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The collection comprises personal and political papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, including some papers of his second wife, Lady Diana Mosley (formerly Guinness, née Mitford). The papers largely cover the post-war period from the 1940s-1980s, although a small amount of earlier material can be found in the collection. For the majority of surviving earlier papers of Sir Oswald Mosley covering the 1920s-1940s, please consult the catalogue of papers deposited by Nicholas Mosley [catalogue reference OMN].

The papers catalogued as reference OMD shed light on Oswald Mosley's political ideologies after the war, particularly his ideas of 'Europe a Nation' and his political activities as leader of the Union Movement, established in 1948 until his withdrawal from active leadership of the party in 1966. The papers continue to cover his political activities and public life from 1966 until his death in December 1980, including his attempts to rehabilitate his character through the press, television and radio appearances during the late 1960s and 1970s. During this period, Mosley was supported by the work of Robert Row and Jeffrey Hamm of the Union Movement, 'Mosley Secretariat' and Sanctuary Press.

The papers comprise correspondence on personal and political matters covering the period 1921-1981, including correspondence with his biographer, Robert Skidelsky; political and literary writings of Sir Oswald Mosley, including copies of some of his publications, typescripts and manuscript drafts; a number of broadcast transcripts; transcripts of lecture and speeches delivered by Sir Oswald; sound recordings of television and radio broadcasts relating to Oswald Mosley, Diana Mosley and the Union Movement; papers relating to Sir Oswald Mosley's autobiography 'My Life', published in 1968; legal papers relating to libel actions pursued by Oswald Mosley against the BBC and British and international newspapers;
papers relating to the detention of Diana and Oswald Mosley under Defence Regulation 18B during the period May 1940-November 1943 and restrictions after their release; papers relating to objections to David Pryce-Jones' book 'Unity Mitford-a Quest'; subject files created by Union Movement and Mosley Secretariat officials, including press cuttings; memoranda to Oswald Mosley from Robert Row and Jeffrey Hamm of the Union Movement and Mosley Secretariat on political and administrative topics; publications, including periodicals, of the British Union of Fascists and Union Movement; a large selection of press cuttings relating to Oswald Mosley's personal life, his political activities, national and international political and economic issues during the 1950s-1970s and cuttings relating to Mosley and Mitford family members; a small number of personal items, including photographs, passports, language notebooks and collected books.

Administrative history: Oswald Ernald Mosley, eldest son of Oswald Mosley and Katherine Maud Heathcote, was born on 16 November 1896. He attended Winchester school and Sandhurst, and was commissioned into the 16th Lancers cavalry regiment at the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, but later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He injured his leg in a flying accident while in England, shortly after gaining his pilot's certificate and was recalled to his former regiment, spending the winter of 1915-1916 in the trenches. He was invalided out of the war due to his damaged leg in 1916, and spent the last two years of the war working in London in the Ministry of Munitions and in the Foreign Office.

He was elected Unionist MP for Harrow in 1918 and was a member of the National party coalition led by Lloyd George. He rapidly became disillusioned with the government and in November 1920 he left the government over the Black and Tan atrocities in Ireland, which he condemned in the House of Commons. His political outlook at the time, informed by his experiences during the war, his sympathy for
ordinary working people, and his concern to improve social conditions, was thought to be more suited to the Liberal party, and he was involved in discussions with Robert Cecil during the early 1920s to form a Centre Party, but he was re-elected as an Independent MP for Harrow in the General Elections of 1922 and 1923. He joined the Labour party in 1924, and stood for election in Ladywood, Birmingham that year, being narrowly defeated by Neville Chamberlain. He was supported in his political career by his first wife, Cynthia Curzon, whom he married in 1920. Cynthia also joined the Labour party, and accompanied Mosley on visits to India in 1925 and the USA in 1926 to study labour conditions. The couple had three children, Vivien (b. 1921), Nicholas (b. 1923), and Michael (b. 1932). Cynthia Mosley died of peritonitis in 1933.

Mosley was elected Labour MP for Smethwick in 1926, and was elected to the party's National Executive Committee the following year. He was re-elected in the general election of 1929, and was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster by Ramsay MacDonald, with special responsibility for unemployment. In response to the economic crisis and large scale unemployment of the period, Mosley proposed a programme, known as the 'Mosley Memorandum', which aimed to stimulate the economy and provide employment by using public funds to promote industrial expansion. When the Cabinet rejected these proposals, Mosley resigned from the government. He formed the New Party in 1931, supported by Cynthia, and by other former Labour MPs including John Strachey, John Beckett and Robert Forgan, as well as others including Harold Nicolson and Cyril Joad. The New Party contested several seats at the 1931 General Election but failed to win any. Mosley was drawn to the success of Italian fascism in solving some of the economic and social problems of the early 1930s, and made several visits to Rome, meeting Mussolini in January 1932. He disbanded the New Party and formed the British Union of Fascists (BUF) in 1932. Some of those who had supported the New Party became officials in the BUF, but others
were uneasy about Mosley's adoption of fascism, and by the anti-Semitic views increasingly expressed by the movement. The BUF was initially successful, and attracted large numbers of new members and some mainstream support. However, a meeting at Olympia in June 1934 was disrupted by political opponents, and the ensuing violence had an adverse effect on BUF support.

The militaristic elements of the BUF, such as the uniforms, fascist salute and organised marches, together with the movement's willingness to exploit existing tensions by employing anti-Semitic rhetoric and campaigning in Jewish areas in the East End of London, highlighted sinister parallels with the Nazi regime in Germany, and BUF activities were undermined by the passing of the Public Order Act in 1936 which outlawed the wearing of political uniforms, and the use of threatening and abusive language, and restricted rights to organise marches.

The BUF campaigned against war with Germany, and held a Peace rally at Earls Court in the summer of 1939. After the outbreak of war, the movement continued with its peace campaign. Mosley, along with many other BUF members and supporters, was imprisoned under Defence Regulations 18B in May 1940 amidst fears of a German invasion of Britain. He was initially held in Brixton prison, but in 1941 he was moved to Holloway to join his second wife, Diana. Mosley had married Diana, one of the Mitford sisters, and the divorced wife of Bryan Guinness, in 1936 in Berlin, although they had been in a relationship for some years before this. Mosley had two sons with Diana, Alexander (born 1938) and Max (born 1940). Oswald and Diana Mosley were released from prison in 1943 on the grounds of Mosley's ill health, and the couple were placed under house arrest. They settled first at Crux Easton in Hampshire, and moved to Crowood in Wiltshire in 1945 where Mosley ran a farm.

In February 1948, following the publication of his book ‘The Alternative’, he established the Union Movement, which advocated British
integration in Europe, with the exploitation of British colonies in Africa to provide foods and other raw materials that European countries lacked. The Union Movement also campaigned against immigration to Britain from Commonwealth countries. Mosley established the Euphorion Press in an attempt to publish the works of right-wing authors, and Diana Mosley edited a monthly right-wing journal, 'The European' between 1953 and 1959. The Mosleys left England in 1949 and settled first in Ireland at Clonfert in County Galway, and afterwards in France at 'La Temple de la Gloire' in Orsay. They continued to make regular visits to England, and Mosley stood for election for the Union Movement in North Kensington in 1959 and Shoreditch and Finsbury in 1966. He resigned from active leadership of the movement in 1966, at the age of 70, and began to focus on the rehabilitation of his character, through the publication of his autobiography, 'My Life' in 1968, and his appearances on television and radio. A biography of Oswald Mosley was published by Robert Skidelsky in 1975. Oswald Mosley died on 3 December 1980.


Arrangement: The papers were in considerable disorder when received by University of Birmingham, due to their complicated custodial history. Where sequences of records were found to have a distinct original order or arrangement, this has been maintained when cataloguing and a note of this can be found in descriptions at series level in the catalogue. Papers have been arranged in the catalogue in eleven series, according to record type or subject:
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OMD/1 Personal and political correspondence.

OMD/2 Political and literary writings.

OMD/3 Speeches, broadcasts, interviews and conferences.

OMD/4 Autobiography and related papers.

OMD/5 Personalia.

OMD/6 Legal papers.

OMD/7 Union Movement and Mosley Secretariat subject files.

OMD/8 Administrative papers of the Union Movement and Mosley Secretariat.

OMD/9 Publications of the British Union of Fascists and the Union Movement.

OMD/10 Press cuttings.

OMD/11 Publications and papers of other political organisations.

Researchers should be aware that there is some overlap between these sequences. For example, the main files of press cuttings can be found in series 7 within the Mosley Secretariat and Union Movement subject files and in series 10, but some press cuttings can also be found in files of correspondence and papers in other sections of the catalogue.

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**Custodial history:** The custodial history of the papers of Oswald Mosley is complex. Oswald and Diana Mosley moved residence frequently, between locations in England, Ireland and France, and is it likely that some papers have been lost. From information provided by Lady Diana Mosley, it is known that some pre-war papers of Oswald Mosley and the British Union of Fascists were destroyed during bombing in the Second World War. Robert Skidelsky, Oswald Mosley's biographer, also refers to some fascist records being seized by police in 1940 and a fire at Mosley's home in Ireland in 1954 [R. Skidelsky, 'Oswald Mosley', MacMillan,
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1975, p. 545]. The papers now at the University of Birmingham have been gathered from a number of sources, in accessions 1994/21, 1994/30, 2005/71 and 2006/32 as outlined below.

Shortly before his death in 1980, some of Oswald Mosley's political and personal papers were transferred to the custody of his son, Nicholas Mosley, and were used as research material for the first volume of his biography of his parents Oswald and Cynthia Mosley, 'The Rules of the Game' published in 1982. After Oswald Mosley's death, some papers in the possession of Lady Diana Mosley were also made available to Nicholas Mosley for use during his research.

In 1994, the University of Birmingham reached two separate agreements for the deposit of papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, firstly for those in the possession of Nicholas Mosley, and a second agreement for papers in the possession of Lady Diana Mosley. The majority of papers deposited by Nicholas Mosley in 1994 can be found catalogued as reference 'OMN' [accession 1994/21]. However with permission of the depositor, a small number of items were catalogued as part of the Diana Mosley deposit where it was appropriate to restore original provenance. Information about this is retained on the deposit file.

The majority of the papers in accession 1994/30, deposited by Lady Diana Mosley, were held in two locations. Some papers were stored at her home in Orsay, France; other secretariat papers came from a small office kept by the Mosleys in London and were temporarily cared for by John Warburton and Fred Bailey after the office closed. These papers were collected together in London in 1994 and were transferred to the University of Birmingham. These papers are catalogued here as reference 'OMD'.

A small additional deposit of records in 2005 included additional sound recordings and one manuscript notebook of Oswald Mosley [accession 2005/71]. In 2006, further
manuscript notebooks of Oswald Mosley, containing drafts of his autobiography and letters to his biographer, were deposited by another family member [accession 2006/32]. These additional items have been included in this catalogue, reference ‘OMD’.

**Acquisition:** Deposited with Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections, University of Birmingham by Lady Diana Mosley in 1994, with an additional deposit in 2005. A further deposit of papers was received from a member of the Mosley family in 2006.


**OMD/1**

- **Personal and political correspondence**
  - 1922-1981
  - Correspondence, primarily of Sir Oswald Mosley, but also including letters to his first wife, Cynthia Mosley and his second wife, Lady Diana Mosley, arranged into five sub-series.
  - 18 files

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OMD/1/1

Incoming correspondence

Letters arranged chronologically in eight files. The quantity of this correspondence increases substantially from the mid-1960s. The earlier letters in OMD/1/1-3 have been described at item level detail, but this has not been practical or necessary for the later correspondence in OMD/1/4-8. A number of undated letters were found and these have been catalogued as OMD/1/1/8. Later correspondence in this sub-series significantly overlaps with the sequence of correspondence in OMD/1/2, which comprises files of both incoming and outgoing correspondence arranged alphabetically.

8 files

Access: Partially closed

OMD/1/1/1

Letters 1922-30

This correspondence largely relates to Oswald Mosley's political career during the 1920s and the letters are mostly from politicians and other public figures. The letters cover the period of his career as MP for Harrow both as an Independent from 1922 and then as a member of the Labour Party which he joined in March 1924. It also covers his unsuccessful Labour parliamentary candidacy for Birmingham Ladywood in the 1924 election, his subsequent period as MP for Smethwick after winning a by-election in December 1926 until his resignation from the Cabinet in May 1930. Some of the letters relate to the period when Mosley was out of Parliament between 1924 and 1926.

Many of the letters are to Oswald Mosley, but there are also letters to his first wife, Cynthia, many of which are letters of approval or congratulation on Mosley's parliamentary speeches. There are also references to Cynthia's own political career as Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, including one from the secretary of her local party. Other letters to both Mosley and his wife throw light on their social life and contacts.

Letters include:

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/1 to Cynthia from Florence Amery [wife of Leo Amery] concerning Mosley's speech against her husband, 1 April 1922.

/2 to Cynthia from Robert Cecil, House of Commons, concerning Mosley's speech made in answer to 'L. G.', 25 May 1922.

/3 to Mosley from John Simon, House of Commons, expressing admiration of a speech, 2 August 1923.

/4 to Cynthia from Ramsay MacDonald, Lossiemouth, concerning an invitation to stay with the Mosleys in Venice, 17 August 1923.

/5 to Mosley from Margot [Lady Asquith], British Embassy, Paris, expressing at some length her regret at his joining the Labour Party but also including comments on Ramsay MacDonald and a reference to a meeting with Mussolini, 7 April 1924.

/6 to Mosley from Ramsay MacDonald, on headed notepaper of the Aberavon Divisional Labour Party, in support of his candidature of the Ladywood seat in the forthcoming election and commenting on his abilities, 23 October 1924.

/7 to Cynthia from Oliver Baldwin, 22 September 1925.

/8 to Mosley from [Viscount] Irwin about the political situation in India, 27 January 1926.

/9 to Mr H. Miles [as secretary of the Stoke, Fenton and Longton Labour Party] from Cynthia concerning her and her husband's expenses in connection with Party business in their constituencies of Stoke and Smethwick, 13 June 1928; with typescript note about the secretarial arrangements in Smethwick.

/10 to Mosley from George Bernard Shaw, signed GBS and written to Mosley in Cap d'Antibes, concerning social engagements and his health, postmarked 14 August 1928.

/11 to Mosley from [Lord] Beaverbrook
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concerning an article he wrote about Mosley, 7 December 1928.

/12-15 to Mosley from Ramsay MacDonald, dated 19 and 25 February 1930, with drafts of Mosley's undated replies concerning Mosley's memorandum on unemployment, the way in which the document was circulated and contents leaked to the press, the relationship between Mosley and J. H. Thomas, the Lord Privy Seal over the matter and the involvement of John Strachey as Mosley's Parliamentary Private Secretary.

/16 to Mosley from Beatrice Webb with a request for either him or Cynthia to a party for MPs and an invitation to him to discuss the subject of devolving home affairs, 19 March 1930.

/17 to Mosley from Ramsay MacDonald as Prime Minister, in response to his letter of resignation from the Cabinet, 20 May 1930.

/18 to Mosley from Philip Noel Baker, House of Commons, signed PJNB, congratulating him on his resignation speech and supporting his policy which he suggests 'with L. G.'s assistance', Mosley will put through, 28 May 1930.

/19 to Cynthia, also from Philip Noel Baker, House of Commons, signed Philip about Mosley's resignation speech, 28 May 1930.

/20 to Mosley from his mother, also congratulating him on his resignation speech, 29 May [1930].

/21 to Mosley from Violet Bonham Carter congratulating him on his resignation speech and referring to the subsequent debate, 29 May 1930.

/22 to Mosley from Lord Beaverbrook, signed MB, congratulating him on his resignation speech and offering to work with him, 17 July 1930.

/23 telegram of congratulations to Mosley from
George Grossmith, New York, 8 December 1930.

/24-27 undated letters of congratulations to Mosley on speeches from other MPs, namely Brendan Bracken and Clement Davies, and two from Robert Boothby, signed 'Bob'.

/28 to Cynthia from Margaret Wintringham, House of Commons in which she declines an invitation and refers to a speech of Mosley the previous evening, 18 January, no year date.

/29 to Mosley from 'Charles', British Embassy, Paris in which he expresses disappointment that he and Cynthia did not come to the Embassy and making reference to the ambassador's high opinion of Mosley, 20 October, no year date.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/1/2 Letters 1931-36 1931-1936

These letters cover the period of Oswald Mosley's career, first as leader of the short-lived New Party, launched in March 1931 with four MPs including his wife, and the subsequent formation and leadership of the British Union of Fascists in 1932 up to 1936. Some of the letters are to his wife, Cynthia and reflect on her involvement in political activities. The letters are from members or supporters of both the movement and the Mosleys and a number of letters, from friends, relate to their personal and domestic matters.

Letters include:

/1 to Mosley from Ralph Wigram, British Embassy, Paris, giving information about arrangements planned for his and Cynthia's forthcoming visit to Paris. It comprises a detailed programme and includes names of individuals and their political and business interests, such as Paul Reynaud, Albert Sarraut and Paul Boncour. Wigram impresses on...
Mosley the importance of Cynthia's involvement in these meetings, 18 May 1931.

/2 to Cynthia from Aldous Huxley, The Athenaeum, in which he indicates that he would welcome her views on 'the situation & your plans' and makes irreverent comments about other politicians in general, 26 September 1931.

/3 to Cynthia from George Bernard Shaw, signed GBS, concerning his writing work, comments on university elections for rectorships with references in this context to 'Webb, Wells, Chesterton and Gilbert Murray', a reference to Ramsay Macdonald's resignation with the comment 'oh, if Oswald had only waited' and a reference to Cynthia's own retirement, 29 October 1931.

/4 to Mosley from an unidentified correspondent, House of Commons, expressing enjoyment of speech, 8 September 1931.

/5 to Cynthia from 'Shane' in which he expresses pleasure at the amalgamation of 'Action' and the 'Saturday Review' as a reader of the latter and a member of the New Party and sends compliments to Mosley on his departing paragraph in 'Action'. He also makes reference to his own and Cynthia's mother, 9 January 1932.

/6 to Cynthia from Franklin D. Roosevelt, 12 December 1932.

/7 to Mosley from Harold [Nicolson], Sissinghurst Castle giving his views on holding proposed meetings in the Albert Hall and Queen's Hall, advising him to lie low, and offering his opinion on the future of a New Movement and on the dangers of fascism, 20 May 1932.

/8 to Cynthia from Harold [Nicolson], Sissinghurst Castle of a personal nature, with references to his wife, Vita, comments on Mosley, references to other friends, to his own and Mosley's writing and his editorship of 'Action' and his unwillingness to support the
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British Union of Fascists, 9 September 1932

/9 to Cynthia from Franklin D. Roosevelt, the White House, with envelope, 27 March 1933.

/10 to Mosley, addressed as 'Leader' from William Joyce, concerning the proposed reduction in his salary and being an appeal to Mosley for special consideration, 14 December 1936; with copy of Joyce's undated letter to [Raven] Thomson as 'Chief Accountant' asking for a review of the decision to cut his allowance by the Trust.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/1/3 Letters 1943, 1947-50 1943-1950

The majority of this correspondence does not directly relate to Oswald Mosley's political career. It largely focuses on his attempts to establish himself in the political arena following his release from prison at the end of 1943, and contains some fragmentary information about his post-war interests in publishing, the development of his political thinking and its expression in political writing in the late 1940s. It includes one letter from a German contact which discusses translation of his work 'The Alternative' into German. Other correspondence contains information about his applications for a passport during the period after the end of the Second World War.

Letters, all of which are to Mosley, include:

/1 from Robert Rothwell, a press cutting showing a photograph of Oswald and Diana Mosley with a note from Rothwell, 13 December 1943.

/2 from Douglas S. Spens Steuart, commenting favourably on 'The Alternative', 13 December 1947. This is a lengthy letter in which he writes of his own activities, contacts and opinions particularly in relation to the two world wars and also writes in support of the new Union Movement and offers to start a branch in Perth,
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Scotland.

/3 from Desmond Stewart on literary subjects and making reference to his translation of Plato's Phaedo, 30 December 1947.

/4 from Harold Nicolson before his contest of the North Croydon seat in a by-election of 1948 in which he welcomed an 'Eve of Poll message' from Mosley, 10 February 1948.

/5, 6, 7-12 from Robert Boothby, all signed Bob, 3 May 1947, 19 February 1948, 27 July, 23 & 30 November, 23 December 1949, 11 January 1950 and 23 May [?1949]. These are mostly of a personal nature although with some political references. The letter of 23 November 1949 makes reference to discussions between the two men and of Boothby's involvement in the movement for a united Europe and as a member of the Council of Europe.

/13 from Frank [Owen], The Daily Mail, 24 February 1950.

/14 from Henry Williamson, signed HW, from Crowood House, commenting on the draft of part of a book, probably 'The Alternative', undated but probably c 1946.

There is a single copy letter from Oswald Mosley:

/15 to A. E. Ehrhardt, Germany, largely concerning detailed comments of his translation of Mosley's 'The Alternative', 6 April 1950.

Other letters relating to Oswald Mosley's application for a passport and permission to travel:

/16 from Lord Sherwood, signed Hughie, offering to take up the matter of his passport with the Home Office, 4 May 1948.

/17 from Brendan Bracken, House of Commons, concerning Mosley's unsuccessful request to the Foreign Office for a passport and offering to intervene on Mosley's behalf, 3 December 1948.
/18 copy letter from Robert Boothby to Christopher Mayhew MP following up Bracken's request and writing in support of Mosley's request, 10 May 1949; copy sent to Mosley with an annotated note from Boothby.

/19 letter from Ernest Bevin, Foreign Office to Brendan Bracken reporting the decision to allow Mosley to have a passport, 20 May 1949.

/20 copy letter from Mosley to Randolph [Churchill] following the publication of the latter's article about passports in which he discusses the legal situation and the implications of international instruments, 26 July 1949.

/21 from the Allied High Commission Permit Office for Germany refusing permits for Mosley to travel to Germany and Austria, 2 August 1950.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/1/4 Letters 1954-65 1954-1965

This correspondence relates to Oswald Mosley's political and literary activities. Several letters focus on the development of his policy on Europe and his discussions on this subject with friends based both in the UK and in mainland Europe. Other letters concern the publication and translation of his writings, letters of thanks for copies of publications from friends. Other letters are of a personal nature. The file includes letters in French and German. Some letters are accompanied by envelopes which Mosley has sometimes annotated with, for example, date of reply or nature of content, name of correspondent. The file includes one letter addressed to Max [Mosley] containing legal advice for a matter relating to his father and letters addressed to Diana, Oswald Mosley's second wife.

Letters and correspondents include:

/3 to Diana from Mrs L. R. Thomson, widow of Raven Thomson, sending thanks for their condolences on her husband's death, 5
December 1955.

/5 to both from an unidentified correspondent, signed Bettina, thanking them for the copy of the 'Union' and making reference to the published account of Trafalgar Square, and comments on an article in 'The European' with various personal information including a description of a party in Paris given by Elsa Schiaparelli where she met Bertrand Russell [1957].

/6 from J. F. C. Fuller, in thanks for a copy of 'Europe: Faith and Plan', 5 June 1958.

/7 and 8 to 'Dad' from Nicholas Mosley giving detailed comments on 'Europe: Faith and Plan', 22 June 1958, with typescript of the main parts of a reply by Mosley and a note to 'Al' and 'Max' which appears to relate to the correspondence.


/10 from the Cambridge University Conservative Association with thanks for his address to a meeting and apologising for the 'Jelly incident', 25 April 1960.


/15 from Roselyne, Duchesse de Sabran, in French, 1960.

/16 from an unidentified correspondent, House of Commons, 6 November 1961.

/20 from 'Robbie', Geneva, offering suggestions about ways of appealing and raising money for the Union Movement and for secretarial help, 1 May 1962.

/22 from Christina Foyle of W. & G. Foyle Ltd, booksellers, sending thanks for condolences on the death of her father, 18 June 1963.

/23, 26-27 from Lord Beaverbrook, signed 'Max', two of which relate to a recommendation to read

/24-25 from Alistair C. Geldard on Union Movement notepaper, relating to his position at the headquarters in connection with the bookshop enterprise, both dated 29 July 1963.

/28 from Pixie Burger concerning failed efforts to promote Mosley through an article or book in America, 27 August 1963.

/29 from Desmond Guinness, 17 October 1963.

/30 from N. Anfuso [widow of Filippo Anfuso] sending thanks for his condolences on her husband's death, 1964.

/32 from Christofor Beaverbrook [Marcia Anastasia Christoforides, widow of Lord Beaverbrook], sending thanks for his condolences on her husband's death, 22 June 1964.

/33 - 35, 38, 39 from German correspondents including Dr C Vom Berg, lawyer, August - October 1964, 11 February 1965, some relating to legal matters.

/37 and 42 from Dr John M. Mallett expressing thanks for the welcome he received during a visit to see Mosley and giving views on the Union Movement and 'Faith and Plan', 17 October 1964, 24 June 1965.

/40 from Union Society, Cambridge inviting Mosley to speak in a debate in February 1965, 8 December 1964.

/44 copy letter for Mosley to Lord Normanbrook, BBC concerning his libel action against the corporation, original dated 23 December 1965.

1 file

Access: Open
This correspondence largely relates to Oswald Mosley's political and literary activities during this period. Letters include requests from researchers for help with biographies of politicians of the time, congratulatory letters about the publication of 'My Life', letters regarding Mosley's appearance on the David Frost programme and requests for contribution to debates. Other letters concern the publication of his writing, particularly on Europe and other aspects of Union Movement policy. The letters are principally to Oswald Mosley, although the file includes two letters to his wife Diana Mosley. Some letters discuss personal matters.

Letters include:

/1 from Henry W. Gillespie, 10 September 1966.

/2-3 from solicitor in France relating to residency permit, in French, 19 September 1966, 7 October 1966.

/4 copy letter from Jacques Aubert, Interior Minister, France, to solicitor in France, concerning a residency permit for Mosley, in French, 17 September 1966.

/5-7 two letters from A. D. Peters, literary agent, about a script of his autobiography, 15 February 1967, 27 February 1967, with manuscript draft of a reply from Mosley, 20 February 1967.

/10 from Robert Boothby, signed Bob, a lengthy personal letter, which includes comment on Europe and the role of Bevin and Eden, 18 April 1967.

/11 from Roger Broad, Editor of 'European Community' to R. Rhodes in answer to his suggestion that Mosley be invited to write an article, 3 May 1967.

/12 from a former member of the Union Movement, enclosing a campaign leaflet for Mosley which he had printed at his own expense in 1960 and a typescript copy of the reply and particulars from a legal action in the High Court of Justice in 1966. Letter dated 13
May 1967.

/13 from Henry Williamson about his research on military manoeuvres in the area of St Julien, France in April 1922; with other typescript notes, which do not appear to be related to the content of the letter, about T. E. Lawrence, his own writings and other matters, 1967.


/15 from Desmond Stewart about Mosley's biography, his potential involvement as an editor and about his own editorial work, 14 November 1967.

/18 from D. Ashton about his appearance on the Frost programme, advice about further positive self-promotion, and comments on drafts on Mosley's biography, 21 November 1967 (access restricted until 1 January 2050).

/19 to Diana from Desmond Stewart about the Frost interview, further development of Mosley's ideas in the 'Alternative' about partnership of European and developing countries, and his autobiography, 22 November 1967.

/20 from Paul [Channon], House of Commons, 2 December 1967

/21 from Mervyn [Stockwood], Bishop of Southwark enclosing a piece he had written for 'The Times' about the political and economic situation, inviting comment from Mosley, 2 January 1968.

/23 from Alvise Loredan, Venice, 12 January 1968.

/25 draft letter to the Editor at the 'Daily Express', in reply to a column piece, 2 May 1968.

/28 draft letter to the Editor of 'Punch', in reply to an article by Mr. Quentin Hogg, 2 November 1968.
1968. Envelope marked 'not sent'.


/35 from Dr C Vom Berg, in German, 8 March 1969.


/37 from Dr C Vom Berg about appearing on German television, in German, with draft of Mosley's reply, March - April 1969.

/39 to Diana Mosley from Dame Ruth King, 4 May 1969.

/40 from Henry W. Gillespie about a German translation of 'My Life', 15 May 1969.

/41, 44, 52 from Sydney Potter, one to Diana and two to Oswald Mosley, with no year date but probably 1969. These personal letters make reference to Potter's review of Mosley's book, to his own book 'The Fault, Black Man, is not in the stars' [published 1970] and to arrangements for the Potters' visit to Europe which included a stay with the Mosleys [1969].


/51 from Bernard Gil Muganza, Spanish writer, in German, 12 August 1969.

/55 from Nerin E. Gun about his own book on Eva Braun and the chapter on Unity Mitford and about Mosley's autobiography (incomplete), 10 September 1969.

/56 from Godfrey Argent, photographer at the National Portrait Gallery, 7 October 1969.

/58 from another former prisoner detained under 18B regulations, 16 October 1969.

/60 from an officer of the London Area Organisation of the Union Movement enclosing
extracts from a newly published book about the Kray brothers, concerning references to Jack Spot and his involvement in anti-Mosley demonstrations in the 1930s which he suggests are libellous, 21 October 1969.

/62 from Dr Hans Ziegler requesting the Mosleys' help with his book on Adolf Hitler's conversations, 8 November 1969.

/63 from The Bow Group concerning arrangements for Mosley's address to the meeting in Birmingham [on 7 November 1969], no year date.

/64 from Bruce Norman, BBC as director of a programme on women's fashion, to 'Robert Stanton' about the programme which made reference to the influence of Mosley's black shirts, 1 January 1970; letter passed on to Mosley.

/65 from R. Lamb, thanking Mosley for attending a New Outlook seminar, 2 March 1970.

/70 from an unidentified correspondent concerning Cynthia Mosley's tomb, 23 April 1970.

/71 handwritten drafts of two replies from Oswald Mosley, 27 April 1970.

/73 from an unidentified correspondent to the Duchess of Devonshire in thanks for a Scouting dinner, with reference to meeting the Mosleys, 1970; letter passed on to Mosley.

/74 from D. Ashton commenting in detail on Mosley's typescript of an article on the Common Market, 18 June 1970 [access restricted until 1 January 2050].

/77 from Mervyn [Stockwood], Bishop of Southwark enclosing a report on business opportunities and other items relating to South Africa, 6 October 1970.

/79 from D. Ashton offering comment on Mosley's article on 'Reorganisation of Government' and enclosing a cutting about the new University of York magazine 'Eboracum' in
which Mosley's article on 'Democracy' will appear, 28 October 1970 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/80 from D. Ashton enclosing a memorandum outlining material he proposes to send Mosley on the 'Asian question' and comment on the 'Mao idea', and congratulating him on favourable quotations in 'The Listener', 29 October 1970; with the memorandum titled 'The Far East. Suggestions on Policy & Tactics' dated 28 October 1970 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/82 draft of letter from Oswald Mosley to William Hardcastle of 'The World at One' programme, 29 December 1970.

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OMD/1/1/6 Letters 1971-75 1971-1975

The correspondence includes letters of support of Oswald Mosley’s political views, comments and congratulations on Mosley’s TV appearances, invitations to speak from universities and colleges, contact from scholars, researchers and publishers relating to biographies of key political figures, letters relating to social engagements and letters from Hansom Books. The majority of letters are to Oswald Mosley, but the file also includes some letters addressed to Diana Mosley. The file
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includes letters of advice to Mosley from David Ashton and letters from German solicitors concerning a legal case for Mosley to enter Germany. The file includes letters in English, German and French. Where the name of a correspondent has been included in square brackets, the identity of the correspondent was not clearly given on the document, but has been identified through address, handwriting or other known information.

Letters include:

/2 from David Wheeler concerning a defamation action by himself against Leo Abse, 10 April 1971, with enclosures relating to the case.

/3 from D. Ashton enclosing a memorandum giving Enoch Powell quotations, referring to a 'breakthrough' in 'New Outlook' and enclosing an article from 'The Times' on civil rights which he suggests deserves comment, 29 May 1971. [access restricted until 01 January 2050]

/5 from I. R. Benson, Durban, South Africa, requesting that Mosley might meet with Mr. Howard Odell, 17 June 1971.

/6 from Jonathan Guinness enclosing a copy of his local (Market Bosworth) Monday Club newsletter, 12 July 1971.

/8 from [D. Ashton] giving advice on Oswald Mosley's appearance on the 'Line-Up' programme, 26 July 1971, incomplete (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/10 from [D. Ashton] giving further advice on Mosley's appearance on 'Line-Up' in light of the confirmation of his opponent, 27 July 1971, incomplete (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/16 from Leonard [Melling], author, giving views on British and European politics, 14 August 1971.

/19 memorandum from 'D. A.' [D. Ashton] to Mosley containing typed extracts from a letter

/23 from [Dominic Purcell], on paper headed 'The East India & Sports Club', 21 September 1971, concerning views on the political situation in Northern Ireland and enclosing a newspaper cutting from 'The Irish Times', 20 September 1971 with the headline 'Loyalists told by Paisley of 'deal'' (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/25 from D. Ashton giving advice on possible courses of action in the event that Oxford University Union might cancel their invitation for Mosley to speak, 2 October 1971 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/27 from Bernardo Gil Muganza, Spanish writer, in German, including comments on a possible Spanish version of his autobiography 'My Life', 20 November 1971.

/29 from W. F. James describing his own experiences working in industry in Birmingham from August 1920 onwards and indicating his correspondence has stemmed from reading Mosley's autobiography 'My Life', 26 November 1971.

/31 and /32 from Helmut Sundermann, in German, 23 December 1971, 6 January 1972, concerning 'My Life'.

/34 from John Toland, USA, concerning Mosley's appearance on the Barry Farber radio show and the content of his (Toland's) Hitler biography, 18 February 1972.

/35 and /36 from Stuart Morton Boland, San Francisco, concerning a US television broadcast 'Firing Line' featuring Mosley with comments on how the broadcast was received by the American public, 9 and 23 April 1972.

/40 from D. Ashton expressing views on Mosley's appearance on a BBC programme and arrangements for drafting an article for 'The Listener', incomplete, 13 September 1972
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(access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/41 from Constantine FitzGibbon concerning a visit to Paris, 29 September 1972.


/45 from [Dominic Purcell], a lengthy letter including comments on plans for a solution to the troubles in Northern Ireland and the views of Paisley, Morpeth, Fuller and Cecil King, comments on Mosley's latest broadsheet and descriptions of a holiday in Thailand and trekking in Nepal, 28 October 1972 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/46 to Diana from [Dame Ruth King], incomplete, 4 December 1972.

/48 copy letter from Mosley to The Secretary of State requesting access to a Public Record Office file, original dated 15 December 1972.

/49 from Mervyn [Stockwood], Bishop of Southwark, requesting Mosley's views on the three most important reasons for entering the Common Market, 7 February 1973.

/68 from David Kenten 3 April 1974, enclosing a list of topics for inclusion in a filming session for 'The Mosley Trilogy' to take place in June 1974.

/69 from a student in Australia asking questions about Fascism after reading 'My Life', 7 April 1974.

/70 to Manfred Blessinger, lawyer, from the Border Patrol Office, Lorrach, in German, 16 April 1974.

/71 from Manfred Blessinger, lawyer, Munchen, in German, concerning entry into Germany, 19 April 1974; with a draft of a reply by Mosley, 23 April 1974.

/73 from General Sir Walter Walker commenting
on Mosley's broadsheets, 11 May 1974.

/74 from D. Ashton with two press cuttings, giving advice on a suitable response to the cuttings, 14 May 1974 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/80 from B. M. J. Wasserstein concerning letters of Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, enclosing a copy of a letter from Weizmann to Mosley from February 1922, 1 August 1974.

/81 from George [Morpeth], whilst posted with the Queens Royal Lancers in Cyprus, expressing views on the Turk and Greek Cypriot forces and commenting on Mosley's broadsheet number 27, 16 August 1974 [access restricted until 01 January 2050].

/82 from D. Ashton, commenting on Mosley's interview on 'World This Weekend' and providing advice on other press matters, 25 August 1974 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/83 from Paul Donovan requesting information concerning a signature and message on a copy of 'The Alternative', with a photostat copy of the flyleaf, 26 August 1975.

/85 from D. Ashton, providing advice on public and press appearances and enclosing a sample letter to the press, 5 September 1974 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).


/91, 99 from Manfred Blessinger, lawyer, in German, concerning Mosley's case for entry into Germany, with accompanying papers relating to decisions in the administrative court of Freiburg, 5 December 1974, 11 March 1975.

/96 from Ernst Rietzler, 16 February 1975, in German, enclosing a copy of published documents relating to the German-Polish crisis dated 1939, 16 February 1975.
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/97 from George Carnegie describing his memories of Mosley cross-examining Norman Birkett during a libel action, 25 February 1975.

/104 from Saad F. Abdelnour, lawyer, in French, concerning the possible sale of Mosley's property in Orsay, 14 April 1975.

/105 from D. Ashton, with an annotated copy of Mosley's broadsheet number 15 (incomplete) with suggestions that something similar may be suitable for a letter to 'The Times', 9 May 1975 [access restricted until 01 January 2050].

/119 from H. M. Hyde concerning his health and publication of his book on British air policy between the wars, 23 September 1975.

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The file contains correspondence in English, German and French, with letters to both Oswald Mosley and Diana Mosley. Correspondence includes letters from Hansom Books, letters relating to social engagements and family, letters from publishers and from researchers, letters to Diana Mosley concerning misrepresentation of family members in the book 'Unity Mitford - A Quest' by David Pryce-Jones and letters to Diana Mosley concerning a
programme by Colin Cross broadcast after the death of Oswald Mosley.

/2 from Dr Christian Zentner, in German, 9 January 1976 concerning work to examine the role of Winston Churchill to mark his centenary.

/3 to both from Mervyn [Bishop of Southwark] concerning a report 'the State of the Nation' to be debated in the General Synod, 15 February 1976.

/5 from David Howell, House of Commons, 4 February 1976.

/6 from 'George' Viscount Morpeth, a personal letter containing information about family and describing his posting and activities in the Sultanate of Oman, 29 April 1976 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

/7 from Ernst Junger, in German, 28 June 1976, commenting on 'My Life'.


/10 from Cecil King, thanking Mosley for his condolences in his bereavement and commenting on the current 'decline' in Great Britain, 18 February 1977.


/13 from 'Hugo', concerning Diana Mosley's appearance on a television programme, 18 April 1977.

/14 to Diana from Prince J. L. de Lucinge, concerning his discussions with [David] Pryce-Jones and his belief that he had been misquoted in any comments relating to Diana and Unity Mitford, 8 July 1976.

/15 copy of a letter to Diana from Mrs Rodzranks, expressing dismay at the portrayal of her comments about 'Bobo' [Unity Mitford] in David Pryce Jones' book 'Unity Mitford: A Quest', 13 July 1976 (incomplete).
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/16 and /17 copies of letters to Diana from Lady Pansy Lamb, concerning the portrayal of 'Bobo' [Unity Mitford] in David Pryce Jones' book, 14 and 25 July 1976.

/18 copy of a letter to Diana from the Prince de Lucinge, giving permission for a previous letter to be shown to the publisher [of David Pryce Jones' book], 6 August 1976. Annotated with a note from Diana Mosley indicating that 'all have given permission for their letters to be shown'.

/19 copy of a letter to Diana from Lady Harrod, concerning David Pryce Jones, incomplete, 9 August 1976.


/23 typed copy of an address by Mr Gerry Danaher, auditor, to The Law Student's Debating Society of Ireland, introducing the principal speakers Sir Oswald Mosley and An Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, 2 November 1977.

/27 copy letter 'To the Editor of the NS' from 'Robert Stanton' expressing his opinion on an article by Corinna Adam and Mosley's ideas relating to the union of Europe, 17 March 1978; with attached news cutting of a letter by Michael Wishart on 'Roy Campbell and Mosley' published in the 'NS' 24 March 1978.

/28 from a former member concerning memories of the New Party and the British Union of Fascists, 22 March 1978.

/29 to Diana, from 'Billa' [Lady Wilhelmine Harrod] thanking her for a letter of condolence after the death of her husband Roy, April 1978 [The Old Rectory, Holt, Norfolk].

/30 from Humphrey Brooke on headed paper 'Comando Supremo II Duce, with envelope, 7
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May 1978; together with enclosed 'souvenirs' sent to Mosley. The souvenirs include:

/31 black and white photograph showing Humphrey Brookes with Professore Emilio inspecting documents inside Mussolini's private archives, 13 June 1944;

/32 black and white photograph showing a monk salvaging a volume from ruins, 8 June 1944;

/33 a small card 'Benito Mussolini', with envelope.

/35 from 'Douglas', Kanton Zug, Switzerland, concerning Mosley's embargo from Switzerland, 26 May 1978.

/42 from Margaret A. Brooks, Imperial War Museum, London, concerning a project on civilian internment during the second world war, 11 January 1979, with enclosed leaflet about the Imperial War Museum's oral history programme and envelope.

/50 from Robert Boothby, signed 'Bob', concerning his health and other people's opinion on a joke he made, 4 July 1979.


/53 from 'an admirer of long standing' suggesting Mosley might consider taking legal action against LBC [radio] for comments made during a LBC phone-in, 22 November 1979.

/54 from Colin Cross concerning BBC Sound Archives interviews with Mosley, 18 December 1979.

/55 from 'Desmond' [Stewart] concerning a forthcoming visit to Orsay to see Mosley and Diana and on pieces for a new Arabic magazine, 29 January 1980.

/59 from Milorad M. Drachkovitch, Director of Archives at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, concerning the possible deposit of
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Oswald Mosley's papers, 4 April 1980.


/67 to Lady Diana and Sir Oswald from 'Humphrey' [53 Campden Hill Road, London] thanking them for dining with him, 18 July 1980.

/70 from David Farson requesting a photograph of Mosley for his publication, 10 August 1980.

/73 from D. H. English, concerning publication of his memoirs and research into his 'mystery identity', 7 September 1980.

/76 from Dr Bernard Dumas, in French, 31 December 1980.


/83 and /84 to Diana from Robert Boothby, signed 'Bob', concerning his attempts to fight Regulation 18B during the second world war and his current feelings on politics, 16 October 1981, 24 November 1981, with envelopes.

/85 to 'Kit' from Philip de la Villetheart, Parish, concerning a translation of a manuscript, dated 29th September 1988 [the date of this item is incorrect, it is likely to be from a much earlier date].

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OMD/1/1/8 Letters undated

Seventeen undated letters, principally to Sir Oswald Mosley, three addressed to Diana Mosley. The letters cover personal matters, including social engagements, family and comments on Mosley’s synthesis, Wagner and Shaw, and his autobiography ‘My Life’. Some correspondence touches on political topics, including requests for Mosley to be involved in a Right-Wing Political Studies group at the University of Lancaster. These letters have not been itemised in full, but include:

3/ to Diana from Desmond [Stewart], with annotated envelope, referring to a recent visit and commenting on Kit's character, no date.

4/ copy of page handwritten by Mussolini, with the note 'Sir Oswald. Mussolini’s first English sentence. Greetings from [Cyril?] Clemins', no date.

5/ handwritten drafts of letters by Oswald Mosley, undated.

6/ letter addressed ‘Mon cher OM’ in French on paper headed ‘Le President du Conseil Constitutionnel’ with a greetings card showing a bust at the Conseil Constitutionnel, France, no year date [author Gaston Palewski].

8/ to Sir Oswald from The New Right Political Studies Group at University of Lancaster, no date.

14/ to Sir Oswald from an unidentified correspondent thanking him for a record ‘The
voice they cannot silence', no date.

15/ to Diana from an unidentified correspondent referring to the conservative party conference, 'flowers for the Duchess' and other personal matters, no date.

From topics discussed it likely that the letters are from the period 1965 - 1980. Two items (OMD/1/1/8/9-10) are covered by an access restriction until 01/01/2058.

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OMD/1/2  Incoming and outgoing correspondence  1969-1978

This correspondence was found arranged alphabetically by correspondent within each chronological file and this original arrangement has been retained. The sequence contains both incoming letters and carbon copies of Mosley's replies. The content and the time period significantly overlaps with the correspondence in OMD/1/1/5-7.

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OMD/1/2/1  Letters  1969-1978

Correspondence of Sir Oswald Mosley, arranged alphabetically A-Z by correspondent. The correspondence principally covers the period 1969-1971, with a few items from 1972-3 and from 1977-1978. The file includes letters of
congratulations concerning Oswald Mosley's autobiography 'My Life', press cuttings and correspondence relating to Enoch Powell, correspondence with scholars, researchers, academics and journalists, letters concerning Union Movement members involvement in an organisation called the 'British Commonwealth Alliance' and invitations to speak to educational organisations. The file contains correspondence in English, German and French. The correspondence has not been itemised in full, but significant correspondents include:

Ackroyd, Tony, Adelaide, South Australia concerning 'My Life' and the political situation in Australia, October 1969-August 1970.

Bingham, Richard, concerning filming for a documentary for the British Road Federation, 4 October 1970.


Cakebread, Mr Denham, Buckinghamshire, concerning Cynthia Mosley's tomb, April-May 1970.

Calleo, David, concerning a trip to Washington and an invitation to speak to a round table at the Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, June-December 1970.

Creasy, Ronald N., expressing thanks for a photograph and mentioning two old friends and admirers, 28 August 1970.


'The Daily Worker', no date.

Die Zeit [German weekly newspaper], 13 July 1970.
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FitzGibbon, Constantine, concerning articles relating to Northern Ireland, October 1969-August 1970.

Gillespie, Dr Henry W., March 1970.

Gunn, Mr Nerin, concerning photographs for publication and a forged letter purporting to show Mosley's signature, October 1969-August 1970.

Kernmayr, Erich, concerning Mosley's views on the political situation in Ireland and reproduction of his broadsheets, February-March 1972.

