



**INVENTORY OF THE
RECORDS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NEW ZEALAND
1924 - 1972
MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES A-9**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS / KOHIKOHINGA MOTUHAKE

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Quantity: 3.5 metres (31 boxes + outsized and poster cabinet).

Contents date range: 1924 - 1972

Restrictions: Not restricted.

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Introduction to the collection

The papers which make up the core of this collection were donated to The University of Auckland by Wilfred (Bill) McAra a prominent member of Communist Party of New Zealand (CPNZ) on behalf of the ESPAL Society. The papers document the activities of the CPNZ from the 1920s until the early 1970s at both the national and local level. The collection includes papers relating to National and District Conferences, general and local body election campaigns, Communist Party study courses, the production of the *People's voice* and other CPNZ publications, files of clippings and research materials and a set of original cartoons produced for the *People's voice* by Frank Dromgoole.

'ESPAL' is an acronym for the Economic Social Political and Literary Society. This society was registered in June 1964 by Bill McAra, his partner Diana Wilsie and other members of the CPNZ as an independent organisation, partly in response to the Communist Party losing out on a number of bequests from supporters. It was felt a donation to the ESPAL society would be less likely to be contested than a bequest to the Communist Party of New Zealand (MSS & Archives 89/25, item 2/25). It was to the ESPAL society that McAra transferred the ownership of his Hayden Street House in 1965 as part of the process of gifting the property to the CPNZ.

The donation of records to the University by McAra either personally on behalf of the ESPAL society was also one of the accusations of "big shotism" brought against McAra by other members of CPNZ in the early 1970's. McAra was accused of setting up a bureau consisting of himself and Wilsie, presumably this means the ESPAL society, "without the knowledge of the Party and dispersing Party documents to various institutions and individuals outside the Party" (MSS & Archives 89/25, item 2/15). McAra defending himself describes the disputed archives as follows:

"The so-called "Archives" are confined to a number (approximately a dozen) packages of papers. They were packed in black cellophane and put under seal in Auckland University for periods of 20 and 30 years. They include a very large part of my personal writings. Many had already been published. There are also some Party documents and some minutes. The University authorities are not aware of the contents of these packages. Sealed inside each is a list of contents. The only other copies of lists were in a file I handed to BH." (MSS & Archives 89/25, item 2/15) (BH is Beth Hollis).

In 1974 McAra writing to the University Librarian describes how the papers were given to the University with the full knowledge and approval of the Chairman of the National Control Commission of the Communist Party of New Zealand and how in 1970 McAra had been asked to go through files at the National Office and select material to be transferred to the University Library under seal "in the same way as had been done previously". Unable to visit the National Office at that time McAra implies that important material "went up in smoke" but that shortly after another

member of the National Control Commission brought a package of Party documents to be lodged at the University. (letter held in Bert Roth's papers at the Turnbull MS-papers-6164-056).

The original packages were unwrapped and listed by Frank Rogers in 1988 just prior to the end of the embargo period. This preliminary inventory simply listed the material in its original order. Rogers found the packages contained a set of distinctly labelled folders which with the exception of the first package were numbered MACK 2a to MACK 13d. Rogers assigned the unnumbered folders in package one numbers 1a to 1d to match the remainder of the material. However, a run of similarly labelled files numbered MACK 1a to 1n can be found in MSS 89/25: papers of Wilfred (Bill) McAra and Diana Wilsie, which were donated to the University in 1988. MACK appears to be an acronym but for what, is unclear.

The ESPAL material was later reorganised and some 92 folders of material from, MSS & Archives A-139, series 3: Communist Party of New Zealand 1921 -70, were then incorporated into the ESPAL material to form the collection as it exists today.

In 2009 when the collection was re-housed into acid-free folders, it was possible to identify much of the material that was added to the collection from MSS & Archives A-139, series 3, partly by the folders in which the material was housed, and by the fact that many items still had their original item numbers written on them. Where legible these previous control symbols have been recorded on the updated inventory. A note in the A-139 inventory suggested that MSS & Archives A-139, series 4: overseas communist parties 1935 – 69, had also been added to the original ESPAL material but it had in fact been retained in its own box at the end of the run and has been returned to MSS & Archives A-139.

As part of the work done on the collection in 2009, items in the collection were assigned consecutive item numbers, previously the items had been assigned consecutive numbers per each box. Bundles and very large folders of material were examined and divided into smaller more easily handled units. Existing item descriptions were checked against the contents of each folder and altered as necessary and the item date ranges updated as required. In addition, without altering the overall arrangement of the collection the contents were divided into ten series.

Related Collections

The University of Auckland holds a number of other collections which contain the papers of Wilfred McAra these include,

MSS & Archives A-139: Wilfred (Bill) McAra papers, 1913 - 1970.

MSS & Archives 94/4: Wilfred (Bill) McAra, papers 1929 – 1988.

MSS & Archives 89/25: Wilfred (Bill) McAra and Diana Wilsie papers, 1965 – 1977.

MSS & Archives D-5: Wilfred (Bill) McAra papers relating to industrial relations on the New Zealand waterfront, 1946 – 1953.

MSS & Archives D-6: Wilfred (Bill) McAra papers relating to the New Zealand Building and Allied Trades Federation, 1939 – 1945.

MSS & Archives D-10: Wilfred (Bill) McAra papers relating to the Building Investigations Committee of the Wellington branch of the Carpenters Union, 1937 – 1947.

