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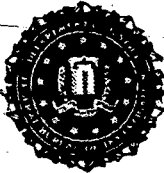
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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October 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

In response to your inquiry concerning the article carried in the New York papers, indicating that the Navy department is investigating Joseph Lash, I contacted Mr. Foxworth, who informs me that Captain McFall, Director of Naval Intelligence in New York, advised him that Lash was an applicant for appointment as a reserve officer in the Naval Intelligence and in connection with this application he is presently under investigation by representatives of ONI.

A memorandum is being prepared at the present time with reference to the information in the Bureau's files on Joseph Lash.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd
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MR. E. A. TAMM

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You will recall that recent newspaper comments indicate that Lash is being considered for a position with the Office of Naval Intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM SUMMARY

Re: **JOSEPH P. LASH**, also known as
JOE LASH

Joseph P. Lash was born in New York City on December 2, 1909. He attended the DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City, and the City College at New York City at which school he obtained his A.B. degree. He later obtained his Master's degree at Columbia University and has done some work toward a Doctor's degree.

Lash reportedly joined the Socialist Party of the United States in 1929 and resigned from the same in September, 1937. Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 76th Congress, First Session, on December 1, 1939, admitted being a member of the Socialist Party during the above years. On being questioned as to his reason for resigning from this Party Lash stated that he believed "the Socialist Party was subordinating the interests of the people as a whole and the interests of factional political considerations within the left." He stated that there was not any statensmanship for seeing things broadly and as a consequence he left the Party. When questioned as to whether his resignation crystallized in his mind during his experiences and observations in Spain, Lash stated, "that it was one of the things that helped crystallize the issue in his mind."

It is reported that Lash was a member of a delegation sent to Harlan County by the National Student League in 1932. In his testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Lash admitted having been a member of this delegation. When questioned by this Committee as to the fact that the Communists were influential in the National Student League, Lash stated that there were Communists in this League and that they had a great deal to say on the policy of the same. He stated, however, that although he was aware of the purpose of this delegation, he was not aware of the fact that the same was under the auspices of the National Student League.

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Lash was reportedly an officer of the Association of Unemployed College Alumni and Professional People, which has its headquarters at 112 East 19th Street, New York City. This group is reported to have staged a march on the White House late in 1932.

The "Fight" magazine of December, 1933, which magazine was one of the official organs of the Committee Against War and Fascism, reflected that Joseph P. Lash was a member of its Editorial Committee. (See HCUA & A4 Lash)

The National Council of the Second American Youth Congress held in Detroit, Michigan in July, 1935, contained among other names that of Joseph P. Lash as a representative of the Student League for Industrial Democracy. Among the officers who attended the above convention was Joseph Lash, who was listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Unemployed College Alumni and Professional People, which is stated to be the college division of the Student League for Industrial Democracy. Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities admitted being the National Secretary of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and also admitted the fact that this League was dominated by Socialists.

In 1935 Lash edited an article entitled "The Campus Strikes Against War" which article was published by the Student League for Industrial Democracy. In this article Lash is listed as the National Secretary of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and as a member of the National Student Strike Committee. The flyleaf of this article contained the following statement: "Fight war effectively on every front and you will find yourself fighting for Socialism." In this article Lash fostered a student strike against war both in the United States and internationally.

Lash was elected the National Executive Secretary of the American Student Union at its inception at Columbus, Ohio in December, 1935. He has remained in this position until recently when he left this group to become General Executive Secretary of the International Student Service. It might be noted that the American Student Union is reportedly an amalgamation of two groups

the Student League for Industrial Democracy, which is reportedly a left wing Socialist organization founded in 1905 as the Inter-Collegiate Socialist Party with an alleged membership of approximately 2,500 and the National Student League, an alleged Communist dominated group founded in 1932 with an alleged membership of approximately 600. The first American Student Union conference adopted a program which was in effect that the American students wanted peace; that they, like their forefathers, are devoted to freedom and equality, and that they seek educational and economic security. It was further determined at this conference that the present day society is increasingly denying them these elementary necessities. At this time the Union expressed its desire to realize these hopes in a warless future and adopted the "Oxford" pledge which was the pledge not to defend the United States under any circumstances. It is reported that this pledge was adopted under the leadership of Joseph Lash. Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities admitted the organization of the American Student Union by the amalgamation of the above two groups and further stated that it was an amalgamation of more than Socialists and Communists. He stated that it was comprehensive because they wanted a liberal organization. He testified that the National Student League had tried to have a unity of organizations on the campus and that such a united organization would not be a common denominator between Socialists and Communists but of all liberal elements of all kinds and classes.

