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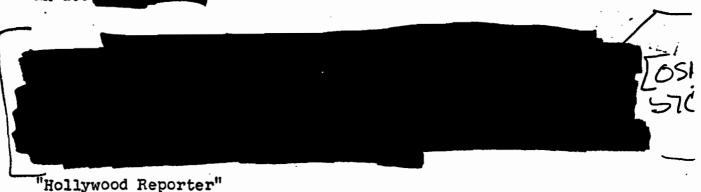
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The August 25, 1952, issue of this newspaper contains an article quoted in part as follows:

"Alarmed over the possible discrediting of the American film industry because of the importation and distribution here of pictures made abroad by Communist elements, anti-Communist forces in Hollywood are preparing a three-point program aimed at blocking showings of all films produced in foreign countries by persons who have given unsatisfactory answers to the House Un-American Activities Committee or who have evaded such questions. The campaign centers about 'Encountered,' produced in Rome, and whose contributors include JOHN WEBER, former Communist Party functionary in Hollywood."

The December 7, 1953, issue of this newspaper contains an article, which is quoted in part as follows:

"Producers BERNARD BORHAUS and JOHN WEBER, director JOSEPH-LOSEY, scripter BEN BARZMAN - these are the critics on UA's 'Stranger on the Prowl' now showing at the Globe, Uptown, Loyola, and Iris who have been identified as Communists."

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SUBJECT

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated September 22, 1949, wherein the Washington Field Office is requested to check the docket of the U. S. Supreme Court and furnish the Los Angeles Office with a full list of the names subscribed to the brief filed in support of the appeals of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and DALTON TRUMBO from their convictions of contempt of ... Congress.

A review of the records of the Clerk's Office, U. S. Supreme Court, reflect that the petitions were filed by LANSON and TRUMBO on August 11, 1949.

The Clerk's record further reflects that the above-mentioned brief. prepared in booklet form in support of the petitions, was filed on September 10, 1949. The preface matter and list of subscribers in the brief are set forth as follows:

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JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, Petitioner

United States of America, Respondent

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United States of America, Respondent

Brief of Alexander Meiklejohn, of Cultural Workers in Motion Pictures and Other Arts, and of Members of the Professions, as Amici Curiae.

The following named cultural workers in motion picutres and other arts and members of the professions, respectfully urge the favorable consideration by this Court of the pending petitions for writs of certiorari in the above entitled cases for the reasons hereinafter set forth: /

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report on hollywood

Communist influence in the American movie industry was an important topic during the American Legion Convention in Mismi Beach Florida, October 17-20, 1960.

A Resolution passed at the National Convention pointed out that Hollywood's major studios and independent producers had increased their employment of members of the Communist conspiracy. The report stated that this trend would result in an increased number of pictures that brainwash the American public and audiences abroad to respond favorably to Communist propaganda. Among the Committee's findings was the fact that patriotic citisens within the film industry had been penalized by protracted periods of unemployment for resisting pressures to cooperate with the communist movement within the film industry.

At the same time major motion picture producers along with independent producers have openly and defiantly insisted they will employ identified Communist and those who have refused to cooperate with duly constituted congressional committees along with those who have long records of affiliation with causes that support Communism. It does not matter to these producers that it opens the door to those who will use movies as a propaganda medium for Communism and likewise open the door to individuals who would derive income from the motion picture industry to be used to further the Communist conspiracy.

Films listed by the committee as aiding in the spread of Communist propagands were: "Spartacus", "Inherit the Wind", "Chance Meeting" and "Exodus".

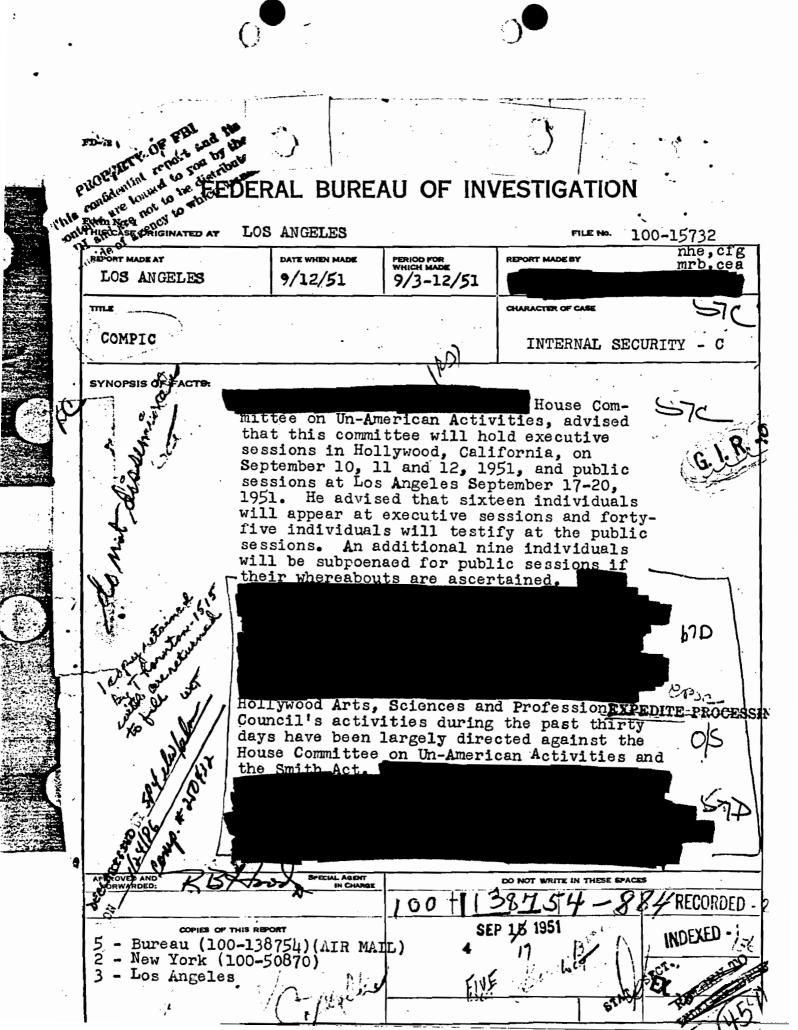
The report pointed out that Delton Trusbo, script writer for "Spartaces", whom subpremied by the House Committee in Un-American Activities, was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to testify on his connection with the Communist occapilisty.

The Committee's findings also stated that United Artists film "Inherit the Wind", which produced by Stanley Kramer, employed script writer Medrich Young who refused to give information to the House Committee on his relationship with International Commiss. Coproducer of "Inherit the Wind" was Herman Shumlin, New York playright, who has been eited as sponsor of nine subversive or communistfront organisations and a signer of a statement in the Daily Worker defending the Consumist Party.

The report also called attention to Paramount Studios film "Chance Meeting" that mosed the service of script writers Ben Barreson and Hiller Lempell as well as director Jeseph Losey all who have been identified as marbers of the Communist Party active in the U. S. file industry.

Lest film discussed in the Lagion report was 'Exocus" by United Artists. This film was produced by Otto Preminger and employed Dalton Trumbo proviously cited by the Americanism Committee for his activities in behalf of the Communist conspiracy.

Resolution at the October convention of the American Legion asked patriotic cirinus to contect thatter managers in their areas asking them no to hack-films listed in the resolutions. The legion further requested that if any of these films are book for showing, for citizens to organize and use all legal and proper means to prevent their showing and urgs their Delghbors to refuse to petronise these files, 38754-122
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IA 100-15732 MRB 67C advised that subpoenas have been issued for the following individuals. However, these subpoenas have not been served to date because the whereabouts of the individuals to whom they pertain are presently unknown. Writer. Writer. Writer and Lecturer. former business agent, Film Technicians! Union, No. 683. Actor. 57C JOE MOSEY, Writer. formerly employed PARAMOUNT PRODUCTIONS, INCORPORATED. Writer. Writer. 67C TOSE

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ice Iviemorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN Mr. Ladd 🞾 DATE: October 24. L. R. Pennington SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, MIAMI, FLORIDA, October 12-18, 195 Both before and during the National Convention of the American Legion at Miami, Florida, representatives of the Motion Picture Industry were quite active. James/Movie, Vice President of the Motion Picture Producers Association appeared before the National Americanism Commission and spoke for approximately one hour on the manner in which the Industry was cleaning house of Communists and other subversives. He spoke of the difficulty of getting rid of Reds and the possibility of large suits for breach of contract against the Industry. He spoke of one particular case, now on appeal, in which U. S. District Judge Yankwich rendered a decision in favor of one of the artists who had been brought before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. favored legislation which would enable the Motion Picture Industry to dismiss employees of questionable loyalty without the Industry being subjected to suits --He was questioned concerning the dismissal of Adolph and others who voluntarily appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that Menjou was employed just was frequently after testifying as he had before. Karl Baarslag, Research Specialist, American Legion, said this definitely was a misstatement. He was further questioned concerning another individual Tho has since died who was dismissed just prior to his retirement, coming due and Howie stated in this instance that this individual Codid receive all of his retirement benefits. H<u>owie was quite anxious to g</u>et a resolution from the Americanism Commission favoring the Motion Picture Industry, which resolution was not forthcoming. He subsequently appeared before the National Public Relations Commission, by-passing the Convention Americanism Committee, and was able to get a resolution passed T Congratulating the Industry on its 50th Anniversary and on its # attempts to get rid of subversives. The Americanism Committee of the Convention received resolutions from Arizona, Colorado and Illinois condemning Communism in the entertainment field. The resolution called on posts throughout

the nation to make public the intention of the American Legion to condemn, expose and combat such individuals employed by the Motion

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Picture Industry and the entertainment world who are engaged in subversive activities. The resolution further resolved that the American Legion inform the motion picture, stage, radio and television industries, producers, exhibitors and sponsors of the intention of the American Legion to relentlessly attack these individuals and that all possible means will be employed to inform the public of the activities of these individuals who by their support of Communist front organizations have in effect given comfort and support to a conspiracy and a ideology which constitutes the greatest threat to the people and security of the communities, the states, the nation and of the world today. The resolution further called on the National Americanism Commission through the medium of the American Legion Magazine to make known the names of such artists and the names of the pictures, radio and television programs and such other productions which contribute financially to Communist support. The resolution was unanimously passed by the convention.



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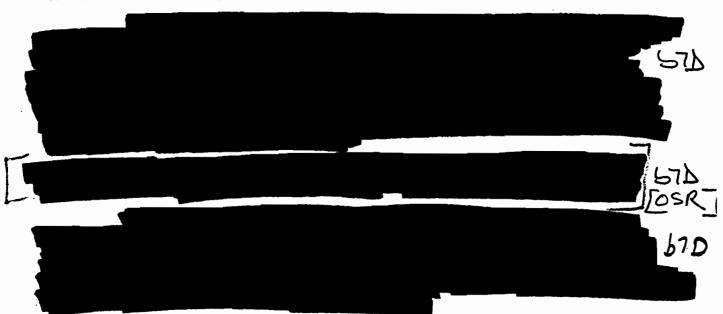
Wage Earners Committee

The Los Angeles Times for October 26,1951 carried a news item to the effect that a group called the Wage Earners Committee had begun picketing a number of motion picture theaters in Los Angeles where personalities connected with the film being shown had been subjected to scrutiny by the HCUA. Up to that time the Wage Earners Committee had pickets at five theaters, including Paramount's downtown and Hollywood theaters, the RKO Pantages theater in Hollywood and the Globe theater in downtown Los Angeles.

At that time the Paramount theaters were showing the picture "M", with which film writers JOSEPH LOSEY and WALDO SALT as well as actor HOWARD DA SILVA and actress KAREN MORLEY were connected.

The RKO theater in question was showing a film called "Saturday's Hero", the story for which was written by writer MILLARD LAMPELL and produced by director SIDNEY BUCHMAN.

In connection with the picketing of the Globe, a downtown Los Angeles theater, the film "Bathsheba" was showing and starred actor GREGORY PECK. In the last connection it was announced that the picketing in this case was principally because the Wage Earners Committee believed the Bible story protrayed had been distorted.



The Director DATE: November FROM Mr. D. M. Ladd SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY - C TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE Reference is made to the memorandum to Mr. Clegg from Mr. K. R. McIntire, dated November 9, 1945, recommending discontinuance **PUC** of the technical surveillance maintained on New Mexico, and stating that the surveillance should have been discontinued: many many months ago. After very careful consideration I am of the opinion, for the reasons hereinafter set forth, that this surveillance should not be t discontinued at the present time. The importance of safeguarding information concerning the manufacture of the secret atomic bomb cannot be over stated. As you know, it has been learned The project at Los Alamos, New Mexico, which is near Santa Fe, has been one of the most important of the atomic bomb projects, inasmuchaas experiments have been conducted there on the actual use of the atomic explosive. The facts set out hereinafter indicate connections between and other individuals known to be interested in obtaining for the USSR informa-concerning the atomic bomb.

