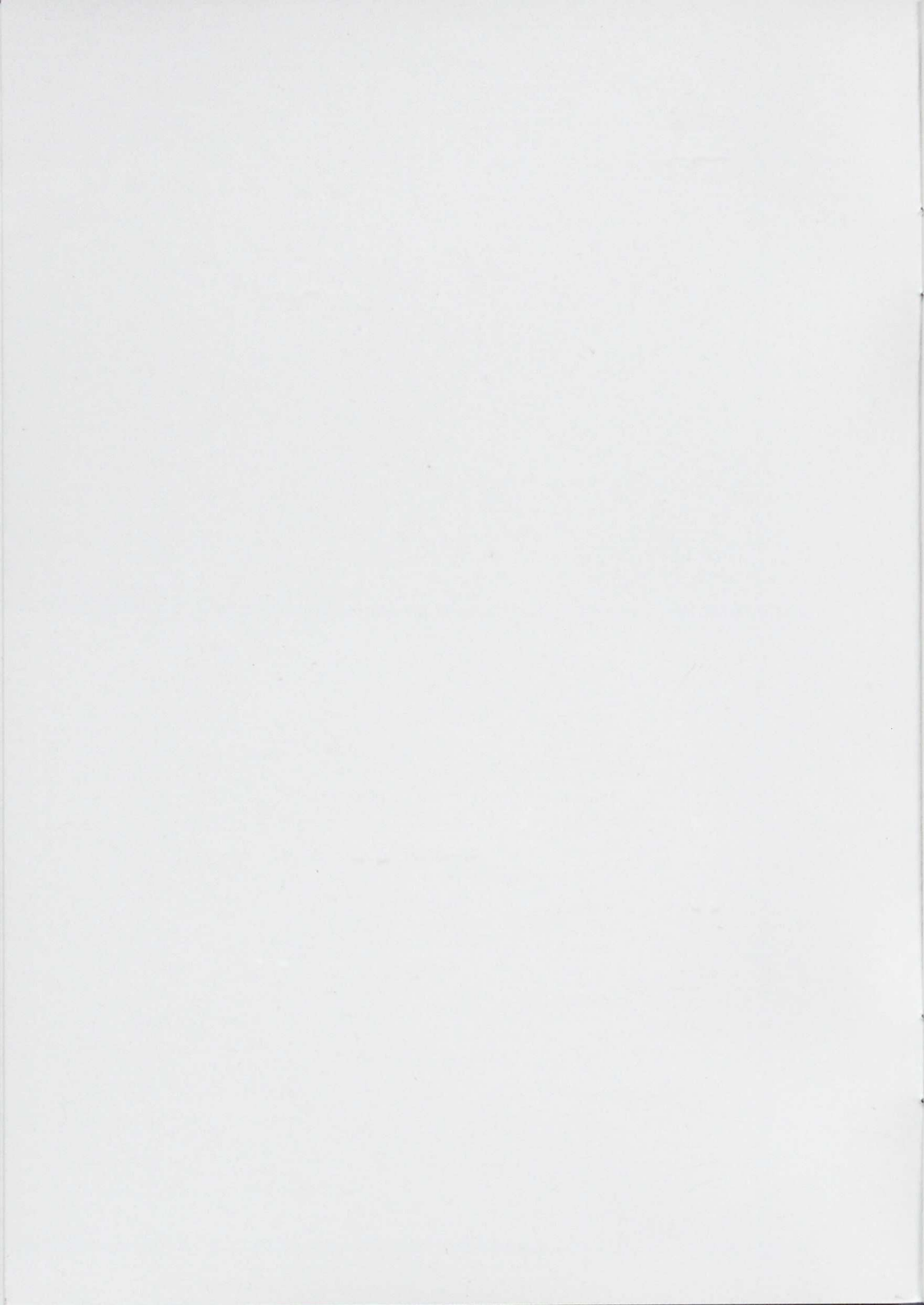


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## PREFACE

The personal papers of Sir Victor Gollancz are not only of great importance : they are tremendous fun.

Although many of the movements and causes which engaged Gollancz may seem at first glance rather dull, the involvement of that extraordinary and contradictory personality ensured that they were suffused with vigour, excitement and controversy : his papers abound with furious, happy, expostulating, enlightening, absurd, hilarious and inspiring correspondence.

The Gollancz papers are a magnificent quarry for anyone interested in mid-twentieth century cultural, humanitarian, political, or social history. Just at random I think of the extensive and absorbing material on his close but fraught relationships with the Communist and Labour parties and with organisers of such causes as Christian Action, the National Association for the Abolition of Capital Punishment and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Then, too, there are the myriad papers concerning Gollancz's complicated relationship with the Judaism that he hated and loved. Relevant papers cover Judaeo-Christian relations, anti-semitism, desperate efforts to rescue European Jews, post-war work for reconciliation with Germany and his pro-Arab Jewish Society for Human Service.

Livia Gollancz showed wisdom as well as great generosity when she donated her father's papers to Warwick. As one of the many people who has benefited from the helpfulness of the staff of the Modern Records Centre, I would like to express my gratitude for their professionalism and dedication and my admiration for Richard Storey's skill and hard work in producing a catalogue which makes sense of an enormous and invaluable archive.

*Ruth Dudley Edwards*

## INTRODUCTION

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be entrusted with the arrangement and cataloguing of the personal papers of a major public figure. It is also, one should acknowledge, one of the principal intangible rewards of being an archivist. Interrupted as it has been by the continual pressures of large institutional archives, the process which has resulted in this Sources Booklet has been long drawn out (with the attendant difficulties of ensuring consistency of treatment), although in mitigation it has to be said that some 30-40,000 items have been involved, received in several accessions.

The papers in question, of Sir Victor Gollancz, publisher and humanitarian (about which two American universities had expressed interest in his lifetime), relate mainly to his personal interests, especially as a humanitarian activist and campaigner. Publishing is, however, by no means absent, being represented partly by correspondence about and drafts of Gollancz's own writings and anthologies, which were published under the Gollancz imprint, and partly by miscellaneous files and letters assigned to personal rather than publishing filing. The basic division into the two series, personal and publishing, was made when the correspondence was dealt with and some subject files were created by his secretaries. Using this given structure, further subject files have been created as part of the archive process, partly with the object of reducing the 'Miscellaneous' correspondence, which, even so, comprises over 5,000 items.

