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DEBATE AND DIVISION ON THE BRITISH LEFT,
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Debate and Division on the British Left, 1917-1964, contains the political and personal papers of John Thomas (J.T.) and Molly Murphy from the period 1917-1964. J.T. and Molly were a married couple who were prominent members of the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) during its formative years.

J.T. was expelled from the party in 1932, while Molly resigned shortly thereafter.



The collection is part of the wide-ranging *British Communism, At Home and Abroad* series.

Their records cover a wide range of subjects, from J.T.'s imprisonment in 1925 and campaign to become a Member of Parliament to his travels in post-revolutionary Russia and disagreements with the CPGB leadership.

Documents detailing Molly's time as a nurse on the frontlines of the Spanish Civil War are also included.



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Together, these materials provide an invaluable insight into the internal debates that plagued the British and European left during the 1920s and 1930s.

Sources include: Archive Trust of the Communist Party of Great Britain

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According to Professor Kevin Morgan, the "[CPGB] archives contain by far the most important collection of personal papers relating to British communism."



Professor Morgan has written 3 contextual essays to accompany the collection, including a guide to the International Department.



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