

# Catalogue of the Papers of Hugh Heron Brock (1914 - 1985)

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This collection of papers is one of the archives collected by Commonweal Library, an independent peace library located in the J.B. Priestley Library of the University of Bradford. These archives are part of the Special Collections at the University of Bradford.

This set of papers, like many of the most significant of the Commonweal archives, was catalogued as part of the PaxCat Project. The Project was funded by the National Cataloguing Grants Programme for Archives and ran from May 2009-May 2010. You can find out more about the Project from the reflective blog kept by Helen Roberts, our Project Archivist.

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Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

## **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

### **Reference code**

GB 0532 CwI HBP

### **Title**

Papers of Hugh Heron Brock (1914 - 1985)

### **Dates**

1941 – 1986

### **Level of description**

Fonds

### **Extent**

0.7 metres

### **Name of creator**

Hugh Brock

### **Administrative/ Biographical history**

Hugh Brock was born on 15 May 1914 and trained as a printer at the London School of Printing. In 1940 the small printing firm which he ran with his brother Ashley took on the production of the pacifist journal *Peace News*. Other printers refused to handle it because of the risk of prosecution under the Defence Regulations and a trade ban on its distribution meant that the peace movement had to rely on its own distribution network. Founded in 1936, *Peace News* was the official paper of the Peace Pledge Union. Hugh was a member of the PPU and of the Society of Friends. During the Blitz, Hugh and his wife Eileen worked together in air raid shelters in London as part of a Pacifist Service Unit. As a conscientious objector to wartime military service, Hugh served a six month prison sentence in 1941, during which time Eileen gave birth to their son Jeremy. A daughter, Carolyn, was born in 1944.

In 1946 Hugh became assistant editor of *Peace News*, working alongside a succession of editors, including Frank Lea, Bernard Boothroyd and J Allen Skinner. The Brock family moved to Stoke Newington in 1948, where their household became a centre of pacifist activity. The origins of the non violent direct action movement in Britain lie largely in Hugh Brock's activism and organisational work during this period.

Following its Steps to Peace conference in November 1949, the Peace Pledge Union set up a Non Violence Commission to study non violent resistance and the applicability of Gandhi's ideas in Britain. On Hugh's initiative, members of the commission formed Operation Gandhi in December 1951. Amongst its aims were the withdrawal of US troops from Britain and an end to Britain's production of atomic weapons. Hugh acted as secretary of the group and David Hoggett (later founder of the Commonweal Collection) was one of its members. Operation Gandhi experimented with non violent direct action methods, beginning with a sit-down outside the War Office in January 1952. This protest brought Michael Randle into

the movement. Other demonstrations were organised at Mildenhall, the site of a US Airforce bomber base, and at nuclear energy and weapons research centres. The most significant for the later history of the peace movement was a small-scale march to Aldermaston in April 1952 to protest at the construction of the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. Re-named the Non Violent Resistance Group in summer 1952, the group was active until late 1956, when it supported Michael Randle's pacifist mission to Hungary.

During the same period Hugh Brock was involved with Peacemakers, the Journalists' Peace Group, the Congress of England and the Third Camp, the Pacifist Youth Action Group and the 1957 Committee, sometimes in an organisational role and also on behalf of Peace News. He became editor of Peace News in 1955 and used his role to guide the paper towards major coverage of the nuclear disarmament movement, as this developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s. This led to tension with more traditional pacifists within the Peace Pledge Union, and particularly with its Campaign Organiser Sybil Morrison, who resigned from the Peace News board of directors. The PPU broke its formal link with the paper in 1961.

In March 1957, Hugh helped to create an emergency committee to protest against British testing of the H-bomb on Christmas Island in the Pacific. The Peace News offices were used as a base for the committee. Its original purpose was to organise and finance a voyage to the test zone by pacifist Harold Steele. Although this did not prove possible, the attempt gained sympathy and support for the cause and drew together a group of activists who went on to form the Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War. The same group formed the Aldermaston March Committee in November 1957 to organise the first mass march to Aldermaston AWRE at Easter 1958. A Labour Party member and local councillor in Stoke Newington, Hugh drew in Labour support for the march through Frank Allaun MP, Walter Wolfgang and Labour's H-Bomb Campaign Committee.

The Direct Action Committee continued as an independent organisation after the Aldermaston March and Hugh was its vice chairman until mid 1960. He worked closely with Michael Randle (chairman), April Carter (secretary) and Pat Arrowsmith (field secretary). After a prolonged picket at Aldermaston AWRE during the summer of 1958, the DAC began a campaign against rocket bases in Britain. Hugh was imprisoned for two weeks after the protest at the North Pickenham base, near Swaffham, in December 1958 and again, for two months in advance of the protest planned at Harrington on 2 January 1960. During the protest against French nuclear testing in the Sahara, he sent April Carter to Ghana as an accredited reporter for Peace News to cover the Conference on Positive Action which took place in Accra in April 1960.

After the Holy Loch March at Whitsun 1961, the DAC made the decision to disband. Hugh had already been involved in the discussions which led to the creation of the Committee of 100 in October 1960. He was not an active member, although he gave the movement publicity and support through the pages of Peace News. Hugh assisted April Carter in her work as European organiser of the American-European Peace March from San Francisco to Moscow. In particular he acted as treasurer of

the fund which supported volunteer marchers and published a special Peace News supplement following the arrival of the march in Moscow in October 1961.

