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On November 16, 1949, Confidential Informant ND 418 attended a meeting of approximately 150 persons at the Hotel Sutton in New York City at 8:30 PM on that date. The meeting was sponsored by ASP.

According to ND 418, there were three speakers and the theme of their speeches concerned the prosecution of the "Hollywood 10" and the opposition was taken up. This prosecution is a direct attack against all screen actors and writers who were not afraid to speak the truth. JOHN HOWARD LAWSON was the principal speaker and he said there is collaboration in Hollywood that never existed before. He said that Wall Street is not responsible for the production of pictures which comply with their purpose of "blood and destruction." He said that progressive pictures are rarely made but when they are the large chain theatres refuse to accept them.

According to ND 418, LAWSON made the observation that one writer in Moscow has charged that in America, the movie industry is not making a single picture which speaks of peace. LAWSON then said that the charge of this Russian writer is true and noted that in the USSR there is a picture being shown throughout the land, which is an appeal for peace. He concluded that while the USSR wants peace, Wall Street and the American monopolists want war. He appealed for the organization of a strong progressive movement in ASP which will always be willing to help and cooperate with any other progressive organization.

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