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Location	Item	Description	Dates	Previous control symbol	
				MACK	A139
Series 1: Papers related to work of the Communist Party of New Zealand National Executive.					
This series contains agendas, minutes, bulletins and circulars relating to CPNZ national conferences, the work of the National Committee's Trade Union Sub- committee and material produced by the CPNZ National Secretariat for distribution to Party members.					
Box 1	1	7 th National Conference December 1936.	1936	4.a	
	2	8 th National Conference.	1935	4.b	
	3	July 1936 Plenum, includes agenda, resolutions and discussion materials.	1936	4.c	
	4	9 th National Congress, includes agenda, resolutions and discussion materials.	1937	4.d	
	5	1938 Party Congress includes agenda and reports.	1938	4.d	
	6	1946 National Conference, includes agenda and reports.	1946		
	7	1954 National Conference, includes draft amendments on constitution and handwritten notes.	1954	4.e	
	8	1957 National Conference, includes agenda, discussion material, reports and annotated printers proofs for CPNZ constitution.	1957	4.f	
	9	1960 National Conference, includes reports, newspaper clippings and handwritten notes.	1960	4.g	
	10	1963 National Conference includes pre - conference discussion materials and papers, one set have been bound and are marked MACK 7i and 7j.	1963	7.i and 7.j	
	11	1966 National Conference, includes pre-conference discussion bulletin.	1966	4.i and 4.j	
	12	Papers from various District Conferences, includes McAra's handwritten notes.	1956 -1957		
Box 2	13	National Committee material, mixed undated material, includes some handwritten notes.	n.d.		

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	14	Material issued by the Central Committee includes bulletins and circular letters material.	1935 -36		
	15	Material issued by Central Committee, includes bulletins and circular letters.	1937		
	16	Material issued by Central Committee, includes bulletins and circular letters	1938, 1940		
	17	National Committee material, includes wartime circulars and roll of honour for CPNZ members.	1941 -1949		
	18	National Committee material, includes meeting agendas and reports.	1952 -1962		
	19	CPNZ "The ideological dispute – documents" (bound copy includes statements made to the CPSU by Wilcox on behalf of CPNZ).	1963		
	20	National Committee material – includes meeting agendas and reports from Political Committee to National Committee.	1963 -1967		
	21	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee related papers undated.	n.d.	6.?	
	22	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee related papers, includes CPNZ Trade Union Bulletins.	1934, 1946-1947	6.?	
	23	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee related papers, mainly waterfront issues.	1952 -1957	6.?	
	24	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee related papers include meeting notes.	1961	6.?	
Box 3	25	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee includes material relating to Federation of Labour Conference 1962.	1962-1963	6.?	

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Box 4	26	National Committee – Trade Union Subcommittee includes material relating to Felix Harvey, and Federation of Labour Conference 1963.	1963	6.?	
	27	National Committee - Trade Unions Subcommittee: waterfront.	1952	6.f	
	28	National Committee - Trade Unions Subcommittee: miners' program.	1963 -1964	6.?	
	29	National Committee - Trade Unions Subcommittee: maritime and building engineers.	1964	6.d	
	30	National Committee – 'Amendments to Party constitution', includes McAra's copies of material and related correspondence from other Party members.	1957	8.e and 8.f	
	31	Political Committee includes copies of resolutions, committee circulars and reports.	1952 -1970		
	32	National Secretariat - letters, notes of agendas, minutes, etc.	1958 -1964		
	33	National Secretariat - publicity material, CPNZ pamphlets includes copies of illegal pamphlets published during Second World War.	1938 -1944		3/?
	34	National Secretariat - publicity material, CPNZ pamphlets includes material relating to 1949 general election and referendum on conscription.	1947 -1949		
	35	National Secretariat - publicity material, CPNZ pamphlets includes material relating to Korean War.	1950 -1952		
	36	National Secretariat - publicity material, CPNZ pamphlets includes material relating to Vietnam War.	1960 - 1969		
	37	National Secretariat - publicity material, CPNZ song sheets.	n.d.		

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Box 5	38	National Secretariat - National Research Department, economic topics.	1950 -1963		
	39	National Secretariat - miscellaneous correspondence includes hand drawn diagrams of Communist Party organisation.	1957 - 1966		
	40	National Secretariat - correspondence with Paul Holmes of Kaikohe regarding Party constitution also includes handwritten copies of articles submitted for study by Homes.	1957		
	41	National Secretariat – papers relating to resignations and expulsions including Elsie Locke, Sid Scott, Peter Purdue, Eric Ayres, and D.K. Crombie. Also includes McAra's notes on expulsion of Sid Scott.	1956 -1957		
	42	National Secretariat – papers relating to resignations and expulsions – Wellington District, including Albert and Connie Birchfield. (this may once have been one file with item 41)	1956 - 1957		
	43	National Secretariat materials – various, Canterbury, Wellington, Auckland District (mainly correspondence).	1965	10.1	
	44	National Secretariat circulars.	1946- 1952		
	45	National Secretariat circulars.	1953		
	46	National Secretariat circulars.	1954 -1956		
	47	National Secretariat circulars.	1957		
	48	National Secretariat circulars, open letters and National Centre bulletins.	1958		
	49	National Secretariat circulars and National Centre bulletins.	1959		
	50	National Secretariat circulars.	1960		
51	National Secretariat circulars and open letters.	1961			