In April 1962 Hugh was invited onto the London Working Committee of the recently formed World Peace Brigade. He later served as vice chairman on the European Regional Council, but the WPB could not sustain its activities beyond 1964. His main involvement was in helping to organise the Everyman III Project in summer 1962, which was jointly sponsored by the WPB and the Committee for Non Violent Action. The crew of Everyman III sailed from London to St. Petersburg in protest against Soviet nuclear tests, but were prevented from landing or continuing on to Moscow. As owner of the vessel and chairman of the project committee, Hugh was left with the task of selling the Everyman III and winding up its assets.

Hugh Brock left Peace News in 1964, but continued to be involved with its work and with peace campaigning until his death in 1985. In his working life he maintained his links with the movement as office manager and later director of the Goodwin Press, a radical printers based in Finsbury Park.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Donated to the Commonweal Collection by Eileen Brock, widow of Hugh Brock, in 1985 and subsequently.

### **Scope and content**

The papers include correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, memoranda, newsletters, leaflets, photographs, press releases and press cuttings, covering the following organisations and topics:

Non Violence Commission of Peace Pledge Union, Operation Gandhi, Non-Violent Resistance Group and Michael Randle's pacifist mission to Hungary (19 files), 1941-1958 [Cwl HBP/1]. Including photographs of march to Aldermaston AWRE, April 1952.

Christmas Island H-bomb protest, Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War and Committee of 100 (12 files), 1957-1978 [Cwl HBP/2].

World Peace Brigade and Everyman III Project Committee (4 files) [Cwl HBP/3].

Other peace campaigns and activities, including Peacemakers (bicycle ride from Paris to Moscow, 1951), Journalists' Peace Group, Congress of England, Third Camp, Pacifist Youth Action Group and 1957 Committee (7 files), 1951-1968 [Cwl DBP/4].

Peace News, including split with Peace Pledge Union, (5 files and 1 item), 1953-1985 [Cwl HBP/5]. Comprising files of correspondence with Sybil Morrison and Stuart Morris, Campaign Organiser and Chairman of Peace Pledge Union, and with Bernard Boothroyd, editor of Peace News 1949-1951.

Origins of Nuclear Disarmament Symbol (peace sign), created by Gerald Holtom for Aldermaston March 1958 (2 files), 1958-1986 [Cwl HBP/6]. Including letter from Holtom to Brock describing the origins of his design, 22 September 1973.



## **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling**

The following files created and kept by Hugh Brock in a personal capacity had been boxed with the Direct Action Committee archive (Cwl DAC): Cwl HBP/1/1, 1/3, 2/2-5, 2/8-11. These were removed and re-united with Hugh Brock's papers. A small amount of weeding of duplicate material was carried out.

## **Accruals**

None expected.

## **System of arrangement**

The collection has been arranged into series based on the different organisations with which Hugh Brock was involved.

## **Access conditions**

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## **Language of material**

English. Some items in French and German.

## **Related units of description**

Archives of Peace News [GB 0532 Cwl PN].

Archives of the Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War [GB 0532 Cwl DAC].

Papers of Michael Randle [GB 0532 Cwl MR].

## **Publication note**

Hugh Brock, *The century of total war* (London: Peace News, undated) covers Operation Gandhi and NVRG actions.

Albert Beale, *Against all war: fifty years of Peace News, 1936-1986* (Nottingham: Peace News, 1986).

Gail Chester and Andrew Rigby eds., *Articles of peace : celebrating fifty years of Peace News* (Bridport: Prism, 1986).

## **Archivist's note**

Described by Alison Cullingford and revised by Helen Roberts.

## **Rules or conventions**

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## **Date(s) of description**

March 2010.

## **INDEXING**

### **Persons**

Brock, Hugh Heron (1914 - 1985)

Holtom, Gerald (1914 – 1985)

### **Corporate Bodies**

Non-Violent Resistance Group

Peace Pledge Union

Peace News

Direct Action Committee

### **Subjects**

Peace movements – Great Britain – History – 20th century

Nonviolence – Great Britain – History – 20th century

Pacifism – Great Britain – History – 20th century

Nuclear disarmament – Great Britain – History – 20th century

## **CWL HBP/1. NON VIOLENCE COMMISSION, OPERATION GANDHI AND NON VIOLENT RESISTANCE GROUP**

### **Dates**

1941 - 1958.

### **Extent**

19 files.

### ***Cwl HBP/1/1***

#### **Title**

File. Non Violence Commission of Peace Pledge Union

#### **Dates**

November 1949 - March 1956.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Memorandum by Hugh Brock on need for conference of pacifist organisations; minutes, November 1951 - November 1955; notice of meeting; correspondence about organising deputations to the Soviet ambassador and Foreign Office, with statement on freedom of movement of East European diplomats in Britain; bulletin no. 1, March 1956; assessment of impact of NVC on work of PPU; report of NVC at Steps to Peace conference, November 1949; assessment of origins and achievements of NVC, c1952; correspondence.

### ***Cwl HBP/1/2***

#### **Title**

File. Predecessors of Operation Gandhi

#### **Dates**

1941 - 1951.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

PPU and Peacemakers leaflets; leaflet for Stoke Newington peace exhibition, 1948; newsletters of Club de Demain, Paris, 1948; letter and leaflet about expansion of Trawsfynydd Camp in Wales, 1951; draft leaflets for Operation Gandhi, Peace Army

Group (of PPU) and Resistance Movement; document on problems and tasks of British pacifism, April 1950; notes for meeting to set up Peace Army Group; letter from Kathleen Rawlins; policy statement issued by Emergency Action Conference on 'Pacifists and the Korean crisis', July 1950; newsletter of Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

**Language**

Some French.

