



David McNeil (Neil) Reid

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REID Reid, David McNeil (Neil) (1913-1992) 1939-1988

Name of Creator: Reid, David McNeil (Neil) (1913-1992) communist and civil servant

Extent: 2 Boxes

Administrative/Biographical History: David McNeil (Neil) Reid grew up in the Ruislip/Northwood area of Middlesex and attended Harrow County School. During World War 2 he worked as meteorologist at the Ministry of Defence. Neil came from a left-wing family, with his parents being members of the Fabian Movement and later the Labour Party.

Neil joined the British Communist Party in the early-mid 1930's and remained active and committed throughout his life. All his free time was spent doing Communist Party work. He also wrote many publications for the Communist Party as well as for numerous pamphlets which were distributed streets of London. Neil was also the editor of State Service, the magazine of the Society of Professional Civil Servants. By profession Neil was a Civil Servant who worked at the Land Registry.

Beatrice Reid, Neil's first wife, was very active in local politics and was the Chairman of Ruislip and Eastcote Council in the late 1940's and 1950's. She was on numerous committees and also on the Middlesex County Council and was a well-known local figure for the time. His second wife, Rosemary Reid (née Small) was a journalist who became a female editor of the Daily Worker.

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Val Reid, 8 March 2018.

Scope and Content:

Papers of David McNeil (Neil) Reid (1913-1992), including: newsletters and bulletins published by London branches of the Communist Party of Great Britain and other groups, 1939-1961; press cuttings regarding communism and communist parties, 1950-1985; ephemera and leaflets published by Communist Party candidates for London based elections, and other miscellaneous ephemera, 1939-1988; report and guide book, c1939; papers regarding Rosemary Reid (née Small), 1961-1988; papers of associated groups, n.d.; and black and white photographs of elections, a State Service and various individuals, c1949-1974. (1939-1988)

System of Arrangement:

The David McNeil (Neil) Reid archive is divided into the following seven sections:

REID/1: Newsletters and bulletins

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REID/3: Ephemera

REID/4: Report & Guide Book

REID/5: Rosemary Reid

REID/6: Associated groups

REID/7: Photographs

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OPEN

REID/1	Newsletters & Bulletins	1939-1961
	Newsletters and bulletins published by London branches of the Communist Party of Great Britain and various other groups (1939-1961) OPEN	
REID/1/1	Contact	c1950
	Editions of 'Contact: membership bulletin of the Holborn Communist Party' [published by the Holborn branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain] (c1950) OPEN	
REID/1/2	Holborn Calling	1946-1950
	Editions of 'Holborn Calling for Labour Unity' (published by the Holborn Branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain) (1946-1950) OPEN	
REID/1/3	Holborn Peace Bulletin	c1951
	Editions of 'Holborn Peace Bulletin: The journal of the Holborn District Peace Council' (published by the Holborn District Peace Council) (c1951) OPEN	
REID/1/4	Islington Life	1961
	Edition of 'Islington Life: S.W. Islington Communist Newsletter' (two copies) (issued by South - West Islington Communist Parties) (March 1961) OPEN	
REID/1/5	Islington Worker	n.d.
	Edition of 'Islington Worker: The only local workers paper' [published by the Islington branch of the Communist Party] (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/1/6	Lambeth Searchlight	
	Editions of 'Lambeth Searchlight' (issued by The Lambeth Communist Party) (1939) OPEN	

REID/1/7	Ruislip People	
	Edition of 'Ruislip People: Organ of the Ruislip Northwood Communist Party' (published by Ruislip Communist Party) (May 1949) OPEN	
REID/1/8	Southwark Life	
	Edition of 'Southwark Life' (published by the Southwark Branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain) (November 1939) OPEN	
REID/1/9	Stepney Leader	1940
	Edition of 'Stepney Leader' (publisher not stated) (1 January 1940) OPEN	
REID/1/10	Stepney News	n.d.
	Edition of 'Stepney News: L.C.C. Election Special' (published by the Stepney Communist Party) (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/1/11	The Commissionaire	1951-1955
	Editions of 'The Commissionaire: Office magazine of the Tithe Redemption Commission' [published by the Tithe Redemption Commission] (1951-1955) OPEN	
REID/1/12	The Hackney Vanguard	n.d.
	Edition of 'The Hackney Vanguard: Organ of the Hackney Communist Party' (published by the Hackney Borough Committee of the Communist Party) (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/1/13	The Voice of Wandsworth	1939
	Editions of 'The Voice of Wandsworth: Organ of the Wandsworth Branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain' [published by the Wandsworth Branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain)	