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160° Possible Connection With It is to be noted that Le Crosse, Wisconsin is the home town of Joseph and Mary Losey, Conclusion CONFUZETIA **b**C In connection with Mr. McIntire's memorandum, I should like to point out that on page three he states that there have been three unsuccessful efforts on the part of three former Special Agents in Charge of the El Paso Office to discontinue this technical surveillance. The facts with regard to this point are considerably distorted in Mr. McIntire's memorandum. 17C In the first place, I wish to point out that on June 22, 1943, this technical surveillance had been in service for only sixteen days. In the second place, this was not an attempt by Special Agent in Charge Bryce to discontinue

this technical surveillance. The facts are that Mr. Bryce telephoned to advise

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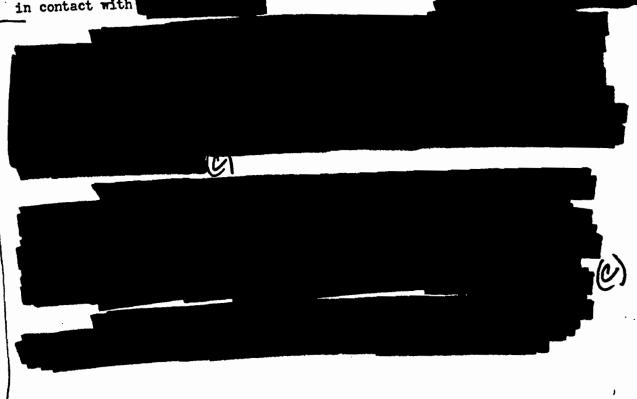
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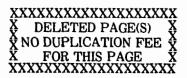




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Another meeting of the Cultural Commission was held on July 27, 1946 and a surveillance conducted by the writer determined that WALDO SALT arrived and entered the the home. JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and were also observed on this occasion.

A Hollywood Section Council meeting was held July 28, 1946 at the home of A surveillance of the Presidence was conducted by Special Agent E. and the writer at which time WALDO SALT entered the residence. JOHN HOWARD LAWSON was also identified

and the occupants enter the name.

by the writer at which time was observed entering the SALT home. To five other individuals, known to be members of the Hollywood Section of the Communist Party, were observed to arrive and the occupants to enter the SALT home.

reported that a meeting would be held at subject's home on September 23, 1946 and a surveillance conducted on that date by Special Agent to eight individuals, known to the Los Angeles Office as members of the Hollywood Section of the Los Angeles Communist Party, were observed to arrive and the occupants to enter the SALT residence. Among these individuals were JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and and who were personally identifield by Agent

has advised that since becoming Organizer for the Cultural Section of the Sub-Section of the Party, subject SALT has been in frequent contact with JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and considered to be the top-ranking member of the Party in Hollywood.

During November, 1946, LIONEL/BERMAN, a functionary of the Cultural Section of the Party in New York City, visited Hollywood and arrangements for him to stay at the home of JOE and LOUISE LOSEY, 4248 Arch Drive, were made by WALDO SALT. You November 15, 1946, agents of the Los Angeles Office conducted a surveillance of BERMAN and determined that BERMAN and also a member of the Communist Party,

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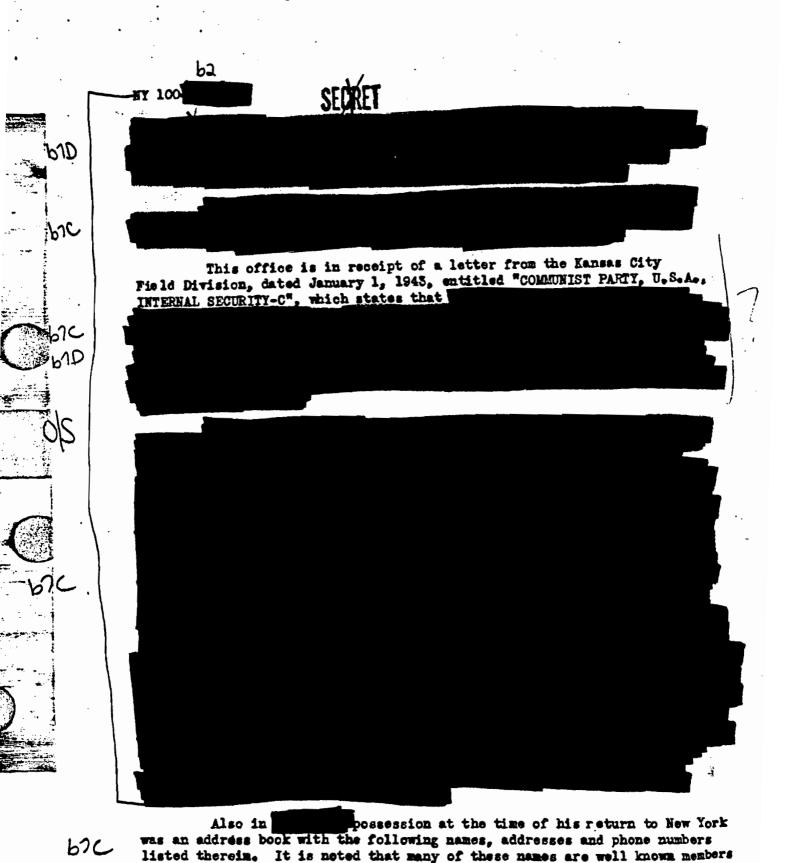
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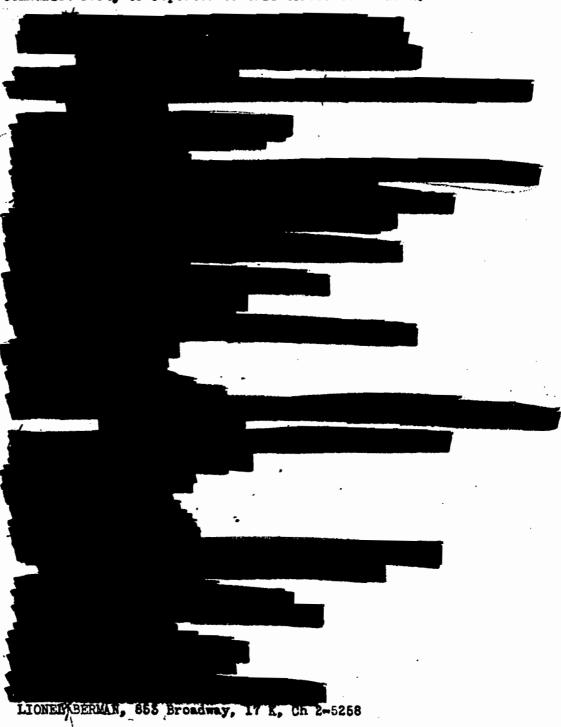


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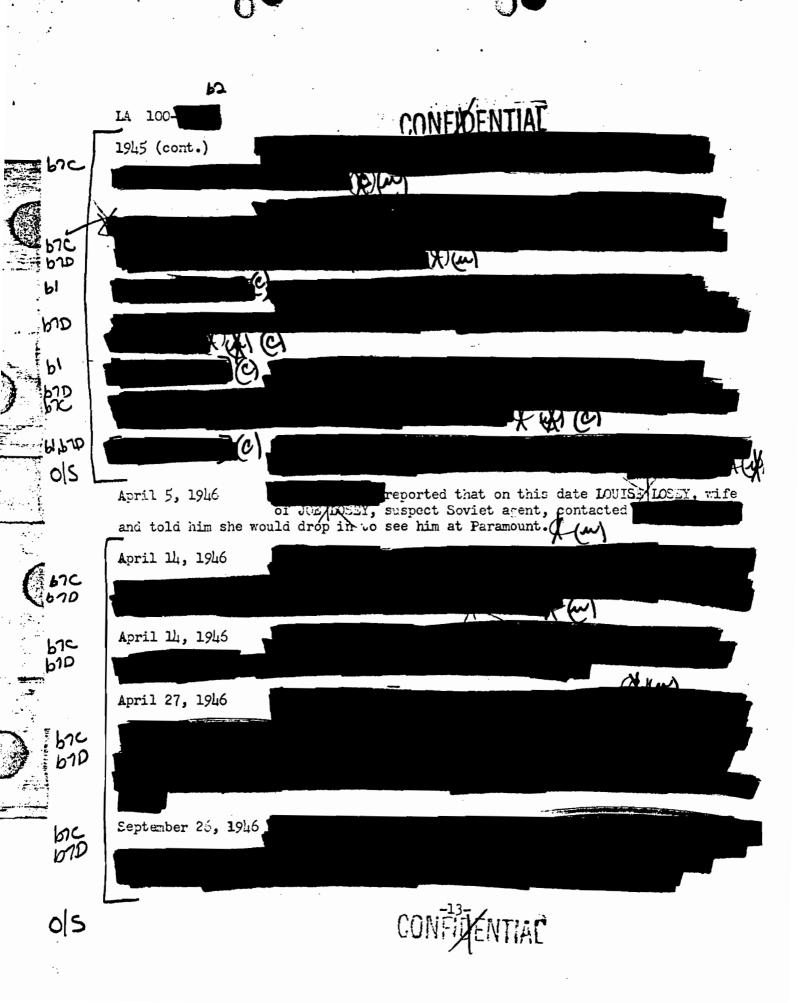
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LOSEY, JOS. CH 3-0207 JOSEPH LOSEY is the husband of ELIZABETH HAVES. He is a theatrical director now reported to be in the Army.

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The recent publicity released regarding the current motion picture "The Boy With the Green Hair" indicated the film was directed by JCSEPH LOSEY, and the screen play written by BEN BARZMAN and ALFRENCEVITT. LOSEY has been identified as a CP member by Los Angeles

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The Daily Peoples World of January 18, 1949, which paper is the official newspaper organ for the CP on the Pacific Coast, contains a review

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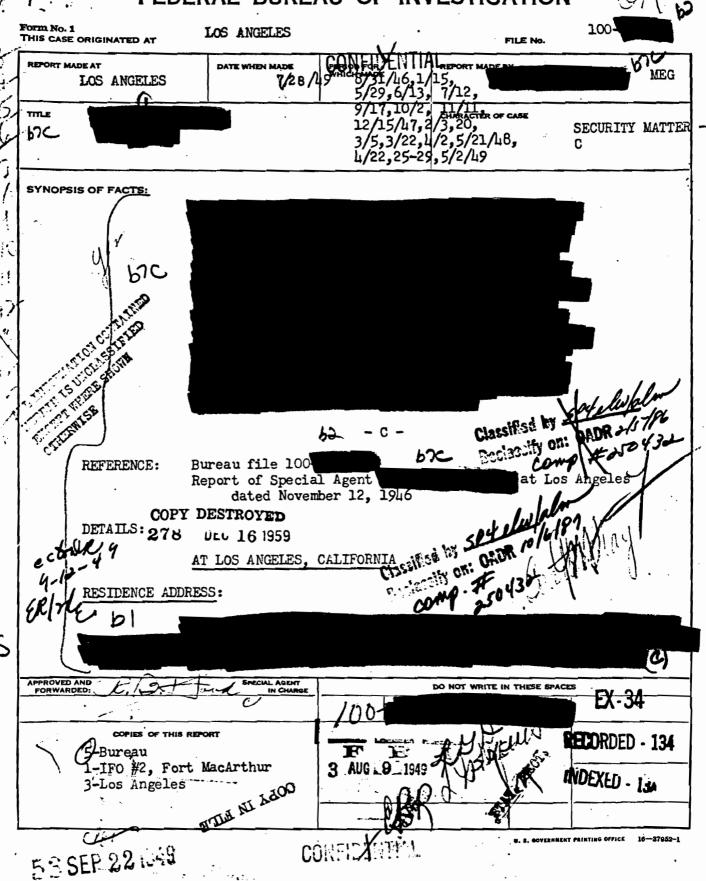


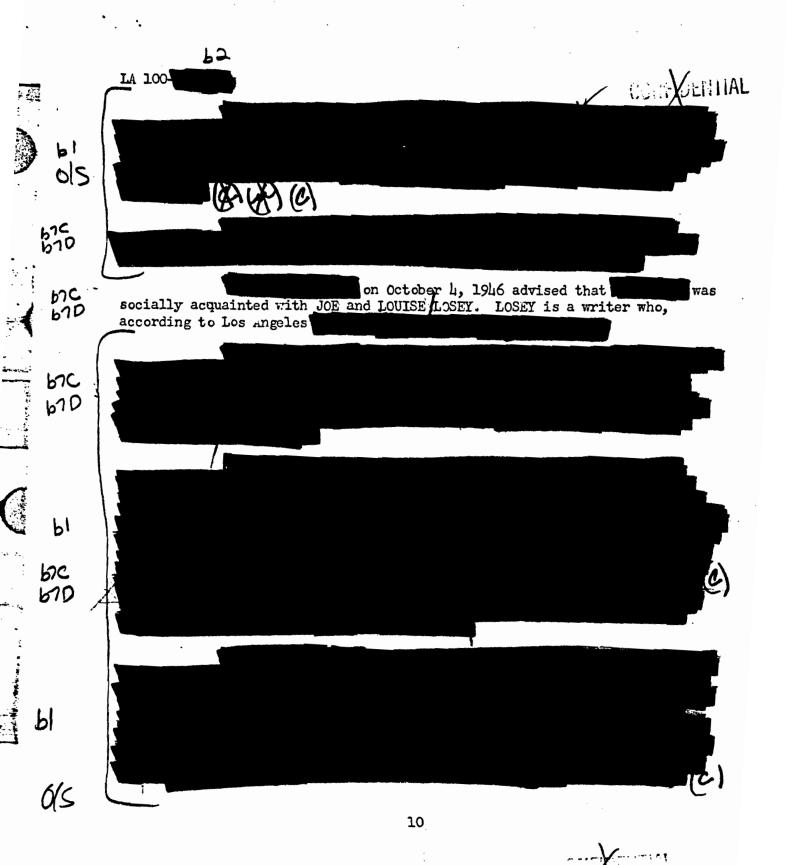
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> whose identity is known to the Bureau, on April 30, 1942, forwarded a photostatic copy of a letter dated April 10, 1942, to the Director of Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Washington, D. C., signed by JOSEPH LOSET, "Production Manager." The letter was under the letterhead of RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC., of Philadelphia, 1601 Walnut Street,

The letter amounced a meeting and concert in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, on April 25, 1942, the stated purpose of which was "to raise money and to reinforce public opinion in favor of the policy of military and moral support of our Russian allies."

