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Ligue Communiste (France) Archives

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History

A group of Trotskyists around La Vérité named itself Ligue Communiste de France from April 1930. The Parti Communiste Internationaliste (PCI) was founded by Raymond Molinier (1904-1994) and Pierre Frank (1905-1984) in March 1936; in June 1936 the PCI merged with two other groups into the Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste (POI).

Content

Ligue Communiste de France: Minutes of meetings of the Ligue Communiste de France 1930; minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee 1930-1933; correspondence of the Executive Committee 1929-1934; correspondence of Raymond Molinier with, among others, Leon Trotsky 1929-1932, Lev Sedov 1929-1933, Pierre Frank 1932-1934 and Jan Frankel 1930-1932; correspondence with the International Communist League (ICL) 1932-1934; file on the first National Conference of the Ligue Communiste de France 1931; documents of the Groupe Bolchevik-Léniniste dans la Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière (SFIO) 1934-1935; file on the Anti-War Congress 1932; circular letters; internal bulletins; leaflets and periodicals. Parti Communiste Internationaliste (PCI)/Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste (POI), Tendence Molinier-Frank: Minutes of meetings of PCI and POI 1936, 1938; correspondence 1935-1936, 1938; circular letters.

Administrative information

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Parti Communiste Internationaliste (France) Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste (France)

INTRODUCTION

A group of Trotskyists around La Vérité named itself Ligue Communiste de France from April 1930. In August 1934 the Ligue voted in favor of a proposal (known as 'the French turn'), that its members join the Parti Socialiste (Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière) (PS(SFIO)).

The Parti Communiste Internationaliste (PCI) was founded by the 'groupe Molinier' in March 1936. In June 1936 the PCI merged with two other groups into the Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste (POI). From October 1936 the PCI went its own way again.

Raymond Molinier was born in Paris in 1904. In 1922 he became a member of the Jeunesses Communistes and was admitted to the Parti Communiste Français (PCF). In 1924 he was expelled from the PCF. In 1930 he was one of the founders of the Ligue Communiste de France. In December 1935 he set up his own paper La Commune, which led L. Trotsky to break with Molinier. In March 1936 he founded the PCI, which was not accepted as an official section of the International Communist League (ICL). From 1941 until 1977 Molinier lived in Argentine. He died in France in 1994. Molinier's brother Henri (1898-1944) was a trotskyst leader too.

Pierre Frank was born in 1905 in Paris from Russian parents. Together with Raymond Molinier he visited Trotsky in Prinkipo, Turkey, in 1929. For some time he was manager of La Vérité. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Ligue Communiste de France since its foundation. From July 1932 until April 1933 he was secretary of Trotsky. In the PCI he worked in close collaboration with Raymond Molinier. After 1945 he was active in the French Trotskyist movement, both as a leader and as a publicist. He died in Paris in 1984.

The archive

The collection Ligue Communiste de France and Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste (POI)/Parti Communiste Internationaliste (PCI), tendance Molinier-Frank, including many papers of Raymond Molinier (1904-1994) were acquired together with the collection Lev Trotsky and the International Left Opposition (ILO)/International Communist League (ICL) (1). One should be aware that both collections are related and were separated as best one can. About half of the letters are carbon copies. Many are without sender, some without addressee. If possible, sender/addressee are solved.

The descriptions made by Emile Schwidder in 1985 are used.

(1) See IISG-Working Paper 15: Hermien van Veen, Inventory of the collection Lev Trotsky and the International Left Opposition(ILO)/International Communist League(ICL)

INVENTORY

LIGUE COMMUNISTE DE FRANCE

MINUTES

- 1 Minutes of meetings of the Ligue Communiste de France. April 1930-November 1930. 1 folder
- 2-3 Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Ligue Communiste de France. 1930-1933 and n.d. 2 folders
- 4 Minutes of meetings of the Secretariat of the Ligue Communiste de France. 1933, 1934 and n.d. 1 cover
- 5 Minutes of meetings of the Bureau Politique of the Ligue Communiste de France. 1934. 1 cover

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence of the (EC of the) Ligue Communiste de France

-Persons-

- 6-10 In- and out-letters. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1929-1934 and n.d. 5 folders
 - 6 Aubin, Jean. 1932.
Baptiste and Claude. 1934.
Beaussier and others. 1933.
Berembaum. 1932.
[Blériot?]. 1931.
Boulgar. 1932.
Brandt, H. 1932.
Chirick, Marc. 1930.
[Christov]. 1932.
Courdevault. 1933.
Desmet. 1930.
Devreyer, Eugène [Ligue Communiste, Région du Nord]. 1933, 1934.
[Dorne]. 1931.
Emilien, A. of the Groupe de Lille. 1933.
Felix. 1932.
Frank, Pierre. 1930-1933.
Frank, Pierre, and Jean Van Heijenoort. 1932.
 - 7 Frankel, Jan. 1930.
Gérard. 1931.
Gourget, Pierre (Groupe Gourget). 1930-1931.
[Gruel]. 1932.

