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The San Francisco Office was requested to attempt to determine the identity of the writer of the letter and if possible his connection with Chevalier.

New York letter 12/30/43,
Re: "Comintern Apparatus;
Internal Security - R."
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(b)(7)(C) The report designated below sets forth the entire text of the letter quoted above and also contains the statement that the San Francisco Office had established that [redacted] was undoubtedly Professor [redacted] an instructor in Economics at the University of California, who was known to be closely associated with the Communist Party and its various front organizations.

New York report 3/15/44,
Re: "Comintern Apparatus;
Internal Security - R."
100-203581-1325
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SI 100-203581-3702 p 44
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The following is quoted from the report designated below:

"At this time it is believed advisable to make reference to the letter dated December 30, 1943, from the New York Office to the Bureau, a copy of which was furnished to the San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices, which mentions among other things a letter obtained through a confidential source of the New York Office containing the caption [REDACTED] Berkeley, California, November 27, 1943, sent to Haakon Chevalier in New York City and signed [REDACTED]. The writer of the letter is believed definitely identified as Professor [REDACTED] an instructor in economics at the University of California, who is known to be closely associated with the Communist Party and various of its front organizations. Excerpts from this letter which appeared to be pertinent to the instant matter are as follows:"

(At this point the report sets out verbatim portions of the letter which is set forth above).

"It appears significant that [REDACTED] makes no reservations or qualifications concerning the recommended contacts with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] other than he doubts that [REDACTED] would take any chances; his recommendation is similar with respect to Bob Lynd [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentioned in [REDACTED] letter to Chevalier are believed identical with individuals mentioned in correspondence found among the papers of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by this confidential informant. It is noted that cover maintained on mail addressed to [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, produced tracing of a letter received October 21, 1943, bearing the return address of [REDACTED] Washington, D.C."

Letter from San Francisco.

3-11-44 Re [REDACTED]

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The following is quoted from a report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, Second Session, 1944:

"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. Among those active in both the New York College Teachers Union and the American Committee were the following: 'Franz Boas, Walter Rautenstrauch, Ned Dearborn, Louis Weisner, Perry A. Overstreet, Robert S. Lynd, Alonzo Myers, Clyde R. Miller, and Max Yergan.'"

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As an exhibit in the same report, there is set forth an article from the "Daily Worker" dated March 18, 1939, reporting the formation of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom. This article states that Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University, author of the Middletown series was a member of the New York City Chapter of this Committee.

This report also contains as an exhibit a copy of a letterhead dated September 22, 1939, of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom which shows that Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University was a member of the New York Committee.

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Another exhibit in this report sets forth a list of the signatories to a petition sponsored by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom to discontinue the Dies Committee. Included on this list is the name "Robert S. Lynd, Professor, Columbia University."

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As an exhibit in this report, there is set forth the program of the 5th National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 29 - 30, 1941. Among the sponsors listed on this program appears the name "Prof. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University."

Page 354

This report contains a section devoted to the American Council on Soviet Relations which states in part:

"The Council assumed various guises in the course of its history, among them being the American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union. This latter organization had the support of such familiar fellow travelers as Corliss Lamont, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Rockwell Kent, John A. Kingsbury, and Robert S. Lynd ('Soviet Russia Today', December, 1940, page 5; 'Daily Worker', November 16, 1940, page 2)."

Page 364

This report contains a section devoted to American Investors Union, Incorporated which it states "was a Communist front organization under the aegis of Consumers Union." Set forth as an exhibit is a copy of the back cover of the December 27, 1939, issue of "New Republic" inviting readers of that publication to join the American Investors Union, Incorporated. A list of the Board of Directors includes "Dr. Robert Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University; Co-author, 'Middletown' and 'Middletown in Transition.'"

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As another exhibit in this report, there is set forth an advertisement from the "New York Times" dated October 10, 1941, requesting cash contributions to Russian War Relief, Incorporated, New York City. This advertisement

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states: "These eminent Americans ask your help on behalf of the Russian people." Following this statement is a list of names including "Prof. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University."

