

## **MS 2478/C Handprint press cuttings library, 1975-1999**

The press cuttings library was established by the Handprint project in order to build up an educational resource with the aim of highlighting black achievement to help to provide role models for the black youngsters the project staff worked with. In addition to this, the staff at Handprint collected newspaper articles on a wide range of topics of significance for people living in Britain during the 1980s, often selected for their particular relevance to black and Asian people. The cuttings library was used as a teaching resource by Handprint project; copies of some of the articles collected here were reproduced in one of Handprint's publications, 'Survival' magazine, and it is likely that other educational materials produced by the project made use of this reference tool. The press cuttings collection was available to local projects for consultation, and it was widely used by local organisations and students, functioning as a kind of community library.

### **Description:**

Large series of press cuttings from national and local newspapers, categorised by topic, and sorted into sections and sub-sections by staff at Handprint project, using the classification scheme established by The Runnymede Trust. The original order and arrangement has been preserved in this catalogue. Cuttings have been largely arranged within each file in reverse chronological order from the front of the file, although some have been left unsorted. There are occasional instances of overlap in the subject matter covered by different files, where similar reports have been filed in more than one place.

The majority of the articles from national newspapers were published in 'The Guardian', but a substantial number were published in black British newspapers, such as 'The Voice', 'Caribbean Times' or 'West Indian World'. Where cuttings from local newspapers are included, most articles were published in 'Birmingham Evening Mail', although other local newspapers from Birmingham and the West Midlands are also represented. A small number of the files include material such as campaign pamphlets, press releases and correspondence relating to the issues discussed in the press cuttings.

In accordance with the aims of the Handprint project, press cuttings were collected in order to provide a resource documenting the experiences of black and Asian people in Britain in many aspects of everyday life, through contact with government officials and in society in general. Most of the categories include a file on racism and discrimination, and there are several sections containing press cuttings that deal with issues more likely to be significant for people from black or Asian communities. The press cuttings library also provides a valuable resource for the study of the contributions made by black and Asian people to political, economic, cultural and sporting life in Britain, and the attitudes of the media towards reporting these achievements. Coverage centres on Britain, but there are a number of files that contain cuttings about events and attitudes in other countries, particularly the United States of America, Caribbean countries and South Africa, but also the issue of racism in several European countries.

Although there are a number of press cuttings dating from the later 1970s, and from the early 1990s, the vast majority of cuttings consist of articles published during the 1980s. Many of the cuttings have been mounted on the reverse of sheets of A4 paper which had been previously used by staff at Handprint project, or at Ten.8 magazine, including photocopies of publicity material, and the originals of faxes sent by Derek Bishton and other staff at both

Handprint and Ten.8. The majority of these date from the late 1980s and early 1990s and contain information relating to arrangements for exhibitions organised by Ten.8. The two organisations shared office premises during this period, which presumably explains the presence of Ten.8 administrative material among these papers.

**MS 2478/C/1 Immigration, 1976-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the effect of immigration legislation passed during the 1970s and 1980s on black and Asian communities in Britain.

MS 2478/C/1/1 Immigration: General 1977-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Gleaner'; the 'Daily Mail'; and the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.  
Articles largely focus on British Home Office immigration procedures, and the effects of changes in immigration legislation during the late 1970s and 1980s. Several articles contain details about individual appeals and deportations.

The subject matter of the articles includes:  
report on the Italian immigrant community in Britain, 1977;  
item reproducing an open letter to Home Secretary from Roy Hattersley about immigration policy 1979; a report on falling levels of immigration 1980; the appeal case of a Pakistani migrant, Zamir, 1980; Home Office rulings on foreign marriages and a report on the defence of government restrictions on immigration from the Indian sub-continent, 1982; new Home Office guides to police about reporting any criminal convictions of immigrants, 1982; analysis of difficulties caused in family relationships by immigration delays 1982; report of Tory right-wing warning about the growth of the migrant non-white population 1982, with a related article giving statistics that one third of babies born in Birmingham are from migrant communities 1982; article reporting that immigration rules are causing a shortage of religious leaders 1982; report on the effects on children of new immigration plans in the immigration White Paper whereby children born into migrant communities are not automatically seen as British citizens 1983; item giving details about the Denning rules that immigrants with valid entry papers do not have to disclose additional information, 1983; proposed Home Office changes to the immigration appeals system and item about aspects of government immigration strategy quoted by Malcolm Rifkind 1983; report about a woman who supplied people's bank details to her brother working in immigration at Gatwick airport 1985; report of a fall in immigration numbers 1983; item about the Home Secretary David Waddington's tour of Sylhet region of

Bangladesh 1983; attempts by United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service to reunite families 1983; expose article about an Indian man who was held for 6 weeks at Heathrow 1983; item covering the protest by a Birmingham MP against Home Office immigration processes 1984; report on Zola Budd and British citizenship 1984; Enoch Powell's view on immigration 1984; protest by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants at the Home Office exclusion of Kwame Ture Pan, the Africanist leader, from the UK 1984; allegations by David Waddington that MPs are abusing the right to gain temporary admission for foreign visitors refused entry to UK 1985; Douglas Hurd announces appointment of more immigration officers 1986; Tory MPs try to block social security benefits to newly-arrived immigrants 1986; item giving statistics about the rise in the total of people accepted for settlement in UK 1986; Labour MP Denis Howell protests at the humiliation of Asian visitors at airports 1985; news of a possible strike of immigration officers at Dover and Harwich 1986; Douglas Hurd claim that economic migration is increasing 1986; fears of curbs on immigration 1985; the problems faced by Bangladeshi families in joining their relatives who had already migrated to Britain, and the associated psychological problems suffered by these families, 1986; Home Office 'solutions' to problems of proving family relationships, 1986; Labour Party calls for the lifting of the ban on Louis Farrakhan of 'Nation of Islam' 1986; the release of government papers after a 30 year closure on 'colour bar' at ports drafted by Eden's government in 1955, 1986; reports giving conflicting figures about the number of migrants arriving in the UK, 1988; criticism at Britain's repatriation of Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong 1989; Tory MP's attack on Muslims in the middle of Salman Rushdie affair 1989; item about Jamaicans refused entry to Britain for holidays 1989; an EU ruling raises the 'Daily Mail's fears of an influx of foreign workers 1989; item about a silent immigrant who arrived in UK after 5 months at sea on Cypriot ship 1989; results of a survey on peoples attitudes in EU towards immigration 1989; warnings of a possible influx of white South Africans 1990; item reporting that people leaving Hong Kong are not settling in the UK but prefer US or Canada 1990; people in Hong Kong wanting to settle in Britain are encouraged to buy property; Kurdish refugees from Syria are held on a plane at Gatwick, 1990; the British High Commission in Jamaica issues a guidance leaflet for visitors to UK 1990; report about an appeal service for immigrants 1990. This article is mounted on the reverse of a set of typed notes from a Jewellery Business Centre meeting with Cynthia Rich.

The file also contains an article about a the extradition from France of a solicitor wanted for murders, 1986; and an order form issued by the Immigration Aid Unit for Fact sheets and translations of 'British Nationality - the New Act' in Bengali, Punjab and Urdu.

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Immigration: policy

1984-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian', and 'The Voice', covering various aspects of UK immigration policy during the 1980s, as revised by the Conservative government and challenged by the opposition Labour party.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on the Labour party pledge to scrap restrictive immigration rules on spouses and fiancés which led to the European Court's ruling against government 1985; the use by the government of long queues to delay and control immigration from the Indian sub-continent 1985; Neil Kinnock calls for a debate on immigration following these revelations 1985; Home Office admits mistakes in delaying the issue of instructions to immigration officers to make it easier to allow immigrants to bring elderly parents to UK 1984; a civil servant charged with making money from forged immigration permits 1984; Labour party to fight revised Home Office guidelines on the rights of MPs to make representations after visitors to the UK are refused entry 1986; Conservative claims that Labour policies would lead to a 'huge Asian influx' 1986; cabinet committee decision to ask visitors from commonwealth countries for visas 1986; reports that the immigration bill will affect the chances of men in UK to reunite their families in Britain 1987; Britain criticised by a UN official of breaking the spirit of the UN Convention on Refugees for people seeking asylum 1987; High Court challenge to Douglas Hurd on delaying decision about Pakistani migrants applying for permission to stay in the UK 1987; Douglas Hurd plans new immigration controls 1987; details of government questions to benefits claimants to prove their entitlements 1987; Roy Hattersley attacks immigration controls that split up families 1987; Douglas Hurd to meet black churchmen after protest against Immigration Bill 1988; Home Office ministers withholding information about people seeking political asylum 1988; EEC criticism of Britain over its lack of generosity towards refugees 1989; Home Office restrictions on the migration of Somali nationals 1990; parliamentary debate about Hong Kong citizens acceptance in Britain after 1997 and opposition to the bill

by Norman Tebbit, 1989; advice that immigration detainees should not be held in prison 1990; Home Office limits on number of refugees 1990; beliefs of parts of the white community about the number of immigrants reveals the influence of scare tactics by politicians 1991; EC allows Britain to keep immigration control at ports 1991; Kenneth Baker admits that Turkish Kurds were unlawfully prevented from entering Britain 1991; Bernie Grant's criticism of the government for refusing entry to Britain to Jamaican citizens 1991; Kenneth Baker announces visa requirements for Ugandan nationals 1991.

Some of the press cuttings in this file are mounted on the reverse of faxes relating to Ten.8 Touring, and publicity material relating to Handprint publications

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Immigration: racism and discrimination

1979-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; and the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' covering cases of the discrimination and ill treatment of immigrants to the UK through restrictive legislation and racist attitudes displayed by government officials. The file includes some reports on individual cases of ill treatment and discrimination.

The subject matter of articles includes: reports about police detaining black children until their passports are produced 1981; news that a survey shows that black community are in the same position of inequality in society as in 1950s, 1984; the extent of racism in Glasgow, 1986; police and immigration officers break immigration laws in random raids on black and Latin American community 1986, letter from councillor about racist treatment of immigrant by immigration officer 1986, British immigration policy condemned by European Commission of Human Rights 1979; William Whitelaw agrees that proposed changes to immigration laws to make it more difficult for husbands and fiancés of migrant women to enter Britain amount to sexual discrimination 1979; report about the number of people imprisoned each year under immigration laws 1985; British immigration laws violate the European Convention of Human Rights because of sexual discrimination 1985; item on the investigation into the sexual assault of a Nigerian student by a police officer 1985; expose of the poor treatment of a foster parent and Nigerian foster child at Gatwick airport on return from holiday 1984; racist attitudes of the Common Market Commission 1984; an Asian woman refused permission to live with her family in UK 1984; a black teenager stabbed to death in Holland 1983; Home Office attempts to prevent

Moroccan man settling in Britain with his wife 1984; Manchester race relations group blame politicians rather than police and immigration officers for racism at customs 1986; Bernie Grant's protest against Home Office treatment of Jamaican visitors 1987; customs officers treatment of black people at airports - subjected to strip searches in their belief that 'black people are drugs smugglers' 1989; Home Office ignored court ruling and deported a Tamil refugee 1987; misrepresentation by the Home Office of an interview with a husband about to be deported to India 1987; black Falklands veteran urges the black and Asian community not to pay poll tax as a protest against government immigration laws 1988; ill treatment of a Jamaican nurse by customs officers on visit to UK 1988; criticism by Alistair Darling, the Labour spokesman on Immigration and Race Relations of government racist entry system 1989; case studies of Jamaican relatives of members of Birmingham community refused entry to the UK 1990; several other articles about Caribbean visitors being denied entry 1990; report that the Home Office is being secretive about administrative delays in immigration department 1990; a Jamaican teacher suffers breakdown after ill treatment by customs officials 1991; Ugandan refugees face visa restrictions 1991; black visitors to Britain are likely to be labelled immigrants rather than tourists 1989; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants claims people deported illegally by immigration officials 1989.

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Immigration: law

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice' on the interpretation and effects of immigration legislation.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on the reduction in the number of immigration cases coming before the courts as result of appeal cases, and the review ordered over the contradiction between Immigration Act and guidelines issued to immigration officers 1984; William Whitelaw asked to define what proof will satisfy immigration officers that a marriage is genuine 1983; travel problems for non-white holders of British passports caused by Nationality Act according to Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants 1983; protests against introduction of questions about ethnic background to people claiming unemployment benefit 1981; disclosure of number of Asian wives allowed to enter Britain in 1981, and the acceptance by a Home Office Minister of long waiting lists 1982; immigration laws are seen as attack on Asian marriage

system by Chairman of UK Immigration Advisory Service 1984; Bangladeshi businessman wins a High court victory over the government which could lead to change in immigration law 1985; government plans for quota on spouses of migrants from Indian sub-continent 1987; Douglas Hurd to abolish rights of MPs to stop immigration officers sending visitors to Britain back home 1986; deportation order against a Columbian woman who married a British national 1988; report on migrant who entered Britain under false claims 1988; challenge to immigration laws in High Court on the grounds of family unity to keep Libyan husband of Chilean woman in the country 1988; campaign for right of Marion Gaima from Sierra Leone to remain in the UK on grounds of political asylum 1988; establishment of a business by former public schoolboy to process immigration applications to bypass delays by Home Office immigration headquarters 1988; court of appeal case on the extent of immigrants rights 1988; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants report on UK immigration laws and criticism that the 1988 Immigration Act removes the right to family unity 1988; NALGO backs victims of immigration law Mr and Mrs Okanlami 1990; court case about powers of immigration inspectors 1990; government proposals to abolish legal aid for immigrations cases criticised by Law Society and ethnic minority groups, 1991.  
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Immigration: immigration rules

1979-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Times'; and the 'Birmingham Evening Mail', containing reports about amendments to immigration legislation and the practical effects on people of immigration rules, particularly relating to the separation of married couples and families. Some articles report criticism of such legislation, following High Court appeals by individuals affected, and by campaign groups.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on the role of British immigration officers in secret service 1979; changes to immigration laws to restrict right of British women to bring spouses to live in Britain and reports that this will not be retrospective 1979; checks on foreign husbands and anger at immigration changes to restrict entry to male partners 1980; news that Birmingham MP Jill Knight is opposed to government plans to allow foreign husbands or fiancés to come to Britain, 1981; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants calls for end to restrictions on foreign husbands entering UK 1982; view of newspaper

columnist Polly Toynbee on the immigration system at Heathrow 1982; prospect of a revolt of Tory backbenchers over government plans to relax rules on women bringing foreign husbands to Britain 1982; reversal of restrictions on foreign husbands at European Court of Human Rights 1983; a woman from Pakistan loses her bid to stay in Birmingham because she is supposedly happy in Pakistan 1985; report of Commons home affairs committee on immigration vetting and accusations of fraudulent procedures by immigration staff on Indian sub-continent 1986; guidelines issued by Douglas Hurd penalise visitors who ask MPs to intercede on their behalf 1986; Jamaican man refused right to re-enter UK after long period of living there and shorter period in Jamaica, 1981;a British citizen is not allowed to work for Foreign Office because of Italian parents 1981; Sikh priests are allowed to stay in Britain after intervention by Home Office minister Timothy Raison 1982; the appeal of Nasira Begum to stay in Britain 1981; Child Poverty Action Group to protest against use of forms inquiring about personal details of marriages of overseas couples 1981; woman forced to sign declaration that she would leave Britain if her husband was allowed into Britain for the birth of their baby 1981; government plans to revive entry quotas to placate right wing of Tory party 1983; Petrona Farrell wins right to stay in Britain 1984; Joan Smith reports on how British immigration system works in Bangladesh and sexual discrimination against women bringing foreign husbands back to UK 1984; Immigration Widows Campaign criticise sexist immigration laws 1985; Britain is likely to have more white immigrants than black but no checks made on them 1986; Gerald Kaufman claims that immigration laws should be withdrawn following critical High Court judgements 1986; MPs to retain the right to stop immigration officers sending back refugees and students without visas 1986; Immigration Service Union threatens to strike in response to the pressure of working conditions caused by increase in number of people trying to evade immigration control 1986; Home Office backs down on the use of immigration rule preventing dependent relatives from joining their British-based families if their standard of living overseas is relatively high 1986; Home Office imposes new restrictions on the rights of immigrants to challenge decisions barring them from entry to UK 1986; government suggestion that Britain might exclude all foreign wives to comply with European Court ruling that immigration laws were unlawful, 1985; Labour party demands commons debate on immigration in return for co-operation with Home Office investigation into alleged abuses of the system 1985; wives and fiancées trying to enter Britain from Indian sub-



continent have had special priority removed and will have to join lengthy queues in response to court ruling on restrictions on foreign husbands 1985; emphasis on discrepancies in applications for admission to Britain unfair on 'legal migrants', 1985; report by Commission for Racial Equality reveals immigration rules operate unfairly against black families attempting to be reunited 1985; retrospective piece in 'The Voice' on immigration laws from 1950s to 1980s; Labour MP Alf Dubs pledges to abolish 'racist' Nationality Act 1987; passport backlog and delay on exit visas at Home Office preventing visitors to Britain returning to their families abroad 1987; job cuts at Immigrants Advisory Service over Home Office refusal to deal with deficit in funds 1988; immigration figures at record low 1988; Commons committee condemns Home Office failure to open or answer letters at Immigration and Nationality Department 1988; deported political asylum seekers tortured on return to the country they came from 1988; Birmingham City Council leader Dick Knowles claims government immigration laws are racist 1988; Mildred Moetsabi deported to Harare, and Bernie Grant is powerless to help her to win review of decisions banning her from Britain under new guidelines 1989; several reports about black tourists barred from Britain, including item about the case of Mildred Moetsabi 1989; challenges to immigration law requirements for entry clearances rejected in the case of Moroccan family 1988; new barriers to prevent children of immigrants settled in UK to join their families 1989; Kurds face visa restrictions after rise in numbers seeking political asylum 1989; proposals to loosen immigration policy to help Hong Kong nationals 1989; retrospective article on 25 years of Commission for Racial Equality 1990.

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Immigration: appeals

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian', 'The Voice', and the 'Caribbean Times', containing articles reporting on appeals by various individuals against court decisions either to deport family members or not to let them enter UK during the 1980s. Articles focus on the involvement of Douglas Hurd in an appeal by Tamil refugees 1987, and a protest by Kurdish refugees in detention centre 1989. There is also an article about refugees overwhelming the asylum system 1990.

The file also includes a copy of the third issue of a newsletter produced by the Immigration Aid Unit, containing details of campaigns, and advice to help individuals going through appeals process, undated.

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1982-1991

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Immigration: medical examinations

1979-1989

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian', 'The Observer', and 'The Tribune India' containing articles giving details about the various medical examinations that prospective entrants to the UK were made to undergo, to determine whether they were allowed to stay. Many of the articles dating from the mid 1980s onwards focus on the use of DNA testing to determine family relationships.

The subject matter of articles includes: report that immigrant children from Indian sub-continent were liable for x-ray at entry to UK to determine their age 1980; subsequent report on the end of this procedure 1982; immigrant women having to undergo gynaecological examinations 1979; children to undergo genetic fingerprint tests to establish paternity 1985; report that the 'Unity Helpline' were to support black people with mental health problems 1986; government to introduce blood tests for immigrants in voluntary trial 1986; concern about families being subjected to fingerprint tests to determine family relationships for people from Pakistan and Bangladesh 1987, and the involvement of Douglas Hurd in DNA testing decision 1988; case study on the results of DNA tests for a Muslim girl in Manchester 1988; immigrants who want to use DNA testing to prove paternity will have to pay 1989; evidence that Home Office is wrong to deny entry to people who later had relationships confirmed by DNA testing 1989; government likely to ban retrospective DNA testing in appeal cases 1989.

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Immigration: removals and deportations

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian', 'The Voice', the 'Caribbean Times', 'West Indian World', 'Socialist Worker', and the 'Evening Standard', containing articles reporting various campaigns to help people under threat of being deported from the UK from 1981 onwards.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on protests over the proposed government Nationality Bill 1981; Home Office showing less sympathy towards campaigns by people faced with deportation 1984; deportation shrine set up at Manchester Cathedral to raise awareness of difficulties faced by people under threat of deportation 1984; arguments in the House of Commons about deportation of Tamil refugees 1987; people taking refuge in churches, temples and mosques, 1980s; actions of

Home Office in case of Kurdish refugees from Turkey  
1990.

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Immigration: illegal immigration and overstaying

1982-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; the 'Daily Mail'; 'The Observer'; and the 'Daily Express', containing articles that focus on attempts by immigrants to enter the UK illegally, and cases of people under threat of deportation from the UK. Some articles report attempts by immigrant support groups to draw attention to cases of ill treatment and discrimination of people under threat of deportation.

The subject matter of articles includes: High Court Judge attacks suspect immigrant marriages 1982; government intends to use criminal courts to prosecute people who stay in UK after their permits run out 1982, case studies of Muslim women in London disowned or abandoned by their husbands and under threat from Home Office 1982; Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers recommends removal of immigrants only after successful criminal prosecution 1983; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants claims that people recommended for deportation and choosing to leave voluntarily are being kept in prison 1983; profiteers making money from illegal sale of Home Office registration forms 1987; Asian men found sealed in German van at Dover 1987; warning about immigrants entering UK illegally despite Thatcher government restrictions on entry 1988; police and immigration officers planning to clamp down on migrants living in UK illegally 1989; focus on plight of illegal immigrants in UK after the deportation of Viraj Mendis 1989; immigration officials search for group of Chinese refugees hiding in London to avoid deportation 1990  
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Immigration: internal controls

1976-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Voice'; and the 'Birmingham Post'. Items from the 'Birmingham Post' dated 1976 are all mounted on hole-punched A4 paper, and provide evidence of hostile attitudes towards immigration in Birmingham, including letters from readers.

The subject matter of other articles consists of:  
government using administrative procedures to tighten immigration and control and reduce rights 1983;  
immigration services in crisis because of staff shortages 1985; focus on hunger strike by Tamil refugees 1987; poor

conditions on board detention ship for refugees 1987;  
focus on detention centres in UK and treatment of  
migrants 1991.

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Immigration: repatriation schemes

1981-1987

File containing loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; the 'Caribbean Times'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.

The subject matter of articles includes : proposals to end right of entry to UK in 5 years of UK citizens in India forced to leave former British colonies in East Africa by anti-Asian feeling, c1981, Monday Club urges Thatcher to pay black people to leave UK, Caribbean House launches 'Homeward Bound' programme to repatriate Caribbean people living in UK 1981, attacks on this programme by other Caribbean leaders 1981, Enoch Powell wants black population to be trained in skills for use in their home countries 1982, 'Home-Coming' campaign by Jamaican government in attempt to encourage people to visit Jamaica and possibly return home on a long-term basis with skills learnt in UK to help development of Jamaica 1983, focus on Repatriation of Prisoners Bill 1983, focus on repatriation and back to Africa movement and view of Rastas about return to Africa 1983, government proposals for voluntary repatriation scheme 1984, survey by West Indian Movement finds that people would like to return to Caribbean if they were given financial help 1985, Hindu society in Birmingham seeks government 'pensions' for immigrants to return home 1985, government relaxes guidelines limited access of immigrants to state aid for voluntary repatriation 1984, 'Recall' charity seeking funding to enable unemployed British-born Caribbean and Asians to set up businesses in their former homelands, Lady Birdwood campaigning in Fulham as England Demands Repatriation candidate 1986, inquiry into housing policies of Labour-controlled Camden borough council which is repatriating homeless Irish families 1987, judges back council eviction of migrant families from Bangladesh 1987, former mental health patients urged to register as British citizens to avoid possible repatriation 1987

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**MS 2478/C/2 Citizenship and nationality, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the effects of restrictive immigration legislation on the ability of black and Asian people to gain British citizenship during the 1980s.

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Citizenship and nationality: general

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Times' containing various articles about the difficulties faced by non-white entrants to the UK in gaining British citizenship, partly due to increased restrictions put in place by successive immigration legislation during the 1970s and 1980s.

The subject matter of the articles includes: statement by Roy Hattersley about Labour party plans to repeal Nationality Bill and 1971 Immigration Act with a new definition of citizenship 1981; arguments for and against the Nationality Bill by various commentators. Archbishop Runcie claims that the Nationality Bill is seriously defective, 1981; report that churches are against the Nationality Bill 1981; government makes a profit from increased fees for acquiring British citizenship 1982; Home Office allows Guyanese family to stay in UK 1983; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants accuses Home Office of making profit from people applying for citizenship 1983; patients face nationality checks before they are admitted to hospital 1981; several general articles about citizenship 1990; criticism of Home Office delays in processing citizenship applications 1988; opinion that the rise in the cost of obtaining British citizenship will lead to drop in number of applications 1991. This last article is mounted on the reverse of a letter possibly addressed to Derek Bishton from Franco Bianchini, Lecturer in European Urban Cultures at Thames Polytechnic, London 1992 concerning the publication of book on urban regeneration which will feature Birmingham.

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Citizenship and nationality: policy and proposals

1980-1987

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; the 'Caribbean Times'; and the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' containing articles on proposed changes to immigration legislation, and statements by politicians about citizenship.

The subject matter of the articles includes: report on falls in immigration according to Home Office figures 1980; Roy Hattersley's pledge to replace Nationality Bill with single condition of citizenship 1981; disputes over Nationality Act 1982; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' opinion article about proposals to allow women to bring foreign husbands to UK 1982; focus on Nationality Act 1983; disagreements about the right of women to bring foreign husbands to UK, 1983; policy statement on human rights to amend law on nationality and restore automatic grant of British nationality

to everyone born in UK 1983; Immigration Support Committee highlights prisoners who are barred from registering as British citizens 1987.

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MS  
2478/C/2/3      Citizenship and nationality: registration and naturalisation      1981-1988  
File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer' and 'The Voice', containing articles expressing fears about the remit of the Nationality Bill, and reports on efforts by individuals and communities to gain British citizenship during the 1980s.

The subject matter of the articles includes: report on concerns about the rights to British citizenship of children born abroad 1981; reports about individual cases of immigrants wishing to take British citizenship 1982; Home Office criticised for making a profit on nationality fees 1983; criticism of the Zola Budd case and accusations that a special case was made for her to gain citizenship 1984; fund set up to help people obliged to register as British citizens or risk losing their status 1987; black pensioners in Britain facing financial hardship in trying to find money for citizenship registration fee 1987; Irish citizens in Birmingham concerned about their rights to British nationality before the deadline 1987; Home Office to send explanatory leaflet about registering for British citizenship 1987; rush on people registering for citizenship 1987; Age Concern advising older people born outside UK on claiming supplementary pension 1988.

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2478/C/2/4      Citizenship and nationality: cases      n.d. [1980s]  
Very small file of loose cuttings from unknown sources, including an article about a Pakistani man trying to get his family into Britain 1982, and an article about Clare Short spending £500 on intervention to try to help bring an African Caribbean girl from her father in Germany to the UK 1984

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### **MS 2478/C/3 Race Relations, 1976-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the effects of government race relations policies during the late 1970s and 1980s, including many reports on cases of racial discrimination against black and Asian people by individuals and organisations during this period.

MS  
2478/C/3/1      Race Relations: general      1976-1991  
File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail', 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Birmingham Post'; 'New

Society'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Daily Telegraph'; 'Sandwell Evening Mail'; 'The Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Spectator', containing articles about the effectiveness of race relations legislation, and the extent of racial discrimination and racist attitudes in the UK during the late 1970s, and 1980s.

The subject matter of the articles includes: report on study of young people which reveals that nine out of ten would like stricter immigration controls, 1989; black practitioners from different professional groups plan to campaign together against discrimination, 1989; Society of Black Lawyers criticises report on community relations in Liverpool 8, 1989; Birmingham Evening Mail article about controversy at Springfield school in Sparkhill over the appointment of a school home liaison officer who spoke no Asian language, 1989; black civil rights leaders to give race relations lessons to Ku Klux Klan members who attacked them, 1989; Scotland Yard reports big rise in racial violence, 1989; anti-racist groups in France to take action over attack against Moroccan man in Menton, 1985; government plans to remove from local authorities the power to fund ethnic minority groups and Commission for Racial Equality warning that the dismissal of community activists could lead to unrest, 1984; voluntary organisations opposing racial discrimination and promoting good community relations to be allowed charity status after review by Charity Commissioners, 1983; black organisations fight to save anti-racist initiatives begun by Greater London Council through ethnic minorities committee chaired by Ken Livingstone, 1983; agency which refused Somali seamen jobs on cruise ship not covered by Race Relations Act, 1983; Labour council leader of Hackney called for change in Race Relations Act after tribunal found that council had unlawfully discriminated against three white youths, 1986; former civil servant Kiamram Halil awarded damages against 'The Guardian' over an article which suggested he was racially prejudiced, 1986; several articles about anti-fascist demonstrations in Birmingham, and articles about local authorities in the West Midlands being criticised for failing to take positive steps to end race and sex discrimination, 1976; Timothy Raison at Home office attacked for failing to set up committee to direct and control policy on dealing with racial disadvantage, 1982; George Young, the first minister for Race Relations, plans to visit Birmingham, 1982; review of a study on the multi-racial city by the Policy Studies Institute which tackles the issues avoided by the Scarman inquiry, 1981; government plans to divide unemployment benefits claimants into racial groups

dropped after opposition from the Commission for Racial Equalities and the Civil and Public Services Association, 1982; Race Relations Board to ask Attorney General to take action against the chairman of the extreme right-wing National Party, 1976; Archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggan condemns racists, 1976; several articles about Robert Relf, in prison for disobeying judge's order to remove sign outside his Leamington Spa house advertising it for sale to an English family only, 1976; demonstration by members of African Caribbean community in Birmingham after arrest of young people in Handsworth, 1976; secretary of the Islamic Mission and member of Birmingham Council of Mosques gives assurance that mosques will not be established without planning permission, 1976; Enoch Powell's attempts to scrap government proposals for the children of non-British citizens settled in the UK to gain automatic British nationality at birth, 1981; article on a study prepared by researchers at Birmingham University's Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies on the coverage of race relations by local newspapers in the West Midlands, 1976; opinion article on the state of race relations following the disturbances in several British cities during 1981; various articles about people prosecuted under Race Relations Act; Liverpool city council scraps race relations liaison committee, 1985; African Caribbean residents in Brent considering forming vigilante groups after white youths damage their properties, 1981; new BBC guidelines on reporting racism and terrorism, 1982; interview with Sir George Young, newly appointed 'Race Minister', 1982; several articles about Birmingham teacher who used the words 'sambo', 'nig nog' and 'honkey' judged not to have committed offence under Race Relations Act, 1980; focus on Handsworth by Birmingham Evening Mail following publication of 'Shades of Grey' report, 1977; feature article on social problems and racial tension in Coventry, 1982; article on trial of black youths for the murder of white youth Terry May, 1982; Social Democratic Party (SDP) attracting teenagers who hold racist views, according to Birmingham University study, 1982; article praising 'Sesame Street' for promoting co-operation between people of different ethnic backgrounds, 1892; Bradford's first Asian mayor subjected to racially abusive mail, 1985; court case concerning allegations of theft from Birmingham Arts Lab, 1982 (see MS 2673); Sir George Young, minister for race relations, attacked criticism that his job is merely a public relations exercise, 1982; criticism of attitudes to race relations at Hendon police college, 1982; Walsall council has poor record of black employment, 1981; building societies criticised for racial discrimination by Birmingham university



report, 1982; Scotland Yard failed to consult Community Relations Branch before releasing racial break down of crime figures, 1982; David Waddington of Home Office admits underlying attitudes of British society have to change before there is an end to racial discrimination, 1983; Pamila Le Hunte to be first Indian woman to contest a House of Commons seat, standing for Ladywood for the Conservative party, 1983; Police Criminal Evidence Bill could damage race relations, according to Birmingham Community Relations Council, 1983; allegations that West Midlands County Council the victim of fraud over money given out to improve race relations, 1983; tension in Asian community of Keighley following the failure of a peace initiative between the Muslim Association and the Pakistani Community Welfare Association, 1983; House of Lords overturns Court of Appeal decision that Sikhs did not constitute ethnic group entitled to protection under the Race Relations Act, 1983; demonstration in London to protest at the shooting by police officer of Cherry Groce and circumstances surrounding the death of Cynthia Jarrett, 1985; article on the work of Sandwell Council for Community Relations, 1986; Zimbabweans barred from entering UK complain that Britain's treatment of black people similar to that of the former racist regime in Rhodesia, 1986; Liverpool City Council's race relations officer Sam Bond leaves his job after controversy over his appointment, 1987; analysis of the imperial roots of the race relations industry by Dhiren Bhagat in 'The Spectator'; letters to the editor of 'The Times' from readers with suggestions of ways to restore inter-racial confidence, 1981; Douglas Hurd studies Hounslow Community Relations Council as model of good practice, 1988; Tory councillor sacked from Waltham Forest Community Relations Council after making racist remarks, 1989; University of Warwick and National Children's Bureau study of primary school children's' views on race relations, 1988; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' editorial about Douglas Hurd's advice to Muslims living in Birmingham, 1989; article by Birmingham psychiatrist on the personal implications of inter-racial marriage, 1989; retrospective articles analysing endemic discrimination in the UK, twenty-five years after the first Race Relations Act, 1990; article on instances of anti-immigrant racism in Britain in the years before 1945, 1990; founder of the Ethnic Harmony Campaign, Glory Osaji-Umeaku, calls for abolition of all race laws and scrapping of Commission for Racial Equality, 1990; interviews with immigrants to Britain on their experiences in Britain, 1990; article on report by the Policy Studies Institute on the progress of the Race Relations Act, 1991; white youth found guilty of the murder

of Rolan Adams, 1991.

