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Access Conditions

Access is open.

Description of the Accession

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Accession Title and Dates of Creation Norman Penner fonds. -- ca. 1920-1988.

Physical Description of Materials 4 cu. ft. (1.22 m) of textual records.

Scope and Content Note The bulk of the accession consists of a variety of records that document the history of the Communist Party of Canada as found in original and copied pamphlets, articles, correspondence, theses and other related items. The records arrived with no discernable order, but there were pockets of related items and these were kept together wherever possible.

While conducting an inventory of the files, related items were identified. There were several pamphlets (most of them photocopied) produced by the Communist Party of Canada, plus others produced by various labour and leftist organizations. Single pamphlets were placed in a separate series. Pamphlets excluded from this series are found in the relevant files throughout the papers. The file titles have been maintained as identified by Professor Penner.

The accession has been organized into seven series. Series I consists of correspondence. Series II reflects an all-encompassing history of the Communist Party of Canada as seen through correspondence, party files, writings of famous communists, press clippings, minutes, speeches, and private notes. Sub-series include congresses, national conventions, meetings, notable leftist figures, and any political party, league or union where communist involvement is documented. Series III consists of social issues. The communist trials of 1931, and the documentation on internment during the second world war are included in this series.

Series IV consists of general printed material. The files are organized alphabetically, then chronologically within each file. The printed material in series V is identified by the author and filed alphabetically by the author's surname.

Series VI, Sources and Selected Materials, includes invoices and indices from the various archives where Norman Penner conducted research. Series VII, Miscellaneous, consists of one file. It contains invoices, correspondence and communist documentation. There is one hard covered book entitled **A fan's notes**, by Frederick Exley.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Archives and Special Collections
received four boxes from Prof. Penner's office in 1989.

File List

Series I: Correspondence

by N. Penner

Box 1

1. 1975 - 1988
2. Re: Public Archives 1982 - 1987
3. Re: Communist Party of Canada 1978 - 1981
4. Kealey vs. Penner, Re: Ryerson 1978 - 1985

by Pritchard

5. 1973 - 1977

Series II: Communist Party of Canada (CPC)

6. Correspondence between Toronto and Moscow, 1929 - 1931
7. Exchange between Tim Buck and Harry Pollitt, 1945 - 1946
8. History of the Communist Party of Canada as seen by the party, 1935
9. Communist Party of Canada and Communist International, Re: Affiliation 1921, 1919-1921
10. Communist Party of Canada, 1924
11. CPC, 1926
12. CPC, 1927 - 1928
13. CPC 1930, Re: Max Dology and the Winnipeg Expulsions
14. CPC in the Thirties, 1936 - 1985
15. CPC and the Central Committee, 1930 - 1931
16. CPC, 1930 - 1931

17. CPC, Anti-War Agitation, 1939 - 1941
18. CPC, Anti-War Propaganda, 1939 - 1941
19. CPC, 1945, 1946, 1949

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20. CPC, 1953
21. CPC, 1956
22. Tim Buck Re: Party Crisis, 1956 - 1957
23. Tim Buck, Commission on Party History, 1965
24. CPC, Re: 1968 Struggle, 1966 - 1971
25. CPC, Post 1968, 1969 - 1986
26. CPC, Beeching et. al., 1979 - 1980

Provinces

27. Communist Party of Canada, Alberta, 1938
28. CPC, British Columbia, 1945, 1947
29. CPC, British Columbia, 1950
30. CPC, British Columbia, n.d.
31. CPC, British Columbia, Clippings, 1938 - 80
32. CPC, Manitoba, 1935
33. CPC, Quebec, Re: Split, 1947 - 1956

Outside Canada

34. Communist Party, 1921 - 1924
35. Correspondence with Communist Party Great Britain, and Communist Party, Australia, 1945 - 1946
36. Communist Party, Great Britain, Early Years, Reviews etc. 1958, 1977

37. John Kolasky and Communist Party Report on the Soviet Ukraine, 1950, 1968

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Programmes - Canada

38. Programmes [1918 - 1921?]
39. Programmes, 1948, 1952, 1954, 1971, 1977
40. Federal Election Manifest, 1940
41. Materials on Communist Party of Canada's position on Canadian Independence, 1925 - 1930

