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Biographical Background: Benjamin Theaker Parkin was born in 1906 in East London, the son of Captain Benjamin Dooley Parkin. He was educated at Wycliffe College, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and then at Lincoln College, Oxford and the University of Strasbourg. He began a career as a teacher, during the Second World War he joined the Royal Air Force, reaching the rank of Flight Lieutenant. His first marriage to Phyllis Lunt in 1929 produced two sons. However, this was dissolved in 1957 and he married Pamela Tuffnell (nee Coates) in the same year. They had one son, Nicholas [Obituary, The Times].

In the general election of 1945 Ben Parkin was elected to the Stroud Division of the County of Gloucester. He was the town's first Labour MP with a majority of 949. Boundary changes in 1950 created the Stroud and Thornbury seat which Parkin lost to the Conservative candidate, Walter Robert Dempster Perkins, by just 28 votes. Parkin contested the seat again in 1951, this time losing by 1,582 votes. In December 1953 he won the Paddington North seat with a majority of 2,260. He remained the MP for this constituency until his death on 3 June 1969. A knowledgeable and outspoken man, he was associated with the left of the party and never held a portfolio. However, in 1949 he was appointed by the Minister of Pensions as a member of his Central Advisory Committee. In the same year Parkin, with 64 other Labour MPs, received a formal warning from the Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Government Chief Whip regarding their conduct towards the Labour party. This followed the expulsion of two MPs and the dismissal of four parliamentary private secretaries for having voted against the Government on the Ireland Bill. During the 1960s he served on a variety of Parliamentary Labour Party committees, including Housing and Local Government [Obituary, The Times; U DBP/2/10].

His interests were varied. However, he seemed to focus on social issues, for example, housing, prostitution, unemployment and drug abuse. His maiden speech referred to the need to get the nation back to work after the damage caused by the Second World War. The questions that he raised in the House perhaps reflect his Royal Air Force background and the experience of being demobbed. His interest in housing matters is evidenced in his questions regarding the state of housing in his first constituency of Stroud, as well as his campaigns on behalf of his constituents in Paddington North. He believed the poverty and deprivation witnessed in Paddington was partly caused by the series of 99 year leases which had been produced upon completion of the railway station in 1854 and were, therefore, due for renewal at that time. He is, perhaps, best known for his diligent efforts to expose the activities of Peter Rachman and other notorious landlords of inner London. He coined the phrase 'Rachmanism'. He sought redress for his constituents who were often tenants in poorly-maintained, expensive, multiple occupancy dwellings. His application to introduce a private Bill to control slum racketeering was rejected by 208 votes to 140. In 1968 he advocated the introduction of a licensing system for landlords which switched the onus of responsibility for ensuring improvements were carried out from the local authority to the owner. He called for measures to remove young prostitutes from the streets of Paddington. In tackling the menace of drugs he called upon the Government to take action to stop the peddling of 'purple heart' tablets amongst teenagers. He reproached the government for not studying the 'Soho nerve centre' of the 'purple heart pill racket' sufficiently, and asked a number of parliamentary questions relating to this during late May and early June 1965 [Hansard, Parliamentary debates, 425:1356-8 [1945], 527:612 [1954]; U DBP/5/2; Obituary, The Times].

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Parkin campaigned strongly against German rearmament and the European Defense Community, which favoured reducing national service. He published pamphlets highlighting his fears of German rearmament as well as addressing a Communist-organised meeting in Brussels in 1954 which was held to protest against German rearmament. This meeting resulted in clashes between police and protesters outside the House of Commons a few days later as demonstrators supporting him gathered to lobby MPs [Obituary, The Times].

Parkin enjoyed travel as a hobby and as part of his job and in 1947 he joined a group of Labour MPs visiting the Soviet Union. Ostensibly going as tourists, on arrival they sought meetings with the country's leaders. In Moscow they discussed politics with Molotov and economics with Stalin. Parkin declared the meeting to have been very useful and hoped for an improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations. This was part of a wider trip around Eastern Europe including Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland. They were invited by the Socialist parties of each of the countries who wished to discuss the progress that had been made in 'reconstructing' their countries. The following year he was part of a party visiting Nigeria for three weeks to inquire into the spending of £23 million which had been allocated to the colony under the Colonial Development Act of 1945. In 1954 a group of Labour MPs, including Parkin, were invited to Prague by the People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. From there they went on to Moscow and eventually China. During January 1957 he visited Israel stopping at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where he toured the New Hebrew University [Obituary, The Times; U DBP/7/5; U DBP/1/9b].

