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CP/IND/POLL Harry Pollitt (1890-1960) Papers

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Personalia.

Creation dates: c1905-1959

Scope and Content: Incl. educational certificates, Boilermakers Society membership cards, rules and centenary souvenir, Communist Party and Young Communist League membership cards; notebook with cuttings c1915-15; Northern Ireland prohibition order 10.10.33; Ministry of Labour release from employment July 1941; cartoon drawings of HP and Peter Kerrigan at Devon meetings 1949; birthday party programme and notice 1950; correspondence with the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Builders and Structural Workers re his superannuation 1959; pocket diary 1958

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Handwritten copies from both contemporary and historical sources of texts and quotations re labour, machinery, socialism, the distribution of wealth, etc.; sources include Sidney Low, The Governance of England; Bakunin; Eden Phillpotts.

Creation dates: c1910-1911

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Notebooks with typed quotations and information.

Creation dates: c1928

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Openshaw Socialist Society.

Creation dates: 1909-1913

Scope and Content: HP's MS notes on the Openshaw Socialist Society and its activities (for minutes of the Openshaw branch of the BSP, partly in HP's hand, see CP/ORG/MISC/3/5)

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Southampton boilermakers strike.

Creation dates: 1915

Scope and Content: Southampton boilermakers' strike printed strike leaflet and balance sheet with its draft of leaflet

Russian Revolution

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Pamphlets, leaflets and cuttings from solidarity movement with Russian Revolution.

Creation dates: 1918-1920

Scope and Content: Incl. printed report of Hands Off Russia conference Jan. 1919; printed appeal of the Soviet government 'To the Toiling Masses'; 'Russian Revolutionary Pamphlets' published Petrograd 1918; printed Council of Action manifesto 17.8.20

SERIES: Boilermakers Society

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Correspondence with and re the Boilermakers, Iron and Steel Ship Builders Society and its officials.

Creation dates: c1922-1929

Scope and Content: Subjects include HP's employment and eligibility for union office, TUC, GFTU and Labour Party conferences, trial of CP leaders 1925, HP's contributions and proposed contributions to society's Monthly Report, HP's possible adoption as parliamentary candidate; correspondents include John Hill, the society's general secretary, John Baxter, assistant general secretary, J.T. Husband, London district delegate

SERIES: Minority Movement and early industrial activities

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Minority Movement papers.

Creation dates: 1919-1929

Scope and Content: Incl. printed leaflets and bulletin and CP speakers' notes re dock strikes

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1923-24; printed leaflets of London Labour Educational Council, one advertising classes by HP; CP industrial leaflets; minutes in HP's hand of the British Bureau of the Red International Labour Unions London committee with list of members; copy of *The Masses*, edited by W.F. Watson, with article by HP

SERIES: Wandsworth prison 1925-26

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Prison notebook with notes on books read, French exercises, sketch 'After a Job', etc.; letters (5) to Marjorie Pollitt; letter (photocopy) to his mother Mary Louisa Pollitt from Brixton prison 26.11.25.

Creation dates: 1925-1926

SERIES: Dawdon strike

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Strike bulletins, circulars, leaflets, etc. issued by Tyneside district CPGB, National Minority Movement, Dawdon Miners Vigilance Committee, Workers International Relief, incl. some annotations by HP: ts extracts from speech of A.J. Cook at Dawdon 2.5.29.

Creation dates: 1929

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Workers International Relief Dawdon lockout fund account book with related papers incl. ts balance sheet and MS receipts.

Creation dates: 1929

SERIES: Lancashire textile strike

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Papers re cotton workers' strike Nov. 1932 incl. district secretariat minutes 1.11.32, copy letter HP to CP secretariat 2.11.32, memorandum to CP members in spinning districts, strike leaflet, ballot paper, etc.

Creation dates: 1932

SERIES: Spanish civil war

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TS accounts of HP's visits to the British Battalion of International Brigade with MS annotations and summary version apparently intended for separate publication.

Creation dates: 1937-1938, n.d.

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Correspondence with and re British volunteers in Spain.

Creation dates: 1937-1938

Scope and Content: Incl. with dependants, bereaved relatives and friends of volunteers, etc.; correspondents include Frances Comford; Fred Copeman, commander of British Battalion; George Aitken; Stephen Spender; Peter Kerrigan; Joan Bradshaw, Friends of the Spanish Republic, South Africa; Y.M. Graham

SERIES: Outbreak of war

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File re Nazi-Soviet Pact, outbreak of war and Communist Party policy towards the war.