This Sources Booklet is not intended to be a replacement for the detailed catalogue of the papers (MSS.157), but to draw potential researchers' attention to it. This catalogue is available in the Modern Records Centre, at the National Register of Archives in London, and in the microfiche series *National Inventory of Documentary Sources* (Chadwyck-Healey, Cambridge).

It should be noted that the Modern Records Centre holds on deposit some of the publishing archives of Victor Gollancz Ltd. (MSS.318). These include production books, 1927-70, contract ledgers, 1927-72, MS.-entering books, 1956-89, and some correspondence, including on *Great short stories of detection.....*, edited by Dorothy L. Sayers. The deposit also includes extensive correspondence of Livia Gollancz, who succeeded her father as chairman (this correspondence is not at present listed or available). The

publishing deposit does not include correspondence with authors, which is understood to be held in title files by the present company.

*Richard Storey*

## **Notes**

*In the text which follows, 'VG' denotes Sir Victor Gollancz.*

*The prefix MSS.157 should be added to all references, thus, MSS.157/3/AF/2/1-135.*

*For the life of Sir Victor Gollancz see Ruth Dudley Edwards, Victor Gollancz. A biography (1987).*

*For the publishing house see Sheila Hodges, Gollancz : the story of a publishing house, 1928-1978 (1978).*

*For the Left Book Club see John Lewis, The Left Book Club (1970).*

## SUBJECT FILES

### **AFRICA**

An artificial file on various aspects of African, especially S.African, politics, 1946-64 (3/AF/2/1-135). File re VG's sponsorship of Africa South, 1956-9 (3/AF/1/1-13).

### **AFRICA see also CENTRAL AFRICA COMMITTEE; CHRISTIAN ACTION; RHODESIA : DEFENCE & AID FUND PROTEST**

### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

VG's involvement in AI's early activities, 1961-3 (3/AI/1/1-25).

### **ANGLO-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION**

2 files re VG's involvement, 1949-62, 1961-7. Topics include its establishment, financial support, resignation of Sir Andrew McFadyean. Much of the correspondence is with the gen. sec., Nancy Mackinnon (3/AIS/1/1-197, AIS/2/1-20).

### **ANGLO-SOVIET PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION**

Founded as the A-SPR Committee September 1941, with VG as secretary. This group comprises eight original files, 1941-2, including minutes, circulars, policy documents, correspondence, including re financial support (3/ASP/1).

### **ANIMAL WELFARE**

An artificial file, 1959-66, of correspondence with individuals and organisations re blood-sports, bull-fighting, factory-farming, etc. (3/ANI/1/1-43). There are two files on ritual slaughter, 1950-63, 1962-3 (3/JE/3/1-22; 3/PR/19/1-26).

### **APPEAL FOR AMNESTY IN SPAIN**

Correspondence re VG's support; circulars, 1959, 1961-4 (3/AS/1/1-23).

### **ARAB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**

Original file, 1961, re political problems caused by VG's appeal (3/AD/1/1-25).

### **ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Artificial file, 1946-66, including Lotte Meitner-Graf and copy letters to 'Vicky' (3/ART/1/1-70).

### **ASSOCIATION FOR WORLD PEACE**

The Association developed as a result of a letter by VG to the *Manchester Guardian*, 12 Feb 1951 and VG was chairman until October 1952; War on Want evolved from the Association. Correspondence mainly 1952-3; a few minutes, 1952 (3/AW/1/1-145). There are also two files of miscellaneous correspondence relating to War on Want (3/WW/1-2).

## **ASSOCIATION OF (PROFESSIONAL) PSYCHOTHERAPISTS**

Correspondence re VG's involvement, 1956-64; 2 leaflets re (3/AP/1/1-34).

## **AUSTRIA**

Artificial file re invitations from Anglo-Austrian institutions, etc. (3/AU/1/1-27).

## **BIRMINGHAM**

Artificial file of invitations from Birmingham institutions, 1946-62 (3/BIR/1/1-26).

## **Fr. BORELLI**

Correspondence re VG's support for Fr. Mario Borelli and the House of the Urchins, Naples, 1961-6 (3/BOR/1/1-44).

## **BROADCASTS**

Correspondence re actual or proposed radio and television appearances, 1945-66, including 'Frankly Speaking', 'Face to Face', 'Desert Island Discs', 'Appointment With'; Home Service adaptation of *A year of grace*. Correspondents include members of the public, broadcasters and public figures (3/BR/1-10).

## **BRUDERHOF COMMUNITIES**

Approaches to VG by and on behalf of the Society of Brothers, 1951-8; some publications (3/BRU/1/1-30).

## **CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTIONS**

Artificial file of correspondence with Cambridge University institutions, mainly re invitations to speak, 1946-62. Also correspondence re alleged anti-semitism at the CU Appointments Board, 1954 (3/CU/1/1-111).

## **CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT *see* NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT**

## **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

Files re VG's support of its abolition, including main files re his membership of EC of NCACP, 1959-66 (3/CAP/1/1-239) and applications for NCACP secretaryship, 1960-1 (3/CAP/2/1-19). Also general files, 1949-65 (3/CAP/3/1-59, 4/1-13).

## **CENTRAL AFRICA COMMITTEE**

Correspondence re memorial opposing the Central African Federation, 1952 (3/CEA/1/1-27).

## **CHARITY CASES**

Correspondence about individual appeals to VG for charitable assistance for prisoners and ex-prisoners, the sick and destitute, 1932-65 (mostly concentrated in the years 1956-9). The file includes an appeal for a Civil List pension for the

widow of Philip Lindsay, 1961, with correspondence with John Gawsworth and John Moore (3/CH/1-2). *Access to these files is restricted.*

### **CHILDREN'S WELFARE PROJECTS**

Artificial file of correspondence and publicity material, 1947-65, from a number of organisations and individuals, e.g. Mme. Zernoff, Foyer des Enfants Russes, Friendship Among Children & Youth Around the World Inc. (3/CHI/1/1-60).

### **CHILDREN'S WELFARE PROJECTS *see also* HUNGARIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE; INTERNATIONAL HELP FOR CHILDREN**

### **CHRISTIAN ACTION**

File re Christian Action and the Defence & Aid Fund, 1953-66. Principal topics : southern Africa, incl. Rhodesia & Nyasaland, nuclear disarmament and capital punishment. Principal correspondent : Canon L. John Collins. Also file re appeal for MSS. for exhibition and sale, 1961 (3/CA/1/1-118, 3/CA/2/1-16).

