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CP/CENT/ORG CPGB Organisation Department

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CP/CENT/ORG/01/01

File on work of party branches and branch committees, incl. draft of organisation handbook with notes on the draft; draft guide to work of branch committees with related correspondence from district committees.

Creation dates: 1944-1955

CP/CENT/ORG/01/02

List of CP members killed in action during Second World War with some related correspondence.

Creation dates: 1944-1945

CP/CENT/ORG/01/03

Misc. correspondence and re CPGB members in socialist countries incl. reports on trade union and CP holidays in East Germany.

Creation dates: 1948-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/01/04

File on cadres incl. correspondence with John Mahon and Kay Beauchamp, London district CPGB; circulars and bulletins to districts; drafts and statement for CPGB Political Committee; materials for Organisations department meetings.

Creation dates: c1951-1956

CP/CENT/ORG/01/05

File on cadres mainly re document 'The Present Position of Our Cadres Work and Some Proposals'.

Creation dates: 1956-1957

CP/CENT/ORG/01/06

File on cadres work 1964. (also includes cadre policy documents from 1940s & 1950s). Mainly handwritten and transcript accounts of interviews of full time district officials on problems of organisational / cadre work.

Creation dates: 1964

Scope and Content: Interviewees include S Aaronvitch (Essex), J Arnison (Manchester), A Baker (Monmouthshire), J Berry (West of England), K Biggs (Coventry), M Bennett (S. Staffs.), H Bourne (Midlands), D Brayford (Midlands), N Carey (E Anglia), A Clark (Scotland), G Cohen (Manchester), B Cowe (Scotland), S Davidson (W Middlesex), B Dunn (Birmingham), S Easton (W Middlesex), V Eddisford (Manchester), S French (Surrey), K Graves (Daily Worker), G Greig (Glasgow), H Green (North East), M Guinan (East Lancs.), L Howey (Hampshire), M Hughes (Wales), M Jenkins (East Midlands), Q Knight (Surrey), T Mitchell (SE Midlands), B Morrison (Kent), A Murray (Scotland), B Pearce (Wales), J Perkins (Sussex), G Pocock (S Midlands), B Shannon (S Essex), R Simons (W Middlesex), E Trevett (Surrey) & Tony Winter (West Wales).

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File on cadres work incl. papers re the training and promotion of leading party comrades, correspondence re CP full-time workers and prospective full-timers.

Creation dates: 1965-1977

CP/CENT/ORG/01/08

Correspondence mainly with CP districts and branches with misc. papers re CP organisation.

Creation dates: 1950s-1960s

CP/CENT/ORG/01/09

File on anti-Communist activities of authorities incl. correspondence re police opening of letters and alleged harassment by employers, MI5 infiltration, etc.

Creation dates: 1950s

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SERIES: Paul Robeson Campaign

CP/CENT/ORG/01/10

File re Paul Robeson passport petition campaign, mainly copy out-letters from his private address of John Williamson.

Creation dates: 1955-1957

Scope and Content: Correspondents incl. Mick Bennett, Daily Worker; Harry Francis; R. Palme Dutt; Barbara Drake; Harry Pollitt; also cuttings, copies of information material, ts note on case of Claudia Jones, memorandum to Dutt on the Robeson campaign 9.8.55

CP/CENT/ORG/01/11

Mainly correspondence re Committee between John Williamson & Frank Loesser or Percy Higgins (campaign secretaries).

Creation dates: 1955 - 1957

Scope and Content: Other correspondents include E Bedford (LCS), J Jeffery, RW Casasola MP, J Gardner, Bill Carritt, Bert Ramelson, Dick Nettleton, Bill Alexander, DD Evans (NUM), D Priscott, John Mahon, Harry Francis, E Jones, Vic Eddisford & Peggy Middleton. Also includes circulars, reports of committee meetings & conferences and a copy of the pamphlet "Paul Robeson goes to Washington".

CP/CENT/ORG/02/01

File containing miscellaneous Party organisational documents.

Creation dates: 1920s - 1960s

Scope and Content: Including guidelines for factory & branch organisation (1920s), a memo on the changes to organisational structure following the 7th World Congress, "Party Line" (5 issues 1920s & 1 1963), materials relating to Organisation Commission (1945 - 1946), papers on District Congresses & Area Committees (1957 - 1958), "Build the Factory and Pit Branches" (1958).

CP/CENT/ORG/02/02

File re enquiry into composition and terms of reference of CP national committees and groups incl. replies to Organisation Department questionnaire from various national party groups.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1958

CP/CENT/ORG/02/03

File re Commission on Inner-Party Democracy incl. draft reports, minority report, correspondence and submissions from Communist Party members and branches

Creation dates: 1956-1957

Scope and Content: Individual correspondents incl. Malcolm MacEwen; Joan Bellamy; Dave Wallis; Jim Fyrth; Roger Simon; Ted Bramley; Ernie Benson; Pat Sloan; Jimmy Johnson also ts statements by Ronald Meek (on 'The Reasoner and Inner-Party Democracy'), George Houston

CP/CENT/ORG/02/04

Papers re peace and related campaigns, mainly ephemera but with lists of signatories to appeal for amnesty in Spain, amnesty in Europe, etc.