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Box 6	52	National Secretariat circulars, includes notes by McAra.	1962		
	53	National Secretariat circulars includes statement by Victor Wilcox presented to the CPSU.	1963		
	54	National Secretariat circulars, includes handwritten notes by McAra.	1964		
	55	National Secretariat circulars, includes 'Statement of Communist Policy'.	1965		
	56	National Secretariat circulars, includes material relating to 1966 general election, the resignation of George Jackson and others and handwritten notes for a speech by McAra.	1966 -1970		
<p>Series 2: Papers related to CPNZ education and study courses The study of Marxist – Leninist theory and related topics was an important part of being a member of the CPNZ. This series contains course outlines, study material and notes relating to both national and local level Party led study courses. Some folders contain material which relates to McAra's attendance at courses and others contain material relating to courses prepared and taught by McAra.</p>					
	57	Greymouth Study Circle - economics handwritten notes by J.Scott.	n.d.		3/9
	58	National Centre Study Courses - includes programmes study materials and handwritten notes by McAra.	ca 1958		3/10
	59	Communist Party National School - reading material annotated with McAra's name includes articles by Lenin, Stalin, Keynes and Sharkey.	1948		3/?
	60	Communist Party Central Education Department - course materials for National School and other study groups.	1956		3/?
	61	Syllabus for a three day National School.	ca 1957		3/?

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Box 7	62	Study Materials and newspaper clippings including "Crisis of bourgeois ideology and politics" by E. Bagramov and "The humanism of the Communists" by E. Bogush.	1961 - 1967		3/?
	63	Copy of "Framework of the Science of Marxism – Leninism" CPNZ.	1968		3/5?
	64	Study materials on dialectical materialism includes, National Education sub-committee circular 1957, report of N.S. Khrushchov at CPSU Central Committee Plenary Meeting, 1962 and syllabus for 1965 course.	1957, 1962, 1965		3/13
	65	McAra's handwritten notes titled 'How USSR solved nat (nationalist) question, review of previous study'.	n.d.		3/14
	66	CPNZ education, study materials and programmes for various party education courses.	1935 - 1963		
	67	CPNZ education, copy of 'The Party and the Working Class' by McAra and his handwritten notes for a study school, Auckland.	1957		
	68	Material relating to CPNZ study programme.	1964		
	69	McAra's handwritten notes relating to a study school, includes programme, notes on discussions and criticisms of the school.	n.d.		
	70	Material relating to a three day National Study School, includes drafts and final copies of syllabus, study materials and McAra's handwritten notes.	1959 - 1960		
	71	CPNZ Branch education programme – materials and notes.	1960		
72	Oliver B.Y. Gregory's materials - early CPNZ study materials, also includes some trade union and Workers' Education Association (WEA) material.	1936 -1939			

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Box 8	73	CPNZ Education Committee – undated outlines for courses and study materials. Includes notes in McAra’s handwriting.	n.d.		
	74	Copies of ‘rough draft’ of ‘The fight against economic crisis’.	n.d.		
	75	CPNZ education course materials – includes booklet for new Party members.	1940s		
	76	CPNZ education course materials – includes outlines for courses and reading materials.	1948 -1949		
	77	CPNZ education course materials – includes outlines for courses and reading materials.	1951 - 1952		
	78	CPNZ education course materials - includes outlines for courses and reading materials.	1953 -1958		
	79	CPNZ education course materials - includes outlines for courses, reading materials and McAra’s handwritten notes.	1959		
	80	CPNZ education course materials - includes outlines for courses and reading materials.	1960 - 1966		
Box 9	81	Copy of ‘Framework of the Science of Marxism – Leninism’ – August 1968.	1968		
<p>Series 3: Papers related to CPNZ district and branch activities This series includes minute books, annual reports, conference papers, invitations, flyers, leaflets, circulars, and correspondence relating to CPNZ activities at district and branch level. A large proportion of the material relates to the Auckland District and Auckland City Branch of which McAra and later his partner Diana Wilsie were active members. The material pertaining to the activities of the Gisborne Branch of the CPNZ are part of the personal papers of Oliver B.Y. Gregory (1909 – 1974), whose papers McAra collected and donated to the Library with his own papers. Other papers belonging to Gregory can be found in MSS & Archives A-139.</p>					
	82	Auckland District Conference - includes reports for district committee and McAra’s handwritten notes.	1945, 1951, 1953, 1957		
	83	Auckland District Conference - includes, committee reports, draft resolutions and McAra’s handwritten notes.	1958 - 1962		

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Box 10	84	Auckland District Conference – includes agendas, committee reports, pre-conference discussion materials and McAra's handwritten notes.	1963 -1967		
	85	Auckland City Branch - annual reports and related material.	1961 -1966		
	86	CPNZ women – equal pay, Union of New Zealand Women, Auckland District Women's sub-committee.	1946 - 1964	5.a	
	87	Auckland District Committee – includes circulars, bulletins, letters, etc.	1932 - 1946		
	88	Auckland District Committee material – includes correspondence between committee and Oliver B.Y. Gregory.	1946 - 1949		
	89	Auckland District Committee material – includes circulars and bulletins.	1952 -1959		
	90	Auckland District Committee material – includes 'Around the branches in Auckland 1960', circulars and expenditure reports.	1960 -1961		
	91	Auckland District Committee material - circulars, bulletins, letters, etc, includes McAra's handwritten meeting minutes.	1962		
	92	Auckland District Committee material - but also includes papers pertaining to City Branch activities and The Freeman's Bay Welfare Association.	1963		
	93	Auckland District Committee - circulars, bulletins, letters etc. also includes City Branch material marked Diana Wilsie.	1964		
	94	Auckland District Committee – bulletins.	1965 -1967		
	95	Auckland District Committee – circulars and related papers.	1968 -1969		
96	CPNZ leaflets associated with Auckland District issues.	1950 -1965			

