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SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ 1951 version

CP/CENT/COMM/01/01

November 1950 and January 1951 drafts, with Harry Pollitt's annotations. Notes by John Gollan. Sundry reviews of the published version.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1951

CP/CENT/COMM/01/02

Preparatory materials collected by R. Palme Dutt: various drafts of programme resolutions, comments from William Z. Foster, political letter, programme and article by Pollitt.

Creation dates: 1950 - 1951

CP/CENT/COMM/01/03

Album of cuttings and mounted materials prepared by Frank Jackson on the BRS.

Creation dates: 1951

SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ 1958 version

CP/CENT/COMM/01/04

Typed minutes of meetings of the drafting Commission on the British Road to Socialism.

Creation dates: August - October 1956

CP/CENT/COMM/01/05

Mainly duplicated copies of draft sections of the BRS circulated to members of the Commission, with some handwritten notes. List of Commission members.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/01/06

Duplicated copies of draft sections of the BRS circulated to members of the Commission.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/01/07

Amendments proposed by the CPGB EC to the 1957 draft of the BRS. Draft EC report to congress on the new draft.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/01/08

Comments and correspondence relating to the amendments proposed by the CPGB EC to the 1957 draft of the BRS.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/01/09

Amendments to the draft version submitted by party organisations.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/02/01

Amendments to the draft version submitted by party organisations.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/02/02

Amendments to the draft version submitted by party organisations.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/02/03

Amendments to the draft version submitted by party organisations.

Creation dates: 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/02/04

Amendments to the draft version submitted by party organisations - file passed over to Emile Burns by George Matthews. Contains some correspondence.

Creation dates: 1957

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CP/CENT/COMM/02/05

Correspondence with individuals (mostly representing party organisations) on the draft BRS and amendments thereto.

Creation dates: 1956 - 1957

CP/CENT/COMM/02/06

Report to the 25th congress on the work of the BRS commission, and post-congress correspondence with individuals and party organisations on the re-drafting process.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1958

CP/CENT/COMM/02/07

Draft sections used in the post-congress revision of the BRS, and supporting papers.

Duplicated version of re-draft with annotations by Emile Burns.

Creation dates: 1957 - 1958

CP/CENT/COMM/03/01

Materials for the final re-draft of the BRS, with notes and annotations by Emile Burns.

Creation dates: 1958

CP/CENT/COMM/03/02

Emile Burns' report to the CPGB EC on the final redraft of the BRS.

Creation dates: 1958

SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ 1968 version

CP/CENT/COMM/03/03

Working papers of the BRS committee, and initial version of the draft BRS, with contributions from individuals and party organisations. Drafts and notes by John Gollan. Also - belated contribution "The CPGB and the Case for a National Front" by L. Bolgar.

Creation dates: 1967

CP/CENT/COMM/03/04

Working papers of the BRS committee, and versions of the draft BRS. Notes by John Mahon, and some correspondence with individuals.

Creation dates: 1967

CP/CENT/COMM/03/05

Drafting notes by John Mahon, especially concerning social services.

Creation dates: 1967

CP/CENT/COMM/03/06

30th congress materials - amendments to draft BRS, papers of the BRS congress committee, and notes by John Williamson.

Creation dates: 1967

CP/CENT/COMM/03/07

Post-congress revision. Drafts, with notes and annotations by John Gollan. Correspondence with Frank Loeffler.

Creation dates: 1968

SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ 1978 version

CP/CENT/COMM/04/01

Papers of the British Road Commission: correspondence, agendas, initial drafts, notes by the secretary (John Gollan).

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/04/02

Papers of the British Road Commission: correspondence, agendas, initial drafts, notes and minutes of meetings by the secretary (John Gollan).

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/04/03

Initial submissions to the British Road Commission from individuals and party organisations,

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with some correspondence. Nos. 1 - 59.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/04/04

Initial submissions to the British Road Commission from individuals and party organisations, with some correspondence. Nos. 60 - 80.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/04/05

Notes, papers, drafts and other materials of the British Road Commission's Chairman (George Matthews).