***Cwl HBP/1/3***

**Title**

File. Operation Gandhi - Non Violent Resistance Group

**Dates**

July 1952 - January 1953.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Agenda and minutes.

***Cwl HBP/1/4***

**Title**

File. Operation Gandhi: War Office demonstration, 11 January 1952

**Dates**

December 1951 - February 1952.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Black and white photographs (3); drafts and printed leaflets; press cuttings; correspondence, including letters from Kathleen [Rawlins], Bayard Rustin and James Avery Joyce; report of proceedings in the case of Police v. Dawe, with correspondence (including letters from Ernest Dawe and Francis Deutsch) and statement by Hugh Brock; briefing; list of participants; press releases.

**Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

## **Cwl HBP/1/5**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi: march to Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 19 April 1952

### **Dates**

February - April 1952.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists, including letters from Michael Randle (3), Jack Nutley (2), Roger Rawlinson, Dorothy Glaister (2) and Kathleen Lonsdale; leaflet of World Citizens Council for Human Rights; briefing; press releases; black and white photographs (14) pasted onto sheet; press cutting.

## **Cwl HBP/1/6**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi: Mildenhall US Airforce bomber base demonstration, 28 June 1952

### **Dates**

June - July 1952.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists; draft programme of action; press release; briefing notes.

## **Cwl HBP/1/7**

### **Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: anti-conscription picket of labour exchanges

### **Dates**

January - July 1953.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists, including letters from Norman Iles (2), Bernard Withers (Central Board for Conscientious Objectors) and Sybil Morrison (PPU); notes; drafts and printed version of leaflet, 'The call-up'.

### **Cwl HBP/1/8**

#### **Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: Porton Down Chemical Defence Experimental Establishment demonstration, 14 March 1953

#### **Dates**

November 1952 - March 1953.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists, including letters from Norman Iles, Alex Comfort, Michael Tempest; sketch map; briefing; list of participants; leaflets; press release and cutting.

### **Cwl HBP/1/9**

#### **Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: Harwell Atomic Energy Research Establishment demonstration, 18 April 1953

#### **Dates**

November 1952 - May 1953.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists; notes; press release; briefing; sketch map; list of participants.

### **Cwl HBP/1/10**

#### **Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: Mobile Column, Surrey, 20 June 1953

**Dates**

May - June 1953.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists, including letter from Fred Deutsch; draft leaflet; programme of activities and route; sketch map; list of participants; press release.

***Cwl HBP/1/11***

**Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: Objective Peace, peace education campaign, Hampstead, Colchester, Ilford, Woolwich and Enfield, June 1953 and October - November 1954

**Dates**

May 1953 - December 1954.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Hampstead: black and white photograph; leaflets; press cuttings; press release; outline and plan of campaign. Colchester: newsletter 17; report of demonstration; leaflet. Ilford, Woolwich and Enfield: completed forms and correspondence, including letter from Ted Dunn; accounts.

***Cwl HBP/1/12***

**Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment demonstration, 26 September 1953

**Dates**

August - September 1953.

**Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, mainly with supporters and activists; lists of participants; programme of action; report/article by Connie Jones; press releases; press cuttings.

## ***Cwl HBP/1/13***

### **Title**

File. Pacifist mission to Hungary by Michael Randle, December 1956, backed by Non Violent Resistance Group

### **Dates**

December 1956 - January 1957.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

NVRG circulars; accounts; completed forms from donors and supporters; open letters to the Soviet and Hungarian Embassies; letter to the press; correspondence, including letters from Francis Rona (4), Kathleen Rawlins (2), Norman Iles and Michael Randle (7).

## ***Cwl HBP/1/14***

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi - Non Violent Resistance Group

### **Dates**

1952 - 1953.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence with supporters and activists, including letters from Stuart Morris (PPU), Rufus de Pinto (2), Pierre Martin, Jack Nutley, Mary Barr, Alan Litherland, Wilfred Wellock, Norman Iles (5), Fred Deutsch (2), Charles Coulson, Michael Randle, Kathleen Rawlins and Olwen Battersby; responses to questionnaire on methods and aims; lists of contacts; rejected plan for sit-down in House of Commons lobby.

### **Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.



## **Cwl HBP/1/15**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi - Non Violent Resistance Group

### **Dates**

January 1952 - February 1955.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Newsletters nos. 1-18.

## **Cwl HBP/1/16**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi - Non Violent Resistance Group

### **Dates**

1951 - 1956.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Press cuttings; leaflets; press releases; black and white photographs (6) of demonstrations; 'Operation Gandhi' banner on card.

### **Note**

Overlap with campaign files at Cwl HBP/1/4-13.

## **Cwl HBP/1/17**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi - Non Violent Resistance Group

### **Dates**

1952 - 1954.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Press cuttings.

## **Cwl HBP/1/18**

### **Title**

File. Operation Gandhi: papers selected by Hugh Brock as basis for a booklet

### **Dates**

1948 - 1954.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Press releases and circulars issued by Peacemakers, with notes of protest meeting about South Africa, 1952; newsletter, War Resisters League; correspondence of Hugh Brock, including letters from Bill Sutherland (Peacemakers), Stuart Morris (PPU), Rufus de Pinto, Fred Deutsch, Kathleen Rawlins (10), Christopher Mayhew MP, Michael Randle (4), Charles Coulson, Roger Rawlinson (2), Dorothy Glaister (4), Alan Litherland, Agatha Harrison, Norman Iles, Michael Scott, Wilfred Wellock and Alex Comfort; draft leaflets; notes of OG conference, c1952; proposals for and reports/discussions of demonstrations; lists of poster slogans.

