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CP/CENT/SUBJ Communist Party central subject files

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Anti-War Day 1929.

Creation dates: 1929

Scope and Content: Papers re Anti War Day 1 August 1929; incl. leaflets, speakers' notes, circulars to local party organisations; circulars of Central Women's Department and National Minority Movement; instructions for CP press re campaign; instructions from Comintern in German with summary by Dona Torr and full translation; Comintern instructions re the anti-war day campaign in the Co-operatives; letters from Jack McLauchlan, Putney and Frank Bright, CP Manchester district; resolution of conference of European Communist Parties 16.5.29; Bulletin of CP Scottish district; notes of Harry Pollitt

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Trials and defence committees.

Creation dates: 1917 - 1977

Scope and Content: Collection of pamphlets and leaflets relating to state persecution of workers, left activists and other worthy elements, including the Rosenbergs, Gerhart Eisler, Gay News, Soledad brothers, etc. Does not include materials produced by ICWPA, International Red Aid or International Labour Defence

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Gay rights.

Creation dates: 1980s

Scope and Content: Leaflets and documents on gay rights, some of them sent to the CPGB gay rights committee

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Keynesianism.

Creation dates: 1950s

Scope and Content: Collection of duplicated documents criticising Keynesianism from a (CPGB) Marxist perspective, Unsigned, probably produced by the CPGB Economic Committee, probably assembled by James Klugmann

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Common Market (EEC, EC, EU, etc.).

Creation dates: Mainly 1970s

Scope and Content: Miscellaneous documents, cuttings, leaflets and other items relating to the EEC

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Christian - Marxist dialogue.

Creation dates: 1960s - 1970s

Scope and Content: File of correspondence on Christian - Marxist dialogue including Gerry Cohen (Mersydale CP), Arthur Dooley, J Klugman, Rev. Alan G Bailey, Frank Hendry, & Jack Dunnam. Publications include "Christians in the Class Struggle" by Gilbert Cope (1942), "Coexistence, National Liberation and the Communist - Christian Dialogue" by James G Endicott, "Dialogue" Spring 1968, "The Christian - Marxist Tea Party" and "Marxism & Christianity: A Selected Annotated Bibliography" by Francis H Touchet & "Les Communistes s'adressent aux chretiens de France" by George Marchais.

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Development Areas.

Creation dates: 1946 - 1947

Scope and Content: Documents and memoranda for a Conference on Development areas (former distressed areas) 1947. Includes correspondence with Sir Stafford Cripps, Idris Cox, Hymie Lee and John Gollan.

SERIES: Labour Party - relations and affiliation campaigns

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Printed materials relating to early affiliation campaigns.

Creation dates: 1920 - 1925

Scope and Content: Including circulars, leaflets, notes on Labour Party Conference decisions, a photocopy of transcript of meeting between LP & CP officials 1921 and pamphlets "Moscow's Reply to the ILP" & "The Communist Party and the Labour Party".

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Printed material re affiliation, United Front & Popular Front campaigns.

Creation dates: 1926 - 1939

Scope and Content: Including cuttings, circulars & pamphlets: "The Reds and the Labour Party", "Revolutionary Unity" (published by R Edwards & E Whalley ILP), "For a United Communist Party" by Palme Dutt, "The Labour Party & the Communist Party" by Pollitt, "Communist Affiliation" by Emile Burns, the Unity Campaign Manifesto, "Labour and the Popular Front" & "Unity True or Sham?" (both Labour Party).

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Printed material re relations with Labour Party.

Creation dates: 1940 - 1942

Scope and Content: Including circulars, leaflets, correspondence (between Dutt, Pollitt, JS Middleton & GR Shepherd) and the pamphlet "Labour's Way Forward" by Emile Burns.

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CPGB printed materials re 1943 affiliation campaign.

Creation dates: 1943

Scope and Content: Includes the pamphlets "The Communist Party and the Labour Party", "The Case for Affiliation" by Emile Burns, "The Road to Labour Unity" by Palme Dutt & "Workers of Britain Unite!" by Pollitt, various circulars, letters, leaflets and cuttings. Also copies of newsletter "Affiliation" (Mar 1 & 19, Apr 5 & 20, May 6 & June 5).

