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NAME OF COLLECTION	COOK, PETER
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CATEGORY	Labour, individuals
ACTIVITY	Academics - History
DATE RANGE	1963-1991
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1 shelf metre (7 archives boxes, 1 bundle) Tape, audio cassette
HISTORICAL NOTE	Dr Peter Cook lectured in Labour History at La Trobe University, Bundoora, from the early 1970s. He became ill and retired in 1990 and died in 1992 before his last work was published. He was at that time engaged in a biography of Ted Laurie, Communist and Queens Council. The book was published posthumously as 'Red Barrister' in 1994 by LaTrobe University Press. Dr Cook was not long survived by his wife who saw the book into press.
DATE OF TRANSFER	29 May 1995
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Files of research notes, newsclippings and other material collected in the course of writing 'Red Barrister'. Includes nearly 50 audio taped interviews with former Communist Party members including Ted Laurie. Transcripts exist for the Laurie tapes.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
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NOTE ON THE COLLECTION:

The Collection consists of research material gathered by Dr. Cook for his biography of Ted Laurie. The main series consist of audio tapes and transcripts of interviews conducted by Cook with Laurie, and these have been organised into chronological order. The research files were in no apparent order and have been listed as one series. They consist predominantly of news clippings, although some files contain notes by Dr. Cook, and one draft chapter is included.

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In addition there are audio tapes and interviews conducted by people other than Dr. Cook, and they must also be consulted for copyright, eg. Ken Mansell.

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No.

Series 1 Audio Taped Interviews

This series consists of audio tapes predominantly of Ted Laurie recorded by Dr. Peter Cook in the course of his research. Some tapes of Laurie have been recorded by other interviewers, and there are tapes of other interviewees as noted in each case below. In most cases, copyright belongs to the individual interviewer, although it would be ethical to obtain the permission of the interviewee, where this is not Ted Laurie, before quoting this material. Transcripts of most of these tapes can be found in Series 2 below.

Ted Laurie, interviewed by Peter Cook:

1	1/1	30 May 1983, Tape no. 1
	1/2	28 June 1983, Tape no. 2
	1/3	4 July 1983, Sides 1-2
	1/4	4 July 1983, Side 3 [part tape only]
	1/5	12 July 1983, Sides 1-2
	1/6	8 May 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/7	12 June 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/8	12 June 1984, Sides 3-4
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	1/10	22 June 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/11	3 July 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/12	14 August 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/13	28 August 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/14	28 August 1984, Side 3
	1/15	11 September 1984, Side 2 [side 1 missing?]
	1/16	18 September 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/17	18 September 1984, Side 3
	1/18	25 September 1984, Side 2 [side 1 missing?]
	1/19	8 November 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/20	8 November 1984, Side 3
	1/21	29 November 1984, Sides 1-2
	1/22	3 May 1985. Side 1 only
	1/23	10 May 1985, Sides 1-2
	1/24	31 May 1985, Sides 1-2
	1/25	7 June 1985, Sides 1-2
	1/26	28 June 1985
	1/27	5 July 1985, Sides 1-2
1	1/28	5 July 1985, Side 3
1	1/29	13 September 1985, Sides 1.5

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	1/30	5 May 1987, Sides 1-2
		Mrs. Walker, Ted Laurie's sister, interviewed by Peter Cook:
	1/31	9 October 1984, Sides 1-2
		Tom Audley interviewed by Peter Cook:
	1/32	14 February 1977
	1/33	18 February 1977
	1/34	10 March 1977
	1/35	28 February 1978
	1/36	17 April 1978
	1/37	8 May 1978
		Ted Laurie interviewed by Ken Mansell [The originals of these tapes have been placed in the Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW, and must be used in accordance with their terms and conditions. See attached appendix]:
	1/38	17 November 1982, Tape 1, Sides 1-2
	1/39	n.d. [17 November 1982?] Tape 2, Sides 1-2
	1/40	n.d. [17 November 1982?] Tape 3, Sides 1-2
		Interviews by Peter Cook:
	1/41	Noel and Pat Counihan, 17 October [1984?] [one tape]
	1/42	Ralph Gibson, 12 October 1984 [one tape]
	1/43	Bernice Morris, 3 October 1984 [one tape, one side]
	1/44	Mrs. M Murray ('Midge'), 15 October 1984 [one tape]
		Miscellaneous tapes and interviews:
	1/45	George Seelaf, interviewed April 1980 by a student of history at La Trobe University, Peter Cook as tutor. Student possibly called Joan Stewart. Two tapes.
	1/46	Wally Curran, interviewed by unidentified woman, n.d. Tape identified as No. 3 but no others received. [Possibly by same student as above, 1/46.]
	1/47	Bert Baker, interviewed by unidentified man, Sunday September 6, 1976 re Brunswick. Side A only.
	1/48	Lloyd Edmonds, memories of the Spanish Civil War, interviewed 4 June 1980 by Peter Love.
	1/49	Dr. Evatt: A Jurist in Politics. Radio documentary by Alan Carmichael, n.d. [1973?].
	1/50	Tim Bowden radio documentaries: Rupert Lockwood on ASIO, 13 July 1975; Petrov twenty years on, interviews with Lockwood, Hon. W.C. Wentworth and Evan Whiten, on 3AR, 26 May 1974.

