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The years  
1964-79  
constitute a  
turbulent  
period in  
labour history  
and the high

tide of trade  
unionism in  
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Britain. This  
volume of  
essays from  
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subjects these years to historical scrutiny. Centred on a conception of industrial politics which sees what happened at the grassroots as being as vital as what happened in Parliament and Congress House, it takes a fresh look at well-rehearsed themes and re-examines the policies of the Labour and Conservative Parties. It also provides for analysis of neglected topics such as the role of the Communist, Trotskyist and rank-and-file organizations, as well as of issues of class, gender and ethnicity. *The Week* Xlibris Corporation Volume XIII of the Dictionary of Labour Biography maintains the standard of original and thorough scholarship for which the series has earned its outstanding reputation. A unique study of nineteenth and twentieth century British history, each entry is written by a specialist and engages with recent developments in the field of labour history. *British Foreign Policy since 1870* Lulu.com Reg BirchThe War Against the Working ClassXlibris Corporation *The Labour Monthly* London : Bodley Head East Wind offers the first complete, archive-based account of the relationship between China and the British Left, from the rise of modern Chinese nationalism to the death of

Mao Tse tung. Beginning with the "Hands Off China" movement of the mid-1920s, Tom Buchanan charts the mobilisation of British opinion in defence of China against Japanese aggression, 1931-1945, and the role of the British left in relations with the People's Republic of China after 1949. He shows how this relationship was placed under stress by the

growing unpredictability of Communist China, above all by the Sino-Soviet dispute and the Cultural Revolution, which meant that by the 1960s China was actively supported only by a dwindling group of enthusiasts. The impact of the suppression of the student protests in Tiananmen Square (June 1989) is addressed as an epilogue. East Wind argues that the

significance of the left's relationship with China has been unjustly overlooked. There were many occasions, such as the mid-1920s, the late 1930s and the early 1950s, when China demanded the full attention of the British left. It also argues that there is nothing new in the current fascination with China's emergence as an economic power. Throughout these decades the British left was aware of

the immense, unrealised potential of the Chinese economy, and of how China's economic growth could transform the world. In addition to analysing the role of the political parties and pressure groups of the left, Buchanan sheds new light on the activities of many well-known figures in support of China, including intellectuals such as Bertrand Russell, R H Tawney and Joseph

Needham. Many other interesting stories emerge, concerning less well-known figures, which show the complexity of personal links between Britain and China during the twentieth century. Walking in the Shadow of a Political Agitator - Book 1 Apprentice L'AGE D'HOMME First published in 1999, this volume describes the political climate and state of trade

unions after the second world war in Britain. Detailing the transition of individuals who had survived in the war or had taken part in the war effort to going back a civilian life in 1945. Following the rise of the Labour party in Britain until 1964. **The Communist Party of Great Britain Since 1920** Routledge This is the story of a father seen through the eyes of a son who grew up

in his shadow. A father who in late 1940 was quite suddenly thrust into notoriety consequent upon the vagaries of a congenital heart condition and a Luftwaffe bomb; this shunted him from Nuevo Riche café owner's son to shop floor worker at the Austin Motor Company. Ironically fate interceded once again when shortly after completing National Service the son joined him

there in 1957 working on the other side of the fence, after motor magnate Sir Leonard Lord sponsored him as an undergraduate trainee at the Austin. Revolutionaries in Modern Britain Pluto Press (UK) At the start of the 1980s no employer had heard of an "equal opportunities policy" - by the end three-quarters of all those in work were covered by one. This is the story of the "equal opportunities revolution" at

work. It explains why bosses took equal opportunities on board just as they were tearing up union rights at work. It asks why greater rights led to greater inequality, and why advances in race and sex equality ran alongside social inequality. It shows how the equal opportunities revolution became the general model for workplace relations in the decades that followed, and how it did

not challenge, but rather perfected the liberalisation of labour law. The right won the economic war, the left won the culture war - and this book explains how. <i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography: Belle-Blackman</i> Routledge	original research and a reading of specialist texts, the authors analyze the rise and fall of the party and evaluate its role on the left of British politics. Whilst sympathetic to the ideals and commitment of many British communist activists, the book is sharply critical of much of the actual practice of the party. <i>The Kick Inside - Revolutionary Opposition in the CPGB, 1945-1991</i>	A&C Black Surveys the most important dissident movement within International Communism since World War II. <i>The Organization of the Energy Industry</i> Greenwood Publishing Group
A new single volume history of the Communist Party of Great Britain examining the party from its foundations in 1920 to its demise in the early 1990s. Drawing on		This is a pathbreaking book, essential reading for students of interwar political and social history. Previous histories of the period have underestimate

d the crucial role which Communists played in trade union organisation from top to bottom. Despite its relatively small size the Communist Party occupied a strategic place in the trade union movement: the leaders of the movement, notably Ernest Bevin, refused to acknowledge this at the time. Thanks to her extensive research and numerous interviews, and to the

