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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: MS1292
Title: Ron Heisler collection
Dates: 1869-2020
Level: fonds
Extent and Medium: 2 boxes
Name of Creator: Heisler, Ronald B (fl 1948-) book collector

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Ronald Heisler started collecting books and pamphlets in 1948.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Includes flyers, leaflets, correspondence. Subjects include Trotskyism, London local activism, climate change protest, resistance in Argentina and Chile, Julian Assange campaign, bookshop ephemera, peace movement, trades unions.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English, French, Russian

Conditions of Access: Open for research unless stated otherwise. At least 24 hours advance notice should be given.

- MS1292/1/1 Correspondence to Bill Fishman 1973-2014**
 Correspondents include Lauren Whithy-Jones, Judy Bermant, Chaim Bermant, Ruth Kinna. Subjects include death of Chaim Bermant.
 1 file
- MS1292/1/2 Bookshop ephemera 1968-c2018**
 Agitprop Bookshop, Agitprop Literature Programme, 1968; Rising Free Yellow Pages catalogue of radical publications, 1977; Bookmarks bookshop, solidarity appeal leaflet, 2018. Also includes Peter Harrington Books catalogue descriptions of Marx "Das Kapital" and "Die Heilige Familie", c2015.
 1 file
- MS1292/1/3 Notes to Richard Gott 1985-2002**
 Short memo from Bill Webb of The Guardian asking for book review, 1985; card from Sergio Israel about his book, El Enigma Trabal.
 1 file
- MS1292/1/4 Harry Pollitt funeral order of service 1960 July 9**
 Includes list of speakers, details of music.
 1 leaflet
- MS1292/1/5 National Council for Civil Liberties leaflet c1935**
 Promotional leaflet. Signed by J. B. Priestley as Vice-President.
 1 leaflet

- MS1292/1/6 Tony Cliff memorial meeting pamphlet** **2000**
Includes tributes, photographs. 6 pages.
1 pamphlet
- MS1292/1/7 Bag her and bin her!** **c1985**
Morning Star stickers. Includes cartoon of Margaret Thatcher.
2 sheets
- MS1292/1/8 Honour the memory of Sydney Silverman** **1995**
Socialist Platform leaflet.
1 leaflet
- MS1292/1/9 Socialists should support CND?** **c1960s**
Tickets to Socialist Party of Great Britain debate between Richard Headicar and Melvin Harris.
Topic: Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.
2 copies of an entrance ticket
- MS1292/1/10 National Union of Teachers - Birmingham and District Association** **1919
December 5**
Welcome to Soldier-Teachers. Programme of concert. Includes list of fallen comrades. Also includes separate sheet explaining rationale for cover design.
1 pamphlet, 1 separate sheet

- MS1292/1/11 The Greenham Factor 1983**
 Published by Greenham Print Prop. Includes photographs.
 1 pamphlet
- MS1292/1/12 Duncan Campbell's New Statesman Articles on Operation Square Leg etc 1980**
 Published by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Birmingham branch.
 1 pamphlet
- MS1292/1/13 We are of one Blood: memories of the first 60 years of the Woodcraft Folk. 1925-1985 1985**
 Compiled and edited by Chrys Salt and Mervyn Wilson. Published by Co-operative Retail Services Ltd. 52 pages.
 1 booklet
- MS1292/1/14 Worker Writer - a journal of working class and socialist writing c1979**
 Issue number 1. Published by the Federation of Worker Writers.
 1 journal
- MS1292/1/15 Voices 1983 August**

Magazine of the Federation of Worker Writers and
Community Publishers. No. 29.

1 journal

MS1292/1/16 London Socialist Discussion Group

**c1993
March-
c1994
January**

Programmes for meetings (1993 March, 1994
January). Socialist Discussion Group Bulletin
no.2, undated paper by Baruch Hirson,
"Colonialism and Imperialism". Also includes
circular letter regarding revisionism by Al
Richardson responding to Bill Hunter (1993
October).

One bulletin, 2 flyers, 1 letter

MS1292/1/17 Mutiny

**2019 July
23**

Leaflet for public meeting, which includes
statement of aims.

1 leaflet

Mutiny was founded by socialists within the Labour
Party, with a particular focus on the climate
emergency.

**MS1292/1/18 Organising for Workers' Power - potere
operaio Italy**

**1974
January**

Rising Free reprint 3, 12 pages. Translated from
the French.

1 journal

MS1292/1/19 Reclaim the streets

1998 March

Leaflet, which summarises campaigns over the previous year.

1 leaflet

MS1292/1/20 The Left Front - radical art in the "red decade", 1929-1940 **2015 January**
Pamphlet produced by Grey Art Gallery, New York University for exhibition of 2015 January-April.