Box No.	Archive No.	Description
1	1/51	Unidentified interview. Side two: miscellaneous music.
Series 2 Transcripts of Interviews		
This series is of transcripts of tapes in Series 1 above, but is not complete.		
Ted Laurie interviewed by Peter Cook:		
2	2/1	30 May 1983, pp. 1-31
	2/2	No date [possibly 28 June 1983], pp. 32-55
Transcripts corresponding to remaining tapes for 1983 pp. 56-123, not transferred to archives.		
2	2/3	8 May 1984, pp. 124-163
	2/4	12 June 1984, pp. 164-185
	2/5	15 June 1984, pp. 186-211
2	2/6	15 June 1984, pp. 212-217, side 3 of interview taped on this date. Noted on back of transcript that only part of side 2 of the interview was transcribed.
2	2/7	22 June 1984, pp. 218-234
	2/8	14 August 1984, pp. 235-262 [sic]
	2/9	3 July 1984, pp. 263-309 [sic]
	2/10	28 August 1984, pp. 310-350
	2/11	11 September 1984, pp. 351-382
	2/12	18 September 1984, pp. 383-442
	2/13	25 September 1984, pp. 443-474
	2/14	8 November 1984, pp. 475-508A
	2/15	29 November 1984, pp. 509-538
	2/16	3 May 1985, pp. 539-563
	2/17	10 May 1985, pp. 564-615
2	2/18	31 May 1985, pp. 616-660
3	2/19	7 June 1985, pp. 661-683
	2/20	28 June 1985, pp. 684-703
	2/21	5 July 1985, pp. 704-745
	2/22	13 September 1985, pp. 746-772
	2/23	5 May 1987, pp. 773-813
	2/24	15 June 1987, pp. 814-866
3	2/25	25 June 1987, pp. 867-896
Bernice Morris interviewed by Peter Cook		
3	2/26	3 October 1984, 13pp.
3	2/27	File: Interviews (not with Ted Laurie). Contains interviews with:

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Box No.	Archive No.	Description
	2/27/1	Ralph Gibson by Peter Cook, 12 October 1984, 20pp.
	2/27/2	Mrs. Walker (Ted's sister) by Peter Cook, 9 October 1984, 26pp.
	2/27/3	Noel and Pat Counihan by Peter Cook, 17 October 1984, 46pp. NB. Pat Counihan's initials in transcript recorded as MC and Peter Cook as PC.
	2/27/4	Mrs. M. Murray (Bonnie's sister) by Peter Cook, 15 October 1984, 33pp.

3	2/28	Ted Laurie interviewed by Ken Mansell: 17 November 1982, transcripts of tapes 1 to 3. Ken Mansell's initials mistakenly transcribed as PC in first few pages of tape 2 ts.
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Series 3 Working Research Files

The files in this series were compiled by Dr. Cook in the process of researching his book on Ted Laurie. The majority consist of news clippings on people and events as noted, with a small number of handwritten notes by Dr. Cook. Some items have also been annotated by Dr. John Bennett, one of the friends who edited Dr. Cook's ms. for publication after his death. These are usually written in red ink and signed 'JB'. There was no order apparent in the files when brought to Archives. They have been listed simply by file title and described as necessary by the Archivist.

3	3/1	John Herouvim, Ch[apters] 1-3, CPA. Chapters 1-3 with notes and an article, possibly of John Herouvim's thesis. [John Herouvim was a student at LaTrobe University under the supervision of Peter Cook in the 1980s.]
3	3/2	Mrs. Freer. Photocopies of Attorney-General's Department Correspondence files "Mabel Magdalene Freer. Exclusion from the Commonwealth and Subsequent Action, 1936-1937". Original in Australian Archives CRS A432, Item 36/1360.
4	3/3	Ted - Misc[ellaneous]. Peter Cook's handwritten notes, including notes of what Laurie said 'off the tape' during and after interviews. C.1984. Includes handwritten draft of chapter 4 of Cook's book on Laurie.
4	3/4	Jim Staples. News articles on the career of Mr. Justice Jim