Creation dates: 1960s

CP/CENT/ORG/02/05

File on enquiries into veteran and foundation members of CP for party anniversaries and commemorations incl. correspondence with party districts and lists of such members.

Creation dates: 1960-1970

CP/CENT/ORG/02/06

File re CPGB 40th anniversary meeting incl. correspondence with CP veterans and foundation members invited to meeting.

Creation dates: 1960

CP/CENT/ORG/02/07

Correspondence with Kenneth Newton re his doctoral thesis on 'The Sociology of British

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Communism', published by Allen Lane 1969, with copies of KN's proposed questionnaire and letters of support for his project from Maurice Dobb.

Creation dates: 1964-1966

CP/CENT/ORG/02/08

Papers re removal of Robert Havemann from his academic posts in the GDR and the statement on the case apparently of the CPGB Cambridge Graduate branch.

Creation dates: 1966

CP/CENT/ORG/03/01

File re factory branches incl. correspondence with districts of national organisers Gordon McLennan and Dave Cook, reports, circulars, papers re CP national conference on workplace branches Oct. 1976.

Creation dates: 1967-1979

CP/CENT/ORG/03/02

Letter to Betty Reid, Organisation department, from John Foster, Strathclyde University with pasted up copies of proposed new magazine 'File'; JF is seeking CP clearance and support for the magazine.

Creation dates: 1972

SERIES: District files

CP/CENT/ORG/03/03

Devon and Cornwall district (1949-92) and Cornwall branch (1972-76) file incl. reports to Political Committee, correspondence with National Organiser, membership and dues reports.

Creation dates: 1949-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/03/04

Cornwall branch file, mainly Cornwall branch secretary's reports and correspondence. Including material on status of Cornwall, devolution, etc.

Creation dates: 1975-1983

CP/CENT/ORG/03/05

Channel Islands file incl. report on visit to CI Jan. 1945 and report on CI CPGB conference 17.4.49.

Creation dates: 1945-1949

CP/CENT/ORG/03/06

Channel Islands file incl. cuttings, correspondence with CP Organisation Department, newsletters.

Creation dates: 1968-1969

CP/CENT/ORG/03/07

Channel Islands file - correspondence, including Norman le Brocq and Stella Perkins.

Creation dates: 1964-1989

CP/CENT/ORG/04/01

East Anglia district file incl. congress materials and district report to Organisation Department 1940s-50s, correspondence with National Organiser and misc. papers.

Creation dates: 1945-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/04/02

East Anglia District materials includes reports, minutes, correspondence and publications, "Eastern News" and "Leiston Leader".

Creation dates: 1983-1989

CP/CENT/ORG/04/03

East Midlands district file incl. reports to district congress and CP organisation Department, membership and dues reports, correspondence with National Organiser, minutes.

Creation dates: 1960-1975

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CP/CENT/ORG/04/04

East Midlands District material includes minutes, district congress papers, reports and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1979-1984

CP/CENT/ORG/04/05

Hampshire and Dorset district file incl. district committee minutes and reports, congress materials; correspondence with Organisations Department; dues and membership reports.

Creation dates: 1944-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/04/06

Hampshire and Dorset District material includes reports, district newsletters and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1979-1987

CP/CENT/ORG/04/07

Kent district file incl. district committee minutes, correspondence with CP party centre, membership records.

Creation dates: 1955-1969

CP/CENT/ORG/05/01

Kent district file incl. district committee minutes, correspondence with CP party centre, membership records.

Creation dates: 1970-1985

CP/CENT/ORG/05/02

Midlands district file incl. reports to party centre and district congress, correspondence with National Organiser, etc.

Creation dates: 1945-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/05/03

Midlands district file of membership and dues reports, related correspondence and reports of Organisation Department.

Creation dates: 1958-1967

CP/CENT/ORG/05/04

Midlands district file incl. congress and area conference materials, correspondence with National Organiser.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/ORG/05/05

Midlands District materials including reports and minutes but mostly correspondence with centre. Includes material on inner-party disputes.

Creation dates: 1979-1985

CP/CENT/ORG/05/06

Midland district material including reports, district congress papers, minutes and correspondents.

Creation dates: 1986-1991

CP/CENT/ORG/6/0

North East district file incl. mainly congress materials and district reports to Organisation Department.

Creation dates: 1945-1958

CP/CENT/ORG/06/01

North East district file of membership and dues reports with related correspondence and papers.

Creation dates: 1956-1967

CP/CENT/ORG/06/02

North East district file incl. minutes, bulletins and correspondence with National Organiser.

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Creation dates: 1967-1982

CP/CENT/ORG/06/03

North West (Cumberland, Furness and Westmorland) district file comprising congress materials and reports to CP Organisation Department.

