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Jim Henderson Collection

Size
6 boxes, 1 parcel, 1 folder

Contents
Correspondence, photographs, manuscript of unpublished autobiography 'Memoirs of a Communist,' obituary, medals received from Ho Chi Minh and dignitaries from Communist countries visited. Also includes audio tapes featuring talks on Nelson Mandela; memoirs; newspaper cuttings; manuscripts of published and unpublished articles; pamphlets; leaflets, flyers, articles on the Communist Party of Australia and the Socialist Party of Australia.

Date range
1912 to 1998

Biography
Born in Scotland in 1907, James B. Henderson emigrated to Australia with his parents settling in the mining communities of Blair Athol and later Collinsville in Central Queensland. Employed as a schoolteacher in Collinsville in the late 1920s, Henderson soon became an active and vocal member of the Communist Party of Australia. In 1944 following the election of Fred Paterson as the CPA candidate for Bowen, a campaign in which Henderson played a significant role, Henderson was called to Brisbane by the Party to act as a fulltime functionary. In 1960 Henderson worked as a translator for Ho Chi Minh in North Vietnam. In 1981 he joined the newly formed Socialist Party of Australia, continuing until his death in 1998 to be an outspoken critic of capitalism and social injustice.

Notes
Open access

Box 1
Folder 1: Pamphlets
Australian Council for Civil Liberties, *It can happen here!,* 1944, 7p (signed by Jim Henderson)

*North Queensland Labour History Conference* (program), Townsville, June 1987, 4p (2 copies)

*How to vote communist* (voter instruction card), nd, 1p

Queensland Political Rights Committee, *A policy for the protection of the Australian people…demand legality for the Communist Party of Australia,* March, 1942, 4p (2 copies, one signed by Jim Henderson)

Australia-Vietnam Society, *Why join the AVS …?* (application form), 1976?, 4p (2 copies, one signed by Jim Henderson)

*How will you vote?* (flyer in support of Jim Henderson as Communist Party candidate in Fortitude Valley), nd, 4 p

*Introducing the Socialist Party of Australia,* nd, 4p (2 copies)

Australian Council of State School Organisations, *State aid for non-state schools is dangerous,* 1964?, 16p
Labour’s policy:  Maximum aid to Britain and all allies, 1942?, 8p (signed by Jim Henderson)

Working class principles are involved in Bulimba Poll (election flyer in support of George Marriott), 1942?, 4p

Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division), The war in South Vietnam: some of the questions currently being asked and the short answers to them, 1965?, 6p

Joint statement of the Socialist Party of Australia and the Socialist Worker’s Party, April 1984, 11p (signed by Jim Henderson)

To the Party Membership: Statement by the Central Committee on the expulsion from the Socialist Party of Australia of P. Clancy, T. McDonald and S. Sharkey, 1983, 9p (signed by Jim Henderson)

Communist Party of Australia (Qld. Branch), Who is robbing you of free medicine?, nd (2 copies)

Songs of Labour: Labour Day, 1912, Brisbane (Lyric sheet to 'A New Marseillaise' and 'The Red Flag')

Australian Communist Party (Bowen Branch), People’s Cause, November 1944, 4p

Browder, Earl, Choose between Teheran and Hitler: Extracts from the report by Earl Browder to the National Convention of the USA Communist Party, May 20, 1944, issued by the Central Committee of the Australian Communist Party, 23 May 1944, 8p

Consumeract (Toowoomba, Qld.), A message to Australian housewives: Dear housewife, Do you believe…., 1975?, 4p

The Committee of Australia-Soviet House, Australia-Soviet House, May 1944, 4p

Communist Party of Australia (election flyer for Townsville West election, CPA candidate Frank Bishop), nd, 4p

‘ANPA 50 years old in 1977: In the old days molasses was plentiful and free - so why not make alcohol for fuel?’ (reprinted from a house journal published by CSR Limited), Newsletter, no 154, September 1978, 8p (signed by Jim Henderson)

For peace, jobs, homes, democracy: fight monopoly (election flyer for federal elections), nd, 4p

Unite the people of Queensland against monopoly! Proposals for the 1957 State Elections, 29 May 1957, 4p (2 copies)

Searchlight, issued by the Communist soldiers in the Armed Forces, 12 Nov 1942, 1p (1 original, 1 photocopy)

Folder 2: Papers

Henderson, Jim, ‘Comrades…’, 7 Mar 1982, 7p (report to state conference re: recent CC meeting)

Tapes

*North Queensland Labour History*, tapes 1-12 (recorded at North Queensland Labour History Conference held in Townsville, Qld. in June 1987)

*Veteran Women Speak*, Parts 1-4 (2 tapes) (recorded at a Socialist Party meeting):

  - Part 1: Biddy Nisbet, Dot Burke
  - Part 2: Dot Burke (continued), Alice Hughes
  - Part 3: Alice Hughes
  - Part 4: Annette Gordon (poem and song)

Box 2

Folder 1

*The Australian Peace Alliance* (flyer), nd, 1p (signed by Jim Henderson)

*Manifesto of the Social-Democratic Vanguard*, nd, 8p (signed by Jim Henderson)

Communist Party of Australia (District No. 3 Committee), *Unite all forces for world peace* (flyer protesting Mussolini’s attack on Abyssinia), nd, 1p

Communist Party of Australia (Queensland State Centre), *Security and peace v. Profits and war*, 1942?, 4p (has handwritten note: “This is an illegal production issued when the Communist Party was declared a banned organization” and on the back page, a note stating that the printer’s name “R E Volt” was fictitious)