Lash further admitted on this occasion that he was one of the speakers at the convention who favored the adoption of the "Oxford" pledge.

Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee for Un-American Activities admitted that he was the editor of the "Student Outlook", the official organ of the Student League for Industrial Democracy from its inception in 1932 until its termination in 1935.

"The Student Advocate", official organ of the American Student Union, issue of February, 1936, Volume I, reflected that Joseph P. Lash was the Associate Editor. (61-7559-11533, p.21)

Joseph Lash's name appeared on the ballot as a possible

candidate for the Board of Directors of the League for Industrial Democracy prior to its annual assembly in March, 1936, which ballot was issued to the voting members of the League for Industrial Democracy. (61-524-52)

According to the "Fight" magazine of September, 1936, Joseph Lash was one of the American delegates to the First World Youth Congress, as a representative of the American Student Union. This Congress was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in August and September of 1936, and was attended by representatives of 750 youth organizations from 34 countries throughout the world. (61-7567-p.28)

The November, 1936 issue of "Fight", one of the official organs of the American League Against War and Fascism, carried an article concerning the World Youth Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, from August 31 to September 7, 1936. This article pointed out the different views had by the American delegation concerning peace. Lash is reported to have presented a proposal to the Congress concerning peace and to have stated, "We want an international demonstration for disarmament on November 11, 1936." (61-7559-443)

The Daily Worker of September 25, 1936, in an article concerning the ousting of Robert H. Burke, student, by the authorities of Columbia University for a reported anti-Nazi demonstration in front of the home of President Nicholas Murray Butler in May of that year, advised that a protest rally in connection with the same was sponsored by the American Student Union. In this same article, Lash is quoted as saying, "The strike action by the American Student Union is not expected until all other methods have proved unsuccessful." During this protest by the American Student Union, many students volunteered to picket the library steps until Burke was reinstated by the school authorities. (61-11X) Lash is also alleged to have stated at this time that chapters in ten other colleges were ready to hold simultaneous demonstrations to bring pressure to bear on Columbia University for its action in this matter. (61-7558-10)

According to the New York Herald Tribune of October 14, 1936, Joseph F. Lash, Executive Secretary of the American Student Union, on October 13, 1936 sent a telegram to Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, Chairman of the Senate Civil Liberties

Committee, demanding an investigation of the joint legislative committee's act in surveying Communism in the schools of New York State. In this telegram, Lash is reported to have pointed out that he wished to press charges against Senator John J. McNaboe, Chairman of the school investigation group on the grounds that he was negating the Bill of Rights and attacking the problem in a biased and prejudicial manner. (61-7558-21)

A leaflet issued prior to the "Armistice Mass Meeting" advertising this meeting was to be held at Madison Square Garden on November 11, 1936, reflected Joseph P. Lash, Executive Secretary of the American Student Union, as a speaker along with others such as United States Senator Gerald P. Nye, Norman Thomas, Director of the League for Industrial Democracy, etc. (61-7559-372)

A letterhead of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Room 1311, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York City, bearing the date December 15, 1936, reflected Joseph Lash as an officer of this organization. (54-525-13, p.7)

Lash was listed as a member of the Administrative Committee at the Third American Youth Congress held in 1936, at which time he was listed as the Executive Secretary of the American Student Union, New York City. (100-3587-71)

In 1936 the American Student Union published a report delivered by Joseph P. Lash, its National Executive Secretary, before the Union's Second Annual Convention held in Chicago in December, 1936. This report was entitled "Toward A 'Closed Shop' on the Campus". (61-7558-2-18)

In 1937 the American Student Union published a report or article written and delivered by Joseph P. Lash at the Third Annual Convention of the American Student Union at Vassar College in 1937. This report or article was entitled "The Campus -- A Fortress of Democracy." (61-7558-2-10)

A letterhead of the League for Industrial Democracy, Incorporated, 112 East 19th Street, New York City, dated February 20, 1937, listed Joseph P. Lash as a member of the Board of Directors. (65-7559-1181)

Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee for Un-American Activities, admitted that he went to Spain in May, 1937, to voluntarily fight for the Loyalist cause. He stated on this occasion that he actually did no fighting and that he returned from Spain in September, 1937. He was not able to advise as to the name of the organization which paid his expenses on this occasion.