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Another section of this report is devoted to the Committee for a Boycott against Japanese Aggression. This section of the report sets forth information purporting to show the Communist control of this organization. As an exhibit, there is set forth an unidentified and undated document making a public appeal for a boycott of manufactured goods and raw materials coming from Japan as a peaceful means of checking Japanese military aggression in China. There is set forth a list of signatories of this appeal including "Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University."

Page 635

In another section of this report, it is stated that the Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America met in Washington, D. C., June 7 - 9, 1940, and launched the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Set forth in this section as an exhibit is a copy of a call to this conference which sets forth a list of sponsors including "Prof. Robert S. Lynd, New York, New York."

Page 654

This report contains a section devoted to Consumers Union. Under this section there is set forth an exhibit bearing the caption "Sponsors of Consumers Union", otherwise unidentified which lists as a sponsor "Prof. Robert S. Lynd - Department of Sociology, Columbia; Co-author, 'Middletown.'"

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In a section of this report devoted to Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, it is

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stated that in the "Herald Tribune". (not further identified), dated April 14, 1940, there is set forth information concerning members of the Advisory Board of the FAECT's Technical School. The following is quoted in full from the above:

"Robert Lynd, Columbia University; National Emergency Conference, member, Provisional Sponsoring Committee (letterhead, May 19, 1939; Frontier Films, member, Advisory Board) undated letterhead; American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, signer of petition to discontinue Dies Committee (mimeographed sheet attached to letterhead, January 17, 1940); letter protesting Ban on Communists in American Civil Liberties Union, signer, ('Daily Worker', March 19, 1940, page 4); open letter to American Liberals, signer ('Soviet Russia Today', March, 1937, pages 14 - 15); American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, member, New York Committee (letterhead, December 1, 1939); Golden Book of American Friendship, signer ('Soviet Russia Today' November, 1937, page 79); Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America, sponsor (Program leaflet, Call to a Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America, June 7, 1940, page 4); National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights, signer of open letter on Dies Committee ('Daily Worker', May 13, 1940, pages 1, 5); In Defense of the Bill of Rights, signer, (In Defense of the Bill of Rights, a circular, page 2)."

Page 709

The "Daily Worker" for March 4, 1948, stated the following:

"Fifteen outstanding New York Liberals yesterday added their support yesterday 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.

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"A letter to Mr. Isaacs, signed by them and released through the American Civil Liberties Union, commends 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 are:

'....Prof. Robert Lynd, Columbia University.'"

Page 770

The "Daily Worker" for July 31, 1940, contained an article stating that the League of American Writers had sent an open letter to Secretary Cordell Hull and the Pan American Conference presenting a Five Point Program in behalf of the anti-Fascist refugees trapped in France. The full text of this letter was set forth in the article together with a partial list of the individuals who had signed it including Dr. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University, New York.

Page 980

Exhibit number 24 in a section of this report entitled "Miscellaneous Communist and Communist Front Organizations" is an invitation issued by the American Russian Institute to attend a dinner dedicated to American Soviet Post War Relations at the Hotel Commodore on October 19, (year not stated) which lists the members of the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute including Robert S. Lynd.

Page 1096

Exhibit number 58 in this section is a letter dated January 1940, originating from 14 West 9th Street, New York City and signed by Dashiell Hammett, but not otherwise identified. This letter sets forth the text of a statement purportedly signed by 65 prominent citizens which had been sent to the "American Press" on December 14, 1939. The following is quoted in part from this letter:

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"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." It is stated that this letter was signed by "Professor Robert S. Lynd of Columbia University."

Page 1125

In a section of this report devoted to the National Council of American Soviet Friendship there is set forth as exhibit number 2 a "partial list of signers" published in the "New York Times" for May 18, 1943. It is not indicated what these individuals signed. Included in the list of names was "Prof. Robert S. Lynd."

