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CP/IND/GOLL John Gollan papers

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SERIES: Biographical material

CP/IND/GOLL/01/01

Brief autobiographies prepared for party use.

Creation dates: 1964 - 1956

SERIES: Personal & YCL 1930s material

CP/IND/GOLL/01/02

1931 Sedition Trial. Sheriff's notes re JG's appeal & Sheriff's statement to the jury.

Creation dates: 1931

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JG's letters from prison to his father.

Creation dates: Oct - Dec 1931

CP/IND/GOLL/01/04

1937 Apprentice Strikes. Includes notes, correspondence, cuttings and leaflets relating to the strikes Mostly Clydeside but also Edinburgh. Sheffield, Teesside & Tyneside.

Creation dates: 1937

Physical characteristics: [Water damage - needs conservation]

CP/IND/GOLL/01/05

JG report "The Development of Trotskyism from Menshevism to Alliance with Fascism and Counter Revolution" given to a YCL National Council meeting.

Creation dates: 1937

CP/IND/GOLL/01/06

Untitled manuscript by JG on modern warfare, young workers resistance to war and the struggle for democracy. Includes suggested alterations for possible publication.

Creation dates: 1930s

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National Parliament of Youth - Bulletin (Nov 1938) & papers from 1st National Parliament of Youth (London 24 - 26 March 1939) including verbatim reports.

Creation dates: 1938 - 1939

SERIES: Papers relating to the International Communist Movement

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USSR miscellaneous file. Includes 1947 Russian document, a translation of Soviet letter re the Middle East situation [1967] and a report of a meeting between the CC of the CPSU and representatives of the CPGB including Matthews and JG.

Creation dates: 1947 - 1967

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Note by Ruth [Werner] for JG on the purging of Kurt Muller from the KPD leadership in 1950.

Creation dates: n.d.

CP/IND/GOLL/02/03

CPSU 20th Congress. Cuttings, notes and correspondence on the Congress and its international impact. Includes statements by other parties and notes of the CPGB EC discussions.

Creation dates: 1956

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Contacts with the CPSU. Notes, cuttings and correspondence re contacts between JG and the CPSU, especially re the CPSU's relationship with other Communist countries following the 20th Congress.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1960

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Hungary 1956.

Creation dates: 1956

Scope and Content: Copy of report by Charlie Coutts and Chris Birch on their experiences of the situation in Hungary, sent to Gollan. A copy of this was passed to the Soviet Ambassador but not to the rest of the CPGB PC. Includes correspondence from Chris Birch on the provenance of the document (1996) and copies of material from "Istorichskiy Archiv" relating to its discovery in the Soviet archives (1995).

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Hungary 1956. JG's notes on report & discussion at the EC meeting 3 & 4 November.

Creation dates: 1956

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Hungary 1956.

Creation dates: 1956

Scope and Content: JG's report and notes on discussions with "Daily Worker" journalists 5 - 7 November, the PC meeting 8 November and the EC meeting 10 - 11 November. Also includes draft appeal to the membership by Pollitt, party statements/resolutions and the international response to events in Egypt and Hungary.

CP/IND/GOLL/02/08

Poland. Cuttings relating to situation in Poland 1956 - 1957. Notes of meeting with Polish leaders during visit by JG & HP to Poland, March 1957. Annotated drafts of joint declaration.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

CP/IND/GOLL/02/09

JG's meeting with CPSU CC July 1957 & response to events there. Includes cuttings, reports, notes and CPGB EC discussion & resolution, 14 July.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/IND/GOLL/02/10

Hungary visit March 1958. Handwritten report of meeting between CPGB delegation (JG, Matthews & Palme Dutt) and the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party on the situation in Hungary. Copy of Joint Declaration issued after meeting.

Creation dates: 1958

CP/IND/GOLL/03/01

7th Congress of the League Communists of Yugoslavia (1958) & the CPGB's refusal to attend.

Creation dates: 1958

Scope and Content: Includes Congress documents, responses to the LCY Draft Programme by Russian and Rumanian parties & correspondence requesting further information re the CPGB's decision.