The file also includes copies of typescript letters to the editor of the Birmingham Evening Mail from members of staff of the Steward Immigrant Reception Centre in Spring Hill, Birmingham, and a copy of the editor's reply, dated October 1976. The letters complain about the paper's sympathetic coverage of Councillor Carter who they suggest holds openly racist views and condones violent behaviour by his supporters, while the editor refutes this criticism

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Race Relations: racism and discrimination

1976-1991

File containing loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including the 'Caribbean Times'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'Socialist Worker'; and 'The Observer'. Most articles deal with individual racial discrimination cases against employers and commercial organisations, but there are also articles about racially motivated attacks on black and Asian people, and a small number of articles about cases of positive discrimination. Most articles date from the early 1980s, but there are also several articles from the late 1970s, and a few cuttings dating from the late 1980s.

The subject matter of the articles includes: Scottish customer complains to brewery after suffering racial discrimination in English pub, 1991; campaign launched in Birmingham to boycott women's clothes shop after black women accused of using stolen credit cards, 1990; Charter 90, an Asian pressure group, call for increased government action against discrimination and racial attacks and warns of social unrest by Asian youths, 1990; racial abuse suffered by black families in Tower Hamlets, 1984; reports in 'The Voice' reproducing offensive and derogatory reports or advertisements printed in newspapers and magazines, 1983; report on the coverage of 'race' stories by the 'popular press' in Britain, 1984; Woolworth stores relax rules on clothing after a young Muslim woman was told she could not have a job unless she wore a skirt, 1984; withdrawal of racist and sexist student 'rag week' magazines, 1984; black employees of Camden Council complain about discrimination, 1984; Ealing branch of Abbey National building society investigated for discrimination by Commission for Racial Equality, 1984; Islington council accused of racism, 1986; article on early prosecutions under the Race Relations Act, 1970s; Jobcentre officials warned that they must share blame for continuing prejudice facing unemployed black

people, 1984; book reviews of 'Staying Power' by Peter Fryer and 'Here for Good, Western Europe's New Ethnic Minorities' by Stephen Castles, Heather Booth and Tina Wallace, 1984; report that DHSS offices are checking the passports of black benefits claimants, 1983; Asian families in East London living in constant fear of racist abuse and attacks, 1983; Greater London Council funded women's group ordered to pay compensation for positive discrimination in favour of black people, 1985; Aston Manor Labour Club and Institute in Birmingham fined for operating illegal 'colour bar', 1985; articles about House of Lords decision to overturn Lord Denning's judgement that Sikhs do not constitute an ethnic group, 1983; Wrekin Golf Club in Shropshire accused of operating illegal 'colour bar' by banned Sikh, 1984; Hackney council found guilty of discriminating against white youths who were refused jobs, 1986; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' article about attack on white youth by youths of 'West Indian appearance' in Sparkbrook, 1984; articles in 'Birmingham Evening Mail' dated 1976 about the jailing of Robert Relf for racial discrimination when attempting to sell his house, and resulting demonstrations by both the International Socialists and the right-wing extremist Colin Jordan; articles in 'Birmingham Evening Mail' dated 1976 about various prosecutions under the Race Relations Act, and apparent fears about immigration amongst white communities; prosecution of Mount Pleasant Working Men's Club in Edgbaston for operation of illegal 'colour bar', 1979; Office of Population Censuses and Surveys prosecuted under for racial discrimination after rejecting black job applicant, 1982; Department of Health approves nationality and residence checks for patients admitted to hospital, 1981; headmaster of Wolverhampton school wins damages after being accused of being racist by Naranjan Noor, president of the Indian Workers Association, after sending a Sikh boy home for wearing a turban 1982; BBC accused of racism in employment policies, 1991; man jailed for racist attack on black youth in Birmingham, 1984; Enoch Powell accuses Queen's speeches of displaying more sympathy for immigrants than for 'her own people', 1984; 'Socialist Worker' report on the campaign to free the 'Bradford 12', Asian men charged with conspiracy after the discovery of petrol bombs, 1981; London teaching hospital accused of racism after staff refused request for medical reports to assist disabled patient's compensation claim, 1981; Commission for Racial Equality outlaws West Midlands County Council 'blacks only' business loan fund, 1983; black candidate for Chicago mayoral election faced racist campaign against him, 1983; investigation into racial discrimination against black employees by civil servant at

Department of Employment, 1983; William Whitelaw bans planned march by the New National Front in Coventry, 1981; Rudy Narayan, executive member of Society of Black Lawyers claims at disciplinary hearing that legal profession corrupt and racist, 1983; union delegates asked to boycott Peppermint Place nightclub in Broad Street, Birmingham over allegations it is operating a 'colour bar'; Leon Brittain gives speech opposing racism, 1983; Commission for Racial Equality investigation into housing finds that south London estate agents discriminate against black home buyers, 1980; conditions under which Asian seamen employed during Falklands campaign investigated by Commission for Racial Equality, 1982; Birmingham doctor fined for fraud gives up his practice in Moseley, stating that he suffered racial discrimination, 1982; tractor manufacturers Massey-Ferguson in Coventry guilty of racial discrimination, 1982; dispute over the dismissal of George Shire, housing advisory officer to Camden Council with allegations of racial discrimination, 1982; opinion article in 'Caribbean Times' on the issue of positive discrimination, 1982; article on forthcoming Scarman Report and recent Home Office report on racial attacks, 1982; black journalist to report Walsall Conservative Club to Community Relations Council for operating 'colour bar', 1982; argument over whether Equal Opportunities Commission was guilty of sexual bias in appointing a man as its chief executive, 1985; industrial tribunal awards compensation to white employees for being unlawfully discriminated against by Nigerian shipping line in Liverpool, 1982; women on course organised by Commission for Racial Equality in Birmingham turned away from nightclub because they were black, 1983; government intervention to stop racial discrimination by Liverpool City Council against employees demanded by Tory MP John Gorst, 1986; death of Asian teenager in Oldham may be linked to two other racially motivated attacks in the area, 1989. The file also contains a photocopy of a ten pound note, on which has been written the message 'Keep Britain White - Vote NF'; a racist Christmas card featuring a drawing of three young black girls, and a message inside the card that reads 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas'; and a typescript extract from an unidentified piece of writing on racist abuse suffered by Asian workers.

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Race Relations: policy

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, mainly 'The Guardian', but also including the 'Caribbean Times'. Articles focus on government policy on legislation relating

1979-1991

to immigration and racial discrimination. Most articles date from the late 1970s and early 1980s, but there are also a small number dating from 1990 and 1991.

The subject matter of the articles includes: report by Policy Studies Institute on the failure of the Race Relations Act to achieve its aims of reducing discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity in employment, 1991; chairman of Commission for Racial Equality urges tougher legislation to combat persistent racial discrimination in companies, institutions and individuals, 1990; survey published by Leicester City and County Councils to review their own activities as employers and providers of services, 1984; Conservative government officials stay away from a conference on immigration policy organised by the Action Group on Immigration and Nationality because they considered it to be too closely allied to the Labour Party, 1983; Brent Council tells the Home Office that future censuses should include questions on racial or ethnic origin, 1982; Labour party sets out its policy on race, pledging to repeal and replace the 1971 Immigration Act and the 1981 British Nationality Act, 1982; details of government plans to curb immigration, 1979; Labour party attacks government changes to immigration policy which causes increased distress to immigrant families, 1979; Home Affairs select committee of MPs recommends including questions on peoples ethnic origin in the 1991 census, 1983.

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Race Relations: legislations

1976-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; the 'Caribbean Times'; the 'Birmingham Post' and the Birmingham Evening Mail' containing articles on various aspects of race relations legislation. Most articles date from the early 1980s, but there are also a small number of articles dating from 1976, and an article dating from 1991.

The subject matters of the articles includes: call from the Commission for Racial Equality to reform the Race Relations Act to enforce ethnic monitoring in employment and outlaw discrimination by central and local government, 1991; Press Council rules that elected representatives should not discriminate between the journalists to whom they release news, 1976; article in the 'Caribbean Times' about misrepresentation by the Fleet Street media of Bristol's black community living in the St Paul's area of the city, 1982; Birmingham branch of the Commission for Racial Equality urges the city council to fund an

independent racial harassment monitoring unit, 1987; Bradford city council launches campaign to give ethnic minorities the same chance as white people to obtain council jobs, 1982; ethnic monitoring to be introduced as a trial in the Civil Service, with reactions to this news by politicians of different parties, 1981; chairman of Commission for Racial Equality recommends stronger Race Relations Act, 1982; District Labour Party calls for Birmingham City Council to employ a proportion of people from ethnic minorities at all grades if Labour regain control of the council, 1983.

The file also includes a photocopy of an apparently unrelated article from the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' about the opening of part of Birmingham's former Salvation Army citadel as a community centre for unemployed young people in the city, 1976.

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Race Relations: Commission for Racial Equality (CRE)

1980-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Times' and the 'Caribbean Times', containing articles about the work of the Commission for Racial Equality during the 1980s. Several of the articles contain details about individual cases taken up by the Commission, but the majority deal with research carried out by the Commission, and its dealings with government departments.

The subject matter of the articles includes: reports on leaked letter written by Commission for Racial Equality chairman Michael Day urging sackings of 'incompetent' staff who were black, 1990; criticism of the Commission for Racial Equality by one of its commissioners for failing to employ black people as managers, 1989; Commission for Racial Equality calls for government to increase its budget and make changes to the Race Relations Act to improve its effectiveness, 1989; report in 'The Voice' that many in the black community feel that the Commission for Racial Equality is failing to eliminate racial discrimination, 1989; Commission for Racial Equality accused by its own black employees of displaying 'apparent racial discrimination', 1989; Commission for Racial Equality not allowed by law to investigate black soldier's complaints of racist bullying in the army, 1989; Birmingham based Campaign Against Racist Clubs call for Commission for Racial Equality to challenge social clubs that refuse to admit black people, 1989; reports that the Commission for Racial Equality is facing shortage of funding which means it has to turn away

victims of racial discrimination, 1989; police chief accused of trying to 'induce an unlawful act of discrimination' wins legal battle against Commission for Racial Equality, 1989; Commission for Racial Equality to investigate the appointment of a senior community relations officer who organised a campaign on behalf of Louis Farrakhan, the anti-Semitic American black leader, 1988; report published by the Commission for Racial Equality publishes report which highlights the growing number of racial attacks on ethnic minorities, 1987; outgoing chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality comments that equal opportunities initiatives still have a long way to go, 1987; interview with Sir Peter Newsam, chairman of the Commission of Racial Equality between 1982 and 1987; new chairman of Commission for Racial Equality named as Michael Day, 1987; Commission for Racial Equality decides to focus attentions on graduate-level jobs in order to highlight racial discrimination in several professions, 1987; Commission for Racial Equality condemns Nicholas Fairburn, former solicitor for Scotland, for racist remarks, 1985; report on Commission for Racial Equality proposals for legal reform to promote equality and counter discrimination, 1985; Commission for Racial Equality criticises immigration officers for causing distress and humiliation to Britain's black population and their visitors, 1985; opinion article in 'West Indian World' on the disclosure that black parents in Hackney were not given the backing they deserve by the Hackney Commission for Racial Equality, 1985; Commission for Racial Equality challenges the government to take the lead in promoting equal opportunities and eliminating racial discrimination in employment, 1984; Commission for Racial Equality uncovers long-term 'colour bar' preventing recruitment of black domestic workers at St Chad's Hospital in Birmingham, 1984; two new reports published by the Commission for Racial Equality dealing with discrimination within Dunlop's Polymer Engineering Division in Leicester, and the Ealing branch of Abbey National Building Society, 1984; Commission for Racial Equality criticises building services company for racial discrimination, 1984; report by Commission for Racial Equality finds that 50% of 300 London-based firms discriminated against black people when recruiting employees, 1983; Commission for Racial Equality asks the government to make changes in the 1976 Race Relations Act to allow it to speed up procedures for investigating allegations of racial discrimination, 1983; Commission for Racial Equality loses attempt to investigate whether Hillingdon Council practised racial discrimination in dealing with homeless families arriving at Heathrow airport, 1982; Brent Council publishes

a policy document on ethnic record-keeping, 1982; Confederation of British Industry urges Commission for Racial Equality to reconsider its 'fundamental and controversial' proposals to amend the 1976 Race Relations Act, 1983; Commission for Racial Equality states that employers should be required to keep records of the ethnic origins of their workforce, and of job applicants who are turned down, 1983; black community leaders consider whether to call for their members to boycott posts within the Commission for Racial Equality, fearing that policy-making jobs are being reserved for white people; Lord Denning rejects appeal from the Commission for Racial Equality to be allowed to investigate Hillingdon Borough Council for alleged racial discrimination in its housing policy, 1981; three new part-time members are appointed to the Commission for Racial Equality, 1982; dispute over the appointment of a community worker at Handsworth Community Theatre Project, part of Banner Theatre, prompts the Commission for Racial Equality to tighten procedures for giving grants, 1982; new chairman of Commission for Racial Equality, Peter Newsam, proposes tough approach to tackle discrimination, 1982; survey by Commission for Racial Equality reveals that both black and white people believe that race relations are deteriorating, 1981; Birmingham Area Health Authority plans appeal over allegations of racial discrimination in jobs at St Chad's Hospital, 1982; report on the work of Nottingham Community Relations Council, 1981; Hackney Commission for Racial Equality taken to industrial tribunal by black employee allegedly subjected to racial and sexual harassment and intimidation; David Lane, chairman of Commission for Racial Equality denies reports that the Home Office is trying to replace him, 1982; several reports on the Commons Home Affairs Committee report on the activities of the Commission for Racial Equality, 1981; Wandsworth Council for Community Relations asks Commission for Racial Equality to mount an enquiry into Wandsworth council's housing department, 1985; Commission for Racial Equality's annual report states that the black population continues to bear the brunt of racial discrimination, 1985; Wolverhampton Council for Community Relations will lose its grant if it appoints the person of its choice to a senior post in defiance of the Commission for Racial Equality, 1980; research carried out by the Commission for Racial Equality shows that racial discrimination is being practised by local authorities throughout Britain in housing black families, 1982; John Whitmore appointed legal director at the Commission for Racial Equality, 1982; Commission for Racial Equality urges local authorities to take positive action in



employment and the provision of services to help ethnic minorities, 1982; Commons Employment Committee calls for changes in the Commission for Racial Equality's code of practice on racial discrimination in jobs, 1982; report on the new chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, Peter Newsam, 1982; Commission for Racial Equality backs the inclusion of questions on ethnic origins in the next national census, provided the government acts on information provided, 1982; Commission for Racial Equality to investigate recruitment for the Army's Household Division after allegations that the Guards regiments operated a 'colour bar', 1982; Commission for Racial Equality blames distorted reporting by newspapers for continuing prejudice against black people, 1981; Birmingham City Council plans to fight a High Court action against accusations that they are discriminating against black taxi drivers, 1982; Commission for Racial Equality attacked by West Midlands Conservative Women's Advisory Committee, 1982; critical article in the 'Caribbean Times' about the delayed non-discrimination notice issued by the Commission for Racial Equality against Maseey-Ferguson in Coventry, 1982; report in 'The Guardian' about the prospects of approval by Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, of the Draft Code of Practice for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Promotion of Equal Opportunity in Employment, compiled by the Commission for Racial Equality, 1982; government orders an experimental census within the Civil Service to discover how many people from ethnic minorities work there, 1982; survey by Commission for Racial Equality finds that nearly 60% of employers discriminated against young black people applying for jobs, 1982; 'Caribbean Times' editorial on figures for black unemployment announced by the Commission for Racial Equality, 1982; Newham education authority in London reported to the Commission for Racial Equality for instructing schools to examine children's passports, 1981; Hackney Council for Racial Equality publishes a report containing evidence of alleged police maltreatment of black people in Hackney, 1983.  
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Race Relations: Community Relations Councils (CRCs)  
File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'

1977-1985

The subject matter of articles includes: Asian leaders urged to reconsider mass resignations from Birmingham's Community Relations Council so that a widening rift

between the city's ethnic minorities following the Handsworth uprisings can be healed, 1985; Hanslow and Lewisham Community Relations Council annual reports express concern about a number of aspects of race relations, including police community relations, housing, education and employment and youth training; feature article in 'The Guardian' on the subject of race relations, inspired by a survey conducted for the Community Relations Council in Bradford and Leicester, 1977; chairman of Brent Community Relations Council accuses Brent Council of providing token gestures for ethnic minorities, 1983; National Association of Community Relations Councils hears that some local authorities object to the policies and activities of Community Relations Council, and councils have cut funding for these groups, 1983;

The file also includes a copy of the Birmingham Community Relations Council Bulletin, issue 8, Winter 1979, designed by Sidelines.  
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Race Relations: race relations organisations

1976-1985

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from 'The Voice'; the 'Caribbean Times' and 'The Guardian', most dating from the mid 1980s.

Articles discuss: news of an all day conference on challenging racism in London, held at the University of London and including speakers such as C.L.R. James, Ken Livingstone and Paul Boateng of the Greater London Council, and community workers and Community Relations officers, 1983; news of Greater London Council survey into race relations issues in London, announced by GLC leader Ken Livingstone, 1984; the launch of an all-party parliamentary group on race relations, chaired by Clare Short, to deal with the criticism made in the immigration report of the Commission for Racial Equality, 1985; news about efforts made by the Afro-Caribbean Association for Economic and Social Security (ACAFESS) to secure funding for a community workshop and leisure centre, undated.

The file also contains other printed material relating to race relations. This consists of:

/5 an information leaflet for All Faiths for One Race, produced around 1977

/6 typescript copy of the annual report of the West Midlands Conciliation Committee of the Race Relations Board for 1975, containing details of the activities of the

committee during the year, and including statistics of complaints to the committee, results of conciliation, and information about some individual instances of discrimination in recruitment and housing

/7-/11 several typescript articles, dated November 1976, for publication in newspapers aimed at members of the Pakistani community living in Britain, including 'Akhbar-e-Watan', 'The Daily Jang', 'Mashriq' and 'Daily Millat'. The articles all concern the closure of the Saltley Community Development Project by the Conservative controlled Birmingham City Council on the grounds that an article published in the project's newsletter 'Saltley News' showed communist sympathies. The articles discuss the possible reasons for the closure of the project, and express the concerns felt by residents that some the decision was racially motivated. The Saltley Community Development Project was set up to help people living in the Saltley area, to solve some of their problems and to raise their standard of living. Many of the people living in Saltley were immigrants from Pakistan, and 'Saltley News' was intended to inform people about recent developments in their mother tongue.

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Race Relations: cuts

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Race Relations: speeches and statements by MPs, other politicians and leaders

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; and 'The Guardian'.

c.1978-1990

The subject matter of articles includes: report on statements by right-wing Conservative MP John Carlisle, that black people cause a 'terrible nuisance' with 'noisy parties' , 1990; report on Norman Tebbit's statement in an interview for the 'Los Angeles Times' that a large proportion of Britain's Asian population failed to pass the 'cricket test' in cheering for South Asian cricket teams, 1990; report on the reaction of Tebbit's remarks in Asian communities in the UK, 1990; report on remarks by right-wing Conservative MP Nicholas Fairbairn criticising Douglas Hurd's decision to set up a scheme to promote black business enterprise in Handsworth, on the grounds that 'Afro-Caribbeans are lazy', 1985; letter to 'Birmingham Evening Mail' from George Adamson of the West Indian

Federation Association, protesting against remarks made against black young people by 'so-called ethnic researchers' at Aston University, 1983; report on a part-time Scottish sheriff who made remarks about Asian sexual behaviour and the negative reaction to these remarks by Labour MPs, 1981; report that Bernie Grant, Labour leader of Haringey council, London, has accused the Metropolitan Police of lying in its report that claimed that the riots on the Broadwater Farm Estate in Tottenham were pre-arranged, 1986; report on Jesse Jackson's visit to Britain, and his comments that racism in the UK is 'blatant and dynamic', 1985; report on the third Conference of Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens in London, with quotes from speeches made by some of the MPs and councillors who attended, 1985.

The file also contains an undated typed draft article for inclusion in the 'comment' column of the local 'Birmingham Broadside' newspaper which was published during the late 1970s. This article was presumably written by Derek Bishton, and discusses government and media views on the impact of immigration on unemployment. The article includes handwritten corrections to spellings, and an indication of the word count of the piece.

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Race Relations: local authority policies

1987-1989

File containing two loose cuttings from 'The Guardian', dating from the late 1980s. One article discusses the effects of Bradford City Council's spending cuts on race relations, and the increasing activities of the right-wing 'Monday Club' in the city, 1989; the other article reports that Birmingham City Council's Labour leader Dick Knowles, is planning to scrap the race relations and women's committees after disappointing results for the Labour party in recent council elections, 1987

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**MS 2478/C/4 Politics and elections, 1975-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on political opinion and British election results during the late 1970s and the 1980s, with a particular emphasis on the attitudes shown by the main political parties towards the needs and views of black and Asian communities in Britain, and the involvement of black and Asian people in the political system, including local government and national politics, during this period.

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Politics and elections: general

1978-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers

and journals, including 'The Guardian'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'New Society'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Social Work Today'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Morning Star'; and 'West Indian World' containing articles on a diverse range of topics relating to politics during the 1980s. The majority of the articles focus on British politics, but there are also a small number of reports dealing with US politics, and the apartheid regime in South Africa. Many articles discuss the internal disputes that the Labour party in Britain had to deal with during its years in opposition in the early 1980s

The subject matter of the articles includes: report about the financial crisis faced by the Muhammed Ali centre in Handsworth, Birmingham, blamed by the centre's director, councillor James Hunte, on Birmingham City Council, 1985; report on the possibility that radical political groups in Britain may receive funds from Colonel Gadafy's government in Libya, 1986; Clare Short re-selected in her Ladywood constituency, 1985; analysis of the potential failure of the Thatcher government's economic theories, 1985; report on the attacks made on the government by Clive Ponting, acquitted of an Official Secrets Act charge, 1985; report on anti-apartheid demonstrations in Britain against support for P.W.Botha by Margaret Thatcher, 1984; report in 'New Society' on the increasing division between 'haves and have-nots' within the working class, 1984; several articles on the 'militant' tendency within the left-wing of the Labour party, 1986; opinion article by Ken Livingstone on the repercussions of his resignation of his seat on the Greater London Council, 1984; article about Rudy Narayan's outburst against the black community, 1984; commemorative pull-out article on the life of Karl Marx, produced by 'Socialist Worker' to mark the centenary of his death, 1983; report on ITV's 'World in Action' programme on the leaking of a document about the arrival of cruise missiles in Britain, 1984; report on Jesse Jackson's announcement that he intended to visit Syria, 1983; Neil Kinnock opposes the formation of separate sections of the Labour party for black members, 1984; report on a conference at the University of Essex on the failure of the Labour party's election campaign, 1983; report on efforts to cut spending at TV-am, 1983; report on the work of Greater London Council's Economic Policy Group to alleviate unemployment, 1982; report on Maurice Bishop's comments about Ronald Reagan's Caribbean basin initiative plan, 1982; report on the voting intentions of people in African Caribbean and Asian communities in Britain, 1983; Social Democratic Party (SDP) candidate asked to step down after expressing racist views in a letter

to a newspaper, 1986; article in 'Social Work Today' on the SDP and social policy, 1982; William Whitelaw challenges right-wing members of the Conservative government by allowing male immigrants engaged to UK women to enter the country, 1983; Ronald Reagan plans to continue to deploy cruise missiles, 1983; report on the unveiling of a package of new measures to support businesses in the West Midlands, 1983; report on the chances of success of the government inner cities initiative, 1985; Labour shadow cabinet to force a debate on inner city riots, 1985; articles about the number of women in parliament, 1986; report on a study published by the Centre for Contemporary Studies which claims that the introduction of Proportional Representation might bring risks to ethnic minorities if extreme right-wing parties gained seats in parliament, 1983; analytical article in 'The Guardian' suggesting that the triumph of Margaret Thatcher has revealed ;that what has happened within the Left over the past 30 years was all fiction, 1982; article on the reaction of the Conservative press to Thatcher's change of policy in dealing with the coal mining crisis, 1981; report in 'Socialist Worker' on the campaign against Norman Tebbit's Employment Bill, 1982; Labour councillors in Birmingham demand that a Conservative councillor who made racist remarks about Asian families should be removed from the council, 1985; several articles on the factional disputes within the Labour party, the threat to Michael Foot's leadership and the popularity of the party in its traditional heartlands, 1981-1982; articles on the launch and popularity of the new Social Democratic Party, formed by former Labour Party MPs, 1981; report on the activities of the Federation of Conservative Students, 1986; report in 'The Voice' on the implications of the abolition of metropolitan councils on the black community, 1986; report on disturbances at the visit of the Jamaican High Commissioner to Handsworth, Birmingham, 1983; report on the controversy caused by David Steel's visit to the Afro-Caribbean Association Acafess centre in Highgate, Birmingham, 1983; report setting out Roy Hattersley's programme for the economy in the event of his winning the Labour party leadership election, 1983; profile article on Neil Kinnock, before his election as leader of the Labour party, 1983; article in 'West Indian World' urging the black community to register to vote, 1983; report on the voting intentions of Britain's black voters, suggesting only one third will vote in the General Election, 1983; report that more than 50% of Conservative back-bench MPs hold company directorships, 1986.

The file also contains an undated typescript press release

issued by the Labour Party Race Relations Action Group (West Midlands) giving information about a forthcoming Labour Party Rally Against Racism, to be held at Digbeth Civic Hall in Birmingham, at which Tony Benn is due to speak, together with Roy Hattersley, Ernie Roberts (ex-Assistant General Secretary AUEW, prospective Labour Candidate, Hackney), and Sardul Singh (Labour Race Relations Action Group). Labour movement and anti-racist songs were to be provided by the Banner Theatre Group

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Politics and elections: public opinion polls on race and immigration

1975-1988

File of loose cuttings from 'The Guardian', dating from the mid 1980s. The articles are largely concerned with reporting and interpreting the results of public opinion polls carried out between 1985 and 1988. Analysis of the results focuses on public opinion about the economy and unemployment, while articles on the results of surveys carried out in 1985 discuss the effect of that year's inner city riots on support for the different political parties. The file also contains an article on a 'New Society' survey of the attitudes of secondary school children to people of other ethnic backgrounds, 1986; an article about the unfair selection system discriminating against black candidates for magistrates positions, 1985; and an opinion article written by Enoch Powell about immigration, based on a speech he gave at the Cambridge Association annual dinner, 1985

The file also contains a small number of apparently unrelated items. These consist of: an article about the announcement by P. W. Botha, leader of the ruling National Party in South Africa, that the party endorses power-sharing between whites, 'coloureds' and Indians, 1982; and a small amount of photocopied material relating to marginal political groups dating from the mid 1970s. This material comprises photocopies of letters printed in newspapers, written by members of the 'English National Party', together with a typed manifesto summary of the 'English National Party', and a photocopied typed manifesto of the 'EuroPopulist Party'.

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Politics and elections: election results

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles, cartoons and tabulated figures relating local and general elections in Britain

between 1981 and 1990.

The subject matter of articles includes: trends in voting; the interpretation of public opinion polls; the issue of positive discrimination in the selection of Labour party candidates to contest parliamentary seats; coverage of MPs affected by 'scandals' during election time; donations to political parties; analysis of Labour party election campaigns following defeats in general elections and the appointment of new women MPs in the 1987 election. The file includes an article in 'The Guardian' by Stuart Hall on the policies of Thatcherism following the election of her Conservative government for its third term in 1987; a profile of Ken Livingstone and his popularity with the electorate, 1987' and several articles about the policies and extent of popularity of the newly formed Social Democratic party during the early 1980s.

The file also contains a series of full page General Election campaign advertisements for different political parties which were printed in 'The Guardian' before the election held in June 1987.

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Politics and elections: voting of black people

1983-1991

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice' largely consisting of articles relating to the perceived importance of the black vote in influencing the policies of political parties in Britain.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on attempts by the Conservative party to attract voters from ethnic minority backgrounds by claiming that its values of opportunity, family life and law and order made it the natural party for black and Asian people, 1991; report on Bernie Grant's demand that British citizens in the Caribbean are registered to vote in British and European Parliamentary elections, 1990; report in 'The Voice' on the attempts made by the main parties contesting the 1987 General Election to attract black voters, 1987; black prospective Labour MPs challenge the views of another black candidate, Sharon Atkin, who claimed that it was more important to represent the interests of black people than to win a seat for Labour, 1987; resolution passed at the Labour Party Conference to set up a working party for amending the constitution to favour positive discrimination, 1983; report on the mayoral election in Philadelphia, in which a black candidate, Wilson Goode, is the favourite to win, 1983; Labour Party policy review proposes new anti-racism laws under the next Labour government, 1989.



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Politics and elections: black people in politics

1983-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Daily Mail'; 'New Society'; 'Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; 'West Indian World'; 'Sunday Times' containing articles about a number of black politicians active in national and local politics in Britain. There are also some articles about US politicians, particularly about Rev. Jesse Jackson.

The file includes several articles about the political career and activities of Bernie Grant; several articles about the selection of black barrister John Taylor as Conservative candidate for Cheltenham 1991 amidst complaints by some local activists and racist remarks made by one local party member; several articles about the selection, election and political career of Diane Abbott, elected Labour MP for Hackney in 1987, the first black woman MP; articles about the career of Keith Vaz, elected Labour MP for Leicester East in 1987; articles on the career of Paul Boateng, elected Labour MP for Brent South in 1987, including an article about his defeat at Hemel Hempstead in 1983; and several articles about the career and campaigning activities of Jesse Jackson 1983-1987;

The subject matter of others articles includes: reports on the revival of interest in Shapurji Saklatvala, one of only three black MPs to sit in the House of Commons before 1987, and one of only four Communist MPs, 1990; several articles about the visit to Britain of New York preacher and civil rights leader Al Sharpton; Bristol's first black Lord Mayor dropped by his Labour Party branch as its choice of candidate for local elections in the Ashley, St Paul's ward of the city, 1991; Poline Nayaga and Nkechi Amalu-Johnson, ex-Labour councillors, speak about leaving the party after suffering intimidation, 1991; black Conservative candidate Hugh Neil stands down over unacceptable behaviour by his constituency party, 1991; article in 'The Voice' about efforts made by the main political parties to attract the black electorate, 1991; Lurline Champagnie, the first black woman to stand as Conservative candidate for election, claims that Labour leaders are encouraging single black women to become pregnant, 1990; article in 'The Voice' about the interventions made by black delegates at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool, 1990; several reports on the contest to select a Labour Party candidate in the Small Heath constituency of Birmingham, during which one candidate, Mohammed

Afzal, was beaten up, 1990; call by black Birmingham councillor Phil Murphy for the Labour Party to recruit more African Caribbean members to tackle problems facing black people in the city, 1990; report on the inauguration of the first black Mayor of Waltham Forest, East London, 1990; report in 'The Voice' about the fall in numbers of black councillors in England and Wales, 1990; Labour Party faces claims of a conspiracy to stop black people standing for Parliament, 1990; reports on the Vauxhall by-election, and the news that black preacher Hewie Andrew pledges to be the 'people's voice' after winning his fight to contest the election in opposition to the white Labour Party candidate Kate Hoey, 1989; report on fears that the Local Government and Housing Bill will reduce the number of black people entering politics by blocking the traditional career route through local government to black politicians, 1989; Jamaican-born Nancy Johnson appointed as head of Birmingham City Council's Women's Unit, 1988; Labour Party's unofficial black sections publish a discussion document which blames state racism, allegedly sponsored by both Labour and Conservative governments, for much of the day-to-day discrimination faced by ethnic minorities, 1988; article in 'The Voice' on calls for a non-aligned black pressure group on the model of the American National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) to be set up, welcomed by Paul Boateng, 1988; black workers at the House of Commons make claims of racial and sexual discrimination by security personnel and parliamentary attendants, 1988; Labour party drops its black general election candidate, Ben Bousquet, choosing white woman Ann Holmes to fight the Kensington by-election, 1988; Linda Bellos challenges critics after her resignation as leader of Lambeth Council in south London, following months of in-fighting within the ruling Labour group, 1988; report on the amount of racist hate mail received by black MPs, 1988; several articles on Sharon Atkin, black former Labour party candidate for Nottingham East who was dropped after suggesting the party and its leader were racist, 1988; Kuomba Balogun, community activist who helped to set up a government-financed local development agency in St Paul's, Bristol, is dismissed as the agency's co-ordinator, 1987; Paul Boateng condemns government plans to revitalise the inner city as a 'fantasy which would simply increase the spread of yuppiedom', 1987; poll commissioned by 'The Federal' newspaper suggested that a large majority of black and Asian voters will vote Labour in the 1987 election; Lydia Simmons is the first black woman to be appointed Mayor in Britain when she was inaugurated Mayor of Slough Borough Council, 1984; Jesse Jackson, potential contender for the American

presidency, visits Brixton, 1983; reports on the reasons for the resignation of Merle Amory, the first black woman council leader, from Brent council, 1987; report about Sir Mancherjee Bhownagree and Dadabhai Naoroji, elected MPs for London constituencies at the turn of the twentieth century, 1988; several reports on the election of Diane Abbott, Bernie Grant, Keith Vaz and Paul Boateng in 1987, as part of the 'changing face of British politics'; report in 'New Society' about Asian and black members of the Conservative Party, 1986; profile of Russell Profitt, Labour party candidate for election for Lewisham East, 1986; profile of Linda Bellos, leader of Lambeth Council, 1987; several articles about the dismissal two black employees of Liverpool city council appointed by the authority's recent Labour rulers are granted temporary injunctions in the High Court blocking their dismissal by the caretaker Liberal administration, 1987; black activist Dr Kuba Assegai wins High Court battle against the London Borough of Brent which had acted unlawfully in passing resolutions banning Assegai from council premises and removing him as community governor of Sladebrook and Willesden high schools, 1987; Neil Kinnock and the Labour Party leadership facing 'national campaign' of defiance if they attempt to take disciplinary action against black activists, 1987; Sheffield council ordered to pay a Pakistani woman compensation after the management committee of one of its community centres was found guilty of racial discrimination, 1987; report on the election campaign in Ladywood, Birmingham, where there are claims that 'the race issue', as in the sixties, is emerging as an anti-Labour factor, 1987; report on the swing to the Conservatives amongst black voters in the 1987 general election; Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, calls on the government to collect information about the number of non-white people on advisory committees and ensure that black people as well as women are included, 1986; several articles about the issue of 'black sections' in the Labour Party, 1984-1986, including report that Labour Party conference rejects the idea of 'black sections' in the party, 1986; Democratic Party senator in Virginia becomes the first black to win state-wide office in the United States since the end of the civil war, 1985; several reports on the boycott by black organisations in Liverpool of the city council's race relations officer Samson Bond because of his apparent inexperience, and alleged support for Militant Tendency, 1985; all-party parliamentary group on race relations, chaired by Clare Short, admits inadequacies in having no black parliamentary representation, 1985; feature article in 'The Voice' on the life of Malcolm X, 1985; interview with Jesse Jackson before his visit to South

Africa, 1985; Runnymede Trust report finds that black people face far more obstacles to their involvement in political parties than could be remedied by the creation of special sections, 1985; report for the Council for Community Relations in Lambeth claims that not enough is being done to help Britain's well-established black populations, 1984; several articles about James Hunte's disagreement with Perry Barr Labour Party, and an article about his suspension after he alleged that the local party was racist because some Asians has been required to produce passports before being allowed to join, 1984; councillor Janet Boateng urges black parents and teachers to get involved in the political process if they want to see their children get a fair deal in the education system - she spoke at a conference organised by the black parents liaison committee in Birmingham, and her comments were reinforced by Gilroy Brown, a local teacher, 1984; James Hunte helps to fight off a group of raiders who were staging a break-in at the Muhammed Ali centre in Birmingham, 1984; profiles on Jesse Jackson during his bid for the Democratic nomination for US president, 1984; Gus Williams, Liberal Alliance candidate for Birmingham Perry Barr, states that the Liberal party is the only one consistently speaking out against the inhumane treatment that the black communities have experience, 1983; report about the election of Chicago's first black Mayor, 1983; Jamaica's opposition leader, Michael Manley, keeps up pressure on Prime Minister Edward Seaga to tell the country the true state of the country's large balance of payments agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), 1983; report on the slight increase in the number of councillors from ethnic minority backgrounds in local elections, 1982; feature article on the twentieth anniversary of Martin Luther King's march on Washington, 1983; 'Caribbean Times' interview with James Hunte, 1983; Kwawme Turner, the former black power leader Stokely Carmichael, states that black people in Britain should not rule out violence in the attempt to make their lives better, and is barred from entering the UK 1984; feature article on the struggles faced by black lawyers in following their professions, 1983; Derek Hatton attacked at a public meeting in Toxteth which he attended to defend Liverpool City Council's appointment of Samson Bond as community relations officer, 1985; black and Asian candidates performing strongly in council elections, 1986; Labour Party enjoys deep rooted loyalty within London's black communities, 1983; twenty-four black politicians are standing for election as councillors in Birmingham, 1986; Yomi Mambu to become Manchester's first black Lord Mayor, 1989; Jamaican-born James Williams to become

Bristol's first black Mayor, 1990; Britain's only black council leader Dorman Long is rejected by his Labour Roundwood ward in Brent, London, 1989; black candidate Crispin St Hill rejected as Labour candidate in Mid-Staffordshire by-election contest, 1990.