An article appearing in the Sunday Worker dated October 17, 1937, reflects that Joseph P. Lash, National Secretary of the American Student Union, resigned from the Young People's Socialist League in the Socialist Party. According to this article, a letter was addressed to Norman Thomas by Lash announcing his resignation and outlining his reasons leading to this step. In this letter it is reported that the present position of the Socialist Party is tragically out of step with the organized working class, both here and internationally, and asserted that the world is now in the midst of a second World War. Lash stated that he could see no hope in combatting this war through collective action. He stated that it is "under the vigorous leadership of the Soviet Union that the world labor party today is rallying around the concept of collective action against the aggressor, and in the United States, in the name of internationalism, we assume a posture of hostility toward collective action." (61-7558-155X10)

The Sunday Worker dated March 13, 1938, contained an article reflecting that representatives of various youth organizations throughout the country presented to President Roosevelt a picture of their urgent needs and problems. This article stated that these representatives told the President that millions of young Americans will be deprived of educational and job opportunities unless Congress passes the American Youth Act. Joseph P. Lash, Secretary of the American Student Union, is reflected as one of those who personally saw the President in this connection.

The Daily Worker dated March 14, 1938, contained an article reflecting that 100 youth leaders urged the United States Government to take leadership in restoring world peace. In a public statement, a copy of which was made available to the State

Department, these leaders asked Congress to put an embargo on aggressor nations and urged the President and the Secretary of State to cooperate with other peace seeking nations in concerted efforts to restore and maintain peace. Joseph P. Lash, as the National Secretary of the American Student Union, was a signer of this statement. (61-7567-59X2)

Lash in his testimony before the Special Committee for Un-American Activities admitted that he was one of those who spoke at the Vassar College convention of the American Student Union in December, 1937, as being in favor of the abandonment of the "Oxford" pledge.

On September 25, 1938, at a mass meeting held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, which meeting was sponsored by the Save Czechoslovakia Committee, Lash was a speaker along with such individuals as Thomas Mann, Dorothy Thompson, Haywood Brown and others. (61-7561-237)

Lash is reported to have attended the Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party, which was held in 1938, as a representative of the American Student Union. (61-7559-3063)

Lash's name is listed as a national sponsor of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy in a letter dated December 9, 1938. (100-7058-62)

The Daily Record, dated April 3, 1939, contained an article reflecting that Lash would be a speaker at the Central YMCA College, New York City, on April 20, 1939, relative to preparations for Peace Day activities. This article reflected information to the effect that Lash had recently returned from the Mexican Youth Congress at Mexico City, further, that Lash in 1936 was Vice-Chairman of the American delegation to the First World Youth Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, and was the leader of the First American Student Union European tour. This article further reflected that he was a member of the American delegation to the Second World Youth Congress at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. (61-7559-3700X3)

The Daily Worker dated April 19, 1939, contained an

article concerning the United Students Peace Committee, which reflected that this Committee was rallying around President Roosevelt's peace appeal to Hitler and Mussolini. This article reflected that Joseph P. Lash made a statement to the Daily Worker to the effect that "the more united the student demonstrations are behind President Roosevelt's policy, the more certain it is that they will be helpful in stopping aggression." (61-7558-185X8)

Joseph P. Lash is listed as a member of the National Committee of the American Boycott Against Aggressor Nations, with headquarters at 5 Maiden Lane, New York, New York, in a letter dated July 7, 1939. (61-7561-277X2)

Lash is listed as a member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy, with headquarters at 268 Fourth Avenue, New York City, in the letterhead of a letter dated August 2, 1939. (65-15036-610, p.40)

The Sunday Worker, dated August 27, 1939, in an article concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy Peace Parade, contained a statement made by Joseph Lash, Executive Secretary of the American Student Union, to the effect that "I am confident that if the people of Central Europe resist aggression, the Soviet Union will be on the side of those resisting aggression." Lash, in his article, is also reported to have led a large contingent in the parade. (61-7559-5214X, p.22)

Oliver Kenneth Grof, in his testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in September, 1939, advised that he knew Lash as the National Executive Secretary of the American Student Union. When asked if he knew Lash at the Eighth Convention of the Young Communist League as a member at large of the Young Communist League of the Communist Party, Grof stated that he knew that Lash was there in that capacity. During his testimony before this Committee, Grof was handed a list of names and requested to check those whom he knew to be Communists. Among the names that Grof checked as being Communists, was the name of Joseph Lash. As a matter of information, it might be noted that Grof is an admitted member of the Young Communist League in the Communist Party, having joined same in May, 1936, under the Party name of John Keats. (61-7582, Volume 9)

