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COMMENTS :

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON  
4542 Coldwater Canyon (1941)  
North Hollywood, Calif.

COMMUNIST

EAST COAST ADDRESS: Own residence, vicinity of Mystic Beach, three miles from Morishes Long Island, New York.

BUSINESS ADDRESS: At either residence

OCCUPATION: Playwrite and Author

LAWSON was born in New York, date unknown. (Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles County 10-10-41 LA 100-6769)

An active Communist who "with HERBERT BIBERMAN is in control of the intellectuals and motion picture comrades in the Hollywood area." (Confidential National Defense Informant DR #57 of Denver, Colorado Field Division via Communist party letter received by JAMES ALLANDER District Organizer of Communist Party, Denver, Colorado 8-11-41, LA 100-1763-294 with 293 attached.)

Acts as courier for HERBERT BIBERMAN in verbally transmitting instructions of Communist Party in Moscow to east coast (N.Y.C.) (LA 100-6769-1)

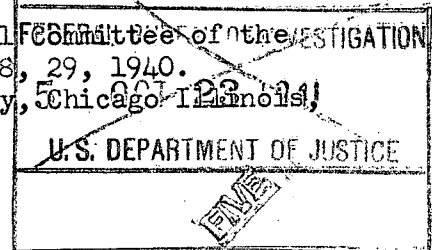
Leading United States Communist; has stated that he "hoped the revolution could come here without blood shed but it should come even with blood shed if necessary." (HOWARD EMMITT ROGERS c/o Metro Goldyn Mayer Studios, Hollywood, California LA 100-1763-272)

Arrested Birmingham, Alabama May 18, 1934, charge criminal libel, growing out of article written by LAWSON in Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, defending Communist Party organizer HAROLD RALSTON (New York Times dated 7-6-34 LA 100-6769-35-P5)

Member National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; has publically picketed German Consulate on behalf of the release of ERNEST THAELMANN, German Communist prisoner. (New York Times dated 5-29-34-P6, LA 100-6769-35-P5)

Defended HARRY BRIDGES in article written for Daily Worker, Communist Newspaper, issued on June 14, 1941, page 4, column 6, stated trial placed BRIDGES in double jeopardy and criticized FBI as "extra legal Hitler Gestapo." President Screen Writers Guild, Hollywood, California and writer for numerous Communist publications e.g. New Masses and Daily Worker. (LA 100-6769-35-P5)

Attended meeting of plenary sections of the National Communist Party as delegate from California, July 28, 29, 1940. (WALTER L. FURBERSHAW, Carnay Illinois Steel Company, Chicago, Illinois, Los Angeles file 67-69-3-P4).



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