Congresses

42. Congres de la C.G.T., La Troisieme Internationale, 7 Oct 1920
43. 20th Congress CPSU, 1956
44. 20th Congress and Communist Party, (Labour Progressive Party)
45. 20th Congress CPSU, Debate within the Labour Progressive Party, 1956 - 1957
46. 20th Congress, Chapter Nine, (Notes) 1956 - 1957
47. 20th Congress, Printed Material, 1956 - 1957
48. 20th Congress CPSU, Tim Bucks Notes on a Discussion, 1956

National Conventions

49. 5th, June 17 - 20, 1927
50. 6th, May 31 - June 7, 1929
51. 8th, October 8 - 12, 1937
52. Tim Buck address to the National Committee Meeting, October 1956

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Meetings

- 53. Central Committee, January 1943
- 54. Central Committee, Tim Buck's Notes, [1960]
- 55. Plenum, [1954]

Notable Figures

- 56. Mass Figures in the Communist Party of Canada, 1943 - 1988
- 57. Tim Buck - A Biography, June 24, 1933 in **The Worker**
- 58. Tim Buck, 1943 - 1987
- 59. Tim Buck, Letters From Mexico, February/March 1970
- 60. Tim Buck, and Wife Alice, 1978, 1988
- 61. J.L. Cohen, n.d.

Henri Gagnon: see File 68

Gousenko: see File 67

- 62. W.W. Lefaux, 1921, 1934, 1974
- 63. Fergus McKean, 1945, 1946
- 64. Dorise Nielsen, 1983
- 65. Jacob Penner, 1950, 1965, 1979
- 66. Jacob Penner, 1950, 1964, 1965
- 67. Gousenko, **FRED ROSE**, 1946
- 68. Fred Rose, Henri Gagnon as seen by Quebec authors, n.d.
- 69. M. Sago, 1985

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70. Stewart Smith, 1986

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Associated Parties

- 71. Labour Progressive Party, 1943 - 1945
- 72. Workers' Party of Canada, Founding Convention: February 17- 20, 1922, Toronto
- 73. Workers' Party, 1922
- 74. Workers' Party, Correspondence from CI (Communist International) and CPA (Communist Party, U.S.), 1923-24
- 75. Workers' Party, 1932, 1974, 1979
- 76. Workers' Party (Trotsky), 1934

Associated Leagues

- 77. Canadian Peace Congress, James G. Endicott, 1947-49, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1971
- 78. Canadian Youth Congress, 1938, 1984
- 79. League Against War and Facism, League for Peace and Democracy, The World Congress Against War 1932-39
- 80. The League for Democratic Rights, 1951-53
- 81. Marxist-Leninist Groups in Canada, 1981
- 82. People's Co-op, Winnipeg, 1940
- 83. Workers League of Canada (Trotsky), 1939, 1940, 1943-46, 1949
- 84. Workers Unity League, Early Period, 1931, 1935

Unions

- 85. United Electrical Radio & Machne Workers, General, 1943-50
- 86. Statement of J.A. (Pat) Sullivan, March 15, 1946 (Seaman's Union)

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Series III: Social Issues

87. Civil Liberties, 1952, 1983-84
88. Civil Liberties, War Measures Act, RCMP, 1914, 1978
89. Communism, 1942-47
90. Rights for Communism, House of Commons, March 17, 1948
91. Report to Robertson on Communism, January 2, 1951 by P. E. Trudeau, clerk of Privy Council
92. Communist Trials, Press Clippings, 1931
93. Trial of the Communist Party (1931), 1971
94. A.A. Heaps versus John Navis et.al., 1931
95. Internment, 1941, 1985
96. Internment, Appeals re Jacob Penner, June 1942
97. Internment, Testimony given by N. Freed to House of Commons Special Committee on Defence of Canada Regulations, July 9, 1942
98. Internment and World War II, 1940-42, 1983-84
99. Multiculturalism, 1967
100. Socialism in the Eighties, 1977, 1980
101. Unemployment in Manitoba (Bracken Papers), 1927-30
102. Bracken Papers, 1931
103. Bracken Papers, 1932-34
104. Bracken Papers, 1936-37

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Series IV: Printed Material - General