Earl Browder, upon his appearance before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on September 5, 1939, was questioned concerning his acquaintance with Joseph Lash. He was asked who was the head of the American Student Union, to which question he stated that he believed the secretary or chairman, or at least the outstanding leader, was Joseph Lash. Upon further questioning, he denied that Lash was either a member of the Young Communist League or the Communist Party. Browder further stated that Lash was a Socialist, who, because of his stand for the maintaining of the Student Union as a united organization, was excluded from the Socialist Party. He further advised that the Socialists wanted a divided organization and that Lash refused to have the same done. Browder also stated that Lash, is, therefore, quite friendly to the Communist Party, which Party supported the united organization. (61-7582-Volume 7)

On December 1, 1939, Lash testified before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 76th Congress, First Session, as the National Secretary of the American Student Union, New York City. On this occasion he was questioned concerning his membership and leadership of many of the organizations previously mentioned. He was invariably questioned specifically as to the Communist infiltration and domination of these groups. The general tenor of Lash's testimony at this time was to the effect that there were Communist elements in these groups, but that they were not the dominant factors. Lash continually stressed the fact that these groups were made up of liberal elements of all kinds and classes. In essence Lash stated that he has utter dislike for the Communist and the Communist elements that were in the various organizations to which he belonged.

The Washington Post dated December 2, 1939, contained an article concerning the fact that Joseph P. Lash, Executive Secretary of the American Student Union, had testified before the Dies Committee on the previous day. This article further stated that it was to hear Lash testify that Mrs. Roosevelt made her appearance as a spectator in the Committee room. This article also quoted Lash as stating that the Communists had "cooperated loyally" with the American Student Union. This article stated that during the testimony of Lash, he threw the audience into momentary uproar when he suddenly burst into song which was as

follows: "If you see an un-American lurking far or near, just alkalize with Martin Dies and he will disappear." (61-7567-122X2)

The New York American dated February 4, 1940, in an article concerning the disintegration of the League for Peace and Democracy, contained information concerning the reorganization of this group and listed among others Joseph Lash as a member of the Reorganization Committee. (61-7559-6623X)

An article in the Daily Worker dated December 31, 1940, reflected that the International Student Service Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on December 28, 29, 1940 came to an end with the pro-war, pro-Roosevelt clique under the leadership of Joseph P. Lash, still without any popular support from the 143 student leaders who attended the three-day meeting. (61-7567-A)

In connection with the International Student Service, information has been received that Joseph P. Lash is employed as the General Secretary of the same at a salary of \$4,000 per year. This Service is reported to be made up of more than 200 college leaders. Robert G. Spivack, former secretary of the International Student Service, has stated that most of the members of the Service are considered liberal. He disclosed that Socialist, isolationist and pacifist views are represented on the Executive Committee, which Committee determines the policy of the International Student Service. It is further alleged that there is an indication that the Communist Party is in strong opposition to the leadership and the conduct of the International Student Service. In connection with its conference at the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick, New Jersey, on December 28, 29, 1940, the Sunday Worker dated December 29, 1940, contained an article reflecting that "The three boards picked by the ISS to lead discussions on Youth as Workers, Professionals and in Public Administration, represented full support for Roosevelt's war program, both in its foreign and domestic policies." This article also contained information to the effect that student leaders attending the ISS Conference attempted to create a new American youth organization free from left-wing domination, and that the vanguard of this movement, according to a report, was sponsored by the International Student Service.

The International Student Service is reported to have

no political platform of its own and that it has taken no stand on such issues as war or peace, further, that according to its leaders, it is merely attempting to provide a channel for student organizations which have become dissatisfied with radical groups, and hopes, frankly, that a new group will develop as a result of this Conference, preferably a group which favors adequate defense.

It is estimated that approximately 300 delegates attended the International Student Service Conference, which delegates came from various high schools, colleges and universities throughout the country. The International Student Service Conference is reported to have ended on December 30, 1940, with Joseph P. Lash leading the delegates toward a pro-Roosevelt policy. The Daily Worker for December 31, 1940, contained an article which condemned the action of the conference as an attempt to "swing student support behind the Roosevelt program of all aid to Britain, to find mass support for a program of forced labor camps and to build opposition to the American Student Union. This same article in the Daily Worker complained that the leaders of the Conference "sought to put over the William Allen White line".