1 booklet

MS1292/1/21 Chimen Abramsky annotations **c1971 December**

Annotated copy of article by Isaiah Berlin on Georges Sorel in the Times Literary Supplement, 1971 December 31. Includes compliments card from Berlin.

1 newspaper, 1 envelope, 1 compliment slip

MS1292/1/22 The British Road to Socialism **c1978**

Morning Star supplement based on statement by the Communist Party of Great Britain. Includes poster "The Why and How for Socialist Change in Britain".

1 poster/supplement

MS1292/1/23 Alan Woodward, 1939-2012: special tribute catalogue **2012**

Includes lists of pamphlets by Alan Woodward. Annotated by Ron Heisler.

- MS1292/1/24 Land for the People** **c1977**
 Programme of May Day workshop, film etc events,
 Notting Hill Gate.
 1 pamphlet
- MS1292/1/25 Eurocommunism - materials for an analysis** **1977**
 Published by Angry Red Planet, San Francisco.
 1 volume
- MS1292/1/26 Ian Harrison - Wang Fan-hsi correspondence** **c1992-1994**
April
 Correspondence between Ian Harrison of the
 Workers International League and F. Wang
 (possibly Wang Fanxi or Wang Fan-hsi?) about
 Chinese Trotskyism, 1994 March-April. Includes
 copies of letters (in French) between Trotsky and
 Harold Isaacs, 1935-1938. Workers Autonomous
 Federation of China, committee for the Defence of
 Chinese Workers leaflets, c1992.
 1 file
- MS1292/1/27 Sri Lankan Trotskyists** **1993-2013**
 Memorial leaflets for Prins Rajasooriya (1921-
 1993) and Clarence Chrysostom (1921-2013).
 2 leaflets
- MS1292/1/28 Chris Knight leaflets and publication** **c2011-2012**
 Includes leaflets, Chomsky at MIT, Noam
 Chomsky and the student unrest of the 1960s;
 booklet, Decoding Fairytales (2011).
 4 items

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| MS1292/1/29 | Soviet Union postcards | 1984 |
| | Postcards showing scenes from the Soviet Union in the 1920s. | |
| | 10 postcards, cardboard wallet | |
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| MS1292/1/30 | Political postcards | c1930s-2020 |
| | Subjects include Falklands War, UK response to 2020 COVID pandemic, centenary of Karl Marx, miners' strike 1984-5, Osama Bin Laden and George Bush. Also includes black and white postcard of the fish quay at Brixham, c1930s. | |
| | 11 postcards | |
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| MS1292/1/31 | Photograph of Max Muller | 1894 |
| | Black and white portrait. Taken by Hills and Saunders of Oxford. | |
| | 1 photograph | |
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| MS1292/1/32 | The Fenian Brotherhood | Undated |
| | Short history of the Fenians. 6 pages. | |
| | 1 pamphlet | |
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| MS1292/1/33 | Calendars | 1955-2020 |

Reformers' calendar, 1955, published by National Union of Protestants; Sick Magazine calendar featuring 12 chronically ill and disabled artists.

2 calendars

- MS1292/1/34 Cleckheaton Self-help Society entertainment playbill** **1869
December 4**
Includes programme (comprising songs, music, recitations) at Co-operative Hall.

1 playbill
- MS1292/1/35 AIM '40** **1940**
Newsletter of Goldsmiths College and Institute of Education socialist societies. 12 pages. Includes articles on the People's Convention, the scientist today, Catalonia-Coventry-Manchester convention.

1 item
- MS1292/1/36 Three Songs of Lenin** **1936
January 25**
Programme for Lenin Memorial Meeting (including illustration of Lenin) which included the film "Three Songs of Lenin" by Vertov. Speakers included Edith Summerskill, John Bromley, A. J. Cummings, Harry Pollitt. Also includes insert with synopsis of speeches in the third song of "Three Songs of Lenin".

2 items
- MS1292/1/37 Fascism and how to defeat it** **c1959**

By Kay Beauchamp. Mimeograph, 13 pages. Issued by London District, Communist Party of Great Britain. Includes illustration on front cover. Introduction by John Mahon. Also includes biographical notes on Kay Beauchamp by Ron Heisler.

1 pamphlet

MS1292/1/38 What is Anarchy?

1892

Published by the Birmingham and Walsall anarchist groups. Includes poem "No Master" by William Morris.

1 leaflet

The Walsall Anarchists were a group of anarchists, who were arrested on suspicion of manufacturing explosive charges in 1892.

MS1292/1/39 Race Revolt

2009 April

Issue 4 "Whiteness". Published in Manchester.

1 journal

MS1292/1/40 Roach Family Support Committee

**1983 March
31**

Flyer for public meeting at Hackney Town Hall. Includes demands for an inquiry into allegations against the Metropolitan Police relating to the death of Colin Roach. Speakers include Darcus Howe, Rudi Narayan.

