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Avrom M. Landy (1904 - ) was raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned a B.A. from Ohio State University and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He went on to work for a Ph.D. in history at Madison, and had completed all the requirements except the dissertation when he broke off his studies to go to New York to accept a position at the *Daily Worker*. He was city editor for the *Daily Worker* for about two years in the early 1930s, and later became educational director of the Communist Party of America, a position he held until 1945. He was co-publisher of International Publishers from 1945 until about 1947, when he left the Communist Party.

Landy was an influential Marxist thinker during the 1930s and 1940s, especially through his educational and editorial work, and also through his articles in various leftist journals. He published one book, *Marxism and the Democratic Tradition* (New York: International Publishers, 1946), and one pamphlet, *Marxism and the Woman Question* (New York: Worker's Library, 1943).

In the late 1940s, Landy completed a manuscript for a book titled, "The United States and the Paris Commune of 1871." The book was never published because at the time he completed the book, Landy left International Publishers and the Communist Party, and he did not submit the work to other publishers. The complete typescript and reference notes were donated to N.U.L. in 1995 by his daughter, Sonia Landy Sheridan who married former N.U. history professor James Sheridan.

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