Creation dates: 1945-1947

CP/CENT/ORG/06/04

Lancashire and Cheshire district file, mainly district congress reports, reports to CP Political Committee.

Creation dates: 1943-1960

CP/CENT/ORG/06/05

Lancashire and Cheshire district file re allegations of financial impropriety against CP official incl. reports and notes on CP Lancashire secretariat meetings.

Creation dates: 1958

CP/CENT/ORG/06/06

Lancashire and Cheshire district dues and membership reports with some related papers.

Creation dates: 1960-1967

CP/CENT/ORG/06/07

Lancashire and Cheshire district file incl. district minutes, correspondence with Organisation Department and congress materials.

Creation dates: 1961-1968

CP/CENT/ORG/06/08

North West district file incl. district committee and secretariat minutes and correspondence with National Organiser.

Creation dates: 1969-1975

CP/CENT/ORG/07/01

North West district file incl. district committee and secretariat minutes and district congress materials

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/ORG/07/02

North West district file incl. minutes, correspondence with National Organiser and misc. papers.

Creation dates: 1977-1978

CP/CENT/ORG/07/03

North West district file, mainly minutes and supporting papers.

Creation dates: 1978-1979

CP/CENT/ORG/07/04

North West District file. Material relating to internal party factionalism and splits culminating in the 1984 District Congress.

Creation dates: 1984

Scope and Content: Includes Central Party material (notes by G Pocock), 1984 Congress materials, Manchester Area and North West District Committee minutes. Also material relating to the North Manchester Marxist Forum and the Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Lancashire Morning Star Readers' Association.

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North West District 1984 Congress. Ballot papers re District Committee election. Supposed evidence of factional voting.

Creation dates: 1984

CP/CENT/ORG/07/06

North West District. Material relating to J. Arnison's eventual disciplinary proceedings. Includes his pamphlets "Euro-Communism. The Historic Sell Out" & "Stop the Rot" as well as his reports on NW District meetings for the Morning Star. G. Pocock's notes.

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Creation dates: 1984-1985

CP/CENT/ORG/07/07

North West District materials relating to internal party factionalism and splits culminating in expulsions, the EC's dismissal of the District Committee and appointment of a provisional committee.

Creation dates: 1985

Scope and Content: Includes EC material, G Pocock's notes, minutes and papers of the District and Manchester Area Committees / Secretariat.

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North West District. Correspondence between district members and party centre re factionalism and disciplinary action re District Committee.

Creation dates: 1984-1985

CP/CENT/ORG/07/09

North West District material re functioning of re-established District Committee. Includes material re local Communist Campaign Group members and 1986 District Congress.

Creation dates: 1986

CP/CENT/ORG/07/10

North West District papers, minutes, etc.

Creation dates: 1988-1991

CP/CENT/ORG/07/11

North West District material re Merseyside Area Committee involvement in factional disputes on district committees. Includes minutes, correspondence and material on the financing of the Red Star Club.

Creation dates: 1983-1986

CP/CENT/ORG/07/12

Merseyside and Cheshire District Committee papers, includes minutes, correspondence, leaflets and misc. papers.

Creation dates: 1988-1991

CP/CENT/ORG/08/01

South Essex district file incl. committee minutes, reports to CP Political Committee, correspondence with CP organisation department, membership and dues reports, etc.

Creation dates: 1954-1970

CP/CENT/ORG/08/02

South Essex district file incl. district committee minutes, correspondence with CP organisation department, membership reports, etc.

Creation dates: 1971-1975

CP/CENT/ORG/08/03

South Essex district file incl. district committee minutes, correspondence with CP organisation department, membership reports, etc.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/ORG/08/04

South Essex district file incl. district committee minutes, correspondence with CP organisation department, Harlow branch correspondence with party centre, bulletins and circulars, membership reports, etc.

Creation dates: 1977-1985

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South Essex materials. Miscellaneous publications incl. Coryton Construction Star, South Essex Bulletin, Harlow Peoples News, Spotlight on Wanstead and Woodford, Southend Comment and Ford Bulletin.

Creation dates: 1980s

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Scottish district membership and dues reports.

Creation dates: 1961-1967

CP/CENT/ORG/09/02

Scottish committee file, mainly correspondence with CPGB Organisation Department.

Creation dates: 1966-1977

CP/CENT/ORG/09/03

Scottish committee file, mainly Scottish Committee minutes and bulletins, Glasgow branch bulletins, Glasgow committee minutes and papers.

Creation dates: 1975-1978

CP/CENT/ORG/09/04

Scottish committee file incl. Scottish committee minutes and bulletins, Glasgow branch minutes newsletters, correspondence with CPGB Organisation Department.

Creation dates: 1978-1979

CP/CENT/ORG/09/05

Scottish Committee materials: minutes, reports, papers and leaflets, etc.

Creation dates: 1980-1982

CP/CENT/ORG/09/06

Scottish Committee material: minutes, papers, bulletins, correspondence, leaflets, etc.