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Box 11	97	Auckland City Branch - pay- in- slips.	1962 - 1963		
	98	Auckland City Branch - account book, November 1961 to March 1963.	1961 -1963		
	99	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 17 January 1961 to 30 April 1961.	1961	9.e (1)	
	100	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 2 May 1961 to 6 September 1961.	1961	9.e (2)	
	101	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 16 January 1963 to 14 August 1963.	1963	9.e (3)	
	102	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 21 August 1963 to 25 May 1964.	1963 – 1964	9.e (4)	
	103	Auckland City Branch – minute book, 3 June 1964 to 29 September 1964.	1964	9.e (5)	
	104	Auckland City Branch – minute book, 30 September 1964 to 4 May 1965.	1964 - 1965	9.e (6)	
	105	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 9 May 1965 to 17 October 1965.	1965	9.e (7)	
	106	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 19 October 1965 to 15 June 1966, also includes letter to District Executive 1 April 1966.	1965 - 1966	9.e (8)	
Box 12	107	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 6 July 1965 to 3 September 1966.	1965 -1966	9.e (9)	
	108	Auckland City Branch - minute book, 12 April 1967 to 27 March 1968.	1967 - 1968	13.d	
	109	Auckland City Branch - reports, minutes, letters and miscellaneous material.	1962 - 1963	9.a	
	110	Auckland City Branch - reports, minutes, letters and miscellaneous material.	1962 -1963	9.a	
	111	Auckland City Branch - executive material, study notes, agenda items.	1962 -1965	9.b	
	112	Auckland City Branch - executive material, study notes, agenda items.	1962 - 1965	9.b	

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Box 13	113	Auckland District Committee – letters received and replies includes correspondence regarding honesty boxes for sale of the <i>People's voice</i> .	1959,1964	7.l	
	114	Auckland District Committee – minutes.	1957 - 1958	7.m	
	115	Auckland District Committee – minutes and reports.	1960 -1964	7.m	
	116	Wellington Central Branch – annual reports.	1957 -1958	7.m	
	117	Auckland District – publications, includes pamphlets and leaflets.	1934 - 1936		3/24
	118	Auckland District - wartime publications, includes pamphlets and leaflets.	1939 -1945		3/24
	119	Auckland District – publications, includes pamphlets and leaflets.	1946 -1954		3/24
	120	Auckland District – publications, includes pamphlets and leaflets.	1960 -1969		3/24
	121	Auckland District – publications, includes pamphlets and leaflets.	1970 -1972		3/24
	122	Auckland District – invitations to local party events.	1960s		3/24
	123	Auckland District Committee - circulars, submissions, minutes etc.	1951- 1967		
	124	Auckland District Committee – letters regarding film screenings.	1962		
	125	National Secretariat correspondence with Greymouth and Mangakino branches.	1956 -1958		
	126	National Secretariat papers relating to Dunedin Branch includes copies of Dunedin Branch minutes and correspondence. Also draft of letter to branch by McAra.	Apr 1958 – May 1965		
	127	National Secretariat papers relating to Canterbury District Committee includes correspondence with and reports etc.	1960 - 1965		

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Box 14	128	Canterbury District Conference proceedings, 1957, 1961, 1962 and 1964. Also includes district circulars, committee reports and related papers, appear to be either National secretariat copies or McAra's own.	1957 - 1964	5.h	
	129	Leaflets issued by the Whangarei Branch.	1967 -1970		3/23
	130	Wellington District papers - includes leaflets, bulletins and reports.	1924 - 1945		3/26
	131	Wellington District papers – includes minutes, bulletins, reports etc.	1950 - 1958		3/26
	132	Wellington District and Branch materials – includes leaflets and reports.	1960 - 1971		3/26
	133	Wellington District Conferences – reports and minutes, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1964.	1957 - 1964	5.f	
	134	Wellington District Committee – organisational bulletins, meeting minutes and reports.	1942 -1964	5.g	
	135	Branch level leaflets, includes flyer for talk by Elsie Freeman (later Elsie Locke) includes hand -drawn and coloured material.	1933 -1936		3/27
	136	Branch level leaflets, includes Vietnam war protest material.	1954, 1970		3/27
	137	Gisborne Branch material – includes correspondence between Branch Secretary, Oliver B.Y. Gregory and Central Committee also includes correspondence with Leo Sim; account books and receipts.	1934 -1938	11.e	
	138	Gisborne Branch material – includes correspondence between Branch Secretary, Oliver B.Y. Gregory and Central Committee.	1934 -1937	11.d	
	139	Gisborne Branch material – includes correspondence between Branch Secretary, Oliver B.Y. Gregory and Central Committee and Branch minutes and reports.	1938	11.d	

