed the Boxwell Exam.” E-mail from Tom Neel, library director, Ohio Genealogical Society, 5 November 2002.
11. After nearly five years of construction, the completion of the line connecting North Bend and Marshfield (Coos Bay) with Eugene was celebrated with a special train from Portland to Coos Bay on 24 August 1916. OJ, 24 August 1916, p. 1; Or, 25 August 1916, p. 1.
12. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was the only woman leader of the IWW, traveling around the country organizing and speaking. In the late thirties she joined the Communist Party and in 1961 became its first woman chair. William D. “Big Bill” Haywood first worked as a miner’s helper at the age of fifteen. He started organizing for the Western Federation of Miners in Idaho and, in 1905, was one of the original organizers of the IWW. He was also active in the Socialist Party. In 1921, after being convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison under the Sedition Act with most of the IWW leadership, Big Bill jumped bail and fled to the Soviet Union, where he died in 1928.
13. None of the Socialist Party offices (Lane County, Oregon, and national) have records from this period to verify Ella Godman’s position.
14. Though not effective as a contraceptive, Lysol was promoted as such starting in the second decade of the twentieth century and became a popular birth control product. Andrea Tone, Devices and Desires, pp. xvi, 170.

CHAPTER 2

1. In May 1916, 100,000 soldiers and civilians marched in New York City. Curti, Peace or War, pp. 234–35, 246, 248; Chatfield, For Peace and Justice, p. 22.
2. At the very beginning of the war, the IWW came out quite strongly against it, yet the organization soon realized its impotence and devoted little attention to peace mobilization. Once the United States entered the war, they were equivocal on the issue, and most Wobblies registered for the draft and served when called. Foner, Labor Movement, p. 555; Solidarity, 3 Oct. 1914, p. 4, quoted in Brissenden, The IWW, 2d ed., p. 331; Dubofsky, We Shall Be All, pp. 349, 354–57; Howd, p. 70; Jensen, p. 124. See also Gambs, Decline, pp. 41–2.


5. Tyler, p. 95; Gambs, p. 52; Dubofsky, *We Shall Be All*, pp. 357, 407.

6. Tyler, pp. 96–7; Dubofsky, *We Shall Be All*, p. 365; Jensen, p. 127; Howd, p. 75.

7. To join the 4L, employees signed a patriotic pledge and promised “to faithfully perform my duty toward this company by directing my best efforts . . . to the production of logs and lumber for the construction of Army airplanes and ships to be used against our common enemies.” Howd, pp. 77–78, citing “The Northwest Front,” by W. A. Wolff, in *Collier’s*, Apr. 20, 1918, p. 32; Tyler, pp. 101–7; Dubofsky, *We Shall Be All*, pp. 412–13; Kornbluh, p. 255; Thompson, *The IWW*, p. 122.

8. Lane County real properties record, vol. 101, 412, #4853; vol. 104, 610, #11092; vol. 112, 231, #10975, 7 August 1915.

9. Since Julia remembered Agnes Thesla Fair visiting the ranch, they must have moved there before the United States entered the war, because Fair died in January 1917. The *Oregonian* reported that Fair was despondent because of ill health. *Or*, 12 January 1917, p. 8; *Of*, 30 March 1914, p. 1; *Or*, p. 11 January 1917; *Or*, 26 March 1919, p. 1.


11. While I could find no evidence that either the Fort Lewis or Aberdeen strikes occurred, in 1917 the lumber strike caused a shortage that interfered with the building of Fort Lewis, and shortly after, ship carpenters on Grays Harbor, where Aberdeen is located, refused to handle lumber from ten-hour mills. Jensen, p. 126; Howd, p. 73, citing *Or*, p. 26, July 1917, p. 6, *Seattle Union Record*, 4 August 1917, p. 1, and Washington State Bureau of Labor, Biennial Report, 1917–18, p. 67.


13. The novel was likely *Freelands*, published in 1915, in which tenant farmers attempt to unite and take collective action against oppressive landowners.


15. Information obtained from Registrar’s Office, University of Oregon, Eugene.

16. The results of the first Harper Intercollegiate Literary Contest were announced in the August 1926 issue. Julia Godman, of the University of Oregon, was the first listed winner of an honorable mention. *Harper’s Monthly Magazine* 153 (August 1926), p. 395.

