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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference:	MS1271
Title:	Michael Kidron papers
Dates:	1956-1972
Level:	fonds
Extent and Medium:	5 boxes
Name of Creator:	Kidron, Michael (1930-2003) economist, activist, educator and editor

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Michael Kidron was one of the early founders of the International Socialists (IS) (forerunners of the Socialist Workers Party; SWP) through the 1960s and 1970s, and the first editor of International Socialism journal. He is perhaps best remembered for writing 'The State of The World Atlas', jointly with Ronald Segal and Dan Smith.

Kidron was born on 20 September 1930 in South Africa to a family of Zionists, but joined his parents in Palestine just after the Second World War, and soon rejected zionism. After schooling in Tel Aviv, he studied economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Following emigration to the United Kingdom, he was accepted for doctoral studies at Balliol College, Oxford in 1955 under the supervision of Thomas Balogh.

Kidron became a theoretician in the Socialist Review Group (SRG) and was to be found in the extended family of Tony Cliff, who had married Kidron's sister Chanie Rosenberg, which was the informal core of the group. He would also serve as editor and writer on various group publications through these early years.

It is Kidron's name that appears as publisher of the first public edition of Cliff's work State Capitalism in Russia which was published in 1955. A small pamphlet on automation appeared in 1956, which although not dissimilar to the ideas of the Johnson-Forest Tendency or Socialisme ou Barbarie did not simply dismiss existing workers organisations as these tended to do. From then on, Kidron was a major source of theoretical writing within the SRG and later the Socialist Workers Party.

Among Kidron's many writings were 'Western Capitalism Since the War' and 'Capitalism and Theory' (1968). His main contribution was to develop the theory of the Permanent Arms Economy (PAE), which argued that capitalism had been temporarily stabilised by the production of arms, which acted as a counter tendency to the falling rate of profit. Related to this was the

conception that state capitalism was a distinct period within the imperialist stage of capitalism and not simply a new label to be plastered upon the Russian state.

These ideas and experience of the workers movement in Britain were to develop a deeply rooted understanding in Kidron's writings that the revolutionary movement must be democratic in order to fit the working class to rule. The PAE also meant that this analysis was reflected in the understanding of the IS that the 'locus of reformism' had moved from parliamentary bodies to the shop floor. In short workers were seeking gains through localised class struggle at the point of production where the institution of the elected and recallable shop steward was key. The task of revolutionaries was to generalise and politicise such struggles.

Kidron was critical of the move within IS to a more traditionally democratic centralist structure in the wake of the events of 1968, and as IS grew, he moved away from its core, both physically, obtaining an academic post in Kingston upon Hull, and politically. Nonetheless, he took no direct part in the factional struggle which saw a split in the central IS cadre in 1975.

Kidron's last major articles in the journal International Socialism cast doubt on his own earlier work, but without renouncing Marxism as so many former revolutionaries would during the downturn of class struggle that marked the 1980s. Yet following a debate in the pages of International Socialism with Chris Harman, who defended what is now the traditional IS position, Kidron was to leave active revolutionary politics.

He was closely associated with Pluto Press since the early 1970s (IS had helped set up the company in its first period), and his talents were expended on works such as 'The State of the World Atlas' (as of 2013 in its 9th edition), and 'The War Atlas' (as of 2003 in its 4th edition), both with Dan Smith. Kidron remained a Marxist committed to changing the world and therefore understood the necessity of developing a theoretical understanding of how the world works precisely in order to change it. His final article appeared in the Autumn 2002 issue of International Socialism on 'The Decline of Capitalism', and spoke of a sure and certain knowledge that another world is not just possible but demanded. As ever, the revolutionary role of the working class in the core countries of capitalism was reasserted and the goal of a communist society reaffirmed.

Mike Kidron had five children; Adam, Beeban, Cassia, Petra and Ruby.

Kidron died on 25 March 2003 at the age of 72.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: The collection chiefly comprises correspondence of Michael Kidron with working class militants, trade unionists, left wing activists, academics and universities. There is also a small tranche of correspondence and some ephemeral material concerning Michael Kidron's time teaching at the University of California, Davis, in 1972.

ACCESS AND USE**Language of Scripts:**

English

System of Arrangement:

into three main series:

The collection has been arranged

1. Socialist Review correspondence
2. International Socialism correspondence
3. University of California Davis correspondence and ephemera

Conditions of Access: Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given. Some materials are closed.

Conditions of Reproduction: Copies may be made, subject to the condition of the original. Copying must be undertaken by the Special Collections Reading Room staff, who will need a minimum of 24 hours to process requests

MS1271/1 Socialist Review correspondence 1956-1959

Correspondence relating to Michael Kidron's time as editor of 'Socialist Review'. The correspondence includes letters of Michael Kidron to a wide range of British and foreign left wing activists and also letters to him from these individuals. The content of the letters reveals the state of flux in the revolutionary left in Britain and abroad, following the fallout from the Soviet invasion of Hungary, the Suez crisis of 1956, the nuclear threat and increasing youth activism in the Labour Party and beyond. Through these letters it is possible to reconstruct a key moment in the history of the working class movement following the collapse of the Communist Party of Great Britain after the Soviet invasion of Hungary, and the role Kidron played in organising, analysing and writing about political events of the time.

Alphabetical, by the correspondent's second name.
161 files

NB This is a series description. Researchers should order by individual files.

MS1271/1/1-76 are located in Kidron Box 1,
MS1271/1/77-161 is located in Kidron Box 2.

MS1271/1/1 Professor Wolfgang Abendroth correspondence 8 February 1958

Copy letter of Michael Kidron to Professor Wolfgang Abendroth concerning writing for 'Socialist Review' on German affairs. His name had been received from Theo van Tijn, Amsterdam, who had written in 'Socialistisch Perspectief'.

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MS1271/1/2 Guy Aldred correspondence 1958

Two handwritten letters from Guy Aldred to Michael Kidron dated 8 January 1958 and 20 March 1958 concerning publication exchange and availability of a Rosa Luxemburg pamphlet.

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MS1271/1/3 Comrade Allen correspondence

**3 January
1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron concerning whether Comrade Allen would be interested in 'Socialist Review'. His contact had been supplied by Sid Bidwell who had also suggested that Allen show 'Socialist Review' to Comrade Mardell.

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MS1271/1/4 Robert H. R. Armstrong correspondence

**February
1958**

Handwritten letter from Robert (Bob) Armstrong dated 16 February 1958 with a reply from Michael Kidron dated 17 February 1958. The letter had enclosed a draft article and a letter to be forwarded to Seymour Papert. Michael Kidron asks if they might meet up.

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MS1271/1/5 T.E. Avent correspondence

**28 March
1958**

Copy letter of Michael Kidron to T.E. Avent of the National Union of Railwaymen inviting him to write for 'Socialist Review' or to be interviewed regarding the railwaymen's industrial dispute.

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MS1271/1/6 R. Balloch correspondence

**20
December
1957**

Copy letter of Michael Kidron to R. Balloch of the Federation of Building Workers enclosing a copy of 'Socialist Review' containing a building worker article by Eric Heffer and asking Balloch if he would like more copies.

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MS1271/1/7 Bill Banning correspondence

**February-
March 1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron dated 27 February 1958 seeking details of 10 Electrical Trades Union (ETU) branches in Kent having passed resolutions in favour of blacking work on rocket sites and bring an investigation committee from HQ. Includes a reply from Bill Banning, ETU Shop Committee, Isle of Grain, dated 18 March 1958 clarifying the position and an acknowledgement from Michael Kidron dated 20 March 1958.

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MS1271/1/8 Brian Behan correspondence

1957-1958

Four copy letters from Michael Kidron dated between 08 December 1957 and 1 February 1958, with a note from Brian Behan enclosing a leaflet for a building workers meeting at Holborn Hall on 19 January 1958. Michael Kidron letter of 11 December 1957 indicates that Brian Behan had sent in an article for 'Socialist Review'. It appeared in the issue 8th Year No.1 – 1 January 1958 with the title 'Program for Building Workers'.

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MS1271/1/9 F. Blake correspondence 1957-1958

Four copy letters from Michael Kidron dated between 28 November 1957 and 2 January 1958, with a letter from F. Blake, National Union of Vehicle Builders, Briggs, dated 3 December 1957. The correspondence relates to a Labour Party Group set up at the Briggs factory Dagenham (suppliers to Ford Motors), and how the Labour Party Executive Committee had rejected the plan for recruiting in the factories and the group had been wound up.

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MS1271/1/10 Jim Bolton correspondence 1957

Letter from Jim Bolton dated 25 July 1957 concerning reviews of Tony Cliff's 'Mao's China', with a reply from Michael Kidron dated 29 July 1957 reporting that the only reviews of 'Mao's China' had only appeared in obscure provincial newspapers and that the book was still going the rounds of the experts before appearing in the national press. Kidron reports that sadly, Jules Menken, military correspondent of 'The Observer', had died while preparing a talk on the book for the Third Program.

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MS1271/1/11 J. Booker correspondence 1957

Copy letter from Robin Fior 3 December 1957 to J. Booker concerning 'Socialist Review'.

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MS1271/1/12 Sam Bottone correspondence July-November 1957

Correspondence between Michael Kidron and Sam Bottone of the USA Independent Socialist League, concerning communications pertaining to publication exchanges, Mao's China in the US (pricing etc). Includes a letter of Sam Bottone containing detailed thoughts on Tony Cliff's recent article 'The Economic Roots of Reformism'. Bottone's initial impression of Universities and 'Left Review' elicits an interesting reply from Michael Kidron on the members of its Editorial Board.

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MS1271/1/13 Comrade Boyd correspondence 1958

Copy letter from Michael Kidron dated 27 September 1958 advising Boyd that his article appears in the 'Socialist Review' of 1st October 1958 under the pseudonym of George Adair. The article is titled 'United Irish Republic'.

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MS1271/1/14 Jock Breen correspondence 1958

Two copy letters from Michael Kidron dated 1 September 58 and 22 September 58 asking Jock Breen to write about the recent strike and sell out at his factory, Beatonsons.

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MS1271/1/15 Dr S. Brenner correspondence 13 May 1957

Copy letter from Michael Kidron to Dr S. Brenner. The letter refers to Baruch Hirson suggested that 'Socialist Review' might be interested in receiving contact from Dr S. Brenner.

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MS1271/1/16 John Brown correspondence

**4 January
1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron to Jimmy Young, rail worker from Stirlingshire, suggesting that he might write for 'Socialist Review' on the specific problems of railwaymen.

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MS1271/1/17 Jim Bryce correspondence

**15 January
1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron to Jim Bryce sending him a copy of 'Socialist Review', and inquiring whether he would like to write about the problems faced by the building industry in Scotland.

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MS1271/1/18 Johnnie Byrne correspondence

**February-
March 1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron dated 8 February 1958 from asking Johnnie Byrne, long-time Dublin Trotskyist and close friend of Tony Cliff, for an article on the recent strike of municipal workers in Dublin. Includes a reply from Johnnie Byrne enclosing the article, which appeared in 'Scottish Review' issue 8th Year Number 6 Mid-March 1958 with the title 'Strikes: Dublin Public Employees Show the Way.' In his first letter Kidron had mentioned 'The Plough' publication, which Byrne describes as "semi-Stalinists". It also includes a follow-up letter from Michael Kidron dated 4 March 1958 asking for further material from Johnnie Byrne in the future.