Creation dates: 1939

Scope and Content: Incl. HP's ts notes and points for report to CP PB 21.9.39; copy of Soviet press telegram; stenogram of speeches at CP Central Committee 24-25.9.39; letters from Peter Kerrigan, Rose Kerrigan, Sir Stafford Cripps, Harold Laski; HP's letter of recantation 18.11.39; cuttings. Also HP's post-war review of CP policy re the war & vindication of his original position [see M Johnstone's notes].

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HP's ts memoir of the period 1939-41 written for the benefit of his family, with letters from HP's son and daughter giving permission for access.

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Creation dates: c1960

SERIES: Coal mining

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File re coal mining incl. HP's notes for speeches, printed and MFGB circulated materials, copy correspondence between Idris Cox and CP Political Bureau circulated to CP EC members.

Creation dates: 1944

SERIES: Communist Party history commission

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Papers incl. circulated minutes, circulars, correspondence with some MS notes and annotations by HP.

Creation dates: 1956-1958

SERIES: Correspondence: Rajani Palme Dutt

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Letters from Dutt (and 2 from Salme Dutt).

Creation dates: 1928

Scope and Content: With ts statement 'The New Phase in Britain and the Communist Party', signed R.Palme Dutt, and HP's and Dutt's alternative proposals to the CP CC's theses on the Labour Party January 1928 (with transcripts of some letters)

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Letters (6) from Dutt with related papers incl. copies of communications from Dutt to the CP CC.

Creation dates: 1929

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Letters from Dutt (and 1 from Salme Dutt) with related CP CC and PB papers re the Daily Worker, the Comintern British commission August 1930, Workers' Charter campaign, etc.

Creation dates: 1930

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Letters from Dutt and related papers including communications from Dutt to the CP CC, copy letter from Dutt to Horner.

Creation dates: 1931

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Letters from Dutt with related papers incl. 2 letters to HP from William Rust Sept. 1932.

Creation dates: 1932

SERIES: Correspondence: Salme Dutt

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Letters to HP from Salme Dutt incl. some re their differences over the party line on the war.

Creation dates: 1939

SERIES: Correspondence: William Gallacher

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Correspondence with William Gallacher with related articles, speech notes, etc.

Creation dates: 1950s

SERIES: Correspondence: John Gollan and George Matthews

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Letters from HP to Gollan and Matthews during his stays in Moscow June-Aug. 1954 and May-June 1957.

Creation dates: 1954-1957

SERIES: Correspondence: miscellaneous

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Letters to HP on the death of his mother Nov. 1939.

Creation dates: 1939

Scope and Content: Correspondents include Krishna Menon, George Lansbury, Alex Gossip, Eva (Reckitt?), Frank Allaun for Manchester Left Book Club, R. Palme Dutt, Salme Dutt, Beattie (Marks?), Emile Burns, Douglas Garman, Tom Mann, Olive Parsons, H.H. Lawrie, Sara Wesker, Jim Crossley, Ted and Alice Lismer, John Strachey, Arthur Horner, Sir Stafford Cripps, D.N. Pritt, Margaret Henderson, Nat Watkins, John Mahon, Victor Gollancz, Eddie Collins, Enoch Collins, Albert Inkpin, plus various CP branch and district committees; with letter from HP to his sister Ella 8.11.39

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Correspondence incl. with James Tochatti; Southampton ILP 1915; Neville Lovett, Dean of Southampton 1915; A.J. Cook 1928; Charlotte Despard 1929; David Low 1929.

Creation dates: 1915-1929

CP/IND/POLL/03/11

Correspondence.

Creation dates: 1940-1949

Scope and Content: Incl. with Margot Heinemann (copy) 1949; Angela Tylecote, with poem, 1949; Edo Fimmen 1941; Jawaharlal Nehru 1942; Jack Tanner 1941; Daily Worker staff (letter of 50th birthday greetings) 1940; Harold Laski 1940; Ted Bramley for CP London district 1945; Dave Goodman 1949; William Gallacher 1949; Peter Kerrigan; Maurice Cornforth re Answers to Questions and Browderism 1945

CP/IND/POLL/03/12

Correspondence.

Creation dates: 1950-1959

Scope and Content: Incl. Margot Heinemann 1950, 1953 (copies); Joan Thompson 1956; Bill Jones 1955; Hewlett Johnson 1950; Frank Jackson 1953; Florrie (Mahon) 1956; Lina Dolgopolova 1959-60; Mary Reed 1959; Peter Howard 1951; Keith MacInnes, Cambridge Union president; copy letter of A.E. Tiffin, Transport and General Workers Union, re article by HP in Daily Worker, with HP's reply 1955

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Correspondence incl. with Georgi Dimitrov 1934; H.G. Wells 1933; HP's mother Mary Louisa Pollitt 1939; Don Brown 1936; Ted Hill 1934; Reg Bishop 1939; J.R. Campbell 1939; J.T. Murphy 1937.