### **CHRISTIAN ACTION *see also* INDIVIDUALS : Canon (Lewis) John COLLINS; RHODESIA : DEFENCE & AID FUND PROTEST**

### **CIVIL LIBERTIES**

6 files : 3 artificial, 1936-8, 1946-66, re misc. topics, 1946 re Koestler's proposal for revived League for the Rights of Man; 3 original files re visit to UK by Roger N. Baldwin, chairman of International League for the Rights of Man, 1950-1 (3/CL/1/1-10, 3/CL/4/1-22, 3/CL/5/1-12; 3/CL/1/1-37, 3/CL/2/1-33, 3/CL/3/1-31).

### **COMMUNIST PARTY**

Original boxfile entitled "Documentary", 1939-42, re situation of Left Book Club, relationship with CPGB, German-Soviet pact, etc. Correspondents include : Sheila Lynd, Dr John Lewis, Harold Laski, Dean Hewlett Johnson, Prof. H. Levy, Sir Richard Acland, Albert Inkpin, D.N. Pritt. Other topics include : China Campaign Committee, Czechoslovakia (3/DOC/1/1-401).

### **CONNOLLY ASSOCIATION**

Correspondence seeking VG's support in the cases of Mallan and Talbot and Joseph Doyle, 1958, 1962 (3/CON/1/1-16).

### **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

Correspondence with hon.sec.of committee for its abolition in schools; re VG's participation in debate at LSE Students' Union; with R.A.W. Davidson (Old Reptonian); 1946, 1959-60 (3/CO/1/1-28).

### **CRIME FICTION**

Correspondence, 1950-62, with Crime Writers' Association and individual writers, mainly re new title recommendations; also VG's refusal to write on

Dorothy L. Sayers for *DNB*, 1962. Correspondents include : Julian Symons, A.B. Cox (3/CRI/1/1-45).

### **CYPRUS CONCILIATION COMMITTEE**

Correspondence, 1956-9, re VG's involvement in the work of this committee (3/CY/1/1-38).

### **DAILY HERALD COMPETITION**

Correspondence, 1949, with competitors for prize offered by VG for a case for the continuance of the democratic socialist experiment. NB this file does not include the entries themselves, only short reader's notes (3/DH/1/1-93).

### **DEATH PENALTY *see* CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

### **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Artificial file of correspondence, mainly re invitations to VG to address meetings at schools, colleges, training courses, 1946-66. Includes correspondence re Michael Karolyi Meml. Fdn. (3/ED/1/1-144).

### **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS *see also* CORPORAL PUNISHMENT; REPTON**

### **EUROPEAN MOVEMENTS**

Artificial file of correspondence with some related leaflets, 1946-61. Individuals and organisations include : Count Coudenhove-Kalergi, Rev. R.D. Rees, Prof. Hugo Fischer, European Union Movement (3/EM/1/1-30).

### **EUROPEAN MOVEMENTS *see also* UNITED EUROPE MOVEMENT**

### **EUTHANASIA**

Mainly contents of original file re VG's membership of Executive of (Voluntary) Euthanasia Society, 1964-6 (3/EU/1/1-13).

### **FABIAN SOCIETY**

Artificial file, mainly requests to address national and local meetings, 1946-61 (3/FAB/1/1-26).

### **FAVIL PRESS Ltd.**

Founded 1920 by Charles Birnstingl to raise the standard of jobbing printing. He wished to sell in 1932 to take up farming and VG was chairman of the company formed to take over, VG's wife and brother-in-law being joint managing directors. Correspondence, 1932-9, including with Birnstingl, Rubinstein, Nash & Co. (solrs.), Dr R. Salaman, Mrs Frances M.D. Harrod (novelist); balance sheets (3/FAV/1/1-156); accounts, 1933-9 (3/FAV/2/1-83); dividend proposals, 1961 (3/FAV/3/1-2).

### **FEDERAL UNION Ltd.**

File of correspondence, 1942, 45-6, 51, re the Union, the objects of which were a federation of free peoples under a common government. VG became a vice-president. Correspondents include Monica Wingate (3/FE/1/1-30).

### **FEDERAL UNION *see also* WORLD GOVERNMENT**

### **FOYLE, W. & G., Ltd., booksellers**

Mainly correspondence with Christine Foyle re attendance at Foyle's literary luncheons, 1953-64 (3/FO/1/1-37).

### **FREEDOM DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

The committee was reconstituted from the Freedom Press Defence Committee "to resist further encroachment on individual liberties". Correspondents (1945-6) include : Herbert Read, George Woodcock and Vernon Richards (3/FD/1/1-19).

### **FRIENDS, SOCIETY OF**

Artificial file, 1946-56, re their relief work (3/FR/1/1-16).

### **GERMANY**

A very extensive correspondence, essentially concentrated on reconciliation with Germany, post-1945. Correspondents range from national figures, politicians, officials and writers to ordinary citizens.

### ***VG's visit to Germany 1946***

Files of correspondence with contacts, collected reports, memoranda, etc., re conditions in Germany, work of the Control Commission, etc. (3/GE/1/1-24). This group of files, containing several hundred documents, provides a significant source on conditions in Germany in the early post-war period.

### ***Critical letters***

Original file, 1946-9, of letters criticising VG for his concern for the fate of Germans (3/GE/2/1-28).

### ***Goethe Medal***

File re award to VG of Goethe Medal and honorary doctorate by University of Frankfurt, 1949. Includes some letters of congratulation, e.g. from Liddell Hart, Phyllis Bentley, Gilbert Murray (3/GE/3/1-68).

### ***Anglo-German Educational Relations***

File of correspondence, 1946-58, mainly with Dr. Erich Hirsch (3/GE/5/1-33).

### ***Anglo-German Institute***

File of correspondence, mainly re problems with its setting-up and chairmanship, 1950-1, Dec 1953. Correspondents include : Prof. George Catlin, Harold Nicolson, Rebecca West (3/GE/4/1-84).

### ***German greetings on VG's 60th birthday***

Correspondence, 1953, with public figures, e.g. President Heuss, Provost Gruber and members of the public, including former PoWs; some enclosures, e.g. pamphlets (3/GE/6/1-270).

