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BRITISH LABOUR PARTY PAPERS, 1906-1969

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Learn about the Labour Party's early years...

British Labour Party Papers, 1906-1969 contains minutes and related records compiled by the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) during the period 1906-1969. These records cover the party's formative years, from its creation and early successes through the governments of Ramsay MacDonald and the wartime coalition to the Atlee administration and Harold Wilson's first premiership.



The collection is part of the wide-ranging *Politics and Protest, 1102-1994* series.

A Special Meeting of the Party was held in the Grand Committee Room at the Annexe on Thursday, 15th May, 1941, at 2.0 p.m.

MR. H.B. LEES-SMITH in the Chair
Members of the General Council of the T.U.C. were present.

TRADE DISPUTES AND TRADE UNIONS ACT:

The Chairman explained that the Meeting had been called to meet Members of the General Council and to hear a report of their negotiations with the Government regarding some amendment of the Trade Disputes Act, because if any legislation was to be brought forward the Parliamentary Party would have to play an important part.

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The records provide an insight into the PLP's often divided outlook on several important domestic and international political issues, including: the campaign for women's suffrage; the Great Depression; the first and second world wars; the Beveridge Report and the emergence of the post-war welfare state; Britain's nuclear weapons programme; and imperialism and decolonisation.

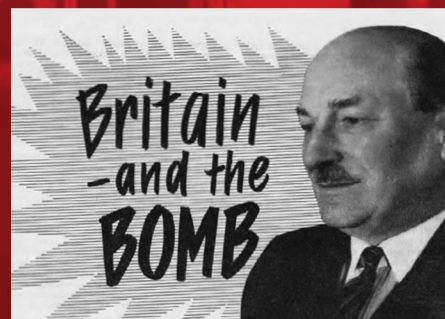
The collection is therefore useful for those studying the history of British political parties, social movements, and foreign policy in the 20th century.

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

...in opposition and government



The Labour Party was founded in 1900 to represent the interests of trade unions and working-class voters. In political terms, it has often been characterised as a "broad church", encompassing a range of left and centre-left viewpoints.



The collection was curated in association with the Manchester-based Labour History Archive & Study Centre.



The materials shed light on the debates that eventually gave rise to the birth of the modern welfare state.

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