Lysaught, Charles, concerning Mosley's memories of Brendan Bracken, 11 August 1970.

Marquand, David, MP, concerning 1920s politics and the 'Labour and the Nation' programme, 23 February 1970.


Lamb, Richard, 'New Outlook' magazine, including a guest list for a 'New Outlook' seminar with Sir Oswald Mosley, November 1969-September 1970.


Purcell, Dominic, concerning Mosley's 'Doctrine of Higher Forms', January 1971 (access

Stewart, Desmond, concerning his research and commenting on possibilities for an American literary agent for Mosley, 17 March 1970.


Stuckrath, Gustav, concerning advertisement and sale of 'My Life' in Germany, February - September 1970.

'Der Spiegel', letter from Mosley refuting statements made in the 'Spiegel' that he was an anti-Semite before the war who encouraged violence, 30 June 1970.


'The Sunday Times' (Editor), November 1970, refuting statements about Mosley appearing in the press.

Swann, R., concerning arrangements for interviewing Mosley for Swann’s writing and the Union Movement, January 1970-October 1970 (access restricted until 01/01/2050)

Lord Thomson of Fleet, concerning free speech and articles appearing in 'The Times', May-June 1970.

Tizard, Dr A. T., concerning Mosley's health, May 1970.

Vom Dumreicher, Dr, concerning advertisement and sale of 'My Life' in Germany, September 1970.

Vom Berg, Dr Carl, some in German, concerning sale of 'My Life', possible promotional TV appearances in Germany, a proposed visit to Germany and possible libel action against 'Der Spiegel', March 1969 -
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August 1970.

Vom Berg, Frau Erika Maria, letter in which Mosley expresses his condolences on the death of her husband Dr Carl Vom Berg, 5 November 1970; together with memoriam card.

Wandschneider, Dr Hajo, lawyer, some in German, concerning the viability of legal action against 'Der Spiegel' concerning comments printed about Mosley, September-October 1970.


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OMD/1/2/2 Letters 1971-1972

The first portion of the file is labelled with the front sheet 'Letters received following TV Broadcast' and relates to Oswald Mosley's appearance in a programme screened by ATV [Associated Television Ltd]. It includes letters from a number of individuals, congratulating Mosley and often expressing their own political views, with copy letters of Mosley's replies. Includes a copy of 'Action' Number 118, 1 October 1971.

The remainder of the file comprises
correspondence of Oswald Mosley filed alphabetically, A-Z, with some letters in German and French. The correspondence covers 1971, with one item from 1972. The file also includes some newspaper cuttings and other papers. Correspondence includes letters from researchers and scholars, invitations to speak at universities and colleges and correspondence with an individual working within the British Commonwealth Alliance. The file has not been itemised in full, but correspondents include:

Avery, Captain William F., concerning a possible BBC programme on detainment under regulation 18B during the second world war and including copies of correspondence of Avery with the BBC, March-April 1971, enclosures dated August-September 1970.


Boothby, Robert, April-July 1971.


Princess Clari, copy letter from Mosley addressed ‘Dearest Lidi’ concerning a trip to Venice, 6 July 1971.


[Purcell] Hugh Dominic, concerning the political situation in Northern Ireland, 9 September 1971 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

Donnersmarck, Guidotto Henckel, letter in German, with copy letter of Mosley’s reply in English, including family news, November-December 1971.

Elliott, Florence, a member of the Union
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Movement, congratulating Mosley on a TV appearance, July 1971.

Ehrhardt, Arthur, 'Nation Europa' [monthly newspaper], April -May 1971, some letters in German, with a German newspaper article on Arthur Ehrhardt.

FitzGibbon, Constantine, discussing points relating to the blackshirts and 1930s politics highlighted by Mosley's autobiography, May-July 1971.


Gillespie, Dr Henry, concerning the health of Nancy Rodd and giving congratulations on Mosley's TV appearances, May-September 1971.

Grimm, Dr Holle, Klosterhaus-Verlag, most in German, April-October 1971.

Gun, Nerin E., Chief Foreign Editor, Il Borghese, concerning news on foreign language versions of 'My Life' and TV appearances by Mosley, April-August 1971.

Harvey, Ian, congratulating Mosley on his autobiography and referring to Raven Thomson and also Mosley's party meetings during the 1930s, June 1971.

Hine, Geoffrey, Australia, one letter to Mosley describing his political activities prior to the war as a member of the British Union of Fascists, his service during the second world war and his experiences as a prisoner of war in camps run by the Nazis; with a copy of a reply by Mosley, June-July 1971.

King, Cecil, August-September 1971, discussing topics such as the Irish political situation, and the possibility of forming a 'club' to meet occasionally, with a press cutting from 'The Daily Telegraph', 5 February 1971 of an opinion piece by Cecil King titled 'Count the fingers on the trigger'.
'The Listener', letter to the editor by Mosley refuting the charge that he or the British Union of Fascists were anti-Semitic, October 1971.

Pakenham, Frank, Earl of Longford, including comments on the 'Carfax Assembly' meeting, April - May 1971.

Copy of a letter by John S. McGowan, commenting on Peter Jenkins' piece on Sir Oswald Mosley which appeared in 'The Guardian' on 23 November [1971].

McLeod, Norman, asking questions concerning Mosley's political views, after reading a letter by Mosley in the 'New Statesman', March-April 1971.

Newspaper article, 'The Times', 20 January 1971, reporting the views of Mr Maudling, Home Secretary, on the conditions placed on Mr Dutschke [Rudi] in relation to his entry into Britain.


Copy letter by Mosley to the editor of the 'New Statesman', in response to views expressed by 'Professor Kaldor' on the economy, agriculture and entry into Europe, 29 March 1971.

Ormerod, Sir Berkeley, thanking Mosley for an inscribed copy of his autobiography and commenting on an article by Mosley in the 'Daily Telegraph' magazine, February 1971.

Osgood, Professor Robert, Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, concerning a lunch meeting during a visit by Mosley to the USA, February 1971.

Oxford Union, concerning the cancellation of a debate at Oxford Union after the withdrawal of the other participants, September-October 1971, with typed notes on the correspondence.

Price, Ruth Christine, giving Mosley two anecdotes concerning Lord Curzon, March -
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June 1971.

Purcell, Professor Hugh Dominic, including a letter with detailed descriptions of time in Cyprus, Beirut, Baghdad, Babylon, Aqar Kuf, Teheran whilst journeying to Nepal and a description of his house and lifestyle in Kathmandu, and a letter commenting on Robert Skidelsky, Mosley's house and the impact of entry into Europe on the British economy, July-November 1971 (access restricted until 01 January 2033)

Skidelsky, Robert, May-October 1971 (access restricted until 01/01/2040).

Stockwood, Mervyn, Bishop of Southwark, June-September 1971.

Stuckrath, Gustav, Internationale Presse, Germany, some in German, March-September 1971, concerning Mosley's publications.

Sundermann, Helmut, concerning possible publishers for the German edition of 'My Life', July-October 1971.

A Union Movement member, concerning a future trip to Orsay, commenting on Mosley's broadsheets and discussing his actions and views in relation to the Union Movement, February-June 1971.

Taylor, Alan (Beaverbrook Library) requesting permission to publish a letter from Mosley to Lord Beaverbrook, May 1971.

'The Sunday Telegraph' (Brian Roberts, Peregrine Worsthorne), including a copy letter by Mosley giving his views on guerrilla warfare and his experiences in Ireland after the First World War, March-April 1971.

Thomas, Hugh, with photocopies of correspondence of John Strachey from 1926-1931 which give clues as to the reasons for Strachey's resignation from the New Party in 1931, June-December 1971.

Toland, John, concerning his research and
arrangements to meet with Mosley, March-December 1971.


Wright, James, MacMillan (publishers), concerning Robert Skidelsky's manuscript of 'My Life', December 1971.

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OMD/1/2/3 Letters 1971-1975

This file comprises correspondence of Oswald Mosley arranged alphabetically A-Z. Correspondence includes letters of congratulations relating to 'My Life', requests for autographs, invitations to speak at debates, letters relating to Oswald Mosley's will and investment in shares, newspaper cuttings relating to Bernard Levin and correspondence relating to the current economic and political 'crisis'. The file also contains correspondence with scholars and researchers, some posing questions about Mosley's political views and past activities with responses from Mosley including memories of Harold Wilson. The file includes letters in English, French and German. The file has not been itemised in full, but significant correspondents include:
Ashton, D., concerning his withdrawal from political and literary activity for a temporary period, 17 June 1973 (access restricted until 01 January 2050).

Ayala, Dr Hector de [Cuban ambassador in France], concerning Mosley's writing in a brochure 'The Government of Tomorrow', 25 January 1956.

Bellamy, Dick, concerning interviews by Philip Whitehead for Thames TV and a concern regarding the date of the public broadcast of the programme, May 1975.

Boland, Stuart, thanking Mosley for evening dinner, recommending a book and giving details of future foreign travel, no date [c 1972].

Boyle, Andrew, concerning BBC matters, Mosley's memories of Brendan Bracken and the possibility of writing a biographical piece concerning Mosley's activities since the pre-war period, September 1972-January 1973.

Busschau, Dr William, South Africa, concerning a possible visits by the Mosleys to South Africa and by Dr Busschau to Paris, a review by Mosley of Dr Busschau's book 'Chaos or callocracy' and possible employment for Dr [Dominic] Purcell at a South African University, March 1973-March 1974


Cohn, Nik, concerning an article on Mosley from 'Harper's Bazaar' magazine, 1973.

Cross, Colin ('The Observer') including a draft 'Letter to the Editor' by Mosley in response to columns by Cross, Cross's biography of Adolf Hitler and observations by Cross on the reaction of the British public to a recent article on World War II published in 'New British', March 1972-

Denning, Lord, Master of the Rolls, concerning Mosley's wish to examine records at the Public Record Office, August-October 1973.


[Gillespie], Henry.

Grimm, Holle, Klosterhaus-Verlag, in German, concerning personal news of Grimm and proceeds owing to Mosley for book sales in Germany, May 1975.

Guinness, Desmond, letter from Mosley concerning television interviews and the possibility of meeting during a future trip by Mosley to New York, February 1972.


Hughesdon, Peter, concerning Aldous Huxley's character Everard Webley in 'Point Counter Point' and asking whether this was based in any way on Oswald Mosley, January 1973.

Kenten, David, concerning film recordings of Mosley and Union Movement activities, April 1973.

King, Dame Ruth, concerning her thoughts on a possible 'figure-head' and meeting Enoch Powell at a dinner, 1973.


McVaegh and Co Ltd, letter from Mosley requesting advice on a libel case against Claud Cockburn, May 1975.

Ormerod, Sir Berkeley, commenting on the
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Purcell, Dominic, concerning finding a professorial post at a University in South Africa and enclosing correspondence with Dr Busschau, Rhodes University, on the same matter, discussing domestic matters, including a copy letter to Robert Row, Mosley Secretariat, expressing views on Union Movement policy on immigration, October 1972-September 1973 (access restricted until 2050).

Skidelsky, Robert, concerning his biography of Mosley, including notes written by Mosley on chapters of the book, December 1971-May 1973 (access restricted until 01 January 2040).


'The Daily Telegraph' [Peregrine Worsthorne, Kenneth Rose, Patrick Brangwyn], including comments by Mosley on an article by Worsthorne on the profit motive and an article by W. F. Deedes MP on violence at political meetings, March 1972-January 1973.


Wright, James, of MacMillan [publishers], September 1972 - February 1973.

1 file

Access: Partially closed

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Protection Act 1998. Where records relating to living individuals are of a sensitive or personal nature, further access restrictions have been applied to the records, either in the form of a closure period or by the creation of serving copies of documents with personal data removed. Where a closure period has been applied, small sections of the file will not be generally available for research use until the closure period has expired.

OMD/1/3 Correspondence with the press 1959-1977

Oswald Mosley wrote frequently to the editors of national, international and local newspapers, typically in response to other published letters and challenging statements or views expressed by others. This sub-series contains letters 'to the editor' by Oswald Mosley, arranged in three files according to date.

Some press correspondence can also be found in the correspondence files at OMD/1/1 and OMD/1/2.

3 files
Access: Open

OMD/1/3/1 Correspondence with the press 1959-1966 1959-1966

Containing copy letters from Oswald Mosley to the editors of national and local newspapers, including 'The Daily Telegraph', 'The Sunday Telegraph', 'Time' magazine, 'The Times' and 'Sunday Times', 'The Daily Mail', 'The Guardian', 'The Daily Mirror', 'New Statesman', 'The Observer' and 'The Hackney Gazette'. The majority of letters respond to, and typically dispute, statements made in the press concerning Mosley and are mostly intended for publication by the newspaper. Topics include:

public disorder and violence at political meetings [Union Movement] at Birmingham Town Hall, Trafalgar Square, Ridley Road and communist involvement in arranging the disturbances, 1962;

press conference in Venice, 1962;
the 'OAS' [Organisation of the Secret Army] in France and the attempted assassination of Charles de Gaulle, 1962;

economic policy and Mosley's views that Britain should be part of a united Europe, the need for wage and price control by the government and policy on immigration;

the reasons for Mosley's, and others, detainment under the 18B regulations during World War II;

Mosley's beliefs on free elections;

Violence during 1930s political meetings.

The file also includes a typed copy of a statement issued to the press by Sir Oswald Mosley after a meeting on Tuesday 31st July 1962. Also included is a letter to the editor of 'The Jewish Chronicle' from E. J. Hamm, Secretary of the Union Movement, concerning statements made about a Union Movement meeting in Trafalgar Square in 1962.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/3/2 Correspondence with the press 1968-1971

Correspondence of Oswald Mosley with the editors of national newspapers, including 'The Times', 'The Jewish Chronicle', 'The Sunday Telegraph', 'The Daily Telegraph', 'The Observer' and 'New Statesman', concerning representations of himself in the press. The file includes copy letters by E. J. Hamm and Robert Row of the Union Movement to editors and a number of press cuttings, featuring 'letters to the editor' discussed in the correspondence. Topics include:

Correspondence in 'The Times', November 1968, concerning Mosley's autobiography 'My Life', particularly letters by Bernard Levin alleging that Mosley held anti-Semitic views. Including a memorandum (incomplete) to 'The Leader' from Jeffrey Hamm regarding the correspondence and evidence to challenge
statements by Levin and others;

free speech and violence at political meetings;

the fight against communism and views of Enoch Powell on this subject;

Hitler and the nature of pre-war fascism in different countries in Europe;

housing policy and the BBC documentary 'Battle of Cable Street';

reports of a visit by Sir Oswald Mosley to meet Chairman Mao, 'Northampton Chronicle and Echo', including copy of newspaper article by Joseph Marshall on this subject;

economic policy, including proposals such as the Mansholt plan for agriculture and repeated devaluations;

Mosley's ideas of 'Europe as a Nation'.

Press cuttings include:

Letter by Arthur Super to 'The Guardian', 6 November 1968;

Letter by Robert Stanton to 'The Listener', 7 November 1968;

Letter by Lord Stonham to 'The Times', 7 November 1968;

Letters by Oswald Mosley, Nicolas Walter, J.D. Marshall to 'The Spectator', 8 November 1968;

Letter by Vernon Bogdanor to 'The Sunday Telegraph', 10 November 1968;

Letter by Oswald Mosley to 'New Statesman', 11 December 1970 on 'Mosley's exile';

Letter by E.J. Hamm to the 'Irish Independent', no date [1969];


1 file
Correspondence of Oswald Mosley with editors of local, national and international newspapers and magazines, including 'The Times', 'The New York Times', 'The Listener', 'The Economist', 'The Daily Telegraph', 'New Statesman', 'The Daily Express', the 'Evening News' and 'The Encounter'.

Subjects include:

Mosley's views on his differences in policy and behaviour from Enoch Powell;

letters, articles and a review by Bernard Levin to 'The Times' referring to Mosley, with copies of Mosley's correspondence to 'The Times' in response;

reviews of a book by Mr [Robert] Benewick which contains references to Mosley's supporters;

violence and public disorder at Mosley's meeting at Olympia [June 1934] and communist and blackshirt actions;

Robert Skidelsky's biography of Oswald Mosley;

allegations that Mosley held anti-Semitic views;

Mosley's views on Europe as a Nation and immigration.

The file includes copy letters from E. J. Hamm, Secretary, Action Party, to the editor of the 'Bury Free Press' concerning Mosley's political views, to the editors of 'The Sunday Telegraph' and 'Acton Gazette' concerning the refusal of local authorities to allow use of their public halls for political meetings, to the editor of 'The Daily Telegraph' disputing any link between the British Union of Fascists and the National Front and to the editor of 'The Daily Express' concerning Mosley's imprisonment under regulation 18B during World War Two.
The file also includes a synopsis of a proposed 2500 word magazine article by Mosley on world events facing America and Europe, including poverty, the environment and devaluation of the dollar. Copies of press cuttings showing published 'letters to the editor' by Mosley and others are also included.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/1/4 Correspondence with broadcasting companies 1962-1980
Contains correspondence of Oswald Mosley with broadcasting companies, including the BBC, relating to interviews, television and radio appearances.
3 files
Access: Open

OMD/1/4/1 Correspondence with the BBC 1962-1980
Correspondence of Sir Oswald Mosley with the British Broadcasting Corporation, concerning interviews and appearances for radio and television. Programmes include 'The World at One', 'The Battle of Cable Street', 'Personality and Power', 'The Marching Years', 'Midweek', 'Economies of the Real World', 'Newsday' and 'Great Britons - Lloyd George'.
1 file
Access: Open

OMD/1/4/2 Correspondence, contracts and financial papers relating to broadcasting companies 1969-1977
Includes correspondence with Monsieur Morel, some in French, relating to income tax on fees received for radio and television appearances. Also correspondence and contracts of Oswald Mosley with the British Broadcasting Corporation and other broadcasting companies. Programmes include 'Tonight', 'Personality and
Power', 'Midweek', 'Mussolini The Man', 'If Britain fell', 'The History of Aviation', 'The Forgotten War', 'Late Night Line-Up' and 'Yesterday's witness: Cable Street'. There are some mentions of fees paid to Oswald Mosley for printed articles included in the file.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/4/3  Correspondence with broadcasting companies other than the BBC  1967 - 1980

Correspondence of Sir Oswald Mosley with Tyne Tees Television, Thames Television, HTV Limited, ATV Network Limited, Rediffusion Television Limited and ABC Television Limited, concerning interviews and appearances for television. Programmes include 'Moloney On...', 'The Frost Programme', 'Face the Press', 'A kind of Exile', 'Press Call' and 'Friday Live'. The file includes press cutting reviews relating to 'A kind of Exile' and 'Late-night Line-up'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/1/5  Correspondence with his biographer  1966-1980

Robert Skidelsky wrote a biography of Oswald Mosley, published in 1975 by MacMillan. Correspondence with Robert Skidelsky can also be found in the general correspondence files OMD/1/2/2-3.

1 file

Access: Closed

Closed until: 01/01/2040

OMD/1/5/1  Correspondence with Robert Skidelsky  1966-1980

Correspondence between Oswald Mosley and his biographer, Robert Skidelsky, including detailed comments by Mosley on draft chapters of his biography and a typescript headed 'Notes from Skidelsky on Wage-price mechanism'. The file includes copies of other works by Skidelsky
including a typed article 'Sir Oswald Mosley: From Empire to Europe' and press cuttings as follows:

'Ramsey MacDonald, the man behind the myths' by Robert Skidelsky, in 'The Sunday Telegraph', 9 October 1966.

'In praise of stealth', a review of 'The Masters of Power' by Brian Crozier from 'The Spectator', 18 October 1969.


'Dictatorship at work in Britain at war: Robert Skidelsky on the British official papers for the second world war just released', 'The Sunday Telegraph', 2 January 1972.


The correspondence is not confined to discussions of the content of the biography, but also includes Skidelsky's comments on some of Mosley's TV appearances and broadsheets, comments on other author's works and descriptions of events in American domestic politics, views on the economy and attempts to publish a book of Mosley's writings and speeches. The file includes one letter from Robert Skidelsky to Diana [Mosley] and some brief correspondence between Mosley and Richard Kahn, Kings College Cambridge, concerning Robert Skidelsky's work. Also included are two copy letters between Robert Skidelsky and publishers and one letter to Mosley from 'Bill' concerning an approach by Robert Skidelsky for information.

1 file

Access: Closed

Closed until: 01/01/2040
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OMD/2  Political and literary writings  [1925-1980]

Oswald Mosley wrote extensively and, according to his biographer Robert Skidelsky, probably spoke and wrote more than any British politician in the twentieth century except Winston Churchill. This series contains both manuscript and published writing by Mosley, including a sequence of manuscript notebooks, typescripts of draft articles, copies of some of his published broadsheets, articles, books and pamphlets.

Mosley published his autobiography 'My Life' in 1968 and material relating to this work, including published editions, can be found at OMD/4.

29 volumes, 4 files, 84 items

Access: Partially closed

OMD/2/1  Manuscript notebooks  Mid-late 20th cent

These notebooks contain a wide range of political and other writings and jottings, which include drafts of articles and broadsheets, letters to the press, letters to individuals, and a variety of notes. Some of these notes seem to relate to plans for his writings or possibly for speeches. Because of Oswald Mosley's almost illegible hand, the content and subject matter has been difficult to identify and describe in detail or with certainty. However, these notebooks have been catalogued as part of his literary writings as the majority all contain at least some drafts of texts of published work. Two of the notebooks contain notes which seem predominantly to relate to the legal cases in which he was involved primarily in the early
All the notebooks have limp covers. The majority are of foolscap size containing lined paper with perforations down the left hand margin and all have evidence of pages having been torn out. Mosley has paginated some of these notebooks after removal of pages. Three of the notebooks are bound with metal spirals.

Some texts within the notebooks are separately paginated, making it easier to identify individual articles. Mosley has included word counts within and at the end of some of these, an indication of writing intended for publication. There appears to be very little sign of any organisation of the contents of these notebooks although there is some separation of different texts by the insertion of lines. In some cases, a line has been drawn through the whole text of an item.

Many of the notebooks also contain numbered lists of jottings.

Mosley has used a number of the notebooks by writing from both the front and the back. He has also labelled and annotated the outside covers, sometimes both back and front.

18 volumes

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/1 Notebook

Notebook labelled 'Articles' in Mosley's hand. The covers also have other manuscript notes to indicate other content in the notebook. The text is written from both ends of the book.

From one end, a number of pages have been removed. The right hand pages are numbered from the front up to page 16 although there is no page five and other numbered pages are blank. The left hand pages are not usually numbered and although some of them include text, this tends to consist of insertions into main text, numbered notes and lists. The content includes drafts of his articles 'Anerkennung ohne Verzicht' (pages one-four), 'The Worst of Both Worlds' (pages 11-12) [published as
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broadsheet number one, 1970] and 'Raising the sights of European policy' (pages 15-16) [published as broadsheet number two, 1970] ; drafts of letters to the press including one denouncing a suggestion in a German publication that he was an anti-Semite before the war, with text in both English and German (page 13); and some material which appears to relate to a radio broadcast. An item noted on the front cover is a circulation list, comprising lists of names for an unidentified purpose, opposite page 12 and this appears to be continued opposite page 13.

At the other end of the volume are a few pages of notes and lists which appear to relate to legal cases. The cover is labelled 'Case this end'.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/2 Notebook

Notebook, covers labelled with what appears to be the same text and dated May 1966. Many of the pages have been torn out and the remaining pages are not paginated. From one end the volume includes drafts of undated letter to the press, notes and a draft of an article 'The Reorganisation of Government' [published as broadsheet number five, 1970].

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/3 Notebook

Notebook with covers labelled with notes to indicate content. There is some pagination from both front and back and although it is mostly only the right hand pages which are numbered, this is not consistent throughout. A few pages have been torn out form both ends.

The content from one end includes drafts of his articles 'Democracy' (pages one-four) [published in Eboracum in 1970 and then as broadsheet number six, 1971] and 'War of Generations' (page 19) and drafts of his speech...
to the Conservative Bow Group (pages five-nine) [delivered in 1969 and published as broadsheet number three in 1970]. There are various drafts of letters, some of which are letters to the press and other correspondents include Dr Vom Berg, Constantine Fitzgibbon and Bob [Robert Boothby] and various notes.

The content from the other end includes drafts of a new footnote for the paperback edition of 'My Life' relating to the Birmingham Proposals published on page 184 (page three) and various lists of points, notes and draft text which has not been identified. There is also some draft correspondence, some of which is dated to 1969-70. Correspondents include his biographer, Robert Skidelsky.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/4 Notebook

Notebook, covers unlabelled. There is no pagination and all the text is written from one end. Some pages have been torn out from within and at the end of the book.

The content of this notebook includes drafts of writings one of which is titled 'Liquidation of the Sterling Area; voluntary or compulsory'. These drafts have not been identified with any published article and some of these are quite lengthy pieces. Other items include a variety of notes and a small amount of draft correspondence including a letter to Desmond [Stewart]. There is no real evidence to allow dating of the contents in this notebook. There are references in some notes to 'Analysis', the title of the commentaries Mosley wrote for the 'European' in the 1950s.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/5 Notebook

Notebook, covers unlabelled. The text is written from both ends of the book which is

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unpaginated. Pages have been torn out from both ends.

The content from one end includes a draft of a piece titled 'Cost of Conservatism', others headed 'Nyasaland' and 'Malta' and a fourth beginning 'Macmillan has flopped in Moscow' and other miscellaneous notes. The content from the other end includes various draft pieces of writing: one about Macmillan's visit to Moscow, others headed 'Mosley's Peace Policy' and 'Mosley on Macmillan'. There are other writings relating to his stand for the seat of North Kensington in the election of 1959 including a piece headed 'Mosley to fight next general election' and other items which appear to have been written for the press.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/6

Notebook

Notebook, covers unlabelled. The text is written from both ends of the book and there is some pagination from one end.

The content from one end includes some drafts of answers to a variety of questions relating to Mosley's policies, many of which appear to have been published in 'Mosley - Right or Wrong' (1961). The questions are numbered 1 to 66 and although these numbers do not relate to the published numbers, the questions and answers cover the same subject ground. They include, for example, questions about taxation and monetary, welfare state, motorists and traffic, disarmament and self-defence, the Blackshirt Movement. Some of this text is interspersed with draft letters and notes. The content from the other end includes a draft of a text titled 'The Summit: our view' and other unidentified draft texts, some of which are substantial pieces and may be texts for speeches. There are also various notes and drafts of letters.

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Access: Open

OMD/2/1/7 Notebook 1974-1976

Notebook, metal spiral bound.

The text is written from both ends of the book. The content from one end includes a draft of a piece entitled 'If things go wrong. Need for a contingency plan' [published as broadsheet number 32 in 1976] and other notes. The content from the other end includes a draft of a piece entitled 'Give Army chance to do job' [published as broadsheet number 26 in 1974], drafts of various letters to the press, 1974-75; draft of article 'The State of Britain: Alternative Policy and Will' [published as broadsheet number 30, 1975]; and various notes.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/8 Notebook 1973-1976

Notebook, metal spiral bound.

The text is written from both ends of the book. The content from one end includes notes on a book; drafts of articles, one beginning 'a very distinguished scholar', another 'the erection of'; and 'Europe's opponents: policies examined' [published as broadsheet number 29, 1975]; drafts of letters including one to Harold Macmillan. The content from the other end includes drafts of various letters to the press, some of which are dated to 1973-76 and letters to other correspondents, including Robert Skidelsky. There are also various notes and the draft of a review of Harold Macmillan's 'The Past Masters: Politics and Politicians 1906-1939' (1975)

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/9 Notebook 1972-1974

Notebook, metal spiral bound.
The text is written from both ends of the book. The content from one end includes various notes, drafts of letters, including letters to the press, 1972-74, drafts of articles including draft text which was published as broadsheet number 24 under the title 'The election observed. What chance for reality?', 1974. The content from the other end also includes various notes and draft of the text titled 'Government by the nation with wartime power to act' [published as broadsheet number 23'], and some drafts of letters.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/10 Notebook [1960s]
Notebook, covers unlabelled. The text is written from both ends of the book although the bulk is written from one end. Pages have been removed from one end and within the book.

The content from one end includes a variety of notes and numbered lists, some drafts of letters and some unidentified draft texts. The content from the other end consists of three pages of unidentified text.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/11 Notebook 1965-1966
Notebook, covers annotated with notes, some of which appears to relate to the content. The text is written from both ends of the book although the bulk is written from only one end. A considerable number of pages have been removed from within the book. The content from one end includes unidentified draft texts, drafts of letters including two to Dr Vom Berg, 1965, a variety of numbered lists and notes. There are also some accounts for February-April 1966. The content from the other end, over just four pages, consists of notes and lists and a small
piece headed 'outstanding business'.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/12 Notebook 1971

Notebook, covers annotated with notes about the content. The text is written from both ends of the book, but there are also a substantial number of blank pages. A few pages have also been torn out from one end. The content from one end includes the draft of an article entitled 'A great resolve' as well as notes, lists of numbered points and some draft letters, some of which are dated to 1971. The content from the other end, on six pages, comprises notes and text including material relating to Enoch Powell.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/13 Notebook [1960s]

Notebook, labelled 'Case File' on one cover. The text is written from both ends of the book although there is very little written from one end and there are also a considerable number of blank pages. A few pages have been removed. The content from one end includes a series of numbered rough notes and other notes. From the other end, there are just two pages with notes. These notes may relate more to legal cases in which he was involved rather more than notes relating to political writings.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/14 Notebook [early 1960s]

Notebook, labelled 'Mosley' on one cover. Some text is written from both ends of the book but there are also a considerable number of blank pages. A number of pages have been removed from the front of the book. The content from
both ends consist of various notes, the majority of which appear to relate to legal cases in which Mosley was involved in the early 1960s. There are also a small quantity of notes made in another person's hand relating to press comment on rallies held in July 1962.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/15 Notebook [1971-1972]

Notebook, labelled 'Articles' in Mosley's hand. Contains drafts of articles, including broadsheets, rough notes and drafts of letters. Some pages have been torn from the notebook. Text is written from both ends of the book. It is difficult to date the notebook with certainty as the hand is difficult to decipher and not all material in the notebook is dated, but some dates cover 1971 and 1972.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/16 Notebook [c 1970]

Untitled notebook containing drafts of articles, draft letters, including letters to the press, and rough notes in Mosley's hand. Text has been written from both ends of the book. Some pages have been removed from the notebook. Some draft articles show a word count. It is difficult to date the notebook with certainty as the hand is difficult to decipher and not all material in the notebook is dated, but letters to the press can be compared with correspondence files elsewhere in the archive to show that the notebook was in use during the early 1970s.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/17 Notebook [1972]

Notebook, with annotation on cover 'RS Letters' in Mosley's hand, containing draft letters to Robert Skidelsky, rough notes including 'Notes
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re Mosley and television’ and ‘Powell on inflation’, draft writing on political matters and draft letters to the press. It is difficult to date the notebook exactly as not all entries are dated, but entries which are dated show that the notebook was in use in 1972. Some pages are loose and text has been written from both ends of the book.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/1/18 Notebook

Notebook, annotated on cover ‘Notes for Hellenism & Christianity’ in Mosley's hand, containing manuscript drafts and notes of a text by Mosley. Some sections of the text are numbered. Text has been written from both ends of the book. The book is undated, but was in use sometime between 1960 and 1980.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/2 Loose typescripts and manuscripts of writings

Author: Oswald Mosley. These comprise both published and unpublished material; some of the manuscripts have clearly been written in and then torn from his notebooks and other manuscript texts not separately identified can be found in these, see OMD/2/1.

2 files, 40 items

Access: Partially closed

OMD/2/2/1 'The Worst of Both Worlds'

Typescript and manuscript drafts of the text of an article which was submitted for publication to the 'Daily Telegraph Magazine' under the title 'The Worst of Both Worlds' and which was published on 14 September 1970 as number one of Mosley's broadsheets under the title 'Inflation and Depression. The Worst of Both Worlds'. Some of these texts are titled 'The Worst of Both Worlds'; others have the...
extended title of 'The Worst of Both Worlds. Inflation and Depression'.

These drafts comprise:

/1 Manuscript draft, untitled, written on pages torn from a notebook.

/2 Typescript draft with extensive manuscript amendments and insertions in the hands of Oswald Mosley and David Ashton, with detailed typescript comments from Ashton under the heading 'Crisis article'.

/3 Typescript draft with a few manuscript amendments, labelled copy sent to David Ashton, 10 June 1970.

/4 Typescript draft with a manuscript amendments in Oswald Mosley's hand and labelled by him as 'Final copy' sent 16 June 1970; the amendments appear to be subsequent to this note as they relate to an altered version which was published as Mosley's broadsheet number one.

/5 Typescript copy with copy of letter to Patrick Brangwyn of the 'Daily Telegraph Magazine', dated 16 June 1970, accompanying the article submitted for possible publication.

/6 Typescript draft with extensive manuscript amendments and insertions in the hands of Oswald Mosley and Diana Mosley and labelled 'Copy 1 as altered'; with accompanying amended text relating to publication of article on the back of which is a copy letter to Hamm dated 18 August 1970 about the article which he proposes to be circulated by the Secretariat if not accepted elsewhere.

/7 Typescript draft dated 18 August 1970 and labelled as copy sent to J. Hamm.

/8-9 Typescript drafts, with a few manuscript amendments, both labelled 2nd copy and dated 21 August 1970; with accompanying text relating to publication of article.
9 items

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/2 'Anerkennung ohne Verzicht' [c 1965]

Typescript drafts of text of a version of article written in English; a subsequent version of this article was written under the title of 'Europa und Annerkennung'. There are three different typescript versions of the article, one of which is annotated in Mosley's hand to indicate that it was written for 'Die Zeit' and not published.

3 items

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/3 'Europa und Annerkennung' [c 1968]

Typescript drafts of text of a version of article written in English; an earlier version of this article was written under the title of 'Anerkennung ohne Verzicht'. There are three different typescript versions of the article. There is some additional text attached to one version indicating that the article was written for publication in any suitable journal together with the text of an advertisement for his autobiography, partly in German.

3 items

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/4 'War of Generations' 1970

Typescript drafts of the text of an article [submitted for publication to the Telegraph Magazine]. There are a top and carbon copy of the 3rd draft of this article dated 30 June 1970; the top copy includes some manuscript corrections made by Oswald Mosley.

2 items

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/5 'Raising the sights of European policy' 1970

Typescript drafts of the text of an article which was submitted for publication to the 'Daily
Telegraph Magazine' under the title 'Raising the sights of European policy' and which was published on 25 September 1970 as number two of Mosley's broadsheets under the title 'How to 'Raise the Sights' of Britain's European Policy'. Both titles are represented in these draft texts, which comprise:

/1 Typescript with copy letter to David [Ashton], dated 16 June 1970, asking for comments and making reference to his earlier article, 'The Worst of Both Worlds'.

/2 Typescript with copy of letter to Patrick Brangwyn of the 'Daily Telegraph Magazine', dated 23 June 1970, accompanying the article submitted for possible publication.

/3-4 Typescript drafts, with a few manuscript corrections, dated 1 September 1970 and labelled 'second version'.

/5 Typescript text, with manuscript amendments and revisions made by Mosley for publication as a broadsheet.

5 items
Access: Open

OMD/2/2/6 'Note on a recent situation with further implications' [c 1970]
Three typescripts. Not dated.
3 items
Access: Open

OMD/2/2/7 'Democracy' 1970
Two typescript drafts with annotations and alterations. This article was first published in 'Eboracum' at York University, 1 December 1970 and then as broadsheet [number six], 'Democracy. Action Within Parliamentary Government', published 14 January 1971 .
2 items
Access: Open

OMD/2/2/8 'The Irish Problem: Interim and Ultimate Solutions'

Typescript draft with amendments. This piece was published as broadsheet number ten, 8 October 1971. With letter from D. Ashton concerning the draft, published suggestions made about the Irish question by Gilbert Longden, Conservative MP, in 'The Daily Telegraph' and other matters relating to Oswald Mosley's public profile (accession 1994/21). The letter in this file is covered by an access restriction until 01/01/2050.

2 items

Access: Partially closed

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OMD/2/2/9 'Inflation - Employment & Incomes'

Manuscript draft of text published as broadsheet number five under the title 'Inflation - Employment - Incomes Policy. To Simplify Truth is the Art of Politics' 27 November 1970.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/10 Review of 'Chaos or Callocracy'

Typescript review by Oswald Mosley of a book by Dr W. J. Busschau.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/11 Review of 'Past Masters'

Typescript draft of review by Sir Oswald Mosley

[1971]

[1975]

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/12 Review of Robert Skidelsky's biography [1975]

Typescript draft of a review by Oswald Mosley of his own biography. Headed 'Article for the Spectator'.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/13 'Beyond Democracy' [c 1970]

Typescript with the full title: 'Beyond Democracy (a look at the underlying forces at work in the evolution of human society)'.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/14 Untitled typescript on fascism and democracy [c 1970]

Discusses the nature of inter-war fascism in Britain, post-war democracy and the need for a firm alliance in America and Europe against communism. Undated.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/2/2/15 'Free Speech and the Police' [c 1970]

Typescript draft by Sir Oswald Mosley. Undated.

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OMD/2/2/16 Typed extracts from Oswald Mosley's writing, speeches and broadcasts [c 1970]

Includes extracts from pieces in 'Action' and speeches to British Union of Fascist members on the appropriate attitude to the war, British air
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strength and re-armament 1933-1940. Also typed extracts of statements by Lloyd-George on the Boer War, 1900, by the Earl of Chathan, 1777 and an extract from a letter from Ramsey MacDonald to the 'Leicester Pioneer' 8 August 1914 on war with Germany. Some extracts are annotated and they appear to have been gathered for use in a book or other publication.

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OMD/2/2/17 Manuscript drafts and notes [c 1970]

Loose manuscript notes, draft writing and drafts of letters in Oswald Mosley's hand. Many of these notes are on pages that appear to have been torn from notebooks (catalogued at OMD/2/1). Include notes on filing of articles.

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OMD/2/2/18 'Notes on the situation' [1972]

Typescript of Mosley's broadsheet with the subtitle 'Ireland-Impartial Law-Dock Lessons, Planning Staff, National Police-Asian immigrants-Inflation'.

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OMD/2/2/19 'Keep out of War. Get into Europe' [c 1967]

Typescript draft, heavily annotated by Oswald Mosley, of a piece drafted for 'Action'.

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OMD/2/2/20 Untitled typescript [c 1968]

This typescript appears to be drafted by Oswald Mosley as a response to, or a review of, Harold Nicolson's 'Diaries and Letters 1930-39'.
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OMD/2/3/10 'European Socialism' 1950s
This essay, being a summary of the policy and a reply to comment and criticism from Britain, Germany, Italy and America was printed in May 1956 in the German monthly 'Nation Europa'. It was published as a booklet by Sanctuary Press by permission of 'The European', the discussion on European Socialism having been begun by Oswald Mosley in this publication in May 1954.
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OMD/2/4 Copies of published articles 1936-1980
Author: Oswald Mosley.
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OMD/2/4/1 Copies of issues of magazines and journals containing articles and book reviews by Oswald Mosley 1936-1980
Contains:
/1 'Zeitschrift fur Geopolitik' containing article 'Das grosse Entweder-Oder', volume 13, number 9, September 1936.
/2 'New Outlook', October 1966, number 58 containing review of 'Winds of Change' by Harold Macmillan [the first volume of his memoirs].
/3 'Nation Europa', October 1973, volume 23,
number 10, containing article 'Kommt England in Europa an?'.

4 'The Spectator', number 7658, for week ending 5 April 1975, containing review of Skidelsky's biography entitled 'Sir Oswald on doing it his way'.

5 'Bootleg' [magazine for Old Etonians], June 1980 containing an article 'Union of mind and will - the main need'.

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OMD/2/4/2 Copies of loose articles and reviews 1970-1972

Loose articles and reviews by Sir Oswald Mosley, as follows:


5/'Democracy' in 'Eboracum', no date, two copies.


7/'Like Father, unlike son' from 'Daily Telegraph'; 29 January 1971, two copies, one with typed heading.

8/Review of John Stephenson and Chris Cook's book 'The Slump', incomplete, no date or publication (copy).

9/Review of Norman Longmate's book 'If Britain had fallen' from 'The Listener', 21 September
1972 (copy).

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OMD/2/5 Copies of broadsheets 1970-1975

These include a complete set of the broadsheets by Sir Oswald Mosley up to 1975 and a number of duplicates which have annotations in Mosley's hand. All are printed and published by the Mosley Secretariat. Later broadsheets from 1976-1980 can be found at OMD/7/1/3.

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OMD/2/5/1 'Inflation and depression. The worst of both worlds' 1970

Broadsheet dated 14 September 1970.

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Broadsheet dated 3 November 1970.
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Broadsheet dated 27 November 1970.
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OMD/2/5/6 'Democracy Action Within Parliamentary Government' 1971
Copy of an article first published in 'Eboracum' at York University 1 November 1970.
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OMD/2/5/7 'Confusion in debate. Inflation and Europe' 1971
Two copies of broadsheet number seven, one a proof copy annotated with corrections in Oswald Mosley's hand. 26 April 1971.
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OMD/2/5/8 'Mosley's thinking since the war' 1971
Two copies of broadsheet number eight, one annotated with corrections suggested by D. Ashton, 11 May 1971.
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OMD/2/5/9 'Forward and now in Europe: Not Back to Bretton Woods' 1971
Broadsheet number nine, 16 September 1971.
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Broadsheet number 10, 8 October 1971.
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Broadsheet number 12, 3 January 1972.
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Broadsheet number 13, 6 March 1972.
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Broadsheet number 14, 19 May 1972.
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OMD/2/5/15  'When the nonsense has to stop. And yet another fall of the pound'  1972
Broadsheet number 15, 30 June 1972.
OMD/2/5/16  'Notes on the situation'  1972
Broadsheet number 16, 12 September 1972. With the sub-title 'Ireland - Impartial Law - Dock Lessons, Planning Staff. National Police - Asian Immigrants - Inflation'.

OMD/2/5/17  'European achievement versus nonsense policies'  1973

OMD/2/5/18  'Britain in danger. Need for real change'  1973

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'Where is the will to act?' 1974

Broadsheet number 28, 15 November 1974.
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OMD/2/5/29

'Europe's opponents: Policies examined' 1975

Two copies of broadsheet number 29, both with slight annotations in Oswald Mosley's hand, 14 May 1975.
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OMD/2/5/30

'The state of Britain: Alternative policy and will' 1975

Two copies of broadsheet number 30, one with a section marked in pen, 19 September 1975.
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OMD/2/6

Copies of published books 1946-1962

This series contains copies of some of Oswald Mosley's published books. From 1931 onwards, most of his publications were published and distributed by his own publishing companies: Greater Britain Publications, Action Press, Sanctuary Press, Mosley Publications and Euphorion Press.

11 volumes
Access: Open

OMD/2/6/1

'My Answer' 1946

Paperback copy published by Mosley
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Publications, June 1946.

1 volume

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OMD/2/6/2 'The Alternative' 1947


1 volume

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OMD/2/6/3 'Die Alternative' 1949


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OMD/2/6/4 'Die Europaische Revolution' 1950


1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/6/5 'Mosley: Policy and debate' [A collection of essays] from the ‘European’ 1954

Paperback copy published by Euphorion Books.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/2/6/6 'Europe: Faith and Plan' 1958

Hardback copy of the book by Oswald Mosley published by Euphorion Books. With dust
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jacket.
1 volume
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OMD/2/6/7 'Europa: Una Fede e un Programma' 1960
Paperback copy of Italian edition of 'Europe: Faith and Plan' by Oswald Mosley, translated from the English by Alvise Loredan.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/2/6/8 'Ich Glaube an Europa' 1962
Paperback copy of German edition of 'Europe: Faith and Plan' by Oswald Mosley, translated from the English by Heinrich Hartle and published by Klosterhaus-Verlag.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/2/6/9 'La Nation Europe' 1962
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/2/6/10 'Mosley - Right or Wrong?' 1961
Two paperback copies of the book, published by Lion Books, September 1961. Both copies include annotations made by Oswald Mosley.
2 volumes
Access: Open

OMD/3 Speeches, broadcasts, interviews and conferences [1920s-late 20th cent]
This series contains texts and scripts of
speeches, lectures and broadcasts by or featuring Oswald Mosley, a large number of sound recordings, a single recording on video cassette and papers relating to the conference of Venice in 1962.

6 files, 76 items

Access: Open, but subject to some access restrictions

**Physical description:** Recordings in this series are on reels, audio cassettes, vinyl records or video cassette. The recordings require migration into a modern format before they can be made available for research.

**OMD/3/1** Texts and scripts 1920s-1970s

Texts and scripts of speeches, lectures and interviews given by Oswald Mosley, including contributions to parliamentary debates from the 1920s. This sub-series also contains some typescripts of broadcasts featuring Oswald Mosley. Mosley published a number of his speeches as pamphlets and some of these are included in this deposit. These have been catalogued with his political and other writings, in the appropriate section for copies of his published pamphlets and booklets (OMD/2/3).

5 files

Access: Open

**OMD/3/1/1** Official reports of Parliamentary debates [1921-1929]

This material comprises photocopies of pages from Official Reports of the speeches and contributions to debates made by Oswald Mosley as a Member of Parliament. A few of the copies include annotations in Mosley's hand and some also include headings in another, unidentified hand. The copies relate to following pieces of legislation and debates:

German Reparation Bill: 18 March 1921.

Safeguarding Industries: 6 June 1921, 29 June 1921, 30 June 1921, 13 July 1921, 10 August
1921, 11 August 1921.

Finance Bill: 29 July 1921.

Trade Facilities Bill: 25 October 1921, 27 October 1921.

Appropriation Bill: 9 November 1921.

Debate of on the Address: 8 February 1922.