17. Williams, “The Late, Great, Mt. June Flume Company.”

18. John R. Godman to author, 10 September 1993, JR.

19. Dubofsky, *We Shall Be All*, pp. 443–44.


**CHAPTER 3**


3. The title of the poem is “I Have Been a Spendthrift.”


5. Ella B. Godman filed on 18 November 1926. Veterans Administration Pension Index File, reel 2262, FHC.
6. Perhaps a married woman would not have been hired as a live-in maid.

7. While the Colorado coal-mine strike did not begin until October of 1927, two months after Julia and Butch left the state, the IWW was organizing in the Colorado fields that summer. Gambs, pp. 143–45.

Surely Julia would have lost her job. She might also have feared what her former employer might do. On 29 August 1927, Will Dietrich wrote Julia saying it was a good thing she had left because someone thought her former employer had “put a dick on your trail,” JR.


CHAPTER 4

1. For a detailed account of organized employer opposition to unions in the 1920s, see Bernstein, Lean Years, chapter 3.


3. During her first marriage, to William Bowen.

4. Crow’s Pacific Coast Lumber Digest was an industry publication. Lembcke and Tattam, One Union in Wood, p. 38.

5. This story is surprising because Julia always insisted she was terrible at mathematics. Unfortunately, I was unable to ask her about this discrepancy because this incident was not relayed to me but to Elizabeth Patapoff, a producer at KOAP-TV in Portland, in 1976 during an exploratory interview. I did not discover the audiotaped interview until after Julia’s death, JR.

6. Inman-Poulsen was in southeast Portland, not St. Johns.


8. This account is based on several sources, including: Buhle, Buhle, and Georgakas, pp. 672–74; Frank Young, Neighborhood History Project under the auspices of the Portland Parks Department, interview by Susan Kristof, tape recording, 10 August 1979, tape 1. OHS; Egan, “That’s Why Organizing Was So Good,” pp. 66, 81, 93; Hinckle, Big Strike, pp. 15–6.

9. Julia is correct that two men died; however, the official body count was 32 wounded by gunfire and 75 seriously hurt. Mike Quin points out in his book on the strike that these figures include only those who went to the hospitals. Hinckle, p. 60; Quin, Big Strike, p. 116. For an account of the Portland events by union organizer Matt Meehan and others, see Hardy, “The 1934 Portland Longshoremen’s Strike.”


14. Paragraph 2 of the original 1905 preamble said: “Between these two classes a struggle must go on until all the toilers come together on the political, as well as on the industrial field, and take and hold that which they produce by their labor, through an economic organization of the working class without affiliation with any political party.” Paragraph 2 of the 1908 revised IWW preamble reads, “Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.” Kornbluh, pp. 12–3.

15. The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. See chapter 2.

CHAPTER 5

3. For greater detail on the split, see Bernstein, *Turbulent Years*, chapters 8, 9, and Morris, chapters 8, 9.
4. This account relies heavily on both Jensen, chapter 11, and Lembcke and Tattam.
5. NLRB report in Formal and Informal Unfair Labor Practices and Representative Case Files, 1935–37, RG 25 NLRB, NA.
6. Hardy, p. 204.
8. Hardy, pp. 72, 78–9.
9. Julia had a further comment about Trent Phillips, “The last time I saw Trent Phillips, the Oregon Workers’ Alliance had gone under and he was working in some restaurant and pool hall with a broom. I don’t know what happened to him after that. But he was a smart man.”
10. Affidavit of Julia Eaton, 28 February 1947, sworn as part of a struggle by maritime and lumber unions opposing the appointment of Joseph K. Carson (Carson had been the mayor of Portland at the time of the lockout) to the U.S. Maritime Commission, JR.
11. The Sunshine Division, a nonprofit volunteer organization founded in 1923 connected to the Portland Police Bureau, assists Portlanders with emergency allotments of food, clothing, and bedding.
12. After the lumber has been cut and trimmed, it “moves on out of the mill on transfer chains into sorting sheds, commonly referred to as the ‘green chains.’ . . . Green-chain men are stationed at short intervals along the chains to pull off the lumber and load it onto trucks or carriers,” Howd, p. 35.
14. Those mills at which the IWA lost remained in the AFL in the Lumber and Sawmill Workers’ Union along with locals in other parts of the Northwest that had refused to leave the AFL in 1937. As a result, there remain two unions representing woodworkers. In 1994 the IWA merged with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and is now the Woodworkers Division of IAMAW. The Lumber and Sawmill Workers’ Union is now part of the Western Council of Industrial Workers. Julia wrote: “The rift between the IWA and the L&SMMW, now the Lumber Production & Industrial Workers, was years in healing. But finally the two unions began to coordinate contract demands and contract expiration dates. And now, of course, they are members, with the ILWU, the AWPPW [Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers], and the Inland Boatmen, which has since affiliated with ILWU, of the Federation of Tidewater Organizations.” Julia Ruuttila, “Why Unions?” p. 14, JR.
16. Lembcke and Tattam, pp. 45, 63.
17. Ibid., p. 63; Bernstein, *Turbulent Years*, p. 630.
18. Julia added, “But after the Canadians began to have a growing part in the union, the IWA learned from its bitter mistakes of that period and they yanked that out of the constitution. The present international president of the union, Keith Johnson, is a Canadian. The whole union changed and began to be like it was in the old days.”

