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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: HL

Title: Herbert Löwit papers

Dates: 1910-2003 Level: fonds Extent and Medium: 4 boxes

Name of Creator: Löwit, Herbert (1923-2012) German-

Czech refugee

Archival History:

This Archive forms one of the Exile Studies collections acquired through the Research Centre for German and Austrian Exile Studies at the Institute for Modern Languages Research.

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Herbert Löwit was born in Teplitz (now Teplice) in north-western Bohemia (Czechoslovakia), and spent his formative years in Reichenberg (now Liberec). He was a member of the socialist youth group, the 'Rote Falken' and his family were active members of the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (DSAP). They were also Jewish. When German troops occupied the Czechoslovakian borderlands in 1938, the family fled to England as political refugees, where they joined the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, the exile social democratic successor organisation of the DSAP founded by Wenzel Jaksch. HL spent 1939 in Brook Lodge refugee camp in Surrey and later completed his education at Kingston Day Commercial school. His father, Karl Löwit, found work in Mirfield, Yorkshire, and the family moved there for the duration of the war, but in 1941 HL joined the Czechoslovak Independent Brigade in 1941 and remained with it until he was de-mobbed in 1945. He played a key role in the surrender of Dunkirk in May 1945. Dunkirk had been besieged since August 1944 by the Czech Independent Brigade. HL's fluency in German, Czech and English allowed him to act as the telephone link between the headquarters of the Germans and the Czechs. HL worked briefly in Czechoslovakia after the war but, after marrying another Czech-German refugee, Theresie Schneider, he settled in England. He worked as German

teacher in adult education and also for a number of commercial firms run by exiles.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: The archive consists of a relatively small amount of material (less than half a box) created by German-Czech exile Karl Löwit and his son Herbert Löwit, which includes personal correspondence and research notes and copies of published articles by HL. The majority of the collection consists of the papers accumulated by Josef Schneider, an official of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband from the German-Czech borderlands, who came to the UK as a political exile. His papers include correspondence with Josef Ladig, Josef Lenk, Josef Zinner, Wenzel Jaksch, Karl Werner and Fanni Blatny, all of whom had originally been involved in the German-Czech trade union movement and/or the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (DSAP) prior to going into exile. As well as the correspondence there are memoranda, declarations and resolutions passed by the successor parties to the DSAP (the Treuegemeinschaft and the Auslandsgruppe) and the trade unions in exile. The main subject matter of these papers is the split of the so-called Zinnergruppe from the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten in 1940 in the UK and in 1942 in Sweden, and the related issue of the fate of the Sudeten Germans after the Second World War.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English, Czech, German.

System of Arrangement: Original order (at least as found by archivist in 2014) was largely preserved. The material in HL 1, HL 2 and HL 3 relates to Herbert Löwit and his father Karl Löwit. This was all previously in Box 1. The material in HL 4, designated as Josef Schneider's papers, was all previously in boxes 6 and 7.

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HL 1 Correspondence to and from Karl Löwit, Herbert Löwit and others

1918-1998

Includes correspondence between Karl Löwit and John & Edward Bumpus booksellers and the Left Book Club (1946-1947); a field postcard (fragment) from KL to his wife, Johanna Löwit (21 June 1918); two letters from Josef Hofbauer in Malmö, Sweden to KL in Mirfield, UK (6 April 1946 and 2 February 1948); one letter from S.E. Keeble of 'Berins', Barnett Lane, Wonersh, Guildford to KL (17 July 1944); one letter from Karl Löwit to Siegfried Aufhäuser (1 May 1964) and one thank you card from SA to KL (8 May 1964); postcard from Dr Wolfgang Haferkorn, Düsseldorf, to Herbert Löwit (3 May 1998); correspondence and attachments from and concerning Offrield Preussler (1992-1993); copy of letter from Hans Schütz, President of the Sudeten German Council, to the Secretary General to the United Nations Organisation (received 1 April 1962). Previously in HL Box 1.

1 folder

HL 2 Research notes and articles by Herbert Löwit

1945-2003

Includes miscellaneous notes, review articles and related correspondence, as well as photocopies of published articles by Herbert Löwit. Previously in HL Box 1 files 1, 3 and 5.

2 folders

HL 2/1a Copies of articles by Herbert Löwit published in the 1980-2003 Sudeten-Jahrbuch

22 articles on different aspects of Herbert Löwit's experiences of Sudeten German history. Previously in Box 1 file 1.

1 folder

HL 2/2a Miscellaneous research notes and articles

1945-1997

Includes loose leaves of a handwritten text in English entitled 'Programme of the Czechoslovak Government' (undated, c. 1945); notes, review article and related correspondence relating to a book by Carol Skalnik, 'National conflict in Czechoslovakia' (Princeton University Press, 1988); loose leaves of notes in Czech

and English; German-English vocabulary lists; review by Herbert Löwit dated January 1996 of Volkmar Gabert and Emil Werner's 'Wir wollten nicht mit den Massen irren'. Die sudetendeutschen Sozialdemokraten von der Verteidigung der Republik bis zu ihrer Vertreibung' (Munich, Seliger-Gemeinde,1995); and short biographical account of Alfred Frenzel by Herbert Löwit, published in Ein Sohn des Volkes - Ernst Paul zum 100. Geburtstag, ed. by Olga Sippl (Munich, 1997). Previously in HL Box 1 files 3 and 5.

1 folder

HL 3 Personal and miscellaneous items of the Löwits

1910undated [c1995]

Includes Karl Löwit's visiting card from Reichenberg (1933) and his invitation card to the Labour Party's conference as a delegate from the Mirfield Labour Party (1946); a pencil sketch portrait of Otto Bauer [Austrian Social Democrat, one of the leading thinkers of the left-socialist Austro-Marxist grouping] by Rudolf Hanusch (undated, c.1938); a b/w photograph of Herta Lindner [anti-Nazi resistance fighter] (undated, c. 1942); programme of a memorial service held in Dachau and Munich by the Seliger-Gemeinde for Sudeten German Social Democratic Party victims of National Socialism (June 1960); a typescript of the address delivered by Rabbi Dr Georg Salzberger on being awarded the Buber-Rosenzweig medal (1972); a leaflet for an exhibition by the Koestler Trust (1988); two business cards of the Seliger-Gemeinde annotated 'for Herbert Löwit, with thanks for your contribution' (undated, c.1995); and three books belonging to KL: Dienstvertrag der Handlungsgehilfen und anderer Dienstnehmer... [Contract of Service for commercial tradesmen] by Dr Felix Mayer and Dr. Siegmund Grünberg von Wien (Manzsche k. u. k. Hof-Verlagsund Universitäts-Buchhandlung, 1910); Handbuchlein über die Leistungen aus der Invaliditäts- und Altersversicherung (Prague: Verband 'Arbeiterfürsorge', 1937); and the annual diary produced for members of the Allgemeinen Angestellten Verband, Reichenberg (blank, except for KL's name in the 'owner' field) (1938). [In 1937 KL took charge of the legal protection section of his union, the Allgemeinen Angestellten-Verband (the Association of General Employees), and was responsible for the editing of the last two items.]

Previously in Box 1.