Adjournment - Near East: 30 May 1922.

Supply: Middle Eastern Services: 11 July 1922, 20 March 1923.

Debate on the Address - Foreign Policy: 15 February 1923.

Deportations to Ireland: 15 May 1923.

Debate on the address - China: 10 February 1927.


Trades Disputes Bill: 17 May 1927, 1, 13, 20 and 22 June 1927.

Finance Bill: 28 June 1927.


Debate on the Address - Unemployment: 8 November 1928.

Local Government [Money]: 29 November 1928.

Supply - Supplementary Estimate: 1 March 1929.


Supply - Unemployment: 25 March 1929.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/3/1/2 Printed texts of parliamentary speeches in the House of Commons 1928-1930
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

These comprise the following texts delivered by Oswald Mosley, extracted from the Official Reports and published by HMSO:

/1 Two speeches delivered on 8 and 29 November 1928: Unemployment (Debate on the Address) and Local Government (De-rating) Bill (Money Resolution).

/2 Speech delivered on 25 March 1929, on Unemployment.

/3 Speech delivered on 28 May 1930 on Unemployment on his resignation, two copies, one with marked sections.

/4 Speech delivered on 29 October 1930 on the economic situation.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/3/1/3 Lecture and speech texts [1930s-1970s]

Contains:

1/Carbon typescript of lecture text, entitled 'The Philosophy of Fascism', delivered by Oswald Mosley at the English Speaking Union, 22 March 1933.

2/Typescript of speech delivered by Sir Oswald Mosley to the Birmingham Bow Group, 7 November [1969].

3/Typed extract from a speech by Sir Oswald Mosley's at Renishaw Park, Sheffield [in August 1931].

4/ Handwritten notes describing the contents of an unidentified speech. These notes are not in Mosley's hand. The notes are written on a portion of an invitation card for an exhibition in 1967 and so the notes must date from 1967 or after.

5/Typed extracts by the Mosley Secretariat of lectures by Sir Oswald Mosley at the Festsaal of
the Kunsterlerhaus, Munich, 15 January [1974?] and at the American College in Paris, no date [1970s].

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OMD/3/1/4 Broadcast scripts 1971-1976

These comprise:


5-6/ Typescript of transcript of BBC2 Late Night Line-up programme of debate between Oswald Mosley and Richard Crossman, transmitted 28 July 1971; with carbon typescript.

7-8/ Typescript of transcript of BBC1 television programme 'Tonight', transmitted 17 November 1976, concerning Unity Mitford and David Pryce-Jones' book 'Unity Mitford: A Quest'. Oswald Mosley is interviewed during the programme and gives his opinions on the book. Also typescript and handwritten notes of a letter to solicitors concerning statements made in the book.

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OMD/3/1/5 Interview transcripts [1960s-1970s]

Contains:

1/ Transcript of an interview given by Oswald Mosley to the STAR newspaper, South Africa, published in abbreviated form in issue dated 28 January 1967.

2/ Transcript of an interview labelled 'Fourth
Tape' where Oswald Mosley recounts his memories regarding the foundation and activities of the New Party in the 1930s and of key figures including Harold Nicolson and Alan Young. The date of the interview is unclear as Mosley frequently refers to 'the book' [his own work] and also Skidelsky. This suggests a date during the 1960s or 1970s.

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OMD/3/2  Sound recordings  [Mid-late 20th cent]

This sub-series contains reel to reel sound recordings, audio cassette recordings and some recordings on vinyl records.

75 items

Access: Open, but subject to some access restrictions

**Physical description:** The recordings in this sequence require migration to a modern format before the recordings can be listened to and catalogued in detail. These recordings are not currently available for research.

OMD/3/2/1  Cassette recordings  1983-1993

6 items

Access: Open

**Physical description:** The recordings in this sequence require migration into a modern format before recordings can be made accessible and the contents can be checked.

OMD/3/2/1/1  'Mosley Speaks'  1992

60 minute cassette produced by the Friends of Oswald Mosley, with copyright held by that organisation. The cassette contains recordings of speeches made by Mosley as leader of the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s, and as leader of the Union Movement in the 1950s.

Side A contains a compilation of speeches made during the 'First 21 Months of British
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Union', including Mosley's speeches at meetings held at the Royal Albert Hall and at Olympia in 1934. The speeches are interspersed with recordings of militaristic music, the chanting of the crowd, and a statement by Oswald Mosley about the reasons for wearing the Blackshirt. It also contains a recording of a speech made by Oswald Mosley in 1958 at Manchester Free Trade Hall, in which he discusses the current economic situation in Britain and the question of war and peace.

Side B contains recordings of speeches made by Mosley predominantly during the 1950s, at Wilmot Street School in 1954, in which he discusses free speech and the problems faced by the Union Movement; at a Union Movement dinner held in Victoria in 1957 in which he discusses the need for European Union and Union Movement economic policy; at a North Kensington street meeting in 1959 in which he campaigns for election on the grounds that he can solve social problems supposedly caused by the influx of Caribbean immigrants to the area; at Acton Town Hall in 1960 at which he discusses the prospect of nuclear war between America and Russia, Britain's role in preventing conflict, and the current economic situation. It also contains a recording of a brief address that Mosley made in 1938 entitled 'Comrades in Struggle', and a recording of the 'Song of Union' from 1957.

1 audio cassette

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OMD/3/2/1/2 'Comrades in Struggle: The Voice of Oswald Mosley 1933-1939'

60 minute cassette produced by the Friends of Oswald Mosley, with copyright held by that organisation. The cassette contains recordings of speeches, addresses and statements made by Oswald Mosley as leader of the British Union of Fascists. Side 2 also contains a recording of 'The Marching Song', sung by Blackshirts in 1936.

Side One contains recorded addresses made by Mosley to members of the British Union of Fascists.
Fascists, including one entitled 'Comrades in Struggle', recorded in 1938, which sets out the benefits of British Union of Fascists’ economic policy in contrast to the oppression of 'international finance'. It also contains recordings of the speeches Mosley gave at British Union of Fascists’ meetings held at the Royal Albert Hall in 1934, and at the Earls Court peace rally in July 1939, interspersed with music played by the British Union of Fascists bands, and by the chanting of the crowd.

Side Two contains a recording of 'The Marching Song' sung by Blackshirts in 1936, and a recording of Mosley's brief statement to the news media, presumably in 1939, explaining that the British Union of Fascists would make peace with Germany and Italy, but if Britain was attacked, the movement would fight to defend the country. It also contains a lengthy recording of events at the British Union of Fascists meeting held at Olympia in June 1934, featuring musical performances by the massed bands of the British Union of Fascists, the reaction of the crowd, and a recording of excerpts from Mosley's speech at this meeting, including audible disturbances by anti-fascists present.

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in Africa, and mentions political reactions in the UK to 'coloured immigancy'. This is followed by recordings of speeches made by Oswald Mosley on the need for a united Europe. The first focuses on the power of 'international finance' and is preceded by Mosley's explanation of the economic situation, and of Union Movement policy. Mosley also discusses the exploitation of 'backward peoples' and backward countries' to produce cheap goods. The second speech focuses on the need for a united Europe, preceded by an address on the practical reasons for European union. There is no indication of the date these speeches were made, but it is likely that they date from the 1950s or 1960s.

Side Two contains a partial recording of a speech in which Mosley discusses the European spirit, followed by an address about European union. This is followed by an undated BBC recording of an unidentified programme about Mosley's life and career, which includes excerpts from a speech made by Mosley during a Union Movement rally in 1962 at Trafalgar Square which was disrupted by anti-fascists. It also contains excerpts from a 1978 interview with Mosley in which he discusses his experiences during the First World War and whether he could have prevented the outbreak of the Second World War by staying in the Labour party. The programme also includes a recording of the reminiscences of David Lloyd George's private secretary A. J. Sylvester, giving Lloyd George's opinion of Mosley and an excerpt from an interview in which Mosley speaks about the reasons for his resignation. The programme commentator discusses the initial popularity of the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s. This is followed by a recording of interviews with men in Stoke-on-Trent who remembered Oswald Mosley coming to speak in the town, and excerpts from a recording of Mosley's speech at the British Union of Fascists rally at Olympia in 1934.

This side of the cassette also includes a recording from part of the BBC radio 4 programme 'The World This Weekend', probably from 1984. It contains an item about a
campaign recently launched by the MP Ian Mikardo to gain publication of papers relating to the internment of Oswald Mosley in 1940, and includes an interview with Diana Mosley in which she discusses her reasons for wanting the papers released.

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Access: Open

OMD/3/2/1/4 'Speaking for Mosley' 1992

60 minute cassette, the majority of which is filled with a recorded account by Alistair Kershaw. This account gives Kershaw's opinion of Oswald Mosley, based on his friendship with him that began in 1958, when he was invited to lunch at the home of Oswald and Diana Mosley in Paris, after being introduced by a mutual friend, the writer Henry Williamson. He gives a picture of the sort of man Kershaw found Mosley to be, and gives his impressions of Diana Mosley. Kershaw provides a profile of Mosley's political career and describes his physical characteristics.

He gives an account of Mosley's views about his apparent anti-Semitism, and his uneasiness about immigration from Africa into Europe. He also recounts Mosley's views about his imprisonment during the Second World War, and mentions Mosley's wider cultural interests in philosophy, music and literature, particularly [Johann Wolfgang von] Goethe.

Side Two also contains BBC radio news broadcasts dating from 1992 which focus on the Los Angeles riots which were sparked by the videoed police assault on Rodney King. Other news items include the civil war in Yugoslavia, and an obituary of Marlene Dietrich.

1 audio cassette

Access: Open
Side A contains a recording of a BBC Radio 4 programme entitled 'What If?', presented by Christopher Andrew and broadcast in May 1993. It focuses on the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936, and considers the possible course of events if the king had not resigned. The programme includes comment by the historians David Cannadine and Philip Ziegler, both of whom proposed that Oswald Mosley might have re-entered mainstream politics if David Lloyd George had formed an interim government to allow the public to express their feelings about the possibility of a royal marriage to Wallis Simpson. The programme also discusses the likely dramatic change in foreign policy that Edward VIII's reign would have brought about, due to his sympathy for the regime in Germany, and his conviction that war must be avoided at all costs. The programme also includes excerpts from Edward VIII's radio broadcast on his resignation.

Side B contains the recorded reminiscences of Albert James Sylvester, who served as principal private secretary to Lloyd George. Sylvester discusses his early life, and his career, and includes his impressions of political figures such as Winston Churchill. These reminiscences were made for a radio programme entitled 'The Principal Private Secretary', which was probably broadcast in 1983.

This side of the cassette also contains a separate recording of reminiscences by Sylvester about Oswald Mosley, giving Lloyd George's favourable impression of him as a politician, but stating that Lloyd George thought his career was ruined by impatience. This is followed by an excerpt from an unidentified broadcast containing a recording of an interview with Diana Mosley about the government refusal to release the papers relating to the imprisonment of Oswald Mosley in 1940.
Access: Open

OMD/3/2/1/6 'The New Party' 1993

90 minute cassette containing a recording of a BBC Radio 4 Playhouse dramatisation by Martyn Wade which focuses on the short-lived New Party, led by Oswald Mosley in 1931 and 1932. Events are described from the point of view of Harold Nicolson. The drama tells the story of the establishment of the party, Nicolson's membership, and his editorship of the party newspaper 'Action', and goes on to document his disillusionment with the direction the movement was taking towards fascism, his unease about the contributions of Peter Cheyney to 'Action', and the violence and militarism of the youth movement NUPA. The drama also deals with Nicolson's friendship with Oswald Mosley and his sympathy for Cynthia Mosley, having to deal with Mosley's embrace of fascism and his relationships with other women, and also touches on difficulties within his own marriage to Vita Sackville-West. The drama is clearly based on sources such as Nicolson's diary and on secondary works about the life of Oswald Mosley.

A cutting from a listings magazine giving details of the production, including the names of the cast, is inserted in the cassette case. The cassette also includes extracts from a BBC radio news programme likely to have been recorded in 1993, which contains items about the public sector deficit and proposals for government spending, with an additional piece of reporting on a debate on the Maastricht treaty in parliament.

1 audio cassette
Access: Open

OMD/3/2/2 Reel to reel recordings [Mid-late 20th cent]

Reel to reel sound recordings (which include some cassettes which have been made of these reel to reels). Some recordings include press cuttings inside the original reel boxes. Six of the
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

reels in this series were deposited as accession 2005/71, with the remaining reels deposited as accession 1994/30. Where the accession number for each reel is known, this has been inserted at file level.

63 items

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: The majority of recordings in this sequence require migration into a modern format before recordings can be made accessible and the contents can be checked.

OMD/3/2/2/1 People and Politics [1990s]

Recordings of television and radio programmes dating from 1973 and 1974. These programmes were originally recorded onto a 7” sound reel, and have been copied onto two 120 minute audio cassettes. Both cassettes contain the same material.

The first programme is an episode of ‘People and Politics’, broadcast by Thames television. From the topics discussed, the edition appears to have been recorded during the winter of 1973. It takes the form of an audience discussion about people’s faith in politics and focuses on the failures of the Conservative government, and the failure of the Labour party to provide a convincing alternative. The audience is made up of young people, and there are also contributions from three MPs serving their first term in parliament. The MPs are Norman Fowler, Conservative member for Nottingham South, Philip Whitehead, Labour member for Derby North, and Alan Beith, Liberal member for Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The second programme is a radio broadcast, probably from Radio 4, consisting of an overview of the opinions expressed by newspaper leader writers and political columnist about the recent attack by Enoch Powell on the mental stability of Edward Heath. Heath had
previously described Powell as a frustrated fanatic at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool, and this attack was Powell’s response. The presenter discusses reports in 'The Times', the 'Daily Express', 'The Guardian' and 'The Observer'.

The third programme is an episode of People and Politics, broadcast by Thames television in March 1974. It consists of an interview with Enoch Powell which focuses on his political career and his ambition to lead the Conservative Party.

The final recorded item is a radio news programme which contains a report about the first public appearance of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Philips following an attempt to kidnap them in March 1974.

Two press cuttings featuring television programme schedule listings for 'People and Politics' are included with the original sound reel box.

1 reel, 2 audio cassettes

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable the reel to be played.

OMD/3/2/2/2 E. Powell - Frost [1990s]

Recordings of television and radio programmes dating from 1969 and 1971. These programmes were originally recorded onto a 5 3/4" sound reel, and have been copied onto two 120 minute audio cassettes. Both cassettes contain the same material.

The first programme is an edition of 'Frost on Friday', broadcast by London Weekend Television in June 1969. It consists of a discussion between David Frost and Enoch Powell, with some audience participation. Frost questions Powell on his views on immigration, racism and racial discrimination, with reference to his recent speeches about this subject. He also questions Powell's use of language.
This programme has been recorded onto both side A and side B of the audio cassettes

The other programmes consist of episodes four and five of a five part radio 4 series entitled 'Accustomed as I Am', broadcast in 1971, in which Robert McKenzie focuses on the art and craft of political oratory. Episode four looks at the effect of broadcasting on traditional methods of communication, and includes excerpts from broadcasts by Winston Churchill, Charles De Gaulle, Ramsay MacDonald, David Lloyd George and Clement Atlee. It also contains excerpts from the leaders of the Conservative and Labour parties at the 1970 general election, Edward Heath and Harold Wilson.

Episode five considers the craft of political oratory and includes recorded reminiscences by Robert Boothby in which he discusses his experiences as parliamentary private secretary to Winston Churchill during the late 1920s and the way in which Churchill prepared to give speeches. He also speaks about how Churchill performed as an orator in the 1950s, after suffering a stroke. Boothby goes on to speak about the oratorial skills of David Lloyd George and Stanley Baldwin.

The recording of this programme cuts out at this point, and continues on side B of the tape, which is filled, for the most part, with a recording of part of the 'Frost on Friday' interview with Enoch Powell. In the remainder of the episode of 'Accustomed as I Am', there are contributions from Jennie Lee, the widow of Aneurin Bevan, Ian McCloud and his widow, and Harold Macmillan, all discussing political oratory.

The sound reel and audio cassettes also include a radio news item about Enoch Powell's speech at a public meeting in Wolverhampton in which he focused on immigration and accused Edward Heath of showing incomprehension of the magnitude of danger and not pressing government to cut the flow of immigrants. The report mentions that Powell was sacked from the shadow cabinet the previous year [1968] for his views on immigration. A more detailed report
on Powell's speech follows, which includes analysis of the statistics he used to support his arguments that levels of immigration to Birmingham and the Black Country were too high.

1 reel, 2 audio cassettes

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable the reel to be played.

OMD/3/2/2/3 'Politics in the 70s' [1990s]

Recordings of the first two episodes of a six part series broadcast on Radio 4 in the summer of 1973 entitled 'Politics in the 70s', introduced by Robin Day. The programmes were originally recorded onto a 5 3/4" sound reel, and have been copied onto two 120 minute audio cassettes. Both cassettes contain the same material.

The format of the programme was a broadcast discussion, featuring Enoch Powell, Michael Foot, Roy Jenkins and Reginald Maudling. These politicians were chosen to represent the wide spectrum of political opinion. They were to discuss in pairs or in the group of four, their individual attitudes to the main political issues facing the country and their respective political parties.

Side A contains the first programme in the series which consists of a discussion between Enoch Powell and Michael Foot.

Side B contains the second programme in the series which consists of a discussion between Roy Jenkins and Reginald Maudling.

1 reel, 2 audio cassettes

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable the reel to be played.

OMD/3/2/2/4 Reel to reel sound recording [1973]
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

5 3/4” reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of parts three and four of 'Politics in the 1970s', a Radio 4 series from 1973.

The first two parts of this series can be found on sound recordings catalogued as OMD/3/2/2/3.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/5 Reel to reel sound recording [1964-1971]

7” reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information from the original box suggests that the recording contains sound recordings of three television programmes featuring or concerning Oswald Mosley. Information given on the box includes:

'A kind of exile’ shown on A.T.V. Television. 27-7-71. Approximate duration 45 minutes

'Late Night Line Up' featuring Oswald Mosley and Richard Crossman, shown on BBC.2. 28-7-71. 40 minutes.

'The Battle of Cable Street' shown on BBC2 on 4 October 1936 and 4 January 1970. Approximate duration 45 minutes.

The box also indicates that the reel contains a sound recording of a public rally:

'Kerbela St. 1964 Club Row Market East End May Day Rally' of approximate duration 40
minutes.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/6 Reel to reel sound recording [1939-1972]

7'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings relating to Oswald Mosley, the British Union of Fascists and the Union Movement, including extracts from a British Union of Fascists public meeting in 1939, programmes on Ugandan Asians from 1972 and programmes featuring or concerning Dan Harmston and his activities for the Union Movement. Information given on the box includes:

'BBC 1 Midweek Uxbridge D. Harmston Presented by Ludovic Kenndey. Editor Peter Pagnamenta 7 Dec 1972' [programme relating to the Uxbridge by-election in 1972 for which Dan Harmston stood as the Union Movement candidate]

'Uganda [sic] Asians. ATV 31-8-72. This week.'

'Dan Harmston Tribute to BUF Oct 1st 1932 1948 Union Movement'

'D. Frost Dan Harmston. ITV 1968. Immigration'


'BBC 1 Panorama Extract Only Black
An indication of the length of the recordings is also given on the box as '80 mins each track'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/7 Reel to reel sound recording [1939-1971]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of radio and television programmes. From the 1970s and an extract probably relating to the British Union of Fascists public meeting at Earls Court in 1939. Information given on the box includes:

'The marching 30s. Radio 4 1971'

'A political love story L. G. 1971'

'Good extract Earls Court 1939'

'A personal friend of Hitler Dr Ernst Putzi Hanfstaengl. 1971 BBC'

'A fateful friendship BBC TV'

There are also annotations on the box 'records worn out not complete' and 'missing many records'. An indication of the length of the recordings is also given on the box as 'Duration 80 mins each track'.

1 reel
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/8 Reel to reel sound recording [1975-1976]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of BBC and ITV television programmes. Information given on the box includes:

'Arise like Lucifer BUF 5-8-75. ITV'

'BBC 1 Tonight program 20-2-76'

'William Joyce LHH A great Mosley man BBC1, 29-12-75 Ludovic Kennedy Christoher [sic] Oligiati'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/9 Reel to reel sound recording [1973]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of a radio programme, 'The World this weekend' and a television programme 'The Road to Wigan Pier'.
Information given on the box includes:

'Thames TV Product 16-Oct-1973. The Road to Wigan Pier'

'The world this weekend news Presented by Nicholas Woolley Editor Harry Brown Radio 4 12-8-73 Oswald Mosley quoted halfway through white lead side track two'

An indication of the length of the recordings is also given on the box '60 minutes each track'. Inside the box is a press cutting of the programme schedule listing for 'The Road to Wigan Pier'.

1 reel, 1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.
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1 reel, 1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/11 Reel to reel sound recording [1972]

7'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two BBC television programmes from 1972, 'Yesterday's Witness' on 'The Tithe Wars' and 'The death and life of the Prince of Wales'. Information given on the box includes:

'Yesterday's witness The Tithe War 1930s BUF. Quoted'

'Death and Life Prince of Wales 1894-1972 BBC1. 30th May 1972'

The box gives an indication of the length of recordings as '60 minutes each track'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/12 Reel to reel sound recording [1972]

7'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the
recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two television programmes. Information given on the box includes:

'A King's story ATV 5-6-72 Duration 1-45 mins The Prince of Wales'

'BBC1 (Prince of Wales) The Uncrowned King The Duke of Windsor May 30th 1972'.

The annotations on the box indicate that the recordings may not be complete and that the tracks last approximately 90 minutes each.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/13 Reel to reel sound recording [1934-1979]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box (inside and outside) suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two radio programmes and possibly some extracts of public speeches from the 1930s. Information given on the box includes:

'(Start the week with) Richard Baker and guests including Mosley Oswald A. J. P. Taylor Historian ECT Radio 4 26-2-1979'

'28 Sept 1978 Jim Handcock Radio Manchester Oswald Mosley. Local Radio Only'

'Colin Cross 9 Dec 1978 Action Society, No, 1'
'Olympia 1934. Radio June 7 1934 Extract only'

An indication of the length of the recordings is given as ‘Twin track. 90 minutes each track’.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/14 Reel to reel sound recording [Mid-late 20th cent]

7'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains a recording titled ‘Britain Awake’. No date or further information about the recording is given. 'Britain Awake' was one of the British Union of Fascists songs.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/15 Reel to reel sound recording [1973]

5 3/4'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two television programmes, 'Panorama' on Communism and the Unions and 'The Frost Programme' and an
ITV news extract on the Middle East Crisis.
Information given on the box includes:

'19-3-73 BBC Panorama. Less approx. 3 minutes at the start. Communism + the Unions'

'D. Frost. Arabs + Jews Middle East Crisis 11-3-73 (ITV) News Extract 11-3-73'

Inside the box are two press cuttings, one showing the programme listing for 'The Frost Programme' 11 March 1973 and the second for 'Panorama'. The cuttings for Panorama is annotated 'Plus new extract 19-3-73'.

1 reel, 2 items

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/16

Reel to reel sound recording 1971-1972

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of radio programmes, including part 23 of the Daniel Snowman's Radio 4 series 'The Long March of Everyman' and 'The Day Wall Street Crashed'. Information given on the box includes:

'The Day Wall Street Crashed. Radio 4. 22 Dec 1971'

'The Long March of Everyman R4 Part. 23 Hunger March the 1920s +1930s. Themes and variations from the history of the People 1971-1972 Radio 4'.

1 reel

Access: Open
Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/17 Reel to reel sound recording [1977]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of a radio programme 'A Traitors Grave' and a BBC 2 programme about Jessica Mitford. Information given on the box includes:

'Radio 4. A Traitors Grave. James Ramsey MacDonald 2-3-77'

'Jessica Mitford BBC 2 24-4-77'

An indication of the length of the recordings is given as '60 minutes each track. Twin track only'.

Inside the box is an envelope containing a press-cutting featuring the television listing for the programme 'The Lively Arts. Jessica Mitford - The Honourable Rebel' 24 April 1977 and a 4 page illustrated news article on the same programme.

1 reel, 2 items

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/18 Reel to reel sound recording [1973]
5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of BBC programmes 'The Energy Crunch'. Information given on the box includes:

'The Energy Crunch Part One. BBC1. 12-7-73'

'Part Two. The Energy Crunch. 19-6-73'

Inside the box are two press cuttings showing programme schedule listings for 'The Energy Crunch'. The cuttings for 'part two' of the programme is annotated 'Less approx. 2 minutes. Program overan' [sic].

1 reel, 2 items

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/19 Reel to reel sound recording [1973]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of a programme featuring Enoch Powell and an ATV programme. Information given on the box includes:

'Enoc [sic] Powell'

'NF Action Party Monday Club D. Harmston. ATV. Lew Gardner Today on Race 1-6-73'
Inside the box is a press cutting showing the programme schedule listing for a London Weekend Television programme featuring Bryan Magee interviewing Enoch Powell on Christianity and politics. The cutting is dated May 13th 1973 and it is likely that this relates to the contents of the sound recording.

1 reel, 1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/20 Reel to reel sound recording [1972]

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of three BBC television programmes 'Late Night Line Up', 'Man Alive' and 'If Britain had fallen'. Information given on the box includes:

'BBC 2 Late Night Line Up 13-9-72.'

'If Britain had fallen. Mosley Quote L Boothby'

'1972 BBC2. Out of School. Out of Work. Man Alive. 4-10-72'

Inside the box is a press cutting showing a programme schedule listing for the programme 'Man Alive' programme 'Out of School. Out of Work'.

1 reel, 1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires
migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/21  Reel to reel sound recording  [1976]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of BBC television programmes. Information given on the box includes:

'BBC1 15-2-76 E. J. Hamm for Mosley. Part One. Approx. 15 minutes. Salmon + Bull Bethnal Green Road'

'E. J. Hamm Speaks for Mosley BBC1 19-2-76'

'Oswald Mosley BBC1 20-2-76'

'Meynard Keynes BBC2 April 76'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/22  Reel to reel sound recording  [1930s]

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box (inside and outside) suggests that the reel may contain sound recordings of extracts from 1930s public meetings at the Royal Albert Hall featuring the Blackshirts and Oswald Mosley. Information given on the box includes:

'Blackshirts 1934-39'
'Extracts from Royal Albert Hall 22nd April 1934 78 records'
'British Union 1939 (78)'
'Comrades in Struggle 1939 (78)'
'OM Pre-war'.
1 reel
Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

OMD/3/2/2/23 Reel to reel sound recording [1934-1970]

7" reel [with metal canister]. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. The reel is accompanied by a hand-written note, which may relate to the content of the reel, giving the following information:

'BBC 1 Panorama J. Mossman 21st October 1968'
'D. Frost ITV 15th Nov 1967'
'Extracts Albert Hall April 22 1934'
'Study on Radio (3) Churchill 24-11-1970'.
1 reel
Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/24 Reel to reel sound recording [Mid-late 20th cent]

7" reel [with metal canister]. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the
contents can be checked. There is no information available to judge the contents of the reel before migration.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/25 Reel to reel sound recording [Mid-late 20th cent]

5 3/4" reel [with plastic storage case]. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. There is no information available to judge the contents of the reel before migration.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/26 Reel to reel sound recording [1962-1970]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of television and radio programmes. Information given on the box includes:

"Face the Press. Ludovic Kennedy. Tyne Tees Television Production 2 Feb 1969 Duration 30
mins'


'The threat of Fascism Radio 3. 10 Nov 1965. Compiled and narrated by Constantine FitzGibbon. (Duration 60 mins)'

'Tra[falgar]. Sq[uare]. Before the Ban ITV 1962?'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/27 Reel to reel sound recording [1971]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings relating to the BBC television programme 'The Forgotten War 1918-1922' in which Mosley appeared in 1971. Information given on the box includes:


'Baldwin Stanley'

'Roosevelt F.D. (USA)'.

1 reel

Access: Open
Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/28 Reel to reel sound recording [1979]

7” reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two BBC television programmes and an extract of another programme relating to George Lincoln Rockwell. Information given on the box includes:

'USA Kosher Food Ect. Roots ectract [sic] Lincoln Rockwell BBC1. 1979'

'A Portrait of Lady Astor 1879 - 1964 (BBC2. 28-11-79)’

'Fill Up Repeat, E. J. Hamm, BBC 1. 19-2-76'

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/29 Reel to reel sound recording [1976-1980]

7” reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of two BBC television
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programmes relating to Nancy and Unity Mitford and an extract from a 1977 radio broadcast about the British Union of Fascists Olympia meeting in 1934. Information given on the box includes:

'Nancy Mitford - A portrait by her sisters. 26 May 1980 BBC 2. Duration 70 minutes'

'BBC 1. 17-11-1976 Unity Mitford'

'(NF News 13-8-1977)'

'Olympia 1934 7th June. Extract only with news TV Radio comments'

'Radio 4 Olympia 1934 1977'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/30 Reel to reel sound recording [1968-1969]

7'' reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of a BBC television programme about Ramsay MacDonald, a Radio 4 programme of Malcolm Muggeridge and a radio broadcast of a book review of Oswald Mosley's autobiography 'My Life' by Robert Skidelsky. Information given on the box includes:

'Ramsay MacDonald. The Lost Leader. 1968. BBC TV. 50 minutes approx.'
'Malcolm Muggeridge (recalls [sic] the thirties)
Radio 4 1969? 55 minutes approx..'

Radio 20 minutes'

'Extracts News UK. USA'.
1 reel
Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/31  Reel to reel sound recording  [1968-1969]
7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of the BBC 1 television series 'The Lost Peace. A History of Disillusion 1918 - 1933, parts one to six. Information given on the box includes:

"Lost Peace A History of Disillusion 1918-1933. Part. One. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. 26 parts@ 25 minutes each part. 1968 BBC 1'.

1 reel
Access: Open
Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/32  Reel to reel sound recording  [1968-1969]
7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the
recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of the BBC 1 television series 'The Lost Peace. A History of Disillusion 1918 -1933, parts seven to twelve. Information given on the box includes:

'The Lost Peace. 1918-1933. A History of Disillusion. Parts, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve. Each part 25 minutes. 75 minutes each track'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/33 Reel to reel sound recording [1968-1969]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of the BBC 1 television series 'The Lost Peace. A History of Disillusion 1918 -1933, parts 13-18. Information given on the box includes:

'The Lost Peace 1918-1933'

'Parts 13,14,15,16,17,18 Less 10 minutes approx.'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

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'Part 26 On the idle hill of Summer'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/36 Reel to reel sound recording [1972]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. There is no information available to judge the contents of the reel before migration.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/37 Reel to reel sound recording [mid-late 20th cent]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. There is no information available to judge the contents of the reel before migration.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires
migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/38 Reel to reel sound recording [mid-late 20th cent]

7" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. There is no information available to judge the contents of the reel before migration.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/39 Reel to reel sound recording [1970s-1980s]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of a Radio 4 broadcast and a BBC 1 television programme. Information given on the box includes:

'Encouraging [sic] the Moss. R4/LW/10-4-84'

'Mosley Crossman BBC 2 28-7-1971 (BBC 1 20-2-76)'

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the
OMD/3/2/2/40  Reel to reel sound recording [1960s-1980s]

5 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of radio and television programmes concerning Oswald Mosley. Information given on the box includes:

'Britain in the Thirties. 4 BUF member speak for Mosley BBC 2 16-6-1988 Rd. Stuart Rawnsley Labour MP'

'20th Century Remembered. 1929 Lord Brockway. Mosley Quoted. BBC 2. 28-7-1981'

'Lady Mosley Eccleston Hotel London Action Social for Mosley-Union Movement 29-1-1983 Friends of'

'BBC 2 Late night news Line up Lady Mosley on 18B'

'100 year rule ban 22-2-1983'

'Inside Parliament R4 8-5-1983'

'Public Record Archives enq'

'John Sergeant Peter Nobins Producer'

'Christopher Pryce Jones'

'Malcolm Muggeridge Extract 1960s'

Inside the box is an envelope labelled 'Mr Max Mosley' containing some handwritten notes.

1 reel, 1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the
recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/41 Reel to reel sound recording [1972-1973]

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of BBC television programmes 'Panorama' and 'Midweek'. Information given on the box includes:

'Panorama BBC1. 27-11-72. Immigration (Lester)'

'Midweek Jan 2 1973 BBC'

A press cutting for the programme listing of 'Midweek' has been attached to the box.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/42 Reel to reel sound recording [1972]

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of television programmes. Information given on the box includes:

'BBC2 1972 Aug 15th. A Question of Inflation'

'Michel X. Black Power Leader'

'This Week ATV. 7-9-72'

'BBC 1 Panorama Extract Black September
Arabs 11-9-72'

'News Extract 11-9-72'

Inside the box are two press cuttings showing programme listing details for 'A Question of Inflation'.

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/43 Reel to reel sound recording [1972-1983]

5" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of radio and television programmes. Information given on the inside of the box includes:

'If Britain had fallen. BBC 1. Lord Chalfont 12-9-72'

'Lady Mosley R4 10-4-1977'

'E. J. Hamm Lady Mosley 29-1-83 Eccleston Hotel London'

'Lady Mosley BBC 2 Late Night News 22-2-83'

1 reel

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the
OMD/3/2/2/44
Reel to reel sound recording

5 3/4" reel. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. There is no box with this reel or any information in order to judge the contents.

1 reel

Access: Open

**Notes:** There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

**Physical description:** This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/45
Reel to reel sound recording

2 3/4" reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of BBC television and Radio 4 programmes and a 1950 policy statement by Oswald Mosley. Information given on the box includes:

'Radio 4. World at One. 25-9-83'

'BBC 1 12-9-1972'

'If Britain had fallen. BBC 1/20-2-1976'

'Policy OM Statement 1950'

Inside the box is a letter from E. C. Stoneman to Lady Mosley concerning production of the tape, October 1983.

1 reel
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/2/46 Reel to reel sound recording [1983]

2 3/4” reel with original box. This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be listened to and the contents can be checked. Handwritten information on the original box suggests that the reel contains sound recordings of news reports from 1983. Information given on the box includes:

'R4/BBC1/C4/ITN News Report'
'Mixed dates’
'Mosley Papers ITN R4 BBC 1 12-12-83'
'Nov Dec 1983'
1 reel
Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/3 Recordings made on vinyl records [Mid-late 20th cent]

Including speeches by Oswald Mosley.
6 items
Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to
enable these to be played.

**Physical description:** The recordings in this sequence require migration into a modern format before recordings can be made accessible and the contents can be checked.

OMD/3/2/3/1 'A Statement of Policy by Sir Oswald Mosley June 1957'

Recording on vinyl record produced by Mosley Records. Long-Play 33 1/3 rpm. Approximate length: 15 minutes per side.

This recording contains a speech made by Oswald Mosley outlining Union Movement policies, which he describes as the 'basic ideas of principle on which we stand in the post-war world'.

On Side A of the record he begins by outlining the reasons for his own and other member’s opposition to the Second World War, stating that they believed the war 'would endanger the British Empire' by dividing Europe and allowing the rise of Russian Communism. He states that due the war Britain gave away large parts of the empire and resources. He continues by outlining Union Movement policy for 'Europe a Nation'. He argues against the government's talk of a 'free trade area' stating that this would not work without common European government and that it would be 'a disaster for our industry'. He outlined the Union Movement belief that a European government was necessary in order to ensure fair competition in industry by imposing level wages and working conditions. He argues for a 'common market of Europe and common government'. He argues this would eliminate the 'main cause of war', 'the struggle for markets'.

On Side B, Mosley continues the theme of war and speaks on the implication of the 'H bomb' in bringing paralysis in war. He states that 'Europe must be armed strongly'. Faced with a strongly armed Europe, he argues that the Russians would withdraw from Europe. He then moves on to speak on the belief of the Union Movement in the encouragement of private enterprise in its early stages, allowing individuals to build
industry. Once original owners have retired, he states that the workers should be allowed to take ownership of the industry in a 'guild' system. He argues against 'nationalism' of industry, but for 'European Socialism'.

Mosley also attempts to counter the argument of 'abuse' that 'he wants to set up a dictatorship'. He argues that no European people would allow this and that Union Movement believe in free election at regular intervals. Once a government has been elected it should then be given the power to act for the duration of its term in office. Mosley ends the speech by referring to the overall aim of carrying on the 3000 year old civilisation of Europe and speaks on his 'Doctrine of Higher Forms', leaving behind a higher form of civilisation.

1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible.
of the Union Movement in 1948. He argues Europe should have its own government, but this would not mean the loss of national characteristics. He argues for a 'big community within which we can preserve our national identity.' He continues by discussing economic policy, including agricultural surplus, which he argues under a united Europe could be used to 'feed the hungry' as 'the greatest act of charity'. He argues this 'will defeat the policies of communism.' Mosley continues by outlining Union Movement policies on Africa. He argues that 'disgusting and foolish lies' have portrayed the movement as racist.

On Side B, the speech continues. Mosley outlines Union Movement policy on immigration from Africa and argues against a multi-racial society. He describes Union Movement policy 'to divide the white and black populations of Africa' by placing two thirds of Africa under Black government and one third under white government. He describes 'exploitation' of workers in sweatshops in China due to the financial policies of European countries and argues this could spread to Africa. He argues that Union Movement policy would prevent this. Mosley ends his speech by arguing that combined British and French defence forces would 'render us independent of America and Russia' and that bringing the 'science and genius' of Europe together would make Europe 'completely invulnerable'.

1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/3/3 Vinyl record [mid-late 20th cent]

Recording labelled 'K.T.H.'. 78 rpm. No further information about content is given on the label.
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1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/3/4 Vinyl record [Mid-late 20th cent]

Recording labelled 'K.T.H.'. 78 rpm. No further information about content is given on the label, although there are annotations [illegible] on the record sleeve.

1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/3/5 Vinyl record [mid-late 20th cent]

78 rpm. No further information about content is given on the label, although there are annotations [illegible] on the record sleeve.

1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable these to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible and the contents checked.

OMD/3/2/3/6 Vinyl record [mid-late 20th cent]

33 1/3 rpm. No further information about content
is given on the label. This recording contains a statement of policy by Oswald Mosley made in June 1957. The recording contains the same content as the recording at OMD/3/2/3/1, with a few extra sentences at the beginning of the speech referring to a book 'Mosley: the facts'. See OMD/3/2/3/1 for a description of the content of this speech.

1 item

Access: Open

Notes: There are no facilities at present to enable this to be played.

Physical description: This recording requires migration into a modern format before the recording can be made accessible.

OMD/3/3

Videos

One video recording.

1 item

Access: Open, but subject to some access restrictions

Physical description: The recording in this sequence requires migration to a modern format before it can be viewed to and catalogued in detail. This recording is not currently available for research.

OMD/3/3/1

'Panorama'

VHS Video Cassette labelled 'BBC TV News' and 'Panorama 21/10/68 'Mosley' (94878)', containing a recording of a BBC documentary 'Panorama' in which Sir Oswald Mosley is interviewed by James Mossman. Length of recording: approximately 48 minutes. The programme was originally broadcast on 21 October 1968 and the recording is in black and white. There are brief periods of interference in some sections of the recording, with approximately two minutes of the recording missing four minutes into the programme and a further slight interruption to the programme (approximately 1 minute missing) 22 minutes
The programme includes film footage of: Oswald Mosley surrounded by supporters singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow' and 'It's a long way to Tipperary' in an East End pub [Blade Bone public house - recorded for 'Panorama']; Mosley speaking at open-air rallies of the British Union of Fascists before the Second World War and violence between Mosley's supporters, communist opponents and intervention by the police; Oswald and Diana Mosley in the grounds of their home in Orsay, France [recorded for 'Panorama']; Mosley speaking at a rally on the 'National Party of Europe'; members of the British Union of Fascists marching in 'blackshirt' uniforms; Mosley seated at a desk speaking on the reason his supporters wear the blackshirt; British Union of Fascists soldiers at the party's Chelsea Barracks; Adolf Hitler speaking at a Nazi rally; Benito Mussolini speaking to crowds; views of the crowd at a rally of the British Union of Fascists at Earls Court in 1935; violence at a Union Movement meeting in Trafalgar Square in 1962; Mosley campaigning in the streets of North Kensington, London [for the by-election of 1959].

The interview with James Mossman includes discussions on: Mosley's time as a Labour MP and resignation from the Labour party; the policies and actions of the British Union of Fascists prior to the Second World War; Mosley's attitude to Jews and anti-Semitism by members of the British Union of Fascists; Mosley's impressions of Adolf Hitler. The programme also includes Lord Emmanuel Shinwell and Lord Robert Boothby speaking about Sir Oswald Mosley.

1 item

Access: Open

**Physical description:** The contents of this tape require migration to a more modern format before they can be made accessible to the public.
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OMD/3/4 Conference papers 1962-1963

Papers relating to the European Conference held in Venice on 1-4 March 1962 at which Oswald Mosley acted as President. The Union Movement were joined at this conference by other political parties, including 'Jeune Europe' from Belgium, the Italian Social Movement and the German Reichspartei. The conference resulted in a 'European Declaration' and the proclamation of a 'National Party of Europe'.

1 file

Access: Open


Languages: English, French, German, Italian.

The file includes typescripts outlining the basis of discussion for the conference (in English, French and German), a draft order of topics for discussion and a typescript statement and 'European Declaration' signed by key figures at the conference including Oswald Mosley. The file also contains a typescript in German 'Ein Program fur Europe', typed extracts of a speech by Mosley at Manchester University in which he commented on the forthcoming conference and the Union Movement position in relation to Fascism, typed notes for the conference and a typed memorandum to 'The Leader' from Jeffrey Hamm, 25 June 1963 concerning drafts of leaflets of the 'European Declaration'.

The file also includes leaflets printed by the Union Movement, as follows: printed version of a document drafted by Oswald Mosley as the basis of discussion for the conference, headed 'European Declaration' and also featuring an advertisement for the book 'Mosley-Right or Wrong?'; printed document 'National Party of Europe. Progress-Solidarity-Unity' reporting the decisions of the conference, including the approval of the European declaration; Union Movement leaflets on free speech (2 items); printed document 'Khrushchev offers withdrawal from Europe', also featuring a form for
application for membership to the Union Movement.

The file also includes newspapers and press cuttings, as follows: newspaper 'Jeune Europe fera l'Europe unitaire’, 22 February 1962 (French) reporting on the European Declaration and Oswald Mosley; newspaper 'Venezia notte’, 3-4 March 1962 (Italian); five press cuttings in Italian from 1-2 March 1962 concerning Oswald Mosley and the Venice conference, one including an interview with Oswald Mosley; portion of a newspaper 'Il Secolo d'Italia’, 3 March 1962 (Italian).

The file contains a leaflet of the German People's Union and two documents relating to a meeting of the Association for the Reform of State Structures on 8 October 1962.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4 Autobiography and related papers

This series comprises materials relating to Oswald Mosley's autobiography which he wrote towards the end of his life and which was first published under the title 'My Life' in 1968. The materials include correspondence with his publishers, correspondence with others relating to the writing of the work, the printer's proof copy, copies of different editions of the published work and a sequence of manuscript notebooks contain drafts of the work.

36 files, 16 volumes

Access: Partially closed

OMD/4/1 Printer's copy of the text of 'My Life' 1968

Printer's copy of the corrected and amended typescript text of the work, in 25 chapters, as published by Thomas Nelson & Sons Ltd of London and printed by Thomas Nelson (Printers) Ltd in 1968.

The text has been marked up with annotations, typological and other editorial corrections and
amendments and insertions in various hands, some of which are in Oswald Mosley's own. Some of the insertions are quite extensive. There are also some editorial comments and questions made on the text for Mosley's consideration, together with answers inserted as appropriate. In the published work, Mosley acknowledges the research and editorial contribution and assistance provided by his publishers, particularly by James Mitchell and James Shepherd, and it is therefore likely that many of the annotations and amendments are in their hands. Jeffrey Hamm and Robert Row were also acknowledged by Mosley for their secretarial and research assistance, but their handwriting has not been identified on the text itself.

There are a few notes for the printer about layout, font size etc which have been marked on the typescript. Some chapters are also accompanied by separate notes for the printers to draw attention to insertions, deletions and amendments. Each of the chapters, apart from chapter 13, is marked as 'Printers copy'. Some of the chapters bear titles, mostly in typed form and occasionally in Mosley's hand, but these titles are not the ones used in the published work although some are very similar. Other chapters do not have titles but often have a summary of their contents in the form of key headings, sometimes running to several lines, the text of which has usually been crossed through. Presumably the printers were supplied with a finalised version of chapter titles to replace either the working titles or the summaries.

This text appears to have originally been sent to the publishers in two separate batches. The first batch to be sent consisted of chapters 1-12 and these chapters have been both separately paginated and also renumbered into a single sequence. The second batch to be sent consists of the remaining chapters 13-25. These were sent together with a memorandum from E. J. Hamm, dated 22 May 1968, in which he had typed up the amendments and insertions which Mosley had made on the text by hand. The typed amendments have been referenced A-Z,
presumably by the editor, and the text has been marked up with these references to enable the printer to take in the appropriate correction. At the same time, the manuscript amendments made by Mosley were presumably crossed through. The chapters in this second batch are separately paginated but, although these page numbers have been crossed through, they have not been replaced with the continuing single number sequence following on from the end of chapter 12.

The majority of the text is in the form of a top typescript copy. However, some chapters are in the form of photocopies of an original text, other chapters are carbon copies and a few chapters include one or two pages of a carbon typescript copy. However, in all cases the manuscript amendments and alterations are the original ones made on a photocopied or carbon copied text.

