

MODERN RECORDS CENTRE

Report 1996-97

Introduction

The dominating event of this last year has been the retirement of Richard Storey, the Centre's Archivist since it was established in 1973. His reflections on his work at Warwick are included later in this report.

Richard's departure has left the Centre with one less member of staff, a cut in the permanent staff of 25%. We hope to be able to maintain our service to our searchroom, but sorting and listing archives will inevitably suffer.

The largest new deposit was the transfer of some of the University's Registry archive to the Centre's custody during the course of the year. Eleanor Rowe, who also works part-time for the Centre, was appointed part-time Registry Archivist. Research enquiries involving the University archives should be addressed in writing to her at the Centre.

Accessions

As with last year, the principal feature of the year's accessions has been the adding of strength to strength. Office moves by major depositors led to the consolidation of their holdings. The TUC added further Registry files and also other series of unclassified files. The AEEU's extended move from Peckham allowed searches to be made to fill in gaps as well as the addition of other items. The General Election in May occasioned the retirement of several MPs sponsored by the AEEU and the deposit of the AEEU Group of MPs' papers. The Post Office Engineering Union made additions which considerably extended its deposit, and which included fragments from earlier unions such as the National Society of Telephone Employees.

There were deposits from new sources. The addition of some of the University's archives has already been mentioned. Professor Gillian Rose bequeathed her books and papers to the Library. Her papers have been deposited in the Centre. The British Association of Social Workers deposited the archives of its predecessors. The archives were doubly welcome as they came complete with catalogue.

Gurharpal Singh archive. The Centre is providing accommodation for this collection to the University's Centre for Research into Ethnic Relations. The

archive is a significant source for the study of Communist Party activity in the Punjab from 1920s to 1970s. It is notable for a large number of unpublished Communist Party tracts and other inner party papers.

We are grateful to all our depositors for their help and support. Particular thanks should go to Mr A. Bragg of the AEEU. His enthusiasm and energy have added immeasurably to what was already a wonderful archive. Jack Hyde and Nick Cutts of the CBI and Gareth Turpin of the TUC have also been particularly helpful and supportive.

Processing

Richard Storey completed his list of the Gollancz archive and compiled the Sources Booklet on the archive. He also listed the Druon correspondence and the Salaman Road Haulage Collection and brought the work on the Tom Mann archive close to completion.

Christine Woodland's work has been mainly related to accessioning several bulky and complicated accessions. These included the archives of the CBI, the EEF, the AEEU, the Local Government Management Board, NUPE, the National Union of Teachers, the National Union of Students, and BASW. The additions to the Crossman archive of several reels of audio tape necessitated their transfer to cassette format for research use. She has also begun work on the use of Encoded Archival Description, the SGML for archival description, for the Centre's listing activities (see below, p. 4).

Richard Temple supervised a busy year in the searchroom. Nonetheless he produced a full catalogue of the Fire Brigades Union archive and has also processed additional FBU deposits. In addition, he has compiled an interim guide to the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers archive. He has also supervised the accessions of additional deposits to the Post Office Engineering Union archive and to Prof. R. Hyman's NUR/RMT research papers. Comprehensive box lists have been produced for these deposits.

Alan Crookham completed the re-organisation of the CBI deposit, producing a catalogue of the CBI's records and updating the list of the CBI Predecessor Archive (FBI, BEC and NABM) on schedule at the end of November 1996. A revised version of the CBI Sources Booklet was published early in 1997. The second phase of this HEFCE-supported post is to catalogue the additions to the TUC Archive, including the 1960-70 Registry files, the outstanding 1920-60 Registry files and miscellaneous non-Registry material. The ultimate goals are completion of the TUC catalogue up to 1970 and publication of a new TUC Sources Booklet to complement the earlier version.

The Centre's Development Fund has supported the employment of Eleanor Rowe as a cataloguer for several hours a week for much of the year. She has completed lists of the Operational Research Archive, records deposited by the Operational Research Society, including the Society's own records, the Institute of Operational Research, and OR reports of British European Airways and GKN. She has also listed the papers of Alex. A. Josey, editor of *Cycling*, which are deposited in the National Cycle Archive.

