

MS 2142 Papers of Avtar Jouhl and the Indian Workers Association, 1956-2005

Administrative History

Avtar Singh Jouhl was born in on 2 November 1937 in Doaba in the district of Jalandhar in Punjab, India where his parents had a farm. After school, he attended Khalsa college in Jalandhar and studied for a degree in Political Science. He came to Britain in 1957 and intended to study at the London School of Economics. He went to live with his brother in Smethwick, who had come to Britain a few years earlier, sharing a house with other men from his area who worked in foundries in Smethwick, Oldbury and West Bromwich. Although he intended to begin his studies, his brother and father-in-law found him a job at the Shotton Brothers foundry in Oldbury as a moulder's mate.

Avtar Jouhl and some other Indian workers organised a union at Shotton Brothers shortly after he began work there and managed to recruit a large number of employees. He was also involved in the formation of the Indian Workers Association in Birmingham with Jagmohan Joshi in the late 1950s and became secretary of the Birmingham branch of the organisation in 1959. He served as General Secretary of the national organisation from 1961-1964, was national organiser during the later 1960s, editor of 'Lalkar', the Indian Workers Association publication between 1967 and 1968, and served again as General Secretary after Jagmohan Joshi's death in 1979 until the mid 1990s. Throughout this period he took a prominent role in political campaigns and welfare activities organised by the Association and shaped its policy and programme. For a full history of the Indian Workers Association, see the catalogue for MS 2141: Papers of the Indian Workers Association.

Avtar Jouhl decided not to abandon his trade union activities or his post in the Indian Workers Association to attend university, and continued to work at the foundry. He was dismissed from Shotton Brothers in 1961, allegedly for making faulty castings, but his employers were likely to have been nervous about his union activities. He was employed in other foundries in the Smethwick area throughout the 1960s and 1970s except for a period in 1967-1968 when he was editor of 'Lalkar', the newspaper of the Indian Workers Association, and was based in London. He worked at Dartmouth Auto Castings during the 1960s, and was shop steward there for the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU], which he had joined in 1968. He played an active role in this union, and was selected as a co-opted member for the enquiry team for the regional committee enquiry into the dispute at Imperial Typewriter in Leicester.

Avtar Jouhl became shop steward at Midland Motor Cylinder Company and Birmingham Aluminium Casting, but after returning from a visit to India, he worked again at Dartmouth Auto Castings through the 1970s and 1980s, by then part of Birmid Qualcast, as shop steward, senior shop steward and spokesperson for the company's shop steward committee.

Through educational training received at TGWU summer schools, Avtar Jouhl was able to take up a post as lecturer in Trade Union studies at Hall Green Technical College [later South Birmingham College] in 1987, where he taught until the mid 1990s. He continued to be a member of the TGWU but also joined the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE], as a condition of his employment. He was elected as a member of the National Executive Committee, worked on the Equal Opportunities Committee of the union in the 1990s and was also a member of the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Race

Relations Committee, campaigning for greater representation of black people in further education and for equality of opportunity for all. He ran training courses and workshops, and spoke at conferences relating to trade union education, health and safety issues, and the need to tackle racism and discrimination both in the trade union movement and in wider society. He studied for a Certificate in Education at Matthew Boulton College/University of Warwick during the early 1990s, and was a visiting research fellow at the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at the University of Warwick in 1993. He retired from his lecturing post in the late 1990s but continues to take an active interest in the trade union movement.

Throughout Avtar Jouhl's working life, and beyond he has had a keen commitment to social justice, and has taken a leading role in political and social campaigns, particularly through the Indian Workers Association from the late 1950s onwards, but he has also worked with other anti-racist and progressive organisations, including the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF], and the Anti-Nazi League, as committee member and officer. The Indian Workers Association allied with many of these groups for joint campaigns during the period when Avtar Jouhl was General Secretary from 1979.

Avtar Jouhl was interviewed by Charles Parker in the 1970s for what became the Banner Theatre show 'The Great Divide' which looked at experiences of racism faced by Asian workers in the Midlands. He also recorded an extensive interview for the Birmingham Black Oral History Project in 1990, in which he discussed his life and career. A transcript of this interview is held in the collection, and contains further biographical information, MS 2142/A/3/5.

The collection has been arranged as follows:

These papers have been arranged to reflect Avtar Jouhl's activities as a political activist and member of the Indian Workers Association (GB) and as a trade unionist.

Arrangement

A Papers relating to Indian Workers Association activities and other campaigns

A/1 Records of the Indian Workers Association

A/1/1 Minutes and related papers

A/1/2 Financial records

A/1/3 Policy and administrative papers

A/1/4 Correspondence and campaign files

A/1/5 Publications

A/1/6 Branch records

A/1/7 General files

A/2 General campaign and correspondence files

A/3/ Political and personal writings

A/4 Photographs and recordings

B Records of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre

B/1 Administrative papers

B/2 Case work papers

B/3 Shaheed Udham Singh research project papers

C Papers relating to Trade Union activities

C/1 Industrial relations and disputes

C/2 Trade Union Education

C/3 Other Trade Union activities

C/4 Trade Union and other publications

D Papers of other political and campaigning organisations

D/1 Anti Nazi League

D/2 Association of Indian Communists

D/3 Association of Communists

D/4 Campaign Against Racism and Fascism

D/5 Campaign Against Racist Laws

D/6 Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited

D/7 Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)

D/8 Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee

D/9 Indian Peoples Association of North America

D/10 Immigration Aid Unit

D/11 Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

D/12 National Campaign Against the Police Bill

D/13 Sandwell Community Law Centre

D/14 Socialist Labour Party

D/15 Papers of other political and campaigning organisations

D/16 Publications

This system of arrangement is loosely based on the scheme of arrangement and classification of organisational records developed by the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick. Original order has been preserved where possible, and some of the file names are those given by the creators. For other material in the collection, papers have had to be sorted and an arrangement imposed. As a result, overlaps occur extensively within the collection, where related material appears in different sections of the catalogue. Cross references indicate obvious instances.

Description

Papers kept by Avtar Jouhl documenting his involvement in political campaigning organisations, primarily the Indian Workers Association (GB), and in the Trade Union movement. Papers of the Indian Workers Association (GB) largely cover the period from the late 1970s until the early 21st century, and comprise papers of the central organisation and of some local branches, including the Birmingham, later Birmingham and Sandwell branch. Papers consist of minutes; agendas; reports; constitutions; circulars; press statements; financial papers; correspondence; campaign and casework material; publications; membership records; press cuttings; photographs; and printed ephemera. The collection also includes papers of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, set up by the Indian Workers Association and includes substantial photocopies of British government files on the Indian political activist Udham Singh who was executed for the killing of Sir Michael O'Dwyer in 1940, generated for a research project run by the Indian Workers Association in the 1990s.

Other material in the collection consists of organisational and campaign papers of other groups connected with the Indian Workers Association through joint campaign work, or with Avtar Jouhl, and include minutes; agendas; circular letters; correspondence; press statements; flyers; and typescript and printed articles. There are also a number of photographs depicting some of the campaigning and trade union related activities that Avtar Jouhl was involved in during the 1980s.

Apart from the papers of the Indian Workers Association, the other main focus of this collection relates to Avtar Jouhl's career in the Trade Union movement and to two main activities; one as shop steward for the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] at Dartmouth Auto Castings and other foundries in the Birmid Industries group in the Smethwick area of the West Midlands during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s; the other as lecturer in Trade Union Studies at Hall Green Technical College in Birmingham. Accordingly, the collection contains substantial shop stewards papers including minutes; agendas; correspondence; statements by company management; wage agreements and other associated material; and papers relating to health and safety at work and to industrial disputes. The bulk of the papers relating to Avtar Jouhl's trade union activities, however, focus on his role in Trade Union education, and include Trades Union Congress [TUC] Education Service publications and course materials; conference papers; and minutes and other organisational papers of a number of trade union committees of which he was a member, including the TUC Race Relations Committee and National Association for Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE] committees, as well as other trade union-linked bodies with which he was involved in an advisory capacity.

Published: DeWitt John Jr, 'Indian Workers Associations in Britain', published for the Institute of Race Relations, London, 1969;
Sasha Josephides, 'Towards a History of the Indian Workers' Association' CRER Research Paper in Ethnic Relations, no. 18, 1991;
John King, 'Three Asian Associations in Britain', Monographs in Ethnic Relations no.8 ESRC, CRER, January 1994

Related material: MS 2141 Papers of the Indian Workers Association, held at Birmingham City Archives; MS 2118 Papers deposited by Ian Grosvenor, contains the transcript of an interview with Avtar Jouhl
GB 0144 PA2600: Papers of Mr Virk relating to his work as a printed in Coventry, and his involvement with various organisations including the Indian Workers Association, held at Coventry Archives.

Notes: Translations of Punjabi material in this collection have been made by Bharat Bhushan Singh of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham. Translations of Urdu material have been made by Mr Dar.

Quotations in inverted commas express the views of the representatives of organisations whose records are included in this collection. Language used by the cataloguer about the political views expressed in archive material aims to be neutral, but also aims to document the beliefs and attitudes held by the creators of material in the archive collection.

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MS 2142/A Papers relating to Indian Workers Association activities and other campaigns, 1956-2005

This section documents Avtar Jouhl's political life largely separate from his trade union role. The most significant area is the records of the Indian Workers Association which make up the bulk of this section. But there are also papers relating to other campaigns which Avtar Jouhl was involved with, mainly during the 1980s and early 1990s, and his writings, and photographs. Full description of the scope and content of the Indian Workers Association records in this collection is provided in the description at MS 2142/A/1.

The other campaign papers in this section are characterised by their lack of explicit or direct association with the Indian Workers Association, or by their connection with both Indian Workers Association and trade union concerns, representing Avtar Jouhl's involvement in a variety of bodies and organisations working for social justice.

The subject matter of the majority of the writings in the section focus on campaigns against racism, or on Communist politics; while the photographs depict some of the trade union work and activist campaigns Avtar Jouhl took part in, and include photographs of the official opening of the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre.

MS 2142/A/1 Records of the Indian Workers Association, 1956-2005

Organisational records of the Indian Workers Association and papers relating to several local branches, including some organisational records of the Birmingham branch of the Association. The bulk of these records date from the 1980s and 1990s, but there are some publications, correspondence and campaign material that dates from the 1970s and one or two items dating from the 1950s and 1960s. Papers of the national organisation consist of minutes; reports and conference papers; financial records; press statements; circulars; correspondence; campaign material; and publications.

Although the other records provide a valuable, though incomplete, resource to study the organisation, administration, and functions of the Indian Workers Association, it is the correspondence and campaign files, described at MS 2141/A/1/4, and the 'general' files, described at MS 2142/A/1/7 that in some ways can be considered to form the core of the collection, constituting a rich source of information about the Association's activities in providing organised opposition to all forms of racism in Britain, and in international campaigns against oppression and imperialism. Considered together with the other records of the Association, these papers give an indication of the wide-ranging nature of campaigns in which the Indian Workers Association played an active and significant role.

Campaign material dating from the 1960s and 1970s can be found in MS 2141: Papers of the Indian Workers Association and is described at MS 2141/A/4

MS 2142/A/1/1 Minutes and related papers, 1981-2003

Incomplete set of records of meetings and conferences held by the Indian Workers Association during the 1980s and 1990s, together with fragmentary records of meetings held

in 2002 and 2003, primarily comprising sequences of minutes and agendas of meetings of the Central Executive Committee, but also including a small number of minutes of meetings of other committees, including the Secretariat, which seems to have been made up of the office holders of the Central Executive Committee and established as a committee in the early 1990s. The series also includes papers relating to meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee, set up by representatives from both Indian Workers Associations (GB) before the merger of these groups in 1991. These papers contain very few minutes, but do include press releases and a number of circular letters issued by members of the committee which contain information about the organisation and functions of the group, and decisions taken on the proposed organisation of the merged Indian Workers Association, together with a report to the merger conference in 1991 which gives an account of joint campaigning activities of the two groups during the late 1980s and early 1990s, and changes that took place within both Indian Workers Associations prior to the merger.

The series also includes records of the proceedings of the National Conference of the Association held in 1993, including copies of the reports of the Central Executive Committee presented by the General Secretary which contain information about the organisation's activities and campaigns, and, like the Co-ordinating Committee report to the merger conference, can be viewed as annual reports of the Indian Workers Association.

Minutes, agendas and conference papers from the 1960s and 1970s are described at MS 2141/A/1

MS 2142/A/1/1/1	<u>Minutes and agendas</u> This file contains agendas for meetings of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association in the form of circular letters sent out to local branches by the General Secretary of the association, and typescript and handwritten minutes of Central Executive Committee meetings, some of which are compiled in the form of circular letters to members of the organisation. Papers are arranged in chronological order, regardless of whether they are minutes or agendas	1981-1990
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There are minutes for the following meetings:

- 10 January 1981
- 18 April 1981, Birmingham
- attendance list 28 March 1982
- 12 September 1982, Birmingham, in English and Punjabi, with attendance list
- 17 April 1983, Birmingham
- 23 October 1983, Southall
- 8 January 1984, Derby
- 31 August 1985, Birmingham
- undated meeting that took place before March 1986
- Indian Workers Association conference 8 June 1986
- 21 September 1986, Birmingham. This was an emergency meeting
- 22 November 1987, Bedford, including a copy of the General Secretary's report to the Central Executive

Committee

22 December 1987

12 March 1989, Birmingham

21 January 1990, Willenhall in English and Punjabi

There are agendas for the following meetings:

18 April 1981

12 September 1982

26 June 1983

23 October 1983, Southall

8 January 1984, Derby

30 June 1984, Birmingham

9 December 1984, Birmingham

19 August 1985 in Punjabi

16 November 1985

21 September 1986. This was an emergency meeting

22 February 1987, Bedford

22 November 1987, Wolverhampton

The file also contains some a small amount of undated meeting minutes in Punjabi. These papers are stored at the end of the chronological sequence

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Minutes and agendas

1991-2003

This file largely consists of minutes and agendas for meetings of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association, but also contains some minutes of meetings of the Secretariat of the Indian Workers Association - likely to be a group consisting of officers of the Central Executive Committee - and one set of minutes from a meeting of the Indian Workers Association Race Liaison Group. Papers are arranged in chronological order, regardless of whether they are minutes or agendas

Some Central Executive Committee minutes include typescript reports given by the General Secretary of the Association at these meetings.

There are minutes for the following meetings:

10 March 1991, Southall

16 June 1991, Woolwich, including copy of General Secretary's report to the Central Executive Committee

Secretariat meeting 28 June 1991, Nottingham

8 September 1991, Hillingdon

24 November 1991, Coventry

1 March 1992, Reading, including copy of General Secretary's report to the Central Executive Committee on

activities between 24 November 1991 and February 1992
and an attendance list
31 May 1992, Bradford, together with an attendance list
22 November 1992, Derby , including copy of General
Secretary's report to the Central Executive Committee and
attendance list
Secretariat meeting 12 December 1992
28 February 1993, Bedford, with attendance list
13 June 1993, Southall
27 June 1993, during conference at Woolwich
11 July 1993, Leicester, handwritten and typescript
versions, together with a list of members of the Central
Executive Committee
Indian Workers Association Race Liaison Group, 21
August 1993, Plumstead
3 October 1993, Birmingham, handwritten and typescript
copies
23 January 1994, Coventry, including copy of typescript
report prepared for the meeting by Harsev Bains, National
Youth Officer of the Indian Workers Association entitled
'Aspects of Youth Problems and IWA Policy'
Attendance list for 8 May 1994
23 October 1994, Wolverhampton
Secretariat meeting 3/4 December 1994, Hillingdon
13 May 1995, Birmingham
23 July 1995, Birmingham, with attendance list
18 February 1996, Woolwich, handwritten and typescript
versions, together with a copy of General Secretary's
report to the Central Executive Committee
13 October 1996, Birmingham, handwritten and typescript
versions, with attendance list
26 January 1997
General Secretary's report to the Central Executive
Committee meeting 24 November 2002
Central Executive Committee work report 24 November
2003

There are agendas for the following meetings:

10 March 1991, Southall
15 June 1991, West Bromwich
17 November 1991, Coventry
1 March 1992, Reading
31 May 1992, Bradford, including an update on matters
arising from the minutes of the meeting of 1 March 1992
22 November 1992, Derby, including an update on matters
arising from the minutes of the meeting of 31 May 1992
28 February 1993, Bedford, including an update on
matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 22
November 1992
13 June 1993, Southall

3 October 1993, Birmingham
23 January 1994, Coventry
8 May 1994, Southall
14 May 1995, Birmingham
23 July 1995, Birmingham
Secretariat meeting 27 January 1996, Woolwich
18 February 1996, Woolwich
24 November 2002, Birmingham
15 June 2003, Birmingham

The file also contains a list showing attendance at Central Executive Committee meetings by individual members between March 1991 and June 1993; a note from Joginder Bains, Women's Section of the Indian Workers Association, discussing the timetabling of the women's meeting and Central Executive Committee meeting, undated but possibly 11 July 1993; a note from Harpal Brar referring to the English version of a report to an unidentified Indian Workers Association conference, undated; and a set of handwritten minutes for unidentified, undated meeting probably of the Central Executive Committee

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MS 2142/A/1/1/3 Papers relating to the Indian Workers Association National Conference 1993 1993

This file contains reports; programme; and correspondence relating to the bi-annual conference held at the GRCE Cultural Centre in Woolwich 26-27 June 1993

/1-/2 circular letter to branch secretaries and members of the Central Executive Committee giving information about the conference and enclosing copies of the conference programme

/3 photocopy of article printed in 'Lalkar' May/June 1993 in both English and Punjabi versions which contains an account of the campaign work and other activities carried out by the Indian Workers Association between February 1991 and May 1993, published ahead of the national conference

/4 photocopy of letter from Bob Purkiss, National Equalities Officer of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] to Avtar Jouhl, apologising for not being able to attend the Indian Workers Association conference but sending his greetings and support, 22 June 1993

/5 report of the Executive Committee of the Indian Workers

Association produced for the National Conference 1993,
written in Punjabi

/6 English translation of the Report of the Executive
Committee of the Indian Workers Association produced for
the National Conference 1993 and presented by Avtar
Jouhl. It contains an account of the nature and functions of
the organisation, and details about its anti-racism
campaigns in Britain and involvement with Indian and
international political issues between 1991 and 1993. The
report also contains a section on the role played by 'Lalkar'
in the organisation's work

/7 letter of greetings in Punjabi from Darshan Kaur, Shop
Steward, to Avtar Jouhl on the occasion of the Indian
Workers Association conference

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Co-ordinating Committee papers

1988-1991

This file contains material relating to the process by which
the Indian Workers Association (GB) which had been led
by Jagmohan Joshi and later by Teja Singh Sahota and
Avtar Jouhl, and the Indian Workers Association (GB) led
by Prem Singh, effected a merger to form one single
Indian Workers Association (GB) in 1991. The Association
had split into these two sections in 1967, due to ideological
differences between different members of the leadership,
but had increasingly campaigned together during the late
1970s and 1980s. A Co-ordination Committee, also
described in the records as a Co-ordinating Committee,
was formed in September 1989, consisting of five
representatives from each Indian Workers Association, to
steer the merger of policy, campaign activities and local
branches.

Papers consist of:

/1 press release issued by both Indian Workers
Associations (GB) and signed by Prem Singh and Teja
Singh Sahota announcing their agreement to form a co-
ordination committee, and giving the terms of reference of
this body, 23 November 1989

/2 draft report of the Indian Workers Association (GB)
Prem Singh, presented by Avtar Sadiq, National Secretary
of this group, at its bi-ennial conference held in
Birmingham 9 July 1989. The report contains an account
of the campaigning activities this group had undertaken
during the late 1980s.

/3 circular letter from Avtar Jouhl to all members and officers of the Central Committee giving information about a joint meeting with representatives of the Central Committee of the Prem Singh led Indian Workers Association to be held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 28 May 1990. The letter also provides an agenda for this meeting, and lists decisions made by the most recent Central Committee meeting regarding plans for the merger, and other issues

/4 press release and flyers issued by both Indian Workers Associations (GB) following a joint National Conference held 9 June 1990 at West Park College, Smethwick, attended by members, supporters and some fraternal organisations. The press release contains information about resolutions passed at the conference and lists the members of the joint committee formed to steer the central work of the merger.

/5 newspaper cuttings in English from 'The Asian Times' 26 June 1990 and in Punjabi from an unidentified newspaper, reporting on the unity conference held by the two Indian Workers Associations (GB) in Sandwell. The cuttings include photographs taken at the conference.

/6 annotated copy of the Indian Workers Association constitution, with handwritten changes proposed by Harsev Bains and Harpal Brar, members of the joint committee, undated

/7 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl in English and Punjabi on the composition of a Central Executive Committee, terms of membership, and the organisation and activities of local branches of the Indian Workers Association. These notes are likely to have been compiled during a meeting or conference held with members of both Indian Workers Associations prior to the merger in 1991

/8 circular letter to all branches sent by Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Co-ordinating Committee, advising members about the forthcoming National merger conference to be held 16-17 February 1991 in Birmingham, including an agenda for the conference, and a list of tasks for branches. The letter also gives information about a rally to be held in Smethwick 16 January 1991 to be attended by speakers from the trade union movement and by representatives from the African National Congress, Palestinian Liberation Organisation and Sinn Fein

/9 circular letter sent by Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Co-

ordinating Committee, asking organisations to send fraternal greetings for the Indian Workers Association merger conference. These will be printed in a souvenir issue of 'Lalkar'

/10 letter from Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] sending greetings on the merger between the two Indian Workers Associations (GB) and stating the commitment of the TGWU to developing the role of Indian Workers in the union

/11 list of the names and contact details of office bearers and members of the Central Executive Committee following the merger of the two Indian Workers Associations (GB) in 1991

/12 draft resolutions proposed at the national merger conference of the Indian Workers Associations in February 1991, on the political situations in South Africa, Northern Ireland, India, the Soviet Union and Israel/Palestine

/13 Co-ordination Committee report to the Indian Workers Association national merger conference 17 February 1991. The report gives an account of the work of the committee since September 1989, and lists the joint campaigning and welfare activities that both Indian Workers Associations took part in during 1990

/14 incomplete set of minutes, likely to have been taken at a Co-ordination Committee meeting covering discussion about the organisation of the merged Association

/15 newspaper article from 'The New Worker' 22 February 1991 reporting on the merger conference at which the two Indian Workers Associations united

/16 minutes of a Central Executive Committee meeting held in Southall 10 March 1991, following the merger conference. There is another copy of these minutes at MS 2142/A/1/1/2

/17-/25 correspondence relating to the merger of the two Indian Workers Associations. This mainly consists of copy letters sent by representatives of the Co-ordinating Committee to branches, and to the secretary of Desh Bhagat Yadgar, discussing branch elections prior to the merger and the merger conference. There is also a press statement issued by Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, on decisions taken at a

meeting of the Willenhall branch committee, 19 July 1990, and a letter from an officer of the Wolverhampton branch to a solicitor in Willenhall relating to his position as trustee of an unidentified project, 13 February 1991

The file also contains various reports, some of which were printed in Punjabi newspapers, by Avtar Jouhl, Prem Singh and others, setting out the case and conditions for a merger of the two Indian Workers Associations

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Reports

1979-1990s

This file contains a number of reports in Punjabi by the General Secretary and other office holders on the activities of the Central Committee and the Indian Workers Association in general about the organisation's activities and campaigns. Some of these reports are likely to have been presented at Indian Workers Association conferences.

/1 report by the cultural secretary of the Indian Workers Association, Tara Singh Tara, 6 May 1979

/2 report focusing on the activities of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association, in Avtar Jouhl's handwriting, late 1970s

/3 report on the activities of the Indian Workers Association, in Avtar Jouhl's handwriting, late 1970s or early 1980s

/4 copy of resolutions passed by the Indian Workers Association biennial conference, in Avtar Jouhl's handwriting, late 1970s or early 1980s

/5 General Secretary's report about Indian Workers Association activities, compiled by Avtar Jouhl, 1980s

/6 report by the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association, 1980s

/7 report to the 8th National Conference of the Indian Workers Association, 1980s

/8 handwritten report on Indian Workers Association activities in trade unions, 1980s

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MS 2142/A/1/2 Financial records, 1980-1993

These papers comprise fragmentary records representing some of the aspects of the financial business of the Indian Workers Association, dating from the 1980s and early 1990s. Because there are only partial records for this period, they provide an incomplete view of the financial situation of the group since its establishment. Further fragmentary financial records which date from the 1960s and 1970s are described at MS 2141/A/2: Papers of the Indian Workers Association.

The papers consist of income and expenditure accounts of the Central Committee; Birmingham branch; and General Secretary; as well as some accounts for the Indian Workers Association publication 'Lalkar' and for some events organised by the Indian Workers Association. There are also some invoices relating to specific expenses incurred by the Indian Workers Association in the course of their campaigning activities.

MS Income and expenditure accounts 1980-1993

2142/A/1/2/1 Statements of accounts for the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association August 1980 to March 1981
Central Committee income and expenditure accounts for an unstated period, likely to be the early 1980s
Analysis of income and expenditure statement for the Indian Workers Association 1 April 1991 to 31 January 1992
Notes in English and Punjabi on the activities of branches of the Indian Workers Association, with details of funds generated by fund raising and other activities, June 1992
Income and expenditure statement and balance sheet for the Indian Workers Association 18 May 1993

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MS General Secretary's accounts 1982-1992

2142/A/1/2/2 This file largely consists of statements of income and expenditure of the General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association between February 1991 and February 1992, but also includes a handwritten statement of income and expenditure dating from 1982 and early 1983. Statements include itemised expenses and details of the sources of income of the General Secretary; these are primarily received from the Treasurer of the Association, but also include speakers fees.

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MS Lalkar accounts 1981-1982

2142/A/1/2/3 Typescript statement of accounts for the Indian Workers Association publication 'Lalkar' showing income derived from branch subscriptions and sales between February 1981 and February 1982, showing total profit and loss for issues published during this period

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MS
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Handwritten statements of income and expenditure compiled by the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association following a tour of UK cities and towns by the Punjabi poet and dramatist Sardar Gursharan Singh, likely to have taken place in 1985. There are references to a visit in this year by Gursharan Singh elsewhere in the collection. Income was derived from fundraising by individual branches of the Indian Workers Association, and the statement also itemises expenditure for the tour, which includes venue costs, travel expenses and publicity.

The file also contains photocopied statements of fees due from delegates from individual branches of the Indian Workers Association who attended one of the national conferences of the organisation, likely to have taken place in 1993

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MS
2142/A/1/2/5 Invoices and receipts 1981-1989

This file contains a small number of invoices and receipts, some dating from 1988-1989, with a few dating from 1981 and 1983. Invoices are for computing equipment and software, particularly for producing word processed documents in Punjabi, as well as promotional materials including t shirts and photographs and the hire of venues for meetings.

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MS 2142/A/1/3 Policy and administrative papers, 1975-1995

These papers comprise several versions of the Indian Workers Association (GB) Constitution, together with incomplete sequences of circulars, press releases and statements providing information about the policy of the organisation and explaining its stance on political developments both in Britain and in other countries. There are also papers from a seminar organised by the Central Executive Committee in 1995 to discuss the aims and objectives of the organisation in terms of the future direction of campaigning and welfare activities.

Much of this material is concerned with Indian Workers Association campaigns against racism and racist violence against black and Asian people in Britain during and 1980s and 1990s, and against racist immigration legislation introduced by successive Conservative governments led by Margaret Thatcher and John Major during this period. There are also some papers relating to the involvement of the Indian Workers Association in industrial disputes and the trade union movement during this time, statements of support for black liberation struggles in South Africa, for anti-imperialist struggles in India, and statements outlining the position of the organisation on conflicts in Lebanon, Israel/Palestine and Northern Ireland.

As well as providing evidence of the Indian Workers Association's position on these issues, through the articles of the Constitution and the statements issued by the organisation, these papers also indicate the active involvement of the Association in tackling situations, through demonstrations, public events and lobbying. Policy and administrative papers dating from the 1960s and 1970s are described at MS 2141/A/3

MS 2142/A/1/3/1	<p><u>Constitution</u></p> <p>/1 copy of the Constitution as passed and adopted at the conference held 21 September 1958 and as modified by the General Council on 28 February 1959, and as amended by the General Council 1 June 1975</p> <p>/2 copy of the Constitution readopted at the national conference held at Coventry May 1978</p> <p>/3 copy of the Constitution slightly amended from the version readopted in 1978, probably dating from the early 1980s</p> <p>/4 copy of the Constitution amended from earlier versions, including additions to the aims and objects of the organisation and to the sections on membership, national conference, branches and branch executive committees, office bearers and amendments. This version of the Constitution includes a section on the Annual General Body meeting. It is likely to have been adopted during the 1980s</p> <p>/5 copy of the Constitution slightly amended from the version described at MS 2142/A/1/2/1/4, likely to have been adopted during the 1980s or early 1990s</p> <p>/6 copy of the Constitution slightly amended from the version described at MS 2142/A/1/2/1/5, likely to have been adopted during the early 1990s</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1975-early 1990s
MS 2142/A/1/3/2	<p><u>Aims and objectives</u></p> <p>This file largely consists of papers relating to a reassessment of the aims and objectives of the Indian Workers Association, undertaken at some point after the national conference in June 1993. It is likely that the many of these papers were created for a Central Executive Committee seminar on the Indian Workers Association (GB) Review and Future Task, which took place 15 January 1995 at the Union Club, Pershore Road, Birmingham, mentioned in an information circular described at MS 2142/A/1/3/3.</p>	1993-1995

Papers consist of:

/1 photocopies of the aims and objectives of the Indian Workers Association taken from an early version of the Constitution, probably dating from the 1960s

/2 photocopies of the aims and objectives section of the Constitution amended during the 1980s or early 1990s

/3 diagram showing campaigns that the Indian Workers Association was involved with during 1992, including links with other anti-racist and anti-fascist organisations, and joint working with political parties, local authorities, Commonwealth High Commissions and fraternal black organisations in Britain and Europe

/4 background paper on the Indian Workers Association consisting of details of officers, a brief history of the organisation, membership, areas of work, connection with India, welfare work, finance, publications, use of the media, leadership, and shortcomings. An appendix consists of a list of the names and addresses of members of Central Executive Committee

/5 typescript activity pack on the work of the Indian Workers Association since its conference June 1993, containing instructions for group tasks to identify and discuss successful and unsuccessful campaign and welfare work undertaken by the organisation since 1993, and to make suggestions for future priorities. The pack includes a summary copy of the Central Executive Committee report presented at the national conference in June 1993

/6 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl in English and Punjabi on Indian Workers Association activities c. 1993

The file also includes some blank membership forms, probably dating from the 1980s, and a flyer setting out the benefits of joining the Indian Workers Association

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Information circulars to members

1980-1995

Circular letters issued by the Central Executive Committee to committee members and branches containing details about events and activities organised or supported by the Association, and asking for action by local branches in mobilising support. Many of the circulars urge members to attend demonstrations and rallies; hold

public meetings and celebrations; send delegates to conferences; and pass resolutions.

/1 asks branches to contribute to funeral expenses for Arjan Dass Katari, a member of the Birmingham branch who died while on a demonstration against immigration legislation 15 November 1980, and to make preparations for the national conference against the Nationality Bill, to be held 10 January 1981 at Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham

/2 asks branches to mobilise support for a demonstration to be held 23 May 1981 in Coventry against the murder of Satnam Singh Gill and racist attacks on black people, 12 May 1981

/3 gives information about a national demonstration in Bradford in support of the 'Bradford 12' 12 December 1981, and asks branches to campaign for the repeal of the Nationality Act 1981 and the Immigration Act 1971

/4 asks members to participate in the 'Free the Bradford 12' picket outside Leeds Crown Court 26 April 1982, join a national demonstration in London to campaign against the British presence in Northern Ireland 8 May 1982, and increase sales of 'Lalkar'. The circular also mentions that the Indian Workers Association national conference will take place in June 1982

/5 asks members to attend a demonstration and rally organised by the Emergency Committee Against the Invasion of Lebanon by Israel, to be held 31 July 1982 in London

/6 asks Midlands branches to attend a demonstration in Coventry against Israel's invasion of Lebanon and in support of Palestinian people, 21 August 1982. The circular also mentions arrangements for the Peoples March for Jobs

/7 is sent from Harpal Brar, national organiser of the Indian Workers Association, to branch secretaries and expresses his disappointment at the low level of participation by members in a national conference called by the Indian Workers Association for black people's organisations in the UK and at the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] conference in October 1982. Brar refers to the challenges that the Indian Workers Association faces from Akali Dal and other Sikh separatist groups, and from other Indian communist groups and the other Indian Workers

Association (GB)

/8 is sent from Harpal Brar, national organiser of the Indian Workers Association, to branch secretaries asking them to mobilise support for a demonstration against racist laws called by Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] 27 March 1983, and to help in improving the content and circulation of 'Lalkar', 2 February 1983

/9 asks members to participate in a memorial meeting for Arjan Dass Kataria at Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre in Birmingham, 17 April 1983

/10 asks all branches to attend a Leamington branch public meeting for martyrs day, 10 November 1984

/11 asks all branches to attend a May Day Martyrs Day function organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association on the same day as a conference of Khalistanis in Smethwick. Full support is needed to resist possible attempts by this group to disrupt the function. The letter also gives details about a similar function being organised by the Southall branch and the dates of a lobby of Parliament in May 1985, 22 April 1985

/12 informs members about the visit to Britain of Gursharan Singh of the 'Amritsar Kala Kendar' in July 1985, and asks people to attend a public meeting during his visit, organised by the Bedford branch

/13 informs branch secretaries that the Indian Workers Association is organising a picket of the South African Embassy in London 20 September 1985 to protest against the apartheid regime and to support national liberation struggles

/14 gives details about the Indian Workers Association national conference to be held in Woolwich 8 June 1986

/15 asks central committee members and office bearers to attend a meeting on 29 June 1986 to discuss the case with Dr Chan and for branches to send funds to pay solicitors in this case, 15 June 1986

/16 asks branches to recruit new members, continue joint campaigns against racism and on the political situation in India with other organisations, and hold public meetings to discuss campaigns against the poll tax and other government proposals on immigration and the NHS, 20 December 1987

/17 gives information about a Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] demonstration against immigration laws 6 March 1988

/18 asks members to attend a conference organised by the Indian Workers Association and other organisations in support of the 'Palestinian Liberation Struggle' at the Dominion Centre in Southall 30 April 1988

/19 gives information about the ways in which branches can prepare for a conference in Southall to be held in October 1988 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Indian Workers Association

/20 asks members to participate in a demonstration against the Asylum Bill in 1992 and gives information about a meeting with Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Foreign Secretary, on the issue of Kashmir, December 1991

/21 asks central executive committee officers, members and branch secretaries to gather signatures for a petition on dual nationality, to attend the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] conference 27 March 1992, and to support other functions organised by branches of the Indian Workers Association, 4 March 1992

/22 asks members to attend a meeting with the Bradford branch of the Indian Workers Association prior to a Central Executive Committee meeting, 18 May 1992

/23 asks branches to provide reports for publication in 'Lalkar', to give details of members, and to organise participants for an Indian Workers Association/Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] conference 20 June 1992

/24 asks branches to mobilise support for a demonstration against racist murders in London, organised by the Indian Workers Association and other anti-racist organisations, 7 November 1992

/25 asks members to participate in a demonstration to support the Burnsall strikers 3 July 1993 which will begin at Handsworth library and finish at West Park in Smethwick

/26 gives information about a demonstration against the Criminal Justice Bill, 9 October 1994 in London and asks members to support NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers Union in their dispute with the College

Employers Forum

/27 invites members, including Women's and Youth sections, to participate in a Central Executive Committee seminar on the Indian Workers Association (GB) Review and Future Task, 15 January 1995 at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre in Birmingham. The circular also asks for support at a picket outside India House to protest against increases in passport and visa fees and for dual nationality or patriality certificates, 26 January 1995

/28 announces change of venue for the Central Executive Committee seminar on the Indian Workers Association (GB) Review and Future Task, 15 January 1995 at the Union Club, Pershore Road, Birmingham

/29 asks branches to support a TUC 'Unite Against Racism' demonstration in Manchester 28 October 1995, and to send payments and financial records to the Central Executive Committee

The file also contains some papers in Punjabi:

/30 appeals to Central Committee members and branch secretaries for a collection of funds to publish a Punjabi edition of 'Lalkar'. It also asks them to send reports, articles and literary writings for publication

/31 contains information about a forthcoming Central Committee meeting in Coventry, 17 June 1991

/32-/33 informs members and supporters of the Indian Workers Association that a peace rally in London on 21 June 1986 has nothing to do with the Indian Workers Association and that Avtar Jouhl had not given his permission to be listed as a speaker. The papers state that the Indian Workers Association is against any compromise with Khalistani elements, Congress Party and different factions of Akali parties

/34 gives notice of a meeting of the Central Committee 31 August 1985 in Birmingham

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Press releases and policy statements

1980-1995

Statements issued by the Central Executive Committee, largely consisting of press releases, but also including memoranda outlining the policy of the Indian Workers Association, mainly in relation to British government policy

on immigration expressed through restrictive legislation, but also on industrial disputes and trade union activities. There are also press releases outlining the organisation's stance on political developments in India and elsewhere.

/1 disseminating proceedings of the Indian Workers Association national conference 3 August 1980 in Derby

/2 reporting details of the National Security Bill introduced by the Indian government led by Indira Gandhi in December 1980 and the oppression of political opponents, and expressing the Indian Workers Association's opposition to this legislation

/3 stating the policy of the Indian Workers Association on immigration legislation introduced by successive governments since 1962, and in particular the White Paper on Nationality introduced by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government. The statement also gives information about campaigns by the Indian Workers Association and the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] to defeat the Nationality Bill, 1981

/4 condemning proposals for the creation of 'Black Sections' within the Labour Party, early 1980s

/5 reporting a meeting of workers organisations consisting of the Bangladesh Workers Association, Indian Workers Association, and Kashmiri Workers Association to discuss the implications of British government proposals to impose visas for visitors coming from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria and Ghana, 13 September 1986

/6 stating the decision of the Central Committee to expel members from the Indian Workers Association, 30 July 1989

/7 giving an account of the Martyrs Day Rally organised by the Birmingham branch, and Birmingham branch elections 19 November 1989

/8 congratulating the people of India for defeating the Congress Party of India in the recent general elections and urging the future government to grant dual Nationality to people of Indian origin living abroad, 29 November 1989

/9 disseminating proceedings of a joint national conference of both Indian Workers Associations (GB) 9 June 1990 in Smethwick

/10 memorandum presented to the High Commissioner of India, 11 July 1991 following a meeting between the Commissioner and the Indian Workers Association on the issue of dual nationality

/11 handwritten statement on harassment by customs officials of Indians returning to India from abroad, September 1991

/12 statement written in Punjabi 16 March 1992

/13 condemning the firebombing of the house of a couple of Indian origin in Great Barr, Birmingham, 20 September 1992

/14 expressing support for miners from the Midlands demonstrating in protest against pit closures, and reporting on a demonstration in Birmingham which was attended by members of the Indian Workers Association and addressed by Avtar Jouhl, 16 October 1992

/15 expressing disappointment at the decision of the GMB trade union to call off the Burnsall strike, and pledging the support of the Indian Workers Association for black workers in the trade union movement, 30 June 1993

/16 calling on the British National Party [BNP] to be banned, the laws against racial harassment and attacks to be strengthened, and for local authorities and police to prevent the BNP from operating anywhere in Britain. The release also urges people to join a Unity march in London 16 October 1993

/17 resolution expressing the sorrow of the Indian Workers Association at the death of Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, and solidarity with the Korean people, 9 July 1994

/18 hailing the victory of Bill Morris on his re-election to the office of general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU], 23 June 1995 and calling on members to mobilise support within their trade unions and communities to campaign for socialist, anti-racist and anti-sexist policies

The file also contains press releases and statements in Punjabi:

/19 handwritten statement by Avtar Jouhl about the Employment Acts of 1980 and 1982 which are accused of

providing protection to capitalism against the organised workforce

/20 handwritten statement by Avtar Jouhl about a demonstration in London 21 January 1984 against the Police Bill

/21 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association opposing entry certificate fees, undated

/22 report to the press by Avtar Jouhl about a demonstration in London against the poll tax 31 March 1990

/23 press statement about a meeting organised by the Indian Workers Association in the first week of March 1989 to welcome trade union leaders from South Africa

/24 leaflet condemning the recent increase in visa fees for British passport holders, and also asking members to attend a condolence meeting in memory of Sarwan Singh Cheema and others killed in separatist violence in Punjab, 17 November 1991

/25 newspaper report 27 March 1992 about an Indian Workers Association appeal to members and the general public to defeat the Conservative party in the forthcoming elections

/26 printed version of a declaration made at a conference in Birmingham against racist immigration and nationality laws, undated

This file also includes a press statement issued by the Indian Workers Association (GB) Prem Singh on the need for Arab nations to resolve the Gulf crisis, following the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in August 1990

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Officers lists

1986-1995

This file primarily consists of typescript lists containing the names and contact details of office bearers and members of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association during the late 1980s and 1990s. One list contains the names of Central Committee members elected at the national conference in Woolwich 8 June 1986; the most extensive list contains the names of members of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association following the merger of the two Indian

Workers Associations (GB) in 1991, and includes the names and addresses of branch presidents and secretaries; and a third list contains the names and contact details of office bearers and members of the Central Executive Committee in around 1995.

The file also includes a list of members of the Women's Section of the Indian Workers Association, probably dating from the mid 1990s, and two sheets of handwritten labels bearing the names and addresses of members of the Central Executive Committee from the c.1995 list.

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MS 2142/A/1/4 Correspondence and campaign files, 1972-2005

This series comprises sequences of incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Indian Workers Association, together with material relating to campaigns with which the organisation was involved. This consists of reports; information leaflets and flyers; correspondence; typescript and printed articles; press statements; and press cuttings, and includes material issued by other groups with similar political views to those of the Indian Workers Association, particularly other black and Asian organisations, and white anti-racist groups.

Much of the correspondence and campaign material focuses on the efforts of the Indian Workers Association, often in collaboration with other groups, to oppose racism and racial discrimination in Britain. Dominant themes concern the introduction of immigration legislation by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government during the 1980s and the threatened deportation of a number of individuals and their families under this legislation. Emphasis is also placed on the issue of Dual Nationality for people of Indian origin who had taken British citizenship as a result of previous immigration legislation and who were now facing difficulties when travelling to India to visit relations. Other papers focus on the Indian Workers Association's support of industrial disputes involving predominantly black and Asian workers during the 1980s, and the issue of racist attacks against members of black and Asian communities in Britain and inadequate police response to these incidents, suggested to be due to institutional racism. There is also material on opposition to the activities of the National Front during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and the British National Party during the early 1990s, and to the revival of fascist political groups in Europe during this period.

Other correspondence and campaign files focus on international campaigns, particularly relating to conflicts in Northern Ireland and Lebanon, and to opposition to perceived US imperialism, seen in the 1991 Gulf war, and the US government's policy on Cuba. There is also substantial material on Indian politics during the 1980s and 1990s, focusing on protests against the repression of political opponents, trade unionists and 'Dalits' or 'untouchables' by Indian governments, and on unrest revolving around the issue of Sikh separatism by militants fighting for the establishment of an independent state of Khalistan. There are also some papers on the international reaction to nuclear tests carried out by India and Pakistan in 1998,

and to the political situation in Kashmir, and tensions between the two countries. Some of this material relates to the effects of political changes in India on people of Indian and Pakistani origin living in Britain.

The Indian Workers Association's involvement with cultural events is also documented here. There is information about tours by the Punjabi dramatist Gursharan Singh that were organised by the Association in 1983 and 1995, and about events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Indian Workers Association in 1988 and Vaisakhi in 1999.

The series also contains some general correspondence concerning the administration of the Indian Workers Association. Correspondents include individuals; members of political and campaigning organisations in Britain, India and elsewhere; British Members of Parliament; government officials; and Indian diplomats and politicians.

Taken together, the papers in this series reflect the wide-ranging activities and political impact of the Indian Workers Association during the 1980s and 1990s. The files were kept by Avtar Jouhl, presumably in his role as General Secretary or President of the organisation during this period, and it has been possible to maintain original order to some extent. Files have been arranged within the series to list correspondence first, from MS 2142/A/1/4/1 to MS 2142/A/1/4/3, followed by the campaign files from MS 2142/A/1/4/4 to MS 2142/A/1/4/22. Some campaign files also contain correspondence, and there is some printed material within the correspondence files. There may also be some overlap between files, partly because much general correspondence discusses current campaigning activities. Other correspondence and campaign material is described in the 'general files' described at MS 2142/A/1/7

MS 2142/A/1/4/1	<u>Correspondence 1978-1984</u> General correspondence to and from the Indian Workers Association on a wide range of administrative and political matters. Letters are arranged in chronological order, with undated correspondence placed at the end of the sequence. /1 postcard sent by Avtar Jouhl to his family from Pakistan while on a study tour. The postcard mentions that he is travelling on to Canada, 6 February 1978 /2 from Mick Peckmore, secretary of Sandwell Committee Against Racism and Fascism, to Avtar Jouhl discussing the aims and constitution of this organisation and giving details about the next general meeting, 18 May 1978 /3 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to unidentified recipient addressed as 'Don' accepting an invitation and asking him to send a timetable, August 1979 /4 from the Asian Youth Movement, Manchester to the Indian Workers Association with condolences on the death of Arjan Dass Kataria during a demonstration against immigration laws and in support of Anwar Ditta, 15	1978-1984
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November 1980

/5-/6 from Anwar Ditta Defence Campaign enclosing a donation towards the funeral costs of Arjan Dass Kataria, 13 January 1981, together with typescript statement issued by the Indian Workers Association on the death of Arjan Dass Kataria

/7 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, to New Cross Massacre Action Committee expressing support and solidarity for the organisation, 23 March 1981

/8 copy letter from A. Singh, Indian Workers Association Central London branch, to Teja Sahota discussing articles relating to the 'Dalits' that have been sent to 'Lalkar', 12 April 1981

/9 copy letter from Rudy Narrayan to Kath Hartley, secretary of Handsworth Labour Party giving an account of instances of obstruction and racism he has faced in his campaign to be nominated as candidate for election, 30 June 1981

/10 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Sardar Darbara Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab, India urging the Indian government to protest to the British government over the proposed Nationality Bill and to provide the facility of Dual Nationality for people of Indian origin, 18 July 1981

/11 newspaper article alleging that Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council was biased against applications for funding by ethnic minority organisations, including details of allegations by Avtar Jouhl that the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre's bid was excluded from recommendations in a report by the urban aid programme sub-committee, 13 October 1981

/12-/16 correspondence and associated papers relating to Avtar Jouhl's position on the Manpower Services Commission Industrial Language Training Advisory Committee as a spokesperson for the views of ethnic minorities, including annotated agendas for meetings of this committee in October 1981 and March 1982

/17 from Anthony Wilson, secretary of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust to Avtar Jouhl discussing translation services in Wolverhampton and the Indian Workers Association's role in the 'Wolverhampton industrial context', 23 July 1982

/18 from Harbans Singh, officer of special duty, High Commission of India to Avtar Jouhl inviting him and other members of the Indian Workers Association to participate in Independence Day celebrations in August 1982

/19 from Suki Sitmam, Birmingham Interpreting and Translating based at All Faiths For One Race [AFFOR] to Avtar Jouhl discussing efforts to launch an interpreting and translating service in Wolverhampton and enquiring about the possibility of meeting Indian Workers Association members in Wolverhampton, 5 August 1982

/20 from 'Peter', Socialist Workers Party, to Avtar Jouhl discussing articles in 'Searchlight' on attacks on the Anti-Nazi League, 4 August 1982

/21-/24 correspondence and associated papers from the Anti-Apartheid Movement City Branch concerning a campaign for the release of the South African political prisoner David Kitson and a picket outside South Africa House in London. One of the letters asks the Indian Workers Association to mobilise support for this campaign, July-August 1982

/25 invitation from the High Commissioner for India to Independence Day celebrations at the Indian Gymkhana Club, Osterley, Middlesex, 15 August 1982

/26 from Pratibha Parmar, 'Race & Class Ltd' to Avtar Jouhl making arrangements to film an interview with him as General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, 2 September 1982

/27 typed transcript of an interview with Avtar Jouhl about the experiences of Asian workers in the West Midlands, particularly relating to industrial disputes at Coneygre Foundry in Tipton and Imperial Typewriters in Leicester, together with a covering letter from 'Race & Class Ltd' which carried out the interview in September 1982 as part of a project entitled 'Black Communities in Britain'

/28 from Anthony Wilson, Secretary of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust, to Avtar Jouhl informing him of a visit to Birmingham by the House of Commons Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration to gather evidence on a race/ethnic question in the next national census, 29 December 1982

/29 from A. A. Wood, County Planner, West Midlands

County Council, to Avtar Jouhl in response to concerns expressed by the Indian Workers Association about the inclusion of ethnic origin questions in the national census, giving details about a proposed visit by the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration to gather evidence on this topic from representatives of ethnic minority community groups in the West Midlands, 7 January 1983

/30-/31 from Prem Kapoor, 'Films From India' to Avtar Jouhl concerning a proposed film about Udham Singh. /27 includes copies of correspondence between Khushwant Singh, editor of the Hindustan Times, and Prem Kapoor, April 1983

/32 from Margaret Henry, 'Race & Class Ltd' to Avtar Jouhl giving information about the film for which he was interviewed in September 1982 which will form part of a series entitled 'Struggles for Black Community' to be broadcast on Channel 4, and asking for confirmation that Jouhl's name and that of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre can be credited, 5 April 1983

/33 from Harbans Singh, officer on special duty, High Commission of India, to Avtar Jouhl, making arrangements for a meeting to discuss Indian Independence Day celebrations 1983

/34 from Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants [JCWI] to recipient addressed as 'Prakash', giving details about the process of affiliating the Indian Workers Association to the JCWI, 31 March 1983

/35 from A. Gill to Avtar Jouhl apologising for not being able to meet him or attend meetings, April 1983

/36-/37 correspondence relating to the involvement of ethnic minority representatives on the Race Relations Sub-Committee for the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, including copy reply from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association explaining why the organisation will not participate, citing racist immigration and nationality legislation, 25 May 1983

/38 from Stephen Lambert, BBC Assistant Producer, to Avtar Jouhl, thanking him for his participation in a programme entitled 'Inquiry: Will Britain Work Again?', 27 June 1983

/39-/41 copy letters from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association to Labour MPs Clare Short,

Neil Kinnock and Jo Richardson in support of Richardson's private member's bill to rectify the Equal Pay Act, due for its Second Reading in the House of Commons 9 December 1983

/42-/43 from British Representatives of the United Federation of Labour concerning the repression of trade unionists and the Tamil minority in Sri Lanka and asking for the support of the Indian Workers Association in the campaign for the release of political prisoners and the restoration of democratic rights, 12 December 1983

/44 from Jo Richardson MP to Avtar Jouhl, thanking the Indian Workers Association for their support of her attempt to get a Second Reading for her Sex Equality Bill, 3 January 1984

/45-/46 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Harpal Brar, editor of 'Lalkar', discussing the need for the publication to focus on 'the struggles of Afghan and Kampuchean people against the Soviet and Vietnamese aggression' and enclosing an article on this issue for publication in the February 1984 issue of 'Lalkar', 10 January 1984

/47 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association to the Headmistress of Bordesley Green Girls' School, Birmingham welcoming the introduction of Urdu language teaching during school hours and asking that Punjabi teaching be introduced rather than being taught after school, 19 March 1984

/48 from Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Social Security in Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, to Clare Short MP in response to her letter about the payment of British pensions abroad, 10 January 1984. Clare Short had presumably contacted Rhodes Boyson on this issue following an approach by the Indian Workers Association

/49 from Robert Jones, secretary of the May 8th Committee, to friends and sponsors, giving a list of individuals and organisations supporting the organisation's call for a demonstration demanding 'Britain Out of Ireland': 'Self Determination for the Irish People' on 8 May, 24 April 1984

/50-/51 from A. Chandan, Steering Group for the Punjab Conference, to Avtar Jouhl, giving information about the conference scheduled to take place at Lanchester Polytechnic in Coventry 7-8 April 1984, together with a list

of the main speakers and workshop co-ordinators at this event

/52 from David Foster, Central News, to Avtar Jouhl, confirming a studio interview over the issue of 'sweatshops' in the West Midlands area, 2 October 1984

/53-/54 undated correspondence and associated papers relating to the establishment of the International Commission to enquire into reported violations of International Law by Israel during its invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The Indian Workers Association sponsored this commission

/55 from an Indian Workers Association member apologising for not being able to attend a meeting, undated

/56 anonymous notice on the paradox of skin colour; 'When I am born, I am Black'

/57 from Chris Reeves, Platform Films to Avtar Jouhl, regarding questions for an interview to be carried out

/58 from Ekta, a monthly publication for the Asian community in Gravesend, to Avtar Jouhl, inviting him to speak at martyr's day celebrations in Gravesend 15 March. This letter is undated

The file also contains some correspondence in Punjabi:

/59 from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of 'Des Pardes' Southall about a change of arrangements to a demonstration 5 April 1981 in Hyde Park

/60 from Buta Singh Rai from Slough to Avtar Jouhl about Indian Workers Association membership details, copies of the constitution and membership cards, 3 April 1982

/61-/62 from Nirmal Sondhi, secretary of the Bedford branch about a forthcoming Central Committee meeting and a resolution to cut expenses on food and drinks after the programmes, 8 September 1982

/63 from Baldev Singh Mann, editor of the Communist monthly Hiraval Dasta to Avtar Jouhl appealing for contributions to a book to be published in the form of biographies of Communist martyrs of Punjab, 2 August 1983

/64 from Avtar Jouhl to Ajmer about a forthcoming

demonstration and bi annual conference in Coventry 7
October 1984

/65 from Harminder, Indian Workers Association Blackburn
branch to Avtar Jouhl 21 May 1984

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Correspondence 1985-1990

1985-1990

General correspondence to and from the Indian Workers
Association on a wide range of administrative and political
matters.

Letters are arranged in chronological order, with undated
correspondence placed at the end of the sequence.

/1 circular letter from Birmingham and West Midlands
branch of the National Council for Civil Liberties to
supporters, giving information about the West Midlands
Civil Liberties Network, organised jointly with Handsworth
Law Centre, January 1985

/2-/5 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Andrew Faulds,
Labour MP for Smethwick, expressing the opposition of
the Indian Workers Association and the Bangladeshi
Workers Association to a demand for a separate Black
Section of the Labour Party and reserved nominations for
black people because they see it as a divisive move, 24
January 1985, with a reply from Andrew Faulds, 29
January 1985. Attached to the letters are copies of a
statement on this issue by the Indian Workers Association
and a newspaper article about the Black Activists
Campaign for all-black shortlists

/6 from David Perris, regional secretary of the Trades
Union Congress West Midlands Regional Council, to Avtar
Jouhl, with thanks for his participation in a recent
conference 'Trade Unions and Race' in December 1984,
25 January 1985

/7-/8 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the
Indian Workers Association, to Roberta A. McDonald,
secretary of the Immigration Aid Unit, Saltley, Birmingham,
enclosing a photocopy of an article entitled 'Why the
Failure?' printed in 'Outwrite' in December 1984. The
article discusses the Kewal Brothers Factory Workers
strike and the experiences of the Strikers Support Group,
which was largely made up of Asian women. The Indian
Workers Association objected to the association of the
Immigration Aid Unit with women on the Strikers Support
Group

/9 from Peter Cannon, Director of Documentaries, Central Independent Television, to Avtar Jouhl, postponing plans to make a film with him about his life and experiences, 14 February 1985

/10 from Suwendu Chatterjee, Indian People's Front, Calcutta, to the Indian Workers Association, announcing the organisation's intention of maintaining regular correspondence and exchanging views and experiences through journals and other means, 16 February 1985

/11 notice of a planning meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties [NCCL] Birmingham and West Midlands branch West Midlands Civil Liberties Network at the Trade Union Resource Centre, 20 February 1985

/12 copy letter from Harpal Brar to all branches of the Indian Workers Association discussing the attitude of many branches towards the distribution of and collection of payments for 'Lalkar', and emphasising the need for members to actively support this publication. The letter also gives information about a national conference in London organised by Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] and urges members to support the National Union of Mineworkers [NUM] during the 1984-1985 miners strike, 21 February 1985

/13-/21 from Harpal Brar to Avtar Jouhl enclosing copies of letters he has written to various branches asking them to settle their accounts for receiving issues of 'Lalkar', and urging Jouhl to write a reply to an article by Naranjan Noor recently published in 'Des Pardes', 21 February 1985

/22 from Parkash Aulfa to Avtar Jouhl apologising for missing a Central Committee meeting, 29 August 1985

/23 circular letter from the Committee Against Repression & for Democratic Rights in Iraq [CARDRI] and the Committee for the Defence of the Iranian People's Rights [CODIR] to the Indian Workers Association, inviting the organisation to participate in an evening of 'Solidarity with the Iraqi and Iranian people Against Terror and War, for Peace and Democracy' 21 September 1985 at Hampstead Town Hall, London, in protest over the human suffering caused by the ongoing war between the two countries, and the repression of political opponents by the governing regimes in both Iraq and Iran

/24-/25 from Dev Nathan, Bharatiya Shramik Sabha

(formerly IFTU), to the Indian Workers Association, inviting the organisation to its Second National Conference to be held in New Delhi 6-9 December 1985, with a reply from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association, 2 September 1985

/26 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to K. Sital JP, Vice President of the Council of Hong Kong Indian Associations, Hong Kong, giving details about the Indian Workers Association's lobbying of the British government and opposition parties for the achievement of Right of Abode for non-Chinese British Dependent Territories Citizenship [BDTC] in Hong Kong, 3 September 1985

/27 circular letter from Rachel Brooks, Industry and Compliance Equal Opportunities Unit, Greater London Council, inviting representatives from interested organisations to a Women's Conference on Contract Compliance 18 January 1986

/28-/29 from Anne Owers, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants [JCWI] to Avtar Jouhl, discussing the campaign to achieve British citizenship for ethnic minorities living in Hong Kong, 9 December 1985 and 3 February 1986

/30 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association to Clare Short MP, with condolences on the death of her father, 16 March 1986

/31 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Harpal Brar listing decisions taken at a meeting of Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], 16 March 1986

/32 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to F. A. Richardson, General Manager Walsall Community Project Ltd discussing the running of the project and the organisation of the Willenhall branch of the Indian Workers Association. The letter also points out that there is another Indian Workers Association unconnected with this group, 17 March 1986

/33-/35 circular letter from the Asian Forum to all members of the steering committee; Asian organisations and Asian councillors enclosing a draft constitution of the Asian Forum, a confederation of Asian organisations formed to work together against racism and discrimination, together with a statement from a conference held by the organisation entitled 'Asians in Britain - Present and

Future' in November 1985. The circular letter is dated 18 March 1986

/36 from Felix Robertson, Appeals for Claimants Team, Birmingham Tribunal Trust, asking whether the Indian Workers Association wants to be included on a list of agencies offering advice and representation, 2 April 1986

/37 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Councillor R. Davies, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, in support of an application for planning permission for an extension to the Muslim Community Centre in Smethwick, citing the work done by the centre for the local community, 9 June 1986

/38-/40 correspondence from the Korea Friendship Committee to Avtar Jouhl, including a message of solidarity to the Indian Workers Association (GB) on their national conference in Woolwich, 8 June 1986, and a press statement giving details of some of the recent activities organised by the Korea Friendship Committee during the 'International Month of Solidarity with the Korean People and Against US Imperialism' 25 June-27 July 1986

/41 from G. A. Hadley, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to 'Lalkar' publication, asking whether people at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre will undertake some translation work from English to Punjabi, 30 July 1986

/42-/43 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association to Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, asking the government not to impose visa requirements for visitors to Britain from the Indian sub-continent and other countries, with an acknowledgement from the Prime Minister's office, 1-4 September 1986

/44 photocopy of statistics issued by Sandwell Court on juvenile offenders 1986

/45 from Korea Publications Export & Import Corporation Editor Department informing supporters that Kim Il Sung's recent policy speech 'For the Complete Victory of Socialism' has been published in several languages and is available for order, 8 January 1987

/46 press release issued by the Committee for the Defence of Democratic Rights in Turkey giving information about a rally in Istanbul 31 January 1987 attended by workers of

the NETAS company who have been on strike since 18 November 1986

/47 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association (GB) Avtar Jouhl; Indian Workers Association (GB) Prem Singh; Bangladeshi Workers Association; and the Kashmiri Workers Association to P. Waddington, Department of Sociology, Birmingham Polytechnic, expressing the opposition of these organisations to proposals for the establishment of a separate course for black social work students taught by black tutors, and asking him to do all in his power to reject the proposal 7 February 1987

/48 from Kathy Tait, Heath And Safety Advice Centre [HASAC], Frederick Street, Birmingham, to the General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, Avtar Jouhl, asking supporters to make a donation to the family of Ravi Sharma, HASAC's Asian Language Project worker, who had recently died of a heart attack, 4 March 1987

/49 photocopy of a letter from the Assistant High Commissioner for India, Birmingham, to the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, regarding the disruption of Indian Workers Association meetings and attacks on members by Sikh separatists, 25 March 1987

/50 from 'Godfrey' to Avtar Jouhl discussing payment for an unidentified leaflet, 31 March 1987

/51-/55 correspondence and associated papers relating to Sandwell Council for Community Relations, including an agenda for a meeting of the Policy (Race Relations) Sub-Committee 10 June 1987; copy of resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Sandwell Council for Community Relations on immigration legislation and the use of Thomas Telford High School by ethnic minority organisations for community activities; nomination papers for the election of Honorary Officers and members of the Executive Committee at the 1987 Annual General Meeting; and a membership list October 1986

/56 from Clare Short, MP to unidentified recipient addressed as 'comrade', probably Avtar Jouhl, with thanks for supporting her in the recent General Election campaign, and inviting supporters to a social event, 23 June 1987

/57-/58 from the Indian Peoples Association in North America [IPANA] giving information about a Conference on

India to be held in Vancouver during the Conference of Commonwealth Countries in October 1987 at which India's Prime Minister will be present, and inviting the Indian Workers Association to participate in and support this event, 26 June 1987; copy letter from Avtar Jouhl in reply to this letter, declining to sponsor the conference, 24 September 1987

/59 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to 'comrade Sidhu', with a draft motion for the Labour group and full council meeting on proposals made in the Queen's speech regarding a new immigration bill, 8 July 1987

/60 from the District Health Education Officer, Sandwell Health Authority, inviting leaders of ethnic minority groups to a meeting at Kingston House in West Bromwich to discuss ways of educating different communities about AIDS, 10 July 1987

/61 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to A. Sealy, First United Church, West Bromwich, asking for further information about the use of the church hall to hold a conference on Immigration and Nationality Laws, 6 August 1987

/62 copy of a circular letter sent by Avtar Jouhl and Sohan Singh Sandhu on behalf of both Indian Workers Associations (GB) inviting organisations to participate in a National Conference against communalism, separatism and for the unity of the Indian people, at West Bromwich Town Hall on 23 August 1987

/63 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to J. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of the Barrow Cadbury Fund, discussing the aims of a conference on new immigration legislation and nationality laws to be held 25 October 1987, giving details of the expenses, and referring to a bid for a grant to cover these expenses, 6 August 1987

/64 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Assistant High Commissioner of India, Birmingham, with a copy of the resolution on visa requirements for people of Indian origin, passed at the national conference held by both Indian Workers Associations (GB) 23 August 1987

/65 press release issued by 'the black community of Sandwell' on the apparent failure of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, November 1987

/66-/72 correspondence and associated papers relating to

a One Day Conference on Black People and British Politics organised by the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at the University of Warwick, 26 November 1987, including programmes, and details of groups, individuals and members of political parties attending the event. Avtar Jouhl attended on behalf of the Indian Workers Association

/73 from Nick Hay, Secretary of Birmingham Public Services Union Liaison Committee to Avtar Jouhl, discussing a donation towards transport costs associated with the Campaign Against Racist Laws demonstration 10 December 1987, enclosing a cheque payable to the Indian Workers Association

/74-/75 letters from Bhikhu Parekh, Deputy Chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, and Andrew R. Lee, Senior Employment Officer, Commission for Racial Equality, to Avtar Jouhl, referring to unspecified campaigns, 17 December 1987 and 7 January 1988

/76-/77 from the African National Congress, London, inviting the Indian Workers Association to a conference to be held in London 9-10 January 1988 to mark the end of the 75th Anniversary Year of the founding of the organisation, and providing a draft programme

/78 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Mick Rice, secretary of Birmingham Trades Union Council [BTUC], congratulating the organisation for electing a black president, but urging affiliated branches to elect black delegates as well as white delegates in order for BTUC to organise better campaigns. Jouhl also requests that BTUC invite Bhagat Singh Bilga to speak at their next meeting, while he is visiting Britain at the invitation of the Indian Workers Association, 14 January 1988

/79 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Z. Hassan, Race Relations Advisor, Town Clerk Department, Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, West Bromwich, expressing concern about the privatisation of school and welfare meals and the possibility that private contractors will ignore the dietary needs of people of Asian origin, 28 January 1988

/80 appendices of a report by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council on the implementation of Race Relations and Equal Opportunity policies by local authorities, in the areas of Education, Employment, Housing, Environmental Health and Planning, Recreation and Amenities, and Social Services

/81-/84 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl, Keith Vaz MP and Doug Carnegie, series producer of 'Central Weekend' for Central Independent Television, concerning the 29 January 1988 programme which included a segment on dowry violence and another on life sentences for murder. Keith Vaz was a participant on the programme.

