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On January 24, 1938, the New York Office forwarded the first four issues of "Propaganda Analysis" published by the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, Incorporated, 132 Morningside Drive, New York City.

The cover letter transmitting these publications listed the members of the Board of Directors which included Robert S. Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University. It was also stated that "Who's Who In America", 1936-37 issue contained a biography on Robert Staughtun Lynd, 75 Central Park West, New York City.

No source is indicated.  
Letter from New York 1/24/38,  
Re: "Subversive Activities  
General, Bureau File 61-7559".  
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The serial designated below is a clipping from the "New York Times" of 1-24-38, which states that a fifty-page pamphlet entitled "Five Years of Hitler" was published January 23, 1938, under the imprint of the American Council on Public Affairs, 20 Vesey Street, New York City, and that one of the sponsors of the pamphlet was Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University.

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On February 16, 1938 the New York Office forwarded a quantity of literature obtained by a Bureau agent from an undisclosed source. Included in this material was a document entitled "Five Years of Hitler", published by the American Council on Public Affairs, 20 Vesey Street, New York City. Robert S. Lynd, Professor, Columbia University, was one of the officers of the Council.

New York letter, 2-16-38  
Re: "Subversive Activities - General"  
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SI 100-6715-16  
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The serial designated below is a photostatic copy of an article entitled "Fifteen Liberals Back Isaacs As Legion Speeds Charges", which appeared in the "New York Post" for March 3, 1938. The article stated that fifteen liberals including Professor Robert Lynd, Columbia (University) were defending Borough President Isaacs' appointment of Simon W. Gerson as the American Legion announced that it expected to complete on the next day the preparation of charges on the basis of which it would ask Governor Lehman to remove Isaacs from office.

The article further stated that Gerson, a Communist, was appointed confidential examiner in Isaacs' office. The statement of the liberals, issued through the American Civil Liberties Union, held that as long as the Communist Party was legally on the ballot, its members had as much claim to consideration for public office as members of any other party.

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The serial indicated below is a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the "Daily Worker" for March 4, 1938, entitled "Leading Liberals Hail Isaacs' Stand On Gerson Choice". This article states that fifteen outstanding New York liberals added their support on the preceding day to Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs for his "courageous action" in standing by his appointment of S. W. Gerson, former "Daily Worker" reporter, to a post on his staff.

A letter to Mr. Isaacs signed by them (the New York liberals) and released through the American Civil Liberties Union, commended his stand in refusing to dismiss Gerson as "an example of justified resistance to a wholly unjustified prejudice against a competent man because of political beliefs." Those signing the letter included Prof. Robert Lynd, Columbia University.

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On March 7, 1938, the New York Office forwarded a copy of the book "Revolt Against War" by H. C. Engelbrecht. This book which contained a foreword by Robert S. Lynd was divided into three main sections dealing with the causes, the conduct, and the results of modern warfare. In addition, it discussed also the agitation and propaganda in connection with war.

New York letter, 3-7-38

Re: "Subversive Activities - General"

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An appeal to the democratic countries of the world, and to the President of the United States, to end the arms embargo 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 - business, the arts, religion, labor, law and education.

Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University, was among the signers of this petition.

"Daily Worker" 4-9-38  
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In the course of an investigation in New York City (investigation not identified) it was ascertained through a mail cover that a letter had been sent to Gerhart Eisler with return address, American Investors' Union, Incorporated, 10 East 40th Street, New York City.

A certificate of incorporation which was filed with the County Clerk's Office on June 27, 1938 set forth a list of the original incorporators of the American Investors' Union, Incorporated, including Prof. Robert Lynd, 75 Central Park West, New York, New York. It was believed that this organization was probably associated or in some way connected with the Consumers Union of the United States, inasmuch as the President and Treasurer of Consumers Union of the United States were also members of the Board of Directors of the captioned organization.

The December, 1942 issue of "Your Investments", which had been published monthly by the American Investors' Union, Incorporated since January, 1940 carried a list of the Board of Directors which included the name Dr. Robert Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University.

Memorandum for the files dated  
at New York City, October 5,  
1943, Re: "American Investors'  
Union, Incorporated, Internal  
Security - C"  
61-7812-3

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According to an index to articles in "The Nation", the source of which is not indicated, the issue of July 9, 1938, contained an article entitled "Private Chaos" by Robert S. Lynd.