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Politics and elections: black political organisations

1984-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; and 'Grassroots', containing articles that overwhelmingly focus on the struggle by black and Asian members of the Labour party to establish representation groups within the party during the mid 1980s, the controversy caused in the Labour Party by this struggle and the results of these efforts in the late 1980s. The file also includes a small number of articles about the anti-apartheid movement during the 1980s.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on statement by Labour Party's Black Sections on the need for electoral reform to end white domination in the House of Commons, 1991; Britain's Parliamentary Black Caucus scrapped after only two years in business, 1991; Labour Party conference votes to set up a separate organisation for black and Asian party members, likely to be termed the 'Black and Asian Socialist Society', 1990; report on the seventh Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Labour Party Black Section held in Liverpool, 1990; Labour MP Diane Abbott complains to 'The Voice' over allegations made in the newspaper about her 'outrageous behaviour' towards staff in the Parliamentary Black Caucus (PBC), 1989; Diane Abbott sacked from her post as secretary of the Parliamentary Black Caucus, 1989; report in 'The Voice' about the 'outrageous behaviour' of Diane Abbott as secretary of the Parliamentary Black Caucus, which states that she is to face an internal disciplinary hearing to decide her future, 1989; several reports on the launch of the Parliamentary Black Caucus, 1989; Parliamentary Black Caucus may offer associate membership to sympathetic white MPs whose constituencies have a substantial ethnic-minority population, 1989; reports that Labour Party Black Section hopes to field thirty black candidate for election, 1989; report on the sixth annual conference and general meeting of the Labour Party Black Sections in Leicester, 1989; Parliamentary Black Caucus condemns the decision by Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock to appoint Alistair Darling as race spokesman, 1988; Labour Party's black sections movement decides to hold out for black-only organisation with automatic membership and rights of

representation within the party, 1988; Labour party establishes a team of National Executive Committee members to find out how to establish formal black representation within the party, 1988; extracts from 'The Black Agenda', produced by the Labour Party Black Section and reprinted in the 'Caribbean Times' on the Conservative government's vendetta against the voluntary sector, 1988; women delegates at the National Black Caucus conference held in Liverpool are angry at attempts to sideline their concerns, 1988; article in 'Grassroots' on Africa Liberation Day, 1988; Labour Party in Bristol West becomes the first constituency party in the South West region to vote in favour of forming a black section, 1987; Black Section leaders put forward a list of priorities which they demand the Labour Party should fulfil if it wins the 1987 election; dispute over the refusal of party leaders to allow black and Asian members to set up their own sections at Labour Party conference, 1987; article in 'The Voice' by Kenan Malik of Workers Against Racism challenging a recent article by Labour Party Black Section chair Marc Wadsworth on how black people should respond in the 1987 election, and the effectiveness of black sections in the Labour Party, 1987; Labour Co-ordinating Committee to withhold recognition of the party's Black and Asian Advisory Committee, 1986; Amir Khan, the leader of Birmingham Labour Party black section, refuses to chair a public rally called to mobilise black voters in the city, 1987; Neil Kinnock secures backing from Labour Party national executive to threaten disciplinary action against future 'separatist' activity by black activists, 1987; Roy Hattersley determined that the Labour leadership will not discipline members in its campaign against rebel black section activists, having sacked Sharon Atkin, parliamentary candidate for Nottingham East, but refusing to discipline Linda Bellos, leader of Lambeth Council, 1987; reports that twenty black Labour activists set up Birmingham district black section and defy the party to expel them, and the expulsion of three supporters, Amir Khan, Muhammed Rafique and Kevin Scally from the Sparkbrook Labour party, 1986; Conservative MPs Robert Adley, Hugh Dykes and Tim Rathbone invite representatives of the African National Congress to address meetings in the House of Commons in an effort to persuade the Conservative Party of the need for fundamental political change in South Africa, 1986; fifty thousand people take part in march organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement against P.W.Botha's visit to the UK, 1984; Bruce Mackay, an active anti-apartheid campaigner, is threatened with deportation from the UK even though his return would almost certainly involve imprisonment and

possible torture, 1984; Kwame Ture, the black leader formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, is turned away from Heathrow airport on a Home Office directive, 1984; West Midlands County Council's 'blacks only' business loans fund is condemned by the newly formed Birmingham based National Association of Black Businessmen, undated;  
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Politics and elections: race and politics

1983-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; the 'Daily Mirror'; 'Caribbean Times'; and 'The Voice' containing articles on the relationship between the main political parties and black and Asian communities in Britain during the 1980s. The file includes several articles on the struggle by black members of the Labour party to establish 'black sections', but also contains articles on a variety of unrelated topics.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on demands for the expulsion of several Cheltenham Conservatives after describing their newly adopted black parliamentary candidate, John Taylor, as a 'bloody nigger', 1990; reports on Bill Galbraith, one of the Cheltenham Conservatives who made racist statements against John Taylor, and other black and Asian people in Cheltenham 1990; Tower Hamlets Liberal-controlled council may have its election declared void because of allegations by Labour councillors that leaflets produced by the council whipped up white prejudice during the recent election campaign, 1990; report on the Vauxhall by-election at which two black independent candidates, Rudy Narayan and Hewie Andrew, are standing against the Labour Party's white candidate Kate Hoey, 1989; several reports that Labour Party black activists angered by National Executive Council refusal to choose black candidate to represent the party at the Vauxhall by-election, 1989; black councillors call for the resignation of a 'racist' Labour council leadership in Hackney after a community leader was cleared of corruption charges of mishandling grants, 1988; Militant response to the report produced by the Liverpool Black Caucus claiming that Militant Tendency is racist, 1986; founder of a whites-only pressure group, the 'Fairplay' organisation, expelled from Bow and Poplar Conservative Association in London, stands for the Conservatives in the Inner London Education Authority elections, 1986; right-wing Conservative MP Harvey Proctor, claims that the growth of Britain's non-white populations will lead to communal friction that would cause the country to lapse into authoritarianism, 1981; black

sections are being supported by the executive of the London Regional Labour Party despite the personal intervention of the party's general secretary Larry Whitty, 1986; Conservative Party advertisement prepared for ethnic minority newspapers in bid to win black and Asian votes provokes criticism from the Labour Party, 1983; Clare Short resigns as chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on race relations, complaining that few MPs had bothered to attend meetings, and it had achieved nothing, 1986; Neil Kinnock accused by Labour's unofficial black sections of failing to take a stronger line on policy against the South African regime, 1985; opinion article by Stuart Hall on the failure by the Labour Party to represent the needs, experiences and demands of black people in the UK, 1985; black sections in the Labour Party are boosted by short-listing in Nottingham East constituency, where all four candidates are black supporters of the organisation, 1986; interview in 'The Voice' with Neil Kinnock in his first address to the black community since becoming Labour Party leader, 1985; Neil Kinnock visits Tottenham and tours the Broadwater Farm Estate, publicly welcoming Bernie Grant, Labour leader of Haringey council, after embarrassing the party, 1986; campaign by Labour's black sections for official recognition is intensified by fears of a mass exodus to the newly-formed Democratic Party, 1986; opinion article in 'The Voice' on the recent uprising at the Broadwater Farm Estate in Tottenham, and the role played by Bernie Grant in refusing to condemn the rioters, 1985; David Owen, leader of the SDP, urges positive economic action by the government to halt the growth of racial inequality in Britain, 1985; six constituency Labour parties in the London area face disciplinary proceedings after setting up black sections, 1984; report on politics in Liverpool, considering the dispute between the Militant-controlled City Council and Liverpool's main black organisations, following the appointment of Samson Bond as race relations adviser, 1985; first of three articles in 'The Voice' reviewing the impact of ten years of the Thatcher government, 1989.  
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**MS 2478/C/5 Right wing politics, 1976-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the activities and popularity of extreme right-wing political groups during the late 1970s and the 1980s, and the violence shown by some members of these groups towards black and Asian people living in Britain. The series also contains some articles on the opposition towards right-wing groups by anti-racist campaigners and activists.

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Right wing politics: general  
File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including

1976-1991



'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'Caribbean Times' and the 'Sunday Times' containing articles on racist and fascist political groups active in Britain in the 1970s and 1980s. There are also several articles on the extreme right-wing of the Conservative Party, and racist elements within that party.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on remarks by Sir Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, that the right of provocative groups to march through multi-racial areas should be re-examined, 1991; Asian youths from the Kirklees Black Workers Group ransacked a pub and then attacked police during violence in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, where rival political groups were holding meetings, according to witnesses at Leeds Crown Court, 1990; Slough's first black mayor condemns a local Ku Klux Klan recruitment campaign which depicts its anti-black activities as Christian, 1990; anti-Semitic slogans daubed on a road near a synagogue in Cardiff, 1990; ultra-right wing European politicians hope to form a new group in the European Parliament, 1989; race workers in Greenwich question why leaders of Bexley council in south London gave members of the British National Party (BNP) planning permission to use a former bookshop as a recruitment centre, 1989; several articles about right-wing MP Terry Dicks, who dismissed black people as 'idle and lazy' 1989; West Indian Standing Conference expresses anger at the racist comments made by Terry Dicks, 1989; report on Ulster Resistance groups in Northern Ireland, 1989; survey drawn up by Bram van der Lik of the European Parliament shows that organised racism is increasing in all European countries, 1989; dispute in the gay community after a gay monthly newspaper 'Action' is linked with fascist activities, 1989; illegally-produced floppy disks containing anti-Semitic Nazi and racist material are circulating in schools computer programmes, 1988; pressure group within the Conservative Party, known as 'Western Goals', has accepted funds from right-wing sources in Taiwan to hold an international conference in London with the theme 'self-determination for Eastern Europe', 1989; report on neo-Nazi group in south-west France called the 'Alchemists', 1988; nine members of the League of St George arrested by Belgian police at the 'Euro-ring Congress' of ultra-right-wing parties in Kortrijk, 1988; report on the support for Enoch Powell amongst young neo-nationalists, 1988; report on the campaign activities of 'Anti-Fascist Action' and the increased activities of other anti-racist groups, 1988; black and community organisations in Wolverhampton claim that a booby-trapped petrol bomb discovered in the town was the work of extreme right-wing

groups, 1988; Dame Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Edgbaston, Birmingham, who attacked the City Council's racism awareness courses, is accused by members of Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (CARF) of having links with racist causes, 1987; Runnymede Trust report highlights the oppression faced by disadvantaged minority groups in Europe with a leading anti-fascist campaigner claiming that the root cause lies in the growth of the extreme right-wing, 1987; profile of Sanwar Ali, president of the Monday Club students, a right-wing group with members with fascist sympathisers, 1987; several articles about right-wing MP Harvey Proctor's admission of 'acts of gross indecency' with two rent boys, 1987; black activists in Britain and abroad condemn French fascist Jean Marie LePen, and call for him to be banned from visiting Britain, 1987; Conservative party conference holds a debate on race relations and immigration without anyone making a racist speech, 1985; Conservative MP Harvey Proctor claims that British democracy under threat from the growth of a multi-racial society, 1986; report on new disclosures about alleged Nazi war criminals living in Britain, 1987; several articles about the controversy caused by the planned visit to Britain by Jean Marie Le Pen, the French National Front leader, during the Conservative party conference, 1987; Civil servant at the Welsh Office is moved to a less sensitive job after being exposed as the author of racist letters to a local newspaper, 1986; Sir Alfred Sherman, who invited Jean Marie Le Pen, the French National Front leader, to Britain denies that he is a racist, 1987; Home Secretary Douglas Hurd under pressure from an all-party war crimes group of MPs to act upon allegations that six alleged Nazi war criminals are living in Britain, despite evidence being elusive, 1987; Ulster Unionist European MP John Taylor joins far-right group in the European Parliament headed by French National Front leader Jean Marie Le Pen, 1987; Neil Hamilton, Conservative MP seeks libel damages after BBC Panorama programme links him with the extremist group Tory Action, 1986; Rhodes Boyson, Conservative local government minister, condemns 'evil' single parents, 1986; two leaders of the British Nationalist Party, John Tyndall and John Morse, jailed for one year after being found guilty of inciting racial hatred, 1986; report in 'The Voice' about links between football hooligans and racism, 1986; Home Office refuses to take action to stop the leader of the American neo-Nazi Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Richard Butler, from visiting Britain, 1986; report on the extreme right-wing group Committee for a Free Britain, 1987; report on links between members of the Conservative Party and the white South African

government, 1986; report on the work of 'Searchlight', the anti-fascist magazine, in investigating members of neo-Nazi groups in Britain, 1986; report in 'The Voice' about the rise of racism and fascism in Europe, focusing on France, 1986; National Front supports the setting up of black sections in the Labour party, 1985; article in 'The Voice' by William Whitelaw, Home Secretary in the Conservative government, on why the black community should vote Conservative in the 1983 election; National Front calls for the 'Sun' newspaper to be prosecuted under the Race Relations Act for its reporting of the Brixton disturbances, for inciting racial hatred, 1986; the Ku Klux Klan threaten to kill Asian and black athletes taking part in the Los Angeles Olympics, 1984; retrospective article analysing the impact of ten years of Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative Party, 1985; French election results confirm the strength of right-wing parties, 1985; Westminster Conservative Association suspends its Young Conservative branch and disbands officers in a purge on right-wing elements, 1984; report in the contents of a Young Conservatives report on the extent of infiltration by the Far Right into the Conservative Party, 1984; 'Caribbean Times' report on the infiltration by extreme right-wing groups into the Conservative party, following a BBC Panorama programme on this topic, 1984; Labour council in Birmingham faces spending crisis as a result of tight financial framework set by the outgoing Conservative administration, 1984; report by the Confederation of Indian Organisations and the Coronary Prevention Group finds that Asian immigrants are more likely to die of heart disease, which may be partly caused by stress caused by racial discrimination, undated; members of the West Midlands branch of the British Movement find that the party offers a political platform for their neo-Nazi fantasies, 1981; BBC complaints commission finds that the National Front were unfairly treated in a television programme and a radio programme about the violence that followed its meeting in Southall, 1980; report in 'West Indian World' urging black communities to campaign against right-wing groups such as the British Movement, 1980; Conservative party advertisement designed to appeal to black voters criticised by Commission for Racial Equality, 1983; Lord Chancellor to review 100 year closure of papers relating to the British Union of Fascists following pressure from Labour MPs, independent researchers, and the family of Oswald Mosley, 1983; article by Salman Rushdie on Margaret Thatcher, 1983; Margaret Thatcher supports Thomas Finnegan, Conservative candidate for election in Stockton South, despite being a former member of the National Front and representing that party at Birmingham

Erdington in the October 1974 election; revelation that Margaret Thatcher and other cabinet members opposed tax reforms that could have released money to increase aid for families with children, 1983; article discussing findings from papers declassified by the Home Office on the extent to which the security service MI5 and the Special Branch penetrated the British Union of Fascists during the 1930s, and reveals some of Oswald Mosley's high profile supporters during this period, 1983; George Young, chairman of the extreme racist group Tory Action, claims that two members of the Conservative cabinet are supporters of the group, 1984; book review of the second volume of Nicholas Mosley's biography of his father, Oswald Mosley, entitled 'Beyond the Pale: Sir Oswald Mosley 1933-1980', 1983; Neil Kinnock alleges that former National Front members or sympathisers are gaining ground within the Conservative Party, 1983; Robert Relf concedes defeat in his nine year battle to sell his home to an English family only, 1985; Skinhead Productions, a company linked with right-wing racist groups, offers skinheads for hire for a range of tasks from debt collecting and security work to Christmas 'bootagrams', 1985; South Africa's neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement plans to train white children from the age of 11 in the use of firearms, 1986; David Hart, an adviser to the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, is secretly financing an extreme rightwing newsletter produced by a former MI5 officer, which attempts to smear Labour MPs as Communist sympathisers, 1989; report that racist literature is being spread around the city of Glasgow by the British National Party (BNP), 1989.

The file also includes an amount of extreme right-wing literature. There are also copies of 'National Front News', issue 9 and issue 10, 1977; copy of typescript newsletter entitled 'British Patriot', likely to have been produced by the British Movement, an extreme right-wing racist group, 1976. Also in the file is a leaflet produced by an anti-racist group, 'South London Women Against Racism and Fascism', containing an analysis of the intervention by the National Front in the Lambeth Central by-election, and their appeal to women, June 1978.

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Right wing politics: National Front

1978-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Sun';

The subject matter of articles includes: several reports about solidarity march in Thamesmead, south-east London, against the British National Party (BNP), 1991; civil servants stage a walk-out in protest at a decision to allow the National Front to register as a limited company, 1990; Commission for Racial Equality and the Coventry Council for Community Relations want the National Front to be prosecuted for trying to stir up racial hatred, 1990; National Front activists focus on members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the West Midlands to recruit and spread propaganda, 1989; ultra right-wing parties from several European countries, including Britain, are to meet at a 'Euroring Congress' in Kortrijk, near Lille, 1988; newspaper photograph of skinheads at National Front march in London, 1988; French Radical Party expels member who made a local alliance with the French National Front, 1987; report on different factions within the National Front, 1988; former National Front organiser gaoled for his part in a conspiracy that involved sending hoax bombs to newspapers, 1987; community workers in Derby claim that National Front were behind attacks on African Caribbean club that sparked off street violence, 1987; rate-payers in the West Midlands will have to pay for the policing of a National Front march, 1987; National Front indicates determination to continue its series of general election meetings despite a riot in Southall which resulted in the death of a member of the Anti-Nazi League, 1979; Bradford's black community facing continuous attacks by National Front members, according to the local pressure group Campaign Against Racist Attacks, 1986; National Front leaders deny trying to incite racial hatred through the pages of the movement's magazine, 'Bulldog', 1985; National Front succeeds in holding its annual general meeting at the National Liberal Club by using false names and a bogus company, 1985; company with links to extreme right-wing organisations, Skinhead Productions, offers skinheads for hire to carry out various services, 1985; several reports on the boycott of lectures and premises by students at the Polytechnic of North London who object to the presence of a National Front organiser at the institution, 1985; Martin Webster, national activities organiser of the National Front, found guilty on two charges of inciting racial hatred with articles in the National Front News, 1982; investigative report on election meetings held by the National Front, 1979; dispute between Conservative MPs Keith Joseph and Nigel

Lawson and Conservative candidate Thomas Finnegan over his previous membership of the National Front, 1983; threatened confrontation over Scotland Yard's unprecedented invocation of the Public Order Act to ban an anti-Nazi march past the National Front's headquarters is averted largely due to a heavy police presence, 1979; councillors of the London borough of Southwark who refused to allow National Front candidate Martin Webster to use a council hall in defiance of a High Court order are found to have committed a 'monstrous contempt' by the judge, 1982; French National Front wins support in municipal by-election, 1983; report on evidence to suggest that the Conservative Party includes members with extreme right-wing sympathies, 1983; National Front given legal help by the Natilna Council for Civil Liberties, 1984; Jean Marie Le Pen, leader of the French National Front, to join National Front march through Maidstone on Bastille Day, 1984; Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, adopts conciliatory tone at the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki Declaration, calling for joint efforts to improve the political climate in Europe, 1986; Labour MP David Winnick calls for inquiry into allegations that the address of a leading anti-fascist journalist and campaigner was leaked by the security services to the National Front, 1990; Hull Council for Racial Equality expresses outrage that the 'Hull Daily Mail' allowed a National Front recruitment advertisement to appear in its pages, 1989.

The file also includes a small amount of literature produced by racist and fascist groups, including photocopy of a leaflet against immigration issued by extreme right-wing organisation 'Choice'; photocopy of publication by the National Front in Ulster, entitled 'British Ulsterman', undated.

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Right wing politics: in schools/colleges/universities  
File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice' and 'The Guardian' containing articles on the presence of extreme right-wing propaganda in the education system.

1985-1990

The subject matter of the articles includes: report on the

proposed publication of a book by David Irving which 'claims to prove scientifically that mass killings by cyanide gassing cannot have taken place in Nazi concentration camps, 1989; report that many young people are 'politically illiterate', and have little awareness of the policies of political parties, apart from those of the National Front, 1987; National Union of Teachers (NUT) suggests that the National Front is trying to gain influence over school children, 1985; National Front sends letters to Militant Tendency supporters in Liverpool in an attempt to recruit them, 1986; York University launches High Court proceedings against its students union in an attempt to force it to lift its ban on 'racist and sexist speakers;', 1985; undergraduates at Oxford university vote down the student union policy of barring people accused of being 'racist speakers' from having a platform at the university, 1986; Tower Hamlets council grants British National Party permission to hold a meeting at a local school, outraging the majority Bangladeshi community and the school's teachers, 1990.

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Right wing politics: race attacks

1980-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; and 'West Indian World', containing articles covering individual cases of racial violence and harassment suffered by black and Asian people living in the UK during the 1980s and early 1990s.

The subject matter of articles includes: reports about the appeal by a young black man who was jailed after being attacked in Norwich, 1991; parents of murdered schoolboy Rolan Adams call for protection groups to be set up to stop racial violence, 1991; details about racially motivated attack on a nine year old schoolboy from Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland, 1991; focus on the recent racially-motivated killings of three black teenagers, Rolan Adams, Arif Roberts and Simon Yadev, 1991; black teenager attacked outside XL's nightclub in Edgbaston, Birmingham, 1991; Friends House in Euston Road invaded by a gang of white youths while people were waiting to hear the American black rights activist Rev Al Sharpton, 1991; report about racist attacks on people and a mosque in Greenwich, 1991; Somali teenager attacked by white men in east London, 1990; three brothers narrowly avoid death in racially-motivated arson attack on their home in St Judes, Bristol, 1990; far-right supporters send letters containing razor blades to people with 'foreign-sounding names' in Cardiff in the run-up to the Butetown carnival,

1990; desecration of graves in a Jewish cemetery in North London divides Jewish community over whether to publicise an increasing number of anti-Semitic incidents, 1990; report on the injuries received by a man shot in a racially-motivated attack in Wolverhampton, 1990; comedian Lenny Henry is the victim of a racist attack on his home by the National Front supporters, 1990; Bradford council to give priority to tackling racial violence caused by 'hit and run' gangs of white youths in a predominantly Muslim part of the inner city, 1989; mass demonstration held in Edinburgh, organised by the Lothian Black Forum, in response to the racially-motivated fatal stabbing of Somalian-born Ahmed Sheik, 1989; arsonist who started fire at the home of Yemisi Ashimolowo and her children after making racist remarks is jailed for two years, 1989; report by Oldham's Housing Department finds that racist attacks have created 'no-go' areas for black people living in the town, 1989; several articles about a teenager who killed himself after wounding three people in incidents in Walsall with a possible racist motive, 1988; Chief Inspector and race relations officer in West Yorkshire Police claims that the Dewsbury schools disputer, centred on the refusal of white parents to send their children to a school with mainly Asian pupils, had caused the big increase in racially-motivated attacks in the area, 1988; retrospective article on racial violence in Notting Hill in 1958; black infantryman in the British Army claims that he was attacked by white soldiers while on a posting to West Germany, 1987; white man who used his air rifle to shoot at black people in Gloucester is jailed for five years, 1987; left-wing activist Kenan Malik is attacked by what he claims were racist Labour supporters in Nottingham, 1987; Birmingham newsagent decides to close his shop after robbers plundered his shop in Hurst Street in a series of violent attacks, 1987; railway guard forced to lock a group of black youths in a guard's van to protect them from a chanting mob of Leeds United fans, 1987; teenage girl leads gang of skinheads in a racially-motivated attack on an elderly black man and his family at the Newport Pagnell service station on the M1 motorway, 1986; arson attack on the offices of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants in North London is investigated by police, 1986; three young black men treated in hospital after racially-motivated attack by white youths in Mitcham, south London, 1986; mixed heritage family subjected to campaign of racial harassment in Mitcham, south London, 1986; family in Camden found guilty of racially harassing many of their neighbours, 1986; Asian family living under a virtual siege for more than a year are moved out of their flat in east London by Newham borough council because



of constant racial harassment, 1984; detectives investigating the possibility that a spate of arson attacks on black community centres in London may be linked, 1985; manager and lead singer of '4-Skins' band, whose concert in Southall led to a riot, reveal that they used to be members of the 'openly Nazi British Movement', 1981; editor of the Young National Front magazine, 'Bulldog' is jailed for six months for inciting racial hatred, 1982; report on increased racism in Liverpool's Edge Hill district, and attempts by the Greater London Council to seek greater curbs on National Front activities, 1980; survey by anti-fascist magazine 'Searchlight' finds big increase in the number of people associated with right-wing groups who have been convicted of violent crimes, 1982; Coventry acquires reputation for racial violence against the Asian community living in the city, 1981; Chelsea football supporter sent a razor-blade-laced letter to club chairman Ken Bates because he objected to the selection of black players for the team, 1983; nine members of Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi party found not guilty of violation of the civil rights of Communist demonstrators during an anti-Klan rally in a black district of Greensboro in 1989; National Front candidate for Peckham is jailed for chanting racial abuse at Sam King, the black mayor of Southwark, 1984; Home Secretary Leon Brittain pledges more effective policing to stop violence against ethnic minorities, 1985; four Asian youths sentenced to community services after being found guilty of fighting and causing an affray during racist attacks are to appeal against their sentences, 1983; victim of racial harassment while working in Islington's Housing Department becomes victim of hate mail, 1985; staff at South East London school attack the local police for refusing to prosecute three white men who subjected two young boys to a physical attack and racist abuse, 1985; Citizen's Advice Bureau in Newham, east London, risks expulsion from the national association for the bureau if it refuses advice to people who have extreme racial views or are involved in racial harassment, 1985; Asian community leaders say that the murder of a pregnant Asian woman and her three young children in an arson attack is the culmination of racist attacks in the East London area which police have done nothing to combat, 1985; National Front sympathiser in Birmingham launches violent campaign of racist violence that culminated in the firebombing of a left-wing bookshop and the murder of a housewife he had taken hostage, 1981; racist attacks in the East End of London increased by 25% and became more violent, according to a study published by CAPA, a community group in Tower Hamlets, 1986; European karate gold medallist fined for taking part in a fight

between black and white youths in which a teenager was killed, 1985; Greater London Council's Race and Housing Action Team finds that racial harassment is increasing throughout London, 1985; police in east London appeal for witnesses who might have seen a race-hate attack at a Dalston community centre and bookshop, 1985; murder of a Pakistani man who was tortured with electric shocks has provoked fears of racist attacks amongst the Asian community in Tipton, West Midlands, despite repeated assurances from police, 1986; 'Daily Telegraph' description of a rape gang as black is criticised by the Press Council which said that an 'irrelevant and prejudicial description tended to exacerbate hostility against minority groups', 1986; Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, warns against racial prejudice by ethnic minorities who demand total transformation of the education service to bring justice to their communities, 1986; young woman criticises Southwark council for refusing to re-house he and her family away from the area where they are constant victims of racial harassment, undated.

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**MS 2478/C/6 Anti-Racism, 1976-1987**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the opposition to racism displayed by individuals, political movements, and organisations, including the government, in Britain during the 1970s and 1980s, organised by various individuals and campaign groups.

MS  
2478/C/6/1

Anti-Racism: general

1976-1987

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' containing articles on disparate topics all loosely concerned with anti-racism.

The subject matter of articles includes: review of a book by Russell Lewis entitled 'Anti-Racism - a mania', which calls for an end to witch-hunts, 1988; survey of young white people in UK finds that most are not generally racist, 1987; report on the deletion of golliwogs from new editions of Enid Blyton's 'Noddy' stories, because the publishers believe that children no longer know what they are, 1987; letters to the editor of an unidentified newspaper from anti-apartheid campaigners protesting against the deliberate invitation by Margaret Thatcher to the prime minister of South Africa to visit London, 1984. The file also contains items of correspondence dating from the 1970s, consisting of:

/5-7: letter to 'Birmingham Broadside' newspaper, for which Derek Bishton and Brian Homer contributed work,

from N. J. Boulter, secretary of the Birmingham Labour Anti-Racist Committee, enclosing correspondence between Boulter and 'Birmingham Evening Mail over their reporting of issues relating to immigrant communities, 1976

/8: letter to 'Birmingham Broadside' from Rev. David Jennings, director of All Faiths for One Race (AFFOR) requesting membership fees for 1977-1978  
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2478/C/6/2

Anti-Racism: Anti Nazi League

1983-1985

File containing two loose cuttings containing articles reporting violence at anti-racist demonstrations. One article is from the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' and describes the violence between police and anti-racist campaigners at an anti-National Front demonstration in London, 1983; the other article, from an unidentified newspaper, reports that nine anti-fascist demonstrators arrested at a British National Party election meeting were bound over to keep the peace by a Bradford stipendiary magistrate, 1985.  
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2478/C/6/3

Anti-Racism: local campaigns/organisations

1984-1987

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice' and 'ILEA News', containing articles on the activities of local anti-racist organisations.

The subject matter of articles includes: review article in 'ILEA News' on books to help school governors to understand anti-racist education in practice, 1987; reports about Conservative allegations that Birmingham's Labour controlled council appointed a firm run by a herbal doctor to run its racism awareness courses, 1987; report on the launch party for the Greater London Council's 'Anti-Racist Year', including several photographs, 1984; report on new south London community project aiming to provide a counselling and advisory service for young members of ethnic minorities in Balham and Tooting, 1984; advertisement for 'London Against Racism' campaign by the Greater London Council, 1984; report that Liverpool international garden festival has banned golliwogs from the 'Jam Garden' display of fruit plants, 1984.  
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Anti-Racism: churches/religious bodies

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MS 2478/C/6/5	<u>Anti-Racism: other</u> File containing one loose cutting from 'The Guardian', containing a report on the protest by children in a Bradford school after allegations of racism against the staff, 1984. Extent: 1 File	1984
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**MS 2478/C/7 Trade Unions, 1982-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the policies and activities of various trade unions in Britain during the 1980s, including union attitudes towards racism and discrimination, and the involvement of black and Asian people in trade union politics during this period.

