

D170 Elliott V. Elliott Collection – Seamens’ Union of Australia, Communist Party of Australia, Socialist Party of Australia

History Elliot V. Elliot was Federal Secretary of the Seamen's Union of Australia (SUA) from 1941 until 1978. Elliot was also a member of the Communist Party of Australia until 1972 when he joined the Socialist Party of Australia. Elliot was originally from New Zealand and was Secretary of the Queensland Branch of the Seamen's Union prior to his election as Federal Secretary. Elliot died in 1984

The records cover aspects of Elliot's professional life and interests. Prominent in the collection are materials relating to the Seamen's Union and the Communist and Socialist Parties of Australia. Other topics covered in the records are New Zealand, Indonesia, Australian Politics, and Russia.

Record Summary Correspondence files, transcripts of speeches, pamphlets, political propaganda, conference papers.

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Series

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Series Description

1. Communist Party of Australia (CPA) - General Subject Files
 - 1/1 1940s {includes typed submissions by Elliot on Party Policy}
 - 1/A 1951 {includes draft Programme and Rules - Communist Party of Australia}
 - 1/2 1952 {includes submission by Elliot on Indonesia}
 - 1/3 1954 {includes typed submissions by Elliot on Party Policy}
 - 1/4 1955 {includes typed reports by Elliot and copy of rules and constitution - May 1955}
 - 1/5 1956 {reports including "Education and seamen members of the Communist Party"}
 - 1/6 1957 {includes statement on West Iran and report on shipping position and the World Federation of Trade Unions}
 - 1/7 1959 {includes submissions to Party on Shipping industry}
 - 1/8 1960 {includes reports on Trade Union in the GDR; seamen fight against shipping monopoly; The Arbitration Commission and penal provisions}
 - 1/9 1962 {includes material on Communist Party of Australia Education Programme}
 - 1/10 1963 {Elliot and his relationship with the Australian Labour Party}
 - 1/11 1966 {Communist Party of Australia - policy on Trade Unionism and policy on Technological changes and the Workforce}
 - 1/12 1967 {Communist Party of Australia - Press Releases. Report by Elliot on Australians relationship with Asia}
 - 1/13 1968 {Communist Party of Australia - Education Statements}
 - 1/14 1968 {Reports on split in Communist Party of Australia over Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia}
 - 1/15 1969 {Newsletters, Information Bulletins; including Wharfie}
 - 1/16 1970 {Party Correspondence, publication: What's Happening in the C.P.A.??}
 - 1/17 1971
 - 1/18 1972 {Includes publication: Statement on the Split in the Communist Movement in Australia - Edgar Rois}
 - 1/19 1973 {copy of submission to Party by John Sandy re Party Turmoil}

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1/20 1974 {Statement by Elliot to members of the Communist Party of Australia Feb. 1974}

1/21 1976 {Copy of press release by Communist Party of Australia re move for an independent Australian Foreign Policy }

1/22 n.d. {Miscellaneous }

2. Communist Party of Australia - Congresses

1A - Congress 1948.

2/1 - Copy of speeches made by Elliot at 17th State Congress 1953.

2/2 - 18th Congress 1958 (including copy of constitution)

2/3 - 19th Congress 1961 (including copy of speeches made by Elliot.)

2/4 - 20th Congress 1964 (including copy of speeches made by Elliot.)

2/5 - 21st Congress 1967.

3. Communist Party of Australia - Publications

3/1 - On watch / The Course: Communist Publication of the Seamen's Union. 1958 - 1959.

3/2 - Discussion: A Communist Forum on Australia & international Affairs. No.1 1970 - No.5 1970.

3/3 - CPA Industrial: April - June 1971

3/4 - Party Propaganda circulated by Alf Watt 1969.

4. Maritime Branch of the Communist Party of Australia

4/1 1970 - Circulars including correspondence regarding call by Party Executive for disbandment of Maritime Branch. Papers of annual meeting Maritime Branch CPA. July 1970

4/2 1971 - Annual Meeting - July 11th 1971. Including Annual Report and party Resolutions

4/3 - Maritime Branch bulletin October 1970 - Nov 1971 Continues as Bulletin of SPA (5/5)

4/4 - The Shipping Game: Bulletin of National Seafarers Branch of the Communist Party of Australia Aug 1973 - 1979.

5. Socialist Party of Australia (SPA)

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5/1 - General papers Dec 1971 - 1979. {includes circulars; correspondence; party resolutions}

5/2 - Socialist Party of Australia - Newsletter 1972 -

5/3 - Socialist Party of Australia - Executive Meetings; circulars 1972 - 1979.

5/4 - Australian Marxist Review Vol.1No.1 1972

5/5 - Maritime Branch - Socialist party of Australia 1972 - (including Maritime Bulletin.)

6. Seamen's Union of Australia (SUA)

6/1 - 1920

6/2 - 1933

6/3 - 1934

6/4 - 1935

6/5 - 1936

6/6 - 1937

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6/8 - 1939

6/9 - 1940

6/10 - 1941

6/11 - 1942

6/12 - 1943

6/13 - 1944

6/14 - 1946

6/15 - 1949

6/16 - 1950 - 1955

6/17 - 1956 - 1959

6/18 - 1960 - 1965

6/19 - 1966 - 1969

6/20 - Industrial Awards and agreements - SUA 1916 - 1955

6/21 - Rules - SUA 1906 -1935

6/22 - SUA - Publications - Political Campaigns 1954 - 1972

6/23 - SUA - Publications - AMPOL Dispute 1962

6/24 - SUA - Strike Bulletin Jan 1926 -

6/25 - SUA - Publications - including Annual Reports 1947/1953

6/26 - SUA - Port Kembla - Correspondence 1934 - 1940

6/27 - Article - "Mr Justice Higgins Sauntered: The 1919 Seamen's Strike" Richard Morris

6/28 - Seamen's Journal 1954 - 1982 (incomplete)

7. Information Files

Series comprises general information files kept by Elliot.