*Fred Paterson Lecture on Australia, Russia and the World Crisis* (flyer), 19 Sep ?, 1p

The Australasian Meat Industry Employees’ Union (Qld. Branch), Ballot paper no. 2829, Meat Industry Dispute

*Congress for Friendship and Aid to the Soviet Union* (program), City Hall, Brisbane, 31 Oct-1 Nov 1942?, 4p

Communist Party of Australia, *To all railway workers* (flyer), nd, 1p

Newspaper clipping: ‘Happy Jim chronicles North’s rich red past’, *Townsville Advertiser*, 26 Sep 1985, p 23

Newspaper clipping: ‘In the name of Logos’, *Courier Mail*, 10 Nov 1989

Letter to Editor, *Guardian* from Jim Henderson (re: AIDS), 22 Apr 1987, 1p

Foundation of WWF [Waterside Workers Federation] Brisbane [Envelope containing 5 1880’s newspaper clippings]

Envelope: J B Henderson, containing Note - pence card originally issued to member of AMIEU; Australasian Meat Industry Employee's [Union] [Tag/membership card]; In memory of Bert Field [Thank-you card]; Application - for a stay of proceedings on the order for deregistration of the union, due 23rd May

Henderson, Jim, ‘The bicentenary of white settlement on Australian soil...’, 1988, 16p

File: ‘40th anniversary, Communist Party of Australia. A souvenir from Viet-nam News Agency 1960’ (inscribed to Janet and Jim Henderson)
Folder 2
Henderson, Jim, ‘Early history of the Communist Party in North Queensland’ (speech at 1987 North Queensland Labour History Conference in Townsville) (2 copies)
Henderson, Jim, ‘Trust and distrust’, nd, 9p
Sutton, Bill, ‘Wot—No Iron Curtain?’ (account of visit to Soviet Union for 1965 May Day celebrations in Moscow), 27p
Folder/Book: ‘Material relating to the formation of the Socialist Party of Australia 1969-1972’

Folder 3
Folder: ‘The Rank & File Bulletin’. Issued by the Pastoral Workers Industrial Union of Australia (1930-1931) (with explanatory note by Jim Henderson)
Circular from Jim Henderson (State Secretary, Socialist Party of Australia) to ‘AllBranches’ (re: democratic centralism), 2 Nov 1981, 1p
Folder: Extract from Working Woman (Nov 1934), letter from Mrs E C Hennessy of Maryborough, Qld. on subject ‘Sick of Makeshifts’, 1p
Souvenir programme
Photograph: ‘Knowledge and Unity’, no 65, 26 Mar 1921 (front page of the official organ of the Brisbane branch of the Communist Party of Australia)
Newspaper clipping: Lane, Hilda, ‘Late Dame Mary Gilmore: a tribute to a Grand Old Lady of letters’, Toowoomba Chronicle, nd, 1p
Flyer: Queensland Trades and Labor Council, Ballot-paper is rigged (opposing government attempts to ban the Communist Party), 22 Sep 1951, 1p (2 copies)
Booklet: Australian Library and Information Association, Enterprise bargaining and workplace reform: understanding Australia’s new industrial relations system, 1990s, 8p
Folder: Queensland State Conference, 19 & 20 Aug 1972
‘Brief report of Qld. delegation to the conference of communists held at Sydney on 4-5 Dec 1971’, 2p
Playscript: Diamond, Dick, Reedy River, nd, 24p
Folder 4
Letter from L J McPhillips (Convening Secretary, Convening Committee for Conference of Communists) to Convening Committee Members, enclosing a copy of ‘The General Political Statement to be placed before the conference of communists’, Sydney, 4-5 Dec 1971, 20p

Green folder: contains information on Socialist Party of Australia Foundation Congress, 29 Sep-2 Oct 1972

Envelope labelled ‘Old paper clippings. Very valuable’ (contains numerous newspaper clippings from the 1880s to the 1930s, mostly from The Courier-Mail, on Qld. trade union history)


Newspaper clipping: ‘Crushing Progress’ (on sugar production), Queensland Country Life, 8 Aug 1985, 1p

Henderson, Jim, cover letter and information, Townsville Study Group 1922, 6 Dec 1984, 4p (handwritten)

Henderson, Jim, ‘Sugar industry turns sour’, nd, 4p

Faroogi, M, Whither the Communist Party of Australia?, 22 Feb 1974, 7p


Henderson, Jim, ‘This year, 1988, is the first year in the Decade of Development of Culture…’, 1988, 3p

Folder 5
Photograph of men jailed for the alleged crime of deciding to burn down Sydney (Thank you card)

Flyer: Social Democratic Vanguard, Dividing up: Some Plain Truths Plainly Stated, nd, 1p

Flyer: Menzies policy leaves Brisbane dry (on Brisbane’s water supply problems), 1959?, 1p

Vanguard tracts (printed by the Social Democratic Vanguard, Brisbane):

- Work, John M, Socialism and individuality, nd, 1p (5 copies)
- Zola, Emile, The wonderful doctrine of salvation, 6p (2 copies)
- Social Democratic Federation, The Gospel of Discontent!, nd, 1p (2 copies)
- Touchstone, Labour’s Religion, nd, 3p (2 copies)
- Touchstone, Whither?, 18 Apr 1903, 4p

Membership card: Socialist Publicity and Education Association (Qld.), 31 July 1972 (Jim Henderson’s)

Letter to The Editor of the Telegraph from B H Lane (re: William Lane, the writer’s brother and founder of the Queensland Worker), 7 Nov 1946, 2p
Folder: Papers on the Women’s Progress Club and Women of Collinsville:

- Ellen Taylor, ‘Women’s Progress Club’ (note on their work in Townsville, Ayr and Home Hill and the role of Jean Devanney), 1p
- Jean Devanney, ‘Women’s Progress Clubs of North Queensland’, 2p
- ‘Womens Progress Club Townsville’, 11p (handwritten)
- Flyer: ‘From the Women of Collinsville to the Women of Australia!’ (re: 1954 Collinsville mine accident in which seven miners lost their lives), 1p
- Mrs Matzkows, ‘May Day 1945’, 7p (handwritten)

Folder: Contains correspondence and information about Blair Athol and Clermont mines:

- Letter from Jim Henderson to Tom Robertson, 20 Apr 1991, 1p
- Plan of street layout [Blair Athol?], 1p
- Flyer: Socialist Party of Australia, ‘Bailey for Brisbane Central’, nd, 4p
- North Queensland Guardian (Guardian Festival Souvenir Issue), 20-22 Mar 1953, 4p

Folder: ‘What is in document ’J’?’ by Lockwood and ‘Report into Royal Commission on Mungana’:

- Rupert Lockwood, ‘What is in Document ‘J’?’ (re: Document J given to the Petrov Royal Commission), nd, 20p
- Royal Commission on Mungana, Chillagoe Mines, Etc., ‘Report of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon certain matters relating to Mungana, Chillagoe Mines, etc.’, 1930, 28p

Folder: ‘Letters from Paraguay. Also Articles in Press’ (newspaper articles re: the Australian colony in Paraguay and William Lane, 1890’s)

Parcel 3
Press Clippings Book, 1930-1990s

Folder 4
Caricature of Jim Henderson by Noel Counihan
Box 5


Olga Bergholz, *100 masterpieces of Soviet Artists: Paintings, Drawings, Sculpture* (Dedicated to Lenin)

2 Medals presented to Jim Henderson by dignitaries from Communist Countries

Medal presented to Jim Henderson in North Vietnam by Ho Chi Min in recognition of his work between 1960-63 relating to improving the English language of journalists and others in North Vietnam

1820-1970 Friedrich Engel’s Medal

6 Medals of Soviet Russia pinned onto a card

2 Drawings in black ink signed Digger

Folder 1

Correspondence: General Incoming 1967-1997:

- Memorandum from John L Cummings to Mr J B Henderson saying that Jim Henderson will be in charge of the [University of Queensland] Lending Services in the absence of the Librarian, 4 Dec 1973, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding, University Librarian to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of book, 8 Jun 1967, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of book, 17 Jun 1967, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books, 19 Jun 1967, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books listed, 8 May 1970, 3p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books as listed, 11 Dec 1972, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books as listed, 6 Mar 1974, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books as listed, 19 Mar 1974, 2p
- Informal handwritten note from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books, 27 Mar 1974, 1p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books as listed, 10 Apr 1974, 2p
- Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of book, 6 Aug 1974, 1p
• Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of two pamphlets, 1 Nov 1974, 1p
• Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of book, 18 Sep 1975, 1p
• Letter from F D O Fielding to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of two pamphlets, 9 Feb 1977, 1p
• Letter from Prof R T Gemmell, Dept of Anatomical Sciences, UQ, to Mr J B Henderson re enquiry into procedure for the willing of his remains to the University of Queensland, 1 Aug 1994, 1p
• Letter from Prof R T Gemmell, Dept. of Anatomical Sciences, UQ, to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of form for the willing of his remains to the University of Queensland, 12 Aug 1994, 1p
• Letter from C J O’Connell, Registrar, to Mr J B Henderson re appointment as a Library Attendant, 3 Mar 1967, 2p
• Letter from C J O’Connell, Registrar, to Mr J B Henderson re confirmation of appointment, 30 Aug 1967, 1p
• Letter from C J O’Connell, Registrar, to Mr J B Henderson re appointment as Senior Library Clerk, 29 Jan 1969, 1p
• Letter from Margaret O’Hagen, Fryer Librarian to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books, 28 May 1987, 1p
• Letter from S B Page, Acting University Librarian, to Mr J B Henderson re "good effort at Oakey," 20 Oct 1967, 1p
• Letter from V W Prescott, Acting University Librarian, to Mr J B Henderson re receipt of donation of books, 25 Aug 1975, 1p
• Letter from S A Rayner, Registrar, to Mr J B Henderson re pending retirement on 7 Feb, 9 Jan 1978, 1p
• Letter from Megan Tudehope to Mr J B Henderson re return of books for school assignment, 27 Oct 1997, 1p (includes copy of history assignment, Jun 1997, 9p)

Correspondence: Communist Party of Australia and Socialist Party of Australia Incoming: 1959-1998:
• Letter from David Anthony to Jim Henderson (includes article ‘Economic Rationalism – the ‘Cure’ that kills the Patient’, 9p), 10 Sep 1996, 2p
• Letter from David Anthony to Jim (re: economic rationalism), 6 Jan 1998, 2p
• Letter from Brad to Jim (re ALP) (Includes booklet Moreton ALP Branch Members Handbook 1992-1993), nd, 1p
• Letter from E Campbell to Dear Comrade re rejection of article to be published in the Tribune (Includes article on Bill Wood and Jim Henderson’s reply, 8p), 21 Oct 1959, 1p
• Letter from Lulla Davis to James Henderson (re separation and reconciliation attempts of the CPA and ASP), 14 Feb 1997, 3p
• Letter from Ray Ferguson to Comrade Jim (re monitoring of action on election promises of Premier Wayne Goss’s Government), 23 Jan 1990, 1p