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1943 Affiliation Campaign - CP internal memoranda, draft statements, internal campaign strategy documents, etc. Includes lists of labour movement organisations supporting CPGB and handwritten notes by Pollitt and Dutt(?).

Creation dates: 1943

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1943 Affiliation Campaign -.

Creation dates: 1943

Scope and Content: Correspondence with trade unions & local Labour parties including Sam Watson (Durham Miners), J Benstead (N.U.R.), JA Hall (Yorkshire Mine Workers), AM Wall (London Society of Compositors), G Gibson (Mental Hospital & Institutional Workers), EW Bussey (E.T.U.), Will Lawther (Durham Miners), W Sheard (Life Assurance Workers), J Brown (I.S.T.C.)JE Woollam Wrekin DLP), J Hallsworth (N.U.D.A.W.), J Stanley (Construction Engineering Union), FC Woods (Clerical Workers), E Edwards (M.F.G.B.), S Pedder (Luton A.E.U.), Robert Topping (Conservative Party), JA Gibson (Painters), J Hibbert (Penistone DLP), W Tilly (Elstree E.T.U.), Alex Sloan MP, EJ Hill (London District Boiler Makers), W Potter (Dumbartonshire DLP), J Warwick (Annan Building Workers), R McInnes (Ruislip A.E.U.), SH English (N Aberdeen DLP), Malcolm MacEwan (North East District CPGB), Cllr Halliwell (Rossendale DLP), FW Pettit (W Lewisham LP), H Halliwell (Vehicle Builders), Cllr Brooksbank (Norwich LP), DT Hedges (Park Royal A.E.U.), TE Watkins (Brecon & Radnor DLP), John Horner (Fire Brigades Union), FL Biofeld (St Albans DLP), WG Deacon (New Forest DLP), JR Shanley (Upholsterers), S Fraser (Lanark DLP), M Hodgson (Boilermakers), F Wendall (Feltham T.G.W.U.), L Hill (Enfield F.B.U.), A Deakin (T.G.W.U.), & M Kline (Leeds CPGB). Also includes copy of correspondence between a soldier and Laski re CP affiliation.

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1943 Affiliation Campaign -.

Creation dates: 1943

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Scope and Content: Official Labour Party documents issued in response to CP campaign including leaflets, "Labour Discussion Notes", Labour Press Service supplements and "The Communist Party and the War".

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1943 Affiliation Campaign - national & regional newspaper cuttings.

Creation dates: 1943

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Miscellaneous CP leaflets, etc. re campaign for unity against the Tories after the war.

Creation dates: 1944

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Materials re 1946 Affiliation Campaign.

Creation dates: 1945 - 1946

Scope and Content: Including leaflets, internal campaign documents, speakers notes, copies of the "Affiliation Bulletin" and pamphlets "Liberate Spain from Franco" by Dolores Ibarruri & "The fight for Labour's Programme" by Emile Burns.

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1946 Affiliation Campaign-.

Creation dates: 1946

Scope and Content: Correspondence includes M Foot MP, Dave Goodman (Devon & Cornwall CP) & W Zak (Furnishing Trades) and lists names of trade unionists who have signed affiliation appeal.

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Materials re controversy between Laski and Pollitt over affiliation.

Creation dates: 1946

Scope and Content: Including report of Pollitt speech 10 April "Pollitt answers Laski", a draft reply to Laski's pamphlet, various cuttings and the pamphlet "Laski's Mistake" forward by Pollitt.

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Various Communist Party leaflets, statements, appeals to Labour Party members and Labour Party responses.

Creation dates: 1947 - 1958

Scope and Content: Pamphlets include "The Fight for Peace and Working-Class Unity" (1950) and "The Communist Party and the Labour Party" (1955) both by H Pollitt.

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File containing correspondence and articles on Communist / Labour relations including 1978s "An Open Letter to the Labour Movement from the Communist Party and LP NEC's reply.

