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The following members of the executive council were elected:

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[REDACTED] JOHN HOPE WATSON

[REDACTED] RALPH WALDO EMERSON

O/S [REDACTED] was appointed temporary national organizer to
to tour the Middle West, North West, and Southern Pacific
areas during June and July, 1937 addressing groups of writers
in the principal centers, aiding in the preliminaries for regional
conferences, and generally undertaking organization wherever
possible.

The Third Congress of American Writers
June 2, 3, 4, 1939

EUGENE LYONS, in "The Red Decade" states that at the time
of this congress the L.A.W. was not aware of what was going on
in Europe, for at that very time secret negotiations between
Moscow and Berlin were coming to a head. However, despite this
situation the Call for the congress listed among the aims,
"cooperation of this country with other nations and peoples
opposed to Fascism including the Soviet Union which has been
the most constant defender of people."

"The Red Decade" states that of the 72 signers for
this 1939 Call, at least fourteen were generally known to be
members of the Communist Party, while the others were names
that had become fixtures on Stalinist manifestos and whitewash
documents. The complete list of signers to the Call is set
forth below.