25 files

Access: Open

OMD/4/1/1 Chapter 1: [Ancestry and Childhood] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter one, pages 1-32. The working title of this chapter, given as 'Background', has been crossed through. The text to accompany the dedication has also been crossed through. The text is also accompanied by a typescript note to draw attention to the retyping of page one and to amendments and deletions on other pages.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/1/2 Chapter 2: [School and Sandhurst] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter two, pages 33-60. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Education - School - Winchester - Sandhurst'.

1 file
Chapter 3: [Service in the First World War]

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter three, pages 61-109. Photocopy. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Service in First War. In the Air - In the Trenches'.

1 file

Chapter 4: [The Gaining of Experience]

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter four, pages 110-138. Photocopy. The working title of this chapter is given as 'The Gaining of Experience. Social Life - American Hostesses - Official Experience - Industrial Relations - The Foreign Office - War From Inside'.

1 file

Chapter 5: [Entry into Politics - The Centre Party - F. E. - Churchill]

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter five, pages 139-173. Photocopy. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Entry into Politics - The Centre Party - Churchill'.

1 file

Chapter 6: [Marriage to Cynthia Curzon - Curzon - India]

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter six, pages 174-196. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Marriage and Curzon - India and Candhi' [sic].

1 file

Chapter 7: [Youth and Age - The Cecils - The]
League of Nations]

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter seven, pages 197-227. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through. This chapter includes an example of an editorial comment where Mosley's attention has been drawn to a potentially libellous statement as a result of which Mosley amended a word.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/1/8  Chapter 8: [The Irish Question - Lloyd George's 'Reprisals']  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter eight, pages 227-246. Carbon copy which has also been labelled 'Ultimate copy', possibly in Hamm's hand. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

1 file
Access: Open


Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter nine, pages 246-265. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

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Access: Open


Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 10, pages 266-284. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Keynes - The Birmingham
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Proposals - King Bank and King Bunk - Shaw and the 'Rich Socialists' - The General Strike - The Smethwick By-election', the text of which has been crossed through.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/1/11  Chapter 11: [Roosevelt and American Industry]  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 11, pages 285-306. Carbon copy, apart from page 302 which is a top copy. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

1 file

Access: Open


Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 12, pages 307-330. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Parliament and the Labour Party'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/1/13  Chapter 13: [Office in MacDonald's 1929 Administration]  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 13, 27 pages. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through. The text of chapter 13 is also accompanied by a memorandum from Jeffrey Hamm in which he had typed up the more lengthy amendments and insertions made by Mosley for chapters 13-25 and in which he refers to the answers to the enquiries raised which have been written on the text.

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OMD/4/1/14 Chapter 14: [Resignation - The Fight at Labour Party Conference] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 14, 22 pages. The second page of this text is a carbon copy, all the other pages are top copies. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

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Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 15, 31 pages. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

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OMD/4/1/16 Chapter 16: [The Founding of the British Union of Fascists] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 16, 38 pages. The working title of this chapter is given as 'Fascism and the Blackshirt Movement'.

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OMD/4/1/17 Chapter 17: [The Ideology of Fascism - Science and Caesarism] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 17, 24 pages. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through. The text is accompanied by a typescript note to draw attention to
substantial cuts on some pages and to minor amendments on other pages and another manuscript note about the layout for extracts from speeches.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/1/18 Chapter 18: [Jewish Opposition - Finance and Administration - Libel Actions] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 18, 31 pages. This copy has been labelled 'Ultimate copy', possibly in Hamm's hand. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through. The text is accompanied by a typescript note to draw attention to two substantial insertions and to minor amendments.

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Access: Open

OMD/4/1/19 Chapter 19: [Hitler and Mussolini - Conversations and Impressions - The Abdication] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 19, 25 pages. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

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Access: Open

OMD/4/1/20 Chapter 20: [Why I Opposed the War] 1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 20, 28 pages. The suggested title for this chapter, written in Mosley's hand, is the one which was used in published version. There are also a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.
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OMD/4/1/21  Chapter 21: [Action at Outbreak of War - Imprisonment under 18B]  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 21, 25 pages. The working title of this chapter, given as 'Action at outbreak of war - Imprisonment', has been deleted. The text is accompanied by a typescript note to draw attention to two insertions and to minor amendments.

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Access: Open

OMD/4/1/22  Chapter 22: [Personal Life after the War]  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 22, 22 pages. This copy has been labelled 'Ultimate copy', possibly in Jeffrey Hamm's hand. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through. The text is accompanied by a typescript note to draw attention to a major insertion and to minor amendments.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/1/23  Chapter 23: The Post-War European Idea  1968

Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 23, 20 pages. The working title of this chapter, given as 'Political action after the War - The European Idea', has been deleted.

1 file
Access: Open


Printer's corrected proof copy of the text of chapter 24. 23 pages. This copy has been labelled 'Ultimate copy', possibly in Jeffrey

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Hamm's hand. There is no title for this chapter although there are a number of key headings as a summary of its contents, the text of which has been crossed through.

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Printer's copy of the typescript text of chapter 25, 56 pages. The majority of the pages are top copies although pages 13, 22, 38, 44, and 44A1 are carbon copies. Although paginated 1-51, the text consists of 56 pages because of extra pages numbered 22A, 30A 30B, 38A, 40A.

The working title of this chapter, handwritten by Mosley, of 'My Post-War Policies' has been deleted. In addition to the text of this chapter, there are also additional copies of four pages (14, 39, 40, 40A) which were originally sent to the printers but withdrawn and replaced by revised pages in June 1968. These pages are accompanied by a photocopy of a memorandum from the publishers which also asked for the return of the superseded pages and this has been annotated to indicate that these pages were returned.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/2  Correspondence with publishers relating to 'My Life'  1966-1975

Files of correspondence relating to the publication of the English, American and German editions of Oswald Mosley's autobiography. Files include incoming correspondence, copies of some outgoing correspondence and material relating to publicity for the editions.

3 files

Access: Open

OMD/4/2/1  Correspondence relating to the publication of  1966-1972
Correspondence with Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd, principally with James Mitchell, managing editor up to mid-1969; other correspondents include James Shepherd, editor and, after James Mitchell's departure from the firm, Jocelyn Baines. A few letters are addressed to Diana Mosley. There are some drafts or notes of Oswald Mosley's replies written on the accompanying envelopes or on the back of the letters and some typescript carbon copies of his replies.

The earlier correspondence relates to the agreement with the firm for publication and the file does include a letter from another publisher, Hamish Hamilton, who also read a draft of the text. There are also discussion and detailed advice and comment on the content and arrangement of the text and the letters throw light on how the autobiography was written and how the project developed. Other letters relate to the payment of royalties and to the forthcoming biography by Robert Skidelsky. Publicity for the publication is also covered by the correspondence, including details of placing of advertisements.

Later letters relate the issue of a printing and publication paperback edition and the negotiations with Thomas Nelson & Sons Ltd to publish it. There is also material relating to the promotion of the paperback edition including proofs of advertisements, copies of publicity and proofs of the cover. The file also contains two copies of a typescript note, 'Proposed amendments to any future edition of paper-back', one annotated in Oswald Mosley's hand. One letter dated 8 Sep 1967 (accession 1994/21) concerns serialisation of the book in the 'Sunday Times'.

1 file

Access: Open
Incoming correspondence, together with carbon copies of Oswald Mosley's replies, and associated papers arranged alphabetically by name of company, institution or individual. These primarily relate to the publication of the American edition of 'My Life' in 1972 and to advising on and organisation of associated publicity and promotional events to promote the book and Mosley himself. These events included a publicity tour to coincide with the launch, interviews on radio and television and in the press. Some of the papers and accompanying envelopes have been annotated with notes by Oswald Mosley.

At the beginning of the file is a note in Mosley's hand, about an inquiry relating to the deposit of his papers. Another note indicates that relevant correspondence is filed under Hoover Institute. Also at the front of the file are typescripts of texts (and photocopies) of reviews and extracts of American reviews of 'My Life' and extracts of letters received about his visit.

The file includes correspondence with the following: Arlington House, the publishers and also including carbon typescript of the foreword to the American edition and some copies of reviews, 1971-72; Harry Bruno, public relations consultant of New York, 1971; Cassidy Brown Public Relations of Massachusetts and also including broadcast schedules and interview suggestions, 1971-73; New York Times relating to the publication of an 'Op-Ed' article written by Mosley entitled 'Remembrance of things past', 1972; Seligmann & Collier, literary agents of New York (engaged by Oswald Mosley as his sole and exclusive literary agent for purpose of offering American rights to his autobiography) concerning efforts to find a publisher, negotiations of a contract etc, 1969-72.

There is also correspondence with individuals which is filed alphabetically by name in this sequence. These include supporters and friends of Oswald Mosley in America, some of whom he met during his visit. The material includes, for example: a letter of comment on
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Mosley's television appearance with William F. Buckley in the programme 'Firing Line', 1972; correspondence with Gordon D. Hall including a copy of his article published in 'The Providence Sunday Journal', 5 March 1972; correspondence with John Toland including letters relating to his biography of Hitler, 1972-75.

In addition, the file contains correspondence relating to the papers of Mosley and those of the British Union of Fascists. This includes correspondence with Harvester Press relating to the microfilming of British Union of Fascists publications, 1972-73 and correspondence with the Hoover Institute about the potential deposit of Mosley's papers, 1972.

A single item, filed under 'W', is a photocopy of Mosley's notes for opening discussion at the Washington Centre of Foreign Policy on 4 February 1971.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/2/3 Correspondence relating to the German edition 1969-1976

Incoming correspondence, together with carbon copies of replies, and associated papers relating to the German edition of 'My Life'. The file includes correspondence with potential publishers as well as with Druffel Verlag, the publisher of the edition which appeared in 1973. It also includes a signed copy of the contract and a typescript of the foreword to the German edition. As well as correspondence to and from Oswald Mosley, the file also contains correspondence to and from E. J. Hamm [Jeffrey Hamm], Mosley's secretary, which includes letters about the supply of photographs for the edition.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/3 Literary and editorial comments on text of 'My Life' and associated correspondence 1967-1968

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Oswald Mosley acknowledges the help and advice he received from a number of individuals who commented on his text in whole or in part. These included Sydney Potter, whom he describes as a friend ‘during the political fight to win Birmingham in the twenties’; others described as ‘younger literary friends’ namely Desmond Stewart, Robert Skidelsky and D. Ashton. The comments of a number of these individuals have survived and are listed in this sub-series.

5 files

Access: Partially closed

OMD/4/3/1 Comments by Desmond Stewart 1968

Typescript and manuscript comments on drafts of various chapters of ‘My Life’. These comprise:

/1 Unpaginated sheets of manuscript texts of specific comments on drafts of chapter one (incomplete), and of chapters two, three, 18 and 25 and the chapter ‘On Fascism’, possibly a draft of the published chapter 17. There is also a page of text which has been torn and lost most of its heading and appears to be a more lengthy comment about rewording and ordering of text in one of the early chapters. A different version of this text can be found in page one of the typescript text.

/2 Typescript text of ‘Mr Desmond Stewart's comments on the book’, 16 pages, paginated. The first page consists of text headed ‘A new suggested lead’ being proposed text relating to the message of the book and suggestions about ordering of text. A manuscript note, not in Stewart’s hand, indicates that this may relate to chapter four but from the subject matter, the suggestions may instead refer to a draft of chapter one. Pages two-six comprise specific comments on a draft of chapter one and pages seven-eight on chapter two. Pages 9-14 comprise specific and general comments on the epilogue and pages 15-16 are specific comments on chapter three.

/3 Carbon typescript text of pages 1-16 of the
above comments. There is one manuscript amendment on this text which does not also appear on the top copy.

A comparison between the manuscript and typescript texts indicates close similarities which suggests that the typescript version is largely a reworking of the manuscript ones and that the comments relate to the same draft version.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/3/2 Comments by James Mitchell of Thomas Nelson & Sons Ltd, publishers 1967

Typescript comments on sections of text submitted by Oswald Mosley (accession 1994/21). With a letter from Mitchell to Oswald Mosley, dated 25 October 1967, which gives more information about the stages and nature of this publishing project. Mosley has drafted an acknowledgment on the back of this letter. The typescript comments comprise a series of texts with headings as follows:

General Note: in and out of office, the founding of the New Party, 1929-1931. Three pages.

Fascism and the Thirties. Two pages.

The Founding of British Union. Six pages.

The Ideologies of Fascism. 12 pages.


Fascism Abroad: Meetings with Hitler and Mussolini. 13 pages.

These comments include detailed notes and questions made on his work on Mosley's submitted chapters. The typescript also include manuscript corrections and additional queries and notes made in Mitchell's hand.

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Access: Open

OMD/4/3/3 Comments by A. J. P. Taylor [1967]
Photocopy of typescript comments made on a draft of 'Mosley's memoirs'. With letter to Mosley from James Mitchell accompanying the comments. It appear that the publishers sent a copy for comment and this photocopy was sent to Mosley with a compliments slip by James Mitchell (accession 1994/21).

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/3/4 Comments by Sydney Potter 1967
Typescript and manuscript comments made by Potter on chapters 24 and 25, forwarded to Oswald Mosley by Jeffrey Hamm, together with a memorandum from Hamm to Mosley, dated 13 October 1967, which expands on these comments and makes reference to his comments on earlier chapters. (accession 1994/21)

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/3/5 Comments by D. Ashton 1967
Letter dated 5 August 1967 in which Ashton comments on his assistance with Mosley's autobiography, encloses a copy of an article by Robert Skidelsky entitled 'Sir Oswald Mosley and the origins of British Fascism' and expresses views on how Skidelsky may portray Mosley in his biography. Also a letter dated 16 August 1967 concerning illustrations for Mosley's book. (Accession 1994/21).

1 file
Access: Closed

Closed until: 01/01/2050

Access conditions: This file contains personal information covered by the Data Protection Act 1998. A closure period has been applied to the
records in order to ensure compliance with this legislation. The file will become available for research use on 01/01/2050.

OMD/4/4
Reviews and publicity material for 'My Life' 1968-1973

The majority of reviews have been collected together in a single scrapbook. Publicity material for the autobiography and further loose press reviews can be found arranged in a separate file.

2 files

Access: Open

OMD/4/4/1
Scrapbook of reviews of 'My Life' 1968

This contains copies of published reviews of 'My Life' (published 21 October 1968) from national press, journals and local newspapers, October-November 1968. In addition, there are cuttings of the serialisation of Mosley's memoirs which appeared in the 'Times in five parts', 14-18 October and cuttings of notices about the book including lists of best sellers.

1 file

Access: Open

Physical description: Fragile.

OMD/4/4/2
Promotional and publicity material for editions of 'My Life' 1967-1975

Copies of leaflets and other literature, including drafts, for the English editions and the German edition. Also copies of press reviews. These include a review in 'YEL News: Journal of the Young European Left', November 1968 and a typescript review by [Sydney] Barnett Potter.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/4/5
Copies of published editions of 'My Life' 1968-1973

Author: Oswald Mosley.
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3 volumes
Access: Open

OMD/4/5/1 'My Life' by Oswald Mosley 1968
Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, hardback edition.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/5/2 'My Life' by Oswald Mosley 1970
Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, paperback edition.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/5/3 'Mi Vida' by Oswald Mosley 1973
Published: Barcelona: Luis de Caralt. Hardback book.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6 Manuscript notebooks relating to 'My Life' [1966-1968]
13 manuscript notebooks, with limp covers, containing draft text and notes for Oswald Mosley's autobiography 'My Life'. The first nine notebooks contain draft chapters and are labelled 'Book 1', 'Book 2' and so on, book nine is missing from the sequence. The remaining four notebooks contain 'book notes'.
13 volumes
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/1 Notebook 'Book 1' 1966
Containing draft text and rough notes for parts of chapters one, two and three of 'My Life'. Annotated with dates of use on the cover. The pages are numbered consecutively throughout
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each chapter.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/2 Notebook 'Book 2'
1966
Containing draft text of parts of chapters three and four of 'My Life'. Pages are numbered consecutively throughout each chapter. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/3 Notebook 'Book 3'
1966
Containing draft text of part of chapters four and five of 'My Life'. Pages are numbered consecutively throughout each chapter. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/4 Notebook 'Book 4'
1966 - 1967
Containing draft text of part of chapters seven and eight of 'My Life'. Pages are numbered consecutively. Some pages have been removed from the notebook. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/5 Notebook 'Book V'
[1967]
Containing draft text of parts of chapters nine and ten of 'My Life'. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters. The right hand pages are numbered consecutively throughout
the book.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/4/6/6  Notebook 'Book VI'  [1967]

Containing draft text of parts of chapters 12, 13, 14 and 15 of 'My Life'. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters. The right hand pages are numbered consecutively throughout the book. Some pages at the end of the book have been removed.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/4/6/7  Notebook 'Book VII'  [1967]

Containing draft text of parts of chapters 16, 17 and 18 of 'My Life'. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters. There is evidence of some numbering throughout some draft chapters. Some pages have been removed from the book.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/4/6/8  Notebook 'Book VIII'  [1967]

Containing draft text of parts of chapters 19, 20 and 21 of 'My Life'. The left hand pages appear to have been used for notes and the right hand pages for drafts of chapters. The right hand pages are numbered consecutively throughout each chapter draft.

1 volume

Access: Open


Containing rough notes and draft text for parts of 'My Life'. Annotations on the front cover indicate that the notebook contains notes for the
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prologue. Inserted into the notebook are press cuttings, ‘The rewards of writing and publishing’ from ‘The Financial Times’ 25 July 1968 and ‘Research chief attacks UK decision on CERN’ from ‘The Financial Times’ 10 July 1968. Also two sheets of loose notes in Oswald Mosley’s hand. There is evidence of some page numbering system in sections of the notebook. A few pages have been removed from the notebook.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/10 Notebook [1966 - 1967]

Containing rough notes for 'My Life', annotated on the front cover 'Book Notes 1'. Pages are numbered consecutively throughout the book.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/11 Notebook [1966-1967]

Containing rough notes for 'My Life' in the front portion of book and also draft letters written from the back of the notebook. The front cover of the book is annotated '2nd notes for book'. The back cover is also annotated including 'Notebook No 2 Letters sect[i]on'. There is evidence of some page numbering in sections of the book.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/6/12 Notebook [1966]

Containing rough notes for 'My Life' and some draft letters including some to Dr Vom Berg. A large number of pages have been removed from the front of this notebook. The front cover of the notebook is annotated including 'No 3 Book notes' and 'Vom Berg Letters'.

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Access: Open

OMD/4/6/13 Notebook [1966-1968]
Containing rough notes for 'My Life' written from the front of the book and draft letters written from the back of the book. Annotated on the front cover 'Book notes 3'. There is some page numbering in sections of the book. Inserted at the back of the book is a memorandum from Jeffrey Hamm to Oswald Mosley addressed as 'The Leader' showing word counts for chapters of 'My Life'.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/4/7 Loose typescript drafts of 'My Life' [1968]

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/4/7/1 Typescript draft pages from various chapters of 'My Life' [1968]
Six sheets, annotated with suggestions and comments by an unidentified individual. These sheets are marked as coming from chapters 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/5 Personalia 20th cent
This series contains miscellaneous personal papers and items of Sir Oswald Mosley, including passports, a few medical papers, language notebooks, books and photographs.

29 volumes, 21 items, 1 file, 32 photographs
Access: Open

OMD/5/1 General notebooks 1950s-1970s
Pocket size notebooks which appear to contain general day-to-day notes made by Oswald Mosley, including notes of names and
addresses.

2 volumes

Access: Open

OMD/5/1/1 Notebook [c 1950]

With limp cover.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/5/1/2 Notebook [c 1970]

Labelled 'To June 1971' on the cover.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/5/2 Language notebooks Early 20th cent

These notebooks contain word lists made by Oswald Mosley for the purposes of studying German and French. The notebooks are not dated, but are likely to date from the early 20th century.

2 volumes

Access: Open

OMD/5/2/1 Notebook 'Mosley German lessons' Early 20th cent

Containing columns with handwritten lists of words in German with English translations.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/5/2/2 Notebook containing French word lists Early 20th cent

Containing columns with handwritten lists of words in French with English translations in Mosley's hand.

1 volume
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Access: Open

OMD/5/3  Passports and related papers  1949-1977
6 items
Access: Open

OMD/5/3/1  British Passport of Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley  1949-1954
Stamped 'Cancelled'. Includes a photograph, signature and description of Mosley, including profession, date and place of birth, residence, height, eye colour and hair colour. Includes stamps for travel to France, Spain, Switzerland, Argentina and West Germany.
1 item
Access: Open

OMD/5/3/2  British Passport of Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley  1955-1965
Includes a photograph, signature and description of Mosley, including profession, date and place of birth, residence, height, eye colour and hair colour. Includes stamps for travel to France, Belgium, Spain, South Africa, Italy, Switzerland, USA, West Germany and the United Arab Republic [Egypt].
1 item
Access: Open

OMD/5/3/3  British Passport of Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley  1964-1974
Stamped 'Cancelled'. Includes a photograph, signature and description of Mosley, including profession, date and place of birth, residence, height, eye colour and hair colour. Includes stamps for travel to France, Portugal, Belgium, Greece, South Africa, the Bahamas and the USA.
1 item
Access: Open
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OMD/5/3/4 British Passport of Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley 1974-1977

Includes a photograph, signature and description of Mosley, including profession, date and place of birth, residence and height. There are only two stamps in the passport, both for travel to France.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/5/3/5 Draft letter to the Foreign Office concerning passports for Sir Oswald and Lady Mosley 1948

Two drafts of a solicitor's letter, both annotated with alterations and corrections in Oswald Mosley's hand, addressed to Mr. R. G. Dunbar of the British Foreign Office. The letter requests that Sir Oswald Mosley and Lady Diana Mosley should be granted passports and explain the reasons why passports should be granted, referring to Oswald Mosley's health and rights as a citizen. With envelope. One draft is dated 1 November 1948. Further letters relating to this matter can be found in general correspondence files at OMD/1/1/3.

2 items

Access: Open

OMD/5/4 Medical papers 1958-1970

One file containing papers relating to Oswald Mosley's health.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/5/4/1 Doctors reports and correspondence 1958-1970

Contains:

/Letter concerning Oswald Mosley's medical treatment, 5 December 1958, with attached detailed medical notes, October 1958.
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Receipts for medical treatment received by Oswald Mosley in France, 1969-1970.

Blood test examination results and prescription notes for Oswald Mosley, in French, 3 January 1970.

Audiogram report card for Oswald Mosley, 2 May 1969.

Envelope labelled in Mosley's hand.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/5/5 Financial papers 1960

This sub-series contains a single memorandum. There are very few financial papers amongst the collection OMD. A small amount of material relating to fees for appearances in BBC programmes can be found at OMD/1/4/2

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/5/5/1 Memorandum concerning taxation 1960

Copy of 'Memorandum re Mr Lane's letter of 26th November, 1960' annotated heavily on the front and back with notes in Oswald Mosley's hand. The memorandum concerns the tax implications of French laws relating to domicile and residence and practices for transferring overdrafts.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/5/6 Books and publications 1923-1990

This sub-series contains books and publications by other authors, many of which relate to Oswald Mosley. Publications written by Sir Oswald Mosley can be found in OMD/2 (political and literary writings).

2 items, 25 volumes
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

Access: Open

OMD/5/6/1 'The Herald Book of Labour Members 1923-1924' 1923

Author: S. V. Bracher. Published by The Labour Publishing Company Ltd, London. The book features brief biographies and images of Labour Party members. Two items are inserted loose into the volume: a printed photograph of Oswald Mosley, labelled on the reverse in typescript '1944 OM Shortly After Release...'; and also in Mosley's handwriting 'Not 'shortly' 1947'; a card showing printed routes to Mosley's property Temple de la Gloire in Orsay and on the reverse handwritten extracts from a scene from Faust in German.

1 volume

Access: Open


Volume 223, number 18. Published by His Majesty's Stationary Office. Thursday 29th November 1928. With marked sections relating to Local Government (Money) and annotations on the front cover.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/5/6/3 'His Majesty's most gracious speech to both houses of Parliament' 1929

Published by His Majesty's Stationary Office and delivered on 2 July 1929.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/5/6/4 'Oswald Mosley: Portrait of a Leader' [1930s]

OMD/5/6/5 'Plato - the Phaedo' [c 1950]

OMD/5/6/6 'The Holy Book of Adolf Hitler' 1952
Author: James Larratt Battersby. Produced ‘for private circulation only’ for the German World Church in Europe.

Volume 596, number 28. Published by Her Majesty's Stationary Office. Wednesday 3rd December 1958. With marked sections relating to a debate on foreign affairs and annotations in Oswald Mosley's hand on the front cover.

OMD/5/6/8 'The Twentieth Century' 1959
Three pages from volume 166, number 990 of the journal, August 1959, featuring an article about Oswald Mosley titled 'Messiah and Publican' by Henry Vane.

Volume 664, number 158. Published by Her
Majesty's Stationary Office. Thursday 2nd August 1962. With marked section (column 795) relating to public disorder at Union Movement meetings.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/10 'Europe's future: the grand alternatives' 1965

1 volume
Access: Open

Volume 724. Number 42. Published by Her Majesty's Stationary Office. Monday 7th February 1966. With marked written answer relating to declarations of acceptance of the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights.

1 volume
Access: Open


1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/13 'Britain's future' 1968
Author: David P. Calleo. Hardback book. Published by Hodder and Stoughton Ltd, London. Marked throughout with annotations in
Oswald Mosley's hand.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/14
‘Encounter’ 1969
Monthly journal. Volume 33, number 3, containing an article ‘The problem of Mosley’ by Robert Skidelsky.
1 volume
Access: Open

Physical description: The front cover of this journal is missing.

OMD/5/6/15
‘New Outlook’ 1968
Number 75, December 1968. Containing an article 'Mosley & the liberals' by Richard Lamb. With an attached 'New Outlook' compliments slip, annotated by Oswald Mosley.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/16
‘20th Century Studies’ 1969
March 1969. Contains an article by Robert Skidelsky titled 'Sir Oswald Mosley: from Empire to Europe'. Inserted into the volume is a typed list of contributors with brief information on their careers.
1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/17
‘History's most terrifying peace’ 1970
Paperback volume containing 'thirteen reprinted and original articles' by the author by Austin J. App. Published by Boniface Press, USA. First published 1947, this copy a third printing 1970.
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1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/18 'The appeal of fascism. A study of intellectuals and fascism 1919-1945' 1971

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/19 'The United Kingdom and the European Communities' 1971
'Threatened by Parliament by the Prime Minister...July 1971'. Printed report published by Her Majesty's Stationary Office. With marked sections throughout and some annotations in Oswald Mosley's hand.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/20 'John Strachey' 1973
Author: Hugh Thomas. Hardback biography. Published by Eyre Methuen Ltd, London.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/21 'Mark Twain Journal' 1977
Volume 18, number 4. Summer 1977. With articles marked on the contents page and three 'Daily Prayer' cards in the centre. The front cover includes a note from Cyril Clemens, Editor-in-Chief, to Sir Oswald Mosley.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/22 'The myth that will not die. The formation of the 1978
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national government 1931'


1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/23 'White's List of Members' 1979

Printed booklet listing members, honorary members, trustees and committee members for White's club of London.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/24 'dietsland Europa' 1981

Dutch periodical, February 1981. Containing an article in Dutch titled 'Oswald Mosley: Een europese nationalist'.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/25 'Durham University Journal' 1982

June 1982. Containing an article 'Reality in war literature: Henry Williamson's problems in the 1920s and 1930s' by David Hoyle and a review article 'Henry Williamson: Greatness recognized' by J. W. Blench. The cover of the journal is annotated to highlight these articles. Inserted in the front of the journal are pages from another volume of the journal showing a review of a book by Daniel Farson, 'Henry Williamson appreciated'.

1 volume
Access: Open

OMD/5/6/26 'Loved Ones. Pen portraits by Diana Mosley' 1985

Author: Diana Mosley. Hardback book. Published by Sidgwick and Jackson Limited,
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London.

1 volume

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**Physical description:** The centre of the poster is torn vertically.
Menu card

Menu card for an 'Annual dinner held to commemorate the Birthday of Sir Oswald Mosley by some insignificant Blackshirts of East London'. 17 November 1945. The back of the card contains a number of signatures, most likely those in attendance at the dinner.

1 item
Access: Open

Handwritten notes on music choices

These notes give suggested pieces of music under headings 'Childhood', 'Youth' and 'Manhood'. Two loose pages from a small notebook are in Oswald Mosley's hand, a further larger sheet is in another hand [possibly that of Diana Mosley]. With an envelope marked 'Musical Programme' in Mosley's hand. The intended event for these musical choices is not clear and the notes are not dated.

1 item
Access: Open

Handwritten translation of a piece arguing that Mosley has been ignored by radio and television

With the initials 'K. D.' at the end. Not in Mosley's writing. Undated.

1 item
Access: Open

Business cards

Two cards, one giving Sir Oswald Mosley's address in France and at 'White’s, St. James', the second giving his address in France and at 'Clonfert Palace, Co Galway'. Not dated.

2 items
Access: Open

Handwritten note on a dedication by Henry

1973
On headed notepaper of Sir Oswald Mosley, 1 Rue Des Lacs, Orsay. Handwritten note in Mosley's hand of a dedication by Henry Williamson 'in his own book Scanderoon'. Mosley's handwriting is difficult to decipher, but the dedication appears to comment favourably on Mosley's book 'The Alternative'.

1 item
Access: Open

OMD/5/8 Photographs [1926-1970s]
32 photographs, 2 items
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/1 Photographs of Oswald Mosley speaking at an open-air meeting on Cheshire Street, East London [1965]
Black and White. 11 photographs show Mosley while speaking standing at the back of a campaign van. A further three photographs show Mosley walking and a view of the crowd at the same event. Posters shown in the photographs display a date of Sunday 12th September [1965]. The photographer and copyright holder are unknown. (accession 1994/21)
14 photographs
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/2 Portrait photograph of Oswald Mosley [c 1950]
Black and White. Not dated. The photographer and copyright holder are unknown.
1 photograph
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/3 Portrait photograph of Oswald Mosley [c 1970]
Black and White. Not dated. The photographer and copyright holder is identified on the reverse
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as Universal Pictorial Press & Agency Ltd, 30-34 New Bridge Street, London.

1 photograph
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/4 Photograph of Oswald and Diana Mosley 1957
Black and White. Oswald and Diana Mosley are photographed seated in the congregation at an unidentified meeting or service. The photograph is dated 23 August 1957. The photographer is identified as ‘Foto Film’ of Venice.

1 photograph
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/5 Photograph of Oswald Mosley in conversation 1970s
Black and White. Oswald Mosley is photographed in conversation with two other men at a drinks reception or event of some kind. Not dated. The photographer and copyright holder is identified as John Warburton, 28 Harvard Mansions, St John Hill, London.

1 photograph
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/6 Proof sheets for portrait photographs of Oswald Mosley [c 1960]

2 items
Access: Open

OMD/5/8/7 Photographs of a fishing trip [1926]
14 black and white photographs with envelope labelled ‘Roosevelt Photos’. The photographs feature Cynthia Mosley, Oswald Mosley and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with others, during a fishing trip. The photographs are undated. Oswald Mosley writes of being invited on a fishing trip on Roosevelt's house-boat in Florida.
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in his autobiography 'My Life' and this account has been used to date the photographs to 1926. The photographer and copyright holder for these photographs are unknown.

14 photographs

Access: Open

OMD/6
Legal papers

This series contains files of papers relating to court cases brought by Oswald Mosley against numerous parties, including the BBC and national and international press organisations, principally for alleged libel. The series includes papers maintained by Oswald Mosley and also papers of Jeffrey Hamm, acting as secretary to Mosley, relating to legal cases. The series also contains papers relating to Oswald and Diana Mosley's detention under the Defence Regulations 18B during the second world war, solicitors correspondence on more general legal matters and papers relating to the possibility of a legal challenge to David Pyrce-Jones' book 'Unity Mitford - A Quest'.

23 files, 2 items

Access: Partially closed

OMD/6/1
Files relating to court cases involving Mosley and the Union Movement

More details about each court case can be found in the file level descriptions. There is some overlap between the files in this sub-series, as the same evidence and legal arguments were used by Mosley and his solicitors for different cases.

14 files

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/1
Mosley v Daily News

In 1934, Oswald Mosley brought a case against Daily News Limited for an alleged libel in the 'Star' newspaper. The file contains a letter to David Lloyd-George MP requesting a statement
from him on the matter, together with enclosed extracts from the 'Star', 'Times' and 'Morning Post' newspapers which Mosley refers to in his letter as exhibits A, B, C and D. Mosley also refers in his letter to an 'Exhibit E' although this is not included in the file. The file also contains copies of two articles from 'The Times', 6 and 7 November 1934, which report on the progress of the case in the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division. The press cuttings report that the matter was settled in favour of Sir Oswald Mosley with £5000 damages awarded.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/2 Mosley Publications v Morrison 1947

In 1947, Mosley Publications Ltd brought a lawsuit against Morrison and others of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper workers for refusal to publish 'Mosley's News Letter'. The action followed a resolution passed by the Union not to handle fascist literature. The file contains typescripts of the shorthand notes taken of the hearing in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, separated into three sections: 'Evidence-First Day', 'Evidence-Second Day' and 'Judgement'. The case was heard between 19-21 February 1947. The file also contains an incomplete extract from 'Mosley News Letter' March-April 1947 reporting the case. The case was dismissed with costs to be met by Mosley Publications Limited.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/3 Oswald Mosley v William Allen 1948

In 1948, Sir Oswald Mosley brought action in the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, against William Edward David Allen for payment of sums in relation to support of the British Union of Fascists. The file contains the 'Affidavit' in opposition to the summons on behalf of Allen, 24 September 1948 and the 'Defence and Counterclaim', outlining the
circumstances of the matter in the view of Allen and denying that sums were due to Mosley, 19 November 1948.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/4 Oswald Mosley v BBC and Paul Fox 1961-1966

In 1962, Mosley began legal action against the BBC and Paul Fox for statements made on a 'Panorama' programme and subsequent statements contained in a letter dated 21 August 1962 written by Paul Fox, as an agent of the BBC, to Lieutenant Commander Sharp. These statements related to alleged anti-Semitism and use of violence at Mosley's British Union of Fascist and Union Movement meetings. In April 1963, particulars drafted by Max Mosley outlined evidence challenging the statements made by Fox and the BBC.

In November 1965, programme listings and an article by Constantine FitzGibbon on Fascism and Mosley appeared in the 'Radio Times' and programmes were broadcast by the BBC. In 1966, Mosley brought further action against the BBC for contempt of court arguing that these broadcasts and published items in the 'Radio Times' could be prejudicial and influence the jurors in the libel action.

The file includes:

/ typescript and copy of evidence [drafted by Max Mosley, 1963]

/ typescript of the 'Judgement' in the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, 16 February 1966

/ copy pages from the 'Radio Times', 9 August 1962

/ Two copies of a letter from 'L. A .F.' [L. A. Flockhart] on statements made by Sir David Markham in the Light Programme 'Tonight's
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Topic', August 1962

/ bundle containing a list of party meeting dates, handwritten dictionary definitions of 'apostle' and a typescript extract from 'Blackshirt', November 1934

/ press cutting reporting an accusation against the BBC of bias against South Africa, marked with a date in Oswald Mosley's hand, 23 March 1963

/ draft 'General indorsement on writ' (High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division'), 1962, outlining briefly the original libel action

/ Memorandum to 'The Leader' from Jeffrey Hamm, 6 December 1962, with attached copy of memorandum to 'The Leader' from K. Gibson, 6 December 1962. Including mention of documents relating to the Paul Fox and BBC case.

/ bundle of papers including handwritten notes by Oswald Mosley [17 February 1966], 'Affidavit' [1962] and exhibits marked 'O.E.M. 1-5'. The 'exhibits' include solicitor's letters, pages from the 'Radio Times' 4 November 1965 and a typescript of BBC 'Third Programme' entitled 'The Thirties in Britain. The threat of Fascism', broadcast on 10 November 1965

/ 'Statement of Claim', 4 December 1962, Queen's Bench Division, Worthing District Registry marked 'Pleadings' in pencil

/ list 'Index to File 3' with accompanying documents, including letters from Richard Dimbleby to Commander Sharp, 1961; letters between Paul Fox and Max Mosley, August 1962 (access restricted until 01 January 2041); copies of newspaper correspondence between Oswald Mosley and Constantine FitzGibbon from 'The Times', 1959, with typed transcript, concerning representation of Mosley and the British Union of Fascists in a programme 'The Hungry Years'; letters published in newsletter form by The Sanctuary Press on Mosley's correspondence in 'The Observer' challenging statements that he held anti-Semitic views,
In 1956, Desmond Geoffrey Allen brought action in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, against Robert Row and Sanctuary Press Ltd in complaint of statements published by Row and Sanctuary Press. The file contains a typescript copy of the statement for the defence prepared by solicitors acting for Row and Sanctuary Press.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/6 Oswald Mosley v Daily Worker Co-operative Society Limited 1962

In 1962, Oswald Mosley brought libel action against the Daily Worker Co-operative Society Limited for comments published in the 'Daily Worker' newspaper and also requested an injunction to prevent further comments being published. The file includes legal documents, including a 'notice of appeal', 'writ', 'statement of claim', 'affidavits' of Oswald Mosley and of the Daily Worker and a copy of the 'final judgement' in the case. Also bundles of evidence prepared as exhibits to present to the courts. An index page covering parts of the file, with documents
numbered consecutively is included. The file also contains some notes on the case prepared for Mosley and press cuttings relating to the case, including copies of the 'Daily Worker'. There are carbon copies of some documents. There are also handwritten notes, typed notes and copies of pages from 'All England Law Reports' volume 2 of 1944. These relate to points of law on interlocutory injunctions and refer to cases where injunctions were refused.

2 files

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Some newspapers and press cuttings in this file are damaged and require careful handling.

OMD/6/1/7

Oswald Mosley v Unita

1934-1963

In 1962-3, Oswald Mosley took legal action for libel against the Italian communist newspaper 'Unita'. The file includes typescript documents in French with index page marked 'Unita Appeal':

/ extract of the judgement of the Master of the Rolls, Court of Appeal, 9 October 1962;

/ questions on public order and reply by Secretary of State, Hansard, 2 August 1962;

/ apology to Max Mosley in 'Challenge', Journal of the Young Communist League, December 1962;

/ extract from 'Mosley: Right or Wrong?';

/ letter from Sir Oswald Mosley to 'The Daily Telegraph', 6 October 1962;

/ extract from journal 'Blackshirt', 2 November 1934.

The file also contains copies of publications:

/ Parliamentary Debates (Hansard) House of Commons Official Report, 1 August 1962, relating to public order at meetings;

/ 'Challenge' [Young Communist League Journal], number 11, volume 8, December
1962, marked 'page 5' containing an apology to Max Mosley for inaccurate statements;

/ Letter to the Editor of 'The Daily Telegraph' from Oswald Mosley denying any connection between the French OAS and the Union Movement, 6 October 1962;

/ 'Blackshirt' journal, 2 November 1934 containing front page article 'Blackshirts take up the challenge thrown down by Jewry';

/ 'l'Unita' [Newspaper of the Italian Communist Party], 23 January 1963;

/ 'La Stampa' [Italian Daily Newspaper], 5 June 1962;

/ 'Corriere della sera' [Italian Daily Newspaper], 5 June 1962;


1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/8 Dr Roth, the BBC and sundry newspapers

Contains typed index sheet and copies of documents:

/ copy of a report of a speech by Dr Roth, Executive Director of the European Division of the World Jewish Congress, broadcast by the BBC Home Service, 4 November [1962]. In this speech, Roth claimed that anti-Semitic, fascist and neo-Nazi organisations were uniting evidenced by the establishment of the 'National Party of Europe' at a conference in Venice attended by Sir Oswald Mosley;

/ copy statement issued by Sir Oswald Mosley to the press refuting these allegations, 6 November 1962;

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/ articles from 'The Times' (5 November 1962), 'The Guardian' (5 November 1962), 'The Telegraph' (5 and 8 November 1962) and 'The Daily Worker' (5 November 1962) reporting Roth's speech and Oswald Mosley's subsequent statement.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/9  Oswald Mosley v BBC and David Marquand 1962-1963

In 1963, Mosley brought legal action in the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division against David Marquand and the BBC in respect of statements made by Marquand during 'Tonight's Topic' programme. The file contains two solicitors' letters to Mosley, a copy of Mosley's 'statement of claim', a copy of the 'defence' and a copy of legal advice received from W. Forbes. The file also contains a press cutting 'Is the BBC impartial?' from the 'Tribune', 1 November 1962.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/10  Oswald Mosley v Batson 1963

Contains a copy of solicitors advice regarding the likelihood of success in the legal action and a copy of typescript notes with annotations of a similar case referred to in the advice 'Duncan v Jones (1936)'. The proposed action appears to concern the actions of Commander Batson in the 'apprehension of disorder' at a Union Movement meeting, whether he had ground to 'apprehend disorder' and if so, whether the apprehension was 'reasonable'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/11  Colin Jordan 1962-1963

John Colin Campbell Jordan was accused in court of making a speech with insulting words
likely to provoke a public disorder in breach of section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936. This relates to disturbances in Trafalgar Square on 1 July 1962 at a meeting organised by Jordan.

The file includes:

/ copy judgement in the case of John Colin Campbell Jordan v George Burgoyne in the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division, 19 March 1963;

/ letter from the 'Daily Mirror' to Messrs Marsh and Ferriman acting on behalf of Sir Oswald Mosley, denying that an article mentioning Mosley alongside Colin Jordan and others could be deemed defamatory, 1 May 1963;

/ typed list of names and addresses of people accused in court after a Ridley Road meeting of the Union Movement, marked 'Evening News', 1 August 1962;

/ signed declaration of Florence Elliott relating to physical and verbal abuse received whilst selling literature at a Union Movement meeting in Trafalgar Square on 22 July 1962, dated 25 July 1962;

/ pages from 'The Times' 3 August 1962 with a section of an article marked in red ink concerning public disorder at Union Movement meetings and possible communist involvement;

/ typed memorandums (two) from Jeffrey Hamm to 'The Leader', 8 October 1962 outlining instances of public disorder at Union Movement meetings and listing members who were injured at the meetings.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/12 Court of Human Rights 1966-1968

This file concerns a petition by Oswald Mosley to the European Court of Human Rights concerning libel cases and his treatment by the BBC, including a ban on Mosley appearing in
BBC broadcasts. The file includes:

/ published booklet: 'Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and protocol';

/ solicitors' correspondence of Messrs Marsh and Ferriman, 1966-1968, including correspondence with Oswald Mosley and court representatives

/ legal 'Opinion' on the case, 1966;

/ Two copies of the 'petition' of Sir Oswald Mosley to the court, one heavily annotated in Mosley's hand, together with an addendum to the petition.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/13 Stuttgarter Nachrichten 1962-1970

This file concerns libel action against the German press, particularly a case brought against Stuttgarter Nachrichten and Dr. Werner Krug. The libel concerned suggestions that Oswald Mosley committed criminal offences in allegedly having similar policies and links to Colin Jordan. The file includes:

/ Correspondence with Herr Vom Berg, lawyer, Germany, in German and English, regarding professional assistance in bringing libel action against the German press. Includes copies of photographs, pedigree charts and civil registration certificates of births and marriages relating to Oswald Mosley's family history sent to Vom Berg. The correspondence discusses accusations of anti-Semitism, claims that Mosley had Jewish ancestry and suggestions of similarities between the Union Movement symbols and the SS Rune.

/ Copies and some typed transcripts of press articles in German newspapers.

/ typed memorandums from Jeffrey Hamm to 'The Leader' concerning libel action against German press and evidence to demonstrate the
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libel

/typescript draft of an interview between Sir Oswald Mosley and Dr. Werner Krug in relation to 'misunderstandings' and settlement of the dispute, April 1964

/typescript petition of Sir Oswald Mosley to the European Court of Human Rights concerning libel and his treatment by the BBC.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/1/14 Jeffrey Hamm [mid-late 20th cent]

Contains typescript 'Notes on Hamm Case' identifying libellous statements about Jeffrey Hamm in a book [unidentified]. Undated.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/2 Papers of Jeffrey Hamm relating to legal matters 1961-1973

These files contain correspondence and other papers of Jeffrey Hamm relating to legal matters he dealt with on behalf of Oswald Mosley, including cases of libel action. Jeffrey Hamm acted as secretary for the Union Movement and also as private secretary for Oswald Mosley.

4 files

Access: Partially closed

OMD/6/2/1 Correspondence and papers of Jeffrey Hamm relating to libel cases against the BBC 1962-1966

A large proportion of this correspondence relates to the libel cases, Oswald Mosley v BBC and Paul Fox and Oswald Mosley v BBC and David Marquand. The file includes:

/ Memorandum to 'The Leader' from Jeffrey Hamm, concerning the amount of work involved in the BBC and Paul Fox libel case, December
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1965.

/ typed interview questions asked by Mr. Frank Pomeranz to Mosley and notes of Oswald Mosley's responses, 24 August 1965.

/ Correspondence of Jeffrey Hamm with Oswald Mosley's solicitors, including a memorandum on 'Random Thoughts of a Fascist Hyena' by Constantine FitzGibbon, 1966.

/ typed copies of letters between Oswald Mosley and Constantine FitzGibbon appearing in 'The Times', February and March 1959.

/ typed notes on three publications which have a bearing on Mosley's relations with the BBC.


/ typed notes and correspondence with solicitors on suggested amendments to an 'affidavit' for BBC libel case, 1962.

/ typed notes of objections to the book 'The British Political Fringe' by George Thayer.

/ Memorandum on particulars for the defence in the case of Sir Oswald Mosley v David Marquand and the BBC.

/ typed copies of evidence for legal cases.