### ***German greetings on VG's 65th birthday***

Correspondence as above, 1958 (3/GE/7/1-79).

### ***German greetings on VG's 70th birthday***

Correspondence as above, 1963 (3/GE/9/1-104).

### ***Award of Peace Prize of German Book Trade Association***

Group of artificial files re, 1960-1; including arrangements, congratulations from Germans and non-Germans, donation of prize money, draft texts of speeches. Correspondents include: President Lübke, Axel Springer, Provost Grüber, Julius Braunthal (3/GE/8/1-6).

### ***Miscellaneous correspondence : chronological***

Artificial files, 1945-67 (3/GE/11-21) of correspondence relating to Germany, and/or with Germans, selected from Miscellaneous series. Correspondents and topics include : Benn Levy MP re marriage ban, 1946; requests for gifts of publications; Walter Fliess re the German situation, 1949; 'Baltic University' DP Centre, 1949; requests for articles; Gilbert Murray, 1950; Marion Countess Dönhoff; Salvador de Madariaga, 1960; Easter March of Opponents of Nuclear Weapons, 1961; *Encounter* statement on freedom in Berlin, 1961; requests to participate in conferences, etc.; Karl, Graf von Westphalen, 1965; Study Group for Religious Reconciliation, 1965; Arbeitskreis Featherstone Park, 1960-6; Herbert Sulzbach, German Embassy staff, Hon. Pres., A-K Featherstone Park (3/GE/21/1-15).

### ***Miscellaneous correspondence : alphabetical***

Original A-Z series, c. 1949-59, of correspondence relating to Germany and/or with Germans. Principal topics include requests for individual assistance, especially in relation to the derequisitioning of property, compensation and restitution cases; expression of admiration for VG, including from PoWs; requests for him to speak or contribute articles; petitions on behalf of refugees, prisoners-of-war and those held on war crimes charges. Correspondents include publishers; broadcasting organisations; Provost Heinrich Grüber; campaigners for Frisia and Heligoland and for the neutralisation of Germany (Nauheim Circle) (3/GE/22-45).

### **HOMOSEXUAL LAW REFORM**

Correspondence re VG's involvement in Homosexual Law Reform Society, mainly 1958-61 (3/HO/1/1-50); includes memo. by C.R. Hewitt on internal controversy, 1959 (3/HO/1/28). File re requested forewords to book on subject by Rev. A. Hallidie Smith, 1962 (3/PUB/10/1-35).

### **HORNIK CASE**

Original file, 1960-4, re compensation claims by Hornik family in respect of forced sale of Kalkwerke D. Funk, Regensburg (3/HK/1/1-31).

### **HOWARD LEAGUE**

Papers deriving from VG's membership of the League Executive Committee (1-15); also miscellaneous post-war correspondence and papers on personal matters, including VG's prison visiting at Wormwood Scrubs, 1950-1 (21-37) (3/HL/1/1-68).

### **HUMANITAS**

Original file (3/HU/1/1-5) : draft statement by VG, November 1959, need for new group to counteract prevailing materialism; a few related letters.

### **HUNGARIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE IN GT. BRITAIN**

Correspondence, 1946-7, re donations to Countess Karolyi's Children's Home Fund (3/HR/1/1-21).

### **INDIA**

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1946-63 (3/IN/1/1-32) on various topics, including VG's views on Tagore (19-20).

### **INDIVIDUALS**

Letters from a number of authors and public figures have been arranged in this series, although they may also feature in subject files.

Amongst these for whom there are files in this series are : Sir Richard Acland (3/I/AC/1-58), Canon L. John Collins, founder of Christian Action, *qv* (3/I/CS/1-78), Daphne du Maurier (3/I/DM/1-42), Edmond Fleg, Jewish author, and his wife, Madeleine (3/I/FL/1-78), Theodor Heuss, 1st President of the German Federal Republic (3/I/HE/1-25), Rose Macaulay (3/I/M/1-31), Kathleen Raine (3/I/RAI/1-22), Rev. Charles Raven (3/I/RA/1-20).

### **INTERNATIONAL HELP FOR CHILDREN**

Correspondence, mainly with John Barclay, Organising Secretary, re IHC affairs generally and VG's donations, 1950-66 (3/IH/1/1-98).

### **JEWISH AFFAIRS**

A group of files (3/JE/i, 3/JE/1-8), of which the largest (3/JE/8/1-596), 1945-66, comprises material transferred from the 'Miscellaneous' series. This includes correspondence with individuals and organisations (with relevant leaflets in some cases) : invitations to speak, charitable activity, relations between Jews and Arabs. Other files include : Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1949-66 (3/JE/6/1-261); ritual slaughter, 1950-63 (3/JE/3/1-22); Jewish question in wartime : original group of pamphlets and papers (3/JE/1/1-35).

**JEWISH AFFAIRS** *see also* **ANGLO-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION; ARAB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY; LITERARY : *The case of Adolf Eichmann; Nowhere to lay their heads***

### **JEWISH SOCIETY FOR HUMAN SERVICE**

Ten files (some original), 1948-67 (3/JS/1-10) re VG's involvement in the JSHS, which he called together as a small group in 1948. The correspondence relates particularly to fund-raising and the nature of efforts to aid Arab refugees, e.g. field ambulance work.

### **Themos KORNAROS**

Correspondence and articles, 1950-1, about the plight of this Greek poet and writer, a political prisoner for most of the period since 1936 (3/KO/1/1-41).

### **LABOUR PARTY**

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1946 (mainly) - 1959, including invitation to stand as parliamentary candidate, 1950 (23-4), indication of VG's disillusionment with the Party, 1955 (13-14) (3/LP/1/1-40).

### **LEFT BOOK CLUB**

The archives of the Club as such are not known to survive. One original file is described above under 'Communist Party'. Other files comprise : correspondence re legal action taken or contemplated over published comment on VG and the LBC, 1937-40 (3/LB/3/1/1-71); schematic expenditure account of LBC (3/LB/4); miscellaneous correspondence about the last period of the Club, 1945-7 (3/LB/1/1-80), research correspondence, 1950-67 (3/LB/2/1-63). Orders from LBC members for *Nowhere to lay their heads*, 1945 (3/LI/NT/2-3).