Creation dates: 1983-1986

CP/CENT/ORG/09/07

Scottish Committee material: minutes, correspondence, papers including material re transformation.

Creation dates: 1989-1991

CP/CENT/ORG/09/08

South Midlands district file incl. congress materials, reports to party centre, district circulars, dues and membership records, minutes, circulars, correspondence with National Organiser.

Creation dates: 1944-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/09/09

South East Midlands district material: circulars, correspondence and newsletters.

Creation dates: 1979-1989

CP/CENT/ORG/09/10

South East Midlands publications including South East Midlands District News.

Creation dates: 1980s

CP/CENT/ORG/10/01

Surrey district material: reports & notes of meeting with Surrey secretariat.

Creation dates: 1966

CP/CENT/ORG/10/02

Surrey district material: minutes, reports & correspondence.

Creation dates: 1980-1989

CP/CENT/ORG/10/03

Sussex district file, mainly correspondence with National Organiser with some district reports 1940s-50s and misc. papers incl. membership and dues reports.

Creation dates: 1946-1977

CP/CENT/ORG/10/04

Sussex district material: correspondence, minutes and circulars. Includes copies of Red Hot News.

Creation dates: 1980-1982

CP/CENT/ORG/10/05

West of England district file incl. congress materials, reports to Organisation Committee,

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membership and dues reports, correspondence with National organiser.

Creation dates: 1946-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/10/06

West of England material: circulars, bulletins, reports, minutes and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1977-1988

CP/CENT/ORG/10/07

West Middlesex district file incl. congress materials, district reviews and reports, membership and dues reports, district committee minutes.

Creation dates: 1950-1975

CP/CENT/ORG/10/08

West Middlesex district file incl. minutes, correspondence with National Organiser.

Creation dates: 1976-1979

CP/CENT/ORG/10/09

West Middlesex district material: correspondence, reports, minutes and circulars.

Creation dates: 1975-1984

CP/CENT/ORG/10/10

West Middlesex district material: publications including Party News & Reading Communist Review.

Creation dates: 1980s

CP/CENT/ORG/11/01

Welsh committee file incl. Welsh committee reports, correspondence with National Organiser, membership and dues reports, congress materials.

Creation dates: 1935-1975

CP/CENT/ORG/11/02

Welsh committee file incl. Welsh committee minutes, correspondence with National Organiser, congress materials.

Creation dates: 1976-1979

CP/CENT/ORG/11/03

Welsh Committee material: circulars, minutes, reports, etc.

Creation dates: 1976-1982

CP/CENT/ORG/11/04

Welsh Committee materials: district congress papers and correspondence.

Creation dates: 1984-1988

CP/CENT/ORG/11/05

Yorkshire district committee minutes.

Creation dates: 1968-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/11/06

Yorkshire district membership and dues reports.

Creation dates: 1959-1967

CP/CENT/ORG/11/07

Yorkshire district correspondence with party centre.

Creation dates: 1966-1976

CP/CENT/ORG/11/08

Yorkshire district reports to CP Political Committee.

Creation dates: 1944-1958

CP/CENT/ORG/11/09

Yorkshire district circulated congress materials for 3rd congress 1946, 8th congress 1955, 9th congress 1958, 10th congress 1960.

Creation dates: 1946-1960

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CP/CENT/ORG/11/10

Yorkshire District material: correspondence, circulars, reports, minutes, etc.

Creation dates: 1975-1985

CP/CENT/ORG/11/11

Yorkshire district material: circulars, leaflets, etc.

Creation dates: 1988-1991

SERIES: Files on non-Communist Party individuals and organisations

CP/CENT/ORG/12/01

File on Trotskyite and alleged Trotskyite groups and individuals.

Creation dates: c1942-1956

Scope and Content: Papers incl. reports on Trotskyite activities in London; memorandum on 'Vigilance Work in the Universities' and notes on individuals; papers re Revolutionary Socialist League and Workers International League; copy documents of the Provisional National Committee for the Coordination of Militant Industrial Activity and report on its delegate meeting, Nottingham; progress reports on Trotskyite activities 1943-45; report of meeting addressed by Roy Tearse, Militant Workers Federation 13.10.43; report on Neath by-election (contested by Revolutionary Communist Party candidate) 1.2.45; report on Leon Trotsky memorial meeting 21.8.44; report on conference of South-West London Anti-Labour Laws Victims Defence Committee 1944; MS notes on Trotskyite activities in New Forest area 1950s; summary report on Socialist Workers Federation 1950s; report on Socialist Outlook shareholders' meeting June 1954; 'The position of the Trotskyite organisation with special reference to Britain' Sept. 1954

CP/CENT/ORG/12/02

Correspondence re and information sheets on individual Trotskyites and alleged Trotskyites.

Creation dates: 1943-1955

CP/CENT/ORG/12/03

File on Independent Labour Party, mainly information sheets on individual ILP leaders giving (where filled out) personal details, political history.