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MS1271/1/19 Geoffrey Carlsson correspondence 1957-1958

Five copy letters from Michael Kidron dated between 8 June 1957 and 20 February 1958, three of them addressed to "Dear Freitas/de Freitas"; and two to "Dear Geoff". The recipient was Geoffrey Carlsson, founding member of the Socialist Review Group. Kidron had a habit of addressing those close to him with special names, in this case he addressed Carlsson by the name of the MP Geoffrey de Freitas. In the correspondence Kidron provides a detailed structure for a lecture to be given by the addressee to the Labour Party Young Socialist branch in Ramsgate using references to miscellaneous Socialist Review Group material.

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MS1271/1/20 Raymond Challinor correspondence 1957-1959

16 items of correspondence dated between 4 March 1957 and 21 October 1959. Quite often they are connected with articles that Raymond Challinor had written for 'Socialist Review' and ancillary issues. Most significant is Raymond Challinor's letter of 15 October 1959 in which he has "decided to demote myself from membership of the Socialist Review Group. In future, my association with you will merely be in the role of sympathiser." This letter and Michael Kidron's response are important in the context of the state of the organisation and the state of left politics at the time.

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MS1271/1/21 T. Chapman correspondence 23 June 1957

Copy letter from Michael Kidron to T. Chapman enclosing current copy of 'Socialist Review' that he used to buy from Geoff Carlsson at Hampstead Labour Party. Kidron asks whether Chapman could help by writing or distributing it locally.

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MS1271/1/22 Frank Chappell correspondence

**8 December
1957**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron to Frank Chappell enclosing current copy of 'Socialist Review', and inquiring whether he would like to meet to discuss the possibility of him writing an article on certain aspects of trade unionism.

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MS1271/1/23 P.K. Chaudhuri correspondence

**29 January
1958**

Original letter from P.K. Chaudhuri to Michael Kidron concerning literature exchange. Chaudhuri ends his letter "with revolutionary greetings to Comrades Cliff, Honey, Geoff, Peter, Stan & Ann, and, of course, Yolanda and yourself."

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MS1271/1/24 Eric Clayton correspondence

**February-
April 1958**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron dated 23 February 1958; with a reply from Eric Clayton, of the Electrical Trades Union, dated 7 April 1958 and a response from Michael Kidron dated 16 April 1958. The correspondence concerns various Electrical Trades Union affairs. In particular Eric Clayton asks Michael Kidron for advice on points to put across when he has to move a motion at the Electrical Trades Union Annual Conference.

Michael Kidron gives some good political pointers (the wording of the motion to be moved by Eric Clayton is given in 'Socialist Review' issue 8th Year Number 9 May Day 1958 on page 2 under the title ETU: Important Resolution).

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MS1271/1/25 Frank T. Clayton correspondence

**23
December
1957**

Copy letter from Michael Kidron dated 23 December 1957 to Frank T. Clayton, Secretary of Hatfield Trades Council. Kidron had received Clayton's contact via Eric Heffer and was looking for people working at De Havilland's (aircraft industry) regarding the writing of an article on the redundancies declared at the plant. Heffer also mentioned the name of Bill Claxton as a possible local contact in Hatfield.

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MS1271/1/26 Bill Cleminson correspondence

**6-25
January
1958**

Two copy letters from Kidron 6 January 1958 and 25 January 1958. Kidron looking for material or an article on events in Sheffield AEU – relates to the "secret trial".

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MS1271/1/27 Ken Coates correspondence

**7 July
1957-26
April 1958**

Six items of correspondence between 7 July 1957 and 26 April 1958. Three items from Kidron relate to Coates's completing a review of Cliff's book "Mao's China". The review appeared in Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 12 October 1957 under the pseudonym Martin Wright.

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MS1271/1/28 Bill Coleman correspondence **1 February 1958**

Copy letter from Kidron, concerning a West London group.

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MS1271/1/29 Dr. Alex Comfort correspondence **8 December 1957**

Copy letter from Kidron 8 December 1957. Enclosing current copy of Socialist Review, relates to a potential regular column.

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MS1271/1/30 Pat Conroy correspondence **24 February 1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 24 February 1958, relating to an article about the current strike. (Two articles subsequently appeared by Conroy - in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 6 Mid-March 1958 titled "Plainclothesmen Attack Pickets" and issue 8th Year Number 8 Mid-April 1958 titled "Strike in North London – Post Mortem").

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- MS1271/1/31 Tom Cowan correspondence** **11-23
December
1957**
- Copy letters from Kidron dated 11 December 1957 and 23 December 1957. Requesting an article on the ETU and for five copies of the SWF's Discussion Bulletin to be sent regularly.
- 1 file
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- MS1271/1/32 Stan Cox correspondence** **6
November
1957**
- Letter from Cox to Kidron dated 6 November 1957. Advises the setting up of a new SRG group – Chairman – Vic Young; Secretary – SC; Treasurer – Bob Score. This would be the Greenwich branch.
- 1 file
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- MS1271/1/33 Ron Coyte correspondence** **28 March-
16 April
1958**
- Two copy letters from Kidron and two replies between 28 March 1958 and 16 April 1958. Concerns arrangements for possible setting up of a cabmen's journal.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/34 Comrade Crookes correspondence** **12
February
1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 12 February 1958.
Contact from Eric Heffer who suggested Crookes
was prepared to write on an event concerning
recent events in Liverpool, relating to the Labour
Party Whip.

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MS1271/1/35 Crosswell, Ernie F. correspondence **18-28 April
1958**

Letter from Crosswell 18 April 1958 saying he had
seen Socialist Review, liked it and wanted details
of the organisation. Kidron replies of 28 April 1958,
stating his relationship and intentions for the
Socialist Review.

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MS1271/1/36 John F. Crutchley correspondence **17 Jan
1958**

Correspondence involving Crutchley and Robin
Fior, relating to The Marylebone Socialist Forum.

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MS1271/1/37 Ian Currie correspondence **15 Jan
1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 15 January 1958. Relates
to an article by Peter Ibbotson on the effect of
block grants on education in the January 1st issue
of Socialist Review.

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MS1271/1/38 Lawrence Daly correspondence **14 October
1957-22**

**January
1958**

Copy letter from Kidron dated 14 December 1957 seeking permission to reprint Daly's article originally printed in Forum (the short-lived magazine of the Socialist Forum Movement). Daly's replies in the affirmative also mentioning he already subscribes to Socialist Review. Further letter from Daly dated 22 January 1958 is an elucidation of his earlier article and an important exposition of some of his views on trade unionism in general and unofficial strikes in particular. (Daly's Forum article was published in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 2 mid-January 1958. Two articles, one by James D. Young and the other by Graham Ascott were published in connection with Daly's piece forming a major 2-page spread. It was the two articles that particularly led to Daly's second letter. This letter is published in full in Socialist Review issue 8th Year number 4 mid-February 1958).

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MS1271/1/39 David Davies correspondence

**21 April
1958**

Davies asked to comment on an article on apprentices written by two members of Shoreditch and Finsbury Labour Party Youth Section. (The article in question was possibly in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 9 May Day 1958 titled Policy for 'Prentices by Roger Cox and John Phillips).

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MS1271/1/40 Mike and Jennifer Davis correspondence

**7 April-13
May 1957**

Letter 7 April 1957 from Jennifer Davis. Reply from Kidron 13 May 1957. Follow-up letter from Mike Davis 18 June 1957. Mike and Jennifer Davis seeking update on Socialist Review Group activities. Request to order four copies of "Mao's

China". (Mike and Jennifer Davis went into exile from South Africa in the 1960's, continuing activity from the USA).

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MS1271/1/41 Bernat Descams (Pseudonym) correspondence

**15 January-
25
February
1958**

Letter dated 15 January 1958 when Bernat Descams was in Switzerland representing the ASU (Agrupacion Socialista Universitaria), a Spanish organisation. Put in contact with Socialist Review by Dan Gallin as part of the ASU developing its international contacts. Reply by Kidron to Geneva 20 January 1958. Further correspondence from Geneva 25 February 1958 on eve of Descams return to Spain where-after contact was to be to a Madrid address but with an addressed envelope inside for forward posting. An item sent by Descams appeared in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 4 Mid-February 1958 under the title "Youth Against Franco".

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MS1271/1/42 Torc Ditella correspondence

**25 January
1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 25 January 1958 requesting an article on Venezuela.

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MS1271/1/43 Peggy Duff correspondence

**21 June-15
August
1957**

Three copy letters to Duff and one reply between 21 June 1957 and 15 August 1957 concerning articles. Duff wrote two articles for Socialist Review – Cllr. Peggy Duff shows how St. Pancras Shows the Way made the front page of issue 8th Year Number 9 June 1957 – the Council had made the headlines by its decision to discontinue Civil Defence as a protest against the manufacture and testing of H-Bombs. The second article, Local Government “Reform” appeared in issue Volume 6 Number 11 September 1957. The subject matter was specifically requested by Kidron.

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MS1271/1/44 Karl Dunbar correspondence

**21 August
1957**

Copy letter from Kidron 21 August 1957, proposing a meeting. (Dunbar was a militant Amalgamated Engineering Union shop steward who went on to become a leading and active member of the Socialist Review Group. He was the first editor of Industrial Worker).

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MS1271/1/45 Frank Earwaker correspondence

**19-29 July
1957**

Letter from Earwaker 19 July 1957, Kidron reply 29 July 1957. Earwaker had attended one of Kidron’s “Sunday Schools” where he obviously debated economics with Mike “and quite deserved the complete defeat that you gave me”. Earwaker uses his 10-page letter to re-present his arguments over a wide field – wage differentials, marginalist theory, the labour theory of value and more. Earwaker’s 2-page reply contains interesting insights into his economic argument.

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- MS1271/1/46 M.N Elliott correspondence** **22
December
1957**
- Copy letter Kidron 22 December 1957 enclosing Socialist Review.
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- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/47 Die Falken correspondence** **11 May
1958**
- Copy letter Kidron 11 May 1958. Making contact with the German Socialist Youth organisation for information exchange.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/48 R.F. Fiske correspondence** **22 July
1957**
- Handwritten letter from Fiske dated 22 June 1957. Relates to a pamphlet from Stalin to Khrushchev. He enquires about any further publications. Letter has been marked "Stan [Newens] to deal with".
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/49 J. Fitzgerald correspondence** **28 March
1958**
- Copy letter Kidron 28 March 1958. Relates to a paper he may be interested in.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/50 Forward correspondence** **2
November
1957**

Copy letter Kidron 2 November 1957. Copy of letter sent to New Statesman.

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MS1271/1/51 Dan Gallin correspondence

**June 1957-
July 1958**

Exchanges between Kidron and Gallin from June 1957 to July 1958. The article "The Greek Trade Union Movement" that appears in Socialist Review Volume 6 Number 12 October 1957 with no author is by Dan Gallin. Gallin was an expert on Algeria and contributed a major two-part piece in Socialist Review 8th Year Numbers 7 and 8 Mid-April and May Day 1958 titled "The Politics of the Algerian Revolution". Unrelated to the Socialist Review Group is a 39-page French language document, Correspondence Entre Socialistes Americains et Belges sur la Lutte Entre Organisations Nationalistes Algeriennes en Algerie et en France. Also contained are details of numerous individuals and organisations. There is information on the political degeneration of Max Shachtman, the defection of Bernard Dix and his Greenwich group from the SRG and much more.

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MS1271/1/52 Dick Goss correspondence

**23
February
1958-24
February
1958**

Letter from Dick Goss 23 February 1958 and Kidron response 24 February 1958. Goss seeking funds to clear a debt outstanding from the October Conference of London Forums. Kidron replies.