/ copy of an article from 'New Society, 29 November 1962 'Twistings in that Poor White Boy' by Ray Gosling, which refers to Oswald Mosley.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/2/2 Correspondence of Jeffrey Hamm with Marsh and Ferriman Solicitors 1963-1971

Correspondence relating to legal matters pursued on behalf of Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement. The file includes
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

correspondence on a number of topics, including:

/ Oswald Mosley's libel case against the 'Daily Worker', 1963.

/ Omissions from a letter by Oswald Mosley which appeared in 'The Observer', 1965.


/ a 'Charteris-Collins' libel action

/ A 'Thayer' legal case relating to the book 'The British Political Fringe'.

/ An election leaflet circulated in the Shoreditch-Finsbury Constituency concerning the Union Movement, 1966.

/ David Frost's televised interview with Oswald Mosley, 1967.

/ leases on property and arrangements for premises for Sanctuary Press Ltd, the Union Movement and Lion Books.

The file also includes a copy of 'Daily Worker', 13 July 1963, with a published correction to a previously published statement about Oswald Mosley.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/2/3 Correspondence and papers of Jeffrey Hamm relating to Oswald Mosley's dealings with the BBC 1961-1973

Correspondence with the BBC and with Mosley's solicitors, on libel actions including Mosley v Paul Fox and the BBC, challenges to a 'ban' on Mosley appearing in BBC broadcasts and a subsequent programme 'Battle of Cable Street'. The file includes:

/ copies of correspondence, some draft, of Max Mosley concerning the portrayal of his father, Oswald Mosley, on the BBC 'Panorama'

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programme, 1962 (access restricted until 01/01/2041)

/ copies of correspondence of L. A. Flockhart with the BBC, concerning a programme 'Fascism in the Thirties' and querying why Oswald Mosley was not a participant in the programme, December 1965.

/ Copies of correspondence of Sir Oswald Mosley with his solicitor concerning drafts of legal papers for libel cases against the BBC, 1965.

/ Copies of statements made by representatives of the BBC concerning their broadcasting of programmes and whether this constituted contempt of court, January 1966.

/ press cuttings of comments on BBC broadcasts.

/ copy of a typescript section from House of Commons Hansard report on 1 April 1966 concerning television programmes and freedom of expression.

/ copies of letters from Oswald Mosley and from Jeffrey Hamm to Mosley's solicitors, 1966, including references to libel in a programme 'The Long Cocktail Party', the possibility of taking the case to 'Strasbourg' [the European Court of Human Rights].

/ typed memorandum by Jeffrey Hamm on BBC references to Sir Oswald Mosley, 15 September 1966.

/ A typed list addressed to Oswald Mosley's solicitor of alleged libels by the BBC and others, including dates and source of the alleged libel, 22 November 1966.

/ An official offer from the BBC for Oswald Mosley to be filmed for a programme on Ramsey MacDonald, 22 July 1968.

/ Correspondence between Oswald Mosley and representatives of the BBC relating to filming for
television programmes, including 'Panorama' and the 'Battle of Cable Street', 1969.

/ Typescripts of the broadcast 'Battle of Cable Street', January 1970.

1 file

Access: Partially closed

OMD/6/2/4 Papers relating to Alan Rogers and 'The Daily Herald' 1962

In November 1962, a series of articles appeared in the 'Daily Herald' written by Alan Rogers who spent 10 weeks ‘undercover’ as a member of the Union Movement. The file contains press cuttings and pages from the Daily Herald, some annotated in Oswald Mosley's hand, and typescript notes by Jeffrey Hamm which challenge allegations made in the newspaper articles.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/3 Papers relating to detention under Regulation 18B 1939-1981

Oswald Mosley was arrested on 23 May 1940 under Defence Regulation 18B amid fears of a German invasion of Britain. He was initially held in Brixton prison, but in 1941 he was moved to Holloway to join his wife, Diana. Diana Mosley had been arrested on 29 June 1940 under the same regulation and was detained at Holloway prison. Oswald and Diana Mosley were released from prison in November 1943 on the grounds of Mosley’s ill health, and the couple were placed under house arrest. They settled first at Crux Easton in Hampshire, and moved to Crowood in Wiltshire in 1945.

3 files, 2 items

Access: Open

OMD/6/3/1 Correspondence and papers of Lady Redesdale 1940-1943

Correspondence of Lady Sydney Redesdale,
many letters handwritten, campaigning for the release and improved treatment of her daughter, Diana Mosley and other prisoners detained under Regulation 18B. The file includes letters to the press, the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor and other politicians and officials. There are also press cuttings on issues of liberty, including some directly relating to Diana and Oswald Mosley's detainment. The file includes a typed copy of a doctor's report on Oswald Mosley's health advising that he should not remain in Holloway Prison, 10 September 1943, also a copy of a memorandum from the '18B Publicity Council' concerning proceedings at a meeting held on 6 December 1942 and a typed statement to members of the British Union of Fascists and readers of 'Action' and 'Action News Service' concerning the detainment of members. Some press cuttings concern Lord Redesdale's and Mitford family members' residence and ownership of Inchkenneth island in Scotland. The file also includes copies of 'Action', March-May 1940, issue numbers 212, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220 and 221.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/6/3/2 Solicitors papers concerning Defence Regulations and detainment under Regulation 18B 1940-1948

The file includes:

/ 'Memorandum on circumstances of Sir Oswald Mosley under Home Office restrictions', [1944], including information regarding travel restrictions in place affecting his appropriate medical care and restrictions on access to his secretarial support.

/ draft copies of a statement by Sir Oswald Mosley in relation to detainment of British Union of Fascists members under Regulation 18B and his responsibility for British Union of Fascist policies

/ typed copies of draft letters to the Home Office and to the Prime Minister concerning continued
restrictive conditions placed on Oswald Mosley [1945].

/ Fabric British Union of Fascists symbol, featuring red stitching and a red flash reading 'Many Happy Returns From Reekie Oct 6th 1940'.

/ Press cutting from the 'Daily Herald' containing biographical details of men arrested under the Defence Regulations, including Sir Oswald Mosley and A. Raven Thomson, 24 May 1940.

/ 'Statement of Claim' for damages by Lady Diana Mosley against the Daily Mirror Newspapers Limited, 13 July 1940 in the High Court of Justice King's Bench Division, concerning statements by the Daily Mirror that Diana Mosley should have been detained earlier during the Second World War.

/ letter from Laurence A. F. Flockhart to Oswald Mosley, 4 April 1942, concerning his own detention.

/ typed directions under the defence regulations and monthly report stamps from police stations for Oswald and Diana Mosley whilst residing at the Shaven Crown Hotel, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, 1943.

/ Solicitors' letters, Messrs Marsh and Ferriman to Sir Oswald concerning residence at and purchase of Crux Easton House and the possibility of use of a private car whilst residing there, February 1944.

/ notices of variation to directions under the defence regulations for Sir Oswald and Diana Mosley to reside at Crux Easton House.

/ leaflets of the 18B Detainees (British) Aid Fund, August 1945.

/ Solicitors' papers of Oswald Hickson, Collier and Co, notes and legal papers relating to the detention of others, including George Erik Thomas, 'Anderson' and Major De Laessoe.

/ typed legal 'Opinion' of John Foster in respect of a campaign for a passport for Oswald
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Mosley, 22 March 1948.

/ Typescript headed 'Defence Regulations The Press and the individual'.

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OMD/6/3/3 Correspondence and papers concerning Regulation 18B

The file includes:

/ letters 'My darling Mother', October 1943 and to solicitor 'Mr. Lane' October 1943 [in Oswald Mosley's hand] from Holloway prison.

/ typed Home Office statement of reasons for the order made under defence regulations in the case of Diana Mosley, 1940, with envelope.

/ letter to Diana Mosley, Holloway Prison, from Oswald Mosley, Brixton Prison, 1941.

/ Correspondence of Lady Diana Mosley with solicitors concerning damages for libel from The Daily Mirror, requests to see her sons and husband, 1940-44.

/ Portion of a letter concerning Oswald Mosley's health and conditions concerning his release, November 1943.

/ draft letter with annotations by Oswald Mosley concerning housing for himself and his family, not dated, and a typed letter about Nicholas Mosley's education, May 1940.

/ visiting orders (two) for Diana Mosley to visit Oswald Mosley in Brixton prison, May–June 1940.

/ Press cuttings concerning the war, the detention of Diana and Oswald Mosley, libel action by the Mosleys against the Daily Mirror, 1940, British Union of Fascist policies and an obituary of Maxine Elliott.

/ Four British Union handbills campaigning for
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peace [1939-1940].

/ typed copy 'Mosley's message to all British Union members' 1 September 1939 concerning the outbreak of war and appropriate actions of members.

/ typed copy of 'The Defence (General) Regulations 1939. Regulation 18B.'

/ typed legal 'opinion' concerning the likely success of a libel action against the 'News Chronicle', 1943.

/ copy of an article 'Sir Oswald Mosley' from 'The Listener', 21 September 1972.

/ Memorandum by Robert Row to Oswald Mosley on the BBC film based on the book 'If Britain had Fallen', September 1979.

/ copy of page from the 'Journal of the League of St. George' No 34, June 1981 containing a portion of an article on Regulation 18 B.

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OMD/6/3/4 Handwritten notes 'Shaw on Release' [mid-late 20th cent]

Handwritten notes, covering two sides of notepaper, on 'questions put to [George] Bernard Shaw by Miss Wheeler Ryan, a journalist strongly opposed to the release of Oswald Mosley from Holloway Jail' appearing in the 'Daily Express' 26 November 1943. Also an envelope featuring handwritten notes on Mosley's detention under regulation 18B, with references to chapters and pages in a book. The notes on the envelope and notepaper are not in Mosley's hand, with the exception of a heading on the envelope 'Shaw on Release', which is in Mosley's handwriting.

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OMD/6/4  Correspondence with solicitors  1949-1976

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OMD/6/4/1  Correspondence with Messrs Marsh and Ferriman, solicitors  1949-1976

Correspondence of Oswald and Diana Mosley relating to a number of legal matters, including:

/ One letter to Diana Mosley concerning her marriage certificate, 1973.

/ A detailed invoice for acting in a number of cases, 1966.

/ Copies of the detention order of Lady Diana Mosley, with a related letter to Diana Mosley, February 1976.

/ Letters to Sir Oswald Mosley concerning the BBC libel case and the possibility of taking the case to the European Court of Human Rights, 1966-1967.

/ A letter to Sir Oswald concerning partnership arrangements for Lion Books, October 1969.

/ A letter to Sir Oswald concerning drafting his will, August 1967.

/ Two letters to Sir Oswald concerning Sir Winston Churchill, July 1958.

/ A letter concerning Sir Oswald's application for a passport, May 1949, with enclosed Foreign Office letter on the same matter.

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OMD/6/5  Papers relating to challenges to the book 'Unity Mitford - A Quest'  1976-1977

'Unity Mitford - A Quest' by David Pryce-Jones

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was published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in 1976. The papers in this sub-series relate to objections to statements in the book by Oswald and Diana Mosley and members of the Mitford family, including the Duchess of Devonshire and a possible libel action.

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OMD/6/5/1 'Re 'Unity Mitford - A Quest' Weidenfeld & Nicolson’ 1976-1977

Solicitor's case file containing papers relating to the book by David Pryce-Jones. The file includes:

/ solicitor's correspondence, 1976-1977, including correspondence with Oswald Mosley, Diana Mosley, representatives of the publishers and Jeffrey Hamm [writing on behalf of the Mosleys].

/ Handwritten and typed notes challenging passages in the book.

/ copy letters to the press from Sir Oswald Mosley challenging statements in the book.

/ Press articles relating to the book, including book reviews and published extracts.


/ Typescript by Diana Mosley expressing her views on inaccuracies in the book.

/ Copies of letters from some of those interviewed for the book stating they had been miss-quoted. These letters were collected by Diana Mosley and sent to her solicitors.
The Union Movement was formed in February 1948 with Oswald Mosley as leader of the party. The party campaigned for Mosley's post-war ideology of 'Europe a Nation'. Two key members of the Union Movement during this period were Jeffrey Hamm, Secretary for the Union Movement, and Robert Row, who edited the Union Movement journal 'Union' (later 'Action') from 1955. Both Row and Hamm also provided secretarial support for Oswald Mosley as the 'Mosley Secretariat'. Mosley retired from active leadership of the Union Movement in 1966. Under the direction of Jeffrey Hamm, the party continued, changing its name to 'Action Party' in 1973 and later to 'Action Society'. The party finally dissolved in 1994 following the death of Jeffrey Hamm.

The series contains files of newspaper, magazine and other published articles, together with some typescripts and originals of documents. These files are organised by subject and are labelled by Robert Row. There appear to be four distinct sequences, with file titles prefixed with 'OM' [Oswald Mosley], 'DM' [Diana Mosley] or 'UM' [Union Movement] or part of a sequence of general titles. The contents of the files are mostly dated to the 1950s-1980s. The files typically comprise mounted cuttings on foolscap sized papers, some loose pages from newspapers and other publications and typescript extracts from newspapers on the same foolscap paper.

47 files

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with each file.

28 files

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OMD/7/1/1  'OM: Africa'  1947-1974

File of materials relating to the political and economic policies and plans of the Union Movement and Oswald Mosley in relation to Africa and South Africa.

The subject matter of the material covers the visit in 1948 by Oswald Pirow, the founder of the South African 'Nuwe Order (New Order) Movement to England in order to consult with Mosley and includes copies of the two letters between them in advance of their meeting together with typescripts of the report of their joint press conference on 12 April and of a statement by Pirow, both of which were published in 'Union'.

The material from the 1950s includes the further development and publication of the policies and proposals of Mosley and Pirow; coverage of visits of Oswald Mosley to South Africa in 1959 and 1964; opposition to the Labour leaders' call for a boycott of South African goods in 1960; press coverage of criticism by Eric Louwe, South African Minister of External Affairs of the speech of the British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, on a visit to Cape Town in February 1960; reports and comment on the political situation in Rhodesia, including the case of Ivor Benson, a journalist and information officer for the Rhodesian Government, 1964-66; and a photocopy of an article about Mosley's review of W. J. Busschau's book 'Chaos or Callocracy', 1974.

The file includes cuttings and extracts from both from British national and local newspapers and also from South African newspapers as well as from 'Mosley Newsletter', 'Union' and 'Action'. These cuttings include articles written by Mosley such as 'Europe-Africa: The Vision Splendid' which outlined his policy for uniting Europe and 'sharing Africa on a fair basis between black and white', first published in
'Action in 1959; articles by Pirow including a series published in 'Johannesburg Star' in October 1952 under the title 'The Pirow Plan'. There are also a number of cuttings relating to Pirow's retirement as a QC in the Supreme Court of Pretoria in 1957 and his death in 1959.

In addition to cuttings and extracts of cuttings, there are also a number of typescript documents. These include a transcript of an interview given by Oswald Mosley to the 'Star' newspaper which was published in an abbreviated form on 28 January 1967 and includes some manuscript notes in Mosley's hand at the end, together with other points raised by Mosley in an informal interview with 'Check', a South African weekly. There are also two separate compilations of typescript and printed materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat, and there is some duplication of content. Both include precis of policies, one titled 'Pirow Proposals', the other 'The Two Plans for Africa' and extracts from Mosley's publications including 'Europe: Faith and Plan' (1958) and 'Report from South Africa' published as a broadsheet in 1967. One grouping also includes a memorandum from the Secretariat to Mosley dated 1971, a copy of a press release issued on Mosley's return from South Africa in 1964 and two published book reviews written by Mosley for 'Books and Bookmen' in 1974. The other grouping includes additional typescript extracts from publications, a memorandum from Robert Row to Mosley dated 1959 which summarises Mosley's published avocation of the 'independence of the black countries in Africa' between 1954 and 1959. It also includes an issue 'Prod' produced by the Movement for Colonial Freedom which includes an article about the appointment of Pirow as the prosecutor in the South African mass treason trial.

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OMD/7/1/2 'OM: Asia' 1934-1981

File of materials relating to the policies of the
Pre-war British Union of Fascists, the Union Movement and Oswald Mosley in relation to East and West Asia and in the context of the foreign and economic policies of the British Government.

The subject matter of the material covers pre-war empire issues such as world trade and its impact on the Lancashire cotton industry, the British Government's policy and actions on the North-West frontier and in Arabia, particularly in relation to Hadramaut and the conclusion of the Anglo-Italian Pact in 1938. In the post-war period, there is coverage of issues in the Middle East including Palestine, the creation of the state of Israel and Anglo-American intervention in Lebanon and Jordan in 1958; and in India; the Korean War, 1950; policy in Persia, 1951; the Suez crisis and strong opposition to the government's policy, 1953-56; and the emergence of Japan as an economic power.

The file contains cuttings and typescript extracts from 'Blackshirt', 'Mosley Newsletter', 'Union' and 'Action' from 1934 to 1958, many of these articles written by Mosley. There is also a compilation of typescript materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat which comprises various precis of policies developed during the 1950s and 1960s and largely consist of extracts from published writings or speeches made by Mosley such as 'The National European' and his analysis article in the 'European'. These are titled 'India-Japan Combination', 'Threat of Communism in India', and 'The Middle East' 'Defence of Australia and East of Suez' and a report of 'Porchester Hall meeting' on 16 April 1956. There is also a document entitled 'Points of Policy Affecting the Arab World' which is a summary of Mosley's position in respect of a number of issues not just in Asia, but also South Africa and on the subject of immigration.

The file contains some other materials which do not seem to be related to the main subject matter of the file. These miscellaneous items include an article from 'The New Clarion' of 3 December 1932 entitled 'Bernard Shaw talks in praise of Guy Fawkes', an interview with

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OMD/7/1/3  OM: Broadsheets  1970-1980

Contains Oswald Mosley's privately circulated broadsheets printed and published by the Mosley Secretariat from 1970 to 1980. Issue No 36 is either missing or was never published. A few of these broadsheets are annotated with underlining or highlighting, presumably by officers of the Secretariat. The last two issues are in photocopy form which, according to No. 39, was the result of a print dispute.

[No. 1]: 'Inflation and Depression. The Worst of Both Worlds.' Published 14 September 1970

[No. 2]: 'How to 'Raise the Sights' of Britain's European Policy.' Published 25 September 1970

[No. 3]: 'A Speech by Sir Oswald Mosley to the Conservative Bow Group (Birmingham 7.11.69).' Published 14 October 1970

[No. 4]: 'The Reorganisation of Government Without the Means to Act.' Published 3 November 1970

[No. 5]: 'Inflation - Employment - Incomes Policy. To Simplify Truth is the Art of Politics.' Published 27 November 1970

[No. 6]: 'Democracy. Action Within Parliamentary Government.' Published 14 January 1971

No. 7: 'Confusion in Debate. Inflation and Europe.' Published 26 April 1971

No. 8: 'Mosley's Thinking since the War.'
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Published 11 May 1971

No. 9: 'Forward Now in Europe. Not Back to Bretton Woods.' Published 16 September 1971

No. 10: 'The Irish Problem. Interim and Ultimate Solutions.' Published 8 October 1971

No. 11: 'Mosley Speech. For the Oxford Union' (supporting the motion "That this House would join the Common Market on the terms recommended by Her Majesty's Government"). Published 19 October 1971

No. 12: 'Continental Systems versus International Patchwork.' Published 3 January 1972

No. 13: 'Stop this Anarchy. Maintain Law: Give Economic Lead.' Published 6 March 1972

No. 14: 'Free Speech and New Ideas. America - Europe - Continental Systems.' Published 19 May 1972

No. 15: 'When the Nonsense has to Stop and Yet Another Fall of the Pound.' Published 30 June 1972

No. 16: 'Notes on the Situation. Ireland - Impartial Law - Dock Lessons, Planning Staff - National Police - Asian Immigrants - Inflation.' Published 12 September 1972

No. 17: 'European Achievement versus Nonsense Policies.' Published 18 January 1973

No. 18: 'Britain in Danger. Need for Real Change.' Published 15 March 1973

No. 19: 'Truth and Decadence. Reality and Humbug'. Published 5 June 1973

No. 20: 'Britain's Situation. What to do about it?' Published 3 September 1973

No. 21 'World Food Prices and E.E.C. Agriculture.' Published 3 October 1973

No. 22: 'European Government. Answers to
No. 23: ‘Government by the Nation with Wartime Power to Act.’ Published 15 January 1974


No. 25: ‘A New Majority? Or Luck Thrown Away Again?’ Published 7 May 1974

No. 26: ‘Give Army Chance to do Job. The Political Solution in Europe.’ Published 19 June 1974

No. 27: ‘The Two Hysterias. Monkeyhouse or Banana Republic.’ Published 25 July 1974

No. 28: ‘Where is the Will to Act?’ Published 15 November 1974

No. 29: ‘Europe’s Opponents: Policies Examined.’ Published 14 May 1975

No. 30: ‘The State of Britain: Alternative Policy and Will.’ Published 19 September 1975

No. 31: ‘Nation Before Party. Crisis and Straw-clutching Policies.’ Published 9 April 1976

No. 32: ‘If Things Get Worse. Need for a Contingency Plan.’ Published 13 October 1976

No. 33: ‘New Men and New Policies. Business of Government is to Make Possible Private Enterprise.’ Published 11 March 1977

No. 34: ‘Mosley Debates with Irish Prime Minister.’ Published 9 January 1978

No. 35: ‘United Europe Alone Can Solve Immigration Problem.’ Published 16 March 1978

No. 37: ‘Nuclear War? Dialogue with Russians?’ Published 1 September 1978

No. 38: ‘Mosley Speaks.’ Published 21 May 1979

No. 39: ‘Prospect of another War? Dialogue’
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with Russians.' Published 2 May 1980


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OMD/7/1/4 'OM: Cecil King' 1966-1972

File of materials relating to Cecil King (1901-1987), the newspaper proprietor and publisher who, as chairman of Mirror Newspapers and the Mirror Group, built a world-wide publishing empire (becoming the International Publishing Corporation (IPC) in 1963) and through the 'Daily Mirror' was influential on the post-war Labour Party.

The subject matter of the material largely covers the attacks by King, through the 'Daily Mirror', on the Labour Government of Harold Wilson in 1967-68 and his call to the Labour Party to oust Wilson as Prime Minister, to King's subsequent dismissal as chairman of IPC in May 1968 and more generally to his autobiographical writings.

File of materials relating to Colin Wilson (b 1931), writer and also to George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blair, 1903-50).

The subject matter of the part of the file relating to Wilson covers his writings, including the outstanding success of his first novel 'The Outsider' and for which he was given the label 'Angry Young Man', the subsequent revelations about his personal love life, and the controversy created by the publication of an article by Wilson in 'Twentieth Century' in December 1959 about whether he was a supporter of Mosley's policies and an admirer of the man.

The material includes cuttings of reviews and comment on a number of Wilson's works: 'The Outsider' (1956), 'Religion and the Rebel' (1957), 'Age of Defeat' (1959), 'Bernard Shaw: a Reassessment' (1969) and 'The Occult' (1972). It also includes cuttings of three articles by the Daily Mirror journalist, William Connor (writing under the name 'Cassandra'), in December 1959 where comment about Wilson's article in 'Twentieth Century' was first raised; and published correspondence in 'The Spectator' and 'The Twentieth Century' from Bernard Levin, Wilson himself and others about the controversy. It also includes a number of short articles by Wilson, including one about himself in 'Reynold News', 3 February 1957; another in 'The Aylesford Review', Spring 1962 being a review article entitled 'The Net of Politics' about Colin Cross's book 'The Fascists in Britain ' and Mosley's 'Mosley, Right or Wrong?' and others in 'Books & Bookmen'.

The subject matter of the part of the file about George Orwell relates to his writings and also to his political beliefs and which include references to Mosley. The material includes an article published in 'Union' in 1953 about Orwell; other cuttings relate to reviews of and articles about
'The Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters of George Orwell' which appeared in 1968, to published comment on an article about him by Conor Cruise O'Brien published in 'The Listener' in 1969, and a review of a BBC television programme about him 'The Road to the Left' in 1971. There are also articles published in 'Encounter' in 1975 and 1984.

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OMD/7/1/6 'OM: Comparison with crackpots' 1957-1982

File of materials relating to comparisons made between the policies of Oswald Mosley, the British Union of Fascists and the Union Movement with policies and opinions of other political groups, politicians and other public figures in the later 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s.

The subject matter of the earlier material, 1957-62, relates principally to press coverage of policies and actions of such organisations as the National Labour Party, founded by John Bean and led by Andrew Fountaine, the League of Empire Loyalists, the White Defence League and its founder, Colin Jordan, the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party led by George Lincoln Rockwell. There is some linking of individuals and organisations with Oswald Mosley, notably claims that the National Labour Party was an offshoot of the Union Movement, as well as comparison of policies on race, immigration, anti-Semitism and nationalism. The material includes comment and denials by Mosley and by Jeffrey Hamm. The later material, 1968-74, includes extensive coverage of the major political controversy created by the anti-immigration speech by Enoch Powell in Birmingham in April 1968 and subsequent expressed opinions and the comparison with Oswald Mosley's speeches in the 1930s and in 1958 and their subsequent political courses. Prominent individuals who made such public comparisons included Richard Crossman in 1968, Lord George-Brown and Anthony Wedgwood Benn in 1970. The later material
also includes comparisons between Mosley and the National Front chairman, John Tyndall, in 1972. There is also some coverage of the activities of the Tory Party's right wing Monday Club, 1970-73, whose chairman was Mosley's step son, Jonathan Guinness.

The file largely consists of cuttings from a wide range of national and local press, magazines and journals with a few articles from the international press. It includes cuttings of Mosley's published comment and denial. It also includes a few more general articles about organisations and individuals associated with the fringe right in British politics including one in 'The Guardian' of 2 June 1972 and another in 'The Sunday Telegraph' Magazine of 2 October 1977 'What lies behind the Front?'.

There are also some typescript materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat. One compilation relates to the policies and ideas of Francis Parker Yockey (1917-1960), which comprises a report on Yockey and the European Liberation Front, based on one issued by Natinform [Nationalist Information Bureau ] of Germany in 1953; an open reply to Wolfgang Sarg at Natinform from Yockey dated 24 January 1953 in which he comments on Mosley; and a document entitled 'the ideas of Oswald Mosley and those of F. P. Yockey' dated 1982 which was written in the context of Yockey's comments with a further development of a comparison of their ideas. Another compilation, entitled 'Union Movement and Powellism' is a comparison between policies of Enoch Powell (based on published sources) and those of the Union Movement on such issues as 'Coloured Immigration', 'Irish Immigration', Europe, wages and housing, c 1970. The third compilation consists of a document entitled 'Mosley on TV. Neo-Nasty Comments Answered' being a reply to attacks on Mosley published in the paper 'Spearhead' and four miscellaneous memoranda from Robert Row to Mosley, 1962-71, on the subject of right wing political groups and individuals associated with them.
File of materials relating to the policies, plans and activities of the Union Movement and Oswald Mosley in relation to Europe. The subject matter also includes material relating to the establishment of a National Party of Europe and the question of Britain's entry into Europe.

The earliest material in this file, up to 1960, largely consists of cuttings and typescript extracts mostly from 'Union' and also 'Action' which comprise articles written by Mosley or the texts or reports of the speeches and addresses he delivered at meetings and rallies. There are also cuttings from the national and local press in 1960 relating to the opposition to the proposed visit of Hans Ulrich Rudel, a former Luftwaffe pilot and a leader of the neo-Nazi Reichs Party in Germany to address a political rally in London in December under the aegis of the Friends of Europe and the chairmanship of Mosley, a rally which was cancelled when Rudel was refused permission to enter Britain. The later material includes comment and articles published in 'Action' including the text of Mosley's speech at Kensington Town Hall on 18 November 1963, references to his address to the Birmingham branch of the Bow Group in November 1969; the report of an interview with him published by 'Spectator', 13 November 1971 entitled 'The First European' and subsequent comment; and a review article by him published in 'Books & Bookmen' in May 1975 of Swann's 'The Economics of the Common Market' under the title 'United Europe'.

The file also includes a photocopy of the signed copy of the European Declaration as approved by the Conference of Venice in March 1962 and the founding of the National Party of Europe and a copy of the issue of 'Action', No. 91, 15 March 1962 with further reports of the conference; and the typescript text of a press report on Mosley's speech to the Birmingham Bow Group, 1969.
File of materials relating to a range of writers and their writings who have been associated with fascism. The subject matter of the file relates to a wide range of authors and poets, most notably Hillaire Belloc, Ezra Pound, Percy Wyndham Lewis (1882-1957), Roy Campbell (d 1957), D. H. Lawrence, Richard Aldington, Nietzsche, W. B. Yeats, T. S. Eliot, James Joyce, G. K. Chesterton, Sir Osbert Sitwell and Gabriele D'Annunzio.

The mounted press cuttings cover the period 1950-1974 and are mainly from the national press and journals, such as 'Spectator' and 'New Statesman'. They largely comprise reviews and review articles on the works of or about these writers including biographies, editions or selected works, but also include obituaries and appreciations of some and, in the case of one or two individuals more extensive coverage of their lives. For example, there are a number of articles about the release of Ezra Pound from St Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington where he had been held from 1946 until 1958 following his indictment on treason charges but unable to stand trial and his return to Italy. There are also reviews of more general books, such as 'The Reactionaries' by John Harrison (1966).

There are also copies of more extensive articles on writers, including an article by T. S. Eliot 'The Cass and the Elite' from 'New English Review', October 1945, a series of articles in 'The Sunday Times' in 1967 being a guide to the modern movement in the arts and an article 'Ezra Pound & Treason' by Malcolm Bradbury in 'Encounter' in 1982.
OMD/7/1/9 'OM: Free speech'

File of materials relating to issues in connection with freedom of thought, speech and publication and claims of political censorship.

The subject matter of the file relates to the Union Movement's right to hold public meetings and marches, and difficulties associated with arranging them because of the difficulty with booking public halls; the boycott of publication of news in the press about activities; the problems associated with the distribution of its publications; proposed bans by authorities of future meetings following disturbances and violence which occurred at meetings in Manchester and in Trafalgar Square in the summer of 1962; and the consequent debates about the balance between free speech and public order.

The file includes mounted cuttings and extracts from both from British national and local newspapers and journals and from 'Mosley Newsletter', 'Union' and 'Action'. There is one pre-war item from 'Action', dated 1939, of the report of a debate in the House of Commons on the failure of the press to report on the British Union of Fascists' meetings. The majority of the cuttings for the period 1946 to 1949 are from 'Mosley Newsletter' and include, for example, coverage of the law suit brought by Mosley Publications Ltd against Morrison and others of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper workers who refused to handle the production or distribution of the 'Mosley Newsletter', and the refusal of a passport to Mosley. There are a number of cuttings dated to October and November 1959 which relate to the refusal for the use of town halls and other public venues for meetings to be addressed by Mosley during a planned tour. There is an extensive number covering the period July to September 1962 which relate to the debate and controversy about allowing public Union Movement meetings to be held, including calls for the banning of meetings of fascists organisations and amendment of the
Public Order Act of 1936 and the involvement of local authorities, church leaders and politicians in the debate. There is also coverage of correspondence between Mosley and Mr T. L. Ironmonger MP and others on freedom of speech and the hiring out of halls for public meetings in cuttings of 1969 and correspondence of Mosley about disturbances at meetings in cuttings of 1975, all published in the 'Daily Telegraph'.

There are two loose printed items: the first is an article by Mosley of 1936 entitled 'Fascism and Free Speech' from 'Action'; the other is an article from 'The Listener', 14 March 1946 of a discussion between D. N. Pritt and John Maude on the subject 'Can We Outlaw Fascism' which has been annotated by Mosley.

There is also a compilation of typescript materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat in the 1970s which relate to Mosley's political career in the 1920s and early 1930s. The subject matter does not appear to relate to that of the rest of the file and includes an extracted article by Mosley from 'New Outlook' in 1966 entitled 'Lost Lib Lab Opportunities in the 1929 Parliament'; extracts of political and press comments on Mosley from 1921 to 1931, and extracts from books and other publications which include references to him during that period.

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OMD/7/1/11 'OM: General statements' 1937-1975

File of materials relating to public statements or publication of views made by Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement on policy, political issues and events and personal matters

The subject matter of the file includes the abdication crisis, Mosley's move to Ireland in 1951, the Suez crisis, Mosley's ban on members making street demonstrations in 1960 and expulsion of members from the Movement for violence in 1961, disassociation from such organisations as the Poujade movement, Ku
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Klux Klan and the neo-fascist OAS (Secret Army Organisation), visits to America in 1962 and Australia in 1968; support for Scottish nationalism, Europe, comment on the general election in 1974 and proposals for the formation of an emergency government to cope with the economic crisis in 1975.

The file includes mounted cuttings from 'Union' and from national and local press and journals together with printed or typescript copy documents. These documents include a printed statement titled 'Crisis - Special Statement by Sir Oswald Mosley' on the abdication of King Edward VIII [from 'Action', No 190, 12 December 1936] and typescript of the Union Movement's publication of policy dated 17 August 1948. The cuttings include interviews with Mosley including a series about his views published in the 'Yorkshire Post' in 1961 and one with his wife, Diana Mosley, published in the 'Sunday Express' in April 1961, also cuttings of his published letters to the press.

There are a few loose cuttings and typescript materials, the latter comprising a summary of newspaper cuttings from Germany relating to the establishment of an organisation by the name of 'Bruderschaft' and a precis of Mosley's maiden speech on the subject of the Air Navigation Bill in 1919.

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OMD/7/1/12 'OM: Government of National Union' 1948-1981

File of materials relating to parliamentary government, procedures and democracy. The subject matter of the file includes measures against strikes, law and order, reform of coalition government and involvement of industrialists in managing the economy.

The file contains mounted cuttings from 'Union' and from national and local press and journals, 1948-76. It includes, for example, articles about Oswald Mosley's policy on strikes and workers' rights published in 'Union' in 1948 and 1955-56; articles about the Industrial Disputes Order in
1951; an article published in 'The Times' in 1958 about Parliamentary procedure which referred to 1931 select committee and to which Mosley responded with a letter; an editorial published in 'Action' 1966 which refers to Mosley's article in the same issue in which he proposes a national union of government; articles about Mosley's proposals to use armoured cars and to create a national police force to deal with demonstrations, such as those against the Vietnam War in October 1968 and the subsequent public debate which included the Lord Chief Justice and the Home Secretary about the need for a national police force and longer prison sentences to combat crime, 1968-70; cuttings relating to calls for reform of parliament and the creation of a national or emergency government, 1972-75.

The file includes some loose and more extensive articles, two in 1981 on the subject of a national police force following the Brixton riots and two items on Ernest Bevin: an article in 'The Listener' in 1967 and a pamphlet published by the Labour Party 'Ernest Bevin's Work in Wartime 1940-1945'.

There is also a compilation of typescript materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat in the 1970s. One of these comprises extracts from Mosley's publications 'The Alternative' (1947) and 'Government of Tomorrow' (1955) on the machinery of government. The other compilation comprises a series of mostly copy memoranda to Oswald Mosley on such subjects as control of imports in 1968; housing policy in 1974; Keynes' war finance proposals, measures in a general strike, emergency freezing of trade union funds, strikers and supplementary benefits in 1975; a national taxation board interest rates in an emergency, machinery of government and the three day week in 1976 and contingency plans for a general strike, formation of a national government in 1977. This compilation also includes a precis of policy on the subject of 'siege economy' which comprises extracts or summaries from Mosley's writings 1958-67 and another entitled 'Keynes not enough: public works' of extracts or
summaries from his writings or speeches 1930-67.

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OMD/7/1/13 'OM: Ireland' 1970-1975

File of materials relating to policy on Ireland. The subject matter of the file includes conflict and violence in Northern Ireland, proposals for a revised partition of Ireland in 1972 and a proposed plebiscite on the issue, comment on the British government's policy in relation to Ireland, and policy of Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement in relation to Ireland.

The file includes mounted cuttings from national newspapers and journals relating to issues in and affecting Ireland during the period 1970 to 1976. These include an article from the 'Irish Times' published in February 1972 which reported on a speech Mosley made to an American audience of his plan for redrawing the boundary between north and south, so that Catholics in the north could live in the Republic. There are also cuttings of book reviews on the political history of Ireland in the first half of the 20th century, particularly in the 1920s, when Mosley was an MP and a supporter of Irish nationalism. The mounted items include copies of Mosley's campaign literature relating to his policy in Ireland when standing for election in Kensington North in 1959.

The file contains some loose and more extensive articles and other printed and published material. These include Union Movement policy documents comprising 'Ireland's right to unite when entering European Union' by Oswald Mosley (first published 1948, second edition 1957), a copy of Mosley's Broadsheet No 10 on 'The Irish Problem', 1971 and the Union Movement Policy Pamphlet No 2 'Ireland's right to unite' by Patrick McGrath. Other items include an article in the 'Sunday Times Review' on 8 March 1975 by Robert Skidelsky entitled 'Mosley's Irish Protest', an...
article in the 'Sunday Times' in January 1976 on 'Ulster: what can we do' and a copy of the occasional paper on 'Ireland: a new partition' by Julian Critchley MP and published by the Bow Group, 1972. There are also photocopies of Hansard reports which relate to the sessions in Parliament relating to debates on Irish deportations, 12-15 March 1923, the proceeding against the Home Secretary on the same subject in May 1923 and Mosley's speech on the role of the Wood Renton Committee on Irish Affairs, March 1929.

It also includes some typescript documents, letters and notes of Oswald Mosley including a typescript by Robert Row of 'A Peace Plan for Northern Ireland'.

There are two copies of 'The Problem of Northern Ireland. Suggestions towards a solution' by Hugh Dominic Purcell sent to Mosley with an accompanying letter at the end of the text; there is a letter of reply from Mosley attached to the carbon copy and the top copy has been annotated, presumably by Mosley. There is also a letter from Dominic Purcell to Mosley with an attached manuscript commentary on Mosley's 'The Irish Problem', 1971 and the draft of a letter from Mosley possibly to Purcell. (Access to these items is restricted until 01/01/2033).

There are also photographic copies of two letters. One is from T. P. O'Connar to Lady Cynthia Mosley, dated 10 December 1923, written in acknowledgement and in gratitude of Mosley's support. The other, from J. D. O'Connell as County Solicitor in Kerry to Mosley, dated 2 December 1943, offers him residency in the county in recognition of his work with the 'Peace with Ireland Council' in the early 1920s. The photographic copy is also accompanied by a typescript transcript.

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OMD/7/1/14 'OM: Jewish Question' 1934-1976

The subject matter of the file largely relates to the policy of Oswald Mosley and the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s towards Jews and the post war controversy and debate as to whether Mosley and the Union were anti-Semitic.

The file contains mounted cuttings and typescript extracts from national and local newspapers, journals and from 'Blackshirt' and 'Action'. Pre-war material includes an article in 'Blackshirt' of 2 November 1934 comprising a report on the Albert Hall meeting on 28 October under the headline 'Blackshirts take up the challenge thrown down by jewry', a letter from Mosley to Sir John Simon as Secretary of State for Home Affairs about Simon's statements concerning fascism and jewry in the Parliamentary debate on 5 March 1936 and typescript extracts of articles in the 'Daily Express', the 'New York Times' and other publications from 1933 about the boycott of German goods and industries. The file also contains cuttings of articles by Dudley Barker published in the 'Evening Standard' in November 1936 about 'terror' and unrest in East London. There is also published compilation of extracts of press comment on 'Jews during the First World War'. Cuttings from 1960 concern Mosley's denial that the Union Movement was an anti-Semitic organisation and his disassociation from the waves of anti-Semitism and condemnation of action of vandalism.
There are many cuttings in the file from the 1960s, including publications of letters in the 'Observer', the 'New Statesman', the 'Sunday Telegraph' and the 'Jewish Chronicle', all of which relate to accusations of anti-Semitism against Mosley particularly in 1930s and his responses. There are also articles from the 'Jewish Chronicle' about Mosley's activities in the later 1960s such as his participation in television programmes and the publication of his biography. Cuttings from the 1970s relate to the London municipal elections and the policies of the Union Movement candidates in 1970; the publication of the memoirs of Israel Sieff which reported an incident which took place in 1932 in which he asked Mosley to leave a private dinner party he was hosting; articles about a public anti-racist meeting to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street in October 1975; and continuing press coverage and publication of letters about Mosley's views.

The file contains some loose and more extensive articles, including photostat copies of articles for 1933 and 1936 for which typescript extracts are included in the mounted cuttings, namely the articles about the boycott of German goods and the articles by Dudley Barker in the 'Daily Express'; an article from the 'Jewish Chronicle' in 1979 by Colin Holmes on the subject of anti-Semitism in Britain over the previous 40 years; and a page of the 'Blackshirt' for 24 September 1934 which reported on the Hyde Park demonstration.

There is also a compilation of typescript materials, presumably created by the Union Movement Secretariat in the 1970s which comprises a copy memorandum to Mosley from Robert Row entitled 'Quotations on the Jewish Campaign against Germany', also copied to D. Ashton who appears to have annotated it, together with extracts from 'Fascism: 100 Questions Asked and Answered' which relate directly to Jews.

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Access: Open
The subject matter of the file relates to the period when Oswald Mosley was a member of the Labour Party.

The file contains mounted cuttings and typescript extracts from national and local newspapers and journals. The earliest news item is a typescript extract of a report in the 'Rugby Observer' in 1926 relating to a speech Mosley made on the domestic situation. The only other pre-war item is an article in 1939 from 'Action' which concerns Mosley's pension plan which originated when he was a member of the Labour Government in 1930, as part of what was known as 'Mosley's Memorandum'. The post-war material largely consist of published articles or reviews about books which make reference to Mosley's political career up to his resignation in 1930. It includes an extensive biographical article on Mosley in the 'Socialist Leader' in 1957; reviews of such books as 'Nineteen Thirty-One' (1958), biographies of Ernest Bevin (1960) and Aneurin Bevan (1962), 'Politicians and the Slump' (1967) and the 'Whitehall Diaries of Thomas Jones' (1969). The file also contains a press article concerning the release of public records relating to the period in 1967-68. There are also articles about the coal miners' strike of 1974 which included comparison to the strike of 1926.

The file contains some loose and more extensive articles, including an article in the 'Contemporary Review' in July 1921 entitled 'Is there an alternative government?', extracts from the diaries of Thomas Jones published in the 'Daily Telegraph' in 1969; a review article of a biography of John Strachey in the 'Listener' in 1973; an article in 'Labour Weekly' published in 1975 about Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government 1924-31; an article in the 'Observer Magazine' in 1974 about Smethwick; and an article in 'Guardian Weekend' in 1982 about the split of the Labour Party in 1932.
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There is also a compilation of typescript and printed materials which includes an offprint of an article by W. F. Mandle in 'Historical Studies' (Melbourne), 1963 entitled 'Sir Oswald Mosley's resignation from the Labour Government'. All other material is typescript and includes a copy of the Unemployment (1930) Committee Report dated 1930; a document entitled 'Sir Oswald Mosley's warning of the coming crisis' which covers the period from 23 May 1930 to 12 February 1931; conclusions of a meeting of the cabinet on 22 May 1930; extracts from Hansard on unemployment insurance, 1929-31, carbon copies and signed memoranda from Robert Row to Mosley, 1968.

The file also includes a letter from David John, secretary of the Llanelly Branch of the Independent Labour Party to Lady Cynthia Mosley dated 3 December 1927 with a request to speak to his branch during her forthcoming visit to Wales, together with a carbon of her reply in which she regrets that she will not be able to fit this in.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/16  'OM: Libel cases'  1934-1992

The subject matter of the file relates to various law suits and libel cases in which Oswald Mosley was involved or with which he was associated. These include cases in the 1930s, principally the 'Star' libel action in 1934, the Worthing case in which Mosley was charged with riotous assembly, and the Marchbanks slander case. It also includes the libel case against the BBC and Paul Fox, editor of the Panorama programme, for alleged libel in a letter dated August 1962. Other cases are libel ones against newspapers including those against 'Unita', the Italian Communist Party newspaper in 1962, the 'Daily Worker', 'Der Spiegel' and 'Stuttgarter Nachrichten'. The file also relates to a libel action brought by Geoffrey Allen for an alleged libel in 'Union' against Robert Row, as editor & Sanctuary Press in 1958; libel on Max Mosley in 'Challenge', the
journal of the Young Communist League, 1962; and a libel case brought by Desmond Stewart against Beaverbrook Newspapers Ltd for a 'Daily Express' article imputing he was a fascist and supporter of the ideas of Oswald Mosley.

The file contains a small quantity of mounted cuttings from national and local newspapers and journals, 1934-1970. The earliest item is an article about the Worthing libel case in 1934; the next item, dated 1953 is a review of Baroness Ravensdale's 'In Many Rythms' in 'Truth' in which the reviewer accuses her of inaccuracy on the reporting of the Camrose-Mosley libel case in 1937. Other cuttings include a number relating to Geoffrey Allen, many from the 'Somerset County Gazette' concerning his activities as the prospective Labour candidate for Taunton in 1957 as well as cuttings relating to his libel case against Robert Row in 1958; a single cutting relating to a writ served on Peter Fryer, editor of 'Newsletter', organ of 'The Club' for alleged libel in a leaflet, press reports of Mosley's successful claim against the Italian Communist Party newspaper, 'Unita' in 1962-63; cuttings relating to the issue of the writ against the BBC in 1963 and an application for a writ of attachment for contempt of court against the BBC in 1966 following the publication of the programme about fascism pending the hearing of the libel action; a review of a biography of Lord Hewart in 1959 which makes reference to the 'Star' libel case heard before him in 1933; cuttings relating to the Desmond Stewart libel case in 1968; and cuttings relating to the 'Daily Worker' case, 1962-70.

There are also a group of photostat copies of cuttings from Birmingham newspapers which relate to the opposition led by Geoffrey Allen to a meeting to be addressed by Oswald Mosley in Birmingham Town Hall in 1956.

