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Ref: **PE 21**

Title: **Economic League Collection**

Scope: *A collection of journals and leaflets mostly published by the Economic League between 1961 and 1963.*

Dates: 1961-1963

Level: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Name of creator: Unknown

Administrative / biographical history:

The collection came to the Library from the Lancashire Record Office, who had received it from an unknown source. It consists of issues of several journals published by the Economic League between 1961 and 1963, and of a selection of leaflets also produced by the League at the same time. They relate to matters such as the Common Market, the role of women in the workforce, and trade union activity.

The Economic League was a private employment vetting agency founded in 1919, with the published aim of “preserving the good health of British industry for all engaged in it.” It claimed to “fight all kinds of extremist activity seeking to undermine that good health” and to have “no connection, direct or indirect, with any political party or organisation.” Its leaflets were distributed to workers at factory gates. The League was known to have right-wing inclinations, but kept a low profile until 1985. At that point, internal disagreements and more overt activities made it a target for various left-wing pressure groups and trade unions. It lost many of its supporters, and was forced to disband in April 1993.

Notes partly compiled from the Directory of British Political Organisations 1994 by Paul Mercer (Harlow: Longman, 1994)

Related collections: None

Source: Lancashire Record Office

System of arrangement: By category, and chronologically

Subjects: Blacklisting, Labor – Great Britain

Names: Economic League (Great Britain)

Conditions of access: Academic researchers by appointment

Restrictions: None

Copyright: By document

Finding aids: Listed

Itemised List

PE 21/1 Journals

PE 21/1/1 Aims of Industry

Subtitled Political Commentary from the Editorial Department, and marked Confidential

1/1/i No. 32 (1961)

1/1/ii-iv No. 3 (1962) – No. 5 (1962)

1/1/v-vii No. 9 (1962) – No. 11 (1962)

1/1/viii-xxiv No. 2 (1963) – No. 18 (1963) Includes 2 copies of nos. 5-7

PE 21/1/2 Facts

Subtitled Personal to Supervisory Grades

1/2/i No. 181 (March 1962)

1/2/ii-v No. 191 (January 1963) – No. 194 (May 1963)

PE 21/1/3 New Future for Youth in Industry

1/3/i March 1962

1/3/ii-v January 1963 – May 1963

PE 21/1/4 Notes and Comments

1/4/i No. 716 (October 30, 1961)

1/4/ii-iv No. 722 (February 1962) – No. 724 (April 1962)

1/4/v-ix No. 733 (January 1963) – No. 737 (May 1963) Includes 2 copies of No. 734

PE 21/1/5 Points of View

1/5/i-ii No. 33 (January 26, 1962) – No. 34 (March 21, 1962)

1/5/iii-v No. 39 (January 25, 1963) – No. 41 (May 20, 1963)

PE 21/1/6 Spotlight on Subversion

Marked Confidential

1/6/i No. 91 (January 30, 1962)

1/6/ii-iv No. 100 (February 6, 1963) – No. 102 (May 15, 1963)

PE 21/2 Leaflets

Economic League Leaflets

PE 21/2/1	1961 Series: No. 28	Ships and Facts
PE 21/2/2	1962 Series: No. 3	The Gaps
PE 21/2/3	1962 Series: No. 4	Another Voice
PE 21/2/4	1962 Series: No. 5	???? [Quiz]
PE 21/2/5	1962 Series: No. 6	Oil on the Move
PE 21/2/6	1962 Series: No. 7	A Woman's Place
PE 21/2/7	1962 Series: No. 8	Food for Thought
PE 21/2/8	1962 Series: No. 9	Stage 2
PE 21/2/9	1962 Series: No. 10	Budget: What do we get?
PE 21/2/10	1962 Series: No. 11	Better off?
PE 21/2/11	1963 Series: No. 1	1963
PE 21/2/12	1963 Series: No. 2	New Voice
PE 21/2/13	1963 Series: No. 3	The Toll
PE 21/2/14	1963 Series: No. 4	Money makes Work
PE 21/2/15	1963 Series: No. 5	1920-1963
PE 21/2/16	1963 Series: No. 6	March 1

PE 21/2/17 1963 Series: No. 7 Now!

PE 21/2/18 1963 Series: No. 8 Warning!

PE 21/2/19 1963 Series: No. 9 East/West

PE 21/2/20 1963 Series: No. 10 Two Questions

PE 21/2/21 1963 Series: No. 11 Money to Burn

PE 21/2/22 1963 Series: No. 12 More Jobs?

PE 21/2/23 1963 Series: No. 13 Big News

Includes 3 copies of 1963 Series: No. 3, and 2 copies each of 1963 Series: Nos. 4-8

Other leaflets

PE 21/2/24 International Centre of Free Trade Unionists in Exile, 1948-1958