105. Book Reviews on **The Canadian Left - A Critical Analysis**, N. Penner, 1977-78
106. Book Reviews by N. Penner, 1976-78
107. **British Columbia Worker's News**, Communist Party of Canada, B.C. Journal, 1935
108. **Canada and the Communist World**, October 9, 1981, pertaining notes and pamphlets
109. **Canadian Labour Monthly (CPC)**, 1928
110. **Canadian Tribune**, 1941
111. **Champion**, 1952, 1985
112. The **Toronto Clarion**, 1940 and Index (Metro Library Archives)
113. The **Toronto Clarion**, (Illegal Paper of the CPC in Toronto), Selected Index, 1940
114. The **Toronto Clarion**, April 6, 1940
115. The **Toronto Clarion**, May 1, 10, 1940
116. The **Toronto Clarion**, August 26, 1940
117. The **Toronto Clarion**, September 26, 1940
118. The **Toronto Clarion**, February 8, 1941
119. The **Toronto Clarion**, March 15, 1941
120. The **Toronto Clarion**, April 5, 1941
121. The **Communist**, June 1921

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122. The **Communist International**, Nos. 2 - 5, English Edition, 1924
123. The **Communist Review**, May/June 1934
124. **The Left Wing**, November 1924 - July 1926
125. Trotskyist Papers (Press), 1933-35, 1941-42
126. **The War Against Social Democracy**, (Materials for Chapter 3)
127. **Western Clarion**, 1921-22
128. **Western Report** and **Inner City Voice**, 1985
129. "What the Communist Party Stands For", 3rd Edition, Revised, 1936
130. **The Worker**, 1922-25
131. **The Worker**, 1931-34
132. **The Worker**, 1935
133. **The Worker**, 1935, Tim Buck's Statement to the Working People of Canada
134. **The Workers Guard**, 1921
135. **Workers Unity**, 1931

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Series V: Printed Material - By Author

136. Anderson, D.E., **Organization of BC Loggers**, Unpublished MA, 1941
137. Avery, Don, **Canadian Communism and Popular Front Organizations, 1935-46**, 1983
138. Bennett, William, **Builders of British Columbia**, 1944 (excerpt)
139. Bimba, Anthony, **History of the American Working Class**, 1927, 1935 (excerpt)

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140. **Bosnitch, Sava D., The Current Communist Party Line on the 'National Question' in Canada, 1979**
141. **Buck, Tim, Steps to Power, 1925**
142. **Carrillo, Santiago, Some Present Problems of Socialism, 1969**
143. **Chisick, Ernie, The Early Marxist Movement in Manitoba, 1901-1926, 1968**
144. **Dion, Gerard, Le Communisme dans la province de Quebec, n.d.**
145. **Duclos, Jacques, A Propos de la dissolution du parti communiste americain, plus a rebuttal by Tim Buck, 1945**
146. **Frank, David, The Trial of J.B. McLachlan, 1983**
147. **Greenall, Jack, The IWA Fiasco, 1965 (also includes related items from 1944-48)**
148. **Hughes, Barry Conn, "Arise Ye Prisoners of Starvation", from Canadian Magazine, 1972**
149. **Krushchev, Nikita S., The Crimes of Stalin, 1956**
150. **Labour Progressive Party, Crisis on the Canadian Campus, n.d.**
151. **McCaffrey, Vivian, Stanley B. Ryerson: Marxist Intellectual and The French-Canadian National Question, 1981**
152. **Morris, Leslie, The Story of Tim Buck's Party, 1922-39, n.d.**
153. **Penner, Jacob, The Crisis in Municipal Government, 1960**
154. **Penner, Norman, The Communist Party of Canada in Retrospect, 1983**
155. **Penner, Norman, The Impact of Stalinsim in Canada and U.S.A., 1982**
156. **Penner, Norman, Growing Up Radical in Winnipeg, n.d., plus related articles dated 1988**
157. **Robertson, E., (Earle Birney), "Canada and World Politics", "Is French Canada Going Facist?", The New International, 1938**

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- 158. Salsberg, J.B., **The War Situation and Canadian Labour**, 1940
- 159. Spector, Maurice, ed., **Selected Readings in Marxism**, 1932
- 160. Whitehorn, Alan, **Canadian Communism: A View from the 1980's**, 1983

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Series VI: Sources and Selected Materials

- 161. Public Archives of Alberta, Invoices, 1984
- 162. Public Archives of Manitoba, 1931, Selected Index
- 163. Public Archives of Canada, Invoices, 1984
- 164. Public Archives of Canada, 1947 - 53, Selected Items
- 165. Public Archives of Canada, Selected Inventory of Communist Party of Canada Publications held by the Archives
- 166. Public Archives of Saskatchewan, Selected Items, 1938-56

Series VII: Miscellaneous

- 167. Norman Penner - miscellaneous