CP/IND/GOLL/03/02

Report on 20th Congress of the Danish Communist Party.

Creation dates: 1958

Scope and Content: Includes notes by JG of speech to Congress & report on events including rejection of "revisionist position" taken by pro-Yugoslavian former party chair Axel Larsen. Also congress documents (in Danish).

CP/IND/GOLL/03/03

International Communist Conference re situation in Spain, Sept 1962. JG's notes & report.

Creation dates: 1962

CP/IND/GOLL/03/04

Vietnam material. Includes leaflets, pamphlets, etc. from various solidarity groups, newspaper cuttings and various notes/articles by JG. Also report on his attendance at Ho Chi Minh's funeral.

Creation dates: 1960s - 1970s

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Trial of Soviet writers Sinyavsky and Daniel. Includes notes of JG's critical statement on the severity of the sentence. Also other international responses and correspondence mainly favourable to the CPGB's reaction.

Creation dates: 1966

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Netherlands CP. Letter from F Baruch to JG re pro-Chinese position of Dutch party.

Creation dates: 1967

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Czechoslovakia 1968.

Creation dates: 1968

Scope and Content: Includes cuttings, JG's notes, translations of letters from the CPSU, letters from the Czech party, a note on a visit to Czechoslovakia (Sept 1968) by Vic Richter. Cuttings include Soviet News, translations from the Soviet press & Pragopress. Also declarations by other international parties on situation.

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Moscow Trials 1936 - 1938. Notes & typescript of article by JG (1970s). Also earlier material on trials by Dutt, notes and annotations by JG.

Creation dates: [1970s]

SERIES: Papers relating to the CPGB & British Politics

CP/IND/GOLL/04/01

Labour Party - notes on PC discussion on renewed application for affiliation to the LP, 3 Dec 195?.

Creation dates: 1950s

CP/IND/GOLL/04/02

Labour Party.

Creation dates: 1950s - 1960s

Scope and Content: Includes cuttings, pamphlets and draft notes / speeches / articles by JG on the CPGB's attitude to the LP and appeals to LP members. Also contains notes on other groups such as the ILP and the Socialist League and their relationships with the LP.

CP/IND/GOLL/04/03

Broadcasting: correspondence, notes & cuttings relating to party's campaign on political broadcasting.

Creation dates: 1962 - 1967

CP/IND/GOLL/04/04

Broadcasting & the Press.

Creation dates: 1966 - 1969

Scope and Content: Includes reports of the Press Crisis Teach-In (April 19th 1967) with contributions by G Matthews, John Bonfield, Richard Clements, Raymond Williams, Alistair Hetherington & R Briginshaw, a meeting between British & Soviet Journalists (Dec 1967), a draft article/speech on press freedoms (1968) and Fabian pamphlet "Government & the Press" by Rex Winsbury.

CP/IND/GOLL/04/05

Broadcasting miscellaneous: includes script of proposed 1964 Party Political Broadcast & JG TV interview with Robert Kee (1971).

Creation dates: 1960s - 1970s

CP/IND/GOLL/04/06

Reg Birch: file relating to EC investigation into RB concerning alleged factionalism & pro-Chinese activities. Includes correspondence, minutes & notes of interviews with Birch and others re case.

Creation dates: 1965

Arrangement

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[Probably originally Org. Dept file passed to JG or biographer Margot Kettle].

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1966 Seamen's Strike.

Creation dates: 1966

Scope and Content: JG notes in response to Wilson's allegations re Communist subversion and the strike. Includes notes on the role of the Industrial Department & CP group in the Port of London. Also cuttings, the pamphlet "Not Wanted on the Voyage - the seamen's reply" and correspondence with NUS denying issuing circular to seamen (Dec 1966).

CP/IND/GOLL/04/08

Devolution: includes JG notes for speeches/articles, party statements and policy documents as well as proposals by the LP and the Scottish TUC.

Creation dates: 1967 - 1977

CP/IND/GOLL/05/01

Trade Union militancy: lecture notes and cuttings.

Creation dates: 1972-1974

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Common Market & EEC: notes, cuttings and background material for memorandum "The Common Market & Democratisation".