(1939)
OPEN

REID/1/14 The Westminster Clarion 1947

Edition of 'The Westminster Clarion' (published
by the Westminster City Communist Party) (April
1947)
OPEN

Party candidates for the North St. Andrew Ward during the Holborn Borough Council elections: Wally Morten, Isobel Pepper & Peter Robson) (2pp) (c1949)

- leaflet, 'My Future Needs Peace: Our Future Needs Homes' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the Church Ward during the Paddington Borough Council Municipal elections: Cameron, Moore, Stamp, Taylor, Vaughn and Wilde) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Your Communist Candidate: Charlie Miles' (Communist Party candidate for the Hampton Ward during the Twickenham Borough Council election) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Eddie Hayes: Bernard Shore' (Communist Party candidates for the North East ward in the Southgate Borough Council elections) (6pp) (c1949)
- flyer, 'Hit Back! For Peace and Homes: Vote Communist' / 'A Message from Communist Councillor Maurice Blaston' (Communist Party candidate for [Hackney Councillor] (2pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Hit Back! For Peace and Homes: Vote Communist on May 12th' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the Ridley Ward during the Hackney Borough Council elections) (2 copies) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Nat Grant: Communist Candidate' (Includes reference to the Communist Party candidate for the Mapesbury Ward during the Willesden Borough Council election) (two copies) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Election Address of the Communist Candidates' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the Hayes Urban District Council elections: Maling, Taylor & Read) (two copies) (4pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'Vote for Ward' (Communist Party candidate for the North Ward during the Sutton & Cheam Borough Council election) (4pp) (1949)
- flyer, 'John Mahon: The Communist Candidate Stands for' (Communist Party candidate for the North St. Pancreas Parliamentary By- Election) (2pp) (n.d.)
- handbill, 'Use Your Vote for Peace and Homes' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the Whitechapel area: Bramley, Gaster and Shapiro) (2pp) (c1949)

- leaflet, 'To the Electors of Penge' (Includes reference to Communist Party candidates for the Penge Council election) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'Lower Holloway Ward will elect Six Councillors to Islington Borough Council on May 10th 1962: Your Communist Candidates Are: Pat Leppard and John Moss (Communist Party candidates for the Lower Holloway Ward during the Islington Borough Council election) (2 copies) (4pp) (1962)
- leaflet, 'Woolwich Borough Council Elections: St Margaret's Ward' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for St Margaret's Ward during the Woolwich Borough Council election: Morgans, Scolah, Sheircliff and Stroud) (4pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'Communist Candidates for Peace and Homes' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the East Sydenham Ward during the Municipal Elections: A.C. Brown, W.J. Hall, D.P. Starrs and L.C. Stewart (6pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'We Pledge Ourselves: Bramley Gaster Shapiro: Your Three Communist Candidates' (Communist Party candidates for the Borough of Stepney L.C.C. Elections) (2 copies) (4pp)(c1949)
- leaflet, 'Give Your Vote to W.A. Jack Perkins' (Communist Party candidate for the Upper Twickenham Ward during the Twickenham Borough Council elections) (4pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'Make your Vote Fight: Vote Communist' (Includes reference to the following Communist Candidates for the Highgate Ward during the Hornsey Borough Council election: David Parker and Kay Cotton) (4pp) (1949)
- flyer, 'The Three Communist Candidates for the St. Mary Ward Issue a Working-Class Challenge!' / '21 Communist Candidates' (Includes reference to Alf Bender, a Communist Party candidate for the South West Islington [Branch] of the Islington Borough Council elections) (2pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'Peace and Homes' (Includes reference to Joe Sacks, Communist Party candidate for the Stamford Hill Ward during the Tottenham [Council elections]) (4pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'A message from Solly Kaye: Communist Candidate' (Communist Party candidate for the Stepney Constituency during

the L.C.C. By-Election) (4pp) (n.d.)

