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THE POLITICAL CULTURE OF BRITISH  
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British Online Archives' updated collection, *The Political Culture of British Communism, 1920–1991*, is drawn from the papers of various National Congresses held by the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB).

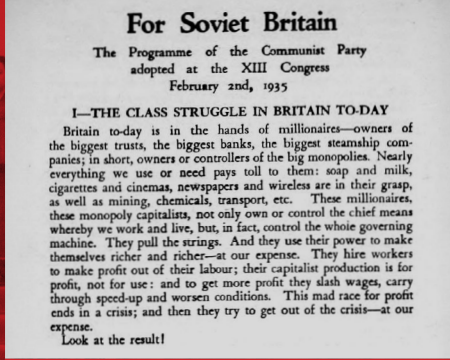
National Congress was the supreme decision-making body of the CPGB. Hundreds of elected delegates would meet on a bi-annual basis to vote on important policy issues, to elect members to key bodies within the Party, and to fraternise with delegates from across Great Britain and from further afield.



This collection is one of many CPGB resources hosted by British Online Archives.

Most of the volumes contain official reports by the General-Secretary and from the Executive Committee. These feature reflections on the previous work of the Party and on its future direction.

The volumes also contain material given to National Congress delegates, as well as a range of personal notes by these attendees.



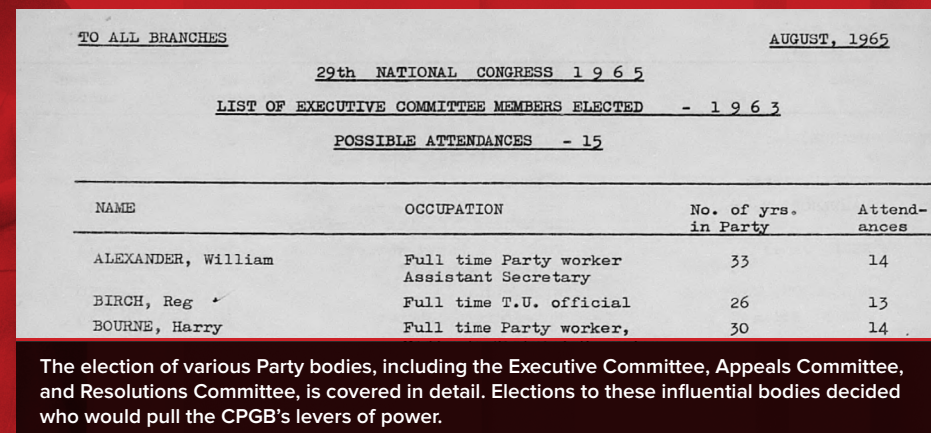
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“For the values, the rituals, the language and the political culture of British communism, as well as insights into a wide spread of party activities, the congress materials provide an important source”

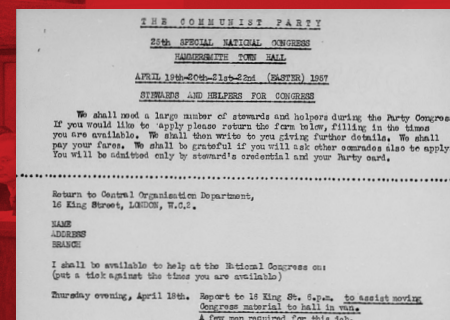
— Professor Kevin Morgan

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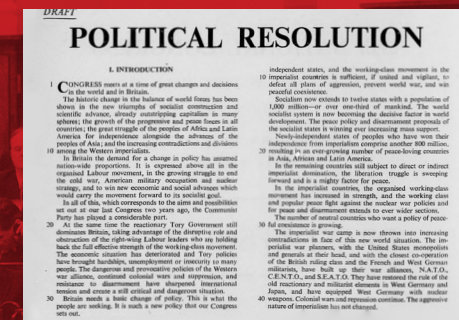
## ...of the Communist Party's National Congresses.



The election of various Party bodies, including the Executive Committee, Appeals Committee, and Resolutions Committee, is covered in detail. Elections to these influential bodies decided who would pull the CPGB's levers of power.



A range of material looks at the logistical efforts that went into holding a National Congress; from hospitality and stewarding, to political organising.



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