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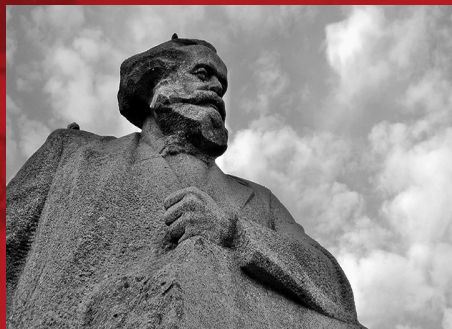
COMMUNISM, CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN THE
20TH CENTURY, 1936-1994

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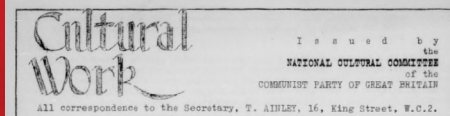
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The NCC was established in 1947 to act as an advisory committee to the CPGB's Executive Committee to assist on policy development in the sphere of culture.

This was necessary due to the proliferation of cultural industries during the 20th century, with the NCC taking an interest in everything from rock and roll of the 1950s to Soviet art of the 1970s.

The collection features material from executive meetings of the NCC, as well as material from the NCC's sub-committees.

This includes the History Group, the Psychology Group, the Philosophy Group, the Musicians Group and the Architects and Allied Technician Group.

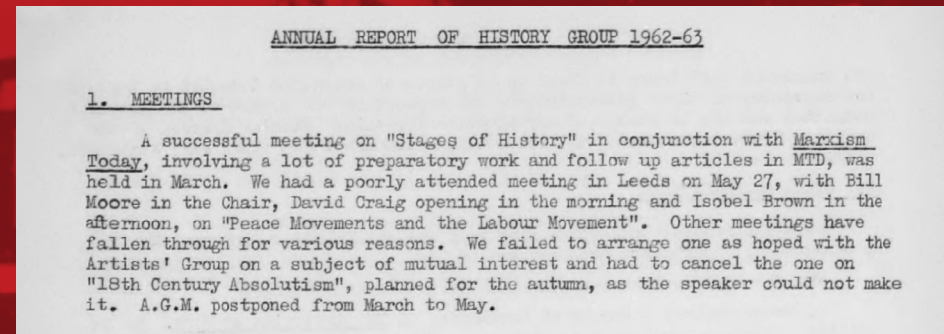


This is the first number of an information sheet which will be issued quarterly. It is intended primarily to keep cultural groups informed about each others activities and about the work of the Cultural Committee. The Cultural Committee would like to receive reports and announcements of forthcoming events for inclusion in the bulletin. ***** THE CHALLENGE OF MARXISM - A WEEK OF DEBATE ***** Below the auspices of "Marxism Today" a Week of Debate is being organised in London in 1963 from November 19th to 24th inclusive, under the heading "The Challenge of Marxism". A Sub-Committee has been set up to prepare a programme and make all the arrangements. It reports regularly to the National Cultural Committee.

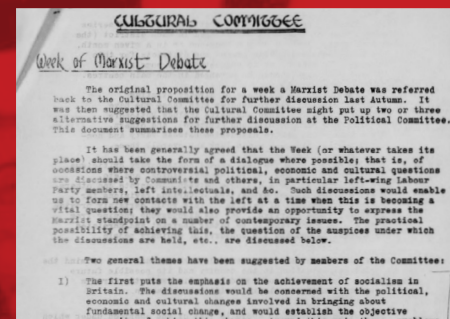
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"The National Cultural Committee [was] set up in 1947 with a view at once to policing and to nurturing the flow of Marxist ideas." Professor Kevin Morgan, University of Manchester.

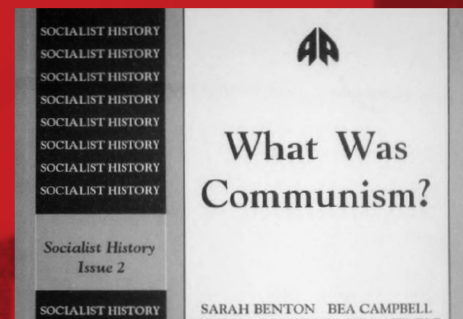
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The influential History Group is featured extensively within the collection, covering minutes and notes from their meetings, as well as issues of the important *Our History Journal*.



Documents are drawn from the personal papers of those intimately involved in the NCC, including Brian Simon, Betty Reid, and John Attfield.



With the collapse of the CPGB in 1991, the NCC was shut down after 44 years of investigation into the politics of culture.

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