Parkin was also a member of the Union of Democratic Control (UDC) which by this time had become closely involved in the independence movements, particularly within the British Empire. Between 1953 and 1954, and again in 1963, he was a member of its Executive Committee. During the years 1954 and 1956 he also sat upon the Management Sub-Committee. During the 1950s he held the position of Joint Secretary with Audrey Jupp. Ben Parkin died in 1969 [U DDC/1/6a, 8; U DDC/5/224-5, 237, 259; U DBP/1/25].

Custodial history: Deposited by Nicholas Parkin in July 1994, with two further items received in May 1998 (U DBP/10/9-10).

Description: The papers largely relate to Ben Parkin's activities after his election as MP for Paddington North. They have been artificially arranged beginning with a series of correspondence files (1953-1968) arranged alphabetically by surname, with the notable exception of the itinerary for his visit to Israel in 1957, which can be found in file 'I'. Constituency correspondence is combined with correspondence on a range of things and from a range of people such as United States Airways and the Union of Democratic Control. There is a letter from Hugh Gaitskell dated 14 December 1955. The remaining papers have been collected under subject headings which cover the different areas of Parkin's interests and activities.

Correspondence files are followed by general Labour Party files and files for the North Paddington constituency of the Labour Party (1946-1970) and these include correspondence, leaflets, membership cards, press cuttings, minutes, one school report for Nicholas Parkin dated 1970 and correspondence about Ben Parkin's memorial service. There is also a letter from Anthony Eden dated 4 May 1956 and a file on the general election of 1964.

Perhaps the largest section of his papers relates to his interest in housing. This series of files (1950-1969) contains a number of case papers including material relating to problems with his own tenants. There are also general housing files of information collected by Parkin including extracts of speeches and questions asked in the House of Commons. Fourteen files

relate to information gathered upon the landlords that he campaigned against, including Peter Rachman. There are a number of files containing financial material, photocopied and original, relating to the business activities of questionable landlords. The remainder of this section comprises press cuttings and photographs of poor housing conditions.

There is a small amount of material relating to the issue of rearmament (1953-1969) comprising assorted correspondence, speeches, press cuttings and reports, as well as an undated photograph of Ben Parkin participating in an anti-nuclear march and a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) wristband. His concern about the use of dangerous drugs, especially 'purple hearts', is evidenced by two files (1961-1965) containing correspondence and parliamentary questions on this topic. There are also a number of general subject files (1953-1968) on such topics as Paddington Borough Council, electoral registration, prostitution and nationalised industries in Czechoslovakia and police crowd control tactics.

Parkin's collection of publications and writings (1954-1965) includes a variety of undated typescripts and published pamphlets reflecting his areas of interest especially disarmament. His papers contain a number of press cuttings (1947-1964), some of them from Soviet and Czechoslovakian newspapers. Files of personal papers (1962-1975) largely post-date Parkin's death and there is a series of correspondence between Pamela Parkin and Mrs Marcia Williams (Private Secretary to Harold Wilson), covering this period and papers about his pension. There are also letters from Harold Wilson (1969, 1974) and Michael Foot (1975). Amongst files of miscellaneous material (1918-1964) are two x-rays of Ben Parkin, one definitely identifiable as a hand.

Arrangement

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| U DBP/1 | Correspondence, 1953 - 1968 |
| U DBP/2 | Labour Party and North Paddington Constituency Labour Party, 1946 - 1970 |
| U DBP/3 | Housing, 1950 - 1969 |
| U DBP/4 | Rearmament, 1953 - 1969 |
| U DBP/5 | Dangerous drugs, 1961 - 1965 |
| U DBP/6 | General subject files, 1953 - 1968 |
| U DBP/7 | Writings and Publications, 1954 - 1965 |
| U DBP/8 | Press cuttings, 1947 - 1964 |
| U DBP/9 | Personal, 1962 - 1975 |
| U DBP/10 | Miscellaneous, 1918 - 1964 |