MS 2478/C/7/1	<u>Trade Unions: general</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice', containing articles on the activities of various trade unions during the 1980s.	1982-1991
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The subject matter of articles includes: report on Conservative anti-trade union policies, likely to be included in the next manifesto, 1991; report that western intelligence agencies breached the security of banking transactions throughout Europe to track Soviet funds destined for the National Union of Mineworkers during and after its 1984-1985 strike, 1991; GMB general secretary John Edmonds forecasts that union membership could be majority female within six years, 1989; Trade Unions warn Neil Kinnock against believing that any of the Conservative' industrial relations law reforms could remain on the statute book under a Labour government, 1988; report that TUC leader Norman Willis's proposals to win back the trade unions' appeal are inspired by America's TUC, 1987; TUC congress is pressed to require unions not to allow trainees on the government's Job Training Scheme into unionised premises, 1987; Equity, the actors union, may oppose a decision by its governing council to lift a ban on sales of television programmes to South Africa, 1987; feature article on the impact of a third Conservative term on trade unions, 1987; advertisement by the Civil and Public Services Association announcing strike action by many staff in government departments over pay and conditions, 1987; report that the Trade Union Unit Trust, set up to invest British trade union funds, has 43% of its £43 million portfolio invested in companies with links with South Africa, 1986; TUC leaders demand sanctions against the racist regime in South Africa, 1986; report on demands from the trade unions for a Bill of Rights from the next Labour government, 1986; Arthur

Scargill admits that the National Union of Mineworkers has no funds after borrowing money for the 1984-1985 strike, 1985; Members of the National Union of Dyers, Bleachers and Textile Workers vote in favour of a merger with the Transport and General Workers Union, 1981; Len Murray, TUC general secretary, suggests he may delay his departure from the TUC in spite of an earlier declaration that he would retire, 1984; report on possible plans by the Conservative government to limit the rights of the trade unions, 1981; report on proposals by Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit to sue unions for unlawful action carried out in the furtherance of a trade dispute, 1981; NALGO union members at Islington Town Hall are backing a campaign to sack three 'racist' workers from the council's housing department, 1985; two Birmingham workers who claim they were made redundant for trying to start a union branch win a respite pending a full hearing, 1986; report on demands by trade union leaders for a Workers Rights Act, 1986; GMB becomes the first trade union to announce the introduction of quotas to promote the selection of women as Labour parliamentary candidates, 1989; women union leaders want unions to put women's interests at the top of the agenda, 1990. The file also includes a copy of 'The Next Step; review of the Revolutionary Communist Party', September 1982, which contains details about a 'Workers March Against Racism' held in Brick Lane, London, Brixton, and Brighton.  
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2478/C/7/2

Trade Unions: racism and discrimination

1984-1987

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice', containing articles on instances of racism discovered within trade unions, as well as reports on attempts by trade unions to combat racial discrimination during the 1980s.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on a black lecturer supported by the Commission for Racial Equality after her union, NATFHE, refused to support her when she complained of racial harassment by another member of staff, 1987; 'Angry Voice' column of the 'Daily Star' found guilty of breaches of three clause of the National Union of Journalists' code of conduct following the publication of an article about the impact of visa restrictions on Asians wishing to visit relatives in England which 'was an attempt...to reinforce racial prejudice', 1987; report on racism within trade unions, 1985; Press Council states that person's race or colour should only be given in newspaper reports where it is relevant, having upheld a complaint

against the 'Daily Telegraph' for identifying as black a driver convicted of a serious motoring offence, 1984; British Rail and the railway unions condemned for failing to rid their employment policies of direct and indirect discrimination against women, 1986; National Union of Public Employees launches major campaign to challenge and eradicate racism within the organisation and in the workplace, 1985; ASTMS to be pressed by one of its branches to investigate whether the Manpower Services Commission's youth training schemes are intended as a means of social control rather than vocational training, 1986; print union Sogat 82 found to have racially discriminated against one of its black members by failing to investigate her complaint against another employee at premises in Wellingborough, 1986.  
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2478/C/7/3

Trade Unions: policies/activity on race and immigration

1986-1991

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice' and 'The Guardian' containing articles about efforts made by different trade unions to combat racial discrimination, and to campaign against apartheid.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on statement by Bill Morris, deputy secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) on racism within the union during his campaign to be elected general secretary, 1991; black workers at a conference in Wolverhampton on black representation in trades unions demand that white union shop stewards take lessons in racial equality, 1990; Trade Union Congress in Bournemouth welcomes establishment of newly-formed TUC Equal Rights Department, 1988; anti-apartheid activists at London School of Economics lose first round in battle to force governors to disinvest in South African companies, but are supported in their stance by Students Union and Lambeth branch of NALGO, 1987; interview with Bill Morris about the experience of black people in Britain's trade unions, 1987; Plaid Cymru MP disciplined by his trade union for an allegedly racist speech, 1987; TUC urges unions to monitor their black and white minority workers as an urgent priority to fully represent their interests, 1987; union activist Roger Kline, worker at Trades Union Resource Centre in Birmingham stresses that factory workers need political lessons to make sure that anti-apartheid measures are carried out, 1986.

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2478/C/7/4

Trade Unions: black people in trade unions

1985-1988

File containing a small number of cuttings from national

newspapers, including 'The Voice' and 'The Guardian' largely containing articles about Lionel Morris , President of the National Union of Journalists, and Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union.

The file also contains articles about black members represented in other trade unions, including a report about newly-elected black members of the National Union of Students, 1987; report on a survey by the Labour Research Department which claims that trade unions are employing more black officials, 1985, and a report on a survey by the West Midlands Low Pay Unit which suggests that young black people are positive about joining trade unions, 1988. There are also articles on the failure of different trade unions to help black members to combat racial discrimination, dated 1986 and 1988.

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MS  
2478/C/7/5

Trade Unions: disputes

1982-1989

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian', containing articles on a small number of industrial disputes during the 1980s, most of which took place because workers were dismissed for union membership.

The subject matter of articles includes: report on the appeal of former GCHQ officials sacked for defying the ban on union membership at the intelligence gathering centre in Cheltenham, 1989; more than 300 council workers belonging to the National Association of Local Government Officers go on strike after women workers complained that an area housing officer was ogling them, 1988; articles about the GCHQ workers who were sacked because they would not give up their membership of a trade unions, including a full page advertisement placed in 'The Guardian' by the TUC drawing attention to industrial action to be taken in support of the sacked workers, 1988; Rupert Murdoch states that he will not recognise television unions at his Sky Television satellite network, 1988; several articles about the industrial action taken by women members of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers (NUTGW) who were sacked by Rulecan Ltd, a clothing manufacture in Runcorn, Liverpool, for going on strike for trade union rights and a guaranteed minimum wage, including an article published in 'The Next Step; review of the Revolutionary Communist Party', May 1982; articles on a dispute over the dismissal of two student workers at Foyle's bookshop in London for being union members, and the involvement of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers in the case, 1982; several

reflective articles on the ending and effects of the 1984-1985 miners strike, and the efforts of the labour movement to look at its own mistakes and learn from them, 1985; Conservative ministers are forced to defend their banning union membership at its Cheltenham communications headquarters, 1984.

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### **MS 2478/C/8 Employment, 1979-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on employment and unemployment in Britain during the late 1970s and the 1980s, with particular emphasis on people working in low paid jobs. Many articles focus on the experiences of black and Asian people in the job market, and the difficulties faced by those who were unemployed during the economic recession of the early 1980s.

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2478/C/8/1

#### Employment: general

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Independent'; 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; and 'The Times', largely containing articles concerning the economic situation in the UK during the 1980s, and the impact that economic recessions and the success or failure of the Conservative government's economic strategies had on employment during this period. Other reports focus on the widening income gap under Margaret Thatcher's government, and the possibilities for a small group of already well-off people to earn large salaries. There are also articles on the changing make-up of the labour market, with reports on the likely shortfall in young employees during the 1990s, the rise in the number of women working part-time, the decline in the number of manual jobs, the economic gap between the North and South of the country, the manipulation of government unemployment figures, and the possible effects on the labour market of European Commission directives.

The file also contains several articles reporting on the effects on individual workers of government employment policies, including reports about various job creation schemes and the effects that unemployment has on school leavers; government plans to 'liberate' small businesses from planning restrictions and employment protection laws, 1985; cuts to funding under the government's Community Programme, and the effects on hundreds of voluntary organisations, 1988; cuts to government funding for community jobs for ex-prisoners, 1989. There is a report about the financial problems at Acafess, a community organisation providing training for young, mainly black, unskilled Birmingham workers, based in Moseley, due to



under funding, 1990; and an article about Melva Dennis, a black glass engraver who set up her own business with help from the government's Enterprise Allowance Scheme. Other subjects covered in the articles in this file include: employment opportunities for black workers in the UK; monitoring of employees by companies; articles on racial discrimination against black workers on the London Underground, 1989; articles about Richard Stokes, the first black Grenadier Guardsman, 1987; hardships faced by immigrants to the UK who work in poor conditions for low pay, with a particular emphasis on women employed as domestic servants for wealthy families who bring them to the UK; difficulties faced by people forced to work in unskilled, casual jobs.

There are several articles covering the issue of unemployment in the West Midlands during the early 1980s due to the decline of key industries such as vehicles, carpets and machine tools. There are several articles on the impact of the recession at Birmid Qualcast, 1982; as well as a report on the economic results of Lucas Industries, 1981; and articles on the appointment of Coventry MP John Butcher as the Minister for the West Midlands, to revitalise the region's economy, 1983

The file also contains a small amount of printed material, consisting of:  
copy of a report published by Counter Information Services (CIS) in the 'Crisis' series entitled 'Who's Next for the Chop (the essential facts of unemployment)', containing an overview of the economic crisis facing the UK during the 1970s. The report is undated, but was probably published in around 1977.

a copy of a National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO) staff bulletin, April 1985, including an article about the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcements about unemployment schemes and their likely consequences for the work of NACRO.

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Employment: racism and discrimination

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; and 'West Indian World' containing articles reporting on cases of racial and sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and homophobic discrimination in the workplace during the 1980s. There are reports of individuals cases of discrimination in government

1980-1992

departments, the civil service, the armed services, the police and the legal profession, medicine, the business sector, schools and universities, London Underground, British Leyland, the hotel industry and private members clubs. Cases of sexual discrimination centre on the case for equal pay and the implementation of equal opportunities laws.

Reports and policy directives by the Equal Opportunities Commission are also topics covered by these articles. There are also articles containing information about the work of the Commission for Racial Equality to combat racial discrimination.

Particular articles include: focus on the monitoring and political vetting of staff by MI5, 1988; the outcome of an industrial tribunal for an Asian worker sacked for using 'whites only' toilet at Stewkins Foundry, Stourbridge, 1980; the appointment of House of Commons Employment Select Committee to review the work of the Ministry of Employment and related issues, and to investigate racial discrimination in employment, 1985; black and Asian people claiming unemployment benefit at selected offices are to be 'visually assessed' as part of a survey of different nationalities among unemployed non-whites ordered by Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit, 1982.

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2478/C/8/3

Employment: cases

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' containing articles reporting on individual cases of racial and sexual discrimination in the workplace. The majority of these articles date from the late 1980s and early 1990s, but there are also a smaller number dating from the early 1980s. Most of the articles report court cases brought by dismissed workers, with assistance from either the Equal Opportunities Commission in cases of sexual discrimination or sexual harassment, or the Commission for Racial Equality in cases of racial discrimination.

Reports reveal cases of racial and sexual discrimination in local government departments, including several articles on the black woman Margaret McKain, who won her claim that Birmingham City Council discriminated against her because of her race, 1987; discrimination against black and Asian nurses working in the NHS, and a case of a doctor accused of sexual harassment of patients, 1991; cases of positive discrimination in which black candidates for jobs are given posts outside the provisions of the Race

Relations Act, and a case of illegal positive discrimination in which women were favoured in job appointments, 1988. There are also articles on reporting on the extent of racism in the police, with reference to the case of PC Surinder Singh, who won his case that his promotion in Nottinghamshire CID had been thwarted by racial discrimination, 1990, racial discrimination in the armed services, the airline industry, British Telecom, the BBC, schools, hotels and retail premises, as well as at British Leyland, following an internal memo that allegedly branded black workers as potential thieves, 1982. The file includes a number of reports on cases brought to the court of appeal by women who were blocked from promotion due to sexual discrimination, and a small number of reports about discrimination against Rastafarians, and the victory at an industrial tribunal for a Rastafarian refused an interview at Crown Suppliers company because of his dreadlocks, 1989.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/8/4

Employment: unemployment/job losses

1979-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers , including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'New Society'; 'The Times' and 'The Sunday Times' containing articles about large increases in unemployment during the economic recessions of the early 1980s and early 1990s, and several reports on the effects of long-term unemployment on people. Several articles report statistics about rising unemployment during the economic recession of 1990-1991, and during 1981-1982, and the manipulation by the government of unemployment figures during these periods. There are also reports about the attitudes of the Conservative government towards the problem of unemployment, including a piece about government theories on the causes of poverty; the government view that many unemployed people were blamed for not having a job; and restrictive government procedures for those seeking unemployment benefits, 1987.

The file also contains a large number of articles which focus on the effects of unemployment, including a reports on the publication of a Home Office report on the issue of unemployment in inner city areas affected by riots and uprisings in 1981, with a particular focus on unemployment suffered by young black people in Handsworth, 1982; studies on the mental and emotional health of long term unemployed; cases of suicides of unemployed people, relationship between crime wave and growing number of people out of work, 1982; the effects on family life of long-

term unemployment; the effects on school leavers and young people of unemployment and youth training schemes; homelessness suffered by young unemployed people, 1982; problems faced by older unemployed people, 1982; inner city dereliction as a result of collapse of local economies, 1979; living conditions for those on low incomes or unemployed, 1987; unemployed offenders more likely to end up in prison than those with jobs, 1987. Other articles reveal the impact of unemployment in the West Midlands, and include reports on the loss of 1,000 jobs at Birmingham car components maker Lucas Electrical, 1986; the effects of the early 1980s recession in the West Midlands; a report on African Caribbean workers in Birmingham trying to return to Caribbean because of recession and unemployment, 1983; focus on unemployment in the Deritend area of Birmingham, 1982; feature on the work done by Job Change, funded by Birmingham Settlement and Birmingham Polytechnic (later the University of Central England), which offered self-help programmes and projects for long-term unemployed, 1982; Norman Fowler accuses significant minority of unemployed people in the West Midlands of not trying to find work, 1989. There is also a set of book reviews on new publications on the theme of work and unemployment, including Nick Hedges and Huw Beynon, 'Born to Work', reviewed by Robin Cook in 'The Guardian', 1982.  
Extent: 1 File

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2478/C/8/5

Employment: unemployment among black people

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'New Society'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Financial Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; and 'The Guardian', containing articles that focus on the issue of unemployment as it affects black people.

These articles include reports on unemployment figures among the black population in the UK; the particular problem of black male unemployment; statistics that show that black and Asian people were twice as likely to be unemployed for long periods as white people; the disproportionate number of black school leavers without jobs, 1984; black people's experiences of racism when applying for jobs; the poor advice service offered to black school leavers which often results in them having to attend voluntary group-run Youth Training Schemes which offer no hope of future employment, according to a report by the Greater London Action for Race Equality, 1989; attempts to make recruitment practices fairer and combat racial discrimination, 1986; launch of the Open Access Project,

jointly funded by the Greater London Training Board and the Industry and Employment Committee to meet the employment and training needs of black people in London; West Midlands Low Pay Unit urges employers in the West Midlands to monitor the number of black people who work in every section of their companies, 1988

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2478/C/8/6

Employment: YOP/YTS/Job Centres

1979-1991

File containing loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Times Educational Supplement'; 'Times Higher Educational Supplement'; 'The Observer'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; and 'Socialist Worker', containing articles that focus on the successes and failures of government initiatives to combat unemployment during the economic recession of the early 1980s, including articles about the Youth Opportunities Programme, its successor, Youth Training Schemes, and other government initiatives to combat unemployment, including reports on the Employment Training programme for the long-term unemployed, 1991; and the value of the Job Start pilot programme for the long-term unemployed, 1986.

The majority of the articles in this file focus on Youth Training Schemes, and consist of reports about new proposals for the running of the schemes; the introduction of armed services Youth Training Schemes, 1982; number of black young people on Youth Training Schemes, issue of racial discrimination in the selection of entrants to Youth Training Scheme, 1983; doubts that training schemes will give people skills, and economic climate would give employers the opportunity to give adequate support to the YTS, 1982; young people engaged in job training under Youth Opportunities Programme did not have legal protection against racial or sexual discrimination, 1982; criticism that black young people are forced into schemes while white young people get jobs; statistics on the number of accidents suffered by people while on schemes; lack of funding of schemes, and government plans to withdraw supplementary benefits from jobless school leavers who refuse to take places of training schemes, 1984; opinion pieces in several newspapers on YTS schemes before and after the introduction of the initiative; 'Times Educational Supplement' guide to the Youth Training Scheme which replaced the Youth Opportunities Programme, and began functioning in 1983; trade unions attack cuts in Youth Training Scheme budget, 1984.

There are also a small number of articles on government proposals to privatise state employment services, 1982;

and on the success of Job Centres in alleviating unemployment. There are a few articles relating to training schemes in Birmingham, including a report on the success of Handsworth Employment Scheme in Lozells Road, Birmingham which provided work for unemployed black people through the Manpower Services Commission, 1984; and a report on the work of Manpower Services Commission in Birmingham, 1984. The file also contains a page of writing in Derek Bishton's hand, consisting of a partial draft of guidelines on union-led industrial disputes. This is undated, and it has not been possible to identify the purpose for which it was written.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/8/7

Employment: industrial disputes

1982-1988

File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Sunday Times'; and 'Birmingham Evening Mail', containing articles on industrial disputes which started as a result of redundancies, including a postal strike in the Liverpool area, 1988; redundancies in the steel and wool industries affect unemployment in West Yorkshire; job losses at British Leyland and Lucas Industries in Birmingham, 1983; strike at engineering works in Willenhall following a pay dispute, 1982. There is also an article on rising unemployment in Birmingham due to the economic slump and the closure of factories, 1983.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/8/8

Employment: black people in commerce

1983-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'Caribbean Times', containing articles on black people who have been successful in business during the 1980s, and schemes set up to provide guidance and financial assistance for black people wishing to start their own businesses, such as the Midlands Black Business Assistance Scheme, 1983 the Greater London Enterprise Board, 1985, and the West Indian Federation Association, based in Winson Green, Birmingham, 1984. There is also a report about the work of the West Midlands Engineering Employers' Association's training course exclusively for unemployed African Caribbean and Asian managers, 1983, and another report focusing on the achievements of WMRB, Britain's only significant black ad agency, 1987. There are also profiles of individual black business people, and a report by Polly Toynebee in 'The Guardian' on the financial difficulties faced by Asian traders running small businesses in Clapham, 1982  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/8/9	<u>Employment: homeworkers</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence. Extent: 1 File	n.d
MS 2478/C/8/10	<u>Employment: co-operatives</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Sunday Times'; 'The Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about self-help groups and co-operatives set up to train unemployed people and provide assistance to people setting up their own businesses. There are several reports on schemes operating in Birmingham, including Handsworth Employment Ltd, 1982; Associated Resources at Birmingham Settlement, 1982; the opening of Handsworth's first black supermarket, West Indian Fig Tree Ltd, 1985; the award of grants by Birmingham Inner City Partnership, 1985; ,and an article about inquiries received by Councillor James Hunte from black people wishing to set up with own businesses with the help of a West Midlands County Council grant, 1983 Extent: 1 File	1979-1986
MS 2478/C/8/11	<u>Employment: industrial language training</u> File containing three loose cuttings from 'The Guardian'. Two are dated 1981, and consist of articles about the use of computers and information technology in the workplace. The other is dated 1987 and consists of a report on the mixed response to the government's Restart training course for people who are unemployed. Extent: 1 File	1981-1987
MS 2478/C/8/12	<u>Employment: equal opportunity policies and positive action</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; containing articles on the requirements for employers to improve their equal opportunities policies, relating to the employment of women and black job candidates, including reports about the implementation of these policies in local government and the probation service, amongst other sectors. Extent: 1 File	1981-1989
MS 2478/C/8/13	<u>Employment: health and safety</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Observer', containing articles about safety standards at work, employees who suffered	1977-1988

industrial accidents and health problems resulting from their work, and companies prosecuted for negligence or operating in unacceptable working conditions. There are several articles about workers being treated for exposure to radiation, both at nuclear power plants and other factories, and other articles about workers exposed to asbestos who later suffered from cancer. The file also contains reports on the explosions at the Robinson Brothers Greets Green chemical plant in West Bromwich in 1977

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/8/14

Employment: low pay

1981-1989

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'New Society'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice' containing articles about the effects on people of living in poverty; government policy on the minimum wage and social security benefits, and campaigns for a minimum wage.

There are several articles about the experiences of low paid workers, and particularly those of low paid women workers, and their difficulties in received in supplementary social security benefits. The file includes articles about a group of Asian women dismissed by a Birmingham clothing factory after years of being underpaid, and the involvement in the case of the Handsworth Law Centre, 1983; report about women workers at Valor Heating in Birmingham locked out over their wage claim, 1982; and industrial action by women workers at Kigass factory in Leamington Spa, 1982.

The file also contains a copy of a pamphlet entitled 'Statutory minimum wages and holidays with pay: The Wages Councils Act briefly explained', published by the Department of Employment, revised 1981, and photocopied pages of a printed 'Appendix to section 5i' from an unidentified publication, containing tables showing industries covered by wages orders, with details of the minimum time rates payable at April 1978, and the weekly hours of work to be done.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/8/15

Employment: wages councils

1985

File containing three loose cuttings from 'The Guardian', consisting of articles about the reading of the Wages Bill, and government proposals to abolish Wages Councils, and proposals outlined by the Employment Secretary Tom King to limit the work of wages inspectors in setting minimum pay levels for areas where workers are low paid, and tend not to have joined a trades union.



Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/8/16	<u>Employment: sweatshops</u> File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; and 'The Voice', focusing on conditions in 'sweatshops', particularly textile and clothing factories in which black and Asian women workers are employed. The file includes articles about conditions at Raindi Textiles in Smethwick, 1985; and the work of a Birmingham based 'Clothing Industry Action Research Project' AEKTA, in urging more employees to take legal action against companies which exploit staff and ignore statutory entitlements, 1988. Extent: 1 File	1983-1988
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**MS 2478/C/9 Housing, 1977-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on several aspects of government housing policy during the 1980s, with a particular emphasis on the experiences of black and Asian people both as tenants and home owners during this period.

MS 2478/C/9/1	<u>Housing: general</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' containing articles on various subjects relating to the issue of housing during the late 1970s and 1980s. There are many articles about the experiences and hardships faced by people living in slum housing, including several reports on the supply and poor conditions of council housing and other dwellings in Birmingham, and plans for urban renewal. Other articles focus on aspects of the Conservative government's housing policy, and the effects of the economic recessions during the 1980s on unemployment, house repossessions, and homelessness.  The file includes articles that focus on urban decline and poverty as a cause of the inner city riots of 1981 and 1985, and on life in council estates consisting of high-rise apartment blocks, often dubbed 'ghettos' by the newspaper reports. There are also a number of articles on plans by local authorities to provide sites for travellers and gypsies. The file also contains printed material issued by support and campaign groups for homeless people, 'Shelter' and Campaign for Single Homeless People (CHAR). This consists of: press releases issued CHAR, dated 1982; a CHAR report entitled 'Local Housing Policies for Single People: the CHAR Blueprint', 1982; a copy of 'Single and	1977-1991
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Homeless' a CHAR background paper, 1982; a copy of 'Roof', Shelter's housing magazine, Nov/Dec 1982; and a Shelter wall chart issued with 'Roof' containing facts and figures about housing, 1982.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/9/2

Housing: racism and discrimination

1982-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times' and 'The Times', containing articles reporting on individual cases of racial discrimination against black and Asian people, and reports on work by the Commission for Racial Equality on discrimination against black and Asian home buyers by building societies and estate agents, and about racial discrimination and harassment suffered by council tenants, either from landlords, or from fellow tenants. The file includes articles about living conditions in areas of Hackney, and Tower Hamlets, in London, where a high proportion of ethnic minority communities are forced to live.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/9/3

Housing: local authorities and ethnic minorities

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice' and 'West Indian World' containing articles about the housing policies of local authorities, and their effects on black and Asian tenants living in council housing. These include reports on racial harassment of ethnic minority families by neighbours, and the help given to tenants suffering from harassment, as well as reports on racist housing policies which discriminated against black and Asian tenants, particularly in the Tower Hamlets area of London.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/9/4

Housing: homelessness

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' containing articles about the effect of government policies on homelessness, including reports on government legislation to alleviate the problem, and changes to benefit rules. There are several articles about the use made by local authorities of bed and breakfast accommodation to house families and its effects on them, as well as reports on the health problems suffered by homeless people, homeless children and the particular problems they face, especially relating to education. Some articles include statistics on homelessness, especially in the context of discussions on the number of black and Asian people who are homeless.

The file also contains several reports on the work done by homeless charities and organisations. These include an article about the work done with young homeless people by Birmingham's 'Boot Night Shelter' in Digbeth, 1982, and an investigative article about the problem of homelessness in Birmingham, 1990.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/9/5      Housing: home ownership      1982-1988  
File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'Birmingham Evening Mail', containing articles about the growth in home ownership during the 1980s, and in particular schemes to allow council tenants to buy their homes; the building of new homes by Housing Associations; reports on the condition of housing stock in the UK; and schemes to place restrictions on house-buyers to ensure that local people have a chance of finding a home in their area.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/9/6      Housing: cuts      1981-1987  
File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Times' containing articles about housing benefit subsidies, and government plans to cut funding for these benefits. Other articles discuss the shortage of housing stock in the UK; the impact of government spending cuts in funding to Housing aid centres; and the effects of cuts in benefits on low income families and older people  
Extent: 1 File

**MS 2478/C/10 Inner Cities, 1977-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles that largely relate to the disturbances that took place in inner city areas of British cities during the early 1980s. Other files contain articles relating to urban regeneration programmes.

MS  
2478/C/10/1      Inner Cities: general      1977-1991  
File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Observer'; 'New Society'; 'The Times'; 'Daily Express'; containing articles on a wide range of topics relating to life in 'inner city' areas of major urban centres in the UK, including Birmingham, Liverpool, London, Leeds and Bristol.

Many articles focus on the riots and uprisings that took place in these places in 1981 and 1985, and contain

analysis of the possible reasons for them taking place. There are also retrospective articles, written during the late 1980s and early 1990s that consider whether life has improved in the period since the uprisings in terms of levels of poverty, unemployment, poor housing, racial tensions, drug abuse and crime, and other articles which discuss the effects of the inner city improvement policies of the Conservative government during the 1980s, many funded by private enterprise, and question whether enough has been done to avoid the possibility of riots in the future. The file also contains a number of reports on policing in 'inner city' areas during this period. A number of articles focus on funding for urban renewal.

The file contains several articles about riots on the Heath Town housing estate in Wolverhampton, following a drugs raid in 1989; reports about the lives of different black and Asian communities living in 'inner city' areas; articles about the uprisings in the Handsworth area of Birmingham in 1981 and 1985 in the Toxteth area of Liverpool in 1981; reports on the work of black community groups in the aftermath of disturbances.

The file also includes a typescript press release issued by 'Birmingham Christians', consisting of a group of Anglican clergy working in the city. The press release was issued to local radio and television stations and local newspapers  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/2

Inner Cities: urban programmes

1985-1989

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; and 'The Times', containing articles about redevelopment and regeneration schemes in 'inner city' areas of major urban centres in the UK. The subject matter of articles includes: building of leisure centre in Lambeth 1989, review of inner city aid 1985, duty of Church of England to direct debate on resources devoted to 'urban priority areas' 1985, analysis of government urban aid strategy 1985, Kenneth Clarke initiative for companies to get involved in Action for Cities programme 1988, Employment Committee report on the neglect of black communities in cities 1988, fears that Birmingham Heartlands urban revival plan would fail to cater for ethnic minority community 1988, redevelopment of tower blocks on estate in Edmonton 1989, black people in Liverpool sceptical about government task force at Toxteth and Granby 1989, government VAT on commercial property affecting inner city regeneration 1989, warning about drug dealers in Handsworth taking over the area if regeneration funding withdrawn 1989,

repercussions of Gifford inquiry into police racism in Merseyside 1989 - 'Loosen the Shackles' - racism 'built in' to Liverpool.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/3

Inner Cities: inner city riots Toxteth and Southall 1981

1981-1982

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'Daily Telegraph'; 'The Weekly Gleaner' containing articles on the events surrounding riots and uprisings in the Toxteth area of Liverpool in July 1981, and a smaller number of articles relating to the aftermath of riots in the Southall area of London in 1979. There are several articles reporting on the ethnic background of the rioters, including a focus on white looters, but generally blame is placed in newspaper reports on members of the black community and a few 'criminal whites'. Other articles discuss the influence of skinhead groups in the Southall riots, and one contains interviews with skinheads who sparked off riots in Southall. There are also reports on a Sikh protest outside British High Commission in Delhi against attacks on Asians in Britain; injuries to police in Southall riots; an assessment of the importance of the riots; letters to the Guardian about the riots and ideas about the possible causes. A piece by Mike Phillips in West Indian World argues that riots are the only channel of communication that the authorities have left open to people.

Articles relating to the Toxteth disturbances focus on police views about the riots; government response to riots; the failure of policies in Liverpool particularly relating to housing; Liverpool Chief Constable denies race element in riots; community leaders views on causes of Liverpool riots; Michael Heseltine visit to Toxteth, and the financial cost of tackling urban decay; church leaders launch amnesty plan for looters; effects of the Toxteth riots on small shop owners in the area and the sense of community in people defending their business and those of others against looters as well as the defence of the area against troublemakers by members of black community; newspaper comment about the government reaction to Toxteth riots; Merseyside Chief Constable attacks parents for letting children riot; causes of violence seen to be economic rather than political; Home Secretary endorses use of CS gas against rioters; acceleration of the Scarman inquiry after Toxteth and Southall violence; Toxteth residents form vigilante group to protect themselves and their property; MPs views on causes of violence; repercussions of violence for Merseyside; Heseltine

investigation into inner city policies in Liverpool; police deny that Toxteth on the brink of new riots Feb 1982; reports on trials of policemen accused of manslaughter during Toxteth riots.

The file also includes an article filed out of sequence that reports on Jesse Jackson criticising the Winston Silcott trial, 1990.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/4

Inner Cities: inner city riots Brixton 1981

1981-1984

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Daily Express'; 'The Daily Mail'; 'The Times'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Caribbean Times', containing articles about the events surrounding riots that took place in Brixton during the spring and summer of 1981. The second phase of disturbances happened during the Scarman inquiry hearings.

There are reports about the riots themselves; government proposals to deal with street violence in response to Brixton riots; opinion articles on the causes of the riots; reports on the immediate aftermath of the riots; Margaret Thatcher's visit to Southall; reports on the Scarman inquiry proceedings; government reaction to the riots; article in 'The Weekly Gleaner' suggesting that extreme political groups exploited black youth in Brixton to spark unrest - the tone of this article also gives some support to the police; Ken Livingstone is accused of inciting conflict by his comments on the riots; police are accused of provocation; police admit making mistakes with Swamp 81; reports on the court cases resulting from the riots; the situation in Brixton after riots and publication of Scarman report - with an article about the situation in Toxteth, Liverpool, in 'The Guardian' 1982; positive community initiatives in Brixton, 1983; Scarman's comments about higher unemployment and the risk of complacency about the prospect of further disturbances in Brixton, 1984.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/5

Inner Cities: Handsworth riots 1981

1980-1982

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'Birmingham Evening Mail', containing articles on disturbances in Handsworth, Birmingham, including reports on the events of the riots in 1981, and the reasons for them taking place. There are reports about police injuries in an attack on police station in Handsworth in 1980, as well as articles focusing on possible reasons for disturbances to have taken place in 1981 and analysis of possible causes; the issue of community policing in Handsworth; articles on Handsworth

riots in the context of disturbances in other cities; disturbances in Ladywood; claims that Birmingham's housing improvement policy saved the city from prolonged violence in 1981, according to 1982 article.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/6

Inner Cities: Manchester, Leeds and other London riots 1981

1981-1982

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Times'; 'Daily Mirror'; and 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles reporting the events of riots in Manchester, Toxteth, Chapeltown in Leeds, Peckham and Thornton Heath in the borough of Croydon. These focus on the atmosphere in affected cities in immediate aftermath; the strategies employed by the police, and the failure of police 'softly softly' approach in stopping looting; comments of Chief Constable of Manchester James Anderton on the Moss Side riots; the reaction of Manchester police to riots; retrospective article on the aftermath of riots in the St Paul's area of Bristol in 1980, one year on.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/7

Inner Cities: aftermath of 1981 riots

1981

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Times'; 'The Guardian'; 'Socialist Challenge'; 'Harpers & Queen magazine'; 'West Indian World'; 'Daily Mail'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Voice'; 'New Musical Express'; containing articles discussing the effects of the disturbances that took place in several UK cities in 1981.

