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Ron Heisler collection (MS1174)

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Reference	Dates	Object title	Scope and content
MS1174/box1/1	1895-1898	Register of Members and Associates in the branches of the Leeds and Middlesbro' divisions of the CNG [CNG: the Co-operative National Guild, popularly known as the Women, Guild.]	The Register consists of two different lists: members and associates. Each list gives names, some with addresses, branch and number (of person) against each name. Date of enrolment is recorded and date of leaving, where applicable. The list of associates also records the annual subscription paid.

MS1174/box1/2	18 September 1952 – 19 January 1966	Minute book of the Lea Bridge Ward of the Stoke Newington and Hackney North Labour Party	Minutes of meetings. Agenda for the last meeting of the Leabridge Ward before its amalgamation with part of Rushmore Ward. Information leaflet about the Central London Labour Women's Supper Club. Letter dated 6 November 1965 acknowledging the resignation of two members from the Labour Party.
MS1174/box1/3	1897-1899	Scrapbook of cuttings	About factory conditions and legislation, prosecutions, compensation.
MS1174/box2/1	c.1900-1919	Commonplace book of Robert W. Fuller	A selection of poems, all attributed, some copied by hand, some cuttings pasted into the book. 181 numbered pages. At the front of the book, an index of "Anti-War Poems" and of "Anti-Privileged Classes." Some cross-referencing in the margin. Some of the poems are annotated with the publication they were found in and its date, eg. '84, '92, 07, '15
MS1174/box2/2	1974-1999	Letters between correspondents in Sri Lanka and London involved in Trotskyist politics	Subjects include Trotskyist activity in Sri Lanka since 1930s, particularly the breakaway group from the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (1976). The correspondents include Clarence Chrysostym, Prince Rajasooriya, Meryl Fernando, Al Richardson.
MS1174/box2/3	1959	Note from Raya [Dunayeevskaya] to Ernest [Rogers]	Very busy. Asks him to send copies of *Revolt*.
MS1174/box2/4	1975-1979	Correspondence	3 airmail letters from A. Doraiswamy in Madras to G. Salvaraj in London. In Hindi (?).
MS1174/box2/5	Undated	Letter from Gerry Healey to "Alex" in Leicester	Asks him how things are progressing there. Could he please study the resolution (NB resolution not enclosed).
MS1174/box2/6	1988-1989	Correspondence	2 letters from C.L.R. James to the editorial board of *Socialist Platform,* c/o Clarence Chrysostom, about a new edition of his book *World Revolution.* 2 letters to C.L.R. James about the rights to his book, one from Martin Secker and Warburg and one from Kraus Reprint & Periodicals.

MS1174/box2/7	1946-1951	Correspondence	Seven typed letters from M. Cole and Joe Thomas. Letters mention political meetings (of the Independent Labour Party?), Bert Aylward, Harry Constable. Attribution with the above: "Correspondence of Joe Thomas the former Oehlerite, later a Libertarian." Also two handwritten notes, one dated October 2007, commenting on the letters and the names in them.
MS1174/box2/8	c1945-1997	Correspondence	2 letters from Peter Cadogan regarding publications about Northern Ireland. Letter, July 1st, from "SKR" to John (the same recipient as one of the Cadogan letters) about a speaking engagement (undated, circa 1945).
MS1174/box2/9	1935-1939	Correspondence	Letter, 1935, to Isabel Alonso from the president of the Spanish Club in London thanking her for her performance in aid of the University of Oviedo. Letter, 1939, from Alan Acheson about the Spanish Relief Fund.
MS1174/box2/10	1983	Correspondence	2 letters to Brian Pearce, one from Nora Beloff and one from Professor John Erikson, re German-Soviet history.
MS1174/box2/11	21 September 1972	Correspondence	Letter from the secretary of the Friends of Dr. Williams's Library to Kenneth Griffiths, enclosing an issue of the Irish Volunteer paper An T-Oglac for July 1st 1921.
MS1174/box2/12	20 May 1997	Correspondence	Letter from Ken Norman to Paul Foot at *Private Eye* about the conviction of Maxine Robinson.
MS1174/box2/13	November 2000	Correspondence	Letters and emails about two members of the Green Socialist Network accused of "collaborating with fascists."
MS1174/box2/14	1971-2007	Miscellaneous documents	-1971, letter from Kingston College of Further Education complaining about student absence from class to support a strike. -1972, review of a book, by A. Ostry, about Czechoslovakia. - Hand-written copy of John Burns' Victory Speech, 1889. -List of Socialist Charter Members of Parliament. -October 2007. Letter to Tobias Abse from Catriona Lischka about the death of her Uncle Christopher.