Page 1200

In a section of this report devoted to the National Emergency Conference it is stated that this conference met in Washington, D. C. May 13 - 14, 1939, and that the personnel of the sponsors of the conference indicated clearly that it was a Communist front organization. In this section there is set forth as exhibit number 1 a copy of the Call to this Conference which sets forth a list of sponsors including "Prof. Robert Lynd."

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According to a "Legislative Letter" issued by the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights on February 15, 1940, the Board of Sponsors of this organization included Professor Robert Lynd.

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In a section of this report devoted to National

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Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights there is set forth as exhibit number 3 what appears to be a handbill stating that civil liberties are threatened by certain enumerated factors including "a Government police force with unlimited power, directed by J. Edgar Hoover who led the Palmer Raids....invading your meeting halls and the privacy of your home." This exhibit sets forth a quotation from a statement signed by 62 of America's leading educators including Robert Lynd. The quotation is as follows:

"Incitement to vigilante activity against labor.... against national and religious groups is increasing.

"Open incitement to vigilante activity against labor, against minority radical groups, against national and religious groups is increasing in this country. We believe that the Bill of Rights must apply to the rights of all Americans - or it will prove a cheat for all....".

This document was issued by the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights.

Page 1215

In a section of this report dealing with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties there is set forth as exhibit number 1 a copy of a Call to a Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America to be held June 7 - 9, 1939, at Washington, D. C. A list of sponsors set forth on this call includes "Prof. Robert S. Lynd, New York, New York."

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In the March 1937, issue of "Soviet Russia Today" there was printed an open letter to American liberals which was signed by a number of individuals including "Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University, author of 'Middletown'." The following is quoted from this open letter:

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"We wish to address ourselves to liberals who may be approached by the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky, an organization which, we believe, is attempting to enlist their support for partisan political purposes under the guise of defense of certain principals of civil liberties."

"The reactionary sections of the press and public have been precisely the ones to seize most eagerly on the anti-Soviet attacks of Trotsky and his followers to further their own aims. We feel sure that you do not wish to be counted an ally of these forces."

Page 1379

The "Daily Worker" for March 19, 1940, contained an article setting forth "the text of the open letter signed by 17 prominent liberals condemning the action of the Executive Board of the American Civil Liberties Union in barring Communists from office and membership on the ACLU National Committee." It was stated that among the persons who signed this letter was "Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia."

Page 1388

The "Daily Worker" for February 21, 1944, stated:

"The following outstanding Americans, writers, poets, playwrights....signed the letter to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Jackson protesting the attacks upon the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and condemning the war hysteria now being whipped up by the Roosevelt Administration:

"....Prof. Robert S. Lynd...."

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61-7582-1298 pgs. 326, 329,
332, 334, 354, 364, 388, 476,
635, 654, 664, 709, 770, 980;
1096, 1125, 1200, 1207, 1210;
1212, 1215, 1229, 1379, 1388,
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According to a bulletin issued by the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, in January, 1944, Professor Robert S. Lynd was a sponsor of this organization.

A bulletin of the Committee on Education of this organization which was distributed in January, 1946, showed that Helen Therrell Lynd and Robert S. Lynd were sponsors of this Committee.

Original source not reported.
New York report 3/15/46,
Re: "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated; Internal Security; 100-146964-744, pgs. 6 & 56 (2)

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The following information was obtained from documents in the possession of [redacted] at [redacted]. This correspondence is apparently correspondence between [redacted] and her husband [redacted].

A postcard dated January 19, 1944, stamped Mamaroneck, stated that [redacted] would inform [redacted] about the possibility of her visit around the end of February. The card further stated that [redacted] saw Bob Lynd and was sounding him out in reference to [redacted]. The individual mentioned as [redacted] was believed to be [redacted] and Bob Lynd and [redacted] were both instructors of [redacted] at Columbia University, and are mentioned on numerous occasions in instant case.