The Daily Worker dated January 1, 1941, contained an article which reflects that a plan to incorporate the National Student Federation of America into the International Student Service, for which organization Lash is now General National Executive Secretary, was rejected by the National Student Federation of America delegates at the International Student Annual Convention in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on December 28, 29, 1940. This article further stated that this merger was the proposed plan of Joseph Lash and John Darnell, National Student Federation of America President. (61-7567-1)

At the meeting of the American Youth Congress held at Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., on February 9, 1941, Lash, who was a representative of the International Student Service of New York, appeared as a speaker, at which time he stated, "Preserve peace. Aid England. I am in favor of the Lend-Lease Bill. In 1939 Joseph Cadden announced that the American Youth Congress was in favor of aid to England, but today they are opposed. I am not. I believe in national defense. I believe in full support to those

oppressed, and I refuse and you should refuse any peace offer of any aggressor. The American Youth Congress' stand today is conditioned upon the Government in England, and that condition is that a Communist Government must be established before peace is had. I give support to England in the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill." It is reported that other speakers on the program attacked Lash's comments concerning the attitude of the American Youth Congress. It has been stated that Lash appeared to be the only person on the program of this meeting who was not entirely of the "red" character. (100-3587-105)



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Washington, D. C.

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November 25, 1941

Time: 10:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Rhea Whitley of ONI called and inquired if the Bureau had any information concerning Joseph P. Lash who is an applicant for a commission in the Naval Reserve and who is being investigated in that connection by ONI. I told him we would have a memorandum prepared on anything we might have concerning Lash and that the material would be given to him personally.

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Very truly yours,

Edward A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

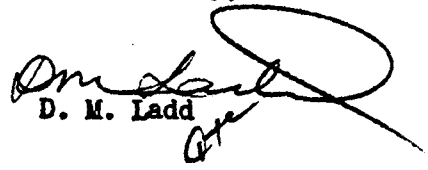
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Reference is made to your memorandum of November 25, 1941, requesting a memorandum which is to be turned over to Mr. Rhea Whitley of ONI summarizing the information in the files of the Bureau relative to Joseph P. Lash, who you state is an applicant for a commission in the Naval Reserve.

There is attached a copy of a summary memorandum prepared and submitted to you on October 28, 1941, relative to this individual. A search has been made of the Bureau files for any additional information received since the preparation of the attached summary, and it was found that since that date certain information was received which is already in the summary.

Respectfully,


D. M. Ladd

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Attached is a copy of a letter
from Mrs. Roosevelt with respect to Joe Lash.

Will you let me know what our files
show; and in your dissertation ascertain what
Colonel Donovan and the Dies Committee may
have.

frb
Francis Biddle
Attorney General.

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My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I wonder if it would be possible for you to run down for me through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Colonel Donovan's Naval Inspectors, and the Dies Committee, what they really have on Joe Lash.

He turned in to the Navy the absolute truth on all his former connections — that he had never signed a Communist Party card, that he had, however, been very close to the Party, and he told them all that he had made a break with them at the time of the Nazi-Russian Pact, and since that time had never done anything but work for those who upheld the interests of this country. I know this to be so, both in his public and private situation. I think to hound someone who has lived up to his convictions is really unwise procedure. He was not accepted by the Navy, but was never told why. I feel quite sure it was because he was so honest in telling of his former connections.

His investigator told someone that the people who knew him, like Dr. William Allen Neilsen, ex-President of Smith, and Dr. Alvin Johnson, were high in their praise of him, but that others spoke of his former connections.

It has a very bad effect upon youth in general when they think something unjust is being done, where people have honestly lived up to their convictions. I am seriously worried, not about what will be done to Joe, for practically the whole board of International Student Service is back of him, because he has done such very good work for them as their General Secretary, but I am worried for the effect it will have on the groups with which he has been working.

Today, I got a message from our Youth Activities representative, Miss Jane Seaver, which reads as follows:

"I thought that you would want to know that Mr. Robert E. Stripling, who is Special Investigator for the Dies Committee, phoned to find out if Joe Lash were employed by us. I said no. He went on to ask if he were serving in any capacity at all with our division. I told him that Joe was serving in an advisory capacity on our Executive Committee along with the others (mentioning the names). He wanted to know if he were receiving remuneration. I told him he was getting expenses. I don't know what all this means, but I hope it doesn't mean trouble for Joe."

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This kind of thing is bad for all young people, particularly if they know and admire the character of the person involved. I would stake everything I have, and so would my son, Franklin, Jr., who worked with Joe in the last campaign and who offered to write a letter to the Navy saying that he is a high, idealistic young man, thirty odd, who perhaps was too radical when he was young, but who will always work for the good of the majority of the people as far as all interests are concerned.

He is a Jew. Perhaps, that is one more reason why I am concerned not to see him unjustly treated.

If they have something convincing outside of the things which he wrote as a youngster when organizing the ~~American~~ Student Union, which he also left when it became controlled by the Communists, I would like to know what it is, and I certainly think it would be fair for him to know.