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	140	Gisborne Branch material – receipts 1934 – 1938 (but mainly records relating to sales of <i>The peoples voice</i> in Auckland by Oliver B.Y. Gregory during 1940s).	1934 - 1946	11.c	
Series 4: Drafts for speeches and pamphlets					
Box 15	141	Miscellaneous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report 9th and 10th World Conferences against Atom and Hydrogen Bombs • visits to China • appointment of G. Fox • report on meeting with USSR peace delegation. 	1963	2.e	
	142	National Secretariat – ‘letters, internal’, correspondence with party members and branches.	1953 -1964 (mainly 1964)	2.d	
	143	National Secretariat – ‘letters, internal’, correspondence with party members and branches.	1964	2.d	
	144	National Secretariat – ‘letters general received’, includes letters from overseas communist parties.	1957 -1965	2.c	
	145	Copper printing plate ‘working men of all countries unite’ letter by Sid Scott to George Jackson 20 October 1957, notes for speakers of a communist burial, list headed ‘members in NZ, chart of organizational structure of CPNZ, constitution (printer’s proof)’.	1957 - 1964		
	146	Papers related to CPNZ activities regarding trade unions.	1949 -64		
	147	Papers relating to the establishment of the Unity Centre, Wellington, includes building plans.	1943 -1944		
	148	Papers relating to the internment of Hermann Schmidt.	1942		
	149	W. McAra – handwritten notes for articles, speeches and 21 st Congress of CPNZ 1959.	1950 - 1959	8.a	

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Box 16	150	W. McAra – handwritten notes for articles and speeches.	1950 - 1959	8.a	
	151	W. McAra 'special efforts', material relating to particular Party campaigns includes plans for a World War II patriotic fundraiser.	1940 -1960	11.h	
	152	'Building the Party in industry', W. McAra's file (includes handwritten notes on campaign).	1960s	6.f	
	153	Notebook containing McAra's handwritten notes on ideological struggle, culture, literature, art etc.	1951		
	154	National Conference 1966 – W. McAra's file (includes pre-conference papers, reports and McAra's handwritten notes).	1966	4.j	
	155	File of McAra's material (miscellaneous papers - includes handwritten notes for study courses and speeches).	1960's	11.i	
	156	File of McAra's material (miscellaneous papers – includes material relating to Roxburgh Hydro Scheme, FOL Conferences and the <i>People's voice</i>).	1952 - 1953	11.i	
	157	File of McAra's material (miscellaneous papers – includes material relating to Government housing, Unity Centre, and a magician's show).	1935 - 1944	11 i	
	158	Reports – urgent tasks, discussion notes, sundry notes in plan, McAra's file (McAra's handwritten drafts for reports and discussion papers for Party Conferences).	mainly 1957	13.a	
	Box 17	159	Handwritten notes for speeches and articles, includes newspaper clippings.	ca 1935 - 1955	
160		Handwritten notes for speeches, articles and reports. Includes newspaper clippings.	1960s		3/?
161		Handwritten notes for speeches, articles and reports. Includes newspaper clippings and research materials.	ca 1950 - 1960		3/?

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				MACK	A139
	162	Handwritten notes for articles includes draft of "Why Labour Governments can't serve the New Zealand working people".	1960s		3/?
	163	Research materials – copies of articles, news extracts, etc, includes copy of 'New Zealand's road to Socialism' by Sid Scott.	1940s		
	164	Research materials – copies of articles, extracts from newspapers and journals etc.	1950s		
	165	Handwritten drafts of pamphlets, speeches and some reports.	1960s		
	166	Handwritten speech notes possibly 1960s.	1960s		
	167	Typed copy of 'On the course of the development of the world revolution'.	1960s		
	168	Material relating to 19 Party (ies) meeting, Moscow 1 March 1965 – includes McAra's drafts for a report to the CPNZ Political Committee and copies of statements from meeting.	1965		
<p>Series 5: General election campaign material Contains publicity material including leaflets, invitations and flyers, correspondence, speech notes and newspaper clippings. Of special interest is the correspondence relating to the CPNZ's campaign for an allocation of public broadcasting time during the 1957, 1960, 1963 and 1966 elections. McAra himself was a candidate in the 1960 and 1966 general elections. Some folders also contain reference copies of campaign material for other political parties.</p>					
Box 18	169	Publicity material for general election campaigns – includes leaflets, invitations and flyers.	1946 - 1966		3/37
	170	Publicity material for Wellington local body election 1946, Auckland West by election 1940, Waitemata by- election 1941.	1940 - 1946		3/37
	171	General election campaign material – including leaflets, speech notes and newspaper clippings, also includes Auckland West by-election.	1940 -1954		3/38

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Box 19	172	General election 1957 – National Secretariat correspondence with branches regarding election campaign.	1957		3/39
	173	General election 1957 – National Secretariat correspondence with Prime Minister Holyoake and others regarding air time for CPNZ, includes newspaper clippings.	1957		3/39
	174	General election 1957- National Secretariat and district circulars, reports, minutes of executive and district committee meetings, McAra handwritten note on national policy.	1957		3/40
	175	General election 1957- letters, notes & drafts of election leaflets printed election publicity material.	1957		3/41
	176	General election 1960 – Victor Wilcox – speech - election fund rally (original spool tape please use item 178).	1960		3/42
	177	General election 1960 – George Jackson - speech- election special (original spool tape please use item 178).	1960		3/42
	178	General election 1960 – George Jackson and Victor Wilcox, election speeches copied from two 3 inch spools. (cassette tape).	1960		3/42
	179	General election 1960 – correspondence related to CPNZ election campaign includes correspondence with Prime Minister Walter Nash regarding air time allocations also includes election fund appeal cards.	1960		3/42
	180	General election 1960 - National Secretariat circulars, speakers' notes, reports, minutes etc.	1960		3/43
	181	General election 1960 - district bulletins (Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Greymouth, Canterbury) and reports from branches to National Office.	1960		3/43

