



# **Challinor, Raymond (1929-2011)**

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## **CHALLINOR Challinor, Raymond (1929-2011) 1806-2000**

**Name of Creator:** Challinor, Raymond (1929-2011) historian

**Extent:** 8 Boxes

**Administrative/Biographical History:** Raymond "Ray" Challinor was a distinguished Marxist historian of the British labour movement, particularly in the North East of England. Initially a member of the Independent Labour Party, he was an early member of the Revolutionary Communist Party and then the Socialist Review group and was also a member of the group which succeeded it, the International Socialists. For a period in the 1960s he was a councillor in Newcastle-under-Lyme on the Labour Party ticket in which party IS was then resident, later writing an article in International Socialism on how the experience was politically dispiriting.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, and a conscientious objector, working on the land, after the Second World War, Challinor was educated at Keele and Lancaster Universities and became principal lecturer in history at Newcastle Polytechnic. While a member of the Socialist Workers Party, he wrote his best known work, a classic history of the Socialist Labour Party, *The Origins of British Bolshevism* (1977). He served as chairman of the Society for the Study of Labour History and president of the North East Labour History Society.

**Custodial History:** Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by John Charlton, 24 July 2013.

**Scope and Content:** Papers of historian Raymond Challinor (1929-2011), including: correspondence, internal memoranda, minutes and papers regarding International Socialists, 1960s - 1970s; press cuttings of reviews, articles and letters to the press by Challinor, 1960-1981; research materials, pamphlets and papers on Tom Mann, early trade unionism, Chartism, labour history in the North East of England, socialism and the Neptune Yard Strike (shipyard lying-on time dispute) on the Tyne, 1806-2000.

**System of Arrangement:** No further arrangement required.

**Language/scripts of material:**

English

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## Temporary Listing

1. Press cuttings of letters to the press and articles by RC on politics and current affairs (1974-1978)  
**OPEN**
2. Press cuttings of letters to the press, articles by RC and reviews of RC's works on politics and current affairs (1960-1981)  
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3. Miscellaneous extracts and pamphlets regarding labour history in Newcastle (1971-2000)  
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4. Miscellaneous extracts, pamphlets and press cuttings regarding the history of housing in Newcastle (1975-1976)  
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5. Miscellaneous extracts regarding Chartism (1981)  
**OPEN**
6. Miscellaneous political leaflets, including material published by the Peace Pledge Union, the Workers' Revolutionary Party, Socialist Worker (particularly Dave Hayes' election campaigns in Newcastle Central), the Pilkington Glassworkers Rank-and-File Committee, No Conscription Council, Grunwick Strike Committee (1948-1979)  
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7. Miscellaneous pamphlets of North East worker's biographies (1996)  
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8. Papers and correspondence regarding the Neptune Yard Strike (shipyard lying-on time dispute) on the Tyne (1942-1971)  
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9. Miscellaneous papers, extracts, pamphlets and articles regarding local socialist organisations (1929-1997)  
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10. Miscellaneous pamphlets and extracts regarding mining in the North East (1974-2000)  
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11. Miscellaneous pamphlets and extracts regarding early trade unions (1806-1995)  
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12. Miscellaneous extracts, pamphlets and bulletins regarding Durham local history (1967-1983)  
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13. Miscellaneous extracts, pamphlets and other material regarding Tom Mann (1910-1975)  
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14. Press cuttings and papers regarding the Poulson affair (1972-1987)  
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15. Miscellaneous pamphlets and extracts regarding Chartism (1920-1995)

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16. Miscellaneous pamphlets and extracts regarding Chartism (1929-1989)

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17. Letter to RC from CLR James regarding books (1980)

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18. Two postcards showing group photographs of the TGWU Convalescent Home in Littleport (1937)

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