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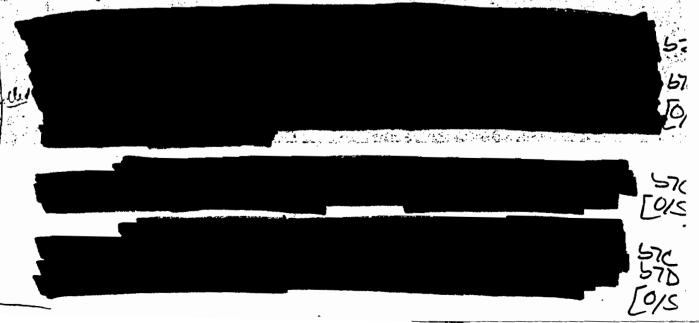
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JORIS IVENS
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According to the HCUA report, appendix 9, 1944, page 722, the magazine "Tac" was published by a Communist front group, namely the Theatre Arts Committee.



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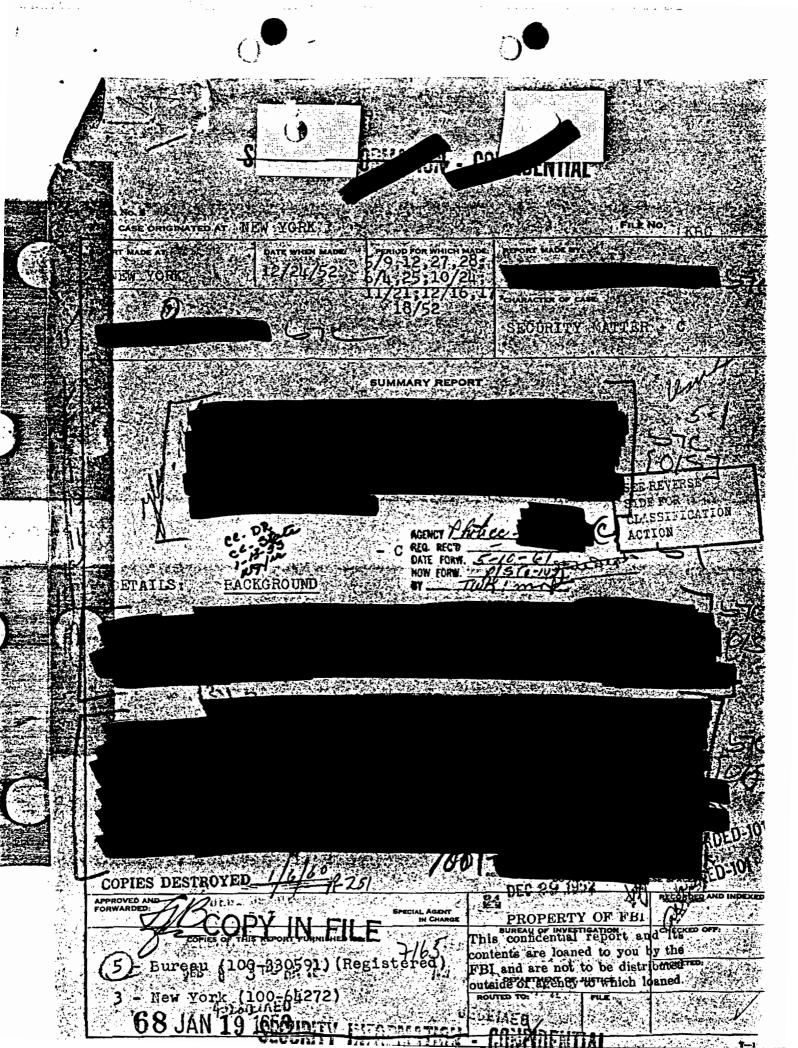
Regarding JOSEPH/LOSEY, it should be noted that of known reliability, advised in 1946 that LOSEY was an associate of the Association of Documentary Film Producers. He had, according to the informant, spent one year's training in Russia.

of known reliability, reported in November, 1946 that LIONEL BERMAN made his headquarters at the LOSEY residence, 4248 Arch Drive, North Hollywood, California, when BERMAN was in Los Angeles during November, 1946. According to the informant, BERMAN and LOSEY entertained JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and WALDO SALT (later described) during this period.

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Regarding the Film and Photo League which was described as working in close conjunction with Frontier Films in the House



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tary Film Productions. Inc. 515 Madison Avenue, was according to the informant, owned share's of stock in the corporation and was allegedly conservative in his views and desired to remove the Communist group which controlled the organization.

according to the informant, owned the balance of the stock and at one time was Vice-President of the Association of Documentary Film Producers which had been formed in 1939 and which was controlled through its active existence by a radical group which included and

According to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1944, appendix 9, page 732, LEO HURWITZ was on the staff of an organization, Frontier Films, along with PAUL STRAND, JORIS IVENS, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, LIONEL PER DAVID WOLFF and ITVING LERNER. According to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the above information was secured from page 9 of the April 16, 1937 issue of the Daily Worker.

Activities, Report, page 719, Frontier Films was an organization "under Communist control", and on page 724 the report stated that Frontier Films was "a commercial enterprise engaged in the production of revolutionary films and closely interlocked in its personnel with the Film and Photo League. The productions of Frontier Films closely parallel the current campaigns and policies of the Communist Party." On page 724, this report stated that the film "Native Land" was an example of the Communist Party control of Frontier Films which was co-directed by LEO HURWITZ and PAUL STRAND and with a commentary written by DAVID WOLFF. The magazine "Tac", published by the Theater Arts Committee at 132 West 43 Street, New York City, in 1938 contained in its May edition of that year a list of members of the association of Documentary Film Producers. The list included: JORIS IVENS, PAUL STRAND, LICNEL BERMAN, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, IRVING LERNER and LEO T. HURWITZ.

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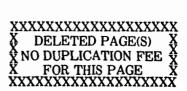




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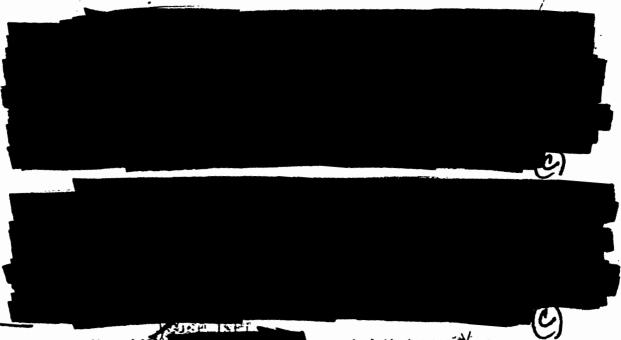
Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice 510 South Spring Street, Room 900 Los Angeles 13, California November 18, 1946 Director, FBI LIONEL BERMAN INTERNAL SECURIT Dear Sir: At approximately 2 p.m. LAWSON was observed to pick up BERMAN in front of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and they then proceeded to the home in North Hollywood. PJC, These three men spent several home and later in the afternoon and LAWSON left, drove to a nearby pay station where the companie a lengthy telephone call following which they returned to the CONF. 100-33242 bl On November 12, 1946, this field division sent a teletype to the New York and San Francisco Field Divisions, captioned "Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions", Internal Security - C, requesting both field divisions to furnish any pertinent information which would identify "LICNEL" as LIONEL BERMAN, together with any information regarding the purpose of his trip to the west coast. TO Y32 ALL THEORY STATES THE LEAD HEEL TO TO THE STREET 60 FEB 1 2 1947

Director, FBI

November 18, 1946

Re: LIONEL BERMAN INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

On November 13, 1946, the New York Field Division advised that BERMAN, who resides in New York City, is a functionary of the Cultural Section of the New York State Communist Party and a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party. BERMAN, who is regarded as a key figure in the New Mork Field Divison, has been closely associated with LOUISE ROSENBERG TRANSTEN who has been identified in both Communist and COMRAP activities!



reported that WALDONSALT screen writer and organizer of the Cultural Section in Hollywood, telephonically contacted the maid who was employed by JOE and LOUISE LOSEY and made arrangements for BERMAN to stay in their home as the LOSKY's are presently in New York. The LOSEY home is located at 4248 Arch Drive, North Hollywood, and JOE LOSEY has been identified in COARAP activities.

At approximately 9:20 p.m. on the evening of November 14, 1946, BERMAN contacted Operator #23 and later Operator #19 in New York City and call to her at has made available a transcript of the conversation which took place between BERMAN and and copies are being forwarded to the Bureau, to New York, to Chicago and to the San Francisco Field Division. Briefly,

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Re: LIONEL BERMAN
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On the following day, Saturday, November 16, 1946, JOHN HOWARD IAWSON who, although he owns two automobiles, was driving a rented car bearing California plate 43 R 314 picked the Subject up from in front of the LOSEY home on Arch Drive and drove him to the home of WALDO SALT. The Subject and LAWSON stayed in SALT's home until approximately 1:30 that afternoon

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It was also observed that a man, with bright red hair, and a woman got out of an automobile bearing 1946 New York plate 4 Y 6377 and entered this meeting. The Subject and LAWSON left this meeting at approximately 1:30 but were lost in traffic. However, at approximately 5:30 LAWSON, WALDO SALT and the Subject returned to SALT's home, 1227 North Kings Road and the Subject went in where they had dinner, following which SALT and the Subject went to the Actors' Laboratory, 1455 North Laurel, where they met WALDO's wife. Later the SALT's drove the Subject back to the LOSEY home.

On Sunday, November 17, 1946, was observed to pick the Subject up in front of the LOSEY home at approximately 10:30 a.m. and they proceeded. after having breakfast at a nearby drive-in, to North Hollywood, which is the residence of a

Angeles. It was observed that this residence is in a particularly secluded area and is on a dead end street and appears to be in perfect compliance with recent Communist orders to seek unusual and difficult meeting places. The agents personally observed his wife, automobile leave this meeting at approximately 2:30 perfect An automobile

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It was also observed that the male driver of an automobile bearing New York license plate 4 Y 6377 entered this meeting.

This meeting ended at approximately 12 midnight, following which the Subject was driven home.

At approximately noon on Monday, November 18, 1916,

and an unidentified woman were observed to enter the LOSEY home and reappeared in a few moments with the Subject at which time they went to a nearby eating place and returned to the LOSEY home. At approximately 2:30 p.m. the unidentified woman and the Subject got into car and they toured the city for approximately an hour and then drove to the Communist Party Headquarters at 12h West 6th Street where they all were observed entering.

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On November 18, 1946, a teletype was sent to the Bureau, New York and Chicago captioned as above advising that the Subject was leaving Los Angele: Field Division and that he would be under surveillance to Chicago.

The following agents participated in this investigation:

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Conversation between LIONEL BERMAN calling from Sunset 1-4709 in North **67C** Hollywood to in New York on November 14, 1946 returning her call the same date made approximately one hour before. LIONEL: What happened? 6)C In Los Angeles. brc Li: What happened? I want to know first. boc Li: You should never have put through those calls. 67C Li: Ohi God. You called two numbers, didn't you? PUC Didn't you call the second number? TELLING PRESIDENTIAL SOUTHINED A - INFORMATION CONTAINED **67C** Li: That was a bad thing. PJC. Comp. # 250432 Li: No I didn't! PJC. Li: Not after calling the first one. pic Li: Yes. 67C 100-332421-8 Li: Today though.

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Id: 1-4709.

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Li: If it is a question of personalities, I don't want to even

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Li: Only if it is a change.

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Li: If my instructions are changed. Okay?

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Li: I sent you a letter at the Los Angeles Railway station; special delivery, air mail; I came back by train, you know.

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Li: Yes, baby, I will. I am calling from a strange person's house and I am going to reverse the call, Okay?

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Ii: Just because this guy's in New York and I don't want him to find it on his phone bill when he comes back.

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Li: Listen, darling. It is JOE TOSEY'S house and he is at the Hotel Chelsea --

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Ii: I don't know the number of the street so if you have anything big and special that you want to get direct — but I don't even like to get mail because if I leave before the mail arrives, you know?

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M: If I should leave before the mail arrives -

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Li: I am not going to call him.

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Li: No.

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Li: Tell him he can't.

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Li: From Cack? (John Howard Lawson)

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Li: I have about 78 items and I can only take up the major ones; some of them will go by the board and his is getting the brush off.

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Li: His is. I have to brush off his. I don't have the time to handle the things he told me to.

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Li: Okay.

