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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

J. Edgar Hoover's familiarity with the movie industry as well as his long-standing, almost indiscriminate, distrust of anyone holding Leftist political views led him in August 1942 to request the Los Angeles office of the bureau to report on Communist activities of various motion picture screen personalities, including actors, actresses, writers, directors and producers.

This publication includes reporting from informers, including president of the Screen Actors' Guild Ronald Reagan; information on influential writers, actors, directors, producers; and FBI "reviews" of mainstream films that were believed to contain communist propaganda from suspect writers, directors, and actors. The FBI's investigation of Hollywood resulted in many thousands of pages that have been made public recently. They show a growing operation organized in the late 1930s and early 1940s that investigated the motion picture industry. After the war, the operation evolved into something much more sophisticated. Between 1944 and 1954, agents conducted extensive surveillance of suspected communists, "left-wingers, and "fellow travelers," and assembled a great deal of information used by the House Un-American Activities Committee in an effort to purge Hollywood of Communist influence.

Documentation in this collection include: FBI surveillance and informant reports; Justice Department and FBI memoranda, correspondence, and analyses; Newsclippings and articles; Excerpts from HUAC hearings; Briefing papers; Speech excerpts; and, Transcripts of conversations.

## **SOURCE NOTE AND EDITORIAL NOTE**

This collection comprises the FOIA files related to a variety of actors, actresses, and directors that were under FBI surveillance due to their alleged Communist or “fellow traveler” activities. This collection is from the FOIA files of FBI Headquarters Library, Washington, D.C.

This collection does not include the files related to the Hollywood Ten.



# REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the folders comprising the microfilm publication entitled *J. Edgar Hoover and Radicalism in Hollywood Part 2: Investigations of Actors, Actresses, and Directors*. The Reel Index lists the folder title, as well as a listing of the major subjects for each folder.

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**0001 Lucille Ball**

*Major subjects:* Arnaz, Desi; Communist Party, U.S.A.; *Daily Worker*; Dies Committee; Films; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); State Central Committee of California Communist Party.

**0157 Humphrey Bogart**

*Major subjects:* *Action in the North Atlantic* (film); Bacall, Lauren; *Boy From Stalingrad* (film); Cagney, James; Committee for the First Amendment; Dies Committee; Dies, Martin; Jr.; Dunne, Philip; *Edge of Darkness* (film); Fellow traveler; *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (film); *Girl from Leningrad* (film); *Hangmen Also Die* (film); House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Kaye, Danny; *Keeper of the Flame* (film); Keyes, Evelyn; Lawson, John Howard; March, Fredric; *Mission to Moscow* (film); *North Star* (film); *Our Russian Front* (film); *Red Stars in Hollywood*; *Russian People* (film); Salinas lettuce strike; *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*; *Secret Service in Darkest Africa* (film); *Seventh Cross* (film); Sokolsky, George; *Song of Russia* (film); Strike and lockouts; *This Land is Mine* (film); *Through Embassy Eyes* (film).

**0552 Bertolt Brecht**

*Major subjects:* Alien Enemy Control; *Die Maßnahme* (play); House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); Wilder, Billy.

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**0001 James Francis Cagney**

*Major subjects:* American Peace Mobilization; Communist Party, U.S.A.; *Daily Worker*; Fellow traveler; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); *Time of Your Life* (film).

**0162 Charlie Chaplin Part 1 of 5**

*Major subjects:* Abraham Lincoln School; American Russian Institute of Southern California; Artists Front to Win the War; Communist Party, U.S.A.; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; *Monsieur Verdoux* (film); National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; National Labor Conference for Peace; *New Masses* (publication); "Parlor Bolsheviki"; People's Radio Foundation; *Salute* (magazine); Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace; Socialist Party of America; Stalin, Joseph; U.S. Committee of the American Continental Congress for Peace; United American Spanish Aid Committee; World Peace Congress.

**0548 Charlie Chaplin Part 2 of 5**

*Major subjects:* Communist Party, U.S.A.; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; *New Masses* (publication).

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*Major subjects:* Barry, Joan; Civil liberties violation; *Great Dictator* (film); Hopper, Hedda; White Slave Traffic Act.

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*Major subjects:* Barry, Joan; Civil liberties violation; White Slave Traffic Act.

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*Major subjects:* Barry, Joan; Civil liberties violation; White Slave Traffic Act.

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**0453 Walter Elias Disney Part 1 of 2**

*Major subjects:* American Broadcasting Company (ABC); Disneyland Amusement Park; *Mickey Mouse Club* (tv series); *Moon Pilot* (film); *That Darned Cat* (film); Walt Disney Productions.

**0709 Walter Elias Disney Part 2 of 2**

*Major subjects:* Bessie, Alvah; Carillo, Leo; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Lawson, John Howard; Maltz, Albert; Trumbo, Dalton; Walt Disney Productions.

**0948 Jimmy Durante**

*Major subjects:* *Daily Worker*; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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**0001 Douglas Fairbanks**

*Major subjects:* House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Roosevelt, Franklin D.; Russian War Relief, Inc.