Creation dates: 1976

Scope and Content: Handwritten minutes of meetings, press cuttings, correspondence with and documents from Granada Television concerning the "Decision" series television programme made about the redraft and congress

CP/CENT/COMM/04/06

Notes, papers, drafts and other materials of the British Road Commission's Chairman (George Matthews). Various background documents from the Soviet press, World Marxist Review, Red Weekly and various other sources.

Creation dates: 1976 - 1977

CP/CENT/COMM/05/01

Documents drafted by George Matthews: 2 versions of some sections of the BRS, and detailed notes on drafts by other commission members. Some correspondence and background papers.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/05/02

Draft versions of the BRS annotated by John Gollan. Other notes by Gollan, including accounts of meetings and photocopies of accounts of meetings by George Matthews.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/05/03

Draft versions of the BRS annotated by John Gollan. Other notes by Gollan.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/05/04

Notes and comments on various drafts of the BRS, including by Martin Jacques. Some correspondence.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/05/05

Discussions on the draft BRS held by the CPGB EC, particularly On 13 - 14 November 1976.

Notes by George Matthews, Reuben Falber and John Gollan. Some correspondence.

Creation dates: 1976

CP/CENT/COMM/05/06

Pre-congress discussion contributions received from individuals by "Comment".

Creation dates: 1977

CP/CENT/COMM/06/01

George Matthews' handwritten notes for talks to party organisations on the draft BRS, and some other papers.

Creation dates: 1977

CP/CENT/COMM/06/02

Correspondence on and amendments to the draft BRS from individuals and party organisations. Communications from branches to the BRS Congress Committee. Notes by George Matthews.

Creation dates: 1977

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CP/CENT/COMM/06/03

Materials of the BRS Congress Committee: first report to congress, final report to congress, minority report, other papers.

Creation dates: 1977

CP/CENT/COMM/06/04

Post-congress BRS redraft: annotated draft BRS and annotated copies of amendments booklets and congress documents.

Creation dates: 1977 - 1978

Scope and Content: Notes by George Matthews, including for passages to rewrite and for reports to EC and PC meetings. Amended version presented to EC in January 1978

SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ group which produced "Facing Up to the Future" 1988

CP/CENT/COMM/06/05

Minutes and notes of BRS redrafting group established in 1988, taken by Margaret Woddie. Also - some letters from group members and others.

Creation dates: 1988

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Papers and submissions from group members.

Creation dates: 1988

CP/CENT/COMM/07/01

Papers and submissions from non-members of the group.

Creation dates: 1988

CP/CENT/COMM/07/02

Reports, letters, submissions to the CPGB and its EC in connection with the "Facing Up to the Future" debate.

Creation dates: 1988 - 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/03

File assembled by Nigel Kelsey of Brixton branch CPGB on the "Facing Up to the Future" debate, including discussion contributions in "News and Views", NK's letters to the EC, the drafting group and other individuals, with some replies.

Creation dates: 1988

SERIES: British Road to Socialism ~ group which produced "Manifesto for New Times" 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/04

Initial papers for reconstituted group, particularly by Nina Temple, Bert Pearce and Chris Myant.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/05

Drafts and amendments from the MNT group, with comments and some annotations by Nina Temple.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/06

Comments and submissions from CPGB EC members and others on the draft of the MNT to be presented to the Special EC meeting on 22 - 23 April 1989.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/07

Redraft of MNT and papers produced for it in the light of the discussion at the Special EC meeting on 22 - 23 April 1989.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/07/08

Minutes, records and papers of meetings of the group.

Creation dates: 1989

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CP/CENT/COMM/07/09

Amendments to the draft discussed at the EC meeting of 13 - 14 May 1989. Notes by Margaret Woddie.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/01

Version discussed at the meeting of the drafting group of 12 - 13 February 1989.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/02

Draft version produced in the spring of 1989, with annotations by Gordon McLennan and Martin Jacques.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/03

Draft version produced early in 1989, with annotations.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/04

Gerry Pocock's file on the MNT: draft, with his annotations and submissions.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/05

Final draft from the commission to the EC.

Creation dates: 1989

CP/CENT/COMM/08/06

Post-41st-congress redraft of MNT.