- Grylewicz, A. and L. Sedov. 1931.
 Hennaut, A. 1930.
 Joseph. 1932.
 Kugof, Paul. 1932.
 [Lasy]. 1932.
 Lesoil, L. 1930.
 Lévine, Daniel. 1930-1931.
 Ludvick and Weisberg. 1932.
 Maurice. 1932.
 Meir. 1932.
 Mill, M. 1931.
 Molinier, H. 1930.
- 8 Molinier, R. 1929-1934.
- 9 Naville, P. 1930-1931, 1933.
 Neuville. 1932.
 Ohkun, P. [1930].
 Péret, Benjamin. 1932.
 Pola. 1932.
 Prader, Jean. 1930.
 Reiland. 1932.
 Robert. 1931 and n.d.
 Rosmer, Alfred. 1930.
 Sedov, L. 1932 and n.d. See also: A. Grylewicz. (folder 7).
 [Tonnab]. 1932.
 Treint, Albert. 1932.
 Tresso, P. [1933] and n.d.
- 10 Trotsky, Lev. 1930-1932 and n.d.
 V. 1934.
 Voisir, Paul. [1931], 1933.
 Walfisz, Paul. 1932.
 Weisberg see: Ludvick.
 N.n. 1931, 1934.

-Organizations-

- 11-12 In- and out-letters. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1930-1934. 2 folders
- 11 Belgian Left Opposition. 1930.
 Bulletin de la Gauche Communiste. 1931.
 Cellule de [Montpellier]. 1934.
 Fourth International, Belgium - Fédération de Charleroi. 1930.
 Fourth International, Germany - KPD (Opposition), District Sachsen. 1931.
 Fraction de Gauche (Opposition) (A. Treint). 1932.
 Fraction de Gauche du P.C. 1931.
 German Left Opposition. 1931.
 Greek Left Opposition. 1931.
 Group of Rio de Janeiro of the left Communist opposition of Brasil 1932.
 Groupe Gourget see: Pierre Courget.
 Groupe de la Gauche Communiste. 1931.
 'Groupe des Jeunes' of the Ligue Communiste de France. 1931.
 Groupe de Lille. 1933.

- Groupe de l'opposition communiste de gauche de la Banlieue Ouest. 1932, 1933.
 Groupe de Marseille. [1933].
 Groupe Treint. 1933.
 L'Humanité, editors of. 1932.
 International Red Aid. 1932.
- 12 International Secretariat (IS). [1931?], 1932, 1934.
 Italian Left Opposition (NOI). 1931.
 Jewish Group of the Ligue Communiste de France. [1931].
 Maison des Syndicats, La. 1932.
 Political Bureau of the Parti Communiste Français. 1932.
 Populaire, Director of. 1932.
 Quinzième Rayon, comrades of the. 1933.
 Regional Committee of the League Communiste de France. 1931.
 Secretariat of the Parti Communiste Français and 'C.A.P. du Parti SFIO'. 1933.
 Union Communiste. 1934.
 Unser Wort. 1934.
 Vérité, La. [1931].

Correspondence of Raymond Molinier

-Persons-

- 13-27 In- and out-letters. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1929-1934 and n.d. 15 folders
- 13 Ackerknecht, Erwin. [1933]. 1 piece.
 Courdavault. 1933, 1934. 2 pieces.
 Craipeau, Yvan. 1934 and n.d. 2 pieces.
- 14-15 Frank, Pierre. 1932-1934 and n.d.
- 16-17 Frankel, Jan. 1930-1932 and n.d.
- 18 Gourget, Pierre. 1930-1932.
 [Gouy]. 1933.
 Grylewicz, Anton. 1932.
 Leonetti, Alfonso. 1931.
 Lévine, Daniel. [1930].
 Martin, Jeanne. 1932-1933.
 Menant, Sarah. 1929
 [MI]. 1932.
 Mill. 1931.
 [Molinier], Henry. 1932 and n.d.
 Myrtos/Rosenzweig. 1932.
 [Navelle, Denise]. 1929
 Navelle, Pierre. 1930.
 Paul. 1931.
 Paz. 1929.
 Péret, Benjamin. 1932.
 Rosenthal, Gérard. 1933.
 Rosmer, Alfred. 1929-1931.
 Rosmer, Marguerite. [1934].
 Schüssler, Otto. 1932.
- 19-23 Sedov, Lev. 1929-1933 and n.d.