## **Cwl HBP/1/19**

### **Title**

File. Non Violent Resistance Group: the story of nonviolence

### **Dates**

1952 - 1958.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Letters from Kathleen Rawlins and Hugh Brock, press release, leaflet and black and white photograph, demonstration at South Africa House, 27 September 1952; leaflets for Porton Down demonstration; papers for international meetings on nonviolence, Centre of International Coordination for Nonviolence, Perugia, 1952; notebook containing contact details of NVRG supporters and activists; summary of origins and activities of NVRG; correspondence, including letters from Stuart Morris (PPU), Kathleen Rawlins, Grace Beaton (War Resisters' International), Dorothy Glaister; notes on how to run a local nonviolent resistance project; report of second Non Violence Working Party of PPU, 1958.

### **Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

## **CWL HBP/2. CHRISTMAS ISLAND PROTEST, DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE OF 100**

### **Dates**

1957 - 1978.

### **Extent**

12 files.

### ***Cwl HBP/2/1***

#### **Title**

File. Emergency Committee for Direct Action Against Nuclear War: Christmas Island protest, May 1957

#### **Dates**

March 1957 - April 1958.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Press cuttings; press releases; standard letter to the press; notes; telegrams, including from 'Anti Atom, Tokyo'; correspondence of Hugh Brock, including letters from Devadas Gandhi (Hindustan Times), Ian Dixon/David Graham (3), Harold Steele, Norman Thomas and Frank Allaun; minutes of meeting at which DAC was founded, 10 April 1958.

### ***Cwl HBP/2/2***

#### **Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War

#### **Dates**

1958 - 1961.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Correspondence; circulars; conference agenda.

### **Cwl HBP/2/3**

**Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War

**Dates**

1958 - 1961.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Biographical details of activists sent to Hugh Brock as editor of Peace News, January 1959; reports on various campaigns; accounts; lists of demonstrators arrested, bailed and imprisoned after Harrington and Finningley protests; notes; conference proposals and plans; circulars; agenda for committee meetings.

**Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

### **Cwl HBP/2/4**

**Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War

**Dates**

1957 - 1961.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Agenda and minutes of committee meetings and conferences; press releases; circulars; leaflets; accounts; memoranda.

**Language**

Some German.

### **Cwl HBP/2/5**

**Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War

**Dates**

1957 - 1961.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Articles; policy statement; biographical details of committee members; press releases; weekly reports on industrial campaign in Bristol, summer 1960, and reports of other campaigns; leaflets; press cuttings; press releases.

**Cwl HBP/2/6**

**Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War: Aldermaston March, Easter 1958

**Dates**

November 1957 - May 1958, 1959 and January 1977 - March 1978.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Press cuttings; articles; leaflets, including flyer for film, 'March to Aldermaston'; press releases; correspondence with supporters and marchers, including letters to Reginald Reynolds (2) and Peggy Duff, letters from musicians joining the march, and letters from Lord Simon of Wythenshawe, Kathleen Rawlins, Gerald Holtom (4), Harold Steele and Michael Young; letters to the press; circulars issued by Committee for Direct Action of CND; black and white photographs (3) of march taken by Millie Miller; papers relating to press conference, 19 March; report of Working Committee of Heston and Isleworth CND, 26 March; notes for BBC Radio 4 broadcast, 'The Road to Aldermaston', 30 March 1978.

**Cwl HBP/2/6/1**

**Title**

Circular about the distribution of display materials for the march, organised by Gerald Holtom, Twickenham Council for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

**Dates**

3 March 1958.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

Distributed with a sample of the symbol designed by Holtom (not attached).

## **Cwl HBP/2/6/2**

### **Title**

Typescript list of slogans for march

### **Dates**

[March 1958].

### **Extent**

1 item.

## **Cwl HBP/2/6/3**

### **Title**

Circular about the distribution of display materials for the march, organised by Gerald Holtom, Twickenham Council for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

### **Dates**

10 March 1958.

### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Including illustration of banner to be fitted onto bicycles.

## **Cwl HBP/2/6/4**

### **Title**

Letter from Gerald Holtom, Twickenham, to Hugh Brock

### **Dates**

3 March 1958.

### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Enclosing the circular at Cwl HBP/2/6/1 and sample of symbol.

## **Cwl HBP/2/6/5**

### **Title**

Copy letter from Barbara Webb, Newbury, to Gerald Holtom

**Dates**

10 March 1958.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

Commenting on the design of the ND symbol.

**Cwl HBP/2/6/6**

**Title**

Letter from Gerald Holtom, Twickenham, to Hugh Brock

**Dates**

11 March 1958.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

Covering letter for Cwl HBP/2/6/5.

**Cwl HBP/2/7**

**Title**

File. Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War: rocket base campaign, Swaffham area, December 1958

**Dates**

December 1958 - January 1959, 1972 - 1975.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Black and white photographs (2) of march from Brixton to Holloway Prison in support of DAC prisoners; press cuttings; leaflet; circulars; statement of DAC committee on arrest; letters from Michael Randle (Norwich Prison) and Chris Farley (Norwich Prison) (2); correspondence about allegations that DAC acted under instructions from the Soviet Union at Swaffham demonstration, with ch.5 from J Bernard Hutton's *The subverters of liberty* (1972); article.