'opening of the books' of the Communist Part, Nina Fishman has been able to uncover a fascinating story, one which official Communist historians have never told, and which other historians could only recount in fragments. The main protagonists are the Communist Party General Secretary, Harry Pollitt, and the Editor of the Daily Worker, Johnny Campbell. The

book brings to vivid life the work of activists on the shop floor and in the coalmines during the Depression and the Second World War. The book includes the first comprehensive analysis of Communist activity in key sectors of the British economy, notably in engineering shop stewards' movements and among London busmen. It concludes with an authoritative



review of Communists' part in the British war economy and a vigorous challenge to the conventional wisdom about the effect of Communist Party changes of line on the war on activists' abilities to incite and lead strikes.  
The Equal Opportunities Revolution  
Ashgate Pub Limited  
In most studies of British decolonisation, the world of labour is neglected, the key roles

being allocated to metropolitan statesmen and native elites. Instead this volume focuses on the role played by working people, their experiences, initiatives and organisations, in the dissolution of the British Empire, both in the metropole and in the colonies. How central was the intervention of the metropolitan Left in the liquidation of the British Empire? Were labour

mobilisations in the colonies only stepping stones for bourgeois nationalists? To what extent were British labour activists willing and able to form connections with colonial workers, and vice versa? Here are some of the complex questions on which this volume sheds new light. Though convergences were fragile and temporary, this book recapture the sense of uncertainty

that accompanied the final decades of the British Empire, a period when radical minorities hoped that coordinated efforts across borders might lead not only to the destruction of the British Empire but to that of capitalism and imperialism in general. Exploiting rare primary sources and adopting a resolutely transnational approach, our collection makes an original contribution to

both labour history and imperial studies. **LM, Labour Monthly** Manchester University Press  
The author argues that the hierarchical and disciplined structure of organizations within the British labour movement prevented it from ever becoming a real threat to the Establishment. He suggests it was its willingness to accommodate the status quo that led to its

slow decline.  
**Journal - Engineering Section**  
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A weekly review of politics, literature, theology, and art.  
The Long Death of British Labourism  
London ; New York :  
Longman  
55,000  
biographies of people who shaped the history of the British Isles and beyond, from the earliest times

to the year 2002. The Weekly Review Oxford University Press on Demand Sometimes described as 'the British Brecht', Ewan MacColl (1915-1989) was a major twentieth-century political artist. This is the first biography of MacColl, and was prepared with the authorisation of his collaborator and widow, Peggy Seeger. MacColl became a communist at fourteen and spent six

decades at the cultural forefront of numerous political struggles, producing plays, songs and radio programmes on subjects ranging from the Spanish Civil War to the Poll Tax. Charting his involvement in radical theatre, his ground breaking radio work in the UK and the USA, as well as his musical influences and legacy, his three marriages, and his relationship with his

songwriter daughter Kirstie MacColl, this is a lively account of a much-loved icon of 20th century folk music. Drawing on extensive research, *Class Act* is a freshly conceived and energetically written account of a highly creative and controversial activist.

### **Summary of World Broadcasts**

Springer This major, authoritative reference work embraces the spectrum of

organized political activity in the British Isles. It includes over 2,500 organizations in 1,700 separate entries.

Arrangement is in 20 main subject sections, covering the three main p

The Other

Germany  
Pluto Press  
(UK)

This book, first published in 1973, analyses and sets in context one of the major issues in the growth of the European economy. Workers'

participation played an increasingly vital role in industrial relations. This book looks at the background and development of different types of participation in Britain, ranging from workers' attempts at co-operative production, through the schemes in the nationalised industries of mining and steel, to the Fairfields Experiment and the Upper Clyde 'work-in' in

shipbuilding.

This book concludes with an account of the developments in worker councils and worker directors in nine other European countries.

### **Dictionary of Labour**

### **Biography**

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The War Against the Working Class

This book traces the history of revolutions and counterrevolutions since 1917, in Russia, Korea, Vietnam, China, the countries of

Eastern Europe, and Cuba. I present the evidence of their achievements and describe the wars they were forced to fight in self-defence. We can learn from the efforts and the errors of the pioneers, even though their conditions of being pre-industrial and dependent societies were very different from Britain's today. The hope is that this book will provoke thought about the future of our nation in

order to help us to decide what we need to do, not to copy but to create. *East Wind* Springer Against the grain is the first general history of the British far left to be published in the twenty-first century. Its contents cover a range of organisations beyond the Labour Party, bringing together leading experts on British left-wing politics to examine issues of class, race

and gender from 1956 to the present day. The essays collected here are designed to highlight the impact made by the far left on British politics and society. Though the predicted revolution did not come, organisations such as the International Socialists, the International Marxist Group and Militant became household names in the 1970s and 1980s. Taken as a whole, the collection demonstrates

the extent to  
which the far  
left has

woven its  
influence into

the political  
fabric of  
Britain.