1 folder and 3 books

HL 4 Papers of Josef Schneider

1938 December-1965

3.5 boxes (40 folders)

HL 4/1 Correspondence to and from Josef Schneider

1938 December-1949 February

Correspondence between JS and refugee organisations such as the Czech Refugee Trust Fund and the Anglo Refugee Friendship Club, as well as circulars and individual letters to and from JS and other Czech-German political refugees, of whom the latter were mainly members of the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschekoslowakischen Republik and/or trade unionists. Of particular note is the file of 139 letters between JS and Josef Ladig, who, like JS, was an official of the Internationaler Metalarbeiterverband, but who was in exile in Sweden. Previously in HL Box 6.

25 folders

HL Letter to Josef Schneider from Fanni Blatny, 4/1/1 London

1940 February 24

Congratulating Josef Schneider on his clear thinking, and contrasting his position with that of [Eugen] De Witte and [Wenzel] Jaksch.

1 leaf

HL Correspondence between Josef Schneider and the 4/1/2 Czech Refugee Trust Fund

1941 September-1943 October Correspondence with attachments on a range of subjects, including: 1) the suicide of Mr Richard Geyer, a Czech refugee from National Socialism, on 4 October 1941 in Mirfield, Yorkshire. One of the attachments is a list of RG's belongings (October-November 1941); 2) a settlement scheme in Brazil for refugees with farming experience (22 October 1943); 3) Josef Schneider's successful repayment of a £10 furniture loan (24 September 1941).

1 folder

HL Circular letter to members of the Deutsche 4/1/3 Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (Auslandsgruppe) from Josef Lenk and Josef Zinner

January 15

1946

Circular letter to members of the Auslandsgruppe der DSAP in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik, sent by Party leaders J[osef] Zinner and J[osef] Lenk.

1 leaf

HL Letter to Josef Schneider from Lincoln Evans of the 4/1/4 British Section of the International Metalworkers' Federation

1941 March 20

Informing Josef Schneider of the amount the IMF had paid to Czech refugees during the period February 1939 to June 1940.

1 leaf

HL Correspondence between Josef Schneider and 4/1/5 Josef Ladig

1938 December 07-1949 February 13

Correspondence between JS in exile in the UK and JL in exile in Sweden. Before going into exile JS and JL worked together in the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverein (IMS) in Komotau (Chomutov), where JS was a branch(?) secretary and JL was General Secretary. During their years of exile, the letters were their main means of maintaining contact, and in them they discussed local, national and international political and social developments in some detail. Subjects covered include (but are not limited to) the work they are doing in their respective countries to support other members of the IMV in exile (for example

arranging financial support from the International Metalworkers' Federation); the changing position of the refugees with regard to rights and their integration into the host society; the exiled unions' relations with the UK and Swedish social democrat parties and trade unions; international developments such as the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the outbreak of war in September 1939; news of friends and acquaintances still in Czechoslovakia; the organisation and activities of the IMV in exile and relations between it and other exiled trade unions from Czechoslovakia: relations between the trade unions and Wenzel Jaksch's Treuegemeinschaft; their reasons for breaking away from the Treuegemeinschaft (which the UK group did in October 1940 and the Swedish group did in 1942); their views on the role of the trade unions in post-war Czechoslovakia; their views on the relationship between the Sudetenland and Germany, and the extent of their support for the Czechoslovakian government in exile. They also report on their personal circumstances in exile, and their plans for maintaining contact through occasional meetings and further correspondence.

15 folders (139 items)

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/1

1938 December 07

Handwritten letter in Sütterlin script from Josef Ladig in Prague to Josef Schneider in the UK. JL escaped to Prague when the Czechoslovakian borderlands (also known as the Sudetenland) were annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938. An obituary for Franz Kaufmann, former Chair of the International Metalworkers' Federation in the Czechoslovakian Republic, published in the union's Mitteilungsblatt, is attached to the letter, with a handwritten annotation from JL (although this may not have been originally attached to the letter as FK died in April 1939).

5 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/2

1938 December 15 Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Prague to Josef Schneider in the UK. He escaped to Prague when the Czechoslovakian borderlands (also known as the Sudetenland) were annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938. The letter discusses his work supporting other members of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband who had gone into exile in the remaining Czechoslovakia territory. He also asks JS, another official of the same union to keep in close contact with him and to let him have any information available about union members in exile in the UK.

2 leaves

HL 4/1/5/3	Handwritten letter in Sütterlin script from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider in the UK. Describes how he escaped to Prague when the Czechoslovakian borderlands (also known as the Sudetenland) were annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938, and his recent journey from Prague into exile in Sweden, where his wife and son were already living.	1938 December 31
	1 leaf	
HL 4/1/5/4	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1939 January 11
	Handwritten letter in Sütterlin script from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider in the UK.	
	1 leaf	
HL	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1939
4/1/5/5	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Johnston	January 17
	Handwritten letter in Sütterlin script from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider in the UK.	
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/6	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1939 February 02

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider in the UK. Discusses plans for getting financial support from the IMV for members of the CSR branch in exile with the help of [Konrad] Ilg [then Vice President of the Swiss Trade Union Federation and Secretary of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterbund]. A list of members of the CSR branch of the IMV thought to be in England was originally attached but was not with the letter when it was catalogued.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/7

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 February 21

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Discusses plans for getting financial support from the IMV for members of the CSR branch in exile with the help of [Konrad] Ilg [then Vice President of the Swiss Trade Union Federation and Secretary of the Internationalen Metallarbeiterbundes]. Says that he has been told that Britain has agreed to accept the remaining refugees in the CSR.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/8

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 March 03

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Asks for further information about members of the IMV who have gone into exile in the UK, and states that he wants to get into contact with other IMV officials who are there. Also discusses integration of refugees into Swedish society and support of Swedish Social Democrat Party, and the most recent information on getting financial support from the IMV for members of the CSR branch in exile with the help of [Konrad] IIq Ithen Vice President of the Swiss Trade Union Federation and Secretary of the Internationalen Metallarbeiterbundes]. There is a 2-leaf attachment to the letter outlining JL's views on current international political developments and whether the Sudeten German emigrants should take part in political activities in Sweden. He regards the fact that the party [the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei] has not expressed any views on developments or made any suggestions about political action as a failure.

4 leaves

HL 4/1/5/9

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 March

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. States that he has sent a copy of a list of members of the CSR branch of the IMF in exile to [Konrad] Ilg [then Vice President of the Swiss Trade Union Federation and Secretary of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterbund]. Does not feel in right frame of mind to comment on recent events [the German occupation of Czechoslovakia].

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/10

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 April 14

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. States that he is coming to London for a meeting of 'our International', and would like to meet up with JS and other colleagues from the IMV.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/11

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 April

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Reports that he is safely back in Sweden after his trip to London. Discusses issue of the financial support IMV members hoped to receive from the union.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/12

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 May 01

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Reports the sad news that he has heard from Nazi-occupied Budweis (Ceské Budejovice) that former DSAP leader Franz Kaufmann has died.