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Li: That's okay. Don't send a wire anymore saying "urgent". In your wire tell me you are okay.

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Li: You can wire me at this place but I don't have the address.

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Li: It is the Vi Shore house. Viola Brothers Shore.

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Li: I won't fly anymore. I promise you that.

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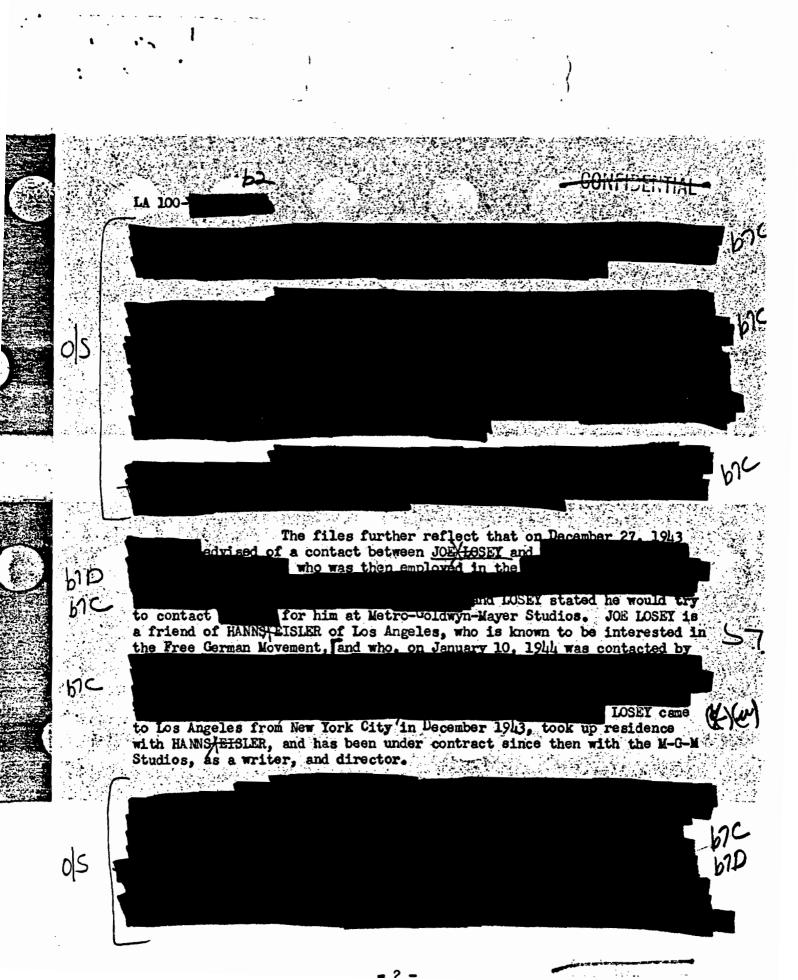
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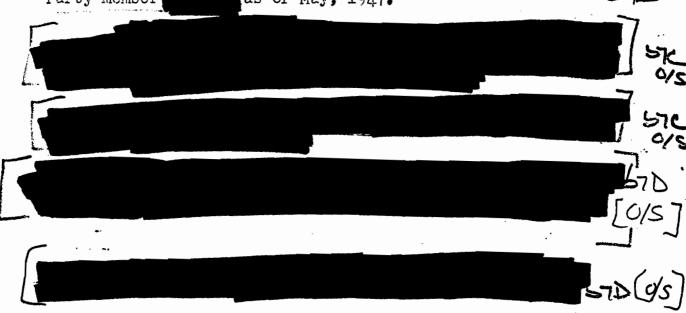
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Article identified JOSEPH LOSEY as a director of a film production "The Old Youngsters," the film was to be shot in Switzerland and London.

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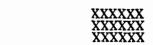
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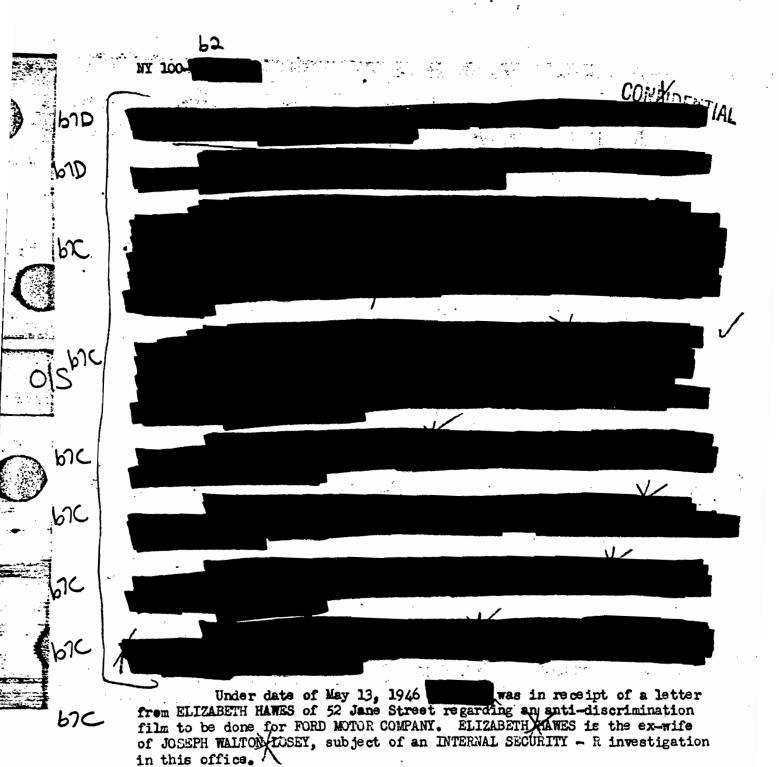




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bearing the signature LOSEY in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. pretext call to the phone covering that address reflected that JOSEPH LOSET had been there, but had left for Washington. The address s the home of

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The Drama Section of the NEW YORK TIMES for October 20, 1946 reflected that at the Attorney General's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency, Washington, D. C., October 21, an 80 minute picture entitled "CHILDREN ON TRIAL". produced by BASID WRIGHT, would be shown.

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A check of the New York Field Division indices for reflected that the only information not reported as yet was in the report of at Los Angeles dated December 12, 1946, entitled, "JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY - R." This report reflected that was in Hollywood, that he had contacted LOSEY, that LOSEY was arranging and had also arranged for him to meet producer.

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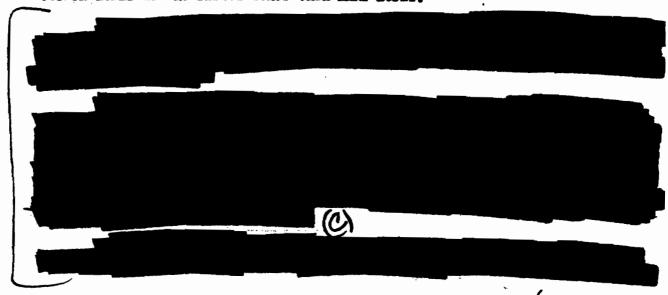
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JOSEPH LOSEY, is registered at Local Board 15, New York City, and he informed the same Board that his sister, MARY L. MAPES age 32 in 1943, resided at 208 Taylor Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. His mother Mrs. JOSEPH (INA H.) LOSEY, age 63 in 1943, resided at 250 West Avenue, South, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and he stated that he himself was born on January 14, 1909 at La Crosse. His wife is ELIZABETH HAWES, and he has an uncle, JESSE HIGHEE, who is his mother's brother. JESSE HIGHEE also resides at La Crosse, Wisconsin. and that

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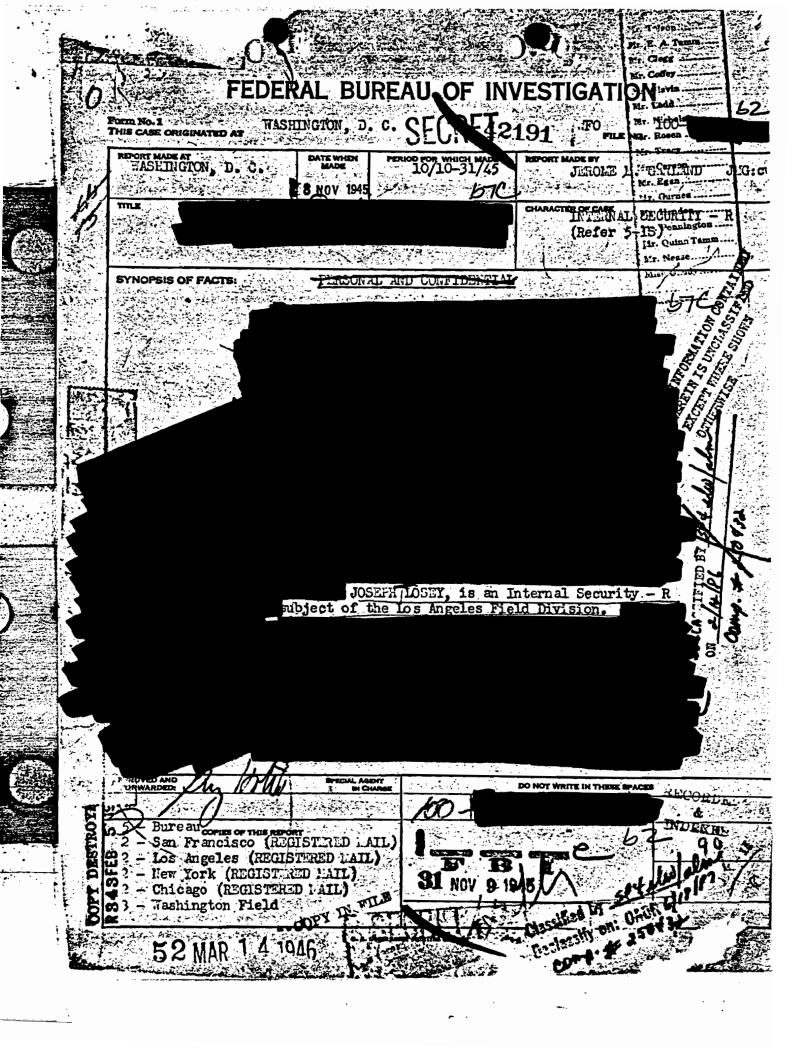
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In February, 1943, it was ascertained from the Office of Naval Intelligence that Documentary Film Productions, Inc., 515 Madison Avenue, New York City, was a New York corporation under consideration by the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics for the production of documentary films. Stock in this Corporation was held by and was stated to be a conservative who desired to remove the Communist group which controlled this organization. At that time was employed full time in the Film Division of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. was also Vice, President of the Association of Documentary Film Productions which was formed in 1939 and was controlled by a radical group including JOSEPH LOSEY;