• Letter from L L Sharkey to Comrades Janet and Jim Henderson congratulating them for “work done over the last three years,” 7 Mar 1963, 1p (with 3 photocopies)

• Letter from John C Henry to Comrades (re ‘Charges against J C Henry’) (copy of letter), 30 Oct 1970, 4p

• Letter from Len to Jim (re republication of an article by him in ‘Common Cause’ and political activism), 12 Oct 1960, 1p (with attached newspaper photo)

• Letter from Don Mackay to Jim (re his study of political theory), 9 Oct 1997, 2p

• Letter from Bill Mountier to Jim (re his ‘contribution to the discussion on Women’s Liberation and the role of the family in history’), nd, 1p (includes ‘Marx & Engels on the Role of the Family in History’ by Bill Mountier, nd, 15p)

• Card from The Socialist Party of Australia, Queensland Branch Members and Supporters to Jim thanking him for his work as President, 26 Nov 1995, 1p

• Letter from P Smith, Senior Committee Clerk, Council of the City of Townsville, to Mr J Henderson (re information on Council membership of Mr F Marzskows and Mr Roly Hill), 24 Jun 1996, 1p

• Letter from Harry Spratt to Jim (re taped interviews on history of the CPA in Queensland), 5 Mar 1997, 1p

• Letter from Peter Symon, General Secretary, Communist Party of Australia, to Comrade Jim (re ‘cutting of article in the Transport Workers’ Journal’), 14 May 1997, 2p

• Letter from Peter Symon, General Secretary, Communist Party of Australia, to Comrade Jim wishing him a speedy recovery, enclosing articles from Beijing Review and commenting on world events), 23 Mar 1998, 1p

Correspondence: Outgoing 1987-1998:

• Letter from Jim Henderson to Peter (re cheque for $5000 from Kathleen Bolland), 11 Jan 1987, 1p

• Letter from Jim Henderson to C C Secretariat (re distribution of election preferences), 18 Mar 1988, 1p (includes P D Symon’s reply, 22 Mar 1988, 2p, and Jim Henderson’s reply, 28 Mar 1988, 3p)

• Letter from Jim Henderson to Messrs. Gilson Patch & Richardson, Solicitors and Attorneys (re ‘The Court Case against Patrick Clancy -- My Affidavit’), 14 Apr 1989, 2p (includes text of affidavit, 21 Dec 1988, 4p and request to alter style of affidavit, 28 Feb 1989, 3p)

• Letter from Jim Henderson to Pat (re peace activities), 29 Mar 1990, 1p
• Letter from Jim Henderson to Collinsville Branch, SPA thanking Branch for hospitality, nd, 1p
• Letter from Jim Henderson to State Executive, SPA (re late arrival of Guardian for Queensland subscribers), 16 Jun 1990, 1p
• Letter from Jim Henderson to Editor, Guardian (re Guardian's attitude on Soviet Union’s position on the ‘Irak [sic] invasion of Kuwait’), 19 Sep 1990, 2p (includes newspaper cutting ‘Assessing the role of the Soviet Union’ by Jim Henderson in Guardian, 7 Nov 1990, 1p)
• Letter from Jim Henderson to The Editor, Guardian (re Hannah Middleton’s comments on the foreign policy of the Soviet Union), 23 Oct 1990, 5p (handwritten)
• Letter from Jim Henderson and D. Petersen to C.C. Executive and C.C. (re ‘Democratic Centralism’), 24 Oct 1992, 3p
• Letter from Jim Henderson to Chic (re Chic’s letter of 11 Jan 1997), 15 Feb 1997, 1p (includes undated letter from Chick and Dita, 1p)
• Letter from Jim Henderson to Hannah [Dr Hannah Middleton] (re her comments on pamphlet), 28 May 1997, 4p (includes Dr Hannah Middleton’s letter of 6th May 1997, 5p)
• Letter from Jim Henderson to The Editor, Guardian (re rehabilitation of BHP’s open cut mines in Queensland), 20 Jun 1997, 1p
• Letter from Jim Henderson to Central Committee (re request for assistance from the Scottish Trade Union Congress in compiling list of expatriate Scots in leadership roles in unions), 5 May 1998, 1p (includes Jim Henderson to Pat Kelly re advising him to contact the ACTU, 21 May 1998, 1p and Pat Kelly to Jim Henderson re research into impact of Scottish emigrants on the trade union movement in their adopted countries, 16 Mar 1998, 3p)

Correspondence: miscellaneous 1984-1997:
• Letters discussing a study group in North Queensland, identifying persons in photograph, Nov 1984
• Letter from Mary Simmons, Secretary, Logan City Branch, Socialist Party of Australia, to Mrs. D. Petersen (re party membership obligations), 21 Aug 1987, 2p
• Letter from M Simmons to Mr H Petersen (re lapse of membership of party), 5 Feb 1988, 1p
• Letter from Peter Symon to Chicka Petersen (re his letter of 21 Feb 1996 to the Guardian), 6 Mar 1996, 1p
• Letter from Chicka Petersen to the Editorial Board of The Guardian (re his dissatisfaction with the performance of the SPA leadership), 18 Mar 1996, 2p
• Letter from H Petersen to the Editorial Board of The Guardian (re his dissatisfaction with the performance of the SPA leadership and their failure to print his letter of 21 Feb 1996), Apr 1996, 2p
• Unsigned letter to Comrade nominating Dita Petersen as a candidate for membership to the Queensland State Committee, SPA, nd, 1p
• Letter from H Petersen to Tom (re reasons for ‘leaving the Branch’), 11 Jan 1997, 1p
Folder 2
1 photograph Walter ‘Silver’ Collings
1 photograph Jim Henderson and John Manifold
4 photographs Jim Henderson with members of the CPA Branch
1 photograph Collinsville Reunion at New Farm Park, 9 Sep 1990
1 photograph Jim Henderson, 1981