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		Staples of the Arbitration Commission, 1979-1989 when he was not reappointed to the newly formed Industrial Relations Commission. Includes correspondence from Mr. Staples to Dr. John Barrette, 28 October 1993, in which he explains his removal from the IRC and tells of an episode in the 1960s when he, Ted Laurie and others considered taking the Australian Government to the High Court over Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war. This correspondence has been marked as important by Dr. John Barrett, one of the posthumous editors of Peter Cook's book on Laurie.
	3/5	T. Laurie, his articles and pamphlets. Articles written by Laurie c.1943-1946. File includes correspondence with the Australian Army requesting copy of Laurie's service record, their reply and the copies, 1984.
	3/6	Press etc. Clippings. Press clippings and articles collected by Peter Cook, and his handwritten notes on them, on: Dave Morris; Betty Olle [UAW, etc.]; Isaac Gust; Nina Christensen; Christina Steed; Bert Chandler; Ralph Gibson; Basil Steffanou; Elliott Johnson; Frank Hardy, c.1980s-90s.
	3/7	Ayres Rock; Scotch College. News articles. c.1985-1991.
	3/8	[Press etc. Clippings]. Press clippings and articles on or by Ken Gott; Ted Hill; Les Barnes (<i>Recorder</i> , CPA illegality); George Seelaf; Jessie Street.
	3/9	Murray-Smith [Stephen]. Press clippings and articles on Stephen Murray-Smith, including obituaries, 1988. Also includes obituary of George Seelaf, 1988.
	3/10	Ted Hill. Press clippings and articles on Ted Hill, including launch of his last book and obituaries, 1988. Peter Cook's notes from the Hill 'memorial' tape included.
4	3/11	[Press etc. Clippings]. Press clippings on CPA 1984; Reds 1988; Spain 1986.
5	3/12	Tribune History, CP Press. <i>Tribune</i> articles on its 50th anniversary 1973, and photocopy of article by Ken Mansell on <i>Tribune</i> post-war, 1983.
5	3/13	[Catholic influence in Australia.] News articles on B.A. Santamaria, Catholic Church and the Australian labour movement, c. 1963; 1980s.

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	3/14	[The Bulletin 1961-1965.] Articles from <i>The Bulletin</i> on: Sir Arthur Fadden; Sir Garfield Barwick; C. E. Barnes; W.C. Wentworth; L. Bury; B. M. Snedden; H.F. Operman; K. Cairns; W. McMahon; A. Townley; A. Downer.
	3/15	[Press etc. Clippings]. Press clippings on Audrey Blake; May Pennefather; Joan Goodwin; Les Tanner; Rupert Lockwood; Lloyd Churchward; John Manifold; Judah Waten; Noel Counihan; Sam White; Henry Winneke; Laurie Carmichael; Hymie Slade; Oriel Gray; James Aldridge. c.1980s.
	3/16	Hill [Ted] and Maoism. Includes writings by Ted Hill; Barry York's letter of resignation from the CPA (M-L) 1981; writings by John Herouvim on Australian Communists and Peking, 1985 and his seminar paper on the Sino-Soviet Split, c.1985.
5	3/17	CPA. Articles on Communist Party of Australia by: MacKay; Audrey Blake - autobiographical account on how she joined the CPA and including her letter of resignation from it, 1966; Ken Mansell on CPA, 1944-1953; Lloyd Churchward on Reform or Revolution?; Weiner, CPA in Trade Unions 1940s-1954; Stuart Macintyre's review of <i>Taking the Revolution Home</i> .
5	3/18	Scotch College and University. Peter Cook's correspondence re Ted Laurie's time at Scotch College and his University of Melbourne results. 1989.
	3/19	1949 Royal Commission Report. Report of the Royal Commission Inquiring into the ... Communist Party in Victoria. 1950. [Photocopy].
	3/20	CPA 1950 Victorian Royal Commission List of Names of CPA members. Appendix 'D' to Royal Commission Report.
5	3/21	Royal Commission 1949. List of Persons; List of Witnesses.
6	3/22	Royal Commission 1949. Notes from microfilm, handwritten by Peter Cook.
	3/23	Victorian Royal Commission 1949. ANU MA Thesis by Vicky Rastrick, <i>The Victorian Royal Commission on</i>

