

**U DP201**

**Workers International League**

**1942**

**Historical Background:**

The Workers' International League (WIL) was a Trotskyist group in Britain which formed in 1937 after a split by some of the members of the Militant Group formed in 1935 by Denzil Dean Harber. The split included Jock Haston and Ted Grant and the WIL remained affiliated with the Labour Party. They campaigned for the creation of workers' militias instead of the Home Guard and encouraged its members to go through the experience of war.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, fearing persecution some members including Tommy Reilly, Jock Haston, Gerry Healy, John Williams and George Noseda moved to Dublin, but the fears proved ungrounded and the group continued to be active. The Workers' International League and the Revolutionary Socialist League merged in March 1944 to become the Revolutionary Communist Party.

**Custodial history:**

Purchased from Porcupine Books, London, N7 6JG on 26 May 1998

**Description:**

Contains a photograph of a meeting of the Workers International League

**Extent:** 1 item

**Related material:**

Papers of Jock Haston include Records of the Workers International League [U DJH/14]

Papers of Denzil Dean Harber [U DDH]

Photocopies of the Revolutionary Communist Party Journal, 'Militant' [U DX211]

Other repositories:

records 1941-1949, Warwick University: Modern Records Centre (ref Mss.75)

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Photograph. Trotsky Memorial Meeting (Workers International League). Platform party comprises Ajit Rey, Ted Grant, [?], and Gerry Healy  
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