- 24 Sedova, N.I. 1931, 1932. 2 pieces.
Treint, Albert. [1931], 1932. 5 pieces.
- 25-26 Trotsky, Lev. 1929-1932 and n.d.
- 27 Van Heijenoort, Jean. 1932-1933.
[Vera?]. 1933.
Walfisz, Paul. 1932.
N.n. 1929-1934 and n.d.

-Organizations-

- 28 In- and out-letters. Ts. letters and carbon copies. 1931-1934 and n.d. 1 folder.
CGTU, Syndicat Régional de la Batellerie du Nord et du Pas-de-Calais. 1931.
Etudiant Socialiste. 1932.
Groupe de la Gauche Communiste. 1931.
IS of the ILO/ICL. 1932-1934 and n.d.
Ligue Communiste de France see: folder 8.
Maison des Syndicats, La. 1932.
National Turkish Tourist Agency NATTA. 1932.
[Région du Nord]. 1934.
Société Générale. 1932.
Vérité, La. 1934.

Others

-From persons-

- 29-30 Other correspondence. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1929-1934 and n.d.
2 folders
 - 29 Baron, J. to the comrades of the Opposition Unitaire. 1931.
Christov to La Vérité. 1932.
Devreyer, Eugène, to Pierre Naville. 1933.
Frank, Pierre, to Jan Frankel. 1930.
Frank, Pierre, to Gourget, Vacher, Ardouin, Doudain and Collinet. 1931.
Frank, [Pierre], to [Lev Trotsky]. 1934.
Frankel, Jan, to Pierre Frank. 1930.
Frankel, Jan, to Henri Molinier. 1931, 1932.
Gourget, Pierre, to Lev Trotsky. 1931.
Gourget, Pierre, to La Vérité. 1931.
J.M. to Lev Sedov. 1929
Lacroix, Henri, to Lev Trotsky. 1932.
Lenoir to 'all groups'. 1934.
Leonetti, Alfonso, to Lev Trotsky. 1932.
Lesoil, Léon, to Lev Trotsky. 1931.
Lévine, David, to Lev Trotsky. 1930.
Martin, Jeanne, to Henri Molinier. 1929, 1933.
Martin, Jeanne, to [Zo]. N.d.
Menant, Sarah, to [Pierre Gourget]. 1929
Menant, Sarah, to [La Vérité]. 1929.
[Menant], Sarah, to n.n. 1929
Molinier, Henri, to Jeanne Martin. 1929
Molinier, Henri, to Lev Sedov. 1929
[Naville, Denise], to Henri Molinier. 1929

- [Naville, Denise], to Margu rite Rosmer. 1929
 Naville, Pierre, to Gourget. 1930.
 Naville, Pierre, to Labin. 1930.
 [Naville, Pierre], to P. Ohkun. 1930.
 Naville, Pierre, to Alfred Rosmer. 1931.
 Naville, Pierre, to Lev Trotsky. 1930.
 [Naville, Pierre], to G. Vereecken. [1930].
 Paz to Lev Trotsky. 1929.
 NB: Part.
 Reiland to Pierre Frank. 1932.
 Rosmer, Alfred, to Pierre Naville. 1931.
 [Sedov, Lev], to Meichler. 1929
- 30 Sedov, Lev, to [Jeanne Martin]. 1932.
 Sedov, Lev, to Henri Molinier. 1929, 1932.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Belgian Left Opposition/ F d ration Charleroi.
 1931.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Contra la Corriente. 1930.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Estampa de Madrid. 1932.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Pierre Frank. 1930.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Pierre Gourget. 1930.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Henri Lacroix. 1931.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Daniel L vine. 1930.
 [Trotsky, Lev], to Pierre Naville. 1929-1930.
 NB. Partly fragments.
 [Trotsky, Lev], to the IS. 1932.
 [Trotsky, Lev], to G rard Rosenthal. 1929, 1930.
 Trotsky, Lev, to Boris Souvarine. 1929.
 Trotsky, Lev, to La V rit .
 [Trotsky, Lev], to n.n. 1930.
 NB. Fragments.
 [Vereecken, G.] to Pierre Naville. N.d.
 N.n. to Bernard. 1931.
 N.n. to Vera. 1933.