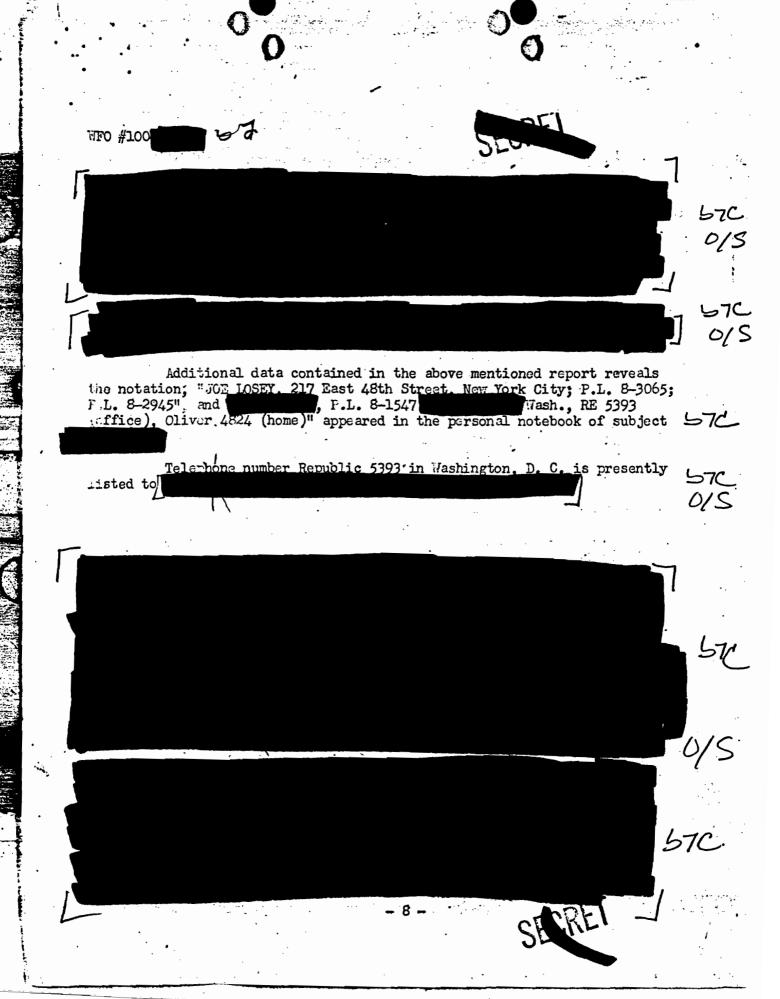
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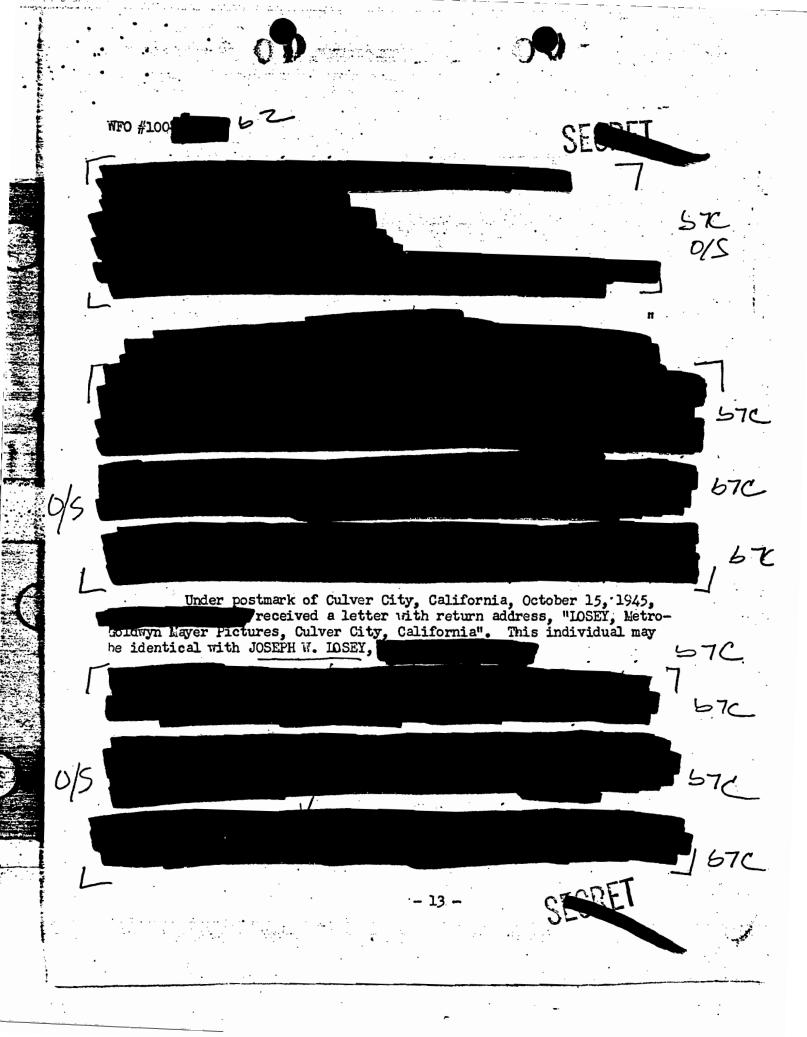
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A review of the Washington Field Office files with reference to reveals the following data.

It is noted that the name JOE DSEY, whose Washington telephone numbers were listed as Republic 5393, his office; and Oliver 4824, his home were reportedly among telephone numbers in the possession of Oliver 4824 is the telephone number of vior Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. It is believed that this individual is identical with JOSEPH LOSEY. who is a subject of an Internal Security - R'investigation under the jurisdiction of the Angeles Field Division. (Report of Special Agent Foril 24, 1945, at New York, New York, entitled TERNAL SECURITY - R, HATCH ACT".) dated 1 et al.

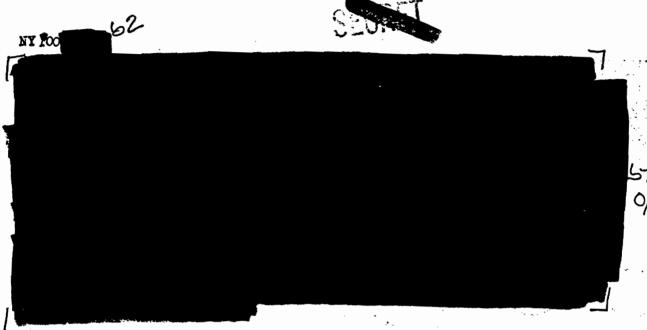




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At Local Board 15. 570 Lexington Avenue, it was ascertained that JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY, had registered in accordance with the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 and was assigned order number 1911. LOSEY was inducted into the army January 19, 1944 at Los Angeles, California while residing at 1650 North Amalfi Drive, Pacific Palisades, California. This induction was effected through Local Board 243, 726 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. This file reflected he was born in La Cross, Wisconsin on January 14, 1909.

JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY was separated from the service November 14, 1944 at the Regional Hospital, Fort Jay, New York. His serial number is listed as 3972473, and the records indicated that he was a private in the Branch Unit B, Signal Corps, Photo Center, U. S. Army. On December 24, 1944 by postal card, LOSEY informed the local board that his permanent residence was 54 Malibu Beach Road, Pacific Palisades, California and that he was resuming work under a term contract with the MGM Corporation in Culver City, California. LOSEY is married to ELIZABETH HAWES who was born December 16, 1903. They have one child named GAVRIK who was born May 5, 1938. ELIZABETH HAWES and JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY were married July 27, 1937 at Hoosick Falls, New York.

In a family affidavit statement dated October 12, 1943, LOSEY stated that his wife was last employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation on May 6, 1943 as a gear grinder. She resigned her employment with this concern, he indicated, to recover her health and to write a book. At the time of filing this family affidavit form, LOSEY was employed by the National Broadcasting Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. He listed information concerning his wife's family and their status as follows:

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Father

JOHN HAWES, age 75, Ridgewood, New Jersey;

income \$50 per week from a pension

Mother .

HENRIETTA HAWES, age 70, Ridgewood, New Jersey;

income none

Sister

MARY HAWES, age 35, Ridgewood, New Jersey;

income \$50 per week

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CHARLOTTE SMITH, age 44, Ridgewood, New Jersey;

income \$25 per week

Brother

Lieutenant JOHN HAWES, JR., USNR, age 33;

Glen Rock, New Jersey; income \$60 per week

The past residences of JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY are set forth as

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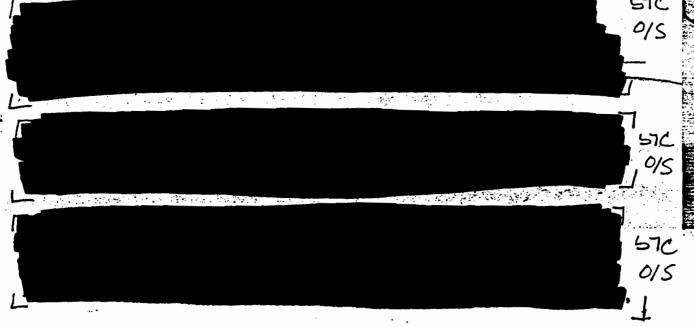
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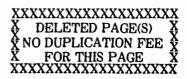






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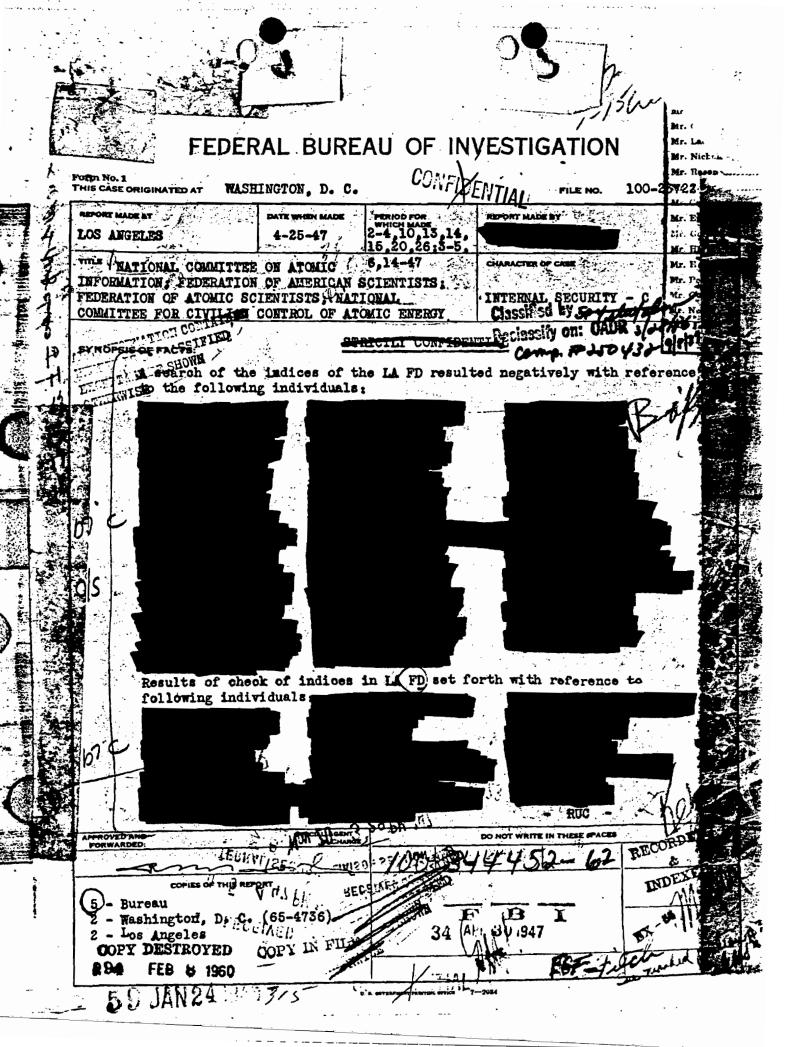






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Report of Special Agent Washington, D. C.

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.A check of the indices of the Los Angeles Field Division was made on the names of the individuals set out in reference report and the results thereof appear hereafter in the order of the appearance of said names in said report:

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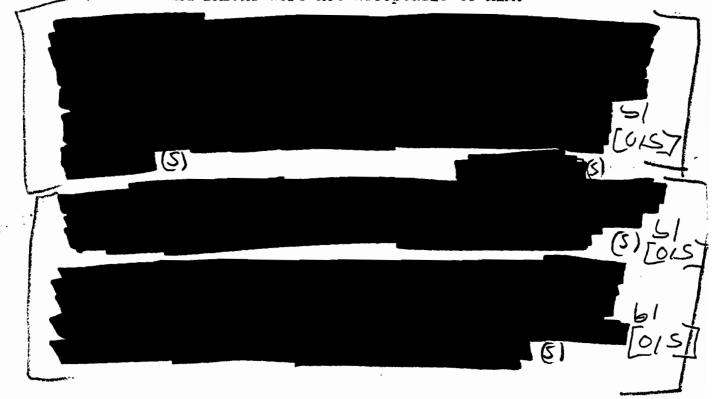
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MICHAEL TODD is the well-known theatrical producer and was the husband of actress JOAN BLONDELL. has produced numerous musical hits such as

"Mexican Hayride."

It is worthy of note that JOSEPH WALTON LOSEY, who is mentioned in this report, was interested in getting the job of directing the play "Gallelio" which was written by BERTOLD BRECHT and which was to star CHARLES LAUGHTON. TODD was asked to produce the play but declined because the terms presented by LAUGHTON and BRECHT were not acceptable to him.



61 5015] (C) 4 Mr. LODSEY is possibly JOSEPH WALTON HOSEY who was born January 14, 1909, at LaCrosso, Wisconsin. Ho received an A.B. degree from Dartmouth in 1926 and

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LOSEY is known to have been in New York City from January, 1947 to April, 1947 for the purpose of directing a stage production.

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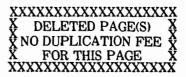






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on March 12, 1953, at Los Angeles, California, stated that he was never a member of the Communist Party, but that he had attended approximately three closed meetings of the Communist Party in 1946 or 1947. He further testified that he was taken to these meetings by JOE LOSEY. He identified twelve individuals, including LEO and PAULINE TOWNSEND, as having been present at these meetings. RADIN stated that he was asked to join the Communist Party by JOE LOSEY.

LEO TOWNSEND, writer, Los Angeles, California, in testimony before an executive session of the HCUA in Los Angeles on March 23, 1953, admitted Communist Party membership in the Communist Party from 1943 to 1948. TOWNSEND, in testimony, stated that PAUL RADIN was brought to Communist Party meetings by JOE and LOUISE LOSEY, and that he understood that RADIN had been recruited into the Communist Party by the LOSEYs. TOWNSEND stated that he saw RADIN at five or six meetings.

PAULINE SWANSON TOWNSEND, writer, Los Angeles, California, in testimony before an executive session of the HCUA in Los Angeles on March 2, 1953, admitted Communist Party membership from 1943 to the summer of 1948. Among those identified by TOWNSEND as hawing been Communist Party members at some time during her membership was PAUL RODIN.