Creation dates: 1943-1944

CP/CENT/ORG/12/04

Fragment of file (surnames beginning with G) of personal notes on alleged fascists and extreme right-wingers.

Creation dates: c1943

CP/CENT/ORG/12/05

File on Oxford Group incl. notes on the organisation and individuals associated with it.

Creation dates: 1943

CP/CENT/ORG/12/06

Report on election meeting of Socialist Party of Great Britain, Metropolitan Variety Theatre, Edgware Rd, 17.6.45 with election leaflet of Clifford Groves, SPGB prospective candidate for North Paddington.

Creation dates: 1945

CP/CENT/ORG/12/07

File on fascist activities incl. copies of fascist literature.

Creation dates: c1948-1957

Scope and Content: Letter from Patricia Hunt with information on fascist activities in Birmingham 1953; reports on local fascist activities of CP districts 1948 incl. report of meeting in Derby market place; letters from J. Tarver on fascist activity in Oxford University 1952

CP/CENT/ORG/12/08

Common Cause (newsletter) no 2 with application form and related letter.

Creation dates: 1952

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File on alleged Trotskyite activities and the 'so-called Left-Communist Faction' in Electrical Trades Union.

Creation dates: 1955-1957

CP/CENT/ORG/12/10

File on Socialist Workers Federation, Federation of Marxist Groups and LSDG.

Creation dates: 1953-1956

Scope and Content: Papers incl. reports on these organisations and on Harry McShane meetings 6.3.55, 10.6.55; copy letter from Eric Heffer to McShane 16.4.56; letters from David Smith, Dalkeith, to Jimmy Young, Oxford, 1953 with covering letter from Phil Piratin to Betty Reid 6.5.54; leaflets and publications of SWF and other organisations

CP/CENT/ORG/12/11

File on Socialist Forum Movement incl. correspondence with CP London and other districts, notes on SF meeting Holborn Hall 15.3.57 (speakers Edward Thompson and John Saville; copies of the Newsletter, Forum and other SF publications.

Creation dates: 1956-1957

CP/CENT/ORG/12/12

File on New Left activities incl. leaflets of Left Clubs, ts report of New Left Review launch meeting addressed by John Saville 14.12.59.

Creation dates: 1959-1960

CP/CENT/ORG/12/13

File on the Centre for Socialist Education incl. report on CSE conference 7.6.64; copy CSE steering committee minutes 16.4.66; printed ephemera incl. 'The Week' (journal) 12.11.64.

Creation dates: c1964-1966

CP/CENT/ORG/13/01

Papers re May Day Manifesto incl. report on conference April 1968 with draft statements and draft transitional programme for socialism; printed bulletins.

Creation dates: 1967-1969

CP/CENT/ORG/13/02

Papers re National Convention of the Left incl. CP Organisation Dept correspondence, circulars, etc.; NCL circulars, bulletins, newsletters, loose minutes and agendas, printed report and proposals, etc.

Creation dates: 1969-1970

SERIES: Trotskyism files

CP/CENT/ORG/13/03

File on Trotskyite activities in Britain.

Creation dates: c1956-1970s

Scope and Content: Incl. report on 'The position of the Trotskyite organisation in Britain' Jan. 1956; information documents; draft pamphlet by J.R. Campbell 'The Dedicated Disrupters; a profile of British Trotskyism' with related notes and correspondence; 'Notes on anti-party materials' Sept. 1965; draft pamphlet 1966; letters from Francis Day resigning from CP Mar. 1971; 'Some observations on the present tactics of International Socialism: International Marxist Group; and Left Unity; alphabetical listing of ultra-left groups and journals late 1960s; draft article on ultra-left for Comment; ts article 'Vietnam and various groupings of the so-called "extreme" left'; information documents on 'Ultra Left groupings and their English language groupings' April 1968 and 'Ultra Left groupings' Jan. 1967; ts memo 'The attack on the party from the so-called "extreme left"

CP/CENT/ORG/13/04

Workers International League central committee and district committee minutes.

Creation dates: 1942

CP/CENT/ORG/13/05

Papers re Workers International League, Revolutionary Socialist League and their successor body the Revolutionary Communist Party.

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Creation dates: c1944-1947

Scope and Content: Incl. leaflets, pamphlets, ts reports of WIL/RSL fusion conference March 1944 and RCP annual conference Aug. 1945; letters from London district RCP to London district CPGB re combating fascist activities 1947; ts report on RCP canvasses and study group Sept.-Oct. 1944 (?)

CP/CENT/ORG/14/01

File re International Marxist Group and Fourth International.

Creation dates: 1970s

Scope and Content: Incl. internal bulletin Jan. 1976 comprising United Secretariat (USEC) thesis on Britain with IMG national committee minutes 3-4.1.75; memo on 'Perspectives for the MCAPP Campaign'; ts article 'Portuguese Imperialism: the weakest link'; IMG

CP/CENT/ORG/14/02

File re John Lawrence, Labour Party councillor in Holborn and St Pancras and formerly editor of Socialist Outlook, and the so-called Lawrence Group.

