

## **John de Courcy Ireland Papers**

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## Introduction

John de Courcy Ireland, the only child of a British army officer, was born in India on 19 October 1911. His father was killed fighting in World War One. The de Courcy Ireland family was formerly of Robertstown, Co. Kildare. John de Courcy Ireland was educated at a Church of Ireland school in London and at Marlborough College.

Both school experiences proved unhappy and at the age of seventeen, John de Courcy Ireland left school in search of adventure. He obtained a job as a steward on a cargo-ship bound for South America and did not return to England until c. 1930. It was this experience which stirred the forces which were to dominate his life –the sea, socialism and a feeling of internationalism with its allied interest in history, culture and languages. John de Courcy Ireland speaks six languages.

On returning to England, he entered Oxford and read history. Here he became interested in left wing and Irish politics and it was also here that he met his future wife Betty. The year after graduation was spent in Manchester where he taught, did free lance journalism and pursued his political interests.

In 1939 he returned to settle in Muff, Co. Donegal. He became a member of the Derry Labour Party but was expelled c. 1941 because of his ‘communist’ views. He was also involved in the Prisoners’ Aid Committee.

In 1942 he decided to resume teaching and took up a position in St. Patrick’s Cathedral School, Dublin. He became deeply involved in the Labour Party, becoming secretary of the Central Branch and a driving force behind the open-air meetings held in Dublin. He was expelled from the Party c. 1944 for attending a Communist Party conference in Belfast. However, he was reinstated four days later. Journalistic activities continued as he wrote for the Labour Party newspaper *The Torch* and was editor of *The Review*, a left-wing socialist paper.

In 1945 he took the Higher Diploma in Education at Trinity College, Dublin. From 1949-51 he taught at Drogheda Grammar School and from 1951-3 at Bandon Grammar School. In 1953 he returned to Dublin to teach at Kingstown Grammar School. Kingstown Grammar School gradually absorbed some of the smaller schools and in 1973 they were all incorporated into Newpark Comprehensive School where John de Courcy Ireland taught until his retirement. He was a member of the Vocational Educational Committee until he retired in 1976.

From the 1950’s onwards he became increasingly involved in maritime activities. He is honorary secretary of the Dún Laoghaire Lifeboat Service and a research officer with the Maritime Institute Dublin. He is also an adviser to the Maritime Institute in Algeria. He writes for many maritime journals and many of his papers have been deposited in the Maritime Institute Archives.

These numerous interests have been pursued with perseverance and energy and are fully reflected in these papers.

The collection is arranged according to the various activities engaged in. Each group is arranged chronologically and has a separate series of correspondence, except the group entitled 'Organisations and Causes' [P29/C/], where all items relating to the individual subject are listed together. The group entitled 'Journalism' [P29/D/] contains articles and written manuscripts by John de Courcy Ireland. These often relate to subjects in other groups. The same is true for 'Printed Material' [P29/F/]. 'Personal Material' [P29/G/] contains items of dissociated correspondence and some of a quasi-personal nature.

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- 6** July 1968 Text of the address on 'The Referendum' delivered by Barry Desmond, Party chairman, to the Dundrum branch. Explains the proportional representation and straight vote systems and why Labour favours the former. 6pp
- 7** 24-26 January 1969 Report of the standing orders committee to the annual delegate conference. 13pp
- 8** c.1971 Printed draft of the Labour Party maritime policy with annotations and corrections [by de Courcy Ireland]. 15pp
- 9** c.1971 Corrected clauses of the maritime policy document. 8pp
- 10** c.1971 Revised draft of the maritime policy document. 5pp
- 11** February 1971 Newsletter of the Labour Party annual conference containing working party reports on policy headings. Maritime policy section is annotated 'Revised by me and D.B.'. 12pp
- 12** 28 September 1971 Report of the official visit to the minesweeper *Grainne* by de Courcy Ireland, chairman of the Party's marine policy committee. Outlines problems and proposals. 7pp
- 13** 26 February 1972 Address delivered by Brendan Corish, TD, Party leader, at the annual conference in Wexford. Outlines Party policy on Northern Ireland, the economy, coalition and other national issues. 32pp



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- 14** February 1972 Draft memorandum issued by the Socialist Labour Action Group containing a programme of policy alternatives on the Northern Ireland situation, industrial conflict, the European Community, housing, and coalition. 3pp
- 12-14 October 1973 **Annual Conference, Cork.**
- 15** Annual report. 51pp
- 16** Report, *Poverty in Ireland* with annotations by de Courcy Ireland on the final page. 37pp
- 17** Paper submitted by the Dublin South-East constituency council, entitled 'Inner City Communities-the Socialist Case.' 4pp
- 18** Papers on 'Mining' issued by Cuffe Street Branch, Dublin. 2pp
- 19** Party accounts for year ended December 1972. Submitted by D. O'Connor & Co. Ltd., Chartered Accountants, 9 Parnell Square, Dublin. (Copy) 5pp
- 20** National collection returns for 1973. 3pp
- 21** Standing orders report, No. 1-3. 16pp
- 22** Election handouts and ballot papers for administrative council. 5 items.
- 23** Final agenda, annotated. 43pp

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- 24** 3 April 1973 Handout entitled, *Election Comparison, Labour Results 1973 & 1969*, issued by Dermot Boucher. Contains an individual analysis of Dublin constituencies and a general review of the rest of the country for indications of change in the Labour vote. 1p
- 25** 1973-4 Policy report on *The Status of Women in Society* issued by the administrative council. 12pp
- 18-20 October 1974 **Annual conference, Galway**
- 26** Final agenda. 32pp
- 27** Handout issued by the workers association for the democratic settlement of the national conflict in Ireland. 1p

