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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