I am doing this not because of one individual. I am doing it because of its effect on many young people.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Eleanor ~~Roosevelt~~

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Assistant Director

The Honorable Francis G. Biddle
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 10, 1942, to which you attached a copy of a letter directed to the Attorney General by Mrs. Roosevelt concerning Joseph P. Lash.

In keeping with your request a representative of this Bureau has reviewed the files of the Dies Committee. The said files disclosed the following information concerning Lash.

In December, 1933, Lash was a member of the Editorial Board of "Fight" magazine, official organ of the American League Against War and Fascism.

He held the same position in 1934.

In 1936 Lash was Executive Secretary of the American Student Union.

In September, 1936, Lash was an American delegate to the World Youth Congress at Geneva, Switzerland.

He contributed an article to the April-May, 1937, issue of the magazine styled "Champion of Youth." The article was captioned, "Strikes for Spain." In this article he stated in part with reference to the National Defense efforts of the United States Government:

"What is the R.O.T.C. but a vast propaganda effort to make the war system, and the reactionary ideology tied up with that system, colorful and appealing through natty uniforms, and playing at war? And if that doesn't get one there are polo ponies to make militarism alluring. And if one is still not seduced, there are co-ed colonels who add sex appeal to militarism. Romanticizing war would seem to be a contemptible business, but that is the chief function of the R.O.T.C. with a few additional ingredients of romanticizing Big Business, the status quo, and the authoritarian state. To make war seem heroic is an essential step in the preparation of war."

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"Because the R.O.T.C. is an essential part of the war preparations of the United States, the American Student Union carries on an unceasing campaign for the abolition of military training. The R.O.T.C. represents, on the campus, the war preparations of American imperialism, which on a national scale included the billion dollar war budget, the naval bases in the Pacific, the M-Day plans.

"American youth does not intend to lay down its life in shell holes around Shanghai or Timbuctoo. The program of the American Student Union states that 'we will not support any war which the U.S. government may undertake', for we recognize that such a war would be imperialist in character. The American Student Union means business by that declaration. That is why it carried through the anti-war strike last spring which enlisted the support of 300,000 students. For the strike against war is the dress rehearsal of what we intend to do in a war crisis."

On May 1, 1937, it was publicly announced that Lash was a tour conductor for tours to the Soviet Union under the sponsorship of the organization styled "Open Road."

In 1937 he was Executive Secretary of the American Student Union.

In 1938 he was Executive Secretary of the American Student Union.

On January 11, 1938, he was reported to be a signer of a manifesto issued by the Union of Coordinated Peace Efforts.

An article by Lash appeared in the "New Masses" for January 25, 1938, page 6.

On February 3, 1938, he was reported to be a speaker at a conference of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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On February 23, 1938, he was the signer of a letter on behalf of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

On February 25, 1938, he was reported to be a signer of an appeal issued by the Committee for Boycott Against Japanese Aggression.

On March 17, 1938, it was publicly announced that he was a speaker at an anti-Nazi rally under the auspices of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

On March 29, 1938, it was publicly announced that he was a speaker on behalf of the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

On April 21, 1938, it was announced that he was a speaker on behalf of the North American Committee to Aid Spain.

On April 29, 1938, it was publicly announced that Lash would be a speaker at the United May Day Rally in New York City.

In May, 1938, Lash was a sponsor of the China Aid Council.

In July, 1938, he was a national sponsor of the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

He was a contributor of articles in the "New Masses" for September 6, 1938, and October 4, 1938.

In 1939 he was Executive Secretary of the American Student Union.

According to an article appearing in the "Daily Worker" January 6, 1939, page 2, Lash thanked the "Daily Worker" for its coverage of a convention of the American Student Union.

In January, 1939, he was an endorser of the American Congress for Peace and Democracy.

He was a contributor of an article to "New Masses" for June 20, 1939.

He was a Representative-at-Large to the American Youth Congress on July 1-5, 1939.

In July, 1939, he was reported to be a member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

It should be noted that in December, 1939, Joseph P. Lash testified before the Dies Committee, and the text of his testimony is, of course, reported in the official published records of the Committee.

As reflecting the attitude of Lash toward the American Youth Congress, the American Student Union and the Communist Party since the Nazi-Soviet Pact and the subsequent invasion of the Soviet Union which occurred on June 22, 1941, the files of this Bureau reflect that Lash is the author of an article styled "New Directions for Youth" which appeared in the October, 1941, issue of the publication "Threshold." In this article Lash criticizes the American Student Union and the American Youth Congress and refers to the "political somersaults" of the American Youth Congress. Lash concludes that an analysis of the changing political positions of the American Youth Congress, particularly since the attack upon the U.S.S.R. "makes it clear that the basic and determining considerations with the Youth Congress leaders is Soviet policy and interests."