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Box 20	182	General election 1960 - McAra's notes and drafts of material relating to the organization of the election campaign. (McAra was candidate for Auckland Central.	1960		3/44
	183	General election 1960 - correspondence with John Rae, People's Progressive Party candidate for Timaru – includes copies of Rae's campaign material.	1960		3/44
	184	General election 1960 – CPNZ campaign publicity material, (mainly Auckland electorates).	1960		3/45
	185	General election 1963 – correspondence related to campaign for election broadcasting time. Includes correspondence with Prime Minister, Keith Holyoake.	1963		3/46
	186	General election 1963 – material relating to election fundraising and the distribution of campaign material.	1963		3/46
	187	General election 1963 – National Secretariat circulars and some reports.	1963		3/47
	188	General election 1963 – speaker's notes, includes related correspondence and draft material.	1963		3/47
	189	General election 1963 – McAra's handwritten notes relating to election campaign, includes drafts for leaflets and budget estimate.	1963		3/48
	190	General election 1963 – drafts of campaign leaflets and booklets includes photographs of George Jackson and Stanley Hooper Heatt.	1963		3/49
	191	General election 1963 – campaign materials, includes final copies of leaflets, flyers and stickers.	1963		3/49
	192	General election 1963 – newspaper clippings.	1963		3/50

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Box 21	193	General election 1963 - campaign reports, meeting minutes and post election summaries.	1963		
	194	General Election 1966 - Letters, job lists and other organisational material, (mainly Auckland). Also includes relevant National Secretariat Circulars.	1966		3/51
	195	General Election 1966 – McAra's handwritten notes, drafts and layouts for campaign materials.	1966		3/52
	196	General Election 1966 – handwritten meeting notes, drafts for speeches or leaflets and newspaper clippings.	1966		3/53
	197	General Election 1966 - printed campaign material for Communist, Labour and National Parties.	1966		3/54
Series 6: Local body election campaign material					
Contains publicity material related to CPNZ candidates standing for local body elections including flyers, leaflets, how to vote cards, and speech notes. Some folders also contain notes, correspondence and meetings minutes relating to the campaign planning process.					
Poster cabinet	198	Local body elections - Wellington, campaign materials including flyers and leaflets, how to vote cards and speakers notes. Also includes songs and skits from 1947 McAra and Birchfield campaign.	1935 -1947		3/28 and 3/29
	199a	Local body elections - Auckland, campaign materials including flyers, leaflets, newspaper clippings and campaign notes. Also includes a folded poster.	1944 - 1959		3/28 and 3/29
	199b	Local body elections - Auckland, campaign materials - poster	1944 - 1959		3/28 and 3/29
	200	Local body elections - Devonport 1947 and Mt Albert 1935, includes campaign materials.	1935 - 1947		3/28 and 3/29
	201	Local body elections - Christchurch 1935 and Palmerston North, undated.	1935		3/29

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Box 22	202	Local body elections 1944 – CPNZ campaign strategy, notes and circulars. Mix of Auckland and Wellington related material.	1944		3/29
	203	Local body elections 1947 – reports from campaign sub-committee meetings and related material.	1947		3/29
	204	Local body elections 1950 – Auckland, speakers notes, newspaper clippings and a copy of 'Housing the people a six year plan' by W McAra, written for the campaign.	1950		3/30
	205	Local body elections 1953 – papers related to CPNZ campaign, includes reports, speakers notes etc.	1953		3/31
	206	Local body elections 1953 – campaign materials, Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin.	1953		3/31
	207	Local body elections 1953 – newspaper clippings related to election.	1953		3/31
	208	Local body elections 1956 – speakers information for Auckland candidates.	1956		3/32
	209	Local body elections 1959 – papers related to campaign results and campaign cards.	1959		3/33
	210	Local body elections 1959 – newspaper clippings.	1959		3/33
	211	Local body elections 1962 – campaign plans, handwritten notes by McAra, speech notes and post election material.	1962		3/34
	212	Local body elections 1962 - campaign materials.	1962		3/34
	213	Local body elections 1965 – letters and papers related to CPNZ campaign.	1965		3/35
	214	Local body elections 1965 – CPNZ and other party campaign materials.	1965		3/35

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	215	Local body elections 1965 – post election papers including official vote count for Auckland City Council and Auckland Regional Council.	1965		3/35
	216	Local body elections 1968 – circulars and campaign materials.	1968		3/36
<p>Series 7: Papers related to the <i>People's voice</i> and other party publication material. Between 1949 and 1954 McAra was the editor of the <i>People's voice</i> and was involved in the running of the Party's printery, much of the material found in this series relates to this period although the inclusion of later material reflects a continued interest by McAra in the production of the <i>People's voice</i> and other party publications. This series also contains material belonging to Oliver B.Y. Gregory.</p>					
Box 23	217	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - letters to the editor, includes jingles submitted by Conrad Bollinger.	1949 -1964		3/15
	218	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - copy of agreement made between Wilson Printery Ltd, In Print publishing Co Ltd, Avondale Printing Co Ltd and Owen Gareth Smith printer, regarding printing of the <i>People's voice</i> .	1951		3/16
	219	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - publicity leaflets and circulars – most date from late 1960's to early 1970's.	1939 -1971		3/17
	220	Preliminary notes and drafts of articles in McAra's handwriting, presumably for publication in the <i>People's voice</i> .	undated		3/18
	221	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - George Jackson articles includes clippings and draft of McAra's letter of criticism.	1964		3/20
	222	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - papers related to circulation and financial situation of paper. Includes reports, statistics and handwritten notes by McAra.	1950s		
	223	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> -fund raising appeal cards, tickets to fundraising events and related materials.	1960 - 1968		3/19

