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Confidential Informant of known reliability advised that in a news release issued rebruary 16, 1949, the NCASF, Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University was among those urging President TRUMAN to make a positive response to a proposal of a meeting by STALIN.

According to a letterhead of the NCASF dated July 6, 1949, Professor ROBERT S. LYND was listed as a sponsor of that organization.

American Civil Liberties Union

According to the letterhead of the American Civil.
Liberties Union dated May 31, 1949, ROBERT S. LYND was lie ted
as a member of the National Committee of that organization.

The American Civil Liberties Union, 170 Fifth Avenue.

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New York Conference for Inalienable Rights

The "Daily Worker" dated November 19, 1940, on page 5, column 1, stated that Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University was one of those who helped call the conference on November 19, 1940 at the Hotel Pennsylvania to protect "democracy in New York schools". According to the article, the conference was called with the aid of the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights.

The New York Conference for Inalienable Rights was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report, March 29, 1944, page 149.

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The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 476, stated that according to the "New Islands", October 10, 1941, the name of Professor ROBERT Scolumbia University, appeared among those of a group of entire Americans who asked for help on behalf of the Russian people They asked that contributions be sent to the Russian War Inc., 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

On March 3, 1945, the Veterans of the Abraham Minocon Brigade had an advertisement published in the "New York Times" entitled, "For America's Sake: Break With Franco Spain". Those those who sponsored the advertisement appeared the name of ROBERT S. LYND.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 1648, stated that Professor ROBERT S. LYND was a signer of a letter addressed to President ROOSEVELT and Attorney JACKSON which protested the attack upon the VALE and condemned the war hysteria being worked up by the ROOSEVELT administration. ("Daily Worker", February 21, 1940.)

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The "Daily Worker" dated November 12, 1944, page column 4, section 2, listed Professor ROBERT S. LYND as one of the "sponsors of the U.S.-Soviet Friendship celebrations" which marked the anniversary on November 16, of the establishment of diplomatic relations between America and Russia.

Confidential Informant advised on December 1948, that LYND was a signer of a letter addressed to the President urging enactment of civil rights legislation.

The "Daily Worker" dated February 17 1949 Factorium 3, stated that Professor ROBERTS. LYND Columbia University, was a signer of a letter to President TRUMAN him to make a positive response to STALIN'S request to American-Soviet relations.

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declared that STALIN'S statement "furnished a basis for action on the part of both countries to solve major differences and to establish international unity". According to the informant, Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University, New York, New York, was one of the signers of the Statement.

According to the "Daily Worker" dated April 29, 1949, page 2, column 5, Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University was a signer of a letter to President TRUMAN urging him to instruct the United States delegation to the United Nations to adopt a forthright anti-FRANCO position on the Spanishquestion.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 1, 1949, page 6, column 5, stated that ROBERT S. LYND was a sponsor of a conference held June 16, 1949, at the Hotel Brevoort; New York City, to discuss means of defeating the Mundt and Ferguson Bills.

Records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflect that HELEN MERRELL LYND and ROBERT S. LYND registered for the American Labor Party in 1944, 1946, 1947, and 1948.

The ALP was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report, March 29, 1944, pages 49, 77F, 153 and 189.

These records further reflect that the subject registered for one of the major political parties in 1949.

The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York area: could furnish no information regarding the subject:

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30431, issued June 28, 1943 at Washington, D.C., indicating that he was born September 26, 1892, at New Albany, Indiana. He advised that he was a consultant for the Office of War Information, and produced a letter dated June 15, 1943, reflecting his appointment which was signed by Personnel Office of OWI. He advised that his home was 75 Central Park West, and that he had formerly been a Professor at Columbia University.

"Who's Who in America", a biographical dictionary of notable living men and women, for the years 1944-1945, published by the A. N. Marquis Company, Chicago, Illinois, reflects the following information concerning ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND:

"Lyns, Robert Staughton (lind), prof. sociology; b. New Albany, Ind., Sept. 26, 1892; s. Staughton Browning and Cornelia (Day) L; A.B., Princeton, 1914; B.D., Union Theol, Sem., 1923; Ph.D., Columbia, 1931; m. Helen Merrell. Editor Publishers' Weekly, 1914-18; mgr. advertising and publicity, book dept. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1919; asst. pub. B. W. Huebsch, Inc., and The Freeman (mag.), 1920; dir. Small City Study, Inst. Social and Religious Research, 1923-26; asst. dir. div. ednl. research Commonwealth Fund, 1926-27; asst. to Chmm. later permanent sec. Social Science Research Council, 1927-31; prof. sociology, Columbia, since 1931. Trustee of Twentieth Century Fund since 1938. Served with F.A., U. S. Army, 1918. Fellow A.A.A.S.; mem. Am. Sociol. Soc., Am. Statis. Assn., Am. Anthrop. Assn., Am. Econ. Assn. Co-Author (with wife) Middletown-A Study in Contemporary American Culture, 1929. Middletown in Transition, 1937. Author: Knowledge for Wha: 1939. Contbr. articles to sociological and other publications Home: 75 Central Park West, New York, N.Y."

