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### Collection Summary

**Title:** Charles Wesley Ervin collection

**Dates:** 1927-1973

**Collection Number:** 97049

**Collector:** Ervin, Charles Wesley, collector.

**Collection Size:** 3 manuscript boxes, 1 microfilm box (1.3 linear feet)

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**Abstract:** Internal bulletins, minutes, other internal documents, pamphlets, and serial issues, issued by Trotskyist organizations in India, Sri Lanka, the United States and elsewhere, and by the International Secretariat for the Fourth International, relating to international Trotskyism. Includes some minutes of the Workers (Communist) Party of the United States.

**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Languages:** In Mainly in English

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### Scope and Content of Collection

The Charles Wesley Ervin Collection consists of internal documents and publications of Trotskyist and Trotskyist-related organizations. It is especially strong in issuances of Trotskyist organizations in India and to a lesser extent Sri Lanka, and was used as research material for the book by Charles Wesley Ervin, *Tomorrow Is Ours: Trotskyism in India and Ceylon, 1935-48* (Colombo, 2006). The collection also contains rare issuances from Trotskyist groups in the United States, especially early splinter groups from the Socialist Workers Party and its predecessors. There are also minutes and other

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internal documents of the Workers (Communist) Party from 1927-1928, just before the party's expulsion of the pioneering American Trotskyists. Completing the collection are rare issuances from the 1930s of the international movement for the Fourth International and single items from British and German Trotskyist groups of this period.

The collection is arranged as a single series by country of issuing organization. Issuances of the international organization of the Fourth International movement precede those of national parties.

### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Communism.

Communism--United States.

Communism--Great Britain.

Communism--Germany.

Fourth International.

Communist Party of the United States of America.

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