Creation dates: 1933-1939

CP/IND/POLL/03/14

Correspondence on HP's 20th anniversary as CPGB general secretary.

Creation dates: 1949

Scope and Content: Correspondents include various CP branches, district committees and advisory committees, Idris Cox for the CP's Welsh committee, Barbara Niven, George Crane, Harry Shepperson, Abe Moffat, Allen Hutt, Phyllis Bell; letters, telegrams and copies of greetings from fraternal parties

SERIES: Trips overseas

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Papers re visit as fraternal delegate to Norwegian CP congress Aug. 1945 incl. notes for Oslo speech and MS and ts versions of report back to CPGB.

Creation dates: 1945

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Papers re HP's visit to India December 1953-January 1954.

Creation dates: 1953-1954

Scope and Content: Includes scrapbook of cuttings, photographs and memorabilia; HP's ts account of his voyage out on the Batory with MS alterations and covering note to Margot Heinemann 25.2.54, also a fair copy of the same; MS points for Indian CP central committee

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26.12.53; ts address to Indian CP 3rd congress with MS alterations 27.12.53, also fair copy of same; ts and MS notes on political and organisational resolutions; ts note to congress presidium and steering committee 29.12.53; ts note on points of difference at congress MS points for closing speech to congress 3.1.54; ts notes for result of result of central committee election at same congress. MS notes for report back to British party leadership; correspondence with CP assistant secretary George Matthews

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TS diary of visit to Cyprus March 1954; ts fraternal greetings to AKEL congress with MS alterations; ts article on visit for Dally Worker.

Creation dates: 1954

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Impressions of 4th congress of Socialist Unity Party with ts report on the congress.

Creation dates: 1954

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Diary of HP's visit to China April 1955, the first entries typed with HP's annotations and a note by Alan Winnington, the rest in HP's hand.

Creation dates: 1955

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Greetings as fraternal delegate to CPSU 20th congress; HP's answers to questions put by Moscow Radio.

Creation dates: 1956

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Papers re HP's visit to China as fraternal delegate to 8th congress Chinese CP Sept. 1956 incl. ts notes for his speech on behalf of the British delegation, ts notes for reports back.

Creation dates: 1956

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Papers re visit to Poland March 1957 with annotations and contents list by John Mahon; papers incl. draft resolution and communiqué with HP's MS amendments.

Creation dates: 1957

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MS notes from HP's visit to China.

Creation dates: 1959

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TS notes on 21st congress of Soviet Communist Party with Russian concert programme. Includes press cuttings in Russian and English.

Creation dates: 1959

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Papers re HP's visit to Australia and New Zealand incl. letters to John Gollan (some transcripts with Mahon's working papers) and George Matthews; press reports; notebook 1959-60 with jottings and notes on New Zealand trip; cuttings, etc.

Creation dates: 1960

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Texts, quotations and points of information collected by HP for use in articles and speeches.

Creation dates: 1920s-c1945

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Texts, quotations and points of information collected by HP for use in articles and speeches - mainly on post 22nd WW American foreign policy & Marshall Aid but also some from inter-war period.

Creation dates: 1920s - 1949

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Creation dates: 1920s-c1945

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Texts, quotations and points of information collected by HP for use in articles and speeches.

Creation dates: c1945-1950s

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Draft articles 'Rescue Our Comrade Rakosi' (for Inprecorr) and 'The New Triumph of the Soviet Land'

Creation dates: 1934-1935

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1937

Scope and Content: Incl. draft articles on 20th anniversary of Russian revolution; notes for lectures and speeches on the party of the working class 10.2.37 (with transcript); imperialism, last stage of capitalism; unemployment; transcripts of speeches at Hampstead CPGB public meeting 29.9.37 and Manchester Free Trade Hall Unity Campaign demonstration Jan, 1937

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1938

Scope and Content: Incl. draft speech, Aberdeen Jan. 1938; speech on Moscow show trial; 'Three years since the Seventh Congress'; speech at CPGB London district congress: draft Daily Worker articles on CP 'crusade' Jan. 1938 and Moscow show trial March. 1938; article for Pravda on 'The struggle for the People's Front in Britain'

CP/IND/POLL/06/01

Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1939

Scope and Content: Incl. article on 3rd anniversary of start of Spanish civil war July 1939; speeches at Latchmere baths, on 'Spain: what next?', 7.3.39; on Karl Marx anniversary 14.3.39; at Bermondsey 19.3.39; at Left Book Club rally 24.4.39; at Chartism anniversary pageant, Empress Stadium, July 1939; Chenies Street 27.8.39; article 'Why I am a Democrat'; article for Pravda sent 4.2.39; also ts of pamphlet How to Win the War pub. Sept. 1939

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Speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1940

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for Daily Worker demonstration 6.1.40; notes and transcript for Chenies Street 23.6.40; CP 20th anniversary demonstration 3.8.40, with notebook for speeches early 1940; draft pamphlet 'Letters to Bill'

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Speech notes for Montagu Place 14.9.41 and on 'Labour & World Liberation', possibly Cambridge Theatre 29.12.42.