Creation dates: 1976 - 1978

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Constitutional & Judicial Reform.

Creation dates: 1975 - 1979

Scope and Content: Memoranda mainly prepared for the PC on the jury system, the Bill of Rights, Scottish & Welsh devolution, the Royal Commission on Legal Services, the Declaration on Democratic Freedoms, use of Public Order legislation, the Prevention of Terrorism act, & British Nationality law. Includes published documents "A Charter of Democratic Rights", "The State versus its 'enemies' " by EP Thompson & "Abolish the House of Lords!" by R Briginshaw.

SERIES: Fascism & Anti Fascism

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CPGB.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Leaflets including Speakers Notes No 4 "Jews take away the Britishers

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LDCP.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets, etc. including District Bulletin cancelling London Youth demo in favour of Cable Street anti-fascist protest & selection of pro-Labour & anti-fascist LCC election leaflets (1937?).

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London YCL.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets.

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London boroughs.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets, etc. from London Boroughs including Bethnal Green, Hackney, Hampstead, Holborn, St Pancras & Stepney. Includes local CPs & other organisations. Stepney material includes leaflets relating to local elections.

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Jewish Organisations.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Leaflets, etc. from various organisations including the Jewish Labour Council, the Jewish People's Council Against Fascism & Anti-Semitism, the Jewish Protest Committee, Jewish Trade Unions, the London Area Council, the Petition Committee for Increased Immigration into Palestine, the Portsmouth Jewish Truth Society, the United Jewish Workers Committee for the Relief of Jewish Children in Poland, & Workers' Circles.

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Committee for Co-ordinating; Anti-Fascist Activities.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets

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Ex-Servicemen's National Movement.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets, etc.

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Misc. Anti Fascist Organisations.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Leaflets, etc. from various organisations & individuals including British Cab Drivers Anti-Fascist Committee, China Campaign Committee, Crisis Publications, Daily Worker, Drive Out Mosley Fund, Friends of the Soviet Union, Independent Labour Party, "Kulturkämpfe", George Lansbury's "Anti-Semitism in the East End", League for the Boycott of Aggressor Nations, London Council for Anti-Fascist Aid, London Labour Party, Dr Charles S MacFarland, Militant Socialist International, Herbert Morrison, National Amalgamated Furnishing Trades Association, National Council for Civil Liberties, Society of Jews & Christians (Johannesburg), Union of Democratic Control & University Labour Federation.

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Various leaflets from unnamed anti-fascist organisations.

Creation dates: 1930s

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British Union of Fascist's material.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets, etc.

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Fichte Association.

Creation dates: 1930s

Scope and Content: German propaganda printed in English

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Misc. fascist materials.

Creation dates: 1920s & 1930s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets from other or unknown fascist organisations including the Imperial Fascist League & the Nationalist Association.

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Cuttings.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1937

Scope and Content: Various cuttings reflecting on anti-fascist and fascist demonstrations at Olympia, Hyde Park & Cable Street among others. Includes copy of "The Eye" (Nov 1936).

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Post-war fascism.

Creation dates: 1940s - 1950s

Scope and Content: Various leaflets dealing with immediate post war fascism

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Leaflets & pamphlets.

Creation dates: 1970s - 1990s

Scope and Content: Various anti-fascist leaflets & pamphlets issued by the CPGB, the YCL, Socialist Worker, Deptford anti fascist campaign, CARF, ALARM, the Labour Party, the Anti Nazi League, Labour Research Department, Anti-Fascist Democratic Action, Anti Fascist Action & Southwark Black Communities Consortium.

CP/CENT/SUBJ/04/16

Fascist material.

Creation dates: 1960s - 1980s

Scope and Content: Leaflets, pamphlets, etc. from various fascist groups including the Racial Preservation Society, the National Socialist Movement, the National Front, National Party, British National Party, Board of Deputies of Jewish Control, & National Front Ex-Servicemen's Association.

CP/CENT/SUBJ/04/17

Cuttings.

Creation dates: 1973 - 1981

Scope and Content: Newspaper cuttings re various fascist & anti-fascist demonstrations, etc.