Photograph: ‘J B Miles, [T?], Harry Wilks, Comrade from New Zealand, taken at Palmer House Townsville 1928’

Photograph: ‘A Slivov, Rolly Hills, J B Miles, J Flowers, Mr & Mrs Flowers, Larry Whitty, T Riely, Lucinda Point 1928’ (original and 3 copies)

Postcard commemorating Black Friday, 27 Feb 1912, in Brisbane (depicts police crushing a demonstration by strikers with batons while a woman labelled ‘Australia’ looks on, text on back urges voters to vote for the Communist candidate John Bramwell Miles), [1928?], 1p [with attached note by Jim Henderson, nd, 1p]

Photograph of Jim Henderson as a young man

Photograph ‘A group of North Queensland District comrades, about mid-1930s’ [with key from booklet in Folder 4]

Photograph of political rally with television cameraman, [1960s?]

Photograph: March ‘Graceville and District Peace Group’

Photograph: Gathering [in Russia?]

Photograph: Man with sign ‘Oppose French Tests in the Pacific’ (labelled ‘Peace March Brisbane’)

Photograph: Jim Henderson, May Day Brisbane, 5 May 1986 (photo taken by Claude Jones)

Photograph: George Myers Crusa on visit to Brisbane

Photograph: ‘Peace March Brisbane’

Photograph: Protest march for CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), [1960s?]

Photograph: Sid Yorke and Jim Watson, carrying banner ‘Destroy all ‘A Bomb’ Stock Piles Everywhere’ and wearing shirt with label ‘No Nuclear Bases in Aust.’

Photograph: political rally in King George Square, Brisbane, containing banners of ‘RIP Democracy’, ‘Toowoomba Young Labor supports Prime Minister’, and ‘Vote Fraser and Promote Facism’, [1975?]

Photograph: King George Square, Brisbane, with tent city and banner ‘Land Rights for Blacks Now!’

Photograph: Grave of Thomas Fowler ‘A Scab in BHP mine’, 1909

Photograph: ‘Labour-in-Politics Convention, June 1901’ [Back of photograph marked ‘Queensland’]

2 Photographs: Men marching [sign in foreground reads: ‘Sydney Bargain Drapers’]

Photograph: 2 men in suits against large piece of machinery [labelled ‘Man on left is Cook, a Russian member of Russian Ass. Went back in 1920’]

Photograph: Gathering of people in the country [labelled ‘Boris Rosenberg’]
Photograph: 10 people (men and women) in the country [labelled ‘Michael Wishnewsky departed together with Rosenburg following Red Flag Demonstration’]

Photograph: ‘Russian and Australian IWW members’

Photograph: ‘Russians living in Brisbane celebrating news of Revolution of 7th Nov 1917. Many had fled from terrorism of Rule of Czar’

Photograph: ‘Jim Henderson with Delegate’

3 Photographs: ‘May Day, Toowoomba, 2 May 1987’

Photograph: Jim Henderson speaking, 12 Jun 1995

3 Photographs: SPA (Qld.) Congress, [1950s?]  

2 Photographs: Queensland Colliery Employees’ Union (Collinsville Branch) banners

Photograph: 2 speakers at a rally [labelled ‘Speaker: Pat Clancy, former General Secretary, Communist Party of Australia’], [1960s?]

Photograph: Marchers with banner ‘Joh’s Right to Work is Right to Scab’ [labelled ‘May Day Brisbane 1978’]

Front page of The Worker, 1 Mar 1902 [contains cartoon of ‘The State Coach Bogged’]

‘The Blood Vote’ (poem by W R Winspear and drawing by Claude Marquet protesting conscription], nd

Picture of newspaper front pages protesting conscription, 1915-17

Front page of The Socialist, 22 June 1907 ['Socialism in Australia. Conference of Interstate Delegates. An Interesting and Successful Gathering.]

Cartoon depicting Jesus Christ on cross labelled ‘conscription’ and wearing a loincloth labelled ‘Australia Working Class’ surrounded by men bearing the flag of ‘capitalism’ and labelled ‘Big Commercial Interests’, ‘Royalty’ and ‘War Profit Maker’, cartoon caption reads: ‘He Died that We Might Live’ [Page 14 of Ross’s], nd

Folder 3

Jim Henderson, ‘Memoirs of a Communist’, manuscript, chapters 1-31

Folder 4

Queensland State Committee, Communist Party of Australia, Robbie Remembers: Some Reminiscences of Albert Robinson (1903-1979), Feb 1980, 26p (published as a tribute to the work he did as a communist in the labour movement) [N.B: Photograph in this booklet depicts ‘A group of North Qld District comrades, about mid-1930s’ with the names of most people in the picture]

Music for ‘Let’s all stand together’, words and music by Jim Henderson

Invitation to Jim Henderson’s 90th Birthday Celebration (issued by the Brisbane Branch of the Communist Party of Australia)

Flyer: Troika Book Agencies, ‘Jim Henderson Memorial Prize’ (for students at Collinsville State High School), nd, 1p

Letter from Leo J Brown, Manager, Dept of Anatomical Sciences, UQ, to Mrs J B Henderson (re: Jim Henderson's donation of his body to UQ's medical school), 9 Jun 1998, 1p

Newspaper cutting: David Anthony, 'Jim Henderson--the man behind Paterson's victory', 26 June 1998, 1p