HL 4/1/5/13

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 May 24

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Discusses plans to organise lists of union members in exile. Also reports what he has heard about the death of Franz Kaufmann.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/14

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 June 03

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Discusses situation regarding financial support of IMV members by the union.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/15

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 June 04

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. States that he has heard from the British Committee for Refugees that it may be possible to transfer refugees' money out to Czechoslovakia via the Institut für Migranten [possibly the Refugee Institute in Prague]. Asks JS if he would go to London and speak to the Committee in person about this.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/16

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 June 18

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. States that he has found temporary work with the [Metalworkers'?] union in Stockholm and will soon be moving there. Gives details of difficult situation of IMV member Heeger, who has no money [first name and location of Heeger not given], and discusses progress with getting financial support from the IMV for members in exile.

1 leaf

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/17

1939 June 24

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Eskilstuna, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Reports that IMV financial support for members has been agreed in Switzerland. In an attachment, he also states that it has been decided that union representatives from each country will be chosen [it is not clear for exactly what function], and he comments on the representatives who have so far been proposed.

2 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/18

1939 July 09

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Further discussions of arrangements for financial support for members of the IMV in exile and also on which union officials will be chosen as country representatives. Also discusses a recent [German Social Democratic Workers'] Party committee meeting and news of union or Party members still in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia.

2 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/19

1939 July 30

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Further discussions of arrangements for financial support for members of the IMV in exile and also of news of friends and colleagues still in occupied Czechoslovakia. Also comments that he is disgusted with the behaviour of some colleagues who had, prior to their exile, appeared to think that moving abroad was a 'Lustreise' (pleasure trip), although it is not clear exactly what they are now doing that JL dislikes.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/20

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 August 05

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Contains further news of [a former colleague?] still in Czechoslovakia, Heeger [first name not given], and discussion of arrangements for financial support for members of the IMV.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/21

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 August 27

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Comments on recent international developments [the signing of the Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact] and reports news from/of colleagues and acquaintances still in Czechoslovakia.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/22

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 September 10

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Comments on recent international developments [the outbreak of the Second World War] and the implications for the refugees in the UK (he is glad that they are not being regarded as enemy aliens), and expresses his fear that the Soviet Union's ultimate aim is to 'bolshevise' Germany.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/23

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1939 October 22

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Impresses on JS the importance of keeping in touch despite the difficulties with the post. Questions JL about negotiations which have taken place between some of the leaders of the German Social Democratic Workers' Party and [Edvard] B[eneš] and asks him to find out more.

1 leaf

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/24

1939 October 24

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Reacts to news of death of Thomas McKenna [Secretary of the Blast Furnaceman's Union], who had been very helpful to union member exiles in the UK. In particular he had helped persuade the Ministry of Labour and National Service to allow members of the Maschinenbauer-Verband (machine-builders' union) and Verband der Hammerschmiede (union of hammersmiths) to work in their respective sectors of industry in the UK. Then discusses a planned general trade union meeting to which some members of the IMV have been invited, and expresses his views on how the IMV should work with other unions. Also discusses whether IMV members wish him to continue to be their representative while they are in exile. Attached is a circular note to all members asking for confirmation of their wishes with regard to his leadership.

4 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/25

1939 November 12

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England, 2-leaf attachment is a circular letter to IMV members in exile in all countries. Announces sad death of Heeger (Jägerndorf) mentioned in previous letters. Then gives details of numbers of IMV members in exile and in which countries; what financial help they get; employment situation. Sets out how he wants members to continue to support each other, despite being in different countries, and says that he has been selected as the Chair of the body of representatives of the Sudeten German trade unions, composed of former members of the Zentralgewerkschaftskommission (Central Commission of German Trade Unions [in the Czechoslovak Republic]). [This body would become known as the Auslandsvertretung sudetendeutscher Gewerkschafter].

3 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1939 4/1/5/26 November

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. JL had just been made Chair of the Auslandsvertretung sudetendeutscher Gewerkschafter. Explains why and how he came to take this position.

1 leaf

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1939 4/1/5/27 November

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Attached is a 2-leaf circular letter, expressing concern that some IMV members had taken action [negotiated with Edvard Beneš over the future of the Sudetenland] on behalf of the union without the knowledge or consent of the rest of the union. Reprimanded were [Gustav] Neumann, [Max] Koutnik, [Josef] Zinner, [Franz] Kögler. Sets out in detail his own views on the future of the Sudentenland and its relationship with Germany and Czechoslovakia.

5 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1939 4/1/5/28 November 23

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Letter was accompanied by a list of IMV members, but no attachment present when the archive was catalogued in 2014.

1 leaf

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1939 4/1/5/29 November 26

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. States that he feels that it is important that the German Social Democrat Party makes its position clear. [With regard to what subject it is not stated, but probably in relation to the future of the Sudetenland.] Also states that he expects the war to be over within a year, and that his work for the ASG and IMV keeps him extremely busy.

1 leaf

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/30

1939 December 25

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Discusses what should happen to the Sudetenland, arguing that federal state arrangement would be best, probably as part of Czechoslovakia. The German Social Democratic Workers' Party (of Czechoslovakia) (DSAP) should not be ambiguous about what it wants. JL is happy that he and JS hold same views on these issues. Also discusses union member [Gustav] Neumann and DSAP members [Franz] Kögler and [Wenzel] Jasksch with whom he has disagreements, and reports dissatisfaction with the recently-formed ASG. Asks JS to discuss these matters with [Josef] Zinner

3 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 4/1/5/31

1940 January 06

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Discusses financial support of Internationaler Metallarbeiterverein for members in exile and gratitude to [Thomas] McKenna and Little [first name not given] for their support. Suggests that other trade unions have not done half as much to support their members as the IMV. Strongly critical of [Wenzel] Jaksch for having writing foreword for book by [former National Socialist Party leader] Otto Strasser and wonders how WJ will justify this. Also asks JS to give details of other rumours [about WJ].

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/32

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider with attached copy of letter to other Internationaler Metallarbeiter Verband members

1940 January 28-January 29

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. The main letter (of 29 January 1940) is to JS alone, and sets out JL's concerns about JS's actions as the UK's IMV representative, criticising him for talking more to some union members than others, and also pointing out that JS needs to discuss his criticisms of [Wenzel] Jaksch with WJ himself. The attached letter is addressed to JS as well as [Rudolf] Hantusch, [Josef] Ziwisch and Friedl [first name not given] 'for information for our other friends'. Sets out in some detail the areas of agreement and disagreement over their position on the future of the Sudetenland and on negotiations with Edvard Beneš, as he has understood it from letters sent to him. His own position is that they need to negotiate with EB and openly declare what they (the Sudetenland trade unions and German Social Democratic Workers' Party) want. Also expresses concern that some colleagues appear not to be happy with JS as their representative but they have not spoken to him directly about this. Suggests a meeting is called [for IMV members in the UK] to discuss all issues openly and directly.

8 leaves

HL 4/1/5/33

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider with attached copy of letter to Josef Zinner

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Is happy to hear that there now seems to be general agreement in political views of IMV members in the UK, although notes that some comrades appear to be pushing themselves forward. Attached is a letter he is sending to [Josef] Zinner in response to a letter JZ has sent him. In the letter to JZ, JS addresses the issue of the differences of opinion amongst members of the IMV and the German Social Democratic Workers' Party about the future of the Sudetenland, the Munich Agreement, the distinction between Germans as a whole and the National Socialists. [The print on these sheets is very blurred, making them difficult to read.]