/85 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of Tony Huq, President of the Bangladeshi Workers Association; Shirley Joshi; Bob Carter; and Clive Harris to Martin Jacques, editor of Marxism Today enclosing a contribution by the named individuals entitled 'No to Racism, No to Immigration Control' for publication in Marxism Today in response to 'A Race to Exclusion' by Dave Cook and others in the January 1988 issue, 15 March 1988

/86 from Salma Ahmad on behalf of SOS Racism UK to Avtar Jouhl inviting him to participate in a European Day of Action against Racism and Fascism on 23 April 1988, the eve of the French Presidential elections in which Jean Marie Le Pen is standing. The letter includes details about campaign activities organised for that day, including a debate/discussion on the immigration bill in Manchester, to which Jouhl is invited. The letter also includes a copy of a statement of the European Anti-Racist Conference in Stockholm 5-7 February 1988

/87 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to G. Egan, co-ordinator of the Trade Union Resource Centre [TURC], Frederick Street, Birmingham, concerning cuts to voluntary sector funding by Birmingham City Council and an Indian Workers Association campaign for the continuation of funding, 2 August 1988

/88 from a group campaigning in support of Martina Shanahan, Finbar Cullen and John McCann who were arrested and charged with conspiracy to murder Tom King, the Northern Ireland secretary. The letter gives information about the detention of these people, and details about a booklet produced following their trial which will describe the treatment of Martina Shanahan while in detention, entitled 'Waiting for Justice', 26 August 1988

/89 newspaper article from 'Birmingham Evening Mail' reporting on the support of Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, for the campaign to withdraw British troops from Northern Ireland, and claims by Conservative MP for Selly Oak, Anthony Beaumont-Dark, that this support was treasonable, 30 September 1988

/90 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Mick Rice, Secretary of Birmingham Trades Union Council [BTUC], requesting that the management committees of both BTUC and the Trade Union Resource Centre [TURC] work towards providing staff who can communicate with non-English speaking trade union members of Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi origin, 3 October 1988

/91-/93 incomplete copy of a letter from the Commission for Racial Equality Birmingham Regional Office, to Angela Griffin, Chief Executive, Sandwell Metropolitan District Council, concerning Sandwell council's policy on equal opportunities, 29 November 1988, with a copy reply from Avtar Jouhl discussing the Commission for Racial Equality's report on Sandwell Council's implementation of its race relations policies, 2 February 1989, enclosing a report describing the Indian Workers Association response to the Commission for Racial Equality's report

/94 from Maureen Davis, Birmingham Trade Union Resource Centre [TURC] to Avtar Jouhl, giving information about an event she is organising for the Women's festival called Black Women in Education, and asking whether he will make a donation to sponsor the event, 26 January 1989

/95-/105 correspondence and associated papers concerning meetings of 'Whose Europe?' and the publication and distribution of the 'Whose Europe?' broadsheet, March-May 1989

/106 from the Acting Town Clerk, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to Avtar Jouhl regarding the use of premises at Thomas Telford High School by the Indian Workers Association, 3 March 1989

/107 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to J. S. Ajimal concerning his fee for speaking as General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association at the Kamyabi conference in June 1989, 6 April 1989

/108 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Kathy Tait, Health And Safety Advice Centre [HASAC] concerning job applications to HASAC in non-English languages, 14 April 1989

/109 from Virginia Heywood for Clare Short MP, to Avtar Jouhl, thanking him for agreeing to speak in a session on the black community and Ireland at a conference organised by the 'Time To Go' campaign at City University in June 1989, and giving further information about the

event, 17 April 1989

/110 from Nigel Blanche, branch secretary of the Nazis Out the Union campaign, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing recent developments in the campaign and expressing regret that no speaker from the Indian Workers Association was available to address a recent meeting, 18 May 1989

/111 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Clare Short MP, apologising for now not being able to speak at the 'Time To Go' conference in June 1989, but proposing that the Indian Workers Association national organiser Harpal Brar attend in his place, 24 May 1989

/112 copy of a letter from successful candidate for a job on the welfare project run by the Indian Workers Association (GB) Willenhall branch, requesting his contract of employment, 25 May 1989

/113 from Jack Reedy, Midlands Regional Officer, Independent Broadcasting Authority, to Avtar Jouhl following his participation in a regional consultation on 'races and cultures as portrayed or reflected on television', summarising the main points made at this event, 6 June 1989

/114 from V. N. Naid, Second Secretary, Assistant High Commission of India, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing proposals to organise India Club in Birmingham, and enclosing a copy of the constitution of this club, aimed at bringing different communities of Indian origin together, 13 June 1989

/115 from Nana Henrietta Moabi, c/o Sheena Duncan, The Black Sash, Johannesburg, to Avtar Jouhl, reminiscing about her visit to Birmingham and the Indian Workers Association, and referring to campaign activities of womens groups in South Africa, 14 June 1989

/116 copy of a letter from Tommy Harte, to Sarwan Bhart, Indian Workers Association welfare centre, Willenhall, with copies to Avtar Jouhl and the No More Bhopals Steering Committee, in reply to a complaint that the Bhopal delegation failed to include the Indian Workers Association on their list of organisations at the head of their letter of solidarity, 23 June 1989

/117 copy of a letter from Simon Hinds, Chief Regional Reports, The Voice, Vice-Chair Birmingham Black Sections, to the Head of Midland Network, BBC Pebble

Mill, Birmingham, expressing concern about the appointment of a white person as the producer of a series of documentaries concerning black (Asian and African Caribbean) immigration into Britain and citing his reasons for this concern. The letter was copied to the Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre; Association of Black Churches; Huddersfield Caribbean Association; Black Rights UK; Indian Workers Association; and the Asian Resource Centre

/118-/119 from Martin Collins, 'Time To Go!', to Avtar Jouhl, asking whether he is still intending to address the pre-march rally at an event organised by the group on 12 August 1989, together with a flyer for this event which focuses on the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland

/120 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of the 'Punjabi Guardian' refuting allegations made in a recent article about Jagmohan Joshi, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association between 1964 and his death in 1979, 26 July 1990

/121 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the High Commission of India, Birmingham, setting out the views of the Indian Workers Association on the Mandal Commission's report on the treatment of 'Dalits' in India, and its implementation, to be conveyed to the Indian government, 20 September 1990

The file also contains correspondence in Punjabi

/122 from Rajinder Dulai to the General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association about the attitude of the convenor of the Editorial Board Sub Committee concerning a telephone conversation between Rajinder Dulai and Tara Singh about whether to publish his article, 26 May 1986

/123 from Harjit Daudharia, secretary of the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association to Avtar Jouhl with condolences on the death of his mother, 2 October 1986

/124 from Avtar Jouhl to Kulwant Singh, village head Rurka Kallan expressing solidarity, 23 May 1988

/125 from Ajmer Singh to Avtar Jouhl, 23 May 1988

/126 from Avtar Jouhl to Dhido about business proposals, 23 May 1988

/127 from Avtar Jouhl to Onkar about his family circumstances, 23 May 1988

/128 from Avtar Jouhl to Prem Singh, General Secretary of the Association of Indian Communists about the forthcoming visit of Harkishan Singh Surjit, Polit Bureau member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), 11 June 1988

/129 from Avtar Jouhl to Prem Singh making arrangements to call a joint meeting of both Indian Workers Associations, 11 June 1988

/130 from Nirmal Sondhi to Avtar Jouhl about printing errors in a leaflet issued to commemorate Jagmohan Joshi, 27 June 1989

/131 letter printed in 'Punjabi Darpan' written by Bhupinder Singh Saroya about the leadership of the Indian Workers Association, 18 August 1989

/132 from Harjit Daudharia, Secretary of the Indian Workers Association to Avtar Jouhl about his apology for not attending the last meeting, and an article on the Soviet Union and the crisis in Eastern Europe to be published in 'Lalkar', 22 January 1990

/133 from Avtar Jouhl to Mr Kaushil and Mr Sarwan about a memorandum of Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee and two news items, 5 March 1990

/134 from Avtar Jouhl to Mr Karnail about 'Lalkar' subscriptions, 15 March 1990

/135 report on a cultural evening organised by Lok Sabhiachark Manch, Calgary, Canada on 6 May 1989

/136 undated letter of warning from Secret Sikh Freedom Fighters to the Indian Workers Association

/137 from Sarwan Singh about an incident in Willenhall where a Congress Party supporter, Tarlock Sandhar, started speaking in favour of the high fees that Asian people had to pay to hire school halls for social functions

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General correspondence to and from the Indian Workers Association on a wide range of administrative and political

matters.

Letters are arranged in chronological order, with undated correspondence placed at the end of the sequence.

/1 from Desh Bhagat Yadgar to the Secretary of the Indian Workers Association expressing sympathy with the organisation following a fire at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, 19 January 1991

/2 open letter to Sir Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council, and Roger Taylor, Chief Executive from representatives from a number of organisations and individuals, including the Indian Workers Association. The letter concerns Section 11 Grant Provision 1966 Local Government Act regarding grants for black and ethnic minority communities, 25 February 1991

/3-/4 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood, concerning the murder of a constituent, Gurmej Singh, and his brother, by Khalistani separatists during a visit to India, 25 February 1991

/5 from Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit to Avtar Jouhl, providing information about the 'Racial Equality in Europe Conference' held at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham 3-6 December 1991, including catering and accommodation arrangements, and a programme of events

/6-/7 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood, concerning the booking of the Grand Committee Room in the Houses of Parliament for a joint Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] and [SCORE] conference entitled '1992 and rights of black people in Europe' 27 March 1992

/8-/9 correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and West Yorkshire Police relating to an attack on an Indian man at the Sikh gurdwara in Huddersfield following a conference that the Indian Workers Association participated in, May 1992

/10 copy letter from the Indian Workers Association to Harkishan Singh Surjit, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), New Delhi, giving details about two people who have agreed to assist the party with the computers in their new offices in New Delhi, 1 August 1992

/11-/12 invitations addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the

High Commissioner for India and Jahind, the Executive Committee of Indian Overseas Congress (I) UK Nottingham to celebrations to mark the 45th anniversary of India's Independence, August 1992

/13 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the India League to a meeting in honour of Dr Manmohan Singh, Minister of Finance in the Indian government, at Mahatma Gandhi Hall, Indian YMCA, 15 September 1992

/14-/15 letters from Anthony Wilson, Secretary of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust concerning grants to groups working to raise awareness of the Bhopal disaster in India, and to improve industrial safety, September 1992

/16 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the High Commissioner for India, to meet S. B. Chavan. Home Minister of India at India House, 23 September 1992

/17 from Indrajit Chakrabarty to Avtar Jouhl discussing the campaigning activities of an unidentified organisation which he is a member of, and giving contact details of other officers in this group, 10 October 1992

/18 circular letter from the Committee for Human Rights in Grenada giving information about the health of a female political prisoner and thanking supporters who wrote to protest the conditions she was being held in. The letter also mentions a day school of workshops on Grenada to be held 13 March 1993 to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the revolution and provide an update on the present situation in Grenada and the legal campaign for the 'Grenada 17', 22 November 1992

/19 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Makhan Singh Johal, Central Committee member of the Indian Workers Association Nottingham branch concerning Nottingham branch elections, 30 November 1992

/20 newspaper article from 'Metronews' about the concerns of ethnic minority community leaders that violence in India between Hindus and Muslims could be used as an excuse to spark revenge attacks among all Indian communities including the Sikh community. The article includes a quote from Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, 10 December 1992

/21 copy letter form Avtar Jouhl to the Assistant General

Secretary of the Indian Workers Association concerning a forthcoming day conference on the second review of the Race Relations Act 1976, 20 December 1992

/22 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the Acting High Commissioner for India to a reception at India House on the occasion of the Republic Day of India, 26 January 1993

/23 anonymous letter expressing anti-semitic views sent to Avtar Jouhl, together with photocopies of newspaper clippings on the election of members of parliament, January 1993

/24 from Louis Ifill, co-ordinator of Workers of Colour Support Network, to Avtar Jouhl thanking him for agreeing to attend a conference on 'Unions and Communities working Together to Fight Racism' and giving information about the structure of the event, 10 February 1993

/25 copy letter from Prem Singh and Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association to Sinn Feinn on the occasion of the Ard Fheis (Conference) being held 20-21 February 1993, expressing support

/26-/27 correspondence concerning the actions and views of members of the 'Birmingham Support Group' set up during the Burnsall strike, including allegations that Avtar Jouhl had helped to spread unrest. A copy letter from Avtar Jouhl addresses this issue, and voices his disagreement, 28 January-4 February 1993

/28 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by Mr B. K. R. Rao to lunch at India House, 4 February 1993

/29 copy letter from Challinor Roberts Cooksey solicitors to Messrs Lyon Clark solicitors concerning a proposed Consent Order for the Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sikh Temple in Smethwick, 8 March 1993

/30-/31 correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and Robin Thompson & Partners, solicitors, concerning a case of discrimination in employment against an Asian worker, 18-20 March 1993

/32 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Herman Ously, chair of the Commission for Racial Equality, congratulating him on his appointment and giving details about the work of the Indian Workers Association in tackling racial

discrimination, 6 April 1993

/33 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the High Commissioner for India to Baisakhi Di Raat cultural evening which will include a Kavi Durbar and Sangeet Sabha, 16 April 1993 at 9 Kensington Palace Gardens

/34 from Commission for Racial Equality [CRE] to Avtar Jouhl confirming arrangements for a meeting between members of the Indian Workers Association and CRE representatives, 27 April 1993

/35 from 'Edina', Prudential Bank, depository of the Philippine and United States Governments, to Avtar Jouhl, giving an account of a May Day celebration in Manila, 7 May 1993

/36 handwritten notes made by Avtar Jouhl during a meeting with Commission for Racial Equality representatives, 18 May 1993

/37 from a member of the Indian Workers Association discussing arrangements for the Indian Workers Association national conference in June 1993

/38-/39 letter from Peter W. Ladkin to Avtar Jouhl expressing his admiration for his work for the Indian Workers Association, with a reply from Avtar Jouhl, September 1993

/40 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association to Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood, expressing sympathy on the death of her husband Alex Lyon, 7 October 1993

/41 from M. Gloss, branch secretary of an unidentified organisation, to Avtar Jouhl, expressing concern for his recent ill health, 28 October 1993

/42-/43 programme for Indian Workers Association conference organised by the Indian Workers Association, Huddersfield at the Sikh Leisure Centre 28 November 1993, together with covering letter from Mohinder Chatrik to Avtar Jouhl, 11 November 1993

/44 copy letter from Harpal Brar to Avtar Sadiq discussing agreements made concerning the future of 'Lalkar' at the Indian Workers Association merger conference in February 1991 and the apparent flouting of some of these Central Committee decisions by certain branches, 25

November 1993

/45 from Makahn S. Bajwa, Greenwich Council for Racial Equality to Avtar Jouhl confirming arrangements for him to address the General Council Meeting which will discuss the Rise of the Far Right and racial attacks. Jouhl is to speak on what the trade unions can do to combat this, 6 December 1993

/46-/47 from Harish Patel to Avtar Jouhl questioning his attribution of the phrase 'We are here because you were there' to Jagmohan Joshi rather than Ambalavaner Sivanandan during a meeting in Tower Hamlets, 7 December [1993], with a reply from Avtar Jouhl recommending that he research his speeches, which some people use out of context, December 1993

/48 from Jaspal Jass, editor of 'Surkh Rekha', Ludhiana, Punjab, to the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association concerning the organisation's support for international revolutionary movements and asking whether it would support a project to publish revolutionary literature in Punjabi, 1 January 1994

/49 copy letter from Avtar to the High Commission of India with enclosing a list of Central Executive Committee members of the Indian Workers Association who are authorised to certify passport photographs 1994

/50 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to West Bromwich Councillor Tarsem King regarding council elections to take place in May 1994, 18 April 1994

/51-/52 programme and associated promotional papers for a West Midlands Workers Memorial Day in Birmingham organised by the Trade Union and Labour movement to highlight health and safety at work issues, 28 April 1994

/53 copy letter from Harpal Brar to Harsev Bains confirming that H. S. Surjeet will speak in Southall on the invitation of the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association, 17 July 1994

/54 from Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood, to Avtar Jouhl, thanking him for his letter of sympathy following the death of her husband Alex Lyon, September 1994

/55-/56 letter from Dave Spencer, Coventry Socialist Alliance, to Avtar Jouhl enclosing information about a conference entitled 'Towards A Working Class Politics' to

be held at Barras Green Social Club, Coventry 24-25 September 1994 and asking whether he would be able to introduce a session at the conference on the issue of fighting racism

/57 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the Indian Community Centre Association of Nottinghamshire to the Inaugural Opening of the Indian Community Centre, 30 October 1994

/58 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the High Commissioner for India to a reception in honour of Finance Ministers of the provinces of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, 25 January 1995

/59 from Ajit K. Doval, Coordination Minister, High Commission of India, to Avtar Jouhl giving an account of the activities of the High Commission to serve the interests of Indians living in Britain during 1994 and asking for his suggestions for future work, 30 January 1995

/60 from the Indian Workers Association confirming that members will make contributions to Birmingham Trade Union Council towards the purchase of freehold of the Union Club, 1 February 1995

/61 from Ajit K. Doval, Coordination Minister, High Commission of India, to Avtar Jouhl giving details about a condolence meeting on the death of Giani Zail Singh ji, former president of India, at India House, 17 February 1995

/62-/64 circular letter from the Society for Friendship with Korea giving information about the aims and objectives of this group and providing details about its inaugural meeting 24 March 1995 in London, together with a blank membership form and a copy of the constitution of this group

/65 report of a meeting between the Deputy Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality and the Indian Workers Association in Birmingham 22 March 1995, with a covering memorandum dated 20 April 1995

/66 from Ajit K. Doval, Coordination Minister, High Commission of India, to Avtar Jouhl giving details about a condolence meeting on the death of Shri Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India, at India House, 5 May 1995

/67 circular letter giving details about a 'Six-day Marxist-

Leninist Seminar' 24-25 July 1995 organised by the Association of Indian Communists

/68-/69 correspondence from the National Association of Probation Officers concerning Avtar Jouhl's attendance at the organisation's Annual General Meeting in Derby to speak on the topic of Health and Safety legislation and the ways in which it can be used to tackle racism and deal with racist offenders, October 1995

/70 copy letter from Doreen Price, Chairman of the West Midlands Oral History Group to Bruce Epps discussing Birmingham's current application for Millennium funding, and the development of the City Sound Archive which should reflect the lives of all the minority communities within Birmingham, 8 November 1995

/71 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Bruce Epps expressing the support of the Indian Workers Association for Birmingham's application for Millennium funding, and mentioning the support of the organisation for the Birmingham Black Oral History Project that took place in the early 1990s, 12 December 1995

/72 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Editor of 'The New Worker' protesting against the New Communist Party's policy against setting a legal minimum wage, and asking for space to be given to a report on the anti-racist and anti-fascist work of the party, 11 December 1995

/73 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the Consul General of India to a flag hoisting ceremony and communal rendering of the National Anthem in Birmingham to celebrate the 46th anniversary of the Republic Day of India, 26 January 1996

/74 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl issued by the Consul General of India to a reception in Birmingham to meet Mr P. K. Singh, Deputy High Commissioner, 1 February 1996

/75-/76 correspondence to Avtar Jouhl from members of the 'Towards Peace in Ireland' group including Ken Livingstone MP, Anni Marjoran and Clive Soley MP discussing his sponsorship of a one-day conference looking at the process by which peace can be achieved in Ireland, due to take place 2 July 1996 and including speakers from the British Labour and Trade Union movement, as well as economists, lawyers, members of human rights organisations and historians

/77 letter from the Indian Overseas Congress to councillor Roy Benjamin, drawing attention to the rise in racist propaganda in Birmingham, and the threat of violence against black and Asian people, 5 May 1999

/78 from 'Graham' to Avtar Jouhl giving information about a conference organised by Communist trades unionists on the theme of 'The Labour Movement and the New World Order' and asking whether Jouhl would take place in a workshop on Asylum Rights and Refugee matters, undated

/79 from Satish Kumar Rao to Avtar Jouhl asking whether he could help him to gain employment so that he can take part in further medical training in Britain, undated

/80 from Nick Wright to Avtar Jouhl discussing the possibility of him taking part in a Communist trade unionists conference and asking whether he would write an article for a newsheet to be distributed at the Trades Union Congress [TUC] conference, undated.

The file also contains correspondence in Punjabi:

/81 from Harjit Daudharia to Avtar Jouhl and members of the Co-ordination Committee of the Indian Workers Association setting out suggestions for a better organisation, future activities and cultural and literary events, 25 January 1991

/82 from Harjit Daudharia to the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association about the role of Lalkar magazine and the problems of regular publication, 11 February 1991

/83 from Nirmal Sondhi, Bedford branch, to the Indian Workers Association Secretary about sending financial assistance to families in Punjab who had been victims of terrorist violence, 5 March 1991

/84 letter printed in 'Punjabi Guardian', written by Ajit Sandhu, Leicester branch, about the approach of the Indian Workers Association leadership towards the Communist Party of India (Marxist), 15-30 June 1991

/85 from Avtar Jouhl to Prem Singh about a correction in a newspaper report, 25 November 1991

/86 condolence letter from Avtar Jouhl to Mr Charan, 13

May 1992

/87 to Avtar Jouhl from Kharval Vir, Coventry, informing him that one of his friends could not bring books from India due to excess luggage, 29 June 1992

/88 from Santokh Singh Santokh, member of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association to Avtar Jouhl about new membership, 26 June 1992

/89 from Santokh Singh Santokh, Secretary of the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association, sending his apology for not being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting 22 November 1992

/90 from Harjit Daudharia to Avtar Jouhl about his activities in Canada, 20 January 1993

/91 from Mr Mukhtiar, Winnipeg, Canada, to Avtar Jouhl, 19 April 1993

/92-/96 from Harjit Daudharia to Avtar Jouhl about his life and activities in Canada and recent trip to India, 1993-1994

/97 from Avtar Sadiq to Avtar Jouhl, 30 August 1994

/98 from Avtar Jouhl to the manager Nishkam Sewak Jatha, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham with condolences on the death of Naurang Singh, 5 July 1995

/99 from Nirmal Sondhi, Bedford branch, to Avtar Jouhl, 18 March 1995

/100 from Avtar Jouhl about a telephone conversation with Avtar Sadiq about planning a meeting in January 1996, 23 November 1995

/101 from Jagtar Singh Ajimal about a programme to type Punjabi in different font sizes and styles, undated

/102 from Kirti Kisan Union Punjab, monthly magazine Hiraval Dasta and Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist) thanking Avtar Jouhl for allowing the use of his property. It also includes the agreement made between these two parties, 1 September 1998

/103 from Avtar Jouhl to Sarwan about the collection of funds for 'Lalkar' magazine, undated

/104 from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of 'Punjabi Darpan' about publishing news of decisions taken by the Central Committee, undated

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Community Relations Commission correspondence

1972

This file contains some correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and the Community Relations Commission, largely on the subject of police harassment of black and Asian people, and includes other correspondence and associated material about this issue. The file also contains a small amount of correspondence relating to other campaigning activities that the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association was involved with in 1972

Papers relating to police harassment consist of:

/1 flyer published by the 'Joshua Francis Committee' announcing a public meeting at Lambeth Town Hall to highlight the plight of this man, beaten by police and convicted by an all white jury in March 1972. Speakers from the West Indian Standing Conference; Black Unity and Freedom Party; Jamaican High Commission; Black Panther Movement; Runnymede Trust' and Association of Jamaicans were to attend this meeting

/2-/3 letters from members of the National Council for Civil Liberties concerning police harassment in Handsworth. One letter asks Avtar Jouhl whether he can arrange meetings with people who have recently experienced trouble in this area, February-March 1972

/4-/5 correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and Mark Bonham Carter, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, relating to 'The Police and You' leaflet, distributed by Community Relations Councils in Warley, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton. Avtar Jouhl expresses concern that the leaflet contains misleading information, March 1972

/6-/7 two copies of 'The Police and You' leaflet. One copy is in English; the other is in Punjabi and is stamped by Warley Community Relations Council

Other correspondence consists of:

/8 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Teja Singh Sahota discussing Central Committee business, 14 March 1972

/9-/10 copy letters from Avtar Jouhl, secretary of the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association, to the Ambassador of the United States of America in London, and the Foreign Minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam supporting the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and condemning US imperialism - includes letter to American ambassador in London April-May 1972

/11 circular to all branches concerning payment for the newsletter 'Khabarnama' and the availability of the pamphlet 'Arrest: Know your rights' published by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association, 1 May 1972

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Early 1980s campaigns

1979-1982

This file consists of correspondence; circular letters; reports; leaflets and flyers; press cuttings; and handwritten notes on campaign activities that the Indian Workers Association organised or supported during the early 1980s. The majority of these papers concern demonstrations and campaigns against new immigration legislation, racial discrimination, racist attacks on individuals, and the deportation of refugees, but there is also material relating to campaigns by national liberation organisations and Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

/1-/2 correspondence relating to Avtar Jouhl's involvement in a Trade Union Day School entitled 'Racism in the Workplace' organised by Leamington Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Committee 6 October 1979. The initial letter to Avtar Jouhl includes details of the workshops planned for this event, 9-10 August 1979

/3 letter from Albert Bore, Chairman of the Selly Oak Constituency Labour Party, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing arrangements for him to speak at a future constituency meeting on the Indian Workers Association campaign against racist immigration laws, 20 August 1979

/4 letter from Ravi Jain, General Secretary of the National Association for Asian Youth, to Avtar Jouhl, inviting him to contribute to a discussion session on the issue of racism and the growth of the National Front in relation to events at Southall and Leicester in 1979 at the organisation's Annual Conference in Nottingham 21-23 September. The letter is dated 4 September 1979

/5 letter from the Indian Workers Association Wolverhampton branch to Avtar Jouhl asking him to participate in a conference held by Wolverhampton Anti-Nazi League to investigate the discuss the consequences of immigration controls and propose changes in the law. The letter also mentions a proposed march by the National Front in Walsall, 5 September 1979

/6 letter from Mick Powis, Wolverhampton Anti Racist Committee, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing plans for a joint meeting to discuss organising opposition to immigration proposals introduced by the new Conservative government and giving details about a public meeting to mobilise support for a London demonstration on this issue, in October, 9 September 1979

/7 copy letter from Harpal Brar, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Front (Southall) to another Indian Workers Association member addressed as 'comrade Gill', identified in the letter as national organiser of the Indian Workers Association, discussing local campaigning activities in Southall and alleged attempts by Gill to disrupt the work of the Indian Workers Front (Southall) in their campaign against the proposed Nationality law, 30 September 1980

/8 receipt of donations from Nishkam Sewak Jatha, Soho Road, Birmingham to the Indian Workers Association to purchase a printing press, 20 December 1980

/9 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Naranjan Singh Noor, President of the Indian Workers Association Wolverhampton branch, expressing the solidarity of the Central Committee during the libel action taken against him by a Wolverhampton head teacher, 11 January 1981. Noor had attempted to defend the right of a Sikh boy, Kulbinder Singh, to wear a turban to school, and had alleged that the head teacher was displaying racist attitudes

/10-/17 flyers, information sheets, correspondence and press cuttings relating to a national demonstration against the Nationality Bill, organised by Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] 5 April 1981 and supported by a number of other organisations including the Indian Workers Association, the Association of Indian Communists, and the Anti-Nazi League. These papers include a letter to Avtar Jouhl from David Owen, Social Democratic Party MP, expressing his support for the rally; information sheets and circulars issued by the Indian Workers Association

encouraging members to support the demonstration; flyers issued by CARL in English and Punjabi giving details about the demonstration; mobilisation accounts for the demonstration giving details about donations received from supporting organisations; and a newspaper article from 'Socialist Worker' 11 April 1981 containing an account of the demonstration which was largely supported by people from 'Britain's Asian community'

/18 letter from Anita Goswami of Awaz, the Asian Women's Movement, to the Indian Workers Association, asking for payment towards the printing of leaflets for the 'Black People Against State Brutality' demonstration organised by Awaz, Brixton Black Women's Group and the Indian Workers Association in June 1979, 2 April 1981

/19 letter from Ravi Jain, General Secretary of the National Association for Asian Youth, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing comments on a talk that Jouhl gave at the organisation's conference at Aston University, 13 April 1981

/20 flyer in English, Punjabi and Urdu issued by West Midlands Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament giving information about a Birmingham rally to take place during the four day Easter march from Wolverhampton to Rugby, 18 April 1981. Avtar Jouhl was one of the speakers at this rally

/21-/22 circular letter and flyer in English and Punjabi issued by Coventry Committee Against Racism giving details about the racist murder of Satnam Singh Gill, a student in the city and announcing a national demonstration against racist attacks 23 May 1981

/23 minutes of a committee meeting held by representatives of organisations involved in a demonstration to 'Stop the Deportations of Black People', including the Indian Workers Association, and several Leeds and Bradford based Asian organisations and anti-racist groups. The minutes contain information about plans for the demonstration, 21 June 1981

/24 letter from Murdoch Chambers to Avtar Jouhl accepting his request to act as legal advisors to the Indian Workers Association, 1 July 1981

/25 statement issued by the July 11th Action Committee, composed of friends and relatives of eleven Asian youths in Bradford arrested by police 30-31 July 1981 and charged with conspiracy to endanger property and life and

to cause Grievous Bodily Harm on or about 11 July 1981. The statement demands that these charges be dropped and that the defendants be released

/26-/27 letter from N. Gill [national organiser of the Indian Workers Association] to Avtar Jouhl discussing various future campaigning activities 17 November 1981, attached to a circular letter from Brent Anti-Racist Co-ordinating Group which gives information about the next meeting of this group, set up to fight racism in Brent and supported by the Indian Workers Association amongst other named organisations, 10 November 1981

/28-/29 letter from N. Gill [national organiser of the Indian Workers Association] to Avtar Jouhl discussing the involvement of the Indian Workers Association in a 'Troops Out' movement meeting, and discussing other campaigning activities that the organisation might support, 8 December 1981, attached to a flyer for an 'International Evening Against Repression' organised by Supporter of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran; General Union of Palestinian Students; Supporters of the Organisation of the Iranian People's Fadaai Guerillas; Revolutionary Left Movement (Chile); and Turkey Solidarity Campaign, 11 December 1981

/30 letter from Eddie Caughey, Sinn Fein (Britain) to the Indian Workers Association requesting a speaker to attend the Bloody Sunday Commemoration March in Coventry 31 January 1982

/31-/32 letter from N. Gill [national organiser of the Indian Workers Association] to Avtar Jouhl discussing involvement in a 'Troops Out' movement demonstration, 7 March 1982, attached to a flyer issued by the 'May 8th Demonstration Organising Committee' giving information about a national demonstration and anti-imperialist festival 8 May 1982 to commemorate the deaths of the ten Irish hunger strikers who died in 1981 and to call for 'Britain out of Ireland' and 'Self Determination for the Irish People', 25 January 1982

/33 flyer issued by Sandwell Rents Freeze Campaign asking Sandwell tenants to withhold the rent increase imposed by Sandwell Council and highlighting the cuts to Sandwell's housing subsidies by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, April 1982

/34 photocopy of a typescript summary of a speech made by Amarjeet Singh on behalf of the Indian Workers

Association at the Labour Party Consultative Conference 17 April 1982. The speech largely concerns immigration legislation seen by the Indian Workers Association as racist, but also discusses the issue of British citizenship and dual nationality for people of Indian origin

/35-/37 correspondence between Belinda Whittle of 'Searchlight', Ruth Bundy and Avtar Jouhl, discussing financial assistance to raise money for the defence and living expenses of the 'Bradford 12', Asian youths on trial for conspiracy to endanger property and life and to cause Grievous Bodily Harm, May 1982

/38 letter from the Moslem Students Society-Britain, supporters of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran, to Avtar Jouhl, asking the Indian Workers Association to sponsor a demonstration to mark the first anniversary of the killing and wounding of peaceful protestors in Tehran against dictatorship in June 1981. The demonstration was to take place 20 June 1982 in London

/39 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Naaz Hafeez, Selly Oak Constituency Labour Party, giving a summary of the affiliation of the Indian Workers Association and other Asian workers groups to the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF] in Birmingham, and attempts by the Communist Party of Great Britain (Birmingham) to form a breakaway organisation known as ABCARF, 24 May 1982

/40 letter from Friends of Nasira Begum, Friends of Jaswinder Kaur, Friends of Nasreen Akhtar and Cynthia Gordon Action Group to Avtar Jouhl giving details about a meeting to organise a joint demonstration for these campaigns at UMIST [University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology], undated

/41 photocopy of a newspaper article from 'The Guardian' about inequalities faced by Britain's black population being similar to those faced by immigrants who arrived in the 1950s and 1960s, undated

/42 letter from 'Rudy' to Avtar Jouhl referring to unspecified proposals by James Hunte, and asking for Indian Workers Association support, undated

/43-/46 handwritten notes in English and Punjabi by Avtar Jouhl on current campaigns

/47 leaflet in Punjabi thanking all Gurdwara Committees and congregations from Willenhall and Wednesfield who

took part in a protest march in London 5 April 1981 against the Nationality Bill

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The vast majority of the papers in this file relate to an Action Conference on Immigration and Nationality in Birmingham organised by both Indian Workers Associations (GB); the Bangladeshi Workers Association; Kashmir Workers Association; Pakistani organisations and African Caribbean organisations at Birmingham Council House 25 October 1987. There is also material relating to other campaigns during 1988 and 1989, including demonstrations against immigration legislation; May Day celebrations; and a memorial rally to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Blair Peach. Papers consist of correspondence; flyers; reports and statements; and press cuttings

Papers relating to the Action Conference on Immigration and Nationality consist of programmes and flyers for the event; statement of the aims of the conference; typescript summary of conference proceedings; delegate lists divided into sections to record the names of individuals and organisations from different sectors, including race relations and research units, welfare rights and community organisations, political, trades unions and campaigning organisations, community relations councils, workers associations, and anti-deportation and refugee campaigns; draft and final versions of declarations and resolutions passed at the conference; copy of a press release issued following the conference; press cutting from 'The Birmingham Post' reporting on topics discussed at the conference; correspondence from delegates and supporters including Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], Hackney Anti-Deportation Campaign; Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, and Khurshid Ahmed, Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit. Some of this correspondence discusses the expenses incurred by the Indian Workers Association in organising the conference

Other papers consist of:

/23 photocopy of a letter from Ron Todd, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] to national and regional secretaries of the union, discussing imminent immigration rule changes and the loss of rights of some people to register as British citizens,

13 August 1987

/24 dossier concerning the Judicial Review of Viraj Mendis's case, published by the Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign, September 1987. Viraj Mendis was in sanctuary in the Church of the Ascension in Manchester in the hope that he would not be deported to Sri Lanka where he believed his personal safety would be under threat

/25 flyer issued by supporters of Salema Begum, a thirteen year old Bangladeshi girl in Oldham facing separation from her family because of a Home Office removal order. She was given sanctuary in Chorlton Central Church in Manchester, and the flyer asks people to write to their MP and to Home Office minister Timothy Renton, and appeals for donations to the campaign for Salema to remain in the country, October 1987

/26 photocopy of a newspaper article from 'The Times' reporting on an immigration appeal tribunal on the part of Saranjit Singh Atwal, 14 October 1987

/27 newspaper article from unidentified Birmingham newspaper containing articles about changes to the rules governing the rights of Commonwealth immigrants to British citizenship, October 1987

/28 flyer issued by NALGO/NUPE/NUJ/NUS giving details about a national demonstration against deportations and racist immigration laws 14 November 1987

/29 handwritten list of demonstrators taking part in a national demonstration against immigration legislation and lobby of Parliament 10 December 1987

/30-/32 copy letters from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association to NALGO, NATFHE and TGWU thanking them for their support and financial contributions to the lobby of Parliament 10 December 1987 and informing them of the date and location of the next Campaign Against Racist Laws meeting, 8 January 1988

/33 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Dave Cook, referring to a recent article by Cook in 'Marxism Today' which Jouhl disagrees with, with a reply from Dave Cook who agrees to keep their differences outside their work for Campaign Against Racist Laws, 8-11 January 1988

/34 letter from Ajit Sandhu, Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] Leicester to unidentified recipient addressed as

'comrade', presumably Avtar Jouhl, giving details about a public meeting of CARL Leicester, 20 January 1988

/35 photocopy of a newspaper report in the 'Walsall Chronicle' on protests by the Indian Workers Association against the planned poll tax and the Conservative government's immigration legislation, 6 May 1988

/36 photocopy of a letter from Naranjan Singh Noor, Indian Workers Association (GB) Wolverhampton, to Dave Cook, thanking him for a draft broadsheet on the possible implications of the 1992 Single European Act, and renewing his organisation's application for affiliation to Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], claiming that he belongs to a founder organisation of CARL, 14 January 1989

/37 letter from Sheena Clarke, Labour Committee on Ireland, to Avtar Jouhl, thanking him to speaking at the organisation's Annual General Meeting and enclosing a copy of the minutes [now lost], 12 March 1989

/38 flyers in English, Punjabi and Urdu issued by the Blair Peach Memorial Committee and the Blair Peach 10 Anniversary Committee, giving information about a memorial rally 23 April 1989 for Blair Peach, killed during a demonstration against a National Front march in April 1979.

/39 statement on the history and importance of May Day: International Workers Day, on the 100th anniversary of the first occasion on which May Day was celebrated as an international festival, reprinted from 'Workers Weekly' 29 April 1989

/40 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by Indian Workers Association Coventry giving information about May Day celebrations at Barras Green Social Club, 1 May 1989. The flyer includes the names of speakers, poets and singers at the event

/41 flyer in English and Punjabi for May Day: International Workers Day 1989, giving details about the march, rally and other events organised for trade unionists and their families at Hall Green Trade Union Studies Centre, Digbeth, Birmingham

/42 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Councillor Dick Knowles, disassociating the Indian Workers Association from an incident in which Knowles was challenged at the

May Day rally, and discussing the Indian Workers Association's campaign against the poll tax, together with other black organisations, and asking the Birmingham Labour Party to provide leadership in this campaign, 3 May 1989

/43 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Nick Hay, Secretary of Birmingham National Association of Local Government Officers [NALGO], regarding travel costs for NALGO members on the Indian Workers Association coach to the Blair Peach memorial rally, 3 May 1989

The file also contains three newspaper reports in Punjabi relating to Indian Workers Association campaigns during this period and a handwritten report by Avtar Jouhl about a demonstration in Birmingham against the poll tax, 6 December 1988

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1990s campaigns

1993-2005

This file consists of correspondence; reports; flyers; and press cuttings relating to campaigns which the Indian Workers Association organised or supported during the 1990s and early years of the 21st century. Many of these papers contain information about campaigns against racism and immigration legislation, and there is some material on investigations carried out by Birmingham City Council into the issue of institutional racism, following the 1999 inquiry into the death of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence in 1993. Some of the campaign material dating from 2002 onwards makes reference to the Indian Workers Association's involvement in campaigns against the Iraq war, and there is also a letter concerning the effects on Asian communities of the 7 July 2005 bombings in London.

/1 cartoon published in 'The Guardian' 11 August 1993 showing television cameras filming the arrival of a person on a stretcher, while a man gagged and chained is taken towards an aeroplane by officials, unseen by the cameras

/2 newspaper article published in 'The Guardian' 1 September 1993 on the issue of domestic violence

/3-/4 newspaper article published in 'Workers Power' giving details about a Unity demonstration against racism and fascism to be held 16 October 1993, together with a flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association giving information about this demonstration,

which was to include a march on the headquarters of the British National Party [BNP] in London

/5 programme for a public meeting organised by several Tower Hamlets community organisations to discuss ways to unite to oppose the British National Party [BNP] and to gain justice for victims of racial violence and those criminalised for resisting racism, at Stepney Green School, 5 December 1993

/6 letter from Mick Connolly, Trades Union Congress [TUC], to Avtar Jouhl, discussing arrangements for the TUC march and demonstration against racism arranged for 19 March 1994 in the East End of London, to mark the anniversary of the Sharpesville massacre in South Africa and to protest against the rise in racist attacks and the popularity of the British National Party [BNP] in East London. The letter goes on to give information about a meeting of a number of national and Tower Hamlets based organisations to discuss the strategy to mobilise support for this event, and includes an agenda for this meeting, 8 December 1993

/7 press statement issued by the Indian Workers Association in support of the Trades Union Congress [TUC] demonstration against racism and racial violence in London, 19 March 1994

/8 photocopy of a newspaper article published in the 'Leicester Mercury' 28 February 1994 reporting on an Anti Nazi rally in Highfields, Leicester, attended by members of the Indian Workers Association, amongst other groups

/9 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association congratulating the Tower Hamlets Anti Racist Committee for organising the National Assembly Against Racism and creating the Charter Against Racism, 1994. The statement also gives a brief history of the aims and objectives of the Indian Workers Association

/10 statement issued by the Asian Chamber of Commerce sending greetings to the National Assembly Against Racism and welcoming the Charter Against Racism. The statement also includes a list of the concerns of the Asian Chamber of Commerce, 1994

/11 founding statement issued by the National Black Alliance of Asian African Caribbean Organisations, founded by the Indian Workers Association (GB); Society of Black Lawyers; National Black Caucus' and Tower

Hamlets Anti-Racist Committee. The statement sets out the aims and objectives of the Alliance which was formed to unite black and Asian peoples in Britain in the face of increasing racism and violent attacks

/12 flyer issued by CAPA Tower Hamlets Anti-Racist Committee giving information about a demonstration to protest at police conduct in the cases of Stephen Lawrence, Rolan Adams, Quddus Ali, Muktar Ahmed, Suel Miah and Shah Alam, and to demand a public enquiry into the functions of the Racial Harassment Unit based at Limehouse Police Station, 25 March 1995

/13 flyer issued by the Campaign Against the Immigration and Asylum Bill giving information about a national demonstration to be held in London 24 February [1996]. The flyer includes the names of individuals and organisations who supported this campaign

/14 photocopy of a photograph featuring S. Daljit Singh Sher-Gill welcoming Harkashan Singh Surjeet, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India at Sandwell Council House, 16 August 1997

/15 flyer issued by the Socialist Labour Party and the Indian Workers Association giving information about a public meeting to be held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 20 March 1999 to gain support for a campaign for justice for Lakhinder (Ricky) Reel, an Asian teenager who went missing in October 1997 after being racially abused and was found dead a week later. Relatives and supporters were accusing the Metropolitan Police of mishandling the investigation into his death, and there were allegations of institutional racism

/16-/20 papers relating to Birmingham City Council's Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Public Policy Panel, including a statement by the Indian Workers Association based on consultation with other community organisations and trade unions which includes suggestions about the questions that the panel ought to ask in making its recommendations, April 2000; copy of the Birmingham City Council Review on the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Public Policy Review; copy of 'The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry and Home Secretary's Action Plan, Initial Guidance for Local Authorities' June 1999; photocopy of the 'recommendations' chapter of an unidentified document advising on the correct procedures for police reporting, recording and investigating racist incidents and crimes; newspaper articles published in 'The Guardian' by several

journalists and commentators in a special report one year after the publication of the MacPherson report on the murder of Stephen Lawrence, February 2000

/21 newspaper article published in 'Sutton Coldfield Observer' 21 April 2000 reporting on recent incidents of racial harassment in Kingstanding and Erdington

/22 letter from the Home Office Immigration and Nationality Directorate to S. Sanghwal, Indian Workers Association, relating to the Government's intentions to introduce a bonds scheme for visitors from the Indian subcontinent and responding to the concerns of the Indian Workers Association about this scheme, 11 May 2000

/23 copy letter from the Indian Workers Association; Overseas Indian Congress UK; Janta Dal UK; Sant Nirankari Mandal; and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, India, welcoming him on his visit to Birmingham and Sandwell and raising issues of concern to people of Indian origin holding British passports regarding registration in India and the question of dual nationality, 22 May 2000

/24 newspaper article published in 'The Times' 16 May 2000 featuring comments by Gurbux Singh, the new chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, on racial discrimination and the problems faced by asylum seekers

/25 election flyer in English and several South Asian languages for Socialist Labour Party candidate Sheera Johal, who was standing in council elections 4 May 2000

/26 photocopy of newspaper articles published in 'The Asian Age' 15 August 2000 for an Independence Day special on activists including Udham Singh, Bhagat Singh and Madan Lal who were involved in the struggle for Indian independence

/27 letter from Barbara Cohen, Principal Legal Officer, Commission for Racial Equality, to Avtar Sawiq, National President of the Indian Workers Association, concerning the issue of the introduction of fees for family visitor appeals, and enclosing a copy of a letter to the Home Secretary signed by the Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality and officers of other organisations welcoming the reduction of fees charged to people exercising their right of appeal against a refusal of a visa to visit a family member in Britain, but expressing concern about the principle of charging for access to the social

welfare tribunal system, 19 January 2001

/28 election leaflet for Socialist Labour Party candidate Avtar Jouhl, who was standing in the Birmingham Perry Barr constituency in the 2001 General Election

/29 booklet produced by the Federation of Sikh Organisations, Leicestershire, containing fixtures lists for the Vaisakhi 2002 National Football Tournament, 25-26 May 2002

/30 statement issued by Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, consisting of a tribute to Surinder Kumar Tagger, co-ordinator of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, following his sudden death on 4 August 2002. The statement contains a brief biography, and an account of his funeral

/31-/32 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and West Bromwich Building Society concerning letting restrictions on mortgaged properties to foreign diplomats posted in Britain, with particular reference to attempts by a diplomat at the Consulate General Office of India to rent property in Bournville, September 2002

/33 information circular to Indian Workers Association Central Executive Committee members and branch secretaries containing details about a national demonstration organised by the 'Stop the War' coalition 28 September 2002 to oppose an impending attack by the USA and Britain on Iraq

/34 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl for the Indian Workers Association and the All India Plantation Workers' Federation on the subject of the Federation's national conference in Chikkamugaloor, Karnadaka State. Jouhl's letter expresses support for the Federation's campaigns to improve working conditions for plantation workers in India, November 2002

/35 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association calling on the Prime Minister of India to reject US requests for Indian troops to serve in Iraq, undated, but probably issued during 2003

/36 letter from Avtar Jouhl to Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood, asking her to make representation to the Home Office regarding the imposition of fees for the transfer of 'No Time Limit' or 'Indefinite Leave to Remain' stamps from expired non EU passports to new passports for Indian

nationals settled in the UK, 18 August 2003

/37 information brief in English and Punjabi giving details about the formation and aims of the Indian Workers Association, and its current activities, encouraging new members to join. The leaflet is undated, but was probably issued during 2004

/38 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to N. P. Sharma, Consulate General of India, giving details of matters to be discussed at a meeting arranged by the Consulate with representatives of Indian organisations. Most of the issues relate to passport and visa regulations, but one of the topics concerns the backlash against Asian communities in Britain following the 7 July 2005 bombings in London. The letter is dated 11 August 2005

/39 letter from the Indian Workers Association Leamington and Warwick branch to Avtar Jouhl inviting him to a cultural event featuring music, drama, fashion and comedy to be held at the Pump Rooms in Royal Leamington Spa, 22 October 2005

/40 flyer issued by the Kashmiri Workers Association (Britain) Birmingham branch consisting of a statement of this organisation's views about the 'occupation' of Kashmir by Pakistan, calling on people to 'support the right of Kashmiri people to self-determination, sovereignty and independence'. The leaflet is undated, but internal evidence suggests that it was probably issued sometime after 1995

The file also contains a number of press cuttings in Punjabi about Indian Workers Association campaigns during the 1990s

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Indian Workers Association Industrial Liaison project

1982

Details of receipts and payments account for the Indian Workers Association Industrial Liaison Project, for the year ended 30th November 1982, together with two typescript reports, one giving an account of the work of industrial liaison workers employed by the Indian Workers Association between 1 December 1981 and 31 August 1982; the other giving an account of work of these officers between 1 April 1982 and 31 August 1982. These workers offered advice and support to people working in various industries, including those who faced problems in gaining benefits or pensions either during their working lives or

after retirement. The workers also offered assistance to people facing difficulties with passport applications or other immigration issues. The Industrial Liaison Project does not appear to have been run through the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre.

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Indian politics

1975-1998

This file consists of correspondence; reports; statements and press releases; flyers; publications; and press cuttings relating to some of the political developments in India between the mid 1970s and the mid 1990s on which the Indian Workers Association took a position, or which affected people of Indian origin living in Britain.

Papers dating from the 1970s are largely associated with Indian Workers Association campaigns against the policies of Indira Gandhi's government during the period, particularly her repression of opposition political parties and the imposition of a State of Emergency between 1975 and 1977. There are also papers on the activities of Naxalite communist groups in India and related peasant and workers organisations, and material on the Indian Workers Association's campaign to oppose atrocities committed against 'Dalits' or 'Untouchables'.

Papers dating from the 1980s also reflect these themes, but focus more on political unrest in Punjab in the period leading up to the assassination of Indira Gandhi in 1984, agitation by Sikh separatists to create an independent Sikh state of Khalistan, and the effects of the unrest on Asian communities in Britain. Some papers also give an indication of the position taken by the Indian Workers Association on this issue.

The file contains fewer papers dating from the 1990s, but these also largely focus on the themes described above.

/1 letter from City of Birmingham Amenities and Recreation Department to Bhagat Singh, Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch, concerning the booking of Birmingham Town Hall for the election of officers which was also used for a rally in connection with the state of emergency in India, 26 March 1976

/2 typescript report on a one-day conference to Oppose Dictatorship in India, organised by the Indian Workers Association, 26 October 1976

/3 handwritten speech given by a member of the Indian Workers Association Central Executive Committee at a conference organised by a German political group to condemn the policies of Indira Gandhi's government in India during the mid 1970s

/4 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl on the policy of the German communist party [KPD] towards the oppression of communists in India during the state of emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi's government in the mid 1970s

/5 petition for the release of Nagabhushan Patnaik and other political prisoners in India, and the repeal of all emergency and anti-democratic laws used to arrest and imprison citizens without charge or trial. The petition was probably set up by a German communist group during the state of emergency in India during the mid 1970s

/6 flyer issued by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch giving information about Indian Martyrs' Day celebrations at Birmingham Town Hall which incorporated a rally to demand the release of Naxalite political prisoners and other political prisoners still detained despite the defeat of Indira Gandhi's government in India, 9 April 1977

/7 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association and the Alliance for People's Democratic India giving information about a mass picket for the release of Naxalite and other political prisoners in India, held in front of the Royal Albert Hall, London, 12 June 1977. The flyer includes a list of the organisations' demands, and gives the names of speakers at the event

/8 flyer in Punjabi with diagrams showing methods of torturing political prisoners

/9 information leaflet in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association which gives an account of atrocities committed against 'Dalits' or 'untouchables' in India and urges people to support struggles for the liberation of the 'Dalit' peoples, 1978

/10 press release issued by the Indian Peoples' Front and sent to the editor of the Indian Workers Association journal giving details of decision and resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of the National Executive of this organisation. These are mainly concerned with opposing repression of the Bihar peasant movement, and mobilising against the Forest bill which gives further powers to central

government. The press release is undated, but is likely to have been issued during the late 1970s

/11 typescript copy of the constitution of the Dalit Youth Association (Derby)

/12-/13 newspaper articles published in 'The Guardian' reporting on the reception received by Indira Gandhi at public meetings and engagements during her visit to Britain in November 1978

/14 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, to Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, expressing concern at the grave illness of Nagabhushan Patnaik who has been detained in prison by the Indian government for eleven years. The organisation demands Mr Patnaik's immediate release and the annulment of all emergency and anti-democratic laws in India, 12 December 1980

/15 information leaflet issued by the Indian Workers Association reporting details of the National Security Bill introduced by the Indian government led by Indira Gandhi in December 1980 and the oppression of political opponents, and expressing the Indian Workers Association's opposition to this legislation

/16 typescript paper entitled 'A Report on the Current Situation in India' setting out an account of political developments since the return of Indira Gandhi's Congress government to power in the 1980 election

/17 statement issued by the Patriotic Students Group on police violence in Unnao and Magarwara against a crowd of striking workers at a chemical factory, 8 March 1982

/18-/21 papers relating to a national conference 'to Resist Autocracy' organised by a number of political organisations in India and held in New Delhi 24-26 April 1982. Papers consist of an invitation to the conference; letter to Avtar Jouhl giving information about a seminar held in January 1982 at which it was decided to hold the conference; press release giving information about the participants at the national seminar and explaining the background to the conference; typescript article calling supporters to attend the national conference which provides a view of the current political situation in India

/22 anonymous typescript review article on the Richard Attenborough film 'Gandhi', 1982

/23 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'India Weekly' 25 November 1982 on the Indian government's decision to deny Indians with foreign passports the right of ownership of agricultural land in India acquired after 1 January 1974, and opposition to this by the Indian Overseas Congress (UK)

/24 letter from Awtar Singh & Co, solicitors, to Harpal Brar and Avtar Singh on behalf of Councillor Gurcharan Singh regarding an article in 'Lalkar' in April 1983 entitled 'Victory in the Sikh Turban Case' which referred to him in insulting terms and also gave misleading information about his links with the Akali Dal Party (Talwandi Group). The letter requests an apology and an undertaking not to repeat the libel, 3 June 1983

/25 photocopied pages from Hansard consisting of a transcript of a debate in the House of Lords concerning the appeal against Lord Denning's ruling in the Court of Appeal that Sikhs were not a racial group, following the dispute over a Sikh schoolboy in Birmingham being prevented from wearing a turban. This debate probably took place in 1983, following the ruling

/26 handwritten statement by Avtar Jouhl confirming that Kewal Singh Dhaliwal as a member of the Amritsar Natak Kala Kendar, had performed plays during tours of the United Kingdom, and thanking the company on behalf of the Indian Workers Association for their help in creating cultural links between people in India and people of Indian origin living in Britain, 12 September 1983

/27 circular letter from the Indian Workers Association and signed by Harpal Brar, sent to major political parties and individuals in India and the Punjab; to the Indian national press and UK national press; to the major political parties and individuals in the UK; and to 'the fraternal press' concerning the disturbances in the Punjab and agitation by 'Akali' separatists, and setting out the views and policy of the Indian Workers Association on this issue 7 December 1983

/28 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of the 'Sandwell Trader' in reply to an article published in the paper entitled 'Asians fear growth of terrorism' 30 December 1983, refuting suggestions that there is tension between the Sikh community and members of the Nirankaries group in Sandwell, 31 December 1983

/29 English translation of a warning to the Indian Workers Association from the Secret Sikh Freedom Fighters demanding that the organisation stop 'criticising the Sikh nation'

/30 photocopy of an unsigned open letter giving an account of an incident that took place at the residence of the Assistant High Commissioner of India in Birmingham during a meeting with members of the Indian community in the Midlands to celebrate the anniversary of Indian Independence Day at which a group of armed Sikhs belonging to various militant organisations attempted to disrupt the meeting. The account describes the inability of the police to deal with the situation and the effect of this on the Indian community

/31 statement issued by the Unity Centre of Communist Revolutionaries of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Nagi Reddy Group) on the assassination of Indira Gandhi in October 1984

/32 leaflet in English and Punjabi issued by the 'Anti '47 Front' commenting on the violence against Sikhs in India following the assassination of Indira Gandhi 31 October 1984 by Sikh bodyguards in apparent retaliation for the storming of the Golden Temple in Amritsar earlier in the year

/33 letter from Indian People's Front to the Indian Workers Association asking representatives to attend the 2nd National Conference of the organisations to be held 3-6 November 1984 in Calcutta

/34 note written in Punjabi, 18 November 1984

/35-/36 photocopy of an article by Uma Ram Nath on the history of class and ethnic struggles in the Punjab, printed in an unidentified publication, November 1984, and a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association to the editor of the 'New Statesman' responding to this article, 8 December 1984

/37 photocopy of a newspaper article on the challenges faced by Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, in dealing with terrorist attacks in New Delhi which have been blamed on Sikh separatists, 15 May 1985

/38 newspaper article published in 'The Observer' reporting on the visit of an Ecuadorean mission to Britain and its apparent support for Sikh opponents of the Indian

government

/39 photocopy of a newspaper article published in a newspaper called 'The Sun' 27 June 1985 reporting comments of the Punjabi poet Gursharan Singh on the support of Sikhs living outside India for an independent Sikh state of Khalistan

/40 photocopy of a statement in Punjabi issued by the State Organising Secretary of the Punjab Students Union about the national situation in India after the assassination of the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

/41 typescript report on workshop sessions on Reservation organised by the Bharatiya Shramik Sabha 6-7 November 1985 in New Delhi. Reservation was the process by which employment or educational opportunities were reserved for a under-represented group, based on a quota system

/42 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'Indian Express' 25 May 1987 containing a feature on Bhagat Singh Bilga, secretary of the Desh Bhagat Yadgar Hall in Jalandhar. Also photocopied with this article is part of a letter addressed to 'Jaggi' which discusses violence by Khalistani extremists

/43 copy of Nanak Dham, 16 November 1987 which contains articles on the murder of Mahraz Darshan Das and one of his followers in Southall, London 11 November, as well as other news items about the recent activities of Sachkhand Nanak Dham

/44 photocopy of a flyer in Punjabi giving details about a memorial event to celebrate the life of the Punjabi poet Pash, 9 September 1989 at Summerfield Community Centre, Birmingham

/45 photocopied list of members of the Presidential Board; Secretaries; Treasurers; Public Relations Officers; and Committee Members of 'Virat Hindu Sammelan 1989'

/46 photocopy of a letter from Bhagat Singh Bilga, General Secretary of Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee, Jalandhar, to the Minister for External Affairs, India, raising problems faced by Indian immigrants abroad relating to dual nationality and access to the Ghadhr Party memorial in San Francisco, 4 February 1990

/47 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'Indian Express' 1 November 1991 reporting on please by the

Indian Workers Association for the reform of the Indian law of citizenship to enable Indians in the UK to acquire dual nationality

/48 photocopies of newspaper articles dating from 1992 on the effects of pollution on the Taj Mahal, about government corruption in Pakistan following the rape of the daughter of a political leader, and about an appeal by the Supreme Court to the Union of India to compensate victims of the Bhopal gas disaster

/49 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'Asian Times' 4 August 1992 reporting on proceedings of the Second Global Convention of People of Indian Origin in Paris

/50 anonymous notice to Muslims reproducing secret messages sent to Hindu members of Rasht Savac Sangh by the local leader, and published in Almadina Alislamia News 22 December 1992.

/51 letter from Gautam M. Appa, Lecturer in Ofunctional Research, London School of Economics, enclosing a faxed statement signed by members of an organisation of 'Non-Resident Indians for Secularism and Democracy' condemning outbreaks of communal violence in India . The letter also asks supporters to send donations to help victims of communal violence, 21 January 1993

/52 flyer issued by the South Asia Solidarity Group giving information about a Day of Action to oppose the [Bharatiya Janata Party] BJP's Delhi rally and stop 'Hindu fascist violence in India', 25 February 1993. The flyer gives an account of some of the political developments in India during the 1980s and includes information about the relationship between the British government and the Congress party during this period

/53 typescript report on the role of Communist groups in India during the state of Emergency Rule imposed by Indira Gandhi's government during the mid 1970s, compiled twenty years after the imposition in 1975

/54 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'The Birmingham Post' 6 July 1995 reporting on the refusal of British immigration officials to allow Jagat Singh, to attend the funeral of his brother, British Sikh leader in Birmingham, Bhaisahib Norang Singh

/55 booklet entitled 'India: A Democracy on the Move',

published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Indian Independence, 1997

/56 photocopy of a letter to Avtar Jouhl from Prem Singh, President of Nri Sabha (Punjab), Jalandhar, inviting him to the 2nd Annual Conference of NRI Sabha 11 January 1998 at Guru Gobind Singh Stadium, Jalandhar

/57 undated appeal issued by the Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna Memorial Trust asking for donations towards the costs of establishing a building and a network of newspapers to further the work of the Trust in Chandigarh

/58 undated report on the work of Jana Vijyan Samiti, part of a 'People's Science Movement' in India working towards social change

The file also contains substantial papers in Punjabi and one document in Urdu. These consist of correspondence, flyers, newspaper reports largely date from the 1980s and concern the threat from Khalistani separatism and the violence in India following the assassination of Indira Gandhi. There is also material on communist politics and the activities and history of the Ghadar Party. Papers include a copy of the Punjabi magazine 'Navan Chanan' (New Light) dated March 1965 and a copy of the Punjabi magazine 'Charcha' July 1985

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Indian Trade Unions

1992-1997

This file contains correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and members of Indian trade unions and other workers organisations, largely concerning Indian Workers Association support for workers struggles in India during the early 1990s and their involvement in a conference, but also including correspondence relating to a visit to India by British trade unionists in March and April 1997 where they were to take part in a conference and workshops hosted by the Centre of Indian Trade Unions [CITU]

/1 letter from Shitla P. Srivastava, Northern Railwaymen's Union, to Keith Cockcroft, Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, inviting him to visit India to conduct workshops with railway workers and other organisations in Allahbad, and to bring any women shop stewards to conduct workshops with women workers, 26 June 1992

/2-/4 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and M. K.

Pandhe, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, discussing a possible visit to India by British trade unionists, June-July 1992

/5-/8 correspondence and associated papers between Avtar Jouhl, the Centre of Indian Trade Unions and the Construction Workers Federation of India relating to the Second Conference of the Construction Workers Federation of India, held at Cochin, Kerala 21-23 August 1992. Correspondence from Avtar Jouhl mentions that Harpal Brar will attend the conference on behalf of the Indian Workers Association, and gives details about the Association's experience of conditions in the construction industry in Britain. The papers also include a report on the conference proceedings

/9 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the General Secretary of the Construction Workers Federation of India, enclosing publications 'Construction Industry in India at Cross Road' and 'A Paper on the impact of new technology on construction industry and its workers in India' 2 November 1993. These publications do not survive in the archive

/10 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the General Secretary of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions [CITU] discussing an ITF seminar to be held in Delhi in January 1994 and inviting delegates to the CITU conference in March 1994, 28 November 1993

/11-/12 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the General Secretary of CITA regarding the appointment of Prem Singh to represent the Indian Workers Association at the CITA conference, 31 January 1994

/13 letter to Avtar Jouhl from CITA about the appointment of Harminder Singh Atwal as project co-ordinator in the Commonwealth TUC project, 8 October 1994

/14-/17 correspondence relating to salary arrears of National Projects Construction Corporation [NPCC] Ltd Workers Union of India workers, consisting of copies of letters from Binoy Mukherjee, National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd Workers Union of India to the Indian Prime Minister asking him to intervene in the wage dispute and copy letters from Avtar Jouhl to Binoy Mukherjee and the Indian Prime Minister on behalf of the Indian Workers Association on this matter, November-December 1994

/18 Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Ajity Doval, High

Commission of India regarding his letter to the Prime Minister of India about the wage problems faced by workers union of NPCC/RPNN Ltd 19 January 1995

/19-/20 correspondence between M. K. Pandhe, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, and Avtar Jouhl, discussing a programme of events to mark the 25th anniversary of the Centre from 1 May 1995. Avtar Jouhl's letter conveys greetings and a message of support for the Centre from the Indian Workers Association that mentions the work of Indian trade unions and the struggle of Indian people for independence, March 1995

/21-/32 correspondence and associated papers relating to a study visit to India by women staff at South Birmingham and Solihull Colleges who were also members of the University and Lecturers' Union NATFHE. These papers largely consist of letters from Avtar Jouhl to trade union members in India making arrangements for the women to participate in workshops, and arranging accommodation and travel

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Gursharan Singh tour 1983

1983

This file largely contains correspondence between members of the Indian Workers Association relating to the visit to Britain of the Punjabi dramatist Gursharan Singh and the Amritsar Natak Kala Kendar in the autumn of 1983. It also contains promotional flyers in English and Punjabi advertising some of the appearances by Gursharan Singh at venues organised by branches of the Indian Workers Association, including Coventry, Nuneaton and Nottingham, and a typescript programme, giving details of the dates and venues on the tour.

The file also includes correspondence between Indian Workers Association members and Hari P. Sharma of the Indian Peoples Association in North America relating to a possible visit to Canada and a copy of an interview with Hari Sharma on Asian Indian struggles in British Columbia, published in the 'South Asia Bulletin', Spring 1983

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Lalkar v C. S. Chan

1985-1987

This file consists of correspondence and legal papers relating to a libel case brought by Dr Chanan Singh Chan against 'Lalkar' in 1986 following the publication of allegations against him in the letters to the editor column

made by individuals in 1984 and 1985.

These papers include correspondence from various solicitors including letters to Avtar Jouhl and the Indian Workers Association concerning the progress of the case, and costs associated with it; letters of apology to be printed in 'Lalkar', in English and Punjabi; discussions relating to an out settlements to be paid to Chanan Singh Chan; photocopy of affidavit by Chanan Singh Chan; writ of summons giving particulars of the alleged libel; copy of 'Lalkar' June 1985; copies of a questionnaire about 'Lalkar' sent to readers which includes questions about their opinion of Chanan Singh Chan following the publication of items about him; 'Lalkar' accounts December 1986 and handwritten lists of donations collected from individuals in Birmingham towards the libel case costs, and subscriptions for 'Lalkar'.

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Gursharan Singh tour 1995

1995

This file consists of papers relating to the visit of the Punjabi dramatist Gursharan Singh and his theatre group Amritsar Natak Kala Kendar to Britain, and their tour of various venues in the UK in the summer of 1995, organised by the Indian Workers Association.

Material includes:

/1-/4 correspondence with the High Commission of the United Kingdom relating to visitor entry certificates for the theatre group and information about the personal details and passport numbers of individuals

/5-/8 correspondence and information circulars issued by the Indian Workers Association to members and supporters discussing arrangements for the tour, including details of the venues the theatre group will perform at, and a synopsis of the plays to be performed

/9-/16 sequence of flyers and posters in English and Punjabi issued by Indian Workers Association local branches giving information about performances in venues including Ilford, Glasgow, Southall, Smethwick, Nuneaton, and Bradford

/17-/18 photocopies of newspaper articles published in the 'Leicester Mercury' 25 July 1995 and the 'New Worker' reporting on the Gursharan Singh tour

/19-/25 statements of expenses for the drama group tour together with handwritten lists giving tour dates and venue addresses, blank evaluation forms for performers to complete in order to provide feedback to the Indian Workers Association about the organisation of the tour and certificates awarded by the Indian Workers Association to the Amritsar Natak Kala Kendar for their performances

/26-/30 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and members of the Commission for Racial Equality [CRE] discussing a meeting between this organisation and Gursharan Singh and the possibility of the CRE working with the Indian Workers Association on a programme of drama performances and workshops around the theme of race and young people in contemporary Britain to promote its anti-discrimination message, following discussions with Ranjit Sondhi, July-August 1995, together with a blank application form for grant aid from the Commission for Racial Equality

/31-/32 Indian Workers Association reports on the conclusion of the drama tour, including copy of 'IWA News' newsletter 10 August 1995 and a copy of the General Secretary's report to the Central Executive Committee meeting 18 February 1996 which includes a section on the success of the tour

The file also includes a small number of flyers and posters in English and Punjabi advertising performances by Gursharan Singh's group in Winnipeg, and a larger amount of correspondence, flyers and associated material in Punjabi concerning the drama tour

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Industrial disputes

1982-1993

Correspondence; reports; statements; press cuttings and flyers relating to trade union activities and industrial disputes at various businesses in the West Midlands and London during the 1980s and early 1990s. The vast majority of these strikes took place at businesses that mainly employed Asian workers, and the Indian Workers Association was involved in campaigning in support of the strikers.

Papers are arranged by dispute in roughly chronological

order, with miscellaneous material at the end of the sequence, and consist of:

/1 annotated typescript report on the Sandhar and Kang industrial dispute [in 1982]. Sandhar and Kang was a cash and carry warehouse with premises in Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton where workers were sacked for joining the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU]. The report includes details of the strikers demands, and sets out the role played by trade unions in working to improve pay and conditions for workers and ensuring fair treatment

/2-/5 correspondence and flyers concerning the Air India strike in the autumn of 1982, including a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] General Secretary extending the solidarity of the Indian Workers Association Central Executive Committee and requesting other TGWU members at Heathrow airport to take solidarity action, 25 September 1982; handwritten slogans for an Air India strike picket; letter from TGWU branch secretary to Avtar Jouhl asking for assistance in organising solidarity pickets in Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds; flyers for a picket at India House in support of Air India strike, issued by the Air India Strike Committee, TGWU Southall, 18 October [1982]

/6-/9 correspondence and associated papers concerning the industrial dispute at Raindi Textiles and Supreme Quilting in 1982 and early 1983, including copies of letters sent by Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Smethwick, to the President of the Federation of Indian Organisations and to the secretary of Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party discussing the background to the dispute and explaining his views about the importance of unionising the factory; statement of accounts with details about the expenditure of the strike fund; newspaper article published in 'Birmingham Evening Mail' 23 January 1985 reporting on the good working conditions at Raindi Textiles, including a mention of the 1982 strike over union recognition

/10 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association urging people to support the 'official dispute' at Joseph Fray, Smethwick. Workers were striking on the issue of wage increases and were supported by the Indian Workers Association, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Women's Section of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch and other Asian and African Caribbean organisations. The statement gives details about ways in which people can support the strikers on the

picket line, January 1987

/11-/21 correspondence; flyers and newspaper cuttings concerning the strike at Burnsall Ltd electro plating company in Smethwick in 1992 and early 1993. Asian and white workers took strike action in protest against including letters from Jo Quigley, GMB regional organiser, to Avtar Jouhl concerning donations to the strike fund by the Indian Workers Association and a commemorative meeting to mark six months of the strike in December 1992, and to the Birmingham Burnsall Strikers Support Group containing a detailed account of tensions between the GMB union and the support group; leaflet issued by the GMB Burnsall strike fund containing information about violent attacks on strikers and union officials by Burnsall management, and instances of ill treatment of workers at the company; flyer issued by GMB listing the strikers demands and asking for donations of support; photocopy of a newspaper photograph printed in the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star' featuring a young Asian boy, Jaspal Johal, holding a Burnsall strike placard; flyer issued by Socialist Outlook on the withdrawal of support for the strike by the GMB union; newspaper article published in 'Workers Power' September 1993 on the decision by GMB to call off the Burnsall strike in June 1993; and an article published in an unidentified newspaper providing an overview of the strike. Workers demanded recognition of the GMB union, equal pay for women, an end to excessive overtime, and compliance with health and safety obligations

Other material consists of:

/22 letter from Harpal Brar for the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association to the Executive Committee, National Union of Mineworkers, expressing support and praise for the miners who went on strike between 1984 and 1985, 26 March 1985

/23 photocopy of an article published in an unidentified newspaper on the reading of the Corporate Safety and Environmental Information Bill which would require companies to disclose information about their environmental and safety record

/24 typescript foreword by Avtar Jouhl to an unidentified report by R. Ashan on exploitation in the clothing industry

/25 article published in an unidentified newspaper reporting on a fire at a small clothing factory in East

London in which five Asian women workers died, undated

/26 flyer issued by the Gardners Support Committee in Birmingham in support of workers at Gardners engine factory in Manchester taking industrial action against redundancies. The flyer gives details about a public meeting at Digbeth Civic Hall to mobilise support for a demonstration against unemployment, to be held in Liverpool, undated

/27 information leaflet written in Punjabi and issued by the Indian Workers Association to the workers of Modi Warehouse warning them about the anti-union propaganda of their employers and appealing to all employees to join a trade union

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Anti-Deportation campaigns

1980-1989

Flyers; press releases; minutes; newsletters and correspondence relating to a number of different anti-deportation campaigns for individuals which the Indian Workers Association supported during the 1980s. The majority of these campaigns were based in the Bradford or Manchester area but the Divided Families Campaign and a couple of other campaigns were based in Birmingham.

