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Cataloguing and access

The number of publicly available record descriptions on our catalogues database now stands at over 170,000.

Notable recent additions to the database have included:

- records of the Industrial Society (MSS.303);
- the British Institute of Management's company employment policy collection (MSS.311);
- records of Civil Service representative bodies, including the Staff Side of the National Whitley Council for the Civil Service, the Civil and Public Services Association (earlier the Civil Service Clerical Association), and the Society of Civil and Public Servants (MSS.415 et al);
- further records of the Brewers' Society, including examples of advertising material, anti-prohibition propaganda, and documents regarding concerns over the effects of alcohol on health and social behaviour (MSS.420);
- papers of Tony Cliff, one of the founders of the International Socialists (later the Socialist Workers Party) (MSS.459);
- papers of Steve Jefferys relating to the International Socialists/ Socialist Workers' Party, the Rank and File organisation and student politics at the London School of Economics (MSS.244);
- further records of printing trade unions (the previously unlisted correspondence of both the Typographical Association and the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation is in the process of being added);
- previously uncatalogued records of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (NALGO);
- additions to the National Cycle Archive, the Amnesty International archive, the Confederation of British Industry publications collection and Richard Storey's Road Transport Collection.

Separately funded cataloguing projects.

- Cataloguing of the Northern Broadsides theatre company archive held on behalf of the CAPITAL Centre has continued. This work has included identifying items for digitisation, which was due to start in mid-June.
- Further progress has been made with the cataloguing of the British Association of Social Workers archive.

Notable recent accessions

Records of:

- the National Union of Co-operative Insurance Society Employees and predecessors (acc.673);
- the National and Local Government Officers' Association (collected by Mike Ironside for a published history of the union) (acc.677);
- the Association of British Steel Pen Makers (acc.679)
- the Transport and General Workers' Union, including further historical material from Ron Todd's collection and further papers of Arthur Deakin (acc. 684);
- the National Association of Staff Support (within the Health Care Services) (acc 685);
- Coventry Lesbian Line (acc.686).

Website developments

An exhibition entitled "World Chaos" on the global financial crisis which followed the 1929 Wall Street Crash has been added to the Image Gallery. The accompanying on-site exhibition was advertised on Insite, the university's intranet, and attracted considerable interest. The on-line version had received over 930 page views at the time of writing.

The latest Topical Document is from Richard Crossman's papers and illustrates the semantic difficulties caused to the authorities by the word 'epidemic' when informing the public about an influenza outbreak in 1969-1970.

Visits

Representatives of the following external groups have visited the Centre for tours and discussions:

- the Social Work History Network;
- Universities UK (formerly the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals);
- the Noel Butlin Archives Centre at the Australian National University;
- UNITE West Midlands region;
- the British Steel Archive Project at Teesside Archives;
- Norwegian records managers.

We have also

- given inductions to recently-appointed library staff,
- shown prospective student volunteers and trainee archivists around the Centre,
- held meetings with university administrators about records management and the university archives,
- given advice to staff working on the Warwick ELT Archive at the Centre for Applied Linguistics.

University Archives

Since February the archive has been used by:

- members of the History of Art Department to study the early architecture on campus;
- the Alumni Office to compile an exhibition on the development of the Arts Centre;
- several university departments for various promotional and fundraising events.

Most recently, the archive has been used to support research in the area of teaching and learning space at Warwick and there has been interest from those working for the student newspaper *The Boar* in a project to digitize past editions held at the Centre.

Closure of the Centre on 29 June 2009

There will be no public access to the Centre on this date because the BP Archive, with whom we share our building, will be staging an open day.

For further information about the Centre, its holdings and publications, contact the Modern Records Centre, University Library, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL; Telephone +44 (0)24 7652 4219; Fax. +44 (0)24 7652 4211; email: archives@warwick.ac.uk
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