61-901-37X, pg. 38  
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The following information was obtained from an unknown outside source dated November, 1938.

The Institute for Propaganda Analysis was organized in 1937, allegedly for the purpose of making a non-partisan scientific research and analysis of publications, periodicals, books and pamphlets, which would influence public opinion and to sift the factual from the propaganda and make public their findings. It was reportedly a nonprofit organization and the members of the Board and officers included the following:

Robert K. Speer, James T. Shotwell, Clyde R. Miller, Robert S. Lynd, E. C. Lindeman, Paul Douglas, Charles A. Beard.

Robert Lynd had been connected with the 20th Century Fund. He was a signer of the "Golden Book," prepared by the Communist Party and containing eulogies to the Soviet Union on its 20th anniversary in 1937. He was a sponsor of the Consumers' Union and supporter of Si Gerson.

No source is reported.  
Blind memo dated March 20, 1941,  
Re: "Institute for Propaganda  
Analysis".  
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Robert S. Lynd was among those active in both the New York College Teachers' Union and the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom. The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom was closely interlocked with the New York College Teachers' Union, Local 537, which was expelled as Communist-dominated by the New York Central Trades and Labor Council (American Federation of Labor) in February, 1939, and by the American Federation of Teachers, by referendum vote, in 1941.

House Committee on Un-American  
Activities (79th Congress) 1946.  
100-3-1324 p. 107  
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In the spring of 1939 [redacted] was admitted to the Columbia Graduate Faculty of Political Science, where he assisted Professor [redacted] and Professor R. M. Lynd.

T-1 (Highly Confidential source developed at the estate of [redacted] Harrison, New York, on March 11, 1947); Selective Service records, credit reports and various Government applications for employment filed by [redacted]

Confidential Informant T-2 (Report of SA [redacted] September 17, 1946, Gregory, Espionage-R, page 50) in 1946 advised that Lynd and his wife, Helen Merrell Lynd, were members and sponsors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and also members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Lynd is also listed in the Dies Committee report on Un-American Activities, of 1941.

New York report 2-14-49  
Re: [redacted]  
Security Matter-C.  
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The following information was taken from an item which appeared in the "New York Times" of May 9, 1939: (S)

"Dr. Frank Boaz, honorary chairman of the National Emergency Conference, made public today an analysis of alien legislation before Congress in connection with the charge of the sponsoring committee of the National Emergency Conference that more than seventy bills then pending constituted a threat to the civil rights of native and naturalized Americans, as well as foreigners." (S)

"The National Emergency Conference, with offices at 156 5th Avenue, is sponsored, according to the announcement, by more than 300 clergymen, educators, and others in thirty listed states. The Provisional Sponsoring Committee includes Professor Frank Boaz, Oswald Garrison Villard, Oliver LaFarge, Elizabeth Bacon Walling, Donald Ogden Stewart, Samuel L. M. Barlow, Professor Robert Lynd. Dr. Raymond J. Walsh and Bertha Josselyn Foss, Secretary." (S)

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MID report dated March 1,

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New York report 4/19/48

Re: [REDACTED]

with aliases; Security Matter - C."

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On May 9, 1939, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a clipping from the New York Times of May 9, 1939 from which the following is quoted:

"An analysis of alien legislation before Congress was made public today by Dr. Franz Boaz, Honorary Chairman of the National Emergency Conference, in connection with the charge of the Sponsoring Committee that more than seventy bills now pending constitute a threat to the Civil Rights of native and naturalized Americans as well as foreigners.

"The report was prepared for the conference, which will meet at the Hotel Raleigh in Washington on May 13 and 14, by the International Juridical Association, in conjunction with Professor Philip C. Jessup of Columbia Law School and C. Dickerman Williams, an attorney.

"The Provisional Sponsoring Committee includes: Professor Boaz...Robert Lynd...."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a pamphlet which called for a National Emergency Conference to be held at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 13, and 14, 1939.

Professor Robert Lynd was one of the sponsors of this conference.