Research

The figures in Appendix 2 give a quantitative picture for the year. The same appendix lists some of the publications which have been based on material held at the Centre. As usual, the variety of research topics pursued is remarkably wide. They included: the sociology of work; the TUC and trades councils; the Bedaux system; the workers' co-operative movement; post-war British economic planning; the history of the IFTU and the ICFTU; GATT; British trade union attitudes to the Common Market; London dockers in 1947; Isle of Man labour history; the history of the road haulage industry; ship-building regulations; British universities in the 1930s; TUC education policy; Boer War concentration camps; fascism and communism in the 1930s; German education policies in the 1930s; the Spanish civil war and the British left; the WFTU and colonies; communism in India; the National Union of Students; student activism in the UK and the US, 1960s; social history of cycling, 1920s-30s; competition policy comparisons between the UK and Japan; re-structuring the Italian and British car industries, 1960s-80s; British motor-cycle industry; Sir Ernest Benn and individualism; H. H. Champion; Sir Stafford Cripps; Richard Crossman; Victor Gollancz and Italy; Julian Huxley; and Tom Mann. In addition, a considerable number of family history enquiries has been answered, by reader visits and by post.

The performance statistics in Appendix 2 convey certain aspects of the Centre's work. They exclude the most important, the selective preservation of records of historical importance. Nonetheless the figures show an increased demand from readers, by postal and other enquiries, and by documents and photocopies produced. Since April, new photocopying arrangements, involving staff from the main library, have enabled the Centre to provide a more flexible and comprehensive service in this respect

In January the Centre welcomed as Honorary Fellow Robert Taylor, Employment Editor of the *Financial Times*; he is writing a book on the TUC in the twentieth century.

Outreach

In October 1996 Richard Storey attended the annual conference of the Business Archives Council and on 20 November he was a guest of the Council at a reception to mark the award of the Wadsworth Prize for Business History.

Some members of the committee of the ESRC Qualitative Data Archival Resource Centre visited the Centre in October 1996, when a wide-ranging discussion on the national provision (or lack of it) for 'modern' records took place. This visit strengthened links between the two Centres, which are resulting in the transfer of some labour-related research records to Warwick.

The Centre's HEFCE-funded work was represented at a HEFCE, Joint Information Systems Committee presentation 'Accessing our Humanities Collections', held at King's College, London on 4 February. Alan Crookham attended on behalf of the Centre and examples were displayed of his completed work on the CBI and Predecessor Archive, which he undertook in the first of four years of HEFCE funding.

Richard Storey attended the Society for the Study of Labour History's conference held at the University of North London on 15 March on the theme which he had suggested 'A life's work : labour biography today'. He took the chair for the morning session of the conference.

During the year, the University Library became a member of the Consortium of University Research Libraries (CURL) and the Research Libraries Group (RLG). The Centre was one of the University Library's main claims for admittance as a member and visitors from both organisations were shown around. The RLG and other archival organisations are leading advocates for the adoption of Encoded Archival Description, the Standard Generalised Markup Language standard (SGML) for archival description. Mrs Woodland attended an introductory course at the Public Record Office in March and a further meeting of UK users of EAD in May. The necessary software has been purchased and it is hoped to start producing lists in this format in the near future. This will mean that researchers will be able to read and search our lists across the Internet, regardless of the configuration of their computers.

In October Richard Temple attended a training day organised by the Society of Archivists' Records Management Group. In April, he attended a symposium at the International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam on international trade union organisations and their archives.

In April Richard Storey attended, by invitation, a number of external functions : an 'Issigonis Focus' press open-day at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon; the official opening of the new entrance of the Museum of British Road Transport

in Coventry, and a one-day seminar on a national railway archive, held by the Railway Heritage Committee at the Public Record Office. On 12 May he represented the Centre at the official opening of the Trades Union Congress Library Collections at the University of North London Learning Centre.

The Centre participated in a joint exhibition with the University's Registry Archivist for the Warwick Graduates' Association 10th Anniversary Celebrations, 11-13 July 1997. The exhibition took place in the University Chaplaincy. It featured examples from both the Centre's holdings and those of the University archives.

During the year the Centre was host to a number of working-party meetings to plan the successful conference on 'British trade unionism. Workers' struggles and economic performance 1940-79', which was held at the University 19-20 September 1997, under the sponsorship of the Modern Records Centre, and in association with the Society for the Study of Labour History and the journal *Historical Studies in Industrial Relations*. Of particular interest to the Centre was the volume of research presented based on resources held in the Centre. The papers presented at the conference will be published in due course.