Creation dates: 1941-1942

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Speech notes incl. for speeches on Lenin memorial, Finsbury; on electoral reform; on Russian revolution anniversary; at steel conference and Second Front demonstration.

Creation dates: 1943

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Speech notes incl. for Coliseum 13.2.44; on death of the German Communist Party leader Ernst Thaelmann; for Stoll theatre 16.9.45 and Manchester 23.9.45; extracts from speech to Norwegian CP congress Aug. 1945.

Creation dates: 1944-1945

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

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Creation dates: 1946

Scope and Content: Incl. speech in support of squatters, Cranbourne Street, London, 12.9.46; points for meeting of CP shipbuilders; points for meeting of CP professional workers, Beavers Hall, 20.1.46; points for Kingsway Hall, 14.11.46

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1947

Scope and Content: Incl. draft articles for Daily Worker, Daily Herald, Communist Review and Labour Monthly; article sent Swedish CP 30.1.47; notes for 3rd plenum Spanish CP; Daily Worker 17th anniversary meeting; Daily Worker re-launch demonstration; points for Belle Vue, Manchester, 5.10.47; Daily Worker conference June 1947; Russian Revolution anniversary speech Nov. 1947; points for BBC debate 25.9.47; Wigan by-election speech notes

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Speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1948

Scope and Content: Incl. points and draft article on Yugoslavia and report on 5th congress of Yugoslav; points for BBC 26.2.48; points for Glasgow conference 24.1.48; extracts from speech on Greece; speech notes, Belle Vue, Manchester, 13.6.48; report on Polish and Bulgarian CP congresses; notes for debate 'Is Communism opposed to liberty?'

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1949

Scope and Content: Incl. speech on Spain and Battle of Jarama; points for businessmen's forum; speech on 20th anniversary as CP secretary 11.9.49; draft articles for 'For a Lasting Peace', 'For a People's Democracy'; draft articles (for Daily Worker?) on the budget, the Labour government in the service of imperialism; draft pamphlet 'Bill and "Them Russians"'

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1950

Scope and Content: Incl. points for CPGB 30th anniversary demonstration; Daily Worker 20th anniversary speech; draft articles on CPGB 30th anniversary (for World News & Views), Tribune pamphlet 'The Only Way' (for Daily Worker), Labour Party conference and 'Morison and war'

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1951

Scope and Content: Incl. speech notes and article re British Road to Socialism; speech notes re Egyptian crisis; notes for Trafalgar Square rally July 1951; draft articles on Korean war and 'Why Communist policy should appeal to teachers'

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1952

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for Karl Marx anniversary speech 14.3.52, May Day rally and Russian Revolution anniversary meetings in Birmingham and London; article 'The Struggle of the Working Class for Unity, Peace and National Independence in Britain' for CPSU journal Bolshevik; article for Daily Worker on working-class unity

CP/IND/POLL/08/01

Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1953

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for Karl Marx anniversary speech on Marxism in the British Labour Movement; notes for speech in memory of Stalin and Gottwald; draft article 'The late comrade Joseph Stalin'; points for London speech 12.7.53 and for anniversary of Russian

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revolution, 8.11.53; draft review of 'Not Like This' by Jane Walsh

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1954

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for Harringay Daily Worker rally; draft articles for Labour Monthly; draft reviews of 'Crisis of Britain and the British Empire' by R. Palme Dutt, 'The British Political System' by John Gollan, 'Lloyd George, his life and times' by Frank Owen

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Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1955

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for meetings at Holborn and Glasgow Royal Albert Hall; articles on anniversary of Russian revolution; draft articles for Marxist Quarterly, Daily Worker, Pravda; review of 'The Iron Heel' by Jack London for Challenge

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Speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1956

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for Daily Worker rally, Royal Albert Hall, 8.1.56; points on 20th congress of CPSU for London 12.3.56; funeral oration for Dona Torr; points for unveiling of Marx memorial, Highgate cemetery; Empress Hall speech 6.10.56; points for reports on Hungary; notes for speech at Slough on 'Why I am a Communist'

CP/IND/POLL/08/05

Draft articles, speech notes and transcripts.

