

ALAN CLINTON DEPOSIT

IDENTITY STATEMENT

title: Alan Clinton Deposit

dates of creation:

extent: 1 box

level: Fonds

CONTEXT

Administrative / biographical history: Alan Clinton 1943-2005 was a historian and author of several books and reports. He was Labour Party councillor for the London Borough of Islington 1982-1997 and Leader of the Council 1994-1997.

Custodial History: The books and papers listed below were deposited with the TUC Collections , London Metropolitan University in 2004.

CONTENT & STRUCTURE

Accruals: There will be no further deposits.

System of arrangement: The collection is arranged in 5 files with the original file names as deposited.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

Legal Status, Access conditions, Copyright: Rules for access are as for the TUC Library Collections Rules?

Physical Conditions: Generally good.

Finding Aids: Paper list in the box and electronically in the TUC Collections Archives Folder

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related units of description / Associated material: There is related material in the TUC Library Collections for the contents of folders A1-3 and A5

Reference:

NOTE

Note: List compiled by Christine Coates, November 2015

Reference code: A1-2

Title: 1984-85 Miners' Strike

dates: 1983-1985

extent: 2 folders

level: item

description: Includes

1. Islington Council Chief Whips' Office circulars to the Labour Group
2. Islington Council circulars / correspondence from Roger Protz, A Banfield, Margaret Hodge
3. Islington Council documents relating to the use of Council owned vehicles to transport food aid to striking miners
4. Islington Council documents relating to the letting of Council property
5. Islington Miners' Support Group

6. Press cuttings from The Guardian, Labour Weekly, Islington Gazette, New Statesman, Morning Star
7. The miners' strike: factsheet. National Union of Mineworkers, n.d. [2 copies]
8. Leaflets from Miners' Support Groups: Brent, Birmingham Trades Council, Holborn, St Pancras, Finsbury, Caxton House Dinnington, University of London, Leeds, Haringey
9. Leaflets from South East Region TUC, Wales TUC, Nalgo
10. Leaflets from Federazione CGIL-CISL-UIL Solidarity Committee with the British Miners' Strike in Ferrara, Italy, December 1984 [poster transferred to Poster Collection but available online at www.unionhistory.info/Display.php?irn=933&QueryPage=AdvSearch.php]
11. Leaflets from the Campaign Against the Namibian Uranium Contracts, Islington Joint Trade Union Committee, Parliamentary Campaign Group, Workers Revolutionary Party, Socialist Workers Party, Revolutionary Communist Group, Mineworkers' Defence Committee
12. Leaflets from the National Union of Mineworkers [Kent Area], [South Wales]
13. Copy letter from Jeremy Corbyn MP to Tyrone O'Sullivan , Tower Colliery, Aberdare
14. Diary of events at Coalville Freight Depot resulting in the dismissal of NUR and ASLEF members, signed Roy Butlin, Traffic LDC Chairman. [Secretary of the Coalville NUR Branch]
15. Miscellaneous items including poster with Jack London's definition of a scab

Folder 2

1. The Miner: journal of the National Union of Mineworkers: special issue – April 16, May 9, May 21, July 14, August 31, December 11.
2. Yorkshire Miner: journal of the National Union of Mineworkers Yorkshire Area: strike issue – 6,7,8, [November, December, Xmas 1984]
3. News of the World / Sun Right of Reply special. Published by the Joint Chapels Liaison Committee for Mineworkers' Hardship Funds, London & Manchester, September 1984
4. Policing London: produced by the Greater London Council in the Police Committee Support Unit – numbers 12 [May/June], 13 [July-August], 14 [September-October] 1984
5. How to turn the tide: the way to victory in the miners' strike, by Chris Harman and Mike Simons. Socialist Workers' Party, n.d. [2 copies]
6. Durham Labour Activist: bulletin of Durham County Labour Coordinating Committee – n.3, Jan/Feb 1983
7. Durham Street Press – no 40 April-May 1984
8. Jobs for a change: produced by the Popular Planning Unit, Greater London Council – no 14, 1984