7 leaves

1940 March 03

HL 4/1/5/34

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1940 March 10-March 11

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Short cover note accompanying draft manifesto with a request for feedback. Also a longer letter sent 10 March 1940, in which JL states that he was very happy to receive letter from JS confirming that, having held talks with [IMV and German Social Democratic Workers' Party] colleagues, they have reached agreement in their views.

2 leaves

HL 4/1/5/35

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1940 March 24

Typed letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Expresses regret that some of the letters he had sent to other comrades have been passed on to others without his knowledge or consent. Discusses case of IMV members, notably [Max] Koutnik, who have been expelled from the German Social Democratic Workers' Party, as well as they attitude and loyalty of some members towards the Party.

2 leaves

HL 4/1/5/36

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider with a circular letter to all officials of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband in der CSR in exile

1940 April 07

Typed cover letter from Josef Ladig in Huvudsta, Sweden, to Josef Schneider at Brook Lodge, England. Attached is a letter to all IMV officials in exiles, informing them that the [German Social Democratic Workers'] Party had now formally set out its political position and asking them to think about the next step: how the trade unions would take action to support the position and goals set out by the Party. He would like to hear their ideas before writing his own suggestions. He also encourages them to discuss [issues and information generally?] with members of other unions.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/37

Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig

1939 November

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Attached to the letter was a copy of a list of all IMV members who had emigrated, showing which administrative region of Czechoslovakia they had come from, but this was not attached when the archive was catalogued in 2014. JS also responds to JS's request [for IMV members] to express their political views on the international situation and the relationship of the Sudetenland to Czechoslovakia and German, and also sets out his views on what the IMV and other German-Czech unions should be doing whilst in exile. Reports that tensions still exist within the Party and mentions in this context [Wenzel] Jacksch, [Gustav] Neumann, [Franz] Kögler, [Josef] Zinner, [Willi] Werner. Also criticises WJ for writing foreword for book by Otto Strasser. Says that trade union work will be difficult as many of the leaders are in exile in Sweden, and discusses issue of financial support for members and a recent change in rules concerning permission to work in the UK.

4 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/38

1939 December 11

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Concerns increasing tensions between German-Czech unions officials such as [Josef] Zinner, and German Social Democratic Workers' Party (DSAP) officials including [Franz] Katz and [Eugen] de Witte. Originally attached was a copy of a letter from [Wenzel] Jaksch to JZ, written after a meeting where some of the issues were discusses, but this was not present when the archive was catalogued in 2014. Suspects FK and EdW negatively influencing WJ and complains about DSAP officials interfering in union affairs.

2 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/39

1939 December 23 Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Concerns arrangements for financial support of IMV for members in exile. Compares situation of metalworkers with that of textile workers, who had so far received only £1.00 from their union. Also asks for JL's views on [Wenzel] Jaksch's writing of foreword for Otto Strasser's book, and says that he has heard various other rumours about WJ's character.

2 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/40

1940 January 06

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Reports that he has met with other trade union officials ([Josef] Zinner and [Sigmund] Löwi) and that they are in agreement over views on future of Sudetenland and role of trade unions. However, he is concerned that the views of the trade unions do not match those of leaders of the [German Social Democratic Workers'] Party (DSAP). Gives two examples of actions of DSAP leaders which illustrate this: 1) propaganda sent to DSAP members by leaders which was intended to damage the reputation of the Czechoslovak military, in order to strengthen leaders' argument that Sudeten Germans in exile should not join the Czechoslovak military; and 2) writing of foreword of book by former Nazi leader Otto Strasser by [Wenzel] Jaksch.

6 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/41

1940 January 13

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Originally attached was a memorandum from Czech trade unionist [Josef] Belina which showed, according to JS, 'wie eingehend gerade die Frage einer Föderation diskutiert wird' (how thoroughly the question of a federation was being discussed). Also gives further information on how the German Social Democratic Workers' Party leaders were attempting to discredit the Czech military in order to persuade Sudeten Germans not to join it, and briefly outlines the rumours he has heard concerning [Wenzel] Jaksch.

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/42

1940 January 24

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Reports on a meeting between [Wenzel] Jaksch, [Sigmund] Löwi and [Rudolf] Storch in which German Social Democratic Workers' Party leader (DSAP), WJ, spoke about a number of issues of concern to JS. These included the future relationship of the Sudetenland to Germany and Czechoslovakia, negotiations with [Edvard] Beneš, WJ's foreword to Otto Strasser's book. However, JS does not seem convinced by WJ's responses and is suspicious of WJ's ideological stance.

4 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/43

1940 February 12

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Reports on three meetings that have taken place in last week. Firstly, a meeting of trade union officials on 8 February 1940, which included [Josef] Zinner as miners' representative, [Gustav] Neumann as textile workers' representative, [Franz] Kögler as public employees' representative, [Josef] Lenk as private employees' representative and JS himself as the metalworkers' representative. They discussed relations and communication with trade union leaders in Sweden and concluded that it was difficult to plan trade union priorities when the German Social Democrat Party had still not clarified its overall political aim with regard to the future of the Sudetenland. JS records some figures relating to numbers of trade unionists in exile which were presented during this meeting. Secondly, JS reports on talks held with union and DSAP leaders on 9 February. These covered five areas: 1) events at Margate Refugee Camp; 2) the question of whether Sudeten Germans in exile should join the Czechoslovak army; 3) negotiations with [Edvard] Beneš; 4) the relationship between the DSAP and the trade unions and 5) the overall political vision and aims of the DSAP. There was also more discussion of why [Wenzel] Jaksch agreed to write the foreword for Otto

Strasser's book. The third meeting on which JS reports was one with IMV members. He states that members told him that they did not trust him and believed him to be one of those plotting to split the DSAP. JS explained his position and that he had had very little contact with people thought to be plotting against the DSAP. He believes his is a victim of his own honesty and declares to JL that he has always stated his position clearly, and that the letters he has sent to JL are the most open and honest statement of his views that he has given.

10 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/44

1940 February 28

Typed letter with additional letter attached from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden]. Reports on aftermath of events at Margate Refugee Camp described in previous letter, after which 11 members of the German Social Democrat Party (DSAP) were expelled. JS has been to visit camp and found it split into two opposing groups and with a bad atmosphere. An additional letter is attached which addressed only to 'Pepp' [Joseph] and not signed but is probably also from JS to JL. In it he explains that he has now worked out why his letters, in which he expressed political views different to those of the official DSAP line, were shown to DSAP leader [Wenzel] Jaksch. He now realises that there has been suspicion that the unions were plotting against the DSAP, and that he had been seen as a ringleader in this plot. He argues that there is no plot and that the accusations are ridiculous, although he is critical of individuals on both sides of division.

5 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/45

1940 March 23

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, Albury Heath, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden].

