

# **The Communist Party of Great Britain archive**

**CP/CENT/ECON Communist Party Economic Committee**

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**SERIES:** Documents, correspondence, and minutes

CP/CENT/ECON/01/01

1 set Minutes, documents: on taxes on capital, need for more production, steel, Keynes.

Creation dates: 1946 - 1949

CP/CENT/ECON/01/02

Documents: sterling area, nationalisation, work and Nato, living standards, transport, imperialism.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1952

CP/CENT/ECON/01/03

Documents: production, agriculture, Soviet textbooks, wages prices and profits, US business, minutes.

Creation dates: 1954 and 1955

CP/CENT/ECON/01/04

Documents: food prices, Herbert report, material on Common Market, circulars.

Creation dates: 1956 and 1957

CP/CENT/ECON/01/05

Documents on economic prospects for Britain, the Pound and sterling area, UK and foreign trade, etc.

Creation dates: 1958 and 1959

CP/CENT/ECON/01/06

Handwritten and typed minutes of committee meetings, some supporting papers and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1959

CP/CENT/ECON/01/07

Handwritten and typed minutes of committee meetings, some supporting papers and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1960

CP/CENT/ECON/01/08

Agendas, handwritten and typed minutes, notes by Tom Drinkwater and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1961 and 1962

CP/CENT/ECON/01/09

Agendas, handwritten and typed minutes, notes by Tom Drinkwater and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1963

CP/CENT/ECON/02/01

Agendas, handwritten and typed minutes, notes by Tom Drinkwater and some correspondence.

Creation dates: 1964

CP/CENT/ECON/02/02

Correspondence, some working and published papers and notes by Tom Drinkwater.

Creation dates: 1964

CP/CENT/ECON/02/03

Correspondence, some working and published papers and notes by Tom Drinkwater.

Creation dates: 1965

CP/CENT/ECON/02/04

Minutes and working papers.

Creation dates: 1965

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Minutes, correspondence (especially of Tom Drinkwater) and working papers.  
Creation dates: January - September 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/02/06

Minutes, correspondence (especially of Tom Drinkwater) and working papers.  
Creation dates: October - December 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/03/01

Correspondence of CP Economic Committee secretary Tom Drinkwater - mainly with other Economic committee members and with CPGB HQ. Also some working papers.  
Creation dates: January - June 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/03/02

Correspondence of CP Economic Committee secretary Tom Drinkwater - mainly with other Economic committee members and with CPGB HQ. Also some working papers.  
Creation dates: July - December 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/03/03

Handwritten and typed minutes, circulars, some correspondence and working papers of Tom Drinkwater.  
Creation dates: January - April 1967

CP/CENT/ECON/03/04

Handwritten and typed minutes, circulars, some correspondence and working papers of Tom Drinkwater.  
Creation dates: May - December 1967

CP/CENT/ECON/03/05

Tom Drinkwater's correspondence, with some working papers, etc.  
Creation dates: January - April 1967

CP/CENT/ECON/03/06

Correspondence of Tom Drinkwater, and Sam Clube (Economic Bulletin editor), with some working papers, etc.  
Creation dates: May - December 1967

CP/CENT/ECON/03/07

Miscellaneous papers and circulars.  
Creation dates: 1968

CP/CENT/ECON/03/08

Miscellaneous papers, and circulars.  
Creation dates: Undated, but mainly 1960s

CP/CENT/ECON/04/01

Circulars to committee members, some documents and working papers.  
Creation dates: 1970 - 1972

CP/CENT/ECON/04/02

Circulars to committee members, some documents and working papers.  
Creation dates: 1973 - 1975

CP/CENT/ECON/04/03

Circulars to committee members, some minutes, documents and working papers.  
Creation dates: 1976 - 1979

CP/CENT/ECON/04/04

Minutes, document and circular on import controls.  
Creation dates: 1980 - 1982  
Extent and Form: 2 Sets

CP/CENT/ECON/04/05

Minutes, circulars, and other documents.