/1-/3 papers relating to the Anwar Ditta Defence campaign consisting of a letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Committee enclosing a flyer in English, Punjabi and Urdu for a national demonstration to be held in Rochdale 15 November 1980 with speakers from the Indian Workers Association, Pakistani Workers Association, Bangladesh Workers Association and Kashmiri Workers Association and a statement issued by the Anwar Ditta Defence Campaign giving details about the rejection of the appeal of Anwar Ditta and Shuja UdDin for the entry of their three children from Pakistan, providing information about forthcoming activities, and asking supporters to make donations

/4 set of minutes of a meeting of the Stop the Deportations Committee group held 5 July 1981 in Manchester

/5-/11 papers relating to the campaigns of the Joint Committee Against Deportations, including a flyer giving details about a public meeting organised by the Committee in Bradford 7 August 1982 to oppose the deportation of Mahmud Khan, Gurmej Kaur, Bahadur Singh, Mohinder Singh, Aurang Zeb, Mr Mundiya, and their families,

together with information sheets giving an account of the cases of these individuals, known as the 'Bradford 18', and statements issued by the Joint Committee Against Deportations condemning the effects of the 1971 Immigration Act on families, and the rise in racist attacks. The papers also include an open letter from the Committee setting out its demands, asking supporting organisations to affiliate to the group, and giving information about future events, July 1982

/12-/16 papers relating to the activities of the Divided Families Campaign, including sets of minutes of meetings of this group held 20 November 1987 and 13 January 1988 in Birmingham; copy of the Divided Families Charter for Change; and poster and flyer for a conference on 'Black Communities and Immigration Control' 15 October 1988 in Birmingham, organised by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

/17-/21 papers relating to the Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign including copies of the campaign bulletin 30 January 1987, 24 June 1988 and 2 March 1989 which contain news items about the progress of Viraj's appeal against deportation to Sri Lanka; flyer for a 24 hour vigil at the Ascension church in Hulme, Manchester, where Viraj Mendis had sought sanctuary, and a letter of reply to Avtar Jouhl from the Home Office Immigration and Nationality Department concerning Viraj Mendis's case, enclosing background notes on the assessment by the Home Office, 13 February 1989. Viraj Mendis was deported to Sri Lanka 20 January 1989

The file also includes material of a more miscellaneous nature relating to other anti-deportation campaigns, consisting of:

/22 letter from the Muhammad Idrish Defence Campaign to supporters announcing that Muhammad Idrish has won his final appeal against deportation and inviting campaigners to a victory celebration at Aston University. The letter also urges people to continue to build support for other anti-deportation campaigns. The Muhammad Idrish Defence Campaign was based at the Asian Resource Centre in Handsworth, Birmingham

/23 press release issued by the Rajwinder Singh Defence Campaign, Bradford, giving information about his case, and activities carried out by the campaign. The press release announces that the family has received removal orders and gives details about action to be taken by the

campaign in response to this, 31 January 1987

/24 statement issued by the Bangladesh Divided Families Campaign providing information about the case of Abdul Wahid who is trying to be reunited with his children, and giving details about a picket of the Immigration Appeals Court in London in support of Abdul Wahid's case and that of all divided families, 15 December, undated

/25 flyer issued by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers giving an update on the case of Hemlata Patel against deportation and announcing a lobby outside her appeal hearing at the Government Building in Yardley, Birmingham, 6 December, undated

/26 flyer issued by the Friends of Halimat Babamba, Leeds, giving information about the case and setting out ways in which supporters can help the campaign. Halimat was being threatened with deportation to Nigeria, having left her violent husband, and was facing being separated from her children

/27 flyer issued by the Som Raj Defence Campaign; Baba Bakh Taura Defence Campaign; Lisa Huen Defence Campaign and Param Jit Defence Campaign, giving information about a protest at Harwich Quay for the release of refugees held as immigration prisoners on a ferry at Harwich, 5 September, undated

/28 pages from a report published by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants possibly entitled 'Law and Practice', containing summaries of a number of deportation cases heard at the Court of Appeal in 1984

/29 flyer issued by the Amir Kabul Khan Defence Campaign asking supporters to write to the Home Secretary and to their MPs in protest at the threatened deportation of Amir to Pakistan and his separation from his family. The flyer gives information about Amir's case, and an account of attempts by immigration officers to forcibly remove him from his house, after which he took refuge at Birmingham Central Mosque. There is also a handwritten version of the petition issued by the Amir Kabul Khan Defence Campaign to the Home Office, in Punjabi

/30 statement on the case of Harmail Singh Aujla and Kulwinder Kaur and the difficulties they have experience in trying to obtain an immigration certificate for Kulwinder to enter Britain, 1988

/31 open letter from the Shahid Syed Defence Campaign, organised by National and Local Government Officers Association [NALGO] giving the background to his case, and appealing for supporters to affiliate to help to co-ordinate resistance to his deportation, 1984

/32 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Baba Bakhtaura election campaign, giving details about his candidature as candidate for Birmingham Ladywood at the 1983 General Election and the campaign against his deportation

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Handsworth disturbances 1985

1985-1986

Reports; press statements; flyers; correspondence; and press cuttings relating to activities organised or supported by the Indian Workers Association following disturbances in the Handsworth and Lozells area of Birmingham in September 1985. Papers reflect the determination of the Indian Workers Association to achieve unity of the African Caribbean and Asian communities in the area to campaign together for better employment and housing opportunities and to address issues around policing in Handsworth, but also provide evidence of the different opinions that existed within different groups in the Handsworth area over community responses to the disturbances.

/1 press release issued by the Indian Workers Association following a meeting of Asian, African Caribbean and 'indigenous' organisations held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Soho Road, Handsworth 14 September 1985. The press release reports decisions taken at the meeting to work for the unity of the whole community in Handsworth, to campaign for compensation to all those who suffered loss during the disturbances, to end the heavy presence of police in Handsworth, and to support the defence campaign. All those who attended the meeting expressed their sympathy for the family of two Asian brothers who lost their lives during the disturbances

/2 handwritten list giving the names and addresses of people who attended the meeting organised by the Indian Workers Association 14 September 1985, following the disturbances in Handsworth. The list also gives details of the organisations that individuals represented. This list is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2036 because it contains personal information about individuals

/3-/4 letter to Avtar Jouhl from West Midlands County Council informing him that the Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Committee have approved a grant to the Indian Workers Association towards the costs of purchasing materials resulting from the disturbances on Lozells Road, and enclosing a document setting out the conditions of acceptance of grant aid issued by West Midlands County Council, 16 September 1985

/5 flyer issued by Sachkhand Nanak Dham warning that politicians, councillors and the media are attempting to split the community in Handsworth according to ethnicity, and urging people to remain calms and show unity and solidarity to campaign on the real issues in the area, 16 September 1985

/6 copy letter from Birmingham Trades Council to Bini Brown, secretary of the Handsworth Defence Campaign, containing an account of a meeting convened by the Trades Council 16 September 1985 due to concern at the government response to the disturbances. The Birmingham Trades Council took the decision at this meeting to support a demonstration organised by the Handsworth Defence Campaign on the issue of youth unemployment

/7 statement issued by the Spartacist League on the violence of police against black and Asian people in Handsworth during the disturbances, giving information about an emergency protest meeting at Gerrard Street Church Centre, Lozells, Birmingham 18 September 1985, with speakers from the Spartacist League, Pakistani Workers Association, Lea Hall National Union of Mineworkers (in a personal capacity), and other community and trade union speakers

/8 newspaper article published in 'The Guardian' 18 September 1985 on tensions between African Caribbean and Asian community leaders in Birmingham, and the effects that the disturbances in Handsworth have had on community relations

/9 press statement issued by the Indian Workers Association and other local organisations presenting demands put to the Home Secretary Douglas Hurd on his visit to Birmingham 28 February 1986 following the disturbances in Lozells and Handsworth the previous year. The intention of the demands was to alleviate unemployment and social deprivation in the local area

/10 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, following his visit to Handsworth in February 1986 and his meeting with representatives from the Indian Workers Association and Bangladeshi Workers Association. The letter contains a summary of the points that Hurd tried to make at the meeting and attempts to deal with other issues which the organisations wanted addressed, concerning policing, the effects of immigration legislation and youth unemployment, 7 March 1986

/11 copy of a 'Summary Report and Responses to Handsworth Riots' containing summaries of the reports of the West Midlands Police, West Midlands County Council, and Birmingham City Council in 1986 on the causes, events and results of the disturbances in the Handsworth and Lozells areas of Birmingham in September 1985

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Indian Workers Association 50th Anniversary celebrations

1988-1989

Correspondence; press cuttings; and associated papers relating to celebrations organised by both Indian Workers Associations (GB) to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the organisation in Coventry in 1938. The file also includes a copy of a speech by Bill Morris, deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] to the Indian Workers Association's 50th Anniversary celebrations 2 April 1989

Correspondence includes copy letters from members of the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Avtar Jouhl to members of the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Prem Singh, discussing the decision of Prem Singh's organisation not to take part in joint celebrations. There are also copy letters to the Indian Workers Association (Southall) inviting representatives to preliminary meetings to plan anniversary celebrations, and a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Barrow Cadbury Fund Ltd applying for a grant towards the cost of anniversary activities.

The file also contains minutes of a consultative meeting held at Leamington Spa with representatives from various local branches of the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Avtar Jouhl to discuss regional and national anniversary events, including a rally in Southall 1-2 October 1988

Also included are letters from the Indian Peoples Association in North America and the Korea Friendship Committee conveying greetings and messages of support to the Indian Workers Association on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its founding

Press cuttings consist of articles in 'India Abroad' and 'Third World Impact' on the anniversary celebrations, and an advertisement printed in 'Punjabi Darpan' for a rally organised by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Avtar Jouhl which took place at the Dominion Centre, Southall 1-2 October 1988. The article in 'Third World Impact' was written by Prem Singh and contains a brief history of the Indian Workers Association. There is also an article published in 'Asian Times' on the presentation of a Hansib Community Award to Avtar Sadiq on behalf of the Indian Workers Association

Papers in Punjabi include correspondence, newspaper articles, a handwritten version of a speech made by Avtar Jouhl in Nottingham at anniversary celebrations, and a handwritten report by Gurmel Singh, Central Executive Committee about the Golden Jubilee celebrations in Southall 9 July 1988

Finally, the file contains a copy of a pamphlet on the history and achievements of the Indian Workers Association produced for the 50th anniversary by the section of the organisation that split from the Indian Workers Association led by Prem Singh in 1983, and was led by Naranjan Singh Noor.

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Dual Nationality and Indian High Commission

1978-1997

This file largely consists of correspondence between members of the Indian Workers Association and officials at the Indian High Commission. A large proportion of the papers deal with issues surrounding dual nationality and the difficulties that people of Indian origin with British passports were facing when they visited India, but there is also some correspondence relating to campaigns by the Indian Workers Association against immigration legislation enacted by the British government, and to discussions between members of the Indian Workers Association and representatives of the Indian government on immigration issues.

/1-/2 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the First Secretary Consular, High Commission of India, London

concerning a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner at the Birmingham office, attended by members of both Indian Workers Associations (GB) Birmingham branches, Guru Nanak Gudwara in Smethwick, Shoramani Akali Dal UK Birmingham branch and Bharti Bau Jawan Sabaha, May 1978. Avtar Jouhl's letter contains the names of people in the Indian community selected to attest photographs for Indian passports. The reply from the First Secretary Consular discusses the other demands raised at the meeting which concern affidavits for the children applying for passports

/3 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Deepak [Mathur] containing a report on a meeting with Mr Desai [the Indian Prime Minister] at the High Commission of India 6 June 1978 at which Avtar Jouhl, on behalf of the Indian Workers Association, asked questions on the release of political 'Naxalite' prisoners in India

/4 letter from the High Commission of India to Teja Sahota inviting representatives from the Indian Workers Association to attend a meeting with members of other prominent Indian organisations to discuss the range of views on the proposed British Nationality legislation, and the rise in racist attacks in some areas of Britain, 12 March 1981

/5 press release issued by Indian organisations including both Indian Workers Associations (GB), the National Association for Asian Youth, the Confederation of Indian Organisations and the Committee on UK Citizenship explaining their reasons for opposing the Nationality Bill, 14 April 1981

/6 invitation addressed to Avtar Jouhl from the High Commission of India to a reception in honour of Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy, 30 July 1981

/7-/8 correspondence between the High Commission of India and Avtar Jouhl relating to an invitation issued to members of the Indian Workers Association to attend a reception in honour of the visit to Britain of the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to inaugurate the Festival of India on 23 March 1982. Avtar Jouhl's reply explains that the Indian Workers Association will not attend the reception because of its opposition to state repression and the banning of industrial action by workers in a number of industries, February 1982

/9-/10 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the

Assistant High Commissioner of India, Birmingham
concerning a request to the Indian government to simplify
procedures for name changes of individuals, May-June
1982

/11 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Assistant High
Commissioner of India, Birmingham confirming points
raised during a meeting between the two concerning the
ownership of immovable property in India by people of
Indian origin holding British passports, 17 November 1982

/12 letter from the Assistant High Commissioner for India,
Birmingham, to Avtar Jouhl responding to his request for
an urgent meeting with the High Commission of India
authorities at India House, 7 April 1983

/13 advice sheet issued by the Assistant High Commission
of India, Birmingham on the subject of Dual Nationality,
clarifying some issues by answering frequently asked
questions, June 1987

/14 copy letter from Transport and General Workers Union
[TGWU] Wolverhampton branch, to the High Commission
of India, London, expressing concern about the restrictions
placed on Indian citizens living in the UK and travelling to
India and requesting that Indian citizens be allowed dual
British and Indian citizenship, 19 July 1989

/15 copy letter from both Indian Workers Associations (GB)
to the High Commissioner of India thanking him for taking
the time to meet their delegation and discussing the
problem of visa requirements for British citizens of Indian
origin visiting India, 15 September 1989

/16 copy letter from the Indian Workers Association (GB)
led by Prem Singh, to V. P. Singh, Prime Minister of India,
congratulating him on his election victory and discussing
the issue of visa requirements for people of Indian origin
travelling to India, the role of the Indian High Commission,
and the question of Dual Nationality, 14 December 1989

/17 copy letter from the Indian Workers Association to the
Assistant High Commissioner, Birmingham, welcoming the
appointment of Kuldip Nayar as High Commissioner of
India and requesting a meeting with him to discuss visa
requirements, 1990

/18 copy letter from Prem Singh and Teja Sahota, co-
ordinating committee of the Indian Workers Associations
(GB) to Kudip Nayar, High Commissioner of India,

explaining the purpose of their meeting with him and requesting the withdrawal of visa requirements for people of Indian origin travelling to India with British passports, 29 March 1990

/19-/20 two versions of a memorandum on the issue of dual nationality for citizens of India and British citizens of Indian origin, compiled by the Indian Workers Association and sent to the High Commissioner of India, 17 July 1991. The memorandum includes suggestions for ways to overcome the complexities of the issue

/21 photocopy of a handwritten circular letter to Midlands branch presidents and secretaries of the Indian Workers Association giving details about a meeting arranged with the High Commissioner of India at Highbury Hall, Moseley, Birmingham, 6 October 1991

/22 list of points to be taken up at a meeting between members of the Indian Workers Association and the High Commissioner of India 6 October 1991. Most of these points concern issues surrounding Dual Nationality, visa requirements and the treatment of British citizens of Indian origin by Indian officials

/23 letter from the Assistant High Commissioner for India, Birmingham to Avtar Jouhl expressing condolences on the death of Sarwan Singh Cheema and his associates in Punjab, and sending apologies for not being able to personally attend a condolence meeting, 15 November 1991

/24 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Co-ordination Minister, High Commission of India, confirming a request by the Indian Workers Association to meet the Prime Minister or Foreign Minister of India, and mentioning that Prem Singh and Harpal Brar are travelling to India to lobby for Dual Nationality, 26 December 1991

/25 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Co-ordination Minister, High Commission of India, informing him that a conference on 'Black People and 1992' is to be postponed until after the forthcoming General Election, 16 March 1992

/26 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the High Commissioner of India expressing the concern of the Indian Workers Association on the killing of Amandeep Kaur, daughter of Jaswant Singh, at Pepli Gurusar, Punjab 21 January 1992, and giving details of an account of her killing given by her

uncle, Jaswinder Bahia, who is a member of the Indian Workers Association. There were suggestions that Amandeep had been killed by the Indian police, 24 April 1992.

/27-/31 papers relating to a National Conference on Dual Nationality and the EEC 1992 organised by the Indian Workers Association at the Sikh Leisure Centre, Huddersfield, 10 May 1992. The papers include a conference programme; copy of the welcome address by the conference chairman; and a conference document on Dual Nationality Status for Indians Settled in Euro-American Countries, edited by K. K. Mittal, R.P. Johar, and D.D.Sharma

/32 copy letter from Prem Singh and Avtar Jouhl to Karnail Singh Chatha, Indian Workers Association Huddersfield, stating the position of the Indian Workers Association on the issue of Dual Nationality, and mentioning a forthcoming conference in Derby 20 June 1992

/33-/34 copy letters from Avtar Jouhl to Piara Singh Khabra, Labour MP for Ealing South, and Chander Shekhar, Assistant High Commissioner of India, Birmingham. inviting them to speak at a conference on Dual Nationality and Europe 1992 in Derby, 20 June 1992

/35 letter from Tony Walsh, Derby Race Equality Council, to Avtar Jouhl, accepting an invitation to attend the 1992 and Dual Nationality Conference in Derby, 20 June 1992

/36-/39 papers relating to a conference organised by the Indian Workers Association entitled '1992 and Dual Nationality' held in Derby 20 June 1992, including flyer advertising the event; photocopy of a circular letter to Indian Workers Association members asking them to attend; blank forms in English and Punjabi for a petition demanding dual nationality for citizens of India and British citizens of Indian origin who have lost their citizenship of India acquiring British citizenship from the government of India, presumably circulated at the conference; expenditure bill for the conference

/40 incomplete report entitled 'Case for Dual Nationality' presumably produced by the Indian Workers Association, undated, but probably compiled in 1992

/41 copy letter from Prem Singh and Avtar Jouhl to Harkishan Singh Surjit, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), New Delhi, giving an

account of the progress of the Indian Workers Association campaign to gain Dual Nationality for British citizens of Indian origin, and requesting the Communist Party of India (Marxist) to lobby the Indian Prime Minister on this issue, 23 March 1993

/42 press release issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association protesting against an increase in visa fees announced by the High Commission of India and calling on the Indian government to grant Dual Nationality to British Citizens of Indian origin or Patriality Certificates to exempt them from visa requirements, 1994

/43 list issued by the Assistant High Commission of India, Birmingham, showing revised fees for passport and passport services including the issue of certificates

/44-/45 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the Co-ordination Minister, High Commission of India, London, discussing suggestions for the introduction of PIO [Persons of Indian Origin] cards allowing holders special visas for travel to India. Avtar Jouhl's letter gives the Indian Workers Association response to this suggestion, rejecting it in favour of continuing to campaign for the provision of Dual Nationality as the most practical way of resolving problems both in India and the UK, January-February 1994

/46 invitation from the High Commissioner for India to a reception at India House to meet the Honourable Mr Justice Kuldip Singh, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, 2 September 1994

The file also contains newspaper reports and Indian Workers Association press releases in Punjabi about the dual nationality campaign and the increase in passport fees. English summaries are provided

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Kashmir campaign

1990-1995

This file largely contains correspondence between members of the Indian Workers Association and the Labour MPs Gerald Kaufman and Clare Short on the political situation in Kashmir and the Labour Party position on the ways to resolve this, but also contains a transcript of an interview between Avtar Jouhl and 'Dr Ayub', a Kashmiri exile, about the region. Most of the papers date from late 1991 and early 1992, but there is also some material dating from 1995

Papers consist of:

/1 photocopy of a letter printed in the 'Asian Times' 8 May 1990 from Shams Rehman, Secretary of the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, Oldham branch, on the lack of coverage in the newspaper on the issue of Kashmir, and 'the struggle of the Kashmiri people for freedom and national independence in the Indian occupied part of Kashmir'

/2 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Bill Grey, Chairperson of Personnel and Equal Opportunity Committee, Birmingham City Council requesting a meeting in connection with Grey's recent visit to Kashmir, 4 October 1990

/3-/9 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Prem Singh of the Indian Workers Association, and Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Labour Party and Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Foreign Secretary, concerning Labour Party policy on Kashmir 1991-1992, including a Labour party statement on Kashmir. One of the letters from Gerald Kaufman to Avtar Jouhl includes a newspaper article printed in 'Karachi News' which quotes Kaufman's views and the intention of the Labour Party to bring the issue of Kashmir to the top of the political agenda when elected to government

/10 letter from Matthew Hooberman, Gerald Kaufman's research assistant, to Avtar Jouhl, confirming arrangements for a meeting between the MP and members of the Indian Workers Association planned for 17 December 1991

/11-/12 press release and information circular to members issued by the Indian Workers Association giving an account of discussions between Gerald Kaufman and Avtar Jouhl, Harpal Brar, Harsev Bain and Jagdeep Khera on the issue of Kashmir, 20 December 1991

/13 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Gerald Kaufman referring to the discussion between him and Indian Workers Association members about Kashmir and inaccurate newspaper reporting on this issue, 30 December 1991

/14-/15 letter from Gerald Kaufman to Avtar Jouhl discussing the issue of inaccurate newspaper reports about himself, and attaching a further statement of his views about Kashmir, 6 January 1992

/16-/17 handwritten notes taken by Avtar during a meeting with Dr Ayub, a Kashmiri exile, and a transcript of the interview that took place between them, probably sometime in 1992

/18 report from Clare Short to all members of the Ladywood Constituency Labour Party on Clause 4, the reorganisation of the Ladywood Constituency Labour Party and the situation in Kashmir following her visit to Pakistan, 1 February 1995

/19 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Clare Short in which he states that he is enclosing copies of the Kaufman correspondence between the Indian Workers Association and Gerald Kaufman to enable her to report accurately the facts about Kashmir, 13 February 1995

/20 letter from Clare Short to Avtar Jouhl in reply to allegations made in letters she received since she distributed a short report about her trip to Kashmir, 12 April 1995

/21 photocopies of a newspaper reports in Punjabi about the crisis in Kashmir and the need for political initiative to resolve the situation, July 1995

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India Pakistan nuclear tests

1998

Articles; statements; correspondence and press cuttings relating to international reaction to nuclear tests carried out by India and Pakistan in May 1998 and the position of the Indian Workers Association on these developments

/1 Indian Workers Association press statement supporting India's safe, underground nuclear tests and denouncing the condemnation and threat of sanctions by 'Imperialist' powers as hypocritical

/2 photocopy of a fax consisting of an article entitled 'Build a strong movement' that appeared in the Morning Star in June 1998. This article gives a different impression of Indian Workers Association policy on India's nuclear testing, suggesting it is dangerous since it has spurred Pakistan to carry out nuclear testing and contributed to further tension between the two countries

/3 photocopy of a page from the 'Morning Star' issue in which 'Build a strong movement' appeared, containing a statement by several MPs and academics, opposing the

tests by India and Pakistan, but condemning the US government for the economic sanctions and hypocritically imposing a lopsided 'nuclear disarmament' policy

/4 article entitled 'Bombs in India and hypocrisy in the West' by Neelambar Hatti and Arild Engelsen Ruud, which appeared in Dagsavisen in Oslo June 1998. The article highlights the hypocrisy of the West and the threat felt by India from China and Pakistan, the reasons India did not sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and the real reasons why the US is imposing sanctions on India

/5 statement issued by the Consulate General of India, Birmingham, giving details of developments since the adoption of a UN Security Council Resolution relating to the situation between India and Pakistan concerning Kashmir

The file also contains a sequence of faxed articles, sent from the Consulate General of India, Birmingham, consisting of photocopies of faxed articles entitled 'India's nuclear testing is a wake-up call to the world' by David Krieger, focusing on the failure of the nuclear weapons states to disarm, and 'India's nuclear tests: how real a threat? By Professor Andrew Mack, New Zealand Asia Institute, Auckland University, as well as photocopies of several other articles and opinions on the nuclear tests, including a sequence of questions and answers from a press conference with Shastri Bhavan, Press Information Bureau , and scientists from India's nuclear weapons team

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Jallianwala Bagh Vaisakhi 1999

1999

This file contains papers relating to the organisation of Vaisakhi celebrations in April 1999, organised by the Indian Workers Association through the Jallianwala Bagh Vaisakhi 99 Celebration Committee, based at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, consisting of correspondence; accounts; and flyers relating to the event.

Papers include letters relating to the hire of the Great Hall at Aston University for the event including discussion of fire regulations and damage costs following damage to equipment in the room; photocopied and handwritten accounts for the Jallianwala Bagh Vaisakhi 99 Fund; correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and guest speakers at the event, including Raj Babbar and Theresa Stewart, Leader of Birmingham City Council, as well as a letter from

Marika Sherwood, apologising for not being able to attend the event; memorandum from Avtar Jouhl giving details of the correct wording for trophies to be given out at the celebrations; circular letter from Jallianwala Bagh Vaisakhi 99 Celebration Committee with invitation to attend the 80th anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh and Vaisakhi 99, enclosing a copy of the programme and details about independence struggles at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar 1919, and about the life of Udham Singh; flyers for Jallianwala Bagh Vaisakhi 99 and the centenary of the birth of Udham Singh; and a flyer for Heaven on Earth & Air India 'Gurdas Maan with full band' live in concert April 1999

The file also includes correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Birmingham City Council Development and Investment Services, Economic Development division concerning assistance in providing a site for the development of an Indian community centre in the city

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Pash Memorial International Trust

1983-1993

Correspondence, leaflets and flyers relating to the activities of the trust set up to celebrate the life and work of the Punjabi revolutionary post Pash. Avtar Jouhl and other members of the Indian Workers Association were involved with the work of the trust, as were members of Indian organisations in Canada. Many of the leaflets and flyers give information about literary and cultural events organised by the trust, and other papers contain information about the trust's aims, objectives, organisational structure, and the roles and responsibilities of its members

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MS 2142/A/1/5 Publications, 1976-1997

This material comprises publications of the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Avtar Jouhl and Teja Singh Sahota, as well as publications by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Prem Singh, and the Indian Workers Association (GB) group led by Naranjan Singh Noor which split from the Indian Workers Association (GB) Prem Singh in 1983 in a dispute over Naranjan Singh Noor's involvement in the case of Bulbinder Singh Bhamra, a Wolverhampton schoolboy excluded for wearing a turban in 1979.

The papers consist of pamphlets produced by the organisations, mainly focusing on issues of policy of different sections of the organisation; and a number of leaflets and flyers produced by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Avtar Jouhl and Teja Singh Sahota giving details about protest marches and rallies but also social and cultural events organised by the

- Association
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2142/A/1/5/1
- 'On The Lap-Dogs of Indian Fascism: An exposure of the leading clique of the IWA (Southall)' 1976
- Pamphlet written by Harpal Brar and published by the Indian Workers Front, the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB). The pamphlet explains the group's opposition to the views and policies of the Indian Workers Association (Southall) and highlights the differences between the two organisations in their approach to fighting racism in Britain and their involvement in Indian politics during the State of Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi's Congress government in India during the mid 1970s.
- Another section of the pamphlet gives details of amendments proposed to the constitution of the Indian Worker Association (Southall) and comments on these changes
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- 'Whence our Differences?' 1977
- Pamphlet written by Harpal Brar for circulation to Indian Workers Association (GB) members only, setting out some of the differences of opinion among members of the Indian Workers Association concerning the Indian elections of March 1977 and the political situation in India. Brar refutes assertions that participation in bourgeois parliamentary elections be rejected on principle, that the outcome of the 1977 Elections has made no different to the political situation in India, and that India has had a fascist regime since 1947 which continues in 1977. He argues from a Marxist perspective, and supports his statements with quotations from various works on communism
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- 'Indian Workers Association Against Racism in Education' 1988
- Report published by the Indian Workers Association (GB) group led by N. S. Noor during the 1980s and based in Wolverhampton. The report focuses on multicultural education policies and practices and gives an account of ideological and policy responses to black and Asian pupils in Britain during the 1960s and 1970s before considering the implications of the Education Reform Bill which became the Education Reform Act 1988, asking whether greater parental choice would lead to segregated schools. The remainder of the pamphlet consists of campaign material in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by N. S. Noor

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2142/A/1/5/4 'A Record of Issues and Analyses (1984-1988)' 1988

Report published by the Indian Workers Association (GB) group led by N. S. Noor during the 1980s and based in Wolverhampton. The report contains an account of splits in the Indian Workers Association since the 1960s, particularly focusing on the split within the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Prem Singh in 1983. This account is followed by a selection of photocopied correspondence, press cuttings, flyers and reports relating to campaign activities carried out by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by N. S. Noor during the 1980s, particularly in the anti-apartheid movement but also concerning Indian politics and American imperialism

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2142/A/1/5/5 Indian Workers Association (GB) Golden Jubilee 1988

Pamphlet published by the Indian Workers Association (GB) led by Prem Singh to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Association in 1938. The pamphlet contains a brief history of the organisation and refers to its major campaigns against racism, its role in the Trade Union and Labour Movement, and its involvement in Indian politics and liberation struggles internationally.

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2142/A/1/5/6 Leaflets and flyers 1977-1997

Selection of publicity material for demonstrations, meetings and cultural events organised by the Indian Workers Association, either alone or in conjunction with other organisations. Undated material is placed at the end of the sequence

/1 flyer in English and Punjabi for a martyrs day event organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association at Birmingham Town Hall featuring 'political speeches and patriotic and revolutionary songs, poems and music' 9 April 1977

/2 flyer issued by the Indian Workers Association giving details about a Grunwick mass picket to start 1 August 1977 following a call by the Grunwick strike committee

/3 flyer in English and Punjabi for a Shaheed Udham Singh day celebration organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association at Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham 19 August 1978 consisting of cultural

performances

/4 flyer in English and Punjabi for a martyrs day rally and cultural programme organised by the Indian Workers Association at Plashet North School, East Ham, London, 10 November 1979. Part of this flyer has been cut away

/5 flyer in Punjabi and English for an anti-racist rally and cultural programme organised by the Bedford branch of the Indian Workers Association 11 November 1979, consisting of speeches, songs, music and drama, including an appearance by Sant Ram Udasi, the Punjabi revolutionary poet and a performance of an anti-racist play 'Divide and Rule Britannia' by the Broadside Mobile Workers' Theatre

/6 flyer in English and Punjabi for an anti-racist rally and cultural programme organised by the Indian Workers Front (Southall), the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB) 31 May 1980 at Villiers High School, Southall. The flyer includes the names of speakers and cultural performers. Part of this flyer has been cut away

/7 flyer in Punjabi and English for a martyrs day and general conference of the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association at Birmingham Town Hall 16 August 1980 featuring speeches and a cultural programme of drama and Bhangra dance. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers

/8 flyer in English and Punjabi for an anti-racist rally and cultural programme organised by the Indian Workers Front (Southall), the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB) 4 April 1981 at Villiers High School, Southall. The flyer includes the names of speakers, poets and singers

/9-/10 flyers in Punjabi, Urdu and English giving details about a demonstration against the Nationality Bill in London 5 April 1981 organised by the Indian Workers Association (GB) and the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL]

/11 flyer in Punjabi and English for a Shaheed Bhagat Singh day Youth Rally organised by the Indian Youth League at West Bromwich Town Hall, 21 March 1981. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers

/12 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about an anti-fascist demonstration in Southall 25 April 1981

organised by the Indian Workers Front (Southall), the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB), together with other organisations, to protest against a National Front rally in Hanwell arranged to coincide with the 2nd anniversary of the Southall events of 23 April 1979 at which the anti-racist activist Blair Peach died

/13 flyer in Punjabi and English for an event organised by the Wolverhampton branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB) at Wolverhampton Civic Hall 26 April 1981 to commemorate the martyrdom of Bhagat Singh

/14 flyer in English and Punjabi for Jagmohan Joshi Day, organised by the Jagmohan Joshi Memorial Committee in conjunction with the Indian Workers Association (GB) at Sparkhill Social Club, Birmingham, 27 June 1981, including speeches and a cultural programme featuring revolutionary songs, poetry and drama, and an exhibition of Jagmohan Joshi's work in the Indian Workers Association. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers

/15 flyer in English and Punjabi for an anti-racist rally and cultural programme organised by the Indian Workers Front (Southall), the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB) at Villiers High School, Southall. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers

/16 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a march organised by the Indian Workers Association to protest against the decision by the Court of Appeal to support the refusal of a Birmingham headmaster to allow a Sikh boy, Gurminder Singh Mandla, to wear his turban, on the grounds that Sikhs are not a racial group under the terms of the Race Relations Act 1976. The march was to be held on 10 October 1982 in London. The flyer includes a detailed statement explaining the case, highlighting the extent of racial discrimination in the British judiciary, and opposing attempts by Sikh separatists in Britain to use the demonstration for their own purposes.

/17 leaflet in Punjabi to celebrate the 12th anniversary of Small Heath Punjabi school, Birmingham, to be held at Small Heath Community Centre 24 June 1984

/17a article in Punjabi by Vishnu Dutt Sharma published in Sher E Punjab weekly 16 September 1987 about a convention jointly organised by both Indian Workers Associations in West Bromwich 23 August 1987. The article congratulates both Associations on their joint events

and sets out possibilities for collaboration with other progressive organisations

/18 flyer in Punjabi and English for a Kavi Darbar event organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB) to celebrate the life of Jagmohan Joshi, 29 June 1986 at Digbeth Civic Hall

/19 flyer in English and Punjabi for a national conference organised by both Indian Workers Associations (GB) at West Bromwich Town Hall, 23 August 1987, to decide a programme of action to press the Indian government for a peaceful and just solution of the religious violence in Punjab

/20 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a public meeting sponsored by the Indian Workers Association and Birmingham & Solihull Education Alliance at Rookery Road School, Handsworth, Birmingham 16 March [1988] to discuss the implications of the Education Bill which became the Education Act 1988, and the Local Government Act 1988 for black and Asian children. The flyer includes the names of speakers at this meeting

/21 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a public meeting organised by the Committee for the Defence of Trade Union and the Indian Workers Association at the 'Old Oak' public house, Walsall Road, Willenhall 17 June 1988. The meeting focused on the seafarers strike over wage cuts, redundancies and changes to working hours, and included a speech by a representative from the National Union of Seamen

/22 flyer in Punjabi and English for a May Day celebration organised by the Birmingham and Sandwell branch of the Indian Workers Association at Summerfield Community Centre, Winson Green, Birmingham 1 May 1988. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers

/23 flyer giving details of a social evening in honour of Nana Moabi and Moshitoana Molala, members of the National African Congress of Trade Unions. The evening was held at The Milestone Public House in Handsworth, Birmingham 2 March 1989, organised by the Indian Workers Association and the TUC [Trades Union Congress] Education Service

/24 flyer in Punjabi, Urdu, and other South Asian languages for a public meeting at Summerfield Community Centre 8 April 1989 to protest against the poll tax

/25 flyer in English and Punjabi for a Jagmohan Joshi Memorial Rally against racism, fascism and imperialism at Summerfield Community Centre, Winson Green, Birmingham 25 June 1989, organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association, with speeches by Teja Singh Sahota, Shirley Joshi, Shira Johal and Beeny Brown of the Afro-Caribbean Self-help organisation. The event also included the performance of 'Baba Bolda Hai' (The Old Man Speaks), about the situation in India by Birmingham Kala Kendar

/26 flyer in English and Urdu urging people to mobilise support to oppose a forthcoming British National Party rally in Birmingham in defence of 'white rights', and to support the campaign of the Springfield parents for a bilingual home liaison teacher. These campaigns were supported by the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF], the Indian Workers Association, Pakistani Workers Association, Bangladeshi Workers Association, Kashmiri Workers Association, Birmingham Anti-Apartheid Youth Congress, Birmingham Socialist Workers Party, Birmingham Communist Party, Birmingham Socialist Outlook, and Birmingham Trades Union Council. The flyer is undated, but is likely to have been issued in 1989, as it mentions the recent murder of Tahir Akram in Oldham in the summer of that year

/27 leaflet in English and Punjabi printed and published by the Indian Workers Association giving advice to Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi citizens wishing to visit friends and relatives living in Britain and faced with obstacles when applying for entry certificates and visas. This leaflet is undated, but was probably issued during the 1980s

/28 flyers giving details about a 'No Poll Tax' demonstration in London, 31 March 1990, organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch Co-ordination Committee

/29 information leaflet giving advice about changes to visa rules for people of Indian origin holding British passports, from 10 September 1990

/30 flyer for an International Rally held at West Park College, Smethwick, and organised by the Indian Workers Association to oppose the Gulf War 16 February 1991. The flyer includes the names of speakers at the event, including speakers from India who addressed the issue of communalism and separatism in India

/31 flyer in English and Punjabi for a May Day and martyrs day celebration at the Community Centre, Smethwick, 5 May 1991, organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch. The flyer includes the names of speakers at the event

/32 flyer in English and Punjabi for Martyrs Day celebrations at Handsworth Leisure Centre, Birmingham, 22 March 1992, organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch. The flyer includes the names of speakers at this event.

/32 flyer for a conference entitled '1992 and Dual Nationality' organised by the Indian Workers Association and Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] 20 June 1992 at Village Community School, Derby. The flyer gives information about the aims and remit of the conference and includes the names of speakers

/33 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a rally against Racism, Fascism and the Asylum Bill, 29 November 1992 at Handsworth Leisure Centre, Birmingham, organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch. It also asks people to demonstrate against the Asylum Bill in London 21 November 1992. The flyer includes the names of speakers at the rally.

/34 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about an Annual Public Meeting and Cultural Programme organised by the Greenwich and Bexley branch of the Indian Workers Association 26 June 1993 at the Greenwich Council for Racial Equality Cultural Centre. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at this event

/35 flyer in English and Punjabi for a cultural programme organised by the Indian Workers Association and the Progressive Writers Association, 14 May 1994 in Wolverhampton. The flyer includes the names of singers, poets and other performers at the event.

/36 flyer giving information about an event entitled 'Tipping the Scales' organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch for International Women's Day 11 March 1995. The event is described as being 'a tribute to Asian women who have demonstrated their courage in struggles that face us in today's society here in Britain' and was held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre,

Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham

/37 flyers in Punjabi and English giving information about a 'Fight Against Racism' demonstration, organised by the Trade Union Congress [TUC] in Manchester 28 October 1995 and supported by the Indian Workers Association

/38 flyer in English and Punjabi for a public meeting organised by the Indian Workers Association Wolverhampton branch at Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, 31 August 1997 to pay tribute to martyrs for Indian Independence from British rule on the 50th anniversary of the Independence of India in 1947. The flyer includes the names of speakers at this event and performers in the cultural programme

/39 flyer in English and Punjabi for a Kavi Durbar organised by the Indian Workers Front, (Southall), the Southall branch of the Indian Workers Association (GB), in honour of Darshan Khatkar, the revolutionary Punjabi poet, on his visit to Britain, 19 December. The flyer is undated, but this event is likely to have taken place during the late 1970s or 1980s

/40 flyer in English and Punjabi for a public meeting and cultural programme organised by the Wolverhampton branch of the Indian Workers Association at Wolverhampton Civic Hall to celebrate Indian Independence Day 12 August. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at the event. The flyer is undated, but the event is likely to have taken place during the late 1970s or 1980s

/41 flyer giving details about a seminar organised by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre on 'The Role of the Indian Workers Association in Trade Union Struggles', 11 October at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre. This leaflet is undated, but the event is likely to have taken place during the early 1990s.

/42 leaflet in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch about a public meeting in West Bromwich Town Hall 7 August 1993 to commemorate martyrdom day

/43 leaflet in Punjabi about a demonstration in London against racism and fascism 19 March 1994 organised by the Trades Union Congress [TUC]

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/A/1/6 Branch records, 1956-1997

This section comprises papers relating to some of the local Indian Workers Association branches in England and Scotland that were functioning during the 1980s and 1990s. It also includes a copy of a volume of minutes of meetings of the South Staffordshire branch, based in Wolverhampton, dating from the late 1950s and early 1960s. This was one of the first branches to be re-established in the post-war period.

Material largely consists of correspondence and reports on branch activities, together with some flyers and branch circulars. There are also minutes for meetings of the Birmingham branch, Southall branch, and Wolverhampton branch. Most files also contain lists of branch executive committee members.

The papers of the Birmingham branch are comparatively more extensive, and include some financial records from the 1980s and a typescript article on decolonisation in Congo, dated 1960. These papers are likely to be more substantial because Avtar Jouhl continued to take an active role in branch activities during the 1980s and 1990s although he did not hold office for most of this period.

Branch records described at MS 2141/A/8: Papers of the Indian Workers Association provide evidence for the activities of several local branches during the 1960s and 1970s, including the majority of those represented in this section.

MS 2142/A/1/6/1	<u>Bedford branch</u> This file contains flyers written in English and Punjabi for events organised by the branch in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1993, consisting of a 'martyr's day and civic theatre'; a public meeting in 1985 to discuss the situation in Punjab which will be attended by the poet and dramatist Sardar Gursharan Singh; a Punjabi symposium in 1987 in memory of the Punjabi poet Sant Ram Udassi; an Indian Workers Association 50th Anniversary and Annual Programme event in 1988, part of the National Indian Workers Association celebrations to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the organisation in 1938; an Annual Cultural Programme for 1989; and an Independence and Martyrs Day celebration in 1993. The reverse of this programme contains a handwritten attendance list giving the names and contact details of delegates attending an unidentified meeting. There is also a letter to Central Executive Committee members from Sukhdev Sidhu concerning branch members put forward as possible members of a 'Korean Delegation' and subsequent attempts to override this decision, 11 June 1989, and an undated list of the names and contact details of all committee members of the Bedford branch. This list is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2070 because it contains personal information about individuals	1985-1993
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Other papers are in Punjabi and consist of a leaflet about a march in Hyde Park, London 10 October 1982 in protest against Lord Denning's decision against Sikhs; a leaflet issued by the working committee of Bedford branch about a national demonstration against the Nationality Bill 5 April 1981 and a public meeting 29 April 1981; and a report by Bedford branch giving details about its local and national activities

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MS
2142/A/1/6/2

Birmingham [and Sandwell] branch

1960-1995

This file contains branch circulars including minutes of meetings, financial records; membership lists; and flyers largely dating from the 1980s. There is also /1 typescript article entitled 'The End of Empire?' on the process of decolonialism by Britain and other European powers, with particular reference to the actions of Belgium in the newly independent state of Congo, dated September 1960

minutes and agendas of meetings of the branch Executive Committee and other committees connected with the Birmingham branch:

/2 list of the dates of meetings of the Indian Youth League, Birmingham Branch between October 1979 and September 1980. The reverse of this list contains handwritten accounts by Avtar Jouhl

/3 branch circular containing minutes of the branch Executive Committee meeting 22 November 1980, and an agenda for the next branch meeting 19 December 1980

/4 agenda for a branch Executive Committee meeting 15 February 1981

/5 branch circular containing minutes of the branch Executive Committee meeting 22 May 1982 and an agenda for the next branch meeting 5 June 1982

/6 handwritten minutes of a meeting of the Indian Workers Association Midland branches 30 September 1984

/7 branch circular containing information and an agenda for a branch Executive Committee meeting held 2 March 1985

/8 circular containing an agenda for a branch Executive Committee meeting 25 January 1987

/9 agenda for a branch Executive Committee meeting 9 March 1991

/10 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive

Committee 14 September 1991
/11 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 16 November 1991
/12 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 11 January 1992
/13 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 25 April 1992
/14 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 20 March 1993
/15 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 20 March 1993, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee meeting 1 May 1993
/16 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 17 July 1993, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee meeting in September 1993
/17 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 22 January 1994
/18 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 26 February 1994
/19 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 26 February 1994, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee meeting 15 May 1994
/20 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 15 May 1994, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee meeting 9 October 1994, together with a summary of a discussion between branch members over whether to uphold a decision of the Central Executive Committee
/21 agenda for a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 30 December 1994
/22 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 23 December 1994, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee meeting 4 March 1995
/23 minutes of a meeting of the branch Executive Committee 6 May 1995, attached to an agenda for the next branch Executive Committee 3 June 1995

financial papers:

/24-/29 financial papers consisting of income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets for the branch between August 1980 and August 1982, together with details of branch membership fees received from individual members for an unspecified period
/30 receipt for Avtar Jouhl's membership fees of the Birmingham branch, 2 January 1989
/31-/32 invoices and receipts for the hire of coaches by

Avtar Jouhl and others to enable Indian Workers Association members to attend demonstrations and events in Manchester in October 1995 and Southall in March 1996

/33 accounts for a visit by Amritsar Natak Kala Kendar to Birmingham in June 1995, consisting of statements of income and expenditure

/34 statement of sums received from individual members of the Indian Workers Association for the 'Lalkar' fund, April 1992-May 1993

flyers and leaflets:

/35 flyer written in English and Punjabi giving information about an 'Anti-Racist Rally and Cultural Programme' at the Sparkhill Social Club, Birmingham 21 November 1981. The flyer gives the names of the speakers and performers at the event

/36 flyer written in English and Punjabi giving information about Jalianwala Bagh Day, held at Summerfield Community Centre, Winson Green, Birmingham 13 April 1986

/37 handwritten flyer for two documentary films on India by Anand Patwardan presented by the director and organised by the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 22 October 1987

/38 flyer giving information about a martyrs day celebration organised by the Birmingham branch at West Bromwich Town Hall including political speeches and cultural events, 19 November 1989. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at the event.

/39 leaflet issued by the Birmingham Anti-Dowry campaign explaining how the dowry system works, and putting forward proposals to help to end it. The leaflet also gives details about a meeting to discuss this issue at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre. The leaflet is undated, but was probably produced during the 1980s

/40 flyer issued by the Birmingham and Sandwell branch of the Indian Workers Association giving information about a demonstration against the poll tax which will take place in West Bromwich as the 'long march' from Glasgow to London passes Birmingham 29 September 1990, and a picket of the Birmingham Law Courts 25 and 25 September 1990.

/41 flyer in Punjabi and English giving information about a Martyrs Day organised by the Birmingham and Sandwell branch at Handsworth Leisure Centre 22 March 1992. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at the event.

/42 flyer in English and Punjabi giving details about a Martyrs Day organised by the Birmingham and Sandwell branch at West Bromwich Town Hall 7 August 1993. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at the event

/43 flyer in English and Punjabi to raise awareness of the campaign to oppose racism and racist violence, giving details about a demonstration 12 November 1994 to ensure justice for Norman Manning, killed while in custody at Long Lartin prison in September 1994

correspondence and other papers:

/43 undated memorandum from Avtar Atwal to Avtar Jouhl giving the contact details of a member of the Indian Workers Association

/44 photocopy of a letter from Kulbir Singh Sanghera, Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch, to the President, General Secretary and branch Committee members discussing the misuse of the branch's passport countersigning facility and asking for donations towards the cost of legal fees, 5 July 1994

/45-46 handwritten and typescript lists containing the names and addresses of individual members of the Birmingham branch of the Indian Workers Association, undated. These lists are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because they contain personal information about individuals

/47 undated handwritten lists of the names and addresses of members of the Indian Workers Association living in Smethwick apparently compiled to record subscriptions collected by members of the branch committee. This list is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2061 because they contain personal information about individuals

This file also contains papers in Punjabi, largely consisting of correspondence and leaflets and flyers for events and demonstrations organised by the branch, including a leaflet by the Womens Section of the Birmingham branch demanding an end to domestic violence, dowry payments, and racism, and appealing to all women and men to unite to end this oppression against women. These papers also comprise minutes and branch reports, including an exercise book containing minutes of branch meetings 1974; annual report of the Birmingham branch 1986; report about a meeting between the representatives of the Birmingham and Sandwell branch where both organisations agreed on a united action plan to counter fundamentalist propaganda in India and abroad

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MS
2142/A/1/6/3 Coventry branch 1970s-1992
List of the names and addresses of office bearers and executive members of the Coventry branch committee, closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals
programme in English and Punjabi for a condolence meeting to commemorate the life of Gurdev Singh Dhama at the Indian Community Centre in Coventry, 6 December 1992

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MS
2142/A/1/6/4 Derby branch 1992
Flyer written in English and Punjabi distributed by the Association of Indian Women, Derby for a conference held at Normanton Village Secondary School, Derby 5 September [1992] on the tradition of dowry, giving an account of its effects on women, and reasons to support the Anti-Dowry campaign; and typescript resolutions agreed at the conference on the tradition of dowry and on the practice of aborting female foetuses following amniocentesis tests
The file also contains minutes in Punjabi of meetings of the Derby branch 7 April 1991, 6 July 1991, 23 May 1992 and July 1992

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MS
2142/A/1/6/5 Glasgow branch 1956 - 1990s
Three items of correspondence between Nirmal Singh Atwal, secretary of the Glasgow branch, and Avtar Jouhl and the National Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association concerning the attitude of the President of the Indian Workers Association when he attended a meeting organised by the Glasgow branch to discuss the situation in Punjab, also attended by a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist). A

further letter enquires about the position of the national Association regarding Glasgow branch elections. The reply by Avtar Jouhl refers to this issue, and also discusses the participation of Glasgow branch in the Indian Workers Association national conference in Woolwich in June 1993 despite not holding branch elections before the conference

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MS
2142/A/1/6/6 Huddersfield branch 1988-1994

Correspondence between the branch secretary M. S. Chatrik and president C. S. Chima, and Avtar Jouhl discussing an invitation to branch members to attend a Palestinian conference, Avtar Jouhl's visit to Huddersfield, and details about arrangements for an unspecified meeting in 1988. The file also contains flyers in English and Punjabi for memorial rallies for Charn Singh Cheema, former president of the Huddersfield branch, held at Huddersfield Town Hall, 21 May 1989 and the Sikh Leisure Centre in Huddersfield 10 April 1994; and a flyer in Punjabi and English giving details about a National Conference on Dual Nationality and the EEC 1992 for Indians 10 May 1992 at the Sikh Leisure Centre in Huddersfield.

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MS
2142/A/1/6/7 Leicester branch 1983-1993

This file contains correspondence between the secretary of the Leicester branch and Avtar Jouhl discussing branch activities including a one day conference organised with Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] Leicester in 1983; Indian Workers Association 50th anniversary celebrations in 1988; branch subscriptions to Lalkar in both the English and Punjabi versions; public meeting to be held 28 March 1993 to mark 'Unity and Communal Harmony Day' and to commemorate Martyrs Day at Highfield Community Centre, Leicester. The file contains a programme for this event which includes a list of speakers. There is also a report on the activities of the Leicester branch since the merger of the two Indian Workers Association (GB)s in 1991, compiled in 1993, a flyer in English and Punjabi for an Independence Day of India meeting 22 August 1993 at Highfields Community Centre, and an undated list of the names of branch office bearers and members.

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MS
2142/A/1/6/8 London branches 1981-1995

This file contains papers from the Dartford, Central

London, Greenwich and Bexley, East London and Essex, and Woolwich branches of the Indian Workers Association and consists of reports; correspondence; newsletters; and membership lists.

/1 handwritten list of the names and addresses of members of the Dartford branch, intended for all members of the 'executive meeting', undated. This list is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals

/2 letter from a member of the Central London branch giving an account of decisions taken at the branch executive committee meeting 6 April 1981

/3 London branch newsletter, May/June 1991, including an editorial on the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and articles about the situation in the Middle East following the Gulf War

/4-/5 handwritten and typescript versions of the report of the London branch for the period 1989-1993 containing details about the branch's activities during this time

/6 handwritten report following a meeting of the London branch 22 June 1991

/7 announcement in English and Punjabi giving details about the opening of a Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre by the Greenwich District branch of the Indian Workers Association in Plumstead, London 1980. The announcement gives information about the advice and services to be offered by the centre

/8 handwritten list of the names of panel members of the Greenwich branch, undated, but probably produced during the 1980s

/9 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about the Greenwich and Bexley branch Annual Public Meeting and cultural programme 29 March 1992. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers at this event

/10-/11 papers relating to the involvement of the secretary of the Greenwich branch, Hardev Dhillon, in Greenwich Council for Racial Equality, consisting of a letter giving details of a conference on trade unions and racism in December 1991 and a programme for this event, featuring talks by Hardev Dhillon and Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, amongst others.

/12 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a 'National Demonstration against Racist Murders' organised by the Greenwich and Bexley branch 7 November 1992, following a recent increase in racist attacks on members of the Asian and black community in the area, and newspaper report in Punjabi about the involvement of the Greenwich and Bexley branch in a meeting between representatives of the Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths to

condemn the demolition of the Babri Mosque in India
/13 flyer giving information about a picket outside the High Commission of India to protest against the rise of the visa fee, and a lobby in favour of dual nationality for people of Indian origin holding British passports, organised by the Greenwich and Bexley branch 26 January 1995
/14 circular letter to members of the East London and Essex branch with an agenda for a branch meeting to be held 4 July 1981
/15 flyer giving details about an event to mark the re-launch of the East London and Essex branch of the Indian Workers Association 16 August 1992, including the names of speakers at this event.
/16 flyer in English and Punjabi giving information about a public meeting at Durning Hall, Forest Gate, London, organised by the East London and Essex branch to discuss problems relating to the economic recession in European Economic Community countries and the increase in racist attacks on the Asian and other ethnic minority communities. The flyer is undated, but the event probably took place during the early 1990s
/17 memorandum to all members of the Newham and Essex branch of the Indian Workers Association with an agenda for a branch meeting 14 May 1995 in the Diwana Club, Forest Gate, London

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MS
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Reading branch

1986-1995

This file consists of correspondence and reports largely relating to branch activities during the late 1980s and 1990s. Most of the correspondence and reports are written by Harjit Singh Daudharia, secretary of the Reading branch, but there are also some letters written by his successor as branch secretary, Santokh Singh Santokh.

/1 obituary in Punjabi of the President of the Reading branch and member of the National Executive Committee Harbans Singh Gill who died 6 July 1986
/2 letter from Harjit Daudharia to Avtar Jouhl discussing branch contributions, 2 October 1986
/3 copy letter from Harjit Daudharia to another member of the Reading branch discussing his suspension from the branch Executive Committee, 16 February 1987
/4-/5 photocopies of an undated report by Harjit Daudharia on the need to reorganise the Indian Workers Association,

setting out his views on the importance of being clear about aims and objectives to attract new members, March 1987

/6 letter from Harjit Daudharia to Avtar Jouhl providing his new address and mentioning the 'Lalkar crisis', 16 April 1987

/7-/8 copy letters from Harjit Daudharia to the General Secretary of the ICA, Reading containing comments and suggestions from the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association on the constitution of this group, which appears to have been a consortium of Indian community groups in Reading which also operated a community centre, November 1987-March 1988

/9 letter from Harjit Daudharia to the General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association discussing payment for t-shirts and the branch's contribution to the Lalkar fund. The letter also mentions the Jagmohan Joshi Memorial Rally in June 1989

/10 circular letter to branch members giving information about an Anti-Dowry meeting to be held 18 October 1989 at the Indian Community Centre, Reading

/11-/12 copy letters from Harjit Daudharia to the Treasurer of the Indian Workers Association discussing branch contributions to the national organisation, and payments to the Lalkar fund. One of the letters comments on the publication of the Punjabi version of the journal, April 1991-January 1992

/13 handwritten branch report 1989-1993, compiled by Santokh Singh Santokh, giving brief details about branch elections, groups to which the branch is affiliated, and meetings and activities organised during this period

/14-/15 papers relating to the election of office bearers and executive members of the Reading branch at the bi-annual meeting in June 1993, including lists of the names of those elected

/16 leaflet listing reasons to join the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association, giving details about the welfare and social activities carried out by the branch, and listing the aims and objectives of the organisation

/17-/18 lists of executive committee members of the Reading branch

/19 letter from Santokh Singh Santokh to Avtar Jouhl giving information about the dates of Reading branch meetings and the names of members of the branch executive committee, 23 July 1993

/20 letter from Santokh Singh Santokh to Avtar Jouhl giving an account of his recent activities which included work in Cuba with the Nordic Brigade, 23 January 1995

/21 constitution of Lok Sathh Britain, a progressive literary group convened by Harjit Daudharia which appears to

have been linked to the Indian Workers Association
/22 flyer in Punjabi giving details about a literary
conference to be held 26 October 1991 at 2 Norris Road,
the Indian Community Centre off Wokingham Road,
Reading
/23 newspaper article in Punjabi by Harjit Daudharia about
the need to be united in difficult times, undated

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MS Southall branch 1993-1997
2142/A/1/6/10

This file largely consists of minutes of the Southall branch
of the Indian Workers Association (GB) which was formerly
known as the Indian Workers Front.

There are minutes for branch meetings held on 3
December 1993; 21 March 1997; 22 June 1997, and an
agenda for a meeting of the branch executive 20 July
1997. The agenda is attached to a copy letter from Harpal
Brar, president of the Southall branch, to Harsev Bains,
branch secretary, which challenges him on his political
beliefs and affiliations and the fulfilment of his duties as
secretary.

The file also contains a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to
Harsev Bains acknowledging receipt of minutes, and
referring to other branch affairs

Extent: 1 File

MS Willenhall branch 1986-1992
2142/A/1/6/11

This file largely consists of correspondence relating to
branch activities, and to a dispute over ownership of Indian
Workers Association funds deposited through the
Willenhall branch at Heart of England Building Society
which led to a judgement at Warwick County Court in
February 1992. This correspondence dates from
December 1991 to June 1992. There is also a summary
report on the activities of the Welfare/Community
Development project run by the Willenhall branch

Other papers include a notice for general body meeting
and branch elections to be held 25 January 1986,
including conditions for membership and nominations for
office bearers and executive committee members of the
branch, a statement by Sarwan Singh Bhart, secretary of
the Willenhall branch, outlining the objections of some
branch members to the merger of the two Indian Workers
Associations (GB), 1 July 1991, and a notice of the Annual
General Meeting of the branch 25 January 1986

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MS 2142/A/1/6/12	<u>Wolverhampton branch</u>	1956-1992
	<p>This file contains a photocopy of a 'proceeding book' containing minutes of the Wolverhampton branch between October 1956 and July 1961. The minutes of the first meeting describe the formation of the branch at a public meeting held at the Labour Club, Wolverhampton and attended by Indian workers living in Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Walsall, Bilston, Darlaston and Wednesfield. It appears that this branch was known as the South Staffordshire branch until 1959. Minutes of each meeting include agendas and the signatures of the officers who attended. The book includes minutes of meetings of the branch executive committee; the general council; and meetings of the entire branch. The volume also contains a table setting out financial contributions made by individual members, and two newspaper cuttings reporting a split in the South Staffordshire Indian Workers Association over elections in 1959.</p> <p>The file also contains papers dating from the 1980s, consisting of:</p> <p>/2 photocopy of handwritten minutes of a meeting of the branch 6 June 1982 at which the branch discussed the trusteeship for premises to be used as a welfare and advice office at Staveley Road, Wolverhampton</p> <p>/3 letter from Gian Kandola to Avtar Jouhl explaining the reasons for his resignation from the Wolverhampton branch of the Indian Workers Association, 9 September 1983</p> <p>/4-/6 correspondence and associated material relating to Naranjit Singh Noor's disagreements with the Wolverhampton branch and his formation of a separate Indian Workers Association 1988</p> <p>/7 flyer in English and Punjabi sent out to members and supporters of the Wolverhampton branches of both Indian Workers Associations (GB) inviting them to a General Body Meeting of the branch at Newhampton Centre, Wolverhampton 14 October 1990. Prem Singh and Avtar Jouhl, the leaders of the two national Indian Workers Associations, would speak at the meeting</p> <p>/8 flyer in Punjabi and English giving details about May Day celebrations organised by the Wolverhampton branch of the Indian Workers Association, 24 May 1992</p> <p>/9 loose typescript list of the names and contact details of members of the Wolverhampton branch executive committee, probably dating from the 1980s.</p> <p>/10 statement in English and Punjabi and issued by both Indian Workers Associations in Wolverhampton concerning the need to unite to promote peace and unity</p>	

and to oppose Sikh and Hindu extremists in Punjab and in Britain who divide Indian workers along religious lines and divert attention from issues such as unemployment, racial discrimination and racist immigration legislation
 /11 report in Punjabi giving details about the branch's activities and meetings, undated
 /12 letter in Punjabi from Kamaljit Singh Rana, a member of the branch, giving reasons for his resignation as Welfare Secretary, 26 November 1991
 /13 minutes in Punjabi of an unidentified meeting
 /14 letter in Punjabi from Rasham Singh Hayer about a crisis in the Wolverhampton branch, 9 January 1982

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MS
2142/A/1/6/13

Other branches

1990-1993

/1 flyer in English and Punjabi sent out to members and supporters of the Leamington branch of the Indian Workers Association giving information about a General Meeting of the branch at the Sikh Community Centre, Leamington, 27 October 1990 to discuss current affairs in the United Kingdom, India, Gulf and Europe 1992, as well as the issue of Dual Nationality for people of Indian origin. The flyer includes the names of speakers at this event
 /2 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Leamington branch of the Indian Workers Association giving information about a public meeting at the Sikh Community Centre in Leamington 2 November 1991 to discuss Dual Nationality, Europe 1992 and changes in the Soviet Union
 /3 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to 'whom it may concern' concerning the establishment and organisation of an Indian Workers Association in Blackburn, and giving brief details about the aims of the Indian Workers Association in general, 11 November 1991
 /4 flyer issued by the Nuneaton branch of the Indian Workers Association giving information about a public meeting at Manor Park School, Nuneaton, 9 October 1993 to discuss current issues including racism, unemployment among black people, education, and the future of black people in Britain. The flyer includes the names of speakers and performers in the cultural programme at this event
 /5 leaflet in Punjabi issued by the Leamington Spa branch about the Annual General Meeting to be held 5 June, undated
 /6 newspaper report in Punjabi about the Annual General Meeting of both branches in Leamington Spa 27 October, undated

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MS 2142/A/1/7 General files, 1978-1994

The files in this section have been preserved as they were created and kept by Avtar Jouhl as President of the Indian Workers Association during the late 1970s and as General Secretary during the late 1980s and early 1990s. They contain a mixture of minutes; policy papers; correspondence; financial records; publications and other campaign papers of the Indian Workers Association and other organisations; some branch records; and a small number of newspaper cuttings.

These general files provide information about the whole range of activities of the Indian Workers Association over a specific time period, together with administrative and financial records produced between these dates. However, there is some overlap between some of the material in these files and papers elsewhere in the collection, and although the general files probably contain the majority of the papers created by the Indian Workers Association during the periods stated above and are a fairly comprehensive source, there will also be gaps in the sequence that might be filled by papers kept in other files and described in other sections of this catalogue.