MS1174/box3/1	1883-c1950	Labour movement pamphlets and leaflets	*Port Workers! Unite!* [Port Workers' Unity Movement, c1932]; *The Blockade of Britain*, evidence of Robert Williams, secretary of the National Transport Workers' Federation, 1916 October; *To the workingmen of America* [International Working People's Association, 1883 October], *The farm worker – his past and future* [National Union of Agricultural Workers, c1921]; *Trade Unionism at the Cross Roads* by W. McLaine [British Socialist Party, 1917 October]; *Civil Servants and Politics: the Masterman Report Exposed* (Civil Service Branch of the National Council for Civil Liberties, c1950); *Trade Unionism in Wartime* by G.D.H. Cole and W. Mellor (Herald, 1915); *Union-smashing by law* and *The Government's Attack on Trade Union Law* by Arthur Henderson [Trade Union Defence Committee, c.1927]; *The Civil Servant's Share of National Income* by G.D. Rokeling (Institute of Professional Civil Servants, 1931); *Changes in Wages in the Durham Coal Trade, 1871-1924* [Joint Committee Department, Durham Miners' Association, 1924]; *Derby Silk Strike – centenary celebrations, 1834-1934* [Derby Trades Council, 1934]; *Airport Workers' Case* (published by the Aircraft Shop Stewards' National Council, c1935); *The Secret History of the Great Strike and the Blackleg State* [reprinted from *Lansbury's Labour Weekly*, 1926] Leaflets: *To the working class* [Coventry Unemployed Workers' Committee, October 1920; Electrical Trade Union (London Central Committee) re cinema strike to gain union recognition (undated)
MS1174/box3/2	1890, 1907, 1919	Newspapers	The Labour Herald; Sunday September 21, 1890. The Tailors' Record; June 15, 1907. The Railway Review Art Supplement; October 24, 1919.
MS1174/box3/3	1901, 1944	Annual meetings, reports	General Federation of Trade Unions, tenth quarterly report, December 1901. Wisbech Female Friendly Society, notification of annual meeting, undated. Woolwich Arsenal Shop Stewards Committee, annual report, 1944.

MS1174/box3/4	1844-1951	Union rule books, pamphlets	Rules and standing orders for Journeyman Carvers' Trade Society (1866), Operative Bricklayers' Society (1918), National Union of Railwaymen (1913), Union of Post-Office Workers (1937), National Union of General and Municipal Workers (1950), National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees (1940), United Edge Tool Makers (1844), National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (1950). Also casual shore gang agreements between Port of London and National Union of Seamen and the Transport and General Workers' Union (1951). Also *The Workers' Committee – an outline of its principles and structure* by J. T. Murphy, published by the Sheffield Workers' Committee (1917). Ten items.
MS1174/box3/5	1830-1950	Union membership and contribution cards	Including the London Society of Compositors, Amalgamated Society of Engineers, the National Association of Plasterers, Granolithic and Cement Workers, the Joiners and Carpenters Society. Some for working mens' clubs. French cards for a miner and a building worker together in a folder, same surname. 13 items
MS1174/box3/6	1840-1945	Rule books, pass books, membership cards for banks, benefit societies, benevolent funds	Includes Yorkshire Penny Bank, Bristol Savings Bank, London Electric Railway Employees' Benefit Society, Underground Railways Death and Distress Fund. Nine items.
MS1174/box3/7	1890-1932	Social events programmes	Concerts, dinners, exhibitions, organised by union branches, friendly societies, trade associations, printing union chapels. All in the London area. For example, Railway Guards Friendly Society Ballad Concert in Shoreditch Town Hall, 1932, Odhams Press Warehouse Chapel Annual Dinner, 1928. Nine items.