5 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/46

1940 April 07

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	5 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/47	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1940 April 22
., ., 6,	Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, Albury Heath, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden].	
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HL 4/1/5/48	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1940 May 10
47 170740	Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, Albury Heath, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden].	
	3 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/49	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1940 November 15
	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig [Sweden].	10
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/50	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1941 May 07
4/1/3/30	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	
	7 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/51	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1941 May 29
., ., ., .	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	
	6 leaves	
HL	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1941 March

Typed letter from Josef Schneider of Brook Lodge, Albury Heath, England, to Josef Ladig [Sweden].

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4/1/5/52

Typed letter from	Josef Ladig,	Stockholm,	Sweden, to
Josef Schneider,	Mirfield, Yorl	kshire.	

2 leaves

HL 4/1/5/53	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1942 August 30
4/1/5/55	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	August 30
	3 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/54	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter with two attachments from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	1942 October 25
	5 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/55	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1942 April 27
4/1/3/33	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	21
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/56	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1942 June 30
	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/57	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1942 September 14
	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	14
	5 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/58	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1942 November

3 leaves

HL 4/1/5/59

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1943 January 10

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. Discusses whether the Sudeten Germans have the right to make demands in the negotiations over the shape of postwar Czechoslovakia, and the loyalty of the Sudeten Germans to the Czechoslovakian state. Also reports on a dispute he has had with former officials of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of Czechoslovakia over claims he made about the role of the trade unions in future Czechoslovakia, which were agreed at an assembly of metal workers in October 1942.

6 leaves

HL 4/1/5/60

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1943 June 27

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, [Mirfield, Yorkshire]. Announces that he, Franz Krejcí and a number of other former members of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten in Sweden have now completely broken off from the Party, and explains reasons for doing so.

6 leaves

HL 4/1/5/61

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1943 June 28

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

1 leaf

HL 4/1/5/62

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1943 August 03

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.
4 leaves

HL 4/1/5/63	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1943 October 03
4/1/5/05	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	October 03
	5 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/64	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1943 December 31
	Typed letter with attached copy of letter to Josef Zinner from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	31
	7 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/65	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1944 March 17
4/1/0/00	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	.,
	3 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/66	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1944 June 28
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	
	7 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/67	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 January 26
4/1/5/07	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	January 20
	3 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/68	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 February 10

2 leaves

HL 4/1/5/69	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 May 10
4/1/5/09	Typed letter with attachment from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	
	13 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/70	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	1943 July 08
	4 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/71	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	1943 August 02
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/72	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	1943 August 16
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/73	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1943 August 29
HL 4/1/5/74	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 September 29

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HL 4/1/5/75	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943
4/1/5//5	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	October 26
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/76	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 November 07
	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	O1
	2 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/77	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1943 December 08
	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	00
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HL 4/1/5/78	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1944 March 15
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	3 leaves	
HL 4/1/5/79	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1944 April 03
4/1/5/13	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	03
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1944 April

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Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig

HL

4/1/5/80

Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield,
Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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HL 4/1/5/81	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1944 June 29
HL 4/1/5/82	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 4 leaves	1944 September 05
HL 4/1/5/83	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 5 leaves	1944 October 29
HL 4/1/5/84	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1944 November 20
HL 4/1/5/85	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 1 leaf	1944 December 06
HL	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1944

4/1/5/86	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 4 leaves	October 11
HL 4/1/5/87	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 2 leaves	1944 October 12
HL 4/1/5/88	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 3 leaves	1945 January 13
HL 4/1/5/89	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 2 leaves	1945 March 14
HL 4/1/5/90	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1945 May 04
HL 4/1/5/91	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire. 3 leaves	1945 June 25
HL 4/1/5/92	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1945 October 10

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/93	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1945 November 11
	Typed letter with attachment from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/94	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1945 December 02
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Mirfield, Yorkshire.	02
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HL	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1945
4/1/5/95	Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	January 31
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HL 4/1/5/96	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.	1945 March 20
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HL 4/1/5/97	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 1 leaf	1945 April 23
HL	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1945 May 22

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Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 1945 4/1/5/102 October 16

Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 4/1/5/103

Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig

1945 December 20

Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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HL 4/1/5/106

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1946 March

02

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/107

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1946 April

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Typed letter with attachment from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, [Heckmondwike, Yorkshire]. Letter is a note to JS accompanying an attached copy of a report by JL on his 4-week visit to Prague, which he undertook to see whether it was possible for members of the German Social Democratic Workers' Party to return and resettle in Czechoslovakia.

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HL 4/1/5/108

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1946 June

26

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, [Heckmondwike, Yorkshire].

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HL 4/1/5/109

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1946 August 11

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, [Heckmondwike, Yorkshire].
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HL 4/1/5/110	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, [Heckmondwike, Yorkshire]. 2 leaves	1946 August 21
HL 4/1/5/111	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1946 January 02
HL 4/1/5/112	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1946 January 12
HL 4/1/5/113	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 1 leaf	1946 February 17
HL 4/1/5/114	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden. 2 leaves	1946 April 26

1946 July 01

Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig

HL 4/1/5/115

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HL 4/1/5/116	Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig	1946 August 25
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HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 1946 4/1/5/117 September 07

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HL Letter from Josef Schneider to Josef Ladig 1946 4/1/5/118 September 10

Typed letter from Josef Schneider in Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, to Josef Ladig, Sweden.

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HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1946 4/1/5/119 December 27

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Prague, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, [Heckmondwike, Yorkshire].

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HL Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider 1947 4/1/5/120 January 29

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/121	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1947 April 03
HL 4/1/5/122	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1947 April 15
HL 4/1/5/123	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1947 May 12
HL 4/1/5/124	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1947 August 01
HL 4/1/5/125	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Handwritten letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1947 August 19
HL 4/1/5/126	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1947 September 01

Handwritten letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/127	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1947 October 03
47 1707 121	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	Cottobel 00
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HL 4/1/5/128	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1947 November 04
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/129	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1947 November 22
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HL 4/1/5/130	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1947 December 19
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/131	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1948 January 27

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/132	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire. 1 leaf	1948 March 08
HL 4/1/5/133	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1948 April 27
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/134	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1948 May 16
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Dolní Branná, Czechoslovakia, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/135	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1948 July 29
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	
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HL 4/1/5/136	Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider	1948 August 29
	Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.	

HL 4/1/5/137

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1948 October 03

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1948 **November** 07

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL 4/1/5/139

Letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Schneider

1949 February 13

Typed letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, Sweden, to Josef Schneider, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

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HL Correspondence between Josef Schneider and 4/1/6 Josef Lenk

1944

January 31-1946 January 12

28 letters from Josef Schneider (JS) in Mirfield, Yorkshire, to Josef Lenk (JL), who was Chief Executive of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei (DSAP). Each letter gives a breakdown of the total of the membership subscriptions which JS collected from members in Mirfield and which he enclosed with the letters to JL. JS also discusses internal DSAP affairs, developments relating to the future of Czechoslovakia and relations with other German-Czech refugee individuals and groups, notably Wenzel Jaksch. There is also one letter from JL to JS, the final letter JL wrote to before returning to Czechoslovakia, dated 12 January 1946.

1 folder

HL 4/1/7

Letter to Josef Schneider from F[ranz] Tscherney

1941

October 12

Handwritten letter from Franz Tscherney in Guildford to Josef Schneider, thanking JS for his letter about Richard Geyer, who had committed suicide in Mirfield, Yorkshire, where JS lived, on 4 October.