Creation dates: 1957-1960

Scope and Content: Incl. notes for speech on 'Why I am a Communist' 12.12.57; Marx memorial lecture 14.3.58; speech re debate over Clause 4 in the Labour Party 1960; article 'The Situation in Britain 1957'; autobiographical articles on Left Book Club and Unity Campaign for World News 1958

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Miscellaneous speech notes & articles incl. reports to Congresses, the EC and some unsorted fragments

Creation dates: 1930s-1950s

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TS notes, not by HP, for new members' class c. 1943; memorandum annotated and apparently written by Andrew Rothstein re Communist policy in the event of war c. 1934; both documents found with Pollitt's papers.

Creation dates: 1934-1943

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Papers re HP's autobiography *Serving My Time* published by Lawrence and Wishart in 1940.

Creation dates: 1939-1940

Scope and Content: Includes ts draft chapters 8-11 and 13-16, not all complete and some with different titles from as published; agreement with Lawrence and Wishart 29.12.39; correspondence with Raymond Postgate and others re the book; cuttings and reviews

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TS of HP's pamphlet *How to Win the Peace*, published by the CP in September 1944, with MS corrections in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1944

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Articles for Soviet journals with related correspondence.

Creation dates: 1957-1960

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Points for and on CPGB Political Bureau discussions re Labour Party affiliation and re Communist policy after 1939 Labour Party conference [Missing - search initiated 29.1.98].

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Creation dates: c1936-1939

SERIES: Communist Party Executive Committee

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TS notes for report to special meeting of EC and all CP district secretaries Oct. 1943.

Creation dates: 1943

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TS transcripts of HP's report and reply to discussion on the Crimea (Yalta) conference CP EC Feb. 1945 with his ts speech notes.

Creation dates: 1945

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Speech to CP EC 25.5.45 on the Labour Party conference and coming general election.

Creation dates: 1945

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TS points for report to CP EC 11.10.47.

Creation dates: 1947

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TS points for report to CP EC Nov. 1947.

Creation dates: 1947

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TS points for report to CP EC Dec. 1947.

Creation dates: 1947

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TS draft report to CP EC March 1950.

Creation dates: 1950

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Notes on CPGB Political Committee.

Creation dates: 1959/1960?

SERIES: CP congresses

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Papers re CPGB 18th congress Nov. 1945 incl. MS speech note and notes for closing remarks, HP's copy of printed additional and composite resolutions with MS annotations.

Creation dates: 1945

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Papers re CPGB 24th congress Mar. 1956 incl. notes for speech and draft of political report.

Creation dates: 1956

SERIES: Communism and Catholicism

CP/IND/POLL/09/15

Articles, drafts and correspondence re relationship between Communist Party and Catholics.

Creation dates: 1947 - 1948

Scope and Content: Correspondents about growth of Roman Catholic Political activity include Jack Dunham, Syd Abbott (Manchester - Report on the Influence of the Catholic Church in the Labour and Trade Union Movement in the North West), Harry MacShane (Glasgow), Sean O'Casey, Desmond Greaves, Stanley Evans (British Soviet Society), W Lauchlan (Glasgow); Hymie Lee (Newcastle); Phil Canning (Greenock); Pat Devine (Manchester) & John Mahon (London).

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Historical note on Left Book Club with leaflets attached; notes on interview with David Lloyd George 18.8.41; draft appeal to German workers c.1942.

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Creation dates: c1941-1942, n.d.

SERIES: Elections

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HP's addresses and other printed materials for election campaigns in Seaham 1929; Whitechapel and St Georges 1930 and 1931.

Creation dates: 1929-1931

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Printed address and other materials from Clay Cross by-election.

Creation dates: 1933

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Printed address and other materials from HP's general election campaign in Rhondda East.

Creation dates: 1935

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Address and printed materials from HP's Silvertown by-election campaign with letter of support from Tom Mann 16.2.40.

Creation dates: 1940

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Papers re 1945 general election campaign.

Creation dates: 1945

Scope and Content: Incl. HP's election broadcast, notes for his election speeches in Rhondda East and ts reports of speeches, Rhondda East election literature and ts report on the campaign in the constituency dated 2.8.45

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Papers re 1950 general election campaign.

Creation dates: 1950

Scope and Content: Incl. HP's election literature in Rhondda East, press cuttings re his campaign, ts of HP's election broadcast with ts '38th draft'; notes for use in HP's campaign on the parliamentary record of his Labour opponent W.H. Mainwaring and of Communist MPs; press releases; ts programme of meetings; notebook of cuttings and quotations; election speech notes; letter of good wishes from J.D. Bernal

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TS extracts from speech in support of Idris Cox in Rhondda East 14.10.51.

Creation dates: 1951

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TS speech notes from 1955 general election campaigns with misc. related papers.

