



Raymond Postgate Papers 1916, 1926

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Raymond Postgate Papers

Period 1916, 1926

Total size 0.3 m.

Consultation Not restricted

Biography

Born in Cambridge, Great Britain 1896, died in Great Britain 1971; journalist, author on labour and radical history; attracted to Guild socialism; one of the first conscientious objectors in 1916; journalist for the Daily Herald (edited by George Lansbury) in 1919; supported the Plebs League; founder/member of the Communist Party of Great Britain in 1920; edited its weekly *The Communist*; broke with the party in 1922 and returned to the Daily Herald until 1925; with his father-in-law G. Lansbury he founded the *Lansbury's Labour Weekly* in 1925; he covered the General Strike of 1926, collecting circulars by the Trades Union Congress General Council and other workers' organisations, reports and strike bulletins from local strike committees and from branches and districts of participating organisations; member of the Society for Socialist Inquiry and Propaganda; edited *Fact* in 1937; wrote biographies of John Wilkes, George Lansbury and others, novels, detective stories and after the Second World War also gastronomic guides.

Content

Documents on the General Strike in 1926 covered by R. Postgate for *Lansbury's Labour Weekly*. Notebook; 'Labour Leaflets' and circulars by organizations in Oxford; the 'G.J. Simmonds file' containing letters and circulars of (Joint) Strike Committees in the south, in which branches of the National Union of Railwaymen and of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen took part; a volume of strike bulletins issued throughout Great Britain; correspondence in answer to a questionnaire about the strike; printed and stencilled issues of non labour journals, partly emergency bulletins, and copies of newspapers collected by J.P.M. Millar, with articles on the General Strike.

Documents on the National Council for Civil Liberties 1916, i.e. typescripts of reports analysing the ruling of the tribunals, the attitudes of military and nonmilitary members; of quotations from statements of members of the House of Commons and quotations from newspapers on industrial conscription; of short case histories on conscientious objectors, of a pamphlet 'Middlesex Appeal' and of 'Civil Liberties under the Defence of the Realm Act 1914-1916'.

Arrangement

Added to his collection is a collection of J.P.M. Millar consisting of strike bulletins and issues of newspapers with articles on the general strike in 1926.

Administrative information

Processing information

Preliminary list made by Marie O Dwyer and Jane Quinn in 1995

PRELIMINARY LIST

- 1 A letter to Postgate from W.H. Stevenson and a letter to J.F. Horrabin from an unknown sender. 1926. Containing also Postgate's notebook dated 1926. 1 folder
- 2-4 Circular letters by the Trade Union Congress (TUC) General Council to Mrs. Star, a motorist for its Greater London Despatch Service; 'Labour Leaflets' and circulars by organizations in Oxford; 'G.J. Simmonds file' containing letters and circulars of (Joint) Strike Committees in the south, in which branches of the National Union of Railwaymen and of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen took part. With a poster. 1926. 3 folders
- 5-6 Answers to questionnaires on the General Strike of 1926. 2 folders

- 7 Strike bulletins in labour journals published by a number of trade unions throughout the British Isles concerning the General Strike of 1926. 1 volume
- 8 Strike news bulletins published by The British Worker, the official strike news bulletin of the General Council of the Trade Union Congress. 1926. With a review on the progress of the National Miners Minority Movement by its secretary Nat Watkins, which was offered to The Labour Press for publication. 1926. 3 pieces
- 9-14 Printed and stencilled issues of non labour journals with articles on the General Strike, emergency bulletins and posters. 1926. 6 folders
- 15-19 Newspaper clippings and bulletins with two leaflets quoting Sir John Simon M.P. 1926. 5 folders
- 20 Strike news bulletins and issues of newspapers. 1926. 1 folder
NB. Large size. Received from J.P.M. Millar.