**0127 Howard Fast**

*Major subjects:* *American Diary* (articles); Communist Party, U.S.A.; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Neruda, Pablo; *Spartacus* (novel); Stalin Peace Prize; State Department, U.S.

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*Major subjects:* Allentown Lecture Forum; American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists; American Labor Party; American Peace Crusade; American Russian Institute of San Francisco; American Slav Congress; American Youth for Democracy; Baltimore Forum; Civil Rights Congress; Communist Party, U.S.A.; *Daily Worker*; Hollywood Ten; International Publishers; Jefferson School of Social Science; Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Labor Youth League; National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; *National Guardian* (publication); Progressive Citizens of America; Progressive Party; School of Jewish Studies; *Silas Timberman* (novel); Stalin Peace Prize; United May Day Committee; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; *The Worker* (Michigan Edition) (publication).

**0531 John H. Faulk**

*Major subjects:* American Red Cross; Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms; Communist Party, U.S.A.; Emergency Civil Liberties Committee; Faulk, Harriet Wood; Lawsuit; Peoples' Educational and Press Association (PEPA); Vidal, Gore.

**0855** (Sir) Alec Guinness

**0867** Lillian Hellman

*Major subjects:* American Council on Soviet Relations; American Friends of Spanish Democracy; American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union; American Societies for Cultural Relations with Russia; American Writers Congress; Citizens' Committee for Harry Bridges; Committee for Medical Aid to Russia; *Daily Worker*; Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Jewish Council for Russian War Relief; League of American Writers; League of Women Shoppers; National Committee for People's Rights; National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners; North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy; Screen Writers Guild; Spanish Civil War; United Spanish Aid Committee; United States Soviet Friendship Congress; USSR.

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**0001** Lillian Hellman [cont]

*Major subjects:* Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Allied Voters Against Coudert; American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom; American Friends of Spanish Democracy; American League Against War and Fascism; American Round Table on India; American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union; American Youth for Democracy; Artists Front to Win the War; Citizens' Committee for Harry Bridges; Council on African Affairs; *Daily Worker*; *Equality* (publication); Films for Democracy; Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Hollywood Anti-Nazi League; Hollywood Theatre Alliance; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; International Labor Defense; John Reed Club; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; League of American Writers; League of Women Shoppers; National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights; New Theatre League; Progressive Citizens of America; Progressive Committee to Rebuild American Labor Party; Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee; Russian War Relief, Inc.; Screen Writers Guild; United Spanish Aid Committee; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

**0453** Leo T. Hurwitz

*Major subjects:* American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; Anti-war movement; Civil Rights Congress; Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy; *Daily Worker*; Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense; League of American Writers; National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts; National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; *Partisan Review* (publication); Vanguard Films, Inc.; Vietnam War.

**0817**

**Paul Jarrico**

*Major subjects:* California Emergency Defense Committee; Champions of the Bill of Rights; Civil Rights Congress; Communist Party, U.S.A.; Freedom Stage, Inc.; Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Independent Productions Corporation; Jarrico, Sylvia; Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case; Screen Writers Guild; Southern California Peace Crusade.

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**Paul Jarrico [cont]**

*Major subjects:* Communist Party, U.S.A.; *Daily Worker*; Independent Productions Corporation; Jarrico, Sylvia; *Salt of the Earth* (film); Screen Writers Guild.

**0303**

**Danny Kaye**

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**0540**

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*Major subjects:* Brecht, Bertolt; Broadway; Committee for a Democratic Germany; Committee for the First Amendment; Garfield, John; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); *Red Stars in Hollywood*.

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**0001 Groucho Marx**

*Major subjects:* Civil Rights Congress; Committee for the First Amendment; Communist Party, U.S.A.; *Daily Worker*; Hollywood Democratic Committee; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions; Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; League of American Writers; Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP); Marx, Chico; Marx, Harpo; Marx, Zeppo; National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners (NCFDPP); National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; *New Declaration of Independence*; *New Masses* (publication); Russian War Relief, Inc.; *You Bet Your Life* (tv series).

**0076 Vincent Price**

*Major subjects:* California Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities; Committee for the First Amendment; *Daily People's World* (publication); House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC).

**0111 Edward G. Robinson Part 1 of 2**

*Major subjects:* Dmytryk, Edward; Fellow traveler; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); *Red Channels*.

**0189 Edward G. Robinson Part 2 of 2**

*Major subjects:* American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union; American Youth for Democracy; Civil Rights Congress; Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy; Congress of American-Soviet Friendship; *Counterattack* (publication); Hollywood Democratic Committee; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; National Citizens' Political Action Committee; National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Progressive Citizens of America; *Red Channels*; Russian War Relief, Inc.; Soviet Russia Today-Red Army Dinner; State for Action; Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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*Major subject:* Communist Party, U.S.A.

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**Scott, Adrian**

*Major subjects:* Bessie, Alvah; Biberman, Herbert; Cole, Lester; Dmytryk, Edward; Hollywood Ten; House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC); Lardner, Ring; Jr.; Lawson, John Howard; Maltz, Albert; Ornitz, Samuel; Trumbo, Dalton.

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