There are some loose lengthy articles, including pages from issues of 'Blackshirt' for 9 and 16 November 1934 relating to the 'Star' libel action and the Worthing case; and a page from the same publication for 7 February 1936 which comprises an incomplete record of the cross
examination of Mosley in the Marchbanks case.

The file also contains a substantial quantity of legal correspondence and papers. This includes correspondence between Robert Row and Marsh & Ferriman, solicitors, a printed copy of the writ and carbon typescripts of legal documents in the case Allen v Row & Sanctuary Press Ltd, 1957-58; correspondence in 1958 to Mosley from his solicitors relating to the Peter Fryer case; draft manuscript correspondence and legal documents relating to Mosley's unsuccessful attempt to gain an injunction to stop the 'Daily Worker' and Mr George Matthews, its editor, from publication about him in 1962 together with a typescript note on the judgement in the Appeal Court; a lengthy copy memorandum from 'D. A.' [Ashton] to Mosley concerning the 'Der Spiegel' case in 1970 (access restricted until 01/01/2050); a letter to Raven Thomson from H. Keith Thompson, a New York journalist, with which he encloses a copy of the Anti-Defamation League Bulletin for February 1954 containing a report on Oswald Mosley; a memorandum to Mosley from Robert Row in 1975 concerning the 'Star' libel case with photostat copies of pages from 'Blackshirt', November 1933 of an article 'Shall Jews Drag Britain to War?'.

The file also includes correspondence of Jeffrey Hamm with his solicitors and associated legal papers mostly relating to the case of Edward Pilkington and I. B. Tauris and Co Ltd v Jeffrey Hamm, arising from statements in 'Beyond the mother country: West Indians and the Notting Hill white riots' by Pilkington, 1990-92.

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OMD/7/1/17 'OM: Men of an era' 1964-1971

The subject matter of the file relates to the lives and careers of other leaders, statesman and politicians in the past who include Napoleon, Catiline, Julius Caesar, Lord Bolingbroke, Machiavelli, Francis Bacon and Lord Byron. There is no direct connection between the material in this file and Oswald Mosley and the purpose of the compilation may be to allow parallels to be drawn.

The file contains some mounted cuttings mainly from national newspapers, 1965-70, and these largely comprise reviews or review articles about works published about these men. These include 'The Age of Napoleon' (1963), 'The Conspiracy of Catiline' (1966), 'The Climax of Rome' (1968), 'Bolingbroke and his Circle', 'Machiavelli' (1968) and 'Machiavelli: a Dissection' (1969), 'Julius Caesar' (1970).

The file contains some loose and more extensive articles, mainly from journals and magazines and printed items. In addition to material relating to or arising out of the above books, there is a lengthy article from the 'Observer' magazine in 1970 about Byron; the first issue of a newsletter entitled 'Napoleon' in 1971; and an article in 'The Listener' being the text of Sir Peter Medawar's address to the British Association about Francis Bacon and 17th century thinkers, 1969.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/18 'OM: New Party period' 1933-1981

The subject matter of the file relates to the period of Oswald Mosley's New Party which he
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founded in February 1931 following his resignation from the Labour Party, which consisted of one Conservative and five Labour MPs. The party was disbanded following the October 1931 General Election when no New Party candidates were elected. The party was replaced by the British Union of Fascists in 1932. It also relates to his supporters of this era, who included Harold Nicolson, editor of the New Party’s weekly paper, ‘Action’.

The file contains some mounted cuttings and typescript extracts mainly from national newspapers and journals, 1933-72. Most of the cuttings relate to the period 1959 onwards and include reviews and review articles about the published diaries and letters of Harold Nicolson and obituaries, 1966-68, cuttings about other members of the New Party including John McGovern in 1959, W. J. Brown in 1960, Jack Jones in 1970 and Humphrey Berkeley in 1972 which relate to his published autobiography ‘Crossing the Floor’. There are just two items dated to the 1930s: one is a brief note in ‘Today and Tomorrow’ in 1933 about political leadership and the other an article in ‘The Spectator’ by Harold Nicolson in 1939 about British and German propaganda and particularly the broadcasts made by William Joyce or Lord Haw-Haw who was also a member of the New Party. There is also a lengthy typescript of an article by Robert Skidelsky ‘Sir Oswald Mosley and British Fascism’.

The file contains a few loose and more extensive articles comprising extracts of the diaries of Sir Harold Nicolson, serialised in the ‘Sunday Times’ in 1966 and of Sir Henry Channon in the ‘Sunday Telegraph’ in 1967; and an article by Skidelsky in 1981 about the new Social Democrat party placed in a historical context with references to Mosley’s New Party.

There are also photocopies of the New Party documents, which include a press statement issued in October 1931 in advance of the General Election and details of the party’s policy; and an election notice which publicises the party’s policy for dealing with unemployment and a copy of Mosley’s speech in the
Commons on the Unemployment Insurance No. 3 Bill in July 1931.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/19 'OM: Obituaries' 1980-1982

The subject matter of the file relates principally to the death of Oswald Mosley in December 1980, but also relates to the work of Union Movement after Mosley's death and to Nicholas Mosley's biography published in 1982.

The file consists of loose cuttings only, mainly from national newspapers, and most of these consist of published obituaries and associated items 3-7 December 1980. There are also letters of comment from Jeffrey Hamm published in the 'Guardian' and the 'Financial Times' on those papers' obituaries. Other items includes a cutting from the 'Daily Telegraph' in February 1981 which is largely the report of an interview with Jeffrey Hamm; published extracts from Nicholas Mosley's biography of his father in the 'Observer', September-October 1982; a letter from Diana Mosley on the subject of the review of his biography by A. J. P. Taylor, also in the 'Observer'; and reviews of Nicholas Mosley's biography of his father in the 'Times' and 'Daily Telegraph'.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/20 'OM: Old parties' 1946-1976

The subject matter of the file relates principally to the economic, social, foreign and other policies of the Labour and Conservative parties and, to a lesser extent, the Liberal party and the structure of democratic government.

The file includes mounted cuttings and extracts from British national newspapers and journals and from 'Mosley Newsletter', 'Union' and 'Action', 1946-1976. The cuttings up to 1956 are all from 'Mosley Newsletter' and 'Union' and many are of articles or editorials written by
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Mosley on the subject including, for example, his review of the Labour Party's pamphlet 'Feet on the Ground' in 1948, his published prophesies of the future policies of the two main parties in government, commentaries on Bevanism and criticism of Eden. Later cuttings in the 1960s and early 1970s relate to the subject of democracy and 'elective dictatorship' and the debate on the corporate state and corporatism, Macmillan's incomes policy and wage control, described as 'fascist' and the introduction of the Prices and Incomes Act in 1966 and political attitudes of students and young people. The articles include, for example a series by Humphrey Berkeley on the 'Power of the Prime Minister' in the 'Times' in 1968 and comment on the accusation published in the 'Times' of Michael Foot of being a supporter of corporatism or fascism in the context of his trade union legislation including a letter from Oswald Mosley in 1975.

The file contains a few loose and more extensive articles comprising an article from 'Action' in 1960 by Mosley entitled 'Bevan catches up thirty years back: old and new economic thinking' and an article in the 'Sunday Telegraph' in 1968 about '1968 - year of Protest'.

There are also two compilations of typescript and printed materials: one is entitled 'Sir Oswald Mosley on Marxism' and comprises extracts from various of his publications, 1932-58; the other comprises the typescript text of an article by David Ashton 'Liberalism'' or Freedom?!, an commentary article from 'Encounter' in 1975 'Towards a Corporate State?' and a photocopy of a letter published in the 'Times' from Sir Keith Joseph in the debate about corporatism and freedom.

The file also includes typescript extracts from Duncan Williams 'Trousered Apes' which does not appear to be related to the main subject theme of the file.

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OMD/7/1/21 'OM: Personal' 1958-1977

The subject matter of the file relates to press coverage of members of Oswald Mosley's family, principally his sons, Nicholas, Alexander and Max, his grandson, Ivo and his nephew Tim Mosley. It also includes a few personal items relating to Oswald Mosley and to the Curzon family.

The file includes mounted cuttings and extracts from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1958-71. It includes cuttings about Nicholas Mosley's work as editor of 'Prism' a Church of England magazine, 1958-60, his work as a writer including the biography of Father Raynes published in 1961 and Natalie Natalia in 1971, his succession to the barony of Ravensdale on the death of his aunt in 1966 and the taking up of his seat in the House of Lords in 1968 and his divorce in 1974; about Alexander's speech in North Islington in 1958; about Tim Mosley as a potential Parliamentary Conservative candidate, 1961; about Max Mosley and his political activities while a member of the Territorial Army, 1963 and his subsequent career in motor racing, 1969-70. There are also a few cuttings relating to people associated with Mosley including his attendance at an event to celebrate the 21st birthday of the Marquis of Hartington in 1965 and the Dowager Viscountess Monkton who holidayed with the Mosleys in 1969.

The file contains a few loose and more extensive articles including an interview with Alexander Mosley published in the 'Guardian' in 1971 and extracts from Nigel Nicolson's biography of Lady Curzon, Mosley's first wife's mother, published in the 'Times' in 1977.

The file also includes a typescript text about the Mosley family history relating to earlier branches in Staffordshire and Lancashire, presumably written by Oswald Mosley, together with photocopies of pages from a published work relating to Mosley family memoirs.

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The subject matter of the file relates principally to the violence at the meetings of the Union Movement addressed by Oswald Mosley in Trafalgar Square on 22 July 1962 and subsequently in Manchester on 29 July and the subsequent debate about the maintenance of public order, and right of free speech. The majority of the material relates to the period July to October 1962.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, and from 'Union' and 'Action' and a single typescript extract of an article in 'Socialist Current'. The two earliest cuttings are from 'Union' in late 1949 relating to acts of political violence in London and a judicial enquiry proposed by Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary. There is a single press cutting relating to a meeting and march to mark Africa Freedom Day in April 1959 and another relating to a demonstration organised by the Movement for Colonial Freedom and the Committee of African Organisations to protest at the murder of the Mr Lumumba, the Congolese ex-Prime Minister which included an attack on the Union Movement's headquarters in Vauxhall Bridge Road in 1961. The cuttings from July 1962 until the end of the year, which include a considerable number from 'Action', relate to political attempts to ban the meeting in Trafalgar Square as well as press reports, accompanied by photographs on the disturbances. From early September the cuttings include debates in the House of Commons about concerns about public order and future disturbances and the support of Henry Brooke for the principle of free speech; the banning of rallies and public meetings in Trafalgar Square by the Minister of Public Buildings and Works; correspondence in the press, including letters from Oswald Mosley on the subject; reports of largely orderly open air meetings in September 1962; and comment on the violence, the cause and instigators. The single cutting from 1963 relates to the second
The subject matter of the file relates to comments and opinion on British fascism, fascist organisations and Oswald Mosley.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1935-75. The cuttings from 1930s include reports of Randolph Churchill's criticism of British fascists at a meeting of the Central British Fund for Germany Jewry in 1935, opinions expressed by Herbert Morrison MP on developments in the East End of London in 1936 and report of a broadcast in 1939 about the war. There are a large number of cuttings from September and early October 1958 relating to the Notting Hill race riots and the resulting attacks on fascism and of the Union Movement. There are further cuttings relating to the racial disturbances in Notting Hill in May 1959 following the murder of Kelso Cochrane and the accusations of stirring up racial hatred. Individuals expressing opinions about Oswald Mosley in this context include Father Huddleston. There are two mounted documents: a typescript statement by the Trades Union Congress on the disturbances in 1959 and a printed leaflet issued by the Hornsey & Islington Inter-Racial Friendship Group entitled 'Britain's Shame' about the murder of Cochrane. A number include annotations in Mosley's own hand. In the 1960s there are a number of articles about the resurgence of fascism, about free speech and the amendment of the Public Order Act, including articles and/or expressions of opinion by Martin Ennals, Secretary of the National Council of Liberties, David Kerr as prospective Parliamentary candidate for Wandsworth, T. L. Iremonger MP, and journalists such as Quentin
Crewe, Peregrine Worsthorne and George Gale. Other items in this decade include an article about the archives of Bertrand Russell which include correspondence with Mosley, 1962; an editorial in the 'Spectator' in 1968 entitled 'Enter the new fascists' as an assessment of student militancy and resulting comment; the libel action brought by Christopher Mayhew MP over an article in the 'Jewish Chronicle' that suggested he was anti-Semitic. Items from the 1970s include book reviews by Philip Toynbee and articles by various journalists including Peregrine Worsthorne in the 'Sunday Telegraph' and Peter Jenkins in the 'Guardian'.

The file contains a few loose and more extensive articles and publications, 1962-87. They include 'The Mosley Story' in pictures in the 'Daily Herald' 1962; 'British racialists' by Colin Cross in 'New Society' 1965; extract of memoirs in the 'Sunday Telegraph' of Elizabeth Longford 1986; published extracts from Christopher Mayhew's 'Party Games' in the 'Sunday Times' 1969; and a series of letters published in the 'Listener' between September and December 1972 under the title 'Mosley's claims'. There are two publications: 'Organise against fascism' published by the Croydon Anti-Fascist League, December 1962 and Michael Ivens's pamphlet published by the Aims of Industry 'Blackshirts under the bed', 1974.

There is also a compilation of typescript materials comprising copy correspondence between Robert Row, Oswald Mosley and Mosley's solicitor, concerning an article by Peter Jenkins and libellous letter both published in the 'New Statesman' and other letters in the press, potentially libellous, all written following disturbances in Trafalgar Square, the banning of further meetings and freedom of speech.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/24 'OM: Publicity: Distinguished opinion' 1926-1985

The subject matter of the file relates principally to comments and opinion on Oswald Mosley as
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a British leader and on his career and writings. These are expressed by politicians, historians, journalists and others. The material includes authored articles, views expressed by reviewers of books, as well as opinions expressed by authors of reviewed books. The published works which are reviewed include Bassett's '1931 Political Crisis' (1958), Colin Cross's 'The Fascists in Britain' (1961), Harold Macmillan's 'Winds of change 1914-39' (1966), Robert Skidelsky's 'Politicians and the Slump' (1967), A. J. P. Taylor, 'English History: 1914-1945', Hugh Thomas's 'John Strachey' (1973) and Mosley's 'My Life' (1968), Colin Coote 'Editorial' (1965). Many of the comments and opinions show Mosley in a favourable light.

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The file contains a few loose and more extensive articles and publications including Hugh Massingham's series of articles in the 'Daily Telegraph' in 1966 entitled 'Mac v Rab' (about which there is also comment in mounted cuttings which includes a published letter from Oswald Mosley); Humphrey Berkeley's article in the 'Times' on 'The day of the National Government' 1976, 1965; a series of articles about Randolph Churchill published in the 'Sunday Telegraph', 1985.

There are also some typescript and printed materials. The typescripts include extracts of pages from Robert Boothby's 'I Fight to Live', 1947 relating to Mosley; typescript extract of article on Mosley by George Bernard Shaw in 'Daily Express' 1943; and two extracts under a heading 'Mosley as British Leader', one by Richard Aldington from his review of Wyndham Lewis's 'Hitler', 1931 and the other by Stephen Spender from a newspaper article, 1962. There is a single memorandum from Robert Row to Oswald Mosley with an appended item from the Peter Simple column in the 'Daily Telegraph', 1965.

The printed items include articles by Pauline Henri on Oswald Mosley and Nazi Germany in issues of 'Searchlight' 1989; two leaflets comprising one published by Sanctuary Press and the other by European Bookshops of quotations from the national press following publication of 'Mosley - Right or Wrong?' in 1961; and a copy of the leaflet 'The Mosley Story' and 'Mosley - what the world says' published by Sanctuary Press.

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The subject matter of the file relates to the detention, arrest and release of the Oswald and Diana Mosley under Regulation 18B, and also to issues such as habeas corpus, freedom of speech, the war and its consequences.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, and a few from 'Mosley Newsletter' and 'Union', 1939-1975. The articles dating from 1939 relate to the impending war with Germany and include reports of speeches made by Lord Halifax and Sir Archibald Sinclair and a summary of a speech by Oswald Mosley on 15 October in which he questioned the war aims. The cuttings from the late 1940s and early 1950s are from 'Mosley Newsletter' and 'Union' and comprise editorials about the political aftermath of the war and the legality of imprisonment of British nationals following the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act. Cuttings from 1959 and 1960 relate to the detention and restriction without trial of people in Northern Ireland and Rhodesia and a proposed amendment of the law to allow an appeal against refusal of a grant of habeas corpus. Cuttings from 1967-68 relate to the Public Order Act and again in 1975 in relation to demonstrations by IRA members in paramilitary uniform. The cuttings include reviews of published books which contain references to and comment on Mosley's arrest, detention and release including Arthur Christiansen 'Headlines All My Life' (1961) and 'The Life and Times of Ernest Bevin' (1967) by Alan Bullock.

There are also articles about Heinrich Mueller and the arrest of a man in Panama suspected of being the Gestapo chief in 1967 and a number about William Joyce. There are also articles about the release of cabinet papers which relate to William Joyce in 1971 and to Ernest Bevin in 1972 which throw light on Oswald Mosley's release. Other items include...
published letters from Oswald Mosley about his imprisonment, 1966 and 1973, and a review by Diana Mosley in 'Books & Bookmen' of Maurice Cowling 'Hitler and British Politics' (1975).

The file includes one loose article from the 'Sunday Telegraph' in 1989 by Norman Stone 'If Britain had become communist in 1945...'

The file also includes copies of correspondence from Father Brocard Sewell to Lord Hailsham, Margaret Thatcher and the Lord Chancellor's department about the Home Office's refusal to release the papers relating to Mosley's arrest and detention in 1983, together with a copy of the reply from the Lord Chancellor's department.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/26 'OM: Streicher telegraph' 1935-1979

The subject matter of the file relates generally to Oswald Mosley's connections with Hitler's regime. There are also some apparently miscellaneous and unconnected items.

The file comprises photocopies of items in the 'Daily Herald' and 'The Blackshirt' relating to Mosley's telegram to Julius Streicher, the Nuremberg district leader of the Nazi Party, May 1935, a mounted cutting from 'The Blackshirt' in September 1935 of a report by Robert Gordon Canning on the Nazi Party Congress at Nuremberg which he attended as a representative of the British Union of Fascists; a loose article from the 'Sunday Times' by Hugh Trevor-Roper about the alleged message from Rudolf Hess to Mosley comprising revelations at the Nuremberg trials which he never completed, 1970; and a copy memorandum [from Robert Row] to Oswald Mosley about the controversy between Mosley and David Pryce-Jones about the latter's publication of a different version of the text of the telegram to Streicher, 1979.

There are also further miscellaneous mounted cuttings including correspondence in the 'Manchester Guardian' between John Grigg, as
a reviewer of Macmillan's 'Winds of change 1914-39' (1966) relating to Grigg's claims that the Union Movement in the 1930s had an 'unconstitutional and totalitarian trend'; correspondence in the 'Times' in 1971 and 1972 about Mosley's economic policies.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/1/27 'OM: Television/Radio/Film' 1950-1975

The subject matter of the file relates principally to television and radio programmes, both about Oswald Mosley and ones in which he appeared.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, and from 'Union', 1950-75. There are also a few mounted documents. The material in the 1950s includes a cutting from 'Union' about a broadcast to Palestine in 1951 about Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement; two letters dated 1951 from the BBC, one relating to a request for a copy of the reference to Mosley in a BBC television series 'The Passing Show', the other to a feature programme on Trafalgar Square; cuttings relating to Mosley's television broadcast in America in 1954; and a cutting from 'Union' also in 1954 relating to a broadcast by the BBC French Service about Mosley. Cuttings from the 1960s include a typescript statement concerning a Granada television programme on anti-Semitism in 1960 for which Mosley's name was used to advertise it, but was not invited to appear; a letter from Mosley published in the 'Times' in 1961 about the BBC's failure to give him opportunities to appear on television; cuttings about 'The threat of fascism' narrated by Constantine Fitzgibbon, in a series of radio broadcasts on the 1930s in Britain, 1965; a BBC television documentary about Ramsey MacDonald under the title 'The Lost Leader' and Mosley's interview by James Mossman on the 'Panorama' programme, both in 1968. In the 1970s, there are a number of reviews and articles about various television programmes featuring Mosley including BBC2's 'The Battle of Cable Street' in 1970, ATV's 'A
Kind of Exile' and BBC 2's 'The Forgotten War', both 1971, 'If Britain Had Fallen' on BBC1 in 1972 and ITV's 'A Fall Like Lucifer', 1975; and the series of radio programmes 'Personality and Power', 1971. The file also includes published correspondence in 'The Listener' in 1971 between Mosley and David Warren following Clive James's review 'Two Rusty Tin Cans' on the issue as to Mosley being anti-Semitic and Mosley's participation in a debate with Lord Boothby at a meeting of the Abbotsholme Arts Society, Staffordshire in 1975.

There is one loose article from 'The Listener', October 1968, about the 'Panorama' programme in which Mosley was interviewed by Mossman.

The file also includes a copy of the script of the radio broadcast by the BBC French Service about Oswald Mosley which was transmitted on 20 November 1954 which has been annotated by Mosley; and a carbon typescript of the tape recording of the BBC 'Third Programme', also annotated by Mosley, broadcast on 10 November 1965 under the title 'The Thirties in Britain: The Threat of Fascism'. It also contains a typescript reading list to accompany the series of eight programmes entitled 'Personality and Power' about 20th century leaders, broadcast on Radio 3, July 1971 in which Mosley features in the programme about Churchill; and a typescript list of radio and television appearances 1975-76.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/1/28  
'OM: The Universities/Public Schools' 1954-1977

The subject matter of the file relates principally to visits made by Oswald Mosley to universities, particularly to participate in debates and includes insights into student politics of the period. There is also some material relating to his son, Max Mosley both as an undergraduate at Christ Church and in connection with participation in political debates.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British
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national and local newspapers and journals, from student newspapers and magazines and from 'Union', 1954-1976. The majority are dated 1954-63. The cuttings include reports of his visits to Cambridge University: in 1954, to participate in a Union debate and the cuttings include the extracts of an interview with the 'Varsity' newspaper with comments made for 'Union' 1954; in 1956 to take part in a debate of Trinity International Society when he opposed the motion that 'This House welcomes the Bulganin and Khrushchev visit'; and another visit in 1961. Other cuttings in 1954 relate to his participation in a debate before the University Philosophical Society in Trinity College, Dublin. There is also material relating to visits to Oxford University to attend a debate of the Oxford Union Society in 1957 and in 1960, when he opposed the motion that the South African Government's racial policies were incompatible with membership of the Commonwealth, and again in 1961. The Union report of the debate in 1960 generated correspondence in 'Isis' including letters from Max Mosley. The cuttings also relate to cancelled visits and protests about visits, including the cancellation of his debate at the London School of Economics 1954 and again in 1958 which resulted in resignations of officers and the threat of the Union to bring a libel action against 'Sennet', the University's weekly newspaper, for criticisms of LSE's invitation. Other cancellations included the University of Leicester in 1961 where there was a challenge by students to Vice-Chancellor's ban; the withdrawal of an invitation by Oxford Union in 1971 to participate in a debate on the Common Market; and cancellations of visits to Oxford and Cambridge in 1976 for fear of violent demonstrations.

Other cuttings relate to the banning of Oxford University's first daily newspaper 'Parson's Pleasure' on the eve of its fourth issue because it contained a strong attack on the undergraduate, Max Mosley; the resignation of Paul Foot as editor of 'Isis' following the publication of an article about Oswald Mosley in 1961; the winding up of Cambridge University's Friends of Europe, an undergraduate society, because of some members political sympathy.
with Oswald Mosley, 1961; and the efforts to ban Max Mosley from speaking in a Hull University debate in 1961 and the cancellation of his visit to Birmingham University in 1962. There is also press coverage of the National Union of Students policy to deny freedom of speech to speakers from right wing groups such as the National Front and the Monday Club, 1974.

The file includes some loose articles and photocopies of articles, 1960-77, including an interview with Oswald Mosley by Noel Picarda in 1960 and another in 1977, both published in 'Isis', the Oxford University magazine; an article in a student magazine by Mosley on 'The Union Movement', 1967 and one in 'Eton College Chronicle' in 1977.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/2 Series of 'DM' files 1948-1985

Original file labels have been retained and kept with each file.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/2/1 DM: Mitford Family 1948-1985

The subject matter of the file relates principally to the wider Mitford family and includes material relating to Diana Mosley (nee Mitford) and to her sisters, Unity, an admirer of Hitler, Nancy, the novelist, Pamela, Jessica, and Deborah, the Duchess of Devonshire and also to their father and other members of the family. The file includes material relating to Oswald Mosley, mostly in relation to his wife, but also articles written by journalist David Pryce-Jones which contain references to Mosley.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1948-1977. They include cuttings relating to the death of Unity Mitford, 1948; to the death of the Mitford sisters' father, Lord Redesdale in 1958.
and to his will from which Jessica Mitford was excluded; to a security mix up in which Nancy Mitford was required to report to police during Mr Khruschev's visit to France in 1960; and reviews of and review articles about Jessica Mitford's 'Hons and Rebels' (1960) including one in 'Action' and another in 'Woman's Mirror' and reviews of other works by her including 'The American Way of Death' (1963) and 'The Trial of Dr Spock' (1970). Other articles about the sisters include obituaries of Nancy Mitford in 1973 and articles about the appointment of Jessica Mitford as Professor of Sociology at San Jose State College, California and her subsequent disputes with the college authorities in 1973. There are also cuttings relating to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, some of which include references to their friendship with the Mosleys, including reports and articles about the death of the Duke of Windsor in 1972, a fall incurred by the Duchess of Windsor in 1973 and a letter from Mosley published in 'Books & Bookmen' on reviews of Lady Donaldson's biography of the Duke of Windsor in 1975.

The file contains a considerable number of loose and more extensive articles in newspapers and magazines, some of which are photocopies, 1970-85. It includes an article by David Pryce-Jones in the 'Daily Telegraph' in 1971 about anti-Semitism and book reviews by him on this and British fascism in 1980; an article in 'The Sunday Express' in 1975 about 'Hitler, Eva and his other women' which includes references to Unity and Diana; extracts from Jessica Mitford's book 'A Fine Old Conflict' published in the 'Sunday Times' in 1977; reviews of Diana Mosley's book 'A Life of Contrasts' (1977); an article about the BBC2 documentary programme on 'Nancy Mitford - A Portrait by her Sisters' in 1980; a critical appraisal by Christopher Hitchens of Diana Mosley's review of the biography of Joseph Goebbels in 1980; an article by Diana Mosley in which she recalls her childhood, 1980; an article about Jessica Mitford in the 'Sunday Telegraph' in 1981; a series of articles in the 'Sunday Times' in 1984 featuring Unity, Jessica and Deborah Mitford; extracts of Nancy Mitford's biography published in the 'Sunday Telegraph'
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in 1985; and an article about Diana Mosley in the 'Times' also in 1985.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/3 Series of 'UM' files 1946-1970s

Original file labels have been retained and kept with each file.

5 files

Access: Open

OMD/7/3/1 'UM: Agricultural Policy' 1947-1970s

The subject matter of the file relates generally to the Union Movement's post war agricultural policy. Unlike the other files in this series, this one does not contain mounted cuttings. It consists entirely of loose printed reports and typescripts of speeches.

The reports comprise a Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Ministry of Food report presented to Parliament in March 1947 'Post-War Contribution of British Agriculture to the Saving of Foreign Exchange' (HMSO Cmd. 7072); a pamphlet issued by the Union Movement Agricultural Council, with preface written by Mosley, entitled 'None need starve', August 1952 (published by Robert Row); and a progress report presented to the General Executive Committee of the Rural Reconstruction Association by its Research Committee on the subject of home agricultural potential and the means by which home production could be increased (Rural Economy (Publications) Ltd [1949]). The texts of speeches comprise one entitled 'Land Ownership in France' delivered by Mr B. D. Styles, Director of Dane Court Estates, Kent to the Country Landowners' Association Conference in 1971; and a photocopy of the speech entitled 'The Barker Report on Marketing' delivered by Robert Saunders to the Cheshire Agricultural Society's Winter Conference on 'Marketing into the Eighties'.
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This copy is marked as a rough draft and includes manuscript annotations.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/3/2  'UM: Demos'  1958-1972

The subject matter of the file relates to disturbances and demonstrations at public meetings which were associated in the press with followers of Oswald Mosley, members of the Union Movement and generally fascism.

The file contains mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals. They include cuttings relating to an uprising in February 1958 at a public meeting at Holborn Hall, addressed by Henry Brooke, Minister of Housing on the Rent Act; fighting at a North Islington by-election meeting addressed by Lord Hailsham in May 1958; clashes between police and demonstrators in a racial attack on Sammy Davis junior in Piccadilly by members of the Union Movement in June 1960; an assault outside the Ritz Hotel in London on Sir Edward Asafu-Adjaye, the Ghana High Commissioner in July 1960, when he was mistaken for the Congolese Prime Minister; protest marches and demonstrations in 1968 against immigration, involving market traders from Smithfield market and dockers and again in 1972 following the proposed entry of expelled Ugandan Asians.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/3/3  'UM: General Election Campaigns'  1958-1966

The subject matter of the file relates to the contest of parliamentary seats in general elections and by-elections by the Union Movement, including Oswald Mosley’s candidature for North Kensington in the election of 1959.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals and from 'Action', 1958-66. There are two cuttings
from October 1958 from 'Kensington News' which report on Mosley's visit to the area, the Union Movement's contest of the local borough elections and the invitation to Mosley from residents for him to stand at the next general election.

The cuttings from March to October 1959 relate to comment on and coverage of Mosley's election campaign in North Kensington; and from November 1959 until May 1960, they relate to Mosley's petition to the High Court to have the election result declared void on the grounds of substantial irregularities in the election procedure and to the resulting court case.

Cuttings from October to November 1961 relate to Walter Hesketh's candidature at the Moss Side by-election in Manchester. There is a single cutting dated 1962 relating to the Middlesborough by-election result, where Jeffrey Hamm stood; and another cutting dated 1964 which reports on a claim by the Union Movement that it gave active support to the current MP in Smethwick.

Cuttings of 1966 relate to the General Election in which the Union Movement fielded four prospective candidates: Jeffrey Hamm for Handsworth, Birmingham, Frank Hamley for Ardwick, Manchester, Dan Harmston in South-West Islington and Oswald Mosley in Shoreditch and Finsbury.

The file contains a number of loose and more extensive articles and publications, 1959-66. This includes material relating to Mosley's campaign in the general election of 1959 such as photocopies of his election literature; a copy of the 'North Kensington Leader', No. 8, June 1959, printed by Sanctuary Press, a special Union Movement newspaper which was delivered free to residents; and pages from 'Action', 'The Times' and The Law Journal relating to Mosley's parliamentary election petition and court hearing. There is other material from 1966 relating to the Union Movement candidates and their campaigns in
the 1966 general election consisting of copies of the Spring issue of 'Action' and the May issue of 'The National European'.

In addition, the file contains various legal papers relating to the 1959 parliamentary election petition and court hearing in 1960, including the petition, affidavits, writs, memoranda, correspondence and other papers. These include memoranda and copy memoranda to Oswald Mosley from Jeffrey Hamm and H. G. McKechnie and copy correspondence with his solicitors.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/3/4 'UM: Elections' 1949-1967

The subject matter of the file mostly relates to local elections in which the Union Movement fielded candidates.

The file includes a small quantity of mounted cuttings, mostly from 'Union', relating to local elections, 1949-66. These comprise a cutting dated May 1949 about the success of Union candidates in the East London borough elections and the defeat of Communist candidates; cuttings from April 1955 and May 1956 on the same subject; a cutting about the result of the municipal by-election in Moorfield Ward in East London in which Harry Junes, the Union Movement leader in Shoreditch, polled 33 per cent of the vote in January 1955; and three cuttings, two from other sources about elections in Harrow and Harrow Weald, 1966.

The file contains typescript compilations of material largely comprising summary election results, analysis and comment. These include a copy memoranda from Robert Row to Mosley, dated 1964, which provides a summary of municipal election results in 1962 and statistics of the Union Movement's improving position in local elections 1955-64, attached to which is an analysis of Union Movement results in local elections across the country in 1962; and a memorandum, dated 1967, gives results in the Greater London Council elections, with
comment and attached typescript details of local election results in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1971. The file also contains a compilation which includes percentage results in parliamentary elections in 1959, 1961 and 1962 and in various London local elections, mostly in the 1950s and 1960s but, for East London, percentages for 1937 and 1949 as well; details of Winston Churchill's electoral record, 1899-1924 and of Oswald Mosley's election record 1916-1955; a document entitled 'Colour and the British Electorate 1964' which is a summary of a review of six constituencies carried out by the Survey of Race Relations under the Institute of Race Relations; and various memoranda on analysis of election results, 1961-65, the effect that Liberal intervention and Union Movement intervention had on the results of the two main parties and the ability of the Union Movement to be an effective challenger.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/3/5 'UM: Smears' 1946-1967

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1946-67. Cuttings dated 1946-48 relate to claims that Oswald Mosley was in close association with the Italian fascist government in the 1930s. Much of the press coverage concerns the letters of 1934 and 1935 from Count Grandi, Italian Ambassador in London to Mussolini which were found amongst the papers of the latter. Extracts of these were read by Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, in Parliament in June 1946 as evidence that Mosley received £60,000 a year from Mussolini and the press reports also relate to Mosley's denial of the allegations that he, or the British Union of Fascists, received such sums of money.

There is a cutting from 1946 relating to the granting of a decree nisi to a man whose German born wife, Marie Louise Ingram was a member of the British Union of Fascists and convicted of espionage in 1940 and a subsequent cutting in 1959 about the court case
and a 'marriage racket' as a way of establishing 
German agents.

Cuttings from 1958 and 1959 relate to the 
release of American state papers which 
revealed that the American ambassadors in 
London and France warned in 1940 of a 
potential Mosley government in Britain. Other 
cuttings cover the policy of Oswald Mosley and 
the Union Movement towards South Africa 
including criticism of his visit in February 1959, 
pickets to counter the Labour party's call for a 
boycott of South African goods in 1960, and the 
anti-apartheid Trafalgar Square demonstrations 
in February and March 1960 both of which 
resulted in violence between demonstrators and 
Union Movement supporters. The reports of the 
February demonstration include Oswald 
Mosley's denial of an organised march at the 
rally.

Cuttings from 1966 and 1967 are largely from 
South African newspapers; those from 1966 
relate to Mosley's opinions on Rhodesia 
expressed during a visit; one item from 1967 
concerns his political views, but also includes a 
denial that Hitler was his best man at his 
second wedding.

The file contains loose articles from issues of 
'The People' of 16 and 30 January 1966, which 
report interviews of Gerald Hamilton by Robert 
Maugham.

The file contains one typescript compilation of 
material which consists of copies of letters from 
Oswald Mosley to the Editor of the 'Spectator' 
dated 20 and 22 June 1946. The letter dated 20 
June appears to be a draft version of the later 
letter and there are two versions of this second 
letter of 22 June. These letters relate to a 
statement published in the 'Spectator' that 
Mosley's denial of the Government's allegation 
that he received funds from Mussolini was 
untrue. Mosley refutes this in these letters. The 
compilation also includes two further items: a 
typescript extract of the statement that 
appeared in the 'Spectator' of 14 June; and an 
extract from Viscount Snowden's autobiography 
(volume 2) which relates to a charge he made.
against George Lansbury that, as editor of the 'Daily Herald', he had received funds from Bolshevik sources being the proceeds from the sale of a Russian jewels. Mosley's letter to the editor of the 'Spectator' makes reference to this case.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4   Series of general files  1934-1988

Original file labels have been retained and kept with each file.

11 files

Access: Open

OMD/7/4/1   'The European Movement'  1961-1976

The subject matter of the file relates to policies on Europe.

The file includes some mounted cuttings, mostly from British national newspapers, 1961-71. These cuttings largely relate to the debate about British entry into the European Economic Community and the views expressed are largely pro-market. These include a report of the committee of the 'Common Market Campaign' in 1961 which called on the Government to declare its readiness in principle to join the Community and positive support from such individuals as Sir Paul Chambers, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries in 1967, and other representatives of British business and industry. The cuttings also include articles written by politicians on the subject: David Howell in 1967 and 1970, Eldon Griffiths in 1969, Norman St John-Stevas in 1969 and Lord Harlech in 1971.

The file contains a number of loose and more extensive articles and publications. These comprise a series of articles from special issues of 'Weekend Telegraph', 1 and 8 October 1965, on the 'Dream of Europe', which include pieces written by journalists, writers, statesmen and members of Parliament on the subject of European unity and its future; an occasional


[Britain in Europe merged with the European Movement (by 1969) and the individual membership organisation of the merged body is the United Europe Association; the London Europe Society, a cross party organisation which was independent of, but which worked closely with the European Movement].

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/2 'German Anti-Nazi Underground' 1939-1983

The subject matter of the file principally relates conspiracies against and resistance to
Hitler and the individuals involved and connected with the plots.

The file includes mounted cuttings from British national and local newspapers and journals, and 'Union' and a single cutting from the French newspaper, ‘Figaro’, 1939-72. The earliest cuttings relate to George Russell Strauss, Labour MP, who financed a German underground group which attempted to assassinate Hitler in November 1939, including an article by Strauss himself in 'The Tribune', December 1939.

Cuttings in 1948 relate to the court martial of a British officer at the British interrogation centre for Germans at Bad Nenndorf. Other cuttings include a series of articles in the 'Sunday Times' in 1953 under the title 'The Conspirators' being extracts from John Wheeler-Bennett's book 'Nemesis of Power' about the succession of plots to destroy Hitler and his regime in 1943 and 1944; and articles about the July Plot to assassinate Hitler in 1944 both on the tenth, twentieth and twenty-fifth anniversaries. There are also numerous articles about Dr Otto John, who was involved in the unsuccessful July Plot to assassinate Hitler after which he fled to England and who became head of Germany's new political secret service in 1950. They include cuttings about his disappearance in July 1954 and the suspicions of defection to the Soviet Union, his return to West Germany in December 1955 when he was charged with treason, the subsequent court case, his imprisonment and early release in July 1958 and subsequent refusal of permission to enter Britain in 1959. The file also includes reviews of Dr Otto John's published autobiography 'Twice through the Lines' (1972). The accusations of Baron Putlitz, a British agent, against the Foreign Office revealed in the 'People' in 1955; various items relating to published works including extracts and reviews of Fabian von Schlabrendorff's book 'The Secret War against Hitler' (1964), reviews of the translation of Joachim Kramarz's 'Stauffenberg' (1967), Harold Deutsch's 'The Conspiracy against Hitler in the Twilight War' (1968), Christopher Sykes's biography of Adam von Trott, 'Troubled Loyalty'...
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(1968). There is also correspondence in the 'Times' in August 1970, including a letter from Otto John, about the plot by German generals to depose Hitler in 1938.

The file contains a number of loose and more extensive articles and publications, 1957-83. These include a series of articles in the 'Daily Mail' in October 1957 by Baron William de Ropp; an article about the claim made by Francesco Constantini published in the 'Empire News' and 'Sunday Chronicle' in December 1957 of his role as a spy in the British Embassy in Rome; a series of articles in the 'Star' in November 1958 about the deaths of seven British women agents fighting the Nazis in occupied France; extracts from 'Black Boomerang' by Sefton Delmer in the 'Evening Standard', October-November 1962 in which he writes about his war-time activities as part of Britain's propaganda against Germany and reviews of the book; an article in 'The People' by Elizabeth Brousse as a British agent in Warsaw in October 1963; a series of articles in the 'Sunday Telegraph' in June-July 1966 by E. H. Cookridge about the work of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) in Europe; correspondence in 'Encounter' September 1969 following the publication of an article by David Astor on Adam von Trott and the German opposition to Hitler; an article in the 'Observer' July 1975 about the undercover career of Colonel Hans Oster in the German Intelligence service; and articles following the publication of Nigel West's book 'MI6, British Secret Intelligence Operations 1909-45' and the revelations about the role of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris as a British collaborator in October 1983.

The file also contains some typescript material comprising a text entitled 'German traitors during the Second World War' and some biographical notes about Wolfgang von Putlitz.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/3 'German Ex-Soldiers' 1947-1985
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The file includes mounted cuttings from British national newspapers and journals, 1947-65. Cuttings include articles relating to Field Marshal Albert Kesselring under sentence of death as a war criminal in 1947 (commuted to a life imprisonment), his release on health grounds in 1952 and his address in 1954 to the Stahelm ex-soldiers association; articles relating to Otto Skorzeny and rumours of his political and other activities following his escape in 1948, a review of his book 'Skorzeny's special missions' (1957) and the issue of a warrant for his arrest by the Austrian ministry of justice in 1963; articles relating to Grand Admiral Doenitz and his release from Spandau prison in 1956 and coverage of a lecture he gave to German secondary school students in 1963; articles relating to Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel and his meeting with Oswald Mosley in Bonn in 1960.

There is a loose article from the 'Sunday Times' in May 1985 about a visit by the US President Reagan to a German war cemetery in Biburg as a symbol of the reconciliation between the US and Germany and the resulting public controversy arising from the burial of soldiers from the Waffen SS.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/4 'Leading Nazis' 1947-1981

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from British national newspapers and journals, 1947-1970. The earliest cutting, from the 'Manchester Guardian' in 1947 relates to Mosley's complaint to Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, about denial of free speech to opponents of the Labour Party. The next articles in 1953 and 1954, from 'Union' concern poor conditions in Spandau Prison including an article written by Winifried von Mackeson, daughter of Baron von Neurath and subsequent articles, 1958-65 concern the holding and treatment of war criminals including Rudolf Hess, Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach in Spandau and
proposals for an amnesty. The cuttings also include a review of Leasor's book on Rudolf Hess (1962) by A. J. P. Taylor and an article in the 'Sunday Express' in 1962, also by Taylor, pleading for Hess's release. Cuttings in 1964 and 1967 relate to Martin Bormann and evidence that he was still alive. Further cuttings from 1966 relate to the release of Speer and von Neurath and subsequent cuttings relate to the case of Hess as the sole survivor in Spandau Prison, pleas for his release and the refusal by the Russians, his ill health and visits by members of his family.

There is a loose copy of a photocopy of an article from the 'Daily Telegraph' in 1975 entitled 'The long wait of Frau Ilse Hess' and an article in the 'Sunday Telegraph' in 1981 of published extracts from the private wartime papers of Rudolf Hess.

The file includes a single typescript extract from Hansard of 14 March 1955 relating to the publication of an interview in Scotland in 1941 between Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick and Rudolf Hess.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/5 'The Naumann Case' 1950-1956

The subject matter of the file principally relates to the arrest in January 1953 by order of the British High Commissioner, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick of Dr Werner Naumann, former State Secretary in Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda with six other leading neo-Nazis in the British zone of Germany on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the democratic government to regain power in Germany. It also concerns the allegations by Dr Adenauer, Chancellor of Germany, in April that the group had received funds from fascist organisations in Britain, Spain, France, Belgium and South America. Oswald Mosley was named as one of the contributors, an allegation which he denied. The men were subsequently passed on to the German authorities and were later released on bail in August 1953.

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from
British national newspapers and journals, but also from some European and American newspapers and from 'Union', 1950-1956. The earliest cutting is dated 1950 is from 'Union' and is an article by Mosley on the 'Realities of German rearmament'. This does not appear to have any direct relevance to the remainder of the file. The cuttings from the newspapers, 1953-56 comprise various reports of the detention of these men and of the protests in Germany especially among right-wing politicians, their release and the subsequent dismissal by the German Supreme Court in December 1954 of the conspiracy charges against them. There are also a number of articles written by journalist Sefton Delmer, foreign affairs reporter for the 'Daily Express'.

Cuttings in 1956 relate to the withdrawal of the action for slander brought by Mosley against Dr Adenauer including a publication in 'Union' of a statement made by Adenauer in settlement of the action. There are also numerous articles published in 'Union', some of which were written by Oswald Mosley including his attacks on the 'Daily Mail', criticisms of the actions of the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick and his criticism of the rejection of the request for 'habeas corpus' proceedings made on behalf of Naumann and his fellow prisoners culminating in an article published in September entitled 'Naumann treatment destroys democracy'. The articles also include one written by Heinz Siepen, one of the Germans arrested with Naumann, entitled 'Where are the former National Socialists?' and others about Naumann's release, the de-nazification proceedings brought against him which prevented him from standing as a candidate for Parliament.

There are some loose articles including 'Germany: Where fascism and communism meet' by Edmond Taylor in 'The Reporter' 1954; and corrected galley proofs of an article about 'The Naumann Case'.

The file contains typescript documents including a 99 page text with manuscript annotations entitled 'Nau Nau endangers the Empire?' which
the preface indicates is the personal notes of Naumann and a critical analysis of the accusations made against him by his friends; typescript extracts from the national and international press; and a photostat copy of the judgement of the Allied High Commission Courts for Germany (British Zone) in the case of Naumann v. the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Germany and the Governor of Werl Prison dated 18 March 1953 which found that the petitioner's arrest and detention was legal.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/6 'Public Order Act 1936' 1934-1974

The subject matter of the file relates principally to public order legislation.

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1934-74. They include reports of a speech in Glasgow made by Sir John Simon in 1934 on the dangers of private forces and the question of drilling and wearing of political uniforms, articles in 1936 about other speeches he made in 1936, as Home Secretary, in the context of provocation of fascist marches and about limits of the powers of government to ban such marches. Cuttings from 1958 include reports on a private Member's Bill relating to fines for hooliganism and to the law surrounding public meetings, particularly in the context of interruptions at the Conservative Party Conference. A cutting from 1960 relates to a three month prohibition of processions in the borough of St Pancras and others from 1961 relate to invoking public order legislation to ban a CND demonstration. Cuttings from 1962-63 concern issues relating to strengthening the Public Order Act of 1936 and associated issues of freedom of speech and public incitement to racial and religious prejudice. Other cuttings include correspondence in 1968 relating to violent demonstrations and in 1974 to the wearing of uniforms by the IRA.

