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The **Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB)** created several commissions that aimed to construct political programmes in response to social, political, and economic developments in Britain and the Soviet Union. This collection hosts the papers of several commissions that sought to redraft the Party's flagship political manifesto: *The British Road to Socialism*. This was first published in 1951 with the personal approval of Joseph Stalin. **It became a key battleground between various factions of the CPGB that sought to control the direction and agenda of the Party.**

The collection also contains material from other Party commissions that wrestled with issues such as democracy in Britain, class unity, and the structure and organisation of the Party. This collection **offers a look into how communist plans to reshape Britain evolved over time.**

The collection also contains three contextual essays written by Professor Kevin Morgan.

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