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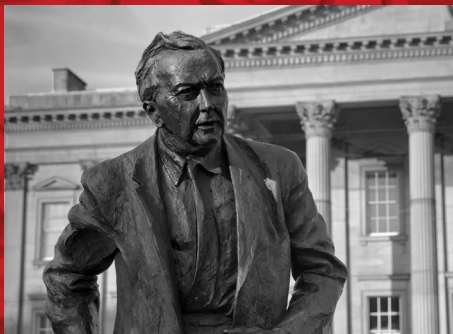


BRITISH LABOUR PARTY PAPERS, 1968-1994

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## Learn about a tumultuous period...

*British Labour Party Papers, 1968-1994* contains minutes of party meetings, Liaison Committee meetings, and Parliamentary Committee (Shadow Cabinet) meetings compiled by the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) during the period 1968-1994. These minutes cover a turbulent era in the party's history, from the Harold Wilson and James Callaghan governments to years in opposition under Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock.

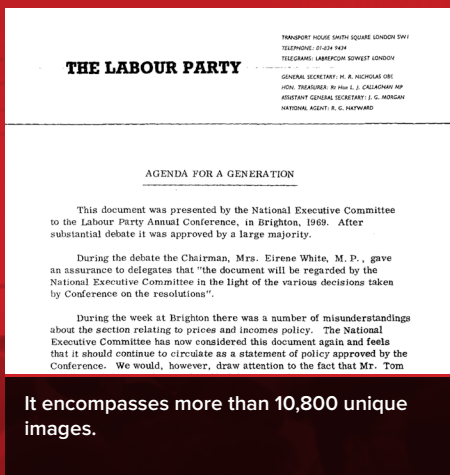


The collection is part of the wide-ranging *Politics and Protest, 1102-1994* series.

## ...in British political history



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 minutes provide an insight into the party's often divided outlook on several important domestic and international political issues, including: nationalisation of key industries; Britain's trade deficit; nuclear disarmament; Britain's relationship with Europe; the Falklands War; and the emergence of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and New Labour.



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



PLP meetings in this period touched upon a range of topics, such as Apartheid in South Africa and the miner's strike.

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

'The years 1968 to 1994 were the most turbulent in the PLP's history. The grassroots of the party became very restless and challenged the MPs' over nuclear disarmament, South Africa, racial discrimination, Vietnam and homelessness'  
- Stephen Bird, The Labour History Archive and Study Centre, Manchester

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