- leaflet, 'Be loyal to the working class: Vote Communist (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the St. Saviours Ward of the Southwark Borough Council elections: E. Bell, G. Bell, M.J. Bryan, L. Smith, Y. Turner and J. White) (4pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'For Peace and Homes: Vote for Egelnick the Communist Candidate' (Communist Party candidate for the West Hendon Ward during the Hendon Borough Elections) (4pp) (1949)
- leaflet, 'The Alperton Voter: Fighter Against Rent Increases in Alperton Candidate' (Includes reference to Baron Moss, a Communist Party candidate for the Alperton Ward during the Wembley Borough Council elections) (4pp) (May 1949)
- leaflet, 'What are you Voting For? Form Homes & Peace Vote Communist' (Includes reference to the following Communist Party candidates for the Balham Ward during the Wandsworth Borough Council elections) (4pp) (c1949)

OPEN

REID/3/2

Miscellaneous Ephemera

1939-1988

Miscellaneous ephemera regarding communism, the Communist Party, the Labour Party, elections, talks, and various events (1939-1988), including:

- flyer, 'Protest Against the Australian Fascist Laws' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Stop this Insult to Hackney' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Exciting Gifts from 17 Countries, Daily Worker International Bazaar' (2pp) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'Stop Purging Communists: Watch Your Wages' (4pp) (n.d.)
- extract of paper, 'Co-operation And Trade Unionism' (10pp) (n.d.)
- circular, 'North Southwark Labour Party: Christchurch Ward' (2pp) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'A Message to the Catholics' (an open letter from Reverend T. J. Fitzgerald to Jack Gaster is on the rear of the flyer) (2pp) (22 July 1947)
- flyer, 'Silvertown Parliamentary Bye-Election' (2pp) (c1949)
- leaflet, 'May – Day 1939: For Peace & Plenty' (4pp) (1939)

- flyer, 'Deverell Street: Children's Street Party' (1p) (2 copies) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Professor Mamlock Some Facts' (2pp) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Sport From the Inside' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'What Is the Communist After' (1p) (n.d.)
- circular, 'North Southwark Labour Party Christchurch Ward : Programme for Feb – March 1939' (1p) (1939)
- leaflet, 'Our children's education (4pp) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Anyone want to buy a Battleship?' (2pp) (2 copies) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'How to Make the Pattern Up' (2pp) (n.d.)
- handbill, 'Holborn Social Centre Camping Group: You are invited to a Sausage Supper' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Fight for Homes' (2pp) (3 copies) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Do you want more coal' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Atom Shelters! (For Whom?)' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Holborn District Peace Council cordially Invites you to its second social' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Holborn Communist Party invites you to hear Dick Nettleton traveller & writer on People's China in the New Asia' (1p) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'Do You Know Your Holborn?' (4pp) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'This paper speaks for Britain' (4pp) (n.d.)
- ticket, 'Bourne Branch Social' (1p) (n.d.)
- circular from the London District of the Communist Party regarding a forthcoming monthly conference (1p) (4 copies) (1947)
- flyer, 'Now is the Time!' (1p) (n.d.)
- circular, 'Make Spitalfields a stronghold for Piratin' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Jobs you can do' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'The Tories Intend to Make You Pay' (1p) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Five Years Ago Today The First Atom Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima' (1p) (c1950)
- flyer, 'No Colour Bar in Britain' (2pp) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'Meet the Communists' (4pp) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'Lest We Forget' (2pp) (n.d.)
- programme & song sheet, 'Harry Pollitt on A Policy for Labour Socialism In Our Time' (4pp) (27 January 1953)
- flyer, 'The Little Hitlers are getting busy: Make the rich pay' (1p) (n.d.)
- extract 'Recommendations and Conclusions' (1p) (n.d.)