There are reports about the views of community leaders on the riots; Margaret Thatcher's views on the causes of the riots; the findings of inquiries into the riots; leader articles, readers letters and commentary about reasons for riots in the context of British society and the Thatcher government 1981; the dispute in the House of Commons between Margaret Thatcher and Eric Heffer over her condemnation of rioters and refusal to see that poverty and unemployment had more than minor role in riots; article in 'Socialist Challenge' July 1981 containing photographs by John Reardon, later used in Home Front with caption reading "Pauline Roe after being batoned by Special Patrol Group police in Handsworth"; possible changes to riot laws as a result of the 1981 disturbances and proposals for police to be allowed to use weapons; the work of left-wing groups in supporting communities affected by riots; changes in society and 'freedom' of working class people in the 1950s and 1960s compared with the unemployment and limited prospects of the 1980s;

proposals for police to develop a nationwide riot strategy; cost of riots to ratepayers; analysis of the reasons for riots in different areas of Britain, by politicians, writers, academics, 'race experts'; reaction of the Labour opposition to riots and Michael Foot's opposition to use of CS gas by police; National Union of Teachers reporting racism in schools; the future of riot control technology; involvement of Michael Heseltine in research into possible changes to riot control procedures and possible new riot laws; the effect of riots on the exchange rate; comparison of riots with 1960s riots in America; juvenile delinquency and riots; no provision in 1886 riot act for damage to cars; parents blamed for riots by Lady Young for not backing schools; Greater London Council Police Committee to study vandalism and racial harassment; all party group of MPs report on disadvantages facing ethnic minorities and the need for more grant provision.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/8

Inner Cities: Scarman inquiry

1981

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Times'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Observer'; 'Daily Mail'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail', containing articles about the issues surrounding the holding of the Scarman inquiry into the causes of the 1981 disturbances in several UK cities.

There are reports on the remit of the Scarman inquiry; details about evidence gained from material collected for the inquiry into the Brixton riots; response of black community to the Scarman inquiry; report on the suggestion by Scarman that the army may have to be called in to deal with riots; criticism of Scarman's view of the police in his report; Scarman report to consider Toxteth and Southall in addition to Brixton; Metropolitan police chief blames political extremists for exploiting the situation in communities that were involved in riots; police defence of their actions in the riots in Brixton; explanation of police tactics in riots; Birmingham to gather its own evidence on race relations for Scarman inquiry; the question of the contribution of the police campaign 'Operation Swamp 81' to riots; Scarman belief that the conduct of the police is central to the inquiry; reaction to Scarman report verdict in the media, including comment by the solicitor Gareth Pearce; government reaction to Scarman report.

The file also contains three articles focusing on the 1985 Handsworth disturbances that are likely to have been filed out of sequence.

Extent: 1 File



MS  
2478/C/10/9

Inner Cities: Handsworth riots 1985

1985-1986

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Birmingham Sunday Mercury'; The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'New Statesman'; containing articles about the events of the disturbances in Handsworth in September 1985, and analysis of the background to the disturbances, and their aftermath.

There are articles about the death of two Asian shopkeepers in the disturbances; the events leading up to the disturbances; an article including a photograph of James Hazell with a petrol bomb; articles on involvement of various named individuals in riots; articles on the apparent rift between the black and Asian communities in Handsworth following the disturbances, and the involvement of James Hunte to resolve tension; the aftermath and repercussions of violence; the actions of the police during the disturbances; Birmingham City Council inquiry into the disturbances; the setting up of a relief fund for traders affected by disturbances; tensions within Handsworth between different ethnic groups; accusations of drug dealer involvement in the disturbances; Douglas Hurd's visit to Handsworth in the wider context of his effectiveness in his job as Home Secretary; issues surrounding the disturbances, specifically the redevelopment of Handsworth; the work of the Handsworth Defence Campaign; discussion in 'New Statesman' of the issues exacerbating the situation in Handsworth, particularly unemployment and the arrest of people for the possession of cannabis; discussion of a programme about Handsworth in the aftermath of the disturbances, broadcast on Central TV, uncovering the apparent lack of progress in redevelopment and the lack of investment in the community by the government; comment article by Trevor Phillips on the questions that the disturbances have produced within the black community; several articles on events of the disturbances and their immediate aftermath in the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.

The file also contains a typescript community statement made following a meeting of members of the African Caribbean community of Handsworth, held on 10th September 1985, and a copy of the Birmingham City Council 'Independent Inquiry into the Handsworth Disturbances September 1985' by Julius Silverman, February 1986.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/10/10

Inner Cities: Tottenham riots 1985

1985-1986

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including

'The Voice' and 'The Guardian'; containing articles focusing on the Broadwater Farm estate disturbances in 1985, including: comments by Bernie Grant on the disturbances; independent inquiry into Tottenham disturbances chaired by Lord Gifford; the funeral of Cynthia Jarrett and the timetable of events that led to the disturbances; the repercussions of the disturbances - the search for the murderers of Keith Blakelock; charges against rioters; analysis of the background to and the possible causes of the disturbances; review of police tactics during disturbances; police attitudes; publication of Gifford report; sentences of those convicted for involvement in the disturbances, article on widow of Keith Blakelock, article on conviction of Winston Silcott, the supposed murderer of Blakelock.  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/10/11	<u>Inner Cities: Brixton riots 1985</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice' containing articles about the events surrounding uprisings in Brixton in September 1985, following the shooting of Cherry Groce by police officers, and several reports on the aftermath of the disturbances, including articles about the appearance in court of people charged with offences connected to the disturbances. There are a number of articles about the effects of the shooting of Cherry Groce, including details about the disciplinary charges facing Hertfordshire police officers for their role in the shooting. The file also contains a small number of articles about community initiatives set up in the aftermath of disturbances in Brixton in 1981. Extent: 1 File	1985-1988
MS 2478/C/10/12	<u>Inner Cities: Bristol riots 1986</u> File containing a small number of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice', containing articles about the events surrounding uprisings in the St Paul's area of Bristol in September 1986, following police drugs and vice raids, and subsequent court cases of people arrested for assaulting police officers, and an article focusing on concerns in the black community in St Paul's that they are being used as a scapegoat by police. Extent: 1 File	1986
MS 2478/C/10/13	<u>Inner Cities: aftermath of 1985 riots, including trials, etc</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Independent on Sunday' containing articles largely relating to the court cases following riots in Tottenham and Brixton	1986-1991

in 1985. Many articles focus on the conviction of Winston Silcott for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock during the disturbances, the controversy over his conviction, and subsequent appeal attempts, amidst concerns that his conviction was a miscarriage of justice.

Other articles report on the election of Winston Silcott by students at the London School of Economics as Honorary President, 1989.

The file also contains articles that deal with the prosecution and acquittal of police involved in the accidental shooting of Cherry Groce in her home in Brixton, which sparked the uprisings there in 1985.

Extent: 1 File

### **MS 2478/C/11 Social Services, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on a number of aspects of social services provision in Britain during the 1980s

MS Social Services: general 1981-1991  
2478/C/11/1

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about the work of social services departments in the UK during the 1980s; the issues they were dealing with, including care for children, older people, and people living in poverty; government policies to alleviate poverty, and initiatives implemented by Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) offices; difficulties faced by social workers in their job; the rise in child sexual abuse cases; investigations into the failure to act, or poor handling of cases by social services departments.

There are several articles about the fostering of black children by white families, and discussion about the effects this has on the children concerned. Other articles focus on the plight of older people, particularly from African Caribbean communities, and the provision of care homes for older people. There are also reports giving statistics about the number of people living in poverty, and government pronouncements on this. The file includes articles about violent attacks on social workers by their clients, and there are several reports on the need for social workers to do more to recognise and cater for the special needs of clients from ethnic minority groups.

Extent: 1 File

MS Social Services: racism and discrimination 1984-1991  
2478/C/11/2

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham

Evening Mail'; containing articles about cases of racial discrimination in the Department for Health and Social Security, and in the National Health Service, as well as reports about the work of support groups, and the lack of funding for such groups from local authorities. One such article focuses on the Birmingham Racial Attack Monitoring Unit, while another gives details about the work of the Annie Wood Resource Centre in Lozells, Birmingham, which offers support for black carers of the elderly  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/11/3	<p><u>Social Services: adoption and fostering</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Voice'; containing articles about the adoption and fostering policies of local authorities, particularly the issue of placing black children with white parents or carers and its effects on the children. There are also articles about initiatives to place children with parents from the same cultural background, and the difficulties in finding families for black teenagers.</p> <p>The file also contains an article about Birmingham City Council's policy of allowing gay couples to foster and adopt children in local authority care, and opposition to this by some councillors.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1984-1991
MS 2478/C/11/4	<p><u>Social Services: children in care</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Voice'; 'Daily Mirror'; containing articles about the lives and experiences of children in care. There are several reports on the ill treatment of children in homes, and others about physical and sexual abuse suffered by children either in their families, or in care.</p> <p>The file includes articles about the deaths of black children Jasmine Beckford, and Tyra Henry at the hands of their parents, despite the involvement of social workers in both cases.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/11/5	<p><u>Social Services: social security</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'The Observer'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about people living on social security benefits, the policies of the Conservative government during the 1980s to make changes to these benefits, the work of Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) offices, and the effects on poverty and unemployment that</p>	1982-1990

government benefit reforms had on people living on low incomes. Other articles discuss cases of benefit fraud.

There are several articles that focus on the changes to child benefit allowances. There are also articles about the difficulties that some black and Asian people had in gaining benefits they were entitled to because of a lack of provision of information in community languages.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/11/6

Social Services: cuts

1982-1988

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice'; containing articles about government cuts to various social security benefits for low income people and families, including child benefit, income support, unemployment benefit, and invalid care allowances, as well cuts to staffing levels in the National Health Service and among social workers.

The file also contains articles voicing criticism of government social security policy from the opposition Labour party, and from church leaders.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/11/7

Social Services: black people and social work

1983-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles about the work of black and Asian social and community workers and probation officers, and the sometimes inadequate treatment of black and Asian people by the social services.

Extent: 1 File

**MS 2478/C/12 Health, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on some of the significant health issues of the 1980s, including reports on the growing concern about food additives; the AIDS crisis of the mid 1980s, and the abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs by vulnerable people.

MS  
2478/C/12/1

Health: general

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Voice'; containing articles on a wide variety of health issues that were of concern during the 1980s.

There are articles on the use and effectiveness of homeopathic medicine and herbal remedies; government reforms to the National Health Service and long patient waiting lists; the provision of contraceptive advice to

teenagers, and the health risks associated with the contraceptive pill; investigative reports on the links between poverty and ill-health, focusing on deprived areas of cities in the UK, such as Glasgow, and the links between diet and ill health; the increase in cases of skin cancer due to sunbathing; the increase in lung cancer among women caused by smoking; cases of legionnaire's disease spread through air conditioning; the environmental and dietary factors that increase the risk of developing cancer; the arguments for legalising cannabis for the treatment of illnesses and for pain relief; new developments in cancer treatment and screening; AIDS cases; fears about Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) crossing the species barrier and infecting humans, 1990.

Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/12/2	<u>Health: racism and discrimination</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice' and 'The Guardian'; containing articles about racial discrimination suffered by black and Asian people within the National Health Service, both as patients and employees. The file also includes a small number of articles about sexual discrimination affecting women doctors and medical students. Extent: 1 File	1984-1990
MS 2478/C/12/3	<u>Health: use of NHS by ethnic minorities</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
MS 2478/C/12/4	<u>Health: health of black people</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; largely containing articles about sickle cell anaemia, and fundraising campaigns for research into treatment for this illness. The file includes printed information leaflets on sickle cell disease, issued by the Health Education Council, and a newsletter and annual report published by OSCAR - Birmingham, the organisation for sickle cell anaemia research, 1984-1985. There are also some articles on black people affected by the skin condition veiling Extent: 1 File	1981-1990
MS 2478/C/12/5	<u>Health: mental health</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The	1980-1991

Observer'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'West Indian World'; containing a number of articles on the specific problems faced by black and Asian people with mental health problems, including reports on the disproportionate number of black people diagnosed with schizophrenia, the comparatively large number of black people with psychiatric problems who are sectioned rather than being admitted to psychiatric hospitals voluntarily, concern about the treatment of black people admitted to psychiatric care, and the high rates of anorexia nervosa and bulimia among British Asian girls.

Other articles discuss the condition of psychiatric institutions in the UK; the government policy of 'care in the community' whereby people with mental health problems are treated outside the hospital environment; and treatment of people with mental health problems by the police and legal system

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/12/6

Health: cuts

1983-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles about the financial crisis in the National Health Service, and the effects of budget cuts on treatments offered to patients.

There are several articles about the shortage of hospital beds, and about government proposals to introduce charges for NHS dental and eye treatment, as well as articles about cuts to family planning services and the problem of long waiting lists caused by cuts to funding and jobs, effecting staff's ability to detect disease and to offer early treatment.

The file includes a report about plans to close part of Selly Oak hospital in Birmingham, along with several others in the city to make financial savings, 1989

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/12/7

Health: drugs

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'Daily Mail'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World' containing articles about the use, risks of use, and effects of prescription drugs used in the treatment of illnesses. There are also a small number of articles on the use of illegal drugs.

The file contains several articles about the safety of 'Corwin', a drug for heart disease, and the withdrawal of other painkilling, arthritis, and morning sickness drugs for safety reasons.

Other articles focus on the link between the contraceptive

pill and increased rates of breast cancer and cervical cancer, the use of the 'Morning-After' pill, and the dependence of some doctors on the drugs industry for financial benefits when they prescribe certain treatment, Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/12/8

Health: asbestos

1980-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles about the use of asbestos, particularly on the introduction of government regulations on asbestos companies and other industries in which asbestos was used, and health and safety regulations for people working with or exposed to asbestos.

There are several articles about the effects on workers exposed to asbestos, many of whom developed cancer as a result of this exposure, and reports about compensation cases brought by some of these former workers against asbestos firms. The majority of these articles date from the early 1980s.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/12/9

Health: alcoholism

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; containing articles about the social problems caused by alcoholism.

There are several articles about under-age drinking; drink driving; the health risks of heavy drinking; civil disobedience caused by people who have been drinking heavily; the level of support offered to people with alcohol problems by their employers and by the health service; the role of the advertising industry in promoting alcohol; the rising number of female alcoholics.

The file also contains typescript papers; correspondence; and photographs. The majority of these papers relate to work carried out at the Incognito Klinik in Oslo, Norway, and consist of:

/1-/2: two copies of a typescript paper written by Fanny Duckert, psychologist at the Incognito Klinik, entitled 'Controlled Drinking as part of the Treatment for Alcoholics (a methodological description), probably written around 1980, and including footnotes and references

/3: typescript paper written by Fanny Duckert, psychologist at the Incognito Klinik, entitled 'A Behavioural Analysis of the Drinking Pattern of Alcoholics - with special Focus on degree of Control in various situations', including tables and references, undated



/4-/6: correspondence between Dr Bache-Wiig, Incognito Klinik, and Orde Eliason, a photographer who worked with Sidelines and Ten.8 magazine, who was based in Birmingham, 1981. The correspondence discusses the supply of photographs by Orde Eliason for use by the clinic, for unidentified purposes

/7: offprint article entitled 'Rehabilitation of Alcoholics and Drug Addicts: An Experimental Approach' by Fanny Duckert and Olof Gjerlow Aasland, published in 'Journal of Studies of Alcohol' March 1980

/8-/14: gelatin-silver prints measuring 202mm x 254mm likely to depict activities at the Incognito Klinik, including images of people who may be clients attending for treatment, and others who may be health professionals attending for training. These prints are possibly the photographs referred to in the correspondence between Orde Eliason and Dr Bache-Wiig, and therefore may have been taken by Orde Eliason

/15: information leaflet and associated printed material produced by 'Aquarius' centre, a support and self-help group with a day centre and residential unit in Birmingham, and residential units in Wolverhampton and Northampton. Enclosed in the information leaflet is a letter from Aquarius Alcoholics Rehabilitation Research Group, giving information about a forthcoming 'Women and Alcohol Week' to be held at the centre, 1980.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/12/10

Health: food and health/additives

1988-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'Today'; 'Daily Mirror' containing articles about practices in the food industry, and the effects that the use of pesticides, antibiotics and intensive farming have on peoples health. There are several articles about the risk of salmonella food poisoning from infected eggs and chickens, as well as a number of articles about cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle, and the risk to human health. Other articles report on the health risks in eating foods sprayed with pesticides; the increasing number of people who are vegetarian; the case for eating margarine as opposed to butter; the use of chemicals in food packaging; food additives and their effects on children's behaviour;

Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/12/11	<p><u>Health: mothers, babies/young children</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'containing articles on health care affecting women and children. There are several articles about contraception, particularly concerning the benefits and health risks of taking the contraceptive pill; other articles focus on maternity care; the availability of an abortion pill in Britain; screening for breast cancer and cervical cancer; fertility testing; sudden infant death syndrome or 'cot death'; the incidence of childhood leukaemia; reports on the number of children suffering from violence and sexual abuse in the home; difficulties faced by single mothers; campaigns by pro-life groups against human embryo research</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/12/12	<p><u>Health: AIDS</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'The Observer'; containing a large number of articles about HIV and the AIDS virus, including reports on the possible origins of the disease; the numbers of people affected; efforts to slow the spread of AIDS amongst both homosexual and heterosexual groups; the development of drugs to treat the symptoms of the disease; reports about different countries affected by AIDS; fears of the disease and government campaigns to raise awareness of the risks of contracting the disease; the implications of testing for HIV; the effects of the spread of the disease on haemophiliacs, many of whom became infected through blood transfusions; the incidence of AIDS in prison; the costs to the National Health Service of treating people infected with the virus; the work of charities and campaign groups set up to help people with AIDS; compensation cases brought by people infected with the AIDS virus.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1986-1991
MS 2478/C/12/13	<p><u>Health: narcotics</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Sunday Correspondent'; 'New Society'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; containing articles about the use of illegal drugs in the UK; the problems of drug addiction; government legislation to combat drug use and local anti-drugs campaigns; cases of drug smuggling; individual cases of drug addiction, overdose and prosecution for drug use. There are articles about the impact on society of several different drugs, including heroin, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, and cannabis.</p>	1981-1990

Extent: 1 File

**MS 2478/C/13 Education, 1980-1992**

Press cuttings comprising articles that focus in particular on the ability of the British education system to address the needs of black and Asian children in schools during the 1980s.

MS 2478/C/13/1	<u>Education: general</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The voice'; 'New Society'; 'The Sun'; 'ILEA News'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles about several aspects of education in the UK during the 1980s. There are a number of articles about education reforms made by the Conservative government, including the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority, as well as articles about changes to examinations and teaching in schools. There are many articles about teachers, including reports about industrial action taken by teaching unions, the suitability of individual teachers to do their jobs; health and safety concerns relating to teachers and pupils at schools; and the number of black and Asian teachers in schools. The file also includes articles about funding for school maintenance and the provision of school meals and other services, and there are some reports about the level of racial discrimination in schools. Extent: 1 File	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/13/2	<u>Education: racism in schools</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Daily Mail'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Times Educational Supplement'; 'Express and Star', published in Wolverhampton; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; containing articles about the extent of racial discrimination and racist attacks on black and Asian pupils and teachers in schools, including reports on individual cases of racism directed against African Caribbean children in particular. There are several articles about the reasons for black children being more likely to be excluded from classes, and the difficulties faced by black teachers trying to work in schools. Other articles focus on implicit racist attitudes encountered in the curriculum, and the file also contains reports about attacks on individual pupils, and court cases brought under the Race Relations Act by people who had suffered from racial discrimination in the education system. Extent: 1 File	1980-1991

MS 2478/C/13/3	<p><u>Education: racism in the curriculum and books</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice'; 'The Times Educational Supplement'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles focusing on the lack of understanding of the needs and interests of black and Asian children in schools, discrimination in the school curriculum through the limited attention paid to black history and black achievement, and textbooks giving a negative view of black people, particularly in the study of history, geography and literature.</p> <p>There are also articles about the work of race education advisers, and reports on the reasons for under-achievement by black children at school.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1982-1989
MS 2478/C/13/4	<p><u>Education: under fives</u></p> <p>File containing three cuttings from 'The Voice' and an unidentified newspaper. One contains an article reporting on the prejudice that black infants are subjected to, despite legislation against racial discrimination. The other articles focus on nursery education in Birmingham, with a report on high achievers at the Marcus Garvey Educational Project, Nursery School, and a report on the shortage of nursery school places in the city.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1985-1989
MS 2478/C/13/5	<p><u>Education: ethnic minorities in school</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles about racism in the education system and efforts to make provision for the needs of children from ethnic minority communities. There are several articles about a dispute between Kirklees council in Yorkshire, and white parents in Dewsbury whose children were refused places in the schools of their choice as part of an exercise to reduce ethnic imbalance in the classroom, 1988. Other articles focus on special funding and provision for children of ethnic minority communities, efforts to address black under-achievement in the classroom and to involve parents of black and Asian children in decisions about their education; the effectiveness of anti-racist policies and anti-racist teaching in schools following Sir David Lane's report on racism and the teaching of black children in Brent; the needs of children of non-Christian faiths to be allowed time for prayer; and disputes over the rights of Muslim girls to wear headscarves at school.</p>	1980-1991

The file includes a number of reports on racially motivated attacks in schools. There are also articles about the monitoring of black and Asian students by universities and colleges to tackle racial discrimination in higher education. One article reports that lecturers at the University of Birmingham have criticised the university for its slow progress in implementing equal opportunities to increase the number of black students.

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/13/6

Education: mother tongue teaching

1982-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about the provision of 'mother tongue' teaching in schools, including several reports about a dispute at Springfield Junior and Infant school in Moseley, Birmingham over the appointment of a liaison teacher who did not speak Punjabi or Urdu. Other articles report on the number of children who can speak and write languages other than English, and the need for local authorities to hold classes in ethnic minority languages.

The file also includes a report about the use of Caribbean patois and the need for it to be celebrated

Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/13/7

Education: multi-cultural education

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Times Educational Supplement'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Daily Mail'; 'New Society'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Times'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles on anti-racist and 'multicultural' education in schools, including several articles about schools that were successful in promoting integration among pupils from different ethnic backgrounds.

There are a small number of articles reviewing resources for multi-racial education, and reports about the work of the Afro-Caribbean Education Resource Centre (ACER) which provided a library for parents and teachers before the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority.

Other articles focus on the need for a multi-faith approach to religious education and profiles of schools which have implemented successful anti-racist policies.

The file also contains a photocopied flyer issued by the 'Turban Action Committee' in support of Narjan Singh Noor, president of the Wolverhampton Anti-Racist Committee and national president of the Indian Workers

Association, who was facing a libel action taken against him by a Wolverhampton head teacher for alleging that he is 'racist', following Noor's attempts to defend the right of a Sikh boy, Kulbinder Singh, to wear a turban to school. This flyer is undated, but this dispute took place during the early 1980s.

Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/13/8	<u>Education: race and IQ</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Independent'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles about the educational achievements of black and Asian pupils compared to that of white pupils, and reports investigating the importance of parental support in success in school. Extent: 1 File	1981-1990
MS 2478/C/13/9	<u>Education: truancy</u> File of loose cuttings from 'The Guardian'; containing articles about the problem of truancy from schools in UK cities, including Birmingham, and London, and the efforts of education welfare officers and the police to combat truancy. The file includes a small number of articles about a police operation in Birmingham, entitled 'Operation Sweeper' to detect children playing truant and return them to school. Extent: 1 File	1985-1990
MS 2478/C/13/10	<u>Education: adult education/further education</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Independent'; containing a number of articles on the problem of adult illiteracy, as well as reports on adult education programmes, Open University degrees; the work of Birmingham City Colleges and the Birmingham Adult Education Service; and a small number of articles on schemes to increase the number black university students. Extent: 1 File	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/13/11	<u>Education: national curriculum</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Voice'; containing articles about government reforms to the education system during the 1980s, particularly the introduction of the national curriculum. There are a small number of articles about the inclusion of black history in the syllabus, and the provision in the Education Reform Act for parents to have a greater influence in the way their children are taught.	1988-1992

The file includes a 'schools report' published in 'The Observer' in May 1992 about the national curriculum, and a copy of 'The Observer' magazine, dating from 1989, which contains the first report in a five part series explaining how the national curriculum will work. The file also contains photocopied pages from an unidentified publication explaining the different components of the national curriculum, and a copy of 'School Governor' magazine, March 1988.

Extent: 1 File

### **MS 2478/C/14 Police, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the character of policing in Britain during the 1980s, with particular reference to issues of racism within the police, and the relationships between the police and the communities they served, especially in inner city areas of the country with a large black and Asian population.

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#### Police: general

1980-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Times'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; 'The Observer'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Independent'; containing articles on a wide range of issues concerning the police service. There are several articles about the role of the police in civil disturbances in UK cities during the 1980s, and discussion of police use of water cannons and plastic bullets in a riot situation. Other articles focus on police abuse of powers; police disciplinary procedures; corruption within the police force; the low rate of prosecutions against the police; racism and sexism within the police. Several reports concern discrimination against black people by the police, and the fact that black people are more likely to be stopped and searched, and more likely to be imprisoned for offences than white people.

There are a number of reports on various controversial comments by James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester police, and reports on proposals made by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure in 1981, and concessions made by the Conservative government to the Labour party on powers of arrest over racial hatred during stages of the Public Order Bill.

The file also contains reports about violence against the police; awards for police bravery; police campaigns to reduce violence against women; recruitment of black and Asian police officers; police operations against prostitution and drugs.

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MS 2478/C/14/2	<p><u>Police: training</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'West Indian World'; containing articles about various aspects of police training. There are articles about riot and firearms training; counselling for police affected by their involvement in disturbances; discussions about whether and how police should be taught about race relations; efforts to recruit more black and Asian police officers.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1983-1989
MS 2478/C/14/3	<p><u>Police: police and black relations</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Daily Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Socialist Review'; containing articles about racism within the police and cases of racial harassment, and efforts by police forces to recruit black and Asian police officers.</p> <p>There are several features and interviews with black people working in the police, and other reports on the attitudes of people within black and Asian communities towards the police.</p> <p>Other articles focus on police operations that disproportionately target black and Asian people, and assumptions by some police officers that ethnic minority communities are more likely to be involved in crime.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1982-1992
MS 2478/C/14/4	<p><u>Police: community relations schemes/community policing/liaison schemes</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Observer'; 'The Times'; 'Police Review'; 'Socialist Worker'; containing articles about the interaction of police forces with local community groups, and the practice of community policing, as operated by David Webb in Handsworth, Birmingham during the late 1970s, and the implementation of this policy in other areas. There are articles about initiatives by community involvement branches of police forces, and police monitoring exercises.</p> <p>There are several articles about policing in the Toxteth area of Liverpool following the disturbances there in 1981, and other reports about community policing in London. Some reports contain criticism of the police for causing poor community relations. Other articles discuss initiatives to attract black and Asian people to work for the police by ending racial discrimination within the police force.</p> <p>The file includes a photocopied article by John Brown of</p>	1981-1990



the Cranfield Institute of Technology on community policing initiatives in Handsworth, published in 'Police Review', 1981.

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MS 2478/C/14/5	<p><u>Police: police complaints</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Times'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'The Observer'; containing articles about cases brought by individuals against police forces or investigated by the Police Complaints Authority following various incidents, including: racial harassment; wrongful arrest and false imprisonment; assault; conviction on fabricated evidence; police corruption in cases where confession was forced or drugs planted on individuals. The majority of cases concern black or Asian people, including well-known figures such as the footballer Garth Crooks, the athlete Linford Christie and the boxer Nigel Benn</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1980-1991
MS 2478/C/14/6	<p><u>Police: special patrol groups</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Times'; 'The Observer'; containing articles on police use of special patrol groups, particularly in 'sensitive areas' of UK cities before, during or after civil disturbances. There are a number of articles on the use of special patrol groups and their tactics during disturbances in Southall following a demonstration against the National Front in 1979 during which Blair Peach, an anti-racist protestor, was killed.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1980-1989
MS 2478/C/14/7	<p><u>Police: racist attacks</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'Bethnal Green East Ender'; 'East London Hackney Advertiser'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; containing articles about harassment and violence by police officers against black and Asian people, and the investigations and legal proceedings brought against police officers by some of those who suffered from racial discrimination, harassment or violence. There are also articles about anti-racist initiatives by police forces to produce effective responses to racist attacks and harassment. Other articles from local London newspapers focus on racist attacks on members of the Asian community in the East End of London, particularly around</p>	1981-1991

Brick Lane and in Tower Hamlets, by members of the National Front, in the late 1970s.

The file contains a small number of articles about racist attacks in Birmingham, including a report on the launch of the Birmingham Racial Attacks Monitoring Unit (BRAMU), based at the Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre in Dudley Road, Winson Green, Birmingham, set up in response to inquiries by the Home Office into racial attacks across the UK, 1990, and an article on the arrest and alleged assault of community worker Lloyd Blake, who was also a consultant executive at the Hummingbird Project in Birmingham, 1989.

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2478/C/14/8

Police: self defence

1980-1982

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Observer'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Socialist Worker'; containing a number of articles about defence spending and British defence policy regarding the use of nuclear and chemical weapons. Other articles discuss the use of plastic bullets and other riot weapons by police forces.

The file also contains a small number of articles about the trial and eventual acquittal of twelve Asian youths in Bradford accused of conspiracy to make explosives, and a copy of 'Fight Back: The Voice of Birmingham Revolutionary Youth' vol.1 no.1, September 1980, consisting of articles, interviews, letters, poems and cartoons on racism and racist attacks on black and Asian people by members of extreme right-wing groups. Birmingham Revolutionary Youth was based in Handsworth and was a self-defence movement formed by anti-fascist youth to oppose fascism in Britain.

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2478/C/14/9

Police: death in custody

1986-1991

File of loose cuttings from 'The Voice'; with a small number of cuttings from 'The Guardian' and 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles on investigations into the deaths of several people in police custody, possibly as a result of police brutality. There are reports about the deaths of: Angela Hall, Germain Alexander, Clinton McCurbin, Jamie Stewart, David Daley, Edwin Carr, Derrick Buchanan, Owen Roberts, Tunay Hassan, Colin Roach, Trevor Monerville, John Mikkelsen, Anthony Lemard, Henry Foley, and Mark Hogg. The majority of these people were black. There are also articles about the death of the New Zealand teacher Blair Peach at an anti-National Front

demonstration, and of the teenager Nicholas Bramble, both of whom were killed by the police.

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2478/C/14/10

Police: research into crime

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers including 'The Guardian'; 'Now'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Times'; 'Smethwick News Telephone'; 'Socialist Review'; 'West Indian World'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles focusing on the increasing crime rates during the 1980s, including statistics and analysis of the possible reasons for the rise in crime. There are several articles about the increase in violent and sexual crime, as well as reports on the rise in gun crime; the rise in homophobic crimes; the sexual abuse of children; street crime and mugging; the attitudes of the UK population to crime; attempts to explain the reasons for the disturbances in UK cities during the 1980s; cases of racial discrimination in the legal system; investigative reports on young offenders. Other articles report individual cases of violent crime and sexual assault, and racially motivated attacks on people.

There are also reports on the use of new techniques in the detection of crime, including genetic fingerprint or DNA testing, and proposals for alternatives to custody for some offenders.

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**MS 2478/C/15 Prisons, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on conditions inside Britain's prisons during the 1980s, many of which focus on the difficulties faced by younger prisoners on remand, and on racism within the prison service.

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2478/C/15/1

Prisons: general

1980-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Times'; containing articles about conditions in prisons in the UK. There are several articles about overcrowding due to rising crime rates and more people being imprisoned, and there are also a number of articles about the practice of remanding teenage boys in adult prisons while they are awaiting trial or sentence, and the effects that this has on their physical and mental health.

Other articles focus on disturbances in Strangeways prison in 1990 and at Wormwood Scrubs in 1979; alternatives to youth custody; the development of private prisons; the work of the probation service; the use of drugs in prison

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MS 2478/C/15/2	<p><u>Prisons: racism and discrimination</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Voice'; containing articles about racial discrimination against black and Asian prisoners, particularly amongst prison officers; and articles about sexual discrimination in sentencing female offenders, who are much more likely to be sent for psychiatric treatment, and sexual harassment of female prisoners by male prison officers.</p> <p>Other articles discuss statistics that black people are given prison sentences more often than white people who have committed similar crimes, and focus on attempts to combat racism in the prison service.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/15/3	<p><u>Prisons: black people in prison</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about the disproportionately high number of black people in UK prisons, the extent of racially motivated violence in prison, and the possibility of racial unrest. There are a number of articles on the problem of racism in prison, and efforts made by the prison service to combat racist attitudes. Other articles focus on the cases of individual black prisoners.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/15/4	<p><u>Prisons: deaths in prison</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Times'; containing articles about the unexplained deaths and especially suicides of people in prisons and in Broadmoor security hospital. Many of the individuals featured in articles were young black men, but there are also articles about black and white teenagers who committed suicide while being held on remand in overcrowded conditions.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1981-1991
MS 2478/C/15/5	<p><u>Prisons: National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO)</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; containing articles on the work of the probation service, and of reports and recommendations issued by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO), particularly those relating to young offenders.</p>	1983-1991

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MS 2478/C/15/6	<u>Prisons: courts</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Voice'; containing articles about court cases involving black and Asian people who were the victims of discrimination. Reports focus on racism within the judiciary system, and the shortcomings of some magistrates' courts. The file also contains a small number of articles about proposed changes to the law on court proceedings. Extent: 1 File	1982-1989
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**MS 2478/C/16 Legal System, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles in which a major theme is that of racism and discrimination within the British legal system during the 1980s.