Creation dates: c1954-1961

Scope and Content: Incl. papers re the expulsion of Lawrence Group associates from Holborn and St Pancras Labour Party; ts note of meeting between representatives of Lawrence Group and of CPGB London district committee 22.7.56; JL's application to join CP 1958 with related papers incl. ts report of meeting with Lawrence, Bernie Holland and David Golding; also papers re application to join CP of Fred Emmett incl. information document for Political Committee, 1958; MS notes for discussion of JL's position 30.1.61

CP/CENT/ORG/14/03

CPGB Trotskyism Study Group incl. correspondence with Monty Johnstone, notes on Trotskyite history.

Creation dates: Late 1970s

CP/CENT/ORG/14/04

File on Militant Tendency.

Creation dates: 1956-1972

Scope and Content: Incl. letter from T. Fry re Ted Grant meeting 1956, copies of Underhill report on MT 1980, MT's 'British Perspectives and Tasks' 1974 and 1976; ts statement 'Foreign policy and our party' issued by Jim Brookeshaw, Morning Star production branch May 1972

CP/CENT/ORG/14/05

File re International Socialism/Socialist Workers Party (formerly Socialist Review group), mainly IS/SWP internal bulletins, conference documents, circulars, etc.; notes by Betty Reid and James Klugmann on IS.

Creation dates: 1960-1970s

CP/CENT/ORG/15/01

File on Keep Left, Young Socialists and Healeyite youth activity; papers concern Trotskyite activities towards Young Communist League 1955-57.

Creation dates: c1955-1970

Scope and Content: Incl. leaflets pamphlet 'Dear Comrade' published by Ted Knight and addressed to YCL delegates; circulars of London Young Communist League Opposition Group and materials relating on the expulsion of Socialist Labour League from the CPGB and YCL c. 1964.

CP/CENT/ORG/15/02

TS extracts from Workers International Review with ts reports on activities of British Section of International.

Creation dates: c1955-1957

CP/CENT/ORG/15/03

Article 'The struggle for power in the Campaign Against Racial Discrimination' copied from Socialist Current, 'a tiny duplicated journal of a small Trotskyite splinter group inside the Labour Party which is anti all other Trotsky groups'.

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Creation dates: 1960s?

CP/CENT/ORG/15/04

Papers from international conference on ultra-left organised by Institute of Marxism-Leninism of CPSU incl. submissions by Betty Reid and B.N. Ponomaryov.

Creation dates: 1971

CP/CENT/ORG/16/01

Duplicated and/or published CPGB material on Trotskyism since 1956.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1971

Scope and Content: Information documents, reports to EC/PC, unpublished pamphlet by J.R. Campbell and his reasons why it might not be published, education department materials, articles in Comment and the Morning Star, pamphlet by P. Desai, etc.

CP/CENT/ORG/16/02

Unpublished CPGB material on Trotskyism since 1956:- notes, reports to EC/PC, reports on individual Trotskyites and Trotskyite activity, correspondence, including of Betty Reid and Monty Johnstone.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1974

CP/CENT/ORG/16/03

Materials (original and photocopied) from the Balham Group and the British Section of the Left Opposition.

Creation dates: 1932

CP/CENT/ORG/16/04

Spartacist League. Statements & circulars.

Creation dates: 1982-1983

CP/CENT/ORG/16/05

Miscellaneous non-CP material. Groups include Lotta Continua, the Revolutionary Communist Group, the Revolutionary Workers' Party, Socialist Review, Solidarity and the Workers' League.

Creation dates: 1950s-1970s

SERIES: New Communist Party material

CP/CENT/ORG/17/01

File of NCP statements, pamphlets, leaflets and publications.

Creation dates: 1977 - 1990

Scope and Content: Including "The Case for the New Communist Party", "Peace", "The New Worker" No 1, "Solidarity with the Afghan Revolution", "Socialism and Class Struggle", "Peace - Study Syllabus", political resolution for party's 3rd Congress 1981, notes on Poland, "The Young Worker" 1987, "Campaign for Communist Unity" 1989, & "Report of Work, 7th National Congress" 1989.

CP/CENT/ORG/17/02

Copies of NCP theoretical journal "New Communist Review" No 1 - 4, Second Congress Special Nov 1979, Jan 1981 & Winter 1982.

Creation dates: 1978 - 1982

SERIES: Communist Campaign Group

CP/CENT/ORG/17/03

Publications including "The Crisis in the Communist Party and the Way Forward", "Which Way for Labour?" & "A Communist Perspective for Keeping the Peace".

Creation dates: 1985 - 1988

CP/CENT/ORG/17/04

Miscellaneous documents, drafts and correspondence re formation of CCG by expelled London members and proposal to re-establish the Communist Party [CP of B].

Creation dates: 1985 - 1988

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CP/CENT/ORG/17/05

Press cuttings on splits in the London CPGB and formation of CCG.