A resolution banning Communist Party members from the union was passed in 1941. It was revoked in 1973, the same year Keith Johnson was elected president. Lembcke and Tattam, pp. 100, 174.
CHAPTER 6

1. Brecher, *Strike!* p. 104; Copeland, *Centralia Tragedy*, 41. I have relied heavily on Copeland for my account of the events in Centralia on 11 November 1919 and following.


4. There has always been controversy over this point. Some historians and investigators at the time have taken a position that it is unclear whether the legionnaires had attacked the hall when the shooting began. From my reading of the documents and literature, I take the position stated here, in agreement with Julia.

5. Affidavits: Etta Patterson, 20 October 1936; J. M. Eubanks, 10 June 1936; Charles Carey, 24 April 1937; Clyde Tisdale, 1 July 1939; Vernon O'Reilly, 16 July 1936, RB; Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, *Centralia Case*, p. 43.


   The charges against one man had earlier been dismissed. Lawyer Elmer Smith was one of the two found not guilty. Smith worked tirelessly for the freedom of the remaining imprisoned men until his death in 1932. Loren Roberts was found insane. He was released in 1930.

7. Juror affidavit, W. E. Inmon, 3 July 1936, RB.


9. Julia Bertram to Mary Farquharson, 28 Sept. 1936, Mary Farquharson Papers, UW.


11. Affidavit, 16 August 1936, RB.

12. Morgan’s paranoia presumably stemmed from the IWW’s contempt for him. Affidavit, Julia Bertram, 11 March 1937, RB.

13. Juror affidavit, 9 May 1936, RB.

14. Busn, “Ray Becker,” p. 94; Oregon Military Department, Communist Intelligence Reports, Accession no. 89A–012, Box 56, folder 12, 2–3 February 1936, OSA.

15. Irvin Goodman to Ray Becker, 22 April 1936, RB.

16. Ray Becker to Julia Bertram, 11 August 1936, 31 May 1937, RB.

17. Julia Bertram to Ray Becker, 2 June 1937; Ray Becker to Julia Bertram, 26 October 1937, RB.

18. Busn, “Ray Becker,” p. 92; Mary Farquharson to Roger Baldwin, 24 September 1939, UW.


CHAPTER 7

1. The murder had occurred in 1923. He had been identified by fingerprints after his arrest for disorderly conduct. *Or*, 25 February 1943, p. 10.

CHAPTER 8

2. Fraser, Blood of Spain, p. 127.
4. Jay Allen lost his job at the conservative Chicago Tribune due to his reports from the Spanish front. Cook, Eleanor Roosevelt, p. 504.
5. Only a few priests outside of the Basque provinces supported the republic. The Basque priests and laity were exceptions because their autonomist aspirations were supported by the republic. Sánchez, Spanish Civil War, p. 70.
8. FBI report, 29 December 1942, JR.
9. Special Agent H. I. Bobbitt, Portland, to the Director of the FBI re: Mrs. Julia Eaton, 25 July 1946, JR.
10. Mike was eighteen when he enlisted in the Marines. The baptismal record must have been for either the shipyards or the Merchant Marine. See chapter 14.