## **Cwl HBP/2/8**

### **Title**

File. Harrington rocket base campaign

### **Dates**

November 1959 - February 1960.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Copy court summons issued to DAC committee members, 10 December 1959; circulars; leaflets; CND poster; biographical details of DAC committee members; press releases; report of court hearing of those arrested at Harrington demonstration; list of 'Harrington volunteers'; press cutting.

### **Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

## **Cwl HBP/2/9**

### **Title**

File. Sahara Protest - Emergency Conference on Positive Action for Peace and Security, Accra, Ghana, April 1960

### **Dates**

November 1959 - July 1960.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Letters from Michael Randle in Accra to Hugh Brock and others at Peace News; memoranda on positive action against the Sahara tests and the Positive Action Conference by Michael Randle; drafts of conference programme; text of reply by Ghana Council for Nuclear Disarmament and Sahara Protest Team to document issued by French Embassy in Accra.

## **Cwl HBP/2/10**

### **Title**

File. Sahara Protest - Emergency Conference on Positive Action for Peace and Security, Accra, Ghana, April 1960



**Dates**

December 1959 - April 1960.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Telegrams and transcripts of telegrams from Michael Randle and the Protest Team in Accra; press cuttings from African newspapers; DAC press releases; letters from Gerald Petch (2) and Harry Mister; newsletter from Committee for Non Violent Action; transcript of document issued by French Embassy in Accra, 25 January 1960, with diagrams representing the impact of nuclear tests in the Sahara, Nevada and Lake Balkhash (Semipalatinsk).

***Cwl HBP/2/11***

**Title**

File. Northern Direct Action Committee: Operation Finningley, July 1960

**Dates**

March - July 1960.

**Extent**

1 file.

**Scope and content**

Circulars; press releases; leaflets issued by DAC and CND; messages of support; 'Bomb Disposal', bulletin of Yorkshire CND, series 2, no. 8, July 1960; list of those imprisoned after Finningley protest; report about activities in Doncaster leading up to protest on 30 July.

***Cwl HBP/2/12***

**Title**

File. Committee of 100

**Dates**

1960 - 1967.

**Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Leaflets (including from CND and Factory For Peace); list of contacts and diary, London C100; minutes of committee organising march to Ruislip, 1964; programme and list of participants for 'Schools for Non Violence: Committee of 100 seminars', Ruskin College, August 1961; press cuttings; legal handbook; report on 'Black Paper' project; issues of Resistance Shall Grow (C100 bulletin) and Reason, April 1964; letter from Chris Farley to Brad Lyttle (Committee for Non Violent Action); memorandum by Gene Sharp.

### **Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

## **CWL HBP/3. WORLD PEACE BRIGADE FOR NON VIOLENT ACTION**

### **Dates**

1961 - 1964.

### **Extent**

4 files.

### ***Cwl HBP/3/1***

#### **Title**

File. World Peace Brigade for Non Violent Action: European Regional Council

#### **Dates**

January 1962 - May 1964.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Report of conference to establish WPB, January 1962; agenda and minutes; discussion papers; circulars; newsletter, copy correspondence and chairman's report on Africa Freedom Action Project, May 1962; memorandum from German Committee of WPB; report from North American Regional Council; constitution of WPB; minutes of joint meeting of WPB Executive Committee and ERC, January 1963; letter from Donald Groom, on behalf of ERC, about future of WPB, May 1964; financial statement.

### ***Cwl HBP/3/2***

#### **Title**

File. World Peace Brigade for Non Violent Action: London Working Committee

#### **Dates**

January - July 1962.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Minutes.

### **Cwl HBP/3/3**

#### **Title**

File. World Peace Brigade for Non Violent Action

#### **Dates**

August 1961 - February 1964.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, including letters from April Carter (to Bayard Rustin), Arlo Tatum (WRI) (2), Suresh Ram (Africa Freedom Action Project) (3), Siddharaj Dhadda (WPB Asia Region) (3), Tony Smythe (WRI); press releases for the Everyman III project; constitution; minutes, including of North American Regional Council; financial statement; copy correspondence of AJ Muste with Bayard Rustin, Bill Sutherland and Siddharaj Dhadda (2), about Delhi to Peking Friendship March; memoranda, including from AJ Muste on 'Experiment in East Africa'; copy correspondence about future of WPB, February 1964; CNVA circular; letter from Robert Swann, Cuban Project Committee of CNVA; memorandum from Barnaby Martin to WPB committee members in UK.

### **Cwl HBP/3/4**

#### **Title**

File. Everyman III Project Committee, World Peace Brigade and Committee for Non Violent Action: voyage against Soviet nuclear tests, autumn 1962

#### **Dates**

1962 - 1977.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Biographical details of crew members; financial report, June 1963; notes; correspondence, including letters from AJ Muste (2), Bertrand Russell (copy), George Willoughby, Alec Horsley, Allen Skinner; agenda and minutes of project committee meetings; policy statement; map of route; memoranda; circulars; reports of the voyage by Barnaby Martin; leaflets; Everyman III logo design; press releases; statement by Soviet Peace Committee; statement of aims and purpose of voyage; certificates of clearance for vessel docking in Gravesend, Hamburg and Stockholm; letters of recommendation for Hugh Brock as owner of vessel; press cuttings; correspondence about attempts to recover money owed from sale of vessel.