Extent: 6 boxes

Related material: Archives of the Union of Democratic Control [U DDC]

Finding aids: Entry in Modern political papers subject guide

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| U DBP/1 | Correspondence 24 items & 23 files | 1953-1968 |
| U DBP/1/1 | Correspondence file: 'A' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1963-1967 |
| U DBP/1/2 | Correspondence file: 'B' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1968 |
| U DBP/1/3 | Correspondence file: 'C' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1968 |
| U DBP/1/4 | Correspondence file: 'D' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1953-1967 |
| U DBP/1/5 | Correspondence file: 'E' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1965-1967 |
| U DBP/1/6 | Correspondence file: 'F' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1967 |
| U DBP/1/7 | Correspondence file: 'G' Alphabetical arrangement by surname. Includes a letter from Hugh Gaitskell MP, dated 14 Dec 1955 1 file | 1954-1967 |
| U DBP/1/8 | Correspondence file: 'H' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1963-1968 |
| U DBP/1/9 | Correspondence file: 'I' Alphabetical arrangement by surname. Includes synopsis for suggested pamphlet 'The Small Man in Industry' by Ben Parkin, n.d. and an itinerary for visit to Israel, dated 9 Jan 1957-20 Jan 1957 1 file | 1956-1967 |
| U DBP/1/10 | Correspondence file: 'K' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1967 |
| U DBP/1/11 | Correspondence file: 'L' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1964-1967 |

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| U DBP/1/12 | Correspondence file: 'M' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1962-1967 |
| U DBP/1/13 | Correspondence file: 'O' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1964-1967 |
| U DBP/1/14 | Correspondence file: 'P' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1967 |
| U DBP/1/15 | Correspondence file: 'Q, R' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1954-1967 |
| U DBP/1/16 | Correspondence file: 'S' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1959-1967 |
| U DBP/1/17 | Correspondence file: 'T' Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1959-1967 |
| U DBP/1/18 | Bundle of correspondence relating to United States Airways 4 items | 1965 |
| U DBP/1/19 | Bundle of correspondence: U, V. Alphabetical arrangement by surname 13 items | 1965-1967 |
| U DBP/1/20 | Correspondence file: W Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1963-1967 |
| U DBP/1/21 | Correspondence file: Y Alphabetical arrangement by surname 1 file | 1955-1963 |
| U DBP/1/22 | Anonymous letter to Ben Parkin criticising Christine Keeler 1 item | c.1963 |
| U DBP/1/23 | Copy of letter to a 'Professor of Political Science in the United States who is a left wing member of the Democratic Party and an old admirer of Aneurin Bevan' 1 item | mid-20th cent. |

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| U DBP/1/24 | Letter from the National Campaign for the Abolition of Capital Punishment With attached petition, 'a Memorial' 2 items | 20 Oct 1956 |
| U DBP/1/25 | File. 'UDC' Correspondence with the Union of Democratic Control Includes minutes of Executive Meeting and minutes of Annual General Meeting, both dated 3 Dec 1963 1 file | 1963-1965 |
| U DBP/1/26 | Correspondence file: 'Charles Wegg Prosser', Solicitors 1 file | 1963-1965 |
| U DBP/1/27 | Correspondence file Regarding legal affairs 1 file | 1959-1966 |
| U DBP/1/28 | Bundle of correspondence with solicitors 3 items | 1964 |
| U DBP/1/29 | Correspondence file: 'Wiget' Correspondence with Dr Eric Wiget 1 file | 1963-1965 |
| U DBP/2 | Labour Party and North Paddington Constituency Labour Party Includes papers regarding the North Paddington Constituency Labour Party, the Parliamentary Labour Party, and the National Labour Party 8 files & 13 items | 1946-1970 |
| U DBP/2/1 | File. 'North Paddington Labour Party' Correspondence, leaflets and press cuttings. Includes: a) Membership cards for Mrs P Tuffnell (5), 1946 - 1950 b) Membership cards for B Parkin MP and Mrs B Parkin (2), 1957 c) Pamphlet. 'Challenge to Britain'. A programme of action for the next Labour Government, December 1953 1 file | 1946-1966 |
| U DBP/2/2 | North Paddington Labour Party election leaflets 5 items | 1950s |