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- MS1271/1/53 G.W. Grainger correspondence** **16 March 1958**
- Handwritten letter of 16 March 1958 reducing the number of copies of Socialist Review to be sent from 4 to 1.
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- MS1271/1/54 Greenwich correspondence** **23 February 1958**
- Five items of correspondence concerning the resignation of the Greenwich branch of the SRG. Enclosed from the branch in a letter on 23 February 1958 is a short statement outlining their reasons.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/55 Don, Hallas correspondence** **21 November 1957-11 May 1958**
- Four copy letters from Kidron between 21 November 1957 and 11 May 1958. Handwritten reply from Hallas 15 April 1958. Kidron seeking to get Hallas to write articles; Hallas replies that he is not a writer.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/56 G. Healy(ites) correspondence** **February-June 1958**
- Correspondence between February and June 1958. Includes letter dated May Day 1958 from the SRG seeking a meeting between the Editorial Board of Socialist Review and the Editorial Board of the Newsletter; the letter to the SRG from the

Executive Committee of the British Section of the Fourth International dated 10 May 1958 setting out some proposals as regards discussing fusion between the two organisations.

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MS1271/1/57 Eric S. Heffer correspondence

**15 July
1957-30
July 1958**

55 items of correspondence between 15 July 1957 and 30 July 1958.

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MS1271/1/58 Baruch Hirson correspondence

**7 May
1957-11
May 1958**

Handwritten letter from Hirson to Kidron 07 May 1957 requesting copies of publications produced. Also interested in anything received from "Max S[hachtman] & Co." Hirson hopes to send a full account of what is happening in the future – meanwhile Seymour Papert has some idea from letters Hirson has sent him. Copy letter from Kidron to Hirson 11 May 1958 asking for periodic analysis of events.

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MS1271/1/59 K.A. Hornsey correspondence

**December
1957**

Exchange of correspondence December 1957 to set up meeting to discuss situation at de Havilland aircraft factory, Hatfield. Meeting was arranged with Jim Rennie.

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MS1271/1/60 Sid Hovell correspondence

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Copy letter from Kidron inviting Hovell to come along to their West London group meetings.

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MS1271/1/61 I.P. Hughes correspondence

**25 January
1958–21
March 1958**

10 letters 25 January 1958 – 21 March 1958 in respect of getting Hughes to write on the current Merseyside dock situation – the famous “Blue Union” situation between the NASD and the TGWU. Hughes provided a review of Bill Hunter’s pamphlet Hands Off the Blue Union in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 6 Mid-March 1958. Correspondence indicates he also supplied a longer article but it apparently was not used. Presumably supplanted by Eric Heffer’s (Richard Williams) article mentioned above. Hughes had been a member of the Socialist Workers’ Federation alongside Eric Heffer and Harry McShane.

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MS1271/1/62 John Hughes correspondence

**August
1957**

Exchange of letters June – August 1957 regarding an article Hughes had written in Forum on an engineering strike and would he do something similar for Socialist Review.

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- MS1271/1/63 Dr. Rachel Hunter correspondence** **8 December 1957**
- Copy letter from Kidron 8 December 1957.
Contact received from Willie Segal.
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- MS1271/1/64 Dr. Rob Hunter correspondence** **24 December 1957-10 January 1958**
- Exchange of correspondence 24 December 1957 – 10 January 1958, Kidron to Hunter. Contact from Jimmy Young. Possibility of Hunter doing a review of Pasternak's new novel. Hunter sends a £1 donation and asks where he could find out more about the theory of state capitalism.
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- MS1271/1/65 Jim Irwin correspondence** **27 November 1957-04 December 1957**
- Copy letter from Kidron 27 November 1957, reply 4 December 1957. Could he write on current pay claim? A contact of Peter Morgan. Irwin replies that he cannot sell the paper at his work (within a school) or at Trades Council. Suggests contacting POEW HQ.
- 1 file
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- MS1271/1/66 Clive Jenkins correspondence** **18 April 1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 18 April 1958 which enclosed to Jenkins a copy of Eric Heffer's article "ASSET: A New Plan for What?", that was to appear in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 9 May Day 1958. Heffer's article was in response to an article Jenkins had written in Tribune which, in part, suggested wage rises linked to productivity gains. Heffer had been prompted to write his article by Kidron.

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MS1271/1/67 Arthur Johnson correspondence

**22 April
1958-11
May 1958**

Reply to Arthur Johnson from Kidron dated 22 April 1958 – Johnson's original letter is missing. Further letter from Johnson 28 April 1958 and reply from Kidron 11 May 1958. Certain Exeter Labour Party members had set up a Victory For Socialism group and Johnson asks about VFS. Kidron's second letter has an important statement of the Socialist Review Group view of Victory For Socialism.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/68 Brian A. Joiner correspondence

1957

Letter from Joiner asking if Kidron can alter the dates of his series of talks to the second Wednesday of the month, the next being 10 July 1957. Letter from Kidron 7 July 1957 – he is lecturing in Raynes Park.

1 file

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MS1271/1/69 Bill Jones correspondence

**05
November
1957-10
January
1958**

Exchange of correspondence 5 November 1957 – 10 January 1958 concerning London Buses issues. Exchange gave rise to 2 articles by Jones in Socialist Review – issue Volume 7 Number 2 December 1957 titled Buses and Wages (Jones is described as “London’s Veteran Busmen’s Leader”) and issue 8th Year Number 1 January 1st, 1958 titled London Busmen’s Pay Battle. Kidron letter to Jones of 2 December 1957 is something of a tour de force of both politics and editorial “direction”.

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MS1271/1/70 Ken Jones correspondence

**August
1957-March
1958**

Exchange of correspondence August 1957 to March 1958. Most connected with the subject of Socialist Review. The matter is encapsulated in the long letter titled “What Sort of Paper?” received from a group of 10 Harlow comrades and the Editor’s Reply that appear in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 4 Mid-February 1958.

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MS1271/1/71 Pat Jordan correspondence

**November
1956-
October
1957**

Correspondence lasting nearly a year – November 1956 to October 1957. Covers the period from the departure of the Nottingham Group from the CP, the publication of the pamphlet “Why We Left the Communist Party”, the announcement in Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 9 June 1957 that the Nottingham Group has joined the Socialist Review Editorial Board and the subsequent breakdown of that arrangement.

1 file

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MS1271/1/72 Marcos Kaplan correspondence

**27 May
1957-28
January
1958**

Letter addressed to Tony Cliff 27 May 1957 advises they have started translating his “interesting and important book” [this would be 1955’s Stalinist Russia: A Marxist Analysis]. Kidron writes 28 January 1958 asking for an article on recent events in Venezuela. An article is apparently received written by Ricardo Napuri, but it does not seem to appear in Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/73 Ron and Kay Keating correspondence

**07
December
1957-04
April 1958**

Copy letters from Kidron 7 December 1957 and 4 April 1958. First letter chasing Ron Keating article on health workers – it appeared in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 2 Mid-January 1958 titled Health Workers Under Fire. The second letter notes sales at Trafalgar square. This refers to the Aldermaston March, which started from Trafalgar Square on 04 April 1958. Both Ron and Kay Keating were Socialist Review Group members.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/74 Harry Kendall correspondence

**December
1957-
November
1959**

Copy letters from Mike Kidron December 1957 and November 1959. In 1957, Kendall had offered to write for Socialist Review – but no evidence of anything received.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/75 Irete Khm-Lozaki correspondence

n.d.

Personal correspondence.

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MS1271/1/76 Mary Klopper correspondence

**05 June
1957–26
July 1958**

Various correspondence 5 June 1957 – 26 July 1958. Contact received from Jimmy Young – Kidron had agreed to write on the national question with specific reference to Scotland. Kidron asked to tackle the national question in two parts. Major article titled The National Question appeared in Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 11 September 1957. A second article titled Questions for the Labour Movement appeared in issue 8th Year Number 2 Mid-January 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/77 Labour Action correspondence

**November
1956-April
1957**

Miscellaneous correspondence with ISL (Gordon Haskell and Hal Draper) between November 1956 and April 1957. Mostly concerning administrative arrangements for the short-lived joint experiment of part-printing of SR in the US – see Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 3 December 1956.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/78 Allan Lamond correspondence June 1957

Exchange of correspondence June 1957 re recognising Mike's Sunday School for Socialists (held at his home) as a Socialist Forum. Agreed.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/79 W.P. Lavin correspondence 1957-1958

Copy letter from Kidron acknowledging receipt of article. It appears in Socialist Review Volume 7 Number 2 December 1957 titled "In Defence of IRA". Further correspondence Jan/February 1958 regarding Lavin objecting to Kidron's editing of a letter of his. The letter had appeared in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 5 with the title Memories of John Maclean.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/80 Peter D. Lawman correspondence June-July 1957

June-July 1957 Lawman wrote in offering to do an article on education.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/81 Suzanne Leonhard correspondence June-September 1957

June-September 1957. Would she write an analysis of the German elections?

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

- MS1271/1/82 Wolfgang Leonhard correspondence** **March-April 1957**
- Correspondence March-April 1957. Kidron and Leonhard knew each other from Oxford.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/83 Ron Lewis correspondence** **n.d.**
- Undated letter from Ron Lewis enclosing an unnamed article. He gives a potted profile of his occupation and Labour Party work – which was extensive. Lewis wrote a whole series of Labour Party Commentary columns for Socialist Review during 1958.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/84 Shirley Lerner correspondence** **n.d.**
- Undated letter from Lerner to “Dear Tony”. Says she had heard from Bernard [Dix] about how the Greenwich branch was started, and was happy to make a contribution. (Lewis became a distinguished labour historian).
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/85 Liang correspondence** **May 1957-May 1958**
- Two handwritten letters from Liang on May 1957 and May 1958. Envelope contains “A Circular Letter to all Sections of the 4th International and Other Independent Trotskyist Groups of All Countries” dated 30 December 1957 and signed by M.Y. Wang on behalf of a score of overseas Chinese Trotskyists. The letter is an appeal for

funds to aid imprisoned or recently released Chinese Trotskyists. Also enclosed are multiple copies of a two-page leaflet/statement on the actions of the Ceylonese LSSP in relation to China and Chinese Trotskyists. It is dated 1 October 1957 and signed by Ho Lo-Johnnie.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/86 Lucio Libertini correspondence

**28
December
1956-11
May 1958**

Two copy letters from Kidron 28 December 1956 and 11 May 1958. The first includes Kidron's short analysis of what is happening in Britain in the light of events in Eastern Europe. Kidron asks for an article – either specially written or other material. A significant article with a reply from Tony Cliff appears in Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 5 February 1957 under the title "Forum – Pro and Con Debate on Yugoslavia: What is it? Lucio Libertini criticises and Tony Cliff replies".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/87 Dick and Olga Logan correspondence

**24
December
1957**

Copy letter 24 December 1957 requesting input to Socialist Review on American labour movement.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/88 London Socialist Forum correspondence

**31
December
1957**

Copy letter from 31 December 1957. Marylebone Socialist Forum decided to withdraw from London Socialist Forums.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/89 Hugh MacDiarmid [Christopher Murray Grieve] correspondence May-June 1957

Exchange of correspondence May-June 1957 – Kidron asking Murray to write on John MacLean. Murray accepts.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/90 Paddy MacMahon correspondence 8 December 1957

Copy letter 8 December 1957 – asking if Kidron would write on the NUR wage claim.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/91 Comrade (Johnny) McLoughlin correspondence 7 July 1957