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Box 24	224	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - letters to the editor, original copies.	1951 -1952		
	225	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> -sales and circulation, papers related to improving publication. Includes some letters to the editor.	1949 -1968		
	226	Material relating to the <i>People's voice</i> - sales records.	1950 -58	5.e	
	227	Correspondence relating to sales of the <i>Worker's Weekly</i> and <i>Women Today</i> , Gisborne (papers of Oliver B. Y. Gregory – Gisborne district sales officer).	1934-38	12.e	
	228	Draft copies of ' <i>The people's voice</i> returns' history of CPNZ publications.	ca 1943 - 1945	12.e	
	229	Papers relating to <i>The industrial worker</i> and other publications.	1940s	12.e	
	230	Papers relating to the publication and sales of the <i>Labour daily</i> , includes handwritten draft material.	1944 - 1945	12.b	
	231	Correspondence between the editor of the <i>Communist review</i> (McAra) and potential contributors seeking material for publication.	1969 - 1971		
	232	Communist Party New Zealand, Party Press, Progressive Books, <i>Fernfire</i> etc... miscellaneous papers.	1940s – 1960s	5.c	
	233	Progressive Books – shareholder reports and meeting agendas (Oliver B.Y. Gregory's copies).	1944 – 1969	12.a	
	234	Progressive Books – brochures and sales lists (Oliver B.Y. Gregory's copies).	1940s – 1960s	12.a	
235	Progressive Books – account book recording Oliver B.Y. Gregory's purchases from Progressive books and associated receipts.	1940s	12.a		

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Box 25	236	Copies of assorted Communist Party Publications – mainly leaflets.	1940 - 1967		3/6
	237	Draft material in McAra's handwriting – unclear whether articles or teaching notes. Includes copy of 'The class struggle in New Zealand' 1969.	1960s		3/7
	238	'Attacks on the party', leaflets, booklets, letters, clippings documenting attacks on communist activities predominantly 1940s material.	1939 - 1970		3/59
	239	'Immediate Program' 1958 - handwritten notes. (unclear if these drafts are for the <i>People's voice</i> or other CPNZ publications).	1958		3/72
	240	'matters worth immediate consideration' – mainly handwritten notes in McAra's writing includes Trade Union related material, 1940s, 1952, and 1962. Includes Trade Union Manual – 'organisational chart', National Strike committee, books all Trade Unionists should study, <i>Labour review</i> organizational chart etc.	1962		3/76
	241	Miscellaneous material includes drafts of articles contributed for publication and handwritten notes by McAra.	n.d.		
<p>Series 8: Building industry related material This series contains a mix of material relating to McAra's interest in the building industry. The first folder (item 242) dates from the period when McAra was an organiser for the Wellington Branch of the Amalgamated Carpenters Union and a key figure in the New Zealand Building Trades Federation. This material relates to papers held in MSS & Archives D-6 and MSS & Archives D-10. The remainder of the material dates from the 1960s when McAra produced a pamphlet for the CPNZ aimed at building and construction workers.</p>					
	242	Papers relating to McAra's position as National Secretary – New Zealand Building Trades Federation.	1938 -1946		3/60

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Box 26	243	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme. “The Builders of New Zealand: a draft plan for the building workers to meet the crisis” final copies July 1962.	1962		3/60
	244	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme. ‘To all building and construction workers!’ - draft copy for amendment and revision.	1962		3/60
	245	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme. ‘To all building and construction workers!’ draft copy with handwritten amendments and notes, also includes drafts for cover illustrations and printing requirements.	1961 -1962		3/60
	246	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme. ‘To all building and construction workers!’ - handwritten draft.	1961 -1962		3/60
	247	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme ‘To all building and construction workers!’ - handwritten notes, research material and meeting notes. (folder 1 of 2)	1961 -1962		3/60
	248	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme ‘To all building and construction workers!’ – handwritten notes, research material and meeting notes. (folder 2 of 2)	1961 -1962		3/60
	249	Communist Party New Zealand – Building Industry Programme – collected newspaper clippings.	1961 -1962		3/60
Series 9: Subject files. Subject files created and titled by McAra containing, clippings, research notes, brochures and notes.					
	250	‘Agriculture’.	1949 -1965		3/55
	251	‘Company records’.	1957 - 1964		3/63