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| U DBP/2/3 | File. '[Edward] Avery' Correspondence, notes and press cuttings relating to Edward Avery. Includes: a) Minutes of North Paddington Constituency Labour Party (2), 21 Nov 1967 and 27 Feb 1968 b) Half yearly school report for NAB Parkin, St Paul's Preparatory School, Feb 1970 1 file | 1964-1970 |
| U DBP/2/4 | File. Labour Party: Sara Barker etc Correspondence and minutes of North Paddington Constituency Labour Party. Includes a membership card for Mr B Parkin, 1965 1 file | 1965-1968 |
| U DBP/2/5 | Correspondence Regarding North Paddington Labour Party holding a Memorial Service to Ben Parkin 3 items | Jun-Jul 1969 |
| U DBP/2/6 | File. 'NP Labour and Club' Correspondence relating to North Paddington Labour Club, constitution and rules 1 file | 1968 |
| U DBP/2/7 | File. 'Labour Party' Correspondence, includes: a) North Paddington Constituency Labour Party minutes (2), 3 and 10 Oct 1967 b) Membership cards for Mr Parkin MP and Mrs Parkin (2), 1967 1 file | 1956-1967 |
| U DBP/2/8 | File. Parliamentary General File Correspondence and information relating to parliamentary activities. Includes a letter from Anthony Eden MP (Prime Minister), dated 4 May 1956 1 file | 1954-1965 |
| U DBP/2/9 | Pamphlet. 'Forward with Labour. Labour's policy for the consideration of the Nation' With notes 1 item | 1955 |
| U DBP/2/10 | File. Parliamentary Labour Party Groups Notes and lists specifying areas of interest and lists of group members 1 file | 1950s-1960s |

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| U DBP/2/11 | Memorandum regarding prospective parliamentary candidate Gerald Fowler 1 item | 26 Jun 1961 |
| U DBP/2/12 | Typescripts Relating to problems within the Conservative Party and ideas for Labour 3 items | Mar 1963 |
| U DBP/2/13 | File. General Election 1964 Correspondence, election publicity material, press cuttings and telegrams 1 file | 1964 |
| U DBP/3 | Housing Includes General housing material, Case papers, Papers relating to landlords, Press cuttings, and Photographs c.275 items & 26 files | 1950-1969 |
| U DBP/3/1 | File. Housing (Research) Correspondence, press cuttings, notes and reports 1 file | 1952-1965 |
| U DBP/3/2 | File. Housing conditions Correspondence and press cuttings, also covering racism and rearmament 1 file | 1963-1967 |
| U DBP/3/3 | File. Housing conditions Letters to Prime Minister and press cuttings 1 file | 20 Oct 1964 |
| U DBP/3/4 | File. Immigration 1954 Correspondence 1 file | 1954 |
| U DBP/3/5 | Bundle of assorted information regarding rented accommodation 20 items | 1950s-1960s |
| U DBP/3/6 | List of References by Mr Parkin to matters relating to housing 1 item | 1955-1963 |
| U DBP/3/7 | Question to House of Commons regarding the Milner Holland Committee 1 item | 15 May 1964 |

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| U DBP/3/8 | Speeches (and extracts) regarding housing 2 items | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/3/9 | File. London County Council M107 Correspondence, notes and reports concerning racism, welfare and social services 1 file | 1959-1960 |
| U DBP/3/10 | File. Peabody Information concerning the Peabody Trust upon its centenary 1 file | 1962 |
| U DBP/3/11 | File. GL Beukers Correspondence relating to individual case 1 file | 1952-1956 |
| U DBP/3/12 | File. Flyers concerning Hyde Park Tenants Association 1 file | c.1963 |
| U DBP/3/13 | File. Mrs Knight copy correspondence Relating to rehousing 1 file | 1963-1964 |
| U DBP/3/14 | File. Hall Place Correspondence relating to accommodation at Hall Place, London W2 1 file | 1965 |
| U DBP/3/15 | Bundle of press cuttings and correspondence Regarding the Marine Court Tenants Association 6 items | 1957-1958 |
| U DBP/3/16 | File. 6 Powis Sq Evictions, Hyde Park Tenants Association & others Correspondence and notes 1 file | 1958-1962 |
| U DBP/3/17 | File. C Pescador (CWP) Correspondence relating to case of Ben Parkin vs Cecil Pescador, concerning housing conditions 1 file | 1960-1966 |
| U DBP/3/18 | File. WJ Cook (CWP) Correspondence relating to a letter by Cook about Parkin and housing conditions 1 file | 1963-1964 |