In a letter dated January 16, 1944, at [redacted] Harrison, New York, [redacted] wife of [redacted] stated that she had lunch with [redacted] and that [redacted] advised her that one [redacted] (Housing Expert) was living in semiretirement of a temporary nature and had become very much interested in the Columbia River developments on the West Coast, as a result of which she had started on a long term project of writing a history of planning since the beginning of time. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] collaborate with her on this work. She further mentioned a longish visit with Bob Lynd in which they discussed domestic outlook for United States and Canadian (grass roots), and [redacted] situation in particular. She added that [redacted] had now resigned from the Kaiser work, the Committee from 44, etc., and was burning up energy in restless frustration and writing articles for the journals.

In a letter dated January 26, 1944, bearing the home address [redacted] advised [redacted] that while on a trip from Fort Custer, Michigan, after a visit to [redacted] she had met several interesting people on the train, one a free lance maker of documentary films, who had just finished a series on Latin America for Nelson Rockefeller,

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including one "Feudalism in Bolivia." She mentioned the fact that he went to the Soviet in 1930, with [REDACTED] and had been there seven times since. His next project was to be a series of Middletown films in this country for Latin American distribution, in which he was consulting Bob Lynd.

In a letter dated February 23, 1944, at home, [REDACTED] advised that Monday she went to [REDACTED] to see [REDACTED] who was in good shape, and had come East to drum up support for the Committee for 44. She said that [REDACTED] reported that he had a funny feeling about Bob Lynd, whom he saw a few days previously corroborating their thoughts. The [REDACTED] mentioned above was believed to be [REDACTED] mentioned previously.

Highly Confidential Source
developed at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] B-11-47.

New York Report. 4-8-47. Re:

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Espionage - R."

65-56402-2293 p. 47
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Investigation of this case was predicated upon receipt of Bureau letter February 3, 1944 which enclosed photostatic copies of a questionnaire from the Russian Economic Institute, 90 Morningside Drive, New York, New York which had been turned over to the Chicago Office by [redacted] of the Herzl Junior College, Chicago. This questionnaire, which was entitled, "Survey of Studies of the Soviet Union in American Universities and Colleges" contained questions concerning special and general curriculum and research projects relating to the Soviet Union then being carried on in the college or university to which the communication might be addressed. The cover letter transmitting this questionnaire was on the letterhead of the Russian Economic Institute which showed that Robert S. Lynd was Chairman of the Advisory Council of this Institute.

A Bureau Agent interviewed [redacted] Economics at Columbia University who stated that the Americanism of [redacted] (both members of the Board of Directors of the Institute) and Robert Lynd could not be questioned. He described Lynd as being a left-wing, socialistic-minded type but was certain that Lynd was not a member of the Communist Party. He felt confident of this because, although he knew Lynd to be a free thinker, and knew that he agreed with some of the precepts propounded by the Communist Party, still he felt that he was not the type to seek organizational escape for his personal beliefs or feelings.

[redacted] commented that some professors like [redacted] and [redacted] who are known nationally as outstanding students and writers, are often too careless and too free with their names. He declared that he was confident that many times they had joined organizations and sponsored organizations and social functions, not realizing that such organizations might be a Communist front.

[redacted] of the Economics Department, Columbia University advised that she could give no information concerning [redacted] or Robert S. Lynd.

The following biography of Lynd appears in the 1940-1941 "Who's Who in America."