Creation dates: 1985 - 1988

CP/CENT/ORG/17/06

CCG's journal "Communist Campaign Review" Autumn 1986 - Spring 1988.

Creation dates: 1986 - 1988

Related material: [See also CPB's "Communist Review"].

SERIES: Communist Party of Britain

CP/CENT/ORG/17/07

Miscellaneous documents and correspondence re splits in the CPGB and formation of CPB.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1991

CP/CENT/ORG/17/08

Press cuttings re formation of CP of B including the Morning Star, The New Worker and The Leninist.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1989

CP/CENT/ORG/17/09

CP of B publications including report of Re-establishment Congress, the aims and constitution of the new party, "The British Road to Socialism", "Women & Class", "70 Years of Struggle 1920 - 1990" and "Is there a way out of the Slump?".

Creation dates: 1988 - 1993

CP/CENT/ORG/17/10

Materials for 40th Congress (1989) where CP of B re-launched "British Road to Socialism" including draft programme, resolutions and amendments, the EC report of work and Congress report.

Creation dates: 18 - 19 November 1989

CP/CENT/ORG/17/11

Notes and correspondence re CPGB taking legal advice about copyright infringements of CP of B using "British Road to Socialism".

Creation dates: 1988 - 1989

CP/CENT/ORG/17/12

Copies of "Communist Newsletter", published monthly by Executive Committee of CP of B.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1991

CP/CENT/ORG/17/13

CP of B's journal "Communist Review" Autumn 1988 - Sept 1990.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1990

Related material: [See also CCG's "Communist Campaign Review"].

CP/CENT/ORG/17/14

Copies of "Young Communist", journal of the CPB Youth Section, Nos. 2, 3 & 5.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1989

SERIES: Committee on Party Organisation

CP/CENT/ORG/18/01

File includes correspondence from districts, papers, amendments, minutes and published "Report of the Committee on Party Organisation".

Creation dates: 1964 - 1965

SERIES: Party Membership

CP/CENT/ORG/18/02

Material relating to membership campaigns, party building and party dues including some district returns for members, youth / student members and new recruits.

Creation dates: 1961 - 1971

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SERIES: The Reasoner

CP/CENT/ORG/18/03

Issues Nos. 1 - 3 of "The Reasoner" edited by John Saville & EP Thompson.

Creation dates: July - November 1956

CP/CENT/ORG/18/04

Correspondence with Edward Thompson & John Saville re "The Reasoner", "The New Reasoner", inter-party democracy and their subsequent disciplining.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

Scope and Content: Correspondents include Jack Cohen, James Klugmann, Bert Baker, Bert Rameison, George Matthews & John Gollan.

CP/CENT/ORG/18/05

Correspondence for and against the publication of "The Reasoner".

Creation dates: 1956

Scope and Content: Including Andrew Purkiss (Kent), George Houston (Glasgow), Dick Nettleton (Lancashire Dist), CH Locke (Tolworth), Ernie Keeling (S Mids Dist), Wilton Willis (Mortlake Bch), Frank Foster (W Middlesex Dis), Surrey DPC, John Tarver & D Johnson (Cowley Bch), John Mahon (LDCP), George Short (Teesside), IE Knight (Croydon CP), Brian Pearce (Dorset), Iris Walker (Key Books Ltd), Jack Perkins (Sussex Dist), Gordon McLennan (Scottish DC), Bert Ramelson (Yorkshire Dist), R Cocker (Halifax CP), Betty Grant (London), Miriam Abramsky (London), Ralph Samuel (London), Bob Davies & Ronald L Meek (Glasgow), Gerald Marks (London), Jack Beeching (Sussex), Jack Houston (Walton CP), Lawrence Daly (Fife), John MacDonald (Worksop), Roy & Pauline Harrison (Sheffield) & John Purton (Middlesex). Also handwritten notes of discussions & meetings by Bert Ramelson[?].

SERIES: Fractional Activity

CP/CENT/ORG/18/06

Material relating to various groupings and organisations within and without the CPGB such as Socialist Forum.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

Scope and Content: Includes copies of "Universities & Left Review", "Labour Review" & "The Newsletter", notes of various meetings including London Socialist Forum and correspondence from John Mahon, Ralph Samuel (re setting up of ULR), Edward Thompson, Betty [Reid ?], & George [...] Caborn (Firth-Brown Shop Stewards Committee).

SERIES: Membership figures

CP/CENT/ORG/19/01

Various membership returns for the years 1944, 1945, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 & 1959. Includes material broken down by industry & district.

Creation dates: 1944 - 1959

CP/CENT/ORG/19/02

Various membership returns for 1960, 1962 & 1964. Including figures broken down by industry & district.

Creation dates: 1960 - 1964

CP/CENT/ORG/19/03

Membership returns for 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 & 1970. Includes correspondence & monthly returns on card issues by districts.