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| U DBP/3/19 | File. CWP - Pescador etc Cook, Brown & others Correspondence, statement of claim and defence in case 1964 P. No. 2164, Ben Parkin and Cecil Pescador. Includes a file on Raymond Brown (Paddington) (CWP), correspondence relating to libel case against Brown (comments made to Paddington Conservative Association), 1964 2 files | 1963-1965 |
| U DBP/3/20 | File. Church Commissioners Correspondence, press cuttings and report relating to their property 1 file | c.1963 |
| U DBP/3/21 | File. City Centre Properties Ltd Photocopied financial details 1 file | 1960s |
| U DBP/3/22 | Letter Regarding to Fiesta Tours 1 item | 19 Aug 1964 |
| U DBP/3/23 | File. Freshwater Press cutting and note concerning this landlords' organisation 1 file | 1968-1969 |
| U DBP/3/24 | File. Ben Parkin. Landau Correspondence and notes relating to the Morris Marks Landau Trust 1 file | 1961-1964 |
| U DBP/3/25 | File. London County Freehold Photocopied financial details 1 file | 1960s |
| U DBP/3/26 | Bundle of documents, including share certificates Relating to the business activities of Mr R Nash and others involving rented properties c.130 items | 1958-1966 |
| U DBP/3/27 | Set of rent cards for 76 West Cromwell Road, London Property relating to Mr Nash c.80 items | 1964-1966 |
| U DBP/3/28 | File. Photocopied legal documents Concerning Mr Nash and others 1 file | 1959-1967 |

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| U DBP/3/29 | Letter from Anthony Coots Sykes (ties with Mr Nash) to Ben Parkin Concerning accusations made against him 1 item | 20 Jul 1963 |
| U DBP/3/30 | Bundle of correspondence and financial material Relating to Mr Sykes and Mr Nash 7 items | 1960-1964 |
| U DBP/3/31 | File. de Pinna Correspondence relating to Louis de Pinna, landlord and Liberal candidate 1 file | 1965-1967 |
| U DBP/3/32 | File. Major Rachman Letters Correspondence, notes and press cuttings relating to Rachman and associates, housing conditions and tenancies 1 file | 1955-1965 |
| U DBP/3/33 | File. Rachman letters in general Correspondence concerning houses in a bad state of repair and unscrupulous landlords 1 file | 1963 |
| U DBP/3/34 | Press cuttings Concerning poor housing conditions 2 items | 1962-1966 |
| U DBP/3/35 | File. Property (General) Press cuttings 1 file | 1968-1969 |
| U DBP/3/36 | Press cuttings Regarding housing 3 items | 1968 |
| U DBP/3/37 | Photographs of poor housing conditions 6 items | 1960s |
| U DBP/3/38 | Photographs Regarding London life and poor housing conditions, including one of Winston Churchill 5 items | 1960s |
| U DBP/3/39 | File. Photographs [central London] 1 file | 1969 |
| U DBP/3/40 | Photograph of Sinclair's [landlord] office at Slough 1 item | 20th cent. |

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| U DBP/3/41 | Photographs relating to Mr Kramer Includes letter 9 items | 20 Aug 1964 |
| U DBP/4 | Rearmament 2 files and 17 items | 1953-1969 |
| U DBP/4/1 | French National Assembly report regarding European defence 1 item | 1953 |
| U DBP/4/2 | File. Letters on German rearmament and petition at House of Commons Correspondence and press cuttings concerning public demonstrations and actions made by Parkin in the House of Commons opposing rearmament 1 file | 1954-1955 |
| U DBP/4/3 | Typescript Disarmament since 1958 1 item | 1958-1962 |
| U DBP/4/4 | Notes concerning atomic and nuclear explosions 1 file | c.1960 |
| U DBP/4/5 | Press cutting relating to projected deaths in the event of a nuclear war 1 item | 1960s |
| U DBP/4/6 | Correspondence and invoice Relating to Parkin's pamphlet 'Multilateral Disarmament' 8 items | 1962 |
| U DBP/4/7 | Press release 'US Disarmament Proposal' from United States Information Service, American Embassy, London 1 item | 18 Apr 1962 |
| U DBP/4/8 | War/Peace Report: disarmament, is there any hope? 1 item | Oct 1962 |
| U DBP/4/9 | 'The Geneva Disarmament Conference', Labour Party International Department, Information Paper 1 item This item is currently missing from our collections and cannot therefore be viewed at the present time | c.1963 |