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Creation dates: 1986 and 1987

CP/CENT/ECON/04/06

Minutes, circulars, correspondence of Paul Marginson (committee secretary), and other documents.

Creation dates: 1988 and 1989

**SERIES:** Economic Committee Annual Economic Reports

CP/CENT/ECON/04/07

Economic Report for 1948 - statistical material; 'The Economic Situation and Prospects of Britain in the first half of 1948'.

Creation dates: September 1948

CP/CENT/ECON/04/07

Economic Report for 1949 - 'Facts and Figures on the Economic Situation in Britain 1949'.

Creation dates: 1949

CP/CENT/ECON/04/08

Economic Report for 1950 - 'Britain and World Economic Developments 1950'.

Creation dates: 1950

CP/CENT/ECON/04/08

Economic Report for 1951 - 'The Standard of Living of British Workers'.

Creation dates: April 1951

CP/CENT/ECON/04/08

Economic Reports for 1952 - 'Rearmament and Ruin - Britain's economic situation at the end of 1951', 'The Background to Britain's Crisis'; 'The Economic Crisis of 1952' - 2 versions, 'First Draft of 1952 Survey'.

Creation dates: 1952 - February 1953

CP/CENT/ECON/04/09

Economic Reports for 1953.

Creation dates: February 1953 - January 1954

Scope and Content: 'Economic Developments and Prospects for 1953'; 'Freedom for the Monopolies', and 'Britain's Struggle for Survival' (reissued as 'Slump or Prosperity? Britain's Way Forward in 1954'); 'Economic Prospects and Developments for 1954'.

CP/CENT/ECON/04/10

Economic Report for 1954 - 'Boom for Whom?', and James Klugmann's introduction, reply and notes on discussion of the report at CPGB EC 8 January 1955.

Creation dates: 1954 - January 1955

CP/CENT/ECON/04/11

'British Imperialism in Retreat' - annual statement, and amendments.

Creation dates: January 1957

CP/CENT/ECON/04/11

Economic Report for 1955 - 1956 - draft outline, 2 drafts of 'Wages, Employment and the Struggle for Markets', 2 versions of final text - duplicated and printed in World News and Views.

Creation dates: October 1955 - March 1956

CP/CENT/ECON/04/12

Economic Report for 1957.

Creation dates: December 1957 - January 1958

Scope and Content: 'The Trade Cycle in Post-War Britain', with alternative draft of part 3, documents discussed at CPGB EC on 10 and 11 January 1958, and eventual published version 'The Trade Cycle in Post War Capitalism'.

CP/CENT/ECON/04/12

Economic Report for 1958 - 1959 - handwritten draft, typed drafts, draft statement on 'The

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Menace of Convertibility', published statement 'The Economic Outlook'.  
Creation dates: December 1958 - January 1959

CP/CENT/ECON/05/01

Economic Report for 1960 - drafts; draft version 'Economic Prospect of Britain 1960', published version 'Britain's Economic Prospects in 1960'; letter of Tom Drinkwater to J.R. Campbell.

Creation dates: January - June 1960

CP/CENT/ECON/05/02

Economic Report for 1960 - 1961.

Creation dates: May 1960 - May 1961

Scope and Content: Initial drafts - 'Capitalism's Economic Prospects', later drafts 'Socialist Growth, Capitalist Stagnation', published report for 1960 in World News, draft - 'Capitalism's Economic Prospects' for May 1961; letters - J.R. Campbell and Tom Drinkwater; notes by Tom Drinkwater

CP/CENT/ECON/05/03

Economic Report for 1962 - drafts, final report, printed version in World News, Tom Drinkwater's notes on CPGB EC discussion and for talk to Greenwich CPGB.

Creation dates: November 1961 - March 1962

CP/CENT/ECON/05/04

Economic Reports for 1962 - 1963 - report to CPGB EC; drafts, preparatory materials, and final version of annual economic report.

