Guide to the Chicago Communist Party Records 1925-1944
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**Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier**  ICU.SPCL.COMMUNIST

**Title**  Chicago Communist Party. Records

**Date**  1925-1944

**Size**  1.75 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Repository**  Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract**  The Chicago Communist Party Records contain correspondence, interparty announcements and meeting agendas, materials related to election campaigns, membership cards and lists of members, section reports, financial statements, book and journal publications, invitations, flyers, and brochures, and notes.

**Information on Use**

**Access**

This collection is open for research.

**Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Chicago Communist Party. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

**Historical Note**

The Workers (Communist) Party was founded in 1919 and was located in Chicago until 1927, when its headquarters were moved to New York, alongside its daily newspaper the Daily Worker. The Communist Party membership was spread throughout 36 neighborhoods and union groups in various industries, including metal, printing, railroad, and food industries.

**Scope Note**

This collection is organized into 5 series:

Series I: Organization and Administration

Series II: Financial Records
Series III: Publications and Advertisements

Series IV: Miscellaneous Notes

Series V: Oversized

The Communist Party of Chicago Records contain correspondence, interparty announcements and meeting agendas, materials related to election campaigns, membership cards and lists of members, section reports, financial statements, book and journal publications, miscellaneous invitations, flyers, and brochures, as well as miscellaneous notes.

Subject Headings

• Communism -- Leninism
• Labor unions and communism (Chicago, Ill.)
• Racial integration (Chicago, Ill.)

INVENTORY

Series I: Organization and Administration

This series contains correspondence, announcements, meeting agendas, membership cards, member lists, article drafts, and party section reports. The materials date from 1925 to 1944 and are arranged by type and then chronologically.

Box 1
Folder 1
   6th World Congress of the Communist International, 1928
Box 1
Folder 2
   Address Book, undated
Box 1
Folder 3
   Announcements and Agendas, 1927-1929
Box 1
Folder 4
   Correspondence re: Internal Affairs, 1928-1944
Box 1
Folder 5
   Correspondence re: Member Assignments, 1925-1929
Box 1
Folder 6
   Election Campaigns, 1927-1940
Box 1
Folder 7
   Membership Cards and Lists, 1933-1940
Box 1
Folder 8  
Negro Bulletin and Committee, 1928-1929

Box 1

Folder 9  
Party Involvement with Integration, undated

Box 1

Folder 10  
Reports and Questionnaires, 1928-1929

Series II: Financial Records
This series contains financial statements, invoices, receipts, stamps, tickets, and miscellaneous handwritten financial records. The materials date from 1927 to 1940 and are arranged by type and then chronologically.

Box 1

Folder 11  
Invoices and Statements, 1928-1936

Box 1

Folder 12  
Stamps and Tickets, 1928

Box 1

Folder 13  
Miscellaneous, 1927-1940

Series III: Publications and Advertisements
This series contains books, journals, bulletins, invitations, flyers, and miscellaneous brochures and

Box 1

Folder 14  
Book and Journal Publications, 1927-1929

Box 1

Folder 15  
Internal Bulletin No. 5, 1934

Box 2

Folder 1  
Invitations and Flyers, 1929

Box 2

Folder 2  
Miscellaneous, 1939

Series IV: Miscellaneous Notes
This series contains miscellaneous handwritten notes, meeting notes, reading notes, and reading lists. The materials date from 1928 to 1929 and are arranged by type and then chronologically.

Box 2
Folder 3
   Handwritten Notes, undated
Box 2
Folder 4
   Handwritten Notes cont’d, undated
Box 2
Folder 5
   Meeting Minutes, 1928-1929
Box 2
Folder 6
   Reading Notes and Lists, undated

Series V: Oversized
This series contains oversized handwritten notes and member lists. The materials are dated from 1928 and are arranged by type and then chronologically.

Box 3
Folder 1
   Handwritten Notes, undated
Box 3
Folder 2
   Member Lists, 1928