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On 9-26-46 LA JO-1 stated that Joe Foster informed Lawson that he wanted to talk to him about writing & directing a movie for "New Masses." (S)(u)

On 4-22-46 a confidential source advised that Clara Walden, wife of Michael Walden, sent a telegram to Ilya Ehrenberg, Konstantin Simonov & Michael Galaktionov, care of USSR Embassy in Wash., DC, asking them to visit LA. The telegram stated that John Howard Lawson & other prominent LA citizens, joined the American Russian Institute in requesting them to come to Calif. (S)(u)

LA rpt., 5-4-48
Re: John Wexley, was;
IS-R
100-259146-6, pgs. 5, 7, 15
(16, 22)

Four CP organizers stopped in Pittsburgh on 11-8-46 while enroute from NY to Chicago to attend a convention. While in Pittsburgh they discussed the movie strike in Hollywood. One of the organizers, believed to be Gonzales Caravella (mail mutilated), said, "That the Stalinists have gotten control of all the Unions in Hollywood, even the Screen Writers' Union, known as the Screen Writer's Guild and that John Lawson, President of the Union, is a Stalinist and that Lawson was brought to Hollywood by V. J. Jerome, the Boss of the Stalinists in Hollywood, whose real name is Isaac Romaine."

Memo captioned "Socialist Workers Party", Pittsburgh, Pa. 11-8-46, furnished by an unknown outside source.
100-16-40-60
(12)

LA 2894 furnished a leaflet announcing a program sponsored by "Daily People's World" publicizing a presentation of the "Hollywood Forum" on the topic, "ART- Weapon for the People".

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"Journal American" of 10-22-46 contained an article by Howard Rushmore charging that American Authors' Authority was a Communist effort to control literature. Rushmore named John Howard Lawson as a known Communist who was sponsoring this organization.

(S)(U)
 [ND 400 advised] of a public meeting to be held by "Mainstream", a CP publication at NYC. This meeting was to be held at Manhattan Center, NYC, on 6-11-47. John Lawson was one of those who was to fly from Hollywood for the occasion.

NY rpt., 2-11-48
 Re: Cominfil Radio Industry;
 IS-C
 100-340922-83, pgs. 14 & 26
 (16/23)

The Joint Anti Fascist Refugee Committee was to put on a dinner at Hotel Astor, NYC, on 10-30-47. NYT 221 advised that Herbert Biberman, who was cited for contempt by HCUA on 10-29-47, conferred with Helen Bryan, National Executive Secretary of above organization. He told her that John Lawson & others, all of whom were cited for contempt during the investigation into the movie industry, would be at the above dinner. Bryan told Biberman that there would be a cocktail party at Hotel Astor prior to the dinner & she wanted Lawson & the others to attend. Biberman said he would tell them of Bryan's wishes.

NY teletype 10-30-47
 Re: Joint Anti-Fascist
 Refugee Committee;
 IS-C
 100-7061-1496
 (12)

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At a meeting held at Otisfield Hall, Roxbury, Mass. on 8-10-51, Phil Bart, General Manager of the "DW", announced the formation of a new organization to be called the "National Freedom of the Press Association." The purpose of this was to interest people from all walks of life in freedom of the press and while it would be completely separated from the "DW", it would be supervised by Bart and John Lawson, who was named as the National Chairman. BS 612

"DW" of 8-23-37, on page seven, identified John Howard Lawson as a CP member.

Boston rpt. 10-27-53
 Re: Robert Louis Goodwin, was;
 IS-C, IS Act 1950
 100-208756-80, p. 3
 (15) (22)
 SI 65-33130-79
 (9) (22)
 SI 100-20429-22, p. 8
 (13)
 SI 100-37277-23
 (14)
 SI 100-77967-19, p. 10
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 SI 100-92637-549, p. 3
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 SI 100-241241-54, p. 3
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 SI 100-246336-43
 (16) (22)
 SI 100-246336-46
 (16) (22)
 SI 100-340564-58, p. 3
 (16) (23)
 SI 100-340564-59, p. 3
 (16) (23)
 SI 100-345328-7, p. 7
 (17)
 SI 100-358056-5
 (17) (23)
 SI 100-358244-11, p. 7
 (17)
 SI 100-358562-2, p. 10
 (17) (23)
 SI 100-366697-11, p. 7
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Boston rpt. 8-19-55
Re: Roberta Steinberg Johnson, was;
SM-C
100-275732-36, p. 2
(16)✓
SI 100-377025-16
(18)✓

John Bart*, General Manager of "DW", announced in Roxbury, Mass. on 8-10-51, the formation of a new organization to be called the Freedom of the Press Association, which would be supervised by John Lawson. BS 612

The Calif. Legislature, Fourth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, Page 131, identified John Lawson as a CP member.

Boston rpt. 3-29-55
Re: Frederick Harley Bradley;
SM-C
100-34490-39
(14)✓

*Should be Phil Bart

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The Security Classification Appeal of Jo Swerling, Jr., was heard on 2-28-52 before a San Francisco Security Appeals Board. It had been reported that Jo Swerling, Sr. associated with Hollywood people who were known as Communists. The elder Swerling appeared at this hearing & testified that he knew John Howard Lawson as a fellow worker & union member but did not know him in a social way. Swerling stated he had a rather severe argument with Lawson several years previous when Lawson obtained money from him and a record that he had made in support of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He subsequently learned that Lawson was not using it for the purpose stated and made him return the record & his money. This was his last contact with Lawson, and he had not seen him the past two years because Lawson was in prison. ~~SA~~(C)

Records of the Clerk's office, U. S. Supreme Court, Wash. DC, indicated that among the persons who subscribed to the brief filed 8-11-49 in support of the appeals of Lawson & Dalton Trumbo from their conviction of contempt of Congress was the name of Jo Swerling, motion picture industry. This informant stated that Lawson & Trumbo were members of the "Hollywood Ten," who were subpoenaed before the HCUA in 1947. ~~SA~~(C)

Coast Guard Memo 2-28-52
105-13045-1356 pgs. 2, 6
(20)

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Vivian Sharp was in charge of handling the arrangements for a rally which was to be sponsored by the HASFC at the Embassy Auditorium in LA in middle 1949 at which John Howard Lawson was to be one of the principal speakers. On 8-22-49 Sharp was a member of the office staff of ASPC and was thinking of taking a job elsewhere. David Robison, Executive Director of this organization, was concerned and discussed the matter with Lawson.
LA CD-60

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