## **CWL HBP/4. OTHER PEACE CAMPAIGNS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Dates**

1951 - 1968.

### **Extent**

8 files.

### ***Cwl HBP/4/1***

#### **Title**

File. Peacemakers bicycle ride from Paris to Moscow, 1951

#### **Dates**

July 1951 - November 1952.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Leaflets; press releases; letters to Soviet, Polish and American ambassadors and representatives of Allied Military Government of Germany, signed by Michael Tippet, Benjamin Britten, Alex Comfort, Reginald Reynolds, John Hoyland, Dr AD Belden and Ethel Mannin; correspondence, including letters from Reg Sorensen, Bill Sutherland, Dave Dellinger (3), Kathleen Rawlins, Ralph Di Gia (2), Rene Bovard (International Liaison Committee of Organisations for Peace) (3); report on experiments in non violence issued by the Peacemakers Research Committee; progress reports from the cyclists; appeal to President Truman to commute the sentence of Oscar Collazo, Peacemakers Continuations Committee.

#### **Language**

Some items in French.

### ***Cwl HBP/4/2***

#### **Title**

File. Journalists' Peace Group - Fleet Street Forum

#### **Dates**

March 1951 - March 1953.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Circulars; notices of meetings; press cuttings; minutes; typescript on origins of both groups; lists of contacts; correspondence with fellow journalists, including letters from Geoffrey Goodman (2), Brian Cummings (2), Peter Hardiman Scott, Kenneth Baily, Frank Allaun, Fenner Brockway, Bernard Canter (3), Frank Edmead (4), Richard Hall, Ron Mallone and Stuart Morris.

### **Cwl HBP/4/3**

#### **Title**

File. Peacemakers - The Third Camp - Congress of England

#### **Dates**

1952 - July 1954.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Minutes of Peacemakers national conference; Peacemaker declaration on a Third Camp; notice of Third Camp conference, New York, 1953; The Citizen newsletter; lists of contacts; agenda, discussion paper, circular and report of conference of the Congress of England, April 1954; policy statement of the Third Camp, with notices of meetings and conference, July 1954.

#### **Conditions of access**

Restricted access. Data Protection Act applies.

### **Cwl HBP/4/4**

#### **Title**

File. Pacifist Youth Action Group - 1957 Committee

#### **Dates**

February 1956 - April 1958.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

PYAG: leaflet, correspondence and black and white photograph about picket of Wormwood Scrubs. 1957 Committee: reports of meetings, from May 1957; lecture programme; financial statement, April 1958.

## **Cwl HBP/4/5**

### **Title**

File. US protests against nuclear weapons (various groups)

### **Dates**

April 1957 - July 1960.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Petition against nuclear weapons tests, Walk for Peace Committee; leaflet from crew of Golden Rule; CNVA memorandum and bulletins about anti-Polaris action; correspondence and memoranda from Lawrence Scott, with minutes of meetings to establish an anti- H bomb test committee and statement of principles.

## **Cwl HBP/4/6**

### **Title**

File. American-European March, San Francisco to Moscow, December 1960 - October 1961

### **Dates**

1961.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Leaflets; Peace News supplement.

## **Cwl HBP/4/7**

### **Title**

File. Demonstrations against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, September 1968, War Resisters' International

### **Dates**

September - October 1968.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Press cuttings.

### **Note**

See pamphlet by Michael Randle, April Carter et al, 'Support Czechoslovakia' (WRI, 1968).



## **CWL HBP/5. PEACE NEWS**

### **Dates**

1953 - 1985.

### **Extent**

5 files and 1 item.

### ***Cwl HBP/5/1***

#### **Title**

File. Relationship between Peace News and the Peace Pledge Union

#### **Dates**

1955 - 1961.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, including letters from Vera Brittain (4), Bernard Boothroyd (3), Leonard Bird (3), Wilfred Wellock, Humphrey Moore (2), Frank Lea, Harry Mister (2 copies), Stuart Morris (5 and 1 copy), Arthur Taylor (4); speech by Vera Brittain to PPU AGM, 1961, with PN editorial by Hugh Brock; discussion papers and memoranda on the future of Peace News, including by Sybil Morrison, Bernard Boothroyd, Gene Sharp, Hugh Brock, Vera Brittain, Christopher Farley; papers for PPU AGMs and National Council meetings, 1959-1961; notes; letter of resignation from PPU by [Allen Skinner]; circulars issued by PPU and PN; minutes of PN Board of Directors, March 1960; papers of Working Party, including report; papers relating to implementation of PPU AGM resolution, 1961; report of Working Party on the Social Implications of Pacifism; articles by Vera Brittain; draft PPU general election leaflet, 1955.

### ***Cwl HBP/5/2***

#### **Title**

File. Correspondence with Sybil Morrison, Peace Pledge Union

#### **Dates**

1954 - 1961.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Topics include: articles, book reviews and letters to the editor, for Peace News; the work of the Non Violent Resistance Group and the PPU Campaign Committee; proposal to write a follow-up to Dick Sheppard's book, 'We say no'; circulation/editorial policy of PN and its relationship with PPU, the journal Reconciliation, and the Standing Joint Pacifist Committee; her resignation as chairman of PN Board of Directors; unilateral nuclear disarmament; the Aldermaston March, 1958; non violent direct action. Also including letters from local PPU groups, Rex Phillips and Myrtle Solomon; joint letter signed by PPU members in Yorkshire; PPU leaflet, 'Quo vadis?', issued to Aldermaston marchers, 1961; sheet designed by Chris Farley for recording telephone messages received from Sybil Morrison.