Creation dates: 1966 - 1970

CP/CENT/ORG/19/04

Membership returns for 1975, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1987 & 1991. Includes monthly breakdowns by districts, correspondents & material on branch conferences.

Creation dates: 1975 - 1991

SERIES: LDCP Membership figures

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CP/CENT/ORG/19/05

Membership returns for the London District passed to the Party Centre for the years 1952 - 1959, detailed break down by areas, branches & factory branches.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1959

SERIES: British-China Friendship Association

CP/CENT/ORG/20/01

Circulars, correspondence & minutes of annual meetings. Includes material on effects of Sino-Soviet split on organisation.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1965

SERIES: Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding

CP/CENT/ORG/20/02

Papers relating to the formation & functioning of the new pro-Chinese organisation (split from BCFA). Includes Organisation Department material on those involved in setting up new organisation, reports of meetings, SACU circulars & documents for annual meetings.

Creation dates: 1965 - 1968

CP/CENT/ORG/20/03

Copies of SACU News November 1965 - December 1968 [incomplete].

Creation dates: 1965 - 1968

SERIES: Pro-Chinese groups

CP/CENT/ORG/20/04

Includes material on expelled CPUSA members, an Italian Leninist group, the Committee for the Defence of Marxism-Leninism, a defeated anti-CPGB EC resolution from the Hackney party.

Creation dates: 1962 - 1972

Scope and Content: Also A Group of East London Communists, Merton Friends of China, Spanish exiles, Bill Bland, the China Policy Study Group, Michael Shapiro, Patricia Davis & Rose Smith, the Progressive Labor Party (USA), the Coordination Committee for Indian Communists in Britain, the Action Centre for Marxist Leninist Unity (Mike Baker, Sec), "The Marxist", the Advance News Bureau, the Marxist Leninist Organisation of Great Britain, the Internationalists (Eire), the Communist Party of England (ML), "Theoretical Practice" & notes on other factions.

SERIES: Pro-Chinese individuals in the CPGB

CP/CENT/ORG/20/05

Correspondence & reports referring to the activities of pro-Chinese party members.

Creation dates: 1963 - 1967

Scope and Content: In Bath, Tufnell Park, Yorkshire, Maitland, Mitcham, West Hendon, Coventry, Stoke Newington, West Ham North, Finsbury, East Islington, Preston, Birkenhead, Ashton, Manchester, Stockport, Bristol, Leeds, Bradford, East Woolwich, West of England ("Struggle"), the Hands Off Vietnam Committee, "The Marxist", Ilford YCL & South Wales.

SERIES: Pro-Chinese: Michael McCreery

CP/CENT/ORG/20/06

Correspondence between McCreery & J Mahon over differences, esp. re BRS.

Creation dates: 1962 - 1963

CP/CENT/ORG/20/07

Notes & reports of meetings organised by McCreery including the Committee to Defeat Revisionism, For Communist Unity meeting.

Creation dates: 1962 - 1965

CP/CENT/ORG/20/08

Material relating to the expulsion of McCreery & supporters from the London District party, November 1963.

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Creation dates: 1963

SERIES: Pro-Chinese: Vanguard

CP/CENT/ORG/20/09

Copies of "Vanguard", organ of the Committee to Defeat Revisionism, for Communist Unity, associated with McCreery. [incomplete].

Creation dates: 1964 - 1968

SERIES: Files on non-Communist Party organisations and individuals

CP/CENT/ORG/20/10

Miscellaneous organisation department correspondence, reports, etc. on the activities of other groups within the labour movement particularly Trotskyites in various parts of the country esp. Socialist Outlook.

Creation dates: 1951 - 1955

Immediate Source of Acquisition: [These papers are mostly photostats or photocopies. The file was deposited with the NMLH by Mr C Pottins, who also wrote the list of the documents contained in the folder]

SERIES: Individual files

CP/CENT/ORG/21/01

Organisation department notes & correspondence with / on party and non-party individuals A - C. Includes some disciplinary material and references to members of leftist organisations.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/CENT/ORG/21/02

Organisation department notes and correspondence on / with party and non-party individuals D - L. Includes some disciplinary material and references to members of leftist organisations.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/CENT/ORG/21/03

Organisation department notes and correspondence on / with party and non-party individuals M - Z. Includes some disciplinary material and references to members of leftist groups.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/CENT/ORG/21/04

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "A".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/05

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "B".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/06

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "C".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/07

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "D".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/08

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "E".

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Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/09

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "F".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-dates Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/10

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "G".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/11

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "H".

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Or Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/12

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "I - K".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-dates Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/13

Biographical notes of non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "L".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/14

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "M".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-dates Org Dept files. Origins unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/15

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "N".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-date Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/16

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "P - Q".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-dates Org Dept files. Origin unclear].

CP/CENT/ORG/21/17

Biographical notes on non-CPGB individuals. Mainly right-wing and establishment figures "R".

Creation dates: 1940s

Archival History: [According to B. Reid pre-dates Org Dept files. Origin unclear].