MS1174/box3/8	1898-c1936	Miscellaneous	- *Royal and Ancient Order of Buffalos open night*, 1936. -*Scales of Help for use in Tyne and Blyth shipyards*, 1898. -Appreciation for Special Constable, 1926. Ransome and Marles Bearing Company.
MS1174/box4/1	c1920	Autobiography	Autobiographical writings by Samuel Watson (1839-1921). Handwritten in a bound notebook, 69 pages of writing, about a third of the notebook. Last entries in 1920.
MS1174/box4/2	1942-1944	Newsletters	"Sozialistische Mitteilungen: news for German Socialists in England." Three issues, Nr.37, 1942; Nr.38, 1942 and Nr.58/59, 1944.
MS1174/box4/3	c1990s-c2009	Cards and postcards	Greetings cards and postcards from different countries celebrating events (eg. International Women's Day) demonstrations, protests, organisations (eg. National Union of Mineworkers' lodges) individuals (eg. Marco Camenisch, Alexandra Kollontai.) 25 items.
MS1174/box4/4	1973	Pamphlet about Sir Michael Tippett	Brief biography of Michael Tippett and a list of his works with details of first performances, recordings and scores.
MS1174/box4/5	1984-1985	Miners' strike postcards	Seven postcards from photographs taken by Anna Sherbany at Blidworth Strike Centre, Nottingham in autumn 1984.
MS1174/box4/6	1980s	Peace News postcards	Set of 12 postcards, sold under the slogan "Resist Cruise at Molesworth." Postcards show action against the siting of the Cruise missile base at Molesworth in Cambridgeshire and also at the United States airforce base at Alconbury.
MS1174/box4/7	1795	Reproduction of an engraving	Portrait of "Richard Brothers Prince of the Hebrews" by William Sharp.
MS1174/box4/8	Undated [c1911-c2005]	Postcards	A mixed collection, including 3 of the Siege of Sydney Street, 2 of Welsh Colliery scenes, factory scenes, and a 200 march in London to commemorate the Tolpuddle martyrs. 20 items.
MS1174/box4/9	Circa 1831	Reform Catechism	"Reform Catechism to which is added the important clause [Clause XXVII] in the Reform Act; inasmuch as it ends to deprive nine-tenths of the people of their elective franchise." Satirical attack on the Reform Act.
MS1174/box4/10	1911	Stock certificate	Certificate showing that the Reverend Canon Montague Hankey was the holder of fifty pounds of loan stock in the People's Refreshment House Association Limited.

MS1174/box4/11	Undated [c1880-c1910]	Prints and photographs	2 prints and 6 photographs of industrial workers and workplaces. Includes mining, building, railways.
MS1174/box4/12	1916	Conference poster	Advertising a meeting of the Manchester and Salford Workers' War Problems Joint Committee about "The rise of food and coal prices." Manchester Co-operative Hall, Saturday 16 September 1916.
MS1174/box4/13	c1799-c1819	Prints	One commemorating Peterloo [16 August 1819.] One published in 1799 linking Ireland and the French Revolution in the context of the Act of Union. One entitled "Reading the news," the sharing of a newspaper.
MS1174/box4/14	c1874-c1908	Independent Order of Oddfellows	Material (4 items) relating to John Schofield, a sometime Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Includes a photograph. Also three Independent Order of Odd-Fellows pamphlets, 1870s, in a leather folder. Comprises Bradford District annual report (1874) and lectures at Bradford by John Schofield (1877, 1879)
MS1174/5 [MS1174/box5/1]	1966	Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Lodge of England	Certificate of initiation, 16 November 1966, at Elstree, Lodge No. 8495. Size of item, 30 by 45 cms.
MS1174/6 [MS1174/box6/1]	1897	Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society	Framed membership certificate of Ernest Gilbert Newton, 10 November 1897, Court No. 4668. Size of item, 50 by 62 cms.
MS1174/7	1798-1838	Independent Order of Rechabites certificate; Humphrey cartoons	Salford Unity membership certificate, c1838. File also includes "Improvement in Weights and Measures" and "Search-Light", cartoons by H. Humphrey, 1798