- flyer, 'War & The Workless by Wal Hannington'
(1p) (n.d.)
 - programme from [Bill Jones'] funeral (1988)
- OPEN**

REID/4	Report & Guide Book	c1939
	<p>Report titled 'Sunlight & Shadow: Report of Delegation from the Relief & Refugee Council of the British Youth Peace Assembly, and an instructions guidebook for an Andrews Rotary Duplicator, and a catalogue and price list for Gesterner stationery (c1939)</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
REID/4/1	Sunlight & Shadow Report	1939
	<p>Report titled 'Sunlight & Shadow: Report of Delegation from the Relief & Refugee Council of the British Youth Peace Assembly' (June 1939)</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
REID/4/2	Andrews Rotary Duplicator Guide Book	n.d.
	<p>Instructions guidebook for an Andrews Rotary Duplicator, and a catalogue and price list for Gesterner stationery (n.d.)</p> <p>OPEN</p>	

REID/5	Rosemary Reid	1961-1988
	<p>Papers regarding Rosemary Reid (née Small), including: Rosemary Reid's Communist Party of Great Britain membership cards, and a scrap book containing photographs and press cuttings regarding the life and death of Rosemary Reid [nee Small] (1961-1988)</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
REID/5/1	Communist Party of Great Britain Membership Cards	1961-1981
	<p>Communist Party of Great Britain membership cards belonging to Rosemary Reid (1961-1981)</p> <p>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</p>	
REID/5/2	Rosemary Reid Scrap Book	1962-1988
	<p>Scrap book containing photographs and press cuttings regarding the life and death of Rosemary Reid [nee Small] (1965-1988), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - black and white photograph of Rosemary Reid (n.d.) - press cutting, 'Rosemary remembered' by Mikki Doyle (Morning Star) (2pp) (24 February 1981) - press cutting, 'Rosemary Small Dies' by unknown Morning Star reporter (Morning Star) (1p) (21 February 1981) - press cutting, 'Rosemary Small' by Bert & Betty Baker and unknown author (from the In Memoriam section of the Morning Star) (1p) (24 February 1981) - press cutting, 'Rosemary Small' , several entries by friends & family including: Pat & Charlie Hutchinson, Joan Harman, Moya, Scottish Women's Advisory, Doris Deering, Elsie and George Woolley and Hants & Dorset District of the Communist Party (from the In Memoriam section of the Morning Star) (1p) (25 February 1981) - press cutting, 'Rosemary Small' by Betty and Chris Rubinstein (from the In Memoriam section of the Morning Star) (1p) (28 February 1981) - press cutting, 'Personal' by Kay Bloch (Morning Star) (26 February 1981) - untitled press cutting regarding donation made in memory of Rosemary Reid (Morning Star) 	

- (1p) (13 April 1981)
- press cutting, 'Reid, Rosemary' by Neil (from the Deaths section of the Morning Star) (1p) (21 February 1981)
 - press cutting 'Small. Rosemary (Reid)' and 'Billie Goldstein Rosemary Small' by unknown authors (from the In Memoriam section of the Morning Star) (1p) (27 February 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Small, Rosemary' by Mary Davis (from the In Memoriam section of the Morning Star) (1p) (26 February 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Personal' (includes reference to a financial donation made in memory of Rosemary Small) by unknown author (from the Personal section of the Morning Star) (1p) (2 April 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Teacher who battled for women's rights' by unknown author (Xch Times) (1p) (27 February 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Tributes to Rosemary' by Beatrix Campbell and Neil Myers (Morning Star) (1p) (3 March 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Spring Link' by unknown author (Morning Star) (1p) (3 March 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Reid - Rosemary' by Nan Capper (from the Deaths section of Xch Times) (1p) (27 February 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Personal' (includes reference to a financial donation made in memory of Rosemary Small) by unknown author (from the Personal section of the Morning Star) (1p) (2 March 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Personal' (includes reference to a financial donation made in memory of Rosemary Small) by unknown author (from the Personal section of the Morning Star) (1p) (9 March 1981)
 - press cutting, 'Personal' (includes reference to a financial donation made in memory of Rosemary Small) by unknown author (from the Personal section of the Morning Star) (1p) (19 March 1981)
 - black and white photograph of Rosemary Reid on a motorbike (n.d.)
 - black and white photograph of Rosemary Reid interviewing Joe (Mr. Piano) Henderson (c1965)
 - invitation to an informal buffet gathering in remembrance of Rosemary Reid (1p) (March 1981)
 - colour photograph of unidentified individuals at