Communist Party of Australia (Brisbane Branch), Invitation to Memorial to Jim Henderson to be held 4 Jul 1998, 1p

Addresses of friends who knew Jim Henderson

Department of Harbours and Marine Certificate of Service Only (Seaman) (certifying that Jim Henderson was employed by the Dept of Harbours and Marine as Seaman, Dredge Service from 14 Sep 1966 to 6 Mar 1967), 6 Mar 1967, 1p

Diary, containing handwritten notes on significant events in the history of the Communist Party of Australia

Folder

Small artwork

Flyer: Jack Ryan (Secretary, Queensland Vehicle Builders Employees Federation), 'Trade Unionists Cartels – or the Community' (reprinted from Aug 1945 issue of National Motorist), 1p

Photocopy of Operative Stonemason's Society of New South Wales Black list 2 Aug to 25 Sep 1893, 1p

Flyer: 'The Formation of the Liberal Party', nd, 1p

Newspaper cuttings: Father Tom Brady, 'Marches are poles apart' (re 7 Feb 1985 SPA Rally for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament), The Courier-Mail, 26 Mar 1985, 1p and Jim Henderson’s reply, ‘Peace March is not a phoney’, The Courier-Mail, nd, 1p

Audio Tapes:

Red Spot Series (Jim’s Speeches), 13 tapes

[N.B: For more information, see extended list with tapes in Box 5]

Jim Henderson, ‘Oration at J Henry Memorial Service’, nd

Jim and Janet Henderson on Ho Chi-Min, [4QG], 2 Jul 1976


Jim Henderson, ‘Is Socialism a Failure’ and Bill Dawson speaks on ‘Democracy in Queensland’, nd

Jim Henderson, ‘Jim talks on Nelson Mandela’, nd


Jim Henderson, ‘No .1 & 2 Revolutionary Memoirs’, nd

Jim Henderson, ‘Memoirs 3 & 4’, nd

Jim Henderson, ‘Memoirs 5 & 6’, nd

Jim Henderson, 'Always' the Combined Union Choir', nd
Jim Henderson, ‘Oration Joel Flowers’, nd

Green Spot Series (Various Speakers), 6 tapes
‘Fred Paterson Story’ 1 & 2, nd
‘Fred Paterson Story’ 3 & 4, nd
A Stag, ‘War What For’ and ‘Poverty and Prostitution in the Land of Plenty’, nd
Bill Brown & Erick Aarons, ‘Late Line’, 2FC, 8 Aug 1973
Anna McCormack, ‘Women and Politics’ Conference Canberra’, 1972
Cristina Deutaken, 1990

Yellow Spot Series (Music), 2 tapes
Jim Henderson sings ‘Always’ and the ‘International’

Box 6
Folder 1
Manuscript of Novel, All’s Right with the World, chapters 1-17

Folder 2
Note: Jim Henderson occasionally wrote under the pseudonym of “Hamish” or “The Professor”.

Published articles in Tribune, 1957-1960:
  • ‘Don't Shoot’, 2 Jan 1957
  • ‘Don't let the Heads Know’, 16 Apr 1957
  • ‘Little Men will help’, 31 Aug 1957
  • ‘Protected’, 10 Dec 1958
  • ‘Catch your Prawn’, 24 Mar 1958
  • ‘A Pair of Beauties’, 17 Jun 1959
  • ‘In the Shadow of the Mountain’, 22 Jul 1959
  • ‘Fear’, 15 Oct 1960
Typescripts by Jim Henderson:

- ‘AH Sam counts his Money’
- ‘Beneath the Gloss’
- ‘Bennie’
- ‘Bitter Sugar’
- ‘But for the Grog’
- ‘Farmers Friend’
- ‘Fear’
- ‘Gently scan your Brother Man’
- ‘Getting full Weight’
- ‘He filled his Darg’ by “Blood Wood”[J.B. Henderson]
- ‘The Honourable Gentleman Explains’
- ‘I’ll have a Sars’
- ‘In the Shadow of the Mountain’

Folder 3

Short Stories by Jim Henderson (typescripts):

- ‘Just a Bodgie’
- ‘Knick-Knock’ (second copy has annotation: ‘by “Basalt”’)
- ‘Little Men will help’
- ‘Mackay Meeting’ (‘name not decided’)
- ‘A Matter of Outlook’
- ‘A Man like You’ by Capricornia
- ‘The Memory of Hope’, chapters 1-4 (2 copies)
- ‘The Men’s Ward’
- ‘Nature is a wonderful Thing’ by “The Professor”
- ‘Not by Bread Alone’
- ‘Old George’ by Hamish
- ‘The Outlaw’
Folder 4
Short Stories by Jim Henderson (typescripts):

- ‘The Poinciana Tree’
- ‘Putting in the Boot’
- ‘Seems a Hundred Years’
- ‘Sons and Fathers’ by “Hamish”
- ‘Spring is Coming’
- ‘Stepping Stones’ by "Hamish"
- ‘Take a Seat Sport (a true story)’
- ‘Trust and Distrust’
- ‘The Vanguard’
- ‘Walk Right Past’
- ‘Who Pays the Piper’
- Untitled work, chapters 1-3
- Index to short stories

Box 7
Folder 1
Photocopy of photograph, Trades Hall Staff assembled with those released from Boggo Road Jail after serving time for wrecking Hanlon’s anti-picketing laws 1948 [identifying notes on back]

Folder 2
Newspaper Cuttings, 1957-1997

Folder 3
Gus Hall, ‘Keynote Report to the 26th National Convention Communist Party, USA’, 1 March 1996, Sheraton Centre, Cleveland, Ohio, 31p
‘The Asia-Pacific Region’, Chapter 7, pp34-74 [Title unidentified]