Creation dates: 1955

SERIES: William Gee appeal fund

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Correspondence re Pollitt's first appeal on behalf of William Gee, 1869-1954, veteran socialist propagandist and idol of Pollitt's youth, with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1941-1942

Scope and Content: Correspondents include T.A. Jackson; Frank Jackson, Charles Dukes, Harold Clay, Harry Adams, Frank Horrabin, Jack Owen, Ted Lismer, John Marchbank, William Joss, John Jagger, Tom Quelch, Jack Tanner and other Labour movement figures of Pollitt's generation

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Correspondence re Pollitt's 1946 appeal on behalf of William Gee, with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1946

Scope and Content: Correspondents include George Hicks, Dick Coppock, Charles Dukes, Winifred Horrabin, Franck Horrabin, William Lawther, Ted Lismer, Harold Clay, J.B. Figgins, Tom

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Quelch, Ellen Wilkinson, Jack Tanner, John Bird, etc.; also correspondence with Gee and with Duncan Fraser of Aberdeen re the fund

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Correspondence re Pollitt's 1947 appeal on behalf of William Gee with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1947

Scope and Content: Correspondents include George Fletcher, Bill Joss, Tom Quelch, Mollie Hughes, John Bird, Dick Coppock, Jack Tanner, William Gallacher, Olive Parsons, etc.; also correspondence with Gee and with Duncan Fraser, Aberdeen

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Papers re Pollitt's 1948 appeal on behalf of William Gee with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1948-1949

Scope and Content: Correspondents are Gee and James Knowles and Duncan Fraser, Aberdeen, who receive the money on Gee's behalf

CP/IND/POLL/10/14

Papers re Pollitt's 1949 appeal on behalf of William Gee with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1949-1950

Scope and Content: Correspondents are Gee and James Knowles, Aberdeen, who receives the money on Gee's behalf

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Papers re Pollitt's 1950 appeal on behalf of William Gee with statement of accounts in Pollitt's hand.

Creation dates: 1950-1951

Scope and Content: Correspondents are Gee and James Knowles, Aberdeen, who receives the money on Gee's behalf

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Correspondence and papers with solicitors, health workers, etc. re Gee's physical and mental deterioration, his need to make a will and arrangements for his future cremation.

Creation dates: 1951-1952

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Receipt books.

Creation dates: 1941-1951

SERIES: Scott libel case

CP/IND/POLL/10/18

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 1st day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 24.10.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/10/19

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 2nd day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 25.10.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/10/20

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 3rd day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 26.10.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/10/21

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Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 4th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 27.10.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/10/22

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 6th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 31.10.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/11/01

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 7th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 2.11.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/11/02

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 9th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 4.11.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/11/03

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 10th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 7.11.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/11/04

Case of Rex v Pollitt, Strudwick and Beech re alleged libel of David Scott (National Union of Seamen) in the Minority Movement paper The Seafarer; ts record of 11th day's proceedings, Central Criminal Court, 8.11.27.

Creation dates: 1927

CP/IND/POLL/11/05

Printed declaration of David Scott as to his treatment in Soviet Russia published by National Union of Seamen.

Creation dates: 1927

SERIES: Strudwick bankruptcy case

CP/IND/POLL/11/06

TS record of cross-examination in the bankruptcy court of Thomas Robert Strudwick, co-defendant in the Scott libel case, 19.3.29.

Creation dates: 1929

SERIES: Beech bankruptcy case

CP/IND/POLL/11/07

TS record of cross-examination in the bankruptcy court of Richard Clyde Beech, co-defendant in the Scott libel case, 6.3.29.

Creation dates: 1929

SERIES: Sedition charges 1934

CP/IND/POLL/11/08

HP's papers re cases of Rex v Mann and Rex v Pollitt on charges of sedition to be heard at Swansea Assizes.

Creation dates: 1934

Scope and Content: HP was to defend himself and the papers include notes for his speech for the defence and cross-examination of police witnesses, his copy of the indictment, ts of the Ferndale and Trealaw speeches in question, etc.; Mann and Pollitt were both acquitted,

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Pollitt's case not having been heard

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Newspaper cuttings re HP, some with annotations in his own hand.

Creation dates: c1930s-1956

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Newspaper cuttings re HP, some with annotations in his own hand.

Creation dates: c1930s-1956

CP/IND/POLL/12/01

Letters of condolence to Marjorie Pollitt on HP's death.