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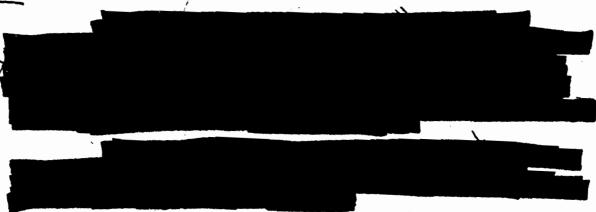
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The "Journal News" published in Nyack, New York, edition of June 4, 1948, carried an advertisement with the heading "You Can Have Either The Bill of Rights Or The Mundt-Nixon Bill But You Can't Have Both." This advertisement stated in part: "That the Mundt-Nixon Bill is an effort to subvert the Bill of Rights and turn America down the

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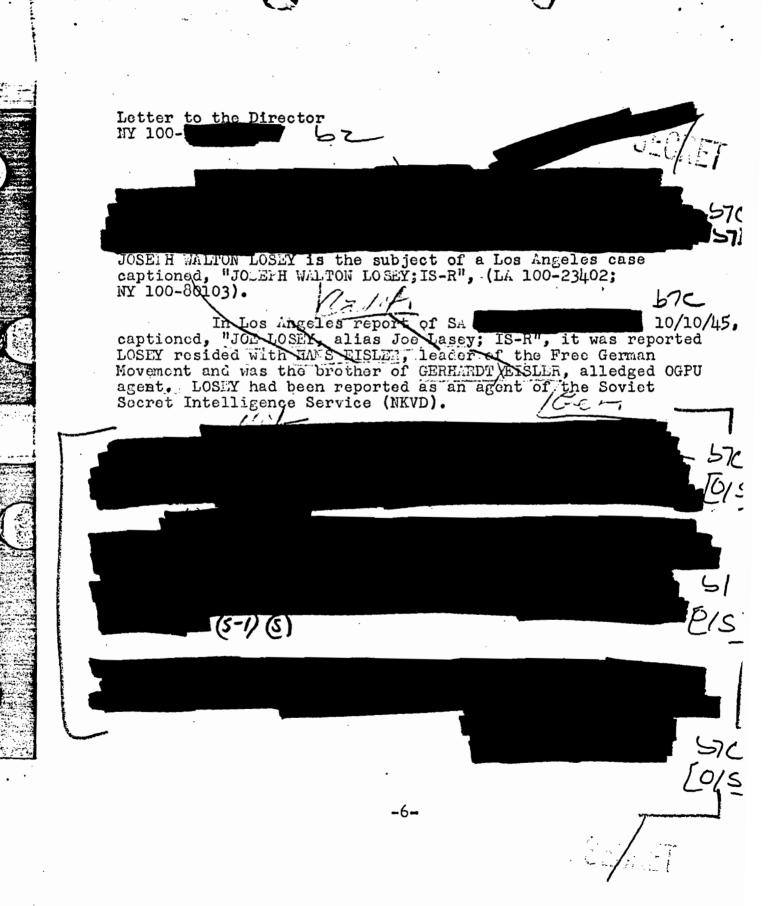


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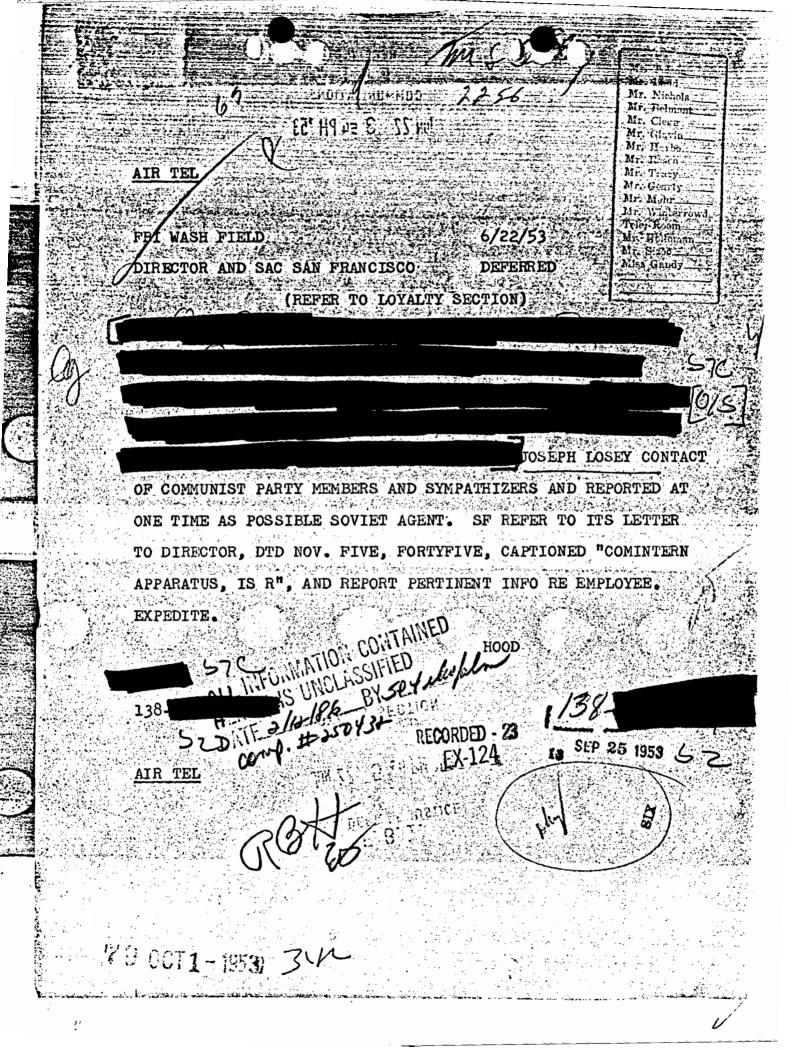
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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed and reflect the following information concerning the names JOSEPH IOSEY.

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JOE JOSEY Association of Documentary Film Producers Member

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Theater Committee for Defense of the Spanish Republic
Play Director
Daily Worker, September 18, 1936, Page 5.

MISS HAZEL EUFFMAN, who identified herself as a representative of The Committee of Relief Status Professional Theatrical Employees of the Federal Theater Project in New York City, testified before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, 75th Congress, Third Session, in the Investigation of Un-American Activities in the United States, held during November and December, 1938. She was advised that the purpose of her testimony was to attempt to show the communistic activities in the Federal Theater Project in New York City. MISS HUFFMAN stated in part: "You will also find listed in the booklet of the Theater Arts Committee, which gives their activities, which are along similar lines with that of the Communist Party, the names of members of Actors Equity as well as Federal Theater Project supervisors. This organization was originally known as the Theater Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy and their present radio program, "Voice of Peace" is sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy."

The American League for Peace and Democracy was declared by the Attorney General as within the purview of EO 9835.

The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

JOSEPY LOSEY

Director of "The Boy With Green Hair" anti-war picture (RKO), screen play for which was written under supervision of and which was to have been produced by ADRIAN SCOTT.

New York Times, January 11, 1948, Page X-5.

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JOSEPH LOSEY-Signer

Brief submitted in behalf of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and DALTON TRULEO,
October, 1949, by Cultural Workers in the Supreme Court of the U. S., October
term, 1949.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect that ADRIAN SCOTT, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and DALTON TRULBO were cited for contempt by a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives for failure to tell whether they had been members of the Communist Party, were indicted on December 5, 1947, found guilty and sentenced to fine of one year and \$1,000, affirmed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

JOSEPE LOSEY
Director of "The Lawless"
Film; favorably reviewed
Daily People's World, June 22, 1950, Page 9.
Daily Worker, June 23, 1950, Page 11.

The People's Daily World is a West Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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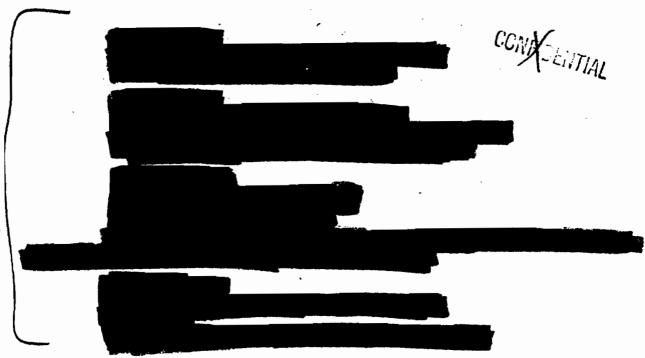
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Sponsor, Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949. Conference Program, Page 15.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited by a Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a "Communist front".

The Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace was cited by a Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front which "was actually a supermobilization of the inveterate wheelhorses and supporters of the Communist Party and its auxiliary organizations".

JOSEPH LOSEY
New Masses Benefit
Director
New Masses, February 1, 1938, Page 31.

New Masses was cited by a Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a "nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party---whose ownership was vested in the American Fund for Public Service."



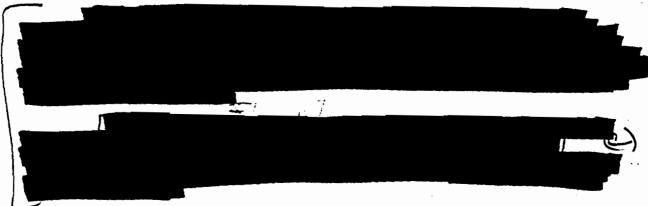
The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect that in connection with a hearing conducted before the 80th Congress, First Session, September 24 to 26, 1947, in connection with the contemplated deportation of HANNS FISHER an alleged Communist illegally in the United States, a letter was presented in behalf of FISHER which letter, dated January 23, 1940, by one JOSEPH ICSEY, addressed to the American Consul, Habana, Cuba. This letter stated that MR. FISHER was a personal friend of MR. IOSEY and requested the assistance of the American Consul, Habana, Cuba in establishing MR. EISHER s residence in the United States on a permanent basis.

In connection with hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 82nd Congress, First Session, regarding Communist Infiltration of the Hollywood Motion Picture Industry, MR. LEO ROWISEND on September 18, 1951, in testimony before the Committee identified himself as a screen writer who had joined the Communist Party in 1943, and remained a member until February, 1944, when he became employed by the Office of Strategic Services. He substantially severed his connections with the Communist Party in 1948 after having realigned himself with the Party in July, 1944. MR. TOWNSEND testified that one of the members of the group to which he was assigned was JOSEPH LOSEY, and his wife LOUIS LOSEY.

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In additional hearings conducted by the 82nd Congress, Second Session, on November 13, 1952, actress KAREN MORLEY declined to answer questions concerning her affiliations and membership in the Communist Party. She declined to answer as to her knowledge of the Communist Party membership of JOSEPH LOSEY, claiming privilege under the Fifth Amendment not to testily against herself.

House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised that a subpoena for JOSEPH LOSEY was sent to the U. S. Marshal, Los Angeles, California, on June 13, 1951, requesting MR. MOSEY to appear before the Committee on July 19, 1951. The subpoena was returned by the Deputy U. S. Marshal with the notice that he had been informed by the LOSEY gardener that JOSEPH LOSEY left town on July 17, 1951 for an unknown destination and that his wife was headed for Mexico.



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Washington was recontacted during this investigation and could furnish no further information concerning This informant declined to furnish a signed statement or to appear before the Hearing Board.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C .:

Will report the results of the check of Central Intelligence Agency records concerning JOSEPH LOSEY, when received.

8/19/53

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI (138-SAC, New York (138 SUBJECT:

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Rebulet to NY 5/14/53.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies dated 8/19/53, at NY in of the report of SA the above-captioned matter.

Reference is made to Bulet wherein information is JOSEPH LOSEY. JOSEPH stated regarding WALTON LOSEY is the subject of a closed case in the NYO of which Los Angeles is origin (NY 100-80103, IS-R). Inasmuch as Los Angeles is in possession of all information re JOSEPH LOSEY he was not documented in instant report.

SECURE SECTION In view of this information no investigation was conducted at Loffice.

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explained that he means that the above mentioned individuals were very outspoken in their praise for the Soviet Union, and closely adhered to the Communist Party line.

based upon his association with these individuals he is of the opinion that they were all either members of the Communist Party or Communist sympathizers.