Scattered additional references may be found in the Centre's Name Index.

### **LITERARY**

A substantial corpus of papers (correspondence, drafts, etc.) relates to works published or projected by VG, anthologies, autobiography, political tracts and musicology. The files include correspondence with prominent literary and public figures.

#### ***The case of Adolf Eichmann***

Pub. 1961. 3 files, 1961-2 : correspondence with the press (3/LI/AE/1); in reaction to the pamphlet, mostly in praise, 1961-2, including extensive exchange with Berl Locker (3/LI/AE/2/1-360); file of agreements and correspondence (3/LI/AE/3).

#### ***Christianity and the war crisis***

Original file, 1950, including part of text (3/LI/CWC/1/1-10).

### ***Christopher Craig biography project***

Transcripts of VG's interviews with Christopher Craig, who in 1953 had shot a policeman when in the company of Derek Bentley, who was hanged. The biography of Craig, for which the interviews were a preparation, did not materialise (3/LI/CR/1-10).

### ***The devil's repertoire***

Pub. 1958 on "nuclear bombing and the life of man". 3 files, 1958-62 : original file re preparation (3/LI/DR/1); original file of responses, 1958-9, including from those prominent in literature, the arts and religion (3/LI/DR/2/1-173); other relevant correspondence, transferred from 'Miscellaneous' series (3/LI/DR/3).

### ***Essays***

In 1950 VG considered developing an essay given at Frankfurt University on 'Religion and humanism' into the first essay in a projected volume. This file (3/LI/ES/1) relates to the project.

### ***From darkness to light***

Pub. 1956. Letters of appreciation of this "confession of faith in the form of an anthology", from a wide range of public figures, including Theodor Heuss and T.S. Eliot, and members of the general public (3/LI/DL/1/1-311).

### ***God of a hundred names***

Pub. 1962. Seven files relating to the conception and reception of this anthology of "prayers of many peoples and creeds", on which VG collaborated with Barbara Greene (Countess Strachwitz). The series (3/LI/GH/1-7) includes a short original file "Everyman's Prayer Book", 1951 (3/LI/GH/1), which may be a precursor; suggested prayers, in several files; an original file of "Thank yous" (3/LI/GH/7); file of miscellaneous correspondence (3/LI/GH/4), including T.S. Eliot re being a Jew in contemporary society (7-10).

### ***Great blunders of the twentieth century***

Correspondence, 1962-3, re a possible article by VG on the post-war Labour Party in this series in the *Sunday Times* (3/LI/GB/1/1-9).

### ***Journey towards music***

Pub. 1964. Two original files relating to this musical autobiography (3/LI/JTM/1-2). Correspondents in (JTM/1) include Julian Herbage, Otto Klemperer and Igor Stravinsky.

### ***Last words for Timothy***

Correspondence, 1953-9, re a projected third volume in the 'Timothy' series, including with Liddell Hart, Gilbert Murray and Daphne du Maurier (3/LI/LWT/1/1-47).

### ***Meaning of personal freedom***

Correspondence re publication in *Manas* of VG's essay on this theme, 1957.

### ***More for Timothy***

Pub. 1953. Five files (3/LI/MFT/1-5), 1952-61, re this second volume of VG's autobiographical letter to his grandson. There are three original files re its composition (MFT/1), permissions to quote from other works (MFT/2) and with Messrs. Simon & Schuster about a possible American edition (MFT/3). Correspondence with its translator into German, Dr Lutz Weltmann, is in (MFT/5). Letters from the public and friends, mainly 1953-5, are in (MFT/4). Correspondents include Theodor Heuss, Liddell Hart, Arthur Koestler, David Low, Rose Macaulay.

### ***My dear Timothy***

Pub. 1952. Eight files (3/LI/MDT/1-8) re the first volume of his autobiographical letter to his grandson, 1951-65 (mainly 1952-3). Original files (3/LI/MDT/1-2, 7) relate to permissions and fees, preparation of the volume, reviews and related matter. (MDT/3/1-350) comprises mainly letters from friends receiving advance copies and includes letters from Richard Church, David Astor, Bertrand Russell and Gilbert Murray. (MDT/4-6) contain correspondence from readers generally, correspondents include Liddell Hart, Edmond Fleg and Aldous Huxley.

### ***New year of grace***

This revised version, pub.1961, of the original religious anthology *A year of grace* (q.v.) was intended to clarify the concept of the earlier anthology and to appeal especially to older teenagers. There are six files (3/LI/NY/1-6), three of draft material, with some reworking by VG (4-6); two files comprise correspondence from recipients of personal copies (1) and the general public (2) and one relates to US rights and other aspects of its publication (3). Correspondents include Rev. Dr. James Parkes, C. Day-Lewis and the Rt. Rev. John Robinson, Bishop of Woolwich.

### ***Nowhere to lay their heads***

Three original files on this pamphlet about the Jewish question, published in 1945 (3/LI/NT/1-3). "Fan mail" (3/LI/NT/1/1-268) comprises letters received in response, including some disagreeing with VG. Two files (3/LI/NT/2-3) deal with orders, from the Left Book Club, individuals and groups.

### ***Present priorities in human affairs***

Correspondence, 1948-9, with David Higham and R. Hodder-Williams about possible books by VG on the above topic and on the Jewish question, in both of which Hodder & Stoughton were interested (3/LI/PP/1/1-13).

### ***Reminiscences of affection***

Files relating to this book of reminiscences, published posthumously in 1968 (3/LI/RA/1-19). The original file "Material" (1) includes letters from Edmond and Madeleine Fleg, Rose Macaulay and Stanley Spencer. There are also files of correspondence, etc., relating to points of detail (2-4); the text, mainly MS., of most chapters; letters of thanks for copies of the book (5,18).

### ***The Ring at Bayreuth***

Pub. in 1961, this book derives from an article commissioned by the *Observer*. Seven files (3/LI/RB/1-7) contain various sets of typescript and proof with extensive MS. work by VG, plus some miscellaneous items.

### ***The sanity of Christ***

Original file (3/LI/SC/1/1-41) re a projected book by VG, 1956-63, including correspondence with John Attenborough and David Higham.

### ***Socrates in Hampstead***

Original file, 1961, re VG's project for a 'platonian dialogue' on capital punishment (3/LI/SH/1/1-30). Correspondents include Prof. H.L.A. Hart, Richard Crossman and Christmas Humphreys.

