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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.



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AGENDA FOR A GENERATION

This document was presented by the National Executive Committee to the Labour Party Annual Conference, in Brighton, 1969. After substantial debate it was approved by a large majority.

During the debate the Chairman, Mrs. Eirene White, M. P., gave in assurance to delegates that "the document will be regarded by the National Executive Committee in the light of the various decisions taken by Conference on the resolutions".

During the week at Brighton there was a number of misunderstanding about the section relating to prices and incomes policy. The National Executive Committee has now considered this document again and feels that it should continue to circulate as a statement of policy approved by the Conference. We would, however, draw attention to the fact that Mr. Tom

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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 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

Sources include: Labour History Archive and Study Centre

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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.



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

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