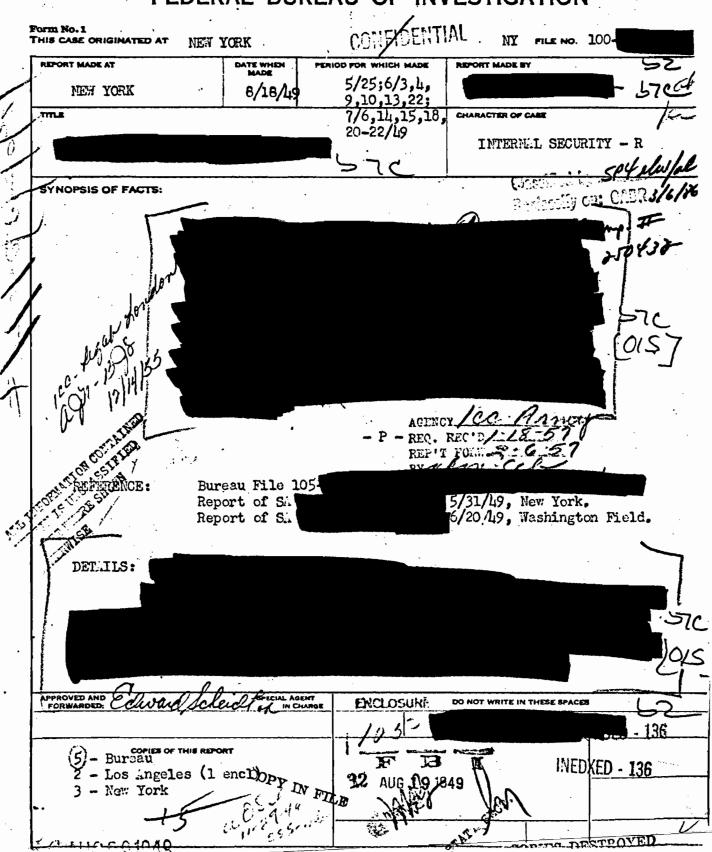


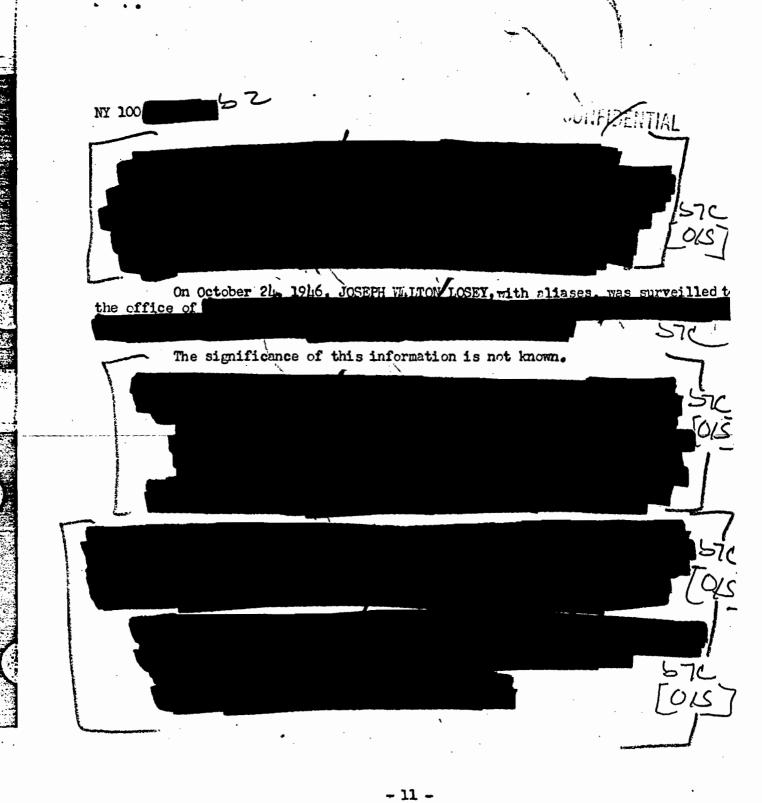


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and stated that 'as long as the meeting was called by the delegates, the delegates could do the talking'."

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- (1) To have the Project put back on a thirty-nine hour basis.
- (2) To get rid of as he is solely responsible for the reductions in hours and personnel.

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for his opinion about the hours being restored to thirty-nine weekly and he replied stating that to do so would mean the curtailment of production. That is about as far as he got when he was openly insulted for even intimating that production might have to be curtailed.

This meeting lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is obvious whom the delegates represented.

be secured from However, I have not contacted and will not do so unless I am instructed. It is the opinion of the writer that it is a violation to hold this type of meeting during working hours."

There is a notation on the above report in long hand "Administrative Matter-File CDH.

with reference to the persons mentioned in connection with the time sheet irregularities above, a publication called "The Show Eill", Vol. 1, No. 1, issued March 14, 1936, apparently published at the Eiltmore Theatre, showed at that time the following as constituting the Staff of the Living Newspaper:

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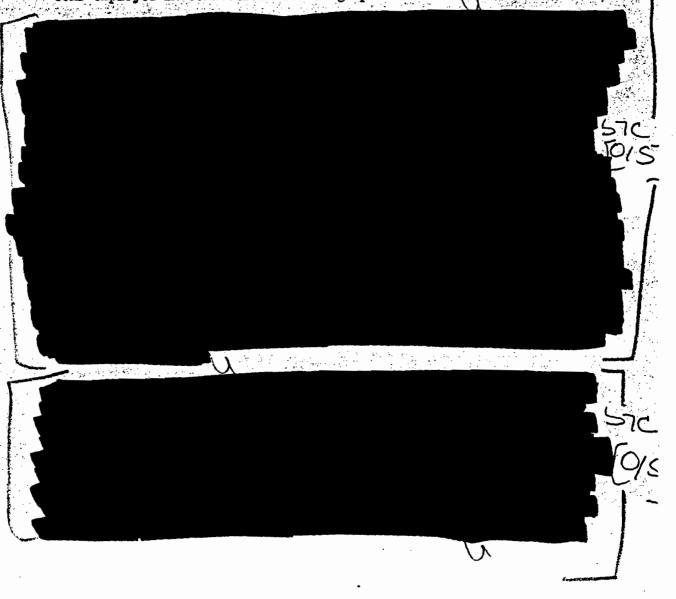
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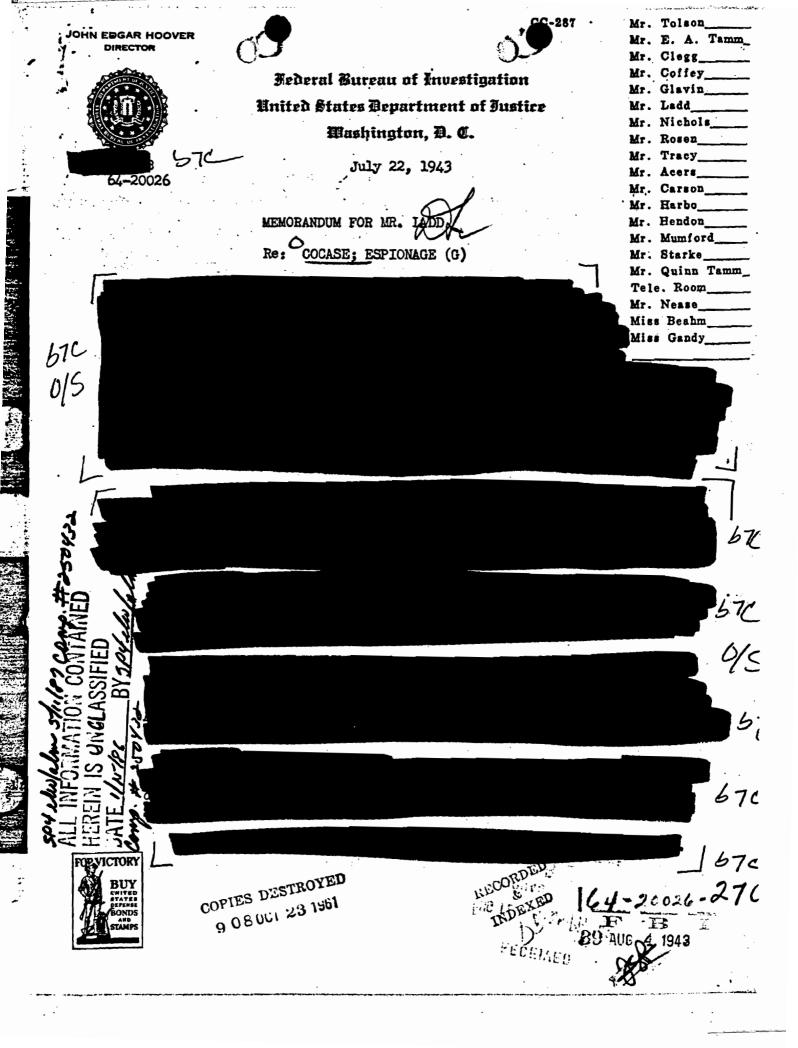
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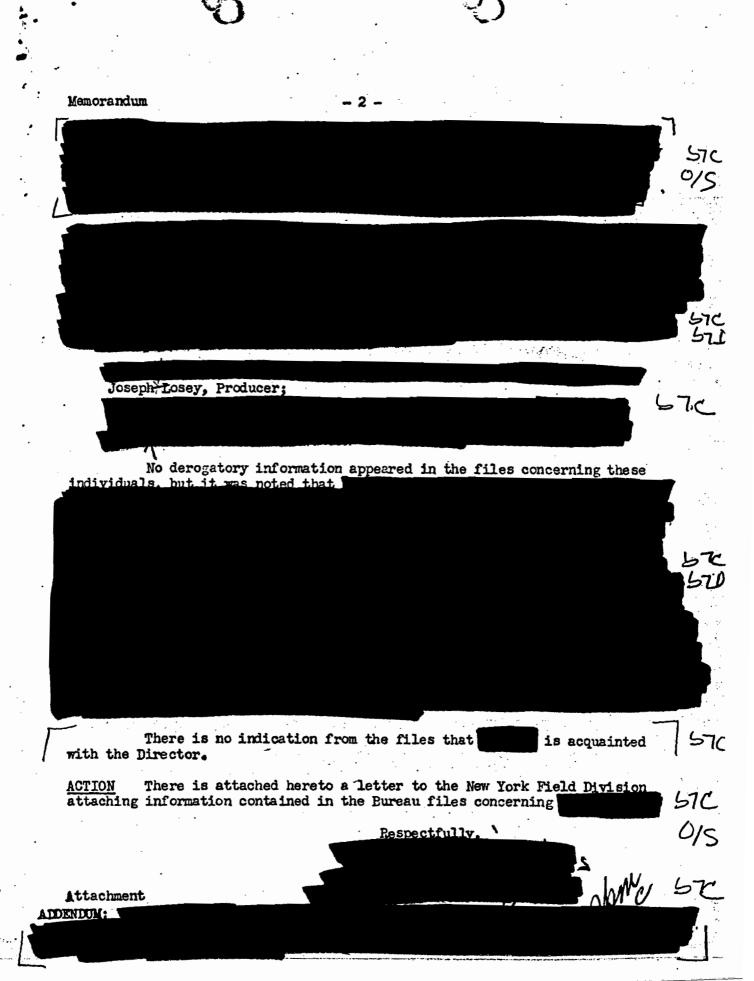
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The above list apparently was published in connection with the presentation of plays by the Living Newspaper, inasmuch as it enumerates Stage Directors, Stage Managers and other persons employed in connection with stage productions.







RECOEDED July 30, 1943 ORMATION CONTAINED Assistant Director E. J. Connelley UNCLASSIFIED New York, New York comp. # 25043 | alm stilled Dear Sir: Reference is made to the telephone conversation between Special Agent of the New York office and 570 Bureau, at which time the former requested information concerning one 015 The files reflect a letter dated March 3. 1941, from the New York field who may be identical. The 674 division to the Bureau concerning one information set out therein is not being repeated inasmuch as it is available to the New York office. **5**7 570 Mr. Tol Mr. Æ. Mr. Cleg Mr. Coffey Mr. Glavin Joseph Losey, Producer Mr. Ladd Mr. Nicho Mr. Rosen Mr. Tracy Mr. Acers Mr'. Car Mr. Harbo Mr. Hendon Mr. Mumford Mr. Starke_ Mr. Quinn Tomm Mr. Nesse Miss Gandy

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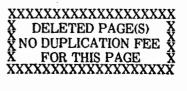