MS 2142/A/1/7/1	<u>Indian Workers Association papers 1978-1980</u> Papers were originally stored together in a folder, and are arranged in roughly chronological order, with the earliest listed first. They consist of:	1978-1980
	/1 copy letter to Andrew Faulds from Avtar Jouhl, branch secretary of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch regarding the entry certificate of a constituent, May 1978. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2059 because it contains personal information about an individual	
	/2 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, branch secretary of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch to First Secretary Consular, High Commission of India regarding specimens of signatures of branch committee members who were authorised to attest photographs, 1978	
	/3 Indian Workers Association circular to all branches and Central Committee members with details of recent and future events and current campaigns, December 1980	
	/4 Indian Workers Association proposals on the question of caste, with reference to Dalit workers, undated	
	/5 copy of Indian Workers Association constitution	
	/6 brief report of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch, with details of members and activities, attached to list of women members and executive members of branch. The list of members is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2061 because it	

contains personal information about individuals

/7 Indian Workers Association circular to all Central Executive Committee members and branch secretaries regarding matters discussed at Central Executive Committee meeting September 1980; Aims and Objects of Indian Youth League, the youth section of the Indian Workers Association; Resolutions adopted at the national conference of the Indian Workers Association held in Derby 1980; Typescript material in Punjabi

/8 flyer issued by the Maurice Ludmer memorial committee with details of a memorial event in Birmingham in July 1981

/9 leaflet in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association and Anti Nazi League appealing to people to organise to stop a National Front march 17 August in West Bromwich. This leaflet probably dates from the late 1970s or early 1980s

/10 accounts for Lalkar since the last duplicated accounts in August 1979

/11 statement of monies due from branches for copies of Lalkar 1980

/12 copies of a flyer issued by the Anti-Nazi League for a rally to stop a National Front march in West Bromwich, stamped by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare centre, undated

/13 statement issued by Birmid Qualcast senior shop stewards following a meeting about the treatment of employees

/14 printed leaflet in Punjabi issued by Kulbir Singh Sanghera, Narinder Dosanjh and Sohan Singh Dhesi about an incident at the India Centre, Soho Road, Birmingham 25 December 1978 when an elderly gentleman, Arjan Das Kataria, was beaten up by Piara Singh Uppal and Jarnail Singh Hayer because Mr Kataria had taken part in demonstrations against Indira Gandhi in Southall and Birmingham

/15 copy letter to Jagmohan Joshi from the Chairman of the Handsworth Consortium of Secondary Schools asking for an interview to discuss the educational needs and problems of Asian students, particularly girls, December 1978

/16 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl possibly following a Lalkar editorial committee meeting, undated

/17 Indian Workers Association East London and Essex branch circular to Greenwich District branch, with copies to all Central Executive Committee members regarding coverage in the East London and Essex branch newsletter of Indira Gandhi's visit to Southall in Dec 1978, January 1979

/18-/19 photocopied letter from Indian Workers Association East London and Essex branch to the Greenwich District branch responding to complaints about the East London and Essex branch newsletter article about visit of Indira Gandhi to Britain and Southall 1979, together with copy of this newsletter December 1978

/20 letter in Punjabi from Ajit Sandhu from Leicester 21 December 1982 requesting information about the job transfer and the ongoing strike

/21 letter to secretary of the Indian Workers Association from a member unable to attend Central Executive Committee meeting May 1979

/22 letter to the secretary from Indian Workers Association Derby branch regarding a decision taken at the Central Committee meeting in relation to different factions of the Indian Workers Association in Southall, April 1979

/23 handwritten notes in Punjabi possibly relating to the Youth Wing of the Indian Workers Association

/24 newspaper cutting from 'Midland Chronicle' July 1980 regarding the British Democratic Party, with a copy letter from Sandwell Council for Community Relations to the editor of Midland Chronicle refuting claims made in a letter to the newspaper from the agent of the British Democratic Party

/25 leaflet published by Action Group on Immigration and Nationality, associated with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, about immigration control and nationality law, and the likely behaviour of a new Tory government, April 1979

/26 circular letter from Commission for Racial Equality to all chairmen of Community Relations Councils, Community Relations Officers and secretaries of Community Relations

Councils regarding the 1979 General Election, giving information about campaigning April 1979

/27-/29 Runnymede Trust briefing paper: Facts about the British Population April 1979; Runnymede Trust statement on government contractors and equal opportunity 1979; Runnymede Trust election brief: An Equal Opportunity Primer April 1979

/30 statement of monies due from Indian Workers Association branches for copies of Lalkar Aug 1980

/31 Indian Workers Association accounts 11 August 1979

/32 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Tolunka Association informing him that he has been nominated to serve on the Executive Committee, August 1980

/33 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Director of Social Services, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough with details of the next meeting of the liaison group with ethnic minority community leaders, August 1980

/34 Action Group on Immigration and Nationality instant briefing on the Government white paper, explaining British Nationality legislation, July 1980

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Indian Workers Association papers 1978-1982

1978-1982

Papers were originally stored together in a folder, and are arranged in roughly chronological order, with the earliest listed first. They consist of:

/1-/2 press release giving an account of the proceedings of the Indian Workers Association national conference 28 May 1978 in Coventry, with a list of the names and contact details of members of the Executive Committee, elected at the conference

/3 letter to Avtar Jouhl as Indian Workers Association President from the Wolverhampton branch concerning conflict in Southall between different Indian Workers Association groups, and the possibility of further splits in

the Southall branch, referring to Harpal Brar December 1978

/4 shortened form of a report on 'Educational Provision in Birmingham for Ethnic Minorities' for Birmingham City Council Education Committee, with a covering letter from the Chief Education Officer December 1978

/5 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Front (Southall) protesting against the visit of Indira Gandhi to Southall, and her invitation by the Indian Workers Association (Southall), 1978

/6 photocopy of a letter to a recipient addressed only as Amarjit from Mary Tyler discussing the campaign to release six 'Dalits' under sentence of death in Bihar, 25 January 1979

/7 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, President of the Indian Workers Association, to Sarwan Singh Bains, Treasurer, requesting payments to be made to Balbir Dutt for expenses for the Dalit Mukti Conference in Bedford, 9 February 1979

/8 letter from Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Communist League concerning the organisation of the 'Hands Off Kampuchea Committee' and urging the Indian Workers Association to join a jointly sponsored and organised single united British committee for 'Solidarity with Democratic Kampuchea', 10 February 1979

/9 letter to Avtar Jouhl from unidentified sender requesting that all Indian Workers Association branches send affiliation fees to the Bharati Dalit Mukti Alliance for their campaign to release 'Dalits' 1979

/10-/13 sponsorship slips from organisations wishing to sponsor the 'Hands Off Kampuchea Committee' based at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, 1979; and a letter from the Revolutionary Communist League of Britain asking for further information about the campaign

/14-/15 letters from East London and Essex branch concerning decisions reached at meeting of the branch executive committee at which members were expelled and national Indian Workers Association leaders accused of not being interested in branch problems February 1979

/16 letter to Jagmohan Joshi from the secretary of the Workers Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist) discussing a

forthcoming picket of the Vietnamese Embassy, and enclosing a circular issued by the organisation condemning the Vietnamese occupation of 'Democratic Kampuchea', January 1979

/17 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, President of the Indian Workers Association, to Balbir Dutt, Bharati Dalit Mukti Alliance, discussing confusion over the date fixed for a picket of the Indian High Commission to protest at the death sentence imposed on 'Dalits' in Bihar, 11 March 1979

/18-/19 draft of a leaflet on virginity tests produced by an unidentified Steering Committee with an accompanying letter to Avtar Jouhl from Vidya, Chelsea College, University of London, March 1979

/20 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, President of the Indian Workers Association, to H. S. Sandhu, branch secretary of the East London and Essex branch, discussing the reasons for Sandhu's resignation, which he refuses to accept, 19 March 1979

/21-/24 copy letters from Avtar Jouhl, President of the Indian Workers Association, to the Nottingham, Wolverhampton, Woolwich and Plumstead, and Indian Workers Front (Southall) branches, requesting contributions to the Central Committee, and discussing branch administrative matters, March 1979

/25 copy of a telegram sent by the Bharati Dalit Mukti Alliance to the President of India condemning the death sentences imposed on 'Dalits' imprisoned in Bhagalpur jail, Bihar, 1979

/26 handwritten report compiled by the Indian Workers Association Coventry branch in reply to the Central Committee circular, 23 March 1979 giving an account of branch activities and organisation

/27 circular letter from Jagmohan Joshi, Avtar Jouhl and the Central Executive Committee to all Indian Workers Association branches giving information about a mass picket on the Indian High Commission against the execution of 'Dalits' in Bihar 23 March 1979

/28-/29 leaflet written in English and Punjabi issued by the Bharati Dalit Mukti Alliance giving information about the mass picket at India House to demand the unconditional release of the six 'Dalits' sentenced to death in Bihar for

resisting armed attacks by landlords, 23 March 1979, together with a press release issued by the organisation on this topic

/30 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Harpal Brar, secretary of the Indian Workers Front (Southall) comprising a report on the activities and organisation of the branch, 1 April 1979

/31 circular letter to Central Committee members and office bearers of the Indian Workers Association giving information about the Cultural Conference to be held in Coventry and including an agenda for the next Central Committee meeting, 5 May 1979

/32 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, President of the Indian Workers Association, to the secretary of the Indian Workers Front (Southall) asking him to send a representative to the next Central Committee meeting, 28 April 1979

/33 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Hardev Dhillon, branch secretary of the Indian Workers Association Greenwich District branch discussing tensions between different factions composed of members of the Greenwich and East London and Essex branches, 30 April 1979

/34-/37 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl, Balbir Dutt and Harpal Brar regarding a leaflet distributed by a group known as the Indian Progressive Workers Forum for May Day celebrations in 1979, together with a copy of this leaflet, written in Punjabi, in which members of the Indian Workers Association are listed as speakers. The letter from Harpal Brar urges the Indian Workers Association leadership to prevent comrades from attending the gathering which had been organised by a group opposed to the policies of the Indian Workers Front (Southall)

/38-/40 letters to Avtar Jouhl, Teja Singh Sahota and Jagmohan Joshi from Vidya Pai apologising for not being able to attend the Central Committee meeting of the Indian Workers Association 5 May 1979, and asking for an item which he had placed on the agenda concerning the Indian Workers Association attitude to the demonstration to be held on 3 June 1979 against state brutality to be discussed at a later date

/41 handwritten motion agreed by the meeting of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association in Coventry 5 May 1979 on the meeting called by Baldev Ruppal in East London following a dispute within the East

London and Essex branch of the organisation

/42 handwritten report compiled by the Derby branch of the Indian Workers Association on the activities and organisation of the branch 1979

/43 handwritten notes made by Avtar Jouhl, probably at an unidentified Central Committee meeting likely to be in 1979

/44 flyer written in English and Punjabi and issued by the Indian Workers Front (Southall) on the lessons to be learnt by anti-racist activists following the events at Southall on 23 April 1979 at a rally against the National Front at which the activist Blair Peach was killed

/45-/46 press release and circular to branch secretaries and Central Committee members listing decisions taken at the Central Committee meeting 11 August 1979, including the election of Teja Singh Sahota to the office of General Secretary following the death of Jagmohan Joshi.

/47 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association on the White Paper on Nationality published by the Conservative government, and the campaign to repeal immigration laws, including details of a demonstration organised for 25 November 1979

/48 list of delegates present at the Indian Workers Association conference 3 August 1980. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2031 because it contains personal information about individuals

/49 handwritten notes made by Avtar Jouhl possibly at a Central Committee meeting towards the end of 1980 at which campaigns with Campaign Against Racist Laws and the Dual Nationality issue were discussed

/50 Birmingham District Council Amenities and Recreation Department confirmation of the booking of Digbeth Civic Hall by the Indian Workers Association for a conference, October 1980

/51 statement issued by the Indian Workers Association describing the implicit racism of the White Paper on Nationality and other immigration legislation, and urging anti-racist groups to join the campaign by the organisation and Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] to defeat the Nationality Bill, 1981

/52 circular to all Central Executive Committee members and branch secretaries giving an account of matters discussed at the Indian Workers Association Central Executive Committee meeting 10 January 1981

/53 resolution on Iraq, possibly issued by the Indian Workers Association, consisting of an agreement to affiliate with and support the Midland Committee Against Repression and for Democratic Rights in Iraq (M-CARDRI), possibly 1981

/54 Indian Workers Association circular to all branches giving information about mobilisation for a demonstration at Coventry against the murder of Satnam Singh Gill May 1981

/55 statement issued by Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF] following uprisings in several British cities in 1981, criticising the government's response, and urging people to join a demonstration and rally to fight to end unemployment and police harassment

/56 handwritten accounts of the Indian Workers Association written in Punjabi, July 1981

/57 invoices and receipts for donations made by the Indian Workers Association and supplies used, July 1981

/58 circular to all Indian Workers Association Central Committee members and branch secretaries giving information about a mass demonstration against government 'anti-people' policies at the Conservative party conference at Blackpool 1981

/59 Indian Workers Association Central Committee circular to all branches and Central Committee members giving information about the campaign in support of the 'Bradford 12' other activities November 1981

/60 Indian Workers Association circular to Central Committee members and branch secretaries with details of current campaigning activities that branches should participate in, including the 'free Bradford 12' picket at Leeds Crown Court, the national demonstration in London 'Britain Out of Ireland' and the Indian Workers Association national conference 1982

/61 Indian Workers Association circular to Central Committee members with details and agenda for the next meeting on 28 March 1982

/62 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl for an unidentified meeting, probably of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association, including discussion of the Falklands war, 1982

/63 report by Harpal Brar on the Central Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Workers Association held 28 March 1982

/64 receipt to the Indian Workers Association from Handsworth Law Centre, 20 May 1982

/65 letter from the Indian Peoples Front regarding a National Conference to resist autocracy and giving details of resolutions passed at a National Conference to Resist Autocracy in India, May 1982

/66 Indian Workers Association General Secretary's statement of income and expenditure Aug 1980 - June 1982

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Indian Workers Association papers 1989-1991

1989-1991

Papers were originally stored in an A4 lever arch file, and are arranged in reverse chronological order, with material from 1989 at the beginning of the file. There are some also items dating from earlier in the 1980s. Material consists of:

/1 page from 'Punjabi Darpan' newspaper consisting of an article written by Ajmer about the current position of the Indian Workers Association and the need to prioritise its policies 1989

/2 photocopy of letter in Punjabi 1991 (2 copies)

/3 photocopy of a cheque to the Pash Memorial International Trust, Royal Bank of Canada 1991 from Avtar Jouhl

/4 handwritten income and expenditure notes by Avtar Jouhl, 1986-1989

/5 photocopy of a page from 'World Sikh News' about 'blatant interference in Sikh affairs', undated

/6 copy letter from S. Singh to The Clerk, Birmingham County Court regarding an application to withdraw proceedings between him and Bharat & Singh, having reached a settlement 1991

/7 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Jones & Company, independent business interruption consultants concerning a fire claim at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, 1991

/8 letter to Avtar from Sarwan Singh Sanghwal of the Willenhall branch of the Indian Workers Association acknowledging receipt of cheques comprising net pay from the Willenhall branch project, withdrawing his claim in the county court, and accepting the amount as settlement from the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association, 1991

/9 photocopy of letter from Commercial Union Assurance to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre regarding policy renewal, 1990

/10 photocopy of a newspaper article from the 'Financial Times' about plans by the new Indian administration to introduce limited privatisation measures 1990. The reverse of this has been used by Avtar Jouhl to write a list of tasks agreed 5 January 1991

/11 agenda for Co-ordinating Committee meeting January 1991

/12 handwritten list of branches existing in around 1990

/13 handwritten receipts; one for attending and organising a crèche for the Indian Workers Association (GB) conference, June 1990

/14 handwritten expenses for the Indian Workers Association (GB) Joint Committee

/15 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Bill Grey, Chair of the Personnel and Equal Opportunity Committee, Birmingham City Council requesting a meeting following Grey's recent visit to Kashmir 1990

/16 circular letter to all Indian Workers Association branch committee members with details of a meeting to welcome the Trade Union Delegation from India, and a meeting of the Women's Section. The circular includes a flyer in

English and Punjabi for a social evening jointly organised by TUC Education Service and the Indian Workers Association, October 1990

/17 Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] flyer giving details about their Charter of European Community Rights national lobby of parliament, December 1990

/18 statement of collection and expenses by Avtar Jouhl for the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch, 1990

/19 list of organisations affiliated to Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, 1990 with contact details

/20 flyer in English and Punjabi with details of an event to mark the 50th anniversary of Shaheed Udham Singh's martyrdom, held at West Bromwich Town Hall 1990

/21 Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] circular letter with details of the next meeting, with an agenda, and minutes of CARL meeting June 1990

/22 letter in Punjabi from Jaspal Jassi, Ludhiana, India to Nirmal Sondhi about magazine subscriptions 1990

/23 letter in Punjabi from India to Kharalveer, 30 May 1990

/24 papers relating to legal case between Bhart and Singh, and Avtar Singh and Gurmel Singh re interference in the activities of IWA Wolverhampton branch 1990. These papers are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071

/25 copy letter to Godfrey Cremer, Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] from Avtar Jouhl containing the contact details of people interested in attending a CARL conference in November 1990

/26 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Khurshid Ahmed, Assistant Chief Executive (Race Relations), Birmingham City Council making arrangements for possible conference to be held in Birmingham spring 1991

/27 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of the 'Punjabi Guardian' defending Jagmohan Joshi against accusations printed in the newspaper which compared communism with fascism and made allegations that Joshi received financial support from the Communist Party of China, 1990

/28 photocopies of cheques made out to the Indian Workers Association, 1989

/29 photocopy of a handwritten letter from Avtar Jouhl to Central Committee members regarding a meeting in January 1990 together with an agenda

/30 photocopy of a handwritten list of various people, including Avtar Jouhl, Harpal Brar, Godfrey Cremar of Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL, members of the Indian Workers Association

/31 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Central TV thanking him for taking part in an interview for Central Lobby report on the far right in British politics 1990

/32 letter to Avtar Jouhl from a member of the Indian Workers Association informing him of arrangements for the Annual General Meeting in Willenhall, and giving details of other events they wish to hold, including a cultural programme 1990

/33 flyer for 'Europe 1992 - trade unions and black workers national conference' 1990 at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre. Bill Morris and Bob Purkiss are speakers at this event

/34 Printed flyer in Punjabi, issued by the Indian Workers Association, giving information about the legal consequences for people who are opposed to the poll tax and who refuse to pay this charge

/35 flyer in English and Urdu issued by the Tasleem Akhtar Memorial Committee, Sparkhill, with verses written by Munir Qureshi, a Birmingham Urdu poet, during a memorial march for Tasleem Akhtar who was murdered in Sparkhill in 1990

/36 photocopied page from the Urdu newspaper 'The Daily Jang', with an article about a memorial march for Tasleem Akhtar, February 1990

/37 Indian Workers Association press release about the joint National Conference of both Indian Workers Associations (GB)s and the formation of a joint committee to steer the central work of the merger, 1990

/38 flyer in Punjabi giving information about an anti poll tax demonstration to be held in London 31 March 1990

/39 flyer in English and Punjabi with details of Birmingham Anti-Dowry campaign, including meeting and video June 1990

/40 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Godfrey Cremer of the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] with details of a conference to launch their Charter of European Community Rights, and asking for sponsorship of this event 1990

/41 flyer issued by Campaign Against Racist Laws with details of their Charter of European Community Rights. Prem Singh and Harpal Brar are listed as joint Chairpersons

/42 Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] circular letter with details of the next meeting, and minutes of a CARL meeting held in May 1990

/43 copy letter from Hari P. Sharma, Associate Professor of Simon Fraser University, British Columbia to V.P. Singh, Prime Minister of India discussing the reversal of the decision made by Indira Gandhi's government which forced him into exile in Canada, due to his activities during the Emergency days. He is now allowed to visit India, 1990

/44 public release by the Indian Peoples Association in North America [IPANA] about the retraction of the decision to deny Hari Sharma, Secretary of IPANA, the right to travel to India, 1990

/45 Indian Workers Association circular letter for all central committee members and officers with details about a meeting with the other Indian Workers Association (GB) to negotiate a merger. The letter also gives details about decisions of the Central Committee, 1990

/46 minutes of the Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting January 1990

/47 letter to Avtar Jouhl from H. Daudharia, a member of the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association, Lok Sathh Britain, with details of a meeting in Southall for open discussion on the crisis of 'Socialist Countries', namely the USSR and Eastern European countries, June 1990

/48 copy letter from Teja Singh Sahota to the administrator at Hall Green College nominating a candidate for the governing body of Hall Green College, probably Avtar Jouhl's son, currently employed at Coped Housing Trust,

May 1990. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about an individual

/49 details of professional charges relating to the transfer of 346 Soho Road to names of Teja Singh Sahota, Avtar Jouhl, and K. Singh Sirti pursuant to the appointment of a new trustee of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, November 1989

/50 Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] circular letter containing a proposed statement on Hong Kong citizenship 1990

/51 Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] circular letter with details of the next meeting, an agenda, and minutes of the National CARL meeting held in March 1990

/52 master version of Indian Workers Association flyer in English and Punjabi for the organisation's campaign against the poll tax, undated

/53 leaflet issued by the Blair Peach Memorial Committee, which included Harpal Brar and Avtar Uppal as chairpersons, for a memorial rally in Southall in April 1989. The leaflet gives the names of speakers and sponsors at this event

/54 copy of the Indian Workers Association constitution

/55 Indian Workers Association press release with details of the decision at a recent Central Committee meeting at Leamington Spa to expel named people from primary membership of the organisation for violation of discipline and carrying out activities against the policy and programme of the Indian Workers Association. The press release also mentions the election of Harjit Daudharia as National Cultural Secretary, July 1989

/56 Indian Workers Association press release with details of the election of a new branch committee at the Birmingham branch and a successful martyrs day rally November 1989

/57 Indian Workers Association circular letter enclosing a copy of 'Whose Europe' in connection with Immigration and Nationality and Europe 1992, requesting organisations to order copies, undated

/58 photocopied pages from a publication on Black

Housing, possibly from an unidentified conference, comprising a copy of a speech made by Gary Delgado, Director of Centre for Third World Organising, Oakland, California

/59 photocopied pages from a Punjabi newspaper, consisting of an article by Makhan Singh Johal about the anti-communist policies of the Russian president Gorbachev

/60 list of names and addresses of the secretaries of Birmingham Federation of Anti Poll Tax Unions 1990. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals

/61 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Bob Purkiss, National Equalities officer of the Transport and General Workers Union with a list of names and contact details for an unidentified purpose, 1990. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals

/62 List of contact names for different regions for an unidentified National Working Party 1990. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals

/63 minutes of Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting in January 1990 with handwritten attendance list and handwritten notes on matters discussed at the meeting

/64 Flyer in Punjabi about an anti poll tax march from Glasgow to London and appealing to people to join a march on 29 September 1990 at 11am at West Bromwich Albion football ground

/65 copy of Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF] News no.1 May 1990 with details of CARF relaunch

/66-/67 flyer in English issued by Indian Workers Association Coventry and Coventry Trades Council with details of May Day celebrations, 1990

/68 photocopy of an article by Gus Hall entitled 'The World We Preserve Must Be Livable', published in 'The Marxist'

/69-/70 letters from Harjit Daudharia, convenor of the cultural organisation Lok Sathh Britain, in Punjabi 1990. The letters explain the ideological basis of the organisation

/71 letter in Punjabi from Mr Harkanwaljit from Calgary about a proposal to invite a drama group from India, 1990

/72 letter in Punjabi from Amolak Singh, President of Punjab Lok Sabhiacharak Manch, Jalandhar, India to Avtar Jouhl about inviting a drama team from India 1990

/73 photocopied letter in Punjabi from Avtar Jouhl to Amrik Singh, editor of Surka Rekha to protest against the publication of a letter criticising the Indian Workers Association, 16 April 1990

/74 circular letter from African National Congress with statements from Nelson Mandela on his release from prison, 1990

/75 photocopy of a statement by London Borough of Waltham Forest Race Relations Committee on 'the single common market - implications for black and ethnic minorities' 1990

/76 flyer issued by Birmingham Federation of Anti Poll Tax Unions with information about 'you, poll tax and the law' and details of a demonstration in Birmingham, undated

/77 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Hindi Picture discussing arrangements for him to participate in a programme entitled 'On the Other Hand' to be recorded in April 1990 on 'religion and politics'

/78 newspaper article about domestic violence suffered by Asian women in Birmingham and quotes from the Indian Workers Association anti-dowry campaign

/79 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch with details of martyrs day celebration 1990

/80 form issued by Teachers Benevolent Fund asking for covenanted subscriptions

/81 circular letter issued by African-Asian Conference UK 1990 with details of a conference at the University of Liverpool 1990. The letter includes a list of the organisations involved

/82 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Indian Workers Association Reading branch regarding the affiliation of the branch to the Indian Community Association Reading, accepting the constitution of ICA Reading and agreeing to participate in the activities of the organisation, 1990

/83 flyers in Punjabi about visa fees, visa application forms, Indian passports and the issue of dual nationality, and providing information and advice for Indians coming to Britain on a visitor visa

/84-/85 copy letter from Hari Sharma, Professor at Simon Fraser University to V.P.Singh, Prime Minister of India regarding the refusal of a visa for him to visit India, believing he is being held guilty for exposing the repressive Emergency regime during Indira Gandhi's rule, together with a press release issued by the Indian Peoples Association in North America [IPANA] on this 1990

/86 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Indian Workers Association member in Bedford, 1990

/87 letter in Punjabi from Nirmal Sondhi, Bedford branch to the editor of 'Surkh Rekha' about a letter published in its issue of 16-31 March

/88 letter from an Indian Workers Association member in Bedford to his friend in India dated 23 March 1990 about the problems being faced by the organisation, the tour of a drama group from India to England, Canada and possibly to America, and analysis of the socialist structures of China, Russia and East Germany

/89 letter in Punjabi from a committee member of the Bedford branch, Nirmal Sondhi to Avtar Jouhl about the current state of affairs of the branch

/90 news report from 'Punjabi Darpan' to celebrate the release of Nelson Mandela. The report states that a rally will be held in Southall in support of the freedom struggle of African people

/91 flyer issued by Birmingham Joint Labour Demonstration Committee with details of May Day march against the poll tax 1990

/92 invoice to the Indian Workers Association from 'Punjabi Darpan' for the printing of poll tax demo leaflets, 1990

/93 newspaper report in Punjabi about a public meeting

organised by the Indian Workers Association Southall branch 8 September 1991. Speakers included the Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal, Jyoti Bassu, and Avtar Jouhl. The meeting passed resolutions on more granting more rights to Indian states, immediate elections in Punjab, dual nationality for overseas Indians and better treatment of Indians at Indian airports

/94 circular letter in English and Punjabi to the Prime Minister and Chief Justice of India with list of Bhopal Gas Victims demands for justice, undated

/95 letter from Anthony Wilson of Barrow & Geraldine S.Cadbury Trust to S.S.Bhart, secretary of the Indian Workers Association (GB) Willenhall regarding an application for funding, 1990

/96 letter from Charity Commission to T.K.Desai, General Secretary of Indian Community Association, Reading regarding possible membership of the commission, 1990

/97 letter to Avtar Jouhl from St Pancras Socialist Film Group with details of film showing and discussion 1990

/98 advertisements in Punjabi giving information about public rallies to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Udham Singh, 1990, one of which was to be held at Mangat Hall, Villiers Road, Southall

/99 leaflet in Punjabi printed and published by Surjit Kaur Hothi giving information about a campaign against Dowry, undated

/100 photocopy of letter from Avtar Jouhl to K. C. Mohan, editor of 'Punjabi Darpan' mentioning an attached joint statement, letter to the editor, and news item about Martyrdom day commemoration programmes, 25 November 1989

/101 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to H. Daudharia discussing Indian Workers Association matters arising from a previous meeting, January 1990

/102 photocopy of letter in Punjabi from Mr Gurdip, Huddersfield, to the Vice President and Executive Committee members of the IWA Huddersfield branch as a reply to allegations made against him in the Committee meeting 6 September 1989

/103 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Prem Singh regarding a

copy of a letter to the Prime Minister of India and asking for copy of booklet, undated

/104 Circular letter from IWA Reading branch with minutes of meeting of Executive Committee members Reading branch Dec 1989 and details and agenda for next meeting, with list of issues for group discussion, 1989-1990

/105 photocopy of articles from the 'Independent on Sunday' about Asian women in Britain murdered because of inadequate dowries, 1990

/106 photocopy of an article from Punjabi newspaper about the Indian Workers Association

/107 photocopy of handwritten circular letter from Avtar Jouhl regarding the next co-ordination committee meeting 1990

/108 photocopy of a handwritten letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Treasurer of the Indian Workers Association discussing payment from the Reading branch for Lalkar, with a photocopy of a cheque 1990

/109 handwritten minutes of Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting January 1990

/110 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Bill Morris with condolences of the Indian Workers Association Central Committee on the death of his wife, 1990

/111 statement by United Movement of Indian Workers Associations condemning Tory proposals on the NHS, 1989

/112 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Pete Shepherd, secretary of Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], about the election of officers, 1990

/113 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Avtar Singh, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association (GB) regarding organisation at a local level in Leicester of the co-ordinating committee 1990

/114 notice giving details about election of executive committee of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] in January 1990 by postal ballot, with names of Left candidates

/115 joint press release by both Indian Workers

Association (GB)s with details of arrangements to form a co-ordination committee, and local co-ordinating committees where possible 1989

/116 handwritten details of number of t shirts ordered by various Indian Workers Association branches and by the Trades Union Resource Centre [TURC]

/117 blank membership application form for First Trade Union Country Club, East Grinstead

/118 letter in Punjabi from the manager of Inquilabi Jantak Leah, Ludhiana, Punjab to Nirmal Sondhi about the Indian Workers Association decision to invite a drama team from India, 12 October 1989

/119 press releases in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association, giving information about the celebration of Human Rights Day in Birmingham 10 December 1989, jointly organised by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch, Bangladeshis Workers Association, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants [JCWI] and other organisations. The press release also provides information about the publication of the 'Europe 1992' report

/120 Indian Workers Association circular to all branches re Jagmohan Joshi Memorial Rally, Lalkar fund, sale of T shirts, and order of computer and software to enable printing in English and Punjabi 1989

/121 minutes of Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting, March 1989

/122 letter in Punjabi from Nirmal Sondhi, Bedford branch of the Indian Workers Association to Avtar Jouhl to invite a drama team from India, 27 October 1989

/123 letter in Punjabi from Kulwant Singh Sandhu, Rurka Kallan, Jalandhar, Punjab, India to Avtar Jouhl about the terrorist threat to communists in Punjab, 29 June 1988

/124 circular letter from Indian Workers Association Reading branch with details of the election of branch executive committee members 1989

/125 handwritten list of amount of t shirts received

/126 acknowledgement from Julie Wale, c/o Women Print Workshop, Birmingham of receipt of monies for printing

and supplying t shirts 1988

/127-/131 invoices to the Indian Workers Association for Word Bird Punjabi equipment and Amstrad equipment; for translation and calligraphy in Punjabi, Urdu and Bengali of leaflet on Black Women in Education; and for Punjabi/Pash posters, 1988

/132 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Keith Vaz MP after a meeting in Birmingham, 1989

/133 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Platform Films enclosing a VHS copy of Film Five in the series 'The People's Flag' and asking for an outline of his ideas for project on black peoples struggles in Britain from the forties onwards, 1988

/134 flyer from Britain GDR Society with details of aims, and membership form

/135 letter in Punjabi from Avtar Jouhl to Harjit Daudharia about typing, computing and printing problems 2 November 1989

/136 flyer with details of speakers at an unidentified conference. These speakers are Avtar Jouhl and Nancy Johnson, Head of Birmingham Council Women's Unit

/137 letter printed in 'Panjabi Guardian' 15-30 September 1991 from Karam Chand, West Bromwich. He praises Gurdial Singh Atwal and a speaker from the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre for their speeches at a public rally about the troubles in Handsworth

/138 handwritten list of items for discussion at unidentified meeting 1990

/139 letter in Punjabi from Tara Singh Tara published in an Indian magazine about the aims and objectives of the Indian Workers Association and its criticism by some members who were expelled from the organisation, undated

/140 Indian Workers Association circular to Central Committee members and branch secretaries with a list of action points for branches, 1989

/141 flyer printed by TURC print in English, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali with details of a poll tax public meeting in Birmingham organised by the Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre, Harambee, African Self-Help, ACAFESS, Indian,

Pakistani, Kashmiri and Bangladeshi Workers Associations, Asian Resource Centre, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Indian Youth League, PNP Birmingham, Nalgo Black Workers Group

/142 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by Birmingham Trades Union Council, supported by West Midlands TUC and Birmingham Federation of Anti-Poll Tax Unions with details of mass demonstration against the poll tax Oct 1989

/143 pages from 'Punjabi Darpan' 1990, possibly with details of martyrs day celebrations

/144 photocopy of a handwritten circular letter from Avtar Jouhl with details of the next co-ordination committee meeting in Coventry January 1990

/145 joint press release by both Indian Workers Association (GB)s with details of formation of co-ordination committee and local co-ordination committees, 1989

/146 photocopy of handwritten contact list, for unidentified purpose

/147 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by Birmingham Trades Union Council with details of rally to fight racism and oppose the fascists in Birmingham, supported by Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF], Indian Workers Association, Pakistani Workers Association, Kashmiri Workers Association, Bangladesh Workers Association, Birmingham Anti-Apartheid Youth Congress, Birmingham Socialist Workers Party, Birmingham Communist Party, Birmingham Socialist Outlook

/148 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by Indian Workers Association, Indian Workers Front, Indian Youth Association, and Association of Indian Communists with details of a condolence meeting in Southall to condemn the murder of Sohan Dhesi, Ravinder Ravi, Safdar Hashmi and others who were killed during struggles against separatists in India

/149 minutes of Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting held 12 March 1989

/150 Indian Workers Association Reading branch list of aims and objectives, with details of activities 1984-1986 and plans for future activities

/151 flyer issued by Nuneaton and District Trades Council Education Group with details of next meeting at which topic for discussion will be 'Racism 1992' - Avtar to be the speaker

/152 constitution of Lok Sathh Britain, convened by Harjit Daudharia of the Indian Workers Association Reading branch. This was an organisation for people interested in literature

/153 letter to Avtar from St Pancras Socialist Film Group with details of forthcoming showings and education classes previously held by the local discussion group 1989

/154 photocopies of news articles about campaign work, including a conference organised by the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL], an Indian Workers Association Reading branch meeting, and an article about the Ghadar Party and the Indian Workers Association written by Harjit Daudharia, 26 October 1990

/155-/156 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Anthony Wilson of Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust regarding a grant application for improvements to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, 1989

/157-/158 letters in Punjabi from Bedford 1989 and Nirmal Sondhi, India concerning the Indian Workers Association decision to invite a drama team from Punjab

/159-/160 letters in Punjabi from Harjit Daudharia, secretary of the Indian Workers Association Reading branch about the selection of subject matter for 'Lalkar' and the need to get some basic computer training, April and November 1989

/161 flyer in English and Punjabi with details of Birmingham branch martyrs' day November 1989

/162 Indian Workers Association press release from Central Committee about general elections in India and calling on the government to resolve Punjab problem, and to grant dual nationality for people of Indian origin living abroad and rescind visa requirements 1989

/163 photocopy of handwritten letter from Avtar Jouhl to Nirmal regarding a branch meeting and membership drive of the Bedford branch, 1989

/164 statement by Birmingham City Council Development

Department on policy on request for site or building for community, religious or other non-industrial uses

/165 leaflet in Punjabi giving information about a condolence meeting in memory of Sarwan Singh Cheema and others, and appealing to people to protest against an increase in Indian passport fees, undated

/166 letter to all members of TUC Race Relations Advisory Group with details of next meeting, 1989

/167 minutes of TUC West Midlands Regional Council Race Relations Advisory Group June 1989

/168 leaflet in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association appealing to people to support the demands of the victims of the gas leak in Bhopal, undated

/169 photocopy of letter from Avtar Jouhl to the co-ordinator of AWAAZ, at Asian Resource project, Smethwick with congratulations on the publication, and appreciation on courage in speaking out against dowry marriages. The letter also gives details of training in Punjabi and Urdu word processing at Hall Green college, Oct 1989

/170 flyer in English and Indian languages with details of U.K.A.W conference in Birmingham seminar on the dowry system 1989

/171 flyer in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association, Pash Memorial International Trust and Lok Sath Britain, giving details about a Poetry day in memory of the Punjabi revolutionary poet Pash at Summerfield Community Centre, Birmingham

/172 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Director of Personnel, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Town Hall, West Bromwich with concerns about job description for translation and interpreting post co-ordinator 1989

/173 photocopy of handwritten letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association, Pakistani Workers Association, Bangladesh Workers Association and Kashmiri Workers Association to H. Ahmed, Chief Executive, Race Relations, Birmingham City Council about the dispute over Springfield School, and the misrepresentation of parents concerns, also expressing concern about a forthcoming BNP rally in Birmingham September 1989

/174 copy letter from M. Hasan, Bangladesh Workers Association UK to Khurshid Ahmed, Chief Executive, Race Relations Unit, Birmingham City Council about advertisement that appeared in Evening Mail about Asian elderly day centre, failing to mention Bangladeshi population and the need for Bengali translation, 1989

/175-/176 flyers in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association giving details about a poetry day in memory of the Punjabi poet Pash, to be held 9 September 1989 at Summerfield Community Centre, Birmingham

/177 flyer in Punjabi issued by 10th December committee consisting of National committee of divided families campaigns, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, Faith alliance & community and race relations unit, and Manchester Sanctuaries religious support group, for a Human Rights day for racial justice 10 December 1989

/178 manifesto for Human Rights and Racial Justice drawn up and distributed by 'faith alliance' of leaders of major faiths present in Britain

/179 flyer issued by St Pancras Socialist Film Group with details of programme for screenings of 'The People's Flag' 5 part documentary series produced by Platform films. Avtar Jouhl took part in film 4, entitled 'who runs the country?' 1954-1979

/180 letter from Prem Singh, Avtar Singh Sadiq, Teja Singh Sahota and Avtar Jouhl to the High Commissioner of India about the problem of visa requirements for British citizens of Indian origin, 1989

/181 list of names and addresses of Indian Workers Association Central Committee members

/182 copy of Asian Awaaz, a publication by Smethwick Asian Resource Project issue 1 Sept 1989

/183 photocopy of article published in 'Lalkar' about dowry and arranged marriages Aug/Sept 1989

/184 minutes of Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting held July 1989 including the General Secretary's report to the Central Committee January 1990

/185 Indian Workers Association circular to all branches with details about current campaigns and activities

including Jagmohan Joshi memorial rally, contributions to Lalkar fund, and sale of t shirts, computer and software order for Punjabi and English printing etc 1989

IWA constitution (3 copies)

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Indian Workers Association papers 1991-1994

1991-1994

Papers were originally stored in an A4 lever arch file, and are arranged in reverse chronological order, with material from 1994 at the beginning of the file. Material consists of:

/1 handwritten notes about the history of the Indian Workers Association

/2-/3 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Anthony Wilson, Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust, concerning a grant towards travel costs of attending an event 'Unite Against Racism' 1994

/4 handwritten summary of statements by NATFHE broad left candidates, undated

/5 letter to Suman Choudary, Race Relations Unit from Birmingham Trade Union Education Centre concerning the translation of a poster for Hall Green college into Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and Chinese, 1994

/6 photocopied flyers, in English and Punjabi versions, with details about a TUC National Demonstration 'Unite Against Racism' London 1994

/7 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Dipali Chandra, Assistant Director of the Barrow & Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust applying for funding for coach transport from Birmingham and Sandwell to 'Unite Against Racism' demonstration in London 1994

/8-/9 memoranda between CTUC and Apex representatives relating to the recruitment and appointment of a project co-ordinator for the Caribbean project 1992

/10 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Director of the

Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust concerning a grant application for building and contents insurance premium for Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, 1993

/11 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Eric Adams, Deputy Secretary of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust concerning the payment of a Trust grant, and referring to a query about charity registration, 1993

/12-/17 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Eric Adams and Anthony Wilson of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust discussing the application for and offer of a grant for a building extension to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, provided the remaining costs can be raised from other sources, 1993

/18 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Anthony Wilson enclosing a copy of a leaflet distributed at the TUC annual conference and proposal for mechanism of black workers places on General Council for next year's conference, and the future event of TUC Black Workers Conference, 1992

/19-21 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Anthony Wilson, Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust discussing insurance premiums for Shaheed Udham Singh centre, following fire damage to the premises in 1991, and the likely application by the Indian Workers Association for money for new premises, 1991-1992

/22 letter to Michael Anderson, School of Oriental and African Studies department of Law from Anthony Wilson, Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust with photocopy of a letter from Satyu Sarangi giving the background on which Avtar Jouhl based his recommendation for a grant to the Bhopal group. The letter provides information about the doctors working with Bhopal victims and the struggle for compensation in 1992. Evidently the group needed financial assistance, and Avtar had suggested Barrow Cadbury fund.

/23-/26 correspondence and associated material relating to the application of a student for an MA in Industrial Relations at Keele University, and for a job as Education Officer at MSF Union, 1991-1996. Avtar Jouhl provided a reference in both cases. These papers are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2077 because they contain personal information about individuals

/27-/28 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Sarah Howard, National Education Officer at MSF Whitehall

College concerning references for another individual employed at Birmingham Trade Union Resource Centre and working on a secondment at MSF Whitehall College 1991-1993. These papers are close under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2074 because they contain personal information about individuals.

/29 typescript paper prepared for UK Migrants' Caucus of the Migrants' Forum of the European Community, Brussels, Belgium, unidentified author, 1991

/30 letter to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre from Birmingham City Council Department of Planning and Architecture regarding an application for a single storey rear extension and the conversion of a first floor store to a bedroom, 1992

/31 photocopy of a newspaper article from 'Punjabi Darpan' with a photograph of Avtar Jouhl, 1992

/32 estimate from TURC print for posters 1991

/33 photocopies of newspaper articles concerning the Indian Workers Association's position on Kashmir after remarks by Gerald Kaufman from 'India Weekly' and 'India Abroad' 1991

/34 page from an unidentified German newspaper consisting of an article about Indian politics, with quotes from Avtar Jouhl, undated

/35 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Clare Short regarding delegates from EETPU, the electricians trade union which later merged to become AEEU and later Amicus, 1991

/36 circular letter from the Race Equality Unit, London Borough of Greenwich, to all participants of Black History events informing them that the events will be videoed and that speeches and contributions on the day will be eventually published as a pamphlet 1991

/37 programme for the 'Black Presence in Britain' event organised by Central Race Equality Unit, London Borough of Greenwich, for Black History Month 1992. Avtar Jouhl gave talk on the history of black trade unionism and black workers in Britain

/38 circular 'News from Greenwich' about black history celebrations October 1991

/39 copy of the programme for First Asian Sports Day organised by Strathclyde Asian Sports Association in Glasgow 1991

/40 call for papers for a proposed conference on 'the mobilisation of ethnic minorities and ethnic social movements in Europe' at Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at the University of Warwick to be held in April 1992

/41 circular letter in Punjabi from the Reading branch of the Indian Workers Association giving details of an event, undated

/42 photocopy of pages from 'Panjabi Guardian', with an article and a letter to the editor highlighted, 1991

/43 photocopy of article in 'World Sikh News' about 'blatant interference in Sikh affairs, undated

/44 circular letter to Central Executive Committee officers and members with details of an urgent meeting of the Central Executive Committee to discuss the international situation and political situation in India which will be attended by a member of the Community Party of India (Marxist) and the Minister of West Bengal, 1991

/45 circular letter from the Midlands District New Communist Party about a Midlands Communist Unity Meeting, discussing ideological differences between the New Communist Party and the Communist Party of Britain, 1991 (2 copies)

/46 leaflet in Punjabi explaining the meaning of the Contract of Employment and legal rights of the employee

/47 flyer in Punjabi for a charity show organised by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre at the Night Club Inn, Smethwick 19 July 1991

/48 letter from the Indian Workers Association Derby branch to Avtar Jouhl with an invitation to their 44th Independence Day of India celebration 1991

/49-/50 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the High Commissioner of India about errors in a memorandum on dual nationality 1991, together with a copy of the memorandum

/51 handwritten statement by the Indian Workers

Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch regarding service delivery and the employment of black and ethnic minority applicants by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

/52 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Vorwärts, sozialistische Wochenzeitung, Switzerland with thanks for interview, 1991

/53 SCORE (UK) briefing paper entitled 'UK government machine set to roll over refugee, visitor and immigration rights' including a statement by Bernie Grant, 1991

/54 abusive letter addressed to the director of the Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre from a Neo-Nazi group, 1991, the SS Liebstandarte UK Deaths Head Brigade. This letter contains offensive racist language.

/55 typescript copy of the Home Secretary's oral statement on asylum 1991

/56 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Bangladesh Centre, Watford Road, Birmingham, with a cheque in payment for an advertisement published in a magazine, possibly Lalkar, 1991

/57 posters in Urdu issued by the Jammu Kashmir Peoples National Party, undated

/58-/59 handwritten notes on India after the elections with reference to the Kashmir situation; typescript report on the history of the Kashmir issue and the current situation, 1991

/60 flyer in German about 'Indien nach den Wahlen' discussion and musical event, 1991

/61 Indian Workers Association London branch newsletter May/June 1991

/62 handwritten report on the activities of the Coventry branch of the Indian Workers Association, 1991

/63 Indian Workers Association circular to all Central Executive Committee officers and members with details of the Central Executive Committee meeting June 1991, together with an agenda

/64 report to 'Punjabi Darpan' from the Indian Workers Association about the election of Bill Morris as General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union

[TGWU]

/65 Indian Workers Association circular letter to all branch secretaries about the finances of the central committee particularly relating to the costs of Lalkar, 1991

/66 handwritten note in Punjabi from Makhan Singh to Avtar Jouhl about payments into an Indian Workers Association account, a meeting with Bill Morris and a meeting about the anti-dowry campaign 25 August in his office

/67 fax in Punjabi, undated

/68 copy letter to all secretariat members about a meeting with the High Commissioner of India, 1991

/69 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Bill Morris, General Secretary Elect of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] with congratulations from the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Workers Association on his victory

/70-/71 photocopies of articles in the 'Morning Star' and 'The Guardian' about Indian democracy and repercussions in the Indian community following the murder of Rajiv Gandhi, 1991

/72 list of the names and contact details of Central Executive Committee office bearers and members. This list is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2071 because it contains personal information about individuals

/73 Minutes of the Central Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Workers Association held in June 1991 at Woolwich

/74 Minutes of the Indian Workers Association secretariat meeting held June 1991 in Nottingham

/75 circular letter to all Central Executive Committee officers and members with details of a Central Executive Committee meeting including an agenda, 1991

/76 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Sarwan Singh Sanghwal acknowledging the receipt of cheques, accepting pay outstanding for work with the Indian Workers Association Willenhall branch project, accepting the amount as settlement and stating that he will withdraw his

proceedings in the county court 1991.

/77 pamphlet entitled 'Elections in India: a fascinating story' designed and produced by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India April 1991

/78 photocopy of a typed summary to all heads of school from, D.W.M.Keith 'The White Paper' on vocational qualifications

/79 handwritten Indian Workers Association Central Committee statement about the murder of Rajiv Gandhi

/80 copy of 'India Votes' pamphlet about general elections in May 1991, with details of political parties, women candidates, and previous elections

/81 job description for the post of Education Officer, possibly for NATFHE

/82 letter from the Bangladesh Workers Association to the Secretary General of Migrants Forum in Brussels about membership of the Forum, including details about the history of the Bangladesh Workers Association and its previous and current campaigns 1991

/83 poster issued by the Indian Youth Association (GB) Southall for Bharti Naujwan Sabha May Day Rally with a cultural programme and national and international speakers, including Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, 1991

/84 flyer issued by the Indian Youth Association in collaboration with Indian Workers Association (GB) Southall branch for May Day Rally 1991

/85 letter in Punjabi from Surkh Rekha, a fortnightly Punjabi publication in India, which appears to have been the publication of the Communist Party Reorganization Centre of India (Marxist-Leninist), April 1991

/86 newspaper article from the 'Daily Star' about their anti-immigration campaign, cracking down on 'scroungers' and 'economic migrants' who 'sponge off the state', 1991

/87 flyer issued by the Indian Workers Association London branch with details of a cultural programme to mark the 60th anniversary of Shaheed E Azam Bhagat Singh's death. Speakers included Harpal Brar and Prem Singh, 1991

/88 circular letter from the Indian Workers Association Co-ordinating committee about the merger conference held by both Indian Workers Associations (GB)s in February 1991, with details of a souvenir issue of Lalkar, asking all fraternal organisations to send a greeting for the conference which will appear in this issue, 1991. The reverse of this letter contains handwritten notes by Avtar with minutes of a Secretariat meeting 1991

/89 circular letter notifying members of the Indian Workers Association Secretariat of a meeting, together with an agenda, April 1991

/90 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Bob Purkiss, National Equalities Officer of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] attaching a list of religious festivals for religions other than Christianity for inclusion in a TGWU diary, asking for assistance in formats, 1991

/91 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch for May Day and Martyr's Day celebration at the Community centre in Smethwick, 1991

/92-/96 election flyers for TGWU General Secretary elections for Bob Harrison and Bill Morris, with poster for Bill Morris, and flyers in Punjabi and Urdu for local branch 5/119

/97 computer print out of a letter in Punjabi consisting of a press statement from Harjit Daudharia on behalf of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association condemning the state and Khalistani terrorism in Punjab, 14 March 1991

/98 small numbered flyer for Indian Workers Association and Coventry Trades Council May Day celebration, with Avtar Jouhl and Bill Morris as speakers, undated

/99 flyer issued by Coventry Committee to Stop War in the Gulf c/o Coventry Trades Council, supported by Coventry Indian Workers Association for a public meeting on Racism and the Gulf War with Bernie Grant. The flyer also contains details for a Day School on 'The Gulf and the 'New World Order' with information in Urdu, Punjabi, Arabic?, and another Asian language 1991

/100 flyer for a Public Meeting on Racism and the Gulf War with Bernie Grant, with booking form for day school 1991

/101 flyer issued by T&G publications for a public meeting on Coventry's manufacturing future, with Bill Morris of TGWU and Ken Gill of MSF speaking at Herbert Art Gallery and Museum on the case for investment in manufacturing, organised by Coventry Trades Council

/102 invitation to Avtar Jouhl from the High Commissioner of India to meet Indian dignitaries 1991

/103 Indian Workers Association circular letter to members of the Secretariat with an agenda for the next meeting, April 1991

/104-/106 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] regional secretary regarding a 'Newsnight' programme and comments made on TGWU rules on immigrant membership and the union's commitment to black members, 1991

/107-/110 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and George Wright, TGWU regional secretary over references in campaign literature to 'immigrant membership', 1991

/111 letter in Punjabi to Avtar Jouhl from Amarjit Chandan about the attitudes of Harpal Brar and Surinder Cheema, giving an account of an incident where he was manhandled and insulted, and thrown out of a public meeting, 11 March 1991

/112 photocopy of a newspaper article in English, together with one in Punjabi. The English article contains a report on the 1989 harmony awards in New Delhi and an award for Avtar Singh Paash, a Punjabi poet

/113 computer print out of letter in Punjabi from Amarjit Chandan about an incident where Harpal Brar and Surinder Cheema had manhandled him 1 April 1991

/114 letter in Punjabi from Harjit Daudharia about computer training, 25 January 1991

/115 election material for Bill Morris's campaign for election as Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] General Secretary containing a biography of his career with the union

/116 flyer issued by TGWU 5/119 branch - Smethwick, with details of a special meeting at the Afro-Caribbean

Resource Centre on Dudley Road, Birmingham. Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary, and Margaret Prosser, National Womens Officer, were speakers, and Avtar Jouhl is listed as President of the branch 1991

/117 photocopy of a typescript report of the Co-ordination committee to Indian Workers Association (GB)s joint National Conference February 1991

/118 flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association (GB) with details of an International Rally to stop war in the Gulf in February 1991 at West Park college in Smethwick. The rally featured speakers from the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of India (Marxist); Desh Bhagat Yadgar; speakers from the Women's Section of the Indian Workers Association; and Prem Singh and Teja Singh Sahota

/119 circular letter issued by Campaign Against Racist Laws with an agenda for next meeting February 1991, with a list of sponsors

/120 flyer issued by the Anti-Dowry campaign (GB) with details of the campaign, and a form for affiliation, undated

/121 letter in Punjabi from Amolak Singh to the President and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Indian Workers Association about the current situation in Punjab and support for the revolutionary democratic movement which was fighting against Khalistani and state terrorism 15 April 1991

/122 Indian Workers Association circular letter to all branches issued by the Co-ordinating committee with details of the National Merger Conference February 1991

/123 Indian Workers Association circular letter issued by the Co-ordinating committee asking for all fraternal organisations to send a greeting for the merger conference in Birmingham, to appear in a souvenir issue of Lalkar, 1991

/124 letter from Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch to the High Commission of India in Birmingham regarding Dual Nationality for British Passport holders of Indian origin, enclosing a typescript paper on 'Dual Nationality for the Citizens of India' 1990

/125 newspaper report in Punjabi by Avtar Jouhl in support of Bill Morris as candidate for General Secretary of the

Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU]

/126 leaflet in Punjabi issued by Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] 5/119 branch in support of Bill Morris as General Secretary of the TGWU

/127 article in Punjabi, published in 'Punjabi Darpan' giving information about a public meeting held 23 February 1990 organised by Woolwich Anti Dowry Campaign at GCRE Cultural Centre, Woolwich. The article gives an account of the meeting and the themes discussed by the speakers

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MS 2142/A/2 General campaign and correspondence files, 1980-1995

This section consists of papers relating to campaigns with which Avtar Jouhl was involved, some of which the Indian Workers Association is also likely to have taken a role in, but also includes records of campaigns which concerned Avtar Jouhl alone and which were distinct from his Indian Workers Association activities. These mainly concern his personal career and interests. Campaigns which the Indian Workers Association was involved with largely focus on anti-racist activities.

MS Racism in the media 1981-1989
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This file largely contains photocopies of printed articles on the issue of race and its portrayal in the media. There are also a couple of items of correspondence relating to an Indian Workers Association paper on Racism in Broadcasting presented to the Independent Broadcasting Authority in April 1989

Printed material consists of:

/1 pages from 'Socialist Worker' February 1981 containing an article about the inquest into a fire in Deptford in which thirteen black youths died, suspected to have been caused by a firebomb. The inquest raised questions about police actions in investigating the causes of this incident.

/2 copy of 'Shakti', January 1983, a journal based in Southall, containing several articles focusing on race relations

/3 photocopied pages from 'Race Today' comprising

reviews of television programmes entitled 'Viv' on the cricketer Viv Richards, and 'Black Silk Ethnic Chic', February 1986

/4 photocopy of article entitled 'The Media and Racism' by John Downing, published in 'The Media Machine' 1986

/5 photocopy of article entitled 'Racism in Broadcasting' by Marc Wadsworth, published in 'Bending Reality: The state of the Media', edited by James Curran et al, 1986

/6 photocopy of an article on men's genres for women published in 'Boxed in: Women & TV' edited by Helen Baehr and Gillian Dyer, 1987

/7 photocopy of article on Race published in 'Out of Focus: Writings on Women and the Media' by Kath Davies, Julienne Dickey and Teresa Stratford 1987

/8 photocopy of an article reviewing a play entitled 'The Diary of Rita Patel', transmitted on BBC2, published in War 88

/9 photocopy of a review of the BBC programme 'Network East' by Anjayna Patel, published in 'Race Today' 1988

/10 photocopy of an article entitled 'Black political action' possibly published in 'Black Politics and Urban Crisis in Britain' by Brian Jacobs

/11 report entitled 'Racism in Broadcasting', presented to the Independent Broadcasting Authority, 28 April 1989 by the Indian Workers Association and the Bangladeshi Workers Association, based on information provided by the Trade Union Resource Centre, 7 Frederick Street, Birmingham

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Sandwell Council for Community Relations

1980-1987

This file contains papers kept by Avtar Jouhl in his Indian Workers Association capacity, consisting of minutes, correspondence and associated papers relating to the work of Sandwell Council for Community Relations. It is likely that the Indian Workers Association took an interest in community activities organised by this group which would have affected the organisation's members, and the Association was a corporate member of the Council.

Papers consist of:

/1 map showing council owned land at Halfords Lane, Smethwick, January 1980

/2 letter from S. Hassan Zaidi, Senior Community Relations and Executive Officer, to Avtar Jouhl offering members of the Indian Workers Association and the wider Indian community the opportunity to take part in a Home Tutoring Scheme in English run by the Council for Asian women, 18 November 1980

/3 minutes of a meeting of the Special Police Liaison Committee, 28 October 1981. A. S. Sahota and S. S. Sandhu represented the Indian Workers Association at this meeting

/4 minutes of Sandwell Council for Community Relations Annual General Meeting, 11 July 1986. Members of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch attended this meeting

/5 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Senior Community Relations and Executive Officer, apologising for not being able to attend a meeting of the Mobile Advice Centre Working Party, and discussing Executive Committee matters, 21 September 1987

/6 agenda and minutes of a meeting of the Mobile Advice Centre [MAC] Working Party held 24 September 1987, including a copy of the MAC Organiser's report, and statistics for the number and type of enquiries received by the Centre. The Indian Workers Association was a corporate member of this group.

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Anti Poll tax campaign

1988-1989

This file contains material created by various Birmingham and West Midlands based groups established to campaign against the introduction of the Poll Tax, officially known as the 'Community Charge', by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, in the late 1980s. The tax was intended to replace the rates system used to fund local government and caused controversy because the calculations were based on the number of people in a household, regardless of the value of the property, meaning that many poorer people had to pay more.

Papers consist of:

/1 copy of 'Poll Tax Focus' December 1988 issued by

Local Government Information Unit

/2 information sheet issued by Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre explaining the Government's poll tax proposals and what the changes would mean for with different circumstances living in different areas, 1989. The information sheet may have been drafted by Avtar Jouhl, and includes an invitation for interested people to join a study circle on the poll tax.

/3-/8 flyers in Punjabi, Urdu, and other South Asian languages giving information about the poll tax, together with a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Jagtar discussing an Urdu version of the leaflet, 8 March 1989

/9 flyer issued by Birmingham Co-ordinating Committee Against the Poll Tax giving information about a public meeting discussing 'The Scottish Experience and defeating the Poll Tax in Birmingham' at St Martin's Church Hall, Birmingham, 12 June 1989. The flyer includes the names of those speaking at the event

/10 leaflet published by Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit explaining how the poll tax will work and suggesting that black people and ethnic minority groups are likely to be worse off because of the way the tax is calculated

/11-/13 flyers and a circular letter issued by Balsall Heath and Sparkhill against the poll tax, giving details about local resistance meetings and how to get involved. The circular letter gives information about a meeting to organise a city-wide federation of community-based anti-poll tax groups 1989

/14 leaflet issued by 'Black People against the Poll Tax' giving information about a meeting in Birmingham c1989

/15 flyer for a meeting on the poll tax organised by Birmingham National Association of Local Government Officers [NALGO] and Birmingham TUC. Speakers at this event included Avtar Jouhl and Paul Foot

/16 poster issued by National Association of Local Government Officers [NALGO]/National Union of Public Employees [NUPE] against the poll tax

/17 circular letter from Midlands Campaign against the Poll Tax including notes of the first meeting of the Steering Committee of this group, 6 March 1989

/18 copy of agenda item no. 5 for discussion at Trades Union Congress West Midlands Regional Council on the poll tax

/19 letter from 'Poll Tax Forum' setting out the aims of the group, and including a list of local organisations affiliated to it, undated

/20-/21 leaflet and flyer issued by The Green Party for people to fill in postcards announcing their intention not to pay their poll tax, undated

/22 programme for West Midland Regional TUC Reception in support of Midlands Campaign against the Poll Tax February 1989, with handwritten annotations by Avtar Jouhl

/23 statement issued by the Midlands Peoples Campaign Against the Poll Tax giving information about this group's proposed campaigning activities

/24 flyer giving details about a planning meeting to discuss the impact of the poll tax on black people, signed by Avtar Jouhl, February 1989

/25 photocopy of a newspaper article published in 'The Guardian' on the impact of the poll tax on Scottish authorities, undated

/26 photocopy of an article published in a leaflet produced by the Greater London Association of Trades Councils explaining the poll tax

/27 Photocopy of newspaper article published in the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' claiming that wealthy households in Birmingham will gain the most from the replacement of rates with poll tax, February 1988

/28-/29 press statement issued by Wolverhampton Campaign Against the Poll Tax after a public meeting held in January 1989, with an accompanying letter to Avtar Jouhl from one of the organisers. Avtar Jouhl spoke at this meeting on the likely effects of the poll tax on Asian families living in Wolverhampton

/30 photocopy of an article from an unidentified newspaper about the poll tax and its likely effects on Asian households

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- Bill Morris campaign 1995
- This file contains papers relating to the campaign to elect Bill Morris as General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] in 1995. Avtar Jouhl was heavily involved in this campaign, through his local TGWU branch.
- Campaign papers include election flyers and posters to be displayed in local TGWU branches, in English, Punjabi, Urdu and other South Asian languages; a TGWU pamphlet giving biographical details of the candidates for the post of General Secretary; faxed and copy letters from Bill Morris to TGWU members concerning his election campaign; letters in Punjabi concerning the elections; and a letter written by Avtar Jouhl on behalf of Bill Morris, addressing TGWU members, particularly those who were non-white, encouraging them to support Morris's campaign for re-election. The letter is marked for the attention of Shirley, Bill Morris's secretary
- The file also contains a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of the 'Caribbean Times' in praise of Bill Morris after the publication of an article by Marc Wadsworth in the newspaper, 9 May 1995, together with copies of two articles by Wadsworth that contain views about Bill Morris
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- Anti-Racist Alliance 1993-1995
- Correspondence; administrative material; flyers; and press cuttings relating to the activities of the Anti-Racist Alliance, a black-led multi-racial coalition that was formed in November 1991 and campaigned against racism. Avtar Jouhl is likely to have been a member of this group, and the Indian Workers Association probably supported its events.
- Papers consist of:
- /1 flyer giving information about an Anti Racist Alliance march organised with the Trades Union Congress against racist murders, to remember Ruhullah Aramesh and Stephen Lawrence, 12 June 1993
- /2 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the editor of the 'Morning Star' in response to a letter about a 'divisive' march in Greenwich organised by the Indian Workers Association, Anti-Nazi League and other organisations, discussing disputes between different anti-racist groups in the area,

10 August 1993

/3 press release issued by Greenwich Action Committee Against Racist Attacks about the arrest of Terry Ajakaiye in July 1993

/4-/5 photocopied articles published in the 'Morning Star', 'Erith and Crayford Times', and 'Eltham and Greenwich Times' regarding Anti Racist Alliance demonstrations, 21 October 1993, together with photocopy of 'Daily Mirror' comment article contrasting a peaceful Anti Racist Alliance march with a violent Anti-Nazi League march against racism and a photocopy of comment articles published in 'The Weekly Journal' about this issue and a comment article by Mike Phillips about the Anti-Nazi League, October 1993

/6 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Councillor Sukhdev , Charlton ward, London Borough of Greenwich regarding the Anti Racist Alliance, Oct 1993

/7 flyer issued by East London Anti Racist Alliance giving details about a lobby of Tower Hamlets Council to 'Speak Out Against Racism and the BNP' 10 November [1993]

/8 Final agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Anti Racist Alliance 15 January 1994, including standing orders and an order of debate consisting of composites, motions and amendments to be discussed at the meeting

/9 newsletter of the Black Liaison Group, one of the founders of the Anti-Racist Alliance, including an article on the second Annual General Meeting of the Anti-Racist Alliance, January 1994

/10 copy letter from Coventry Socialist Alliance to Coventry Anti-Racist Alliance discussing campaigning activities, 2 November 1994

/11-/12 photocopies of newspaper articles in 'New Worker' and 'Caribbean Times' about the National Assembly Against Racism, February 1995

/13 photocopy of a newspaper article about Anti Racist Alliance and SCORE member Marc Wadsworth's argument with Ken Livingstone over the question of salary increases, [March 1994]

/14 copy letter from Daphne Liddle to the 'Morning Star' letters page about black self-organisation as the basic

political principle of the Anti Racist Alliance, undated

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Avtar Jouhl v Commonwealth Trade Union Council

1990-1992

Papers relating to an industrial tribunal between Avtar Jouhl and the Commonwealth Trade Union Council [CTUC] about equal opportunities recruitment practices for the post of CTUC India Project Co-ordinator. These papers include correspondence from solicitors, letters from the Commission for Racial Equality, the Commonwealth Trade Union Council and other organisations; and statements by Avtar Jouhl; notes regarding his interview for the post in September 1992. Others were also interviewed for this post, and it seems that Avtar Jouhl brought his case together with the other candidates.

Other papers consist of a copy of 'Practical Solidarity' report on Commonwealth Trade Union Council activities, May 1991-April 1992, and letters from the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE] with a list of matters arising from a TUC Race Relations Committee meeting, July 1992

The file also contains details of training programmes, including a Trade Union Congress [TUC] Education ten day Pension course held in 1990 and details of assessment procedures for a course taught by Avtar Jouhl, comprising initial teacher training for shop stewards in 1991

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SIA, the National Development Agency for the Black and Minority Ethnic Voluntary Sector

1993-1994

This file contains correspondence and minutes relating to SIA and the work of the Agenda 2000 steering group which was formed to facilitate the development of the black Voluntary sector. The majority of the material relates to the Agenda 2000 Conference held in Birmingham in October 1993. Avtar Jouhl spoke at this conference on behalf of the Indian Workers Association.

Papers consist of:

/1 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Rifat Wahhab, information development officer at SIA, the National Development Agency for the Black and Minority Ethnic Voluntary Sector, thanking him for his contribution to the Agenda 2000 conference and stating that the keynote speeches will be

included in a conference report, 19 November 1993

/2-/3 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Rifat Wahhab in reply to his letter of 19 November, consisting of a draft of his speech at the conference, together with another version of the speech entitled 'The Indian Workers Associations, Great Britain, and its support for the Black Voluntary Sector'

/4 draft terms of reference for the Agenda 2000 steering group

/5 SIA information bulletin no.2, December 1993

/6-/7 letter from Rifat Wahhab regarding a workshop on international links at the Agenda 2000 conference, asking participants to contact him with details of the recommendations and priority action areas identified at the workshop, with a reply from Avtar Jouhl, December 1993

/8 conference pack for 'The Black Perspective: National Conference for the Black Voluntary Sector' October 1993 in Birmingham, consisting of programme, delegate list, promotional materials and a workshop paper by Chandra Dwarka entitled 'Trade Union Membership and Black Groups'

/9-/10 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Jagwant Singh Johal, chair of SIA and Agenda 2000 steering group, enclosing a draft copy of document entitled 'Agenda 2000 - The Black Perspective' setting out the aims and objectives of Agenda 2000 for the black voluntary sector, written by Jagwant Singh Johal, February 1994

/11 minutes of Agenda 2000 steering group meeting 8 March 1994

The file also contains a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to a recipient addressed as 'Mr Patel' about the works of Jagmohan Joshi,

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Cuba Solidarity campaign

1992-1994

This file contains press cuttings; flyers; newsletters; reports; statements and correspondence, most of which was created by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign and relates to various campaigns run by the group. There is also some material produced by the Indian Workers Association which provides evidence of their involvement in the work of

the Cuba Solidarity Campaign. Activities focused on protesting against the interference of the US government in Cuba, and raising awareness about Socialist programmes on the island. The file also contains a small amount of material relating to other international solidarity campaigns particularly in North Korea

/1 typescript account of a visit by Avtar Jouhl and Teja Sahota to north-west Cuba in July 1992, including information about tourism and observations on 'socialism in practice'. This account was intended for publication in 'Lalkar'

/2 photocopy of a handwritten statement addressed to Cuban workers and trade union organisations by an unidentified writer based in Cuba giving details about work to encourage visitors to the island

/3 photocopy of an article published in an unidentified newspaper describing activities organised as part of the Anti-Imperialism Week in West Bengal called by the Communist Party of India (Marxist) which included a programme of events to express Solidarity with Cuba, August [1992]

/4 copy of 'Cuba Si', the newsletter of the Cuba Solidarity Campaign, August 1992

/5 statement circulated by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign and the Central America Labour Group on the 'right of Cuba to national sovereignty', signed by a number of MPs, MEPs, figures in the media and organisations

/6-7 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Indian Workers Association Leicester branch giving information about a public meeting organised by the branch as 'Cuba Solidarity Day' at Highfields Community Centre, Leicester on 6 September 1992, and asking him to send someone from the Central Committee to attend this event, 25 July 1992. Enclosed with the letter are flyers in English and Punjabi advertising this meeting which was being held in conjunction with Independence Day of India celebrations

/8 letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Cuba Solidarity Campaign discussing current campaigns and mentioning the forthcoming visit of Sergio Corrieri, 13 August 1992

/9 timetable issued by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign for the visit to Britain of Sergio Corrieri September 1992

/10 flyer issued by the West Midlands region of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE] and the Indian Workers Association giving details about a 'Cuban Educational Support Meeting' to be held at the Birmingham Trade Union Education Centre, Digbeth, Birmingham, at which Sergio Corrieri, President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples [ICAP] will speak, 1 October 1992

/11 photocopy of a draft resolution on the 'Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Embargo Imposed by the United States of America Against Cuba' submitted to the United Nations General Assembly November 1992

/12 statement issued by the Cuban Embassy in London giving details about the forthcoming debate at the United Nations General Assembly on the issue of the economic, commercial and financial blockade of Cuba by the United States government, and asking supporters to send messages to the United Nations Secretary General asking for the adoption of a positive resolution, November 1992

/13 photocopy of a letter from Avtar Jouhl to Cuba Solidarity Campaign discussing the issue of National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE] affiliation with the Campaign, 21 January 1993

/14 poster produced by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign giving information about a national demonstration entitled 'Hands Off Cuba' to protest against the US blockade of the island, 14 October , undated.

/15-/17 information sheet giving details about current campaigning work of Cuba Solidarity Campaign, together with papers setting out an appeal for medical aid for Cuba, undated

/18 programme containing information about a European Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba, 6-11 December 1993 in Cojimar

/19-/20 Cuba Solidarity Campaign 'Emergency Members' Mailing' and flyer giving information about an emergency picket at the US Embassy 6 September 1994

/21 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Ken Gill, Chair of Cuba Solidarity Campaign, announcing details of a Week of Action held by the group to oppose the United States government's economic blockade of Cuba and to

pressurise the British government into voting against the US blockade at the United Nations. The letter also asks for donations towards this campaign, [1995]

/22 'Proceedings of the International Seminar on US-imposed sanctions and blockades on third world countries' called by Third World Solidarity in association with International Commission of Inquiry on Economic Sanctions and Institute for Independence Studies, 1994

/23 report entitled 'Working People of various nationalities in Britain commemorate Comrade Kim Il Sung', Institute for Independence Studies 1994

/24 report for the Institute for Independence Studies entitled 'Commemorating Comrade Kim Il Sung' 1994

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Marcot Road Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

1990s

This file contains material relating to the Marcot Road neighbourhood watch scheme which Avtar Jouhl probably co-ordinated during the early 1990s. It contains a West Midlands Police Community Services information pack for co-ordinators; handwritten and typewritten lists of the names of some of the people living on Marcot Road, and of local councillors on various committees; handwritten notes about tasks relating to Neighbourhood Watch, and a small number of letters to Avtar Jouhl from a neighbour on his road, who was also involved with the scheme

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'1992 and the Black Community' conference

1989

Campaigning report produced following a conference organised by Kaamyabi and held in Birmingham 6 June 1989 on the implications of the Single European Act for black and Asian people living in the European Union. The report contains conference papers including one by Avtar Jouhl as General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association entitled 'Immigration Controls and its Major Effects. The Role of the Trade Unions Against 1992 Immigration Controls'. Other sections of the report consist

of background papers and workshops given at the conference, and appendices include a conference programme, list of delegates, and an Indian Workers Association 1992 campaigning and fact sheet translated into Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali and Gujarati.

Inserted into this volume is a photocopy of a handwritten annotated draft of Avtar Jouhl's conference paper.

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Standing Consultative Forum papers

1993-1995

This file largely consists of reports of the Standing Consultative Forum, an umbrella organisation set up by Birmingham City Council to act as a link between black and Asian community organisations and the various departments of Birmingham City Council. It also includes some material relating to the activities of these community groups, known as 'umbrella groups', during the early 1990s, and Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit documents.