1 folder (8 leaves and 1 envelope)

HL Letter to Pepp and Anni [Josef and Anna 4/1/8 Schneider] from Walter Werner

1943 May

Typed letter from Walter Werner (WW), who had been Secretary of Karlsbad (Karlovy Vary) branch of Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband der CSR, to Joseph Schneider. Discusses a meeting with [Rudolf] Hantusch, a member of the Treuegemeinschaft sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, and a letter from Josef Ladig in Sweden, a copy of which is attached.

4 leaves

HL Letter to Pepp and Anni [Josef and Anna 4/1/9 Schneider] from Karl and Elsa Werner

1948 October 30

Typed letter from Karl and Elsa Werner in Gross Gerau, Hesse, Germany. They describe in some detail the physical hardship of living there at this time, discussing the 'Hungerjahr' of 1947, food rationing, the effects of the currency reform, the impotence of the trade unions, the SPD's house-building programme, the increasing popularity of the Christian Democrats and the integration of the refugees from Czechoslovakia into the German community in Hessen. At the end of the letter KW and EW send best wishes to Cilli and Willi [Werner].

4 leaves

HL Letters to Josef Schneider from Josef Zinner 4/1/10

1944 January 20-1946 June 08

Four letters to Josef Schneider from Josef Zinner, founding member and leader of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik, which was also known as the Zinnergruppe.

1 folder

HL Letter to Josef Schneider from unknown [illegible 4/1/11 script]

[1943] November 28

Letter to Josef Schneider containing the names and addresses of 21 members of the Sudentendeutscher Ausschuss who live in his area (Mirfield, Yorkshire). It includes JS himself. There is also a list of 6 Sudetendeutsche who 'belong to economic circles', to whom the Buro wants to apply [for help?].

1 leaf

HL Circular letter to Josef Schneider from the British 4/1/12 Czechoslovak Friendship League

undated [c1945]

Concerns a subscription to a new newspaper published by the Czechoslovak Ministry of Information, the 'Czechoslovak Weekly Bulletin' (undated).

2 leaves

HL Letter to Josef Schneider from the Huddersfield 4/1/13 and District Committee for Refugees

1944 January 25

Invitation to a party in the Mayor's Reception Room, Town Hall on 5 February 1944 from Secretary R.H. Brook.

1 leaf

HL Letter to Josef Schneider from R.H. Brook 4/1/14

undated [c 1943]

Circular letter informing recipients that Mr R.H. Brooks has been appointed case worker and agent for the Czech [Refugee] Trust Fund and offering the services of the Anglo Refugee Friendship Club.

1 leaf

HL 4/2 Correspondence relating to other members of the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (Auslandsgruppe) (also known as the 'Zinnergruppe'

1939 November-1946 February Includes two letters from Wenzel Jaksch, one to all members of the Treuegemeinschaft sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, explaining why he had agreed to write the foreword of a book by Otto Strasser, a former member of the National Socialist Party, and the other to Josef Ladig and Franz Krejci after they split from the Treuegemeinschaft; also a letter from Rudolf Hantusch to JL, criticising the split from the party; and copies of three letters from JL to Josef Zinner, the leader of the UK splinter party from the Treuegemeinschaft: the Auslandsgruppe der Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei. It is not clear how all these letters came to be in Josef Schneider's possession, but it seems likely that they were sent as copies for his information by Josef Ladig. Previously in HL Box 6.

5 folders

HL Letter from the Lagergemeinschaft Brook Lodge ([Refugee] camp community at Brook Lodge [Albury, Surrey]) to [Wenzel] Jaksch

Letter to the leader of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, [Wenzel] Jaksch, setting out the political views of the refugees living at Brook Lodge refugee camp in Albury, Surrey, on the future of the Sudetenland.

1 leaf

HL Copy of letter from Wenzel Jaksch to Franz Krejcí 4/2/2 and Josef Ladig

Letter from the leader of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, Wenzel Jaksch, in London, expressing his disapproval of the path Franz Krejcí and Josef Ladig, in Stockholm, Sweden, were taking in breaking away from WJ's party.

3 leaves

HL Copy of letter from [Rudolf] Hantusch to [Josef] 4/2/3 Ladig

Copy of a letter from [Rudolf] Hantusch, an official of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, in Kidderminster, responding to a letter from JL and expressing his disagreement with JL's political views on the future of the Sudetenland.

1939 November 27

1942 October 07

1942 December 30 Before exile, RH had been a colleague of JL as an official in the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband der CSR.

2 leaves

HL 4/2/4

Copies of letters from Josef Ladig to Josef Zinner

1942 September 20-1943 March 18

Three letters from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, to Josef Zinner, Redhill, Surrey.

1 folder

HL 4/2/4/1

Copy of letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Zinner

1942 September 20

Letter from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, to Josef Zinner, Redhill Surrey. JL asks JZ to write to him setting out his views, and states that his support has strengthened for JZ's stance against position of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten on the Munich Agreement.

2 leaves

HL 4/2/4/2

Copy of letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Zinner with attached original letter to Josef Schneider

1943 March 06

Letter with attachment from Josef Ladig, Stockholm, to Josef Zinner, Redhill Surrey. JL reports to JZ on membership of Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten in Sweden, and their position with regard to the Party's stance on the Munich Agreement and the split from the Party led by JZ. Attached is a letter to be forwarded to Josef Schneider in Mirfield, Yorkshire.

10 leaves

HL 4/2/4/3

Copy of letter from Josef Ladig to Josef Zinner

1943 March 18

Letter with attachment from Josef Ladig and Franz Krejcí, Stockholm, to Josef Zinner, Redhill Surrey. The letter is a cover letter for a report JL and FK had written on the founding conference of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft tschechoslowakischer Sozialisten on 14 March 1943.

4 leaves

HL Letter from Josef Zinner to ?Heinrich ?Wondrak 4/2/5

1946 February 16

Copy of a letter from Josef Zinner. The recipient is not clearly stated, but at the bottom of the page the name and address in the UK of Heinrich Wondrak have been annotated, as has the name 'J[osef] Schneider' at the top of the page on the left. JZ acknowledges the recipient's membership of the SPD in England and states that he has no objection to him joining the Sander-gruppe.

1 leaf

HL 4/3 Other papers relating to the Deutsche Sozialdemokratische Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (Auslandsgruppe) (also known as the 'Zinnergruppe')

1939-1965

Includes membership lists of the Treuegemeinschaft (TGM) before Josef Zinner's group split from it, and of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (DSAP); some of these include employment and other details. Also includes declarations and resolutions of the Auslandsgruppe der DSAP, and some records relating specifically to members of the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband who were based in Mirfield, Yorkshire, including names and details of family members and assets in the UK and Czechoslovakia. Previously in HL Box 7.

10 folders

HL List of professions, occupations and trades of 4/3/1 members of the Jaksch group [Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten] in the UK

1939

List of members of [Wenzel] Jaksch's group [the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten], ordered by occupational sector (e.g. electrical and metal-workers, building trade workers, glass industry workers etc). Within these sector divisions, members are listed by surname and first names, and ages and occupations are given along

with the names, occupations and ages of their spouses and dependent children.