CHAPTER 9

1. Miriam Kolkin, news editor, to Kathleen Cronin, 30 March 1946; Kathleen Cronin to Allan Fletcher [February, 1947], facsimiles, JR.
2. Sauvies Island is only ten miles from Portland’s city center.
4. PDW, 7 May 1946, pp. 1, 3; Or, 22 September 1946, p. 17; Oregon Bar Association, p. 43; Frank Pozzi, interview, tape recording, Portland, Oregon, 10 June 1992, JR; OJ, 16 September 1949, pp. 1, 3.
6. For this account of Vanport, I have relied heavily on Maben, Vanport.
12. In 1941 the Oregon Labor Press, with S. Eugene Allen as editor, published “The Enemy Within,” a vilifying pamphlet on Communist influences in the labor movement. It named Julia Bertram as a member of the “contributions committee” for the 30 August, 1–2 September 1940 Peace Mobilization Conference in Chicago and referred to her as the “energetic little local lady journalist for the Commie-controlled Timber Worker,” p. 27.

13. AFSCME does not have records from this period. Mike Sayan, Oregon AFSCME, phone call, 22 November 2002; Susan Holleran, National AFSCME, e-mail, 3 December 2002.

14. The chairman of the Julia Eaton (Kathleen Cronin) Defense Committee was Matt Meehan. Murnane was secretary. Other members included several attorneys, a professor, a photographer, a writer, a doctor, a minister, the chairman of the IWA auxiliary, the chairman and vice chairman of the Citizen Disaster Committee, and many union officers and members, both AFL and CIO. Statement of the Julia Eaton (Kathleen Cronin) Defense Committee, n.d., facsimile, JR.


The Progressive Party was formed in July 1948 in opposition to President Harry Truman’s Cold War policies and the anticommunist, antilabor, and anti-civil liberties campaigns of the Truman administration. Former vicepresident Henry Wallace was the party’s presidential candidate.


CHAPTER 10

1. Editorial, Or, 9 September 1946, p. 6.
3. Julia is referring to the brotherhoods for the railroad jobs held exclusively by whites. The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was the only black railroad brotherhood. Though it was first organized in 1925, it did not sign its first contract until 1937. Only then was it recognized by the AFL. Evan Stark, “Randolph, A. Philip,” in Buhle, Buhle, and Georgakas, p. 643.
4. Or, 23 February 1950, p. 1; OJ, 9 March 1950, p. 1; OJ, 23 March 1950, p. 5; Abstracts of Votes, Multnomah County, 1950, roll 2 of 2; Election Precincts as Established by the City Court, January 1950, MC.
5. A fair employments practices law was enacted in 1949 (after a defeat in 1947) by the Oregon legislature, prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, or national origin. A public accommodation law was passed by the Oregon legislature in 1953. The same year saw the deletion of the word “white” from the state constitution with respect to reapportionment, which was previously based on white population only. City Club of Portland, “[T]he Negro in Portland,” Bulletin 37, p. 357.

CHAPTER 11

3. After nearly five months, the union settled for an immediate 14-cent raise with another 7 cents in five months. NYT, 9 May 1949, p. 16, 7 October 1949, p. 1.
4. Frank Pozzi, interview, tape recording, Portland, Oregon, 26 December 1990, JR.
7. Gladstein was prevented from defending Bridges in his 1949–50 perjury trial because he was serving a six-month sentence for contempt of court when Bridges’ trial began in November 1949. *NYT*, 15 Oct 1949, pp. 1, 3.
9. Julia remembered, “A few years later, the Longshoremen were picketing some scab operation that they were trying to shut down, and I was over there writing that up and he was there, and he was taking a good position, so we spoke to each other.”
10. The front-page story in the *Dispatcher* on November 19, 1943, was the awarding of honorary lifetime memberships in the ILWU to actor-singer Paul Robeson and artist Rockwell Kent at a luncheon in their honor on 12 November 1943.
11. For a discussion of the history of black membership in ILWU locals, see Nelson, *Divided We Stand*, chapter 3, especially pp. 94–101.
12. Although the international leadership was committed to racial equality, it was difficult to impose it because the union also embraced local autonomy and rank-and-file democracy. Ibid., pp. 93, 99–100.
13. Minutes of Meeting of the CLRC, meeting no. 3, 31 January 1967, ILWU:P.
14. Minutes of Meeting of the CLRC, 7 May 1968, ILWU:P.
15. Minutes of Meeting of the CLRC, meeting no. 12, 15 August 1968, ILWU:P.
16. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Portland Joint Longshore Labor Relations Committee for Registration, no. 41, 20 August 1968, no. 45, ILWU:P; Complaint for Injunctive and Affirmative Relief and Damages under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, civil no. 68–608, filed 29 October 1968, facsimile, JR.

