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The following members of the executive committee were selected:

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JOHN HOWARD LAWSON
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GENEVIEVE TAGGART
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XXXXXXXXXX was appointed temporary national organizer 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 the 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.