### **Cwl HBP/5/3**

#### **Title**

File. Correspondence with Stuart Morris, Peace Pledge Union

#### **Dates**

1955 - 1961.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Topics include: work of PPU Campaign Committee; meetings; articles, book reviews, news items and letters for Peace News; circulation/editorial policy of PN and its relationship with PPU; unilateral nuclear disarmament; non violent direct action; relations with other peace organisations. Also including PPU leaflet for summer holiday conference, 1956; letters from Reg Reynolds (2); notes of meeting to celebrate 20th anniversary of PN.

### **Cwl HBP/5/4**

#### **Title**

File. Correspondence with Bernard Boothroyd, former editor of Peace News

#### **Dates**

1953, 1955 - 1961, 1965, 1970.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Topics include: content/editorial policy/circulation of Peace News; articles; relationship between PN and PPU; PN Board of Directors. With black and white photograph of Bernard Boothroyd and other conscientious objectors in Wakefield Prison during First World War.

### ***Cwl HBP/5/5***

#### **Title**

File. Miscellaneous

#### **Dates**

1950 - 1984.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence, including letter to April Carter and letters from Humphrey Moore, Allen Skinner, David Weitzman MP (2), Dick Taverne, Vera Brittain; PN report to PPU National Council, c1958; report of conference on relationships between PPU, PN, CND and other peace organisations; articles for PN; speeches; press cuttings; articles and notes about Hugh Brock and PN.

### ***Cwl HBP/5/6***

#### **Title**

Photocopy notes, 'Some notes towards an appreciation of Hugh Brock', by Harry Mister

#### **Dates**

c 1985.

#### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Mainly about his work as editor of Peace News.

## **CWL HBP/6. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SYMBOL**

### **Dates**

1958 - 1986.

### **Extent**

2 files.

### ***Cwl HBP/6/1***

#### **Title**

File. Gerald Holtom

#### **Dates**

1963 - 1986.

#### **Extent**

1 file.

#### **Scope and content**

Papers collected by Bob Overy.

### **Cwl HBP/6/1/1**

#### **Title**

Annotated typescript, 'Holtom's design: the UND symbol'

#### **Dates**

c 1986.

#### **Extent**

1 item.

#### **Scope and content**

Written to mark the donation of Holtom's drawings to the Commonweal Collection?.

### **Cwl HBP/6/1/2**

#### **Title**

Letter from Bob Ward, Yorkshire and Humberside CND, to Bob Overy

#### **Dates**

23 February 1986.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

Probably enclosing Cwl HBP/5/1/3-5.

**Cwl HBP/6/1/3**

**Title**

Photocopy of article, 'If you are for peace, don't use this symbol', Jamie Buckingham, in Christian Life

**Dates**

[1980s].

**Extent**

1 item.

**Cwl HBP/6/1/4**

**Title**

Photocopy of leaflet, 'The peace symbol: the mark of the traitor!', Gospel Tract Society

**Dates**

[1980s].

**Extent**

1 item.

**Cwl HBP/6/1/5**

**Title**

Black and white photograph of Hugh Brock (left) and Albert Bigelow (right)

**Dates**

19 April 1963.

**Extent**

1 item.

### **Cwl HBP/6/1/6**

**Title**

Letter from Eileen [Brock] to Bob Overy

**Dates**

27 May 1986.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

Enclosing Cwl HBP/6/1/7.

### **Cwl HBP/6/1/7**

**Title**

Press cuttings of Peter Simple's 'Way of the world' column in Daily Telegraph

**Dates**

25 April - 6 May 1986.

**Extent**

2 items.

**Scope and content**

Including comment on the origins of the ND symbol.

### **Cwl HBP/6/1/8**

**Title**

Carbon copy letter to Harry [Mister] from Hugh Brock

**Dates**

17 October 1973.

**Extent**

1 item.

**Scope and content**

About possible publication of a pamphlet on origins of ND symbol.

## **Cwl HBP/6/1/9**

### **Title**

Photocopy of letter from Bob Overy to Peter Simple, Daily Telegraph

### **Dates**

20 June 1986.

### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Describing Gerald Holtom's creative process in designing the ND symbol and enclosing a copy letter from Holtom.

## **Cwl HBP/6/1/10**

### **Title**

Letter from 'Peter Simple' [Michael Wharton], Daily Telegraph, to 'Mr Owen' [Bob Overy]

### **Dates**

24 June 1986.

### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Thanking him for material (Cwl HBP/6/1/9).

## **Cwl HBP/6/2**

### **Title**

File. CND symbol

### **Dates**

1958 - 1986.

### **Extent**

1 file.

### **Scope and content**

Correspondence and related papers.

## **Cwl HBP/6/2/1**

### **Title**

Correspondence with Janice Scott of Reseda, California

### **Dates**

1958 - 1973.

### **Extent**

15 items.

