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NAME OF COLLECTION	MELBOURNE MAY DAY COMMITTEE
ACCESSION NO	1989.0154
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1925-1990
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm [1 box]
HISTORICAL NOTE	May Day was conceived by the Second International Labour Congress Meeting in Paris in 1889 as an international celebration of workers' struggle for their rights and socialism. Sydney's first May Day march was in 1891, while in Melbourne it was on 30 April 1893.
DATE OF TRANSFER	January 1989
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Leaflets; flyers; correspondence; resolutions; working papers including mailing lists; organisational material; financial papers including receipt books; rubber stamps and badges; invitations; posters including Oz poster "March on the May Day", 2 May 1971; graphics; memorabilia.
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VICTORIAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

LIST TO COLLECTION

Historical Note:

This combined union committee organized the annual May Day celebrations in Melbourne. The first May Day in Melbourne occurred in 1892, but this organizing committee dates from the 1930s. Several prominent labour stalwarts have held the secretaryship of the committee.

Date range: 1925-1974

Size: 14 cms., 1 poster

Access: Open

BOX I

Series I Organizational (includes correspondence, resolutions, invitations, notes and other working papers).

- 1/1 May Day Leaflets. 1925, and 1940-1946
- 1/2 May Day News April 1956 and July-August 1958
- 1/3 Correspondence and other organizing papers 1968-1970
- 1/4 Working papers, including correspondence, newsletters, notes, financial, newspaper clippings, and 1970 May Day programme. 1968-1970
- 1/5 Working papers, including correspondence, notes, newsletters, and newspaper clippings. 1969-1971
- 1/6 Working papers, including correspondence, notes, newsletters, greeting cards, and other. 1970
- 1/7 Working papers, including notes, letters and telegrams conveying greetings, and other organizations' material. 1970
- 1/8 Mailing Lists and contacts. 1967-1968
- 1/9 Plan of Assembly, May Day 1970 (two copies)
- 1/10 Rural Workers protest rally, leaflet. 23 March 1970 (two copies)
- 1/11 Greetings from the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan. 1 May 1971 (two copies)
- 1/12 May Day Resolution. 1971 (two copies)
- 1/13 Invitation to May Day Committee Meeting, circular re organizational assistance, and greeting card with reproduction of 1931 unemployment demonstration handbill. 1971. (Also see 3/3, which was contained in the envelopes issued to interested parties)
- 1/14 Exercise book, Register of buttons, cards, and posters distributed to participating organizations. 1965

1/15 Exercise book, Register of buttons, cards, and posters distributed to participating organizations. 1966-1969.

Series 2 Financial

2/1 Receipt book 1963
2/2 Receipt book 1967-1968
2/3 Receipt book 1969.

Series 3 Graphics

3/1 May Day flyer. 6 May 1956 (two copies)
3/2 May Day booklet. 1966 (twenty-eight copies)
3/3 Poster: March on May Day, 2 May 1971 (two copies)
(Oversize. BS MD 25/6)

Series 4 Memorabilia

4/1 Badges: "Unite to defeat U.S. imperialism" May Day
c.1971 (?) (multiple copies)
4/2 Badges: "Unite for socialism", May Day 1974 (multiple
copies)
4/3 Rubber stamp: "March on May Day". n.d. (two copies)
4/4 Rubber stamp: "Support A.C.T.U. Equal Pay Week".
c.early 1970s(?) (two copies)

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