### ***The wisdom of Christianity***

Three letters, 1964, re suggested anthology to be compiled by VG.

### ***A year of grace***

Eight files (3/LI/YG/1-8) re this spiritual anthology, published in 1950. Aspects of its preparation are covered in (YG/2), reviews and reviewers in (YG/3). Letters from recipients of personal copies, 1950-1, are in (YG/4/1-232), including Rt. Rev. George Bell, Daphne du Maurier, Eleanor Farjeon, Rose Macaulay, Henry Treece. Original file of 'letters of thanks' (YG/5/1-164); original file of letters from general public (YG/6/1-147); miscellaneous original files (YG/7-8).

### **MANCHESTER**

File of invitations to address Manchester institutions, 1946-61 (3/MAN/1/1-44).

### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, PRE-1940**

An alphabetically arranged sequence (3/M/1-675), from which some letters have been transferred to subject files. Correspondents include : Mrs Marie Belloc Lowndes, novelist; J.R. Bloch; the book illustrators and jacket designers Pearl Binder (Lady Elwyn Jones), Rosemary Blackadder, Margaret Calkin James and Albert Rutherford; Dr. O. Freund of Piper Verlag; Susan Gaspell; Gerald and Barbara Gould; (Sir) Francis Meynell; D.N. Pritt and his wife; Leonard Stein; Humbert Wolfe.

## **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, POST-1945**

An alphabetically arranged sequence (3/MI/1-4319), from which numerous letters have been transferred to subject files. The sequence includes correspondence from organisations seeking financial or other support from VG, sometimes enclosing ephemera, or inviting him to speak. The following selection of individual correspondents is intended to give some indication of the scope and variety of the post-war correspondence.

Novelists include : A.J. Cronin (734-9), Kay Dick (834-7), Susan Ertz (1012-14), Pamela Hinkson (1595-7), Paul Scott (3458), Muriel Spark (3615), Elizabeth Sprigge (3626). Historians : David Irving (1806-9), A.J.P. Taylor (3762-4), E.P. Thompson (3813-15). Political figures : Tony Benn (217-23), Lord Boothby (292-6), Hugo Dewar (831-3), Reginald Paget (2888-91), Konni Zilliacus (4316-17). Writers and publicists include : H.N. Brailsford (320-4), Dr. J. Bronowski (363-6), Prof. George Catlin (520-30), Dr. C.E.M. Joad (1876-82), Arthur Koestler (2137-9), Reginald Reynolds, pacifist (3207-11). American writers include : Robert Myron Coates (604-14), Edna Ferber (1076-7), Nancy Hallinan (1425-35), Elmer Rice (3221-7), Leo Rosten (3298-3303), May Sarton (3409-12).

Other correspondents include : Pearl Binder (2006-11), Dr. F.C. Happold (1437-45), Douglas Jerrold (1867-72), Freda Laski (2188-92), Nigel Nicolson (2807-12), Alan Pryce-Jones, *Times Lit. Supp.* (3086-93), Sir Richard Rees (3181-7); also former staff members : Sheila Lynd (2354-7), Mrs Marion Miller, née Hartfree (1483-97), Agnes Rasmussen (3142-52).

*Many of the individuals are also represented by correspondence in subject files.*

## **MOTORING**

VG did not drive (biography, p.139). There is correspondence, 1949-62, about the hire of chauffeur-driven cars (3/CAR/1) and another file (3/P/MO/1) about cars hired or operated in the 1930s.

## **MOVEMENT FOR COLONIAL FREEDOM**

Correspondence mainly with Fenner Brockway, chiefly about VG's misgivings over the conduct of a meeting at which he spoke, 1956 (3/MC/1/1-20).

## **MUSIC**

There are a number of files reflecting VG's passionate interest in music, the group commencing with two general files, both including correspondence with Alan Bush : (3/MU/G/i/1-82), 1928-39, mainly re bookings; (3/MU/G/1/1-167), 1946-66 : correspondents include Janet Baker, Harry Blech, William Mann.

Four files (3/MU/B/1-4), 1952-67, relate principally to bookings. The file re bookings at the Royal Festival Hall (3/MU/B/1/1-104) includes correspondence with T.E. Bean, general manager, of a social and personal nature.

Other music files include : Asian Music Circle (3/MU/A/1/1-26); correspondence with and re Dr. Otto Klemperer (3/MU/K/1/1-13); Music in Prisons Society, 1961-2 (3/MU/MP/1/1-17); New Philharmonia Orchestra Trust (3/MU/NP/1-2), 1964-8, including re dispute within the Trust; file on interview of VG by Peter Heyworth for *Observer* article, 1964, on 'Opera then and now' (3/MU/O/1/1-33); general file on opera, mainly 1960s (3/MU/OG/1/1-64), including correspondence with Colin Davis; correspondence with Harold Rosenthal, editor of *Opera*, re possible contributions, 1960-6 (3/MU/OM/1/1-12); correspondence re attending annual productions of Oxford University Opera Club, 1953-62 (3/MU/OU/1/1-29); correspondence re Revival Opera Company Ltd., 1960-1 (3/MU/RO/1/1-10); file re VG's visits to Wagner's 'The Ring' cycle at Bayreuth and writings on the subject, 1964-6 (3/MU/RB/1/1-65). See also the entry on (3/LI/RB/1-7) above.

### **THE NEW BRIDGE**

Correspondence relating to the establishment and affairs of this association of friends of the discharged prisoner, 1955-63 (3/NB/1/1-36).

### **NEWBURY, Berks.**

Requests from local organisations, 1946-61 : VG lived in the vicinity, at Brimpton (3/NEW/1/1-21).

### **NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT**

Correspondence on this issue from individuals and organisations, including local CND groups, 1950-65 (3/ND/1/1-307). Individual correspondents include : Max Born and G.V.R. Born, Canon L.J. Collins, Peggy Duff, Barbara Hepworth, Miles Malleson, Dr. Antoinette Pirie. National bodies represented, in addition to CND itself, include : Committee of 100 Christian Group, Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War, National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (USA), National Council for Abolition of Nuclear Weapon Tests.

**NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT** see also **LITERARY** : *The devil's repertoire*

### **OVERSEAS CAUSES**

Correspondence re political or philanthropic issues in fifteen countries not covered by specific files, 1946-65 (3/OV/1/1-68).