Leaflet

MS1292/1/41 Hackney activism leaflets

**c1982-
c1984**

Includes Stoke Newington and Hackney Defence Campaign Bulletin no.18 (c1983); flyers of Hackney Black Peoples Association, Clapton Youth Centre Committee, Hackney Action on Immigration and Nationality, Hackney African Association. Subjects include allegations of racism in housing.

1 file

MS1292/1/42 Mythology of a white-led "vanguard" - a critical look at the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA c1984

Pamphlet by Greg Jackson, produced by Black Autonomy, Seattle. 7 pages.

1 pamphlet

MS1292/1/43 Respect newsletters, publications and leaflets 2005 May-2010

Includes Respect Quarterly, summer 2010; flyers for rallies; Global Emergency - the battle against climate change (pamphlet by Ray Wilkes, 2008); Bethnal Green and Bow constituency leaflet for George Galloway, 2005 May. Leaflet protesting at proposed Heathrow runway. Also includes poster; The Respect Paper, 2008 September, December, 2009 October.

1 file

MS1292/1/44 Tribute to Martha Phillips 1992 March 20

Workers Vanguard tribute (pages 5-10) to Martha Phillips (1948-1992).

1 item

- MS1292/1/45 Self Defence is no Defence** **1982**
 Newsletter of the Free the Bradford 12 (July 11 Action Committee Defence) campaign.
 1 item
- MS1292/1/46 Additional notes on David Black** **c2022**
 Ron Heisler's notes on David Black (born 1950), Marxist-Humanist author.
 1 item
- MS1292/1/47 Notes on David Pitt** **c2022**
 Ron Heisler's memories of David Pitt (1913-1994).
 1 item
- MS1292/1/48 The Cato Street Conspiracy - a study in terrorism** **2020**
 Printed essay by Professor Vic Gatrell of Gresham College.
 1 item
- MS1292/1/49 Blank diaries** **1979-2020**
 Big Red Diary 1979 (anti-nuclear power); Housemans Peace Diary 2020.
 2 items
- MS1292/1/50 Julian Assange Defence Committee** **2016, 2019-2020**

Also includes pamphlet, Julian Assange - 3 years in the embassy, 2016.

5 flyers, 1 pamphlet

MS1292/1/51 Flame, Voice, Grassroots 1977-1986

Voice, 1986 July 5; Flame (issues 22-23, 1977), Grassroots - Black Community News (voice of the Black Liberation Front) no.2, 1986 May.

1 file

MS1292/2/1 Vladimir Ilyich Lenin 1982

Educational cards illustrating Lenin's life and career. Published in Moscow.

18 postcards, wallet

MS1292/2/2 The Communist 1975 July-August

Issues 2-3. Mimeographed. 4 pages per issue. Subjects include future of the Italian Communist Party, Portugal and politics after the revolution.

2 issues

MS1292/2/3 Minutes of the Conference of Representatives of the I.K.D., R.C.I., and SL 1970 December

Mimeographed verbatim minutes of conference held 1970 November 23-24. Internal bulletin of the Revolutionary Communist League, vol.1, no.4, December 1970. Al Richardson's copy.

1 item

- MS1292/2/4 Levy's report to CPGB conference** **1948**
 Mimeographed version of report by Professor Hyman Levy to the Communist Party of Great Britain. Report on Middle East, Israel, Palestine.
 1 item
- MS1292/2/5 Young Chartists flyer** **circa 1981**
 Part of "Defend the Trade Unions" campaign.
 1 item
- MS1292/2/6 Red Sauce** **2019**
 Fundraiser in Walhamstow for the Socialist Workers Party.
 1 flyer
- MS1292/2/7 Philip Bagwell** **1995-c2022**
 Ron Heisler's memoir of Bagwell as a teacher (1958-1960). Also review of Prison Cell to Council Chamber (Church Times, 1995).
 1 items
- MS1292/2/8 Revolutionary Communist Group** **c1980**
 Leaflet, £1000 fund drive.
 1 item
- MS1292/2/9 Spurs against the Nazis** **c1978**

Leaflet distributed by Anti-Nazi Tottenham Hotspur football supporters.

1 leaflet

MS1292/2/10 End the repression in Argentina! Free Daniel Ruiz now! **2019**
Liverpool TUC leaflet.

1 leaflet

MS1292/2/11 Makhno and his enemies **1977**
Supplement to Freedom vol. 38, no.19.

1 item

MS1292/2/12 Arts Festival for Chilean Resistance **1974**
Flyer for event organised by Artists for Democracy. Fund raising event in aftermath of 1973 military coup in Chile.

1 item

MS1292/2/13 The Putney Picnic **1997 July 19**
Booking form/flyer for Democratic Left event. Advertises lecture by Christopher Hill. A celebration of 1647 Civil War Putney debates.

