



## MUNUM XXXIV // Crisis Position Paper Example

Committee: The Hollywood Blacklist

Character: John Howard Lawson

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Dear Jackson Montgomery, my loyal business partner,

This baseless accusation provided by Billy Wilkerson, naming yours truly as a member and proponent of the American Communist Party in my works is an attack of the highest order. People for generations have had various political ideologies and have sought to root out dissenters or people of other persuasions. Isn't the American Dream wholly based on allowing people to follow their dreams and their own religions?

My work for Hollywood and the arts in general has been nothing but to provide entertainment for the general population. I have worked countless hours to build myself up from a young Jewish boy in New York City to the prolific screenwriter of *Blockade* and *Counter-Attack*. I do not disagree with the accusations that my writing on *Counter-Attack* included Communist themes. That movie celebrated the Soviet-American alliance during the Second World-War which tore our globe apart. It was a celebration of the global unity created, not an attempt to indoctrinate the general population in the ways of Communism.

Hollywood has been one for the ages to perpetuate its own ideals and standards. The whole concept of Hollywood is one of creativity and passion. It is also one of division and shock. The specific city in California needs to be deeply viewed for any un-American activities not including Communism. The concept itself of Communism is wholly not un-American, as it is only a different form of government and life that is for the people and with the people, which is the entire basis of the American constitution and Declaration of Independence. The concept of the HUAC on the other hand, is an attack on free speech and thought. It goes against our unalienable rights by blindly accusing and punishing people deemed untrustworthy or "shady".

That being said, be wary of the concept of Hollywood as I hope you already are.

Best,

John Howard Lawson