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The papers have been arranged as follows in files illustrative of various aspects of Tom Murray's political and public activities.

BOXES 1-3 SPANISH CIVIL WAR
BOX 4 INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES' ASSOCIATION
BOX 5 SCOTTISH – USSR ASSOCIATION
BOX 6 VARIOUS POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION
ACTIVITIES

Box 1

Correspondence, 1936-9, of or concerning the activities of Tom Murray, his sister, Annie, and brother, George, on behalf of the Republican cause in Spain.

1. Tom Murray, letters from Spain or concerning the Civil War, 1937-8.
2. Letters to TM from Janet Murray, with one letter to Annie Murray, 1938.
3. Letters from Annie Murray, nursing in Spain, to her family, 1936-9.
4. Letters from George Murray in Spain, 1937-8.
5. Letters of various members of the Murray family concerning Spain, 1936-8.
6. Letters of various persons, 1937-8, on the Spanish war.
7. Miscellaneous personal papers of TM, including his discharge papers from the International Brigade.
8. Newspaper cuttings relating to the Murray family's activities in Spain.

Box 2

1. Correspondence and papers, 1939, relating to organisation of the National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief.
2. Papers, 1939, relating to the Joint Committee's 'Patronage Scheme', largely consisting of individual 'biographies' of sponsored refugees.
3. List of members [1938/9], of the Scottish Joint Committee for Spanish Relief; with papers 1938-9, of the Edinburgh and District Joint Committee.
4. Copies, June-August 1939, of the fortnightly newsletter – the Spanish Refugee Bulletin – of the Edinburgh Committee.

5. Papers of the International Emergency Conference for Spanish Refugees, Paris 15-16 July 1939.
6. Papers, 1939-40, concerning hospitality to Karl Heinrich, an Austrian refugee who had served in Spain.
7. Photographs, mainly propaganda, but including a few personal snap-shots.

Box 3

1. A collection of posters, being a mixture of Spanish Republican and International Brigade commemorative posters, various dates.
2. Miscellaneous items, including a P O U M forage cap, publicity material for the "Debt of Honour Week" and collecting envelopes, flags, dance tickets etc for various Spanish causes.

Box 4

1. The International Brigade Association: minutes, correspondence, copy of Constitution, bank books (2), and list of Edinburgh men who served in Brigade, 1939-46.
2. I B Association: papers relating to the Food Convoy for Spain, 1939.
3. I B A, Debt of Honour Week and Memorial Fund, 1939.
4. Correspondence, 1938-9, concerning J Patterson, an ex-member of the I B.
5. The Peace Movement: correspondence and papers, 1933-40, including papers relating to the Scottish Peace Convention and the Peace Ballot of 1935.

Box 5

Papers relating to the administration of the Scottish – USSR Society [T M General Secretary}, 1936-50.

1. 1936-40.
2. 1946.
3. 1947.
4. 1948.
5. 1949.

6. 1950.
7. 1951.
8. Papers concerning the Society's Film Section, 1950-1.
9. Account of a visit to Poland, 1945. BBC Radio talk 18 February 1949 entitled 'From the Danube to Siberia'. Address to German-Soviet Friendship Society [DDR] 2 July 1949 (2 copies). Notes on a visit to Siberia, July 1949.
10. Journals of TM on visits to USSR and Eastern Bloc countries, 1945-8.

Box 6

1. Delegate cards 1930-1 of TM for Scottish Conferences of the Independent Labour Party. Letters and papers, 1939-41, relating to his activities in the Labour Party and Edinburgh Trades Council.
2. Papers relating to the Stafford Cripps Petition, 1939.
3. Papers, 1941-5, relating to Scottish Trades Union Congress Annual Conferences.
4. Papers, 1940-5, relating to activities in the Fire Brigades Union.
5. Correspondence and papers, 1946-50, relating to TM's work for the Communist Party.
6. Papers relating to TM's expulsion from the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union, 1950.
7. Papers relating to TM's work for National Association of Temperance Officials and the Scottish Temperance Alliance, 1923-37.
8. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1933-68, including a letter, 1933, of Upton Sinclair to TM enclosing a copy of a letter of the former to New Republic relating to Eisenstein's films 'Thunder Over Mexico'; and a photocopy of a letter of C M Grieve to TM, 1968, enclosing an article on John Maclean

Boxes 7-20 PRINTED MATERIAL – Transferred to Printed Books. See Printed Catalogue.

This collection of printed material from the Thomas Murray papers reflects the wide diversity of Mr Murray's interests. Much of this material is pamphlets, leaflets and ephemera mostly of the 1930's and 40's. This material was originally retained with the archive, hence appears in the list below, but has subsequently been transferred to Printed

Book sections of the Library. Readers should consult the printed catalogue for a new shelfmark should they wish to see any of the following.

Box 7

SCOTLAND – a few copies of Skean Dubh and Catalyst handbills from the 20s for the Scottish Home Rule League, a few books of poetry including Sidney Goodsir Smith's Far into the Night, Sidlaw Breezes and Hugh McDiarmid's verse tribute to James Joyce.

Box 8

ALBANIA – mainly English language pamphlets and booklets published in Tirana, includes several speeches by Enver Hoxha.

Box 9

CHINA – mainly English language pamphlets purchased in Peking in the 60s, but including the earlier United Nations Prisoners of War in Korea and China's Railways.

Boxes 10-11

USSR/EASTERN EUROPE – virtually all from the 30s and 40s include The Bolsheviki discover Siberia, The Drink Problem in Russia, two biographies of Stalin. Pamphlets include 'The Little Stalin Library', The East German Peace Festival of 1948 etc.

Box 12

1. IRELAND – a copy of Arthur Griffith's Hungary a parallel for Ireland, the rest is about James Connolly and Irish Trades Unionism.
2. VIETNAM – pamphlets from the 60s published in North Vietnam attacking US involvement in SE Asia.
3. INDIA – copy of News India No 1 dating from the 30s, the rest Indian pamphlets from the early 60s concerning China's invasion of India.

Boxes 13-15

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR – a diverse collection of contemporary material (all from the Republican side) much of which was published by the Republican government. The Spanish material includes speeches by Juan Negrin, a pamphlet denouncing the POUM as agents of Franco, a nursery rhyme book in Catalan and calenders from 1937. The British material includes a history of the British contingent in the International Brigades, several copies of the Volunteer for Liberty (the journal of the International Brigades Association) and a pamphlet, the Massacre of Badajoz by Hispanicus.

Box 16

1. STUC CONFERENCES 1940-44 – Lists of delegation motions etc.
2. UNIONS – Union journals from the 30s and 40s.

Box 17

COMMUNIST PARTY – material dating from the 40s and 50s including an extensive collection of pamphlets printed during the war.

Box 18

1. LABOUR PARTY – small and fragmentary collection of papers from the 30s and 40s.
2. ELECTION LEAFLETS – mostly from the 60s but a few CP from the 40s.
3. PEACE MOVEMENT 1930s – printed material relating to conferences, meetings.

Box 19

1. WORLD WAR TWO – small collection including 3 copies of the Daily Post an Icelandic English language newspaper, leaflets relating to Russia Friendship Weeks and to the Glasgow Refugee Centre.
2. OFFICIAL PAPERS – small collection including details of Air Raid Precautions in Edinburgh.

Box 20

Miscellaneous pamphlets.