Creation dates: 1960

Scope and Content: Correspondents include many CP and Labour movement branches and committees; individual correspondents include William Brain, J.R. Campbell, Palme Dutt, Idris Cox, Victor Gollancz, Margot Heinemann, Harry Shepperson, Peter Kerrigan, Malcolm MacEwen, Hyman Levy, Wilhelm Pieck, Arnold and Margot Kettle, Kitty Cornforth, Trevor Evans, Bert Pearce, Ted Hill, Wal Hannington, Tefcros Anthias, Bob Stewart, Claudia Jones, Reginald Bridgeman, Bill Wainwright, Walter Holmes, Janet Springfield, Nora Jeffery, Reuben Falber, Jack Cohen, Andrew Rothstein, Vic Feather, E.P. Young, Nan Green, Eva Reckitt, W.P. Coates, Jack Dunman, Phyllis Bell, Dora Cox, Allen Hutt, Claude Berridge, Abe Moffat, Minnie Bowles

CP/IND/POLL/12/02

Letters to the Communist Party EC on HP's death and re his funeral arrangements; correspondents include D.N. Pritt, Ivor Montagu, Edgar P. Young, Abe Lazarus, Abe Moffatt, Dave Priscott, many fraternal communist parties, trade union and CP branches, etc.

Creation dates: 1960

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Letters from fraternal parties to CP EC on HP's death.

Creation dates: 1960

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Letters to the Daily Worker on HP's death from individuals and local CP and Labour movement organisations.

Creation dates: 1960

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Messages to CPGB from International Communist Parties on 10th Anniversary of Pollitts death, 4 July 1970.

Creation dates: 1970

SERIES: John Mahon working papers

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Cuttings and mementoes re HP's death, funeral and subsequent commemorations.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

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Notes and correspondence re HP's origins and family background.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/IND/POLL/13/05

File re Boilermakers Society incl. correspondence with Ted Williams and other society officials, notes and transcriptions from contemporary documents, etc.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/IND/POLL/13/06

File re Red International of Labour Unions and National Minority Movement incl. bibliography of publications; notes on person; correspondence and working papers.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

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File of notes re outbreak of war.

Creation dates: 1960s-1970s

CP/IND/POLL/13/08

File re HP's visit to Australia and New Zealand incl. transcripts of HP's letters, correspondence with Marjorie Pollitt, individuals involved with the tour, etc.

Creation dates: 1970s

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Further misc. notes, cuttings, correspondence and working papers mainly re HP's activities in 1930s but incl. original classification of Pollitt papers and notes on CPGB special congress 1957.

Creation dates: 1950s-1970s

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Working papers re Unity Campaign and related activities in 1930s.

Creation dates: c1960s-1970s

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Correspondence with Betty Reid re HP biography incl. summary of Pollitt papers in JM's possession.

Creation dates: 1970s

CP/IND/POLL/13/12

Materials relating to libels of Pollitt in Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night" (1948) published in France. Plus notes and later correspondence from Mahon.

Creation dates: 1948 - 1971

SERIES: Trial of US Communists

CP/IND/POLL/14/01

Papers, notes and pamphlets re the trial of 12 CPUSA leaders under the Smith Act 1948.

Creation dates: 1948

Scope and Content: Pamphlets include "Campaign against the Frame-up of the Communist Leaders: Speakers Notes" (CPUSA), "Dangerous Thoughts" by Eugene Dennis & "The Twelve and You" by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

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Material relating to open letter to American Ambassador protesting re the arrest of leading American Communists, including signatories.

Creation dates: 1951

SERIES: CPGB/LP NEC correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/03

Letters mainly concerning need for united working class action against fascism but also one critical of the Daily Herald's coverage of the USSR.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1936

SERIES: CPGB/TUC General Correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/04

General Sec's correspondence re need for united front v fascism & the TUC's refusal to co-operate.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1934

SERIES: CPGB/Co-operative Party correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/05

Gen Sec's correspondence re need for united front v fascism & Co-op Party's refusal to participate.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1936

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SERIES: CPGB/National Joint Council of Labour correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/06

Gen Sec's correspondence re need for united action v fascism & situation in Spain.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1936

SERIES: CPGB/Socialist League correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/07

Gen Sec's correspondence re possible co-operation in united action v fascism. Includes letter from JT Murphy agreeing to SL support for CP affiliation to the LP whilst remaining within the party constitution. Also copy of SL journal "The Socialist" Nov 1936.

Creation dates: 1934 - 1936

SERIES: ILP documents & cuttings

CP/IND/POLL/14/08

Includes reports and agendas for ILP conferences (1932, 1933 & 1935) as well as cuttings from New Leader & Forward.

Creation dates: 1932 - 1939

SERIES: CPGB/ILP correspondence

CP/IND/POLL/14/09

Extensive correspondence between Pollitt, Paton & Brockway re co-operation between the parties. Also reference to lack of support for UF in Lancashire.