### **Scope and content**

Letter from Janice Scott, 2 December 1969, about an article by Gerald Holtom on the origins of the ND symbol, published in Peace News. Carbon copy letter to Janice Scott, 8 December 1969, with leaflet issued to demonstrators on the first Aldermaston March, 1958. Carbon copy letter to Janice Scott, 13 December 1969, with carbon copy transcripts of Gerald Holtom's articles in Peace News, 'The ND symbol' and 'Why our banners are white on black', 2 and 30 June 1961, and photocopy briefing issued to demonstrators on the first Aldermaston March, 1958. Letter from Janice Scott, 31 December 1969, thanking him for the information and discussing further interpretations. Carbon copy letter to Janice Scott, 11 January 1970, correcting dating error in typescript sent with previous letter and discussing whether ND symbol based on more than semaphore signs. Refers to discussion with Eric Austen and leaflet about the badges sent by Austen. With photocopies of leaflets, 'Songs for the Aldermaston March', March Committee, 1958, and 'The campaign emblem: pottery badge of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Question and answer', by Eric Austen, 1958. Letter from Janice Scott, 16 January 1971, discussing upsurge of interest in ND symbol, John Birch Society pamphlet and trademark applications. With photocopies of press cutting, 'Origami a 1000 cranes', in Rafu Shimpo (Los Angeles Japanese Daily News), 6 October 1970 and of letter from Janice Scott to US Patent Office, 11 October 1970, protesting about proposed trademarking of the ND symbol and enclosing evidence of its religious meaning. Carbon copy letter to Janice Scott, 17 October 1973, forwarding Gerald Holtom's account of the origins of the ND symbol.

## **Cwl HBP/6/2/2**

### **Title**

Correspondence with Eric Austen, London

### **Dates**

1958 - 1970.

### **Extent**

2 items.



### **Scope and content**

Letter from Eric Austen, 11 January 1970, with leaflet, 'The campaign emblem: pottery badge of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament - Question and answer', by Eric Austen, summer 1958.

### **Cwl HBP/6/2/3**

#### **Title**

Letter from Edgar C Bundy, Church League of America, to Peace News

#### **Dates**

26 October 1970.

#### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

Enquiring about the designer of the ND symbol.

### **Cwl HBP/6/2/4**

#### **Title**

Correspondence with Max Goldblatt, Dallas, Texas

#### **Dates**

1970.

#### **Extent**

5 items.

### **Scope and content**

Letter from Max Goldblatt to Pat Arrowsmith/Hugh Brock, Peace News, 19 November 1970, sending copy of advertisement alleging atheist and Communist associations for the ND symbol, and his attempts to refute this. Photocopy of advertisements placed in a community newspaper [Suburban Tribune, Dallas, Texas], 14 October - 11 November 1970, comprising: 'WW Sez... Peace symbol? Are you sure?', making allegations that the ND symbol has atheist and Communist links (paid for by WW Hughes), and 'The peace symbol', describing the semaphore origins of the symbol (paid for by Max Goldblatt). Carbon copy letter to Max Goldblatt, 24 November 1970, asserting that Gerald Holtom is a devout Christian and asking him to request a letter from WW Hughes retracting his comments. Letter from Max Goldblatt, 30 November 1970, describing a burning cross being placed outside his business following the controversy. Suggests approaching the newspaper or Mr Hughes directly for a retraction, and that the origin of the allegations is a John Birch Society pamphlet.

## **Cwl HBP/6/2/5**

### **Title**

Correspondence with Gerald Holtom, Hythe, Kent

### **Dates**

c 1970 - 1975.

### **Extent**

7 items.

### **Scope and content**

Carbon copy letter to Dick Nettleton, c1970, asking for Gerald Holtom's address. Carbon copy letter to Gerald Holtom, 22 September 1973, asking permission to use Holtom's 1961 Peace News article in a proposed pamphlet on the origins of the ND symbol. Letter from Gerald Holtom, with transcript, 29 September 1973, describing the origins of his design for the ND symbol and his state of mind at the time he created it. Carbon copy letter to Gerald Holtom, 17 October 1973, discussing the Suburban Tribune advertisements and Janice Scott. Carbon copy letter to Gerald Holtom, 2 May 1975, asking permission for Ken Kolsbun to use Holtom's letter of 29 September 1973 in his book about the ND symbol. Enclosing Kolsbun's typescript and form of consent. Letter from Gerald Holtom, 14 May 1975, returning Ken Kolsbun's typescript.

## **Cwl HBP/6/2/6**

### **Title**

Carbon copy letter from Hugh Brock to Harry [Mister]

### **Dates**

17 October 1973.

### **Extent**

1 item.

### **Scope and content**

About possible publication of a pamphlet on origins of ND symbol.

## **Cwl HBP/6/2/7**

### **Title**

Correspondence with Ken Kolsbun, Santa Barbara, California

### **Dates**

1973 - 1975.

## **Extent**

9 items.

## **Scope and content**

Letter from Ken Kolsbun, 22 April 1975, discussing his research into the ND symbol, asking permission to use extracts from Gerald Holtom's letter of 29 September 1973 (see Cwl HBP/6/2/5) and enclosing introduction to his forthcoming book, copies of selected photographs, copy of Holtom's letter and covering letter from Hugh Brock. Photocopy of letter from Hugh Brock to Janice Scott, 17 October 1973. Photocopy of extracts from letter from Gerald Holtom to Hugh Brock, 29 September 1973. Photocopy of photograph of Aldermaston March, 1958, with caption. Photocopy of photograph of arrival of American-European March in Moscow, 1961, with caption. Photocopy of photograph of soldier with ND symbol on his helmet, with caption. Photocopy of photograph of self-propelled howitzer 155mm decorated with flag bearing ND symbol, with caption. Carbon copy letter to Ken Kolsbun, 2 May 1975, granting permission for Kolsbun to use material he sent to Janice Scott. Holtom will be in contact. Photocopy of introduction to 'The things we saw: an illustrated history of the peace symbol', by Ken Kolsbun.