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| U DBP/4/10 | Speech on the 'Structure and Working of the ECD' [European Defence Committee] by Bernard Leverange 1 item | 20th cent. |
| U DBP/4/11 | Photograph of Ben Parkin on an anti nuclear march 1 item | 1960s |
| U DBP/4/12 | Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament wristband 1 item | 1960s |
| U DBP/5 | Dangerous drugs 2 files | 1961-1965 |
| U DBP/5/1 | File. Purple Hearts Correspondence, press cuttings and notes relating to dangerous drugs and the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Bill 1964 1 file | 1961-1964 |
| U DBP/5/2 | File. Purple Hearts Parliamentary questions 1 file | 24 May-2 Jun 1965 |
| U DBP/6 | General subject files 7 files | 1953-1968 |
| U DBP/6/1 | File. ASSET Association of Supervisory Staffs, Executives and Technicians Correspondence 1 file | 1963-1968 |
| U DBP/6/2 | File. Typescript on Management of nationalised industries and enterprises in Czechoslovakia 1 file | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/6/3 | File. Electoral Registration Correspondence and press cuttings relating to tenants excluded from the electoral roll by landlords attempting to hide the number of tenants per property 1 file | 1964 |
| U DBP/6/4 | File. Metropolitan Police Letter and press cuttings relating to police tactics at demonstrations 1 file | Nov 1956 |

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| U DBP/6/5 | File. PBC - Paddington Borough Council Correspondence and press cutting 1 file | 1953-1964 |
| U DBP/6/6 | File. Papers - General relating to Prostitution etc Correspondence, notes and press cuttings 1 file | 1956-1963 |
| U DBP/6/7 | File. RPM - Resale Price Maintenance Correspondence and notes concerning the Resale Prices Bill 1964 1 file | 1964 |
| U DBP/7 | Writings and Publications 16 items | 1954-1965 |
| U DBP/7/1 | Typescript of 'Shopping in Moscow', by Ben Parkin 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/2 | Typescript of 'The real struggle for the British Labour Party', by Ben Parkin 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/3 | Typescript of 'Two days before Christmas', by Ben Parkin 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/4 | Typescript of 'Who is crazy around here?', by Ben Parkin 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/5 | Typescript of Resume by Parkin for 'L'Ordre de Paris' Concerning his impressions after a visit with the head of the Soviet Union 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/6 | Typescript of 'The Left Wing in the British Parliamentary Labour Party' 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/7 | Typescript of speech depicting events within the Houses of Parliament [anonymous] 1 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/7/8 | Memorandum Regarding the establishment of a quarterly review dealing with the political and sociological problems of colour and race 1 item | mid-20th cent. |

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| U DBP/7/9 | Typescript of 'World disarmament now' by Philip Noel Baker With letter from the Union of Democratic Control to Ben Parkin 2 items | 24 Jun 1963 |
| U DBP/7/10 | Typescript of 'A hundred thousand lonely old ladies', by Ben Parkin 1 item | c.1965 |
| U DBP/7/11 | Pamphlet on 'China and the United Nations', by Ben Parkin (Union of Democratic Control) 1 item | 1956 |
| U DBP/7/12 | Pamphlet on 'Our Nazi ally? What German rearmament means', by Ben Parkin (Union of Democratic Control) 1 item | 1954 |
| U DBP/7/13 | Pamphlet on 'In defence of European peace and against German rearmament', by Ben Parkin (Union of Democratic Control) 1 item | 1954 |
| U DBP/7/14 | Pamphlet on 'Multilateral disarmament. What are we doing about it?', by Ben Parkin (Union of Democratic Control) 1 item | 1958 |
| U DBP/7/15 | Pamphlet on 'Should we control immigration?', by Ben Parkin (London Committee for Inter Racial Unity) 1 item | 1961 |
| U DBP/8 | Press cuttings 5 items & 1 bundle | 1947-1964 |
| U DBP/8/1 | Press cutting from 'Les Dernieres Nouvelles d'Alsace' Regarding the state of post war Britain including a visit to Westminster guided by Ben Parkin 1 item | 20 Aug 1947 |
| U DBP/8/2 | 'Mlada fronta' (Czech newspaper) Includes a photograph of Parkin 1 item | 26 Sep 1947 |
| U DBP/8/3 | 'Politika' (Russian newspaper) 1 item | 3 Oct 1947 |