Folder 4
‘Awards of the Court binding upon the Australian Railways Union and Others: Basic Wage and Wage Reduction Inquiry’, 1930s (photocopy)
T Moroney (State Secretary, Australian Railways Union (Qld. Branch)), ‘The Case for the Bowen Railwaymen’, nd, 4p
Communist Party of Australia, Application for Membership Form, nd, 1p
‘A Fool’s Talk by “Touchstone”, reprinted from The Worker (Vanguard Tract No. 15), nd, 4p
Jim Henderson, ‘The Impact of Communism in Australia’, nd, 7p
Win, Dick and Dave Surplus, and Mick Healy, ‘Notes on the Party’, nd, 9p
[No title] ‘On May 27th, 1967…’ [comments on the conditions of Australian aborigines and the Australian working class], nd, 14p
Lloyd Rees, ‘Peaks and Valleys’, nd, 1p
‘Should Australia become a Republic?’, nd, 4p
‘What is the Communist Party?’, nd, 2p
‘What is the Communist Party?’, nd, 2p (different version)
‘White Labour Conference held at Townsville, Monday, February 20th 1905’, nd, 8p

Folder 5
Note by Jack Coleman on CPA leaflet produced in Kalgoorlie in 1934, nd, 1p
‘Communists’ Disclaimer’, Kalgoorlie Mines, 3 Feb 1934, 1p
Communist Party of Australia (Kalgoorlie Unit), ‘A Call for Unity’, 30 Jan 1934, 1p
Communist Party of Australia (Kalgoorlie Unit), ‘Our Answer to Collier’, 1 Feb 1934, 1p
F B Finch, ‘Was Joh Bjelke Petersen a Nazi Sympathiser in WWII?’, Nov 1979, 4p
Communist Party of Australia, ‘Communist Party Calls for an Australian Republic’, Spotlight No. 11, Nov 1997, 2p
Jack Mundey, ‘Socialism – An untried social system…’, nd, 4p

Folder 6
Communist Party of India: XI Congress Communist Party of India 31st March-7th April, 1978
Bhatinda (Punjab)

Folder 7
Trades and Labor Council of Queensland May Day Songbook 1989 [Autographed on back cover]
Music notes, nd, 3p
Tom McMillan, ‘Toilers in the Mine’, nd, 6p
Colin Lind, ‘Our Son’, nd, 2p
Folder 8
The Australian Democratic Party:
Australian Democrats, ‘GIVE A DAMM Vote Democrat!: The Australian Democrats’ Platform Statement for the 90’s’, nd, 28p
Australian Democrats, ‘National Constitution’, 5 Jun 1990, 8p
Australian Democrats Membership Application Form
Australian Democrats, ‘National Constitution and Regulations’, 26 Feb 1995, 9p
‘Senator Cheryl Kernot: Leader of the Australian Democrats: A Profile’, nd, 2p

Folder 9
Fred Paterson Election Material
Note: Jim Henderson was Paterson’s 1944 campaign manager.
‘Mr Paterson at Bowen: Address to Electors’, The Bowen Chronicle, 1 Apr 1944, 1p (laminated photocopy and ordinary photocopy)
Advertisement for F.W. Paterson from The Bowen Chronicle, nd, 1p (laminated photocopy)
Communist Party of Australia, ‘State Election Campaign: Summary of Speech by F.W. Paterson, Communist Candidate for Bowen’, nd, 2p

Commemorative Dinner
Bowen Labour History Group, ‘Commemorative Dinner to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Election of Fred Paterson to the Queensland Parliament as the Member for Bowen’, 30 Apr 1994, 1p (2 flyers)
Address by Guest Speaker, Jim Henderson, at the 50th Anniversary of the Election of Fred Paterson to the Queensland Parliament as the Member for Bowen, 30 Apr 1994, 9p
4 invitations to the Commemorative Dinner

Eulogy
Pete Thomas (Editor, Common Cause), ‘Eulogy for Fred Paterson’, 28 Oct 1977, 12p

Folder 10
Socialist Party of Australia (SPA):
Founding of SPA, 1971 (background paper), nd, 8p (handwritten)
Jim Henderson, ‘Socialism is Secure’, nd, 2p
Exercise book with notes made from meetings
Folder 11
Photographs – Vietnam 1965-1966: 16 b/w photographs (24x18cm and smaller) received from friends in North Vietnam (includes photographs of captured and wounded American soldiers) List to accompany photographs entitled ‘Dry Season Victories (November 1965-March 1966) of the South-Vietnam Army and People’

Folder 12
Newspaper Cuttings, 1997-1998

Folder 13
‘The ALP at its conference in 1981…’, nd, 14p
Jim Henderson, ‘An Active 80 year old looks back over 60 years as a Communist’, 1987, 7p
‘The Australian Labor Party and Socialism’, nd, 23p
Poem: ‘Comalco, Joh’s Red Herring’, nd, 1p
Article on Peter Symon, General Secretary of the SPA, 1982, 7p
[No title] ‘Comrades, it is with great pride…’ [Address made on the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the SPA], 1982, 8p
‘50th Anniversary of Paterson’s election…’, nd, 6p
Poem: Jim Henderson, ‘Lost’, nd, 1p
Poem: Jim Henderson, ‘A Revolutionary Lyric’, nd, 1p
Jim Henderson, ‘New world order’, nd, 2p
‘The Outlaw’, nd, 3p
Joan De Vroom, ‘A poem to my son’, nd, 1p (2 copies)
‘A wonderful May Day’, 1990, 1p
‘Working Men of All Countries, Unite!’, nd, 5p

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Socialist Party of Australia 7th Congress: Papers, 1992
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Folder 18
Jim Henderson, ‘Draft of Pamphlet’, nd, 13p

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N Buharin and E Preobrazhensky, *The ABC of Communism: A Popular Explanation of the Program of the Communist Party of Russia*, Communist Party of Great Britain, 1922 [with note on title page by Jim Henderson: ‘Given to me by Sandy Irvine in Collinsville 1926, when I joined the Communist Party as his recruit’]

Pamphlet: *Barcaldine: a place in history* [on the Workers Heritage Centre in Barcaldine, Qld.], 1991


16 postcards [from Russia?]