Copy letter 7 July 1957 from Kidron indicating he would be willing to write on the position in Briggs. There are multiple references to McLoughlin in David Widgery's 1976 book "The Left in Britain 1956-1968".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/92 Harry McShane correspondence 31 October 1957-14 January 1958

Correspondence between 31 October 1957 and 14 January 1958. McShane had agreed that he would do an article on John MacLean. The article titled "John MacLean – Socialist" appeared in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 1 January 1st, 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/93 Nan Milton correspondence

**March-
April 1959**

Three letters from Milton and one reply from Kidron from March and April 1959. Milton wrote three articles for "Socialist Review – Our Fight is Your Fight" concerning a miners march in Falkirk appears in the Easter 1959 issue; a review of James Clunie's autobiography Voice of Labour (a book notable for the inclusion of 21 previously unpublished letters by John MacLean) is in the Mid-April 1959 issue and a report of "The Scottish Trade Union Congress" is printed in the 1st June 1959 issue.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/94 Jack Mitchell correspondence

**October
1957-
January
1958**

October 1957-January 1958. Two copy letters from Kidron, one reply from Mitchell.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/95 Peter D. Morgan correspondence

**November
1956-June
1958**

Envelope of correspondence covering the period November 1956 to June 1958. Morgan was the Treasurer of the SRG until Autumn 1957 when Kay Keating took over. He issued a monthly newsletter that was, in part finance based and, in part, an update on happenings in Birmingham. Not of massive significance for wider political matters, but there is evidence of hand-to-mouth existence of the Socialist Review Group at the time. Some of the correspondence relates to articles that Morgan wrote for Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/96 Arthur Moyses correspondence

**January
1958**

Undated typed 2-page letter from Moyses. Its date would be January 1958. In the letter he states that he cannot sell Socialist Review. Moyses did cooperate in the future. A feature of the 1967 pamphlet Taking London for a Ride: The Busmen's Case is the inclusion of three of his illustrations.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/97 Donald Mullen correspondence

**January
1958**

Exchange of correspondence January 1958 – could he write for Socialist Review? Contact received from Jimmy Young.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/98 National Association of Labour Teachers correspondence

**12
December
1957**

Copy letter 12 December 1957 advising them that Peter Ibbotson has two upcoming articles that they might want to mention in their newsletter.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/99 New Statesman correspondence

**2
November
1957**

Copy letter from Kidron 2 November 1957 to the editor publication relating to the Algerian trade-union movement. The letter was copied to a number of other papers and trade union journals. According to a letter in the Dan Gallin file it appeared in the Railway Review (weekly paper of the National Union of Railwaymen) and also, possibly, in the Socialist Leader (the ILP weekly).

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/100 Stan Newens correspondence

1957

Undated letter (around the end of 1957). Advises Kidron he will be getting a letter from Ken Jones with ideas to improve Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/101 Paddy O'Connor correspondence

**11 May
1958**

Copy letter 11 May 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

- MS1271/1/102 Fritz Opel correspondence** **7 July 1957**
- Copy letter.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/103 Ian Page correspondence** **7 September 1957**
- Letter from Page dated 7 September 1957 apologising for not being able to provide an article on "SEATO" for the next issue of Socialist Review. He encloses the latest issue of Prod and suggests that the article on Malaya should be a useful stop gap. It duly appears in the September 1957 issue of Socialist Review.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/104 Seymour Papert correspondence** **January 1956-June 1958**
- Over 30 items of correspondence between January 1956 and June 1958.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/105 Stan Parker correspondence** **n.d.**
- Two letters from Parker. There was a publication exchange but World Socialist folded in April 1957.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

- MS1271/1/106 Alan Parrymore correspondence** **10 October 1956-March 1957**
- Two letters from Parrymore 10 October 1956 and 28 November 1956 and one copy letter 29 March 1957.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/107 E.T. Phillips correspondence** **10 December 1957**
- Copy letter from Kidron 10 December 1957 – enclosing Socialist Review – would welcome any ETU material.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/108 The Plough correspondence** **2 November 1957**
- Copy letter Kidron 2 November 1957. Congratulations on their first issue that Kidron had received from Peggy Rushton. Could they send an article on Ireland and another on their paper? Also set up publication exchange.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/109 Praxis correspondence** **5 March 1957-30 March 1957**
- Letter written in Spanish from 5 March 1957 and Kidron reply (also in Spanish) 24 March 1957. Kidron must have sent correspondence out for comment/further information as there is a letter in the file dated 30 March 1957 signed “Torc” - (this

must be Torc Ditella). The letter relates to Argentinian Trotskyist groups. This entry is clearly connected to correspondence for Marcos Kaplan.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/110 R. Prince correspondence

**19 March
1957**

Copy letter Kidron to Price 19 March 1957.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/111 David Prynne correspondence

**29
November
1957-10
February
1958**

Copy letter to Prynne 29 November 1957, which discusses "merging The Young Socialist with Contact.....". Also, handwritten letter from Prynne to Kidron dated February 10th [1958?].

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/112 Jay Ratnaik correspondence

**11 May
1958**

Copy letter from Kidron 11 May 1958 asking Ratnaik to write for Socialist Review or Young Socialist.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/113 Peter Reed correspondence

**April-July
1957**

Two exchanges of correspondence – April and July 1957. Kidron had rejected an article by Reed on the subject of Workers' Control. Reed was not a member of the SRG, but known to Kidron.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/114 Jim Rennie correspondence

**1 January
1957-9
December
1957
(CHECK)**

Copy letter 09 December 1957 regarding a visit to see him about the factory. Copy letter Kidron 1 January 1957 relating to the aircraft industry.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/115 George Renshaw correspondence

**5 January
1958**

Copy letter 5 January 1958 with text of advert for Socialist Review to go into Platform in exchange for a Platform advert in Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/116 Revolutionary Socialist League correspondence

**23 June
1957-21
October
1957**

Copy letter to Revolutionary Socialist League 23 June 1957 proposing, as a first step to unity, Socialist Review (or a similar propaganda paper) to be the common paper of the two groups. Suggestions made about Editorial Board, articles of a controversial nature and the fact that the common paper should be the only one sold openly.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/117 Alex Riach correspondence 2 May 1957

Copy letter 2 May 1957. Riach had sent a letter of support to Geoff Carlsson relating to a pamphlet.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/118 Osmond Robb correspondence 19 December 1957

Copy letter 19 December 1957.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/119 John Rogers correspondence 4 January 1958

Copy letter 4 January 1958. Contact via Jimmy Young. Would he write for Socialist Review - especially interested in our industrial coverage.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/120 Wally Russell correspondence October 1957-March 1958

Correspondence October 1957 to March 1958. Russel was a delegate to Labour Party Conference in Brighton and provided one of the two articles under the heading Back from Brighton: Two Delegates Give Their Views in Socialist Review Volume 7 Number 1 November 1957. Russel's article was titled "The

Stockbrokers' Road to Socialism". The other article was by Sid Bidwell titled "A Conference of uncompromising compromise". Russel was the Political Education Officer for the CLP and enclosed with the correspondence is a long list of speakers for Ward or Union Branch Meetings. Kidron is listed under the section "Modern Capitalism, Socialism, etc." as available to speak on "Workers' Control; "Contemporary Capitalism (John Strachey's Book") and "Automation".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/121 Harry Rustock correspondence

**3
November
1957**

Copy letter 3 November 1957. Contact received from Hal and Anne Draper.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/122 Ralph Samuels correspondence

**5 February
1957**

Undated letter from Samuels requesting exchange of advertisements. The U&LR advert appeared in Socialist Review Volume 6 Number 5 February 1957. See R. Prince file regarding the reciprocal arrangement.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/123 Hugh Savage correspondence

**December
1957–
March 1958**

Exchange of correspondence December 1957 – March 1958. Savage, a veteran activist and member of the Socialist Workers' Federation, provided an article on Glasgow Trades Council in

Socialist Review 8th Year Number 7 Mid-April 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/124 John Sawyer correspondence

**December
1957**

Exchanges of correspondence December 1957.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/125 Reg. H. Scaife correspondence

**February
1958**

Exchange of correspondence February 1958 with Scaife enclosing an article regarding the "Save Djamila" Campaign. Article had missed the deadline for inclusion in the next issue of Socialist Review. It was left for Scaife to decide if he wanted it printed in a subsequent issue – it appears it was not used.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/126 Mick Schiltz correspondence

**June 1957-
Feb 1958**

Correspondence June 1957 and Jan-Feb 1958. Schiltz was a seller of Socialist Review. Asked to provide details of amalgamation moves by the print unions. This he did and they were worked into an article Towards the Industrial Union – London Transport and Print that appeared in Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 5 March 1st, 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/127 Edward J. Scott correspondence 4 May 1958

Letter from Scott 4 May 1958 – he had been requested to forward a report for publication in Socialist Review on a dispute on the Southbank with McAlpines. The report appeared in issue 8th Year Number 10 Mid-May 1958 titled Building Workers Strike – and lose on Southbank. This article was followed up with another in the next issue – And a footnote on South Bank.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/128 Scottish TUC correspondence 28 November 1957

Copy letter 28 May 1957 requesting details of next TUC and request for a press card for Socialist Review to cover the Conference.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/129 Sedgwick, Peter correspondence 6 May 1958

Letter from Sedgwick 1958 protesting that Kidron's editorial introduction to Andre Giacometti's History of the Algerian Revolution article in the Socialist Review May Day issue was sectarian against the RSL's Socialist Fight publication. Sedgwick makes his point by way of an American song.

Kidron gives a response, including the fact Giacometti's original article had been written as a response to an article by John Fairhead in Socialist Fight but Kidron had edited out those references.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/130 Jack Selvin correspondence

**20 July
1957-31
December
1957**

Copy letter 20 July 1957 asking about an article on return from his holiday. No evidence it was written – but Selvin did have a major article titled Victory Turned Sour in the Socialist Review issue Volume 6 Number 9 June 1957. A letter from Selvin to Kidron 31 December 1957 mentions he had sent £1 to Kay.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/131 P. Selway correspondence

**January
1958**

Exchange of correspondence January 1958 – Kidron would like to meet up.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/132 L. Setterfield correspondence

**10
February
1958-13
February
1958**

Letter from Setterfield 10 February 1958 saying he had a letter passed to him by Fred Snare (see Snare correspondence) asking for information on local AEU and Labour Party activities. Setterfield would be pleased to hear from Kidron about what precisely he would like. Reply from Kidron 13 February 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/133 Roland P. Seymour correspondence n.d.

Undated letter to Kidron stating he cannot support Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/134 Tony Sherratt correspondence November 1957 – July 1958

Various correspondence November 1957 – July 1958. Sherratt had dropped out of activity with the Socialist Review Group for a short while over disagreements on the paper but re-joined after attending an Aggregate Meeting.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/135 Owen Sheehy Skeffington correspondence June-August 1957

Exchange of letters June-August 1957 about a possible article. Sheehy says not currently possible – but – Ireland: Socialist Policy versus the I.R.A. by Sheehy appears in Socialist Review Volume 6 Number 12 October 1957. Copy letter from Kidron 21 October 1957 advises Sheehy that Socialist Review has received an article critical of his October article and would he want to comment. Kidron encloses the critical article and Kidron own editorial response to it. The critical article was written by W.P. Lavin- it appears in Socialist Review Volume 7 Number 2 December 1957 titled "In Defence of IRA".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/136 David Smith correspondence

**January-
July 1958**

Three copy letters Kidron to Smith in January and July 1958. Contact received from Jimmy Young who has sent Kidron some copies of the "Dalkeith Monthly Bulletin". One issue contained a resolution and speech by Smith on missile bases which Kidron wanted to print. It appeared on the front page of Socialist Review issue 8th Year Number 4 Mid-February 1958 with the title "Move for Peace!"

