

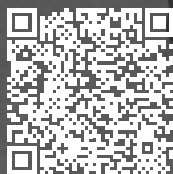


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NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS OF BRITISH COMMUNISM, 1886-1997

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## Delve into the lives of activists...

British Online Archives updated collection, *Notable Individuals of British Communism, 1886-1997*, contains papers related to the many activists and sympathisers that dedicated their lives to the struggle for revolutionary socialism in Britain.

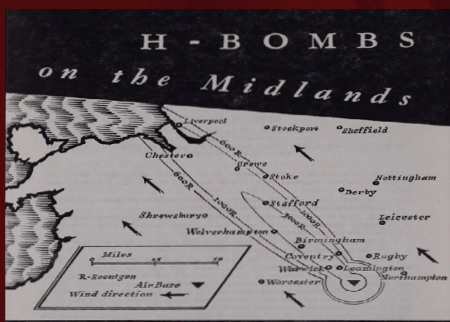
Largely derived from the Communist Party of Great Britain's (CPGB) most committed activists, including full-time "national" and "district" organisers, this collection also contains the personal papers of peripheral figures who were sympathetic to the communist cause. These include Labour MPs, authors and playwrights in creative industries, as well as trade unionists fighting bosses for better working conditions.



This collection is one of many CPGB resources hosted on the British Online Archives website.

A host of autobiographical material offers an interesting blend of both personal and historical events through the prism of communist activism.

This includes the political radicalisation that led many activists to join the CPGB, anti-imperialist activism in the face of the British Empire, and the militancy of anti-fascist activism in the Spanish Civil War and Second World War.



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"We do [activism] in the knowledge of a long and active life dedicated to the greatest cause in the world, the liberation of mankind and our advance to a higher and infinitely better form of social relationships."

— Aitken Ferguson obituary.

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

## ...who gave their all in the struggle for socialism.

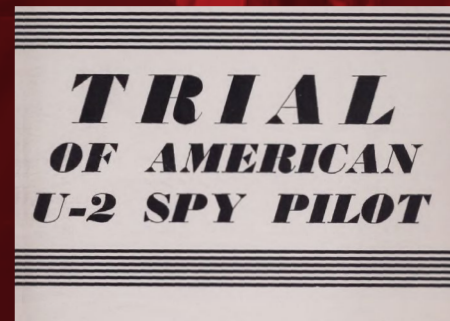
# What is the Socialist League?

THE Socialist League seeks to enrol within its ranks all Socialists who recognise the class struggle as the driving force of social change, and are prepared to work actively for the League's

The early splintered communist movement of the nineteenth century crystallised into the centralised Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Great Britain in 1920 after a "Unity Conference" of groups on the British left.



The collection details the work of the National Minority Movement, as well as the South Wales Miners' Federation, and the Amalgamated Engineering Union.



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