There are some loose articles including pages
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from 'Action' from 1937 and 1938 relating to the Public Order Act of 1936 and interpretations of the legislation, a short article in the 'Spectator', 1970 about the weaknesses of law and order legislation and an article in the 'Daily Telegraph' about Government proposals to reform public order law, 1985.

The file also includes a copy of the Public Order Act, 1936; of the Public Order Act, 1963 and of the Hansard reports of the debates relating to the Public Order Bill in the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

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Access: Open

OMD/7/4/7

'Reviews: Books on Fascism' 1961-1975

The subject matter of the file relates to works published on the subject matter of fascism.


The file also contains typescript extracts from Benewick's 'Political Violence and Public Order' (1969) of various references to Mosley and typescript references to Mosley's 'My Life' and extracts of personal attacks on Mosley from the same book. There is also a photocopied extract from 'The Past Masters: Politics and Politicians 1906-1939'. The file includes a typescript text written by Robert Benewick entitled 'The Threshold of Violence' published in Robert Benewick and Trevor Smith's (editors) 'Direct
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Action and Democratic Participation' (1972).

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OMD/7/4/8

'Reviews: 'My Life'' 1957-1975

The subject matter of the file relates to works by Mosley, principally 'My Life' but also other publications.

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1957-75. The earliest cuttings, 1957-62, include reviews and review articles of 'Mosley: The Facts' (1957), 'Europe: Faith and Plan' (1958) and 'Mosley: Right or Wrong?' (1961). Cuttings from 1967-70 relate to writing, publication and reviews of Mosley's autobiographical work, 'My Life' published by Nelson in 1968 and published extracts in 'The Times Reviewers' include Colin Coote, A. J. P. Taylor, Colin Welch, Norman St John-Stevas, James Dickens and Michael Foot. Some of the reviews and review articles about the autobiography provoked controversy resulting in published correspondence including letters from Mosley. There is also a report of an interview of Mosley by Hugh Massingham published in the 'Sunday Telegraph' in October 1968. There are also a few cuttings dated 1975, not connected with Mosley's works. These comprise reviews of 'East End Jewish Radicals 1875-1914' by William Fishman and 'Point of Arrival' by Chaim Bermant.

The file includes loose photocopies of reviews of the publication of 'My Life' published in America by Arlington House and as well as typescript extracts from American reviews and letters, 1972. There are also copies of three different versions of printed reviews of 'My Life', printed and published by Sanctuary Press Ltd and Lion Books.

1 file
The subject matter of the file principally relates to Robert Skidelsky's biography of Oswald Mosley, but also to articles and other works authored by Skidelsky.

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from British national and local newspapers and journals, 1966-1976. The earliest cuttings, 1966-72, comprise newspaper articles and book reviews written by Robert Skidelsky together with published reviews of his own book 'Politicians and the Slump' (1967) and published correspondence about his work. The cuttings from 1975-76 principally consist of reviews of and review articles about Skidelsky's 'Oswald Mosley' (1975), together with some published correspondence including letters from both Skidelsky and Mosley concerning the controversy surrounding the publication and commenting on reviews. There are also two further items written by Skidelsky in 1975.

The file includes a number of loose and more lengthy reviews and review articles of 'Oswald Mosley' published in 1975, including an article by Vernon Bogdanor in 'Encounter' entitled 'A Deeply Flawed Hero' and an article in the 'Observer' by A. J. P. Taylor. There are also a number of loose photocopies of reviews of the biography which are not included in the mounted cuttings.

The file includes a considerable number of loose articles, book reviews and other pieces written by Skidelsky, 1968-1985. These include book reviews in 'The Listener' and 'Spectator' as well as articles in 'Encounter' entitled 'The Problem of Mosley', September 1969, in 'Tribune', December 1971 on 'Labour and the inter-war years', and in the 'Sunday Telegraph' about the release of British official papers for the second world war in 1972 and in the 'Economist', January 1985 on 'Britain under Mrs Thatcher'.

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The subject matter of the file relates principally to the exposing, trials and sentencing of Nazi war criminals.

The file includes mounted cuttings mostly from British national newspapers and journals, 1947-1969. These comprise cuttings relating to a wide range of cases and issues including the continuing internment of General von Falkenhausen, 1947; the debate in the House of Lords in 1948 on the death penalty in which Lord Douglas, former British Military Governor spoke against it; the detention of the released German prisoners of war, Rundstedt, Brauchitsch, Mannstein and Strauss in 1948 for trial as war criminals and the imprisonment imposed on Erich von Mannstein; the conditions in Spandau prison and the appeals for their release, 1950s; the trial and sentencing of Ferdinand Schoerner, 1957; the arrest of Hermann Krumey and the capture of Adolf Eichmann, 1960 and the arrests of Walter Rauf in Chile in 1962 and Erich Rajakovich in Austria in 1963; reports of various trials in Germany and elsewhere of ex-Nazi officers for war crimes in the 1960s including the trials of General Karl Wolff, 1964 and Hermann Krumey and Erich Rajakovich in 1965.

There are some loose and more extensive articles including two published extracts from the memoirs of Lord Douglas serialised in the 'Sunday Express' in 1965 which relate to his war service and to his period as British Military Governor in Germany where he sat on the court of appeal to which German war criminals addressed their pleas for clemency; an article in 'The Listener' concerning a 'Panorama' programme on Gustav Wagner, a former death camp commandant in Poland; and an article in the 'Sunday Times' about a Nazi massacre in 1944 of French civilians, 1988.

There are also typescript lists, written in German, dated 1958 which list names of Nazis held in prisons outside Germany and details of
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their sentences.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/7/5 Mounted press cuttings 1935-1974

Press cuttings mounted in a similar manner to those in the Union Movement subject files in series 'OM', 'DM', 'UM' and 'General'

[OMD/7/1/4], but not labelled or attributable to a particular file series.

2 files

Access: Open

OMD/7/5/1 Mounted press cuttings on political and economic topics 1935-1970

An unlabelled file containing press cuttings on economic policy. The cuttings have not been itemised in full, but the file includes:

/press cutting labelled 'taxation proposals' published in 'Union', 23 April 1949, outlining Oswald Mosley's proposals for cutting taxation;

/press cuttings (2) labelled 'emergency measures' suggesting ways to deal with the economic crisis, published in 'Union', 5 November 1949 and 'The European', April 1956;

/press cuttings from 'The Times' including letters to the editor, relating to the economy and the resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Thorneycroft, January 1958;

/press cuttings relating to economic developments in Asia including the possibility of an Asian economic bloc similar to the Common Market led by Japan, 1952-1966;

Press cuttings on freedom of speech, public order and liberty:

/press cuttings relating to free speech, public order and press censorship, 1962 and 1968;


Press cuttings of reviews of books on political matters and political thought, including:

/press cutting review of 'Lucifer Before Sunrise' by Henry Williamson, including reference to a statement by Williamson concerning Oswald Mosley, 'The Sunday Telegraph', 22 October 1967;

/press cutting relating to the autobiography of Albert Speer, Nazi Minister for War Production, 24 August 1969;

/press cutting review of 'Political Thought' by C. L. Wayper, May 1954;


Press cuttings relating to political philosophies, many from Union Movement publications, including:

/'Production for Use Not Production for Profit', 26 April 1952;

/'Is democracy outdated', 2 February 1953;

/articles by A. Raven Thomson, 1935-1955, from 'The Blackshirt' and from 'Union', including titles such as 'We ask Labour What is Socialism?' [1950], 'Marxism is Capitalist' [1950], 'Will History repeat itself?' [1935], 'What is wrong with the Twentieth Century?' [1954] and 'Salazar and Portugal' [1955].
OMD/7/5/2  Mounted press cuttings: letters to the press of Sir Atholl Oakeley  1973-1974

Four press cuttings mounted on a single sheet.

Two of the cuttings relate to British government policies on rearmament in the 1930s, one a letter by Sir Atholl Oakeley, 12 December 1973 and a reply to him by Sir Robert Ross Turner, 19 December 1973.


OMD/8  Administrative papers of the Union Movement and Mosley Secretariat  1941-1980s

This material comprises typescript copies of memoranda and reports, many on policy matters, principally from Union Movement members Jeffrey Hamm and Robert Row to Oswald Mosley. Both Robert Row and Jeffrey Hamm provided personal secretarial support to Oswald Mosley. Jeffrey Hamm was also secretary of the Union Movement, whilst Robert Row edited the Union Movement publication 'Union', later called 'Action', from 1955 onwards. Jeffrey Hamm also stood as the Union Movement candidate in a by-election for Middlesborough in 1962 and also for Handsworth, Birmingham, in the 1966 General Election. The series includes a few memoranda from other key Union Movement members to Mosley and also some loose press cuttings, publicity and administrative material found alongside the typescript memoranda.

16 files, 5 items
The memoranda in this sub-series, produced for Oswald Mosley by Robert Row, provide detailed briefings on key policy issues. There is considerable overlap between the files in this sequence.

6 files

Memoranda from Robert Row to Oswald Mosley (signed)

Typescript memoranda signed by Robert Row dated 11 September 1957 - 12 November 1980. Earlier memoranda are addressed to 'The Leader', later memoranda from 1971 onwards are addressed to 'O. M.' Memoranda were prepared to keep Mosley informed, or to provide information he requested, about key policies, domestic and world political and economic developments. Some memoranda include attached press cuttings from an earlier period. Topics covered in the memoranda include:

- industrial policy, including wage-price mechanism;
- proposals of Nikita Khrushchev, Aneurin Bevan and Hugh Gaitskell in relation to European security, proposed withdrawal of troops and a possible re-unification of Germany, 1957, with enclosed press cuttings from 'Union', 1952, giving Oswald Mosley's views on 'How to oppose the Soviets';
- British investment in India, 1959;
- British financial contributions to the colonies, 1959;
- imports and exports, including calls for a ban on cheap cotton imports from the Commonwealth, 1958-59, imports into the British home market,
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1979;

links of West African states with communist countries, 1966;

articles by Oswald Mosley on age and youth in relation to key political figures, including Charles De Gaulle and Dr Adenauer (German Chancellor), 1950-1966;

Common Market agricultural systems, 1967;

unemployment and the 'slump' in Britain between 1929 - 1941, 1969;

Oswald Mosley's views on Enoch Powell, 1970 and contradictions in Enoch Powell's speeches and policies, 1978;

statements by Edward Heath and Enoch Powell during election campaigns, 1970;

reviews of 'The Diplomatic Diaries of Oliver Harvey', 1970;

Minister of Technology Anthony Wedgwood Benn and 'Mintech', 1970;

British trade with the EEC and world food price rises, 1974;

Free speech, 1974;

a column in 'The Times' by Peter Jay, with comments on inflation under Conservative Chancellor or the Exchequer, Anthony Barber and Michael Foot, 1976;

oil price rises, 1976;

American 'lend-lease' schemes during the 1940s for obtaining goods without cash payment, 1976;

working patterns including shift systems, 1976;

European agricultural policy, 1977, 1978;

Immigration, including a possible partnership between Brazil and Europe in dealing with
immigration, 1977, 1978;

the political crisis in Britain after the Jubilee celebrations, 1977;

nationalised industry, 1977;

the possibility of a Japanese-centred economic bloc in South East Asia, 1977;

comparisons between the National Investment Board of 1932 and the National Enterprise Board of 1975, 1977;

a deepening world recession, 1977, 1978;

Oswald Mosley's proposals for viable trade areas as a solution to the economic slump, 1978;

post-war bans on public marches and political meetings, 1978;

'proposals for repatriation of Indians', 1978;

'The 'Black Pact' with Cuba 1951', 1978;

increasing dangers of nuclear war, 1978;

world trade, including 'Soviet undercutting' and 'America's trade deficit', 1978;

Union Movement records borrowed by R. Graham for a thesis, 1978;

'ferment in the Muslim world', 1978;

strike action and public spending, 1979;

the Magna Carta, 1979;

'feeding Britain in a four-year emergency', including ways to increase food production, 1979;


1 file

Access: Open
Memoranda from Robert Row to Oswald Mosley (unsigned)

Typescript memoranda by Robert Row dated 17 July 1959 and from 20 April 1964-18 December 1974. Earlier memoranda, to 1970, are addressed to 'The Leader', later memoranda from 1972 onwards are addressed to 'O. M.' Memoranda were prepared to keep Mosley informed, or to provide information he requested, about key policies, domestic and world political and economic developments. Some memoranda include attached memoranda, correspondence and press cuttings from an earlier period, bundled together for ease of reference by Mosley or Row. Topics covered in the memoranda include:

- lists of directors of Whitehall Securities Ltd, 1961-1964;
- lists of directors of Brown Shipley and Co Ltd, and Keinwort Benson Ltd, 1965;
- election results for the Skipton by-election of 1933;
- a report on the Polaris missile and the costs and use of small missiles in modern warfare, 1968;
- control of imports, 1968;
- reports on under-developed countries, 1969;
- unemployment and the 'slump' in Britain between 1929-1941, 1969;
- details of export trade for Sweden and Switzerland, 1969;
- the economic position of New Zealand including dependence on exports to Britain, 1971;
- Wage Price Mechanism and 'Revolution by Reason', 1971;
- the mining strikes, 1972;
Union Movement 'precis of policy' on taxation, 1972, numbered '8' in red ink;

continental systems of government, 1972-73;

Union Movement 'precis of policy' on 'Hold Europe, Leave Asia', numbered '27' in red ink, [1972-73?];

statements by Lord Hailsham on the danger of anarchy and disorder, 1972;

British and German export markets;

'Michael de Freitas, British leader of the Black Muslims' [Michael X], 1972;

the Labour party policy statement, 1972;

'the failures of Socialism';

'Labour's National Plan', 1965;

'Labour's Land Policy', 1965;

Minister of Technology Anthony Wedgewood Benn and 'Mintech', 1970;

statements in the press on Lord Chalfont, 1972;

'Crossman and Parliamentary procedure', 1972;

excess government spending and government borrowing, 1973;

policy on capital punishment, 1973;

John Maynard Keynes and Bretton Woods, 1973;

impairments of British Sovereignty, 1973;

the value of the pound between 1921 and 1972, 1973;

shortages of commodity supplies in British industry, 1973;

Europe-Canadian development of the Alberta
'tar-sands', 1973;

'Poseidon' missiles for Britain, 1973;

the EEC common agricultural policy, 1973-1974;

high food prices, 1973;

new scientific developments in relation to fuel from coal, 1974;

Nikita Khruschev's offer of withdrawal of troops from Russian satellite states, 1974;

the situation in Ireland, 1974;

pre-war bans on Free Speech, 1974;


The file also includes copies of correspondence between Robert Row and Hugh Dominic Purcell, October 1973, on immigration policy (access restricted until 01 January 2033).

1 file

Access: Partially closed

Access conditions: This file contains some correspondence of living individuals. Access and use of this information is covered by our 'Access to Archives and Manuscripts' declaration in order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. Where records relating to living individuals are of a sensitive or personal nature, further access restrictions have been applied to the records, either in the form of a closure period or by the creation of serving copies of documents with personal data removed. Where a closure period has been applied, small sections of the file will not be generally available for research use until the closure period has expired.
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to keep Mosley informed, or to provide information he requested, about key policies, domestic and world political and economic developments. Some memoranda include attached press cuttings from an earlier period. Topics covered in the memoranda include:

Dr Adenauer, Chancellor for West Germany, 1975;

Mosley's policies on defence of Britain in the 1930s, 1975;

Mosley's libel case against the 'Star', 1975;

the National Police Force, 1975;

Europe and North Sea Oil, 1975;

the cost of sugar and the relationship to the EEC, 1975;

the Lome Convention, opening European markets to produce from African countries, 1975;

the world food crisis, 1975;

inflation, including figures for wage rates and retail prices under Chancellors of the Exchequer, Reginald Maudling 1962-64 and Anthony Barber 1970-74;

Enoch Powell's figures for 'man-hours' in Germany, 1976;

the debate on 'Corporatism', 1976;

the Swedish economy, 1976;

the cost of Concorde, 1976;

Oswald Mosley's participation in Oxford Union debates, 1976;

Oswald Mosley's writing on contributory-financed welfare services, 1976;

population densities in different countries, 1976;

'Nationalist Parties and a Higher Synthesis',
1975;

immigration, 1975;

the agricultural policy of the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s;

statements by Winston Churchill on the atomic bomb;

'Labour’s general record' including money supply figures, industrial production, general trade and borrowing, 1976;

North Sea Oil and oil prices, 1976;

'Jack Jones and the 35-hour week', 1976;

'Repatriation of immigrants', 1976;

Britain's trade with the EEC, 1976;

American 'lend-lease' schemes during the 1940s for obtaining goods without cash payment, 1976;

24 hour shift systems, 1976;

'[David] Pryce-Jones and the Streicher Telegram';

figures for atrocities in Nazi concentration camps and comparisons of these with atrocities by Stalin and Mao Tse-tung;

tributes to Mao Tse-tung after his death in September 1976;

electorate numbers in parliamentary constituencies, 1976;

'A Three-Tier Europe', 1977;

'Soviet Political-Economic Warfare', 1977;

'Taxation and the Export Drive', 1977;

European agriculture, 1977;

Ireland and the EEC, 1977;
'A right-wing backlash in Japan?', 1977;
deeplening world recession, 1977;
sanctions against South Africa, 1977;
'The Ferment in the Muslim World' 1978;
'The Economic Basis of the Immigration Question', 1978;
levels of unemployment in Germany and Britain 1932/33, 1978;
'India and the Shah of Iran', 1978;
shift systems in industry, 1978;

'The Bremen proposals for a hard currency bloc', 1978;
Egypt and Israel, 1978;
the dangers of nuclear war, 1978;
US trade deficit, 1978;
'Soviet undercutting', 1978;
the possibility of a Japanese-centred economic bloc in South East Asia, 1977;
comparisons between the National Investment Board of 1932 and the National Enterprise Board of 1975, 1977;
trade unions, 1977;
world inflation, 1977;
'Wages explosion or police crisis?', 1977;
figures for population densities, 1977;
immigration, 1977;
'The Black Pact with Cuba, 1951', 1978;
demands for a minimum wage, 1977;
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British exports and agricultural imports, 1978;
agricultural marketing boards, 1978;
'Raw materials for an emergency Britain', 1979;
imports and exports, 1979;
'Law and Order, and Marching', 1979;
'Feeding Britain in a four-years emergency';
Britain's contribution to the EEC budget, 1979;
'The roots of trouble in the EEC', 1979;
strikes and public spending, 1979;
'Cut-throat communist competition', 1979;
Union Movement records used by R. Graham for a thesis, 1978;
'Communist threats and early attempts at power';
British productivity and imports, 1979;
A possible 'European SALT' treaty, 1980.

The file also includes correspondence between Robert Row and Diana Mosley in relation to her book of memoirs, June 1976.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/1/4 Memoranda 'Precis of Policy' [1970s]

Typescript 'Precis of policy' documents, some accompanied by related memoranda from Robert Row to Oswald Mosley. Some of these documents have been numbered in red ink, indicating that they were once a complete filed sequence. However some numbers are missing from the file and some precis of policy documents can be found in general files of memoranda from Robert Row to Mosley at OMD/8/1/1-3. Not all memoranda in this file have been listed individually, but the file includes documents with the following
headings:
'Devaluation of the Pound';
'Tory and Labour opposition to Europe';
'European Socialism';
'Inflation';
'Welfare state selective benefits';
'Differential rewards';
'Wage-price mechanism'
'Exchange rates';
'Housing as an operation of war';
'Keynes not enough: Public works';
'Eastern undercutting';
'Menace of Russian dumping';
'The third-force';
'The political guerillas';
'Defence of Australia and East of Suez';
'Threat of communism in India';
'India-Japan combination';
'The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour';
'The Middle East';
'Roosevelt's part in break-up of British Empire';
'Labour money from abroad, and money sent abroad';
'Doctrine of higher forms'.
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Access: Open

OMD/8/1/5 Typescripts on policy [1960s-1970s]
Loose typescripts on key policy matters. These typescripts are similar to those found amongst the memoranda and correspondence of Robert Row (OMD/8/1/1-3) and it is very likely that Robert Row is the author and that the documents were prepared to accompany memoranda to Oswald Mosley. Most of the typescripts are undated, but they are likely to date from the 1960s-1970s. Topics covered in the typescripts include:

summary notes of key articles in issues of 'Action' 1936-1940 and 'Blackshirt' 1933-1935;

notes on Oswald Mosley's statements in relation to Anthony Eden and the Suez crisis titled 'Eden at Suez distracted world attention from Budapest Massacre', 1956;

statements in the press relating to the continental economy, three-tier government, wage-price mechanism and Ireland;

figures on wage cuts extracted from the Ministry of Labour Gazette, 1931;

a bundle of typescripts labelled 'Candidate's notes' [1970s], including briefing notes on 'Anti-British Activities of East African Asians', Enoch Powell's policies, immigration and health, 'possible developments at Uxbridge' [in relation to a forthcoming by-election], Jeremy Thorpe leader of the Liberal Party and President of the Indian Association of the United Kingdom, 'the budget surplus', 'West Indian Depression and Revival', unemployment figures, losses in the two world wars, Labour actions on strike breaking, the fall of the Labour government 1931 and devaluation;

a bundle of typescripts on conservative party policy [1970s];

'Patriotism and the empire' [1970s];

'Japanese-American encroachments into Commonwealth lands' [1970s];

'De Gaulle's Press conference', 1967;

'Quotes by Shinwell' on the contest for
leadership of the Labour party between Herbert Morrison and Aneurin Bevan and on Oswald Mosley;

'American Jewish attacks on Britain';

the cost to Britain of entry in the EEC [1970s];

'Comment upon European Defence Community', typed extracts from 'The European' 1953-1954;

'The National Front and Europe' [mid 1970s];

'Union Movement and Scotland', signed by Robert Row;

'Union Movement and the Coal Industry';

'Proposals for a Europe-Africa trade bloc';

'Sir Keith Joseph and Taxation', report in the Daily Telegraph 1967;

'Signs of coming cut-throat competition from the East' [1970s];

'Divesting British workers of considerable proportion of wealth production for the purpose of foreign investment';

'Healey's record as a communist';

'Socialist parties and European Governments';

'The Skybolt sell-out and signing of Nassau agreement';

'Asians in East Africa' and 'Asians driven out of Kenya' [1970s];

'A Framework for Government Research and Development'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/1/6 Correspondence of Robert Row 1976-1977
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

Contains:

1/ letter addressed to Robert Row from a reviewer at the BBC World and Arabic Services, enclosing a review of 'My Life' by Sir Oswald Mosley, 7 December 1976;

2/ letter addressed to Robert Row from Rt Hon Lord George-Brown thanking him for a letter regarding his speech at the Annual Congress of the European Movement, 2 December 1977.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/2
Memoranda and correspondence of E. J. Hamm 1958-1980

The memoranda and correspondence in this sub-series principally relate to administrative matters, both Union Movement administration and personal administrative matters for Oswald Mosley. Further papers of Jeffrey Hamm relating to legal cases can be found in OMD/6/2.

1 file, 1 item

Access: Open

OMD/8/2/1
Memoranda and correspondence to Oswald Mosley from Jeffrey Hamm 1958-1980

Typescript memoranda dated 15 January 1958-21 November 1980. Earlier memoranda are addressed to 'The Leader', later memoranda from 1971 onwards are addressed to 'O. M.' Many memoranda are signed by Hamm. The memoranda concern general matters relating to the administration of the Union Movement, including accounts, booking of public halls for meetings, production of 'Action' [the Union Movement newsletter], bookings for Mosley or Union Movement members to participate in debates, drafts of Union Movement circulars, correspondence concerning membership and publicity of Mosley's autobiography 'My Life'.

In the role of the Mosley Secretariat and in relation to Sanctuary Press, the file includes memoranda relating to the production and
distribution of Oswald Mosley's broadsheets, progress of libel cases, work in relation to Robert Skidelsky's biography of Mosley and more personal matters, such as travel, accommodation arrangements, tax returns and financial matters. The file includes some copies of memoranda from Mosley to Hamm giving instructions for work to be done, including correspondence and distribution of literature to individuals who have written to Mosley.

Jeffrey Hamm was actively monitoring the press and television during this period and sends press cuttings and reports of television broadcasts to Mosley, some of which are included in the file. Many documents are annotated by Mosley.

Notable memoranda in the file include: comments on Mosley featured in a BBC television series, December 1959; a report on the progress of libel cases including those relating to Paul Fox and the BBC, German libel cases and Dr Roth, and on members arrested after a Union Movement Burnham Street meeting, November 1962; bundles of photocopies of extracts from Hansard reports on trade and unemployment 1921 and Irish deportations, 1923 obtained from the British Library; a note relating to searches for Oswald Mosley's marriage registration record for 1936; transcripts of tape recordings made by 'Stoneman' of two BBC television programmes, one 'Tonight' programme featuring Mosley, and one 'Tonight' programme featuring Jeffrey Hamm concerning the Union Movement, February 1976; a list of Mosley's television appearances, 1967 - 1976; notes on Hansard reports of the debate on regulation 18B in the House of Commons in 1940, July 1976; transcription of extracts from a BBC television programme 'Caught in Time' which featured a Blackshirt camp at Selsey in 1937, January 1978; transcription of a speech by Colin Cross reflecting on his interviews with Sir Oswald Mosley for the BBC sound archives, January
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

1979.

1 file

Access: Partially closed

**Access conditions:** One letter concerning an individual's membership of the Union Movement and two memoranda containing sensitive information relating to living individuals are subject to an access restriction of 80 years from 1970 in order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. Access to this material is restricted until 01/01/2050. These items have been packaged separately.

**OMD/8/2/2** Personal letter to Jeffrey Hamm 1976

From his cousin, Eunice Stevens, concerning the death of a family member. With original envelope.

1 item

Access: Open

**OMD/8/3** Memoranda and correspondence of other individuals connected with the Union Movement 1941-1971

Memoranda to Oswald Mosley produced by Hector G. McKechnie, Alexander Raven Thomson, Alfred Flockhart and D. Ashton.

4 files

Access: Partially closed

**OMD/8/3/1** H. G. McKechnie 1959-1967

Contains five memoranda to Oswald Mosley addressed as 'The Leader' from Hector G. McKechnie. These include the following topics: ways in which to reduce workload if Union Movement should be asked to scrutinise ballot papers in the matter of their petition regarding the 1959 election, 9 December 1959; the value of stocks held by Sir Oswald Mosley with the Bank of Ireland, 11 December 1959; financial statements for Euphorion Distribution Ltd, 11 December 1959; the estate of Miss E. S. C. Orrin, for which Oswald Mosley was appointed

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Memorandum to Oswald Mosley addressed to 'The Leader' from Alexander Raven Thomson, 15 April 1950. The memorandum has the heading 'Propaganda theme for summer campaign' and suggests publication of the 'Brixton papers' and a campaign against usurers, absentee shareholders and absentee landholders. The memorandum is accompanied by two copies of a typescript of 'principles' and a 'system' drawn up at Brixton in 1941 covering economic issues of rent, interest and profit, hereditary and unearned wealth, money lending and credit. Both copies are heavily annotated in Oswald Mosley's hand. Alexander Raven Thomson was a leading member of the British Union of Fascists and the Union Movement and acted as secretary and editor of the newsletter 'Union' until his death in 1955.

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Four memoranda from Alfred Flockhart to Oswald Mosley. Two memoranda are undated, two are dated 20 October 1950 and 28 March 1956. The memoranda cover the following topics:

/an appeal for Oswald and Lady Mosley not to appear as witnesses in a court case involving Flockhart, 20 October 1950.

/Union Movement administrative matters including booking of public halls for meetings, 28 March 1956.

/Union Movement administrative matters including the health of a member, proceedings in a county court over ownership of a bust and recordings of Mosley for an annual conference

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and for a discussion evening, undated.

/communication with WH Smith on the matter of handling Oswald Mosley’s newsletter, undated. This memorandum is likely to date from 1947 when the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paperworkers passed a resolution not to handle fascist literature.

1 file

Access: Open


Three memoranda to Oswald Mosley from 'D. A.' [D. Ashton], one copied to Robert Row. These cover the following:

/ Oswald Mosley's statements on Conservative Party policy quoted from publications 'Action', 'Mosley-Right or Wrong' and 'National European', 3 November 1969.


/ Quotations and a summary from 'Enoch Powell: Tory Tribune' by Andrew Roth (published 1970), 15 March 1971. This memorandum is annotated.

Further memoranda and correspondence with D. Ashton can be found in files at: OMD/1/1/5, OMD/1/1/6, OMD/1/1/7, OMD/1/2/3.

1 file

Access: Closed

Closed until: 01/01/2050

Access conditions: This file contains correspondence of living individuals. A closure period has been applied to the file in order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. The file will not be generally available for research use until the closure period has expired.
OMD/8/4 General correspondence 1945-1980

This sub-series series contains two items of incoming correspondence to Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement and a number of outgoing letters typed by the Mosley Secretariat for Oswald Mosley. This correspondence was found loose amongst papers of the Mosley Secretariat/Union Movement and they have been arranged into two files of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

2 files

Access: Open

OMD/8/4/1 Incoming correspondence 1945-1949

Contains:

1/ letter to 'Sir O. Mosley 'Union Movement' from Guy Chesham, headed 'A memorandum of disassociation' and containing an outline of his personal views on the failure of the Union Movement, 31 August 1949. This letter is annotated by Oswald Mosley and is accompanied by a copy of a letter from Guy Chesham to Antonio Dinares Durnan concerning cashing of a cheque, 1 November 1948 (accession 1994/21).

2/ letter to 'Sir Oswald & Party' from F. M. Boulton, 17 December 1945, containing views on illegal arrest and incarceration, 17 December 1945.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/4/2 Outgoing correspondence 1959-1980

Contains copy letters typed on behalf of Oswald Mosley by Mosley Secretariat. Not all letters have been itemised in the description, but these include:

/ letter to the Count and Countess Loredan, Venice, 8 September 1958, concerning book publishers;
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/ letters concerning distribution of broadsheets and 'My Life';

/ letter to [David] Kenten concerning a colour film of the Mosleys made in Orsay, 18 November 1969;

/ letter to the Provost at Queen's College Oxford, 8 December 1970;

/ letter to Rene de Chambrun, Paris, thanking him for the 'Bruning correspondence', 16 June 1970;

/ letter to Herr Hans Ulrich Rudel, Kufstein, Austria with attached proposals and draft agreement concerning the licensing of a hardback reprint in English of 'Stuka Pilot', 15 December 1972;

/ letter to David Evans, Chairman of 'Police Review' returning a cheque 'which in present circumstances is unacceptable', 26 March 1980.

1 file

Access: Open

ODM/8/5 Press and publicity

This sub-series contains material found loose relating to press coverage and publicity of Oswald Mosley and his political parties. These include a number of typed extracts from press articles and a small amount of material prepared in order to publicise the Union Movement, including two draft circulars for members.

2 files

Access: Open

ODM/8/5/1 Press correspondence and extracts

Typescripts of letters or extracts appearing in the press, principally concerning Sir Oswald Mosley, the activities of the British Union of Fascists or the Union Movement. It is likely that these were produced by Union Movement/Mosley Secretariat officials during
the 1950s-1970s.

The file includes reports from the 'Daily Mail' of Oswald Mosley being injured in Liverpool, October 1937, cuttings from Birmingham and West Midlands local press concerning the Union Movement mass meeting in Birmingham and Coventry, September - October 1956, a typescript article from the Union Movement publication 'North Kensington Leader' and typed extracts from the press headed 'support for a greater effort in uniting Europe following the address [by Mosley] to the Birmingham Bow Group on 7.11.69'.

The file includes some extracts from the press relating to policy issues, including statements on the economy from the 'Times' and 'Financial Times', August 1971, extracts from an article in the 'Financial Times' concerning employment abroad, August 1952, extracts of a letter written by Major General J. F. C. Fuller to 'The Times' concerning types of war, 8 July 1955, a typed statement on nuclear weapons from 'Daily Telegraph', July 1959 and typed quotations by Robert Williams and Enoch Powell from speeches and articles.

The file also includes typed quotations from Winston Churchill, 1942 and Stanley Baldwin, 1936 concerning Europe and a typed note on amendments to Regulation 18B which made it possible to arrest Oswald Mosley, 24 July 1942.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/5/2 Material relating to publicity for the Union Movement [1950s-1970s]

Contains

1/ a typescript address by Oswald Mosley to 'fellow members' urging members to work towards election preparations, undated [1950s].

2/ annotated typescripts (three sheets) of a suggested front page for 'Action' and proposed amendments to the publication in the event that talks on the Common Market should
breakdown. Undated.

3/ typescript ‘Some main points of Mosley thinking since the war’ with annotation and corrections in Oswald Mosley’s hand, undated.


5/ typescript of a speech, 1977. The event and speaker are unidentified, but the speaker identifies himself as ‘a journalist and member of the Union Movement’ and the speech may have been delivered at a Union Movement dinner.

6/ Union Movement circular to members in the London area concerning a demonstration and sales drive to be held on 19 March 1961.

7/ Press cutting from the ‘Daily Express’, 9 May 1975, titled ‘End these party games’. Sections of the article have been marked in red and an annotation suggests using the theme of the article for a letter to the press and TV interview and distributing ‘Action’ and broadsheets to the author of the article.

8/ Union Movement circular to members and supporters of the Union Movement and readers of ‘Action’ from the Secretary [Jeffrey Hamm], 1 September 1976.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/8/6 Other administrative papers [1960s-1970s]

Loose administrative papers which may have been gathered for the purpose of informing policies and activities of Oswald Mosley and/or the Union Movement. These papers cannot be attributed with certainty to any one Union Movement or Mosley Secretariat official.

2 files, 4 items

Access: Open

OMD/8/6/1 Typescripts on Mao Tse-toung [1970s]
Five typescript drafts of a document 'Sir Oswald Mosley with much respect seeks an interview with Chairman Mao'. The drafts are annotated in Mosley's hand with corrections. The file also contains a typescript copy of a speech in French by Mao TseToung calling on the 'people of the world' to unite against the American 'aggressors', 20 May 1970.

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/8/6/2 Typescripts on Mosley and television [1960s-1970s]

Loose typescripts relating to the 'ban' on Mosley appearing on BBC television and later monitoring of his television appearances. Contains:

1/ typed quotations of Sir Hugh Greene, Director-General of the BBC, from the 'Daily Mirror', 'The Times' and 'The Sunday Times' on the subject of Oswald Mosley appearing in BBC broadcasts, February-July 1968

2/ sheet of typed quotations of Sir High Greene, as above, and extracts from letters and discussions from 1968-1971, compiled as evidence that there was a ruling that Mosley should not appear in BBC productions

3/ typescript 'Mosley Broadcasts and Opinion Polls' comparing levels of public support for entry into Europe in relation to Mosley's television appearances, undated [1971]

4/ typescript 'Notes on Mosley and Television', undated [1970s].

1 file
Access: Open

OMD/8/6/3 Typescript extract on the European Monetary Agreement [1960s-1970s]

From 'International Monetary Co-operation 1945-1960' by Professor Brian Tew, pages 115-
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117. Marked 'file carefully' in Oswald Mosley's hand. Typed in black with some sections in highlighted in red type.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/8/6/4 'Europaische Sicherheit' [European Security] [1970]

Typescript of a paper presented by Professor Dr Renate Riemeck at a meeting of the political committee of the 'Aktionsbundnis' [alliance for action] for democratic progress in Frankfurt, 7 March 1970.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/8/6/5 'Statement by Sir James Goldsmith' [1979]

Typed speech of Sir James Goldsmith to an international congress. Not dated, but annotated on the reverse in Oswald Mosley's hand with the date ‘1979’. The speech argues that Great Britain has 'purposely reduced the scope for entrepreneurship' and addresses 'the principal causes and results of this policy'.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/8/6/6 Letter: Josee de Chambrun to Paul Reynaud 1966

Typed copy of a letter in French, dated 11 August 1966. Josee de Chambrun, daughter of the former French Prime Minister Pierre Laval, writes concerning her father to French politician Paul Reynaud.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9 Publications of the British Union of Fascists and Union Movement 1934-1980s

This series includes periodicals, policy literature, election literature and souvenir items.
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

14 volumes, 61 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/1

Periodicals of the British Union of Fascists and Union Movement

13 volumes, 43 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/1

'The European'

The European, a monthly journal political and literary journal of the Union Movement.

/1 Nos 1-6, March-August 1953

/2 Nos 7-12, September 1953-February 1954

/3 Nos 13-18, March-August 1954

/4 Nos 19-24, September 1954-February 1955

/5 Nos 25-30, March-August 1955

/6 Nos 31-36, September 1955-February 1956

/7 Nos 37-42, March-August 1956

/8 Nos 43-48, September 1956-February 1957

/9 Nos 49-54, March-August 1957

/10 Nos 55-60, September 1957-February 1958

/11 Nos 61-66, March-August 1958

/12 Nos 67-72, September 1958-February 1959

This journal was launched as a more intellectual publication to complement the other Union Movement periodicals of the time, 'Comrade' and 'Action'. It was closed after six years, partly because of financial considerations as it was expensive to produce. It was edited by Diana Mosley and as well as political articles and comments, it included a substantial literary content including general articles, short stories, book reviews, notices of plays and films and regular features about food and cookery. Diana Mosley contributed a monthly diary and a few
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articles. Other contributors included Robert Row, Alexander Raven, Jeffrey Hamm, Vivian Bird, Alan Neame, Roy Campbell, Ezra Pound, Henry Williamson, Desmond Stewart, Hugo Charteris and Anna Kavan. Nicholas Mosley also had a number of articles published.

Oswald Mosley wrote the editorial section, titled 'Analysis' in which he advanced his own ideas and commented on current issues and events. He also contributed some book reviews and a number of articles, mostly but not exclusively of a political nature, in the following issues:

No 8, October 1953, 'Labour's New Programme; or how to get the worst of both worlds'

No 11, January 1954, The European Situation'

No 14, April 1954, 'The African Problem'

No 15, May 1954, 'European Socialism'

No 16, June 1954, 'A Reply to Dr Strasser'

No 17, July 1954, 'Disarmament and Russia: A Discussion (with Heinrich Sanden)'

No 18, August 1954, 'Sir Winston Churchill: Policy and Record'

No 20, October 1954, 'The Coming Crisis: Markets, Exchanges and Taxation'

No 21, November 1954, 'The Coming Crisis: Markets, Exchanges and Taxation. II'

No 25, March 1955, 'Comments on Herr Pithe's article'

No 29, July 1955, 'The Problem of Power: Government of To-morrow'

No 30, August 1955, 'Union of Germany'

No 32, October 1955, 'Automation: Problem and Solution'

No 37, March 1956, 'Wagner and Shaw: A Synthesis'
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No 39, May 1956, 'European Socialism: A Reply to Comment and Criticism'

No 45, November 1956, 'Dr Adenauer and Sir Oswald Mosley'

No 62, April 1958, 'The Making of Europe'

12 volumes

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/2 'Blackshirt' (incorporating 'Fascist Week') 1935-1936

Weekly newspaper, Nos 97-151, 1 March 1935-13 March 1936.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/3 'North Kensington Leader' 1958-1959

Mosley accepted an invitation to stand for election to Parliament in North Kensington and this Union Movement monthly newspaper was distributed free to every home during the campaign. Incomplete sequence, comprising:

No 3, December 1958;

No 4, January/February 1959;

No 5, February/March 1959;

No 6, March/April 1959;

No 8, June 1959.

5 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/4 'Action' 1938-1940

Weekly newspaper, published 1936-40. Miscellaneous issues, some incomplete and some in the form of photocopies, comprising:

No 112, 9 April 1938 (first page only, photocopy);
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No 137, 1 October 1938;

No 146, 3 December 1938 (pages 7-14 only);

No 172, 10 June 1939 (page 20 only, photocopy);

No 197, 7 December 1939;

No 219, 16 May 1940;

No 221, 30 May 1940.

7 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/5 'Union' (incorporating 'Action') 1948-1957

Weekly newspaper (incorporating pre-war 'Action'), published 1948-57. Miscellaneous issues, some of which have been annotated and, in two cases, with notes in Oswald Mosley's hand.

No 7, 27 March 1948;

No 85, 8 October 1949;

No 249, 24 January 1953;

No 250, 31 January 1953;

No 251, 7 February 1953;

No 252, 14 February 1953;

No 253, 21 February 1953;

No 254, 28 February 1953;

No 255, 7 March 1953;

No 257, 21 March 1953;

No 258, 28 March 1953;

No 259, 11 April 1953;

No 263, 9 May 1953;

No 264, 16 May 1953;
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

No 344, 1 January 1955;
No 345, 8 January 1955;
No 386, 5 November 1955;
No 445, 16 March 1957;
No 446, 23 March 1957.
19 items
Access: Open

Physical description: Issue number 386 is fragile.

OMD/9/1/6
‘Action’ (incorporating ‘Union’ and later ‘Union’ and ‘The European’) 1958-1962

Newspaper published fortnightly and then later weekly, 1957-64.

Miscellaneous issues:
No 32, 12 December 1958;
No 57, 31 October 1959;
No 103, 1 December 1962.

There are also a few photocopies of pages of other issues, mostly of first pages:
No 22, 11 July 1958;
No 23, 25 July 1958;
No 26, 19 September 1958;
No 41, 4 April 1959;
Issue dated 24 April 1959 (number unidentified);
No 46, 9 May 1949;
No 47, 16 May 1959.
10 items
Access: Open

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OMD/9/1/7 'Mosley News Letter' 1947

Published monthly 1946-48.

Miscellaneous issues:

No 2, December 1946-January 1947 (accession 1994/21);

No 3, January-February 1947 (accession 1994/30);

No 14, January 1948 (accession 1994/21);


1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/1/8 'Alternative' 1972

Issue No 1, Spring.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2 Other publications of the British Union of Fascists, Union Movement and Sanctuary Press 1934-1980s

1 volume, 18 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/1 'Red violence and blue lies. An answer to 'Fascists at Olympia'

Printed pamphlet produced by the British Union of Fascists comprising evidence to support the claim that the violence at the Olympia meeting was highly organised and the result of a plan in which the Independent Labour Party, the Communist Party and other organisations were involved. The pamphlet includes extracts from speeches, articles in the press, letters, statements including medical evidence and comments on the subject. It contains loose typescript items comprising extracts from 'Daily Worker' showing evidence of incitement to violence in the weeks prior to the Olympia
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Photocopies of Oswald Mosley's election literature for his candidacy for the parliamentary constituency of North Kensington in the election of 1959 (Accession 1994/21).

2 items
Access: Open

OMD/9/2/6 'Sir Oswald Mosley' [1963]
Printed and published by Sanctuary Press Limited. Leaflet includes sections titled 'His record' and 'What the world says'.
1 item
Access: Open

OMD/9/2/7 Union Movement calendar 1965
Calendar featuring a photograph of a Union Movement rally in Trafalgar Square in 1958.
1 item
Access: Open

OMD/9/2/8 Union Movement policy literature: Europe a Nation [c 1960]
Printed leaflet 'Khrushchev offers withdrawal from Europe: Secure world peace by simultaneous American-Russian withdrawal through Europe a Nation'.
1 item
Access: Open

**Physical description:** The bottom of this leaflet is torn.

OMD/9/2/9 Union movement policy literature: taxation [1950s-1960s]
Handbill (accession 1994/21) and a poster (accession 1994/30) promoting Union Movement policy on taxation. The reverse of the handbill is annotated.
2 items
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Access: Open

OMD/9/2/10  Union Movement policy literature: sport in South Africa  [1950s-1960s]

Handbill advertising Union Movement policy on British participation in sports against South Africa (accession 1994/21).

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/11  'Constitution of Union Movement and guide to organisation'  [c 1960]

Printed pamphlet (accession 1994/21).

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/12  'Policy of Union Movement and what membership means'  [c 1970]

Printed leaflet (accession 1994/21).

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/13  'Ireland's right to unite'  [1980s]

Union Movement Policy pamphlet No 2, by Patrick McGrath. Printed.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/14  'Colour: the immigration crisis'  [1980s]

Union Movement Policy pamphlet No 4. Printed.

2 copies.

2 items

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/15  'Action!'  January 1981

Monthly newsletter printed and published by Sanctuary Press Limited. Issue No 287,
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January 1981. This edition reports the death of Sir Oswald Mosley.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/9/2/16

'Mosley's Blackshirts: The Inside Story of The British Union of Fascists 1932-1940'

Published by Sanctuary Press Limited.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/10

Presscuttings

This series contains albums of press cuttings, loose cuttings which have been arranged into files according to date or topic and a number of foreign language newspapers. The cuttings relate to Oswald Mosley's personal and political activities, press coverage on members of the Mitford family and cuttings on political topics.

12 volumes, 21 files, 5 items

Access: Open

OMD/10/1

Albums of press cuttings relating principally to Oswald Mosley's political and public life

An incomplete chronological sequence of albums of cuttings relating to the political and, to a lesser extent, the personal life of Oswald Mosley. According to Robert Skidelsky, Mosley's office allowed him access for his biography to volumes of press cuttings for the inter-war period, covering the years 1919-40 and it would appear that these albums are what has survived of this sequence. These albums are all of the same format. Some albums are numbered indicating that this was once a much bigger sequence of albums covering a greater chronological date range.