### **OXFAM**

Correspondence mainly about donations, 1953-64 (3/OX/1/1-31).

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS

Correspondence with a variety of clubs, societies and publications re invitations, and invitations to speak or write, 1945-64 (3/OU/1/1-241).

## PACIFISM

Eight files on this topic (3/PAC/1-8) have been created from the Miscellaneous series, as follows : Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1946-62 (3/PAC/1/1-53); National Peace Council, 1946-66 (3/PAC/2/1-4); No Conscription Council, 1946, 1952 (3/PAC/3/1-44); *Peace News*, 1953-9 (3/PAC/4/1-10); Peace Pledge Union, 1947-60 (3/PAC/5/1-23); Standing Joint Pacifist Committee, 1955-61 (3/PAC/6/1-17), including re pamphlet *Unarmed*, 1957; other pacifist organisations, 1946-64 (3/PAC/7/1-95), including Fellowship Party, International Arbitration League, Oxford University Peace Association, 1950-1 (with two letters from Shirley Catlin); individuals, 1946, 1950-62 (3/PAC/8/1-91), including S.M. Udale, a retired aero engineer, Rev. Werner Pelz.

## PERIODICALS

Artificial file of correspondence with a variety of periodicals, mainly re requests to write for them or be the subject of a profile (3/PL/1/1-187), 1947-65. Titles and individuals include : *Catholic Herald* (7-17), Wolf Mankowicz (23-4), Michael De-la-Noy (83-5), George Delf (179-82).

There are also separate files relating to *Illustrated* (3/IL/1) and the *Leader* : VG's dissatisfaction with a profile, 1949-50 (3/LE/1).

## PERSONAL AFFAIRS

This series (3/P/AC-ST) was created to deal with aspects of VG's personal and family life, ranging from the collection of antiques and works of art (3/P/AN/i & 1-2) to letters of sympathy and condolence to Lady Gollancz and their daughter, Livia, on his final illness and death, 1966-7 (3/P/ILL/1; 3/P/CON/1-5). (Letters of condolence to Livia on the death of her mother, 1973, will be found at 6/LG/1-2.) One small file (3/P/AR/1/1-7) relates to VG's archives and includes several approaches from N. America. A small group of correspondence and papers of Lady Gollancz, including letters from and about Stanley Spencer and Isaac Rosenberg and some of her sketchbooks, will be found at 6/RG/1-11.

Other topics include : congratulations on his knighthood, 1965 (3/P/KN/1); letters of sympathy on his accident, 1961 (3/P/AC/1/1-351), and on his stroke, 1966 (3/P/ST/1/1-94); Brimpton Lodge and its garden (3/P/BRI & GAR); aspects of the bringing up and education of his daughters (3/P/CHI/1; 3/P/DOM/4,7) and other domestic and family matters, including his sister, May, and his father's estate (3/P/DOM/1-3). Something of a curiosity is a file about VG's withdrawal of his acceptance of the cross of honour and merit from the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, based in the USA, 1963 (3/P/SJ/1).

## **PERSONALIST GROUP**

The group was set up in 1945 to study and disseminate personalist belief that personality is the most valuable entity. The file comprises correspondence with J.B. Coates and policy statements (3/PE/1/1-21).

## **POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS**

Contacts with a variety of political organisations in the 1930s (3/POL/1/1-106) include correspondence re VG's desire "to take an active part in Labour politics", 1931 (3/POL/1/1-12). There is also a file about VG's appointment of a personal 'political secretary', 1938, including profiles of and applications from a number of women (3/POL/2/1-45).

## **POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS *see also* COMMUNIST PARTY; LABOUR PARTY; LEFT BOOK CLUB**

## **PRESS**

Series of files relating to VG's letters to the press, mainly on political and moral issues, 1945-66 (3/PR/1-24). Some of the larger or more significant files relate to the following topics :

the origins of Save Europe Now, 1945 (3/PR/2,4);  
letters to *The Times* on a variety of topics, 1946-66 (3/PR/5,16);  
the treatment of imprisoned German generals, 1948-9 (3/PR/8);  
dismantling of German industrial plant, 1949 (3/PR/11);  
the case of Ernst von Weizsäcker, 1949-50 (3/PR/12);  
the idea of a Ministry of Peace, 1950 (3/PR/14);  
the case of Dr Robert Soblen, 1962 (3/PR/18);  
'the religion of Satan' letter to the *Guardian*, 1961, criticising the morality of the big powers (3/PR/24).

## **PRISONERS' WELFARE**

Correspondence with or about prisoners and ex-prisoners concerning their cases, personal history, grievances, search for employment, financial assistance, etc., 1950-66 (3/PRI/1-8). Correspondents include Fenner Brockway, Merfyn Turner, C.R. Hewitt, Arnold Goodman, Lord Pakenham. *Access to these files is restricted.*

## **PUBLISHING**

In general, as was to be expected from Gollancz' office practice, relatively little direct publishing correspondence was found in his personal papers, other than that relating to his own works. The miscellaneous publishing correspondence, including a few original files, which was found amongst his personal papers has been grouped at MSS.157/3/PUB.

Following the second change of ownership of the firm after his death, some substantial archives of the publishing house have been deposited in the Centre

(MSS.318), although it should be stressed that this deposit does not contain the bulk of correspondence with authors (arranged in title files), which has been retained by Cassell and is understood not to be accessible for research.

The publishing files in MSS.157 (3/PUB/i-vi & 1-32) include the following :

- attempted acquisitions of other publishers, 1929-30 (3/PUB/iii);
- dispute with A.D. Peters, the literary agent, re titles going out of print, 1943 (3/PUB/1);
- other correspondence with literary agents, 1946-9 (3/PUB/2);
- correspondence re forewords to proposed book on homosexual law reform, 1962 (3/PUB/10);
- responses to circular about reorganisation of the company, 1965-6 (3/PUB/15);
- correspondence with Penguin Books Ltd., 1946-60 (3/PUB/20);
- two files (3/PUB/25-6), containing together over 400 items of miscellaneous correspondence on publishing matters, 1925-66 (mainly post-1943).

**PUBLISHING** *see also* **MSS.157/3/TR; MSS.157/3/USP** (for publishing in USA)

#### **REFUGEES**

A few post-war case histories (3/RF/1).