1 folder (33 leaves)

HL Verzeichnis der sich in England befindlichen 4/3/2 Metallarbeiter (Register of [German-Czech exile] metalworkers in England

1939

Register of metalworkers in exile in the UK from the Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia The register gives their first and surnames, their age, their marital status, their jobs [?prior to going into exile] and the administrative district to which they belonged in Czechoslovakia. It is likely that this is in fact a list of members of the trade union, the Internationaler Metallarbeiterverband in der CSR (IMV), and it is therefore possible that the administrative districts listed are those of the IMV's administrative divisions rather than of the industry itself.

1 folder (2 leaves)

HL Circular letter from Gustav Neumann, Cheshire [to 4/3/3 members of Czech-German trade unions in exile in the UK]

1939 October 05

Circular letter from Gustav Neumann, Cheshire, of 5 October 1939, addressed to his colleagues [members of the free employee and workers' trade unions of the German-language regions of the former Czechoslovakian Republic]. Attached to it is a letter from some of the leading figures of this movement which was sent to [Edvard] Beneš, offering him their support in fighting National Socialism and rebuilding Czechoslovakia. The signatories are GN, Josef Zinner, Max Koutnik and Franz Kögler.

3 leaves

HL Einige Grundprinzipien in Sache C.S.R. und 4/3/4 Sudetenland (copy). [Declaration of basic principles concerning Czechoslovakia the Sudetenland by Eugen de Witte and Franz Katz]

Declaration by Eugen de Witte and Franz Katz, in Walmer, Kent, of eight principles which, they argue, should form the basis of the stance of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten on the future of the Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia.

1939 October 18

2 leaves

HL 4/3/5

Verhandlungsschrift über die erste Sitzung des Landesausschusses England der deutschen Freigewerkschaftlichen Arbeiter- und Angestelltenorganisationen in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik [Minutes of the first meeting of the England branch committee of German workers' and employees' free trade union organisations in the Czechoslovakian Republic] Meeting took place at Bloomsbury House. Those present included Josef Zinner, Franz Kögler, Max Koutnik, Josef Lenk, Gustav Neumann and Josef Schneider. Topics under discussion included the preparation for the creation of a regional office for the England branch committee, collaboration with the German Social Democratic Workers' Party, appeal to trade union members in England and the publication of a newsletter.

1940 February 08

4 leaves

HL 4/3/6

Information circulated by Wenzel Jaksch to members of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten in England about his foreword to a book by Otto Strasser Includes a typescript written by Wenzel Jaksch in Prague in September 1938 attempting to justify writing the foreword for a book by former Nazi Otto Strasser, entitled 'Masaryk - ein Führer zum neuen Europa'; and a series of extracts from the book and some notes addressed to members of 'the Treuegemeinschaft] in England.

1938 September 19-undated [c1940]

8 leaves

HL 4/3/7

Aufzeichnungen über die Besprechung mit [Wenzel] Jaksch über die Gewerkschaften [Notes on the discussion with [Wenzel] Jaksch about the trade unions]

The discussion took place at the flat of [Doreen] Warriner in London. Present were Wenzel Jaksch, Josef Schneider, Franz Kögler and Josef Zinner. The main subject under discussion was the relationship between the trade unions and the German Social

1940 April 04 Democratic Party in the Czechoslovakian Republic. The text is signed by Josef Schneider and Josef Zinner, and JS's views on the meeting are set out in a separate section at the end of the notes.

5 leaves

HL Gedächtnisprotokoll über die Aussprache bei 4/3/8 [Edvard] Beneš in London [Minutes of a discussion at [Edvard] Beneš's office in London]

1941 June 10

Present at the meeting were Edvard Beneš, [Josef] Lenk, [Irene] Kirpal, [Franz] Kögler and [Josef] Zinner. Discussions concern the following topics: the future of the Sudetenland; the possibility that the Sudeten Germans would be forced to leave Czechoslovakia and move to Germany after the war; whether EB had been negotiating with Wenzel Jaksch, and whether the Czechoslovakian government in exile in London regarded WJ as the leader of the Czech Germans.

4 leaves

HL Gedächtnisprotokoll über die auf Einladung des 4/3/9 Präsidenten erfolgten politischen Aussprache in London [Minutes of a political discussion following an invitation from the [Czechoslovakian] President]

1942 January 22

The meeting took place [at Edvard Beneš's offices] in Grosvenor Place, London. Likely participants were Edvard Beneš, Franz Kögler and Josef Zinner, but as first initials only are used, this is not certain. Discussions concern the following topics: the entry of the Soviet Union and the US into the war, and the possibility that the war will soon be over; and the transfer of Sudeten Germans to Germany after the war.

4 leaves

HL Typescript entitled Meine Stellungnahme an [Wenzel] J[aksch] (My personal stance towards [Wenzel] J[aksch])

1942 May 17

Treatise on the Munich Agreement and Czechoslovakia's borders and the future relationship of the Sudeten Germans to the state of Czechoslovakia. No author given, but the views expressed suggest that s/he was likely to have been a member of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik.

2 leaves

HL 4/3/11

Typed notes on relationship between Franz Kögler and Max Koutnik and Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik

undated [c1942 December]

The notes trace the writer's increasing frustration with Franz Kögler and Max Koutnik towards the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (DSAP). The writer sets out numerous examples of how FK and MK had ignored the political principles agreed by the party when it split from the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, and how they had attempted to set their own agenda. The first example is from July 1941; in December 1942 FK and MK were expelled from the party. The identity of the writer is not given, but it is likely to have been a leading member of the Auslandsgruppe der DSAP who was in the UK, so possibly Josef Schneider.

5 leaves

HL 4/3/12

Abschrift. Beschluss der in Schweden lebenden ehemaligen Funktionäre der Verbände des Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbund in der CSR [Copy. Resolution of former officials of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Republic now living in Sweden] This resolution was agreed by former officials of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Republic who were then living in Sweden [such as Wilhelm Weigel and Emil Haase]. The resolution rejects the proposal in the report by Josef Ladig, which was presented to and passed by an assembly of metalworkers in Stockholm on 18 October 1942 and concerned the German trade unions in postwar Czechoslovakia.

undated [1942 December 06]

1 leaf

HL 4/3/13

Abschrift. Stellungnahme der Arbeitsausschuss der Metallarbeiter zu dem Beschluss der in Schweden lebenden ehemaligen Funktionäre der undated [1942 ?December]

Verbände des Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbund in der CSR [Copy. Response of the working committee of metalworkers to the resolution of the former functionaries of the unions of the Deutsche Gewerkschaftsbund of the Czechoslovakian Republic now living in Sweden]

This is the response of the working committee of metalworkers to the resolution of former officials of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Republic then living in Sweden [see HL 2/3/12]. The working committee had been unanimously elected at an assembly of metalworkers in Stockholm on 18 October 1942. This response counters the arguments by the former union officials in their resolution of 6 December 1942, which were concerned with the legitimacy of the assembly, the right of the metalworkers to act independently from the German Trade Union Confederation and the organisation of German trade unions in post-war Czechoslovakia.