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/137 Peter Smith correspondence

**24 January
1958**

Copy letter 24 January 1958 enclosing a number of back issues of Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/138 Fred Snare correspondence

**February-
March 1958**

Exchange of correspondence February – March 1958. See L. Snare takes and sells 20 copies of each issue of Socialist Review.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/139 Socialist Leader correspondence

**March to
November
1957**

Letter from "Socialist Leader" thanking Kidron for his letter of 3 November 1957. Information on Algeria was sent to "Socialist Leader" in 2 subsequent letters in November 1957. One was the galley-proofs of Andre Giacometti's article on the Algerian Trade Union movement for them to use as they saw fit. The article titled "Algerian Freedom is Being Murdered: Silence Would be Complicity!" appeared in Socialist Review issue Volume 7 Number 2 December 1957.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/140 Socialist Workers Party correspondence

**12 January
1958**

Interesting letter addressed to Tony Cliff from Dorothy Mack dated 12 January 1958. Mack is one of a group within the Socialist Workers Party who holds the State Capitalist position. They hope to enter into correspondence with a view to exchanging ideas and information.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/141 Ray Southall correspondence

**c.1958
(CHECK)**

An article written by Southall was received via Raymond Challinor in July 1957. He described Southall as a student at University College of North Staffs, ex-Treasurer of Midlands Young Communist League and still a member of the Communist Party. The article, a reply to Tony Cliff's Economic Roots of Reformism, appeared with the title "Right-Wing Labour's Roots in Socialist Review" issue Volume 6 Number 12 October 1957. Further correspondence between Southall and Kidron from the first half of 1958 includes the news that he submitted an article on Maxim Gorki for the youth section of "Socialist Review" – but it was rejected by the Youth Editorial Board. He did submit one small poetry

book review that appears in "Socialist Review"
8th Year Number 7 1st April 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be
given

MS1271/1/142 Ilse Spittmann correspondence

**3
November
1957**

Copy letter 3 November 1957.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be
given

MS1271/1/143 Goff Stevens correspondence

**February
1958**

Correspondence regarding an article, "The
Cabmen's Demands – Fair Wages, End
Cadging" appears in Socialist Review issue 8th
Year Number 4 Mid-February 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be
given

MS1271/1/144 Cyril Stevenson correspondence

**28 January
1958**

Copy letter 28 January 1958.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be
given

MS1271/1/145 Arthur Super correspondence

**3
September
1957**

Letter from Super 3 September 1957 giving
directions as Kidron is to speak to the Springfield
Ward on 17th September on "the Labour Party
statements on Public Ownership".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/146 Ken Tarbuck correspondence

**2 June
1957**

Tarbuck letter 2 June 1957 and Kidron response. Tarbuck selling a typewriter to a member of the Socialist Review Group – he will bring it with him to London next weekend for the RSL Congress. Notes that Kidron is going to the Congress himself (not as a member).

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/147 Edward P. Thompson correspondence

**28
September
1959**

Letter from Thompson to Kidron 28 September 1959. Requests a clout from Kidron.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/148 Dr. Alan Thompson correspondence

**15-17
December
1957**

Copy letter Kidron 15 December 1957 and reply from Thompson 17 December 1957. Contact from Jimmy Young, asking if Thompson would write on how private capital is exploiting the nationalised electricity industry in Scotland. Reply says he has too many commitments to write at present – but he has favourable comment to make about Socialist Review.

1 file

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- MS1271/1/149 Melvin Thorn correspondence** **April 1958**
- Thorn obviously well known to Kidron. Interesting exchange of correspondence in April 1958 on their respective thoughts on the Aldermaston March. Kidron had marched the whole distance, Thorn the last day.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/150 Theo van Tijn correspondence** **October-November 1957**
- October-November 1957. Setting up publication exchange plus Kidron sends a copy of the letter on Algeria that he sent to the New Stateman (see their entry above) to be used as the basis of an article in Socialistisch Perspectief.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/151 Fred Tinsley correspondence** **n.d.**
- Article received from Tinsley. He apologises for the delay. Tinsley had previously been a Shop Steward and on the Negotiating and Works Committee for 7 years. His article appears in Socialist Review Volume 7 Number 2 December 1957 with the title "Briggs – The Facts".
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs should be given
- MS1271/1/152 R. (Mick) Trench correspondence** **December 1957 –**

**January
1958**

Exchange of correspondence December 1957 – January 1958. Kidron seeking article on the NUR wage claim. Trench replies saying that he would be prepared to write the article but that he doesn't agree with the Socialist Review Group line and raises the "Russian Question".

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/153 Tribune correspondence

**7
November
1957**

Letter from the Tribune 7 November 1957 – Kidron had obviously sent them his Algerian letter (see New Statesman correspondence).

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/154 Tadayuki Tsushima correspondence

**July and
August
1957**

Two letters July and August 1957 to Tony Cliff. He had been much impressed with the book "Stalinist Russia: A Marxist Analysis" the appendix to which he had translated into Japanese. He agrees with Cliff's analysis of the Stalinist regime as "bureaucratic state capitalism" and Tsushima had produced his own book on the subject. The contents page of the book are attached to his letter. He also gives a potted history of himself and the group he belongs to.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/155 Ken Vaughan correspondence

June 1957

Exchange of letters June 1957. Their speaker had cancelled at short notice – could he stand in? Yes - to speak on automation.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/156 Derek Waller correspondence

**December
1956**

Exchange of letters December 1956. Attended a discussion group with Mike Maddison and Tzena and took away copies of Socialist Review to sell. Asks for more details on the history of the paper.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/157 F. Webb correspondence

**January
1958**

Exchange of correspondence January 1958 about meetings of the Marylebone Socialist Forum. It is stated that the Marylebone Forum has disaffiliated from the London organisation.

1 file

Open for research although 24 hrs should be given

MS1271/1/158 Dimitri Yotopoulos correspondence

**July 1957-
May 1958**

Yotopoulos asks to meet Kidron in London July 1957 – but they miss each other. In May 1958 Kidron asks for a short article on Greece after the elections.

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MS1271/1/159 James D. Young correspondence

n.d.

Relates to Tony Cliff.

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MS1271/1/160 Tony and Nessie Young correspondence n.d.

Another fascinating collection. Relates to Kidron's views on a range of subjects including youth organisation, left unity and even, a workers' army after the revolution. Tony Young was training in Law and as well as writing for Socialist Review under his own name he also wrote under the pseudonym of "Socialist Lawyer".

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MS1271/1/161 Takeo Yuasa correspondence July 1958

Letter received July 1958. He is a student "studying revolutionary Marxism". Contact via T. Tsushima.

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MS1271/2 International Socialism Correspondence 1960-1963

This is Part 2 of Mike Kidron's correspondence catalogue. It is concerned with the formative period of the journal International Socialism from the early months of 1960 to the early months of 1963.

These dates they cover the difficult birth-pangs of a revolutionary Marxist journal that sought to bring together a host of people from across different political groups and tendencies. The period saw the production of the first 12 quarterly issues of the journal.

Includes efforts to bring onto the Editorial Board a number of well-known figures on the contemporary left, discussions on a range of interesting political and

organisational questions and the effort involved in bringing forth a serious journal. Also includes people and correspondents from outside the United Kingdom.

This series gives an insight into the development, challenges, and growth of the international journal. Those actually serving a period on the Editorial Board:

Birchall, Ian; Cadogan, Peter; Challinor, Raymond; Cliff, Tony; Coates, Ken; Collins, Henry; Cook, Marion; Fairhead, John; Fior, Robin; Grainger, Martin; Harris, Nigel; Howard, Nicholas; Kidron, Michael; Lewitt, Dorothy; MacIntyre, Alasdair; Mansell, Peter; McShane, Harry; Melville, Theo; Peers, Dave; Pennington, Bob; Preston, Eric; Phillips, John; Sedgwick, Peter; Segal, Michael; Tracey, Noel
Alphabetical, by the correspondent's second name.
154 files

MS1271/2/1-100 is located in Kidron box 3,
MS1271/2/101-154 is located in box 4.

NB This is a series description. Researchers should order by individual files.

MS1271/2/1 Hamza A Alavi 1961-1962

Early 1961 exchange regarding obtaining an article from Alavi on Pakistan. In December 1962 Kidron asks for pre-publication comments from Alavi on the Winter 1962 issue's "Notes of the Quarter" titled "Himalayan Frost". Alavi does this in a four-page letter.

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MS1271/2/2 Frank Alaun 1960

1960 exchange re obtaining relating to an article on the Labour party. Alaun declined due to pressure of work.

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MS1271/2/3 Africa Today

**January
1961**

January 1961 correspondence Kidron with Ronald Segal (Editor, Africa Today) agreeing an exchange of journals.

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MS1271/2/4 J.H.R. Aldred

June 1961

June 1961 exchange on the subject of "Work Study" on the railways. Aldred's letter is in connection with Note 2 of the Spring 1961 issue on Tory transport deals.

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MS1271/2/5 Ken Alexander

**December
1962**

Kidron request in December 1962 for Alexander to write "a balance sheet" of the New Left. Alexander declines.

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MS1271/2/6 Sadek Al-Mahdi

March 1960

March 1960 request for Al-Mahdi to help the journal.

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- MS1271/2/7 Samir Amin 1960**
 Numerous exchanges in first half of 1960. There was a proposal to publish the concluding chapter of Amin's thesis in the journal. Correspondence elsewhere in Kidron's archive indicates the article was eventually declined.
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- MS1271/2/8 Anandhavalli Memorial Library n.d.**
 Acknowledgement of complimentary issues of the journal.
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- MS1271/2/9 Pat Arrowsmith May 1962**
 Letter from Arrowsmith dated 28th May 1962 declining a request to reprint a letter.
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- MS1271/2/10 Colin Barker 1963**
 Correspondence between Barker and Kidron early 1963 on possible articles and miscellaneous matters.
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- MS1271/2/11 Keith Barnes** **n.d.**
Exchange regarding possible publication of some poems by Barnes. Catterick 1954 was published in journal issue Number 7 (Winter 1961).
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- MS1271/2/12 Michael Barrett-Brown** **1960**
Two items of correspondence 1960.
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- MS1271/2/13 Brian Behan** **October 1960**
Undated letter (October 1960) from Behan declining an invitation to join the Editorial Board of the journal. Letter from the Editorial Board accepting with regret. This was from the period of Behan's short-lived Workers Party.
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- MS1271/2/14 Stanley Benson** **January 1962**
Letter to Kidron January 1962 saying Benson had attended two study meetings by Alasdair MacIntyre on philosophical questions in the history of Marxist theory.
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- MS1271/2/15 Buddhadev Bhattacharyya** **June 1962**

Letter from Bhattacharyya June 1962 asking, inter alia, for Kidron to provide an article for a special annual number of their journal.

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MS1271/2/16 Sid Bidwell

**January
1961**

January 1961 letter seeking a donation to the journal.

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MS1271/2/17 Norman Birnbaum

**February
1961**

February 1961 letter seeking a donation to the journal. He had donated in 1960.

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MS1271/2/18 Heinz Brakemeier

**January
1961**

January 1961. Contact received via Peter von Oertzen. Would he write on problems of the labour movement in Germany?