Creation dates: 1975

SERIES: Articles, speeches & party statements

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"The Transition to Socialism": material includes JG's notes, PC discussions, developments in the USSR, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania & Bulgaria and criticisms of the Yugoslavian party.

Creation dates: 1948

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Peaceful Transition to Socialism - notes & quotations from Marx & Lenin for article / speech. Includes material relating to the Sino-Soviet dispute & the BRS.

Creation dates: 1960-1964

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"Democracy and the Class Struggle" - draft article / chapter. Includes background materials & suggested alterations.

Creation dates: n.d.

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"Democracy and Class Struggle" - material relating to article re socialist & bourgeois democracy.

Creation dates: 1960s

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"Which Road?" - drafts of article re transition to socialism for Soviet journal "Questions of History of the CPSU". Includes comments by G Matthews, Palme Dutt, J Klugmann & A Rothstein.

Creation dates: 1964

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General Crisis of Capitalism - lecture notes.

Creation dates: [1971 - 1972]

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"The Development of the Doctrine of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat" - discussion article. Includes background notes, comments, drafts and final article on the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and relevance to the British Road.

Creation dates: 1976

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Miscellaneous draft reports to various committees i.e. PC, EC & others. Wide range of issues including CPSU 20th Congress, Inner Party Democracy & the ICM.

Creation dates: 1950s - 1960s

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Party statements.

Creation dates: 1957-1967

Scope and Content: Including inflation, the H Bomb, peace, Kenya, Cyprus, German rearmament, disarmament, LP Scarborough conference, death of Harry Pollitt, LP Defence policy, the Common Market, unity of the ICM, steel nationalisation, Jews in the USSR, the Seamen's strike, the Co-op Movement, Middle East conflict, racism and the aircraft industry. Some annotations.

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JG's articles & speeches.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1972

Scope and Content: Miscellaneous subjects including disarmament, LP conferences, anniversaries of the Russian Revolution, Labour Party & By Elections (1958), the ICM, LP policy statements (1959), Clause 4, "Daily Worker" 30th Birthday, CPGB 40th Anniversary, CPGB 27th Congress, the British political system, 1966 Seamen's strike, situation in Britain (1966), the Middle East, 140th Anniversary of birth of Marx, Common Market, Industrial Relations Act & Georgi Dimitrov.

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JG's articles & statements.

Creation dates: 1962 - 1969

Scope and Content: Miscellaneous subjects including the Common Market, LP 1965 Conference, Vietnam, 50th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, race relations, the International Monetary System and the LP's industrial relations.

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JG's articles & speeches.

Creation dates: 1973 - 1976

Scope and Content: Miscellaneous subjects including May Day 1973, the Conference of Communist Parties of the Capitalist Countries of Europe, the Irish situation (1974), the 1974 election (October), Mrs Thatcher & the Cold War and his speech on resignation as Gen Sec.

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"View from the left" articles by "Patriot" for the "Morning Star" - draft typescripts. Also includes cuttings re industrial unrest.

Creation dates: 1970 - 1974

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Notes on various aspects of party history & controversies. Written for interview / article upon reaching 60 [?].

Creation dates: 1971 - 1977

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Speeches - notes for various talks on the strategy for revolution, the origins of the British Road, Marxism in Britain today & the State today.

Creation dates: [1970s]

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Harry Pollitt's funeral.

Creation dates: 1960

Scope and Content: Includes international telegrams, notes of JG's oration as well as those of representatives of the CPSU & the CPC. Correspondents include Marjorie Pollitt, Ted Hill, William Gallacher, Bill Brooks, Jack Cohen. Also text of oration at Commemoration Ceremony 1970.

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Speech at unveiling of Marx Memorial in Moscow 1961.

Creation dates: 1961

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Funeral orations for Claude Berridge, JR Campbell, W Gallacher & H Pollitt.

Creation dates: n.d.

SERIES: Miscellaneous material

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Miscellaneous correspondence - includes letters from Finlay Hart, John Williamson & medical report on J Klugman.

Creation dates: 1952 - 1963