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<http://hollis4.wix.com/clarkandmccray-clark>Attorney Hollis McCray-Clark1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A SOCIALIST BLACK LIBERATION FIGHTER WHO JUST HAPPENED TO BE A LAWYERBy Alfred JohnsonIn this space I have attempted to introduce the new generation of militants and others to some of the historic events and people who have rendered service to the international working class and their allies. Obviously, such figures as John Brown, Leon Trotsky, Vladimir Lenin, Rosa Luxemburg, Malcolm X and others need no special introduction to most thoughtful militants. However, there are lesser historical figures, many half-forgotten, whose lives and struggles cry out for recognition and study. I have recently done a tribute to Robert F. Williams who falls into that category and now I am honored to do a tribute for the late socialist, civil rights lawyer and black liberation fighter Conrad Lynn. As fate would have it the lives of these two fighters were intertwined, and not by accident, in the early civil rights struggles of the late 1950's and early 1960's, especially the struggle for militant black self-defense in

Monroe, North Carolina while Williams was the head of the NAACP there. The Monroe, North Carolina fight, the Harlem Six Defense fight, the Bill Epton-led Harlem Defense Council fight, the fight against the 'red scare' epitomized by the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings, the defense of Puerto Rican nationalists Campos and later Lebron, and an assortment of other important labor and minority struggles highlight the career of Conrad Lynn. I do not know about you but I see a pattern here. Unlike most lawyers who run away in terror from unpopular fights, especially when it is not a celebrity case and, more importantly, there is no money Lynn spent his active professional and political life 'running to the danger'. I guess he skipped that class in law school about taking the easy road. To our benefit. Conrad Lynn, however, was more than a 'people's' lawyer he was also a very political man. No, not the kind of political lawyer who funds the bourgeois parties or runs for office but one whose politics and professional career reinforced each other in the progressive cause. His early unpleasant experiences in and around the early American Communist Party, like that of many other blacks especially black intellectuals like Richard Wright and Langston Hughes, left him as something of an isolated individual radical gadfly. The American political landscape is full of, or at least it used to be, such types. Unfortunately, history has shown us no way to create a socialist party that struggles for political power based solely on the isolated efforts of even such outstanding individual fighters as Lynn. As noted in the Robert F. Williams tribute in his prime, and this is also the case here with Lynn, there was nothing in the American left political landscape forcing him toward a more sustained leftist organizational commitment. That said, Lynn's individual efforts nevertheless are worthy of honor from today's militants as a socialist and black liberation fighter. Forward.

Now lawyer since Clarence Darrow has had such a colorful career and successfully defended so many controversial cases as Lynn, whose autobiography spans 60 years of legal and political struggle for equality and justice for the disenfranchised. "The Clarence Darrows, the Andrew Hamiltons, the Leonard Boudins, and, of course, the Conrad Lynns . . . have managed to keep alive freedom's most cherished ideals."--William M. Kunstler, from the foreword.

From Publishers Weekly Black activist attorney Lynn recalls his remarkable, action-filled life with modesty and candor. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.