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DEBATE AND DIVISION ON THE BRITISH LEFT,
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Gender, Feminism, and the British Left, 1944-1991 contains records compiled by the Communist Party of Great Britain's (CPGB) Women's Department during the period 1944-1991.

These records include minutes, agendas, and promotional materials from various women's campaigns, events, and conferences.



The collection is part of the wide-ranging *British Communism, At Home and Abroad* series.

They also include copies of *Link*, the party's women's magazine, and *Red Rag*, a controversial journal published by the party's more militant feminist members, many of whom were eventually expelled for deviating from the party line.

Together, these items provide a unique insight into the relationship between Western

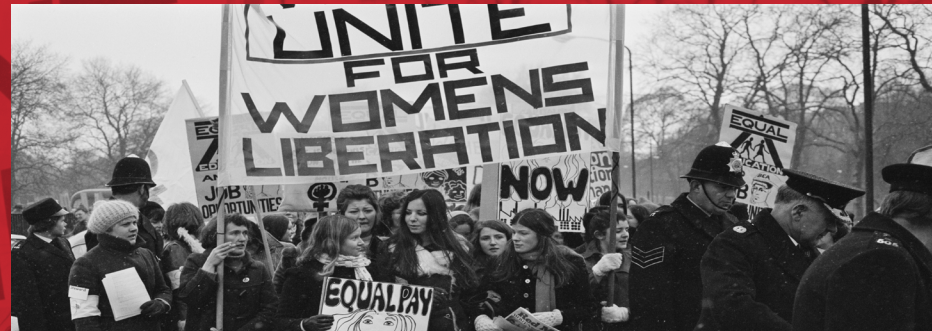
communism and the women's liberation movement during the post-war era.

"This archive shows how certain segments of the CPGB came to embrace some of the concerns of the women's liberation movement, highlighting communist involvement in campaigns related to abortion law, employment rights, and the whole gamut of feminist politics."

Professor Kevin Morgan, University of Manchester

Sources include: Archive Trust of the Communist Party of Great Britain

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Karl Marx's analysis of the gendered division of labour under capitalism suggested that women faced a unique oppression—a specific economic exploitation linked to unpaid labour in the domestic sphere.



Professor Morgan has written 3 contextual essays to accompany the collection, including a guide to the Women's Department.



Campaigns on abortion rights, employment law, and disarmament are all covered in detail, as is the sexual revolution.

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