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advised that Professor ROBERT S. LYND. 75 Central Park West was a reference for HERMAN A HABICH employed by the Foreign Economic Administration, and that HABICH stated that "he is one of the few Americans who recognizes both the good and bad of the Soviet Government".

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advised on December 20, 1941, that attended the Mens Faculty Club of Columbia University There a dimerwas being held by the Russian Economic Institute, at White dinner OSCAR LANGE was a guest speaker. LANGE'S speech attentible "The Soviet Union in World Politics".

The first paragraph of this speech was quoted stating. "Twenty-five years ago a young Soviet Republic treated like an outcast among the nations. Today the Soviet Union is a world power. The purpose of this lecture analyze the development which has led the Soviet Union the position of an international outcast to the status world power".

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Confidential Informant advised in February, 1949 that ROBERT S. LYND in New York City in the Gregory Case.)

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The Boston Office by letter dated November 10, 1947, advised that the John Reed Society of Harvard University, a Marxist organization which has as its avowed purpose the supplying of information regarding the philosophical, economic and political aspect of Marxism, conducted a public meeting on November 3, 1947, at New Lecture Hall, Harvard University, at which Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, was guest speaker. Professor LYND'S assigned topic was "The Middle Class and Soviet Change", a discussion of the contemporary dilemma of American liberals.

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that in Form 57, filed with the Civil Service Commission on June 23, 1943, SONIA STEINMAN GOLD gave Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University, as a reference. On a temporary appointment form filed by BELA GOLD on September 3, 1941, he listed the following employment.

November, 1939 to May, 1935

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The records of the Board of Elections. Borough of Manhattan, were checked by SE

When LYND was interviewed on September 29, 1943 by Bureau agents on his arrival at New York City on board the Pan-American NC 18606, he advised that he registered for Selective Service with Local Board 32, New York City.

advised on September 29, 1950, that he could find no Selective Service record for the subject in the records of Local Boards 1 through 74 in Manhattan, New York.

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At New York, New York.

Will report verification of subject's birth as requested by New York letter to Indianapolis dated December 4, 1950.

Will await the Bureau's decision regarding the recommendation made in Form FD-122.



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA to the New York, New York, dated JAN 2 107 are identified as follows:

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject was born 9/26/92, at New Albany, Indiana. He is a professor at Columbia University and resides at 75 Central Park West. He was connected with the American Givil Liberties Union, 1938-1940, and in 1950 was reported to be a member of the organization. LYND was an executive of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom in 1941. In 1938 he signed a petition in behalf of the American Priends of Spanish Democracy. He was one of the original incorporators of the Americ Investors Union and as of December 1942 he was listed on the Board of Directors. was elected State Vice Chairman of the American Labor Party in 1944. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute in 1946 and 1947. In 1940, he sponsored the Michigan Committee for Academic Freedom. In 1949, he was on

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In March 1950, he issued a statement in behalf of the Lawyers Defense Committee.

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Citizenship

Public Health Department,
New Albany, Indiana, advised that the subject's birth date is September 26, 1892,
at New Albany, Indiana, and that his parents, names
were STAUGHTON BROWNING BYND and CORNELIA BAY TYND.

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on October 22, 1951 that ROBERT S. LYND is a professor at Columbia University. He resides at 75 Central Park West and his telephone number is TR 7-2242.

Communist Activities

The following organizations mentioned hereinafter have been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835:

American Russian Institute
American Youth for Democracy
Council for Pan American Democracy
Jefferson School of Social Science
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
National Council of American Soviet Friendship
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Young Communist League.