/1 Standing Consultative Forum Report of Annual Meeting
11 November 1993

/2 Standing Consultative Forum Annual Report 1994

/3 Standing Consultative Forum 'Where at in 1995'
Discussion Paper for a meeting with the leader of
Birmingham City Council, Councillor Theresa Stewart, and
the chief executive Michael Lyons 11 January 1995,
Standing Consultative Forum Annual Meeting 18 January
1995 and Joint Race Relations Sub Committee

/4 Inner Cities Religious Council Profile

/5 report on the achievements and future plans of the
'umbrella groups' African and Caribbean Peoples
Movement; Council of Black Led Churches; Bangladesh
Council; Hindu Council of Birmingham; Tionol Na n-
Eireannach Birmingham (Irish Forum); Council of Sikh
Gurdwaras in Birmingham; Midlands Vietnamese
Community Association

/6 list of 'umbrella groups' contact details

/7 Birmingham City Council Strategic Management
Department Race Relations Unit 'Black to Basics' Report:
a day of funding information for black and minority ethnic
groups 1994

/8 'City Pride: Community Sector Working Group response to the first prospectus: Report to the Community Sector Group' (compiled and edited by Eric McKenzie, funded and facilitated by the Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre

/9 Standing Consultative Forum Synopsis, draft development plan 1995-1997

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MS 2142/A/3 Political and personal writings, c.1976-1994

This section consists of a range of manuscript, typescript and printed writings by Avtar Jouhl as well as transcripts of interviews with him. Most of the writings are on subjects relating to campaigns against racism and immigration controls, or on Communist politics in India and China. The most substantial interview transcripts consist of a series of oral history interviews carried out by the Birmingham Black Oral History project in which Avtar Jouhl discusses his life and career, including his involvement with the Indian Workers Association, and is a rich source of information for his views and experiences.

The section also contains some typescript and printed articles not written by Avtar Jouhl, including a copy of a dissertation on the Indian Workers Association.

Most of the writings date from the late 1970s and the 1980s, although there are some later items, including the transcripts from the Birmingham Black Oral History interviews which took place in around 1991

MS 2142/A/3/1	<u>Draft speeches</u> These consist of handwritten and typescript drafts of speeches given by Avtar Jouhl in various contexts during the early 1980s and early 1990s.	1979-1993
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/1 handwritten draft of a speech given by Avtar Jouhl to people attending May Day celebrations in Birmingham in 1979 discussing racist propaganda used by the National Front and the Conservative Party in the recent General Election and urging the Labour Movement to resist the National Front

/2 typescript draft document likely to have been written by Avtar Jouhl and possibly delivered as a speech, focusing on the death of Sanjay Gandhi in an aeroplane crash in 1980 and criticising suggestions that he had worked for the interests of the majority of the Indian people

/3-/5 handwritten and annotated typescript versions of a speech given by Avtar Jouhl at a conference organised by the Communist Party of Great Britain on 'Racism and the Police', 31 January 1981. The paper questions whether the police are the servants of the community and puts forward the view of the Indian Workers Association on this issue

/6 Notes for a paper given by Avtar Jouhl entitled 'The IWA's Role in the Anti-Racist Movement' at a seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations at the Centre for Ethnic Relations, University of Warwick, 22 June 1993. These consist of handwritten notes setting out the structure of the paper and pages from unidentified typescript articles with sections on the work of the Indian Workers Association in tackling racism highlighted in green marker pen

/7 handwritten notes for an unidentified speech on trade union policies and campaigning against racism in the workplace, undated

/8 handwritten notes setting out some of the developments in the Indian Workers Association during the 1950s, undated

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Draft articles

1976-1990s

These consist of typescript and handwritten drafts of articles, some of which may later have been published. Avtar Jouhl is likely to be the author of items /1, /3, /6, /7- /10 but the authorship of the others is unclear.

/1 annotated typescript article examining the Race Relations Bill 1976 and its likely usefulness in combating racism and racial discrimination

/2 annotated typescript article entitled 'Ethnic Organisations, Political Organisations: The Case of the IWAs'

/3 photocopy of a handwritten article written in Punjabi on the subject of revolutionary Marxism in practice

/4 typescript article entitled 'Racism and the Post-War State' which focuses on the period between the 1948 Nationality Act and the 1962 Commonwealth Immigration Act and focuses on measures discussed by the Conservative government of the 1950s

/5 typescript article entitled 'What has to be done?' which focuses on Russian politics in the early 1990s, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the adoption of capitalism

/6 typescript document containing a history of Indian Workers Association publications, including details about the 1960s publication 'Mazdoor' and the development of

'Lalkar', as well as information about the publication of a broadsheet entitled 'India Today' during the state of emergency imposed in India between 1975 and 1977

/7 typescript article written by Avtar Jouhl on the leading role being played by black organisations and activists in raising the debate about the implications of the Single European Act on black people, and campaigning for racial justice throughout Europe. Campaigning activities are discussed from the perspective of the Indian Workers Association (GB)

/8 handwritten article in Punjabi written by Avtar Jouhl about a campaign against the operation of a 'colour bar' in clubs in Birmingham. The second part of the article gives details of the fundamental aims and objectives under which organisational unity of the Indian Workers Associations can be acceptable, 14 December 1988

/9 handwritten article in Punjabi written by Avtar Jouhl for publication in 'Punjabi Darpan' about rising unemployment in Britain, 26 January 1993

/10 handwritten article by Avtar Jouhl sent to the editor of 'Punjabi Darpan' for publication. The article is a biographical sketch of the Ghadar Party member Banta Singh Sanghwal who was hanged by the British on 11 August 1915

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Printed material

1984-1994

These consist of two printed items containing articles focusing on Avtar Jouhl, and a photocopy of a chapter of 'The Making of the Black Working Class in Britain' by Ron Ramdin, which discusses the development of Asian workers' associations in Britain and includes a section on the Indian Workers Association. The file also contains two printed articles by Avtar Jouhl and a printed article by Tara Singh Tara

The articles featuring the views of Avtar Jouhl consist of:

/1 copy of report of a conference entitled 'Black Workers in the North West' held 3 November 1984 and organised by the Black Workers' Planning Group in conjunction with TUBE, Workers Educational Association North West District, including a summary of a speech given by Avtar Jouhl on 'Black Workers and the Trade Unions'

/2 copy of 'Socialist Review' March 1994 containing an interview with Avtar Jouhl carried out during preparations for a Trades Union Congress [TUC] demonstration against racism which looks back at previous anti-racism campaigns and compares the situation in the 1960s and 1970s with contemporary events

The printed article by Avtar Jouhl is:

/3 Punjabi article published in 'Sher E Punjab' 22 March 1989 on retirement, pensions and the state earnings related pension scheme, together with a draft handwritten version of this article

/4 Punjabi article published in an unidentified newspaper about counter revolutionary movements in Eastern Europe, 9 March 1990, together with a draft handwritten version of this article

The printed article by Tara Singh Tara is:

/5 Punjabi article published in 'Panjabi Guardian' 15-30 November 1990 in response to a previous article entitled 'Ghadar Party v Indian Workers Association' published in another contemporary magazine

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Interview questions and transcripts

1979-1980s

This file contains two sets of interview questions posed to Avtar Jouhl dating from the 1980s, and two sets of interview transcripts from separate interviews carried out with Avtar Jouhl in 1979 and at some point during the early 1980s.

/1 interview questions for members of the Indian Workers Association, largely focusing on Indian nationalism and independence struggles, but including questions on the campaigning activities of the Indian Workers Association in Britain. The interview schedule includes a question on the Falklands war and the 'current miners strike' indicating a creation date of 1984-1985

/2 interview questions for Avtar Jouhl focusing on left-wing and right-wing politics in Britain how policies are influenced by relations between the USA and the Soviet Union

/3 annotated transcript of an interview with Avtar Jouhl conducted 26 September 1979. Questions focus on problems facing workers in Britain and include discussion

of the need to fight racism and the activities of the National Front

/4 annotated transcript of an interview with Avtar Jouhl conducted by Peter Alexander for 'Socialist Worker', probably conducted during the early 1980s. Questions focus on black and working class movements

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Birmingham Black Oral History Project interview transcripts

c.1991

Set of unedited transcripts of a sequence of interviews conducted with Avtar Jouhl for the Birmingham Black Oral History Project, recorded in about 1991. The Birmingham Black Oral History Project aimed to collect, preserve and disseminate the spoken history of Birmingham's black and Asian population through interviewing members of the older generation of these communities, who had migrated to the city during the 1950s and 1960s. Interview questions focused on arrival, working and social life, experiences of racism and reactions to cultural and social differences. Twenty-five people were interviewed for the project between 1990 and 1992, including Avtar Jouhl. The file consists of two incomplete copies of the interview transcripts; the transcript for the contents of cassette ten is missing.

The content of these interviews is as follows:

Avtar Jouhl talks about his childhood in India, giving information about his family, and a description of life in his village in Punjab. Talks about his upbringing, his experiences of Partition in 1947, and the involvement of his cousin in the Indian communist movement.

He discusses his education, the political situation in the late 1940s, his father's death and the effect it had on him, his engagement and marriage, his views on the caste system, social structures in India and discrimination against women.

He describes his reasons for coming to the UK, the process of obtaining a passport, and his arrival in London. He then talks about his arrival in Smethwick, and gives details about the house he lived in when he first arrived, the living conditions there, and his attendance at his first football match, and his first visit to a pub. He also talks about discrimination he experienced in public houses and in barbers shops.

He talks in detail about his working life in foundries in Smethwick and about the beginning of his political involvement in the Indian Workers Association, including brief details about his part in a lobby of Parliament in 1959 against the Immigration Bill of a private member Sir Cyril Osborne, and in other lobbies during the 1960s against immigration legislation.

He talks about how people lived in Smethwick during the 1960s, and about his daily routine and social activities at the time, describing his house moves, reactions to Indian women going out to work, conflicts between first and second generation immigrants, trends towards westernisation amongst children and young people during the 1970s, social hierarchies amongst Sikhs, the arrival of Kenyan Asians in the late 1960s, the development of businesses run by Punjabis in the UK, and the rising standard of living of immigrants.

He gives details about the organisation of the Indian Workers Association and its political leanings, talks about the beginnings of the Association in the late 1930s, and then its revival in the 1950s, mentions the welfare work the Indian Workers Association began to do in helping people with passport and visa issues, completing income tax and social security forms, helping people who were having problems with housing and education, campaigns in factories to combat racial discrimination and links with trade union movement.

He goes on to talk about Indian Workers Association political campaigns, particularly their involvement in the 1964 election campaign in Smethwick against the actions of Peter Griffiths, the Conservative candidate, who was hostile towards immigrant communities in the area. He mentions the death of the general secretary of the Indian Workers Association, Jagmohan Joshi, on a campaign rally in 1979, and speaks in depth about industrial disputes which the Indian Workers Association was involved with during the 1970s, and his role as shop steward at the foundry he worked at. He also mentions Indian Workers Association involvement in the miners strike.

He speaks about the general political situation, nationally and internationally, in 1991, and the position of the Indian Workers Association at that time. He reflects on his own identity, and looks back on his life and the experience of migration.

He discusses Indian Workers Association involvement with

various groups campaigning against racism, and promoting equality and social justice in the 1960s and 1970s. He also speaks in detail about Indian politics.

He mentions work that the Indian Workers Association did with Charles Parker and Banner Theatre during the 1970s, which formed part of the cultural activities that the Indian Workers Association organised. He refers to being interviewed by Charles Parker for the 'Great Divide' project

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Diary entries

1991

Handwritten diary entries compiled by Avtar Jouhl for dates in February and March 1991. The entries concern his Indian Workers Association and trade union work which includes speaking at conferences and being interviewed for BBC Radio WM

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/A/3/7

Writings on China

c.1978

This file contains a variety of handwritten and printed material largely relating to Chinese politics and culture, produced or collected by Avtar Jouhl.

The handwritten material is largely contained in exercise books and notebooks, and may have been composed during a study tour or visit to China, and consists of a red notebook containing pages interspersed with reproductions of photographs of Chinese landscapes and buildings, in which Avtar Jouhl has made notes about various Communist groups; and two lined exercise books in which Avtar Jouhl has made notes in English and Punjabi on various topics concerning Communist politics and the international situation during the 1970s. There is also a handwritten article in Punjabi about the Cultural Revolution in China and some of the mistakes made during the Communist revolution

Printed material includes an article on the history, geography, economy and society of Shanghai; a booklet of photographs produced for the Shanghai Industrial Exhibition; a set of Chinese postcards, one produced by the Central Institute for Nationalities, another as a souvenir of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China, depicting learning activities and aspects of daily life in China.

The file also contains a set of computer print outs of

Chinese characters; a business card for Lo Chia-Huan, First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/A/3/8 'Patterns of Resistance: Analysis of the Indian Workers Association' by Prem Singh Pardesi 1988

Photocopy of an MA dissertation submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirement of the requirements for the degree of Master by Advanced Study in Race Relations and Community Studies at the Postgraduate School of Studies in Social Analysis at the University of Bradford by Prem Singh Pardaisi 1988

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/A/3/9 Poetry and other writings n.d.

This file contains a mixture of articles, poetry and extracts from books written by members of the Indian Workers Association or by others, on various literary and political topics.

/1 article in Punjabi published in 'Punjabi Darpan' 15 June 1990 written by Bhagat Singh Bilga, in response to an article written by the Punjabi poet Amarjit Chandan, who was himself at one time a member of the Marxist Leninist Maoist movement in Punjab, India. Chandan had criticised the Ghadar Party for a lack of ideology, clarity and lack of literacy and artistic value in Ghadar Poetry. Bhagat Singh Bilga's response is based on his personal experiences in the Ghadar Party

/2 article in Punjabi published in 'Punjabi Darpan' 31 May 1991 written by Sohan Singh Ranu about the Punjabi poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi

/3 two poems in Punjabi written by the poets Dev and Amarjit Chandan published in a Punjabi monthly literary magazine 'Arsi', February 1996

/4 printed letter in Punjabi from Karam Singh Kirti to the editor of an unidentified publication about the crisis of socialism in Russia, undated.

/5 revolutionary poem in Punjabi urging Indians to rebel against the British occupation of India

/6 photocopy of a Punjabi book entitled 'Gurmat Parkash'

/7 Punjabi pamphlet prepared for discussion entitled 'Marxism, Leninism, Maoism and the revolutionary direction of the International Communist movement', undated

/8 Punjabi translation of the International song of workers

/9 book review in Punjabi of a collection of stories entitled 'Sooli Tangian Saanjhan', written by Avtar Sadiq

/10 photocopied extract in Punjabi taken from a book on Sikh history called 'Akali Movement'. It explains how the British controlled the supreme religious places of Sikhism and the atrocities committed by the British which resulted in Sikh revolts against British rule in India, undated

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/A/4 Photographs and recordings, 1970s-1990s

This section largely contains photographs collected by Avtar Jouhl that depict some of the activities which he was involved with during the 1980s, together with a small number that probably date from the 1970s and 1990s. Most of these photographs relate to trade union activities, but there are also some prints showing Indian Workers Association members on a demonstration, and another set of prints taken at a Birmingham 'Troops Out Movement' meeting that Avtar Jouhl spoke at. The section also contains a video cassette containing a documentary programme on Chairman Mao, broadcast during the early 1990s.

MS 2142/A/4/1	<u>'Timewatch' video</u> 'Scotch' video cassette containing a recording of the BBC history programme 'Timewatch' on Chairman Mao, probably broadcast in 1993, together with recordings of other programmes including coverage of show jumping, and parts of various films.	c.1993
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Extent: 1 Vhs video cassette

MS 2142/A/4/2	<u>'Troops Out Movement' meeting</u> Creator of material: Unknown.	1980s
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Set of gelatin-silver prints depicting some of the speakers at a meeting of the Birmingham 'Troops Out' Movement, which campaigned for 'the removal of the British establishment from the north of Ireland and for self-determination for the Irish people as a whole'. Avtar Jouhl was one of the speakers at this meeting.

Extent: 10 Photographs

- MS
2142/A/4/2/1 No title 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Close-up portrait of two white women, one with long hair and wearing a neck scarf; the other with short hair with a pendant round her neck, listening to an unseen speaker
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm
- MS
2142/A/4/2/2 No title 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Two white women, one with long hair and wearing a neck scarf; the other with short hair with a pendant round her neck and a cigarette in her hand. They are sitting at a table in front of a banner on which some of the words of the phrase 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' can be made out
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm
- MS
2142/A/4/2/3 No title 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Close-up portrait of a white woman with short hair wearing a pendant round her neck. She is speaking, probably to a gathered audience at the 'Troops Out' Movement meeting
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm
- MS
2142/A/4/2/4 No title 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- White woman with short hair and wearing a pendant round her neck. She is looking down at the table which she is seated at, and holding a cigarette in her hand
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm
- MS
2142/A/4/2/5 No title 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Two white women seated at a table in front of a 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' banner. One woman has long hair and is wearing a neck scarf; the other has short hair and is wearing dark glasses and a checked jacket
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm

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| MS
2142/A/4/2/6 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |
| | Avtar Jouhl seated at a table in front of a 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' banner, together with a white woman with short hair wearing dark glasses and a checked jacket | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/2/7 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |
| | Avtar Jouhl seated at a table behind a 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' banner, together with two white women, one with long hair and wearing a neck scarf; the other with short hair with a pendant round her neck. All three look as if they are listening to someone in the unseen audience | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/2/8 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |
| | Avtar Jouhl standing at a table addressing an unseen audience. Behind the table is a 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' banner. Seated at the table are two white women, one with long hair and wearing a neck scarf; the other with short hair, wearing a pendant. They are both looking up at Avtar Jouhl as he speaks. There is a tape recorder on the table and on the wall behind the banner there is a poster reading 'British Plastic Bullets Kill Irish Children: Ban Them Now!' | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/2/9 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |
| | Avtar Jouhl seated at a table together with three white women, one with short hair and wearing dark glasses and a checked jacket; another with long hair and wearing a neck scarf; another with short hair and wearing a pendant. All are sitting in front of a 'Birmingham Troops Out Movement' banner. Avtar Jouhl is speaking to the unseen audience, and the women at the table are listening to him. | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/2/10 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |

Another version of MS 2142/A/4/2/9

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 164mm x 214mm

MS
2142/A/4/3 Opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Set of colour photographs and some negatives depicting Birmingham City Council officials and employees of the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre at the official opening of the centre at Floodgate Street, Digbeth, in June 1988. Most photographs depict speakers and other officials seated at a platform, but there are also photographs of the audience at this event.

Extent: Photographs

MS
2142/A/4/3/1 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Group of men and one woman seated at a table behind microphones; including (left to right) Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/2 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council, standing making a speech into a microphone. Other people are seated either side of him behind a table, including (left to right) Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/3 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC], standing making a speech into a microphone. Other people are seated either side of him behind a table, including (left to right) Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/4

No title
Creator of material: Unknown.

29 June 1988

Group of white, black and Asian men and women seated at tables in a large room, probably in the Trade Union Studies Centre, listening to speeches from the platform. Three men are standing in the open doorway of the room, including Avtar Jouhl.

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/5

No title
Creator of material: Unknown.

29 June 1988

Close-up of Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC] standing making a speech into a microphone. Seated either side of him are (left to right) Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/6

No title
Creator of material: Unknown.

29 June 1988

Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee, standing making a speech into a microphone. Other people are seated either side of her behind a table, including (left to right) Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

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| MS
2142/A/4/3/7 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 29 June 1988 |
| | Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC] unveiling a plaque on a wall behind the table at which Paul Mackney and council officials are seated. Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council, and an unknown man are standing at the side of the plaque. Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Les Byron, City Councillor and two unidentified men are seated at the table. | |
| | Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/3/8 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 29 June 1988 |
| | Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC] shaking hands with Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee. Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Trade Union Studies Centre, is seated next to Najma Hafeez; Les Byron, City Councillor is seated at the other end of the table, together with two unidentified men. Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council, is standing near Norman Willis, in front of a plaque that Willis has just unveiled announcing the opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre | |
| | Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/3/9 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 29 June 1988 |
| | Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of Trade Union Studies Centre, standing making a speech into a microphone. Seated at a table behind him are Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified. Some of the members of the audience can be seen in the foreground. | |
| | Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/3/10 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 29 June 1988 |

Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trade Union Congress [TUC] and Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council, standing in front of a plaque announcing the opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/11 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Norman Willis, General Secretary of Trades Union Congress [TUC] being interviewed by a white female journalist with her back to the camera. Another person (out of view) is recording his comments on a dictaphone.

Extent: 1 Colour print 126mm x 186mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/12 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Long distance shot of council officials and trade unionists seated at a table on a platform in a room at the Trade Union Studies Centre. Figures at the platform include Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified. Members of the audience can be seen in the foreground, and there are trade union banners on the walls, including a large banner for the Transport and General Workers Union Birmingham Power and Engineering District Committee

Extent: 1 Colour print 100mm x 149mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/13 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Long distance shot of council officials and trade unionists seated at a table on a platform in a room at the Trade Union Studies Centre. Figures at the platform include Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of the Trade Union Studies Centre; Najma Hafeez, City Councillor and Chair of Continuing Education Committee; Richard Knowles, Leader of Birmingham City Council; unidentified; Norman Willis, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress [TUC]; Les Byron, City Councillor; unidentified. Members of the audience can be seen in the foreground including two men

who are standing up, and there are trade union banners on the walls, including a large banner for the Transport and General Workers Union Birmingham Power and Engineering District Committee

Extent: 1 Colour print 100mm x 149mm

MS
2142/A/4/3/14 No title 29 June 1988
Creator of material: Unknown.

Negative transparencies for the photographs described at MS 2142/A/4/3/1 to MS 2142/A/4/3/13

Extent: 13 35mm transparency

MS
2142/A/4/4 Avtar Jouhl at Trade Union Studies Centre Late 1980s
Set of gelatin-silver prints showing Avtar Jouhl at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre in Floodgate Street, Digbeth, including shots of him in front of trade union posters, and with colleagues.

Extent: 18 Photographs

MS
2142/A/4/4/1 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table in a room with the plaque commemorating the official opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre in 1988 on the wall behind him together with a trade union poster.

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/2 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table in a room with the plaque commemorating the official opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre in 1988 on the wall behind him, together with several trade union posters.

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/3 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table in a room with the plaque commemorating the official opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre in 1988 on the wall behind him, together with several trade union posters.

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/4 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table in a room with the plaque commemorating the official opening of the Trade Union Studies Centre in 1988 on the wall behind him, together with several trade union posters.

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/5 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Close-up portrait of Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table. Trade Union posters can be seen on the wall behind him

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/6 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Close-up portrait of Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table. Trade Union posters can be seen on the wall behind him

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/7 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Close-up portrait of Avtar Jouhl leaning against a table. Trade Union posters can be seen on the wall behind him

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/8 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl standing in front of a Trades Union Congress West Midlands banner

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/9 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl standing in front of a Birmingham May Day banner, looking upwards

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/10 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl standing in front of a Birmingham May Day banner

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/11 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl standing in an office, in front of a desk covered with files and papers. He is holding documents in his hand

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/12 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl standing in front of a desk covered with files and papers, and shelves containing folders. Posters can be seen on the wall behind him.

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/13 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Profile shot of Avtar Jouhl sitting at his desk, reading a document

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/14 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl sitting at his desk reading a copy of the Indian Workers Association periodical 'Lalkar'

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

MS
2142/A/4/4/15 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.

Avtar Jouhl sitting next to a table on which there is a large tape recorder

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm

- MS
2142/A/4/4/16 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Another version of MS 2142/A/4/4/15
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm
- MS
2142/A/4/4/17 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Avtar Jouhl seated next to a table on which there is a large tape recorder. He is holding a microphone in his hand. Standing behind him is an unidentified white man who has his hand on Avtar Jouhl's shoulder
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 202mm x 253mm
- MS
2142/A/4/4/18 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Unknown.
- Group photograph of Avtar Jouhl and other men, most of whom are holding certificates, possibly relating to courses completed at the Trade Union Studies Centre.
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 135mm x 202mm
- MS
2142/A/4/5 Bill Morris addressing a meeting at the Trade Union Studies Centre Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Set of photographs of Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] during the 1980s and early 1990s, addressing a meeting held at the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, possibly to organise resistance to the poll tax, together with other speakers.
- Extent: 6 Photographs
- MS
2142/A/4/5/1 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] standing addressing a meeting. He is standing behind a table set up with microphones at which four black and Asian men are sitting
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm

- MS
2142/A/4/5/2 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] standing addressing a meeting. He is standing behind a table set up with microphones at which four black and Asian men are sitting
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm
- MS
2142/A/4/5/3 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Bill Morris, Deputy General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] standing addressing a meeting. Two other speakers can be seen sitting next to him. Several trade union posters can be seen on the wall behind them.
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm
- MS
2142/A/4/5/4 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Close-up shot of Bill Morris addressing a meeting.
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm
- MS
2142/A/4/5/5 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Group of black, Asian and white men and women sitting in a room at the Trade Union Studies Centre, listening to speeches by Bill Morris and others. Birmingham Trades Council and Trades Union Congress West Midlands banners can be seen on the wall behind them.
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm
- MS
2142/A/4/5/6 No title Late 1980s
Creator of material: Mark Salmon.
- Unidentified Asian man standing addressing a meeting. He is standing behind a table set up with microphones at which Bill Morris and three other black and Asian men are sitting. Trade Union posters can be seen on the wall behind them.
- Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 165mm x 216mm

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| MS
2142/A/4/6 | <u>Demonstrations</u>
Set of gelatin-silver prints depicting a demonstration in Birmingham City Centre attended by various trade union groups and by the Indian Workers Association. There is also a colour print showing Avtar Jouhl addressing a demonstration, but this may have been taken at a separate event.

Extent: 6 Photographs | 1980s |
| MS
2142/A/4/6/1 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown.

Two members of the Indian Workers Association holding up an Indian Workers Association banner outside the front steps of Birmingham Central Library

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm | 1980s |
| MS
2142/A/4/6/2 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown.

Group of Asian men, some of whom are holding an Indian Workers Association banner, marching in a demonstration which is passing Birmingham Town Hall

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm | 1980s |
| MS
2142/A/4/6/3 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown.

Black, white and Asian men, women and children demonstrators marching on a road in Birmingham City Centre, some of whom are holding banners, including an Indian Workers Association banner and various trade union banners

Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm | 1980s |
| MS
2142/A/4/6/4 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown.

Black, white and Asian men and women demonstrators marching on a road in Birmingham City Centre, some of whom are holding banners, including a Trades Union Congress banner. Paul Mackney, Co-ordinator of Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, is one of the demonstrators in the foreground. He is pushing a buggy.
Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm | 1980s |

MS 2142/A/4/6/5	<u>No title</u> Creator of material: Unknown. Out of focus shot of Asian and white men and women demonstrators holding various banners and placards, including a Trade Union Congress banner and anti Poll Tax placards Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 88mm x 139mm	1980s
MS 2142/A/4/6/6	<u>No title</u> Creator of material: Unknown. Close-up shot of Avtar Jouhl speaking at an unidentified demonstration. A placard can be partially seen behind him, and the content of this placard suggests that the demonstration was held to protest against cuts of some kind. Extent: 1 Colour print 100mm x 151mm	1980s
MS 2142/A/4/7	<u>Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC] photographs</u> Colour prints and one gelatin-silver print taken at the Birmingham Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC], Frederick Street, Birmingham, many of which appear to depict the work of staff at the centre. Some of the photographs feature Avtar Jouhl who did some advisory work for HASAC during the 1980s and was a member of the organisation's management committee in the 1990s. Extent: 15 Photographs	1980s
MS 2142/A/4/8	<u>Social events</u> Creator of material: Unknown. Set of colour prints depicting an unidentified social event in a function room featuring music, dancing and food attended by a mixture of Asian and white men, women and children, together with two colour prints depicting a separate event held in a private home. Extent: 9 Photographs	1980s
MS 2142/A/4/9	<u>Miscellaneous photographs</u> Gelatin-silver and colour prints depicting scenes and events relating to Avtar Jouhl's work for the Indian Workers Association, Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, and other interests Extent: 4 Photographs	1970s-1980s

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| MS
2142/A/4/9/1 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1970s |
| | Avtar Jouhl, Jagmohan Joshi and five Chinese men posing for a group photograph. This was probably taken during a meeting between the Indian Workers Association and Chinese politicians or diplomats during the 1970s. | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 125mm x 198mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/9/2 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1980s |
| | Avtar Jouhl standing outside the Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre talking to a white woman and an Asian man. | |
| | Extent: 1 Colour print 171mm x 252mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/9/3 | <u>No title</u>
Close-up shot of an unidentified Asian man wearing a head covering and speaking into a microphone | 1980s |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 202mm x 253mm | |
| MS
2142/A/4/9/4 | <u>No title</u>
Creator of material: Unknown. | 1970s-1980s |
| | View of unidentified industrial premises with a large number of metal drum containers in the foreground. Two men can be seen in the background of the photograph, walking away from the camera | |
| | Extent: 1 Gelatin-silver print 201mm x 253mm | |

MS 2142/B Records of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, 1978-2003

Administrative History

The Indian Workers Association had been involved in community and welfare work since its establishment, and provided assistance to all members of the Indian community, playing a role as advisor and mediator to people in finding employment, complying with immigration regulations, completing tax forms, lodging claims for family allowance and other benefits, securing accommodation and mortgages, and getting legal representation. By the late 1970s, the Association was dealing with a number of social and welfare issues arising from the arrival in Britain of Indian migrants wives and families, and the different needs of younger Indians who had grown up in Britain. These issues included the problems of youth unemployment; the need for English language tuition; the provision of childcare and playgroup facilities; and the growing need for the provision of a conciliation service for family disputes and cases in which adult children became estranged from their parents.

In order to continue to fulfil a social and welfare role in the community, the Indian Workers Association wanted to purchase premises to use as a permanent welfare centre which would provide social and cultural facilities as well as a point of contact for people seeking advice and support. It was intended that this welfare centre would be run by an organiser or warden, with assistance from part-time paid and voluntary workers. The Association identified a property at 346 Soho Road in the Handsworth area of Birmingham, and applied to the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust for financial assistance in the purchase of this property in 1977. In order to receive funding from charitable trusts, the Association set up the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust to oversee the running of the welfare centre, to be called the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, and to administer its accounts. A constitution was drawn up, and the trust was managed by a committee elected annually, consisting of six members and Honorary Officers; President, Treasurer and Secretary. The centre opened in May 1978. It was partially destroyed by fire in January 1991, and was rebuilt with the help of grants from the Cadbury Trust during the early 1990s.

The trust was funded by grants from the Cadbury Trust and the Urban Aid Programme; by subscriptions and donations from members of the trust; and by fund raising events organised by the Indian Workers Association.

Although the main function of the welfare centre was to provide advisory and welfare services, the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust also staged cultural awareness events, and campaigned with the Indian Workers Association for the release of government papers relating to Udham Singh from 1989 until the papers were finally opened in 1996 and 1997. The welfare trust was then involved in the publication of an edition of these documents, and of a book on the life of Udham Singh written by Navtej Singh of Punjabi University, Patiala in India.

The co-ordinator of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust was Surinder Kumar Taggar until his death in 2002. The welfare centre celebrated its Silver Jubilee in August 2003.

Correspondence; reports; grant application forms; financial records; case work papers; and associated material relating to the work of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre. The majority of the material dates from the 1980s and 1990s, but there are a small number of papers with a later date. There is also a substantial amount of material relating to the Udham Singh research project, set up by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust and Punjabi University in Patiala, India. The Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust and the Indian Workers Association campaigned for the release of several government files relating to the arrest and trial of Udham Singh following his assassination of Sir Michael O' Dwyer in 1940, and worked with Punjabi University to produce a biography and a volume of original documents relating to Udham Singh's life. Copies of the government files are included in this section. See MS 2141/B for other records of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre

MS 2142/B/1 Administrative papers, 1978-2003

This series primarily comprises correspondence and associated material, including reports and statements, relating to the administration and funding of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre. Papers include correspondence with charitable trusts and urban development programmes on the subject of grant funding to enable the Centre to carry out its activities and to pay insurance premiums, and correspondence with solicitors concerning the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust's charitable status. The series also contains some financial papers, and a file which includes information about the lease of premises at the Welfare

Centre to another welfare project.

Taken as a whole, the papers in this series document the aims and objectives of the Centre, and give information about some of the work it carried out during the 1980s and 1990s.

MS 2142/B/1/1	<p><u>Constitution</u></p> <p>Two copies of the constitution of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust adopted at a meeting held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 1 March 1985, together with pages printed from the Charity Commission website in 2003 providing basic information about the aims and objectives of the Trust, and about its financial history between 1996 and 2001</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1985-2003
MS 2142/B/1/2	<p><u>Financial papers</u></p> <p>Miscellaneous papers consisting of a set of receipts for donations received from supporters shortly after the opening of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre in 1978; details of amounts collected from various individuals for 'M.L' 1980; handwritten accounts of the Welfare Centre for 1985-1986 consisting of income and expenditure details and balance sheet; and a small number of invoices and receipts for room hire and expenses incurred by people carrying out work for the centre, including Avtar Jouhl. The file also includes some blank car mileage claim forms issued by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p>	1978-1998
MS 2142/B/1/3	<p><u>Papers relating to Urban Programme grant application</u></p> <p>Papers relating to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre's application to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council [MBC] for an urban programme grant to establish a multi-racial community centre to cater particularly for the needs of black and Asian young people and children in Smethwick, Oldbury and West Bromwich, including an application for premises to the Housing committee, with reports and statements in support of application 1981; a copy of the decision by Sandwell MBC not to support the application dated October 1981; papers relating to a successful application to Sandwell Housing for the provision of premises 1981; report of the management team for the Urban Programme sub-committee, finance committee and policy committee 1981.</p> <p>The file also contains papers relating to a subsequent application for an urban programme grant in 1983/84 and a photocopy of a Voluntary Organisations Application</p>	1981-1985

Form for Urban Programme Grant Aid 1985/1986 for Birmingham Inner City Partnership, submitted by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre for a grant to fund a Project Co-ordinator, with a letter from Birmingham City Councillor Najma Hafeez attached

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/B/1/4 Papers relating to charitable status 1978-1988

This file largely comprises correspondence with Wragge & Co Solicitors concerning the constitution of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust and copies of correspondence between the solicitors firm and the Charity Commission concerning negotiations carried out by Wragge & Co concerning an application for the Welfare Centre to be registered as a charitable trust. These papers include a copy of a report to the Charity Commission on the Welfare Centre's activities and copies of the declaration of trust and constitution.

The file also contains papers relating to the nomination of a third trustee in 1986, following the death of Jagmohan Joshi some years previously in 1979.

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MS
2142/B/1/5 Other grant applications 1981-1998

This file largely contains papers relating to applications by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust to the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Fund for small grants between 1981 and 1989, including money for office and printing equipment and grants towards coach hire for demonstrations. The papers also include requests for grants to produce a series of leaflets in South Asian languages to give information about exemption certificates following the introduction of new visa requirements in 1986, for building work costs for an extension of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre in 1989.

The file also contains papers relating to an application by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust to Sandwell Council for Voluntary Service for a small grant to purchase office equipment and make repairs to the building in 1982, which was awarded, but later returned by the organisation.

Other papers consist of a proposal to renovate and update the Jagmohan Joshi memorial exhibition and develop it to focus on more recent campaigns by the organisation in 1998; and correspondence relating to an application to the National Lottery Charities Board Community Involvement Programme in 1998.

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2142/B/1/6 Papers relating to insurance policies 1991-1998
- This file largely consists of correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and representatives of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust during the early 1990s concerning insurance premiums payments for the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, following a fire at the premises in January 1991. There is also a letter relating to the Centre's insurance policy with Commercial Union Assurance, and correspondence relating to discussions between the Indian Workers Association and Birmingham City Council Development Department and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Property Surveyor concerning the possible allocation of new premises for the organisation to use as a community centre in 1991. The file also includes diary notes written by Avtar Jouhl giving details about his activities during the period immediately after the fire and his meetings with insurance assessors.

Other papers consist of a Loxley House Ltd commercial combined renewal schedule for the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, for insurance from December 1996 to December 1997; a photocopy of a letter from Premier Insurance brokers concerning the renewal of the policy for the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 1998; and a letter from Premier Insurance brokers with a breakdown of premiums required for the various maintenance covers 1998

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- MS
2142/B/1/7 Papers relating to the Aekta project 1998-1999
- Aekta Project was an action research project established in 1985 and based in Birmingham, operating from an office at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre leased by the Indian Workers Association. It provided welfare and employment rights advice to Asian workers mainly working in the textile industry, distributed health and safety equipment and conducted surveys on working conditions. It was no longer operating in 2006, and probably ceased functioning during the early 2000s.

This file largely comprises papers relating to a dispute between Saeeda Parveen and the Aekta Project in 1998. Parveen was a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] member who took the Project to court over the terms of her employment contract, and Avtar Jouhl acted as officer for her, standing in for John Walsh, the TGWU General Officer. These papers are closed under the terms

of the Data Protection Act until 2079 because they contain sensitive personal information about an individual.

The file also contains a newspaper article in Punjabi from 'Des Pardes' reporting on the Birmingham City Council grant to the AEKTA project which was being run on Soho Road, Handsworth to provide help and advice to Asian women working in the clothing industry, and correspondence relating to ending of the lease agreement with the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, where the Project had offices, and to associated matters relating to the payment of utility bills and buildings insurance in 1998 and 1999.

Access: Partially closed until 01/01/2079. Part of this file is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 until 2079 because it contains sensitive personal information about an individual. The remainder of the file is available for consultation. Remove marked 'closed' items before serving.
Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/B/2 Case work papers, 1981-2000

Correspondence and official documents relating to welfare work carried out on behalf of individuals by the Indian Workers Association at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre during the 1980s and 1990s. The majority of the material dates from the late 1980s and early to mid 1990s, but there are some papers with earlier or later dates.

These papers chiefly concern applications by individuals to live and work in Britain and appeals against the refusal of entry certificates or indefinite leave to remain in Britain, under the terms of British immigration legislation, but there are also applications for passports, and for various social security benefits, particularly for disability living allowance payments. The series also contains papers of a more miscellaneous nature, relating to other welfare work and projects carried out by the Indian Workers Association

MS 2142/B/2/1	<u>Immigration casework</u> Correspondence and associated papers largely relating to applications by individuals for indefinite leave to remain in the UK, including photocopies of official documents such as birth and marriage certificates, Indian passports, and affidavits. A number of applications also include copy letters from the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to the Immigration and Nationality Department in support of the application. The file also includes a small number of applications for new passports, which Surinder Taggar was authorised to counter-sign as co-ordinator of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust Other papers consist of advice leaflets issued by the Independent Immigration Support Agency providing	1986-1999
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information about applying for asylum in the UK; blank application forms for an Indian passport and for registration as a British citizen; and a blank application forms to be filled in by Indians engaged to marry in the UK and intending to emigrate from India.

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2142/B/2/2

Social Security and other benefits cases

1981-2000

Application papers and official material in support of applications by several individuals for income support, disability living allowance, pensions, and other social security benefits. The file also contains blank papers for pre-tenancy determination, blank application forms for sickness benefit, invalidity benefit and severe disablement allowance for people claiming while abroad; a list of benefit rates for means tested and non-means tested benefits paid by Birmingham City Council 1996; a disablement benefit memorandum giving advice to people with hearing loss in applying for benefits; A blank application form for Criminal Injuries Compensation; and information about attendance allowance for people caring for those who are terminally ill or disabled.

The file also includes a set of typescript information leaflets, one of which explains the poll tax/community charge, another which discusses employment training schemes and the ending of state benefits for under 18s from September 1988; and a final leaflet which gives details about homelessness and social housing in the context of the Conservative government encouraging private investors to move into the Social Housing market and the likely effects on the traditional client group. There is also a press release for a news item reported on BBC Radio WM on the ruling by the European Court of Justice that Britain introduce a maximum working week of forty-eight hours, November 1996

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2142/B/2/3

Other casework papers

1985-1999

Correspondence and photocopies of official documentation concerning a variety of cases with which the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre was involved in an advisory role, including papers relating to court cases and to a suspension of a child from school. There are also a number of copies of references provided by the Welfare Centre to various individuals applying for jobs, and papers relating to fees for funeral services carried out by Professor Santokh Singh of the Sikh Temple in Smethwick

in 1985.

The file also contains a small number of press cuttings consisting of newspaper articles from the 1980s and early 1990s reporting on general issues relating to welfare and casework.

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2142/B/2/4

Miscellaneous welfare projects

1985-1998

This file contains papers relating to various welfare and community issues with which the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre was involved, including a number of information leaflets in English and South Asian languages providing advice about statutory sick pay, the claims process for loss of hearing caused by noise in the workplace, and the prevention and control of coronary heart disease, produced as part of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust's Health Promotion Project in 1998.

Other material largely consists of correspondence but there are also a small number of press cuttings and information leaflets. Papers include a statement issued by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to businesses in the Handsworth area that suffered loss during the disturbances of 9 September 1985, calling on them to join a campaign to claim compensation; a brief report on potential 'economic' projects for the centre, written in 1991; and correspondence relating to pollution and crime in the Soho ward area of Birmingham in 1996. Press cuttings focus on government policy on the treatment of refugees applying for political asylum during the mid 1990s.

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/B/3 Shaheed Udham Singh research project papers, 1956 - 1990s

This series largely comprises photocopies of British government files on Udham Singh, consisting of the Metropolitan Police file produced following his arrest for the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer in March 1940; the Home Office file containing information about Udham Singh's detention in prison, the appeal against his sentence of execution for the murder, and his treatment and behaviour in prison; the Prison Commission file which contains further information about Udham Singh's experiences in prison, and the process leading to his execution in July 1940; and papers from the Public and Judicial Department of the India Office, containing information relating to Udham Singh and his activities from the early 1930s until his death in 1940.

These papers were released in 1997 and 1998 following a long-running campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, and the series also contains correspondence and associated material relating to this campaign, and references to research carried out on Udham Singh's life using the government files, including a book published by Punjabi University, Patiala entitled 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony: The Life

Story of a Great Indian Patriot Udham Singh', by Navtej Singh in 1998, the making of a film, and other cultural events celebrating Udham Singh's life.

Copies of 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony' and an edited volume of the government files on Udham Singh, published in 2002, are included in this section.

Udham Singh is considered to be a particularly important figure by the Indian Workers Association because he is believed to have been one of the founder members of the Association at its formation in 1938. There are several references elsewhere in the collection to cultural events marking his death, seen as a martyrdom by members of the Indian Workers Association.

MS Metropolitan Police file 1940

2142/B/3/1

Photocopies of Metropolitan police files MEPO3/1743 on Mohamed Singh Azad [Udham Singh], charged with the murder of Michael O'Dwyer 1940, taken from the Public Record Office, now The National Archives. Includes application for legal aid; police telegram; minute sheets containing summary of contents of the file; 'A' division report on the incident compiled by police; statement made by Udham Singh; witness statements with name index including a statement by Detective Inspector Deighton which contains information about the search of the prisoner's belongings, and evidence arising from this, and of the clothing of those people shot, and statement by Detective Sergeant Sidney Jones which contains details of the conversations he had with the prisoner, and statement of Mohamed Singh Azad [Udham Singh]; statements of police officers at the station where the prisoner was held and other police officers involved in the case. Also includes summary of the inquest carried out on Sir Michael O'Dwyer; and a list of property found in the prisoner's possession.

The file also contains letters from the prisoner while awaiting trial at Brixton prison; letters from police to the superintendent about contact with the prisoner and the trial, appeal and execution; letters from prisoner's solicitors; letter from Northamptonshire constabulary about the issue of the revolver used in the shooting and from Dorset constabulary in connection with the prisoner's previous employment; letter from Marquis of Zetland asking for the bullets he was hit by to be sent back to him.

These copies were probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to Udham Singh.

Two copies of this file exist. One is A3 size; the other is A4 size

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2142/B/3/2

Home Office file

1940

Photocopies of the Home Office file HO144/21444 on Udham Singh, taken from the Public Record Office, now The National Archives, containing:
correspondence and telegrams about the sentence of death to be carried out on Udham Singh; printed copies of a parliamentary debate in the House of Lords concerning the assassination of Michael O'Dwyer; reports of interviews with the prisoner; reports of interviews with people who visited the prisoner at Brixton; correspondence relating to Udham Singh's appeal against the death sentence; partial transcript notes of proceedings while prisoner questioned - mainly consisting of statements made by prisoner during the time of his imprisonment; newspaper reports about the trial; reports on the prisoner by medical officer about possible mental health issues of the prisoner who had been on hunger strike; correspondence relating to Udham Singh's appeal; correspondence with the prisoner's solicitors concerning the deprivation of his spectacles; papers concerning representations of people urging a reprieve for Udham Singh including statement by Canon Holland after conversations with the prisoner; newspaper articles about the appeal of Udham Singh; correspondence relating to the dismissal of the appeal; printed House of Commons private notice questions about the assassination of Michael O'Dwyer; typescript account of the events of the afternoon when O'Dwyer was shot, the actions of the prisoner, précis of discussion with the prisoner prior to his making a formal statement, description of the prisoner and his early history and previous 'offences' or suspicious activities.

The file also contains a petition for the reprieve of Udham Singh signed by many people originally from South Asia who were living in Smethwick, Balsall Heath, Solihull, Edgbaston, other areas in Birmingham and Sedgley, Staffs, Southampton, RAF camps, Swindon, Glasgow, Bradford, Huddersfield in 1940, as well as white supporters.

These copies were probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to

Udham Singh.

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2142/B/3/3 India Office Public and Judicial Department papers 1936-1940
Photocopies of India Office: Public and Judicial Department file on Udham Singh 1936-1940, including papers relating to Udham Singh's appeal - some marked 'secret' - comprising letters to the Secretary of State for India from individuals urging Udham Singh's reprieve and replies from officials; copies of papers from files now in The National Archives - stamped with P&J (S); statements about Singh's execution; papers discussing the prisoner's mental health; transcripts of documents brought into the court by Udham Singh; investigation into Udham Singh's statement that he was present at Amritsar and saw family shot there; notes about Udham Singh's hunger strike and force feeding; statements of trial proceedings; notes on Udham Singh's defence and on letters from the prisoner sent while he was in Brixton prison; press summary of reactions to the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer in Indian newspapers, extracts from Scotland Yard report, report on reactions to the murder, statement about the previous life and activities of Singh, including his political involvement and previous national and international travels, report of events at Caxton Hall on the day of the murder, typed extract from the New Statesman on the murder.

Two copies of this file exist. One is A3 size; the other is A4 size. Two photocopied pages from The Panjabi Times are enclosed with the A4 size file. These copies were probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to Udham Singh.

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2142/B/3/4 Prison Commission file 1940
Photocopy of the Prison Commission file PCOM9/872 on Udham Singh, taken from the Public Record Office, now The National Archives, containing:
Declaration of the sheriff on Singh's execution; post mortem certificate on Udham Singh; letter to the Governor of Pentonville Prison requesting access to the files from researcher in Berkshire 1965 and subsequent correspondence; correspondence relating to the disposal of the prisoner's personal property 1940; correspondence relating to the failure of the appeal against Singh's death sentence, and to the arrangements for the execution and

burial of the prisoner; correspondence from the prisoner's solicitors relating to petition for a reprieve; visiting orders for solicitors to visit Udham Singh, and for a representative from a Sikh temple to visit; discussion about the provision of spectacles for Udham Singh; papers relating to written documents, later torn up, from which Singh attempted to address the judge at his trial, written in English, Gurmukhi and Urdu and notes on these documents that were brought into the court; newspaper articles about Udham Singh's hunger strike and reports about the hunger strike and Udham Singh's mental and emotional health; correspondence about a request by Singh for hack saw blade to be smuggled in to him in prison; letters discussing the supply of a New Testament in Urdu, and the prisoner's requests for books; notes on the forcible feeding of Udham Singh; correspondence and reports concerning MI5 interest in Udham Singh and his contacts, the sending of unauthorised letters and the hacksaw incident, visitors to Udham Singh and the language they are requested to speak in; correspondence relating to Singh's change of solicitor; copies of outgoing letters from Udham Singh; correspondence relating to Canon Holland's visit to Udham Singh; newspaper articles about the arrest of Udham Singh; papers relating to Udham Singh attending the inquest on Sir Michael O'Dwyer.

These copies were probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to Udham Singh.

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Ghadr Directory

1934

Photocopy of 'The Ghadr Directory', containing the names of persons who have taken part in the Ghadr movement in America, Europe, Africa and Afghanistan, as well as in India, compiled by Director, Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi 1934. This publication superseded the Punjab Ghadr Directory issued in 1917. The Directory contains biographies of individuals active in the movement at or before 1934, some with a physical description of individuals. Udham Singh was a follower of the Ghadr party when he spent time in America.

This copy was probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to

Udham Singh.

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2142/B/3/6 'India Ravaged' 1942
Photocopy of a book from the India Office library entitled 'India Ravaged: being an account of atrocities committed, under British aegis over the whole sub-continent of India in the latter part of 1942', published in January 1943.

This copy was probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to Udham Singh.

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2142/B/3/7 Statements from Home Office file 1940
This file consists of typescript copies of statements in Home Office file, including letters and statements by the prisoner, witness statements, and police reports.

These copies were probably made during the mid 1990s, following the success of the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust for the release of official papers relating to Udham Singh.

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2142/B/3/8 Correspondence and associated papers 1996-1999
Material in this file largely concerns the campaign by the Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to release government files relating to the assassination of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the trial and execution for murder of Udham Singh in 1940. These files had been subject to seventy-five year and one hundred year closure periods, but were released in order for research into Udham Singh's life to take place. The Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust in partnership with the Punjabi University, Patiala, worked on a book on Udham Singh, which was published under the title 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony: The Life Story of a Great Indian Patriot Udham Singh', by Navtej Singh in 1998.

Material consists of:

/1 letter to Claire Short from Sarwan Singh Sanghwal, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, asking her to make

a representation to the Prime Minister to release the government files on Udham Singh, 17 January 1996

/2-/3 letters to Joginder Singh Puar, Vice Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala discussing a joint research project between the University and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre following the release of government files, March-May 1996

/4-/5 letters to Avtar Jouhl from Home Office Record Management Services about the review of Home Office papers relating to Udham Singh in 1996, and their release in 1997.

/6 letter from Avtar Jouhl, trustee of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, to Gunderv Sen, secretary of Desh Bhagat Yadgar, Jalandhar City, Punjab, India discussing the release of British government files on Udham Singh, and giving details about the research project to produce a biography, 28 August 1996

/7-/8 copies of press release issued by Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust in 1996 about the release of papers relating to the Udham Singh case and access to these papers, urging the media to publicise Udham Singh's last statement, together with a handwritten list of names for distribution of press releases

/9 letter from Surinder Taggar, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, to Professor Harish K. Puri, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, informing him of the release of the Metropolitan Police file on Udham Singh and the availability of copies of the government files at the Welfare Centre and at Desh Bhagat Yadgar in Jalandhar, October 1997

/10-/15 photocopied set of correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Sarwan Singh Sanghwal of the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust and Labour MPs Jack Straw and Clare Short, and the Metropolitan Police Committee in 1998, concerning the release of Home Office and Police Commission files on Udham Singh and the availability of documents within these files which had been replaced with 'dummies' due to Data Protection legislation; the return of Udham Singh's remains to India in 1974, and access to Udham Singh's gun held in the Metropolitan Police Crime Museum. One of the letters to Jack Straw also urges him as Home Secretary to start a strategic review of racist immigration laws.

/16 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Navtej Singh, Punjab Historical Studies Department, Punjabi University, Patiala concerning the publication of his book on Udham Singh, 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony', and enquiring about contacts from KK Art Films regarding their project on Udham Singh, September 1998

/17 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Joginder Singh Puar, vice chancellor of Punjabi University in Patiala with thanks for publication of 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony' and discussing arrangements for the launch of the book September 1998

/18 letter from Avtar Jouhl. Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, to Iqbal Dhillon, Surjit Movice, Chandigarh, India, discussing arrangements for the filming of scenes in a court room in Birmingham and West Bromwich Town Hall and discussing future plans to film in Pakistan for a film on the life of Udham Singh, 2 February 1999

/19 letter from Avtar Jouhl, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, to Joginder Singh Puar, Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, India asking him to send 100 copies of the book on Udham Singh, 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony' to the Welfare Centre in Birmingham, 16 February 1999

/20 letter from Avtar Jouhl to Paul Mackney, Chief Editor/General Secretary of 'The Lecturer', University and College Lecturers Union, London, asking him to review 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony' and setting out points of consideration for the review, 9 March 1999

/21 photocopy of a press release issued by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre 15 July 1999 and sent to the editor of the Panjabi Times, announcing the release of government files on Udham Singh, the publication of 'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony', the possible release of a film about Udham Singh, and giving details about a forthcoming seminar at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to pay homage to Udham Singh

/22 photocopy of a press release issued by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust 2 August 1999 giving an account of a seminar organised at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to commemorate the 59th anniversary of the martyrdom of Udham Singh

/23 photocopy of a statement on Udham Singh's life by Avtar Jouhl, stamped with the contact details of the

Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, including details of the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, details of Udham Singh's previous experiences with British oppression, and the campaign which the Indian Workers Association started in 1978 for the release of government files on Udham Singh

/24 poster for the Shaheed Udham Singh 50th anniversary 1990, issued by the Indian Workers Association, amended by hand to read 100th anniversary 1999, issued by the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust

/25 photocopies of newspaper articles dating from 1940 reporting the assassination of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, including reports in a German newspaper. These formed part of the Home Office file on Udham Singh and are copyright of Public Record Office, now The National Archives

/26 photocopies of the death certificates of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and Udham Singh

/27 photocopied printed pages in Punjabi commemorating Madan Lal Dhingra and Udham Singh, possibly intended for a flyer to promote the Shaheed Udham Singh research project.

/28 colour poster for Shaheed Udham Singh CD and cassette, possibly a soundtrack to a film, with music composed, produced and arranged by Sukshinder Shinda.

/29 newspaper article in Punjabi about the forthcoming film on the life of Shaheed Udham Singh, to be made in Punjabi, Hindi and English, 16 July 1999

/30 press release in Punjabi giving information about the documents released by the British government to the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust, including an extract from the last statement made by Udham Singh on 5 June 1940

/31 undated newspaper article in Punjabi consisting of a biographical sketch of Udham Singh

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'Challenge to Imperial Hegemony: The Life Story of a Great Indian Patriot Udham Singh' by Navtej Singh
Biography of Udham Singh based on material in files created by the British government during the 1930s and

1956 - 1990s

1940s and now kept at The National Archives in Kew and the India Office Records at the British Library. The volume includes a foreword by Harpal Brar, editor of 'Lalkar' and Indian Workers Association Secretary for Fraternal Affairs. The book was published by Punjabi University, Patiala

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/B/3/10 'Emergence of the Image: Redact Documents of Udham Singh' 1956 - 1990s
Edition of Metropolitan Police; Home Office; Prison Commission and India Office Public and Judicial Department files on Udham Singh, edited by Navtej Singh and Avtar Singh Jouhl, and published by the National Book Organisation, India

Extent: 1 Volume

MS 2142/C Papers relating to Trade Union activities, 1969-1999

This section of the archive documents Avtar Jouhl's career in the trade union movement, from the early 1970s to the 1990s. Although he had become a trade union member since the late 1950s, the earliest material relating to his trade union role dates from the early 1970s. This comprises substantial records generated in the course of his work as Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] shop steward and safety representative at Birmid Qualcast foundries in Smethwick, consisting of minutes; correspondence between trade union officials and company management; and a wealth of related material focusing on wage agreements; health and safety at work; and some of the industrial disputes that took place in the West Midlands area between the early 1970s and early 1990s.

The remainder of the records document Avtar Jouhl's later trade union movement career as lecturer in Trade Union Studies at Hall Green Technical College, between 1987 and the mid 1990s. He continued to be an active member of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] but also became involved in NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers Union. He was particularly committed to supporting black and Asian trade union members and became a member of the TUC Race Relations Committee and took part in a number of Black Workers Conferences during the 1990s. This interest is also reflected in the educational material in this section which includes conference and training course papers and has a strong focus on efforts within the trade union education movement to tackle racism. Avtar Jouhl ran courses for black and Asian workers and convened or spoke at conferences on race relations and social justice, and campaigned against racial and sexual discrimination both within and outside the trade union movement. The section includes a large number of trade union related publications, many of which were issued by the TUC Education Service. These publications cover a variety of topics, but many focus on anti-racism and health and safety issues. Others are concerned with the Single European Act 1992 and its implications for trade union members, particularly those from black and Asian communities. This concern is documented in other papers relating to conferences and training courses on the European Union. Organisational papers of some trade union committees and other trade union-linked bodies that Avtar Jouhl was a member of or advised are also included in this section.

MS 2142/C/1 Industrial relations and disputes, 1970-1994

This section primarily consists of papers relating to Avtar Jouhl's work as Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] shop steward and safety representative at Birmid Qualcast foundries in Smethwick during the 1970s and 1980s, but also includes papers relating to industrial disputes, some of which took place during the early 1990s.

Papers include minutes for shop stewards meetings, both with and without company managers, and minutes of safety committee meetings and other sub-committees. There are also copies of agreements between trade union representatives and company management; internal memoranda; reports; company statements on wages and benefits issues; correspondence; and copies of government regulations on Health and Safety at work. The section also includes a sequence of notebooks kept by Avtar Jouhl during the 1970s and early 1980s in which he recorded minutes of meetings he attended, and made notes on various issues he was called on to deal with as a shop steward.

The papers on industrial disputes largely focus on those with which Avtar Jouhl was involved as a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] representative, including the strike at Imperial Typewriters in Leicester he took part in the regional inquiry, but include papers relating to the Burnsall strike in which Jouhl's involvement was apparently as a NATFHE member. There is some overlap between files on industrial disputes in this section and those on similar topics in section A; the difference is that material in files in this section are generated mainly from the perspective of Avtar Jouhl's trade union role rather than his role in the Indian Workers Association

MS 2142/C/1/1 Notebooks, 1972-1984

Series of notebooks kept by Avtar Jouhl in his role as shop steward at Dartmouth Auto Castings in Smethwick during the 1970s and early 1980s. Notebooks contain minutes of meetings that he attended, and notes he made in the course of his work, largely on health and safety issues and workers' welfare. None of the notebooks have been filled, and most only contain a few pages of written material. There are several overlapping volumes. Substantial notes have been made in Punjabi.

MS 2142/C/1/1/1	<u>Notebook</u> Contains notes made on workers grievances and on negotiations of a Regional Inquiry committee	1972
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MS 2142/C/1/1/2	<u>Notebook</u> Contains minutes of Shop Stewards meetings and Plant Committee meetings, as well as drafts of letters sent by shop stewards to management. There are also some notes on health and safety issues at Darcast foundries written towards the end of the volume	1972-1976
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MS 2142/C/1/1/3	<u>Notebook</u> Contains notes about disciplinary action taken against workers in 1973, and a draft report on a 'special shop	1973-1976
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stewards course for Birmid Qualcast Foundries Division' stage one, made following a two day course held in December 1976 attended by shop stewards from Dartmouth Auto Castings

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| MS
2142/C/1/1/4 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of various shop stewards meetings; a health and safety at work meeting; Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] general body meeting; and notes on the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 taken from the Trades Union Congress [TUC] guide</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1975-1976 |
| MS
2142/C/1/1/5 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of safety committee meetings 1976-1977 and accident investigation meeting 1977; also contains lists of names of individuals who are presumably trade union members, including a list of people identified by their check number and the number of hours they are working</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1976-1977 |
| MS
2142/C/1/1/6 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of shop stewards meetings at No.3 foundry, January to March, and September 1977</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1977 |
| MS
2142/C/1/1/7 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of meetings to discuss accidents and use of 'bobcat' equipment, and notes on issues associated with the use of this machinery</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1977-1980 |
| MS
2142/C/1/1/8 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of meetings with management; shop steward (production) meetings; and Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] meetings, most of which are written in Punjabi</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1979-1980 |
| MS
2142/C/1/1/9 | <p><u>Notebook</u>
Contains minutes of a meeting of the plant health and safety committee 15 July 1980; minutes of meeting held 21</p> | 1980-1984 |

July 1983 to discuss an accident in the core shop; and a draft letter written by Avtar Jouhl as Senior Safety Rep to Darcast management, reporting a dangerous occurrence in the casting and cupola sections, 6 January 1984

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/1/2 Minutes of Senior Shop Stewards meetings 1972-1973

Papers are filed in reverse chronological order. Meetings discuss proposed new pay structure
Minutes 23 January 1973
Minutes of meeting No 1 Works 23 January 1983 discussing night shift No 3
Documents setting out details of new pay structure and new payment scheme as suggested by shop stewards
Minutes 5 December 1972
Minutes 21 November 1972
Minutes 12 December 1972
Minutes 5 December 1972
Document providing a list of jobs placed in order of earning level
Minutes 28 November 1972

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/1/3 Minutes 1982-1984

Minutes of meeting 15 October 1982 to discuss use of more than 5 shell moulding machines
Minutes of meeting 21 December 1982 to discuss redundancies at Darcast Foundries
Minutes of meeting 19 January 1983 to discuss flexibility and mobility
Minutes of meeting 31 January 1983 to discuss shell shop future flexibility and mobility of working at Darcast
Minutes of meeting 7 March 1983 to discuss working arrangements of sand laboratory operator

The file also contains a statement on the resumption of normal working at Darcast agreed between the shop stewards of the TGWU (Transport and General Workers Union) and the Company, 1983; handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl on a work conference 25 October 1984 on the implementation of a 39 Hour Week

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/1/4 Shop stewards papers 1970-1981

Miscellaneous material including minutes; correspondence; memoranda; statements and agreements relating to various issues affecting workers at Dartmouth

Auto Castings during the 1970s and early 1980s. Papers consist of:

Agreement between AEF [Amalgamated Union of Engineering & Foundry Workers] Foundry Section and the Management of Dartmouth Auto Castings No.2 Works concerning workers in the foundry section joining the AEF, 6 February 1970

Statement issued by the Joint Shop Steward Committee at Darcast (Birmid Qualcast) on behalf of the members of the AUEW [Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers] (Foundry Section), TGWU [Transport and General Workers Union] and other trade unions, setting out the point of view of Darcast workers who were on strike over the issue of overtime and holiday pay 1 May 1974.