4 leaf

HL 4/3/14

Abschrift: Stellungnahme der in Schweden lebenden ehemaligen Funktionäre der Verbände des Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbund in der CSR zur Zuschrift des Arbeitsausschuss der Metallarbeiter [Copy. Response of the former functionaries of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Republic now living in Sweden to the letter of the working committee of metalworkers1

This is the response of former officials of the unions of the German Trade Union Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Republic then living in Sweden to a letter sent to them by the working committee of metalworkers to the resolution of 18 October 1942 [see HL 2/3/13]. This response counters the arguments of the working committee, which were concerned with the legitimacy of the assembly, the right of the metalworkers to act independently from the German Trade Union Confederation and the organisation of German trade unions in post-war Czechoslovakia.

6 leaves

HL Copy of circular letter to members of the England 4/3/15 group of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher

1943 May

undated

?December1

[1942

Sozialdemokraten, from the London representatives of the German Social Democratic Party

Circular letter from Wenzel Jaksch and Richard Reitzner to members of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten. Explains their political stance on future of Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia, and why they would urge Sudeten German exiles to join British Army, not Czechoslovakian. Makes repeated negative references to the splinter groups in both the US and Sweden.

8 leaves

HL Circular letter to all members of the 4/3/16 Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutsche from Josef Ladig

1943 June

Circular letter from Josef Ladig to members of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten, explaining why he and others have broken away from the Treuegemeinschaft and its leader Wenzel Jaksch. Names allies of Jaksch as Ernst Paul, [Wilhelm] Weigel, [Karl] Kern, Elsa Paul, [Emil] Haase, Dr [Carl] Heller.

9 leaves

HL Typescript of Zur Geistesverfassung der 4/3/17 Deutschen by Karl Kneschke

1943 May

A contribution to the discussion of the subject of 'Our Weltanschauung' ('Our World View'), given at the Youth Conference of German Antifascists from the Czechoslovakian Republic (dated not given). The piece was also published in 'Die Stimmen aus Böhmen. Eine Sammlung' (London, 1944).

8 leaves

HL Circular letter to all Czechoslovakian trade union 4/3/18 members in Sweden from Josef Ladig

undated [c1944]

Written by Josef Ladig as Chair on behalf of the Landesleitung vereinigter tschechoslowakischer Gewerkschafter in Schweden. Letter is headed 'Czechoslovak Trade Union Centre in Great Britain. Landesgruppe Schweden'. Concerns Wenzel Jaksch's instruction to members of the Treuegemeinschaft Sudetendeutscher Sozialdemokraten to end their

membership of the trade union organisations in the UK and Sweden which had been established to represent all trade union members in Czechoslovakia, regardless of nationality. These were the Landesgruppe vereinigter tschechoslowakischer Gewerkschafter in Schweden, and the Czechoslovak Trade Union Centre in Great Britain.

1 leaf

HL Typescript 'Fragen des Marxismus und Leninismus 4/3/19 und seine Anwendung in diesem Krieg'

Author not given, but the top of the first leaf is annotated with the name Kneschke, possibly a reference to Karl Kneschke.

20 leaves

HL Typescript 'Volkssozialismum: eine Marxistische 4/3/20 Lehre und ihre Folgerung'

Author not given, but the top of the first leaf is annotated with the name Dr Klein, possibly a reference to Walter Klein. Critique of Wenzel Jaksch's conception of Volkssozialismus.

14 leaves

HL 4/3/21

Typescript of the first draft of a declaration by former functionaries of the German Social Democratic Workers' Party in the Czechoslovakian Republic, concerning the transfer of Germans from Czechoslovakia to Germany and the Communist takeover of power in February 1948.

Author not given. Marked as confidential. Concerns the transfer of Germans from Czechoslovakia to Germany and the fate of the German population remaining in Czechoslovakia as it increasing came under Communist control.

1 leaf

HL 4/3/22

Mitglieder Verzeichnis [Register of members] [of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischer Arbeiterpartei in der CSR] undated [c1943]

undated [c1944]

undated

[c1944]

undated [c1948] List of around 106 members of the DSAP in the UK before the Zinner group (Auslandsgruppe) broke away in October 1940. Members are in alphabetical order of surname, with an addition list of 9 Soldatenfrauen [soldiers' wives].

2 leaves

HL Membership subscription records of the DSAP 4/3/23 (Zinnergruppe), Mirfield Branch

1944-1946

Gives the full names and records of payments of members of the Mirfield branch of the Auslandsgruppe der Deutschen Sozialdemokratischen Arbeiterpartei in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik (also known as the Zinnergruppe). Some of the members' addresses are also given. Covers the period October 1944 to April 1946.

1 file

HL Short biographical notes on six Sudeten German in 1944-1946 4/3/24 the UK

The six people listed are Josef Schneider, Karl Richter, Alois Axman, Johann Maier, Adolf Schober and Elsa Zaruba, of who all but one (Alois Axmann) were listed as members of the Sudetendeutscher Ausschuss in 1943 (see HL 2/1/11). The notes contain details of their family members, their income and their assets in England and Czechoslovakia, as well as their preferred future employment [on their return to Czechoslovakia].

1 file

HL Questionnaires completed by German-Czech refugees in the UK as part of the repatriation process

1945

Includes one in Czech for the Czechoslovakian Embassy in London in Czech by Josef Schneider (no date); three in English for the Repatriation Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare (UK) by Josef Schneider, Anna Schneider (wife of JS, housewife) and Theresie Schneiderova [daughter of JS & AS] (WAAF), (8 March 8 March 1945; and six in German, but not clear for which authority, possibly in preparation for migration to Germany, since the forms ask for information about family members living in 'der Republik' [Czechoslovakian] if the intention is for them

to move with them: signed by Adolf Schober; Alois Axmann, Jan [Johann] Maier; Karl Richter, Josef Schneider, Elsa Zaruba (and 1 blank).

1 folder

HL Typescript of 'Kampf um eine neue Volkskultur in 1948 June 4/3/26 Deutschland' by Josef Lenk

Annoted 'Scheider' at the top of the first page.

8 leaves

HL Typescript of 'Die Sozialpolitik in der CSR', author undated 4/3/27 unknown [c1950]

Notes on various aspects of social welfare policy in Czechoslovakia, written for a talk.

3 leaves

HL Typed copies of two letters between Ernst Paul and 1965 4/3/28 Rudolf Zischka October

Copies of letters between Seliger-Gemeinde member Ernst Paul and founding member of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ehemaliger Deutscher Sozialdemokraten in der Tschechoslowakei, Rudolf Zischka. EP invites RZ to come and discuss his political views at a meeting with other members of the Seliger-Gemeinde in Regensburg on 12 November 1965. RZ's response is strongly critical of EP's political activities in West Germany, and he states that he does not want to discuss issues with EP and others from the Seliger-Gemeinde, due to them mixing with former Nazis, such as Franz Karmasin. At the bottom of the last page is a note stating that RZ received a further letter asking him to take part in discussions with the Seliger-Gemeinde, which he did not answer. The page is stamped 'Ernst Scholz, Augsburg', suggesting that ES supplied the copies [possibly to Karl Löwit].

3 leaves