The cuttings include published reports, articles, letters, photographs, book reviews and cartoons. The cuttings are taken from a wide range of publications, principally local and
national newspapers, a small number of foreign newspapers and a range of other titles, including journals and magazines. These include:

'Labour Monthly';
'The Star';
'The Economist';
'The Spectator';
'Daily Herald';
'Daily Worker';
'Punch';
'Forward';
'Evening Standard';
'Birmingham Post';
'Yorkshire Post';
'The Scotsman';
'Daily Express';
'Daily Mail';
'Daily Express';
'The Times';
'Daily Telegraph';
'Manchester Guardian';
'Daily Sketch';
'The Saturday Review';
'Workers Weekly';
'The Nation & the Athenaeum';
'New Statesman';
'Clarion';
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'Christian World'
'The Graphic';
'Jewish Chronicle';
'Jewish World';
'The Patriot';
'Church Times';
'Christian Science Monitor';
'New Clarion';
'New Leader';
'Week-end Review';
'Labour Magazine';
'The Plebs';
'New Britain';
'The People'

Arrangement: The cuttings are largely arranged in the volumes in chronological order. The source and date of the cuttings have been recorded in what appears to be largely the same hand throughout the period. The albums include a sequence of index pages at the beginning of each volume which have usually been used for cuttings, sometimes as part of the chronological sequence and sometimes for additional cuttings. In a few volumes, additional pages have been inserted to allow extra cuttings to be included at the appropriate date.

12 volumes

Access: Open

Physical description: The cuttings were originally pasted in to the volumes, but over the years the paste has dried and some cuttings have become loose. Wherever possible, these cuttings have been reattached. In some cases this has not been possible and the unidentified loose cuttings have been placed in an acid free
OMD/10/1/1 Album of press cuttings 1926-1927

Album containing cuttings covering the period 12 April 1926 -14 March 1927.

The contents relate primarily to the political activities of Oswald Mosley and, to a lesser degree, of Lady Cynthia Mosley. During this period they were both prospective Labour candidates, Oswald initially for the Ladywood Division of Birmingham until late in 1926 when he stood successfully in the by-election at Smethwick and Cynthia for Stoke-on-Trent. There is also some coverage of personal matters including, for example, the connection of Cynthia with the Leiter family and its fortune. The cuttings provide coverage of the policies and activities of the Independent Labour Party and its ambitions, particularly in Birmingham, and its relations with the trade unions. Important political issues of the period are also represented in the cuttings including the General Strike, the coal miners’ dispute, and foreign policy.

The earliest cuttings relate to accusations levelled against the Mosleys for offering to renounce their titles and for advocating socialism on account of their wealth and aristocratic background. The controversy was largely caused by the published attack made by Mosley’s father who suggested that they should relinquish some of their wealth.

There are numerous cuttings concerning speeches, meetings and events which Oswald Mosley and Cynthia Mosley were associated as prospective Labour candidate in 1926. These include speeches delivered at the May Day procession in Birmingham, at a Labour Party demonstration in Birmingham and at the Oxford University Club later that month; a Midlands Labour demonstration in Tapton Park, Chesterfield, in August; the opening of Hanwell Labour club’s premises in October 1926; addresses by both of them to large numbers of meetings organised by local branches of the Labour party in the last few months of 1926.
There is an announcement of the retirement of J. E. Davison on 22 November 1926. The album contains very little material relating to Oswald's by-election campaign during December 1926, but the cuttings do include reports relating to his victory at Smethwick in December 1926 and taking his seat in February 1927. Cuttings also report Oswald Mosley attacking the Government's policy of sending troops to China and addressing a 'Hands off China' rally on the subject in Trafalgar Square.

There is also coverage of Ramsay Macdonald's speech at an event in Kings Norton, Birmingham and Neville Chamberlain's decision to leave the Ladywood Division at the next election, where he narrowly defeated Mosley, and instead to accept an invitation to stand for the neighbouring Edgbaston Division in July 1926; Labour Party Conference in Margate, October 1926, which included reports on the debate on the coal mining crisis.

The cuttings include items written by Oswald Mosley, including an article in 'The New Leader', 12 November 1926, entitled 'The Government Defies the Constitution. Demand a General Election!' and several letters to the press.

**Arrangement:** The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological sequence. In this particular volume the index pages at the front have not been used.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Some cuttings which have become detached from their original place in the volume have been placed in a folder at the front of the volume.

OMD/10/1/2 Album of press cuttings 1930

Album containing cuttings covering the period 10 March-31 May 1930.

The contents relate to the political activities of Oswald Mosley and of Lady Cynthia Mosley.
They provide detailed coverage of the political situation during this three month period and the role of Oswald Mosley and other political figures, notably J. H. Thomas, George Lansbury and Tom Johnston. The principal issues covered include the Mosley memorandum, the growing unemployment crisis and the policies of the government and differences of opinion on how to address the issue, the rejection of the Mosley memorandum and the resignation of Mosley from the Government on 21 May. Other political issues covered include the governor generalship of Australia, Coal Mines Bill, pensions at sixty and Consumers' Council Bill. There are also a number of cuttings relating to Oswald Mosley opening an exhibition of foreign merchandise in Lewis's store in Manchester.

Coverage of Cynthia Mosley's activities include a speech at Nottingham where she is pictured with the candidate for Central Nottingham; an article she wrote published in the 'Daily Herald', 1 April 1930, entitled 'Give wives a better chance'; a report on a speech about why she joined the Labour Party, 27 March 1930, in 'Welwyn Times'; her support of the candidate in the Bosworth Division; participation in a pageant as 'Goddess of Plenty' in connection with Josiah Wedgewood celebrations; her attendance at the showing of the Russian film of the revolution 'The End of St Petersburg' and at the May Day rally in Alexandra Palace.

**Arrangement:** The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological sequence. The index pages at the front of the volume have been used for additional cuttings pasted in, which are out of chronological sequence, 24 March-27 May 1930

1 volume

**Access:** Open

**Physical description:** Some cuttings which have become detached from their original place in the volume have been placed in a folder at the front of the volume. The majority of the cuttings on the last few pages of the volume
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

have become detached and these pages are largely blank.

OMD/10/1/3 Album of press cuttings no 30

1932-1933

Album numbered ‘30’ containing cuttings covering the period 18 April 1932-4 March 1933.

The earliest cuttings include some reports on the activities of the New Party, but the majority relate to the emergence and formation of the new movement out of the New Party during the summer of 1932, prior to its formal launch on 1 October as the British Union of Fascists (BUF). During this period, there are reports about the move towards fascism, about the anti-Semitism of the movement and about disorder, for example, at Croydon Town Hall in August, between communists and members of Oswald Mosley’s party. There is substantial coverage of the launch and appeal of the BUF and the accompanying publication of Mosley’s book ‘The Greater Britain’ as a formal statement of its policy and philosophy.

There is extensive coverage of meetings and rallies of the BUF including the first public meeting of the BUF in Trafalgar Square in October 1932. Subsequent meetings and marches include ones in Stoke on Trent and in the Memorial Hall in London also in October; in Battersea Town Hall in December and in February and in Crouch End in January. Many of the reports refer to disturbances at these events. There are also reports of the establishment of branches of the BUF around the country.

The album contains coverage of many other public and private events where Oswald Mosley was invited to speak. These include his address to the Manchester branch of the Incorporated Sales Managers where he spoke about the revival of the cotton trade in October 1932; the public debate between Mosley and James Maxton on ‘Fascism versus Socialism’ at Cambridge University debate where he
defended fascism, both in February 1933; as a guest of London District of the Institute of Journalists in November 1932 and at Manchester Publicity Association in December 1932. Comment about Mosley made by others, as reported in the press, is also included, most notably by George Bernard Shaw when speaking to the Fabian Society.

The album includes a number of more general articles relating to the political situation in Britain and in Germany, the emergence of Mussolini and the rise of fascism.

The Mosleys were the subject of many gossip columnists and there are numerous cuttings about their personal and social activities. Personal content includes cuttings relating to the birth of their second child in April 1932, Oswald Mosley's involvement and participation in the sport of fencing during 1932 and a new year fancy dress party given by Cynthia Mosley and her sisters. There are a few reports concerning the legal case in which Mosley was involved during 1932 claiming damages against Olympia Kinematograph Laboratories Ltd for editing a film he had made on the subject of fascism.

**Arrangement:** The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological sequence beginning with the outside covers and then the index pages.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/10/1/4 Album of press cuttings no 31 1933

Album numbered '31' containing cuttings covering the period 6 March-2 June 1933.

The contents includes coverage of clashes at a BUF meeting Free Trade Hall, Manchester and an incident at a meeting on Hampstead Heath, both in March 1933; Oswald Mosley's radio debate with Miss Megan Lloyd George in March on the subject of fascism; his address to the inaugural meeting of the Oxford University
Fascist Association, May 1933; Oswald Mosley's visit to Italy in April for talks with Mussolini; the visit of Dr Rosenberg, Hitler's adviser on foreign policy, in early May; Oswald Mosley's address to the Battersea Traders Association on Private Enterprise under Fascism, 12 May; and coverage of the National Conference of Labour Women at end of May. There are also more general items concerning other fascist organisations in Britain, anti-Semitism, the rise of dictatorships in Europe, the threats posed by and criticism of fascism. There are also reports relating to Oswald Mosley's continuing interest in the sport of fencing.

The majority of the cuttings for May 1933 relate to the press coverage of the illness, death of and memorial service for Lady Cynthia Mosley together with obituaries and political and personal appreciations of her life. There are two extra loose pages of mounted cuttings relating to her death. Other family material includes cuttings relating to the announcement of the marriage of Lady Ravensdale to Miles Graham in May and the opening of the City of Prayer, Addington Park House, West Malling, Kent by Oswald Mosley's grandmother, Elizabeth, Lady Mosley.

Arrangement: The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological sequence beginning with the index pages.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Some cuttings which have become detached from their original place in the volume have been placed in a folder at the front of the volume.

OMD/10/1/5 Album of press cuttings no 32 1933

Album numbered '32' containing cuttings covering the period 2 June-4 November 1933.

This album contains coverage of a range of meetings addressed by Oswald Mosley and of BUF marches and rallies, many of which
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

attracted disorder and violence. These include reports of a march through the West End of London on 16 July with photographs of Mosley inspecting women fascists and with his mother at a BUF meeting; reports of a BUF contingent travelling from London to attend a meeting at Belle Vue in Manchester and of an open air meeting at Bolton in October; a meeting at Oxford Town Hall in November; reports of addresses to farmers at meetings in Ashford, Hitchin and Tonbridge where Oswald Mosley spoke about his agricultural policies. There is also coverage of his failure to turn up at Manchester University to address the Ethical Society. Other items relating to the BUF include the formation of new branches such as Wolverhampton in August, and the opening of the new BUF headquarters in Kings Road, Chelsea.

There are numerous cuttings about threats of fascism and dictatorships and, to a lesser extent, about communism; articles on the political situation in Europe and Russia. There are, for example, a number of reviews of 'The Menace of Fascism' by John Strachey and articles in the 'Sunday Chronicle' on 23 July by both Strachey and Mosley under the title 'Fascism. The creed that broke a great political friendship'; and reports of H. G. Wells's published attack on Hitler in September. Other events covered include a visit of Italian fascists in August and the Trades Union Congress in early September which adopted a report to campaign against fascism.

More personal materials include cuttings relating to burial of Lady Cynthia Mosley and the design of a tomb by Sir Edwin Lutyens; the depiction of a bust of Oswald Mosley by Hungarian sculptor, Sigismund de Strobl; and the death of Oswald Mosley's uncle, Ernald Mosley.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Extra leaves have been inserted between pages 38 and 39, pages 58
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and 59 and pages 62 and 63. Part of page 63 has been cut out.

OMD/10/1/6  Album of press cuttings no 34  1933-1934

Album numbered ‘34’ containing cuttings covering the period 2 December 1933-27 January 1934.

This album contains cuttings which highlight the growth of the Blackshirt movement, efforts to recruit new members, its aims, policies and activities. There is coverage of numerous meetings around the country which, during this period, included the major rally at Bingley Hall, Birmingham. There are a number of articles in the ‘Daily Mail’ and elsewhere by Viscount Rothermere written in support of the movement and there is also an article in the ‘Sunday Dispatch’, 21 January, by Oswald Mosley on ‘why we wear the black shirt’. Other cuttings report the ordering of armoured vans by BUF for carrying men; Oswald Mosley’s libel action against the Daily News Ltd; and Oswald Mosley acting as best man at wedding of Chief of Staff of the BUF, Ian Dundas.

The cuttings also include coverage of domestic politics and speeches made by Sir Stafford Cripps.

1 volume

Access: Open

OMD/10/1/7  Album of press cuttings no 35  1933-1934

Album numbered ‘35’ containing cuttings covering the period 9 November 1933-20 February 1934. The two earliest cuttings are dated 9 November and 26 December 1933 and are pasted on the inside cover page; the main sequence of cuttings begin on 26 January 1934 and are a continuation of the cuttings in the previous volume OMD/10/1/6.

The album contains cuttings which highlight the continuing growth of the Blackshirt movement, the efforts to recruit new members, its aims and policies and reports of its activities. The contents contain comment on the National
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Government including coverage of Stanley Baldwin's speech at Preston on 14 February 1934; a manifesto on 'liberty and democratic leadership' signed by persons prominent in the church; politics; universities; art and science; fascism and Nazism; anti-Semitism; support for Mosley by Lord Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook in the 'Daily Express', 'Evening Standard' and 'Sunday Express' and their attacks on the Co-operative Movement; the support of the BUF in the tithe actions taken by farmers, focusing particularly on events at a farm at Wortham, Suffolk where Blackshirts were arrested; attacks on the fascists by Lord Allen; Liberal party policy; a visit of two Nazi storm troopers in uniform; the relationship between British Fascists and the British Union of Fascists; the issue of political uniforms; European politics including an article by Harold Laski in 'New Clarion' on 'Turmoil in France', 17 February 1933; Oswald Mosley's libel action against Daily News Ltd.

There are a number of cuttings of pieces written by Mosley and published in the press including the following: 'What we stand for' in 'Daily Mail', 29 January; 'Blackshirts mean peace' in 'Sunday Dispatch', 4 February; 'The Blackshirts are advancing and the people of Britain are with us' in 'Sunday Dispatch', 11 February; 'The Blackshirts and the small man' in 'Daily Mail', 15 February and 'Our policy - Britain First' in 'The Saturday Review', 10 February.

Arrangement: The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological sequence beginning with the outside covers and then the index pages

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Extra leaves have been inserted between the front cover and the beginning of the index pages and between subsequent index pages. Pages 34-35 are blank and the leaf numbered pp 7-8 has become detached from the binding
Album numbered ‘36’ containing cuttings covering the period 20 February-3 March 1934.

This album contains cuttings about the Blackshirts and their disputes with the Greenshirts and comment on the many other coloured ‘uniforms’ springing up, with three cartoons on the subject: one in the 'Birmingham Mail', 21 February, one in the 'Daily Express', 23 February captioned 'Bull Baiting', and one from 'Punch', 28 February. The album includes articles and comments about the Suffolk tithe disputes when 18 Blackshirts were sent for trial at the Old Bailey and, from 24 February, numerous reports on the case of three BUF members arrested for grievous bodily harm of another member, by dosing him with half a pint of castor oil at the party headquarters in Chelsea. There are many articles on fascism in general and one about William Joyce titled 'What the Blackshirts are doing' from the 'Sunday Dispatch', 25 February.

Cuttings of authored articles include one by Aldous Huxley entitled 'Notes on the Way' and another by Norman Angel entitled 'Which way will the guns shoot?' from 'Time and Tide', 3 March.

Arrangement: The cuttings are mounted in chronological order throughout the whole album.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: There is one loose cutting at page 69.

Album numbered ‘37’ containing cuttings covering the period 4 March-5 May 1934.

The cuttings include various reports dated 4 and 5 March covering Sir Herbert Samuel's
speech in Newcastle in which he condemned dictatorships and attacked the plans of both Oswald Mosley and Stafford Cripps and a cartoon by Middleton on the subject, published in the 'Sheffield Independent', 6 March. The album also contains a cutting of an article by Mosley titled 'A Creed of Action' published in the 'Sunderland Echo' on 7 March and a reply which appeared the following day by Robert Bernays MP. There are further reports on the 'castor oil' case, 10-12 March (as referred to in OMD/10/1/8), the case being dropped without charges being made; and reports of a meeting in Brighton which was interrupted by a man shouting 'castor oil'. Other cuttings include reports of the incident in which fascists ambushed the Bishop of Malmesbury and Sir Stafford Cripps in Bristol on 10 March; various articles about Sir Oswald Mosley, including one by A. J. Cummings from 'The News Chronicle', 10 March, another by D. Brent, with photograph, in 'Pearson Weekly', 17 March and others both by and about him, 22-27 March, some with photographs. There is also further coverage of the Suffolk Tithe dispute with 19 BUF members on trial at the Old Bailey and which Sir Oswald attended on 26 March.

Many of the cuttings from late March and through April report on Oswald Mosley's tour of the UK speaking at many venues, which began in Gloucester on 27 March and then to Bristol the next day where a rowdy meeting was reported. This tour climaxed at the Albert Hall on 22 April where Oswald Mosley addressed over 10,000 and there are many reports of this, including one in the 'Sunday Chronicle' by Robert Bernays MP titled 'If Britain has a Dictator'. At the end of the month, Oswald Mosley also visited Yorkshire and there are cuttings of reports of meetings at Hull, Leeds, York and Doncaster from many local and national papers. There are two 'May Day' cartoons - published in the 'Evening Standard', 1 May and in the 'Daily Mail', 3 May.

There are numerous cuttings from late March which cover the opening of a Day Nursery in Lambeth as a memorial to Lady Cynthia Mosley and, on the last page a cutting from the
'Birmingham Gazette' about Mosley's mother entitled 'Sir Oswald, once my little son'.

**Arrangement:** The cuttings are arranged in, more or less, chronological sequence throughout the album.

1 volume

Access: Open

Album numbered '38' follows on from (and partly overlaps) the previous one volume (OMD/10/1/9) and covers the period May-July 1934.

The earlier cuttings relate mainly to reports of, and comments on, speeches made by Oswald Mosley around the country covering topics such as shipping, farming, the Jews (especially Disraeli) and including attacks on the Conservatives and on Co-ops. After a meeting at Olympia on 7 June 1934, when violence broke out, there are numerous cuttings about this which Oswald Mosley is still referring to at a meeting in Shrewsbury on 16 June 1934. Later in the month there are reports of an uproar at a meeting in Sheffield where there is an anti-fascist demonstration. The last cutting in the album is about a peaceful meeting at Newcastle on 30 July 1934.

Longer articles include one by Lord Rothermere in the 'Daily Mail', 2 May, entitled 'Dictatorship Nonsense' and later, from 20 July there are reports and a cartoon on how Rothermere had withdrawn his support of Oswald Mosley. There is an article on 27 May in the 'Sunday Dispatch' by Mosley entitled 'More Freedom in Private Life' and there is a large photograph of him in 'The Tatler' of 30 May.

The album includes a whole issue of 'The New Nation' for July 1934 (volume II, number 7) mounted between pages 82 and 83 and, on page 83, the Foreign Affairs Supplement to 'Time and Tide', 7 July 1934 with an article entitled 'Europe and Hitler's Holocaust' by
Norman Angell.

On more personal matters there are reports, with photographs, of Lady Cynthia's tomb at Denham, 15 and 19 May and a picture of Maud, Lady Mosley (Oswald Mosley's mother) from the 'Yorkshire Eastern Press' on 13 June and of his grandfather in the 'Burton Observer', 7 June.

**Arrangement:** The cuttings are largely mounted in chronological order starting with the index pages.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Some cuttings appear to have been removed from pages 17, 32 and 65 (which also has part of the page cut out and a loose cutting). There are also 'missing' cuttings on pages 71, 90, 102 and 103.

OMD/10/1/11  Album of press cuttings no 39  1934-1936

Album numbered '39' follows on from, and partly overlaps, the previous (OMD/1/1/10) and covers the period up to 1 August 1936.

The contents relate mainly to the political activities of Oswald Mosley with reports and comment on speeches he made all over the country during this period. On 9 September 1934 there was a large meeting in Hyde Park when 18 were arrested. This is well reported and there is a picture of the meeting from 'The Illustrated London News' on 15 September. Another riotous meeting at Worthing on 9 October resulted in Oswald Mosley being summoned to court. There are many reports on this, and a similar case in Plymouth, until after the trial at Lewes on 19 December when he was acquitted. While on bail he attended a dinner at Oxford which is reported in the 'Oxford Mail' on 21 November 1934.

For 1935, the cuttings include articles by Oswald Mosley entitled 'Why I want Friendship with Germany' ('Sunday Dispatch', 13 January) and 'These Things need doing Now' ('Daily Mirror', 11 March). He also addressed meetings
trying to explain 'Why we need Fascism' which are well-reported.

There are fewer cuttings for the rest of 1935, most are for reports of meetings around the country including one that had to be abandoned in Newcastle on 27 May. At a dinner in Oxford on 29 October, Mosley predicts that Fascism would triumph in Britain by 1938. There are no cuttings at all for December 1935 or January 1936, but in February 1936 there are many reports of a slander action in which Sir Oswald was the plaintiff and Mr John Marchbank, the General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, was the defendant. This lasted until 8 February when he was awarded 'one farthing damages without costs'. On 9 March there are reports of heckling at a Nottingham rally and on 23 March there are many reports of similar disturbances at the Albert Hall rally. This trend continued with disturbances in Manchester and Hull reported during the summer months of 1936, with the last cutting describing turmoil at a meeting in Pontypridd from the [Cardiff] Western Mail on 1 August.

There are reports of Lady [Maud] Mosley having visited the Southport Fascist Headquarters on 22 November 1934 and attending a Blackshirts dance in Finchley on 15 March 1935. She also gave a speech praising her son at Wood Green which is reported on 21 March. From the 'News Review' of 30 July 1936, there is a picture of Nicholas Mosley [Mosley's son] at school and finally, on 1 August 1936, reports of Sir Oswald having had an operation for appendicitis.

**Arrangement:** Cuttings are largely in chronological order starting with index pages, but there are some slightly later cuttings mounted on the front cover pages.

1 volume

**Access:** Open

**Physical description:** Some cuttings are missing from pages 26, 39, 42, 51, 54, 58, 69 and 70 and there are some stapled in on page 94. Some loose cuttings are in a folder (which also contains cuttings from 1932). The spine
The first cuttings in the album relate to a violent meeting in Leeds on 27 September 1936 when stones were thrown, one hitting Oswald Mosley and then a quiet meeting on 1 October in Sheffield. Subsequent reports relate to Fascist-Labour clashes in both London and Paris, many articles calling on such meetings to be banned; although some meetings were banned, others carried on with varying degrees of disturbance. During October 1936, Oswald Mosley paid a flying visit to Germany (reported in 'Sunday Express' 11 October 1936). For November 1936, cuttings include reports of uniforms and meetings being banned at various places and on 10 November there is a report that the Home Secretary's 'Public Order Bill' proposes to limit the wearing of political uniforms (second reading of Bill on 17 November). On 24 November 1936, Mosley urges the return of former German colonies and reports of a meeting at Northampton where he urges 'Be Friends with Germany'. On 9 December, there is an article about his support for Edward VIII saying, 'King must not be hustled off the throne'. 'Portrait of a Leader' by A. K. Chesterton is reviewed on 18 December 1936 in the 'Northern Dispatch' as 'Oswald Mosley: Evolution of a Fascist leader'. On the same page is an article from the 'Western Morning News' on 30 December about the claim of the Mosley family to be related to the Royal family.

Cuttings for the first half of 1937 include reports on various meetings - the 'Stockport Express' of 22 April reports Oswald Mosley's claim that Britain does not need foreign oil and his repetition of an earlier statement that he would like to see the Fascists win the war in Spain. On 13 August, there is an article in the 'Manchester Evening News': 'Personal View' by Oswald Mosley. In October, there are cuttings concerning wild scenes in London during a Fascist march in Bermondsey and from 11
October to 8 December, many reports on a hostile Fascist meeting in Liverpool when Sir Oswald was hit on the head by a stone and photographs of him, bandaged, leaving hospital on 16 October. Also during October 1937, there are reports of Lord Camrose's libel action against the Fascist paper 'Action'.

There are fewer cuttings in the album for 1938, mostly reports of British Union meetings. From 'The North London Recorder' of 21 October, there is a whole page report entitled 'Mosley would clear Jews out of North London'. On 17 November 1938, there are reports of the death of Oswald Mosley's grandmother, the Dowager Lady Elizabeth Mosley, and on 23 November in Paris 'Soir' reports that Sir Oswald has secretly married Diana Mitford. Earlier personal reports include a picture of Oswald Mosley with his son and daughter on 31 October 1936 and reports of his being a godfather at Cynthia Dotchin's christening at Poole on 4 December. In 1937 he was chosen as part of the British Fencing team (Epee) at the World Championships in Paris ('The Observer' 4 July) and there is a picture of him on 25 July 1938 in the 'Sunday Pictorial'.

There are only a few cuttings for early 1939, many of these in February reporting Oswald Mosley's call to return former German colonies. The last page contains an article for 'The Times' 24 March 1939 in which he claims that Britain had nothing to fight over in Eastern Europe.

**Arrangement:** Cuttings are in approximate chronological order starting at the index pages. There are 2 blank pages (98 and 99) near the end.

1 volume

**Access:** Open

**Physical description:** There are cuttings missing from index pages and page 15. Many papers have large folded cuttings, parts of which have been (or will become) detached. Loose cuttings are in a folder at the front of the volume.
Mosley's personal and political life

Files of loose press cuttings, numbered consecutively within each file. Many of these cuttings were supplied by press agencies, principally Durrants. These files may contain some duplicates of cuttings contained in the Mosley Secretariat subject files (at OMD/7). Mosley wrote extensively to newspapers, often writing to respond to published references to him and the cuttings include a large number of these letters. There are also a few letters to the press from Jeffrey Hamm as secretary to Oswald Mosley and to the Union Movement/Action Party. The cuttings are taken from a variety of national, local and international newspapers and magazines.

10 files, 1 item

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/1 1921-1939

Loose press cuttings

Cuttings, numbered 1-33, relating to Oswald Mosley and also to his wives, Cynthia and Diana. They include cuttings of material written by Oswald Mosley. Some are photocopies or photostat copies of originals.

They include correspondence in the 'Times' (all photostat copies), about socialism and the banks, including Mosley's letter of 20 April 1925; various political cartoons, 1926-3; an extract from an article by Oswald Mosley in 'Socialist Review', September 1927; miscellaneous items relating to Lady Cynthia Mosley and to her political career; illustrations of a summer school of the New Party at Saveray Farm, Denham, Bucks [1931] and a few other cuttings relating to Oswald Mosley's political activities in 1931-32; items, including illustrations, relating to Mosley's personal fencing display at the Gargoyle Club, 1932; cuttings relating to his marriage to Diana and the birth of Alexander in 1938; and photocopies of cuttings from London newspapers, dated February 1939, reporting on the breakup of a Liberal meeting in Bethnal Green by fascists. The file includes pages from 'The Blackshirt', 16 November 1934, featuring Oswald Mosley's
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statements on Fascist policy.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/2 Loose press cuttings 1940-1945

Cuttings, numbered 1-6, relating to Oswald Mosley. These include a cutting relating to the arrest of Mosley in 1940; a copy of the 'Evening Standard' for 1 December 1943 and a copy of the 'Times' for 2 December 1943, which contain articles relating to the subject of Mosley’s release from prison, including debate in the House of Commons.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/3 Loose press cuttings 1957-1966

Cuttings, numbered 1-27, relating to Oswald Mosley and to the activities of his Union Movement and its officers. Also to political activities of Colin Jordan and John Tyndall of the British National Socialist Movement in 1962 and comparisons with Oswald Mosley. They include cuttings of material written by Mosley. Some cuttings are photocopies of originals.

Cuttings include a page from the ‘Kensington News’, 11 October 1957 which include reports on a meeting at Kensington Town Hall to which Mosley spoke; a report in 'Sennet' about an invitation of the Council of LSE to address the Union, 14 January 1958; and photocopies of articles relating to Robin Day’s telephone interview with Mosley including publication of it in the ‘News Chronicle’, May 1959; a photocopy of a letter from Mosley to 'The Observer', 31 May 1959; copies of articles relating to the summons brought by Jeffrey Hamm against two men he alleged caused a disturbance at a public meeting, November 1962; Jeffrey Hamm's address to students at St David's College, Lampeter, February 1963; an item in 'Forecast', a magazine of the University College of North Wales about Mosley's policy in Europe, January 1965; and a report in 'The Observer
Weekend', with illustration, about Mosley in the context of Robert Skidelsky undertaking his biography, July 1965. The file includes two pages from issues of 'Action' featuring an 'Analysis' article by Oswald Mosley, 28 June 1963, and an article 'Their World and Ours' by Jeffrey Hamm, undated [1960s].

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/4 Loose press cuttings 1967-1970

Cuttings, numbered 1-110, relating to Oswald Mosley. Some cuttings are photocopies of originals. They include cuttings of letters written by Mosley.

These include cuttings relating to the writing, publication and reviews of Mosley's autobiography 'My Life', 1967-70, some of which include annotations in Mosley's hand, and letters in the press following publication of the book and the reviews of it and articles about him; an illustration and short article about Ancoatts Old Hall, formerly owned by the Mosleys, 1967; the career of Max Mosley as a racing driver, 1968; reports on Oswald Mosley's criticism of Enoch Powell's speech on immigration, 1968; Oswald Mosley and the BBC; interview of Mosley by James Mossman for 'Panorama' following the publication of his autobiography; Desmond Stewart libel case reports in which he sued Beaverbrook Newspapers for imputing that he was a Fascist and supporter of ideas of Mosley, October 1968; photocopy of an article reporting an interview with Oswald Mosley published in 'The News', 11 December 1968 in advance of a visit to Australia and other articles relating to his visit; copies of articles in 'Jewish Chronicle' in January and February 1969 relating to his appearance on a programme of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and a review of his television appearance 'Face the Press' and a letter from Mosley to the publication; correspondence in the press on freedom of speech including letters from Oswald Mosley to the 'Daily Telegraph' 22 February and 5 May
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1969; cuttings about the BBC 2 programme 'The Battle of Cable Street', televised January 1970; an article from the 'Burton Observer and Chronicle' for January 1970 about the diary of Sir Oswald Mosley, 4th Baronet (1785-1871) and Rolleston Hall; a letter in 'New Statesman', 11 December 1970; letters in the Spectator 8 & 15 November 1968.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/5 Loose press cuttings 1971-1972

Cuttings, numbered 1-40, relating to Oswald Mosley. Some cuttings are photocopies of originals. They include cuttings of letters and book reviews written by Oswald Mosley. The file includes:

Reviews of 'The Blue Shirts' by Maurice Manning, including one written by Mosley and published in 'Hibernia', 14 May 1971; review by Mosley published in Books and Bookmen, June 1971 of Alistair Hamilton's 'The Appeal of Fascism'; an article 'Remembrance of Things Past' in New York Times, 19 January 1972; a review article of 'If Britain had fallen' by Norman Longmate in the 'Listener' 21 September 1972; items about the profile of Mosley in ATV's series 'A Kind of Exile', broadcast July 1971; a lengthy article in 'Headlines', November 1971 entitled 'Britain's Bloody Sunday' about the march of Blackshirts through London on 4 October 1936 and a letter from Jeffrey Hamm in February 1972; an item in the 'International Herald Tribune' about Mosley, 7 January 1972 in advance of his tour to promote his autobiography; items in the 'Evening Standard', 2 June 1972, concerning the Duke of Windsor; an article about an interview of Mosley by David Taylor in 'Punch', 22 November 1922; correspondence in 'The Listener' following an article by Oswald Mosley, October-December 1972.

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and prices'; 'The Listener', 19 October and 30 November 1972 titled 'Mosley's claims'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/6 Loose press cuttings 1973-1974

Cuttings, numbered 1-97. These include:

Offprints of various book reviews including the biography of 'John Strachey', May 1973; articles relating to the activities of the Monday Club; an interview by Penny Hart published in the 'Sunday Express', 29 July 1973 and also in Australian newspaper 'Daily News', 11 September 1973; references to Oswald Mosley in the context of the general election and his economic policies; a report of his repeat marriage to his second wife, Diana, 5 March 1973; an interview published in the 'Huddersfield Daily Examiner'; articles and letters about freedom of speech and the banning of demonstrations.

The cuttings also include letters from Oswald Mosley in the following newspapers and magazines:


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gone'.

'The Economist', 16 March 1974, 'Enoch Powell'.

'New Statesman', 16 August 1974, 'Mosley and the Constabulary'.

'City Press', 8 August 1974, 'A government drawn from the whole nation'.

'Scottish Press', 25 August 1974, 'My proposals'.

'Daily Express', 13 September 1974, 'Why our marches were banned'.

'Evening News', 26 September 1974, 'Ballot'.

'Jewish Chronicle', 4 October 1974, 'Censorship'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/7 Loose press cuttings 1975

Cuttings and offprints, numbered 1-140, of various articles, letters and book reviews in chronological order. Those for the first part of the year relate mainly to Robert Skidelsky's biography of Oswald Mosley, which was published in April and was commented upon widely both before and after publication.

The file also includes articles about Oswald Mosley including 'Dinner with the Astor' in 'The Sunday Times' on 22 June; an article 'Sir Oswald Mosley et la derniere guerre' in 'Europe Magazine', July 1975 Number 62 (in French); an article by Lord Boothby in 'The Sun' on 16 July and an interview by Des Morris in the 'Sunday Independent' on 20 July.

From August 1975, there are many reviews of a TV production about Sir Oswald on 5 August 'The Fall of Lucifer' by Thames Television, including a copy of the 'TV Times' for the week 2-8 August. There is also, in the ' Examiner' of 4 August, an article about Mosley after an
interview by Steve Wooley. In the Eastern Daily Press' of 27 October there is a review, by Sir Oswald, of 'The Past Masters' by Harold Macmillan entitled 'A personal view of Macmillan's gallery of political masters'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/8  Loose press cuttings  1976

Cuttings, numbered 1-29, relating to Sir Oswald Mosley from a variety of sources, including letters by him and a book review by his wife on the memoirs of Prince Clary published in March.

The cuttings include letters from Oswald Mosley in 'The Manchester Guardian', 13 February; 'Encounter', March 1976; 'The Times', 24 May, 1 July and 3 August; 'The Sunday Times', 20 June. Also in the file is an article by Steve Wooley about Sir Oswald's biographer, Robert Skidelsky, entitled 'Can we afford democracy?' in the 'Huddersfield Examiner' on 2 April and another by Alastair McQueen about the National Front 'I see the hate machines at work' in the 'Daily Mirror' on 14 July. The file also contains a TV review by Clive Jones on 21 November about the confrontation on the 'Tonight' programme between Sir Oswald Mosley and David Pryce-Jones entitled 'Sir Oswald's whoppers'.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/9  Loose press cuttings  1977

Cuttings, numbered 1-72, from various sources of articles, letters and reviews relating to Sir Oswald Mosley. There are also cuttings relating to the National Front. The cuttings include letters from Mosley published in: 'Spectator' 19 March and 23 April, 'Sunday Telegraph' 8 May and 'The Guardian' 24 August, 30 November, 3, 8 and 14 December. The file includes various articles from September and October, mainly from Scottish newspapers, about Sir Oswald
standing as Rector for Glasgow University where he was defeated by a student.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/10 Loose press cuttings 1978-1981

Cuttings and offprints of various articles, letters and reviews relating to Sir Oswald's last few years, numbered 1-82.

The first article, published on 1 January 1978 in the 'Sunday Telegraph Magazine', is by Robert Innes-Smith entitled 'Opinion - Patriot or Traitor?'. This is followed by various articles by or about Jeffrey Hamm, Secretary of the Union Movement founded by Mosley in 1948 and a letter from Nicholas Mosley in the 'New Statesman', 27 January 1978.

For 1979, the file includes articles by Fritz Spiegel in the 'Liverpool Daily Post' on 10 March and a long account of an interview with Mosley by Paul Valley in 'The Star' on 1 May.

For 1980, the file includes articles about John Tyndall's resignation as chairman of the National Front and two articles by Sir Oswald, 'Union of Mind and Will - the Main Need' in 'Bootleg', magazine of Eton College on 4 June, and 'A New Solution' in a series called 'Politics of Disaster'.

The file includes obituaries and articles about Oswald Mosley's death, aged 84.


1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/2/11 Loose press cutting [1990s]
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Single copy press cutting of an article 'Fascism's new vogue' by William Rees-Mogg from 'The Times', which includes references to Oswald Mosley.

1 item

Access: Open

OMD/10/3 Loose press cuttings on political topics 1940s-1978

Cuttings are in chronological order and numbered consecutively within files. Many cuttings have been annotated by Oswald Mosley.

4 files

Access: Open

OMD/10/3/1 Loose press cuttings 1940s-1950s

Cuttings, numbered 1-22, principally from British newspapers and magazines. The file includes various cuttings and pages of newspapers from September-December 1945 reporting on topics relating to the aftermath of World War II including trials of war criminals, the flow of German refugees and a speech by Lord Halifax on British war aims; a review of the future of British Industry by Oliver Lyttelton MP, 19 September 1945, 'The Sunday Times'; an article from 'The Daily Mail', 3 September 1954, on the possible formation of a South-East Asia Defence Organisation; cuttings relating to economic policy, European free trade and Russian policy; published translations of articles from 'Dagbreek en Sondagnuus' concerning race relations in Africa 7 September 1958 and 11 January 1959.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/3/2 Loose press cuttings 1962-1969

Cuttings, numbered 1-44, principally from British newspapers and magazines, but including one article from 'New Statesman' and two articles in French from French publications. The file
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includes a full copy of 'The Sunday Times' colour supplement, 26 August 1962, titled 'John Bull on the Brink' including articles marked by Oswald Mosley on Europe and the Common Market. Many other cuttings in the file relate to economic policy in relation to Europe and the British economy and industrial performance, including Enoch Powell's views on the economy.

The file also includes a press cutting and a copy of Hansard report from 21 April 1966 relating to BBC policy on programmes with political subjects; a cutting titled 'The Danger of Sparkbrook' from 'The Times', 16 February 1967, relating to immigration and a study of race relations in Sparkbrook, Birmingham; a cutting from the 'International Herald Tribune', 13 July 1967, relating to denial of an American pledge never to invade Cuba; an article by Cecil H. King from the 'Daily Mirror', 13 July 1967, on the economy, heavily marked by Mosley and a press report of Cecil King's involvement in soundings for a coalition government, from 'The Guardian', 20 February 1968.

1 file

Access: Open

OMD/10/3/3

Loose press cuttings

Cuttings, numbered 1-97, principally from British and European newspapers, journals and magazines. Many cuttings concern economic policy, including the EEC, inflation, exchange rates and unemployment in the UK, Prime Minister Edward Heath's economic policies and striking workers. There are also cuttings on other topics, including student unrest in French and British universities, immigration and race relations, welfare and the policies of Herr Willy Brandt, German Chancellor and Chinese Prime Minister Chou EnLai, Chairman Mao and the National People's Congress in China. The file also includes an article by Eldon Griffiths MP on the state of the British police force, 14 January 1970. Also a review of Charles De Gaulle's
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'Memoirs of Hope' from the 'Sunday Telegraph', October 1970.

The file includes some articles and cuttings in French.

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OMD/10/3/4  Loose press cuttings  1971-1978

Cuttings, numbered 1-34, principally from British and European newspapers, journals and magazines. The majority of cuttings concern economic policy, including the EEC, inflation, the economic policies of Edward Heath and Sir Alec Douglas, and the views of Enoch Powell. There is also a cutting titled 'Origins of a multiracial Britain' by David Wood and a review from the 'Sunday Times' of David Marquand's biography of Labour Prime Minister, Ramsey MacDonald.

The file includes some articles and cuttings in French.

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OMD/10/4  Loose press cuttings from non-UK newspapers  1962-1974

Foreign language press cuttings filed in chronological order.

2 files

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OMD/10/4/1  Loose press cuttings from German publications  1962-1963

Cuttings (41), all in German from German newspapers and magazines. The majority of cuttings appear to have been sent to Oswald Mosley by German press agencies and many refer to him by name. Some are annotated in Mosley's handwriting and some annotations relate to statements that are inaccurate or deemed libellous, which Mosley intends to
challenge.

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OMD/10/4/2 Loose press cuttings from foreign publications 1962 - 1974

Cuttings numbered 1-15, mostly from German and French publications. Some cuttings refer to Oswald Mosley by name and the cuttings include a book review of Mosley's autobiography 'My Life' (German edition), articles relating to Hitler and an article in French on the creation of Europe. Some articles have sections marked in Mosley's hand.

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OMD/10/5 Loose press cuttings organised by person, principally relating to members of the Mitford family 1976-1982

Press cuttings are numbered consecutively in chronological order in each file.

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OMD/10/5/1 Press cuttings of reviews of 'The Rules of the Game' by Nicholas Mosley 1982

Photocopies of reviews of Nicholas Mosley's book, which described his parents, Oswald and Cynthia's marriage and his childhood. Reviews are numbered 1-8:


4/ 'The man not born to rule' by Rebecca West,
10 October 1982.

5/ "Vote Labour! Sleep Tory!' was Mosley's formula' by David Pryce-Jones, 'The Listener', 14 October 1982.


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Press cuttings of reviews of 'A Life of Contrasts' by Diana Mosley

Reviews of Diana Mosley's [Diana Mitford's] autobiography. Cuttings are numbered 1-70 and include reviews appearing in British national and local newspapers in 1977-1978. The file also includes an undated review of Diana Mosley's biography of the Duchess of Windsor [1980].

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Press cuttings relating to Jessica Mitford

Cuttings numbered 1-14 covering 12 April 1977 - 26 July 1981. Cuttings from April-September 1977 relate to the publication of 'A Fine Old Conflict', part two of Jessica's autobiography. There are also cuttings about a 'Lively Arts' television programme about Jessica Mitford 'The Honourable Rebel', shown on BBC 2 on 24 May 1977. The file contains an article about her life from 'The Sunday Telegraph Magazine', 12 April 1981 relating to a visit to the UK, and a report from 'The Sunday Times' of her visit to see a musical 'The Mitford Girls' at Chichester, 26 July 1981. Cutting 14, undated, reports of Jessica acting as a witness for the Federal

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OMD/10/5/4 Press cuttings relating to 'Unity Mitford: A Quest' by David Pryce-Jones


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OMD/10/5/5 Press cuttings relating to other members of the Mitford family

Cuttings numbered 1-8 concerning members of the Mitford and related families. These include an opinion piece 'Cowards of us all' by Jonathan Guinness [Diana Mosley's son] from 'The Sunday Telegraph', articles on Diana Mosley [Mitford] and her book on the Duchess of Windsor, articles on the Mitford sisters and a small undated cutting describing Marina and Patrick [Diana's grandchildren].

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OMD/10/6/1 'Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte' [From Politics and Contemporary History] 1962


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OMD/10/6/2 'La voix internationale de la Resistance' 1962

French monthly periodical. Issue dated October 1962. The publication includes references to Oswald Mosley, also references to 'Jeune Europe' and to Colin Jordan and his organisation.

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OMD/10/6/4 'Le Monde' 1963


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OMD/11 Publications and papers of other political organisations 1920s-1976

The publications in this series appear to have been collected by Oswald Mosley for reference
use in the course of his political activities.

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Access: Open

OMD/11/1 Papers relating to the British Fascists [1920s]

The British Fascists were founded in 1923 by Rotha Lintorn-Orman. Two undated documents:

1/ printed summary 'British Fascism. Summary of Policy and Practice'

2/ typescript 'British Fascist Manifesto'

2 items

Access: Open

OMD/11/2 Papers relating to the National Socialist League 1937-1939

The National Socialist League was founded in 1937 by William Joyce, John Beckett and Angus MacNab, former members of the British Union of Fascists. Two documents:

1/ typescript 'special notice to members' reporting the dissolution of the National Socialist League [1939].

2/ letter to William Joyce from Alex C. Scrimgeour, reporting that he can no longer support Sir Oswald Mosley, 29 January 1937, with envelope annotated by Mosley.

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OMD/11/3 Publicity leaflet for 'Nation Europa' 1953

In German. 'Nation Europa' was a monthly magazine founded in 1951.

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OMD/11/4 Typescript 'Policy of D. R. P.' [c 1960]
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Undated. This document is likely to relate to the Deutsche Rechtspartei, a German right-wing political party established after the Second World War, and date from the 1950s or 1960s.

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OMD/11/5 'Europaruf' 1957

In German. Newspaper dated 15 July 1957.

'Europaruf' was a publication supporting the concept of Europe as a nation, published by a partnership of Theodore Soucek, of the Austrian Social Organic Order Movement and Eric Vollenweider, of the Swiss Volkspartei [Source: 'German Nationalists and the European Union', Kurt P. Tauber, Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 74, No 4, December 1959].

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OMD/11/6 Papers of 'Jeune Europe' [1960s]

Jeune Europe 'Young Europe' took part in the Conference at Venice in 1962, alongside Oswald Mosley and the Union Movement. Initially founded in Belgium by Jean Thiriart, the organisation expanded to some other European countries including Spain.

Two foreign language publications:


2/ Circular Number 9 of 'Joven Europa', in Spanish. Undated [1960s].

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OMD/11/7 Papers of 'Patrie & Progres' [1962]

In French. Three journals of 'Patrie & Progres'
Papers of Sir Oswald Mosley, principally deposited by Lady Diana Mosley

[Homeland and Progress].

1/ Number 4, March 1962.

2/ Number 5, April 1962.

3/ Number 12, undated [1962]. This edition contains an article marked in red on Europe.

3 items

Access: Open

OMD/11/8 Typescript statement headed 'Die Bruderschaft' [mid-late 20th cent]
[The Brotherhood]

In German. The statement relates to a philosophy of a 'separate and independent Europe'. Undated.

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Access: Open

OMD/11/9 'Spearhead' Journal of the National Front 1976

Number 99, November 1976.

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