Folder 1
All Australian Trades Union Congress:

Unidentified portrait photograph

Picture of Eliot V. Elliott, Federal Secretary, Seaman’s Union of Australia, 1941-1978, 1p

Page of caricatures of people involved in the All Australia Trades Union Congress, Melbourne, 3 May 1927 [Caption reads: ‘Personalities at the Congress which established the Australian Council of Trade Unions at Trades Hall, Melbourne, 3 May 1927….These sketches were made on the spot by artist Dick Ovenden for the Labor Call, 12 May 1927]
Folder 2

**Appeal to Reason:**
- No. 528 (9 Dec 1905), 4p
- No. 650 (16 May 1908), 4p
- No. 694 (20 Mar 1909), 6p
- No. 703 (22 May 1909), 6p
- No. 707 (19 Jun 1909), 4p
- No. 711 (17 Jul 1909), 4p
- No. 865 (29 Jun 1912), 4p
- No. 866 (6 Jul 1912), 4p

[U.S. socialist paper, edited by Fred D. Warren]

Flyer: ‘Why Study Socialism?’, nd, 4p
Flyer: ‘Work by Touchstone, issued by the New Zealand Socialist Party, who have nominated F. Cook as their candidate for Christchurch East’, nd, 1p (4 copies)

Folder 3


Photocopy of 2 photographs: 1948 Railway Workers Strike, Brisbane. First photograph shows an injured person, Jack Grayson, ARU (Mayne Junction), later Secretary, Storemen and Packers Union. Second photograph shows crowds and police in Edward Street in front of the old Trades Hall during the rail strike, prior to the demonstration.

Malcolm Booker, ‘UN resolution illegal, invalid, as Iraq says’, *The Canberra Times*, 4 Dec 1990, 1p

*Actors and Scenes in the Drama of Disgrace* [on the Dreyfus case], nd, 32p
Folder 4
ALP:

Labour Times: Journal of the Queensland Branch of the ALP, October 1993
Address to Brisbane Regional Conferences, Ian McLean, State President, National Senior Vice President, June 1992

Folder 5
Communist Party:
‘The Moscow Trial, January 1937’, nd, 36p


Folder 6
Letter to Comrade Pat [Clancy?] from Jim Henderson, 2 Apr 1981, 1 p (with attached letter from P. Clancy to P Symon, General Secretary, Socialist Party of Australia, 20 Mar 1981, 5p

Folder 7
Ethiopia:
Ethiopian Revolution Information Center, Class Struggle and the Problem in Eritrea (Addis Ababa, 1979)


Information and Propaganda Committee of the Fifth Anniversary of the Ethiopian Revolution, Ethiopian Revolution: Fifth Anniversary (Addis Ababa, 1979)

Central Committee of the Commission for Organising the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia, Serto Ader, 17 Dec 1980, 12p

Central Committee of the Commission for Organising the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia, Serto Ader, 4 Dec 1980, 10p

Folder 8
Paul Robeson Material:
Pamphlet: ‘Paul Robson Tells His Own Story’, nd, 4p
Folder 9

Picture of M E McLoughlin ‘the American marvel who won back the Davis Cup’, from the magazine *Health & Strength*, 9 Aug 1913, 1p

Ambrose Dyson Memorial Committee, *Ambrose Dyson*, 20 Nov 1953 [Dyson was the political cartoonist of the *Melbourne Guardian* for many years]


E J Hanson (Branch Secretary, Operative Painters and Decorators’ Union of Australia (Qld. Branch)), *Monopoly Trends in Real Estate in Queensland*, 11 Mar 1960, 16p

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, *Antar (Qld.)*, October 1997

*Australian Chronicle*: A miniature newspaper of Australia’s first 200 years prepared as a souvenir of Captain Cook’s Discovery of Australia, Volume 2, Number 9, 1951-1960

*Commonwealth Electoral Act*, 1918-1973


Folder 10

Poems:

*To The Man Who Was Not a Scab* (2 copies)

*You Do Not Give Your Life for Me, My Son*

*The Old Finian Gun*

*The Bushman’s Farewell*

*Lost*

*A Revolutionary Lyric*

Songs:

*I Didn’t Raise my Son to be a Soldier*

Jim Henderson, ‘Henry Lawson and the Australian Labour Movement’, nd, 3p

3 notes with quotations
Folder 11
Socialist Party of Australia:
Speech to National Congress, October 1996, 3p
Report on the work of the Central Committee to the Socialist Party of Australia 8th Congress, 4-7 October 1996, 14p
Socialist Party of Australia, 4th Congress, 2-5 October 1981, *Congress Discussion Journal No. 2*
Communist Party of Australia, *Political Resolution adopted by the 8th National Congress, Sydney, 4-7 Oct 1996*, 50p

Folder 12
Vietnam:
Alex Carey, *Australian Atrocities in Vietnam*, nd, 20p