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| U DBP/8/4 | 'Moscow Pravda' (Russian newspaper) 1 item | 15 Apr 1960 |
| U DBP/8/5 | Press cuttings Regarding Parkin and issues of concern 1 bundle/c.50 items | 1957-1964 |
| U DBP/8/6 | Press cutting from the 'Paddington Mercury' Concerning Parkin's boycott of the Mayor of Paddington's Annual Reception 1 item | 2 Mar 1962 |
| U DBP/9 | Personal 5 files | 1962-1975 |
| U DBP/9/1 | File. Benjamin Theaker Parkin - Personal General Correspondence and press cuttings. Includes a letter from Harold Wilson MP (Prime Minister), dated 3 Feb 1967, and typescript of 'The Week in Westminster' transmission by Ben Parkin, dated 22 Feb 1964 1 file | 1962-1967 |
| U DBP/9/2 | File. Press cuttings and correspondence Mainly between Mrs Pamela Parkin and Mrs Marcia Williams (Private Secretary to Harold Wilson). Includes: a) Letter from Harold Wilson MP, 24 Oct 1974 b) Letter from Michael Foot MP, 12 May 1975 c) Christmas cards from Harold (Prime Minister) and Mary Wilson (3), n.d. d) Christmas card from Gerald Kaufman MP, n.d. 1 file/c.100 items | 1965-1975 |
| U DBP/9/3 | File. Marcia and No. 10 Letters to Pamela Parkin mainly from Marcia Williams surrounding Ben Parkin's death. Includes a letter from Harold Wilson MP (Prime Minister), dated 23 Jun 1969 1 file/12 items | 1969-1970 |
| U DBP/9/4 | File. Social Security - Personal Correspondence and official documentation relating to a pension appeal 1 file This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2048. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk. | 1967-1972 |

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| U DBP/9/5 | File. Social Security - Personal Correspondence, notes and official documentation relating to Parkin's sickness benefit tribunal proceedings, his death, autopsy and Mrs Parkin's widow's pension 1 file This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2047. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk. | 1968-1971 |
| U DBP/10 | Miscellaneous 61 items, & 1 bundle | 1918-1964 |
| U DBP/10/1 | Miscellaneous notes 12 items | 20th cent. |
| U DBP/10/2 | Assorted business cards and Christmas greetings 4 items | 20th cent. |
| U DBP/10/3 | Photographs featuring Ben Parkin, an aeroplane and Chinese delegates 4 item | mid-20th cent. |
| U DBP/10/4 | Memorandum on Cooperative Societies and Political Action, Liberal Cooperative Committee 1 item | 21 Jan 1918 |
| U DBP/10/5 | X-rays of Ben Parkin 2 items | 15 Oct 1947 |
| U DBP/10/6 | Pamphlet on 'Presentation to the Right Honourable Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill KG, OM, CH, MP, on his 80th Birthday Tuesday 30th November 1954 in Westminster Hall at 12 noon under the Chairmanship of the Right Honourable WS Morrison MC, QC, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons' 1 item | 30 Nov 1954 |
| U DBP/10/7 | Securicor brochure Includes press cutting and statement by Sir Philip Margetson, Chairman of Securicor, and notes 1 bundle | 22 Jul 1963 |
| U DBP/10/8 | File. Letter and photographs of Soho scenes from the 'Daily Herald' 8 items | 10 Jun 1964 |

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| U DBP/10/9 | Photocopied press cutting from the 'Stroud News' Regarding Parkin's intervention in a homeless problem near Stroud 1 item | 23 Aug 1963 |
| U DBP/10/10 | Photocopied press cuttings from a number of papers in London and Gloucestershire Reporting Parkin's death 28 items | Jun 1969 |