

## **Sources for Co-operative history at the Modern Records Centre**

The Centre holds a variety of sources relating to the Co-operative movement. These are to be found in the archives of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and other trades union archives at the Centre. Among these archives are the following (reference codes are links to on-line catalogue descriptions):

- *Co-operative Bank*: National Union of Bank Employees' correspondence files, circa 1960s ([MSS.56/3/329](#))
- *Co-operative Bank Managers' Union*: TUC correspondence file, 1923-1930 ([MSS.292/91/78](#))
- *Co-operative congresses*: incomplete set of reports, 1869-1924 ([MSS.310/5/11](#)); TUC correspondence files, 1926-1962 ([MSS.292/766.9/2-3](#)), 1971-1979 ([MSS.292D/769.1/1](#))
- *Co-operative Independent Commission* (set up to enquire into the problems of co-operative production and marketing): TUC file, 1956-1960 ([MSS.292/766.9/1](#))
- *Co-operative Insurance Society*: Guild of Insurance Officials correspondence files, 1948-1970 ([MSS.79/GOIO/3/1/16-45](#))\*
- *The Co-operative Magazine*: 1828-9 ([MSS.310/5/10](#))
- *Co-operative Party*: some publications, 1930s-1960s, including *Britain Reborn No.3*, 1931 ([MSS.127/NU/5/5/4/5](#)) and *Housing Co-ops and Local Authorities*, 1961 ([MSS.11/3/27/435-6](#)); reports and correspondence, 1970s ([MSS.292D/760/1](#)); report of delegation to Germany, 1955 ([MSS.36/G11](#))
- *Co-operative Printing Society*: TUC correspondence file, 1928-1969 ([MSS.292/782.2/1](#))
- *Co-operative societies*: TUC files on disputes with unions, 1919-34 ([MSS.292/764.9/1-6](#))
- *Co-operative Union*: publications, 1872-1917 ([MSS.310/5/8-9](#))
- *Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd* (CWS): correspondence files in the National Union of Bank Employees' archive, 1951-62 ([MSS.56/3/276, 286](#)) and 1958-67 ([MSS.56/3/150-1, 153-4, 174](#)); TUC files on trade union membership of CWS employees and purchases from fair firms, 1919-60 ([MSS.292/763.3/1-4, MSS.292/763.31/1-12](#)), conciliation machinery, 1919-1938 ([MSS.292/764.1/1- MSS.292/764.9/2](#)). Correspondence on transfer of shares from the Co-operative Insurance Society, 1913 ([MSS.162/3/1](#)). Files also include correspondence in the National Union of Scientific Workers archive\* regarding scientific staff, 1923-25 ([MSS.79/ASW/1/1/7, MSS.79/ASW/3/23/49-56](#)).

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