Minutes of meeting at No.1 foundry 6 April 1977

Internal Memorandum issued by Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd to management and shop stewards on the production of 'bobcat' callipers

Statement issued by Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd providing details about Company pension scheme, 1978

Letter from India House to Satnam Singh, President of the Combined Shop Stewards Committee, Dartmouth Auto Castings, thanking workers at No.1, 2 and 3 foundries for donations to a relief fund for people of Andhra Pradesh, 23 January 1978

letter from a moulder at No.3 foundry at the Shop Stewards Committee (Production) at No.3 foundry asking to be considered for other jobs, 17 July 1979

Document setting out details about foundry reorganisation Ready Reckoner for redundancy payments, undated

Agenda for a meeting 27 March 1979 tabled by all unions represented at Dartmouth Auto Castings No.1 foundry

Proposals for hours worked by foundry production workers at No.3 foundry, 22 January 1981

Statement on the closure of East Works and North Works No.2 Camshaft, undated

Agreement between Darcast Foundries Limited and Transport and General Workers Union (Manual Workers), and other trade unions concerning the implementation of the 39 hour week, 26 November 1981

Minutes of meeting 15 October 1982 to discuss use of more than 5 shell moulding machines

Leaflet in Punjabi about the circumstances leading to a strike in Darcast Nos 1, 2 and 3 from 1 May 1974, released by the joint Shop Stewards Committee. The leaflet also gives details about a meeting to be held 3 May at Beacon cinema, Smethwick

Appeal in Punjabi to TGWU [Transport and General Workers Union] members to contribute towards the strike

fund
 Information leaflet in Punjabi from shop stewards
 requesting union members to vote Yes for the political fund
 Letter of thanks in Punjabi from Avtar Jouhl to his
 colleagues in Darcast Foundry who offered condolences
 on his mother's death
 Information leaflet in Punjabi to employees at Darcast
 Foundries Ltd about a sick pay scheme for hourly paid
 employees
 Information notice in Punjabi, written by Avtar Jouhl, senior
 shop stewards TGWU Darcast Foundry about two
 vacancies for shift workers

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MS 2142/C/1/5	<p><u>Shop stewards papers</u></p> <p>Papers kept by Avtar Jouhl as senior shop steward and senior safety representative for the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU], comprising: Minutes of meetings held 20 January 1983; 25 January 1983, 31 January 1983; Report and Minutes of Annual Meeting 14 January 1985 Minutes of meeting to discuss the future employment of the laboratory sand tester, 22 November 1984 agendas for TGWU branch meetings 5/119 branch 1985 Agenda for Safety Committee Meeting 5 February 1985 Correspondence relating to production agreements; TGWU biennial delegate conference 1983; representation of shell shop workers 1985; election of shop stewards at Darcast Foundries 1985; papers relating to an unofficial strike of shell makers October 1984; letter concerning spray machine defects 4 October 1984 Agreement between Darcast Foundries Limited and Transport and General Workers Union (Manual Workers) concerning No.3 foundry production section revised working agreement incorporating rates of payment from 1 June 1983-31 May 1984, and 1 June 1984 to 31 May 1985 Handwritten notes in Punjabi about decisions taken by Management to employ shell assemblers Report in Punjabi by the senior shop steward and others about another shop steward in the dressing shop List in Punjabi of members contributing to a collection at No.3 Foundry by the Indian Workers Association</p>	1983-1985
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MS 2142/C/1/6	<p><u>Combined Shop Stewards (Liaison) Committee papers</u></p> <p>Correspondence relating to the recognition of the Committee by the company, discussing its remit in representing workers; minutes of Birmid Qualcast</p>	1974-1975
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Combined Shop Stewards (Liaison) Committee meeting 8 December 1974 and 23 February 1975, attended by representatives from Qualcast foundries in Smethwick, Wolverhampton and Derby; document consisting of a format for a two tier final pay pension scheme for manual employees in the Birmid Qualcast Group, to be discussed by the Combined Shop Stewards (Liaison) Committee and Group Management Board representatives, 19 February 1975

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MS
2142/C/1/7

Payment and welfare agreements

1975-1981

These papers largely concern issues relating to No.3 foundry, but also include unrelated material. Papers consist of:

Health and Safety regulations 1977
statement on Bereavement leave August 1977
Minutes of meeting held 26 August 1977 discussing staff benefits
Minutes of meeting held 9 September 1977
Average Earnings for Holiday Agreement 13 October 1977
Recommendations on minimum conditions for the welfare of workers, according to government legislation, set out in a document produced for a Health and Safety at Work course at Fircroft College, Autumn term 1976
Company statement on redundancy payments September 1977
Company statement on holidays 1978
Wage calculations for workers at No.3 foundry Midland Motor Cylinder Co. Limited 1981
Minutes of Safety Meeting held at No.3 foundry 29 February 1981 discussing an accident to a worker
Minutes of No.3 plant Safety Committee meeting 15 July 1980
Memorandum of Agreement British Leyland UK Limited Car Division: A Collective Agreement for A Protected Earnings Plan Hourly Rated Employees Rover Plants May 1975
Agreement between Midland Motor Cylinder Company Limited and Transport and General Workers Union (Manual Workers) concerning the No.3 Foundry Production Section revised working agreement incorporating rates of payment from 1 November 1980 to 31 October 1981

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/C/1/8	<u>Papers relating to the closure of No.2 Foundry, Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd</u> Statistics on the output, expenditure and profitability of Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd foundries Reply to the Company Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd from No.2 Foundry production employees 29 August 1978 on the issue of redundancy Minutes of a meeting of management and shop stewards 26 September 1978 to discuss the return to work at all foundries Minutes of a meeting 9 May 1979 at the Birmid Club to discuss company profitability at all foundries, but particularly at No.1 foundry Letter from F. T. Davies, Chairman and Managing Director Birmid Qualcast (Foundries) Limited, to R. Garland, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' (Foundry Section), attaching a summary of the circumstances relating to the proposed closure of Darcast No. 2 foundry, 10 September 1980 Letter from F. T. Davies, Chairman and Managing Director of Birmid Qualcast (Foundries) Limited, to Madanjit Singh, Chairman of Darcast Combined Shop Stewards Committee on the closure of No.2 foundry and further redundancies at No.3 foundry, 1 September 1980 Statement on the closure of Darcast No.2 foundry, 16 July 1980 circular letter in English and Punjabi to all trade union members and shop stewards at Birmid Qualcast foundries urging them to oppose the closure of No. 2 foundry and redundancies at No.3 foundry and Midland Motor Cylinder following reorganisation, 1980 Works Notice on the restructuring of No.3 foundry, 21 August 1980 Company response to the wage claims of hourly paid production workers following the redundancy and closure costs at No.1 foundry, 1980 Information notice in Punjabi to members of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] at Darcast Foundry No.3 about meetings and agreements relating to redundancy Extent: 1 File	1978-1980
MS 2142/C/1/9	<u>Papers relating to payment schemes</u> Reports produced by Dartmouth Auto Castings Limited concerning the annual pay review for production section employees, including a set of appendices setting out proposed gradings for production workers in No. 2 Foundry and No. 3 Foundry; interim incentive payment scheme and copy of interim agreement with No.2 Foundry	1979

finishing shop pieceworkers; proposed interim deal for No.3 Foundry production workers

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| MS
2142/C/1/10 | <p><u>Fork Lift truck drivers agreement</u>
Minutes of meetings held 23 August, 28 August and 30 August 1979 to discuss a review of the workload and pay of fork lift truck drivers; copy of Fork Lift Truck Drivers agreement on work and payment, February 1979</p> <p>Extent: 1 File</p> | 1979 |
| MS
2142/C/1/11 | <p><u>Wage and benefits negotiations</u>
Papers relating to temporary short time working compensation scheme at Midland Motor Cylinder Co Ltd, 1981
Draft document setting out the terms and conditions for payment for workless days up to the September holiday at No.3 foundry, 1981
Job descriptions for production workers at No.3 foundry, 1980 which has been used by Avtar Jouhl to draft an open letter to all shop stewards and trade union members at Birmid Qualcast foundries on the closure of No.2 foundry and other redundancies in the company
Letter from Avtar Jouhl to Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] District Secretary on the proposed reduction of the working week from 40 hours to 39 hours 1981
Memorandum of Agreement between Engineering Employers' Federation and Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions on the imposition of a 39 hour week 1981
Agreement between Hourly Paid Maintenance Workers and Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd concerning payment for working during holidays, 1979
Agenda for a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] general body meeting at Darcast 1985
Correspondence written by Avtar Jouhl in English and Punjabi to all Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] members at Darcast and to the General Manager and Director at Darcast concerning annual wage and fringe benefit claim 1985-1986
Draft letter from G. Singh, safety rep to the Manager of Darcast foundries Ltd regarding water flooding in the cupola yard, 1985
Draft Company Statement on the subject of manning arrangements, terms and conditions of employment on new automatic shell making machines, 1985
Formula for resumption of normal working at Darcast</p> | 1973-1987 |

Foundries agreed between the shop stewards of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] and the Company, 1983

Birmid Qualcast Report and Accounts for the year ended October 1987

Works notice on production at Darcast Foundries Ltd 1987

Result of ballot of Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] members on wage claim and sick pay, 1986

Letter from Avtar Jouhl to Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] District Secretary, West Bromwich on the subject of the decision of Birmid Qualcast to take a three year pension holiday, 1987

Notices written in English and Punjabi to TGWU branch members giving information about meetings and elections 1985-1986

Result of ballot on industrial action taken by Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] members at Darcast 1985

Letter from Avtar Jouhl to General Manager of Darcast Foundries Ltd on the subject of a draft company statement on redundancies, 19 April 1985

Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd notice on Annual Holidays 1978

Minutes of meeting No.2 to discuss Annual Pay Claim 1981-1982, March 1982

Minutes of meeting 9 February 1984 to discuss reorganisation and working practices in the inspection area

Statement issued by Darcast Foundries Ltd on the terms and conditions of leave of absence for immigration employees

Statement issued by Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd relating to conditions for leave of absence for Asian employees to enable them to visit their home countries, June 1973

Letter from Avtar Jouhl and other shop stewards to the Works Manager, Darcast Foundries Ltd on the need to agree manning on the operation of Shot Blast and Chipping House operations, 1984

Principles forming the basis of the 1977 Wages Deal for production workers at Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd

Copy of Pay and Benefits Claim submitted by Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] on behalf of manual workers, 29 April 1986

Minutes of meeting 15 May 1986 to discuss wage negotiations and the company's response

Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] statement on the Wages Act 1986

Statement setting out Darcast Foundries Ltd offer of a 2 year agreement in settlement of all outstanding wage claims, 1986

Lists of Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU]

members at Darcast

Letter from Avtar Jouhl to General Manager Darcast Foundries Limited asking to be allowed to take paid leave to attend a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] course on 'local organisation' in order for him to effectively represent union members at Darcast 1986

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MS
2142/C/1/12

Health and Safety papers

1976-1989

This file consists of minutes, statements, memoranda and correspondence on health and safety procedures at Darcast foundries:

Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] statement on the terms of the Social Security Act 1986 with reference to industrial injury and industrial disease claims

Statement by Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd on the functions and activities of safety representatives and safety committees, according to Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1976

Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd discussion on safety aspects of hot metal receivers at No.3 foundry, 6 November 1979

Dartmouth Auto Castings Ltd procedures for safe systems of work in de-greasing casters' ladle hoists, 1980

Letter from Health and Safety Executive Foundries and Woodworking Group, to Darcast Foundries Limited reporting on an inspection of Darcast 7 December 1983 under the terms of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Factories Act 1961

The Foundries (Protective Footwear and Gaiters) Regulations 1971

List of specifications for eye protection to be worn by different workers at No.3 foundry

Letter from Health and Safety Executive Foundries Group to Darcast Foundries Limited reporting on an inspection of Darcast premises in the summer of 1981 under the terms of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Factories Act 1961

Minutes of Safety meeting 14 October 1985

Agenda for Safety meeting 20 February 1986

Agenda for Safety Committee meeting 5 June 1987

Report on a Safety meeting 5 June 1987

Minutes of Safety Committee meeting 5 February 1985

Letter from Health and Safety Executive Foundries Group to Darcast Foundries Limited reporting on an inspection of Darcast premises in early 1987 under the terms of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Factories Act 1961

Transport and General Workers Union report sent to all

branch secretaries in region 5 outlining proposed changes to the way in which personal injuries will be dealt with following a civil justice review, June 1986

Health and Safety Executive correspondence on the subject of health concerns in relation to the use of calcium carbide at Darcast Foundries, 1987

Darcast Foundries procedure for obtaining safety prescription glasses for employees

Birmal Castings Limited safety rules for all employees

Dartmouth Auto Castings Industrial Injuries Domestic Agreement, 1978

Internal memorandum on the use of Sanoid face masks

Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] circular letter to all regional secretaries on the needs of trade unionists who have to work with hearing difficulties, 1987

Darcast Foundries Limited Health and Safety at Work policy, with annotations by Avtar Jouhl

Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] leaflet setting out the terms of its benefits scheme

Letter from Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre to trade union members at Darcast Ltd, Smethwick informing them that the Health and Safety Advice Centre, in association with the Indian Workers Association, is offering hearing tests for Darcast employees, together with notice in English and Punjabi for people having hearing tests, June 1988

Information notices in Punjabi to Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] members about a medical examination of gas leak victims on 10 August 1986

The file also contains papers relating to several accidents and industrial injuries sustained by individuals working at Darcast foundries, including correspondence between Avtar Jouhl as senior steward and safety rep, and Darcast management, Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] officers, and solicitors acting for the individuals; and Darcast investigations into accidents and dangerous incidents and safety risks which could have resulted in injury to workers

Also included are papers relating to Darcast Foundries Limited sick pay scheme for hourly paid and manual workers, correspondence concerning the health conditions of individual workers, press cuttings on the government statutory sick pay scheme and a small amount of material concerning disciplinary action taken against individual workers. Avtar Jouhl was involved in the majority of these cases in his role as senior shop steward, representing Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] members.
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MS 2142/C/1/13	<u>Shop stewards course</u> Programme; worksheets; course assessment forms; and agenda for final discussion seminar for a Management Development Course run by the West Midlands Engineering Employers' Association for Birmid shop stewards Extent: 1 File	1980s
MS 2142/C/1/14	<u>Commission on Industrial Relations Birmid Qualcast Limited Preliminary Report to Management and the Manual Workers' Trade Unions</u> Extent: 1 Booklet	1969
MS 2142/C/1/15	<u>Commission on Industrial Relations Birmid Qualcast Limited Appendices to Preliminary Report to Management and the Manual Workers' Trade Unions</u> Extent: 1 Booklet	1969
MS 2142/C/1/16	<u>Printed material</u> Birmid Qualcast (Foundries) Ltd Procedure Agreement Handbook 1970 Birmid Qualcast (Foundries) Ltd Procedure Agreement Handbook 1973 Set of guidance notes issued by the Health and Safety Executive on the use of various types of equipment, the control of noise, and of air quality 'Brush Bulletin' no 20 Summer 1987 focusing on the issue of occupational deafness Transport and General Workers Union Report of Annual Conference of Vehicle Building and Automotive Group, 1986 Extent: 1 File	1970-1987
MS 2142/C/1/17	<u>Imperial Typewriters dispute</u> This file comprises papers kept by Avtar Jouhl relating to a dispute at Imperial Typewriters Copdale Road factory in Leicester over a claim by workers for an improvement in the bonus fall back rate. Most of those employed as manual workers at Imperial Typewriters were women of Asian origin, and other grievances of workers concerned poor conditions and claims of racial discrimination. The dispute began in May 1974, and the first batch of strikers returned to work at the end of July following successful negotiations. Avtar Jouhl took part in a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] regional inquiry into the	1972-1974

circumstances and causes of the dispute.

Papers consist of:

Agreement between Imperial Typewriter Co.Ltd Leicester and 5/221 Imperial Typewriter Branch of the Transport and General Workers Union 10 May 1972 covering hours, wages, holidays, seniority, leaves of absences, and grievance procedure

Copies of the company newsletter 'Imperial News' 1973-1974 including articles about the strike

Imperial Typewriters memorandum from the wages supervisor to all foremen and other workers with details of average earnings assessments May 1974

Documents setting out rates of pay, with a typescript explanation signed by Gordon S. Baker, director of industrial relations

Strike Bulletin of the Imperial Typewriters Strike Committee no. 1 and no. 3

Copies of correspondence from H. Khetani, representing the strike committee, to Brian Mathers, regional secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, Birmingham, and other representatives of the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] including a newspaper report on the strike, comments of a TGWU member, Reg Weaver, and a letter from Brian Mathers confirming that TGWU will investigate dispute at Imperial Typewriters in June 1974

Copies of correspondence relating to an independent inquiry by the Runnymede Trust into the circumstances surrounding the dispute, May 1974

Minutes produced at TGWU meeting, Leicester district, on the dispute, with papers in similar form to those of the strike bulletins, including details of the resolutions passed at this meeting

Copy of a letter sent by the strike committee to Sir Geoffrey Wilson, Race Relations Board responding to the Board's findings and recommendations on the dispute
Statement by the Imperial Typewriters Company management on the dispute

Copy of a statement issued by G. Bromley, District Secretary of TGWU relating to the Imperial Typewriters dispute, setting out the history of the dispute and giving the union's view

Statement by Avtar Jouhl on the Imperial Typewriters dispute draft report

Copy of the Transport and General Workers Union Regional Inquiry conducted at Leicester 10-12 June 1974 into the circumstances and cause of a dispute involving members employed at the Imperial Typewriter Company

Limited, Leicester

The file also contains papers that are not directly related to the dispute, consisting of a newspaper report about an Indian foundry worker at Alloy Pressure Die Products Ltd, Wednesfield, with three university degrees; a typescript article by Paul Foot entitled 'The strike at Courtaulds, Preston 1965'; papers relating to Midland Regional Trade Union Conference to Combat Racial Discrimination with letter to Avtar Jouhl from Tom Sibley March 1974; further correspondence on conferences organised by Trade Unionists to Combat Racism from Tom Sibley; newspaper article on racial discrimination in employment, written by Tom Sibley. There is also a letter to Avtar Jouhl from Pat Hughes, Head of Trade Union Development Unit of The Industrial Society, arranging a meeting to discuss race relations, 21 July 1975

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/1/18

Raindi Textiles dispute

1981-1987

Papers relating to an industrial dispute at P.S. Raindi Textiles/Supreme Quilting Company Limited, Birmingham, in 1982. Workers at the textile factory went on strike over the issues of pay, conditions and Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] recognition.

Papers consist of:

Report of the Supreme Quilting Company Limited directors for the year ended 31 May 1981, consisting largely of the company's audited accounts

Statement issued by Ravinder Singh, TGWU senior shop steward, Supreme Quilting Co Ltd, and Surjit Singh Dhillon, TGWU committee member, Supreme Quilting Co Ltd to 'fellow workers and sympathisers' on the closure plan by the management of Supreme Quilting a short time after the company was forced to sign a procedure agreement as a result of industrial action by union workers
Letter to K. S. Raindi, P. S. Raindi Textiles from R. Marston, TGWU Regional Officer, responding to questions posed about Avtar Jouhl and other TGWU representatives dealing with the members employed at P. S. Raindi Textiles, 14 February 1983

Copy letter from Gurparkash Singh, senior shop steward, TGWU P. S. Raindi Textiles, to Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Smethwick, thanking him for his support of workers during the strike, 14 February 1983

Letter from Senior Wages Inspector, Department of Employment, Wages Inspectorate Midlands to D. Higgs,

District Secretary, TGWU concerning the wages inspection being undertaken at Supreme Quilting/P. S. Raindi Textiles Ltd, 21 June 1983

Copy letter from Avtar Jouhl, chairperson of TGWU 5/119 branch to District Secretary, TGWU discussing the representation of workers at P. S. Raindi, 23 February 1987

Leaflet in Punjabi about the workers strike at Supreme Quilting after the employers had issued a notice to close the factory

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MS
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Burnsall dispute

1992-1994

Correspondence and associated material relating to a dispute at Burnsalls metal finishing company in Smethwick in 1992. The dispute was over the right for workers - predominantly Asian women - to join the General and Municipal Workers Union [GMB] for health and safety, and against forced overtime and poor pay for dirty and gruelling work.

Papers include correspondence from GMB representatives; a newspaper article about the death of Surinder Bassi, one of the striking women at Burnsalls in Smethwick 1994; flyers for events in support of the Burnsall strike at metal finishing company; Indian Workers Association press release disseminating the message of thanks from GMB shop steward Darshan Kaur for their support during the strike; GMB message in Punjabi to Burnsall strike support groups; correspondence from Jo Quigley, GMB regional organiser, about the behaviour of support groups; a report on the attempts to sabotage Burnsall strike and undermine GMB leadership in reply to allegations, including some criticism of Avtar Jouhl as saboteur; copy letters from Avtar Jouhl asking for copies of reports written after the strike by the GMB leadership; a report entitled 'Misinterpreting the Burnsall Strike: the role of Kamaljit Rana Singh', with copies of supporting correspondence and a covering letter from Geoff Wheatley; copy of a report entitled 'A Most Uncritical Eye: The Burnsall Strike and the Racism of the Politically Correct' a reply by Jo Quigley to Channel 4's Critical Eye 1993; copy of a report entitled 'The Burnsall Strike and its enemies, part two: Avtar Jouhl and the so-called Burnsall Support Groups: What they were really up to'; copy of GMB strike bulletin no 2; copy of report 'In Defence of Trade Unionism: A Burnsall Striker Speaks Out' by David Brown; copies of a letter in Punjabi from Darshal Kaur; handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl about the dispute; letters

between Paul Mackney of NATFHE and Alan Jennings of GMB about the report entitled 'Sabotaging a Trade Union Dispute' which makes allegations against Avtar and another NATFHE member; complaint to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission by GMB about the Channel 4 programme 'Critical Eye', claiming that it was unjust to the union and its two Birmingham region officials November 1993; letter to Avtar Jouhl from Owen Granfield, Regional Organiser GMB in Birmingham and the West Midlands with his opinions on developments in the clothing manufacturing sector in Coventry, following a conversation after the Burnsall rally, discussing the level of union organising and efforts to organise ethnic minority workers 1992

Other papers relating to the Burnsall dispute consist of correspondence and administrative material concerning complaints made against officers of the West Midlands Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC] by GMB in 1994 in relation to the Burnsall strike, together with minutes of the HASAC Management Committee July 1993. These papers contain sensitive personal information about individuals and are not available for research.

The file also contains an annotated copy of a typescript article entitled 'Organising the Unorganised: 'Race', Poor Work and Trade Unions' by John Wrench and Satnam Virdee, to be published in P.Ackers, C. Smith and S. Smith eds 'The New Workplace and Trade Unionism' c 1994

Access: Partially closed until 01/01/2075. Part of this file has been closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 until 2075 because it contains sensitive information about individuals. The remainder of the file is available for consultation.

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Other industrial disputes

1980s

This file contains miscellaneous material relating to various industrial disputes and to working conditions in factories in the West Midlands area during the 1980s. Papers consist of:
Flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Sandhar and Kang Strike Committee urging people to support their struggle for trade union rights and better pay and leaflet in Punjabi issued by the Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch and Indian Youth League Birmingham branch appealing to all workers, shopkeepers and organisations to support the strike
Copy of court order in the High Court of Justice Queen's

Bench Division Birmingham District Registry between Sandhar and Kang Limited and Urmila Patel and others 22 July 1983 in which the defendants undertook not to picket at Sandhar and Kang's premises

Copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the shop stewards committee to the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress [TUC] expressing solidarity with striking workers at Government Communications Headquarters [GCHQ] taking industrial action against a government ban on trade union representation, 5 March 1984

Correspondence between Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] district secretary and the Aekta Project concerning the closure of S.D & Co, Windmill Lane, Smethwick in what the Aekta Project suspects was an anti-trade union move, April-May 1985

Statement issued by TGWU branch expressing concern at the actions of a full-time union official in a recent dispute at Joseph Fray Ltd, setting out the reasons for this concern and calling for an internal TGWU inquiry to establish the facts

Newspaper article published in the Wolverhampton Express and Star 17 February 1987 focusing on claims that workers and employers in 'family run sweat shops' are ignoring health and safety regulations and social security rules

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MS 2142/C/2 Trade Union Education activities, 1969-1999

Papers in this section relate to Avtar Jouhl's work as lecturer in Trade Union Studies at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, based at Hall Green College, later South Birmingham College, from 1987 until the mid-1990s, and to his roles in the Transport and General Workers Union and NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers Union during this period, particularly as a member of various race relations committees and as convener or speaker at conference and training courses set up to support black and Asian trade union members and to tackle racism. Papers consist of conference reports and information packs; training course material; teaching and learning materials; completed coursework and preliminary research for assignments completed by Avtar Jouhl whilst undertaking trade union education courses; correspondence; minutes; reports; flyers and printed material on broad trade union education themes, though having a particular focus on discrimination in education and in the workplace, and methods of tackling racism in trade union policy and practice.

MS 2142/C/2/1 Conferences and training courses, 1986-1998

Most of the training course and conference papers in this section focus on tackling racism within the trade union movement, particularly in the field of trade union education during the late 1980s and early 1990s. Some of these courses were run at or by Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre and often involved participation by Avtar Jouhl as a tutor or speaker, while others were run by trade unions including NATFHE. The section also includes papers relating to courses run for black members of the Transport and General Workers Union,

Trades Union Congress and other trade unions.

The section also contains a substantial volume of material relating to a conference on the mobilisation of black and Asian people living in the European Union, run at the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations [CRER] at the University of Warwick in April 1992 and includes copies of a large number of the conference papers given at this event.

MS 2142/C/2/1/1 Black Members/Tackling Racism course 1990-1995
Flyer for 10 day course on 'Tackling Racism' at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, Hall Green College 1990

Photocopy of information sheet on short/special courses run at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre

Blank enrolment forms and personal learning agreements at from South Birmingham College

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MS 2142/C/2/1/2 SERTUC seminar 1991-1994
The majority of the papers in this file concern SERTUC training events, but there is also material relating to other trade union training courses and conferences that Avtar Jouhl ran

Commission for Racial Equality publication 'Race Relations Code of Practice for the elimination of racial discrimination and the promotion of equality of opportunity in employment' 1984, reprinted 1991 and 1994

SERTUC [TUC South East Regional Council] Race Relations Committee leaflet on 'Black Workers in Europe' early 1990s

Order form for TUC guide to tackling race discrimination at work

Letter to Avtar Jouhl regarding a SERTUC seminar on 'dealing with race discrimination at work' to be held 11 May 1995, with conference programme, details about workshop activity, copy of chair's notes, case studies, participants and workshop list

Letter with associated information from Pauline Ortiz, education officer at BIFU to Tom Cook, Regional Education Officer TUC Birmingham regarding West Midlands Ethnic Monitoring Project which Avtar Jouhl was involved with, 27 January 1993

Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Education Officer at MSF

thanking him for his contribution to Tackling Racism course at Whitehall College 13 July 1992

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NATFHE Anti-Racism workshop

1987-1988

Although this file contains papers relating to anti-racism training courses held at Hall Green Technical College, it also includes anti-deportation campaign material. Papers consist of:

Memo from John Rudd to Avtar Jouhl concerning his withdrawal from a 'Tackling Racism' course February 1988

Flyer issued by NALGO/NUPE/NUJ/NUS for national demonstration against deportations and racist immigration law 1987

Copies of letter from Paul Mackney, West Midland Regional Training Officer, NATFHE, regarding a workshop on challenging racism for NATFHE higher education members and reps to be held at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Unit at Digbeth, part of Hall Green College. The course was to be held in February 1988, and was organised by Avtar Jouhl

Leaflet issued by Sandwell Council for Community Relations October 1987 entitled 'Racial Attack' providing definition and help lines

Campaign Against Racist Laws Broadsheet entitled 'Family Reunion is Our Right', on the primary purpose rule, with copies of a flyer entitled 'Family Reunion is Our Right' with details of national lobby of parliament December 1987

Photocopy of article from 'Marxism Today' by Dave Cook, Fiona McTaggart, Bernard Misrahi, Habib Rahman 'A Race to Exclusion' c. 1987

Photocopies of an information leaflet in English and Punjabi entitled 'Your rights to be a British citizen', with contact details for Avtar Jouhl at the Trade Union Studies Unit, Hall Green Technical College

Photocopy of an opinion article in the 'Birmingham Post' criticising race relations bodies 10 November 1987 with a note to Paul [Mackney] from Alan Porter querying whether a reply to this should be made

Circular letter from the Marion Gaima Anti-Deportation Campaign about a national demonstration against deportations in London November 1987

Photocopy of a worksheet entitled 'Unity is Strength - Trade Unions and Black Workers' Case Studies no 5: Hospital, with question about how to respond in a situation involving racial discrimination

Photocopy of a report to Equal Opportunities Forum, regarding a release course for shop stewards and others for equal opportunities training. There is a handwritten note to Paul Mackney has at the top of the page, 31 July 1987

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Challenging Racism: Lessons for the 21st Century

1995-1998

This file contains a pack given out at a conference organised by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at Warwick University as part of the events arranged during the European Year Against Racism, Xenophobia and Anti-Semitism Conference' 30 January 1998. It also contains more general material relating to European Union initiatives against racism. These papers consist of:

Annotated draft report by Avtar Jouhl on 'The Impact and Value of High Profile Anti Racist Campaigns such as European Year Against Racism? "From Public Protest to Selling Tee-Shirts" 1990s

Handwritten speech notes by Avtar Jouhl about the European Year Against Racism campaign

Photocopies from unidentified publications about projects set up to tackle racism across the European Union

Pages from Runnymede Trust seminar report on the Europe Against Racism and Xenophobia campaign

Photocopies of a newspaper article about Robin Cook's plans to grant passports to inhabitants of remaining British colonies, and an ensuing clash with Jack Straw, 1997

Copy of 'Birmingham Campaign Group News' January 1998 with an article about a challenge to a white candidate by a black candidate and comment about Labour's reliance on the black vote

Photocopy of Minutes of meeting of the European Year Against Racism National Coordinating Committee held December ?1995, and attended by representatives from the Commission for Racial Equality, Runnymede Trust, the Home Office and other organisations

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2142/C/2/1/5 Dealing with Racial Harassment in Colleges 1994
NATFHE materials on dealing with harassment at work put together possibly for a Network Training conference entitled 'Dealing with Racial Harassment in Colleges' held in London in December 1994, including conference programme, details about delegates, information on harassment disseminated at the conference and letters to Avtar Jouhl from Network Training regarding his role at the conference

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2142/C/2/1/6 Trade Union Responsibility for Tackling Racism 1993
Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Festival Team 'Birmingham Together - strength through racial diversity' - re conference 'Trade Union Responsibility for Tackling Racism' held on 17 November 1993 which Avtar Jouhl chaired and at which he ran a workshop, together with a programme for this event and guidelines for workshop facilitators

Programme and associated material re conference on Trade Union Responsibility for Tackling Racism held at Birmingham Rep 17 November 1993

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2142/C/2/1/7 T&G Black Members courses 1991-1996
The majority of papers in this file consist of correspondence relating to Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] seminars and courses for black workers taught by Avtar Jouhl between 1994 and 1996, and include programme details and course outlines. However, the file also contains other correspondence to Avtar Jouhl regarding his tutoring of Tackling Racism courses for MSF and NUCPS [National Union of Civil and Public Servants] union members, and a letter from a German student analysing the TUC Tackling Racism approach.

Also included in the file is a small amount of printed material, consisting of copies of Home Office guides on the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, and a copy of the 'Socialist Lecturers Alliance' newsletter, conference issue May 1994

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2142/C/2/1/8 Tackling Racism courses 1992-1996
Course material for 'Tackling Racism' courses run by Avtar Jouhl at Whitehall College for MSF union in 1994

and 1995, including information about the people attending the course and photocopies of course reviews from participants. The file also contains correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Tina Mackay, Education Officer at MSF, Whitehall College regarding his tutoring of the 'Tackling Racism' courses during this period, as well as in 1992

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MS TGWU Summer School 1986-1987
2142/C/2/1/9

Papers relating to a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] summer school held in 1986 including a programme; materials for the different sessions and exercises on different aspects of trade union organisation to raising awareness and involvement, levels of representation and action; list of subjects for debate at final assembly at study school. Papers relating to the TGWU summer school in 1987 consist of correspondence relating to the award of a bursary enabling Avtar Jouhl to attend, and his letters to TGWU officials explaining that he will be unable to take part due to his appointment as Lecturer in Trade Union Studies at Hall Green Technical College

The file also contains a copy of document on the history of the TGWU and the Labour Party and a booklet entitled 'Pulling Out: Transnationals and the decline of the West Midlands' by Nick Wood and Andrew Nickson, Birmingham Trade Union Group for World Development Study in co-operation with the Birmingham Trade Union Resource Centre 1986

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MS UNISON Reps course 1990s
2142/C/2/1/10

Copy of UNISON Education and Training Organisation and Steward Training 'New Stewards Course coursebook' undated. Inserted in this volume is a copy of a UNISON framework for branch government and structure, model branch committee, and UNISON government and structure

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MS TUC Open School 1987-1989
2142/C/2/1/11

Guide booklet explaining the main features of TUC Open School

TUC Open School 'Unions Today' workbook (2 copies)

TUC Open School leaflet on study circle at work (with details of the people in the study circle, and their positions)

TUC Open School Bulletin, June 1987

TUC Open School study circle report - Wolverhampton mixed group, basing their programme on the 'unions today' pack

TUC Open School 'Unions - who needs them?' workbook

TUC Open School 'Union policies in action' workbook

Photocopy of chapter 6 'Too Big to Bargain With?' from unidentified publication - help for union organisation and collective bargaining

Letter to Avtar from TUC Trades Union Education Department, inviting him to teach course on TUC Education Methods at NEC Dec 1989

Invoice to J. S. Ajimal, co-ordinator of translation section, E.O.U, Kirklees House, Huddersfield, from Sarwan Singh, for translation of letter from English to Punjabi (letter from Councillor Allison Harrison - Kirklees Council-Working Together)

Report on the Open School for Autumn Term 1987

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'The Mobilisation of Ethnic Minorities in Europe'

1992

This file contains conference papers and administrative material produced for the Annual Conference of the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations [CRER] at the University of Warwick, 3-5 April 1992. It includes a conference pack consisting of a programme, list of delegates and a copy of the CRER research programme.

Conference Papers consist of:

'Patterns of Political Participation among Immigrants in Sweden' by Maritta Soinine and Henry Black, University of Stockholm

'Changes in Franco-Maghrebian Associationism' by Catherine Wihtol de Wenden

'The Politics of Labour Market Structuration and the Potential for Ethnic Mobilisation' by August Gachter

'1992 and the Mobilisation of Black People' by Avtar Jouhl

'Consultation, Mobilisation and the European Commission'

by John King
'African Immigrant Associations in France and Homeland Development' by Jacques Barou
'Construction of Ethnic Minorities and the Ethnicisation of Social Conflicts in the Discourse of Multi-Culturalism' by Frank-Olaf Radtke
'Mobilisation of Afro-Caribbean Settlers in Britain' by Harry Goulbourne
'Ethnicity and Social Movement in Brussels: The Position of Arab-Muslims' by Albert Bastenier
'Ethnic Mobilization: Some Theoretical Considerations' by Beatrice Drury
'Conditions of Ethnic Mobilisation: the German Case' by Jurgen Fijalkowski
'Ethnic Networks and Associations, 'Italian Mobilisation' and Immigration Issues in Italy' by Giovanna Campani
'What Can We Learn From the Finnish Model?' by Matti Simila
"Culture' or 'Agency'? Ethnic mobilisation as a 'Swedish model" by Carl-Ulrik Schierup
'Participation and Mobilisation of Immigrants and Strategies of Integration in France: A Typology' by Veronique de Rudder, Isabelle Taboada Leonetti and Francois Vourc'h

'Optional Citizenship. Articulation of Interests and Identities in Naturalisations' by Rainer Baubock

There are also other papers that may have been given at the conference. These consist of:

'Guyana: Elections 1992 Three Competing Perspectives' by Kampta Karran

'National Approaches to Immigration and Minority Policy' by Cathy Lloyd

'Formes de Solidarité dans L'Espace Européen: Les Réseaux de Relation Transnationaux des Populations Immigrées' by John King

Administrative material includes a letter to Avtar Jouhl from Beatrice Drury at CRER, informing him that his paper will be published in an edited book of conference proceedings; and a letter from Cathie Lloyd and Harriet Rathbone at CRER to colleagues asking for information about their research to compile a directory of current research projects being undertaken in Europe on race relations immigration and related topics 1992

The file also contains an unrelated item, consisting of pages from the 'Morning Star' of articles about the TUC Black Workers Conference 1992

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2142/C/2/1/13 Caribbean Trade Union Educators' Workshop 1984-1988
CTUC report on Caribbean trade union educators workshop (cover missing) 1988

CTUC Caribbean Trade Union Educators' Workshop, Joint Trade Unions Research Development Centre, Kingston, Jamaica' Report 1984

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2142/C/2/1/14 Disability Discrimination workshops 1995-1996
TUC National Education Centre folder containing teaching material about Disability Discrimination Act

NATFHE discussion and policy document on Age Discrimination 1995

NATFHE Guidance for branches on Eldercare 1995

'Enabling not Disabling: Advice for branches on representing disabled members'

Loose material all relating to disability and inclusion 1990s

Details for NATFHE training course 'Representing Disabled Members' 1996 with notes by Avtar Jouhl

Copy of TUC guide 'The Disability Discrimination Act' 1996

Typescript report 'Ability not Disability - advice for branches on representing disabled members - produced by NATFHE, undated

Precis of two articles contained in the May and June 1998 issues of the Equal Opportunities Review surveying how the courts have interpreted the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

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2142/C/2/1/15 TUC Tutor Briefing 1996
Material for TUC tutor briefing course 3 June 1996, including worksheets for the day, a letter to Avtar Jouhl about the accreditation process; TUC voluntary officers

programme submission document and handbook 1996

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2142/C/2/1/16 Miscellaneous training course material 1986-1996

Factpack folder produced by Trade Union Education Industry Partnership, containing variety of information:
Photocopies of fact sheet on legal rights of working people
Leaflets about Trade Union Education Industry Partnership, London Borough of Waltham Forest
Worksheets and course materials on health and safety at work
TUC Education schools and unions role play leaflets for younger children
Leaflet about NALGO and the activities of black workers in the union 1980s
Flyer for a TUC/EOR Discrimination Law Conference 10 December 1996
material relating to Asian workers TUC project
Copy of letter from Patrick Hughes, Regional Education Officer at TUC Education Service to Terry Hancox at Bilston Community College regarding supporting the Black Workers project , with a copy of a report by the Midland Education Advisory Committee summarising the aims, objectives, assessment of contact work, details of established contacts with groups, and of new contacts made, 1988

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MS 2142/C/2/2 Teaching and Coursework,1981-1996

This section contains teaching materials for trade union education courses taught at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre connected to Hall Green College, later South Birmingham College, together with a small amount of administrative material relating to the staffing and functioning of the Centre. The bulk of the papers, however, consist of drafts and final versions of assessed work, with supporting learning materials used by Avtar Jouhl whilst studying for a TUC Certificate in Education (FE) at Matthew Boulton College and the University of Warwick during the early 1990s.

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2142/C/2/2/1 Local Government Stage One Shop Stewards Course 1988

This file contains sample letters of complaint written by students to a hospital catering manager on draft rules issued by the catering department, various course review evaluation sheets for trade union studies courses, and student reports on their visit to the Trade Union Resource Centre in Birmingham

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2142/C/2/2/2 'Basic Trade Unionism' c. 1977
Folder containing course materials for a ten unit distance learning course on 'Basic Trade Unionism', probably published in 1976 or 1977 judging from the legislation quoted in the text. The course includes units on the history, development and structure of trade unions; the function of trade unions in the workplace and beyond; and industrial democracy. The folder bears a sticker with Paul Mackney's name and address and was possibly used by him in his role as trade union education tutor.
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2142/C/2/2/3 Digbeth Library material 1995-1996
This file contains material circulated to staff at South Birmingham College by the Digbeth Centre Library, including a staff copy of a list of additions made to the library, and 'Current Awareness Service' articles dated December 1995 and February 1996
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2142/C/2/2/4 Assignments for TUC Certificate in Education course 1994
Material relating to Avtar Jouhl's work and research for his core assignments for a Certificate in Education, with several photocopies and original drafts of written work, and a covering letter to 'Roy' regarding the completion of this work, and details of his availability for meetings
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2142/C/2/2/5 Assignments for TUC Certificate in Education Extension Module E1 1989-1991
This file contains material relating to the TUC Certificate in Education module E1: the application of information technology within the curriculum. It includes a summary of the module; further notes on the module; assignment guidelines; Wordperfect timetable and Word-Bird guides for Urdu, Hindi and other languages on computer keyboard; copy of 'Word-Bird PTS News January 1991; course materials for word-processing in different languages, Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre; copy letter from Anthony Wilson, Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust to Paul Mackney regarding a grant for software for ethnic minority word processing training project 1989; Course Handbook for Certificate in Education (FE), Matthew Boulton College of Further and Higher Education, University of Warwick; and an Assessment Handbook for Certificate in Education (FE),

University of Warwick; photocopy of handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl on course requirements for the Certificate in Education, University of Warwick, with details about discrimination in employment, implying that applicants were discriminated against

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2142/C/2/2/6 | <u>Teaching materials for TUV NVQ qualification</u>
Pages from flip charts relating to NVQ courses; photocopied materials relating to the accreditation of Handsworth College for assessing ABTA NTB/City and Guilds Travel Services NVQs 1992, including photocopies of Handsworth College's application; RSA Examinations Board 'Vocational Qualifications notes for guidance' draft August 1990; photocopy of part of document on government funding proposals for colleges - with reference to Hall Green and Digbeth campuses, 1994; photocopies of Trade Union Education worksheets on 'identifying changes' and 'strategies' 1990s; photocopies of part of document of a projected programme for Sept/Dec possibly relating to TUC Regional Councils, TU Education and training grants (these passages have been highlighted) | 1990s |
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2142/C/2/2/7 | <u>TUC Certificate in Education Bridge Module assignment</u>
Coursebook for Certificate in Education (FE) Matthew Boulton College of Further and Higher Education, University of Warwick, partially filled in by Avtar Jouhl, 1993; course materials for Certificate in Education bridge modules 1993; course materials for Stage 2 Teacher Training containing text on teaching methods | 1993 |
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2142/C/2/2/8 | <u>Hall Green College teaching and administration papers</u>
This file contains material relating to teaching and course administration at South Birmingham College, and includes completed staff appraisal forms 1995; guidance on the process of staff appraisal; proposal for a course leading to a Certificate in Community Studies in association with or validated by Ruskin College, Oxford, featuring a development paper prepared by Helen Miller, Paul Mackney and Theresa Daly, Hall Green College division of Adult & Trade Union Studies, and a letter from Paul Mackney to Richard Bryant at Ruskin College, discussing plans to meet 1989; copy of a booklet entitled 'Hall Green College - Division of Adult and Trade Union Studies, allocation of administrative duties A3 and Grade related | 1988-1995 |

time from Oct 1990'; Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre 'A Report on the visit to Kirklees Metropolitan Council's Translation Unit at Huddersfield' tutors - Derek Hitchins, Avtar Jouhl July 1988; list showing teaching activities and contact for staff on initial teaching training and other long term LEATGS-funded activities at Hall Green College; blank copies of course review forms at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre Hall Green College; leaflet in Punjabi about one year course in Trade Union Studies at Hall Green College from 19 January 1989

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2142/C/2/2/9 TUC Certificate in Education Module E7: Education in Europe 1990-1994

This file contains course materials and associated papers relating to Avtar Jouhl's work for a TUC Certificate in Education, and includes photocopies of his record of achievement reports by his tutors Roy Pinney and Pete Watton; photocopy of the course details and Assignment guidelines for Certificate in Education module E.7 - Education in Europe; Memo from Len Cresswell, South Birmingham College, to Avtar Jouhl regarding his application to attend a Cert. Ed. Course 1993.

The file also contains copies of 'Profile of a Trade Union' IG Chemie-Papier-Keramik; 'Co-determination in the Federal Republic of Germany' Works Constitution Act Supplementary Co-determination Act, Executives Committee Act 1990; 'Learning from Other Trade Unions: Policy Alternatives for Trade Union Education' Renee Roux, Education Policy Unit, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 1992

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2142/C/2/2/10 Teaching at Warwick University 1992-1993

Papers relating to Avtar Jouhl's time as a visiting Associate Fellow in the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at Warwick University in 1992-1993 comprising correspondence; handwritten notes; and two versions of Avtar Jouhl's curriculum vitae

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2142/C/2/2/11 Stress in the workplace 1993

This file contains papers that probably relate to an assignment undertaken by Avtar Jouhl as part of the requirements for his TUC Certificate in Education Bridge module. Material comprises course materials and research

for the assignment including:

Draft report 'Stress at the work place - relationship between incorporation and stress - analysis of results' by Avtar May 1993

Photocopy of Workplace Health Surveys - Workshop Reports on union workshop about work-related ill health

Typescript guidance for people attending interview

Photocopy of information about burnout, produced by Continuing Education program, graduate school of social work, Rutgers, University of New Jersey

Copy of stress questionnaire and Avtar's notes about stress; questions for Avtar's interview with people about stress for his Certificate Education bridge module assignment; photocopies from articles about stress, with details of symptoms

The file also contains 'The Starting Line - a proposal for a draft council directive concerning the elimination of racial discrimination' Feb 1993MSF, with covering letter sent to members of Race Equality Committee and Black and Ethnic Minority Women's Network

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MS 2142/C/2/2/12	<u>Miscellaneous coursework and teaching material</u> Typescript paper by Dean Bailey 'How successful are administrative tribunals in protecting the citizen against arbitrary rule?' - essay question with marks and comments by tutor 1981; Pages from flip charts relating to racial harassment in the workplace	1981-1990
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MS 2142/C/2/3 General papers, 1969-1999

This section contains correspondence; flyers; reports; minutes; press cuttings; course material; and some printed papers broadly relating to the work of the Trade Union Studies Centre in Birmingham. These papers contain evidence of the administration and development of the centre, and provide information about some of the campaigns that staff were involved with during the 1980s and 1990s, for example in tackling racism within the trade union education movement and in wider society, particularly in employment and education. Other papers in the section provide information about links between staff at the Trade Union Studies Centre and the Commonwealth Trade Union Council, which ran study visits for Indian trade unionists, many of whom visited the West Midlands and made trips to local factories and other places of work.

MS 2142/C/2/3/1	<p><u>File of General Papers on Trade Union education</u> 1983-1999</p> <p>Flyers and promotional material in English and Punjabi for a 'Discussion and Social Evening' organised by Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre 9 December 1987, featuring Indian musicians</p> <p>Flyer issued by Birmingham Campaign for the Birmingham Six, supported by Birmingham Trades Council c1988</p> <p>Information leaflet explaining the application process for people from Commonwealth countries to register as British citizens</p> <p>Incomplete typescript article on race relations within the British workforce and trade union policy on supporting black members</p> <p>Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Youth Training Scheme, Birmingham, expressing commitment to increase the percentage of young people from black and Asian communities on the schemes, 15 July 1989</p> <p>Press cutting on the victory of the TGWU in a test case reinforcing the right of shop stewards to attend union training courses, 'Coventry Evening Telegraph' 6 June 1986</p> <p>Obituary of Alan Fisher, general secretary of NUPE, 22 March 1988</p> <p>Press cuttings on the 1981 Immigration Bill</p> <p>Invitation for Avtar Jouhl to attend a reception at the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool 1996</p> <p>Invitation to the official opening of the Wolverhampton Trade Union Education and Information Service, 16 October 1986</p> <p>Copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Mick Rice, secretary of Birmingham Trades Union Council requesting clarification of the role of the Trade Union Resource Centre [TURC] and Youth Employment and Training Research Unit [YETRU] 31 March 1989</p> <p>Photocopy of Birmingham City Council policy on Equal Opportunities and Race Relations in relation to Further and Continuing Education</p> <p>Results of a TGWU survey of shop stewards and active lay members 1991</p> <p>Flyer for a TGWU and Women Women's Meeting held at the Aekta Project, Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, addressed by Margaret Prosser, the TGWU National Women's Organiser, 16 May 1989</p> <p>Programme for the 6th National Hazards Conference</p> <p>Copy of 'The Social Charter' agreed by the Socialist Group of the European Parliament to 'guarantee fundamental social rights for the citizens of Europe'</p> <p>Press cutting on racial harassment in schools in Cleveland, 19 May 1994</p> <p>Flyer for a ten week course at Newman and Westhill</p>
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College, Birmingham on 'Education and Industry: Developing the Partnership'
Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Secretary of Trade Union Education Department re Education Methods Course that took place at the NEC Dec 1989 , particularly the use of videos as educational tools, and the use of visiting speakers
Correspondence between TUC and NATFHE officials on the need for improving ethnic monitoring of participants in trade union education courses, September-October 1993
Letter from TUC Education Department to NATFHE Equal Opportunities official on the involvement of trade union studies tutors in international work, 23 November 1993
Correspondence TGWU officers on European Health and Safety, January 1995
Report details regarding the proposed amalgamation of Holyhead School and Handsworth New Road School - administrative/educational problems resulting from amalgamation c.1983
Letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Personnel Manager, National Union of Civil and Public Servants [NUCPS] discussing standards for voluntary trade union workplace representatives, 22 July 1994
Letter to Avtar Jouhl from 'Anna T', working on a 'labour history' of Birmingham, with Ian Grosvenor and others, enclosing first draft of her piece on black struggle in Birmingham and asking for comments, 1988
Flyer issued by Coventry Socialist Alliance protesting against actions by the Coventry Race Equality Council in making Jean Prescod, the only African Caribbean worker at the centre, redundant
Correspondence relating to Avtar Jouhl's involvement in 'Marxism 95'
Fax to Avtar Jouhl from the 'Workers of Colour Support Network' based in Winnipeg, Canada making arrangements for him to attend a conference entitled 'Unions and Communities Working Together to Fight Racism' February 1993
Letter from an activist in Bhopal discussing the ongoing campaign to gain compensation for the victims of the gas disaster at the Union Carbide plant there in 1984, 27 September 1993
Report on the work of the TUC Education Service and the pattern of provision of training for shop stewards
Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Bill Morris, General Secretary of the TGWU, discussing the need to improve black workers representation, 21 September 1994
Flyer for a TGWU shop stewards and members meeting in Birmingham, addressed by Bill Morris
Papers relating to Birmingham Partnership Against Racial

Harassment, including minutes of Steering Committee meetings 16 February and 22 March 1999
Flyer issued by the United Campaign for the Repeal of the Anti-Trade Union Laws giving details about the 1999 May Day demonstration in London
Correspondence relating to projects run at Hall Green College, including an Asian workers project and a pre-access project, 1988
Programme for a 'No More Bhopals' conference held at Wolverhampton Trade Union Education Centre, 3 June 1989
Letter from the Barrow Cadbury Fund to the Principal of Bilston Community College regarding the payment of grant instalments enabling the college to run courses for Ethnic Minority Trades Unionists, 8 January 1988
Job description and request for a reference for a candidate for the post of lecturer in trade union studies at Bilston Community College, March 1987
Notes in Punjabi for teachers on trade union movements and steps that can be taken to increase the role of trade unions in the workplace, undated

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File of General Papers on Trade Union education

1956 - 1990s

A4 Lever arch file containing a mixture of papers, some relating to the Certificate in Education (FE) course taken by Avtar Jouhl at Matthew Boulton College/University of Warwick during the early 1990s, including course materials and research for assignments. The rest of the papers relate to changes in legislation governing trade union education, and the introduction of National Vocational Qualifications. Most of these papers were produced by the TUC Education Department, but there are also some papers produced by NATFHE.

Papers are listed in the order they have been filed, and consist of:

Report on 'The implementation of Equal Opportunities Policies and Code of Practice in FE Colleges' written by Avtar Jouhl as part of his Initial Teacher Training qualification, 1991

Handwritten assignment by Kimvara Cottrell as part of the requirements for the Race and Gender module of the Certificate in Education, entitled 'The Effects of These Issues on Post 16 Education' May 1994

Notes on an open interview carried out by Avtar Jouhl with Ka-Ibeiz Schadel, IG Chemie, Germany, at the Irish Welfare Centre, Digbeth, Birmingham on the trade union

education and training programme in Germany, 5 February 1994

Correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and TU Education officers, Matthew Boulton College concerning assignments for his Certificate in Education qualification, 1994

Details about course structure and assessment for Certificate in Education (FE) at University of Warwick

Avtar Jouhl's record of achievement 1993

Appendices from Avtar Jouhl's 'Stress at Work' assignment May 1993

Letters to colleagues at Hall Green College asking them to provide information for assignment on stress

Report by John Whitefoot October 1990 'Adult Education Research and Organisation. State Policy, Industrial Relations Reform and Steward Training'

Transcript of interview with Liz Sullivan, TUC Education Department, 1994

Guidance materials prepared by South Birmingham College to help assessors of NVQ candidates

List of vocational qualifications in addition to National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) and General National Vocational Qualifications approved by the Secretary of State 1994-1995 and further notes on vocational qualifications

Questionnaires on the evaluation of competence based approaches on the training of trade unionists

Photocopy of chapter 3 of unidentified publication on 'Funding Learning', entitled 'The Nature of Provision'

Photocopy of article entitled 'Trade union education: Will state funding lead to state control' by Chris Gravell

Teacher training course materials

NATFHE response to developments in further education, particularly the introduction of NVQs, and the issue of accreditation for TUC courses

Trade Union Education discussion paper, circulated following a TUSS meeting in Birmingham in February 1993, concerning funding for TUC Education and TUC courses

Report on Maintaining Quality in the TUC Education Service, distributed by the TUC to all tutors teaching on TUC courses, July 1990

Notes on the Trade Union Education and Training [TUET] Grant from the Department of Employment, 1992

Programme for a TUSS course entitled 'Meeting the Challenges of the Changes in FE' with a report on Trade Union Education, 1992

TUC briefing by the Trade Union Education Committee on 'The TUC Education Service and the Further and Higher Education Act' April 1992

TUC briefing by the Trade Union Education Committee on

the 'General Council's Priority Task on Training for Union Officers' March 1993
TUC information note on the TUC Education Service and Public Funds, giving details about the reduction of the TUET grant
NATFHE memorandum on trade union standards and qualifications
MSF correspondence on Avtar Jouhl's research evaluating competence based approaches on the training of trade unionists, for his Certificate in Education, January 1994
Letter from Liz Sullivan, Trade Union Education Department, to Keith Cockcroft, Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, inviting him to become a member of the Voluntary Officers' Standards Development Group and giving details about the programme for this project, February 1994
Assessment criteria for core assignments for the Certificate in Education (FE)
TUC Education Service General Council report on 'Training and Development for Trade Union Officers', February 1992
Report on 'The Flexible College', and flexible access to learning
Photocopy of an article by Paula Allman entitled 'The Nature and Process of Adult Development'
Assessment guidance produced by Matthew Boulton College for the Certificate in Education
Correspondence from Matthew Boulton College to students on the Certificate in Education course, asking them to keep a diary of their learning experiences, November 1993
Course details for the Certificate in Education qualification
Completed questionnaire given out to members of the Certificate in Education group to evaluate the 'Reflective Practitioner' model
Article entitled 'TUC Education Service and Current Debate Around Centralisation', written by Avtar Jouhl, National Executive Committee member of NATFHE
'The Curriculum Issue, Critical Analysis. 'Evaluation of the development of competence based approaches in the training and education of Trade Union Voluntary Officers, i.e Shop Stewards/Representatives, written by Avtar Jouhl, April 1994, as part of the assessed work for a Certificate in Education
NATFHE-TUSS statement on Trade Union Education: Delivering the Regional Programme', 6 July 1994
Report on the trade union education service and the introduction of National Vocational Qualifications
Handwritten essay by Kampta Karran, graduate student of University of Warwick entitled 'The Yajna and the Oral

Tradition'

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Commonwealth Trade Union Council study visits

1988-1992

The majority of papers in this file concern study visits arranged by the Commonwealth Trade Union Council [CTUC], but there is also material relating to other CTUC initiatives and correspondence relating to a job application made by Avtar Jouhl for a post with the European Trade Union College, as well as a small amount of unrelated material.

Letters of thanks from the TUC Education Service to the Indian Workers Association following a successful visit by Indian trade unionists in June 1988

A group of Indian trade union educators and organisers visited Britain in the autumn of 1990, and some members of this group visited the Midlands. Papers relating to this visit include a TUC Education Service letter to Paul Mackney and Theresa Daly at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre asking whether Avtar Jouhl would be able to organise this, enclosing copy of memorandum from CTUC about arrangements for this visit; photocopy of a handwritten programme drawn up by Avtar Jouhl; copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to the Managing Director of Darcast with request for study visit to the factory as part of the visit; list of the names of those on the study visit; details of expenses claims for travel and meal costs during the visit; letter to Avtar Jouhl from TU Congress Education Service, TUC Education Officer in the West Midlands thanking him for his support on the study visit.

The TUC Education Service Midland Region put together an application for funding for a visit to India by trade union educators in 1991-1992. Papers relating to this project include an application document for partial funding to the CTUC; Correspondence relating to the proposals, including letters from CTUC officials and letters from TUC Education in the Midlands to Birmingham Trades Union Centre

The file also contains a copy of the CTUC leaflet 'Working for Women', about CTUC education programmes for women trade unionists in different areas of the world; Handwritten notes on CTUC proposals and activities; photocopy of pages from 'Trade Unions of the World' focusing on India; photocopies of press cuttings concerning developments in Commonwealth countries

(South Africa, Zambia, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Nigeria, Bangladesh) with a covering letter from Patrick Quinn, director of CTUC to Avtar Jouhl at the Trade Union Studies Centre 1991; Photocopy of 'State Benefits at work: review and appeals' 1990; Photocopy of 'State Benefits at Work' workbook 1990;

Correspondence relating to Avtar Jouhl's application for a post at the European Trade Union College in Brussels consists of letter to all trade union studies tutors working with the TUC Education service, and all Trade Union Education officers, inviting applications for the post of European Trade Union College Coordinator, with a copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Secretary of Trade Union Education Department about the post, 1989

Programme for '1992 and Non-EEC Migrant Labour Seminar'. Avtar Jouhl was one of the speakers

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Anti-Racism training and campaigns

1969-1998

This file contains a fairly disparate papers created by trade unions or by anti-racist organisations united by their thematic focus on campaigns, policy and legislation to tackle racism within the trade union movement, in the workplace, in education, and in society in general. Most of the papers date from the 1980s, but there is a small amount of material produced in the 1960s, 1970s and 1990s. Papers consist of:

Photocopy of article 'Tackling Racism in Trade Union Education' Paul Mackney, Avtar Jouhl and Theresa Daly' Trade Union Studies Journal summer 1989, together with an earlier draft of this article, entitled 'A Comprehensive Approach to Tackling Racism in TUC Education'

Booklet issued by Home Office Sex Discrimination: a guide to the sex discrimination act 1975' (with marker for pages on discrimination in education)

Paper by Avtar 'Certificate in Education E3 and E4: Race and Gender Education: Working for Equality. Black Women shop stewards: education/training and class room issues: equality in learning May 1994

Copy of newsletter in English and Spanish on 'new immigration law: 'humane gesture' or vicious attack - immigration law fact sheet issued in US

Copies of newspaper article by Raghieb Ahsan, Rover shop steward, about racism at the factory Sept 1978

Photocopies of statistics from published material on population change in cities, labour force change, employment, ethnic minorities from Newnham booklet - see below

Report on 'patterns of employment among black and white people in Britain' by Colin Brown of Policy Studies Institute 1984

Booklet on 'Employment, unemployment and black people' by Anne Newnham, Runnymede Research Report, 1986, stamped with Equal Opportunities Unit, Huddersfield

Photocopies of printed material relating to race equality issues in Haringey, including partial copy of 'Black Britain'

TU Congress Education Service report 'Proposal for a Regional Project to provide courses of especial relevance to ethnic minority trade unionists throughout the West Midlands - Regional TUC Educational Advisory Committee Ethnic Minority Organisations, Bilston Community College Letter confirming place on pensions tutor briefing at TUC National Education Centre, with directions for reaching the centre

Booklet published by Socialist Group, European Parliament 'Against Racism and Fascism in Europe' 1986

Newspaper article about racial harassment suffered by an Asian family and the setting up of Newham Monitoring Project 1988

Copy of TGWU Education booklet 'The TGWU and Race Relations at Work' 1985

Copy of Newham Monitoring Project Annual Report 1987

Copy of Youth Training Scheme Equal Opportunities Code c.1986

Copy of Employment Report, published by Commission for Racial Equality, vol viii, no 2 August 1987

Correspondence relating to a conference entitled 'Race Relations and The Supervisor' run by the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, together with conference programme November 1979

National Assembly Against Racism Annual Report April 1996-October 1997

National Assembly Against Racism newsletter Summer 1997

National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns newsletter January/February/March 1998

Handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl 6 January 1997 from Radio 4 Today programme about racially motivated attitudes in mainstream culture - evidence from radio reporting

Draft statement issued by European Action for Racial Equality and Social Justice setting out strategies to tackle bigotry, racism, Nazism and Fascism in Europe

Flyer produced by the Labour Party as part of the 'Week Against Racism' comprising a statement by British Labour Members of the European Parliament

TGWU correspondence relating to the union's policy on Equal Opportunities, 1987 and 1992

Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Paola Rubughini, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations asking for help in her research project about youth associations fighting against racism and social inequalities in the UK, France and Italy, 27 October 1998

Copies of 'Unity', The TUC Daily from Communist Trade Unionists, 8 September 1992 and 9 September 1994. The 1992 copy includes an article about racism within trade unions by Avtar Jouhl

Press cutting from 'New Worker' 10 February 1995 reporting on the National Assembly Against Racism

Notes on racial harassment in the workplace

Article in 'Socialist Review' by Avtar Jouhl, entitled 'Racism: an issue for us all', March 1994

Statement by Avtar Jouhl on 'Black Members and Trade Unions' August 1992

Statement of support by Avtar Jouhl, NATFHE, for motion on the representation of black members at all levels in trade unions and the TUC, 1994

Text of talk given by Avtar Jouhl to NATFHE General Education Section Conference June 1992 in Birmingham on the issue of equal opportunities in education, with particular reference to the campaigning activities of the Indian Workers Association in this area

Notes on far-right political groups in Britain in the late 1980s

Runnymede Industrial Unit Briefing paper no.2, 'Language Testing and Indirect Discrimination: Lessons of the British Steel Case',

World Development Movement publication 'New Deal for the Poorest'

Article from 'The Guardian' on 'the smearing of Martin Luther King', November 1988

Programme for conference entitled 'Tackling Racism in the Trade Unions' organised by Sheffield Council for Racial Equality 12 November 1988, with covering letter to Avtar Jouhl

Minutes of informal discussion held to discuss Race Relations, St James's House, Frederick Road 21 February 1969, on the policy for the 'employment of coloured labour'

Article printed in 'The Industrial Pioneer' October 1981 on racist attitudes displayed at a black workers conference held in Birmingham, including quotes from Avtar Jouhl

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BIFU Education

1996

Material relating to BIFU [Banking, Insurance and Finance Union] Education:

Copies of course materials for Nat-West Institutional Committee 'Tacking Racism' seminar at Chamberlain Hotel Birmingham June 1996, together with case studies, copies of Nat West Equal Opportunities policy, articles about campaign launched by Business in the Community to boost economic participation of Britain's ethnic minority population

Copies of BIFU poster entitled 'The things you say or do can offend', promoting equality in the workplace

Photocopy of Campaign Against the Asylum and Immigration Bill Briefing Paper on the Asylum and Immigration Bill and associated measures, with appeal for donations or affiliation fees 1990s

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Division of Adult and Trade Union Studies minutes and associated papers

1987-1992

This file contains minutes and associated administrative material relating to work at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Minutes of Division of Adult and Trade Union Studies meetings

5 July 1988; 16 September 1988; 22 September 1988; 13 December 1988; 10 November 1989; December 1989; 13 June 1990; 26 September 1990; January 1992

Agenda for Division of Adult and Trade Union Studies meeting 12 January 1989

Minutes of Tutors meeting held March 1988; 14 April 1988; 14 September 1988

Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, steering committee meeting November 1990, Head of Centre's Report

Information about steering committee meeting November 1990 - invitation to Avtar Jouhl to attend

Copy of Divisional Review discussing staff issues, course issues, administrative issues

List of administrative tasks done in the Division

Information about staffing and responsibilities of all staff in the Division - specific responsibilities, details of pay and hours done, qualifications

Copy of Safety Inspection at Floodgate Street Annexe, Hall Green College November 1987

Copy of report by TUC Midland Education Advisory Committee regarding the desirability and feasibility of seeking recognised credits for TUC approved courses - item for agenda of an unidentified meeting

Copy of Divisional Review summary

Longer copy of Divisional Review

Draft Secretary's report for NATFHE branch AGM and meeting at Hall Green

Copy of circular letter from NASUWT and NATFHE re the representation of Teacher Unions within Birmingham, expressing concerns at the proposals - involving abolition of consultative structure and massive reduction of time off facilities

Emergency Motion for West Midlands CATC February 1990 on these proposals

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TUC Unite Against Racism campaign

1991-1995

This file largely contains papers relating to the TUC Unite Against Racism campaign which was supported by the Indian Workers Association, amongst other groups, but also includes some material relating to TUC Black Workers Conferences and papers broadly concerning other trade union education issues.

Various flyers in different Indian languages issued by TUC and TUC North West Regional Council in Liverpool

Papers relating to TUC Unite Against Racism demonstration in Manchester October 1995, includes flyers and leaflets issued by both TUC and the Indian Workers Association, programme, factsheet on racism, correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and TUC about his speaking at the rally

Papers relating to TUC Unite Against Racism demonstration at London Fields March 1994 including correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and TUC about his speaking at the rally, programme, Indian Workers Association flyers and leaflets to members to support the rally, with details of transport arrangements

Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Northern TUC Race Relations Advisory Group thanking him for addressing 'Tackling Racism at work - the role of Trade Unions' conference at Gateshead October 1993, with programme for the event

Newspaper article from 'The Weekly Journal' about the voting down of a motion forwarded by NATFHE to increase number of black members in the leadership September 1993

Photocopies of flyer issued by the Labour Party Black Section regarding reserved places for black members on the TUC general council at Congress 1994, with attached letter to Avtar Jouhl

Copies of letter to Avtar Jouhl from John Monks thanking him for chairing Black Workers Conference 1995 and discussing matters to be dealt with by Race Relations Committee

Letter to Avtar Jouhl at the Indian Workers Association from Secretary of Trade Union Education Department concerning the situation between TUC and Regional Education Officers 1991

Flyer for Black Workers Regional Conference May 1995 at Gateshead Civic Centre

Letter from Avtar Jouhl, Indian Workers Association, to Nigel Barnicle, Secretary of Birmingham Liaison Committee, NATFHE regarding a resolution passed at an Indian Workers Association Birmingham branch martyrs rally about proposed cuts in Birmingham colleges 1992

Copy of private and confidential memo from Avtar Jouhl to Bernedette Hillon regarding NATFHE work for TUC demo

Job description for service assistant in South Warwickshire Health Authority Mental Health Unit 1992, with declaration of terms of employment filled in by individual

Letter to Avtar Jouhl from Manuel Vinas, First Secretary and Consul, Political and Consular Office, Cuban Embassy, London thanking him for his support during his time in London, and introducing the new consul 1995

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Trade Union Studies Centre administrative papers
Minutes of Tutors meeting held 3 March 1988

1987-1989

Copy of Divisional Review, covering staff issues, course issues, administrative issues and other matters

List of administrative tasks done in the Division of Adult and Trade Union Studies

Information about staffing and responsibilities of all staff in the Division - specific responsibilities, details of pay and

hours done, qualifications (includes Avtar Jouhl and Paul Mackney)

Copy of Safety Inspection at Floodgate Street Annexe, Hall Green College November 1987

Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre updating July 1989, focusing on staffing, course developments, building improvements to the site at Floodgate Street, money and policy, and the Steering Committee

Continuing Education Telephone Directory

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MS 2142/C/2/3/9 Press cuttings 1982-1987

File largely consisting of newspaper cuttings on the general theme of employment, including articles on racial and sexual discrimination at work, strikes as Talbot works at Poissy, France 1984, campaign against Indian dowry system, Sikh leaders in Sandwell hit back at claims that extremists using their temples to spread ideas, effects of 1982 Employment Act and Tebbit's ballot plans for closed shop, Equal Pay act and Jo Richardson's private members Sex Equality Bill 1983, assassination of Maurice Bishop, prime minister of Grenada 1983, arguments for minimum wage, low pay in West Midlands, work of NCCL

The file also contains photocopies of pages from Labour Research October 1986 on performance related pay; and photocopies of Incomes Data Services Ltd study on PRP & Profit Sharing November 1987

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MS 2142/C/2/3/10 Trade Union representatives mailing list 1980s

List of contact details for representatives of a number of different trade unions, listed in alphabetical order by trade union

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MS 2142/C/3 Other Trade Union activities, 1980-1999

This section contains organisational papers of trade union committees and other trade union-linked bodies such as the West Midlands Health and Safety Advice Centre; the West Midlands Low Pay Unit; the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit; and the West Midlands Ethnic Monitoring Project. It includes minutes and associated papers of the TUC Race Relations Committee and the TUC Black Workers Conference, and papers of the National Association for Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE], as well as some UNISON publications and a small

amount of Birmingham Trades Union Council records. Most papers date from the late 1980s and 1990s, with the exception of the West Midlands Low Pay Unit and Industrial Co-ordinating Unit papers which date from the early 1980s. Avtar Jouhl was involved with most of these organisations either in an advisory capacity, or as a member of trade union committees for the Transport and General Workers Union or NATFHE.

Many of the groups whose papers are described in this section were concerned about the Single European Act 1992 and its implications for black and Asian workers both within the new European Union and outside it, and the section contains conference papers and other material setting out the trade union movement's response to the new legislation.

MS 2142/C/3/1 1992 and trade unions, 1989-1991

This section largely consists of papers relating to conferences held by trade union groups including the European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC] and NATFHE to discuss the implications of the single European Act on black and Asian communities, primarily in Britain, but also in other European Union countries and areas outside Europe. The chief concerns of those organising the conferences centred on issues of migration, on the rise of racism and xenophobia in Europe, and on the need for legislation for equal opportunities and against racial discrimination, particularly in the workplace, and the conference papers reflect this. The section also includes some printed material, including information sheets produced by Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit.

MS Race Equality and Education post-1992 1991

2142/C/3/1/1 Papers relating to a conference held at Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre 2 March 1991, sponsored by Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit, National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre, Indian Workers Association, Kashmiri Workers Association and Bangladeshi Workers Association.

These consist of typescript and printed copies of the conference report which includes summaries of speeches; workshop conclusions and recommendations; and appendices including addresses by Steve Batchelor, Bill Morris and Christine Oddy MEP, as well as a paper by Jagwant Singh Johal entitled 'The Single European Act (SEA) and its Implications for Black and Minority Ethnic Communities'. The file also contains a typescript copy of this paper

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MS ETUC conference 1993

2142/C/3/1/2 Papers relating to a European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC] conference held in Brussels 3-4 December 1993 on trade union strategies to combat racism and xenophobia. These consist of:

/1 draft conference programme annotated by Avtar Jouhl

/2 list of conference delegates with details of the organisation they represented, in French

/3 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl including details of a discussion on 'Fortress Europe' and information about other delegates from other countries in European Union

/4 typescript on action taken by Belgian trade unions CSC and FGTB to fight racism and xenophobia, presented at the conference

/5 typescript statement by the French trade union CFDT on racism and xenophobia in the workplace

/6 conference paper given by Albert Martens, entitled 'migratory movements: the position, the outlook - charting a theory and practice for trade unions'

/7 typescript issued by Secretariat Europeen, 'La Ligne de Depart: proposition d'un projet de directive du conseil relative a l'elimination des discriminations raciales' April 1993, probably presented at the conference

/8 draft copy of presentation on black workers in Britain given by Samidha Garg at the conference, with a compliments slip to Avtar Jouhl

/9 typescript statement on Trade Union strategies for combating racism and xenophobia within FNV and CNV by Muriel Dalgiesch, adviser, ethnic minorities secretariat

/10 DGB German Trade Union Confederation National Executive Committee details of case study presentation on combating racism at work

/11 'Legal Instruments to Combat Racism and Xenophobia', published by the Commission of the European Communities, December 1992

/12 'UGT E Immigration: un programa sindical' published by the Secretaria Confederal de Accion Social area de mirgraciones, June 1993, loose and bound copies

/13 statement on company labour agreements of the Foodstuffs sector, possibly unrelated to the conference proceedings

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2142/C/3/1/3 Printed and typescript material relating to the European Union 1989-1991

This file largely consists of pamphlets and briefings issued by the Commission of the European Communities on 1992 and the single European Market, including a booklet on the European Parliament and a pamphlet on the importance of working to end racism and xenophobia in the workplace. Briefings are in a series entitled 'The Week in Europe' and cover events during June and July 1989. The file also contains a newspaper article printed in 'The Guardian' 20 June 1989 which gives details of the results of the European elections that year, and a typescript paper prepared for the UK Migrants' Caucus of the Migrants' Forum of the European Community in Brussels highlighting some of the issues being debated in the run-up to the formation of the Single European Market which will affect migrant communities and their friends and relatives within and outside the European Community

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2142/C/3/1/4 1992 and Race Equality fact pack December 1991

Produced by Birmingham City Council Race Relations Unit providing information on the effects that the single European Market will have on black and minority ethnic communities, consisting of fact sheets on different elements of the legislation, issues relating to freedom of movement and migration, and the rise of racism and xenophobia in the European Community

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MS 2142/C/3/2 TUC Race Relations committee and Black Workers conference, 1984-1997

The Trades Union Congress Race Relations Committee was established in 198 and represented black and Asian trade union members who attended the TUC Black Workers' Conference, held annually to debate the key issues impacting black employees in the workplace. It was attended by delegations sent by trade unions affiliated to the TUC. Avtar Jouhl was a member of the TUC Race Relations Committee and represented NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers Union.