Lash pointed out that the reason for the split in the American Student Union at Christmas time in 1939, resulted from issues growing out of the Nazi-Soviet pact. Lash asserts that as a result of this split "the Communists walked off with the organization."

In speaking of the Communist Party generally, Lash has observed: "Communism identifies the interests of humanity with the interests of the Soviet Union, which in practice means with the interests of the governing clique in the Soviet Union; as a consequence, Communist parties abroad in effect become propaganda agents for the foreign office of the U.S.S.R. Because defense of the Soviet Union is the primary article in the Soviet faith, Communism becomes not merely a doctrine of economic reorganization but an apology for the defense of the totalitarian aspects of the Soviet Regime."

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The files in the office of Colonel Donovan failed to disclose any information concerning Joseph P. Lash.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting no investigation of Joseph P. Lash. However, on January 14, 1942, it was publicly announced that Lash had been appointed to a position in the Office of Civilian Defense. In view of this report, and in view of the information contained in the files of the Dies Committee, it will be necessary for this Bureau to undertake an investigation of Lash under the provision of Public Law No. 135, providing the employment with the Office of Civilian Defense is verified, and in the absence of contrary instructions from you.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 14, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: JOSEPH P. LASH

In keeping with your request, I interviewed Mr. Stribling of the Dies Committee and obtained from him all of the information in the possession of that Committee concerning Joseph P. Lash. This information was reduced to a memorandum dated January 14, 1942, and was forwarded to the Attorney General, in keeping with a request for such information which request was made by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire

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~~North American Committee to Aid Spain~~

Speaker

Daily Worker, April 21, 1938, p. 2

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~~X~~ Newark Peace Rally

Speaker

Daily Worker, April 27, 1938, p. 2

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~~United Way Day Rally~~

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Daily Worker, April 29, 1938 p. 1

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LASH, Joseph P.

~~All-Marion Youth Conference~~

Speaker

Daily Worker, May 16, 1938, p. 5

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~~X~~ China Aid Council

Sponsor

(letterhead, May 18, 1938)

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Smith, Joseph P.

American Student Union

National Secretary
(issues appeal for support of Memorial Day
Youth Fence Parade)

Daily Worker, May 18, 1936, p. 2

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Memorial Day Youth Parade

Speaker

Daily Worker, May 28, 1938, p. 2

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Medical Bureau and North American Committee
To Aid Spanish Democracy

National Sponsor

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World Youth Congress

Delegates from United States

(Youth Demands A Peaceful World, Report of
2nd World Youth Congress, August 16-23, 1938,
p. 47)

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~~ASH~~, Joseph

Delegate to World Youth Congress

American Student Union

(Youth Demands A Peaceful World, Report of
2nd World Youth Congress, August 16-23, 1955,
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New Masses

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File - Lash

LASH, Joseph P.

~~American League for Peace and Democracy~~

Signer of letter

Daily Worker, February 23, 1938, p. 2

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~~X~~ Committee for Concerted Peace Efforts

Signer of statement

Daily Worker, March 14, 1938, p. 1

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LASH, Joseph

American League for Peace and Democracy

Speaker, Anti-Nazi Rally

Daily Worker, March 17, 1938, p. 1)

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LASH, Joseph

American Student Union

National Secretary (Sends letter to Hull
appealing for freedom of Melashren and
Macfus, members of Abraham Lincoln Brigade)

Daily Worker, March 25, 1938, p. 2

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~~Medical Bureau and North American Committee to
Aid Spanish Democracy~~

Speaker

Daily Worker, March 29, 1938 p. 4

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~~Open Road to Soviet Russia~~

Tour conductor

Daily Worker, May 1, 1937, p. 6

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National student peace strikes

Leader

Daily Worker, August 31, 1937, p. 7

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~~Washington Battelich (Spain)~~

Member

Daily Worker, August 31, 1937, p. 7

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~~Joseph P.~~ Joseph P.

~~American Student Union~~

Executive Secretary

(The Student Advocate, October 1937, p. 2)

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American Student Union

Executive Secretary

New Haven, October 12, 1937, p. 1

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~~New Masses~~

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LASH, P

American Student Union

National Secretary

Daily Worker, Jan. 1, 1938, p. 3

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American Student Union

Executive Secretary

Daily Worker, January 4, 1938, p. 3

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~~LEAH~~, Joseph P.