American Civil Liberties Union

In an article in the "Daily worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, for march 4,-1938, entitled "Leading Licerals Hail Isaacs' Stand on Gerson Choice", it was stated that 15 outstanding New York Liberals added their support on the preceding day to Borough added their support on the preceding day to Borough resident STANLEY M. ISAACS for his "courageous action" fresident STANLEY M. ISAACS for his "courageous action" in standing by his appointment of S.W. GERSON, former in standing by his appointment of S.W. GERSON, former "Daily worker" reporter to a post on his staff. The "Daily worker" reporter to a post on his staff. The better to Mr. ISAACS released through the american Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the american Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the american Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the american Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the american Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the American Civil letter to Mr. ISAACS released through the Mr. ISAACS released

The "New York Herald Tribune", June 21, 1951, in referring to SIMON w. GERSON, stated "Chairman of the Legislative Eureau of the Communist Farty in the State and former City Editor of the 'Daily worker'.....also a member of the Party's State Committee...."

An anonymous source made available a pamphlet dated June 12, 1940, entitled "Crisis In the Civil Liberties Union, a statement, including the basic documents concerned, giving the minority position in the current controversy in the ACLU". This pamphlet sets forth a history of the expulsion of Communists from the governing bodies of the ACLU. It states that in January 1940, the resolution was adopted by the Nominating Committee of the Union's National Committee declaring it inappropriate for sponsors or supporters of so called totalitarian dictatorships to serve on the governing committees and Staff of the Union. The National Committee subsequently adopted this resolution and subsequently on February 5, 1940, a resolution was adopted by the National Committee and the Board of Directors convening at the Town Hall Club at New York City incorporating the above resolutions.



On March 18, 1940, 17 prominent Liberals among whom was Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University, signed an open letter to the ACLU urging it to rescind the purge resolutions.

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Records of Confidential Informant another Government Agency which conducts security Investigations, reflected on February 10, 1950 that Professor ROBERT S. LYND was a member of the National Committee of the ACLU.

The records of also reflected on June 16, 1950 that ROBERT S. LYND was a committee member of the ACLU.

The American Civil Liberties Union, 170 5th Avenue, New York City, was cited by the California Committee of Un-American Activities Report of 1948 as being heavily infiltrated with Communist and fellow travellers and frequently following the Communist Party line.

American Committee for the Defense of LEON TROTSKY

The February 1, 1937 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, under the headline "Trotsky Backers Act To Clear Him", and subheading "Liberal Group Here Seeks An Impartial Inquiry Into The Recent Moscow Trials" said in part:

"Two moves designated to help clear LEON TROTSKY of the charges against him in the recent political trials in Moscow and expose the trials as 'frame-ups' were announced yesterday by the American Committee for the Defense of Trotsky.

"It was announced that the Committee was cooperating with Mr. TROTSKY in studying the possibility of bringing a libel suit in New York against certain Communist leaders in this country.....

"Mr. SCHACHTMAN, who has just returned from Mexico City, where he conferred with TROTSKY, said the former Soviet chieftan was eager for an impartial investigation....



"The Trotsky Defense Committee also sent a cablegram yesterday to JOSEPH STALIN, Soviet dictator, protesting the latest conviction of 17 former Communist leaders and others.

"The cablegram said 'American progressive public opinion cannot understand conviction of 17 defendants on confession without evidence and is horrified by death sentence of 13. We strongly urge suspending death sentences of PLATAKOF, SEREBRIAKOFF and others pending investigation by impartial commission of inquiry composed of genuine friends of the Soviet Union'.

"A personal message from TROTSKY will be delivered at the meca Temple meeting. Among the speakers will be ANGELICA BALABANOFF, First Secretary of the Communist International...."

The "Daily Worker" dated February 12, 1937, contained an article entitled "Nine Resign From Trotsky 'Defense'", which stated that nine members had resigned from the American Committee for the Defense of LEON TROTSKY, according to an announcement that they issued on behalf of the 60 Liberals who signed the open letter to American Liberals protesting against the use of the Committee for political purposes. The open letter declared that while the Trotsky Defense Committee was ostensibly formed in defense of certain principles of Civil Liberties, its present activities could only be interpreted as "political intervention in the international affairs of the Soviet Union with hostile intent". Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University was among the 60 persons to sign this letter.

American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom

The "Daily Worker" dated October 7, 1940, contained an article entitled "Eight Columbia Professors Challenge Butler 'Support War Or Get Out' Edict". According to this article, 8 Columbia University professors had challenged NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER'S edict to accept



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his pro-war stand or "get out" in an open letter. The letter released from the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom was signed by ROBERT S. LYND, Professor of Sociology, among others.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised late in 1940 or early in 1941 that ROBERT S. LYND was a member of the New York chapter of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.