On several occasions during the year the Centre also provided the venue for a meeting of the working party of the Roads & Road Transport History Conference which is planning a companion volume on the history of road haulage. Meetings have been chaired by Professor John Armstrong of Thames Valley University and Richard Storey is a member of the working party.

Richard Storey and Christine Woodland attended meetings of the Operational Research Society's archive committee.

In July Alan Crookham attended a meeting to discuss JISC's National Networking Demonstrator Project (NNDP). He is liaising with the Project on behalf of the Centre.

Christine Woodland has kept the Centre's web pages up-to-date. She convened a Library working party on the Library's web pages. She continued to serve on the Committee of the Warwickshire Local History Society. She has also joined the Committee of the British Records Association's Records Preservation Section. She gave introductions to archives in general and the Centre in particular to postgraduates in History and Social History, Politics and International Studies, Business Studies, and Women's Studies.

The publications etc. by members of the Centre's staff, given in Appendix 5. They are further reflections of the Centre's activities.

Visitors to the Centre during the year included Livia Gollancz, in connection with the conclusion of work on her father's papers; Mrs Anne Crossman, in connection with the conclusion of work on Richard Crossman's papers; Paul Carter, Specialist Reader Adviser, Social & Economic History at the Public Record Office and Ms Diane Warwick, Secretary of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals.

Publications

From 1934 to 1945 the International Transport Workers' Federation published *Fascism*, a fortnightly periodical describing conditions in Nazi Germany and, to a lesser extent, in Spain and Italy. It aimed to give information about social policy and was based on analyses of contemporary newspapers and periodicals, as well as reports from illegal cadres. A set is included in the ITWF's archive held in the Centre (ref. MSS.159). A new edition of the English-language version, based on the set held in the Centre, has been published in microfiche by Microform Academic Publishers (enquiries to Microform Academic Publishers, East Ardsley, WF3 2AT).

Two new Sources Booklets were published: *The Confederation of British Industry and predecessor archives*, 72pp, price £5.00, and *The personal papers of Sir Victor Gollancz*, 24pp., price £3.00.

Mrs Woodland continued to revise and update *Trade union & related records*, for a projected 7th edition to be published in 1997-8.

Work has nearly finished on a Sources Booklet on the Rubery Owen archive, compiled by Mr L. McDonald. It is planned to publish the booklet in 1997-8.

Staff

Richard Storey, Archivist since the Centre was established in 1973, took early retirement in June 1997.

Leon Clarke, Records Assistant (pm) left in May 1997 to pursue his interests in relations with the developing world. He had worked in the Centre since October 1995 and made a very helpful contribution to the Centre. In addition to numerous small sorting tasks, he unpacked and made the initial sorting of a very large and complicated deposit of the archives of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union.

Joanne Burman became full-time Records Assistant from 1 August 1997. A full list of staff is given on p. 20.

Retrospect

To attempt to sum up the achievement (or activity) of nearly a quarter of a century is to run between the Scylla and Charybdis of hubris and mock modesty. Perhaps the most constructive approach is to look back with some of the benefits of hindsight.

The context of the Centre's foundation and its experience during its first four years' work were recorded in the introduction to the first of its many published finding-aids, the *Guide* of 1977, and it is salutary to turn to this again. The emphasis there was on the records of organised labour, since this sector was the first to respond positively and in significant numbers to the Centre's approach. Perhaps this initial response has been partly responsible for the simplistic view of the Centre as 'only' a repository for trade union archives, held particularly by those affected by the prevailing political ethos of the 1980s, who saw industrial relations and its history as anachronisms. Be that as it may, in the introduction to the *Supplement* (1981) the Centre was able to highlight its breakthrough into the employers' sector with the deposit of the CBI archive. Whilst this has not opened the door to every institution in this sector, it was certainly an important precursor of the records of the Engineering Employers' Federation. In terms of organisational significance, organised labour's equivalent to the CBI records was received when the TUC Registry files 1920-60 were deposited from 1987 onwards.

In the wider world, the first decade of the Centre was marked (very soon after the Centre's foundation) by the ending of the quinquennial funding system for universities, by a world and national economic crisis and by the de-industrialisation of Britain. This led to a great acceleration of the merger movement amongst trade unions, and to a lesser extent employers' and trade bodies, and to the closure of industrial enterprises, all creating an urgent need to rescue records when resources for this work were least available. Trade union growth by merger ('transfer of engagements') was, of course, nothing new - witness the creation of the TGWU in 1922 - but the scale and rapidity of the process, which is probably not yet finished, must have surprised even those who, with notable foresight, had brought the Centre into existence in 1973.