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MS1271/2/19 Adam Buick

1963

Correspondence early 1963 concerning points on the 1926 General Strike arising from a talk Kidron gave at the Oxford University Socialist Society. Also, Buick offers to write an article for the journal.

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MS1271/2/20 Gisella Burbach

**January
1961**

January 1961. Letter of thanks.

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MS1271/2/21 Comrade (Denis) Butt

n.d.

Undated letter (1960) seeking Butt's involvement in a project being pre-planned for the journal on the problems of British trade unionism. Butt had an article titled "Men and Motors in New Left Review" Issue 3 (May-June 1960).

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MS1271/2/22 Peter Cadogan

1960-1961

Forty items of correspondence between early 1960 and July 1961. Evidences that Cadogan was active and committed to the formation of the journal and its continuation over the first 5 issues. He was expelled from the International Socialism Editorial Board in July 1961 in connection with a story in the Daily Mail newspaper witch-hunting Martin Grainger and the Solidarity group. That issue is covered in brief in the Letter to Readers in Issue 6 of the journal (Autumn 1961). Cadogan's own statement to the International Socialism Editorial Board on the matter is included in this archive. The archive contains a 3-page article by Cadogan titled "State and Capitalism" which is dated 26 March 1961.

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MS1271/2/23 Bobby Campbell

**August
1962**

Letter August 1962 thanking Campbell for sending his article "Songs With Teeth". It appeared in issue Number 10 (Autumn 1962).

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MS1271/2/24 Paul Cardan

**26
November
1961**

Letter dated 26 November 1961 suggesting exchange of advertising within the pages of the respective journals. Cardan indicates he wants to reply to Ken Coates' response (Issue Number 5 Summer 1961) to his own earlier "Socialism and Capitalism" article in journal issue Number 4 (Spring 1961) but this does not appear to have happened.

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MS1271/2/25 Michael J. Carmel

1961-1962

Contact from Carmel December 1961-January 1962 offering to write reviews for the journal. His specialist subject being The Levellers.

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MS1271/2/26 Raymond Challinor

n.d.

Miscellaneous correspondence including ideas for articles, book reviews and other matters.

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MS1271/2/27 Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri

**30
December
1961**

During 1960, Kidron sending earliest issues of journal and seeking articles on India. A letter received by Kidron 30 December 1961 (from Pratul Chaudhuri) – prior to Kidron's departure for India – gives a number of RSP leaders to contact in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta.

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MS1271/2/28 Pierre Chaulieu

n.d.

Chaulieu is one of the many pseudonyms of Cornelius Castoriadis. One undated letter from Kidron acknowledging receipt of an article. The letter possibly refers to an article that appeared in the Spring 1961 issue (Number 4) of the journal titled "Socialism and Capitalism" under the authorship of Paul Cardan (another pseudonym).

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MS1271/2/29 Gilbert Clajot

**January
1961**

Letter from Kidron January 1961 relating to the Belgian General Strike of 1960-1961.

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MS1271/2/30 Tony Cliff **5 July 1961**

Cliff's editorial comments on certain articles in the first two issues of the journal. Of particular interest are his thoughts on transitional demands made whilst commenting on Kidron's article Two Left Feet in the Autumn 1960 issue (Number 2). The comments of Cadogan and Coates on the same pieces are contained in their respective sections. In a letter of 5th July 1961 Cliff comments on Alasdair MacIntyre's "Rejoinder to Left Reformism" article.

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MS1271/2/31 Ken Coates **n.d.**

A substantial body of correspondence (just over 50 items). It indicates that Coates was more closely involved in the foundation and early operation of the "International Socialism" journal than is generally credited.

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MS1271/2/32 Henry Collins **n.d.**

Collins was a member of the International Socialism Editorial Board from June to October 1960.

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MS1271/2/33 Jacques Egyptian Compton **n.d.**

Letter from Kidron thanking Compton for his contribution – "The Young Nationalist" – a short story that appeared in the Spring 1961 (Number 4) issue of the journal.

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| MS1271/2/34 | Tom Condit | 1961 |
| | Three-part early 1961 exchange with Kidron seeking articles on Cuba and the American labour movement. | |
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| MS1271/2/35 | Marion Cook | n.d. |
| | Marion Cook dealt with business matters for the journal. | |
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| MS1271/2/36 | Michael Craft | n.d. |
| | Relates to an article. | |
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| MS1271/2/37 | Bill (William) Craik | n.d. |
| | Relates to an article. | |
| | 1 file | |
| | Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given | |
| MS1271/2/38 | Daigaku Hyoronsha | June 1962 |

Letter received June 1962 advising the setting up in Japan of a new quarterly journal titled "Criticisms and Perspectives". They advise that in issue number 2 they had reproduced Tony Cliff's article on the Belgian General Strike from the February 1961 issue of Socialist Review.

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MS1271/2/39 Lawrence Daly 1960-1961

Half a dozen letters exchanged during 1960 seeking articles from Daly. One letter shows him refusing an invitation to join the International Socialism Editorial Board. One letter from June 1961 concerning a book review.

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MS1271/2/40 John Daniels 30 May 1960

Relates to Daniels joining the International Socialism Editorial Board.

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MS1271/2/41 Ioan Davies 26 September 1960

One letter of 26th September 1960 from Davies seeking meeting with Kidron. He subsequently contributes book reviews for the journal, including in Issue Number 3 (Winter 1960-61) and Number 4 (Spring 1961).

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- MS1271/2/42 Yves Dechezelles** **n.d.**
 One letter from Kidron seeking an article.
 Introduction via Andre Giacometti.
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- MS1271/2/43 Dissent** **March 1961**
 One letter from Kidron in March 1961 seeking to set up a publications exchange. There are no names or addresses on the copy letter but possible this is the American political journal that was founded in 1954.
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- MS1271/2/44 Mike Downe** **November 1961**
 Correspondence November 1961 – Downe is teaching in Cambridge and offers to take the journal to local bookshops.
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- MS1271/2/45 Kurt Dowson** **July 1961**
 Correspondence from Dowson July 1961 with which he enclosed his translation of Alexander Blok’s poem “The Scythians” together with a covering note. The poem and note appeared in Internationalist Socialist journal Number 6 (Autumn 1961).
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MS1271/2/46 Hal Draper n.d.

Miscellaneous correspondence including news that Draper is working on a new journal (this came to fruition as “New Politics”) and has plans to publish a collection of the writings of Rosa Luxemburg. The latter project was dropped by Draper in favour of two other projects – the “political development and writings of Marx before 1848” and also publication of a series of photocopy volumes made up of a selection of articles from the Independent Socialist Leagues press.

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MS1271/2/47 Mel Durden 6 April 1962

Letter from Durden 06 April 1962 saying he had recently subscribed to the journal and bought all the back issues. He proceeds to give feedback.

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MS1271/2/48 Ken Eaton n.d.

Request for articles. Eaton also offers to help with translation on the Draper Rosa Luxemburg project and to seek assistance for it from the ILP.

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MS1271/2/49 Dudley Edwards n.d.

Letter to Edwards regarding a potential article.

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MS1271/2/50 John Fairhead June 1960

Relates to Fairhead's involvement with the International Socialism Editorial Board.

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MS1271/2/51 Guiseppe Faravelli n.d.

Kidron letter to Faravelli at this left-wing Italian newspaper seeking to contact Giorgio Galli for an article on the Italian socialist movement. Contact received from Dan Gallin.

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MS1271/2/52 Paul Foot 1962

Correspondence from 1962 relating to Red Clydeside in Glasgow.

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MS1271/2/53 Silvio Frondizi 1960

Correspondence late 1960 when Frondizi was in Europe. Unable to meet in Paris and Frondizi was unable to get to London.

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- MS1271/2/54 Dan Gallin** **n.d.**
 Correspondence between Kidron and Gallin, concerning on personalities and current events.
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- MS1271/2/55 Tirril Gatty** **n.d.**
 Undated (1960) letter signed "Tirril" advises Kidron she had approached "Professor Raj" regarding an article for the journal on "5 Year Plan".
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- MS1271/2/56 Erich Gerlach** **1961-1962**
 Correspondence between Kidron and Gerlach, some of which is in German. Gerlach contributed a book review to journal issue Number 7 (Winter 1961). The article written under the pseudonym "George Lux" appearing in journal issue Number 8 (Spring 1962) with the title "The Decline of German Socialism" is by Gerlach. Somewhat later and outside of the period of this correspondence Gerlach provided an article on Karl Korsch (of whom he had been a student).
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- MS1271/2/57 George Gomori** **n.d.**
 Letter from Gomori acknowledging receipt of free copy of the first issue of the journal.
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- MS1271/2/58 Barry Gorden** **5 February 1963**
- Letter to Kidron 5 February 1963 with suggested changes to his article that appeared in journal Number 12 (Spring 1963) titled "After Oxford What?"
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/2/59 W. Gortzak** **n.d.**
- Agreement to exchange of publications.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/2/60 Martin (Chris Pallis) Grainger** **11 December 1960**
- Grainger 's letter of resignation from the International Socialism Editorial Board.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/2/61 Stuart Hall** **February 1961**
- Two covering letters by Kidron from February 1961, each one enclosing an article for NLR consideration. Both were surplus to requirements to the International Socialism journal – one on Belgium, the other on South Africa.
- 1 file
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- MS1271/2/62 Nigel Harris** **n.d.**
 Two items including a circular to the International Socialism Editorial Board in advance of publication of the first issue of the journal.
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- MS1271/2/63 M.S. Hassan** **May 1960**
 One letter from Kidron in May 1960 trying to re-establish contact with Hassan.
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- MS1271/2/64 Bob Haworth** **1960**
 Letters from Haworth in early 1960. Haworth wrote a number of articles for Socialist Review during 1959.
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- MS1271/2/65 Eric Heffer** **1960-1961**
 Correspondence relating to Heffer's involvement in socialist activities.
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- MS1271/2/66 Mike Heym** **January 1963**
 Exchange of letters January 1963. Heym was putting together quotes and facts for an obituary for Labour leader Hugh Gaitskell. In the event anything provided was not used as they were supplanted by a very short editorial note in journal

issue Number 12 (Spring 1963) titled "The Ism not the Man".

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MS1271/2/67 Ellis Hillman

**10 June
1960**

Letter from Kidron 10 June 1960 seeking to set up a meeting with Hillman.

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MS1271/2/68 Baruch Hirson

**April 1960-
July 1961**

Correspondence that covers the period April 1960 to July 1961. Hirson was the author of the articles "South Africa: Ten Years of the Stay at Home" that appeared in International Socialism journal Number 5 (Summer 1961) and Number 6 (Autumn 1961) in the name of the Socialist League of Africa.

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MS1271/2/69 Reinhard Hoffmann

**13 January
1962**

Letter 13 January 1962, includes enclosed article "on the German situation" that had been written at the request of Ray Challinor who he had met in Hamburg. The article was returned to the author as it clashed with receipt of the article by Erich Gerlach. A subsequent letter from Hoffmann subscribing to the journal advises that the returned article was now to be published in the French journal "Nouvelle Revue Marxiste".

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MS1271/2/70 Wolfgang Hohmann

**February
1961**

Correspondence February 1961. Hohmann and Kidron decided to meet on 23rd February.

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MS1271/2/71 Nick Howard

**August-
September
1961**

Includes correspondence written from when Howard was in Cuba.

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MS1271/2/72 Comrade Hughes

**February
1960**

February 1960 letter from Kidron seeking an article on the railways.