MS 2478/C/16/1	<u>Legal System: general</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Independent'; containing articles on several different aspects of British law. There are a number of articles on rape within marriage and the change in the law making this an offence, as well as other articles about rape cases. Other articles focus on the representation of black and Asian people, and women in legal professions, and there are a number of reports about the attack on the British justice system by the Asian barrister Rudy Narayan, and his suspension from practice. The file also contains articles on: the variation in sentences imposed in different countries for the same crimes; controversial and insensitive comments and inappropriate sentencing by judges, changes to the Legal Aid Act and the financial difficulties facing the Legal Aid system; malpractice by lawyers; plans to end suspect's right to silence; law reports series in 'The Guardian' and 'The Independent' explaining individual court of appeal cases. Extent: 1 File	1981-1991
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MS 2478/C/16/2	<u>Legal System: racism and discrimination</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Daily Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'New Statesman'; 'Daily Mirror'; containing several articles about individual cases of racial discrimination in the legal system, including details about reports and recommendations by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO), the opposition Labour party, and the Society of Black Lawyers	1985-1991
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to tackle racism.

There are articles about proposals to outlaw racial discrimination in the legal system, and initiatives for judges to receive race relations training, as well as reports about evidence of discrimination against women and people from ethnic minority backgrounds who wish to enter the legal profession, and the need for juries to be composed of people from different ethnic backgrounds. Other articles focus on cases of wrongful conviction and imprisonment  
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Legal System: law centres

1982-1987

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing several articles about the activities of Handsworth Law Centre and Small Heath Law Centre in Birmingham, and plans by the Conservative-run Birmingham City Council to cut their funding, threatening them with closure, 1982.

The file also contains an article about the manipulation of court lists so that serious cases are kept away from judges with a reputation for leniency; and an article about the annual conference of the Society for Black Lawyers of England and Wales, held at Warwick University, 1987.  
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**MS 2478/C/17 Culture/Arts, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles which largely focus on black cultural achievements during the 1980s, in Britain, America, Africa and the Caribbean. This series also includes a file containing administrative material relating to the arrangement of the Handprint press cuttings library.

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Culture/Arts: general

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Now'; 'The Times'; 'The Observer'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'New Society'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles on a wide range of topics relating to the arts. There are a number of reports on black achievements in film, television and sport, and features on performers such as Lenny Henry, Frank Bruno, Eddie Murphy, black fashion designer Will Smith, article on black classical composer Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, interview with Salman Rushdie and his criticism of Handsworth Songs, 1987, Bruce Oldfield, and black artist Dawn Taylor.

There are also a number of articles about cultural trends among the black community in Britain, including reports

about black people not attending black theatre, and the rejection of black gay people. Other articles focus on black arts projects, including multicultural programming on Channel 4 including 'Eastern Eye' and 'Black on Black', Bradford's first International Black Festival, the launch of Commonwealth Institute's Caribbean Focus Year 1986, conference on Caribbean Literature at Centre for Caribbean Studies, 1984, conference at the CAVE arts centre in Birmingham on the future of black arts organisations in Britain, 1990; inaugural Black Arts, Sports and Entertainment (BASE) awards in London, 1990, an exhibition of photographs highlighting the contribution of Caribbean servicemen and women during the first and second world wars, 1987, the opening of the Marcus Garvey library in Tottenham, Birmingham pirate radio station PCRL broadcasting for black community.

Several articles discuss racism within the arts. There are reports about the protest at British Film Institute's axing of worker to promote black and 'third world' films and videos; the lack of funding for black artists and performers, dispute about funding given to Handsworth Cultural Centre, disturbing ideas that advertising companies have about the black community, lack of black British performers at Band Aid, reports of racism at every level in Greater London Arts Association.

The file also contains articles about the influence of the Anti-Apartheid movement in the arts, with an article about Glenda Jackson's anti-apartheid stance, and other pieces about South African film making; the making of 'A World Apart' about life under Apartheid; South African playwright Pieter-Dirk Uys; Anti-Apartheid movement concerts for Nelson Mandela's birthday; a review of the film 'Cry Freedom' about apartheid.

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Culture/Arts: Arts Council

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; and 'West Indian World'; containing articles about the work of the Arts Council and of regional bodies such as West Midlands Arts in funding black and Asian arts projects, and about the political stance of Arts Council personnel, and the effect that this had on funding decisions.

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1982-1991

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2478/C/17/3

Culture/Arts: photography

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers,

1981-1991

including 'The Guardian'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about the work of several photographers active during the 1980s, including David A. Bailey; Sonia Boyce; the West Midlands-based women's video production and training group Second Sight; Eugene Richards; Abbas, an exiled Iranian photojournalist; ; Pogus Caesar; Leon Morris; Shemelis Desta; Susan Meiselas; Linda McCartney; Maggie Murray; Martin Parr; Nick Hedges; Rhonda Wilson; Ming De Nasty; Clive Allen; and Armet Francis.

There are also a small number of articles about photographers active earlier in the twentieth century, including a feature on Anthony Sampson and his photographs of urban black life in South Africa in the 1950s; a review of an exhibition of Vladimir Mayakovsky's work and early Soviet photography; and a profile of the work of Bill Brandt.

The file also contains copies of magazines, including 'British Journal of Photography' and 'Creative Camera' January 1983; and an undated article from 'Education Bulletin' by Stan Baldwin, Principal of Kings Heath Institute, on the work of the Maypole Photography Project, a scheme linking the efforts of the Community Education Service and West Midlands Arts Association.  
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2478/C/17/4

Culture/Arts: black music

1982-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Sunday Correspondent'; 'The Independent'; 'New Musical Express'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'Sounds'; 'Black Echoes'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; containing articles on reggae, jazz, rap and soul music, and profiles of a number of black musicians. There are several obituaries of older jazz musicians, and the file also includes some articles about African musicians.

Performers featured include: Adinah Edwards; reggae group 'Steel Pulse'; rap group 'Lifers'; Bob Marley's reggae group 'The Wailers'; Quincey Jones; James Brown; opera singer Wilhemenia Fernandez; jazz musician Richard 'Groove' Holmes; female rappers Nefateri, Lady Levi, Nikke?Nicole! and MC Kinky; Motown singer David Ruffin; jazz singer Bertice Reading; bandleader Geoff Love; Shabba Ranks; rap producer Peter Lyle; Milli Vanilli; composer Mbongeni Ngema; Phoenix Dance Company; singer Pearl Bailey; jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis;



Public Enemy; jazz artist Dexter Gordon; female rapper Monie Love; KRS1; jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie; rap group 'The Last Poets'; Ertha Kitt; Grace Jones; black opera singer Cynthia Clarey; Roachford; Luther Vandross; B.B.King; jazz musician Roy Eldridge; the killing of reggae producer King Tubby; jazz musician Abdullah Ibrahim; the killing of reggae singer Tenor Saw; 'The Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra'; reggae singer Gregory Isaacs; Nat King Cole; singer Barbara Hendricks; jazz musician Andy Hamilton; jazz musician Art Tatum; reggae artist Crucial Robbie; jazz musician Eddie Heywood; the killing of Carlton Barrett; 'The Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra'; Mica Paris; Gil Scott-Heron; Anita Baker; Larry Blackmon and 'Cameo'; Ice-T; Ziggy Marley; Bunny Wailer; reggae musician Burning Spear; Peter Tosh; reggae group 'Third World in 21st Century'; reggae group ASWAD; performance artist Mutabaruka; the death of dub poet Mikey Smith; musician Taj Mahal; rap group 'Stetsasonic'; Youssou N'Dour; Michael Jackson; Al Green; Tracy Chapman; jazz musician Rudolph Dunbar; rapper KRS1; Adelaide Hall; Pato Banton; the death of Raymond Falconer, brother of UB40 member Earl Falconer, 1987; 'Soul II Soul'; Terence Trent D'Arby; Paul Simon's performances with South African musicians on the Graceland album; Millie Jackson; 'Def Jam'; Robert Cray; Ruby Turner; Miles Davies; reggae musician David Rudder; reggae DJ Ranking Miss P; African group 'Toure Kunda'; 'Salem Foundation'; Little Richard; reggae musicians Smiley Culture and Asher Senator; death of Marvin Gaye; Marcia Griffiths; 'Pointer Sisters'; Jackie Wilson; Jack Ruby; Rita Marley; Nigerian musician Fela Kuti; reggae group 'Kalabash'; Tony Armatrading; Nina Simone; jazz musician Earl Hines; reggae group 'Musical Youth'; Eddy Grant; reggae group 'Afrikan Star'; reggae musician Judy Mowatt; Stevie Wonder; musician 'Prince Charles'; rapper Kurtis Blow; jazz musician Courtney Pine; jazz musician Herbie Hancock; Ali Farke Toure; rap group 'Niggers With Attitude'.

There are also articles on articles on other issues relating to black music, including: the state of contemporary jazz, 1988; cheap compilation albums of black music; reggae Sunsplash festivals; Nelson Mandela's birthday concert, 1988; bankruptcy of Streetwise Records; the practice of music sampling; music performances for the Anti-Apartheid movement; white music managers and retailers cashing in on the talents of black musicians; campaigns to promote African music and culture and the African music revival; British Reggae Awards, 1984; the use of patois by young people in Britain; break dancers in the Bronx area of

New York; sexism in rap music; the use of cocaine among black musicians; censorship of black rap music in America, 1991; feature on Motown Records; the closure of Tuff Gond, Bob Marley's recording and distribution company; white artists playing and recording soul and Motown music; the Womad music festival; British hip hop artists unite under the banner of BROTHER (Black Rhyme Organisation To Help Equal Rights) to record a protest song against apartheid, 1989; the exploitation of African musicians by Western promoters; controversy over the role of Wotan in the Wagner opera 'Rheingold' being played by a black man; controversy over the sell-off of Bob Marley's estate; the decline of reggae due to the murder of reggae's top musicians in Jamaica, 1988;

The file also includes a copy of 'The Listener' August 1988, containing an article on Brown Sugar by George Melly.  
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2478/C/17/5

Culture/Arts: black writers

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Times'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; containing articles consisting of reviews, profiles, interviews and obituaries about black and Asian novelists, historians, theorists, poets, playwrights, film-makers, including: Terry McMillan; James Baldwin; Shahrazad Ali; Verna Wilkins; Benjamin Zephaniah; Sousa Jamba; Esme Lancaster; Hilary S. Carty; Euzhan Palcy; Wole Soyinka; Rosemarie Lashley; Black Audio Films collective; Rosa Guy; Uanhenga Xitu; Frederick Patterson; Spike Lee; Jenny McLeod; Maya Angelou; Agostinho Neto; Lemn Sissay; Alice Walker; Toni Morrison; Amon Saba Saakana; Caryl Phillips; Horace Ove; Mikey Smith; John Howard Griffin; Linton Kwesi Johnson; C.L.R. James; Shiva Naipaul; Desmond Johnson; Lorna Goodison; David Dabydeen; Gil Scott-Heron; Milton Godfrey; Mutabaruka; Farrukh Dhondy; teenage author Ambar Lone from Small Heath, Birmingham; Gregory Hines; Louise Bennett; Kazuo Ishiguro; Salman Rushdie; Michael Abbensetts; Trevor Rhone; Angela Edmonson; Grace Nichols; Ntozake Shange; Souleymane Cisse; Edgar White; Evon Blake; J.K.Randle; Mike Phillips; James Berry; Elean Thomas; Edward Kamau Braithwaite; Ishmael Reed; Dr Walter Rodney.

There are also a number of articles on other issues relating to black writers, including: criticism of the acclaim for 'mediocre' black women writers, by Ian Christopher; black theatre; workshops for black playwrights; the legacy

of black militant poetry; Channel 4 script competition 'Debut '84' for plays about the black and Asian communities, and the first winner Patrick 'Trix' Worrel; 'Temba', Britain's longest running black theatre company; the use of patois by young black people in Britain; Soyikwa African Theatre; black South African writers; Commonwealth conference on Caribbean writing, 1986.  
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2478/C/17/6

Culture/Arts: black actors/acting

1983-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Now'; 'The Independent'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Chic' magazine; 'London Evening Standard'; 'The Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; containing articles about black and Asian film, television and theatre actors and comedians, and the plays, films or other performance events they acted in.

Includes profiles, interviews, reviews or obituaries of: Lena Horne; Lenny Henry; the play 'Black Poppies'; Oliver Samuels; Robin Givens; the film 'New Jack City'; the film 'Young Soul Rebels'; Meera Syal; the film 'Boyz N the Hood'; Willard White; the cartoonist Maybelle Peters; the musical 'Ragamuffin'; 'Vokani Black Third World Film Circuit' company; Spike Lee; Cathy Tyson; Elissa Van Poznak; the play 'One Stop Driver'; Winsome Pinnock; the film 'How to Make Love to a Negro Without Getting Tired'; Charles Burnett; Denzyl Washington; Bill Cosby; Ken Page; Raymond St Jacques; Norman Beaton; Vicky Licorish; musical based on the life of Martin Luther King; Sammy Davis Jr; Eddie Murphy; Whoopi Goldberg; Danny Glover; the drama series 'Blood Rights'; the South African arts festival 'Zabalaza'; Black Mime Theatre Company; black characters in East Enders; African cinema festival, 1990; the sexual appeal of black film actors; Spike Lee's film 'Do the Right Thing'; Roy Williams; Isaach de Bankole; the play 'Black Nightingale' about Florence Nightingale; Menelik Shabazz; film-maker Julie Dash; Paul Robeson; the musical 'Black Heroes'; Derek Walcott's play 'Beef No Chicken'; Bertice Reading; Spike Lee's film 'School Daze'; Buki Anderson; the black South African film 'Mapantsula'; black film makers at the Birmingham Film and Television Festival; Murray Watts' play 'Fatherland'; Judith Jacobs; Ellen Thomas; the film 'Hollywood Shuffle'; Patrick Robinson; Ertha Kitt; Mustapha Matura's play 'Trinidad Sisters'; Felix Cross's Caribbean oratorio 'Mass Carib'; Gary McDonald; Oscar James; South African theatre companies; the play 'The Coloured Museum'; Channel 4 film about the life of Nelson Mandela; Hanif Kureishi; performances by Jamaica's 'Sistren Theatre Collective';

Oprah Winfrey's role in the film of 'The Color Purple'; Josette Bushell-Mingo; the television film 'The Silent Twins'; the musical 'Blacks and Blues'; black actors in British films; Gene Anthony Ray; the films 'Man from Africa' and 'Girl from India'; the Channel 4 series 'No Problems'; the film 'Testament' by Black Audio Film Collective; Caryl Phillips' play 'All or Nothing'.

The file also includes a fax to Derek Bishton from Pervaiz, at Midlands Arts Centre, August 1989, containing an article from 'Living Marxism' on the work of the Black Audio Film Collective, and an article from 'The Panjabi Guardian', on Birmingham's new multiracial radio 'Buzz FM', on the air from 1990.

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Culture/Arts: black culture (general)

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Socialist Worker'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Now'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Observer'; containing articles on diverse topics relating to black culture, and the level of awareness of black people living in Britain of their African cultural heritage.

These include reports on pirate radio stations; exhibitions of African art and sculpture; black dance; the use of the term 'black' and identification as 'African'; the trend for black people living in Britain to be buried in the Caribbean when they die; African and Caribbean cookery; the commemoration of the life of Mary Seacole; the campaign to free the granddaughters of Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie; the history of the Maya people; the influence of black music, art and theatre on the arts in Britain; plans by Harambee Cultural Centre for the opening of a leisure centre in Hackney; the explosion of a bomb outside the London offices of the African National Congress; the needs of black older people living in Britain; figures active in the Black Power struggle during the 1960s; the activities of the Marcus Garvey Memorial Trust; discussion of whether the black community in Britain should protect, share or lose their culture and lifestyle in Britain; profile of the Jamaican poet Louis Simpson; the success of black footballer Justin Fashanu; Mohammed Ali's visit to Birmingham to open the Mohammed Ali Sports Centre in Hockley, 1982; the study of Rastafari in Britain; the formation of the Campaign for Equal Opportunities in the Arts (CEOA).

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MS 2478/C/17/8	<p><u>Culture/Arts: black archives - first arrivals</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; and 'The Guardian'; containing articles about black history and culture. There are reports on the culture of black machismo and political violence in Jamaica; genetic research revealing that all humans are descended from an African woman; archaeological research in Africa; evidence for the presence of black people in Britain since Roman times; the history of Africa in the oral tradition; the clothes styles worn by Caribbean migrants to Britain during the 1950s and the inspiration that white designers have taken from black fashion; the tradition of domino playing amongst older African Caribbean people; events held to remember the contributions made by African Caribbean service men and women during the Second World War; the African ancestry of the Russian poet Alexander Pushkin; the view of ancient Greek historians such as Herodotus that Greek culture was heavily influence by Phoenician and Egyptian culture; the launch of Black History Month in 1987; Lambeth Council's decision to rename public landmarks in honour of black heroes; the use of Jamaican Creole by young black people and its increasing use by young white people; feature on the Somali community in London, one of the first African groups to settle there, 1987; the study of African women's history; the dilemma of cultural identity facing Britain's African Caribbean community.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1986-1990
MS 2478/C/17/9	<p><u>Culture/Arts: carnivals and celebrations (inc. problems eg. Alban Turner)</u></p> <p>File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Gleaner'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Echoes'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Guardian'; containing articles largely relating to the Notting Hill carnival, but also including reports about carnivals in other British cities, including Birmingham and Leeds. Several articles concern the arrest, wrongful conviction and release of Alban Turner after the murder of Notting Hill carnival stall holder Michael Galvin in 1987. There are also reports about crimes committed at the Notting Hill carnival and other celebrations, and the policing of these events, and articles reporting on events at several carnivals held in Britain during the 1980s.</p> <p>The file also contains supplements and features, including a map of the route and details of events at the Birmingham Carnival of 1984, and a colour supplement issued by 'The Voice' to celebrate twenty five years of the Notting Hill Carnival since it began in 1964.</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1984-1990

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2478/C/17/10      Culture/Arts: Handprint      1986-1990  
File containing two different versions of the classification scheme devised for the Handprint press cuttings library.

The earlier version dates from 1986/1987; there is also a revised version dating from 1990, when more categories were added within the sections on 'Inner Cities'; 'Health'; 'Education'; 'Culture'; 'Race and Immigration'; 'The Media'; 'Government and Administration'; 'Sport'; 'Nuclear Power'; and 'Birmingham'. New sections were also added, comprising 'Other Countries'; 'Major News Stories'; and 'Specific Interest Stories'.  
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**MS 2478/C/18 The EEC, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the functions and policies of the European Economic Community during the 1980s.

MS  
2478/C/18/1      The EEC: general      1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'The Voice'; containing articles on European politics during the 1980s and the move towards greater co-operation between the governments of states that were members of the European Economic Community, which became the European Union in 1992, following a treaty signed at Maastricht which set out these new forms of co-operation. Several articles contain statistics and the results of surveys of the views of people living in different member-states, on various issues, and there are other articles about the position of the UK in relation to other European countries on the state of its economy and health care system.

There are articles on the European Monetary System and inflation; reports on European foreign policy in imposing sanctions against South Africa; the political make-up of the European Parliament; attempts by the British government to resist policies agreed by the EEC; fears about the removal of trade barriers and the creation of a single market in 1992; trade disputes between the European Community and the United States of America, including several articles about the EEC ban imposed on hormone-treated meat; the relationship between the EEC and the Soviet Union during the 1980s; the extent to which the EEC provided aid for people suffering from famine in Ethiopia between 1983 and 1985; and the effect that greater integration between European member-states will have on the black community in Britain.

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The EEC: policies and directives

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice' containing articles on EEC policies on Third World aid, and sanctions imposed against the apartheid regime in South Africa during the 1980s, as well as directives on health and safety at work, and the lack of European anti-discrimination laws in the European Community in 1990, despite pledges by the European parliament to protect victims of racism.

The file also contains a small number of articles about unemployment in the European Economic Community (EEC) during the early 1980s, and a report about left-wing demonstrations in Frankfurt in 1985.

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**MS 2478/C/19 Race and immigration abroad, 1981-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the extent of racism and racist attitudes displayed towards black and Asian people in European countries, and in the USA. There are also articles about conflicts in African countries that were caused, in part, by ethnic differences.

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Race and immigration abroad: Europe

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles about racism and discrimination against immigrants in European countries.

The majority of the articles are concerned with the situation in France, and there are several reports on anti-Semitism; the popularity of Jean Marie Le Pen's National Front party; violent attacks against North African and West African migrants working in France; women migrants forced into prostitution; and racial tensions in the suburbs of French cities where many black and North African migrants live in poor living conditions with high levels of unemployment, exacerbated by racial discrimination against them by the white community.

Other articles discuss similar issues in Belgium, Portugal and Italy, particularly relating to African traders working in Florence; and there are also reports about the difficulties faced by people attempting to enter Europe from Africa by crossing the straits of Gibraltar into southern Spain.

Articles on Germany focus on the revival of the extremist neo-Nazi groups, particularly in the former East Germany.

The file also contains articles about the views of politicians, including those from Margaret Thatcher, and later John Major's Conservative government, about immigration to the European Community, including

proposals to deprive Europe's black minorities of EC citizenship and fears that Europe will no longer provide a safe haven for those fleeing persecution; articles about the anti-immigration laws of different European countries, and efforts to introduce anti-discrimination legislation in the European parliament.

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Race and immigration abroad: USA

1985-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; and 'The Voice'; containing articles about racism and the issue of race in the United States of America. There are a large number of articles on Rev. Jesse Jackson's campaign to win the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988. Other articles focus on the life and assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968; the investigation into whether black teenager Tawana Brawley was raped by white policemen in Wappinger Falls, New York State in 1987; the rise in the number of Hispanic migrants entering the US and the difficulties faced by illegal immigrants to the United States of America; attempts by the US government to combat racial hatred, and the activities of the Ku Klux Klan; the involvement of black people in city politics and ; racial tension in American cities, and periodic disturbances; the extent of racist attitudes in the Southern states of America; discrimination against black Americans by employers

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Race and immigration abroad: Third World

1985-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; containing a number of articles about the civil war and famine in Ethiopia and Sudan during the mid 1980s, and the response in foreign aid by western governments and fund-raising initiatives. There are also a small number of reports on the airlifting of Ethiopian Jews into Israel. Other articles focus on the debt crisis faced by many 'Third World' countries; the anti-American position of the Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi; black Mauritians ejected by the country's majority Arab community; the rise in the numbers of refugees from political, economic and natural disaster entering Europe from Africa.

The file also includes reports about racism and discrimination in other countries, including Australia and Canada; the repatriation of Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong; the increasing number of Soviet Union Jews who emigrate to Israel; the failure of the white community in Zimbabwe to integrate with the black majority; racist



attitudes of some Japanese government ministers.  
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| MS<br>2478/C/19/4 | <u>Race and immigration abroad: South Africa</u><br>Cuttings originally stored in this file were later moved, and are now among the cuttings described at MS 2478/C/33<br>Extent: 1 File     | n.d. |
| MS<br>2478/C/19/5 | <u>Race and immigration abroad: Apartheid system</u><br>Cuttings originally stored in this file were later moved, and are now among the cuttings described at MS 2478/C/33<br>Extent: 1 File | n.d. |

**MS 2478/C/20 Women, 1979-1994**

Press cuttings comprising articles on issues relevant to women in Britain during the 1980s, with a particular focus on the achievements of black women activists and campaigners during this period.

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| MS<br>2478/C/20/1 | <u>Women: general</u><br>File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Express'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'The Observer'; 'Now'; 'The Independent'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Times Educational Supplement'; 'New Society'; containing articles on a wide variety of issues affecting women during the 1980s. | 1980-1991 |
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There are a number of reports about violence against women, and campaigns against rape, including statistics showing an increase in number of women reporting rapes and a decline in number of convictions; articles about Clare Short and the work of the Campaign Against Pornography; cases of discrimination against women at work, and low pay; the activities of Birmingham City Council's Women's Unit; women's roles in the armed services; the ways opportunities differ for women and men, despite equal opportunities legislation, and the struggles women face in a system still dominated by men; the contribution of black women to the civil rights movement; attacks by conservatives on working mothers; articles on the achievements of the feminist movement since the publication of Betty Freidan's 'Feminine Mystique'; differences between female and male sexuality; what the mainstream political parties offer women in their election manifestoes; the use of cosmetics, beauty therapies and cosmetic surgery, and media expectations of female beauty; women's health problems; homophobic violence against lesbians; the lives of women working as prostitutes due to poverty.

Other articles consist of interviews with women writers and musicians, including Edna O'Brien; Chrissie Hynde; Julie Burchill.

The file also contains a copy of the first issue of 'Contradiction', a feminist based magazine written in Birmingham, and covering culture, including music, film, theatre, but also wider issues about the way cultural institutions view women. The magazine probably dates from the early 1980s.

There are also a small number of articles about African Caribbean cookery, including some recipes.

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Women: women's groups

1979-1989

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; containing articles about the activities of women's groups established to campaign on various issues during the 1980s, and the involvement of women in campaigns that were not organised by women's groups.

There are reports about eco-feminism; feminist art; the involvement of women in the miner's strike of 1984-1985 who campaigned in the Women Against Pit Closures movement; campaigns against female circumcision; the achievements of Mary Smith as president of the Institute of Housing; the achievements of the Spare Rib Collective; the response of a group from the Women's Centre at Kings Cross, London, to an article about multi-racial education printed in 'The Guardian' in 1982, who saw it as racist and offensive; the work of The Pepper Pot Club to respond to the needs of older black people in Ladbroke Grove; a demonstration organised by black women from Awaz, the Asian Women's Movement; the Brixton Black Women's Group and the Indian Workers Association calling for the repeal of the 1971 Immigration Act, 1979; report on Ken Livingstone's visit to the Westindian Women's Association in Brent; government censorship of a self-help booklet about women's sexual health produced by the Scottish Health Education Group; the achievements of Sheila McKechnie as head of the National Campaign for the Homeless.

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Women: black women

1982-1994

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Post'; 'Chic' magazine; 'West Indian World'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Journal'; 'The Times Educational Supplement';

containing articles on black and Asian women prominent in their profession or reports about black women's achievements, relationships, and their roles in society

The file includes articles about: Claudia Jones; photographer Maxine Walker; the educational achievements of black women but their difficulty in getting highly-paid jobs; Rosa Parks; the 'Tribute to Black Women' video made by Women's Independent Cinema House; Nigerian politician Maryam Babangida; Josephine Baker; Senator Grange, the Jamaican politician; Nigerian bank executive Bennedikter Molokwu; American bank executive Margot Sullivan; increasing rates of domestic violence against black women; Joyce Walker, the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; reggae singer Judy Mowatt; the work of Lurline Champagnie in supporting women who have had a mastectomy; Black Power campaigner Wilmette Brown; TV presenter Beverley Anderson; Lydia Simmons, Slough's first black mayor; Joan Armatrading; Dee Dee Bridgewater; Winnie Mandela; Sheridan Cadoria, the first black female Brigadier General in the US army; Diana Ross; the issue of female circumcision in many African countries; Grace Jones; Jamaica's only woman magistrate, Cheryl Barrow; Cassie McFarlane; feature on the Forum on Black Women and Writing; Senegalese novelist Mariama Ba; jazz musician Betty Carter; writer and presenter Aminatta Forna; Jamaica High Commissioner Ellen Gray Bogle; Alice Walker; feature on black American women writers; anti-apartheid activist Ellen Kuzwayo; newsreader Moira Stuart; novelist Paule Marshall; rapper Ranking Ann; actor Cathy Tyson; MP Diane Abbott; politician Merla Amory; African National Congress representative Gertrude Shope; women representing Jamaica in beauty contests; Jamaican entertainment writer Carlyle Success; poet and author Audre Lorde

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### **MS 2478/C/21 The Media, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the reporting of news events in the broadcast and print media, with a particular focus on the portrayal of black and Asian people in newspapers and on television.

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#### The Media: general

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Times Educational Supplement'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Sun'; 'The Observer'; 'Daily Star'; 'Today'; 'The Independent'; 'Sunday Sport'; 'Daily Mail'; containing articles about the reporting of events in the

1980-1991

broadcast and print media, and the development of privately financed satellite and cable television broadcasting during the 1980s.

There are a number of articles about the interest in and popularity of cable television, as well as pieces on the use of video cassette recorders and video games, and the increase in video pornography. Other articles focus on: the use of advertisement 'mini-series' for products such as Oxo, and Nescafe; issues of television bias and the work of the broadcasting regulator the Independent Television Commission; the involvement of Rupert Murdoch in satellite broadcasting; the role of journalists forced to hand over footage of poll tax demonstrations and other civil disturbances to the police; the marketing of the story of rape survivor Jill Saward; discussion of tabloid newspaper tactics in getting stories; television coverage of the 1984-1985 miners strike; censorship on the BBC; the growth of pirate radio stations; Margaret Thatcher's attack on the Independent Broadcasting Authority for allowing the transmission of the programme 'Death on the Rock' about the shooting of three IRA members in Gibraltar; images of violence on television; foreign correspondents' efforts to resist harassment; the use of sexual imagery to sell products; coverage of the famine in Ethiopia by the western media; apparent 'left-wing' bias of the BBC; the collection of material by the National Film Archive; ethnic minority representation in the media.

There are also a number of articles from tabloid newspapers kept to illustrate their coverage of news stories such as Clare Short's campaign against page three; Gerald Ratner's comments about the jewellery sold by his firm; Princess Anne's marriage; homophobic and racist headlines in tabloid newspapers; and the tabloid reporting of the sexual practices of public figures.

The file also contains other printed and typescript material, consisting of: information packs on cable television produced by British Telecom Cable; GEC Jerrold; and The Games Network - WHSmith Cable Service; a press release issued by Rediffusion giving details of the company's application for cable licences in 1983; and a typescript draft article written by Derek Bishton on the possibilities of, and questions surrounding, the introduction of cable television to Britain, 1984.

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The Media: racism and discrimination

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'Sunday Mercury'; 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham

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Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'New Statesman and Society'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Star'; 'The Times'; containing articles focusing on incidences of racial, sexual and homophobic discrimination in broadcast and print media.

Several disparate issues are covered, including racist coverage of crime statistics; tabloid use of racist language to describe European politicians; the portrayal of women as sex objects in advertisements; stereotypical and negative images of black people in television soap operas and dramas; racist comments made by football commentators, including Jimmy Greaves; homophobic language used by tabloid newspapers; discriminatory legislation against pirate and community radio stations operated by black people; the increase in racist reporting by tabloid newspapers during the 1980s; censorship of television and radio interviews with leaders and supporters of the IRA; censorship of political content of musical tribute to Nelson Mandela; softening of CC editorial position on racial intolerance; inflammatory headlines of tabloid newspapers reporting disturbances at the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham and in Handsworth in 1985; reproductions in 'The Voice' of offensive and derogatory reports or advertisements printed in newspapers; attempt by the Arab League to bring a prosecution against 'The Sun' newspaper for incitement to racial hatred.  
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The Media: black media and media workers

1983-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Now'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Root' magazine; 'The Observer'; containing articles that largely focus on individual black television presenters, journalists or other media workers. There are also a number of articles on television and radio programmes catering for black and Asian people, and the portrayal of black people in the media.  
Individuals featured include: presenter Aminatta Forna; Colin Prescod, head of the BBC's African Caribbean Unit; Oprah Winfrey; black DJs on commercial radio stations; Winsome Cornish, editor of 'The Voice'; Trevor McDonald; Sunset radio news editor Mike Best; John Fashanu's work as a television presenter; broadcaster Pogus Caesar; Harriet Mantey, BBC's first black equal opportunities officer; Moira Stuart;  
Other articles include: feature celebrating forty years of 'The Gleaner' in 1991; Channel 4 Asian soap opera 'Family Pride'; accusations of 'tokenism' in using black actors in television series; the lack of black and Asian journalists employed by national newspapers; new BBC series about

black civil rights, 1990; the use of positive black images in television programmes; the arrival of an African Caribbean family in the BBC television soap opera 'East Enders', 1990; the cancellation of BBC 'Ebony' programmes and the resignation of Vastiana Belfon, editor of the African Caribbean Unit; black comic strips; the future of black music on national radio; the popularity of African Caribbean pirate radio stations in Birmingham; training schemes for black journalists; feature on the achievements of 'The Voice', the newspaper for Britain's black community, founded in 1982.

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The Media: black images in the media

1987-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Sun'; 'Daily Mail'; 'Daily Star'; 'Daily Express'; 'Evening Standard'; 'News of the World'; 'The Voice'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Sport'; 'The People'; containing articles, photographs and cartoons showing the ways in which black people were portrayed in the tabloid media during the 1980s.

Many of these items reveal the negative, stereotypical and racist attitudes that many tabloid journalists had towards black and Asian people during this period, which are illustrated by their reporting of crimes; their attitudes towards race relations campaigns and their dislike of 'political correctness'; their reporting on social security benefits received by 'illegal immigrants'; distorted reporting of mixed race relationships; the coverage of the alleged psychological problems of black footballer John Barnes; coverage of black footballer Justin Fashanu's admission of his homosexuality;

There are also articles on the negative stereotypes and racist imagery used in advertisements; insinuations about the sexual behaviour and imagery of black men in the tabloid media; coverage of Michael Jackson's cosmetic surgery; allegations about Tina Turner's sexuality..

The file also contains a poster for a boxing match between Nigel Benn and Robbie Sims at the NEC Arena in Birmingham, to be held in April 1991

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**MS 2478/C/22 Government and administration, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on various unpopular aspects of government policy during the 1980s, specifically the poll tax, and Section 28 of the Local Government Act, and the campaigns and protests held against them.