Finance, or the lack of it, has dogged the Centre (and most of the archival world) throughout its existence. During this time the Centre has been well aware of the importance of seeking funding as widely as possible : its very foundation was made possible by a generous grant from the Leverhulme Trust for staffing for its first four years. From this and other external sources over 28 person years have been funded since 1973. Additionally a Development Fund, set up through the efforts of the Centre's Advisory Board, provides for modest support of the Centre's activities in a variety of ways, including provision of hourly-paid cataloguing work. Other financial contributions are accepted in kind, such as transport of deposits, provision of boxes, pre-deposit cataloguing. The seeking and acceptance of assistance in this way is, however, far from

adherence to the 'bottom line' philosophy, which some archivists seem to have embraced even more enthusiastically and ideologically than their managers, along with such managerial concepts and jargon as 'total service organisation', 'activity based costing' and 'consumer funding'. A reduction of archival activity and relationships to transactions which must each carry a price tag has been far from the Centre's ethos during its first two dozen years, and still is. Absent too are the entrance barrier and charging system : entrance without charge to all who need its resources still seems the civilised way to support scholarship, on campus, within the European context, and world-wide.

The world does not owe archivists a living, but a civilised state (and this includes the institutions and individuals within it) does owe archives a living. This should be provided not by an ill-planned, hasty, over-competitive and badly administered scattering of crumbs to the needy (or those putting up the most extravagant bids), but by a calm and logical application of resources to recipients which are readily identifiable as repositories performing a necessary function. In this way the rather ramshackle, because *ad hoc*, structure of national archive provision, of which the Modern Records Centre forms an irreplaceable part, could be shaped and strengthened into a structure more fit for its purpose.

In recent years much (a disproportionate ?) amount of time and effort has been spent on archives and IT. The Centre has admittedly moved slowly in this field, although in so doing it has at least avoided hitching its wagon to any falling stars. However, its www. appearance, in the form of an updated text of its *Summary Guide*, is assured and known to be helpful; its dissemination of information through more orthodox, enduring and widely used channels carries on the practice followed from its earliest years. Meanwhile, the daily custodial and intellectual processes continue, papers are surveyed, selected, protected, arranged, catalogued and produced to researchers, who are guided by the printed word and informed staff. Work of this kind and its end result would have been familiar to a great line of historians, from F.W. Maitland and the Webbs to E.P. Thompson and the late Raphael Samuel. To this activity the Modern Records Centre has been from its outset, and continues to be, dedicated.

No retrospect would be complete without conveying farewell greetings and thanks : to all members of the Centre's staff, past and present, members of the Centre's committee and Board, Library colleagues and all those within the University who have supported the Centre's work; also to the Centre's researchers, especially those who have become personal friends, and to depositors and donors and all who have contributed to the Centre's successful development.

Richard Storey

Appendix 1

Summary list of accessions, 1st October 1996 to 30th September 1997

The inclusion of an accession in the following list does not necessarily mean that it is available for research at present. In the case of large or complex accessions only the main constituent parts have been described.

PART 1 *Additions to existing accessions*

- MSS.5 Coventry Trades Council : correspondence with Robert Ainsworth MP, 1996; correspondence re union rights at Mirror Group Newspapers, 1995; correspondence with Coventry and Warwickshire Partnerships Limited, c.1995; memorandum re future policy, organisation, 1990;
- MSS.18/91 Correspondence of Maurice Druon, (b. 1918; French writer and Academician) with the translator, George Astley, 1965-90, acquired by the University Library with a collection of presentation copies of Druon's works.
- MSS.21 Miscellaneous Series. Thanks are due to many people, who continued to donate material to this collection. They include John M. Dunlop, for material on Harry Quelch, the Marxist political activist and journalist (MSS.21/3436). Other material acquired included the anonymous diary of a young woman, who lived near Newark in 1927. It gives a vivid picture of her social life, including cinema-going and clothes shopping (with a priced list of purchases MSS.21/3443).
- MSS.34 Amnesty International has continued to deposit its publications and briefings.
- MSS.37/MS Medical Staff Association: minutes, 1909-70, from its foundation to its transfer to the Institution of Professional Civil Servants.
- MSS.91 Engineering Construction Industry Association: The merger of the Oil and Chemical Plant Constructors' Association (OCPCA) with the National Engineering Construction Employers' Association (NECEA) in 1994 to form the Engineering Construction Industry Association (ECIA) is reflected in the latest deposit from the ECIA. This includes OCPCA committee minutes for the period 1969-94, NECEA committee minutes 1982-94, and ECIA committee papers

from 1994. Researchers should note that a ten-year closure period applies to some of these records.