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Box 27	252	'Dairy industry'.	1934 -1958		3/66
	253	'Farming'.	1963-1970		3/68
	254	'Finance', newspaper clippings.	1958		3/69
	255	'Housing', includes copy of plan for Government's temporary transit housing. (folder 1 of 2)	1950s		3/70
	256	'Housing'. (folder 2 of 2)	1950s		3/71
	254	'Industrialisation', clippings and handwritten notes.	1958		3/73
	258	'Industry' including NZ Manufacturers' Federation submissions to Board of Trade (1952) Report of Caucus Committee on Worker participation in management, and Department of Agriculture Report no.2 to Economic Conference (1940)	1940 -1952		3/74
	259	' Monopoly in New Zealand', address given Sunday 19 May 1963 – mainly handwritten notes.	1963		3/77
	260	'New Zealand connections and class relations' typescript and handwritten notes.	1952, 1960		3/78
	261	'New Zealand data and notes on' handwritten notes on heroes of the Labour movement, New Zealand manufacturing industry, population, trade etc.	1955 - 1956		3/79
	262	'New Zealand's Island Territories', includes newspaper clippings.	1946 -1963		3/80
	263	'Notes from books' – mainly handwritten notes on books including works by J.B. Condliffe, W.P. Reeves, W.B. Sutch and J.E. Le Rossignol.			3/81
	Box 28	264	Handwritten draft for a pamphlet on wages and conditions (not McAra's handwriting) includes criticism of draft.	n.d.	

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Box 29	265	'NZ economy' drafts for a number of pamphlets on New Zealand's economy, some handwritten, some typed.	1940 – 1950s		
	266	'New Zealand Defence', including compulsory military training and conscription.	1935 -1958		3/67
	267	'Security forces and police spies vs Communist Party New Zealand' – leaflets and newspaper clippings.	1949 -1955		3/82
	268	'Trans Tasman Unity (TTU)' appears to be draft material for a counter blast against Communist Party of Australia leaflet distributed in New Zealand.	1960s		3/83
	269	'Public transport' (Auckland, Wellington).	1949 -1966		
	270	Papers relating to the United States including Stalin - Stassen interview and <i>Omega</i> navigation system.	1949 - 1969		3/87
	271	Official reports from Australian and New Zealand legations, Moscow to respective governments on aspects of life in the USSR.	1945 -1946		3/88
	272	Papers relating to the USSR – Economic information bulletins, summaries from Soviet journals.	1945 - 1948		3/89
	273	Papers relating to the USSR, model statute of the agricultural cartel. Also includes 1941 copy of <i>Pravda</i> .	1935 - 1945		3/90
	274	'Apartheid', booklets and newspaper clippings related mainly to rugby tours.	1965 – 1969		3/58
	275	'Civil liberties' (attacks against), newspaper clippings (folder 1 of 2).	1940 – 1958		3/61
	276	'Civil liberties', includes letters, printed circulars, leaflets and clippings (folder 2 of 2).	1921 -1950		3/62
	277	'Subversion', wartime pacifism, strikes etc.	1940 -1941		3/62

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Box 30	278	'Wages crisis', prices etc. newspaper clippings and some handwritten notes.	1958		3/64
	279	'Culture', includes song sheets, theatre and film flyers and poetry relating to communist party or workers. Includes both handwritten and printed material.	n.d.		3/65
	280	'Maori people' papers related to <i>Maori Affairs Amendment Bill</i> , a Maori concert party and living conditions among urban Maori.	1952 -1968		3/75
	281	'Women', leaflets, circulars etc. relating to equal pay, women's rights and women's organizations.	1940 -1960		3/92
	282	'Youth work' – Young Communist League, Youth Weekend for Peace and other youth organizations. Includes leaflets and flyers.	1935 - 1954		3/95
	283	Alex Galbraith's memoirs – McAra's own copy with notes.	1949		3/56
	284	Alex Galbraith's memoirs – Galbraith's personal copies.	1949		3/57
	285	Alex Galbraith – correspondence with amended drafts of articles submitted to McAra.	1952 - 1959		3/57
	286	Handwritten draft and research materials, appears to be for 1960 general election pamphlet.	1959 -1960		3/86
	287	Papers pertaining to the Wellington metropolitan patriotic committee, Victory Art Union.	1944		
	288	'Unionist Rhymes' (poetry) – includes 'An injury to one is the concern of all' by Bill O'Reilly.	1951		3/?
	289	Copy of 'Take a letter to a capitalist' (poem) by Robert Solway and related correspondence – includes print mock up with art work.	1960		3/?

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	290	Hand-lettered signs for use on a Communist Party New Zealand display.	1940		3/?
<p>Series 10: Outsize material The bulk of this series comprises of an extensive collection of original cartoons drawn by Frank S. Dromgoole (1910 -1988). The cartoons dating from the 1940s and early 1950s were created by Dromgoole for the <i>People's voice</i>. The pen and ink cartoons are on sheets of heavy, approximately A3 sized, drawing paper, frequently both sides of each sheet has been drawn on. Many of the cartoons have been annotated in pencil with instructions regarding their reproduction for inclusion in the <i>People's voice</i>.</p>					
Box 31	291	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (10 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	292	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (14 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	293	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (44 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	294	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (17 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	295	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (14 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	296	Original cartoons for the <i>People's voice</i> by Frank S. Dromgoole. (19 items)	ca 1939 – 1960s		3/21
	297	Original cartoons submitted for the <i>People's voice</i> anniversary competition.	1960		3/21
Poster cabinet	298	Original cartoons submitted for the <i>People's voice</i> anniversary competition.	1960		3/21
Outsized	299	World War II clipping album – with annotations by McAra.	1939 – 1940		
Outsized	300	'World affairs' clipping album – with annotations by McAra.	1939 – 1951		