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MS1271/2/73 Peter Ibbotson

1960-1961

Correspondence from New Year 1960-1961 in which Ibbotson agrees to write an article on education and review books on either education or colonial affairs. His first of numerous reviews appears in journal Issue Number 5 (Summer 1961).

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MS1271/2/74 Independent Labour Party 1961

Relates to an ILP committee. The Committee was given the name the Economics of War Committee and Mike Kidron was one of the non-ILP members invited to take part. Other correspondence includes details of the November 1961 conference of Socialist Journals organised by the ILP in London. This was the follow-up to the initial conference hosted by the Imre Nagy Institute in Brussels. The second meeting was attended by Tony Cliff and John Palmer.

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MS1271/2/75 Imre Nagy Institute for Political Research May 1961

Correspondence mostly connected to the conference of socialist journal editors arranged by the Institute and held in Brussels in May 1961. Mike Kidron and Nigel Harris attended for the "International Socialism" journal.

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MS1271/2/76 Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis n.d.

Institute requests gratis copies of journal on a regular basis – agreed.

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MS1271/2/77 Julius Jacobson 1961

Single undated sheet from Jacobson. Includes details of who Jacobson is, for use as the introduction to his article "The Relevance of American Socialism" in journal issue Number 6 (Autumn 1961).

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MS1271/2/78 Japanese Revolutionary Communist League October 1961

Contact from K. Tamiya, Chief Secretary of the National Committee of the Japanese Revolutionary Communist League. Relates to the international combination of Anti-Stalinist, Trotskyist movement.

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MS1271/2/79 Herschel Kaminsky 3 April 1960-16 February 1962

Letter from Nigel Harris 03 April 1960 introducing a journal and a letter from Kaminsky 16 February 1962 purchasing the four issues published in 1961.

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MS1271/2/80 Marcos Kaplan 1960-1962

Correspondence between Mike Kidron and Marcos Kaplan in both 1960 and 1962. One early letter provides a long list of Latin American contacts who may be interested in the International Socialism journal. See connecting entries for Silvio Frondizi above and for Marcos Kaplan and Praxis in the "Socialist Review" Catalogue. Frondizi's 2-volume work "La Realidad Argentina" (The Argentine

Reality) received a positive review by Sergio Junco (Sam Farber) in issue Number 8 (Spring 1962) of the journal.

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MS1271/2/81 Jafar Kareem n.d.

Relates to a story Kareem wrote.

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MS1271/2/82 Walter Kendall 15 April 1960

Relates to Kendall's potential involvement with the International Socialism editorial board.

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MS1271/2/83 Laurie Kershaw n.d.

Kidron letter to Kershaw requesting a donation to the journal. Handwritten note suggests £5 received by return.

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MS1271/2/84 Michael Kidron May-June 1960

Two circulars from Kidron to the International Socialism Editorial Board (May and June 1960) give useful information on the state of play with articles for the journal.

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MS1271/2/85 Mary Klopper

**May-June
1961**

Correspondence from Mike Kidron to Klopper in May-June 1961.

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MS1271/2/86 Kan-ichi Kuroda

1960

Single undated sheet (but 1960) of biographical details for Kuroda. They were used for the introduction to his articles on Japan in journal issue Number 2 (Autumn 1960) and Number 11 (Winter 1962).

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MS1271/2/87 Seymour Landy

n.d.

Undated letter from Kidron relating to the civil rights movement in the US for International Socialism.

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MS1271/2/88 Kenneth Leech

**January
1961**

Leech writes in January 1961 to subscribe to the journal and purchase all back issues.

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- MS1271/2/89 Michael Levi (Lowy) 1960**
 Correspondence between Kidron and Levi. Levi sends an article on the agrarian question in Brazil which was being translated from the Portuguese but it was not used in the journal.
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- MS1271/2/90 Comrade [Lucio] Libertini 27 February 1960**
 27 February 1960 letter from Kidron advising Libertini of the setting up of the journal and seeking an article on the Italian Labour Movement.
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- MS1271/2/91 Dick Lindenbaum December 1960**
 Correspondence exchange December 1960 concerning a translation that Lindenbaum has completed.
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- MS1271/2/92 Dick Logan 1960-1961**
 Correspondence mainly from 1960-61. An article, "People's Capitalism?", by Logan and co-authored by Henry Paley, appears in journal issue Number 5 (Summer 1961). One letter to Kidron gives biographies of Logan and Paley.
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MS1271/2/93 Jack London

**August
1960**

Kidron approached London in August 1960 having been made aware of his poems by Arnold Wesker (a British playwright). Two poems, "The Strow-Up Stret" and "An Essex Crow-Scaring Song", were published in journal Issue Number 3 (Winter 1960-61)

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MS1271/2/94 Hugh [Christopher Murray Grieve] MacDiarmid 1960

Kidron renews "a correspondence of very long standing" (see Socialist Review Correspondence Catalogue) seeking H MacD write on the subject of John MacLean and also allow his poem "Second Hymn to Lenin" be published. The poem was published in the first issue of International Socialism journal (Spring 1960).

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MS1271/2/95 Alasdair MacIntyre

1960-1962

Almost 40 items of correspondence, including the period of joint editorship of the journal by Mike Kidron and Alasdair MacIntyre (Winter 1960/61 – Spring 1962).

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MS1271/2/96 Ernest Mandel

**5 November
1962**

Letter of 05 November 1962 tells us that Mandel had agreed (with Nigel Harris) to write something for the Spring 1963 issue of International Socialism. Nothing materialised.

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MS1271/2/97 Jean-Jacques Marie

1960-1961

Correspondence from 1960 and 1961 – some in French. One letter from Kidron of 19 November 1960 gives a pen-picture of three breakaways from the Socialist Labour League - Behan's Workers' Party, the Pennington-Grainger group and ex-SLL in Leeds. Marie became a noted historian and author of many books including on Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.

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MS1271/2/98 Theo Melville

**September
1960**

Melville writes in September 1960 offering to review books on art and mentioning he writes poetry. His poem "114 Excitable Persons (Algeria)" appears in issue Number 4 (Spring 1961) together with a review of John Berger's book "Permanent Red". Melville later joined the International Socialism Editorial Board for a very short period as well as providing other book reviews.

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MS1271/2/99 Stan Mills

**January
1961**

Exchange between Kidron and Mills in January 1961 with Kidron asking for an International Socialism editorial on the “proposed transport reorganisation” to be reviewed by Mills.

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MS1271/2/100 Nan Milton

n.d.

Kidron writes prior to publication of the first issue of International Socialism to attempt to get an article on Milton’s father, John MacLean. Subsequent correspondence turns to Walter Kendall in “Socialist Review” and the possibilities of articles on MacLean’s educational work and on Scotland.

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MS1271/2/101 Adrian Mitchell

**19 March
1961**

Kidron letter to Mitchell 19 March 1961 seeks permission to republish the “Bomb poem”.

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MS1271/2/102 Anil Moonesinghe

**10 April
1960**

One letter from Kidron 10 April 1960 asking for assistance.

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MS1271/2/103 Xavier Murre

n.d.

Correspondence mainly concerns the article that Mourre supplied for the journal issue Number 4 (Spring 1961) on the Belgian General Strike. Titled "Belgium: Success Beyond Our Grasp", Kidron rated this article highly. Kidron agreed that the journal would handle UK distribution of the French language pamphlet "La Greve Generale Belge".

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MS1271/2/104 Pat McGowan

**December
1960**

December 1960 request from Kidron for McGowan to translate Argentine books from Spanish. The books include four by Silvio Frondizi and two by Marcos Kaplan.

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MS1271/2/105 Harry McShane

**4 June
1960**

In a letter of 04 June 1960 McShane agrees to join the International Socialism Editorial Board. In that role he was presumably sent the Raya Dunayevskaya article on Trotsky. In complete contrast to Kidron, McShane gives it a complete "thumbs-up".

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MS1271/2/106 New Politics

1961

The 1961 correspondence covers topics including – Julius Jacobson's article "The Relevance of American Socialism in International Socialism" issue Number 6 (Autumn 1961); Cliff's article "The 22nd Congress of the Russian Communist Party in New Politics" issue Number 2 (Winter 1962); an

exchange of views on the first issue of "New Politics" (its contents and the role of the journal).

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MS1271/2/107 Wolfgang Nitsch 1961

Early 1961 request to subscribe to the journal.

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MS1271/2/108 New Generation November 1960

November 1960 letter from Eric Preston (Editor, "New Generation") seeking a 500-word article for publication.

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MS1271/2/109 Peter von Oertzen 1960-1963

Kidron contacted Oertzen in November 1960 to seek articles on German matters. It seems likely that they met in Gottingen in December 1960. Oertzen contributed to the journal's debate on left reformism with an article in issue Number 8 (Spring 1962). All Oertzen's letters are in German.

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MS1271/2/110 Laurens Otter 5 January 1962

One letter to Kidron dated only as 5th January (must be 05/01/1962) with no printed name only a signature (must be Laurens Otter).

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MS1271/2/111 John Palmer **26 January 1961**

Palmer's first formal contact with International Socialism. He writes on 26 January 1961.

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MS1271/2/112 Raniero Panzieri **1960-1961**

Single letters from Kidron in 1960 and 1961 sending issues of the journal and seeking input.

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MS1271/2/113 Bob Pennington **25 October 1960-25 November 1960**

Two letters from Pennington dated 25 October 1960 and 25 November 1960 to the International Socialism Editorial Board.

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MS1271/2/114 George Petersen **n.d.**

Kidron sent the details of the journal to Petersen prior to the first issue. A friendly letter by return agrees to subscribe, gives details of another

potential subscriber and an agreement to write an article.

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MS1271/2/115 S. Pieters

n.d.

Kidron seeks to set up a meeting with Pieters during the time he is holidaying in Scheveningen near the Hague.

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MS1271/2/116 Anthony Pillai

**28 April
1962**

One letter from Kidron 28 April 1962 seeking an article on India after the recent General Election.

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MS1271/2/117 Eric Preston

n.d.

Preston joined the International Socialism Editorial Board from journal issue Number 6 (Autumn 1961) but cannot attend the September meeting as he is organising a Polaris demo.

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MS1271/2/118 Branko Pribicevic

1960-1961

Letters 1960-1961 seeking to get Pribicevic to write on workers' control in Yugoslavia (Pribicevic had written a book whilst in the UK titled "The Shop Stewards' Movement and Workers' Control 1910-1922").

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MS1271/2/119 Resaz Radames 1961-1962

Correspondence regarding publication exchanges and more. Includes the fact that John Philips and other International Socialism members had visited them in 1962, they had translated some International Socialism articles into Italian and Arrigo Cervetto, Central Committee member, had submitted an article on the history of the left in Italy. The article was translated but seemingly not used.

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MS1271/2/120 M. Rashid February 1961

Letter from Rashid (Editor of the RSP's weekly organ) to be added to the International Socialism mailing list.

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MS1271/2/121 Revolutionary Socialist Party n.d.

Letter from Kidron to the Revolutionary Socialist Party (whose leaders he had met on his trip to India) enclosing two editorials from International Socialism. Kidron says the issues should be debated in the movement internationally and asks for the International Socialism position to be published in the RSP's journal The Call and for the RSP to send something for International Socialism. The results are in journal numbers 11,12 and 13.

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MS1271/2/122 D.S. Riddell

**November
1962**

Request from Kidron as to whether someone from the International Socialism Editorial Board could speak to an audience in Leicester.

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MS1271/2/123 Christian Riechers

**January
1961**

Letter from Mike Kidron. Kidron encloses latest issue of Socialist Review and asks if Riechers might write a regular column.