- MSS.126/TG TGWU's *Record*, 1954-69 (kindly deposited by Mr G. Goodman).
- MSS.135B Post Office Engineering Union : NEC minutes, 1915-84; annual, special, rules revision conferences : agendas and minutes, 1916-84; conference reports, 1938-9, 1954-60; official letters received, 1924-55; NEC circulars, unsigned POEU minutes, 1931-85; memoranda for committees, 1932-85; branch circulars, 1916-70; Departmental Whitley Council Staff Side papers, 1932-3, minutes, 1948-52; branch secretaries' procedure books, c.1950-78; publications, 1913-85; journals, 1943-6, 1954-84; files re wage claims, 1960-80; rule books, 1896-1945; various research department subject files incl. wage rates, 1946-88; National Society of Telephone Employees, conference agenda, 1909; Amalgamated Society of Telephone Employees conference agendas, 1910-15; Engineering and Stores Association, journals, 1901-10 (incomplete); Post Telegraph Linemen's Movement, general report, 1887; Telephone and Telegraph Guild, journal, 1931; Council of Post Office Unions, rpts., circs., 1972-80; rule books of predecessor unions, 1896-1945; National Communications Union : conference minutes, papers, 1982, 1985-9, 1994-5; publications, journals, 1985-92; press releases, 1990-4; rule books, 1985-95; publications, c.1985-90; research files incl. privatisation, 1983-6; British Telecommunications Unions' Committee publications, 1983-90.
- MSS.147 National Federation of the Blind: a series of photographs, taken during a demonstration by the London branch of the Federation in the late 1980s about the state of local pavements.
- MSS.148 Communication Workers' Union : a number of the union's publications from the 1990s, including material from the campaign against the privatisation of the Post Office.
- MSS.154B R. H. S. Crossman : additional papers, mainly letters of condolence on his death; also nine audio tapes containing fragments of Crossman's first revision of his diaries, 1964-70. They include the unpublished diary for 20 Sep-11 Oct 1970, when he was editor of *New Statesman*. The contents of the

tapes are now available to researchers on cassettes, under the same access restrictions as for the various paper revisions of the diaries. Mrs. Jennie Hall, one of Crossman's secretaries, has deposited her retrospective notes on working with Crossman, particularly for the period when they were working on the editing of his diaries.

MSS.176/CD Association of Teachers in Colleges & Departments of Education: local records concerning the merger of the former Coventry College of Education with the University of Warwick.

MSS.177 Association of Teachers of Domestic Science (now National Association of Teachers of Home Economics & Technology): an additional deposit, comprising ATDS/NATHE Executive minutes, 1949-89; NATHE "confidential" minutes, 1985-93; and minutes of the ATDS/NATHE Publications Committee, 1980-8. With the exception of "confidential" minutes (closed until 2023), a closure period of 15 years applies.

MSS.181 Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament: Executive Committee and Council minutes, 1986-9; conference programmes, 1986-9; and Bruce Kent's papers, 1985-9; Irish CND and Northern Ireland CND papers, 1982-3; Youth CND papers, including National Committee and Conference minutes and papers, 1982-7; campaigns and demonstrations, 1981-7; publications and newsletters for regional and local groups, 1980-8; and Schools against the Bomb, 1982-3. CND specialist groups papers include TU CND, Christian CND, and Labour CND, 1981-8.

MSS.184 Professor Margaret Stacey: an additional deposit which includes Professor Stacey's research papers into the General Medical Council and papers from her membership of the Council, 1976-84.

MSS.200/C Confederation of British Industry: further selected additions have been made to the archive, which now extends to 1987. Files have been received from the offices of President and Secretary, and the Company Affairs, Economic Affairs, Employment Affairs, International Affairs, Public Affairs and Regional and Smaller Firms Directorates. In addition, papers relating to the Wilson Committee have been received and integrated into the archive.