-From organizations-

- 31 Other correspondence. Ts. letters and carbon copies. 1930-1934. 1 cover.
 Bund Revolution rer Industrie-Verb nde to La V rit . 1931.
 Comit  de Chomeurs des Comptables et Employ s to Magasin Lafayette. 1934.
 Fraction fran aise de gauche (opposition) to Le Groupe juif, groupe de
 Courb voie, and Italian Left. 1932.
 Groupe de l'opposition communiste de gauche de la banlieue ouest (anc. 15e ray.)
 to all communists of the left opposition. 1933.
 Groupe de l'Ordre Nouveau to La V rit  1931.
 Groupe juif de la Ligue Communiste en France to all national sections of the Left
 Opposition and to Trotsky. [1931].
 Indo-China Left Opposition to the Communist Party of Indo-China. [1931].
 International Red Aid to Pierre Naville. 1932.
 IS to the Groupe Treint. 1932.
 IS to Lev Trotsky. 1931.
 PCF and Jeunes Communistes, some members of the, to Lev Trotsky. 1930.
 PS(SFIO), F d ration du Nord, to Eug ne Devreyer. 1934.
 Union Communiste to La V rit . 1934.
 V rit , La, to Christophe. 1932.

Vérité, La, to [Lev Trotsky]. 1931.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

- 32 Circular letters from the Ligue Communiste de France. 1930-1934 and n.d. 1 folder.
33 Other circular letters. 1930-1934 and n.d. 1 folder

RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- 34 Resolutions and statements. 1930-1934 and n.d. 1 folder.

INTERNAL BULLETINS

- 35-37 Bulletin intérieur de la Ligue Communiste de France. 1931-1934 and n.d. 3 folders

REPORTS AND MEMORANDA

- 38 Reports and memoranda. 1930-1934 and n.d. 1 folder

MANUSCRIPTS

- 39 Manuscripts of articles. 1930-1934 and n.d. 1 folder

FILES

- 40 Documents relating to the 'Lancement de la Vérité'. 1929-1930. 1 folder
41 Documents relating to the First National Conference of the Ligue Communiste de France. 1930-1931 and n.d. 1 folder
42 Documents relating to the Third National Conference of the Ligue Communiste de France, held in Paris from 25-26 August 1934. 1934. 1 folder
43 Documents relating to the IS of the International Left Opposition (ILO)/ International Communist League (ICL). 1931-1933. 1 folder
44 Documents relating to the Groupe Bolchevik-Léniniste (GBL) in the SFIO. 1934-1935 and n.d. 1 box
45 Documents relating to the International Antiwar Congress, held in Amsterdam from 27-29 August 1932. 1932. 1 folder

PARTI COMMUNISTE INTERNATIONALISTE (PCI)/PARTI OUVRIER INTERNATIONALISTE (POI), Tendance Molinier-Frank

MINUTES

- 46 Minutes of meetings of PCI and POI. 1936, 1938. 1 folder

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence of Raymond Molinier

- 47-48 In- and out-letters. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1935-1936 and n.d. 2 folders
- 47 Baert, François. 1936.
Bardin, A. 1936.
(Chirik?), Marc. 1935, 1936 and n.d.
Desnots, J. 1936.
Devreyer, Eugène. 1935, 1936.
[Escaf]. 1936.
Etts. Nicolas. 1935.
Faussegrave. 1936.
Frank, P. 1936.
Groupe de Grenoble. 1935.
Groupe de Lyon. 1935, 1936.

- Groupe de Metz. 1935.
- 48 Hirschovitz, Maurice. 1936.
 IS of the ICL. 1935, 1936.
 Jeunesse Socialiste Révolutionnaire (JSR), [Région Paris]. [1936].
 Joly, Berthe. 1935, 1936.
 [Joly, Berthe, and Marc Chirik]. 1936.
 Joly, Berthe, and Marchesin. 1936.
 Langlois, Henri. 1935.
 [Leonetti, Alfonso]. 1935.
 Lesoil, L. 1936.
 Marchal. 1936.
 Marchesin. 1935, 1936.
 [Meichler, Jean?]. 1936.
 Molinier, Henri. 1936.
 Mouhot. 1936.
 POI. 1936.
 [Rosmer], Marguerite. 1936.
 Roubinet. 1936.
 Rous, Jean. 1935.
 Trotsky, Lev. 1935, 1936.
 NB. Out-letters only.
 Trotsky, Lev, IS, Bureau of Amsterdam. 1936.
 Wolf, Erwin. 1936.
 Yan. 1936.
 N.n. 1935, 1936 and n.d.