**CHAPTER 12**

2. On 3 January 1951, the *Oregonian* reported that the Building Services Employees Local 49, AFL, had “been picketing Emanuel hospital for many weeks in an effort to get a union contract,” p. 1.

**CHAPTER 13**

1. Julia was released from the hospital 26 November 1950. Emanuel Hospital records department personnel, telephone conversation, 2 April 1991.
4. Ibid., p. 3. In 1905, Astoria’s population was 11,045, of whom 2,027 were Finns. *Morning Astorian*, 26 August 1905, as cited in Hummasti, *Finnish Radicals*, p. 31. In 1950, Portland, with a population of 704,829, had 964 Finnish-born residents and 1820 U.S.-born people of Finnish parentage. Astoria was too small to be listed in this second breakdown, but assuming a similar ratio of descendants to immigrants, its Finnish-identified population would have been about 2700, or nearly 22 percent of the town. U.S. Bureau of Census, *U.S. Census of Population: 1950*, vol. II, part 37, pp. 12, 51, 52, and vol. 14, Special


7. Ibid., pp. 70–3, 235.

8. Ibid., p. 59.


10. They were married 3 January 1951. The marriage license is listed in the *Evening Astorian-Budget* of the next day on page 2, Oscar Andrew Ruuttila, 313 Alameda, Astoria, and Julia G. Eaton, Portland.


12. Julia asked me to add a footnote that “today there are Blacks on the Portland docks, and a young black member of Local 8, Robert Fambro, is Secretary of the ILWU Columbia River District Council, which includes 4 locals in Portland, and locals in Astoria, Newport and North Bend. Fambro’s mother, Clara Fambro, is president of ILWU Women’s Auxiliary 5 and also President of the Federated Auxiliaries, which has groups in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.” Julia Ruuttila, to author, 14 November 1990, JR.

13. None of the daily bulletins survive among Julia’s papers, but she did save a handbill explaining the strike to the public, lauding the cannery workers and launchmen for refusing to cross the picket line, and thanking the “home town people for their support.”

14. The packers sued the union (Julia was one of the named defendants). The decision, handed down on 13 March 1953, disallowed the packers’ claim for damages but ordered the union to be “forever enjoined and restrained from . . . causing to be established or maintained any pickets . . . or in any manner unlawfully interfering with the plaintiff’s conduct and operation of its business.” *Columbia River Packers Association v. Columbia River Fishermen’s Protective Union*, 21560 OR 20371 (1953).

15. While Democrats did increase their voting power in Astoria and Clatsop County, there is no evidence of Republicans switching party affiliation. Voter pamphlets from the period have not survived. *Evening Astorian-Budget*, 8 November 1950, pp. 1–2; 3 November 1954, p. 1; 7 November 1956, p. 1; 5 November 1958, p. 1.


17. Betty Wollam, interview, 21 May 1991, JR.


20. Finland was part of Tsarist Russia from 1809 and was dependent on Russia for grain. In 1917, the combination of political upheavals disrupting trade and a poor harvest caused food shortages close to famine in some parts of the country. Singleton, *History of Finland*, pp. 1, 107, 114; Wuorinen, *History of Finland*, p. 223.