7/1 - ACTU 1941 - 1975. {including Ballot Papers 1969, Constitution 1941}

7/2 - ALP - Industrial Groups Conference 1952. Speeches.

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7/3 - Anti Communist Bill

7/4 - Aborigines 1967 - 1978

7/5 - Australian Politics 1944 - 1978. Brochures, Leaflets including: Liberal Party Platform 1948; Defeat Menzies Campaign; Referendum - Conscription.

7/6 - Australian Railway Union (ARU) 1938 - . Educational Materials. Topics include: fascism; war and the problems of Australia; working class politics.

7/7 - Australian Workers' Union (AWU). Report to the executive of NSW Branch on neglect of duty by Branch Secretary - Cecil Oliver. Jan 1970.

7/8 - Chile 1974

7/9 - China 1944 - 1960

7/10 - Chinese Seamen; Chinese Seamen Welfare Association

7/11 - Coal Mining 1947

7/12 - Communist Doctrine 1950s

7/13 - The Connolly Association of Australia

7/14 - Czechoslovakia, Communist Party of, 1970

7/15 - Equal Pay 1950

7/16 - Federated Clerks' Union - Rules 1937

7/17 -Greece - Trade Unions

7/18 - Seamen's Union - Britain

7/19 - Lenin

7/20 - King Island Shipping

7/21 - Japan 1950 - 1969

7/22 - Indonesia

7/23 - not used

7/24 - Maritime Council of Queensland - Annual Report {Elliot was Secretary of this Council}

7/25 - Australian Maritime Statutory Rule No.2 1942-43

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7/26 - Marxism

7/27 - May Day 1960

7/28 - National Register Campaign 1939 (Anti Conscription)

7/29 - New Zealand - Seamen's Union 1934 - 1973 {pamphlets; journal; election material}

7/30A - New Zealand - Communist Party - 1960s {statement of policy; National Conference 1966}

7/30B - New Zealand - Socialist Unity Party - Draft Programme 1969

7/31 - Northern Territory - North Australian Workers' Union 1968 includes correspondence with Seamen in N.T.

7/32 - Oil Industry 1970 - 74

7/33 - Olympic Games - Melbourne 1956 {includes programmes; tickets}

7/34 - Peace 1954 - 1975

7/35 - People's Printing and Publishing Society 1947 {This company was established in 1947 and Elliot had shares in it}

7/36 - Petrov Affair 1954 - pamphlets

7/37 - Safety Issues 1969 - 1975

7/38 - Transport Workers' Act 1936:1938

7/39 - U.S. - Foreign Policy 1954 - Brochures 1954

7/40 - U.S. - UAW - Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural implement workers of America 1947 - 1969

7/41 - USSR - Australian Society 1941

7/42 - Vietnam War 1967 -1972. {including speech by Elliot; Papers from The Asian Revolution & Australian Conference, Sydney, Oct 11-13 1968}

7/43 - Wartime Profiteering 1939 - 1940

7/44 - Waterside Workers' Federation 1939 - 1975 {newsletters; brochures, letters; correspondence received by Elliot}

7/45 - Women 1946 - Australian Women's Charter 1946 Resolution; Bulletin - Womens International Democratic Federation 1953; Congress - Japanese Mothers Against A&H Bombs 1957

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7/46 - World War II propaganda- "Hitler's Friends in Britain"

7/47 - Young Socialist League. 1975

7/48 - Campaign against Menzies - 1954

7/49 - UTAH Campaign 1972 - 1978

7/50 - "Australian Shipping Relations with Japan 1788-1972" by James V. Ramsden

7/51 - Functions attended by Elliot {includes opening of CPA Headquarters 1944}

7/52 - Miscellaneous

8. Publications - Elliot

Books and leaflets by Elliot including:

- Germany and World Press 1961
- Articles on Seamen's Union for Transport Workers of the World
- Appeal to members of Seamen's Union regarding election as Federal Secretary 1941.

9. Objects

9/1 - Photograph - b/w - protest by SUA over ward rate, Sydney 1960.

9/2 - Badge - SUA {white paint on blue felt depicting lifebuoy and words:"S.S. Seamen's Union 1872 - 1948"}

10. Pamphlets

Elliot collected a large number of published pamphlets and leaflets on a range of topics relating to his work. Rather than list each item individually, they have been divided into subject groups.

10/1 - Seamen Union; Shipping

10/2 - Russia; CPSU (Communist Party Soviet Union)

10/3 - Communism

10/4 - Civil Liberties

10/5 - Queensland Unionism

10/6 - Australian Labour Party

10/7 -Trade Union Movement

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10/8 - Women - War Service

10/9 - Soldier land resettlement

10/10 - Science

10/11 - Education

10/12 - McCarthyism

10/13 - Economics - Budget - Australia 1930s

10/14 - Socialist Theory and practice - A Marxist Review - Newcastle Socialist Unity Committee. Vol 1 No.1 1971

10/15 - Korean War

10/16 - Spanish Civil War 1936 - 1939

10/17 - Booklet - Centenary of the Labour Council of NSW 1871 - 1971. autographed by prominent Labour Party and trade Union officials.