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MS1271/2/124 S. Rose

n.d.

One undated letter to Kidron on the subject of the Common Market. Possibly Steven Rose, a noted neuroscientist.

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MS1271/2/125 Herman G. Roseman

**September
1962**

Letter from Kidron thanking him for taking out a subscription.

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- MS1271/2/126 Alfred Rosmer** **May 1960**
 Letter from Kidron dated May Day 1960 enclosing the first issue of International Socialism.
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- MS1271/2/127 Harry Rustock** **December 1960- January 1961**
 Letters from Kidron to Rustock December 1960 and January 1961.
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- MS1271/2/128 Ralph[Raphael] Samuel** **4 September 1960**
 Note from Ralph 04 September 1960 saying he hasn't time to review Gartner on the Jewish Immigration into England (this refers to Lloyd P. Gartner's 1960 book on the subject).
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- MS1271/2/129 Peter Sedgwick** **n.d.**
 Over 70 items of correspondence between Kidron and Sedgwick. Includes details relating to Sedgwick's Victor Serge work, articles written and articles suggested – including Sedgwick's thoughts on Bertrand Russell's 1920 book "Practice and Theory of Bolshevism".

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MS1271/2/130 Michael Segal

**25 April
1960**

Brief report from Segal to the International Socialism Editorial Board dated 25 April 1960, immediately after launch of the first issue of the journal. (The first issue was expedited to coincide with the Aldermaston March) and this report tells us that the printer managed to have 250 copies ready for the March of which 150 were sold and the rest distributed. (The eventual print run of the first issue was 1000).

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MS1271/2/131 Jürgen Seifert

**31 October
1962**

One letter Kidron to Jürgen Seifert.

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MS1271/2/132 Torild Skard

April 1961

One letter from Kidron enclosing three issues of the journal for Skard at the suggestion of Nils Petter Gleditsch and J.L. Mowinckel.

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MS1271/2/133 Socialisme ou Barbarie

**March
1960-May
1963**

March 1960 request for publication exchange and May 1963 request to publish Lyotard's L'Algerie evacuee (SouB No. 34). The article was published in journal Number 13 (Summer 1963) – Ian Birchall undertook the translation from the French.

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MS1271/2/134 Wilebaldo Solano 1961

Early 1961 correspondence between Kidron and Solano regarding the translation and publication of an article by Pedro Morales that had appeared in "Tribuna Socialista". It appears that whilst the translation was completed the article was not used in the International Socialism journal. A letter from Solano in October 1961 has been translated for the file and it contains some comments on Cuba and the Cuban Trotskyists.

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MS1271/2/135 Ronnie Somerlott n.d.

Somerlott writes asking for details of the International Socialism journal and other UK socialist publications.

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MS1271/2/136 Basil Stein n.d.

One letter from Stein.

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- MS1271/2/137 Studies on the Left** **n.d.**
 Publication exchange.
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- MS1271/2/138 Sozialistischer Deutscher Studentbund** **n.d.**
 Undated letter from Wolfgang Nitsch, International Secretary, Sozialistischer Deutscher Studentbund.
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- MS1271/2/139 Kathleen Szasz** **1961**
 Early 1961 correspondence regarding a translation that Szasz completed for the journal.
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- MS1271/2/140 Jean Tait** **1960**
 Three late 1960 items of correspondence seeking translation from Spanish of a Silvio Frondizi publication.
 1 file
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- MS1271/2/141 Charles (Chuck) Taylor** **n.d.**
 One letter from Kidron seeking funds for the journal.
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MS1271/2/142 Allan Tanner

n.d.

Relates to a piece titled "la nouvelle vague".

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MS1271/2/143 Edward P. Thompson

**24th June
1960-1963**

Letter from Thompson dated 24th June 1960 relating to a position on the editorial board. A letter from Kidron in February 1963 asks Thompson if he will write a critical history of the New Left for International Socialism.

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MS1271/2/144 Richard M Titmuss

**18 January
1962**

Letter thanking Kidron for sending a copy of the latest issue of International Socialism.

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MS1271/2/145 Trade Union Affairs

**January
1961**

January 1961 setting up of publication exchange. Clive Jenkins was the editor of Trade Union Affairs.

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- MS1271/2/146 Tadayuki Tsushima** **n.d.**
 Miscellaneous correspondence regarding articles on Japan but also permission given for the associates of Tsushima to publish Japanese editions of Tony Cliff's 1955 book "Russia: A Marxist Analysis" and 1959's "Rosa Luxemburg". Tsushima advises that the Japanese youth organisation Zengakuren will use the 1955 book as a basic text in their study courses. The two books subsequently appeared in Japanese.
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- MS1271/2/147 Stephen Lewin Tyrwhitt** **16 November 1961**
 Letter from Tyrwhitt dated November 16th (1961) seeking information about the Socialist League of Africa. Tyrwhitt is leaving for Africa and describes himself as a revolutionary socialist who would like to proffer his assistance.
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- MS1271/2/148 Bill Waters** **n.d.**
 Letter from Kidron asking Waters to write for either Socialist Review or International Socialism.
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- MS1271/2/149 Peter Worsley** **April 1960**

Invitation for Worsley to join the Kidron's on holiday in a converted barn in Dorset in April 1960.

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MS1271/2/150 Jimmy (J.D.) Young 1961

Exchanges in 1961 concern two articles submitted by Young – one on Marx, the other on John Galsworthy. Both regarded as good but not suitable for International Socialism. One letter from 1962.

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MS1271/2/151 Tony and Nessie Young January 1961

One letter from Kidron January 1961 seeking a donation for the journal.

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MS1271/2/152 Maurice Zeitlin October 1961

One exchange of correspondence in October 1961. Zeitlin had met Nick Howard in Cuba and they discussed a publishing project – a book on Cuba that would potentially be printed in the UK. Zeitlin pitches the proposal to MK who replies together with printer's quotes.

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- MS1271/2/153 Zengakuren** **23 April 1962**
- Letter from Hitoshi Nemoto of the Chief Committee of Zengakuren enclosing a resolution of their Central Committee. The resolution is in opposition to nuclear testing in the Pacific.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/2/154 Sami Zubaida** **n.d.**
- Zubaida is studying at Hull University – not finding it easy to sell the journal.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/3 Catalogue of the University of California, Davis 1972 Correspondence and Memorabilia** **1971-1972**
- Between January and March 1972 Mike Kidron was the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of California, Davis. He was teaching a course, Economics 141, dealing with the impact of large and permanent military establishments.
- 18 files
- MS1271/3/1-18 is located in Kidron box 5.
- NB This is a series description. Researchers should order by individual files.**
- MS1271/3/1 Reserve Book List for use on Mike Kidron's Economics Course** **27 December 1971**
- Book List contains 20 titles. They include Tony Cliff "Russia: A Marxist Analysis"; Mike Kidron "Western Capitalism Since the War"; Harry Magdoff "Age of Imperialism"; Leon Trotsky "Permanent Revolution", Leonard Lewin (Special Study Group) "Report from Iron Mountain"; and Robert McNamara "Essence of Security".

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MS1271/3/2 University of California, Davis Department of Economics Winter Quarter 1972 Staff List and Faculty Office Hours **14 January 1972**

Staff list of Kidron's contemporaries at Davis in 1972. Kidron is listed as "Kidron, Michael Visiting Distinguished Professor in Economics".

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MS1271/3/3 Essay submitted by Susan McCullough as part of Mike Kidron's Economics Course **n.d.**

Kidron was sufficiently impressed with the essay to award it a mark of "Super A"

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MS1271/3/4 Correspondence between Cal Winslow and Mike Kidron **10 January 1972-15 February 1972**

Four letters concerning arrangements for Kidron to visit the Seattle Branch of the International Socialists on the weekend of Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th March. Likely he spoke at a public meeting on "Bangladesh" on the Saturday and, possibly, to the Seattle branch on the "British International Socialism" on the Friday.

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- MS1271/3/5 News Release and Flyer for “Ashgrove Forums”, 8162 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles 46** **26 January 1972**
Michael Kidron and Martin Hall spoke at this event.
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- MS1271/3/6 Poster for IS Meeting** **27 January 1972**
- Poster advertising Mike Kidron on “The Economic Crisis of Capitalism”.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/3/7 Letter from Hal Draper to Mike Kidron** **2 February 1972**
- Relates to an analysis of works by Marx and Engels.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/3/8 Three letters between Mike Kidron and Nigel Harris** **06 February 1972-14 February 1972**
- Nigel Harris writes from Bombay, India and requests a list of people he should visit in India.
- 1 file
- Open for research although 24 hrs notice should be given
- MS1271/3/9 International Socialism Circular Letter** **10 February 1972**

Calendar of events advises that Kidron will speak on Bangla Desh at the Students Union, Berkeley Campus at noon on Thursday 10th February.

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MS1271/3/10 Letter from Jim O'Connor, Economist, San Jose State College to Mike Kidron **15 February 1972**
Relates to Kidron's book "Western Capitalism Since the War"

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MS1271/3/11 International Socialism Circular Letter **20 February 1972**

Calendar of events advises that Kidron will speak on "The Economic Crisis of Capitalism" at the International Socialism Oakland Office at 7.30pm on Sunday 20th February. He may have spoken earlier in the day on the same subject to the San Francisco branch of International Socialism.

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MS1271/3/12 International Socialism Circular Letter **22 February 1972**

The International Socialism Circular Letter postmarked as 22nd February has a written report of Kidron's talk on "The Economic Crisis of Capitalism". The report is titled "Economist Speaks for International Socialism". It is not known who wrote it.

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MS1271/3/13 Symposium Programme

**24
February
1972**

Kidron takes part in a 4-day Symposium on Imperialism: A Theory of Capitalist Development at Stanford University. Kidron is a speaker in the session on "Bangla Desh: A New Nation" alongside Judy Carnoy of the Pacific Studies Center, and Arthur MacEwan, Economist at Harvard University. The moderator of the session is Ben Kleindorfer of the School of Education, Berkeley.

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MS1271/3/14 Letter from Michael Victor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

**29
February
1972**

Letter dated 23 February 1972 shows that Kidron is booked to speak on "Bangladesh" at the University of Southern California at 1.00pm on Tuesday 29th February.

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MS1271/3/15 Poster for International Socialism Meeting

**29
February
1972**

Poster advertising Kidron speaking on "The Relevance of Marxist Economics" at the Women's Lounge, Ackerman Union (A.S. UCLA) on 29th February at 7.30pm.

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MS1271/3/16 Newspaper Clipping

**6 June
1972**

Newspaper clipping from the "California Aggie" newspaper of 6th March 1972. The item is a short article highlighting Kidron's lecture the following day (see below). The piece is titled "UCD Prof Speaks on Nixonomics".

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MS1271/3/17 Poster for Lecture

**7 March
1972**

A poster advertising 2 lectures put on by the Department of Economics and the Committee for Arts and Lectures, University of California, Davis. On Monday 28th February Nat Weinberg (Regent Professor of Economics and Special Projects Director, United Auto Workers) speaks on "Nixonomics: Labor's Viewpoint". On Tuesday 7th March Kidron speaks on "Nixonomics and the Permanent Arms Economy".

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MS1271/3/18 Newspaper Clipping

**8 March
1972**

Newspaper clipping from the "Davis Enterprise" newspaper of 8th March 1972. It is a detailed report written by Tom Taber of Kidron's lecture of the previous day (see above). It is headlined, "Militarism Tied to Capitalism, Oxford Economist says". There is a photograph of Kidron speaking at the event.

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