21. After the Communists came to power in Russia, Finland, supported by Lenin, declared its independence on 6 December 1917. In January 1918, civil war broke out. By February the south was under Red control and the north under White. Victory followed in May for the Whites after Germany entered the war on their side. Many Reds fled to Russia and others were imprisoned, many dying of starvation and neglect. Singleton, pp. 99, 110–14.
CHAPTER 14

1. Much of my information about Mike’s World War II years is from his letters to Julia and one to his grandmother Ella. The letters, often undated, start sometime in 1945 (probably summer) and continue fairly regularly until September of 1947. There are two other letters dated 10 May 1952 and 7 June 1952. Also a letter to Senator John A. Carroll from Julia, 19 October 1958, facsimiles, JR.


3. See chapter 15. HUAC refers to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, popularly called the House Un-American Activities Committee, hence the order of the letters in the acronym.


6. The adoption decree was signed on 29 November 1963. Shane was fourteen. Decree number 2706, Judge Charles M. Johnson, JR.

CHAPTER 15

1. R. J. Keenan [Julia Ruuttila], “What’s Behind the Screen?” [part 1], March of Labor (April 1952), p. 21, JR.

2. Frank Pozzi, interview, 10 June 1992, JR.

3. Enclosed with a letter from James M. Donahue, chairman, Local Appeal Board, to Oscar Andrew Ruuttila, Seattle, Washington, 13 April 1954, JR.


5. According to their defense literature, the correct spellings of two of the defendants’ names are Hamish Scott MacKay and John Stenson. However, the other two defendants’ names are spelled differently in two pieces of defense literature. In a 1953 pamphlet, they are Casimiro B. Absolor and Karolina Halverson, but are Casimoro Absolar and Caroline Halverson on a 1950 leaflet issued by the Committee for Defense of Four of Oregon’s Foreign Born. U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities, Communist Political Subversion, House Report 1182, 16 August 1957, pp. 86, 87 and 81, cited in FBI report, 2 July 1963, JR.

6. The official name of the boilermakers’ union is the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers.

7. Julia’s surprise stemmed from the fact that the carpenters union was a conservative AFL union.

8. In 1980, the Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific (IBU) affiliated with the ILWU. In 1987, ILWU Local 37, the Alaska Cannery Workers’ Union, representing nonresident Alaskan seafood processing workers, affiliated with the IBU to become Region 37. International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union, The ILWU Story, pp. 2, 56.

9. Though labor was never able to repeal the act outright, it remained the subject of continuing revision and debate. Dubofsky, State and Labor, pp. 209–12.

10. Dubofsky, State and Labor, p. 204.


15. Pozzi explained why Julia asked reporters not to take pictures. “In those days, you could be on television or not, and it was your choice, some court had held you didn't have to. . . . Julia chose not to . . . because they were making a spectacle out of it for their own aggrandizement.” Interview, 26 December 1990, JR.


18. Ibid., pp. 7032–7033; Frank Pozzi, interview, 26 December 1990, JR.


22. Shane Ruuttila, interview, 20 February 1991, JR.

## Chapter 16


2. Shane Ruuttila, interview, 20 February 1991, JR.

3. Julia Ruuttila to Amanda, George, and Einar Ruuttila, 20 December 1962, JR.


5. Julia added, “Course, its different now. The grandchildren have become quite progressive and radical. After I moved up here to Portland, I went to a meeting of the Finnish left wingers in Astoria. It was interesting to see that some of the grandchildren had gone the other way again and took a different view of things. They were no longer intimidated.”

6. Julia’s FBI file contains a memo written on 26 July 1965 reporting her move from Astoria to Portland “on or about June 9, 1965,” JR.

7. Bettina Aptheker was the founder of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, originally formed to organize student support for the 15 April 1967 Spring Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam marches in San Francisco and New York. The daughter of prominent American Communist and historian Herbert Aptheker, in 1966 she was also a member of the Communist Party.

8. Shane Ruuttila, interview, 20 February 1991, JR.

9. Ibid.

10. Shane recalls that he was given his diploma two weeks early and told not to come back because of bad behavior. Shane Ruuttila, telephone call, 10 October 2002.

## Chapter 17

1. Lois and Jesse Stranahan, interview, tape recording, Portland, Oregon, 8 August 1991, JR.


3. Larrowe, p. 382.

4. Ibid., p. 386.


7. Clara Fambro, interview, 6 May 1991, JR.

8. Ibid.

CHAPTER 18

1. FBI report PD 100–5640, 14 July 1967, JR.
2. Ibid.
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