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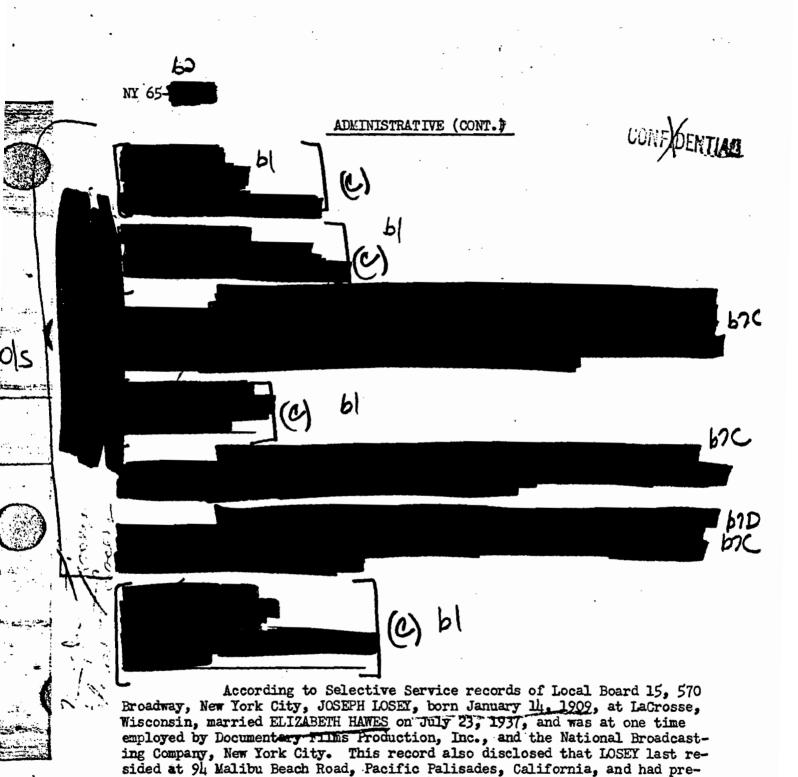
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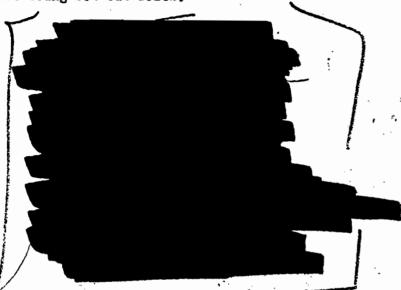
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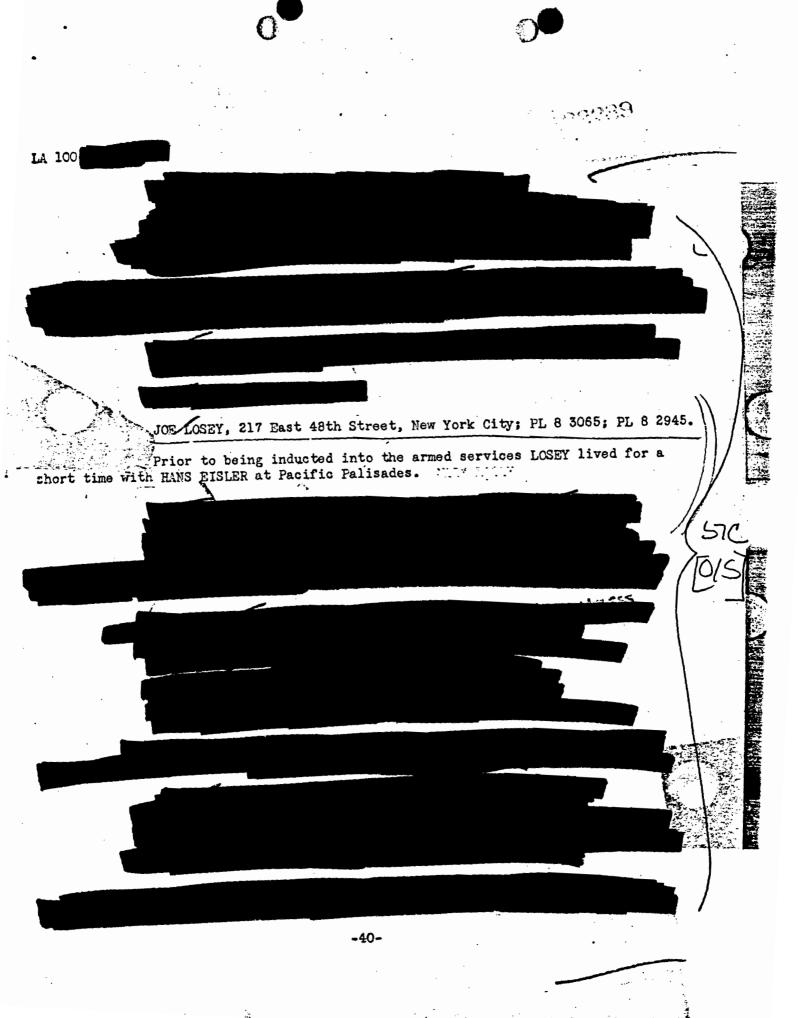


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The following names and telephone numbers appeared in personal notebook. Comments made on these individuals represent information obtained from the files of the Los Angeles Field Division.

Association Documentary Film Producers, 20 West 47th Street, New York City, telephone LO 3 2343.

The Hollywood end of the venture was definitely under the control of the Communist Party. With the signing of the Stalin-Hitler Pact and subsequent happenings this group evidently became inactive. It appears that the group has been succeeded by the Brandon Films, with headquarters in New York.



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Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

100 : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MAY 3, 1945.

REFROM : SAC. NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent

dated February 24. 1945 at Los Angeles. California, wherein it was requested
to report any additional information available in the New York Field Division
files on the individual contacts listed in the subject's notebook and also
from his mail cover. It was further requested that a report be made on the
activities of the subject while he was in New York City in October and November,
1944.

The last mentioned lead was covered and reported on in the report of Special Agent dated February 9, 1945 at New York, New York.

Because of the extensive list of the subject's contacts, as set out in reference report, only the names of those individuals who are, or who have, resided in New York City were searched in the files of the New York Field Office. Furthermore, it is noted that a number of this latter group have been reported in COMPAP reports, copies of which have been directed to the Los Angeles Field Division, the Office of Origin in the above captioned case. This list includes

comp. # 20132

The following is information obtained from the files of this Office relative to other contacts of the subject:

JOSE LOSEY

On May 29, 1941, the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, requested the Bureau to check its files on the following names assigned to do documentary pictures in Latin America:

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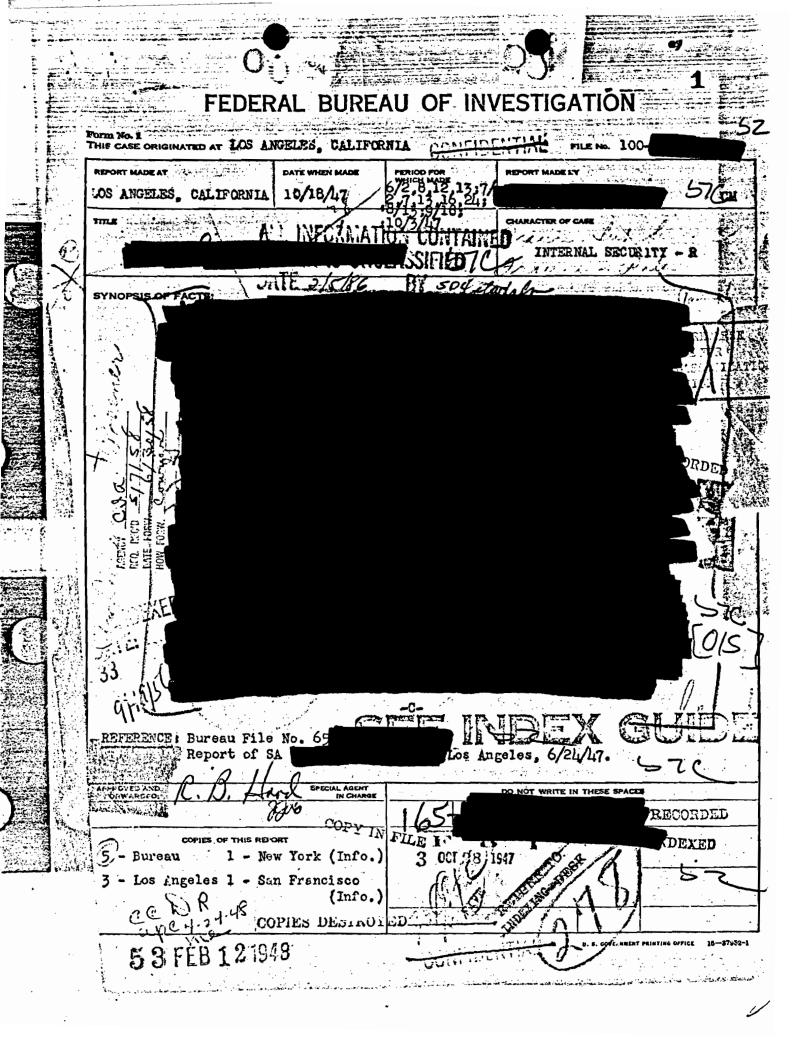
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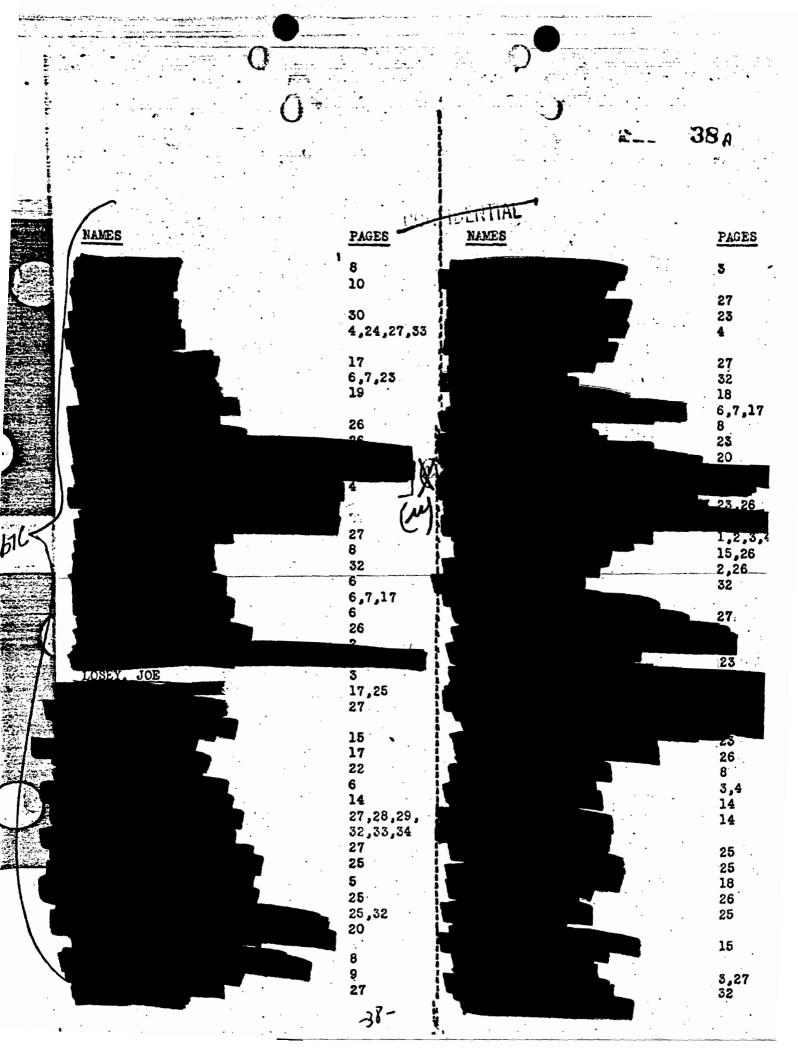
A review of the files reflects that JOE/LOSEY is identical with JOE/LASEY. He is aformer friend of the EISLERS who were prominent in the Free German Movement in the Los Angeles area. He is known to have contacted various Communists in the Los Angeles Field Division. He came to Los Angeles from New York in 1943. He is under contract at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios as a writer and director and is presently the subject of a separate investigation by the Los Angeles Field Division.

Investigation reflects that 174 North LaBrea is a business house occupied by Gene's Liquor Store.

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It was learned on July 2, 1947, that JOE LOSEY, subject of a pending investigation in the Los Angeles Field Division and reported to be acting as an XWXD agent, attempted to contact 570



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SO LONG as the Un-American Committee, the Legion of Decency, Eric Johnston and others who want to describe the human mind to their midget moralities, do not completely run the world to being will the story of Galileo diagrams the for the truth and the Roman Catholic Church's discribed Dramatic Workship in particularly for that the effect of Galileo's theories was continuely adapted to the following the first plous peasants; the the spire the human race. That's discribed pose. This production of Galileo discribed of Galileo's co-working tweetoness of the truth and the spire the human race. That's discribed for Galileo's theories was continuely adapted plous peasants; the the Epic, in which the spire the human race. That's discribed for Galileo's co-working the first the second of the spire of the spire

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nches in depicting the Church's opposition to Galileo's discovery and the Jeason for that opposition 71.7

BRECHT SHOWS THE CHURCH using the Inquisition to suppress the knowledge that the earth is not the center of the universe to tect the Papal power and because it feared the effect the destruction of religious superstitions might have on the oppressed masses of tahat time. One churchman frankly action Galileo that one of the reasons the groaning peasantry refrains from rebelling against their intolerable exploitation is the fact that Church still manages to keep hold on them by using these superstitions. The church fears that any vital blow against these beliefs would weaken that hold and give the peasants dangerous ideas about their status in this world.

Despite the church's temporary success in intimidating Galileo, the truth finally emerged. That, and the exposition of how the scientist arrived at the truth is the story of Galileo. \

BRECHT'S METHOD of expound- land-owning family he comes from ing historic and scientific truths on the stage has long been known as the head of the New School's The First A TOP'S DEC 20 1047 the Epic Theater technique and was volved by himself and Erwin Pisator (now head of the New School's

Gailles, for example, do not even facing the authority of the Church to speak, what is har attempt the silve of illusion of attempt for size the illusion of reality. This is a subreality. There are a succession sear two exceptions, is insuted and subfoldings which is used in turn far
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shortly after the curtain's reserved There is the love of Galileo for the travel from Galileo's study to the pleasures of life; his insatiable in-Vatican on the same structure. The only jerkiness was the use of an extraneous three-boy chorus for the see the rare edged mind cutting basef scene-changing periods.

The whole effect of the setting, Banns Elsler's music, and Joseph removed from the gaudy, showy Losey's direction was to minimise externals and concentrate on the meaning and ideas of the play. Epic drama in Germany used to be known as "learning plays" and its purpose, according to Brecht, was to strive for the enlightenment or education of the audience instead of appealing to the emotions. An in Galileo, we do follow the scientist's long complex attempts to establish the Copernican theory and his conflict with the church.

Not that Galileo is minus emotional content. There's the fate of Galileo's daughter doomed to lose har flance because the ariciacratic

reproductions of Michael Angelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo Michael Angelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo Michael Leonardo da Vinci and Carles Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo Michael Leonar immediately reflect a reaction. pleasures of life; his insatiable intellectual curlosity; his power of concentration, and one can almost through to the heart of a problem, The Laughton of Galileo is one far Laughton of so much of his Hollywood stuff.

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GALILEO represents ginning for the Experi tre this year: certainly promising than its that Loughton showing last season.

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