Creation dates: May 1962 - March 1963

CP/CENT/ECON/05/05

Economic Report for 1964 - CPGB EC discussion March 1963; Tom Drinkwater's notes; various drafts and working papers; 2 final reports - Annual Report for 1964, and 'The British Economy in the Tory Period 1951 - 1963'.

Creation dates: March 1963 - March 1964

CP/CENT/ECON/05/06

Economic Report for 1965 - working drafts; correspondence - J.R. Campbell, Tom Drinkwater, Bill Hutton, Michael Yaffey; final version of report.

Creation dates: December 1964 - February 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/05/07

Economic Report for 1966 - working drafts; correspondence - Tom Drinkwater, Bill Hutton; notes by Tom Drinkwater; final version of report.

Creation dates: November 1965 - November 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/05/08

Economic Report for 1967 - drafts, appendices and final version.

Creation dates: July 1967

**SERIES:** Economic Committee - specific subjects

CP/CENT/ECON/05/09

Material on monopolies - draft documents, letters - Tom Drinkwater and J.R. Campbell, Tom Drinkwater's notes, CPGB statement on monopolies 1963.

Creation dates: 1961 - 1963

CP/CENT/ECON/06/01

Material on Nationalisation - assorted drafts and documents, 1 letter Tom Drinkwater to J.R. Campbell.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1975

**SERIES:** International Communist Conferences on Economic Questions with CPGB Economic Committee participation

CP/CENT/ECON/06/02

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Conference on: Problems of Contemporary Capitalism, Moscow, 1962, attended by John Eaton (Stephen Bodington) and Sam Aaronovitch Papers of British participants; notes on report-back by Tom Drinkwater.

Creation dates: 24 August - 3 September 1962

CP/CENT/ECON/06/03

Conference on: New Trends in Contemporary Bourgeois Political Economy in Relation to Economic Policy - background papers; agenda and participants' list in Russian, Tom Drinkwater's handwritten notes, speech and 2 reports on the conference.

Creation dates: 5 - 12 May 1964

CP/CENT/ECON/06/04

Conference on State Monopoly Capitalism, Choisy-le-Roi. Tom Drinkwater's notes, background papers.

Creation dates: 26 - 29 May 1966

**SERIES:** Schools and conferences organised by CP Economic Committee with CP Education Department

CP/CENT/ECON/06/05

Syllabuses, papers, circulars and reports of schools, James Klugmann's handwritten notes.

Creation dates: 1955 - 1957

CP/CENT/ECON/06/06

Holiday School on Economic Topics - programme, papers and Tom Drinkwater's handwritten notes.

Creation dates: 23 to 30 August 1958

CP/CENT/ECON/06/07

School on: British Capitalism 1959. Circulars to participants, list of participants, Tom Drinkwater's letters to lecturers, Tom Drinkwater's handwritten notes, lecturers' notes and papers, correspondence with Jack Cohen.

Creation dates: 12 - 19 September 1959

CP/CENT/ECON/06/08

School on: Capitalism's Economic Prospects. Circulars, timetable, background papers, discussion material, correspondence: Tom Drinkwater, Jack Cohen, John Gollan.

Creation dates: 20 - 27 August 1960

CP/CENT/ECON/06/09

Weekend School on: Britain and the Common Market.

Creation dates: 6 - 8 October 1961

Scope and Content: Circulars, timetable, report of lectures, correspondence: Tom Drinkwater, Jack Cohen, Alf Hague, Margaret Williamson, Tom McWhinnie, Peter Samson, Betty England; notes by Tom Drinkwater

CP/CENT/ECON/06/10

Discussion conference: The Economic Policy of Post-War Tory and Labour Governments - Circulars, accounts and participants' list, programme, background papers, letter Tom Drinkwater to Jack Cohen.