Reference code: A3

Title: Garners Strike

dates: 1978-1979

extent: 1 folder

level: item

description: Includes

1. Hotel and Catering Workers National Action Committee: Garners Strike Bulletin 1,2,3
2. Garners Steak House Strike Bulletin 2,3,6,8,9,10, [continues as Garners' Strike Bulletin] 26 May, 16 June, 30 June, 21 July [continues as Garners News] 14 October, 15 November, December 1978, + March? 1979
3. Garners Strike Committee documents
4. Garners Strike Committee leaflets for demonstrations and picketing. See also <http://www.unionhistory.info/Display.php?irn=1095&QueryPage=AdvSearch.php>
5. Garners Strike Committee badge and stickers [badges also in badge collection at B0340 + B0341]. See also <http://www.unionhistory.info/Display.php?irn=1095&QueryPage=AdvSearch.php>
6. Transport and General Workers' Union documents
7. TGWU Record – July, December 1978
8. Support Group [?] agendas June-July 1978
9. Correspondence relating to arrests [inc. that of Alan Clinton] on the picket line
10. Miscellaneous documents including a leaflet distributed inside the restaurant by the company, and others from the Workers Socialist League, Christians Against Racism and Fascism, plus several pages of manuscript notes
11. Press cuttings from Evening News, Socialist Press, New Statesman, News Line, Morning Star, Time Out, Catering Times, Guardian, Daily Telegraph.

Reference code: A4

Title: South London Labour

dates: 1951-1958

extent: 1 folder

level: item

description: Includes

1. Local History Bulletin; issued by the Historians' Group of the Communist Party no.11 [Nov-Dec 1951], 19-26 [Aug-Sept 1953]
2. Our History no. 2 [November 1953], 3, 5-13, 16-25 [December 1955]
3. 2 manuscript letters to Frank Tanner from Irma Petroff, 24 and 27 March 1955 in response to his request for information relating to the British Socialist Party. Mention Henry Hyndman, Friedrich Engels, Herbert Tracey and others. More about Irma Petroff in the *Socialist History Society Newsletter*, August 2012, online at <http://www.socialisthistorysociety.co.uk/2012-07.pdf> .
4. Typed carbon copy of work entitled *British? Socialism in the early 1900s*, by Frank Tanner? [102 pp in 12 chapters]. Mentions Social Democratic Federation, British Socialist Party, Independent Labour Party, suffrage campaigns and others.
5. Typed letter to Frank Tanner from James Klugmann commenting on the above work, dated 2 December 1955 on Communist Party Executive Committee headed paper.
6. Typed carbon copy of work entitled *Saga of Saklatvala*. [c20pp]
7. Manuscript and typed notes relating to labour and political history of Battersea. Undated.
8. 7 typed letters to Frank Tanner from Betty Grant [Communist Party Historians' Group] re articles for the *Our History* pamphlet series. Various dates 1956-1958? Oct 28 letter refers to forthcoming Pamphlet 1 [New Series] Spring 1956 [online at

http://www.amielandmelburn.org.uk/collections/shs/index_frameset1.htm . Also list of Marx Memorial Library lectures in May [no year] including Betty Grant.

9. Manuscript notes by Alan Clinton on Woolwich Trades Council history, plus 2 letters to Alan Clinton from Will Fancy, Secretary of Woolwich Trades Council, 23 March and 12 April 1968.

Reference code: A5

Title: Miscellaneous leaflets

dates: 1977-1979

extent: 1 folder

level:

description: Includes leaflets from Progressive Cultural Association [anti-Jubilee concert] c1977; Revolutionary Workers' Party – Posadist, 1977; Right to Work Campaign [Grunwick, Right to Work march] 1977; London Metropole Hotel dispute 1977; Workers' Socialist League 1977 and 1979; Hounslow Hospital Occupation Committee 1977; Hotel Workers Newssheet 1 [Hotel and Catering Workers National Action Committee] x 2copies, 1978; National Union of Public Employees [GLC housing caretakers' strike], 1977; Communist Party, 1978; Book Marx Club News, 1977; East London People's Front [Communist Party of England [Marxist-Leninist] 1777; Committee Against Repression in Iran, 1978; Campaign for Democracy in the Labour Movement, 1979; Transport and General Workers' Union [Economists' Bookshop strike] 1979; Transport and General Workers' Union [suspension of TGWU member at British Leyland Assembly plant in Cowley, 1978; Cress Road Strike Committee Bulletin 1 [Camden refuse department] 1979?; press cuttings on Claridge's Hotel dispute 11 April 1978 an Grosvenor House Hotel dispute 5 June 1979; Can't Pay Won't Pay Campaign [London Transport], 1982; APEX Holborn TUPS [Silentnight dispute], 1985

The following books and pamphlets accompanying the deposit have been catalogued and added to the Library Collections

The first annual conference of the British Socialist Party ... May 1912: official report.

Easington August '84, by Keith Patterson & Huw Beynon.

Thinking about the miners' strike. Ernest Bevin Society.

Starved, battered, defiant magnificent miners: the 1984-5 strike. Socialist Organiser, 1985

The politics of the miners' strike, by Bill Peters. 1985.

Communist Unity Convention 1920: official report.

Constitution of the Red International of Labour Unions. 1921

Communist Party of Great Britain. Labour Party, 1920

The miners debate workers control. Ernest Bevin Society, 1984

The first 50 years: half a century of Labour rule in Barnsley, by Judith Watts and Donald Nannestad. 1983

Printed ephemera, by Alan Clinton. 1981

Communist cartoons: cartoons from *The Communist* 1921-22, by Espoir and others. 1982

Consolidation and control: the policy of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Section of the National Workers' Committee Movement. 1921

The Labour Government versus the dockers 1945-1951. Solidarity, c1966

The influence of EMA 1981-1983. Engineers' and Managers' Association, 1983

Support the Roberts-Arundel strike. The Strike Committee, c1967

The ugly face of Chapple's union and how to change it. Rank and File, c1976

Report of Commission on Inner-party Democracy. Communist Party, 1979
 Miners and the energy crisis, by Michael McGahey, c1971
 The road to Labour unity, by R. Palme Dutt, c1932
 The dockers' next step: an anti-Devlin report. The Week, 1966
 The case for change in the EETU-PTU. Flashlight, c1970
 Labour and the bomb. CND, 1960?
 1920 – 1950: episodes from the Communist Party's thirty years of struggle. CP, 1950
 1920-1950 on the thirtieth anniversary of the Communist Party. CP, 1950
 Ultra leftism in Britain , by Betty Reid. CP, 1969
 Defeat of Trotskyism, by Marjorie Pollitt. CP, 1937
 Coronation. CP, 1953
 Crisis, by John Gollan. CP, 1968
 Socialism for trade unionists, by J R Campbell. CP, 1953
 40 fighting years..., by J R Campbell. CP, 1960
 The British road to socialism. CP, 1955
 Time to change course, by Jack Woddis. CP, 1973
 We want 40: the case for the seamen, by Jack Coward. CP, 1966
 The imperialist struggle for a new redivision of the world, by E. Varga.
 No united front with communism. TUC, 1936
 Black and white on the buses, by Madge Dresser, 1986
 The British road to socialism. CP, 1951
 For Soviet Britain. CP, 1935
 Anger on the road, by Jimmy Reilly. 1979
 The General Strike: an account of the proceedings of the Northumberland and Durham
 General Council Joint Strike Committee. 1926
 Why I am a communist, by Jim Keehan.
 Evidence of the Union of Post Office Workers... 1971
 Socialism and parliament, by Guy Aldred. 1942
 Pioneers of Anti-Parliamentarianism, by Guy Aldred. 1940
 Dogmas discarded, by Guy Aldred. 1940.
 Rex v. Aldred, by Guy Aldred. 1948

The boxer : bulletin of the Metal Box Shop Stewards Combine Committee. 2 issues 1980
 Various newspapers published during the General Strike