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Government and administration: general

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers,

including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Observer'; containing articles discussing different issues relating to the functions of government, and the activities of members of parliament during the 1980s.

Articles include: report on the directorships, consultancies, sponsorships, shares and property to be declared by MPs in a new register of members interests in 1990; the appointment of John Taylor as Britain's first black political advisor; Home Office minister John Patten's response to criticism of the Conservative government's policy on race relations, 1990; the argument for Britain to have a Bill of Rights; protests by councillors in Witney, Oxfordshire, against the poll tax and coverage of other anti-poll tax demonstrations; the abolition of Metropolitan councils; coverage of talks held in Geneva between the USA and the Soviet Union to discuss the nuclear arms race, 1983; reports on the dispute within the Conservative government over the future of the Westland helicopter company, 1986; the Conservative government's policy on imposing sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa; analysis of those sections of society that benefited from the policies of the Conservative government during the 1980s, particularly people living in the South-East of England; government plans to include questions on ethnic origin in the 1991 census; the privatisation of some civil service activities; government legislation against terrorism in Northern Ireland; the reporting of government statistics on unemployment, crime and poverty; the role of the British armaments industry, and the government, in fuelling the Middle East arms race.

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Government and administration: Section 28

1987-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; and other unidentified newspapers, containing articles about discriminatory attitudes in Britain towards homosexuality during the 1980s; discussions about the content of 'Section 28' of the Local Government Act 1988 which prohibits the "promotion of homosexuality" which banned local authorities teaching in schools of the acceptability of homosexuality and made council funding for gay and lesbian organisations and equal opportunities programmes more uncertain; coverage of protests against 'Section 28' and the 'OutRage' campaign to force public figures to announce their homosexuality.

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Government and administration: poll tax

1990-1991

2478/C/22/3 File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Independent'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Birmingham Post'; containing articles about the effects of the implementation of the poll tax, which replaced local rates. There is extensive coverage of the widespread protests, demonstrations and disturbances which formed part of the campaign against the imposition of the poll tax in 1990, and the prosecution of those who refused to pay, as well as reports on the effects on local authorities of continued resistance to paying the tax, leading to council debts which resulted in spending cuts. There are also articles about the greater effect of the poll tax on people on low incomes, and on black families, many of whom lived in inner city areas where the charges were higher.  
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**MS 2478/C/23 Sport,1981-1992**

Press cuttings comprising articles which largely focus on racism in sport, with particular reference to racist attitudes in football; the collusion of some British sports teams with the apartheid regime in South Africa; and the reporting of news stories about black sportspeople.

MS	<u>Sport: general</u>	1981-1992
2478/C/23/1	File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'Daily Express'; 'The Gleaner'; 'Today'; 'The Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles about a variety of sports, and profiles of a number of sports personalities, including Lennox Lewis; boxer Ambrose Mendy; South Africa's leading black racehorse owner Richard Maponya; Tessa Sanderson; Fatima Whitbread; Los Angeles Raiders coach Art Shell; American basketball players, including Michael Jordan; black tennis players Lori McNeil and Zina Garrison; rugby player Jeremy Guscott; Colin Jackson; karate player Vic Charles; black footballers Danny Thomas and John Fashanu; black boxers Frank Bruno, Dennis Andries, Nigel Benn, Lloyd Honeyghan, Don Curry, Tim Witherspoon and Mike Tyson; Sugar Ray Robinson; Handsworth sprinter Michael Rosswess; black rugby players Andrew Harriman, Chris Oti and Ralph Knibbs; black athletes Florence Griffith Joyner, Ed Moses, Daley Thompson, Carl Lewis, Judy Livermore, and Linford Christie; East African athletes in the Seoul Olympics in 1988; Jamaican sprinter Don Quarrie; US sports, including basketball, baseball and American football; India's decision not to participate in the 1986 Commonwealth Games in support of African nations boycotting the event over failures by the Commonwealth to reach agreement on	



effective measures against the apartheid regime in South Africa; the experiences of black footballers; black women rugby union players.

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Sport: football/hooliganism

1982-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'New Statesman and Society'; 'The Birmingham Post'; Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Observer'; containing articles focusing on the violence associated with some football supporters, and also on the issue of racism in football.

There are several articles about violence at the 1990 World Cup games, including reports on the Cameroon team. Other articles contain coverage of the careers of black footballers such as John Fashanu, described as a 'black diamond' by the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' in 1984; Garth Crooks, the first black chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association; John Fashanu; and Ruud Gullit.

The issues of hooliganism and racism are combined in coverage of other events, such as the ethnic tensions in Yugoslavia that existed around football teams; instances of racism by supporters and the media against individual black footballers, and efforts to combat it; the racist connotations of general football violence during the 1980s, both domestically and overseas; Birmingham City FC's 'Zulu warriors'; the violence between Liverpool FC and Juventus FC supporters in 1988; violence at football matches in Germany, at Stuttgart and Dusseldorf; racial abuse common at matches between Glasgow football clubs Rangers and Celtic; government policy on football hooliganism.

The file also includes articles about the Hillsborough disaster in 1989 when many Liverpool FC fans were killed; the financial crises faced by several football clubs during the 1980s, including Wolverhampton Wanderers FC; the owners of Birmingham City FC, including the Kumar brothers; articles about the 1982 World Cup in Spain, and the 1986 World Cup in Mexico; articles on sexual discrimination in football, and women being barred from entry to the Blackpool FC boardroom, 1988; polemic written by Stuart Hall and Martin Jacques, in 'The Guardian' 1986 on SportAid.

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Sport: cricket

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At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the

sequence. It is possible that articles originally forming part of this file were later removed and placed in the file described at MS 2478/C/23/5, which includes articles about the controversy surrounding cricket tours to South Africa during the 1980s.

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Sport: drugs in sport

1988-1989

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Gleaner'; 'The Sunday Times' magazine; 'The Observer'; 'The Independent'; 'The Sun'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Sunday Mercury'; 'Today'; 'The Times'; 'Daily Star'.

The majority of these articles focus on the Ben Johnson steroid abuse case, discovered after his record-breaking races at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, and the repercussions of this in athletics and sport in general. There are articles on bodybuilding and steroids; drug use by GDR athletes and swimmers in the 1980 Olympics, consisting of reports about how widespread the use of performance enhancing drugs was and what measures to take. Individual stories highlighted in addition to Johnson are those of Bert Campbell; Desai Williams; Florence Griffith Joyner; Lloyd Honeyghan - boxer suspected of taking drugs; Welsh weightlifters; Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants; Kerrith Brown, Lynford Christie - who was later cleared; David Jenkins in 1972; Diego Maradona.

Some articles display racist language and attitudes. Ben Johnson was praised initially for his success and described as Canadian, but after the drug abuse scandal he is described as being 'Jamaican born'. Similarly with Tessa Sanderson, her place of birth is emphasised when she loses. Articles on Johnson in 'The Sun' and 'Daily Star' refer to Johnson's 'voodoo doctor' Jamie Astaphan 'from St Kitts'. 'The Times' carried an advert for itself, with derogatory implications for Johnson.

The file also includes a copy of the Sunday Times magazine, 9 October 1988, featuring Johnson in an article entitled 'heroes and villains'.

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Sport: sport and race (apartheid etc)

1982-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Observer'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.

The majority of the articles in this file focus on the situation regarding sports in South Africa during apartheid, and there are many reports about the effects of rebel cricket tours 1982, 1986 and 1991; the reception of the England cricket team in India and the Caribbean following the decision of some members to tour South Africa; the effects of the boycott in South Africa, as expressed through disturbances and protests; the repercussions for sport in Britain, and British attitudes to apartheid, sport and black politics.

There are also a small number of articles about rebel athletics and rugby visits to South Africa in 1986 and 1989, including an article about the Football Association fining players who go to South Africa in 1988; John Fashanu turning down a South African tour in 1986; Ian Botham refusing to go to South Africa and his friendship with Viv Richards; an article about Ian Botham possibly going on a 1989 tour of South Africa; the activities of the right-wing Freedom Association in support of rebel cricket tours of South Africa, in which Norris McWhirter was involved 1989; sport in Soweto and other South African townships; the African National Congress and sport - politics and developments; the lifting of the South Africa sports boycott; articles on Zola Budd and her politics, the involvement of the Amateur Athletics Board in Budd racing for Britain, her targeting by anti-apartheid protesters.

There are also a number of more general articles about racism in sport, including coverage of Arthur Ashe's comments on racism in US tennis and views of black tennis players such as Zina Garrison; racism in golf, and 'exclusive' golf clubs in the USA and Britain not admitting black golfers; racist and sexist attitudes of Yorkshire Cricket Club; Ron Atkinson and racist remarks 1990; Jimmy Greaves criticising John Barnes' alleged 'disloyalty to England because he's Jamaican', 1990; racist football coverage, including reporting of remarks of commentators about the Cameroon team displaying 'black magic', and 'jungle drums' during the 1990 World Cup; racism in rugby against black rugby players Floyd Steadman, Jeremy Guscott and Martin Offish; racism in the USA National Football League; Brian Clough's racist outburst 1987.  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/24

Asian Society: general

1979-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Times'; 'The Observer'; 'Sounds'; 'Caribbean Times'; containing articles on a number of themes and issues relating to Asian

communities living in Britain during the 1980s.

There are several articles on oppression, and the persecution of immigrants, as well as a number of reports on the growing problem of Islamophobia, particularly in the wake of the protests over the publication of Salman Rushdie's novel 'The Satanic Verses', in 1989, and the Gulf crisis and war of 1991. There are several articles about the representation of Muslim people in media and public life, and the general problem of racism in politics. Articles on oppression within other communities focus on the Hindu caste system, and there is one article on the apparent prejudice of the Sikh community against Afro-Caribbean community, and on Hindu and Muslim relations in Birmingham in relation to the Kashmir conflict.

Other articles cover: the struggles of community groups in Birmingham, including reports about a Sikh protest at proposals for a nightclub in an area next to a temple; arranged marriage; young Muslims studying Islam; Muslims in Bradford and Blackburn; culture and religion; Bhangra; diversity within the Asian community in Britain; the terminology used to describe Asian people and whether the term 'black' is accepted; Vietnamese migrants; poverty affecting Asian communities, and the perceived economic divide between the north and south of Britain; Asian children in Birmingham more likely to be in hospital due to burns and scalds, apparently due to their 'culture and lifestyle'; educational standards of Asian children; statistical articles about the rates of childhood illness etc in immigrant populations, and the types of illnesses suffered disproportionately highly by Asian population; racist attitudes in social work; Asian community leaders; issues in Asian broadcasting; a campaign to establish mosque-based scout groups at the apparent request of Muslim leaders; accusations that the Sikh community in Birmingham were involved in funding terrorism in the Punjab; articles about political, economic and social issues in Pakistan and India, including reports about Indira Gandhi and the Bhopal disaster; Bangladesh immigrants seeking political asylum; discrimination faced by the Asian community in the workplace; a Sikh girl who committed suicide in Birmingham in 1990; 'clash of generations' report in 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; Muslim women and equality; the role of Muslim women in society; domestic violence against women; Asian pop stars. Many of these articles contain the implication that migrants should integrate and adhere to western values. Articles on Asian businesses in the West Midlands, such as East End foods, and KMS Motors also contain patronising attitudes, such

as 'Asians are prepared to work twice the hours of the home born white British tradesmen and workers', in 'Birmingham Evening Mail' 1990.

The earliest article is from the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' 1979, and displays blatant prejudice in implying that Asian families are living in luxury in Britain on social security benefits.

The file also contains a typescript letter from 'Ranjit' from John Wilkinson and his wife, John Austen and his wife, Anderton and Heywoods about this issue. The letter is written from St James' vicarage in Aston, where Wilkinson was the vicar and John Austen was clergy. Attached is a draft of the letter this group were to send to the 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.

The file also contains other material, consisting of a copy of a newsletter produced by the campaign to free the Bradford 12, issued by the socialist newspaper 'Leeds Other Paper', containing photocopied extracts from newspaper reports dealing with the trial. There is also a draft handwritten letter from Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha, Soho Road, Birmingham, about an organised peaceful protest against Lord Denning's ruling on the Race Relations Act 1976, and the need for an amendment to protect Sikhs against religious discrimination, following the dismissal of a Sikh schoolboy from a Wolverhampton school for wearing a turban. The campaign was supported by other faith groups, and the file includes several articles about this issue.

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### **MS 2478/C/25 Economy, 1982-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on black achievements in business during the 1980s.  
Extent: 4 Files

MS 2478/C/25/1	<u>Economy: policy (general)</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
MS 2478/C/25/2	<u>Economy: black businesses</u> File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Root'; containing articles on the success of black entrepreneurs and black people in business, including reports on the fashion designer Bruce Oldfield; black banks; black networking organisations; black advertisement agencies; the invisibility of black	1982-1991

successes in the media; schemes to help ethnic minority businesses; the difficulties of 'economic integration'; an article in 'The Voice' asking 'where are the black millionaires?' 1991; racist assumptions that African Caribbean success can only be in the fields of sports or music; article on the 'Hummingbird' black nightclub in Birmingham, 1991.  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/25/3	<u>Economy: world economy</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
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MS 2478/C/25/4	<u>Economy: specific</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
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**MS 2478/C/26 Religion, 1982-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the activities of black-led churches during the 1980s, and the attitudes of the major religions towards racism and poverty.

MS 2478/C/26/1	<u>Religion: general</u> File containing two loose cuttings. One is from 'The Guardian' and focuses on different religions and the common threads between them; the other is from 'The Voice' and reports on the campaign to canonise freed Haitian slave and philanthropist Toussaint, who would be the first black saint of the United States of America. Extent: 1 File	1990-1991
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MS 2478/C/26/2	<u>Religion: Rastafarians</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
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MS 2478/C/26/3	<u>Religion: black churches</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian' and 'The Voice'; containing articles that focus on the activities of black led churches; the link between politics and religion, churches helping Christians in Africa; the failure of European mission-led churches in Africa; article on attendance at black Christian and other faith group churches, which includes a regional map; gospel choir tour of Belfast, with other articles on gospel music; articles on black church officials; black clergy as	1984-1990
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political activists; the role of black clergy in civil rights campaigns; article in 'The Voice' canvassing opinions about women priests.

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MS  
2478/C/26/4

Religion: religion/race, etc

1982-1990

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Sunday Times'; containing articles on the connections between politics and religion, including items on black church campaigns against racism; church attitudes to apartheid in South Africa and disputes over sanctions; Billy Graham and evangelist politics, and criticisms that his theology has no affinity with the poor in Britain; the possibility of a black-led Catholic congress; article in 'The Voice' 1988 claiming that Jesus was black, and that the history of the bible is the history of black people, with images of black Christ and black Virgin; black voices struggle to be heard in church establishment, possibly due to racism, with coverage of the views of different Christian groups about this; the views of Rev. John Wilkinson, pastoral studies tutor at Queens College, Birmingham, and his wife Rev Renate Wilkinson that black people are still seen as 'dark strangers' by CofE and excluded from positions of responsibility; efforts by clergy to live together as one multiracial and multicultural family; government survey of ethnic religions 1987 and the financing of Muslim groups, which the report obviously views as suspicious, coming from so-called 'rogue states' like Libya and Iraq; issues surrounding Islamic finance and banking; the visit of the Pope to Britain in 1982; profile of Fr Maurice Couve de Murville, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Birmingham who was an immigrant from France of Mauritian parents.

The file also includes a couple of apparently unrelated articles. One is on Arthur Scargill and North sea oil ; the other focuses on the upkeep of Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire.

Extent: 1 File

**MS 2478/C/27 Environment, n.d.**

At the time of cataloguing, files of press cuttings on this subject were missing from the sequence. The category is listed in the classification scheme described at MS 2478/C/17/10, and a record has been created to indicate that files of cuttings for this topic existed at one time. It is possible that they have survived, and may be deposited at a later date.

**MS 2478/C/28 Nuclear Weapons, n.d.**

At the time of cataloguing, files of press cuttings on this subject were missing from the sequence. The category is listed in the classification scheme described at MS 2478/C/17/10, and a record has been created to indicate that files of cuttings for this topic existed at one time. It is possible that they have survived, and may be deposited at a later date.

**MS 2478/C/29 Birmingham, 1977-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on social issues and developments affecting Birmingham during the 1980s, with a particular focus on the Handsworth area of the city, and other inner city areas. The emphasis of many articles is on issues affecting black and Asian communities in Birmingham during this period.

MS 2478/C/29/1	<u>Birmingham: general</u>	1977-1991
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File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Guardian'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'Brum Beat'; 'The Sun'; containing articles on a wide range of topics relating to Birmingham and the city's urban environment during the late 1970s and 1980s.

Articles include: reflection on the civil disturbances of 1981 and 1985 as part of a report on Margaret Thatcher's ten years in power 1989; protest at the production of plastic bullets in Birmingham 1985; the creation of the Chinatown area in Birmingham 1985; Asian schoolchildren planting a wildflower meadow at Bordesley Green 1986; tour of the Ugandan African Children's Choir and their performance for the mayor of Birmingham 1985; campaign for Birmingham to get a new image 1985; the uncertain future for arts groups in Birmingham including the Triangle theatre, Ikon Gallery, West Midlands Ethnic Minority Arts Service (WEMAS) and Art Link due to the abolition of West Midlands County Council 1986; 'The Real Thing' to visit Birmingham on national tour 1986; a community bank scheme in Rotton Park and Winson Green to beat loan sharks 1986; campaign by Birmingham woman Janet Campbell to stop her brother Solomon Beckford from being executed in Jamaica 1986; gift by West Midlands County Council to try to win the 1992 Olympic Games for Birmingham 1986; black candidate chosen by Birmingham Conservatives to fight election at Perry Barr 1986; the acquittal of a youth accused of the murder of Brian Forskin of Handsworth 1983; appeal by a Solihull teacher for books for a Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) posting to a Zimbabwe school 1985; cracks in M6 discovered at Spaghetti Junction 1981; Open Day held by African



Caribbean association ACAFESS centre and attended by David Steel 1983; the failure of proposals for a railcar route from Birmingham city centre to Hodge Hill 1985; Rustie Lee moving her Caribbean restaurant from Soho Road Handsworth to Hurst Street 1985; nightclubs in Birmingham accused of operating racist entry policies 1985; Birmingham as Britain's second city in terms of population 1981; Europe's largest solar housing project opening in Bournville 1980s; inadequate facilities for disabled people in Birmingham 1982; Harvest Aid for Ethiopia from Birmingham schools 1985; Birmingham mayor opens Wide Angle Film and Photography workshop ?1985; report by University psychologists at the request of a tenants action group that people living on street in Bordesley Green have little opportunity to live a happy and useful life 1982; council worker in Sandwell dismissed for refusing to join trade union 1981; Birmingham judged Britain's dirtiest city 1982; inquest on the mummified body of a baby in Wolverhampton 1981; the closure of Top Rank in Birmingham 1981; two articles on Birmingham City Council proposals for the refurbishment of inner city areas in Birmingham 1981; reports on the by-election in Birmingham Northfield 1982; links between the building of the Titanic and West Midlands industry, through the chain making firm Noah Hingley of Netherton, 1979; the decline of Saltley's industries, 1977; urban decline of Birmingham inner city areas in general; lack of black support for Birmingham anti-apartheid struggle, 1986; 'Caribbean Times' domino competition, 1984 after Birmingham team 'Summit' were the 1983 winners; Birmingham's bid for 1992 Olympic games; canal users fighting plans for the building of the Hyatt hotel 1986; refuge for survivors of domestic violence run by YWCA 1986; teenager stabbed at a reggae concert at Birmingham's Carlton Club in Balsall Heath 1982; the urban renewal of inner city area in Birmingham 1986; woman in an arranged marriage committed suicide in Coventry after moving from London with her new husband 1984; Birmingham City Council joins a group of local councils pursuing sanctions against South Africa 1985; job losses at British Leyland 1983; editorial in 'The Sun' about comments by Kuomba Balogun of St Paul's Bristol about police Chief Constable Malcolm Popperwell 1986; the financial crisis facing Muhammed Ali centre in Handsworth 1986; focus on Sparkbrook and work of Birmingham Settlement's Urban Ecology Centre; woman committed suicide in Northfield because of unemployment and unhappiness with living conditions 1986; anger at lack of Birmingham City Council funding of local black arts and especially Magnet Connections arts festival organised by James Thomas 1986; the visit of Prince Charles to

Handsworth Employment Scheme and Afro-Caribbean Association for Economic and Social Security in Moseley 1986; work done by area caretakers employed by local residents groups under Urban Renewal Department 1987; focus on the likely voting pattern in West Bromwich East in the 1987 General Election, with a photograph of the Labour candidate Peter Snape with young black voters; dispute over 'black sections' in Labour party with reference to the 1987 General Election and the campaign in Sparkbrook for Roy Hattersley despite his opposition to the creation of black sections; the shooting of a ten year old girl in Ward End 1986; plans for urban renewal with East Birmingham Urban Development Agency in Aston, Nechells and Washwood Heath districts 1987; huge cuts in funding at Triangle Arts Centre which could strip it of every service except the cinema 1987; 'yuppies' in the West Midlands pushing up house prices 1987; government investigation in Birmingham into whether increased gambling amongst young people is a result of the rise in the number of amusement arcades 1987; launch of 'Guide to Ethnic Restaurants' at Birmingham Rep 1988; fears of a 'yuppie invasion' of refurbished homes in Birmingham city centre 1988; events surrounding the end of a siege in Northfield when a man committed suicide having stabbed his girlfriend, and on the reverse of this cutting, an article about West Midlands Transport Authority's discrimination against minority ethnic employees 1988; the redevelopment of Leach Green estate in Rubery 1988; plea of a Asian migrant for secrecy having won football pools due to fears of racial hostility 1988; Desmond Tutu opens Nelson Mandela primary school in Sparkbrook while on a visit to Birmingham 1988; picture of Birmingham Central Mosque by Charlotte Winn in newspaper 1988; prospects of Labour keeping control of Birmingham City Council in local government elections 1988; local election results May 1988; visit of Desmond Tutu to Birmingham 1988; report on work of Acafess and director Gus Williams; exhibition in Birmingham Central Library 'presenting the black way of life' by photographer Dave Saunders and anti-apartheid action offensive in Handsworth run by students and teachers at Handsworth technical college 1986; prostitution in Birmingham and survey that as many as 30,000 men use Birmingham prostitutes according to Central Birmingham Health Authority 1988; articles on the 'Hummingbird' nightclub in Birmingham and the 'dirty tricks campaign' to take it out of black ownership 1990; the Bullring markets and their proposed regeneration 1991, with a focus on the market community and their fears of redevelopment; exhibition of prisoners artwork featuring a painting by an IRA terrorist on display at Handsworth

Cultural Centre 1990; the work of Jamaican community organisations; reactions to the 'Forward' sculpture in Centenary Square 1991; plans for a skyscraper at Merry Hill 1990; several articles relating to tension created around the visit of Desmond Tutu to Birmingham in 1989 and the rally held at Aston Villa at which he justified African National Congress 'terrorism', including articles commenting that his visit was snubbed by black churches, amidst accusations of sabotage, the high costs of the trip, and the timing of the trip; articles on prostitution in Balsall Heath; the visit of Prince Charles to Aston and Witton; a celebration of the life of Martin Luther King held at the Hummingbird 1989; racial discrimination in pubs and clubs in Birmingham; the building of the International Convention Centre 1989; recession and renewal in the West Midlands and developments in Birmingham in the 1980s in the context of impact on the city and effects of developments of the 1980s in the UK; review of the 1980s in 'The Birmingham Post' 1989; article on proposals for an international photography festival by the Ten.8 magazine collective, described as an Arts Council funded international photography magazine, in 1990, including interviews with Derek Bishton, John Taylor, Rhonda Wilson, Mark Blackstock; information about their visit to Photofest in Houston, Texas, and Ten.8's participation at National Film Festival.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/29/2

Birmingham: Handsworth

1982-1988

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'New Statesman'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'Concord Weekly', Africa's International Newsmagazine; 'New Society'; 'The Sunday Times', 'New Musical Express'; 'Birmingham Express and Star; containing articles on a wide range of issues concerning Handsworth during the 1980s.

There are a number of articles on the aftermath of the disturbances of 1985 and the regeneration of the area, but other articles have a broader focus on the local area and community, and the majority of the coverage is of local issues. Articles include: focus on the opening of Villa Cross employment centre in Handsworth on the site of the Villa Cross public house which was a focal point for the riots 1985; the opening of new shops on Lozells Road 1990 after the disturbances; a retrospective on the Handsworth disturbances five years on, with details about regeneration projects; the sentencing of James Hazell for drugs offences 1990 after being jailed for arson for his part in the Handsworth disturbances 1985, when he was

caught in a photograph with a petrol bomb; the investigation of Handsworth Horticultural Institute by the Commission for Racial Equality to see whether it operates a 'colour bar'; focus on life in Handsworth in 1989 in 'The Voice'; the renovation of Grove Lane swimming baths as an Asian and Afro-Caribbean arts and youth enterprises centre 1988; a rise in the number of muggings in Handsworth 1988; a drugs raid in Handsworth 1988; plea for Birmingham City Council to close the Acapulco café in Handsworth due to drug dealing there 1988; Kenneth Clarke announces the closure of the Handsworth Task Force on the grounds of success and the need to switch resources to other deprived areas in Birmingham like Saltley, Nechells and Washwood Heath 1988; the awarding of an MBE for Basil Clarke as chairman of Lozells Road Traders Association whose shop was destroyed during Lozells disturbances, 1990; the Handsworth property market in 1982; advertisement feature from local newspaper about Christmas shopping in Handsworth 1982; violence in Lozells 1982; deprivation in Handsworth 1985 with focus on sweatshops, vulnerable elders, discrimination against black and Asian teenagers in employment as factor in riots, possibility that disturbances caused by downturn in West Midlands economy, according to CRER, item in Birmingham Post 1985 about publication of Home Front, and comments from Derek Bishton on the reasons for the disturbances, connected with police policy to confront drug situation; series of articles entitled Handsworth Insight, featuring work done by Handsworth churches in aftermath of disturbances; deprivation in area; article in Evening Mail about Rastas, black homeless people, focus on publication of Home Front in 'West Indian World' December 1984; protests against policy proposal to use plastic bullets; effect of disturbances on traders and shopkeepers in Handsworth and Lozells; focus on drugs crackdown in Handsworth, leading to disturbances, report by Derek Bishton in 'New Statesman' September 1985 about the causes of the disturbances; people see links between black youth fighting apartheid in South Africa and the situation in Britain; publication of report commissioned by West Midlands County Council entitled 'The Alternative Reality' because of mistrust of police inquiry and report commissioned by Birmingham City Council; letters page of 'Birmingham Evening Mail' in reaction to disturbances, article about work of Marcus Garvey Foundation in Handsworth 1986; extent of drug dealing in Handsworth, article in 'Concord Weekly' September 1985 about Handsworth and the reasons for the disturbances, with other articles about inner city black unrest in other areas of Britain; comments by Enoch Powell on the disturbances;

policing in Handsworth; setting up of inquiries into disturbances; report by Steven Wells on Handsworth disturbances in 'New Musical Express' with photographs by Anna Arnone; interviews with Handsworth residents, exploring different views of the causes of the disturbances, and the events surrounding them in 'Society Tomorrow'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail' article about demonstrations in New Delhi by members of BJP protesting against violence against Asian community in Handsworth; pages from Lozells newsletter 'Soho Star' October 1985 with focus on community work of Lozells Neighbourhood Office and text in community languages; involvement of Handsworth pupils in Schools for Africa appeal for Ethiopia October 1985; findings of the Silverman report; summary of all the inquiry reports in 'The Voice', March 1986; findings of police inquiry in Birmingham Evening Mail Nov 1985, picture of families at Handsworth Festival taken by Nigel Dickinson together with newspaper report, financial problems of Handsworth Action Centre and comparison with Muhammed Ali Centre also in Handsworth; article by Derek Bishton in 'The Guardian', October 1985, illustrated with photographs from Home Front; 'Image of Handsworth' project run by teachers 1987; crime prevention scheme in Handsworth 1986; arson attack on Muhammed Ali centre; financial difficulties of traders in Lozells Road 1987; arson attack on Frontline club on Soho Road, mugging of drug users in Handsworth 1988; West Midlands Ethnic Minority Arts Service (WEMAS) black art poster campaign to replace white advertising images with images by six Midlands photographers and painters.

The file also contains several printed papers and flyers, including:

typescript flyer issued by the Handsworth Defence Campaign giving information about a public meeting to be held at the Muhammed Ali centre on 4th October 1985, in English and community languages, printed by TURCprint;

copy typescript draft of an article Derek Bishton wrote for 'The Guardian', 9 October 1985 which contains similar material to that in 'New Statesman' 13 Sept 1985, but an extended version;

flyer for urgent meeting called by Self Defence Asian Youth Organisation for 12 September 1985, to discuss 'how to protect our properties & our safety while disturbance is going on in Handsworth';

flyer for an 'All Nighter' to be held at Handsworth Park Leisure Centre, 20 September 1985. 'Playboy presents the clash of the decade: a Dub plate clash, Ja v UK, Barry

Gee v David Radigan, with support.  
Extent: 1 File

MS 2478/C/29/3	<u>Birmingham: Homefront</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
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**MS 2478/C/30 Grenada, 1982-1990**

Press cuttings comprising articles about the political situation in Grenada around the time of the American invasion of the island, and the aftermath of this invasion.

MS 2478/C/30/1	<u>Grenada: general</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; containing articles covering the US invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada in 1983 and the repercussions of this. Reports focus on: US claims about the regime in Grenada; tourism in Grenada before the military coup and deposal of Maurice Bishop 1982; events leading up to the coup and invasion, reports of events of the coup; reports about US invasion of Grenada and the killing of civilians from bombing, reasons for deposal of Maurice Bishop; reaction in Britain to the invasion; statements issued in 'The Guardian' November 1983 by the Press Department of the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba refuting US claims; effects of the invasion on the unity of the Caribbean community; criticism of the actions of Caribbean states in supporting US invasion by Michael Manley, President of the Peoples National Party of Jamaica; Commonwealth policy on the Grenada crisis; US death toll in Grenada embarrassing for Reagan; proposals to replace US force with Commonwealth force; Jamaica's vote to support US 'peace-keeping' force; feature about views of Jamaican people about invasion of Grenada; visit of Edward Seaga to Grenada; views of Seaga about extent of Cuban influence in the Caribbean; trial of those accused of murdering Maurice Bishop 1984 and holding of detainees without trial; return of Sir Eric Gairy to Grenada 1984; report on US forces withdrawal from Grenada 1983; aid promised by Commonwealth if troops leave 1984; appointment of interim government in Grenada; role of Gairy 1984; legacy of invasion 1984; British aid to Grenada 1984; opinion article in 'Caribbean Times' on US destruction of Grenada 1983; appeal of woman from Grenada against her deportation from Britain; threat to Central American and Caribbean independence from US 1984; US naval officers criticism of planning and execution	1982-1990
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of invasion 1984; US financial support threatens to undermine Grenada independence 1986; report on first anniversary of Grenada New National Party government 1985; Reagan receives hero's welcome in Grenada 1986; Grenada Technical and Allied Workers Union (TAWU) under threat from US with injunction against the union 1986; Amnesty International claim about mistreatment of prisoners arrested for role in coup 1990; Reagan admits lying to Thatcher about US invasion 1990; left-wing publications to be banned by Grenada government 1989.  
Extent: 1 File

MS  
2478/C/30/2

Grenada: Maurice Bishop

1983-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'West Indian World'; containing articles about the Grenadian political leader Maurice Bishop and his death in the coup organised by Bernard Coard, before the US invasion of the island. Reports cover: Bishop's fears of US invasion April 1983; profile of Bishop after his death as successful salesman for socialism October 1983; obituaries of Maurice Bishop, and the events surrounding his murder; report that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) plotted unrest in Grenada amidst concerns about Cuban influence; murder trial date set; feature on events surrounding Maurice Bishop's leadership and the US invasion of Grenada in 'Caribbean Times' 1983, and implications for socialist democratic political culture in the Caribbean; critics of Maurice Bishop accuse him of being 'Castro carbon copy supported by Kremlin' 1984; Grenada government under Maurice Bishop committed to opposing apartheid 1983; protest in Britain's black community at murder of Maurice Bishop 1983; trial of men accused of killing Maurice Bishop; aftermath of invasion and profile of Maurice Bishop 1984; wives of prisoners held for murder of Maurice Bishop complain of torture 1983; article about Grenadan lawyers defending Bernard Coard 1984; feature on the history of Grenada up to the US invasion in 'WestIndian World' January 1984; the legacy of Maurice Bishop 1984; appeal of rebels convicted of murder of Maurice Bishop 1990.  
Extent: 1 File

**MS 2478/C/31 Jamaica, 1983-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles that largely focus on Jamaican politics, and on the effects of Hurricane Gilbert in 1988.

MS  
2478/C/31/1

Jamaica: general

1983-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including

'The Guardian'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice'; 'Sunday Gleaner'; 'Daily Gleaner'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Star'; 'The Independent'; 'Express and Star'; containing articles on various aspects of Jamaican politics, economics, culture and society during the 1980s.