- MSS.226/X Motor industry secondary documentation: additional press-cuttings, publicity material and publications.
- MSS.237 Engineering Employers' Federation: additional deposits include microfilms of indexed correspondence, 1960-71; circular letters, 1940-86; and registration forms for the extended employment of women, 1940s-50s. A twenty-year closure period affects access to some of these files.
- MSS.259 Amalgamated Engineering & Electrical Union: the Group of MPs sponsored by the AEEU has deposited some of its papers, including correspondence 1962-3, 1973, 1979-89. These papers are open for research. (MSS.259/6/MP). The departure of the Union from its Peckham headquarters has led to a number of small but important additional deposits.
- MSS.271 Sir George Pope: additional papers relating to Sir George's involvement in the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, 1944-79, have been deposited. They include files on wage applications, 1964-70 and the London Labour Committee, 1962-7.
- MSS.274 Librarians in Education Group: an additional deposit which covers the years 1987-92, and includes minutes, agendas and annual reports.
- MSS.280 National Union of Students: additional deposits include press releases and circulars from the 1970s, and publications, 1960s-1980s.
- MSS.281 National Union of Public Employees: Executive Committee minute files, to 1993. It should be noted that the fifteen-year restriction on the NUPE archive restricts access to the most recent material.
- MSS.286 Industrial Relations Research Unit: Professor William Brown has deposited his account of the Berrill inquiry in the early 1980s.
- MSS.292B Trades Union Congress: an unclassified series of files from Congress House, including medical, trade board and WFTU records. This addition included some Registry files (mostly international) which will be integrated into the main Registry series.

- MSS.317 Tony Lane research papers. An additional deposit including a file of papers on the Pilkington Strike, 1970, with interview notes with Stan Swift, David Pilkington and G. W. T. Bird, proceedings of Department of Employment and Productivity inquiry, and photocopies of letters sending strike fund donations. And files re possible redundancies of TGWU members in the Liverpool area. Mr Lane studied various factories on behalf of the union. The files include press cuttings and notes, 1979-81.
- MSS.327 Professor Wyn Grant research papers: further CBI interviews.
- MSS.335 Operational Research Society and Operational Research Archive: various additional deposits include a file on Rolls-Royce production methods, 1944; papers on operational research in developing countries, 1963; University of Birmingham course material on operational research, 1975; and records of operational research within British Gas, 1970-94. These latter include committee papers, annual reports, project files and digests of reports.
- MSS.346B Fire Brigades Union : additional deposits include *Firefighter*, 1993-97; *the Collecting Head*, 1943-5; publications, c.1968-1990s; subject file, circulars and press-cuttings re 1977 strike; drawing of fireman at rest; photographs and papers of Tom Murray, c.1939-1940s; *Fire*, 1929-44 (incomplete); annual reports of Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 1948-64, 1966-81.
- MSS.351 Construction Industry Training Board: Richard Wood's files as Chairman.
- MSS.365B Iron & Steel Employers' & Trade Associations: additional files relating to industrial relations, 1970s-90s.

PART 2 *New Accessions, 1996-7*

- MSS.372 Local Government Management Board: papers relating to the pay and conditions of work of manual workers, 1919-84, administrative, technical and clerical workers, 1936-83, teachers in further education, 1980-92, and workers in new towns, 1955-94.

- MSS.373 R. Fryer research papers: papers relating to Mr Fryer's work when a member of the Industrial Relations Research Unit of the University of Warwick. Included within this deposit are papers relating to a survey of Coventry in recession; redundancy at Rolls-Royce in 1971-2; and shop stewards' courses at Warwick in the 1970s. Material produced by his work for NUPE and the Society of Civil and Public Servants has been transferred to earlier deposits at MSS.281/6 and MSS.232 respectively.
- MSS.374 Salaman Road Haulage Reference Collection: a collection of road haulage documentation. It includes British Road Services documentation, with most issues of its staff magazine, 1961-6, publicity and historical publications and interviews.
- MSS.375 British Printing Industries Federation: *annual reviews*, 1980-96; *Members Circulars* to extend our holdings of this series. Combined with volumes held elsewhere in the archives, the Centre now has a run covering the years 1907, 1934-84 (incomplete).
- MSS.376 Social Credit: Mr Eric de Maré's Social Credit library. The collection includes works by C. H. Douglas, including *Economic Democracy* (1919) and *Social Credit* (3rd edn., 1934). There are also several editions of E. de Maré, *A matter of life or debt* (1983, 1991). In addition to books and pamphlets promoting the theories of Social Credit, there are journals, such as *The Sun* (1950s), *Dawning Era* (1960s), *Abundance* (1970s), and the Social Credit Party Bulletin (1970s). There are also several journals and pamphlets for the New Zealand Social Credit Party.
- MSS.377 Professor Gillian Rose: A filing cabinet of her papers has been deposited at the Centre, where it awaits examination and the establishment of a vetting committee process.
- MSS.378 British Association of Social Workers: The BASW came into existence in 1970; it has deposited the archives of its predecessors. They include the Association of Child Care Officers, 1949-1970; the Association of Family Case Workers, 1940-70; the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers, 1929-70; the Association of Social Workers, 1935-70; the Institute of Medical Social Workers, 1903-70; the Moral Welfare Workers Association, 1941-70; the Society of

