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National Congress was the **supreme decision-making body** of the **Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB)**. Congress delegates from across the Party's districts and branches met bi-annually in order to elect members to key political bodies, to vote on resolutions and on other policy issues, and to fraternise with fellow members and representatives of international communist parties. Congress was a hive of activity and **often the scene of high political drama as tensions frayed and factions fought over the direction of the Party.**

From the Communist Unity Convention in 1920, at which the CPGB was formed, to the Forty-Third National Congress in 1991, which saw the dissolution of the Party, **this collection offers a detailed insight into the political culture and unique democratic processes of the CPGB.**

The collection is accompanied by three contextual articles written by Professor Kevin Morgan.

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