Chicago Report 1-30-41,  
Re: "National Emergency Conference;  
Internal Security-C".  
100-1170-22, p. 7  
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The report designated below contains a section entitled "Officers" from which the following is quoted:

"The records of Special Services (Special Services Squad, New York City Police Department) contained a newspaper clipping dated December 13, 1939, in which Helen Hall was listed as Chairman of the Consumers National Federation and Robert Lynd was listed as Vice Chairman. It will be noted that Robert Lynd was listed as a member of the Advisory Council of the NAC in referenced report (report of SA [redacted] 12-11-47, Washington Field Office). The clipping stated that the Consumers National Federation was set up in 1937 and stated that J. B. Matthews, Dies Committee investigator, had charged that the Consumers National Federation was a Communist front organization. The federation, according to the clipping had denied any connection with Communism."

The following is quoted from another section of this report entitled "Advisory Council":

"Robert Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, [redacted] of Columbia University, had stated in an interview in 1942, that Lynd was extremely liberal but was not a Communist."

"Lynd signed a letter published in the "Daily Worker" of March 4, 1938, addressed to Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs complimenting him on his appointment of S. W. Gerson, a former "Daily Worker" reporter, to a post on his staff.

"In 1941, Lynd was one of sixty-two signers of a pamphlet 'In Defense of the Bill of Rights,' protesting the fact that the United States Congress was attempting to 'suppress and silence the Communist Party.' On December 6, 1940, Lynd was listed as a sponsor of a meeting of the American Committee For Friendship with the Soviet Union. In February, 1941, Robert Lynd and his wife were listed as members of the New York Conference For Inalienable Rights.

"He was a signer of the 'Golden Book,' prepared by the Communist Party containing eulogies of the Soviet Union on its twentieth anniversary.

"Robert Lynd and his wife also signed an open letter to President Roosevelt in January, 1941 urging Democratic [redacted]

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for the foreign born on the letterhead of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which has been declared by Attorney General Tom Clark to be a Communist front organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

"Confidential Informant T-14 advised in November, 1945, that Sonia Gold, the Secretary to Harry Dexter White, was furnishing information obtained from her official position with the government to Helen Silvermaster and that her husband, Bela Gold, who was employed with the Foreign Economic Administration, was also furnishing information which he obtained there to Helen and Gregory Silvermaster and that Bela Gold was so successful that consideration had been given to furnishing him with a camera so that he could photograph material obtained.

"Confidential Informant T-15 advised that in January, 1946, Bela Gold contacted Robert Lynd and stated that he wanted to talk to Lynd at length. Lynd suggested that he come to New York the following week for a conference.

"Gold had worked with Lynd at Columbia University and is a close personal friend."

New York report 1-18-49, Re:  
"National Association of  
Consumers, IS - C"  
100-348894-5  
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The serial indicated below is an undated, unidentified printed handbill entitled "In Defense of the Bill of Rights!" Thereafter follows a statement in the nature of a protest against alleged curtailment of the civil rights of certain minority groups including the Communist Party. A number of instances are set forth wherein such curtailment has occurred.

The handbill states: "We point out sharply that this concerted campaign to lay the basis for outright suppression of the Communist Party is reminiscent of the post war hysteria which culminated in the now universally condemned Palmer Raids. We are not Communists, and we are not concerned at this moment with the merits or demerits of the doctrines advocated by the Communists. We are interested only in the indisputable merits of our American tradition of free speech and in the consequences to the non-Communist majority of the suppression of the Communist minority. This statement purportedly was signed by a group of scientists and educators including Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University.

The following appears on page 3 of this handbill: "(On December 14, 1939, the day before the 148th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, this statement of 65 prominent citizens in defense of the Bill of Rights was sent to the press. For the purpose of helping bring this statement to the attention of all citizens, the Communist Party reprints this important document.)"

The back page of this leaflet announces that Clarence Hathaway, Editor-in-chief of the "Daily Worker" will discuss "The American People Look to 1940, 'The Soviet Union and Finland'" at a meeting on Sunday, February 4, 1940, at the National Press Auditorium 14th and F Streets, Northwest.