Mental Welfare Officers, 1954-70; and the Standing Conference of Organisations of Social Workers. A catalogue of the archives has been compiled by the BASW.

- MSS.379 Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen: Some twenty metres of papers, including annual reports, the papers of Percy Collick (1897-1984), Assistant General Secretary; papers re the Clapham Junction Crash Enquiry, 1989; and branch minute books.
- MSS.380 Richard Hyman NUR/RMT Research Collection : minutes of Council of Executives, 1994-6; correspondence files including restructuring of National Union of Railwaymen, railway workers' wage negotiations, 1970s-1980s.

Appendix 2

Performance Indicators, 1996-7

The *Report* as a whole serves as an overall performance indicator for the Centre, albeit in narrative form, and it has always been seen as such by the Centre's Academic Committee and Advisory Board. One of the Centre's most important areas of activity is the selective preservation of the records of the past for research in the future. This has for many years been recorded in Appendix 1 of each annual *Report*, in the listing of records accessioned. This should be seen as one of the most important performance indicators which the Centre can provide. This is the first full year for which figures have been available. Figures in brackets are for the six months, April-September 1996.

Reader visits to the Modern Records Centre

1, 231 (586) visits.

These visits were made by 129 (48) researchers from this University and 245 (126) researchers from elsewhere.

Documents produced

25, 258 (10, 338) documents were produced.

Postal enquiries answered

311 (181) postal enquiries were answered.

Photocopies produced for readers

10, 153 (5130) photocopies were produced for readers

Publications sold

184 (277) copies of the Centre's various publications were sold.

Catalogues

Catalogues amounting to 352 folios were submitted to the *National Inventory of Documentary Sources*.

External funding

1 full-time assistant archivist post was funded by the HEFCE.

1 part-time assistant archivist post (approx. 6 hours per week) was funded through the Centre's Development Fund.

£1,378 was added to the Development Fund from various sources. Particular thanks are due to the Trades Union Congress for its continued generous support of the Centre's work.

A selection of recent research making significant use of the Centre's holdings :

B. Beaven, 'Re-constructing the business community: the small firm in the Coventry motor industry, 1896-1939', *Business Archives*, no. 72 (Nov. 1996), pp. 15-29.

J. Bourke, *Dismembering the male: men's bodies, Britain and the Great War* (1996).

C. Brinson, *The strange case of Dora Fabian and Mathilde Wurm. A study of German political exiles in London during the 1930s* (Bern, 1997).

J.A. Jaffe, 'Authority and job regulation : rule-making by the London Compositors during the early nineteenth century', *Hist. Studies in Ind. Rels.*, no.3 (March 1997).

Dr A. Kennerley, *Keeping ships moving: The Labourers below', Room Service : Aspects of life aboard the Ocean Liner* (Liverpool, Merseyside Maritime Museum, 1996), 3-12.

Dr A. Kennerley, *Firemen, the Seamen's Union and the National Maritime Board : Labour Management in the British Mercantile Marine', The Northern Mariner* (1997) [in press].

Dr A. Kennerley, 'Fuelling the Boilers : Firemen and Trimmers, 1850-1950', to be published in the Proceedings of the Steam at Sea Conference, 1996, 1997/1998 [in press].

G. B. Magee, *Productivity and performance in the Paper Industry. Labour, Capital and Technology in Britain and America, 1860-1914* (CUP, 1997).

A. Marrison, *British business and protection, 1903-1932* (1996).

- F. Myers, 'British trade unions and the end of conscription: the tripartite committee of 1950-56,' *Journal of Contemporary History*, vol. 31, no. 3 (1996).
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