> The "Daily Worker" dated April 29, 1941, contained an article entitled "774 Educators Urge City Halt School Attacks". According to this article, 774 staff members of more than 60 American colleges and Universities petitioned the Board of Higher Education of New York City, stating that "punitive action against teachers because of personal beliefs or legal political activity is inconsistent with the very principles of democracy". The petition which was prepared and circulated among the college faculties by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom protested action taken by the Board following investigations by the Rapp-Coudert Committee. This petition was signed by Professor ROBERT S. LYND at Columbia University.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that on December 19, 1941, the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, 519 West 121st Street, New York City, directed a letter to Governor LEON C. PHILLIPS, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, protesting and condemning the Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism Trials and urging the Governor to "do everything in your power to put an end to the persecution of Americans for their beliefs and their reading habits".

This letter contained printed pages of signatures of individual's identified with various universities who allegedly signed for the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom as sponsoring this letter. Included under Columbia University was the name ROBERT S. LYND.





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Confidential Informant of unknown reliability, who had knowledge of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, advised that ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University was an executive of that organization for 1941.

The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom was "cited as a Communist front which defended Communist teachers" by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report June 25, 1942, pages 13 and March 29, 1944, page 87.

American Friends for Spanish Democracy

The "Dairy worker" dated April 9, 1938, carried an appeal to the democratic countries of the world and to the President of the United States to end the arms smhargo against Spain and give the Spanish people a "fighting chance" was made public by the American Friends of Spanish Democracy. The signers of the petition, 92 in number, represented a cross section of the American public drawn from many fields of activity and business, arts, religion, labor, law and education. Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University, was listed among the signers of this petition.

The American Friends of Spanish Democracy was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, page 66.

American Investors Union and Consumers Union

A Certificate of Incorporation which was filed with the County Clerk's Office, New York County, New York, on June 27, 1938, set forth a list-of the original incorporators of the American Investors Union, Inc., which included Professor ROBERT LYND, 75 Central Park West, New York, New York.

On January 8, 1940, the records of Confidential Information another Government Agency, which conducts security investigations, reflected that the name of





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ROBERT S. LYND, Professor, Columbia University, was contained on a list of the sponsors, editors and advisory board of the American Investors Union.

The report of the Special Committee of UnAmerican Activities, House of Representatives, 78th
Congress, Second Session, on page 388, stated that
ROBERT S. LYND, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University,
co-author of "Middletown" and "Middletown in Transition",
was a member of the Board of Directors of the American
Investers Union, Inc., which was described as a Communist
front under the aegis of the Consumers Union.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised early in 1940 that ROBERT LYND was a sponsor of the Consumers Union and that he was Vice Chairman of the Consumers National Federation.

The American investors Union, Inc., was cited as a Communist front by the California committee on Un-American Activities Report 1948, page 334.

The Consumers Union was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, March 29, 1944, page 153. Page 155 of this report also cited the Consumers National Federation as a Communist front.

The American Labor Party

The "Daily worker" dated April 11, 1944, contained an article entitled "The New ALP Set Up", which stated that the state committee meeting of the American Labor Party had resulted in the election of SIDNEY HILLMAN as Chairman, which marked the restoration of democracy in that Party.

The article states: "The fact that such men as Professor ROBERT LYND and the others have associated themselves with the United Labor Party indicates that it will win the support of the bulk of liberal opinion in the state".



The "Daily Worker" dated April 16, 1944, in an article entitled "American Labor Party, HILLMAN, Chairman, Opens Drive", stated that the American Labor Party united behind its new State Chairman, SIDNEY HILLMAN, opened its drive during that week for 500,000 enrollments in the Fall registration and began to step up its campaign to draft Fresident ROOSEVELT for a fourth term.

According to this article, the newly elected State Vice Chairmen of the American Labor Party included ROBERT LYND, Columbia Sociology Professor.

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications and Appendix published on March 3, 1951 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- 1. "For years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, March 29, 1944, page 78).
- 2. Among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination". (California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41).

The American Russian Institute -

advised that on Confidential Informant November 19, 1945, Professor HOBERTY LYND of Columbia University had agreed to see the New York City Board of Education concerning the placing of the American Russian Institutes In-Service Course for Teachers on the Soviet Union on the Board of Education's curriculum in 1946.

On March 21, 1946, Confidential Informant advised that Professor ROBERT LYND of Columbia University