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The following is quoted from an ONI report dated January 8, 1940 which sets forth a list of the sponsors, editors, and Advisory Board of the American Investors' Union, described as a new left-wing publication soon to be issued: (X)

"Robert S. Lynd: Professor, Columbia University; Board of Trustees, 20th Century Fund, 1937; Signer, 'Golden Book', Friends of the Soviet Union, 1937; Sponsor, Consumers Union of U.S., 1938; Advisory Board, American Council on Public Affairs, 1938; Signer, Letter supporting right of Communist (SI Gerson) to hold City job, 1938; National Committee, American Boycott Against Aggressor Nations, 1939." (X)

[Letter from ONI, Washington,  
D.C., January 12, 1940. (X)  
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The following is quoted from photostatic material concerning the Cornell University obtained by the Washington Field Office from the files of Walter Steele of the National Republic Magazine.

"Half Million For Cornell"

"Pres. Day announced (2/6/40) one half million dollars in capitalistic gifts to Cornell University for the half year ending January 1, 1940.

"Meantime, it would require a book to write up the radical conferences which succeed one another in Cornell. The 'Cornell Daily Sun' (1/16/40) announced that the approval of Pres. Day had been secured to invite a group of outstanding radicals including Roger Baldwin, H. W. Laidler, Louis Adamic, Robert S. Lynd, John Chamberlain, Alfred Bingham, James Wechsler (a leader of the Communist American Student Union), etc., to conduct a two day 'Conference' or 'Seminar' in 'Native American Liberalism' at Cornell. To quote, 'Pres. Day expresses general approval of the plan'".

Roger Baldwin Says His Goal Is Communism

"This conference was held at Cornell, in April, under the chairmanship of Roger Baldwin, a penitentiary alumnus who, in the Harvard class book, 1935 stated, of his aims in his work as National Director of the legal-aid spearhead of the Communist movement, the American Civil Liberties Union, "Communism is the goal".

The original source of this material is not indicated from the context.

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The serial designated below is a photostatic copy of a letterhead of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis 40 East 49th Street, New York City on which is set forth a routine form letter dated January 20, 1940. A list of the directors of this organization is printed on this letterhead and includes the name Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University.

Original source not indicated  
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The following is quoted from a photostatic copy of an unidentified typewritten document dated at New York City February 21, 1940, and bearing the caption, "Protest F.B.I. Actions in Detroit on Raid Concerning Spain Vets."

"A group of 125 people in all makes of life from Dopes down to Communist leaders have sent the following letter to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Robert Jackson.

'To Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, and Robert Jackson, Attorney General of the United States:

'The nation-wide drive against members and friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade not only violates every solemn pledge of liberalism made by this Administration but outrages every instinct of democracy and honest Americanism.

'We especially deplore the assault on human decency by the FBI officials in Detroit, who jerked out of bed at five o'clock in the morning twelve reputable citizens, including two physicians, brought them into court in chains, held them in jail by prohibitive bail up to \$20,000 each and placarded them as criminals before the nation on no other charge than their alleged aid to those Americans who offered their lives in Spain ....

"Yet now the FBI suddenly resurrects a law more than a century old, passed under different conditions under which no persons were ever prosecuted in all those hundred years and uses it to jail citizens because, two years ago, they shared your appreciation of the valor of these men's democracy."

This document sets forth a list of names of persons who signed the above letter which included Prof. Robert S. Lynd.

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On February 28, 1940, the Newark Office forwarded a report prepared by Mr. F. J. Schlink, president and technical director of Consumers' Research, Incorporated, Washington, New Jersey, with the assistance of his staff. This report, which deals with the Communist influence in the "Consumer movement", states that Helen M. Lynd was a sponsor of the Farmer--Consumer Milk Co-op, and that her husband was vice-chairman of the Consumers National Federation. Concerning Robert Lynd, the report states that he was a sponsor of the Consumers Union, that his wife was a sponsor of the Farmer--Consumer Milk Co-op and that he was vice-chairman of the Consumers' National Federation.

Newark letter, 2-28-42,  
no subject.  
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In March, 1940, a leaflet entitled "In Defense of Civil Rights" was being distributed around the University of Washington. This was a very radically written article and was devoted almost entirely to a defense of the Communist Party and to condemning the government for indicting Browder and Darcy. The leaflet was signed by a number of persons including Prof. Franz Boas and Prof. Robt. S. Lynd, both of Columbia. (University)


Source: A confidential informant whose identity was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 11-22-39 in connection with instant case.