Creation dates: 9 and 10 October 1965

CP/CENT/ECON/06/11

'Open Discussion Conference' on: Attacking Britain's Economic Problems - Circulars, background papers, typed and handwritten notes on discussion.

Creation dates: 15 and 16 October 1966

CP/CENT/ECON/06/12

Discussion Conference on: Recent Economic Problems and Changes in Socialist Countries - paper by Maurice Dobb, statistical data, circulars, handwritten notes.

Creation dates: 10 December 1966

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CP/CENT/ECON/06/13

Discussion Conference on: The Advance to a Socialist Economy in Britain - Circulars, background paper and papers given, annotated British Road to Socialism draft, handwritten notes.

Creation dates: 16 and 17 September 1967

**SERIES:** Documents, correspondence, and minutes

CP/CENT/ECON/06/14

Excerpts from Labour Research and other journals and compilations of figures on economic conditions in GB.

Creation dates: 1939 - 1940

CP/CENT/ECON/06/15

Minutes of the committee, and documents on trade union amalgamation, the location of industry, trade unions and reconstruction and questions for Maurice Dobb.

Creation dates: 1943

CP/CENT/ECON/06/16

Documents on economic policy produced by the Economic Committee, dealing with monopoly, planning, transport and its nationalisation, and the Bank of England Bill.

Creation dates: 1944 and 1945

CP/CENT/ECON/07/01

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1952

Scope and Content: Vol. 1 Nos. 1 - 41952

CP/CENT/ECON/07/02

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1953

Scope and Content: Vol. 2 Nos. 1 -4

CP/CENT/ECON/07/03

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1954

Scope and Content: Vol. 3, Nos. 1 -4

CP/CENT/ECON/07/04

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1955

Scope and Content: Vol. 4, Nos. 1 -4

CP/CENT/ECON/07/05

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1956

Scope and Content: Vol. 5, Nos. 1 -4

CP/CENT/ECON/07/06

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1957 - February 1958

Scope and Content: Vol. 6 - irregular numbers - No. 4 (May 1957), No. 2 (August 1957), No. 3 (November 1957), no number (February 1958)

CP/CENT/ECON/07/07

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1958 - 1959

Scope and Content: Vol. 7 Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Vol. 8 - irregular numbering - 'Nos. 4 & 5' April 1959; Summer number 1959

CP/CENT/ECON/07/08

Economic Bulletin First Series.

Creation dates: 1960 - 1961

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Scope and Content: No. 1, March 1960; No. 2, May 1960; No. 3, August 1960; July 1961; September 1961

CP/CENT/ECON/07/09

Economic Bulletin Second Series.

Creation dates: January 1962 - January 1972

Scope and Content: Nos. 1 - "21"

CP/CENT/ECON/07/10

Economic Bulletin Third Series.

Creation dates: Spring 1977 - Summer 1984

Scope and Content: Nos. 1 - 11

**SERIES:** David Green papers - Economic Committee 1986 - 1988

CP/CENT/ECON/08/01

Minutes, papers and correspondence of the committee, especially from when David Green was requested by the CPGB PC near the end of 1986 to assist the committee.

Creation dates: 1986

Scope and Content: Correspondents include Gordon McLennan, Pete Carter, Bert Ramelson, George Matthews

CP/CENT/ECON/08/02

Minutes, papers and correspondence of the committee, along with drafts and approved versions of economic statements, and press commentaries thereon.

Creation dates: 1987

Scope and Content: Correspondents include Bert Ramelson, Joe Ball, Gordon McLennan, Paul Marginson. Annotations on documents by McLennan and George Matthews

CP/CENT/ECON/08/03

Minutes, papers and correspondence of the committee, along with lists of members and contacts, and some undated correspondence.

Creation dates: 1988 and undated

CP/CENT/ECON/08/04

Documents and drafts on economic policy, either not produced directly by the economic committee, or not precisely dated, collected by David Green.

Creation dates: 1986 - 1988