GUIDE TO THE FRANK HARDY COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Frank Hardy collection
Collection dates: 1919-1957
Creator: Frank Hardy
Languages represented: English, Russian
Repository: Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library
https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/
Extent: 2 boxes
Genre and Forms: Books, booklets, magazines, newsletters, newspapers, pamphlets, educational worksheets.
Abstract: The Frank Hardy collection comprises a range of print material, primarily relating to various communist and socialist organisations, associated political movements, and labour unions, particularly in relation to the Soviet Union and Communist China. The collection also includes teaching material, primarily of an economic nature, recreational magazines, and non-political informative booklets.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance
In the early 1960s the University Librarian, Andrew Osborne purchased Frank Hardy’s papers for the University Library. In 1992 Mr Hardy contacted the Library asking that the papers relating to his book, Power Without Glory be returned. The University Librarian, Neil Radford and the Rare Books Librarian, Neil Boness, agreed to the request so that the 50 year extent of Mr Hardy’s work could be kept by one public institution. The material was transferred to the Australian Defense Force Academy Library, Canberra in 1993.

Access
Rare Books and Special Collections is a closed access collection located on Level 1 of Fisher Library. Please make an appointment to use material from Rare Books and Special Collections using the online request form at https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/request-form.html

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Biographical note
Frank Hardy (1917-1994) was an Australian writer and political activist. Born 21 March, 1917 to Thomas John Hardy, a milk grader, and Winifred Mary Hardy, he inherited his political views and enthusiasm for storytelling from his father. He left school at the age of 13 and worked a number of part-time jobs while illustrating cartoons for a local paper, an experience which enabled him to move to Melbourne in 1938 to work as a cartoonist for the Radio Times. While in Melbourne, he met Rosslyn Phyllis Couper, whom he married on May 27, 1940.

It was in Victoria that Hardy joined the recently-criminalised Communist Party of Australia. From 1942 he served in the Citizen Military Forces, and subsequently the Australian Imperial Force, working as a clerk and draughtsman. His military career involved him in the production of army newsletters and journals, and prior to his discharge in 1946 he began to focus on writing, winning a number of short story competitions.

Hardy’s best-known work, Power Without Glory, was published in 1950, a provocative critique of corruption in the Australian Labour Party which led to his arrest for criminal libel. After his acquittal in 1951, he continued to campaign for a variety of political causes, most notably indigenous Australian land rights campaigns. During this time, he wrote novels, short stories, stage plays, and The Unlucky Australians, a documentary-fiction book on the Gurindji people’s land rights campaign. He died on 28 January 1994 at his home in Carlton North, Melbourne.

Scope and content note
The Frank Hardy collection comprises two boxes of material. The material is predominantly political in nature and reflects Hardy’s views and membership of the Communist Party of Australia.

Local Catalogue Headings
Frank Hardy
Francis Joseph Hardy
John West [pseudonym]
DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

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**Item 2**

‘Left Review’. April 1937 Vol.3 No.3.

**Item 3**

‘Communist Review’. April 1937 Vol.4 No.4; September 1937 Vol.4 No.9; October 1937 Vol.4 No.10.

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**Item 9**

‘Political Economy’. No. 1. in the Socialist Theory Series Worker Trustees, Sydney, [Nd].

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‘Outline for Work in Municipal Councils’. International Book Shop, Melbourne, [Nd].

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Item 30  ‘This is America’ compiled by Rex Chiplin. 1952.


Item 33  ‘Diet: Its Relation to Dental Health’. Dental Board of Victoria, Melbourne, 1941.

Item 34  ‘Voices of Treason: Are we being talked into war?’ by Corliss Lamont. World Unity, Victoria, 1953.


Item 36  ‘Australian Church Quarterly’, March 31, 1944 Vol.9 No.1; June 30, 1945 Vol.10 No.2.


Card advertising the ‘Soviet Youth in the Struggle for Peace’ exhibition in Russian and German.


Syllabus for a political economy class.

Item 41  ‘The Truth About Finland’, Central Committee Communist Party of Australia, Sydney, [Nd].

Item 42  ‘What is this Labor Party’ by Mason and McShane. Communist Party of Australia, Sydney, [Nd].


Item 48  ‘Unlicensed Union’ by Joseph Skurrie, Fraser & Jenkinson, Melbourne, [Nd].


Item 50  ‘Religion and Revolution’ by Maynard and Merz. Fraser & Morphet, Melbourne, [Nd].


Item 52  ‘Socialist Melbourne’ by Ralph Gibson, International Bookshop, Melbourne, 1951. [2]

Item 53  ‘Reise in die Zukunft’ by Frank J. Hardy. Volk und Welt, Berlin, 1953.

Postcard of three children leaning against a bench, labelled ‘Meine Fraù und Fürgen ù Dieter’.

Bookmark produced to accompany ‘Reise in die Zukunft’.

Item 54  ‘Facts About Banking Reform: Private Banks V the People’. Australian Communist Party, Sydney, [Nd].


Item 61  ‘50 Facts About Britain at War’. Australian Commonwealth Department of Information, [Nd].


Item 65  ‘Shall Brothers Be... Accounts from American and British prisoners of war in prisoner of war camps in Korea’. Chinese People’s Committee for World Peace, Peking, 1952.


Item 70  ‘How to Win Elections’. Committee of the Australian Communist Party, Sydney, [Nd].


Item 72  ‘Civvy Street’. Australian Communist Party, Sydney, [Nd].


Item 74  ‘For Political Liberty and the Defeat of Hitlerism’. Speech by J. D. Blake at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, October 5, 1941. International Bookshop, Melbourne, 1941.
Item 75  ‘Billy Hughes and Censorship’ by R. Dixon. Political Rights Committee, Melbourne, [Nd].

Item 76  ‘O.B.U. Why it Failed!’ Worker Trade Union Print, Sydney, 1924.


Item 78  ‘Oil Companies and National Revenue’. Published by A. Frood, 1940.

Item 79  ‘Sport in Russia’ by H.R. Miller, H.G. Read, Hughie Dwyer & C. Eastburn. N.S.W. Aid Russia Committee, Sydney, [Nd].


Item 82  ‘Dunstan Against the People’. Victorian State Committee of the Australian Communist Party, Melbourne, [Nd].


Item 84  ‘The Henry Wallace (formerly U.S. Vice-President) letter to President Truman’. Socialist Bookshop, Adelaide, 1946.


Item 86  ‘Merdeka’. Central Committee of Indonesian Independence, Brisbane, 1946.

Item 87  ‘How the Soviet State is Run’ by Pat Sloan. International Bookshop, Melbourne, 1942.


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‘Judge Brennan Exposed’. Economy Printers, Brisbane, [Nd].

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‘The Modern Quarterly’. Spring 1952 Vol.7 No.2

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‘Asia... The White Australia Policy... And YOU!’ by Eric Marshall & Elizabeth Marshall. East-West Committee, Melbourne, [Nd].

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‘The Key to Culture’. No.6 (1927) - No.10 (1927). [5]

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‘Where is the Nest of Traitors?’ by Rex Chiplin. Newsletter Printery, Sydney, [Nd]. [2]

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‘Facts Behind the Liquor Commission’ by ‘Peter’ and ‘George’. Dovey Publications, Sydney, [Nd].

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‘Salt’. December 18, 1944 Vol.9 No.8
| Item 114 | ‘Why I Signed the Stockholm Appeal to Ban the Atom Bomb’ by Abbé Jean Boulier. Pinnacle Press, Bankstown, [Nd]. |
| Item 117 | ‘People’. June 12, 1957 Vol.8 No.8 |