Other correspondence

- 49 Other correspondence. Ms. and ts. letters and carbon copies. 1935-1936, 1938 and n.d. 1 folder
 Baralt, Hedwig, to La Commune. [1936].
 Comité pour la IVe Internationale to the Bureau pour la IVe Internationale. [1936].
 Comité pour la IVe Internationale to A. Ciliga. [1936].
 Comité pour la IVe Internationale to the IS of the ICL. 1936.
 Commune, La, to l'Argus de l'Officiel. 1936.
 Craipeau, Yvan, to Lev Trotsky.
 NB. Photostat. 1936.
 Devreyer, Eugène, to the Ligue Communiste de France. 1936.
 Devreyer, Eugène, to Pierre [Frank]. 1936.
 Etts. Nicolas, to Cognet. 1935.
 Galerie La Boétie to La Commune. 1936.
 Gallienne to [Pierre] Frank. 1936.
 GBL to the groupe La Commune. 1936.
 GBL to the PCI. 1936.
 JSR to the groupe La Commune. 1936.
 JSR, Région Paris-Sud, to Pierre Frank. 1936.
 IS of the ICL to the PCI. 1936, 1938.
 Margne and Legué to the [GBL]. N.d.
 Meichler, Jean, and Pierre Frank to Lev Trotsky. 1936.
 PCI to the GBL. 1936.
 PCI to the JSR. 1936.
 POI to the IS of the ICL. 1936.
 POI, région Parisienne, some members of the, to the Comité Régional and to all members of the POI, région Parisienne. 1936.

Parti Socialiste Révolutionnaire (PSR) to members of the PSR and to readers of La Lutte Ouvrière. [1938].
 Trotsky, Lev, to the GBL. 1936.
 Trotsky, Lev, to the POI. 1936.
 [Vérité, La], to J. Bardin. 1935.
 N.n. to Trotsky, IS and Amsterdam Bureau. 1936.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

50 Circular letters. 1935-1936 and n.d. 1 folder

OTHER DOCUMENTS

51-52 Other documents. 1935-1936, 1938 and n.d. 2 folders

DOCUMENTATION

53 Leaflets. 1930-1934, 1936, [1937] and n.d. 1 folder

54 Pamphlets. 1930, 1933-1936 and n.d. 1 folder

55-56 Periodicals. 1930, 1932-1936 and n.d. 2 folders

57 Press clippings. 1930, 1933, 1935, 1936 and n.d. 1 cover

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CAP - Commission administrative permanente
 CGTU - Confédération Générale du Travail Unitaire
 EC - Executive Committee
 GAR - Groupes d'action révolutionnaires
 GBL - Groupe Bolchevik-Léniniste
 ILO - International Left Opposition
 ICL - International Communist League
 IS - International Secretariat
 JSR - Jeunesse Socialiste Révolutionnaire
 NOI - Nuova Opposizione Italiana
 PCF - Parti Communiste Français
 PCI - Parti Communiste Internationaliste
 POI - Parti Ouvrier Internationaliste
 PS(SFIO) Parti Socialiste (Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière)
 PSR - Parti Socialiste Révolutionnaire

LIST OF PSEUDONYMS

Pseudonym - User
 Audoin, H - Henri Molinier
 Blasco - Pietro Tresso
 Boitel, J - - - J. Bardin
 Braun - Erwin Wolf
 Clart - Jean Rous
 Feroci - Alfonso Leonetti
 Fischer, Oscar - - - Otto Schüssler
 Fosco - N. De Bartolomeo
 Kin - Lev Sedov
 *Lacroix, Henri - - - Francis Garcia Lavid
 Laurent, Marc - - - Henri Molinier
 Le Ricard - J. Desnots
 *Lévine, Daniel - - - Paul Le Pape

Markin, N - - - Lev Sedov
Martin - Alfonso Leonetti
Mèche, J - - - Jean Meichler
*Mill, M - - - P. Ohkun
Obin, J - - - P. Ohkun
*Rosmer, Alfred - - - Alfred Griot
*Rosmer, Marguerite - - - Marguerite Thevenet
Souzo - Alfonso Leonetti
Van - Jean Van Heijenoort
Vitte - D. Yotopoulos
* Pseudonym maintained in the list.