- an event [possibly the informal remembrance buffet] (n.d.)
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- colour photograph of unidentified individuals at an event [possibly the informal remembrance buffet] (n.d.)
- invitation to an informal gathering in the remembrance of Rosemary Small (Reid) (1p) (June 1981)
- press cutting, 'Tributes to Rosemary' b unknown author [Morning Star] (1p) (c1981)
- colour photograph of unidentified individuals at an event [possibly the informal gathering in remembrance of Rosemary Reid] (n.d.)
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- colour photograph of unidentified individuals at an event [possibly the informal gathering in remembrance of Rosemary Reid] (n.d.)
- colour photograph of [Rosemary Reid] playing with two kittens (n.d.)
- colour photograph of [Rosemary Reid] and two unidentified men by a lake (n.d.)
- press cutting, 'Opening up the way' [by Rosemary Reid] (Morning Star) (2pp) (27 January 1981)
- press cutting, 'Rosemary Small (Reid) 1927-1981' by Neil [Reid] (Morning Star) (19 February 1983)
- black and white photograph of Rosemary Reid (n.d.)
- black and white photograph of Rosemary Reid (n.d.)
- press cutting, 'Rosemary Small: A true communist' by Neil [Reid] (from the Classified section of the Morning Star) (1p) (20 February 1987)
- press cutting, 'Rosemary Reid (née Small)' by

Pat Hutchinson and Lesley Burt and 'Rosemary Reid' by Neil [Reid] (from the Classified section of the Morning Star) (1p) (20 February 1988)
- photocopied collage of press cuttings regarding the life and death of Rosemary Reid (from Morning Star and Xch Times) (2 copies) (1p) (c1981)
- press cutting, 'Are men getting caught in the fashion trap?' by Rosemary Small (Daily Worker)n (1p) (22 September 1962)
- press cutting, 'Tributes to Rosemary Small: Commitment and Clarity' by Mary Davis and Edith Forsyth (Link: Communist Party women's journal) (2pp) (Summer 1981)
- press cutting, 'Woman's World: One step forward - but now two steps back' by Rosemary Small (Daily Worker) (1p) (9 October 1965)

OPEN

REID/6	Associated Groups	n.d.
	Papers of associated groups, including: the General Workers' Trade Group, the Hammersmith Young Communist League, Stepney Borough Communist Party, the India League and the Transport & General Workers' Union (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/6/1	General Workers' Trade Group	n.d.
	General Workers' Trade Group paper with numbers assigned to London based geographical locations (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/6/2	Hammersmith Young Communist League	n.d.
	Hammersmith Young Communist League information booklet (n.d.) OPEN	
REID/6/3	Stepney Borough Communist Party	1949
	Papers of Stepney Borough Communist Party, including: minutes of Borough executive committee meetings, papers regarding municipal elections, finance report, paper on L.C.C. elections, correspondence regarding meetings and election results, print run and statistics for Stepney People, and a paper regarding the Port of London (1949) OPEN	
REID/6/5	Transport & General Workers' Union	n.d.
	Transport & General Workers' Union handbook (n.d.) OPEN	

REID/7	Photographs	c1949-1974
	Black and white photographs of elections, a State Service and various individuals (c1949-1974) OPEN	
REID/7/1	Elections	c1949
	Two black and white photographs of individuals by tables and with placards in the run up to an election (c1949) OPEN	
REID/7/2	Individuals	n.d.
	Black and white photograph of various individuals, including: - black and white photograph of [Neil Reid] and others on a communist march (n.d.) - black and white photograph of Mr & Mrs Gerard with their daughter Susan (n.d.) - black and white photograph of women with a pram to be presented to Kovacs Quad (December 1974) OPEN	
REID/7/3	State Service	n.d.
	Black and white photographs of a 'State Service' (n.d.), including: - black and white photograph of an individual speaking during a State Service (n.d.) - black and white photograph of individuals taking notes during a State Service (n.d.) OPEN	