Coverage includes: 1983 elections and Edward Seaga 1983; the Jamaican coat of arms 1983; 'Jamaican Weekly Gleaner' review supplement for 1982; celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the independence of Jamaica and Trinidad 1983; opportunities for tourism to Jamaica following removal of Manley regime 1983; Seaga government warned about totalitarianism 1984; fears of redundancy in Jamaica under new aid programme with the International Monetary Fund 1984; centenary celebrations to mark birth of Alexander Bustamante (Busta) 1984; feature on social and cultural development in Jamaica 1985; agreement between Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago to facilitate increased trade 1985; 'Daily Gleaner' special supplements to mark twenty-one years of Jamaican independence 1983; Sunsplash festival 1983 - plans, events, listings, reviews; criticism of Edward Seaga; devaluation of the Jamaican dollar; the Maroons struggle for a separate state in Jamaica 1985; riots against petrol price increase 1985; schoolchildren from London visit Jamaica as part of Commonwealth cultural exchange group; police efforts to end gang warfare 1984; New Year celebrations 1984; political violence after elections 1984; Barbara Blake appointed senator in Jamaica after renouncing Rastafarian faith 1984; Jamaican children deported from Canada then re-accepted 1983; Jamaican business ties with US 1983; Queen's visit to Jamaica 1983; protests at fuel rises 1984; the death of Jamaican writer and scholar Vera Bell 1984; the establishment of Jamaica Educational Trust 1984; the impact of protests against the devaluation of Jamaican dollar and the resulting inflation and unemployment on tourism 1985; review of a book entitled 'The Quest for Captain Morgan' by John Ure about Henry Morgan the eighteenth century privateer who travelled widely in the Caribbean 1983; doctors strike 1981; tourism in Jamaica and Jamaican food 1981; Jamaica accepts International Monetary Fund loan 1980; profile of Edward Seaga 1980; gun crime in Jamaica 1980-1981; feature on Jamaican music group 'The Cimarons' 1982; violence surrounding elections 1980; rival gangs in Kingston following Seaga's election victory 1982; prisoners Noel Riley and Anthony Forbes executed 1982; industrial unrest 1981; Jamaica economic forecast and options for Edward Seaga 1985; aluminium industry 1983



with some reference to Jamaica; plans for a statue of Bob Marley 1984; examining defeat of the People's National Party 1980; visit of Jamaican High Commissioner Herbert Walker to Toxteth after disturbances 1982; Reagan unveils Caribbean aid plan 1982; People's National Party urge government to open impartial public inquiry into killing of men in People's National Party stronghold in Kingston by police 198; sabotage suspected in Esso fire in Jamaica 1981; campaigns and community initiatives 1981; Edward Seaga claims Jamaica counting on production and export of marijuana to help economy 1980; drugs raid in Jamaican resorts 1985; feature on the Jamaica Workers Support Group which was established as response to economic problems 1986; government tax on 'ganja' dealers 1984; Jamaican police accused of brutality by Americas Watch 1986; profile of life of sugar worker in Jamaica 1987; celebrations for 100th anniversary of the birth of Marcus Garvey 1987; gun violence in Jamaica 1986; distribution of free condoms at the Sunsplash festival 1987; 'The Voice' supplement on Jamaica to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of independence 1987; Jamaican sports personalities 1987; Caribbean population explosion 1987; rates of sexually transmitted infections in Jamaica 1987; human rights campaigners seek an end to hanging in the Caribbean 1988; radioactive skimmed milk powder sent to Jamaica by the European Community still in storage 1988; women workers in Jamaica sacked for trying to join union 1988; feature on the Caribbean economy in 'Caribbean Times' 1988; concerns about the rising sea level and its effects on Jamaica 1988; investigation into Air Jamaica financial problems 1989; Michael Manley call for boost to sugar production focus on abuses of parliamentary privilege in Jamaica 1988; new Prime Minister Michael Manley reassures foreign investors 1989; re-settlement in Jamaica by people who left for Britain in the 1950s and 1960s 1989; challenges to the business community of foreign debts and Hurricane Gilbert 1989; new direction for Jamaica following victory by Michael Manley 1989; Jamaica budget cuts 1989; election campaign 1989; campaign to stop discrimination against black Jamaicans where lighter skin means more influence 1989; changes to distribution of food and building stamps 1989; property investment in Jamaica for black Britons 1989; five prisoners freed from Jamaica death row: Winston Barnes, Washington Dequottes, Clovis Johnson, Richard Scott and Dennis Walters 1989; review of a book entitled 'Michael Manley: The Making of a Leader' by Darrell E. Levi 1989; Canada writes off its loan to Jamaica 1990; Jamaicans in England can save money in Jamaican banks 1990; Jamaican

government declare 6 February Bob Marley day 1990; Jamaica re-establishes diplomatic relations with Cuba 1990; foreign investment boosts Jamaican tourist trade 1989; black people barred from 'whites only' beach at Mammee Bay 1990; illiteracy in the parish of St Catherine 1990; misuse of pesticides by pest control companies in Jamaica 1990; feature on Miss Jamaica Independence Beauty Contest 1989; Jamaicans deported from US, Canada, UK and Caribbean 1989; high rate of pregnancy-related deaths in Jamaica 1989; Michael Manley welcomes single European market 1989; feature on US-Jamaica relations 1989; Michael Manley meets George Bush senior to discuss co-operation on drugs trade 1989; drive to remove mentally ill people from the streets of Kingston and St. Andrew 1989; new water theme park to open in Montego Bay 1990; Jamaican tourist industry flourishing 1990; the illness of Michael Manley and focus on his acting successor 1990; report about street children in Jamaica; feature on race and leadership in Jamaica and black party leaders 1990; US admits that Michael Manley suffered economically 1990; Edward Seaga accused of being involved in a spying scandal 1990; holidays to Jamaica for Bob Marley pilgrimage 1990; George Bush senior pledges to help Jamaica financially 1990; Jamaica criticises International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for causing economic problems in developing countries 1990; Nelson Mandela to visit Jamaica 1990; listings of the volume of sales of the most successful Caribbean companies 1990; feature on the work of the Revenue Protection Division; the demand for cocaine on the streets of Jamaica 1990; scandal of government spending on ministers homes 1991; photographic record of 1962 Jamaica independence celebrations as part of a series on the highlights of events and personalities in Jamaica since 1951, 1991; the hanging of Ivan Morgan and Earl Pratt 1991; the finance industry in Jamaica 1991.

The file also includes an article about Derek Bishton's experiences in Jamaica and the publication of his book 'Blackheart Man, A Journey into Rasta', and a postcard of an orange seller in Jamaica.

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MS 2478/C/31/2	<u>Jamaica: election time</u> Material originally filed in this section is now stored with press cuttings described at MS 2478/C/31/1 Extent: 1 File	1983-1991
MS 2478/C/31/3	<u>Jamaica: Hurricane Gilbert</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including	1988-1990

'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; containing articles about the events and aftermath of the hurricane that struck the Caribbean, and particularly Jamaica, in 1988.

Articles include: reports about the events of the Hurricane, accounts of survivors and identification of victims, photographs of the devastation and the path of the Hurricane across the region including Mexico and Texas, its effects on the economy, the reaction of the rest of the world to please for international aid, including reaction of the Afro-Caribbean community in the UK (charity walk organised in Handsworth organised by Sted Wallen and George Adamson) - concerns about missing relatives and offers of financial aid, Jesse Jackson's visit to Jamaica, and the longer-term repercussions including price rises and scandal over government minister accused of hoarding relief supplies, possible effects of the Hurricane on Jamaican elections, Hurricane victims blame Seaga, insurance rates rise, Includes some articles dating from 1990 which give details about Jamaica's debts.

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### **MS 2478/C/32 History, 1984-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the growing interest in black history and heritage during the 1980s, and efforts by black communities in Britain to make people aware of hidden black achievements and contributions.

MS 2478/C/32/1	<u>History: Rastafarianism</u> At the time of cataloguing, this file was missing from the sequence Extent: 1 File	n.d.
MS 2478/C/32/2	<u>History: Black archives</u> File of loose cuttings from national, local and international newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'The Guardian'; 'Houston Chronicle'; 'Express and Star'; containing articles about black history and heritage published during the 1980s. The file also contains a number of photocopies of articles, photographs and information from news reports dating between the 1940s and 1970s which have been reproduced from the archives of various press agencies. These earlier news reports discuss issues concerning African Caribbean immigrants to Britain; racist agitation; the operation of a 'colour bar' in hotels, public houses and other public buildings; mixed heritage relationships; Notting Hill disturbances in the late 1950s; a number of articles seeing immigrants as a 'problem'; cricket	1984-1991

supporters; newly arrived immigrants at Waterloo station.

Articles dating from the 1980s include a number of cuttings from series run in 'The Voice' newspaper on black history, consisting of the 'Black Britain' columns written by Marika Sherwood which focused on aspects of black history not taught in schools and on black achievements; the 'Culture Vulture' column about significant figures in black history; and the 'Our Roots' column, focusing on prominent black figures. There are also a number of articles on the contribution of people from the Caribbean to the First and Second World Wars; the fortieth anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush; the heritage of slavery, and the opening of the Slave Trade gallery in Liverpool museum; the study of black history in schools; the African and Asian visual arts archive; black music; black involvement in the American Civil War in 'Houston Chronicle'; supplement produced by 'The Voice' newspaper in 1984 recording the events of 1881 as a modern newspaper would cover them/ The file also contains a photocopy of a page from 'Race and Class' on the African medieval thinker Ibn Kaldun, who studied economics, political science, anthropology and urban planning.

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### **MS 2478/C/33 Other Countries, 1980-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on the political and social situation in countries outside Britain during the 1980s, including a large number of files on South African politics during this period. Internal evidence suggests that there were originally many more files on different countries in this section, arranged alphabetically. However, only the files from Pakistan onwards have survived and are described here.

MS 2478/C/33/1	<u>Other Countries: Namibia, Angola</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Sunday Express'; 'The Observer'; 'Daily Mirror'; containing articles on the Namibian independence process during the 1980s, including reports on the armed independence struggle; South African government versus the South West People's Organisation (SWAPO) which had been able to base itself in Angola after the collapse of Portuguese rule there; eventual peaceful transfer of power under the auspices of the United Nations.	1981-1990
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There are a number of articles about the operations of Angolan, South African and SWAPO forces in Angola, and the suffering and destruction inflicted on the country by South Africa's military operations and guerrilla campaigns.

There are also articles about the civil war in Angola waged between the government and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) rebel group, the involvement of the Cuban government in the conflict, and the role of western countries in providing arms to the rebels; diplomatic attempts to end the civil war  
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MS 2478/C/33/2	<u>Other Countries: Pakistan</u> File containing two loose cuttings from 'The Guardian' about the dispute between India and Pakistan over the territory of Kashmir. Extent: 1 File	1982
MS 2478/C/33/3	<u>Other Countries: South Africa 1981-1983</u> File of loose cuttings from national and international newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Sunday Express'; 'Lordags-Dagbladet'; 'The Times'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; containing articles about South African politics and society during the early 1980s. There are a number of articles about the rights of black workers; reports about the detention of the leaders of black political organisations and black journalists; life in the black townships; the effect of sanctions on South African sporting activities; diplomatic relations between South Africa and other countries; British tourism and emigration to South Africa; anti-apartheid demonstrations; South African writers struggling against censorship; economic problems of South Africa; the effects of segregation, and of classifying people in South Africa under the Population Registration Act'. Extent: 1 File	1981-1983
MS 2478/C/33/4	<u>Other Countries: South Africa 1984</u> File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'The Jamaican Weekly Gleaner'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; containing articles about South African politics and society during 1984. Articles focus on: plans for a large black township for people in Cape Town; disturbances in black townships outside Johannesburg; the effect of the United Nations embargo on the sale of weapons to South Africa; relations between the South African government and the leaders of other African countries; relationships between South Africa and its neighbouring countries; protests in countries visited by South African prime minister P.W.Botha; threat by right-wing Afrikaner parties to the 'reformist' policies of P.W.Botha; release of anti-apartheid prisoners in South	1984

Africa; boycott of schools near Pretoria by black pupils; South Africa's involvement in the civil war in Angola; protest over South Africa's readmission to the World Medical Association; plans by the South African government to implement a tripartite constitution for whites, 'Coloureds' and 'Indians'; raids on the offices of black political organisations; the detention of anti-apartheid campaigners; meeting of the United Democratic Front in Cape Town; the effects on black people of living under an apartheid regime; anti-apartheid demonstrations in western countries  
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Other Countries: South Africa 1985

1985

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers and magazines, including 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Time' magazine; 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; containing articles about the situation in South Africa in 1985, largely relating to township violence in Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town; police shootings of black protesters and deaths of black political leaders in police custody; strike by members of the South African National Union of Mineworkers; South Africa's financial crises and economic recession; the printing of an interview with Oliver Tambo, the 'banned' and exiled leader of the African National Congress by the 'Cape Times'; people accused of breaking arms embargo on the sale of weapons to South Africa; treason charges against leaders of the United Democratic Front; anti-apartheid activists held under security laws; South Africa's censorship of foreign journalists' coverage of the township rebellions; sanctions against South Africa imposed by western countries and the reluctance of Margaret Thatcher's British government and the American President Ronald Reagan to impose more than limited sanctions; boycott of white owned shops by black people in Pretoria; government imposes state of emergency as violence spreads out of the townships into city centres; the armed struggle of the African National Congress; visit by Anthony Beaumont Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, Birmingham, to South Africa; illness and hospital treatment of the imprisoned Nelson Mandela; tactics used by South African police to control the violence, including the use of water cannon, tear gas and dogs on protesters; Winnie Mandela faces charges of breaking her banning order; protests over the involvement of British companies, including banks, in business in South Africa; attempts by Commonwealth leaders to persuade the South African government to end apartheid.  
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Other Countries: South Africa 1986

1986

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Times'; 'The Voice'; containing articles covering many aspects of the political and social situation in South Africa during 1986, including reports on: the policies of the United Democratic Front; the statements of Bishop Desmond Tutu, including his call for international sanctions against South Africa; the extent of violent protests in black townships in South Africa; the detention of protesters, political leaders and journalists and the repression of protests by the South African police; the guerrilla campaigns; curbs lifted on the movements of Winnie Mandela; anti-apartheid activities of white 'radicals' in South Africa; prison reforms instituted by P.W.Botha; the involvement of the South African government in the war in Namibia; the involvement of the British and American governments in South African peace missions, including a visit to South Africa by Geoffrey Howe, and the apparent reluctance of Margaret Thatcher's government to commit to economic sanctions against South Africa; British local authorities implement boycotts of South African goods; revelations of torture in South African prisons; contacts between western governments and African National Congress leaders; western companies pull out of business operations in South Africa; focus on the Inkatha movement, led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi; sanctions imposed by the European Economic Community (EEC). The file also contains two typescript campaign briefings issued by the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and the Anti-Apartheid Women's Committee in 1984 concerning the campaign to boycott consumer products, including textiles, produced in South Africa, and a covering letter including details of the Relaunch of the Consumer Boycott campaign  
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Other Countries: South Africa 1987

1987

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Observer'; containing articles on issues facing South Africa during 1987.

Reports include: the preparations and campaigning for the 'whites only' general election held in May 1987; revelations of brutality in South African prisons; judgements overturning aspects of the regulations against anti-apartheid political activity introduced under the national state of emergency; arson attacks on South African trains; talks between white South Africans and the African National Congress held in Dakar, Senegal; South African involvement in Namibia and Angola; condemnation of the P.W.Botha government as 'morally illegitimate'; violence

between black and white groups; frustration of ultra-rightwing white groups over the breakdown of apartheid structures; strike by black miners; western companies pull out of business operations in South Africa; meetings between white South African business leaders and the African National Congress; talks between the British Foreign Office and a delegation from the African National Congress despite opposition from Margaret Thatcher; the release of African National Congress (ANC) leader Govan Mbeki; hopes raised for the release of Nelson Mandela; Extent: 1 File

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Other Countries: South Africa 1988

1988

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Independent'; 'The Voice'; containing articles about the political and social situation in South Africa during 1988.

Reports include: controversy surrounding Pope John Paul II's tour of southern African countries and the attendance of people from South Africa at ceremonies in Lesotho; the organising of civil disobedience by the Anglican church in South Africa, led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu; talks between P.W.Botha and representatives from other southern African countries, the United Nations (UN) Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar; the detention of anti-apartheid activists; dispute between the leaders of right-wing Afrikaner parties; possible split in the African National Congress (ANC) between those advocating attacking civilian targets, and the leadership who want to avoid civilian casualties; Trial of African National Congress detainees sheds light on the torture of political prisoners in South Africa; Desmond Tutu urges voters to boycott municipal elections; Concert for Peace held to mark the 70th birthday of Nelson Mandela; illness and hospital treatment of Nelson Mandela; the effects of economic sanctions on the struggle against apartheid; Margaret Thatcher refuses to make a public appeal for the release of Nelson Mandela to mark his 70th birthday; incidences of violence as part of the armed campaign by some African National Congress (ANC) members; the establishment of non-segregated entertainment facilities in South Africa; Neil Kinnock, leader of the British Labour party, holds talks with African National Congress (ANC) leaders in Lusaka; wide backing in Britain for the release of Nelson Mandela; decision to delay the planned execution of the 'Sharpeville Six', alleged to have killed township councillor Jacob Dlamini in 1984; rally in London for Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday; Neil Kinnock urges Conservative government to impose stronger trade sanctions against South Africa;



white South African youths stage mass protest against conscription into the South Africa Defence Force; South Africa's evasion of the international arms embargo; constitutional amendment to allow black people to become members of the South African cabinet; the closure of South African newspapers and magazines under emergency censorship regulations; general strike called by South Africa's anti-apartheid movement; BBC threatened with expulsion from South Africa over the screening of a programme on child torture and the broadcast of the concert for Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday; introduction of a new state of emergency in June 1988; Norman Tebbit criticised by anti-apartheid campaigners for a speech at the South Africa club; analysis of the results of South Africa's municipal elections.

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Other Countries: South Africa 1989

1989

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; containing articles about the political and social situation in South Africa during 1989.

Reports cover: Soviet Union support for the African National Congress; hunger strike by political prisoners held on Robben Island; P.W.Botha to step down as President after the 1989 general election; Margaret Thatcher softens her stance on the African National Congress (ANC); Nelson Mandela sends message to Margaret Thatcher before her visit to southern African countries; 'black on black' violence in Natal's black townships; black South African support for economic sanctions; Britain and other western countries involved extensive breaches of the United Nations arms embargo against South Africa; trial of ex-policeman Barend Hendrik Strydom for the massacre of black people in Pretoria; United Democratic Front activists found guilty of treason; controversy over the case of the 'Sharpeville Six'; African National Congress (ANC) begin escalation of armed struggle and mass defiance campaign; analysis of the limited political reforms put forward by the ruling National Party with the involvement of F.W. De Klerk; American President George Bush receives black opposition leader Albertina Sisulu; meeting between P.W.Botha and Nelson Mandela; ceasefire in Angola; escalation of peaceful and violent protest against apartheid and police response with tear gas; black South Africans vow to step up nationwide protests after whites only election; anti-apartheid campaigners use whites-only beach in Durban; illness of Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress; visit to Britain of South Africa's

Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi; resignation of P.W.Botha following a dispute with F.W.de Klerk over his talks with Zambia's President Dr Kenneth Kaunda; release from prison of Walter Sisulu; segregated beaches opened to all races; analysis of prospects for the Namibian peace plan, and the prospects for a peaceful transfer of power in Pretoria; F.W.de Klerk allows large African National Congress (ANC) rally to take place; controversy over the murder of Stompie Moeketsi near Winnie Mandela's home in Soweto;  
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Other Countries: South Africa 1990

1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'The Observer'; 'The Voice'; containing articles about the political and social situation in South Africa during 1990, marked by a number of articles on the aftermath of the release from prison of Nelson Mandela, and the introduction by F.W. de Klerk of reforms abolishing apartheid laws.

Reports cover: the political scandal over secret South African government funding for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Movement; the African National Congress's difficulty in winning support from South Africans of Indian origin; the release from prison of Nelson Mandela; the trial of Winnie Mandela; F.W.de Klerk's promise to abolish apartheid laws; South African Parliament votes to repeal the Population Registration Act; the proposed abolition of the Land Act prohibiting black people from owning land outside the 'homeland' territory; Oliver Tambo returns to South Africa after more than 30 years of exile; revelations of the assassination of opponents of the South African government by poisoning and bombing; discussions between F.W. de Klerk and the African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela; President George Bush abolishes most US sanctions against South Africa and doubles financial aid to the black population there; focus on the armed struggle by the African National Congress during the 1980s; plans by right-wing extremists in South Africa for an armed revolt to preserve white superiority; the effect of reforms on black education in South Africa; the conflict between Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha movement and the pro-African National Congress United Democratic Front in Natal and the role of white groups in this dispute; new constitution for South Africa, enfranchising the country's black majority likely to be introduced by 1994; black people in South Africa moving into 'whites only' areas, defying the Group Areas Act; the growing force of white right-wing groups in South

Africa.  
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2478/C/33/11

Other Countries: Soweto

1981-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Sunday Telegraph'; 'The Times'; 'The Independent'; containing articles on life in Soweto, the black township in Johannesburg, during the 1980s. There are also a small number of articles about violence in townships in the Eastern Cape province. Articles cover: demonstrations and police oppression; the detention of black student leaders and other anti-apartheid demonstrators; the censorship of black Sowetan newspapers; the identification of 'coloured' communities with the black struggle against apartheid; the changes likely to result from reforms to abolish apartheid laws.

The file also contains an article by Derek Bishton, published in 'The Guardian' 1981 about the Soyikwa Theatre group's tour of 'Egoli' in Britain. The article is illustrated with a photograph taken by John Reardon, which later formed part of the Home Front project.

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Other Countries: Sudan

1981-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Observer'; 'The Voice'; 'The Independent'; containing articles covering the conflict in Sudan between the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) and the government in Khartoum; the suffering of refugees fleeing from the civil war in the south of the country who were affected by famine and flooding; the activities of Arab tribal militias in the west of the country; the reaction of aid agencies and western governments to the crisis in Sudan.

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Other Countries: West Indies (excluding Jamaica)

1980-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Voice'; 'West Indian World'; 'The Guardian'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Independent'; 'The Times'; containing articles on the political situation in a number of Caribbean countries during the 1980s,.

There are several articles on the unrest and violence in Haiti against the President Jean-Claude Duvalier in 1986, and prior to elections held in 1987; and a number of articles on coup attempts by the Muslim group Jamaat al-Muslimeen in Trinidad and Tobago in 1990.

Other articles contain coverage of: elections in Barbados 1981; politics in Guyana; the failure of socialism in the Caribbean following the defeat of Michael Manley's People's National Party Government in Jamaica; President Reagan's Caribbean Basin plan to encourage economic growth in Caribbean countries 1982; Caricom meeting about the possible cuts in aid from European countries following the establishment of the single European Market in 1992.

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### **MS 2478/C/34 Major news stories, 1986-1991**

Press cuttings comprising articles on many of the major news stories covered by British newspapers during the late 1980s and early 1990s, including natural and man-made disasters, transport crashes, as well as significant international political developments, such as the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, the release of Nelson Mandela in South Africa, and the events leading up to, and repercussions of, the Gulf War of 1991.

MS 2478/C/34/1      Major news stories: general      1986-1992

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Independent'; 'The Daily Mail'; 'The Sun'; 'Today'; 'The Observer'; containing articles on several of the major news stories affecting Britain and the wider world during the late 1980s and early 1990s, largely focusing on natural and man-made disasters and acts of terrorism, but also including political events such as the resignation of Margaret Thatcher in 1990, and the massacre of Chinese demonstrators for democracy in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Coverage includes: the arrest and imprisonment in Thailand of British teenagers Karen Smith and Patricia Cahill for allegedly trying to smuggle heroin out of the country 1990; serious earthquake in the Caspian region of Iran, 1990; the resignation of Margaret Thatcher, 1990; flooding in Bangladesh, 1991; the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapse, 1991; the controversy over the Los Angeles Police Department beating of black driver Rodney King, 1991; the appeal of the 'Birmingham Six' in 1988, and their release in 1991; IRA bomb explodes in the garden of Downing Street, 1991; the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, 1991; the shooting of a number of people in Hungerford, Berkshire, by Michael Ryan, 1987; the death of Pakistan's President Zia, 1988; loyalist bomb attack on republican mourners at a funeral in Belfast, 1988; the storm that hit Britain in October 1987; the investigation by John Stalker into the policies of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, 1988; the hijacking of a Kuwait

Airways plane by members of Al Daawa, a Shia resistance group based in Iran, 1988; investigation into the killings of IRA members by SAS men in Gibraltar, 1988; US missile cruiser shoots down an Iranian commercial airliner, 1988; investigation into the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster, 1988; Jeffrey Archer's libel case against 'The Star' newspaper for claims that he had sex with a prostitute, 1987; the death of a number of people in an air show at Ramstein US air base in West Germany, 1988; the plane crash in Lockerbie, 1988; the sinking of the Marchioness pleasure cruiser in the Thames, 1989; the Hillsborough disaster, in which many Liverpool FC fans died at a football match at Sheffield Wednesday's ground, 1989; earthquake in San Francisco, 1989; the release of the 'Guildford Four', 1989; the execution of journalist Farzad Bazoft in Iraq, 1990; the massacre of student demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, Beijing in 1989; the American invasion of Panama, 1989; fire aboard the 'Scandinavian Star' car and passenger ferry in the North Sea, 1990; severe earthquake in Armenia, 1988; the crash of a plane on the M1 motorway in Leicestershire, 1989; coverage of the official investigation into the Kings Cross tube station fire of 1987, which took place in 1988; the Clapham Junction rail disaster, 1988.  
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2478/C/34/2

Major news stories: Salman Rushdie affair

1989-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'The Sunday Times'; 'Militant'; 'Daily Star'; 'Today'; 'The Observer'; 'The Sun'; containing articles concerning opposition to the publication of Salman Rushdie's novel 'The Satanic Verses' by Muslims who considered it to be blasphemous.

There are reports on death threats received by Rushdie which resulted in him having to go into hiding under police protection; the fatwa announced by Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran in February 1989 and its effects on Muslims in Britain; the campaign against Salman Rushdie in Britain and worldwide, and the public burning of his novel 'The Satanic Verses'; the attitudes of young Muslims in Bradford towards Salman Rushdie; Rushdie's apology and conversion to Islam; the issues raised by the fatwa, and the concepts of freedom of speech and religious fundamentalism; the banned Pakistani film 'The International Guerillas, featuring a film villain called Salman Rushdie; attempts by the European Community to come to an agreement with the Iranian government to lift the death sentence on Salman Rushdie and to restore Britain's diplomatic relations with Iran; review of Rushdie's book 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories', published in 1990;

newspaper interviews with Salman Rushdie; reports on modern Muslim politics; the response of religious leaders to the controversy; demonstrations held against 'The Satanic Verses'; reports on prominent supporters and critics of Salman Rushdie; statements by various MPs on the Rushdie affair.

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Major news stories: Pamela Bordes affair

1989-1990

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'Today'; 'Daily Mail'; 'Daily Express'; 'The People'; containing articles concerning the scandal surrounding Pamella Bordes, an ex-researcher at the House of Commons who worked for Conservative MP Henry Bellingham, and who had a brief relationship with the newspaper editor Andrew Neil.

There are articles about the libel action brought by Andrew Neil, editor of the 'Sunday Times' against Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of the 'Sunday Telegraph' over articles and a cartoon that implied that Andrew Neil knew that Pamella Bordes was an escort when he had an affair with her; Bordes' alleged involvement with Donald Treford, the editor of 'The Observer', and with Captain Mark Phillips, the first husband of Princess Anne; links between Bordes and Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, and other Libyan politicians, and the implications of this for the government.

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2478/C/34/4

Major news stories: Eastern Europe upheavals

1989-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'The Observer'; containing articles about political developments in the Soviet Union and several countries in Eastern Europe during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Coverage includes: fighting between Serbs and Croats in eastern Croatia, 1991; the republics of Slovenia and Croatia declare independence from Yugoslavia, 1991; criticism of Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms programme for the Soviet Union; the failed Soviet Union coup of August 1991 when a group of hardliners in the Soviet Communist Party briefly deposed Mikhail Gorbachev and attempted to take control of the country, and its aftermath; the difficulties facing Poland's post-communist economy, 1990; the reunification of Germany, and investment in the former east Germany by US companies, 1990; the results of elections in Hungary, 1990; developments surrounding elections in Romania, and the possibility of the former king, Michael Hohenzollern, visiting the country, 1990; Bulgaria's first post-communist elections, 1990; the Baltic

states, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, vote for independence from the Soviet Union, 1990; political crisis in Armenia and Azerbaijan, 1990; the results of a poll of Soviet citizens for 'The Guardian' and the BBC 'Newsnight' programme on their political views, 1990; the abolition of the secret police by the Czech government, 1990; television as a catalyst for change in Eastern Europe, 1990.

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Major news stories: Mandela freedom

1990-1991

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'Caribbean Times'; 'The Voice'; 'The Observer'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'The Sun'; 'Today'; 'Daily Mail'; 'The Sunday Correspondent'; containing articles reporting the events surrounding the release from prison of Nelson Mandela, and the resulting political developments in South Africa.

Coverage includes: several profiles of Mandela, aimed at separating the man from 'the myth'; reports on the marriage of Nelson and Winnie Mandela and the effect of his long imprisonment on their relationship; Nelson Mandela's visit to London, his welcome by the black community and by anti-apartheid campaigners, and his meeting with Margaret Thatcher; Mandela's criticism of Margaret Thatcher for her stance on apartheid during the 1980s and her renewed attempts to persuade the world to lift sanctions against South Africa following Mandela's release; the celebratory concert held at Wembley in honour of Nelson Mandela; the constitutional demands of the African National Congress (ANC); the African National Congress (ANC) and its continuing fight for power following the release of Nelson Mandela; Mandela's visit to the United States of America, and his identification with the country's founding fathers; Nelson Mandela's welcome in Soweto; Mandela's role in ending the conflict in the Natal region between supporters of the United Democratic Front, Congress of South African Trade Unions and African National Congress and Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha movement; Nelson Mandela named as deputy president of the African National Congress; Mandela's visit to Jamaica; attempts by F.W. de Klerk to institute reforms; reaction by white South Africans to the release of Nelson Mandela; African National Congress plans to form a broad anti-apartheid coalition to enter into discussions with the Pretoria government rebuffed by the Pan-Africanist Congress; Nelson Mandela's visit to Sweden and his reunion with African National Congress leader in exile Oliver Tambo.

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Major news stories: Iraq/Kuwait crisis

1990-1991

File of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Independent'; 'The Observer'; 'The Sun'; 'Daily Mirror'; 'The Voice'; 'Today'; 'The Birmingham Post'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'The Sport'; Birmingham 'Daily News'; containing articles about Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, and subsequent events that led to the Gulf war of 1991.

There are a number of articles about the invasion, and the reaction to Iraq's actions in other countries in the area, including Israel, Turkey, Jordan, Saudi Arabia; the experiences of British hostages held in Kuwait, and other foreign nationals working in Kuwait at the time of the invasion; the looting of Kuwait by the Iraqi Republican Guards Corps; the decision of the United Nations Security Council to impose economic sanctions on Iraq and occupied Kuwait; the reaction of British Muslims to the invasion of Kuwait and the positioning of British and American troops in the Gulf; attacks against Muslims as result of the crisis in the Gulf; British public opinion on the deployment of forces to the Gulf; the campaign in Britain against war against Iraq; the build-up of troops in the Gulf during the autumn of 1990 and preparations for war; efforts by the United Nations to provide food supplies for the civilian population of Kuwait; the outcome of the Helsinki summit held between American President George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev during which they discussed the response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait; the possibility of the use of chemical weapons by either the coalition forces or by Iraq; the view of Arab countries to the Gulf crisis during the autumn of 1990; the gathering of support from Arab countries for military action against Iraq; the effect of the Gulf war on the world economy; the beginning of military action in January 1991 with an air campaign; the capture of British airmen by Iraqi troops; events of the war, including air strikes, Scud missile attacks on Israel and Saudi Arabia, the beginning of the ground war in Kuwait; the deaths of British soldiers; report in 'The Voice' on the fate of some of the black soldiers sent to fight in the Gulf; military tactics of coalition forces; Iraq's military defeat, and the effects of this on the country's morale; the likely effects on Saddam Hussein's leadership; the effects on public health of the burning oil wells in Kuwait; analysis of the aftermath of the Gulf war in the Middle East; the psychological effects of the war on the soldiers who fought; attempts by Saddam Hussein to crush the Kurdish uprising in the north of the country.



The file also contains articles that focus on the background to the conflict, including reports on the role of western countries, particularly the USA and Britain, in arming Iraq during the 1980s and their support of Saddam Hussein; article in 'The Guardian' about the language used in newspaper reporting about the Gulf war, contrasting description of coalition forces with that used for the Iraqi forces.

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Unfiled press cuttings

1994-1999

Large file of loose cuttings from national and local newspapers, including 'The Guardian'; 'The Voice'; 'Birmingham Voice'; 'The Weekly Gleaner'; 'Daily Mail'; 'Birmingham Evening Mail'; 'Times Educational Supplement'; 'The Independent'; 'The Independent on Sunday'; 'The Daily Telegraph'; 'The Observer'; 'Sunday Express.

The file is labelled 'cuttings to sort and file', and the majority of the articles it contains cover a variety of subjects, mostly covering issues for which sections already existed in the Handprint press cuttings library, such as racism and discrimination; employment, education and housing; and the representation of black and Asian people in the media.

There are also a small number of articles on some of the major news stories of the later 1990s, including the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997; the G8 summit of world leaders, which was held in Birmingham in 1998; and the publication in 1999 of the McPherson inquiry into the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence in 1993.

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