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Introduction

This bulletin covers the period since our *Annual Report* was published, August 2003 to February 2004. Looking back, I am always startled by how much we have achieved, thanks to the hard work of all the staff of the Centre. Most of the work has been detailed cataloguing, which takes time to be completed but which is the bedrock of our ability to help both our depositors and our researchers.

2. UK Archival Thesaurus

The Modern Records Centre is contributing to the UK Archival Thesaurus (UKAT) project, based at the University of London Computer Centre. The aim of this project is to create a thesaurus of subject indexing terms specifically tailored for archive repositories in Britain. UKAT is based on the existing UNESCO Thesaurus, but greatly expanded and in some cases revised to reflect the nature of British archival collections. The Centre currently uses Library of Congress Subject Headings for indexing, but has submitted its list of terms used to UKAT: James King is representing the Centre on the UKAT Advisory Panel. The UKAT website is now on-line (<http://www.ukat.org.uk/>). Researchers are invited to use the thesaurus and then submit feedback or indeed new terms.

3. Cataloguing

In November 2003, the Modern Records Centre received the official papers of Sir Bill Morris, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union (1992-2003; Deputy General Secretary, 1986-1992), who retired in October. Approximately 80 boxes of material have been received. These papers are mainly concerned with Sir Bill's term as General Secretary, and include appointment diaries, texts of speeches (including many made while Deputy General Secretary) and files on a wide range of subjects, both official Union business and Sir Bill's own interests. Subjects covered, among many others, include the University of Technology, Jamaica

(of which he is Chancellor), the Bank of England (of which he is a Non-Executive Director), the Employment Appeal Tribunal, and the Royal Commission on the Reform of the House of Lords. The papers have been box-listed and full cataloguing is now underway. Access conditions have yet to be agreed but normally most TGWU archives are closed for twenty years (MSS.126/BM).

The National Cycle Archive: the catalogue of the papers of the Cyclists' Touring Club has now been completed and indexes compiled, following a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Club's library of books and periodicals and also many of the books and periodicals belonging to the National Cycle Archive, including the Museum material, have also been catalogued. Catalogues and indexes of recently deposited cycling archives, some only as yet in summary form, have been drawn up. The grant has also enabled us to organise conservation work and microfilming of fragile items. An information leaflet has been produced to provide information on the contents of the archive and on related material held elsewhere. All this information is now available in the Centre's web pages, including the *Summary Guide*. A small exhibition at the Centre about the archive was opened last September. It was created by Pam Hackett, then a student at Warwickshire College, as part of her HND course in visual communication. We are also very grateful to Rosemary Booth and the College for their support of her project.

4. New deposits

Archives continue to be deposited in large quantities. They are described briefly in the following list. Some of them have yet to be processed, so that their entry here is simply a 'marker.' As usual, a complete list will be included in the Centre's Annual Report. Some of the collections are subject to access restrictions; please contact us for further details.

- British Air Line Pilots' Association: minutes, circulars, correspondence, c. 1940s-1990s. Includes minutes of the National Joint Council for Civil Air Transport, 1960s. (MSS. 248)
- The British Association of Social Workers: 130 crates containing constitutional records; minutes and reports, including those of committees, working parties, groups and panels; circulars; records relating to the National Health Service, parliamentary and local government, conferences, finance and membership; correspondence, regional and branch records, legal papers, including case files, etc., mostly from 1970-c.1994, and the records of the Social Workers' Benevolent Trust and the Social Workers' Educational Trust. (MSS.378/BASW).
- Campaign for the Advancement of State Education: minutes and annual reports, c. 1973-2000; publications, reports, press

releases, 1960-1999; general correspondence, c. 1978-2000; *CASE Newsletter* (later *Parents and Schools*), 1967-2003; constitution, standing orders, c. 1975-1991; financial statements, c. 1980-1999; minutes, newsletters, circulars, correspondence of branches (includes Barnet, Brighton, South Hampshire branches), 1970s-1990s; press-cuttings, 1961-2000. (MSS.236)

- Institute of Management Services: several new deposits have been made recently and include periodicals, 1975-1994; Financial Sector Group Board (FINSEC) papers, 1970s-2002; Devon and Cornwall branch files, 1960s-1990s. (MSS.414)
- International Transport Workers' Federation: Management Committee minutes, 1950s; reminiscences of Arthur E. Lyon, Executive Secretary of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, 1975. (MSS.159)
- Labour CND: Executive Committee minutes and papers, 1984-2000; Committee for Peace in the Balkans papers, 1997-1999; resolutions to Labour Party conferences, 1983-2000; correspondence with constituency and Labour Party secretaries, 1990-2000. (MSS.483)
- Mrs. Winifred Lakin: photographs and scrolls, including court scroll presented to Mrs. Lakin as Lord Mayor of Coventry, 1986. (MSS.314)
- Tony Lane research notes: transcripts and notes of interviews with shop stewards at United Glass, St. Helens, 1981-1983. (MSS.317)
- Bill Morris papers: *see above*. (MSS.126/BM)
- Motor Cycle Association: minutes of various committees, 1981-1993, some extending series already held at the Centre. (MSS.204)
- National Association of Local Government Officers: *Guildhall Gazette* (journal of the Middlesex County NALGO branch) 1960s; audio and video tapes of conferences, 1980s-1990s; publicity department papers including MORI and other surveys of union members and potential members, advertising and political campaigns, applications to the political fund, 1980s -1990s. (MSS.20/NAL)
- National Cycle Archive: Cyclists' Touring Club: additional Council papers and records from Len James (MSS.328/C); cycling papers of Malcolm Parry and his father, Lionel Parry, 1936-1996 (MSS.328/N44) and of Ernest J. Green, 1927-1968 (MSS.328/N45); cycling photographs, medals and papers of

Bryan Ward, c.1947-2000 (MSS.328/N46); cycling papers and printed journals of Harry Aspden, 1941-1998 (MSS.328/N47); cycling catalogues and accessories' catalogues (MSS.328/N2-N3).

- National Union of Public Employees: membership survey reports, notes and correspondence, 1987-8. (MSS.281)
- *New Builders Leader*: incomplete set, 1935-1954, transferred from the University Library. (MSS.526)
- Operational Research Society: deposits include papers relating to the Fellowship for Operational Research (MSS.335)
- Public and Commercial Services Union: printed items produced by the Society of Civil Servants, National Union of Civil and Public Servants, and the Civil and Public Services Association, 1990s. (MSS.415)
- Rank and File groups: publications transferred from the University Library including *Platform*, 1974; *British Leyland: the Edwardes plan and your job* (Leyland Combine Trade Union Committee), 1980; *Carworker*, 1971-1973 (incomplete); (MSS.527)
- Trades councils: annual reports from 195 trades councils, c. 1872-1906 with later holdings for London, 1956-1964, and Birmingham, 1956-1978, have been transferred from the Board of Trade Library collection. (MSS.524)
- West Midlands CND: publications including *CND Newsletter*, *E.N.D.*, *Peace News*, *CND News*, *Campaign*, *Sanity*, *CND Today*, 1981-1996. (MSS.417)

5. Staff

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