This section contains minutes of the TUC Race Relations Committee, together with copies of reports and briefing papers distributed at meetings for the Committee to comment on. It also contains papers relating to the annual TUC Black Workers Conference including motions and amendments, and various conference papers and publications. It also contains a small file of minutes of meetings of the TUC West Midlands Regional Council Race Relations Advisory Group, held during the late 1980s

MS 2142/C/3/2/1	<u>Race Relations committee minutes and associated papers</u> 1984-1997 Minutes 1 March 1993 Agenda for meeting 7 May 1993 Agenda for meeting 28 June 1993 Report of the 1993 Black Workers Conference and Conference Resolutions circulated at meeting 28 June 1993 Race Relations Committee reports on ETUC Working Group on Immigration and Racism, and on Racism and Xenophobia, circulated at meeting 28 June 1993 Report outlining the results of the consultation exercise on the role of the TUC Women's and Race Relations Committee, 1994 Correspondence between the secretary of the Race Relations Committee and M. Dhamrait, Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, concerning the omission of a point made from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee 20 February 1995 Report by the Race Relations Committee on Racism and Immigration issues in the European Union, circulated at a Committee meeting 26 June 1995. Handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl on the TUC Unite Against Racism campaign are on the reverse of this report Final agenda for the 1996 TUC Black Workers' Conference, circulated at a Committee meeting 27 March 1996 Document on the Asylum and Immigration Bill, circulated at a Committee meeting 27 March 1996 Minutes of meeting 26 April 1996 Correspondence between John Monks, TUC General Secretary and Anne Widdecombe, Home Office Minister, concerning the deportation of a Nigerian father and son after being refused political asylum, May-June 1996 Agenda for meeting 24 June 1996 Report on the ETUC Campaign against Racism, distributed at Committee meeting 24 June 1996 List of media coverage of the 1996 TUC Black Workers Conference, distributed at Committee meeting 24 June 1996 1996 TUC Black Workers Conference report and resolutions, distributed at Committee meeting 24 June 1996 Update on organisation of the TUC Unite Against Racism 'Respect' festival, together with press and information pack and other promotional material, distributed at Committee meeting 24 June 1996 Report on the ETUC Campaign against Racism and Xenophobia, distributed at Committee meeting 18 November 1996 Document on Harassment Counsellors produced in
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connection with a seminar to define their role and remit following a motion and amendment carried at the TUC Black Workers' Conference 1996, distributed to the Race Relations Committee meeting 18 November 1996 and to the TUC Women's Committee

Report on the Asylum and Immigration Act Section Eight, distributed at Committee meeting 10 February 1997

Proposal on Mobilising Local and Community Based Resources, distributed at Committee meeting 18 April 1997

The file also contains minutes of the North West Black Workers Conference Standing Committee 20 November 1984, and possibly unrelated papers, consisting of a 'Black and Ethnic Minorities and Trade Unions' activity pack, produced by the Birmingham Trade Union Education Centre at South Birmingham College; and copy of the resolution of the Council of the European Union on the European Year against Racism (1997), as well as a programme for a visit of members of the TUC Race Relations Committee to Brussels, hosted by Christine Oddy, MEP for Coventry and North Warwickshire, 27 June 1995

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TUC Black Workers conference

1993-1997

Background paper on Black Workers and Trade Union Organisation for discussion at the 1992 Black Workers Conference

Papers relating to the 1993 conference held 7-9 May at Congress House, London, including minutes of a TUC Race Relations Committee meeting discussing the conference agenda; amendments to motions; information for delegates; list of conference delegates and nominations for regional officers; order of business; composition of delegations; copy of an emergency motion on racial violence in France; constitution and standing orders; final agenda consisting of motions and composite motions; TUC press releases on conference motions; youth conference resolutions; letter to Avtar Jouhl thanking him for assisting at the Black Workers Conference

Copy of Avtar Jouhl's speech as Chair of the 1995 Black Workers' Conference, with copy of Chair's script

Agenda for the 1996 TUC Black Workers Conference

Papers relating to the 1997 conference held 18-20 April in

Scarborough, including letter from TUC Head of Equal Rights Department to John Akker, General Secretary of NATFHE regarding amendments to motion 25: 'Black Exclusions', submitted by the NUT; information about conference sessions; nominations for the TUC Race Relations Committee 1997-1998; emergency motions; TUC Economic and Social Affairs Department labour market report entitled 'Black and Excluded' for discussion at the 1997 conference

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2142/C/3/2/3 | <u>TUC publications on black workers</u>
Research report entitled 'Involvement of Black Workers in Trade Unions' December 1991
Report prepared by the TUC's Economic and Social Affairs Department in advance of the 'Unite Against Racism' demonstration in Manchester 28 October 1995 entitled 'Black and Betrayed: A TUC Report on black workers' experiences of unemployment and low pay in 1994-1995'
Report prepared by the TUC's Economic and Social Affairs Department for the 1996 TUC Black Workers Conference entitled 'The Wages of Discrimination: Black Workers and Low Pay in 1995' | 1991-1996 |
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| MS
2142/C/3/2/4 | <u>TUC West Midlands Regional Council Race Relations Advisory Group</u>
Minutes 6 March 1986
Agenda for meeting 14 May 1986
Minutes for meeting 13 April 1987 with agenda for meeting 17 June 1987
Minutes 4 May 1988
TUC Equal Rights information for events held in 1989 | 1986-1989 |
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| MS
2142/C/3/3 | <u>Trade Union Black Members papers</u>
Draft programme and worksheets for a Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] Black Members' Weekend, held to encourage black and Asian members to play a more active role in the union. The drafts have been annotated by Avtar Jouhl and others

Report on a NATFHE National Meeting of Black Members, held 23 October 1993 in Birmingham

Report entitled 'Investigation into Britain's Anti-Racist Training Strategies', by Andrea Mohoric, March 1992. The | 1990-1993 |

report explores the provision of Equal Opportunity and Race Equality training courses by British trade unions

Copy of Labour Party Black Sections newsletter 1990

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MS
2142/C/3/4

Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC] papers

1987-1997

Papers relating to the work of the West Midlands Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC]. Avtar Jouhl was a member of the management committee of this centre until he was forced to give up the post through ill health in around 1996, and had previously been involved in collaborative work between the centre and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre on health and welfare issues concerning Asian workers.

HASAC provided information and advice on workplace health and safety issues, aimed at helping people to know their rights, how to protect themselves at work, and how to prevent ill health and injuries arising from work. It was supported by Birmingham Trades Union Council and funded by local authorities in the West Midlands via a Collective Funding Scheme. It employed advice workers, Asian language workers and an administrator, and was also staffed by a team of volunteers.

Papers consist of:

Letter of support for the re-employment of an Asian Languages Project worker at HASAC, written by Avtar Jouhl, General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association, 14 April 1987

Correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and HASAC members on the subject of the job description for the post of Health and Safety advice worker at the Centre which Jouhl felt did not fulfil Equal Opportunities criteria, March-April 1989

HASAC press release on the visit to the Midlands of survivors of the Bhopal disaster, together with a programme of events and information about a HASAC conference at Wolverhampton Trade Union Education Centre for trade union, Labour Movement and Community Campaign activists to draw attention to the failure of Union Carbide to adequately compensate victims, 3 June 1989

HASAC press releases and associated information about activities for National Hazards Week, focusing on industrial

death and diseases, including a campaign to highlight the incidence of accidents and death at schools, June 1991

HASAC press releases and briefings to mark the media launch of the HASAC publication 'The Perfect Crime? How Companies can get away with manslaughter' March 1994

HASAC 1996 Annual Report

Letter from Roy Benjamin, Chair of Birmingham City Council Equalities Committee, to Theresa Stewart, Leader of Birmingham City Council, regarding the withdrawal of funding from West Midlands HASAC, 12 November 1996

Papers relating to the HASAC 1997 Annual General Meeting, including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 1997; and a HASAC Members Report Annual General Meeting special issue

Letter to Avtar Jouhl from John Whitefoot, HASAC advice worker, with statistics about accidents and injuries at work, and work related ill-health/disease in connection with Workers Memorial Day, April 1997

Birmingham Health and Safety Helpline 1997-1998 business plan compiled by HASAC staff, including a covering letter to Avtar Jouhl from John Whitefoot referring to recent funding difficulties experienced by the Centre and the loss of staff, the support of Indian Workers Association and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre and to Jouhl's former role as manager of HASAC, enquiring whether he might be able to take up membership of the management committee for a period of six months, April 1997

Report by Birmingham City Council Economic Development Committee on the feasibility of a Birmingham Health and Safety Helpline, 28 May 1997

Papers relating to partnership work between HASAC and the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre to provide hearing tests for Asian workers, including photocopies of 'Health Hazards and Homework' published in Punjabi by HASAC, the Indian Workers Association and Saltley Homeworkers Campaign; articles in 'Health and Safety at Work' magazine on occupational deafness, reports on hearing tests carried out on an individual, and a leaflet in Punjabi advertising hearing tests at HASAC, 1997

The file also contains papers relating to two separate

industrial tribunals taken out in 1997 by former employees at HASAC. These papers contain sensitive information about individuals, and have been closed until 2078 under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. They are not available for research.

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West Midlands Low Pay Unit

1980-1985

The Low Pay Unit was an independent campaign and research organisation established in 1974. It aimed to bring the issue of low pay to the attention of policy makers, trade unionists, politicians, advice and community organisations, and the general public. It supported the introduction of a minimum wage. The West Midlands Low Pay Unit was set up in August 1983 by West Midlands County Council and the Low Pay Unit in response to the economic decline experienced in the West Midlands. It aimed to investigate the causes, extent and effects of low pay within the region and to publicise its findings, focusing particular attention on groups suffering disadvantage and discrimination. The Unit carried out advisory and campaigning work in addition to its research. Low Pay Units provide advice and research on issues concerned with employment. They are independent membership organisations, which seeks to promote improvements in pay and condition of employment.

The Low Pay Unit was replaced by the Low Pay Commission as a result of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 to advise the Government about the National Minimum Wage.

Source: West Midlands Low Pay Unit Campaign Report 1985; <http://www.lowpay.gov.uk/lowpay/index.shtml>
Accessed December 2006

This file largely comprises printed material generated by the Low Pay Unit, consisting of:

Low Pay Review numbers 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 1980-1983
Low Pay Report numbers 8, 11, 12 1981-1983
Low Pay Unit Discussion Series 1 'The Roots of Pay Inequalities'

Low Pay Unit handbooks:

For Workers covered by wages council, Part 1: Making the Wages Councils work for you
Part 2: Your Legal Minimum Entitlements

Blank copies of Low Pay Unit confidential questionnaire, part of West Midlands Low Pay Campaign

West Midlands Low Pay Unit Campaign Report 1985

Low Pay Unit leaflet explaining rights on statutory sick pay

Printed material not produced by the Low Pay Unit consists of:

Fabian tract 488: Low Pay: Labour's Response

Studies for Trade Unionists vol. 6, no.22, Legal Minimum Wages 1980

The file also contains a letter to Avtar Jouhl from Steve Winyard, Low Pay Unit, with an agenda for the next consultative committee meeting, and minutes of meetings of the committee, held 6 October and 14 October 1983. It is likely that Avtar Jouhl was a member of the consultative committee. There are also photocopies of newspaper articles about earnings in the West Midlands, the Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock's backing for a minimum wage, 1983, and a report on the opening of a West Midlands outpost of the Low Pay Unit.

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MS
2142/C/3/6

Industrial Co-ordinating Unit

1981-1985

The Industrial Co-ordinating Unit was set up to provide training to trade union members, particularly those of African Caribbean and Asian origin, on industrial problems, particularly relating to redundancies, unfair and wrongful dismissal, representations at industrial tribunals, and industrial injuries and liability claims. It was based in Sandwell, and had links with the TUC Education service, as well as with other local organisations offering advice and support to workers.

The Unit was particularly concerned with informing workers about the implications of the Employment Bill 1982, and there is a substantial amount of material in this file on the issue, including newspaper articles on the implications of the Bill, introduced by Norman Tebbit, then Employment Secretary in Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, including reports in 'Workers

Power'; 'TGWU Record'; 'Socialist Worker'; the 'Morning Star'; the 'Economist' in 1982.

Other printed material comprises a copy of 'Unemployment Unit Bulletin' July 1981; 'Class Struggle', political paper of the Revolutionary Communist League of Britain, April 1982, which focuses on the detention of the 'Bradford 12', and the perception that the black community is on trial.

Other papers consist of administrative material, including a monthly work report compiled by Paul Johal for the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit, May 1982; a circular letter from Paul Johal, Industrial Co-ordinating Unit, giving details about a workshop for trade unionists on the new Employment Bill, May 1982; and invoices issued by Handsworth Law Centre for photocopying costs. Paul Johal's monthly report states that he has sent information on self-certification for sickness absence to eighty-two companies in the Sandwell District, and the file includes a list of these companies.

The file also contains a flyer in English and Punjabi issued by the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit about the new government sick pay scheme.

Further papers on trade union education consist of a draft outline for two linked week-end tutor training sessions, delivered by Steve Faulkner, Avtar Jouhl and Pete Caldwell for Asian workers, 1983, together with a circular letter from Avtar Jouhl, Industrial Co-ordinating Unit c/o TUC Education Office, to D. Gowan, Education Department, TUC with list of tutors on Asian Community TUC course, and photocopies of papers in Punjabi.

There is also a report entitled 'Proposal for a Regional Project to Provide Courses of Especial Relevance to Ethnic Minority Trade Unionists throughout the West Midlands', compiled by the Regional TUC Educational Advisory Committee; Ethnic Minority organisations; and Bilston Community College, c. 1985. The proposal acknowledges the work of the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit in organising courses in trade union education for Asian workers and sets out the aims and objectives of a new three year project which will continue this work. Attached to the proposal is a Trades Union Congress Education Service compliments slip containing a note addressed to Avtar Jouhl.

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MS
2142/C/3/7 School Curriculum Industry Partnership 1989

The majority of this material relates to the School Curriculum Industry Partnership [SCIP] National Conference, 'Not Favours - Just Opportunities' held in Birmingham in July 1989, and includes letters of invitation to Avtar Jouhl and a draft conference programme. The file also includes a copy of the conference report; SCIP flyers, one entitled 'Information for Industry'; and a copy of SCIP News, Spring 1989, issue 23

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MS 2142/C/3/8 National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE] papers, 1989-1999

Minutes; reports and policy papers; correspondence; and publications mostly dating from the 1990s. Some papers focus on the activities of NATFHE's Equal Opportunities Committee, of which Avtar Jouhl was a member.

MS
2142/C/3/8/1 Constitution and Rules 1994-1996

Constitution and Rules May 1994
Constitution and Rules May 1996, as amended by National Conference and National Executive Council
Constitution and Rules December 1996, as amended by National Conference and National Executive Council

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MS
2142/C/3/8/2 Minutes 1989-1997

National Executive Committee Minutes of post-conference meeting 2 June 1996
Calendar of NATFHE meetings 1996/97
National Executive Council minutes 7 March 1997
Higher Education Industrial Relations Committee minutes of meeting 22 September 1995 with discussion document circulated by the Science Alliance Group
Organisation and Finance Committee minutes of meeting 23 September 1995
Rules and Structure Sub-Committee's Recommendations for National Executive Council proposals to alter rules
Meeting of the Organisation and Finance Committee 23 September 1995; Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Establishment Sub-Committee 8 September 1995
List of National Executive Council members of Membership Services Committee 1995/96
Agenda for meeting of Membership Services Committee 23 September 1995
Amendment to the Minutes of the meeting of the Membership Services Committee 29 April 1995
Membership Services Committee 23 September 1995;

Minutes of the Information Sub-Committee meeting 30
June 1995
Training Unit Report to Membership Services Committee
23 September 1995
NATFHE structure - a discussion paper from the Vice-
President

Report of meeting of the Education International Further
and Higher Education Sector Committee 17-18 July 1996
Report of EI (Europe) and ETUCE Meetings, Luxembourg,
2-5 June 1996
Education International Further and Higher Education
Sectoral Committee, 17-18 July 1996
Agenda for meeting of the International Relations Standing
Committee 7 November 1996
Agenda for NATFHE Annual General Meeting 1990
Draft for discussion at TUSS Committee 16 March 1990;
Educational Support Groups within TUSS
NATFHE TUSS Annual General Meeting 1989

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MS 2142/C/3/8/3	<u>Annual Reports</u> Annual Report for 1993 of the National Executive Council Annual Report for 1994 of the National Executive Council Annual Report for 1995 of the National Executive Council Annual Report for 1996 of the National Executive Council	1993-1996
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MS 2142/C/3/8/4	<u>Conference papers</u> Pack for NATFHE Black Members Conference 1993 Pack for NATFHE Black Members Conference 1995 Minutes of NATFHE Eighteenth National Conference 28- 30 May 1994, Southport Minutes of NATFHE Nineteenth National Conference 27- 29 May 1995, Torquay Motions and Amendments for debate at NATFHE Annual National Conference 1997 Motions passed at NATFHE National Conference 1994 Motions passed and remitted at NATFHE Annual National Conference 1996 NATFHE structure, National Conference	1993-1997
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MS 2142/C/3/8/5	<u>Reports, briefings and guidance</u> 'Advice on Consensual Relations between Staff and Students', January 1996 'Evidence to the National Committee of Inquiry into Higher	1993-1998
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Education', November 1996
'Conflict of Interest in Casework: NATHE Guidelines',
February 1996
'Pay and Morale in Further Education Colleges; based on
a survey by NATFHE by the Trade Union Research Unit at
Ruskin College, Oxford', 1996
'HIV and AIDS: What NATFHE Members Need to Know',
February 1996
'NATFHE Membership Survey: Analysis of the Results of a
Questionnaire on Gender Discrimination'. A report by the
Labour Research Department, April 1993
'Intellectual Property in the Workplace: Know your rights as
author and employee', Report of an AUT-NATFHE
Confederation conference, June 1994
'Harassment at Work: How to Deal with It', May 1994
Equal Opportunities Advice for NATFHE branches 'Equal
opportunities and the curriculum'
Equal Opportunities Advice for NATFHE branches 'Race
Equality in further and higher education'
Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 NATFHE Briefing March
1997
NATFHE Health Educators' Negotiating Pack
NATFHE TUSS Response; TUC Reps Course and
Accreditation
NATFHE Branch Circular on the 16 Hour Rule for the
unemployed who wish to study part time, June 1996
'Fighting Extremist Homophobia - An Issue for NATFHE'
1996, on homophobia on campus following NATFHE
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Conference November 1995
NATFHE Action Against Sexist or Racist Harassment;
Branch Guidelines
NATFHE Branch Officer and Representatives Training
leaflets: 'Building Branch Organisation'; 'Bargaining
Procedures'; 'The Role of the Treasurer'; 'The Role of the
Branch Chair'; 'Handling Redundancy and Early
Retirement'; 'Health and Safety Legislation'; 'The Role of
the Equal Opps Rep', 1996
Memorandum to Branch Equal Opportunities Officers
comprising 'Equal Opportunities Update no.14', 25 June
1996
NATFHE Memorandum to all officials on Trade Union
Standards and qualifications, 8 November 1993
Incomplete report on 'NATFHE's New Deal', discussing the
current negotiations with the AUT, 1997
Memorandum to Branch Equal Opportunities
Representatives comprising 'Equal Opportunities Update
no.29' 24 July 1998
Equal Opportunities Advice for NATFHE branches
'Enabling not disabling: Advice for branches on
representing disabled members', together with Equal

Opportunities Review article on the Disability
Discrimination Act Employment Code of Practice
'Putting Skills to Work: NATFHE's case for more
investment in further education', April 1997

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MS
2142/C/3/8/6

Correspondence and associated papers

1993-1998

This file largely consists of correspondence relating to Avtar Jouhl's role in NATFHE. Several letters relate to the activities of the NATFHE Equal Opportunities Committee between 1996 and 1998, and there is also material relating to the Equal Opportunities Conference 1996 and to apparent discrimination against black members attending this conference. There are also some newspaper cuttings relating to the TUC Black Workers Conference 1997.

Other papers discuss the work of the International Relations Standing Committee; there is also a letter to Avtar Jouhl from the Policy Officer, Equal Rights Department TUC, regarding his agreement to speak at the Cable Street demonstration in 1996, to mark the 60th anniversary of the 'battle of Cable Street' organised by the Cable Street Commemorations 96 Committee; newspaper cuttings about a NATFHE strike at Middlesex University, May 1997; NATFHE NEC members expenses forms; flyer for NATFHE General Education Section Day Conference March 1994; membership renewal forms for Avtar Jouhl; NATFHE West Midlands Regional Handbook 1993-1994; papers relating to NATFHE's involvement in the TUC General Council and Race Relations Committee.

The file contains some correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and Paul Mackney, after Mackney had been elected General Secretary of NATFHE and moved to London. This correspondence concerns NATFHE's response to the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report in 1999, but there is also a circular letter of thanks from Paul Mackney to those who nominated him for the post of General Secretary in 1998, a copy of Mackney's Conference speech as General Secretary in 1998, and a letter from Bill Morris to Paul Mackney concerning Morris's role as a governor of South Bank University, 1999

The file also contains a decision of an industrial tribunal between Kevin McFadden and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers held at Leeds in 1995. This document is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2076 and is not available for research.

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2142/C/3/8/7 Publications 1992-1999
Copies of 'The Lecturer', NATFHE's newsletter. April 1992; February 1993; April 1993

NATFHE Rank & File National Bulletin no.10, February 1999

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MS
2142/C/3/9 Unison 1992-1996
This file primarily contains UNISON publications, consisting of:

UNISON Rules as amended at 1995 conference

UNISON Organisation and steward training 'New Stewards Course' coursebook

UNISON Code of good branch practice February 1996

It also contains other material, consisting of:

A4 sheet giving details of course aims for unidentified course 'with the aim of enhancing black members understanding of the structure and working of UNISON'

Flipchart sheets with information about trade union organisation

Black and Ethnic Minorities and Trade Unions activity pack, South Birmingham College

Poems about the black presence in Britain with reference to the forthcoming European Union 1992

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/3/10 Birmingham Trades Union Council 1988-1992
Rules, Constitution and Standing Orders of Birmingham Trades Union Council
Minutes of Birmingham Trades Union Council Meeting 3 March 1988 at Transport House, Birmingham
Circular letter to all Trades Union Council delegates

inviting them to take part in the discussion at the next meeting of the Trades Union Council 7 April 1988, including a detailed agenda for this meeting
Birmingham Trades Union Council noticeboard, giving details about meetings and campaigning events taking place in April 1988

Flyer produced by Birmingham Trades Council giving details about the organisation's campaign to oppose Clause 28, seeking to ban local authorities from 'promoting homosexuality', and announcing a national demonstration 30 April 1988 in London

Election address flyer for Raghbir Ahsan, president of Birmingham Trades Union Council standing for election in Perry Barr c.1990

Copies of a flyer for Birmingham Trades Union Council May Day Annual March and Rally in 1992. Arthur Scargill and Avtar Jouhl are among speakers, and one copy has notes by Avtar Jouhl written on the reverse. The file also contains copies of flyer for May Day events held the same year organised by the Communist Party of Britain (ML), entitled 'Rebuild Britain'

Flyers for the 'Safe Campaign' organised by Birmingham Trades Union Council to 'save adult and further education' and to oppose the White Paper 'Education and Training for the 21st Century'

The file also contains a decision of an Industrial Tribunal between R. Ahsan and members of the Labour Party 1998. These papers are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 and are not available for research

Access: Partially closed until 01/01/2079. Part of this file has been closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 until 2079 because it contains sensitive information about individuals. The remainder of the file is available for consultation.

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MS
2142/C/3/11

West Midlands Ethnic Monitoring Project
Report of a meeting of the project team June 1993

1992-1993

Letter to West Midlands Ethnic Monitoring Project Team concerning a second review, with a proposal for a one day seminar for contact points, January 1993

Copy of workshop material for a workshop designed by BIFU Education and TUC Regional Education Service in response to a request from BIFU's National Equal Rights Committee, June 1992

Also contains blank copies of questionnaires given to new members of TGWU 1992 preliminary responses

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/3/12 Miscellaneous Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU] papers 1980-1992

This file includes papers of the TGWU West Bromwich District Committee, consisting of a copy of the objects and constitution; an agenda for a meeting of the Committee 20 November 1980 and a document on the history of Mardy colliery in South Wales, presented to the TGWU West Bromwich District Committee. There is also correspondence relating to the election of the General Executive Council for the Transport and General Workers Union January-February 1988, together with a list of 'Broad Left' candidates.

Other papers consist of a statement by Avtar Jouhl regarding a meeting at TGWU, West Bromwich for the information of TGWU members at Darcast Components, Smethwick, 3 December 1992, and correspondence concerning the appointment of Boota Singh as divisional shop steward, March 1999

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/3/13 National Association of Race Equality Advisers 1991-1992

Papers relating to the National Association of Race Equality Advisers [NARFA], based at Race Relations Unit, Birmingham, consisting of a letter of invitation to the Annual General Meeting in Birmingham, December 1991; nomination form for the election of officers 1991/92; list of NARFA membership, 1991/92; copy of the constitution; copy of the Race Relations Unit 'Association Standing Orders'

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/C/4 Trade union and other publications, 1977-1997

This section largely consists of TUC Education publications on a variety of topics including health and safety and anti-racism issues, many of which were produced for use in workshops and courses run by trade union organisations. There are also a smaller number of workbooks and publications produced by other trade unions, and copies of political and trade union journals and magazines.

Many of the publications bear the stamp of Birmingham Trade Union Studies Centre, Floodgate Street, Digbeth, Birmingham, where Avtar Jouhl worked, and it is likely that many of

these publications were used as teaching aids in courses he and his colleagues ran, or were collected in the course of his own training when he was a shop steward at Birmid Qualcast.

- MS
2142/C/4/1 'Health and Safety at Work: a short course for union safety reps' 1977
Coursebook intended to provide trade union safety representatives with knowledge about the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Safety Representatives and Safety Committee Regulations 1978 and the skills needed for identifying and dealing with hazards. The book includes teaching material and practical exercises. Published by the Trades Union Congress
- Extent: 1 Volume
- MS
2142/C/4/2 'Health and Safety at Work: TUC course book for union reps' 1985
Workbook containing training material for trade union safety representatives to enable them to carry out their responsibilities in the workplace. Published by the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Education Service
- Extent: 1 Volume
- MS
2142/C/4/3 TUC workbook on racism 1983
Workbook intended to help trade unionists to understand racism and its effects on working people, to present the arguments against racism, and to improve organisation to overcome divisions and win equality at work. It was designed to be used on union or TUC courses. Published by Trades Union Congress [TUC] and funded by the TUC Educational Trust
- Extent: 1 Volume
- MS
2142/C/4/4 'Tackling Racism: a TUC workbook' 1988
Workbook intended to help trade unionists understand where racism comes from and how racist attitudes develop and to enable people to overcome racial divisions in the workplace and the union and work for equality of opportunity. Published by the Trades Union Congress.
- Extent: 1 Volume
- MS
2142/C/4/5 'Working Women: a TUC discussion book for all trade unionists' 1983
Workbook focusing on women's lives and problems as workers both in the home and in paid employment, and as trade unionists, and is intended to help 'both women and men trade unionists work out practical union strategies for

change'. Published by Trades Union Congress

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2142/C/4/6 | <p><u>'All Work and No Play: Child Labour Today'</u>
Published by Trades Union Congress [TUC] and produced in collaboration with the UK Committee for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Devised and prepared for the TUC by Alec Fyfe, Education Officer, UK Committee for UNICEF</p> | 1985 |
| Extent: 1 Volume | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/7 | <p><u>'Discrimination: a guide to the relevant case law on race and sex discrimination and equal pay'</u>
Third edition of the Discrimination guide, by Michael Rubenstein, published by Eclipse publications. Inserted in this volume is a copy of a Home Office and Department of Employment pamphlet on the Race Relations Act 1976, the Questions Procedure</p> | 1990 |
| Extent: 1 Volume | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/8 | <p><u>'Racism within trade unions'</u>
Survey of provisions implemented by trade unions active in London to combat racism within their own organisational structures, produced by an Anti-Racist Trade Union Working Group set up as part of the response to the Greater London Council's Anti-Racist year.</p> | 1984 |
| Extent: 1 Volume | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/9 | <p><u>'Handsworth New Road School: The Case Against the Proposed Closure'</u>
A response by the Governors, Parents, Staff and Community to the proposal by Birmingham City Council to cease maintaining Handsworth New Road School from July 1990, taking the form of an appeal to the Secretary of State for Education and Science</p> | 1989 |
| Extent: 1 Volume | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/10 | <p><u>'Context: European Education Magazine'</u>
Copies of issues 13, 14 and 15 of 'Context', a bi-monthly magazine intended as 'an 'information carrier' for everyone involved in education in all European countries and for everyone interested in the introduction of a European dimension in education'. These issues were published in January, March and May 1996. The magazine was published in the Netherlands, and had connections with</p> | 1996 |

the European Association of Teachers, Association for Teacher Education in Europe, European Secondary Heads Association, and the Centre for Organisations and Networks for Cooperation, Research and Development in Education.

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/4/11 'Women and Trade Unions in Western Europe' 1987
Survey of the position of women in the trade unions of eighteen Western European countries prepared by Harald Lovaas, research officer at the European Trade Union Institute, in collaboration with the Women's Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC].

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/12 'They still go marching on: a celebration of COHSE's first 75 years' 1985
History of the Confederation of Health Service Employees [COHSE], written by Mick Carpenter and commissioned to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the union

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/13 'Seeing and Perceiving: films in a world of change' 1979
Resource booklet for teachers written by Neil Taylor and Robin Richardson, produced by Ikon Productions and published by Concord Films Council

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/14 Trade Union Studies Journal 1985
Issue 11, Summer 1985
Issue 12, Winter 1985
Both issues focus on trade union education

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/4/15 World of Work 1993-1996
Magazine of the International Labour Office
No.3 April 1993, focusing on child labour
No.6 June-July 1996, focusing on the experiences of migrants

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/16 Socialist Review 1994
Issue 178, September 1994, including articles on class struggle; the conflict in Rwanda; and the right of workers to

organise

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/17 Journal of Independence Studies 1997
No.1 March 1997, published by the Institute for Independence Studies, containing articles about international anti-imperialist movements and struggles for social justice waged by people of all nationalities living in Britain

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/18 'Trade Unions Against Racism?' 1991
Report of a joint conference held by Greenwich Council for Racial Equality and Greenwich Action Committee Against Racist Attacks in December 1991

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/19 'Campaigning for Change: a new era for the TUC' 1994
Booklet produced to mark the relaunch of the Trades Union Congress in March 1994, outlining the achievements of the organisation and setting out its restructuring priorities

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/20 'TUC guide to paid release for trade union training' 1992
Booklet explaining trade unionists rights to time off for trade union training and the TUC's system of trade union education, published by Trades Union Congress

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/21 'Employment Law under the Tories' 1986
Booklet produced by the Labour Research Department to explain the changes made to employment law since the Thatcher government came to office, and the impact of the new laws. It discusses the Employment Acts of 1980 and 1982, and the Trade Union Act of 1984.

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/22 'Surrogate Motherhood: Women on the Auction Block' 1987
Booklet published by the US Revolutionary Communist Party publications containing an article originally printed in 'Revolutionary Worker', no 407, 25 May 1987

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS 2142/C/4/23	<p><u>'Support Every Outbreak of Protest and Rebellion'</u> Booklet published by the US Revolutionary Communist Party publications containing two articles originally printed in 'Revolutionary Worker' in December 1980, entitled 'Support Every Outbreak of Protest and Rebellion' and 'It's in Your Hands - 100,000 Co-Conspirators NOW'</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	n.d [1981]
MS 2142/C/4/24	<p><u>Excerpts from the Framework Bargaining Agreement for the Chemical Industry</u> English version of an agreement made between the Federal Employers Association of the Chemical Industry, Wiesbaden, and the Industrial Union Chemical, Paper and Ceramics Workers, National Executive, Hannover</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	1992
MS 2142/C/4/25	<p><u>Excerpts from the Federal Collective Bargaining Agreement on Remunerations</u> English version of an agreement made between the Federal Employers Association of the Chemical Industry, Wiesbaden, and the Industrial Union Chemical, Paper and Ceramics Workers, National Executive, Hannover</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	1988
MS 2142/C/4/26	<p><u>Rules of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union</u></p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	1994
MS 2142/C/4/27	<p><u>Rules of the Transport and General Workers Union</u> Reprinted August 1994</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	1992
MS 2142/C/4/28	<p><u>Panjabi Book II</u> Language workbook edited by Surjit Singh Kalra and illustrated by Amarjit Singh Phull, published by the Panjabi Language Development Board, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p>	n.d
MS 2142/C/4/29	<p><u>Education Guardian Source Book</u> Booklet containing a selection of articles published in 'The Guardian' education section designed for teachers, parents and pupils to use in various subjects, with advice about how articles fit into the National Curriculum</p>	1991

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/30 TUC Training Bulletin 1991-1992
Issue 26, Autumn 1991
Issue 27, Spring 1992
Bulletins contain information about training developments, particularly where they relate to trade union involvement

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/4/31 'Trade Unions and Black Workers' 1986
Revised version of a discussion document resulting from a TUC conference entitled 'Trade Unions and Black Workers' which took place in July 1985. The conference and discussion document concentrated on ways to combat racism and promote equality of opportunity in the workplace and in within the union. Published by Trades Union Congress

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/32 Health and Safety TUC course for union reps: Hazards File One 1984
This booklet formed part of the materials for the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Health and Safety Course for union reps, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/33 Health and Safety at Work Hazards File: Crippled by your work? Aches, strains and pain 1980s
This booklet formed part of the materials for the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Health and Safety Course for union reps, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/34 Health and Safety at Work Hazards File: Visual Display Units 1980s
This booklet formed part of the materials for the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Health and Safety Course for union reps, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/35 Survey stage 1 participants report 1987
Report describing the background to a survey of a large sample of trade union officials attending TUC introductory courses in Spring 1987, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/36 TUC course for union reps stage one: tutors notes 1987
Booklets setting out the aims and main themes, for tutors teaching stage one courses, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/4/37 'What's happening to Education?' 1988
TUC course workbook for trade unionists interested in education, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/38 Financial Management Initiative resource pack 1986
Booklet designed for use on short courses for the Inland Revenue Staff Federation [IRSF] on the Financial Management Initiative, published by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/39 The Local Government Act and Compulsory Teaching 1988
Second edition of a workbook for a one day course for trade union officials run by the Trades Union Congress education service

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/40 'Job Evaluation in Local Authorities' 1985
Resource materials for a course run by Trades Union Congress education service

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/41 Services and Jobs in Local Government 1986
Second edition of a workbook for a course run by the Local Government Information Unit [LGIU] and Trades Union Congress [TUC] education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/42 'What will Project 2000 mean for nurses?' 1987
Activity workbook for a course run by Confederation of Health Service Employees [COHSE] and Trades Union Congress [TUC] education in the North West

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/43 'Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value' 1984
Workbook for use on short courses in Equal Pay for Equal

Value or to raise issues of equal pay or low pay on general union courses, run by TUC education

Extent: 1 Booklet

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| MS
2142/C/4/44 | <u>Maternity</u>
Resource and activity workbook produced by TUC education service to enable trade union representatives to learn about recent changes in maternity rights for working women. The workbook covers changes in maternity benefits, and ways of improving maternity agreements and advising members of their rights | 1987 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/45 | <u>Women's Health at the workplace</u>
Resource and activity pack for use on short courses on women's health or to raise issues on general women's courses run by TUC education | 1986 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/46 | <u>Stage one course for union reps: civil service supplement</u>
Activity booklet for use in the Stage 1 course run by TUC education for union reps, focusing on organisation | 1985 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/47 | <u>Understanding Economics: resource book 1</u>
Workbook for a TUC education course | 1986 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/48 | <u>NHS reps; TUC stage one</u>
Pilot version of an NHS sector supplement for use by NHS reps on TUC courses, prepared by TUC education service | 1982 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/49 | <u>'Using Computers for negotiating, organising, communicating: Getting started...'</u>
Resource workbook for a course run by TUC education service for the implications of computer use for trade union work | 1988 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/50 | <u>Discussion Leaders: resources and checklists</u>
Resource workbook for trade union representatives in | 1980s |

charge of running education courses, designed by TUC education

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| MS
2142/C/4/51 | <u>TUC Open school publications</u>
Guides produced by TUC education for use at TUC Open School, including a general guide; practical guide for trade unionists running a study circle; workbook for study circle leaders workshops | 1988 |
| | Extent: 1 File | |
| MS
2142/C/4/52 | <u>Study Circles in USDAW</u>
Draft workbook produced by Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers [USDAW] education, for the use of union members organising a study circle with a group of members at union branches or at workplaces | 1980s |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/53 | <u>Industrial Injuries: Section 1, the State Scheme</u>
Coursebook for section 1 of the TUC education Industrial Injuries course, covering the main disability benefits, changes to the Industrial Injury Scheme, and ways of dealing with an accident claim | 1980s |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/54 | <u>Tackling Racism</u>
Workbook for a TUC education course on tackling discrimination in employment and presenting race cases in tribunals | 1988 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/55 | <u>Understanding the TUC education service</u>
Resource workbook for TUC and union courses, setting out the aims of the TUC and how it achieves them through its Congress, Council, committees, departments and regional organisation | 1987 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/56 | <u>TUC Introductory Course: supplement for Union Representatives in Local Government</u>
Supplementary material designed for use by union representatives employed in Local Government who attend TUC Introductory Courses, intended for use as an alternative to sections 3 and 6 of the general material | 1980 |

issued by the TUC for use on Introductory Courses

Extent: 1 Booklet

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| MS
2142/C/4/57 | <p><u>'Images of Inequality: the portrayal of women in the media and advertising'</u>
TUC report on the portrayal of women in newspapers, women's magazines, broadcasting and advertising, including a section on how to achieve change</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1984 |
| MS
2142/C/4/58 | <p><u>'Beating Apartheid: the current crisis in South Africa and the TUC's programme of action'</u></p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1986 |
| MS
2142/C/4/59 | <p><u>'United We Stand: education materials to use with the NUPE video on race'</u>
Workbook for use with a National Union of Public Employees [NUPE] video made as part of its commitment to raising the issues of racism among members and to encourage discussion and action within the union. The video contains footage of black and Asian members of NUPE talking about their experiences of racism and discrimination at work and in other areas of their lives. These are linked to the recommendations of NUPE's Race Equality Working Party Report</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p> | 1980s |
| MS
2142/C/4/60 | <p><u>'Do the Right Thing: an MSF Guide to Racial Harassment'</u>
Guide for Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union [MSF] full time officers and lay representatives on negotiating racial harassment policies which seek to prevent harassment at work, and on introducing disciplinary procedures to deal with specific cases of harassment. It also offers advice to members on what to do if they are being harassed at work</p> <p>Extent: 1 Booklet</p> | c.1990 |
| MS
2142/C/4/61 | <p><u>'Your Stake at Work: TUC proposals for a stakeholding economy'</u>
TUC Congress report</p> <p>Extent: 1 Volume</p> | 1996 |
| MS
2142/C/4/62 | <p><u>TUC General Council Report</u>
Delivered at the 128th annual Trades Union Congress, 9-</p> | 1996 |

13 September 1996 in Blackpool

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/63 TUC Congress Guide 1996
Full programme for the 128th annual Trades Union Congress, 9-13 September 1996 in Blackpool

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/64 TUC General Purposes Committee Report 1996
Report to TUC Congress 1996, together with composite motions and supplementary report by the General Council on the national minimum wage

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/65 Race and Sex Discrimination at Work: a practical guide to identifying unlawful discrimination 1995
Booklet produced by UNISON Education and Training, consisting of a guide to the Race Relations Act and the Sex Discrimination Act, and guidance on identifying and tackling race and sex discrimination in the workplace

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/66 TUC Telematics start-up pack Late 1990s
Information pack produced by TUC National Education Centre, containing briefings on the uses of electronic mail, bulletin boards, databases and the internet

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/67 'Part of the Union?: the challenge of recruiting and organising part-time workers' 1996
Report for the TUC by the Labour Research Department

Extent: 1 Volume

MS
2142/C/4/68 CUCO [Commission on University Career Opportunity] Draft guidelines on Recruitment, Selection and Promotion 1996
Presented at a meeting of the Higher Education Industrial Relations Committee Equal Opportunities Committee 27 April 1996

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/69 Trade unions and disability law: a guide to trade union obligations under the new Disability Discrimination Act 1996
Prepared for the TUC by Brian J. Doyle, Professor of Law,

University of Liverpool

Extent: 1 Booklet

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| MS
2142/C/4/70 | <p><u>'Education for Our Multicultural Society': Equal Opportunities and Race Relations. Further and Continuing Education</u>
Policy statement guidelines and implementation proposals issued by the City of Birmingham District Council, April 1986</p> | 1986 |
| Extent: 1 Booklet | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/71 | <p><u>'Adult Education and the Working Class'</u>
Report by G. R. Malik, Principal Race Relations Adviser, Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council</p> | 1982 |
| Extent: 1 Booklet | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/72 | <p><u>'The Disability Discrimination Act: a TUC guide'</u>
Guide produced by the TUC Equal Rights Department to introduce the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 to union officers who negotiate with employers</p> | 1996 |
| Extent: 1 Booklet | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/73 | <p><u>'The Road to Feminisation of Unions? A Study of Proportionality, Fair Representation and Self-Organisation in UNISON - a Regional Perspective'</u>
Dissertation by Lesley Stephenson for a Diploma/MA in Labour Studies at the University of Warwick Department of Sociology</p> | 1994 |
| Extent: 1 Booklet | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/74 | <p><u>'Education and Training for the 21st Century: Response to the White Paper by the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education'</u></p> | 1991 |
| Extent: 1 Booklet | | |
| MS
2142/C/4/75 | <p><u>'Miners Photographic Exhibition: A Fight for a Future'</u>
Programme for an exhibition produced by Birmingham Trades Council Miners Support Group containing some photographs of events during the strike, together with reminiscences by trade union members and supporters in Birmingham and elsewhere, of their experiences of supporting the strike, particularly by collecting donations and food and attending demonstrations.</p> | 1986 |

- Extent: 1 Booklet
- MS
2142/C/4/76 Local Services: The Case Against Privatisation' 1980s
Report published by National Union of Public Employees [NUPE]
- Extent: 1 Volume
- MS
2142/C/4/77 'The European Union: trade union goals' 1996
Booklet containing a statement adopted by the TUC General Council 19 June for publication and presentation to Congress 1996
- Extent: 1 Booklet
- MS
2142/C/4/78 Principles of Practice for Contract Compliance 1987
Issued by Commission for Racial Equality to provide guidance for organisations operating contract compliance schemes to encourage companies to take steps to eliminate racial discrimination and provide equal opportunities in their employment practices
- Extent: 1 Booklet
- MS
2142/C/4/79 'Respect' festival programme 1996
Souvenir brochure containing a programme for the TUC free summer festival celebrating cultural and racial diversity held in Finsbury Park, 20 July 1996, supported by the National Union of Teachers, UNISON, the Educational Institute of Scotland, and Time Out. The programme contains features on the bands playing at this event, together with other articles, listings and advice
- Extent: 1 Booklet
- MS
2142/C/4/80 'In Pursuit of Equality: a National Agenda for Action': Policy Paper 1 Legal Framework 1995
Drawn up by the Women's National Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commissions for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in consultation with, and endorsed by, organisations representing women in the UK. The agenda was intended to provide a basis for UK implementation of the Global Platform for Action agreed at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, held in 1995 in Beijing. This policy paper was one of ten expanding the National Agenda
- Extent: 1 Booklet

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2142/C/4/81 | <u>Education International: The Education International Magazine</u>
Official magazine of Education Internations [EI], published on a quarterly basis in English, French and Spanish and free to all EI member organisations. Double issue, nos 2 and 3, April 1996
Education International was established in January 1993 following the decision of the International Federation of Free Teachers' Unions [IFFTU] and the World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession [WCOTP] to create a new International Trade Secretariat [ITS] for the education sector.

Extent: 1 Volume | April 1996 |
| MS
2142/C/4/82 | <u>'The House Magazine'</u>
Copy of the weekly business publication for the Houses of Parliament, published every week that Parliament is in session, No. 730, vol 21, 9 September 1996. The issue contains several articles and features on the TUC Conference held in Blackpool that week

Extent: 1 Volume | September
1996 |
| MS
2142/C/4/83 | <u>New Statesman 1997 Trade Union Guide</u>
Guide produced by 'New Statesman' magazine, containing listings for trade unions in the UK, both TUC-affiliated and non-TUC unions, together with a list of 'useful contacts', largely comprised of charitable and voluntary organisations

Extent: 1 Volume | 1997 |
| MS
2142/C/4/84 | <u>'International Union Rights'</u>
Journal of the International Centre for Trade Union Rights, volume 3, issue 3

Extent: 1 Volume | 1996 |
| MS
2142/C/4/85 | <u>ETUCE Bulletin</u>
Bulletin of the European Trade Union Committee for Education, January/February 1996, the 'Leonardo Special', and March/April 1996, the 'Socrates Special'. These bulletins focus, respectively, on the Leonardo programme for the implementation of an action programme for the implementation of a community policy on Vocational Training, and the Socrates action programme on cooperation in education, including the Higher Education Erasmus programme to promote and support the mobility and exchange of students from different countries in the | 1996 |

European Union

Extent: 1 File

MS 2142/C/4/86	<u>The Runnymede Bulletin</u> No. 268, edited by Kaushika Amin and Paul Coleman, with assistance from Shainul Kassam. The issue includes an article on the death of Joy Gardner and press accounts of this.	September 1993
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Extent: 1 Volume

MS 2142/C/4/87	<u>European Union Trade Union Information Bulletin</u> Bulletin for the Midland Region, issue 11, July 1996, published by the European Information Centre, South Birmingham College, Digbeth Centre, Floodgate Street, Birmingham	1996
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Extent: 1 Booklet

MS 2142/C/4/88	<u>Trade Union Information Bulletin</u> Published by the Trade Union Division of the Commission of the European Communities and edited by Alan Burnett. This issue contains articles on the social dimension of the Commission	1989
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MS 2142/C/4/89	<u>'The Divided Kingdom' tutors pack</u> Resource pack written by Steve Freer and edited by John Osmond and Ceri Black, produced to complement a ten-part series of the same name by HTV in association with Channel 4. The series explored themes of identity within the UK and featured presenters from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and discussed issues like the North/South divide within England, the duality of Scottish national identity, the contrasting cultures of Protestant and Catholic communities in Northern Ireland, the survival of a distinctive Welsh identity, the range of rural identities and those within England's inner cities, particularly the position of Britain's black communities, and questions surrounding the issue of Britain's involvement with Europe. The tutor's pack contains synopses of all ten programmes, study sheets with questions for discussion, extracts from source material, and bibliographies for further reading	1988
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MS 2142/C/4/90	<u>TUC campaign pack to fight the 1982 Employment Bill</u> Workbook, activity pack, flyers and campaign material	1982
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including posters, pamphlets and stickers produced as part of TUC's campaign against the legislation on trade unions contained in the Employment Bill 1982, to be used in campaign workshops used by the TUC Education Service, briefings and courses run by individual unions, branch and workplace meetings of union members, and discussions on committees of union representatives

Extent: 1 File

MS
2142/C/4/91 Practical Solidarity: Report on Activities May 1990-April 1991 1991
Report of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/92 'Writing Clearly: activities and resources for union communications' 1987
Workbook published by TUC Education and used at a one day workshop for GMB Research Staff 24 July 1987

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/93 'Work, Study, Productivity and Pay: Predetermined Motion Time Systems (PMTS)' 1980s
Report published by TUC Education

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/94 MSF [Manufacturing Science Finance] Education: Negotiating Skills n.d [1980s]
Workbook containing teaching material and activities for MSF union representatives on the subject of grievance and disputes agreements and procedures

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/95 'New Health and Safety Legislation: An introduction for MSF Safety Representatives' 1992
MSF Health and Safety Information no.34, outlining the requirements of the new Health and Safety at Work Regulations due to come into force at the beginning of 1993, to inform MSF Safety Representatives

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/96 Local Authority Equal Opportunities Policies: Report of a Survey by the Equal Opportunities Commission 1988

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS 2142/C/4/97	<u>Agenda: nominations and motions for the 124th Annual Trades Union Congress to be held in Blackpool, 7-11 September 1992</u>	1992
	Extent: 1 Booklet	
MS 2142/C/4/98	<u>'The Next Phase in Europe'</u> Report to the 1993 Trades Union Congress	1993
	Extent: 1 Booklet	
MS 2142/C/4/99	<u>The Future of the TUC</u> Pamphlet produced to inform members about the reappraisal of the TUC's role, functions and methods of operation, initiated in July 1993	1993
	Extent: 1 Booklet	
MS 2142/C/4/100	<u>'Pushed to the Limit: The Case for the European Working Time Directive'</u> Report supporting the European Union's Working Time Directive adopted by the Council of Ministers in 1993, but opposed by the British Government. The report was published following the judgement of the European Court of Justice on the British government's challenge to the ruling, and the file includes a background media briefing issued by the TUC on this issue	1996
	Extent: 1 File	
MS 2142/C/4/101	<u>The TUC Education Service</u> Report by the Trade Union Education Review Group setting out the provision of trade union education and training by the TUC through the TUC Education Service	1993
	Extent: 1 Booklet	
MS 2142/C/4/102	<u>'EU Developments'</u> Report by the TUC Women's Committee summarising recent European initiatives affecting women, and attaching the relevant EC/ETUC documents, and an issue of the TUC EuroBriefing.	1996
	Extent: 1 Booklet	
MS 2142/C/4/103	<u>Code of Practice on Equal Pay: Challenging Inequalities between Women and Men</u> Published by the Equal Opportunities Commission	1997

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/104 'New and Changing Ethnic Identities' 1994
Paper given by Tariq Modood, Policy Studies Institute, at a Runnymede Trust conference entitled 'The Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain: Challenges, Changes and Opportunities', held at Reading 23-24 September 1994

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/105 'Reforming Social Security' 1987
Fourth set of draft regulations about personal and occupational pensions to be made under the Social Security Act 1986

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/106 TUC Pensions Review: The Future for Pensions 1997
Consultation document prepared by Trades Union Congress, with a covering note from NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers' Union, circulating the report to branches

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/107 Standards in Public Life: Local Public Spending Bodies 1996
Second report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, chaired by Lord Nolan. This file consists of volume 1: report. The spending bodies concerned are Further and Higher Education Bodies (including universities), grant-maintained schools, training and enterprise councils and local enterprise companies, and registered Housing Associations

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/108 Minimum Standards: Rebuilding Job Security 1996
TUC agenda for union Minimum Standards agreements

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/109 The Further Education Funding Council Guidance on the Recurrent Funding Methodology 1994-1995 1994

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/110 MSF into the 21st Century NEC Discussion Document 1994
Produced as part of the consultation process carried out by the MSF union to provoke debate about the future

direction of the union, and distributed to members

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/111 'Paying the Price for Deaths at Work' 1994
The TUC response to the Law Commission's Consultation on 'Involuntary Manslaughter'

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/112 'The Involvement of Black Workers in British Trade Unions: A Report to the TGWU' 1991
Written by Sue Hastings and Bryony Smith, Trade Union Research Unit, Ruskin College, Oxford, for the Transport and General Workers Union [TGWU]

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/113 The Community College: Focus for Post-school Education 1991
Booklet produced by NATFHE, the University and College Lecturers Union, as the result of a resolution passed at the 1990 NATFHE Annual Conference advocating the introduction of Community Colleges

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/114 'Confidential: Racism. A Report into Racial Discrimination in the Youth Training Scheme throughout the West Midlands' 1987

Briefing paper produced by YETRU, the Youth Employment and Training Resource Unit, based at 7 Frederick Street, Birmingham

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/115 Women in Trade Unions: Action for Equality 1991
Survey by the Labour Research Department, with a foreword by Ada Maddocks, chair of the TUC Women's Committee

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/116 'Health and Safety Study Visit to Britain' October 1989
Report by the Zambia Congress of Trade Unions, Antigua Trades and Labour Union, Antigua Workers' Union and Trades Union Congress following a four week visit by trade union representatives 25 September 1989 to 25 October 1989. The visit was intended to deal with questions relating to health and safety at work and was targeted at worker educators who would develop trade union

education on this issue in their respective countries

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| MS
2142/C/4/117 | <u>Claim for Equal Opportunities</u>
Report by members of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education [NATFHE], National Joint Council for Lecturers in Further Education in England and Wales, and Group of Three Lecturers' Associations. The report sets out practical steps that need to be taken in order to enact Equal Opportunities policy in universities and colleges | 1991 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/118 | <u>E7: Education in Europe: Newspaper articles from T.E.S</u>
Written by Lesley Stewart, E7 module tutor | 1992 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/119 | <u>Extracts from TUC Report on Europe 1992</u>
Extracts from the TUC Report on Europe 1992 relating to trade union education, approved by the Trade Union Education Committee | 1988 |
| | Extent: 1 Document | |
| MS
2142/C/4/120 | <u>The institutions of the European Community</u>
Part of the 'Europe, Our Future' series published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities | 1991 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/121 | <u>MSF Report, incorporating MSF Research</u>
Issue 20 of the monthly bulletin for MSF union workplace representatives | March 1997 |
| | Extent: 1 Booklet | |
| MS
2142/C/4/122 | <u>'Update' European Supplement</u>
Bulletin of the Birmingham Voluntary Service Council European Unit, edited by Jane Slowey | July 1996 |
| | Extent: 1 Document | |
| MS
2142/C/4/123 | <u>The Swedish Union of Clerical and Technical Employees in Industry [SIF]</u>
Booklet on the history, organisation and activities of the Swedish trade union representing salaried employees in | 1987 |

industry, consulting enterprises and branches of enterprise closely related to industry

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/124 Written submission from the Commission for Racial Equality to the House of Commons Select Committee: The Future of Trade Unions 1993

Extent: 1 Booklet

MS
2142/C/4/125 'Europe 1992: Trade Union Strategy' 1988
TUC policy document agreed September 1988, moved by the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, seconded by the Manufacturing Science and Finance union, and supported by a number of other named trade unions

Extent: 1 Document

MS
2142/C/4/126 Information sheets on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags 1990s
Produced by the Office of Public Affairs

Extent: 1 Document

MS
2142/C/4/127 'The People's Flag' 1987
Promotional leaflet for a five part documentary series on the history of the British Labour Movement from 1914 to 1987, made by Platform Films. The leaflet contains synopses of all five documentaries, illustrated with photographs, and includes suggestions for reading around the subject and a chronology of the Labour Movement

Extent: 1 Document

MS
2142/C/4/128 'The Rising Cost of Discrimination' 1996
Article published in Equal Opportunities Review no.67, May/June 1996 focusing on compensation awarded for unlawful racial or sex discrimination in the workplace

Extent: 1 Document

MS
2142/C/4/129 Hand-Arm Vibration 1994
Health and Safety Advice Centre [HASAC] library copy of a publication by the Health and Safety Executive. Booklet includes a leaflet containing advice for employers about this condition
Extent: 1 Booklet

- MS
2142/C/4/130 Recommendations for Control of Occupational Safety and Health Hazards 1985
Booklet published by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health [NIOSH], USA September 1985 on safety in foundries, together with computer print out pages with details of publications relating to occupational health and hygiene, including studies of affected workers, sourced from NIOSHTIC
- Extent: 1 Booklet
- MS
2142/C/4/131 UNISON Working For Health and Safety publications 1992
Set of UNISON guidelines, comprising:
- 'The provision and use of work equipment regulations'
'The workplace health, safety and welfare regulations'
'Personal protective equipment at work regulations'
'The management of health and safety at work regulations'
'Manual Handling Operations Regulations'
- Extent: 1 File
- MS
2142/C/4/132 'Hazards' 1995
Issue 51, Summer 1995, containing information for trade union safety representatives. The issue includes an article about falling sperm counts and action by the European Union to probe the threats to male fertility. Inserted in the booklet is a page from 'Hazards Bulletin' about specific foundry hazards and a Health and Safety Commission leaflet containing advice for employees on Vibration white finger (VWF) in foundries.
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2142/C/4/133 'Linguistic Minorities in England: a short report on the Linguistic Minorities Project' 1983
Published by the Institute of Education, University of London, September 1983. Attached to the booklet is a press release announcing the publication of the report, following a research project 1979-1983 on patterns of bilingualism in several regions of England, and a conference funded by the Department of Education and Science to discuss the educational implications of the research.
- Extent: 1 Booklet

MS 2142/D Papers of other political and campaigning organisations, 1960-1999

This section of the archive primarily comprises organisational records of a number of campaigning groups and political parties active in Britain, India and Canada, most of which the

Indian Workers Association co-operated with on specific campaigns, or which individual members were involved with in as committee members or office holders. Papers consist of reports; correspondence; minutes and agendas; press statements; circulars; leaflets and flyers; articles; newsletters; magazines and pamphlets.

The organisations the Indian Workers Association was most closely associated with were the Association of Indian Communists, in which many office holders in the Indian Workers Association took a prominent role, and the Campaign Against Racist Laws, in which members from both Indian Workers Associations (GB) held official positions. Some members also joined the Socialist Labour Party in the later 1990s, and stood for election for this party. Avtar Jouhl was a member of the Management Committee of both the Immigration Aid Unit and the Sandwell Community Law Centre, both of which offered legal advice and support to people in Birmingham and Sandwell on immigration, nationality and other issues. He was also a member of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Employment Panel.

The section also contains papers of organisations not directly associated with the Indian Workers Association including several black and Asian campaign and welfare groups, as well as various publications likely to have been collected by members of the Indian Workers Association, including a substantial number produced by Chinese and Indian Communist groups. It is possible that the Association collaborated with some of the campaign and welfare groups on campaigns, or that their contact was in an advisory capacity.

MS 2142/D/1 Anti Nazi League 1980-1994

The Anti-Nazi League was formed in 1977 in response to the increased activities of and growth in support for the National Front. It is likely to have been established by Paul Holborrow, a district organiser of the Socialist Workers Party, Ernie Roberts, a trade unionist and later Labour MP, and Peter Hain, an anti-apartheid activist and also later Labour MP, following a confrontation at which anti-fascist groups attempted to stop a National Front demonstration in Lewisham in August 1977. The League enjoyed broad support from other left-wing groups, and trade unions, and the founding statement was signed by several hundred trade unionists and community activists, as well as footballers, musicians and other celebrities. Many local Anti-Nazi League groups were set up.

The Anti-Nazi League worked together with a sister organisation, Rock Against Racism, which brought together white punk groups and black reggae bands to unite people through music and combat the threat of racism and fascism. The largest Anti-Nazi League/Rock Against Racism events were large carnivals organised from 1978, publicised in the music press as well as through left-wing networks. Local carnivals were also held.

The Anti-Nazi League was very active between 1977 and 1979 in organising anti-fascist demonstrations, including a protest march against racism in Brick Lane on 14 May

1978, following the racist murder of Altab Ali, a protest against a National Front demonstration at Southall on 23 April 1979. Here the police Special Patrol Group attacked Anti-Nazi League demonstrators, and Blair Peach, a teacher and member of the Anti-Nazi League, was killed.

Between 1977 and 1979, several million Anti-Nazi League leaflets were distributed, and thousands of badges sold. Fifty local Labour Parties affiliated, along with many branches of several trade unions. The campaigning of the Anti-Nazi League forced the National Front onto the defensive, preventing activists from putting their message across and from demonstrating. The National Front did badly in the 1979 General Election, and split into three rival factions, and support on the streets crumbled.

Following the election, there seemed to be less need for an anti-fascist movement, and many Anti-Nazi League and Rock Against Racism campaigners took up different causes, including Right to Work marches, and Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament campaigns. The last Rock Against Racism Carnival took place in Leeds in 1981, while the Anti-Nazi League was officially wound down in autumn and winter 1981.

The Anti-Nazi League was relaunched in 1992 by the original founder members of the organisation, at a time when the British National Party were attempting to gain political influence, and fascist groups in France, Eastern Europe and Germany were gaining votes. The Anti-Nazi League became Unite Against Fascism in 2004, with the aim of alerting British society to the rising threat of the extreme right, in particular the British National Party (BNP), gaining an electoral foothold in this country. A connected campaign, Love Music Hate Racism, was formed in 2002, in the tradition of Rock Against Racism. This group uses the music scene to celebrate diversity and involve people in anti-racist and anti-fascist activity, as well as to urge people to vote against fascist candidates in elections.

Sources: Website of David Renton, historian of the Anti-Nazi League: <http://www.dkrenton.co.uk/anl/anl.html>
Accessed August 2006

Anti-Nazi League website:

<http://www.anl.org.uk/campaigns.htm> Accessed August 2006

Unite Against Fascism website: <http://www.uaf.org.uk/>

Love Music Hate Racism website:

<http://www.lovemusichateracism.com/about/>

Correspondence; minutes; statements; and flyers relating to the activities of the Anti-Nazi League during the early 1980s and early 1990s. The Anti Nazi League was supported by the Indian Workers Association, and Avtar Jouhl was a member of the steering committee in 1980 and 1981.

Papers consist of:

/1 flyer issued by Paddington Campaign Against Racism, a local Anti Nazi League organisation, giving details about a meeting to discuss ways to oppose the activities of the British Movement in Paddington 17 November [1980] and a Rock Against Racism gig with 'Distractions' and 'The Arawaks' 21 November [1980] at Paddington College

/2 minutes of a steering committee meeting of the Anti Nazi League 28 October [1980] at Westminster Hall

/3 December/January [1980-1981] circular of the Anti Nazi League, giving an account of recent and forthcoming activities and asking for donations from supporters

/4 circular letter to supporters asking them to renew their sponsorship of the Anti Nazi League and mentioning a forthcoming Youth Conference to be held in February [1981]

/5 flyer for a 'Youth Against the Nazis Conference' organised by the Anti Nazi League and sponsored by other young people's organisations, 28 February [1981] at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, together with a benefit gig at the Polytechnic of Central London

/6 recruitment leaflet produced by Youth Against the Nazis, Anti Nazi League, setting out some of the policies and views of far right groups on unemployment, nuclear weapons, and violence and urging people to protest and join the League, [1981]

/7 circular letter from Peter Alexander, National Organiser of the Anti Nazi League, giving information about a Youth Against the Nazis meeting 12 May [1981] at the Polytechnic of Central London Students Union with a list of topics to be discussed including forthcoming Rock Against Racism activities

/8-/10 letter from Peter Alexander, National Organiser of the Anti Nazi League, to Avtar Jouhl enclosing a programme for the Anti Nazi League 1981 National

Conference and giving a brief account of topics discussed at the last steering committee meeting 12 March [1981], together with a reply from Avtar Jouhl stating that he will not seek re-election to the steering committee due to his increased responsibilities with the Indian Workers Association, and nominating Harpal Brar in his place, March 1981

/11 letter from the Anti Nazi League convenor, Birmingham, thanking the Indian Workers Association for their donation, undated

/12-/13 photocopy of an editorial published in the July 1982 issue of 'Searchlight' which contains criticisms of the way that the central Anti Nazi League was being run, with a photocopy of a letter to 'Searchlight' from Peter Alexander, the Anti Nazi League National Organiser, for publication in reply to this editorial

/14 list of sponsors supporting the relaunched Anti Nazi League, including MPs, councillors, trade unions, organisations and actors, television personalities and comedians, with a form for those wishing to affiliate to complete, 1992

/15 Anti Nazi League newsletter issue 2 May 1992, containing reports about current campaigns

/16 Anti Nazi League newsletter issue 4 October 1993, containing reports about current campaigns including demonstrations against the activities of the British National Party [BNP] in East London

/17 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association to the Secretary of the Anti Nazi League urging the organisation to expand its activities by establishing more local branches and holding an Anti Nazi League conference to re-elect its national steering committee, 23 December 1993

/18 agenda for the Anti Nazi League conference 11 June 1994 with details of speakers

/19 photocopy of a letter printed in 'The Guardian' from members of the Anti Nazi League including Peter Hain MP, Bernie Grant MP and Avtar Jouhl, amongst others, condemning remarks made by Douglas Hurd on Italian neo-fascists, 17 June 1994

/20 photocopy of a newspaper article printed in 'Socialist

Worker' 18 June 1994 reporting on the Anti Nazi League conference

/21 open letter issued by the Anti Nazi League and signed by a number of prominent members, calling on Paul Condon and the Metropolitan Police to drop the charges against those arrested at a demonstration against the headquarters of the British National Party [BNP] in Welling

/22 photocopy of a newspaper article printed in 'Time Out' 21 December 1994 reporting on the emergence of an internal Metropolitan Police report revealing that flawed police tactics were largely responsible for violence at an anti-racist march in Welling in 1993 attended by Anti Nazi League supporters

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MS 2142/D/2 Association of Indian Communists, 1967-1999

The Association of Indian Communists was formed in around 1966 by Indian members of the Communist Party of Great Britain, many of whom were also Indian Workers Association members or office holders. According to research by De Witt John, Indian members of the Communist Party of Great Britain formed their own branches, and elected their own officers. English party officials may also have attended these meetings, but they were largely conducted in Punjabi. Although these Indian branches of the Communist Party of Great Britain took part in some of the campaigns led by the organisation, they were also very active in organising Indian migrants on the basis of class interests, and as such, had close links with local Indian Workers Associations. De Witt John suggests that Indian communists became active in many local Indian Workers Association branches, and were also instrumental in founding new branches during the 1960s. This may partly explain why the same people feature in the leadership of the national Indian Workers Association and of the Association of Indian Communists during this period.

The Association appears to have been organised on similar lines to those of the Indian Workers Association, with a Central Executive Committee and branch committees elected annually, and meeting taking place on a regular basis. National Conferences were also held, and the decisions of the Central Executive Committee disseminated to members through circular letters and notices to branches in the same way that the agendas and minutes of meetings were. The Association seems to have supported Indian Workers Association campaigns, and its journal 'Lalkar', launched in 1967, was read by members of the Indian Workers Association; indeed, many members of the editorial board also held office in the Indian Workers Association, and were later involved in the establishment of the Indian Workers Association magazine 'Lalkar' in 1979.