Robert Staughton Lynd, Professor of Sociology, born [redacted] Indiana, September 26, 1892, son of Staughton Browning and Gertrude [redacted]. Received AB degree Princeton 1914; M. A. Union Theological Seminary, Columbia 1915. Married Helen Merrill September 3, 1921, children: Craig and Andrea Merrill. Manager, Advertising and Publicity, Charles Scribner's Sons 1911. Assistant publisher B. F. Woodstock Freeman (magazine) 1920. Director small city study, Institute for Religious Research 1921-1926. Professor Sociology Columbia University 1911. Trustee 20th Century Fund since 1926. Served with U.S. Army 1918. Fellow A.S.A. Member American Sociological Society, American

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Statistician Association, American Anthropol. Association, American Economic Association. Co-author with his wife of Middletown—a study of contemporary American culture 1921; Middletown in Transition 1937. Residence 75 Central Park West, New York."

Information in the New York Office indicates that Lynd was a member of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, 1940-1941; sponsor and member of American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union 1940; sponsor National Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America 1940-1941; Board of Directors, American Investors Union, Inc., 1941; Russian War Relief, Inc., sponsor 1941; sponsor of legislative letter of National Emergency Conference for Democracy Rights, 1941; sponsor National Boycott Against Aggression, 1941; signed petition sponsored by American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom to discontinue Dies Committee in 1941; sponsor for National Sharecroppers Week March 18, 1942, patron, Congress of American-Soviet Friendship 1942; sponsor of National Council of American-Soviet Friendship Congress November 1943.

Lynd was a passenger arriving in the United States on Pan American airplane at New York City September 29, 1943, at which time he exhibited United States passport 30431 issued June 28, 1943, at Washington, D. C., indicating his birthdate as September 26, 1892. At this time he stated he was a consultant for the Office of War Information and produced a letter dated June 15, 1943, signed by Irving G. Juliber, Personnel Office, appointing him.

Lynd's wife was a signer of the 1939 call of the Third Congress of American Rights, an alleged Communist dominated group. She was reputed to be a liberal.

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In 1939, Lynd and other university professors signed a letter addressed to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs in the City College of New York, which letter requested that Earl Browder, then Secretary of the Communist Party, be permitted to speak at the College's Civil Liberties Forum.

T-6 (Professor [redacted] Columbia University) advised that Lynd was definitely a "left wing liberal." He declared that Lynd had many good things in the Soviet Union, especially the aid which this party gave to young students and the opportunities which the Soviet lays before them.

Professor [redacted] Columbia University, in an interview by a Bureau Agent in 1942 in connection with another matter, advised that he had known Lynd for twenty years and that Lynd and his wife were very interested in the masses and how they live and for the underdog. [redacted] Lynd had no Fascist tendencies and was not known by [redacted] to be a member of the Communist Party. [redacted] stated that Lynd's entry to the United States was unquestionable.

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[REDACTED] of Columbia University, during the same investigation advised that in spite of his extreme liberal views Lynd was definitely not a Communist as far as he knew.

It was ascertained from a reliable informant (unidentified) that in March, 1941, Lynd was connected with the 20th Century Fund and was a signer of the "Golden Book" prepared by the Communist Party containing eulogies to the Soviet Union on its 20th anniversary.

New York report 9-8-44
Re: "Russian Economic Institute,
Internal Security - C".
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In 1944 the personnel files of the Foreign Economic Administration contained the following information concerning [REDACTED]

He was appointed on February 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Russian Division. He was assigned on April 5, 1943 [REDACTED] of the Polish-Russian Section, European Axis Analysis - Enemy Branch. His rating was as [REDACTED] and his duties consisted of keeping constantly informed regarding the current trends of the war's shifting area of control in Poland and Occupied Russia as it affected the general economic aspects and world trade conditions.

References included Adolf A. Berle, Jr., Joseph Barnes, Robert Lynd, a Professor, and [REDACTED]

The personnel file contained a letter from Mr. R. S. Lynd, a Professor, who highly praised [REDACTED] and stated that he was one of the few Americans to recognize both the good and bad of the Soviet Government.

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Washington, D. C. report
dated 7/6/44, Re:
"Comintern Apparatus;
Internal Security - R
100-203581-2763, pg. 56
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The "Daily Worker" for April 11, 1944, contained an article entitled "The New ALP Setup" 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 Prof. Robert Lynd, Prof. Harry Allen Overstreet, Dr. William Russell Bowie 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."

