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Born in London in 1901, G. Allen Hutt was a long-term communist and historian. Well-known for his involvement in and writing on the labour movement, he died in 1973. In March 1994, assisted through the financial aid of Japan's Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Miyazaki University acquired the right to house Hutt's extensive collection of writings and materials. The collection, previously housed in Hutt's personal library, has been sorted and organized, and the classification of these materials will be described below.

The name of the collection is "Allen Hutt's Working Library of Books, Periodicals, and Manuscripts on British Labour Movement, Anglo-Soviet Relations, and the Theory of Marxism-Leninism" and contains a total of 1,025 items, which includes books, journal volumes and folders. If one were to count each journal, manuscript and newspaper cutting separately, the number of materials may well be over 2,000. The collection has been classified into five categories:

(1) Books, pamphlets, and reprinted articles (801 volumes). Hutt often wrote notes or pasted reviews (including his own) in the books. Most of these books and pamphlets are written in English, but there are also some materials written in French, Russian, German, Spanish, Czech, Polish, Hungarian and Rumanian. Also, some translations of Hutt's writings, including Chinese and Japanese translations, are available.

(2) Journals (53 titles and 131 volumes). Almost all issues of the *Labour Monthly* up until 1973 are available.

(3) Manuscripts, notes, newspaper cuttings and other documents (52 items). Hutt himself filed these materials according to subject and placed them in folders, files, binders, or notebooks. This system of classification has been adopted with few modifications. There is an important folder which contains original documents relating to the General Strike of 1926. In particular, issues of the *Workers Bulletin*, for 4-6 May, 13-14 May of 1926, are included. There are also some scrapbooks and albums

concerning Hutt's activities as a journalist and typographer.

(4) Musical scores (14 scores). All but two were published in the Soviet Union.

(5) Miscellaneous items (27 items). Dictionaries, grammars, readers, calendars, other items, most of which are concerned with Russia, are included.

Few letters have been included in the collection. However, some letters have been inserted in the books, and 42 letters are in a folder which also contains a duplicated typescript of "Twenty years ago. For the 20th anniversary of comrade Harry Pollitt as General Secretary of the Communist Party." The letters include 3 letters exchanged between Hutt and H.P. Rathbone, who was in Sweden and then Moscow, 1925-1926; 14 letters exchanged with P.J. Schmidt, 1926, 1928-1929; 20 letters exchanged with Maurice H. Dobb, 1926-1928.

An English table of contents of the collection has been prepared, but its publication will be delayed. Enquiries concerning the collection, however, are welcome and should be addressed to Professor Akito Yamanouchi, Department of History, Faculty of Education, Miyasaki University, 1-1 Gakuen Kibanadai-Nishi, Miyazaki 889-21, Japan.

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