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AUSA HITZ, Washington, D. C. told U. S. Court of Appeals that LAWSON's appeal of conviction should be thrown out as the House Committee was legally created. Subject faces one year's prison term and \$1,000 fine. Superior Judge HANSON stated "Unfriendly 10" must answer questions if they expect to proceed with their \$1,000,000 damage suits against film studios. HANSON said "any person who is unwilling to state publicly whether or not he is a Communist is considered to be a Communist." Daily Peoples World quotes LAWSON as saying in an interview that "F. ... is the only paper in which one can get honest news." In regard to the HINDSZENTY trial, LAWSON said "I think the trial is a very healthy development, because it is a warning that the people of Europe will not tolerate interference of the church in other than matters of faith in their political affairs." Masonic Lodge would not allow LAWSON to hold lecture series in Hollywood Masonic Temple. Comments by LAWSON at his lectures on "A New Approach to American History and Our Cultural Heritage" set out. LAWSON attended Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace at New York in March, 1949. Excerpts of subject's speech before mass communications panel set out.

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CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL

CNDI LA JO-1 advised that SANFORD GOLDNER, Educational Director of the California Labor School, made an appointment with JOHN HOWARD LAWSON to eat dinner with him on February 28, 1949 at the Gotham Restaurant, 7050 Hollywood Blvd., at 6:00 P.M. GOLDNER said that he desired to discuss several things with LAWSON, and that GOLDNER planned to spend just one hour with LAWSON as LAWSON was to make a speech that evening and GOLDNER had a class he had to teach at the California Labor School. In this connection it should be noted that CNDI LA JO-1 has advised that tentative plans have been made between GOLDNER and LAWSON for LAWSON to make a series of lectures in the downtown area of Los Angeles to be sponsored by the California Labor School. Definite plans will be reported to the Bureau as soon as known by informant of this Office.

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CNDI LA 3184 advised that on October 20, 1948, he had a discussion