Creation dates: 1933

CP/IND/POLL/14/10

Circulars, etc. re united front activities. Includes minutes of December 1934 CP / ILP meeting re difficulties between the two organisations and Pollitt's speech to 1935 ILP conference.

Creation dates: 1933 - 1935

CP/IND/POLL/14/11

Extensive correspondence between (mainly) Pollitt & Brockway re joint action. Includes discussion on the Communist International, Austria, the decisions of the York ILP conference, problems in Lancashire and South Wales, Thaelmann and Spain.

Creation dates: 1934

CP/IND/POLL/14/12

Joint letters / circulars sent by the CP & ILP to the Labour Party, etc. re the UF & Spain.

Creation dates: 1934

CP/IND/POLL/14/13

Extensive correspondence between Pollitt, Brockway & others re united front activity. Contains evidence of increasing friction between two organisations especially in Manchester.

Creation dates: 1935

CP/IND/POLL/14/14

Brief correspondence file on proposals for joint and united front action. Includes ILP NAC deliberations on the basis upon which they are prepared to join United Front.

Creation dates: 1936

SERIES: Unity Campaign documents

CP/IND/POLL/14/15

Miscellaneous papers.

Creation dates: 1950s

CP/IND/POLL/14/16

Miscellaneous documents issued by the Central Committee of the CPGB, including: Fighting for the united front: the Communist International's proposals for joint action by all working-class parties, trade unions and co-operatives; Resolution of the Central Committee [...] for

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communist affiliation to the Labour Party (ts); an appeal from HP to trade union branches, and another "To the delegates to the 42nd Annual Conference" of the ILP; a "copy of the application for affiliation [...] to the Labour Party" dated 25 November 1935; two reports entitled "Unity is the watchword" dated 4 January 1936 and "The fate of the working class is in our hands" dated 12 February 1936; an agreement dated 20 January 1937 for a campaign for working class unity; a press statement dated 13 July 1939 on CPGB affiliation to the Labour Party; and some press cuttings.

Creation dates: 1933-1939

CP/IND/POLL/14/17

Miscellaneous correspondence on chiefly between J.S. Middleton and Morgan Phillips of the Labour Party and HP, together with related press releases and pamphlets by HP, and copies of the campaign magazine, *Affiliation*, dated March-May 1943.

Creation dates: 1941-1947

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: Reports on Pollitt's health

CP/IND/POLL/15/01

Two reports from a Soviet clinical sanatorium on HP's health between June and August 1954
Language: Russian with English translation

Creation dates: 1954

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: Fascism in Germany

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Copy (ts) of an article published in the German press regarding the rise of fascism, dated 10 November 1931; a report entitled "The burning of the Reichstag" issued 20 September 1933 by the Legal Commission of Enquiry, London, and accompanied by a note by Douglas Reed.

Creation dates: 1931-1933

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: Pollitt's notes, etc.

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Miscellaneous printed, ms. & ts. documents and notes beginning with HP's early boilermakers union membership and his technical education in Manchester. Includes a list of pamphlets composed by HP between 1926-1952, and a draft note from March 1946 to Michael Foot, who is dismissed as 'a young Liberal.' [*Some non-personal printed items on Manchester college, etc. omitted.*]

Creation dates: 1919?-1972?

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: CP in Poland

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Supplement to the March 1952 issue of New Poland, containing President Bierut's address to the 3rd session of the Constitution Committee followed by the text of the draft constitution; copy (ts defective at end) of abridged version of speech by Bierut, President of Poland; copy (ts) of "Outlines of the ideological declarations of the Polish United Workers' Party"

Creation dates: 1950s

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: CPGB Parliamentary and Local Government Committee papers

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File including circulars, minutes, statements and HP notes re Parliamentary and Local Government Committee.

Creation dates: 1943

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: WFTU

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Correspondence from and about World Federation of Trade Unions.

Creation dates: 1953

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SERIES: Miscellaneous files: court cases

CP/IND/POLL/15/07

Material relating to court cases

Creation dates: 1925-1954

Scope and content: Rex v Inkpin and others [Arnot, Cant, Hannington, McManus, Murphy, Wintringham, Thomas Bell, J.R. Campbell, William Gallacher, Harry Pollitt and W.C. Rust] at Bow Street Police Court, relating to issues of the Worker's Weekly for 5th June, the YCL, and later to allegations of incitement to murder in articles and cartoons (28 October 1925); Duke of Hamilton's Libel case (1941); and John Clarence's Old Bailey case (1954).

SERIES: Miscellaneous files: Electoral Reform

CP/IND/POLL/15/08

HP's notes and statements re CPGGB discussions of Electoral Reform 1943-1944.

Creation dates: 1940s