Creation dates: 1990

SERIES: Committee on Party Organisation, 1964 - 1965

CP/CENT/COMM/09/01

Papers of the committee, including minutes of meetings, submissions from members and comments thereon, especially by John Williamson, draft and final report of the committee to the CPGB EC.

Creation dates: 1964 - 1965

CP/CENT/COMM/09/02

Submissions from party organisations and from individual members to the Committee for consideration.

Creation dates: 1964 - 1965

SERIES: Sub-committee on congress organisation, 1968

CP/CENT/COMM/09/03

Papers of the sub-committee, interim reports to the CPGB PC, some correspondence, notes by Gordon McLennan, report of the sub-committee to the CPGB EC.

Creation dates: 1968

SERIES: Commission on the Middle Classes

CP/CENT/COMM/09/04

Report, correspondence and miscellaneous papers relating to the commission.

Creation dates: 1954

Scope and Content: "Set up to examine the question of how to bring about the alliance between the working class and middle sections of the population envisaged in the British Road to Socialism..." Emile Burns' file.

Related material: (See also CP/CENT/CULT/1/3)

SERIES: Commission on Inner-Party Democracy, 1978 - 1979

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Minutes and circulars to members of the IPD commission.

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Creation dates: 1978 - 1979

CP/CENT/COMM/09/06

Documents by (members of) the IPD commission.

Creation dates: 1978 - 1979

CP/CENT/COMM/09/07

EC minute announcing establishment of commission, circular requesting submissions from party organisations and individuals, and submissions received.

Creation dates: 1978 - 1979

CP/CENT/COMM/09/08

TS and printed commission report, existing IPD document and commission report at the 25th congress, amendments and other documents of the 36th congress.

Creation dates: 1978 - 1979

CP/CENT/COMM/09/09

Post-36th congress follow up materials.

Creation dates: 1979

SERIES: CPGB EC Sub-Committee to prepare a Declaration on Democratic Rights

CP/CENT/COMM/09/10

Papers of the Committee, draft declarations, submissions, notes by Jack Woddis who chaired the group, correspondence, etc.

Creation dates: 1977 - 1979

SERIES: CPGB Party History Commission

CP/CENT/COMM/10/01

Papers, minutes and administrative correspondence relating to editorial commission set up to prepare "for the publication of a history of the Party".

Creation dates: 1956 - 1958

Scope and Content: Includes outlines of important events / periods for study, & collections of available material. Also papers relating to a history of the French party and notes on slides on women's part in the class struggle. [Frank Jackson (Commission Secretary) file]

CP/CENT/COMM/10/02

Frank Jackson's (CPGB Librarian & Commission secretary) correspondence files re recollections and original material (e.g. papers, pamphlets & congress reports) re early history of the party and precursor organisations.

Creation dates: 1955 - 1957

Scope and Content: Correspondents include AL Morton, Eric Hartley, Sid Foster, Bill Joss, Les Kieth, Bill Alexander, Harry Brownjohn, Mick Jenkins, Bert Ramelson, W Paul, Charles Jones, Bruce Miller, Walter Ellison, John Peck, W Jackson, W McLaine, CH Norman, Nellie Connole, John Bird, Hymie Fagan, Andrew Rothstein, Eddie Frow, Bill Moore, W Thomson, Brian Pearce (letter refused publication in Daily Worker re intervention by CI in leadership of CPGB 1929), A Horner, Lily Ferguson, W Gallacher, H Pollitt, Syd Abbott, Idris Cox, & Desmond Graves.

CP/CENT/COMM/10/03

2 copies of typed notes from original documents, papers, etc. "Towards A Communist Party" & "The Foundation of the Communist Party". Also some notes on industrial issues and Frank Jackson's own recollections. [Frank Jackson's file].

Creation dates: [1957?]

SERIES: CPGB Post-War Policy Commission

CP/CENT/COMM/10/04

Minutes, papers, notes and various papers for policy commission. Includes draft material by RP Dutt (chair).

Creation dates: 1944

SERIES: CPGB Commission on the Method of Election of the EC

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CP/CENT/COMM/10/05

Papers relating to the Report (& Minority Reports) of the commission and the final EC recommendations.

Creation dates: 1945 - 1947

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