**REFUGEES** *see also* **JEWISH SOCIETY FOR HUMAN SERVICE**

#### **REPTON SCHOOL**

There are two files (3/RS/i & 1) from the 'Miscellaneous' series, which deal with the school, where VG was a master 1916-18. The background file to *More for Timothy* (3/LI/MFT/1) includes an exchange of correspondence with D.C. Somervell, the historian and fellow teacher at Repton, about the school, and there are further references in the Somervell file in the 'Individuals' series (3/I/SO).

#### **RHODESIA : DEFENCE & AID FUND PROTEST**

File re controversy following Christian Action advertisement criticising legal situation in Southern Rhodesia. Correspondents include Lady Violet Bonham Carter and Canon Collins (3/RHO/1/1-65).

**RITUAL SLAUGHTER** *see* **ANIMAL WELFARE**

#### **ROMAIN ROLLAND**

Correspondence, 1952-65, mainly with his widow : English rights and proposals. Writers, publishers referred to include John Calder, Wolf Mankowitz, Colin Wilson (3/RO/1/1-43).

## **RUSSIA**

VG's relations w. various organisations, 1930s, including correspondence with the Soviet ambassador and Mme Maisky (3/RU/1/1-41). Russian child refugees in France, 1951 (3/CHI/1/8-11).

## **RUSSIA *see also* ANGLO-SOVIET PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION; COMMUNIST PARTY**

### **SAVE EUROPE NOW**

This movement originated in letters to the press in August 1945 from a number of public figures, including VG, appealing for the contribution of rations to relieve distress in Europe. An invitation meeting was followed by a mass meeting at the Albert Hall, a delegation to the Minister of Food and a memorial to the Prime Minister.

For the work of SEN *see* Peggy Duff, *Save Europe Now 1945-1948. Three years' work.*

File relating to the invitation meeting (3/SEN/1/1-181); original file re proposal to surrender rations, correspondence mainly with the Prime Minister, 1945-6 (3/SEN/2/1-16); 2 original files of documentation, apparently relating mainly to SEN, 1945-6 (3/SEN/3-4).

3 files in the series relating to letters to the press (3/PR/2,4,5) are related to SEN.

### **THEATRE**

Two artificial files, 1928-39, 1946-64, of correspondence (and supporting documentation) with theatrical organisations and personalities (3/TH/i & 1). Includes reference to Left Book Club theatre scheme, 1937 (i/1-2); O. Ebelspacher's English School Theatre scheme (i/15-23); correspondence with J.B. Priestley, mainly re his play 'Time and the Conways', 1937 (i/34-7); appeals by various theatres, groups and producers, post-war (3/TH/1).

### **TRAVEL**

An extensive series of files (3/TR/1-63), mainly post-1945, relating partly to holidays and holiday plans, but also to VG's annual business visits to the United States to meet American agents, publishers and writers and acquire publishing rights. The American files include numerous letters reflecting VG's relations with American colleagues and supplement the file of correspondence with American publishers (3/USP). The series also includes a file, 1947-50, on a visit to Germany and on a cancelled visit scheduled for 1954 (3/TR/2,10) and files on cancelled plans for visits to Australia (3/TR/29-30) and India (3/TR/24).

## **UNITED EUROPE MOVEMENT**

Inaugurated in May 1947 by an all-party British Committee, to promote study of and interest in the aim of uniting Europe and to secure support for it. The five files include minute and related papers, 1947-9, 1951-3, correspondence, including Lord Boothby, Evelyn King and Bertrand Russell, papers and publications (3/UE/1-5).

## **UNITED STATES PUBLISHING**

Artificial file of correspondence with US publishers, agents and a few authors, 1928, 1945, 1948-66. Contents mainly, but not exclusively, social : visits, hospitality, gifts, etc. (3/USP/1/1-552).

**UNITED STATES PUBLISHING** *see also* **MSS.157/3/TR** for files on visits to USA to meet publishers, agents and writers

## **WHO KILLED KENNEDY COMMITTEE**

Original file, 1964, including four letters from Bertrand Russell; also duplicated articles by him, Mark Lane *et al.* (3/WK/1/1-26).

## **WORLD GOVERNMENT**

Artificial file on this theme, 1946-59, 1963 (3/WG/1/1-79), including World Citizenship, Crusade for World Government, Inter-dependence Council Inc. Correspondence with Ed Lewis, architect and advocate of world government, 1959-64, 1969 (3/I/LE/1-14).

**WORLD GOVERNMENT** *see also* **FEDERAL UNION Ltd.**

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In addition to the subject file series (MSS.157/3) described above, the Gollancz Papers include some other categories of documentation, information on which is given below.

### **Diaries**

7 notebooks compiled during VG's Save Europe Now visit to Germany, Oct-Nov 1946 (8/GE/1-7).

Diary kept by VG, 1966-7, during recuperation from his stroke : 'Epilogue', *Reminiscences of affection* (8/ST/1).

### **Photographs**

Prints of most of the illustrations of *In darkest Germany*, captioned by VG on reverse (157/12/GE/1).

Similar photographs, not used in the book; also of Düren, and of dismantling of Schiess-Defries Werke (157/12/GE/2-4).

Photographs of refugee conditions, Middle East, in connection with Jewish Society for Human Service (157/12/JS/1).

Personal photographs : small group, 1930s-'60s (157/12/P).

### **Press-cuttings**

An extensive series (MSS.157/10), even though weeded.

Of particular significance are cuttings relating to VG's post-war involvement with Germany, profiles and obituaries of him, and cuttings re some of his published works. Some single cuttings and small groups have been transferred to appropriate subject files.

### **Published works**

Some of VG's works are held as part of the archive (MSS.157/4).

*Left (Book) News*, nos.1-90 (incomplete; 1936-43) and some ephemera are also held (MSS.157/4/LB/1-2).

Some miscellaneous publications, mainly political pamphlets, have been grouped together at MSS.157/5.

### **Texts**

There are a few texts of work by VG (MSS.157/7/LI), in addition to those to be found in MSS.157/3/LI. They include his play 'Daughters', 1913, an extensively altered text of *More for Timothy*, and ch.7 of *My dear Timothy*, amended by VG. There are also a few miscellaneous writings by others, which have no other context.





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