Seattle report, 3-21-40

Re: "Communist Activities in the United States (Seattle Field Division) Subversive Activities."

61-7559-7314

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On March 8, 1940, [redacted] of the [redacted] Washington, D. C., forwarded a quantity of documents to the Bureau. Included in these documents was a typewritten memorandum, from which the following is quoted:

"Under the leadership of Dr. Boaz, a group of professors, writers, poets, playwrights and public officials have come to the front in defense of the Communists recently. This time the so-called 'intellectuals', who always seem to heed the bugle call, protested against the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrest and indictment of 16 Communists for violation of a federal law against recruiting in the United States for a foreign power. The foreign power involved was the Red Government of Spain, now out of existence.

"The signers of the protest which was sent to President Roosevelt, the new Attorney General, Robert Jackson (who has since announced that he will not prosecute the Communists and has had them released); and to members of Congress include:

"....Prof. Robert Lynd (of the Institute of Propaganda Analysis and author of 'Middletown'), ...."

61-7559-7878, page 11.  
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On March 18, 1940, seventeen prominent liberals, headed by Robert Morse Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands, signed an open letter to the American Civil Liberties Union-urging it to rescind a resolution to purge the organization of Communists. The open letter was signed by a number of persons, including Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia. The letter stated in part: "In the past loyalty to the Bill of Rights in America had been the sole requirement imposed by the Civil Liberties Union on its members and its officers;" and that the phrasing of the resolution was so wide as to make the organization seem "a fellow traveler of the Dies Committee." The letter concluded by stating: "The Civil Liberties Union was formed in 1920 to fight post-war hysteria. It would be a great pity if it were now to become victim of pre-war hysteria."

Milwaukee report 12-6-41  
Re: Defense Committee for  
Civil Rights; American Civil  
Liberties Union, Internal Security  
61-190-222, page 19  
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(b)(7)(C) On May 9, 1940, the Cleveland Office forwarded a number of pamphlets published by the Young Communist League of Ohio, 1514 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which were forwarded to a Deputy U.S. Marshal at Cleveland, Ohio, by [REDACTED] Shaker Heights, Ohio. [REDACTED] had stated that this printed matter was received by his daughter through her mail box at the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio. Among these documents was a single page reflecting that on December 14, 1939, sixty-five prominent citizens signed a pamphlet entitled "The Sense of the Bill of Rights" which was sent to the press. Among the persons who signed this statement was Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University. It is stated on this document that the same was a reprint published by the Young Communist League, 1514 Prospect Avenue. The text of the statement is not set forth.

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Professor Robert S. Lynd, New York, New York, was listed as a sponsor on a leaflet styled, "Call to a Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America". This Conference was to be held June 7, 8 and 9, 1940, at the National Press Club Auditorium, Fourteenth and F Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Memo to Director from H. H. Clegg,  
6-10-40, Re: "Conference on Constitutional  
Liberties in America."  
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Professor Robert S. Lynd - New York, New York, was one of the sponsors of the National Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America. This conference which was under the direction of a group of Communists and fellow-travelers, was to be held in Washington, D. C., on June 7-9, 1940, for the purpose of setting up a permanent organization, later known as the National Federation on Constitutional Liberties.

Robert Lynd was a member of the Board of Sponsors of the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights. (The report does not state when.)

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Source-Report of SA [REDACTED]  
Washington, D. C., 3-10-41,  
Re: "National Federation for  
Constitutional Liberties."  
Los Angeles Report 7-21-41,  
Re: "National Federation for  
Constitutional Liberties;  
Internal Security-R".  
100-1170-110

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SI 100-1170-29  
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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 governing bodies of the ACLU. It states that in January 1940, a 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 in New York City, incorporating the above resolutions.

On March 2, 1940, Doctor Harry F. Ward announced his resignation from the Board of Directors as a protest against the resolution. On March 18, 1940 seventeen prominent liberals, headed by Robert Morse Lovett, secretary of the Virgin Islands, signed an open letter to the ACLU urging it to rescind the purge resolutions. This letter was signed by Prof. Robert S. Lynd of Columbia.

Milwaukee Report 12-6-41  
Re: "Defense Committee for Civil  
Rights; American Civil Liberties  
Union, Internal Security-R"  
100-7049-129  
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