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		<i>Communism, 1949-50, no date.</i>
	3/24	Law: clips, snips, etc. News clippings on Australian law, 1980s. File includes photographs of the Laurie's house in Camberwell, 1984.
	3/25	Law. Press clippings on E.D. Drummond Lloyd; Murray McInerney; John Bryson; Sir Richard Eggleston, 1980s.
	3/26	John Bannon. Press clippings, 1987.
	3/27	Report on 1972 War Crimes Commission, 1972, by Ted Laurie.
	3/28	Don Dunstan; Paul Robson. Press articles, 1987.
	3/29	[Press etc. Clippings]. Press clippings on Robin Laurie; Deborah Wardley; Agnes and Wattie Doig; Charlie McCaffrey; Fred Farrell; Lloyd Ross; Clarie O'Shea; Jean Devaney. 1980s.
6	3/30	[Press etc. Clippings]. Miscellaneous press clippings, 1980s.
6	3/31	Lockwood v. The Commonwealth, 1954. Photocopy of this High Court case. Annotated by Dr. John Bennett in fading red pen on a post-it note 'I got this copy because of Peter's note on p. 195, and adjusted the text a bit accordingly, JB, 24.3.92'.
6	3/32	Letters, Interviews. Correspondence file with people re Laurie including biographical information from John [Herouvim], 9 July 1987; draft letter to Sir Ninian Stephen, Jim Cairns etc. Includes notes of telephone conversations.
7	3/33	Ted [Laurie] 1946. Report USA Consul General Melbourne. Memorandum from American Consul General on observations of Laurie at a Communist Party Meeting, 1946.
	3/34	Ted [Laurie] ASIO Record. Copy of Laurie's ASIO file obtained from Australian Archives, plus correspondence, 1992.
	3/35	Interview with Ted Laurie by G. Frydman, 1983. Transcript of interview with Laurie. [Obituaries of Laurie mentioned on front of file not contained in it when received]

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	3/36	Evatt. File of press articles on Dr. Evatt, Whitlam, Santamaria and Mannix, 1960s-1980s.
	3/37	B.A. Santamaria (interviewed) including on CPA in 1950s. Press article on Santamaria, 1990.
	3/38	Ted [Laurie], notes from Ken Mansell. Includes notes on Laurie's 1946-1949 activities, trips, Yarra Bank, peace, cottage, street meetings; and Queensland, September 1945-May 1946, including Marx School.
	3/39	[Press etc. Clippings]. Clippings on Wilfred Burchett; H.Alwyn Lee; Dorothy Hewitt; Mick Healey; Ron Grant-Taylor. 1980s.
	3/40	Elliot Johnston. Press article, 1989.
	3/41	Miscellaneous clippings. 1989.
	3/42	Obituaries, etc. For Bill Wood; Jack Henry; Dick Dixon; G. Barrachi; Lance Sharkey; J.B. Miles; Fred Rose; Rex Mortimer; Bill (W.C.) Wentworth; Dave Morris. 1960s-1980s.
	3/43	1949 Coal Strike. <i>Tribune</i> article, 28 June 1989.
	3/44	[Australian Communism]. File includes student seminar papers on Communism in Australia; <i>Bulletin</i> articles re the CPA, c.1960s; letter from former CPA member [signature illegible] to Dr. John Barrett re Ted Laurie, with Dr. Barrett's annotation, 1993.
7	3/45	'Menace': Transcripts of original interviews. Copyright John Hughes. Not to be duplicated or used without permission. File includes transcript of interview conducted with Ted Laurie and others by John Hughes when researching for the film 'Menace'.
7	3/46	Interviews. Parts of interviews of interest to the Laurie story gathered by Peter Cook from other people's work: Bernie Taft interviewed by John Herouvim and by Peter Cook; Len Fox interviewed by John Herouvim; Clive Sandy interviewed by unidentified female student in [radio station] 3LO (history [program?]), c.1980; Mrs. Morris interviewed by unidentified

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		female student in [radio station] 3LO (history [program?]), c.1980.
7	3/47	Review. Review of Peter Cook's biography, <i>Red Barrister - A Biography of Ted Laurie</i> , La Trobe University Press, 1994, by Helen Meadows, <i>Law Institute Journal</i> , 1994[?].
Over Size Box 1	3/48	Royal Commission into Espionage. Photocopies of documents relating to the Royal Commission obtained from Australian Archives.

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Series 4 News Clipping Book

Over Size Box 1	4/1	News clipping book, c.1970s-1980s, mainly of articles concerned with the Royal Commission into espionage and spying in general. Found with documents in item 3/48 above.
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Series 5 Household Records of Rosaleen Cook

Over Size Box 1	5/1	Banner welcoming Rosaleen cook home from hospital following her illness, n.d.
Over Size Box 1	5/2	Accounts Paid. Household accounts of Rosaleen Cook, 1993-1994.

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