The Association of Indian Communists and the Association of Communist Workers took the decision to disband in 1996 and merge into a single organisation called the Association of Communists GB

Sources: De Witt John, Indian Workers Associations in Britain, Institute of Race Relations,

London, Oxford University Press, London, 1969: 66-70

Correspondence; policy statements; agendas and minutes for meetings; flyers; and conference papers and reports mostly dating from the late 1970s and early 1980s, but also including some material from the mid 1990s, including a small amount of papers relating to the Association of Indian Communists' links with the Communist Organisation of Britain See MS 2141/C/2 for papers of the Association of Indian Communists dating from the 1960s and 1970s

MS 2142/D/2/1	<u>Policy papers and correspondence</u> /1 printed pamphlet entitled 'Once Again On the Question of Participation in Bourgeois Parliamentary Elections and the Mistakes of our 'Left' Comrades', by Harpal Brar, member of the Southall branch of the Association of Indian Communists, for circulation to members of this association only, May 1978 /2 letter to Avtar Jouhl, Association of Indian Communists, from K.V.Z. News Agency Ltd discussing the development of contacts between members of the KBW (Communist League of West Germany) and members of the Association of Indian Communists in the Midlands to work together in class struggles and to support the 'liberation struggle of the people of India', 5 July 1978 /3 circular letter to members of the Association of Indian Communists Central Executive Committee from the East London Unit discussing attempts to resolve the election problem faced by the East London and Essex branch of the Indian Workers Association /4 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Teja Singh Sahota, Secretary of the Association of Indian Communists Britain (Marxist-Leninist) raising points about the organisation of the group for clarification and discussion. The letter states that these issues arose at a recent Indian Workers Association Central Committee meeting, 5 February 1979 /5 draft minutes in English and Punjabi of an extended meeting of the Association of Indian Communists 2 August 1980 /5 copy letter from Harpal Brar, National Organiser, to Teja Singh Sahota, asking him to convene an urgent meeting of the Association of Indian Communists, 23 October 1982 /6 circular letter from Harpal Brar to members of the Executive Committee of the Association of Indian Communists, with an agenda for the next committee meeting which will take place 11 May 1985 in Birmingham	1967-1999
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/7 draft handwritten minutes of a meeting of the Association of Indian Communists, 2 March 1986

/8-/9 statement issued by the Association of Indian Communists (Marxist) Britain condemning the 'political murders of comrade Balkar Singh and comrade Jagir Singh', active members of the Communist Party of India who were shot by 'Khalistani terrorists' in the Amritsar district, 22 August 1988; statement in the same handwriting issued by the Indian Workers Association led by Naranjan Singh Noor on the need for left leaning groups to unite. The first statement is likely to have been issued by a different Association of Indian Communists to the organisation led by Teja Singh Sahota, possibly by a group that split from this organisation in the same way that different Indian Workers Associations were formed

/10 circular letter to Association of Indian Communists to central committee members and branch secretaries with an agenda for an extended committee meeting to be held 22 July 1990 in Southall

/11 flyer giving details of a rally organised by the Association of Indian Communists and the Association of Communist Workers to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the October Revolution, held at Summerfield Community Centre, Birmingham 11 November 1995

/12 flyer in Punjabi giving details about an event organised by the Association of Indian Communists in West Bromwich to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the October Revolution, 11 November 1995

/13 handwritten notes comprising a meeting agenda and draft minutes for a meeting at which links between the New Communist Party and the Indian Workers Association were discussed, [1996]

/14-/18 papers relating to the Communist Organisation of Britain, including a newsletter dated November 1993; an 8-point Korea Initiative put forward by the Institute for Independence Studies and adopted by the Provisional Committee of the Communist Organisation of Britain September 1995 to develop solidarity with Korea; a message of solidarity to the commemoration of the 78th anniversary of the October Revolution called by the Association of Communist Workers and the Association of Indian Communists in Birmingham 11 November 1995; a newsletter dated 15 November 1995; and a letter to Avtar

Jouhl, Association of Indian Communists and Association of Communist Workers with comments on the organisation's Statement of Aims and suggestions for future exchanges of views between all the organisations , 20 November 1996

/19-/20 letters from M. Mehli to Secretary of Association of Communists (GB) Wolverhampton branch discussing the reasons for his resignation from his post as Indian Workers Association branch secretary and suggesting that he has had a disagreement with Avtar Jouhl, 14 June 1999

The file also contains correspondence, reports and policy documents in Punjabi including a circular to all committee members and branch secretaries about the first issue of Lalkar in 1967 and a report by the newspaper sub-committee about the plans to publish a journal. Other papers consist of minutes of meetings during the 1980s and 1990s, correspondence relating to links with Communist groups in India, and a report presented by Teja Singh Sahota to the Central Committee of the Association of Indian Communists 16 November 1980

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Conference papers

1980s

/1-/5 papers relating to the National Conference of the Association of Indian Communists held 28 February 1982 at Digbeth Civic Hall, including an agenda with a handwritten conference resolution on the reverse; a discussion document written by Harpal Brar entitled 'On the Theory of Three Worlds' presented ahead of the conference; conference document on developments in the international situation since the last conference, focusing on Indian politics and the dangers of American and Soviet imperialism; conference document on 'The Present Situation in the UK and Our Tasks' focusing on the 'crisis in the capitalist system' which has led to rises in unemployment and a decline in living standards of working people through the monetarist policies and public service cuts introduced by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government; handwritten notes on conference proceedings in English and Punjabi

/6-/8 papers relating to the National Conference of the Association of Indian Communists held 4 May 1986 at 346 Soho Road, Birmingham including a typescript report originally delivered to the conference by Teja Singh Sahota on changes in the international situation and the situation in Britain that have affected the Association of

Indian Communists and the Indian Workers Association; attendance list showing the names and branch details of delegates; handwritten motion proposed by the Bedford branch agreed by the conference

The file also contains an undated document written by Teja Singh Sahota on the 'international situation' possibly compiled for the 1986 conference but certainly written after 1984, and a report written in Punjabi, focusing on the 1986 conference

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MS 2142/D/3

Association of Communists

1996-1998

The Association of Communists GB was established in 1997 following the merger of the Association of Indian Communists and the Association of Communist Workers. Many members of the Association of Indian Communists presumably joined this organisation, but evidence in these papers suggests that Avtar Jouhl, and perhaps others, later left the group due to ideological differences.

Correspondence relating to the establishment of the Association of Communists GB in 1997, together with copies of draft and final versions of the constitution of this organisation, and some agendas and minutes of meetings. Avtar Jouhl and Harpal Brar are among the Indian Workers Association members who were involved in the formation of the group.

Papers consist of:

/1-/2 letter from Avtar Jouhl to Harpal Brar enclosing an outline of the proposed constitution of the new organisation, and discussing possible names for it, 1 August 1996

/2 photocopy of a letter from Jagtar Sahota to an unnamed recipient addressed as 'comrade' discussing the proposed constitution of the Association of Communists 5 January 1997

/3 minutes of a meeting of Association of Communists members held 12 January 1997 at which the constitution was adopted and minutes of a special members meeting 16 March 1997 at which members agreed to support Socialist Labour Party candidates in the forthcoming general election

/4-/9 four versions of the constitution of the Association of

Communists, including a handwritten version; proposed draft constitution; amendments to the draft constitution; constitution adopted 12 January 1997; and version of the constitution which calls the organisation the Association of British Communists

/10 circular letter to all members of the Association of Communists present at the 12 January general meeting concerning the finalisation of the name and constitution of the organisation, signed by Ella Rule, secretary of the new organisation, 22 January 1997

/11 letter to recipient addressed as 'comrade secretary' from Ella Rule, secretary of the Association of Communists discussing the constitution and future work and activities, 22 January 1997

/12 letter from Harpal Brar, Association of Communists GB, to Avtar Jouhl, in protest against his attitude and behaviour in announcing his intention to withdraw from the Association of Communists, containing an account of recent issues of contention between them, 2 February

/13 circular letter to all members of the Association of Communists containing an agenda for a general members meeting to be held 30 August 1997

/14 circular letter to all members of the Association of Communists containing an agenda for a general meeting to be held 1 February 1998

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MS 2142/D/4

Campaign Against Racism and Fascism

1980-1998

Birmingham based anti-racist organisation which opposed all forms of racism and racial discrimination and worked to oppose fascism both in Britain and internationally from a base within the Labour and Trade Union movement. Chairman in 1980 was Maurice Ludmer and Secretary Charles Beton, sponsored by Birmingham Trades Council, Birmingham Labour Party, Indian Workers Association, Bangladesh Workers Association, West Indian Federation, Birmingham Liberal Party. CARF Birmingham was originally formed in 1977 by Birmingham District Labour Party and BTUC, to fight racism and fascism. It was re-launched in 1990.

Correspondence; flyers and publications; minutes; and reports produced by the Birmingham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF]

/1 circular letter to members with an agenda for the next monthly CARF meeting to be held at the Star Social Club, Essex Street, Birmingham 28 October 1980. Minutes of the 30 September 1980 meeting are printed on the reverse of this letter

/2 flyer giving details about a CARF meeting on policing, sponsored by Birmingham Trades Council and Birmingham Labour Party, held at Digbeth Hall, Birmingham 10 September 1985. The flyer includes the names of speakers at this event

/3 Secretary's report given at CARF Annual General Meeting 1986 containing an account of recent campaigning activities

/4 circular letter from the secretary of CARF to supporters asking for comments from black workers organisations on proposals for building a unified organisation in Birmingham to campaign against racism and fascism, 23 April 1987

/5-/6 open letter to the chairperson of the Environmental Health Committee, Birmingham City Council, with a model resolution, together with a flyer on the issue of racist and fascist graffiti in Birmingham. The flyer urges supporters to put pressure on the City Council in removing this graffiti from all public property, while the open letter and resolution express CARF's concern and shock at the presence of such graffiti. The open letter includes a handwritten note to Avtar Jouhl from Paul Mackney on the subject of a forthcoming meeting in Digbeth, 1988

/7 flyer issued by CARF addressed to people who have been racially attacked or abused, asking them to contact CARF staff in order for the organisation to get an idea of the level of racist attacks, abuse and graffiti in Birmingham, 1980s

/8 Secretary's report given at CARF Annual General Meeting 1988 containing an account of recent campaigning activities including details of joint campaigns and a list of organisations affiliated to CARF Birmingham in 1987

/9 flyer issued by CARF urging people to campaign against the attempts of Simon Chamberlain to be elected to a position within the Students Union, due to his alleged right wing, sexist and homophobic views, 1980s

/10 Agenda for CARF Birmingham Annual General Meeting 27 March 1990 at Summerfield Community Centre, Birmingham

/10 copy of CARF News May 1990, no 1, marking the relaunch of the organisation. The newsletter includes an affiliation form and a copy of the aims and constitution

/11 minutes of CARF meeting held 26 June 1990 at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham

/12 minutes of CARF meeting held 25 September 1990 at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham

/13 agenda for CARF meeting 11 December 1990, together with minutes of CARF meeting held 6 November 1990 at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham

/14 minutes of CARF meeting held 15 October 1991 at Summerfield Centre, Birmingham

/15 flyer in English and Urdu and printed by CARF giving details about a demonstration to protest against the British National Party [BNP] in Wolverhampton, 14 July 1990

/16 flyer giving details about a mass picket for justice at the Old Bailey 16 July 1990 for the victims of racial violence and to remember Kuldip Singh Sekhon who was killed in Southall in 1989. The demonstration was organised by the Sekhon Family Support Group and supported by CARF

/17 flyer for a demonstration against the presence of US and British troops in the Gulf, and to stop racist attacks and defend black communities, 10 November [1990] in Birmingham, organised by Birmingham Trade Union Council and CARF

/18 flyer giving details about a talk by Graham Atkinson on 'Racism, Fascism and 1992', working for Searchlight in Germany, at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham 26 October, organised by CARF

/19 copy letter from H. Dardi, secretary of the Indian Workers Association Birmingham and Sandwell branch, to Phil Brazier, secretary of CARF, urging the organisation to reject the affiliation of a breakaway Indian Workers Association, enclosing a copy of a membership card for this breakaway group showing that the aims and

objectives were the same as those of the Indian Workers Association GB, 1990

/20 copy of CARF News no 45, August/September 1998 containing articles about the Stephen Lawrence inquiry

The file also contains a copy letter from the Home Office to the wife of an individual detained in Rampton Hospital, addressing her belief that he was being given drugs against his will, 25 February 1981. This letter may have formed part of a casework file at CARF, which campaigned to stop racial discrimination against black and Asian prisoners.

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MS 2142/D/5

Campaign Against Racist Laws

1980-1992

The Indian Workers Association approached other organisations in 1979 to discuss ways of campaigning together on issues of immigration and nationality, and Avtar Jouhl and other members of all three Indian Workers Association groups existing at the time were elected to the mobilising committee of a broad based body known as the Campaign Against Racist Laws, formed from several black and Asian and anti-racist organisations to mobilise support for a demonstration to take place in London on 25 November 1979. Subsequent demonstration and conferences organised by CARL also focused on efforts to oppose racist legislation introduced by the government. Dave Cook, secretary- probably of a communist group, other officials from Indian Workers Association and Anti-Nazi League - broad based unity organisation working mainly on campaigns against immigration and nationality laws, including campaigns against the deportation of individuals and the division of families, and against racism in general, including racist attacks on black and Asian people living in Britain

Both Indian Workers Associations GB were involved, and Prem Singh was chairperson in the late 1980s, along with Harpal Brar from Avtar Jouhl's Indian Workers Association

This file contains records of the Campaign Against Racist Laws [CARL] including minutes; agendas; conference papers; information circulars; correspondence; and flyers.

/1 minutes of meeting of South London CARL 12 November 1980

/2-/6 letters from affiliated groups including Sheffield Campaign Against Racism [SCAR], CARL Bristol, Hull

University Union and Oxford Polytechnic Students Union asking to be informed of future activities, December 1980

/7 circular letter to 'all London Labour Party members opposed to the racist nationality proposals' urging them to attend a meeting to be held 17 December 1980 to discuss the CARL campaign against attacks on the rights of black people in Britain since the Conservative government was elected in May 1979. The letter also urges people to support the national CARL conference to be held in January 1981 and is signed by a number of Labour Party members

/8-/12 papers relating to the CARL national conference held at Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham 10 January 1981 including conference agenda; versions of statement on the Nationality Act for adoption at the conference together with amendments to this statement; list of delegates; proposed CARL Trade Union resolution for adoption at the conference

/13-/14 correspondence between Avtar Jouhl on behalf of the Indian Workers Association and Mike Rodney on behalf of CARL discussing objections to content of the 'Here to Stay' CARL newsletter, January-February 1981

/15-/18 papers relating to the production of a leaflet to be issued for the CARL national demonstration against the Nationality Bill 5 April 1981, including a circular letter to all members of the national committee of CARL discussing costs and distribution of the leaflet in English and South Asian languages; handwritten notes made by Avtar Jouhl at a CARL sub-committee meeting at which arrangements for the 5 April demonstration were discussed; information leaflet in English and South Asian languages giving details about departure points for coaches travelling from Birmingham to London for the demonstration; and an annotated draft version of a leaflet explaining the effects of the Nationality Bill on black people and workers in Britain

/19 circular letter to supporters announcing the date of the next meeting of the CARL Mobilising Committee 28 February 1981 and asking sponsoring organisations, including the Indian Workers Association, Kashmiri Workers Association, Anti Nazi League, Indian Youth Association, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and the Communist Party of Great Britain to forward the donations they have pledged, 24 February 1981

/20 minutes of a 'Stop the Deportation Committee' meeting

held in Manchester 18 July 1981

/21 circular letter to supporters giving information about a national meeting of CARL to be held in Birmingham 19 September 1981 to discuss the next stage in the campaign against racist immigration and nationality laws introduced by the Conservative government, 21 July 1981

/22 minutes of a meeting of the National Committee of CARL, held in Birmingham, 19 September 1981

/23 minutes of a meeting of the CARL sub-committee held 25 October 1981

/24 contact list for anti-racist and 'stop deportation' campaigning organisations, dated October 1981

/25 copy of 'Here to Stay', the CARL newsletter, November 1981

/26 circular letter to members of the CARL national committee giving information about forthcoming meetings and events including a meeting of the national committee 12 December in Bradford following a demonstration in support of the 'Bradford 12' and a meeting with Labour Party members at the House of Commons 25 November 1981

/27 minutes of a meeting between representatives of CARL and Labour MPs Joan Lestor, John Tilley, and Joyce Gould at the House of Commons, 24 November 1981

/28-/30 papers relating to a meeting of the CARL national committee 6 February 1982, including agenda and minutes

/31-/32 letters to Avtar Jouhl from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, discussing arrangements for a future meeting involving Prem Singh, February 1982

/33 circular letter to members of the national committee of CARL giving information about current campaigns, 1982

/34-/35 minutes of CARL sub-committee meetings 11 May 1982 and 25 May 1982

/36-/37 circular letter to members of the CARL national committee giving information about current campaigns and enclosing a draft invitation to a CARL national conference to be held in October 1982

/38 minutes of CARL national committee meeting 19 June 1982

/39 minutes of CARL sub-committee meeting 6 July 1982

/40-/41 draft documents for discussion at a CARL sub-committee meeting 3 August 1982, comprising a draft letter of invitation to the national conference and a draft press statement on the question of 'foreign husbands'

/42 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Harpal Brar, Indian Workers Association national organiser, discussing an agenda item on 'voting on the National Committee' for the next meeting of the CARL sub-committee on 3 August 1982

/43 minutes of CARL sub-committee meeting 3 August 1982

/44--/48 papers relating to the CARL National Action Conference held at County Hall, London 23 October 1982, including a letter of invitation, conference flyer with programme of events, and a programme of action and resolutions agreed at the conference

/49-/51 minutes of CARL sub-committee meetings 11 October 1982, 9 November 1982; and 29 November 1982

/52 circular letter to supporters giving information about current campaigns, 1982

/53 minutes of CARL sub-committee meeting 5 January 1983

/54 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, asking for his comments on the issue of speakers at a rally after a demonstration to be held 27 March, dated 16 January 1983

/55-/56 papers relating to a CARL national committee meeting 22 January 1983, including minutes

/57 minutes of CARL sub-committee meeting 14 February 1983

/58 circular letter to CARL national committee members discussing current campaigns including plans for a national demonstration 27 March 1983, and meetings with the Trades Union Congress [TUC] Race Relations

Advisory Committee and Bangladesh Divided Families lobby, 2 March 1983

/59 list of banners of different organisations present at the CARL national demonstration held 27 March 1983

/60 letter from Greater London Council [GLC] Ethnic Minorities Unit, to Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, on the subject of medical examinations for immigrants at British airports, 11 April 1983

/61 minutes of CARL sub-committee meeting 18 April 1983

/62 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, asking for comments on proposals to develop the campaign against immigration legislation, 2 June 1983

/63-/64 minutes of CARL sub-committee meetings 19 May 1983 and 4 November 1983

/65 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Bernard Misrahi, CARL, asking for comments on a CARL broadsheet directed towards the trade unions, and setting out ideas for additions to the document, 21 November 1983

/66-/67 papers issued by Sandwell Committee Against Racism and Fascism including a notice of a special meeting 4 December 1983 at Oldbury Social Club, at which Peter Archer MP will be a guest, and a draft declaration for candidates standing in a general election

/68-/69 agenda and minutes of a meeting of the CARL national committee, 10 September 1984

/70 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, making arrangements for a London Consultation Meeting, 15 October 1984

/71 minutes of a CARL National Campaign meeting 'Unite the Divided Families', 'Stop the Racist Deportations', 'Repeal the Racist and Sexist Laws', 19 January 1985

/72 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL, discussing organisations sponsoring the current campaigns surrounding the Divided Families Campaign and anti-deportation activities, 9 May 1985

/73 circular letter to supporters giving information about a national meeting sponsored by CARL, Immigration Widows Campaign and the Joint Council for the Welfare of

Immigrants [JCWI] to mobilise opposition to the 'Primary Purpose' marriage rule controlling the entry to the UK of spouses fiances and fiancees, 15 March 1986

/74 draft copy of CARL broadsheet 'Family Reunion is Our Right - Here to Stay' produced by the steering committee elected at a previous CARL National meeting, 2 July 1986

/75 minutes of CARL National meeting 12 July 1986

/76 amended draft broadsheet produced by CARL entitled 'Family Reunion is Our Right - Here to Stay', taking account of suggestions made at the CARL National meeting 12 July in Birmingham , 21 July 1986

/77 circular letter to supporters comprising progress report on the CARL broadsheet 'Family Reunion is Our Right', 1 April 1987

/78 minutes of CARL National meeting 4 July 1987

/79-/80 papers relating to the production of CARL leaflets for the 'Family Reunion' campaign, together with minutes of a CARL sub-committee meeting 27 July 1987 which included discussion of the leaflet

/81-/88 papers relating to a national lobby of parliament, organised by CARL 10 December 1987 to express opposition to the new Immigration Bill. Papers include letters to supporters, draft press statements and lobby guidance for protestors

/89-/90 newspaper articles focusing on the campaign of a Castle Bromwich family to prevent their mother from being deported, 13 November 1987, and reporting on the CARL lobby on 10 December 1987

/91 handwritten guidance notes produced by Avtar Jouhl on the changes to the law on British citizenship introduced in the 1983 Nationality Act after transitional arrangements expired 31 December 1987

/92 circular letter giving details to supporters on ways to mobilise support for a National Demonstration against the Immigration Bill 6 March with flyers for this demonstration [1988?]

/93 letter to Prem Singh, Avtar Singh Sadiq, Avtar Jouhl, Harpal Brar, Pete Alexander and Pete Sheppard, from Dave Cook, secretary of CARL discussing arrangements

for a meeting to discuss the implications of the Common European Act to be held 19 July 1988 in London. The recipients of this letter were all officers of CARL

/94 minutes of a meeting convened by CARL and another group known as AGIN to discuss the implications of the Single European Act of 1992, 19 July 1988

/95 minutes of a meeting convened by CARL and several other trade union and anti-racist organisations to work on the 'Implications of 1992 Single European Act Material', 16 August 1988

/96 circular letter inviting representatives of supporting organisations to attend a consultation meeting 5 October 1988 to discuss the draft of a broadsheet on the implications of the Single European Act 1992 for Immigration and Nationality, 18 August 1988

/97 minutes of CARL National meeting held 28 January 1989

/98-/99 flyer and poster for CARL conference entitled '1992 and the Ethnic Minorities' to launch the Charter of European Community Rights, 3 November 1990. The flyer includes the names of speakers and sponsors of the event

/100 information leaflet explaining the terms of the Charter of European Community Rights

/101 minutes of CARL National meeting 13 May 1990

/102 letter to Avtar Jouhl from 'Shaun', written on House of Commons notepaper informing him that he has booked a room in the Houses of Parliament for a meeting 27 March 1991 in the name of Bernie Grant

/103-/106 correspondence relating to the CARL campaign for the Charter of European Community Rights, particularly concerning a conference on this issue organised with SCORE in March 1992

/107 photocopied report in Punjabi newspaper giving information about a meeting organised by CARL at the House of Commons in support of British citizens in Hong Kong, addressed by Bernie Grant MP, and giving details of a meeting held in Birmingham 3 March 1990 at which office bearers, including Harpal Brar and Prem Singh, were elected.

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MS 2142/D/6 Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited 1984-1991

The majority of the papers in this file comprise Annual General Meeting minutes and annual reports of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited during the mid 1980s, but there are also papers relating to the work of the trust's Employment Panel and some correspondence relating to other activities undertaken by the organisation. Avtar Jouhl became a member of the Fund in 1986, and was also a member of the Employment Panel.

Papers consist of:

/1 Memorandum altered by Special Resolution 14 November 1984 and Articles of Association of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, incorporated 5 January 1952

/2-/6 letters to Avtar Jouhl from Anthony Wilson, secretary of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, on behalf of the Directors, inviting him to become a member of the Fund and setting out details of the role that members could play at a legal and advisory level. Enclosed with this letter are a copy of the Annual Report of the Barrow & Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust, Paul S. Cadbury Trust and Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited for 1985-1986; Annual Report of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited for the year ended 5 April 1986 consisting largely of statements of accounts; and a categorised grants list for the year ended 5 April 1986

/7-/8 minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, held at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham 12 November 1986, together with a covering letter to Avtar Jouhl from Anthony Wilson, secretary of the Fund, which gives details about the first meeting of the Employment Panel, 24 November 1986

/9-/11 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Anthony Wilson, secretary of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, enclosing two reports ahead of the Employment Panel meeting: one is a Grants for Employment paper reflecting the experience of the Fund in this area to aid discussion; the other is a summary of the issues discussed by the Foundations Forum Employment Group since 1985

/12-/13 minutes of a meeting of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited Employment Panel 25 February 1987, with a covering letter to Avtar Jouhl from Anthony Wilson, secretary of the Fund, including a handwritten addition regretting that Jouhl was not able to be present at the

meeting

/14 minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, held at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham 18 November 1987

/15 minutes of the Thirty-Fifth [sic] Annual General Meeting of the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited, held at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham 16 November 1988

/16-/18 correspondence and reports relating to the Barrow Cadbury Fund Limited's expenditure on grants in the field of race relations, including part of the monthly review prepared for the Trustees and Directors which contains a news briefing on this issue, December 1991

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MS 2142/D/7

Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)

1977-1997

This file largely consists of typescript reports prepared by the Communist Party of India (ML) and printed material produced by the party and other Indian communist groups. It also contains a small amount of correspondence. Although the date range covers a period of twenty years, most papers were produced either during the late 1970s or early to mid 1990s.

Papers consist of:

/1 photocopy of 'The Spark' vol 3 no 1 January -March 1977, the organ of the Central Committee of the Unity Centre of Communist Revolutionaries of India (Marxist Leninist), containing articles about bilateral discussions between this party and the Communist Party of India (ML) amongst other political groups

/2 photocopy of 'Red Flag', no 1 May 1977, the publication of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist)

/3 photocopy of a report entitled 'Indian Revolution and its Path', issued by the All India Plenum of the Communist Party of India (ML), probably during the mid to late 1970s

/4 photocopy of an open letter from Kalpana Basu, a 'Naxalite' prisoner from May 1970 to April 1978, to Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister, West Bengal, informing him about the harassment experienced by her family and friends at the hands of the police in the period since her release from prison, August 1978

/5 photocopy of a newspaper article printed in 'The Statesman Weekly' 19 August 1978 reporting on police operations against 'Naxalites' and Communist Party of India (ML) allegations of police atrocities against communist groups

/6 Communist Party of India (Marxist) Central Committee Document on Mass Organisations, April 1981

/7 photocopy of article entitled 'Some Observations on the Indian Youth Movement', by M. Basavapunniah, member of the Politbureau of the Communist Party of India (M), January 1982

/8 copy of the Manifesto of the Indian People's Front, accepted at the 2nd National Conference held in Calcutta, 4-6 November 1984

/9 report on recent activities of the Indian Federation of Trade Unions [IFTU], attached to the Communist Party of India [CPI] (ML), including information about organisational difficulties of the CPI and details about campaigns and rallies, 12 July 1985

/10 preliminary draft of a resolution on Overseas Indians proposed by the Communist Party of India (ML) on the issue of dual nationality for people of Indian origin living in Britain and other countries, undated [1980s]

/11 draft political resolution on the international situation for the Thirteenth Party Congress of the Communist Party of India (ML) to be held at Trivandrum, 27 December 1988-1 January 1989, adopted by the Central Committee meeting, New Delhi, 2-6 October 1988.

/12 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl and Prem Singh of the Indian Workers Association to Harkishan Singh Surjeet, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (ML) with condolences on the death of the Indian communist leader M. Basavapunniah, 28 April 1992

/13 copy letter from Harkishan Singh Surjeet, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (ML) to Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister of India, discussing political unrest in Punjab and the activities of Sikh separatists, 27 May 1993

/14 printed open letter from B. K. Kaushik, Spokesperson for the Communist Party of India (ML)-Janashakti to Indian

Workers Association members in Britain, discussing the history of the Communist Party of India and recent changes in its organisation, and giving an account of its activities and recent campaigns, 1994

/15 copy of 'Liberation', the Central Organ of the Communist Party of India (ML) new series, vol 1 no 11 June 1994

/16 copy of pamphlet entitled 'In Defence of Their Forests: The Struggle of Malkangiri Adivasis', issued by supporters of the Malkangiri Adivasi Movement, made up of peasant activists, 1995

/17 typescript addition to the draft political resolution of the Communist Party of India (M) on 'Non-residential Indians and persons of Indian origin', addressing the issue of dual nationality, compiled by Avtar Jouhl of the Indian Workers Association [1997]

/18 open letter from Harkishan Singh Surjeet, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (ML) appealing for supporters to assist in the establishment of a press to 'revive the rich culture, secular and patriotic traditions of Punjab', and proposing the launch of a newspaper in different languages covering issues relating to Punjab [1990s]

/19 letter in Punjabi from Harpal Singh, Central Team of the Communist Party of India, 21 October 1984, to the Secretary of the Indian Workers Association about the political situation in Punjab and a report of activities to be published in Surkh Rekha

/20 undated article in Punjabi paying tribute to Gurcharan Singh, younger brother of Bant Singh, member of the Communist Party of India (ML). He was arrested in place of his brother and was tortured by police

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MS 2142/D/8

Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee

1980-1999

The Desh Bhagat Yadgar committee represented Indian revolutionaries living abroad who fought for independence from British rule, especially those who were members of the Ghadr party, established in Portland (Oregon) and organised mainly by Indian immigrants to Canada and the United States of America during the early twentieth century. The headquarters of the Ghadr Movement were in San Francisco, and members aimed to end British rule

through armed rebellion. The Desh Bhagat Yadgar committee worked to establish the Desh Bhagat Yadgar Memorial Hall in Jalandhar, India, a museum and monument to preserve the history of Gadar Party, Gadarites and the freedom movement

This file consists primarily of correspondence between Avtar Jouhl for the Indian Workers Association and members of the Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee, particularly Gandharav Sen, concerning donations by Indian Workers Association members and workers at Darcast Component Foundry, Smethwick, towards the cost of building an auditorium hall in Jalandhar, built as a memorial to members of the Ghadr party. Letters include some information about the construction process and a Langar and Mela held in June 1998 attended by representatives of the Communist Party of India and other groups.

Some correspondence also discusses other matters, including the release of government papers on Udham Singh, the collaboration of the Indian Workers Association with Punjabi University in Patiala on a biography of Udham Singh, and the re-publication of the Ghadr Directory of 1934. One letter from Gandharav Sen to Avtar Jouhl at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Trust expresses thanks for copies of the Udham Singh papers which will be maintained in the Desh Bhagat Yadgar library. Letters also refer to visits by trade unionists from Birmingham to Punjab and Jalandhar in 1997, and the visit of Harpal Brar and Mela Ghadara Babeyan Ba in 1996.

The file also includes photocopies of cheques made out to the Desh Bhagat Yadgar committee dated 1997-1999, receipts and tickets for contributions to the Desh Bhagat Yadgar committee, and details of accounts in Punjabi

There is a small amount of earlier material, consisting of correspondence in Punjabi between Avtar Jouhl and members of the committee, and correspondence and promotional material in Punjabi issued by the Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee relating to Ghadar Party Martyrs' commemoration events in 1992 and 1994. English summaries are provided for this material.

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MS 2142/D/9

Indian Peoples Association of North America [IPANA]
Publications; press releases; reports; information circulars; and correspondence issued by the Indian

1977-1989

People's Association of North America, based in Vancouver, Canada, and a connected organisation called Indians For New Democracy, Abroad, including a small amount of correspondence with members of the Indian Workers Association.

Papers consist of:

/1 New India Bulletin, vol 2 no 6 November-December 1977, produced by the Indian People's Association in North America and containing articles on 'Three World Analysis and Indian Revolution'

/2 'Wangar', the publication of the Indian People's Association in North America, vol 2 no 1, April 1978, in Punjabi and vol 6 no 4 1984

/3 letter from Hari Sharma, secretary of IPANA, discussing arrangements for a joint appeal with the Indian Workers Association to the Marxist Leninist movement in India for unity, 5 December 1980

/4 letter from Hari Sharma, secretary of IPANA, to Avtar Jouhl, asking whether the Indian Workers Association would host Vaskar Nandy, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) on a visit to England on his way back to India from a tour in North America, 10 April 1982

/5 letter from the Canadian Farmworkers Union to Avtar Jouhl asking whether the Indian Workers Association knows of an artist who can sing Punjabi working class songs to take part in a fund raising cultural evening. Jouhl's contact details were passed on by Harinder Mahil of IPANA, 18 September 1981

/6 letter from Hari Sharma, Indians for New Democracy Abroad, 2 January 1982, enclosing an appeal on behalf of the jawans of the Central Industrial Security Force, dated September 1981

/7 IPANA press release denouncing the repression of trade unions and large scale arrests of striking workers by the Indian government, 21 January 1982

/8 letter from H. Mahil, President of IPANA, asking supporters to endorse the organisation's campaign to urge the Indian Government to allow dual citizenship for people who have taken citizenship in their countries of residence, 1983

/9 letter from Harinder Mahil, President of IPANA, to the Indian Workers Association discussing the supply of copies of a book of Urdu poetry by Jagmohan Joshi and 'Mao's first volume in Punjabi, 4 April 1983

/10-/12 correspondence relating to the supply and sale of recordings of performances of Jagmohan Joshi's poetry and to arrangements for the two organisations to share the cost of travel expenses for Gursharan Singh's drama group following their visit to Britain, 1983

/13 letter from Hari P. Sharma, secretary of IPANA, to supporters and friends of 'a New Democratic Revolution in India' 30 November 1984, commenting on his experiences during a three month trip to India and commenting on the activities of communist groups there

/14 report written by Hari P. Sharma entitled 'India: 1984' on the political situation, including the domestic and foreign policies of Indira Gandhi's government, developments in the Sikh separatist struggle, and the repercussions of the assassination of Indira Gandhi, dated 15 March 1985

/15 handwritten letter from Hari Sharma, secretary of IPANA to Avtar Jouhl, discussing current campaign activities, 22 April 1985

/16 report entitled 'On IPANA's Present Problems and its Future Orientation', issued by the Vancouver Unit, February 1985

/17 letter from Hari Sharma, secretary of IPANA, to Avtar Jouhl, discussing campaign activities, including arrangements for the visit to Britain of Gursharan Singh, 20 May 1985

/18 letter to Avtar Jouhl from Hari P. Sharma, secretary of IPANA, discussing producing and marketing recordings of Gursharan Singh performances and Jagmohan Joshi poems, 11 July 1985

/19 press release issued by IPANA 'On the Gandhi-Longowal pact on Punjab' explaining the details of the settlement signed by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and the President of Shiromani Akali Dal, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, in an effort to end the period of confrontation in Punjab, and expressing the view of IPANA on this agreement, 29 July 1985

/20 copy letter from Avtar Jouhl to Hari Sharma and IPANA, sending payment for records and books and mentioning that recordings of Jagmohan Joshi's poetry have been delayed, 21 December 1985

/21 papers relating to the expulsion of Satinder Sidhu from IPANA May 1987, including a press release and copy of a letter sent to Satinder Sidhu. This item is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act until 2068 because it contains sensitive personal information about an individual

/22-/24 papers relating to an IPANA conference 'Centralised State Power and the Threat to Minorities in India' held in Vancouver in October 1987, including a statement about the background to the conference and profile of the chief guest, Syed Shahabuddin, editor of Muslim India and Member of Parliament; 'Wangar' vol 8 no 2 November-December 1987 containing conference proceedings; and a circular letter to supporters reporting on a successful conference

/25-/27 papers relating to an IPANA campaign to protest against the harassment and imprisonment of people of Indian origin living in Canada on their visits to India, including a circular letter to supporters explaining some of the background to this campaign and giving an account of a public meeting held in Vancouver 12 February 1989; copy of the resolutions adopted at this meeting; and photocopied newspaper articles reporting on the campaign to free Amarjeet Singh Sohi who was arrested in Bihar without being charged

The file also contains a statement issued by the British Columbia Organisation to Fight Racism [BCOFR] condemning attacks by the Communist Party of Canada (ML) on BCOFR rallies in the South Memorial Park of Vancouver, in both English and Punjabi versions, 1981

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MS 2142/D/10

Immigration Aid Unit

1981-1985

The Immigration Aid Unit was a resource set up for organisations in the West Midlands concerned with helping

people with immigration or nationality problems, and offered advice and support on the relevant legislation. Handsworth Law Centre set up a committee to seek funding for an Immigration Aid Unit in 1980, and after grants were received from the Barrow Cadbury Fund, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the British Council of Churches the Unit was constituted in February 1981. The Management Committee was made up of representatives from local organisations and agencies with an involvement in immigration and nationality issues. Tony Huq of the Bangladeshi Workers Association was the first chairperson of the Immigration Aid Unit, and the first resource workers were Dean Huggins, Mohan Lal, and Geoff Wilkins, who had been involved in fund-raising for the project, and worked at the unit from 1981 to 1984. The Unit rented an office at Saltley Action Centre and with the help of further funding, from West Midlands County Council, was able to employ three resource workers by 1982. Unit workers addressed meetings, gave talks to groups and assisted with producing publications in English and South Asian languages. The Unit was also involved with anti-deportation campaigns and lobbied the Home Office on issues relating to immigration legislation.

Sources: AFFOR News 1981;
<http://www.wordsmith.demon.co.uk/CV/index.htm>
Accessed June 2005; internal evidence

This file contains records of the Immigration Aid Unit, based at 2 Alum Rock Road in Saltley, Birmingham, comprising annual reports, minutes of management committee meetings, circular letters to members of the management committee, papers relating to the recruitment of project workers, and to other activities of the Unit, and a small number of flyers and information leaflets. The Unit was sponsored by the Indian Workers Association until 1985, and Avtar Jouhl was a member of the management committee.

Annual reports and accounts:

/1 draft outline of the Immigration Aid Unit first annual report 1981-1982

/2 budget for November 1981-April 1982, including income and expenditure accounts

/3 draft typescript copy of the first annual report 1981-1982

/4 summary of financial accounts, 1 May 1981-30 April

1982

/5 copy of printed Immigration Aid Unit 1982 Report, cover photograph, design and production by Derek Bishton

/6 draft outline of the Immigration Aid Unit annual report 1982-1983, including a covering letter to committee members from Geoff Wilkins, project worker at the unit, July 1983

/7-/10 annotated draft copies of the 1982-1983 annual report, with a covering letter from Geoff Wilkins. One of the draft reports contains handwritten annotations by Avtar Jouhl

/11 tentative budget for 1 May 1982 to 30 April 1983, including details of expected income and expenditure

/12 annotated draft report on the campaign work carried out by the Immigration Aid Unit, intended to form part of the 1982-1983 annual report

Minutes and agendas:

/13 agenda for meeting 11 January 1981

/14 Management Committee minutes 3 March 1981

/15 report comprising suggestions for an initial programme of work, compiled by Geoff Wilkins at the request of the interviewing panel for the post of a second worker at the Immigration Aid Unit, to be discussed at a Committee meeting 8 May 1981

/16 Management Committee minutes 8 May 1981

/17-/19 Management Committee minutes 20 July 1981, including workers report, financial report and report of Mohan Lal, project worker for the Unit

/20 draft letter from Tony Huq, Chairman of the Immigration Aid Unit to Malcolm Snell, Commission for Racial Equality [CRE], explaining why the Unit does not consider it appropriate to submit evidence to a CRE investigation of immigration control, along the lines suggested in the invitation, 31 July 1981

/21 report for Management Committee 7 September 1981 comprising a synopsis of 'Review of Appeals Under the Immigration Act 1971', a discussion document published

by the Home Office

/22-/24 agenda and minutes for Management Committee meeting 28 September 1981, including workers report and report on survey of local resources

/25-/26 Management Committee minutes 12 November 1981, including workers report

/27 circular letter giving details about matters to be discussed at the Management Committee meeting 11 January 1982

/28 workers report given at Management Committee meeting 12 January 1982

/29 Management Committee minutes 8 March 1982

/30-/32 Management Committee agenda and minutes 6 April 1982, including workers report

/33-/34 agenda and workers reports for Management Committee meeting 11 May 1982

/35 agenda, workers report and accounts report for Management Committee meeting 15 June 1982

/36 Management Committee agenda and minutes 6 July 1982

/37 Management Committee minutes 10 September 1982

/38 Management Committee minutes 25 May 1983

/39-/40 Management Committee agenda 21 June 1983 with request for nominations for election to the Management Committee

/41 Management Committee minutes 21 June 1983, with request to send representative to future meetings due to falling attendance

/42-/44 agenda, workers report and financial report for Management Committee meeting 15 July 1983

/45 Management Committee meeting minutes 21 January 1985, with workers report

/46-/47 agenda for Management Committee meeting 18 February 1985, with financial report

Other papers consist of:

/48-/53 papers relating to a dispute over the publication of the Immigration Aid Unit's address in an article published in 'Outwrite' in December 1984 on the Kewal Bros Strikers Support Group which suggested that the Management Committee allowed women in the support group to use the Immigration Aid Unit's address. These papers include correspondence between Avtar Jouhl and the secretary of the Immigration Aid Unit; photocopies of the article in 'Outwrite'; a letter from Anthony Wilson of the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust to Tony Huq expressing his concern about the implications of the article; statements made by an Immigration Aid Unit caseworker about this incident; and a photocopied letter from a member of the Kewal Bros Strikers Support Group refuting the implications made in the article February-March 1985

/54 letter to all Management Committee members announcing the resignation of Anil Bhalla and Tony Huq from the committee, 12 March 1985

/55 letter to the Immigration Aid Unit from Avtar Jouhl announcing that the Indian Workers Association is withdrawing sponsorship, 20 March 1985

/56 Immigration Aid Unit questionnaire mailing list, containing contact details for various community organisations and individuals active in Birmingham during the early 1980s

/57-/59 flyers produced by the Immigration Aid Unit giving details about the publication of information leaflets, news of forthcoming immigration appeals and training sessions, an advertisement for a project worker

/60 flyer for the 1983 Saltley Festival, printed by Saltley Print and Media Workshop, Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham

The file also contains papers relating to applications by individuals for the position of project worker at the Immigration Aid Unit in 1981. This material is closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act and is not available for research

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information about individuals. The remainder of the file is available for consultation.

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MS 2142/D/11 Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants 1980-1989

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants [JCWI] is a national voluntary organisation specialising in British immigration, nationality and asylum law. It was founded in September 1967 following a meeting of representatives of a number of ethnic minority and civil rights organisations in Southall. Vishnu Sharma, co-founder, and leader of the Indian Workers Association (Southall), served as the first General Secretary. He worked with JCWI for ten years and remained closely associated with it until his death in 1992. JCWI does not receive government funding, but is entirely dependent on donations plus grants from charities and other trusts and affiliation fees. This helps to preserve its independence and the confidence of the communities it serves. JCWI undertakes casework and campaigning. It intervenes when people are detained or imprisoned at points of entry into Britain. JCWI provides representation for clients at hearings of the Immigration Appeal tribunals and offers advice to anyone with immigration problems. It makes no charge for any of these services. Involvement in mass lobbies and demonstrations defending the rights of immigrants is another facet of its work. When and where necessary, JCWI works to expose government practices and policies, campaigning for change. It monitors the effects of government changes, often working with other bodies, and challenging the Home Office as the need arises.

Source:

<http://www.hull.ac.uk/oldlib/archives/pressure/jcwi.html>

Accessed November 2006

Reports; statements and press releases; flyers; circular letters and correspondence issued by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants [JCWI]. Papers consist of:

/1 copy of Articles of Association of the JCWI West Midlands branch, undated

/2 circular letter to supporters urging organisations to join a support committee set up to make complaints to the European Commission for Human Rights over the new immigration rules regarding the entry to the UK of husbands and fiances of black and Asian women living in the country, May 1980

/3 typescript report written by Vishnu Sharma on the subject of British Nationality Law, discussing the publication of a White Paper on this issue by the Conservative government in July 1980

/4 agenda and further details about the JCWI Annual General Meeting to be held 1 November 1980, together with programme and conference registration form for a conference on Immigration and Nationality to be held on the same day

/5 news briefing from JCWI giving information about an inset to a leaflet produced by the organisation entitled 'Are you a UK citizen?', with an attached leaflet order form and a copy of the inset

/6 leaflet giving information about the work of JCWI including forms to make a donation or to affiliate to the organisation, including subscription rates

/7 list of organisations affiliated to JCWI October 1980, including legal advice and law centres, other advice agencies and community organisations, black and Asian organisations, Community Relations Councils, Trades and Students Unions and other groups. The Indian Workers Association (Southall) and Watford and Huddersfield branches of the Indian Workers Association were among the groups affiliated to the JCWI

/8-/10 letter from Ian Martin, General Secretary of the JCWI to Avtar Jouhl enclosing a photocopied transcript of part of a House of Commons debate on the Nationality Bill, and expressing pleasure that the Indian Workers Association (GB) is considering affiliation to JCWI, reiterating that the organisation does not seek or accept funding from the Government and enclosing a statement issued by JCWI on this policy

/11 JCWI Annual Report 1981-1982

/12 JCWI report entitled 'Immigration from the Indian Sub-Continent: Memoranda submitted to the Race Relations and Immigration Sub-Committee of the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons' April 1982

/13 press release setting out the policy of JCWI on the issue of charges introduced for entry clearances for Commonwealth citizens, mid 1980s

/14 circular letter inviting supporters to a meeting arranged

for 13 January 1988 to discuss current activities which the JCWI was involved with, including a campaign against the Immigration Bill including a possible meeting between the West Midlands delegation and the Bishop of Birmingham, and a campaign to inform people about the repeal of a section of the Immigration Act 1971 for people making applications to bring their dependents to the UK, 6 January 1988.

/15 JCWI Immigration Bulletin vol 2 no 1 Spring 1989 on possible changes to immigration law following the 'Single European Act' 1992

/16 JCWI West Midlands Annual Report 1988-1989

/17 JCWI Bulletin vol 4 no 2 May 1989

/18 flyer for a public meeting on marriage and immigration control organised by the JCWI together with the West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign, Bangladesh Workers Association and local immigration lawyers, including information on primary purpose marriage breakdown in the UK, 13 July 1991 at Norton Hall, Alum Rock, Birmingham

/19 undated leaflet in Punjabi about the implications of the British Nationality Act for Indian citizens in Britain Records of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants are held at the Brynmor Jones Library at the University of Hull

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MS 2142/D/12 National Campaign Against the Police Bill 1983-1984
Leaflets; flyers; circular letters; and correspondence relating to the campaign consisting of:

/1-/2 circular letter addressed to the Indian Workers Association giving information about the establishment of the Campaign and its activities to date, including details about its National Council meeting to be held at Digbeth Civic Hall, 3 December 1983, with a leaflet to promote this event

/3-/4 letter to Avtar Jouhl from National Campaign Against the Police Bill enclosing a copy of a leaflet explaining the terms of the Bill and what this will mean for people stopped and detained by the police, in order for it to be translated, presumably into Punjabi, 28 November 1983

/5 results of an election to select officers and executive

committee members of the National Campaign Against the Police Bill in November 1983

/6 list of contacts for local campaigns against the Police Bill

/7 typescript of suggested model resolution for organisations affiliating to the National Campaign Against the Police Bill

/8 circular letter asking supporters to attend a picket outside Scotland Yard organised by the London Campaign 13 January 1984 to draw public attention to the dangers of the Police Bill, and to join the national march and rally planned for 21 January 1984. The letter gives further details about arrangements for the rally

/9-/10 letter to Avtar Jouhl hoping that he will be able to attend a meeting held in Manchester 7 January 1984, together with a flyer for this event, which was the 2nd National Council meeting of the Campaign

/11 Kill the Police Bill bulletin, the newsletter of the National Campaign Against the Police Bill, explaining what powers the police will be allowed to have under the terms of the 1983 Police Bill, and the implications for the treatment of people stopped by the police

/12 flyer for a national march and rally organised by the National Campaign Against the Police Bill, 21 January 1984 in London

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- MS 2142/D/13 Sandwell Community Law Centre 1979-1982
- The file contains records of the Sandwell Community Law Centre, based at 19a Birmingham Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, comprising minutes of Management Committee meetings; annual reports; memoranda sent to Management Committee members; press cuttings; and papers relating to the recruitment of community workers and solicitors for the Centre. The Centre provided legal advice and assistance to people on a low income living or working in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell on a wide range of issues and was established in 1980 following the award of an Urban Aid Programme grant. It was officially opened in July 1981. The first chairman was Habib Ullah. The Indian Workers Association was represented on the Management Committee

Papers consist of:

/1 constitution of Sandwell Community Law Centre, 1980

/2 document setting out amendments to the Constitution following the Trustees takeover of the finances and control of the Law Centre

/3 annotated typescript appendices to an unknown report, probably comprising an application for funding to enable the Law Centre to be set up, possibly dating from around 1980

/4 Annual Report and Accounts 1980-1981, including Chairman's report and report on the activities of the Centre

/5 annotated interim report on the activities carried out by the Law Centre, May 1981-August 1981

/6 Management Committee minutes 9 July 1981

/7 agenda for Management Committee meeting 10 September 1981

/8 Meeting minutes 17 September 1981

/9 memorandum discussing a perceived lack of trust by the Chairman towards membership, 13 October 1981

/10 minutes of Executive meeting 2 November 1981

/11 report on 'LCF' meeting 7 November 1981, possibly Law Centres Federation meeting attended by representatives from different law centres in the UK to discuss common problems and joint activities

/12 memorandum from M. A. Bhatti, including a summary of work carried out by the community worker at the Law Centre since it opened, 11 November 1981

/13 report on the work done jointly and individually by the two community workers in post at the Law Centre [1981]

/14 memorandum to all executive members giving details about the extension of the next Executive meeting on 23 November 1981

/15 handwritten notes by Avtar Jouhl made during the 23 November 1981 meeting

/16 guidelines for law centres, issued by the Inner Cities

Directorate, Department of the Environment February 1982

/17-/18 minutes of Sandwell Law Centre meeting 1 April 1982, together with handwritten notes taken by Avtar Jouhl at this meeting

/19 copy of agreement made between Sandwell Community Law Centre and the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit/Industrial Liaison Scheme run by the Indian Workers Association (GB) 27 April 1982 whereby the Industrial Co-ordinating Unit leased premises at the Law Centre

/20 Agenda for meeting of Law Centre Executive 22 April [1982]

/21 report issued by M.A. Bhatti, barrister at Sandwell Law Centre, with details of the workload of the centre and statistics of the number of people seen at the centre 4 May 1982

/22 Management Committee minutes 12 May 1982

/23 agenda for Sandwell Community Law Centre Annual General Meeting 20 May 1982

/24 letter from T. S. Askey to Roland Watkins, secretary of the Management Committee at Sandwell Law Centre giving details about the recruitment and payment of a cleaner for the centre, and clarifying instructions to serve notice on organisations leasing rooms at the Centre, 7 July 1982

/25 statement on existing affiliations to the management committee and details of new applications by a number of organisations

/26 agenda for undated Law Centre Executive meeting 3 February which will include discussion of a staff pay claim

/27 typescript paper presented by National Union of Public Employees [NUPE] membership as a gesture towards helping to resolve the crises concerning staff pay within the Law Centre, suggesting changes to working and staffing arrangements to benefit the people who need the Law Centre most.

The file also contains papers relating to the recruitment of staff at the Law Centre, including an annotated draft document on particulars of employment; a paper setting

out ideas for discussion by Management Committee members around areas of work; a job description for the post of employment-industrial project worker; a set of completed application forms for various posts at the Law Centre, with notes on the strengths of different applicants; and a memorandum setting out arrangements for the interview process. The application forms are closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act and are not available for research

The file includes some apparently unrelated material, consisting of a typescript statement setting out the powers of arrest and detention of both Police and Immigration Officers and the remedies available to people who feel they have been wrongly detained, July 1980; and two press cuttings, one of which reports on teenage unemployment in Sandwell in the early 1980s; the other reporting on demonstrations against the activities of the National Front in Sandwell in 1979

Access: Partially closed until 01/01/2062. Part of this file has been closed under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 until 2062 because it contains personal information about individuals. The remainder of the file is available for consultation.

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MS 2142/D/14

Socialist Labour Party

1997-1999

The Socialist Labour Party was formed in 1996 by former trade union leader Arthur Scargill, following Tony Blair's re-positioning of the British Labour Party and the abandonment of Clause Four. The party advocates traditionally Socialist policies, such as state ownership of industry and high taxation to fund public services and initially attracted well known trade union figures such as Mick Rix and Bob Crow. It was also entered by revolutionary Communist groups who were later expelled from the party. The party has contested general elections in some constituencies but has not received a significant share of the vote.

There have been a number of internal conflicts between members, particularly those seeking to develop a rigid Marxist-Leninist party and those committed to Scargill's original vision of a more leftist Labour Party. These disputes culminated in the expulsion of a group around Harpal Brar who then formed the Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist). While the numbers in this group were relatively small they were among the most active members of the Socialist Labour Party, particular in

its London-based youth group.

Source: adapted from
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_Labour_Party_\(UK\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_Labour_Party_(UK))
Accessed November 2006

Minutes and agendas for meetings of the National Industrial Committee of the Socialist Labour Party [SLP]; together with election campaign material and information bulletins, and circular letters to members. The Indian Workers Association supported Socialist Labour Party candidates in elections, and some members stood for election for this party themselves, including Harpal Brar.

Papers consist of:

/1 Indian Workers Association press release calling on members to support Socialist Labour Party and Communist candidates in the 1997 General Election

/2-7 election campaign material for Harpal Brar, Socialist Labour Party candidate for Ealing Southall in the 1997 General Election, including posters and flyers in English and Punjabi for an election rally in Southall attended by Arthur Scargill, other Socialist Labour Party candidates, and Avtar Jouhl for the Indian Workers Association, 12 April [1997]

/8 SLP National Industrial Committee minutes 21 November 1998

/9 letter from the SLP National Industrial Committee inviting Avtar Jouhl to become a member, and explaining the structure of the Party, 27 November 1998

/10 Minutes of SLP Perry Barr branch meeting, December 1998

/11-12 letter to Avtar Jouhl giving details about the next meeting of the National Industrial Committee 6 February 1999, enclosing a draft agenda

/13 programme for a SLP Midlands Region Educational Discussion Weekend, held at the Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham 13 February [1999]

/14 National Industrial Committee minutes 6 February 1999, attached to circular letter to Committee members giving announcing the date and location of the next meeting

/15 draft agenda for National Industrial Committee meeting
6 March 1999

/16 National Industrial Committee minutes 6 March 1999

/17 circular letter to National Industrial Committee
members providing information about the date and location
of the next meeting held 15 May 1999

/18 election leaflet in English and South Asian languages
for S. S. Johal, Socialist Labour Party candidate in the
European elections 6 May 1999

/19 press cutting setting out election results for West
Midlands constituencies in an unidentified election

/20 circular letter giving information about the next meeting
of the National Industrial Committee, to be held 17 July
1999 in London

/21 Socialist Labour Party information bulletin from the
National Executive Committee, July 1999

/22 Socialist Labour Party Combined East and West
Midlands Regions meeting minutes 20 June 1999 at the
Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Centre, Birmingham,
attached to circular letter with an agenda for the next
meeting to be held 16 October 1999 at West Field
Community Centre, Leicester

/23 letter to SLP regional secretaries for distribution to
members, and to other SLP sections, announcing the
forthcoming publication of issue 20 of 'Socialist News', and
including an order form for this paper, 3 September 1999

/24 undated memorandum from Avtar Jouhl to Arthur
Scargill concerning the text for 'Contribution 6' on
institutional racism and the European Union being against
the working class. Jouhl asks for the wording to be slightly
amended depending on whether the contribution is to be
as General Secretary of the Indian Workers Association or
Socialist Labour Party member

The file also includes a photocopy of a set of handwritten
minutes for an unidentified meeting that mentions
individual members joining the SLP and includes a
proposal by Shirley Joshi that the Jagmohan Joshi
memorial exhibition be updated.

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MS 2142/D/15 Papers of other political and campaigning organisations 1978-1998

This material consists of constitutions; reports; pamphlets; newsletters; leaflets and flyers; and draft articles produced by various black and Asian organisations and other anti-racist groups.

/1 All Faiths For One Race [AFFOR] Annual Report 1991-1992

/2 flyer for All Faiths For One Race [AFFOR] Annual General Meeting 25 March 1992

/3-/4 circular letter to supporters from City of London Anti-Apartheid Group, Black and Anti-Racist mobilising group, giving information about a demonstration and rally 14 March 1987 for the release of Nelson Mandela and all South African/Azanian and Namibian political prisoners, with demonstration flyer

/5 'Non Stop News' Anti-Apartheid newsletter no 16 23 January 1987, containing information about current activities and campaigns, including the demonstration for the release of Nelson Mandela 14 March 1987

/6 constitution of the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick

/7 memorandum for the Leader of Sandwell Council by the Sikh community of Sandwell regarding the proposed land allocation to Sant Nirankari Mandal, for a community centre, undated

/8 Sikh Community and Youth Service Annual Report 1994, based at 348 Soho Road, Birmingham

/9 flyer for Vishva Ekta Sammelan World Convention, Birmingham International Arena 11 November 1984

/10 circular letter to supporters from the Confederation of Iranian Students, giving information about its 19th Congress in Hamburg 25-30 December 1978 and giving an account of the current situation in Iran

/11 National Council for Civil Liberties [NCCL] Broadsheet West Midlands October 1980

/12-/13 agenda and minutes of Community Group Meeting on Race Research Clearing House and Community Placements, 6 February 1985 at Handsworth Employment Scheme, Lozells Road, Birmingham, attended by

representatives of several community groups in Birmingham

/14 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Policy (Race Relations) Sub-Committee 3 November 1987, Equal Opportunities Monitoring Report on the employment of black workers within the Council

/15 constitution of the Black Workers Association, undated

/16 constitution of the Indian Youth Association of GB, amended 1980

/17 circular letter to supporters of the Indian Youth Association issued at the organisation's National Conference in July 1991, giving an account of the activities of the group in the context of national and international political and social developments

/18 affiliation form for the Federation of Asian Organisations, Wolverhampton

/19 circular letter in Punjabi issued by the Joint Committee of Indian Organisations

/20 circular letter to supporters of the Time To Go movement for the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland giving information about a march, rally and carnival to mark the twentieth anniversary of British troops going into Northern Ireland, 12 August 1989

/21 circular letter from Mosquito Press inviting representatives to participate in a delegation to Northern Ireland organised jointly with the Glasgow Irish Freedom Action Committee, visiting at the invitation of the Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) in Derry, undated

/22 flyer for a Christmas party organised by the Time To Go movement, at the Star Club, Key Books, Digbeth, Birmingham, 1988

/23 flyer issued by the Troops Out Movement giving information about a meeting with Diane Hamill, sister of Robert Hamill, who died after being beaten by a group of loyalists in Portadown in April 1997. The meeting was to be held at the Union Club, Pershore Road, Birmingham

/24 statement issued by the Hands Off Iraq Committee, c/o Mosquito Press on the crisis in the Gulf [1990]

/25 flyer issued by Manchester Against Immigration Controls giving information about a demonstration to 'Fight Racism, Smash Immigration Laws' in Manchester 27 October, undated

/26 damaged flyer for celebration evening at the Indian Community Centre in Nottingham, 29 January 1989 with live entertainment and speakers including Naranjan Singh Noor and Avtar Jouhl

/27 flyer issued by Refugees Ad-Hoc Committee for Asylum Rights [RAHCAR] giving information about a national demonstration against the Asylum bill, 21 November 1992 in London

/28 flyer issued by the Socialist Movement North Staffs Group giving information about discussion meetings on 'Fighting Racism and Fascism' and 'Ireland - The Way Forward' in Burslem, September and October 1992

/29 flyer issued by the Vishnu Sharma Memorial Committee, Southall Middlesex, asking for donations and support in organising memorial events and including a brief biography which contains statements about his work with the Indian Workers Association (Southall) highlighted in red pen, 1992

/30 Joint Union Voluntary Sector Committee Bulletin no. 2, supported by a number of trade unions

/31 flyer for Birmingham City Council Young People's Exchange 1989 to Leipzig

/32 flyer issued by St Pancras Socialist Film Group giving details of the screening of a five part documentary series on the history of the British Labour Movement produced by Platform Films, shown at Cinema Action, London, 1989-1990

/33 manifesto for Human Rights and Racial Justice, drawn up with the assistance of leaders of the major faiths in Britain, and distributed by a 'Faith Alliance' of those leaders, undated

/34 list of largely Asian community organisations in Birmingham, some of which associated with education

/35-/36 two leaflets issued by the extreme right wing anti immigration organisation 'Choice', expressing racist views

/37 Greenwich Action Committee Against Racist Attacks
Annual Report 1991-1992

/38 fold-out poster issued by the Troops Out Movement on
the uses made by the authorities of the Prevention of
Terrorism Act 1976

/39-/40 statement on the formation of the Federation of
Asian Organisations, Wolverhampton, with a list of
religious, secular and educational organisations in the
Wolverhampton area

/41 flyer issued by Walsall Trades Union Council urging
supporters to attend a demonstration at Bloxwich Baths
against racism and fascism, 1990s

/42 'One Love', newsletter of the Committee for Human
Rights in Grenada, issue 2, October 1992, containing an
appeal for the release from prison of Phyllis Coard, a
Jamaican woman convicted for the death of former
Grenadian Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and nine others

/43 flyer published by National Association of Local
Government Officers [NALGO] to raise awareness of the
case of Marion Gaima, a community activist and Hackney
Council employee who was being threatened with
deportation. The flyer contains detailed accounts of her
case against deportation, about her life in Britain, and the
campaign for her to remain, 1988

/44 typescript report by the Midlands District of the
Communist Party entitled 'The West Midlands Labour
Force in 1992: Cause for Concern' prepared for a
conference on '1992 and the West Midlands Labour Force'
held in Birmingham 2 December 1988

/45-/47 papers relating to the Six-Day Marxist-Leninist
Seminar, 26-31 July 1993, including programme, paper
read by Bill Bland on behalf of the 'Communist League' on
the 'Revolutionary Process in Colonial-Type Countries',
and paper given by W.P.Cockshott, entitled 'Value and the
World Market'

/48 leaflet in Punjabi printed and published by Charan
Singh Panchhi senior Vice President of Shiromani Akali
Dal UK about the embezzlements of funds in Guru Nanak
Gurdwara, Smethwick

/49 leaflet in Punjabi issued by Lok Sabhiachark Manch,
Calgary, Canada detailing its aims and objectives and its

activities from 1985 to 1987

/50 leaflet in Punjabi issued by Indian Youth League Great Britain about the current political situation in Punjab

/51 booklet in Punjabi issued by Indian Alliance for the Salvation of Untouchables

/52 leaflet in Hindi issued by Jan Vigyan Samiti Kanpur setting out its aims and objectives and future plans, 1 February 1983

/53 undated leaflet published by Joint Committee of Indian Organisations about a demonstration in Coventry 23 May against the dangers of racism and attacks by skinheads and members of the National Front

/54 undated leaflet in Punjabi urging the Sikh community to boycott Communist organisations and Congress party leaders in Britain because they are seen as enemies of Sikhs by the leaflet author

/55 posters in Urdu issued by the Jammu Kashmir People's National Party, undated

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MS 2142/D/16 Publications of other political and campaigning organisations, 1960-1990

This section largely comprises sequences of journals and newsletters, largely issued by Chinese and Indian Communist groups, mostly dating from the late 1970s and early 1980s, but including pamphlets produced during the 1960s. There are also several single issues of publications of international Communist groups in Albania, Eritrea and India, and some publications produced by anti-racist groups, as well as a smaller number of press cuttings, mostly relating to late 1990s election results.

MS 2142/D/16/1	<u>'Beijing Review'</u> Incomplete sequence of copies of 'Beijing Review: A Chinese Weekly of News and Views, printed in Peoples Republic of China' 1980: No 18 (May 5), 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, 34-41, 43, 44, 46-52 1981: 1-15, 17-24, 26-28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37, 40, 43-45, 49-52 1982: 1-17, 19, 22, 23, 25-32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45-47, 49-51 1983: 1, 10, 11, 13-16, 18, 20-25, 33-39, 41-45, 47-49 1984: 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26	1980-1984
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- Extent: 142 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/2 'March to Liberation' 1983-1989
 Incomplete sequence of copies of 'March to Liberation', the organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)
- January-February 1983
 November-December 1984
 May-June, September-October, November-December 1985
- Extent: 5 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/3 'Light and Focus' 1978-1980
 Copies of a quarterly magazine published in India entitled 'Light and Focus', previously called 'The Unity'
 July-September 1979
 January-June 1980
- Extent: 3 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/4 'For a New Democracy' 1978-1986
 This publication was issued by the Provisional Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)
 July-August 1978
 July-August 1979
 September 1985, November-December 1985
 May-June 1986
- Extent: 5 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/5 'Parchand Bangi Kalan (Bhatinda)' 1978
 Four issues of a monthly magazine published in Punjabi
- Extent: 4 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/6 Pamphlets published by the Provisional Central Committee Proletari Group in India 1982
 These pamphlets formed part of a series. Titles are:
 'Features of Chinese Bureaucratic Monopoly State Capitalism'
 'Features of Russian Social Imperialism'
 'Problems of Revolutionary Unity and Methods of Work'
- Extent: 3 Magazines
- MS 2142/D/16/7 Pamphlets published by Foreign Languages Press Peking 1963-1973
 'Three Major Struggles on China's Philosophical Front (1949-1964), 1973

'Peaceful Coexistence - Two Diametrically Opposed Policies: Comment on the open letter of the central committee of the CPSU' (VI) 1963

'The origin and development of the differences between the leadership of the CPSU and ourselves: comment on the open letter of the central committee of the CPSU' 1963

'A Proposal concerning the general line of the international Communist Movement: the letter of the central committee of the communist party of China in reply to the letter of the central committee of the communist party of the Soviet Union of March 30 1963

'The Proletarian Revolution and Khrushchov's Revisionism - comment on the open letter of the central committee of the CPSU (VIII), 1964

Extent: 5 Booklets

MS 2142/D/16/8 'Samta' magazine 1983-1989
Copies of pamphlet in Punjabi

Nos: 43 (1983), 51-53 (1984), 55-56 (1984), 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, (1985), 68, 69, 70, 77, (1986), 100 (1988) 107 (1989)

A handwritten letter in Punjabi is enclosed with these copies.

Extent: 16 Magazines

MS 2142/D/16/9 Miscellaneous political pamphlets 1960-1990

/1 '36 Million Communists say...statement and appeal of the world's communist parties', Moscow, Nov 1960, published by the Communist Party of Great Britain

/2 'Why the Soviet Revisionist Leadership insists on the international meeting' - reproduced from Zeri i Popullit, Tirana 1968

/3 'Liberation' August 1968, an Indian communist publication

/4 'Open Fire on Revisionist Betrayal'; articles reproduced from the Zeri i Popullit daily, the organ of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of Albania, Tirana 1969

/5 'People's Path', vol V no 3 March 1969, the monthly organ of the Desh Bhagat Yadgar Committee, Jullundur, India

/6 pamphlet in Punjabi, 1975

/7 'The Proletarian Line' monthly organ of the communist revolutionaries of India, August 1979

/8 Indian People Association of North America [IPANA] report entitled 'The Real Face of India's 'Democracy"' discussing documentary evidence of political repression in post-independence India September 1979

/9 'Third World Unity', a monthly journal for liberation and democratic struggles, special issue on Afghanistan, February 1980

/10 pamphlet in Punjabi 1980

/11 pamphlet in Punjabi 1981

/12-/13 'El Salvador News Bulletin' produced by the El Salvador Solidarity Campaign April 1981, with a leaflet produced by El Salvador Solidarity Campaign

/14 'Kalam - the revolutionary students' voice', an Indian student publication, August 1983

/15 'Voice of the Vanguard' , the organ of the Central Committee, Communist Party of India January 1984

/16 'Resist Autocratic Onslaughts' produced by the Indian Peoples Front 1984

/17 'Paikaap', Organ of the Pakistani Workers Association (Britain), vol. 2 Autumn 1985, published in English and Urdu. Paikaap Quarterly was based in Birmingham

/18 'Kaumantri Rajniti', pamphlet in Punjabi, 1985

/19 pamphlet in Punjabi 1985

/20 'Searchlight', the Anti-Fascist Monthly, incorporating Campaign Against Racism and Fascism [CARF], October 1986

/21 pamphlet in Punjabi 1986

/22-/24 three undated pamphlets written in Punjabi

/25 publication of the Hindustan Gadar Party, San Francisco, 1986, written in Punjabi

/26 'No More Bhopals: The survivors speak out' May-June 1989

/27 'Sanvad', 'Canada's leading monthly Punjabi journal',

January 1993

/28-/29 'Class Struggle: Political Paper of the Revolutionary Communist League of Britain' vol 10 no 2 February 1986 and vol 11 no 10 December-January 1987-1988

/30 Korea Friendship Bulletin, September 1998

/31 Mekalih Sewrana, monthly newsletter of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, November 1978

/32 souvenir pamphlet on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who fought for Indian independence from British rule

/33 souvenir brochure for Ghadar ki Goonj

/34 copy of 'The Observer' magazine 30 October 1988, containing feature articles on Ireland

/35 photocopy of article printed in Beijing Review August 1990 comprising an interview with He Xin, research fellow with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

/36 'The Fight Against Racism: A Pictorial History of Asians and Afro-Caribbeans in Britain', published by the Institute of Race Relations, 1986

/37 'Divided Families: British Immigration Control in the Indian Subcontinent' by Ranjit Sondhi, Runnymede Trust, 1987

/38 Economic & Philosophic Science Review' 20 July 1993

Extent: 38 Magazines

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Press cuttings

1988-1998

The majority of the press cuttings in this file concern election results, and include a copy of the 'Daily Telegraph' 3 May 1997, reporting on the victory of the Labour Party in the 1997 General Election with cuttings from 'The Guardian' consisting of a cartoon on the new Labour MPs and a list of ministers in the Labour government of 1997. There are also a number of pages from the 'Birmingham Evening Mail' 8 May 1998 reporting on local council elections.

The file also contains a copy of Sher-E-Punjab (London) Weekly, 21 September 1988

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