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Daily Worker 4/11/44
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An article in the "Daily Worker" for April 16, 1944, captioned "ALP, with 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 President 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.

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On April 28, 1944, [REDACTED]
wife of [REDACTED] of the Minneapolis
Council of American-Soviet Friendship, advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (New Masses [REDACTED] in Minnesota) that she was
in possession of a few National Council of American-
Soviet Friendship brochures which set out the purpose
and progress of the organization. She stated that
Professor Robert S. Lynd was one of the sponsors whose
name appeared on the back cover of the brochures.

[REDACTED]
St. Paul report 5-20-44,
Re: "National Council of
American-Soviet Friendship
Internal Security - C."
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Russian mail received at the New York Postal Station during April and May of 1944, contained publications destined to various individuals in the United States.

"Robert Lynd, 75 Central Park West, New York City - 'Voks' 5,6" was one of these individuals.

Office of Censorship letter
dated 7-4-44, at Washington, D. C.
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At the Salute to Victory Meeting which was attended by a Bureau Agent at the Grand Avenue Congregational Church on June 23, 1944, a leaflet was distributed to all those in attendance. This leaflet which was published by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, contained a purportedly complete list of the sponsors of the National Council. This list contained the name Prof. Robert S. Lynd.

Milwaukee Report 7-7-44
Re: "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, Internal Security-C"
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The names Mrs. Helen Lynd and Dr. Robert S. Lynd appeared on a list of Sponsors and Executive Board members of the Soviet Section of the Social Studies Workshop of the Harvard School of Education dated July 4, 1944.

T - 1 (Highly confidential source having access to the premises occupied by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., 232 Madison Avenue, New York City)
New York Report, 12-22-44,
Re: "National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, Inc., Internal Security - C."
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On July 19, 1944, the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Incorporated, considered the matter of inviting additional members to serve on the Board of Directors. At the December, 1944 meeting it was voted to elect seventeen persons who had been previously nominated including Robert S. Lynd.

Highly reliable and confidential source having access to the Headquarters of the American Russian Institute, 56 West 45th Street, New York City.

Robert S. Lynd was a new member who, according to the same source advised the Institute by letter dated August 5, 1944 as follows: 'Of course I shall be glad to serve on the Board of the American Russian Institute.... I owe the Institute a real debt. This contact with the publicity output has given me a lively sense of what I would like to see more of in the Institute'. This letter was written on a letterhead of Columbia University.

Robert Staughton Lynd was listed in Who's Who for 1944-45 which sets forth that he was born in 1892 and had been a Professor of Sociology at Columbia University since 1931. He has served as a Trustee of the 20th Century Fund since 1938. With his wife, he has written "Middletown, a study in contemporary modern culture" (1929), and "Middletown In Transition" (1937).

New York report 2-5-45
"American Russian Institute
for Cultural Relations with
the Soviet Union, Incorporated"
Internal Security - R
Registration Act."

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According to information which was obtained from [redacted] who was [redacted] of the Contemporary Russian Civilization Course which was to be held at Cornell University from July 5, 1944 to September 23, 1944, the course had attracted many inquiries and applications were twice as many as the previous year when the course was first offered. In addition to the Civilization Course, the University offered a twelve-week intensive language course for those interested only in speaking, reading and writing the language and a six-week summer session course ending August 11, 1944, in teaching of Russian and translation from Russian. Of the sixteen staff members in the Civilization Course, six were new to the program this year, 1944. Included in the six was: "Robert S. Lynd, Chairman of the Sociology Department, Columbia University, who will teach Soviet Social Institutions and Life, is permanent Secretary of the Social Science Research Council, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Russian Economic Institute, and the author of "Middletown", "In Transition", and other works.

[redacted]
Syracuse report, 7/19/44

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