~~Union of Concerted Peace Efforts~~

Signer of Manifesto

Daily Worker, January 11, 1933, p. 2

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Rev Hesses

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(Rev Hesses, January 25, 1938, p. 6)

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~~X~~ Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Conference

Speaker

Daily Worker, February 3, 1938 p. 2

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~~Daily Worker~~

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Daily Worker, February 4, 1938, p. 6

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~~Committee for Boycott Against Japanese Aggression~~

Signer of Appeal

Daily Worker, February 25, 1936 p. 4

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~~Coordinating Committee to Lift the Embargo~~
Representative Individual

(Reprint. Spanish American Rev. p. 10)

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~~X~~ International Publishers

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Catalogue, p. 12

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~~X~~ Fight

Member, Editorial Board

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~~X~~ American League Against War and Fascism

Member, Editorial Committee, Fight

(Fight, January 1934, p. 2)

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American League Against War and Fascism

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~~American Student Union~~

Executive Secretary - Biography

Daily Worker, Feb. 14, 1936, p. 2

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LAST, Joseph

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American Delegate to Geneva

(Flight, September 1936, p. 28)

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~~Communist International~~

Book advertised

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American Youth Congress

Member - Administrative Committee

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~~Champion~~

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New Masses

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American Student Union

Executive Secretary

(Daily Worker, January 6, 1939, p. 2)

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American Student Union

Thanks Daily Worker for coverage of A.S.U. Convention
(Daily Worker, January 6, 1939, p. 2)

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American Congress for Peace and Democracy

Endorser

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LASH, Joseph P.

New Masses

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LASH, Joseph

American Youth Congress

Representative-at-Large

(Proceedings, Congress of Youth, July 1-5, 1939,
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American League for Peace and Democracy
Member, National Committee
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American Youth Congress

Issued statement at Town Meeting of Youth,
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(Washington Post, February 8, 1941, p. 15)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM
MR. LADD

At this time I called Mr. Charles Coffey, Secretary to the Attorney General, and asked him to tell the Attorney General that the FBI has not and is not making an investigation of a man by the name of Lash. I explained to Mr. Coffey that the Attorney General had previously asked me to check on this matter as the Attorney General had been requested by Mrs. Roosevelt to find out about this.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 20, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I send you herewith a telegram which I have
received from Reverend George G. Guinness of
West Hartford, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES H. ROWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Transmitted herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate are copies of a Western Union telegram addressed to Honorable Francis Maloney, United States Senator, by Reverend George F. Guinness of West Hartford, Connecticut, concerning Walter Keuther and Joseph F. Lash.

I have informed the Senator of this reference.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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FRANCIS T MALONEY=

IS IT TRUE THAT WALTER REUTHER FAIR HAired DOY OF THE
ADMINISTRATION THREE YEARS AGO SENT A TELEGRAM FROM
MOSCOW CONGRATULATING SOME DETROIT STRIKERS ON THEIR
VICTORY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SOVIETIZE AMERICAN LABOR?
ALSO THAT ^{JOSEPH P.} ONE LASH NOW UP FOR CONFIRMATION BEFORE THE
SENATE CAMPAIGNED ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR EARL BROWDER
FOR PRESIDENT. SURELY THERE ARE ENOUGH AMERICANS NOT
TARRED WITH THE COMMUNIST BRUSH TO WIN THIS WAR WITHOUT
THESE TWO

REV GEORGE G. GUINNESS.

LASH.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICES

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February 3, 1942

Honorable Francis Maloney
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

I have your letter of January 20, 1942, with which you forwarded a telegram addressed to you by Reverend George F. Guinness of West Hartford, Connecticut. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in making Mr. Guinness' communication available for my inspection.

I am taking the liberty of referring copies of the message to the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Military Intelligence Division inasmuch as the daily press has mentioned Joseph P. Lash in connection with each of the armed services.

I have also made copies of the telegram available to Honorable James H. Rowe, Jr., The Assistant to the Attorney General, as it is believed that the remarks concerning Walter Rauter may be of possible interest to him.

I am confident that in the future you will continue to bring to my attention any matters which you deem of interest to the protection of the nation's internal security.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best

regards,

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____

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JOSEPH LASH

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✓ Kramer
✓ Charles

Washington, Jan. 15, 1942

to
of government
Joseph Lash, former national secretary of the American Students Union, which is a Communist outfit, and who has been closely associated with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, is now serving as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Youth Division of the Office of Civilian Defense. Thus, another Communist leader goes on the government payroll.

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