The Independent Labour Party Russian Tour Notebook. Description.

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# INTRODUCTION

This notebook offers a fascinating insight into the Soviet Union of the 1930s through the eyes of an anonymous member of the Independent Labour Party. It is full of visual detail and the writer’s thoughts on travel, buildings, conditions, social and political life.

Find out more in Number 51 of the 100 Objects exhibition: *The Story of my Trip to Russia*.

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Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

# description

## Reference code

GB 0532 RUS.

## Title

The Independent Labour Party Russian Tour Notebook.

## Dates

1932.

## Level of description

Collection.

## Extent

0.02 linear metres.

## Name of creator

Un-named Independent Labour Party member.

## Administrative/biographical history

A tour of the USSR was organised by the Independent Labour Party (I.L.P.) in 1932. The party included “doctors, economists, technicians.  French professor – a Bolton mill girl – an army officer and his wife and an MP”.  They travelled out on the Cooperitza, “one of the six ships of the Five Year Plan”: their itinerary covered Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow and incorporated visits to museums, a prison, a workers’ club, a pioneer camp and factories. An un-named I.L.P. member put together this notebook of their experiences, with a possible view to publication or use for lectures.

## Archival history

Given by Miss W. Redman, a friend of the author, to J. Nicholson, who passed it on to Mr Tilley of Bradford Council’s Libraries Department in 1975. The name of the author is not given in the documents which have survived.

## Immediate source of acquisition

Sent from Bradford Central Public Library to Bradford University Library between 1975 and 1993.

## Scope and content

Notebook with notes on the tour of the USSR, a brief history of the country, and comments and descriptions of conditions under the Five Year Plan. Illustrated with photographs and postcards.

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## Language of material

English.

## Archivist’s note

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## Rules or conventions

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## Indexing

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Independent Labour Party.

### Subjects

Soviet Union – Economic conditions – 1917-1945.

Soviet Union – History – 1917-1936.

Soviet Union – Social conditions – 1917-1945.

### Locations

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