1 flyer

MS1292/2/14 No to counterrevolutionary rampage in Hong Kong! **2019 November 19**

Spartacist League flyer advertising meeting.

Flyer

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| MS1292/2/15 | Anti Raids network | 2019 |
| | Protest against immigration raids in London. | |
| | 1 flyer | |
| MS1292/2/16 | Pit Pony | c1951 |
| | National Coal Board pamphlet with illustrations. 12 pages. | |
| | 1 pamphlet | |
| MS1292/2/17 | International Women's Day | 2019 March 9 |
| | Leaflet of event in London, highlighting 1970 Miss World protests. | |
| | 1 item | |
| MS1292/2/18 | Free Kara Wild | c2017 |
| | Leaflet relating to Kara Wild's incarceration in France after anti-police protests. | |
| | 1 item | |
| MS1292/2/19 | Report of the Gorbals by-election campaign | 1948
September |
| | Mimeographed report for Communist Party of Great Britain by Bob McIlhone. | |
| | 1 item | |

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| MS1292/2/20 | "London's fate" by John Latey junior | 1886
December
11 |
| | Illustrated story in The Penny Illustrated Paper revolving around plot by revolutionaries of the "Federation" (Social Democratic Federation) to blow up London. | |
| | 1 item | |
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| MS1292/2/21 | London YCL Social | 2019
October 26 |
| | Advertising London Young Communist League social event in Croydon. | |
| | Small poster | |
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| MS1292/2/22 | The theory of permanent revolution and post-war Stalinism | 1986 July |
| | A critique of Tim Wohlford's "Theory of Structural Assimilation" by Chris Bailey. 56 pages. Workers Revolutionary Party. | |
| | 1 item | |
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| MS1292/2/23 | Why I am a pacifist | 2019 |
| | Small poster of speaking tour by Tim Gee. | |
| | 1 item | |
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| MS1292/2/24 | I back Guardians of the Arches | 2019 |

Small poster from campaign to protect tenants of ex-Network Rail properties.

1 item

MS1292/2/25 Injuries at work...all your own fault c1978

The Worker Photographer, second issue. Poster / information page on health and safety. Includes black and white photographs.

1 item

MS1292/2/26 Action for Greyhounds 2019

Leaflet.

1 item

MS1292/2/27 I'm marching for a better Britain 1968 April

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament leaflet.

1 item

MS1292/2/28 International Brigade Association leaflet 1998

Relates to Jubilee Gardens, South Bank sculpture.

1 item

MS1292/2/29 Worker's Voice 1960

Worker's (sic) Voice - weekly paper of the Workers Party. Includes articles by Jack Britz and Brian Behan. Also includes notes by Ron Heisler. Subjects include jailing of Patrick Neary.

1 item

- MS1292/2/30 Thousands Clash in Pit Strike Riot Fury c1984**
Pamphlet. Sub-titled "Quelques elements sur le mouvement actuel des proletaires en Grande-Bretagne". Includes descriptions from British newspapers of miners' strike, 1984.
1 item
- MS1292/2/31 University College Union c2019**
Leaflets, flyers. Includes Lambeth College UCU. Strike leaflets.
1 file
- MS1292/2/32 Noam Chomsky's "The Responsibility of Intellectuals Fifty Years On" 2017 February**
Flyer for a public meeting involving Chomsky.
1 item
- MS1292/2/33 Beyond Reason? As if, time travel and paradigms 2011 November**
Paper given to South London Philosophy Circle.
1 item
- MS1292/2/34 The Importance of Isaac Deutscher's Work. As seen by a Czechoslovak intellectual 1968**

Article by Lubomir Sochor (2 pages).

1 item

- MS1292/2/35 Ozbay Family Must Stay!** **c1998**
Leaflet about threatened deportation to Turkey / Northern Cyprus.
1 item
- MS1292/2/36 System Change! Not climate change** **2009
December**
Leaflet relating to United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.
1 item
- MS1292/2/37 Sites of resistance: radical bookselling, a free discussion event** **2016
February**
Applied History / Raphael Samuel History Centre event. Flyer.
1 item
- MS1292/2/38 Striking a light. Matchwomen's festival** **2013 July 6**
Flyer to celebrate 125th anniversary of the strike at Bryant and May.
1 item
- MS1292/2/39 Punk 4 mental health** **2017 March**

Leaflet with lists of bands playing and venues.

1 flyer

**MS1292/2/40 War with Iraq: who calls the shots? c2003
November**

Flyer for Charter 88 event. Speakers include Robin Cook, Will Hutton.

1 item

MS1292/2/41 Ludic Science Club 2013

Lists of events and speakers.

1 file

MS1292/2/42 Cycles of Ignorance - the cultural dynamics of economic long waves c1980s

Draft paper by Gerald Mars.

1 item