**b. Correspondence**

- 28** 23 April 1957 Letter from Thomas Johnson, Clontarf, Dublin, in reply to an invitation to a branch celebration party. The letter explains why he cannot attend 'being weak, though looking well as ever.' He extends his congratulations to the committee for the branch's success. 1p
- 29** 18 January 1967 From Pronsias [MacAonghusa], Newtownpark Avenue, Dublin, thanking for support during conflict with party leadership. 1p
- 30** 2 October 1962 From Catherine McGuinness, secretary of the Working Commission on Education, Dail Éireann, requesting suggestions and help for the education policy. 1 ½pp



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- 1970  
From Brendan Halligan,  
secretary of the Party,  
Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, relating to draft of the marine policy  
for the Galway conference.
- 38** 13 July 1970 1p
- 39** 1 December 1970 1p
- 1972  
From Dr. John O'Connell, TD,  
Dail Eireann, Dublin.
- 40** 4 April 1972 1p
- 41** 2 May 1972 1p
- 42** 28 August 1972 A notice from Barry Desmond  
TD, of meeting of Party experts  
to discuss the Dublin Port and Dock Board proposals.  
1p
- 43** 18 September 1972 From Brendan Halligan,  
requesting observations on the  
Dublin Port and Dock Board proposals. 1p
- From Barry Desmond TD, Dail  
Éireann, relating to suggestions  
by de Courcy Ireland for the parliamentary question on  
educational and marine matters.
- 44** 28 July 1969 1p
- 45** Copies of 6 parliamentary  
questions tabled by Barry  
Desmond.
- 46** 10 November 1969 1p
- 47** 28 July 1969 1p

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| <b>48</b> | 14 August 1970    | 1p   |
| <b>49</b> | 27 July 1971      | 1p   |
| <b>50</b> | 11 May 1972       | 1p   |
|           |                   | From Brendan Halligan,<br>secretary of the Party, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, referring to the<br>questionnaire for the Institute for Industrial Research and other<br>matters. |
| <b>51</b> | 28 May 1970       | 1p   |
| <b>52</b> | 3 August 1971     | 1p   |
| <b>53</b> | 5 August 1971     | 1p   |
| <b>54</b> | 1 October 1971    | Explains the postponement of<br>article written by de Courcy<br>Ireland on Algeria for <i>Labour News</i> . 1p   |
| <b>55</b> | 15 November 1971  | Encloses short biography of de<br>Courcy Ireland to accompany<br>Algeria article for approval. 2pp   |
|           |                   | From Matt Merrigan requesting<br>de Courcy Ireland to lecture at<br>the Socialist Education Forum.   |
| <b>56</b> | c. September 1972 | Topic: 'Labour Party, 1940-72.'<br>2pp   |
| <b>57</b> | November 1972     | 'Socialism and Ireland's Marine<br>Sources.' 1p  |

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- 1974 Correspondence between de  
Halligan, regarding annual conference in Galway, 18-20  
October 1974
- 58** 21 October 1974 Copy of the letter from de  
Courcy Ireland criticising 'the  
outrageous display, bad manners and ignorant contempt  
displayed by the Party Secretary, Chairman and Leader by (1)  
their absence from the education debate and (2) their failure to  
acknowledge the Portuguese victory over Fascism.'  
2pp
- 59** 26 November 1974 Reply from Brendan Halligan  
explaining his point of view.  
Annotation by de Courcy Ireland. 1p
- 60** 29 November 1974 From Brendan Halligan. Points  
out the futility in continuing a  
correspondence in what has become an issue of personality.  
1p

**III. Local Matters**

**a. Policy and Elections**

- 1955 2 manuscripts of speeches by  
de Courcy Ireland. councillor Fitzgerald written by
- 61** *Determined Stand Saved Cheap  
Medicine.* 3pp
- 62** *What Dun Laoire Needs*  
5pp
- 63** 1955-74 Various electioneering  
local elections. pamphlets for Dún Laoghaire  
8 items.

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- 64a** 9 May 1974 Annotated draft of local government policy statement for presentation to Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown constituency council. 12pp
- 64b** June 1974 Revised copy with list of candidates for Dún Laoghaire Corporation and Dublin Corporation elections. 15pp
- 65** 1967-74 Notices of socials for Party members. 6 items.
- Boro-Bulletin*. Newsletter issued by the Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown constituency council. Covers items of local interest and reports of Party activities.
- 66** March 1967 12pp
- 67** April 1967 12pp
- 68** May 1967 12pp
- 69** November 1967 Includes *The Future of Sea-fishing* by de Courcy Ireland. 12pp
- 70** August 1970 10pp
- 71** February 1973 Party Newsletter, Dún Laoghaire constituency council. 4pp
- 72** August 1974-March 1975 Dún Laoghaire constituency council. Notices of meetings of working groups on education issued by Mike Norris, secretary, 15 North Avenue, Mt. Merrion, Dublin. 8 items.







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## **B. EDUCATION**

### **I. Vocational Education**

#### **a. Dún Laoghaire VEC**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1</b>  | 1949                                | Education scheme issued by Dún Laoghaire VEC 1949-50, with names of teachers, subjects and classes for the Technical Institutes at Dún Laoghaire and at Blackrock.<br>3pp  |
| <b>2</b>  | 11 May 1949-<br>15 February 1950    | Notices of monthly meetings from F.F. MacCarthaigh, county education officer. Enclosures: (1) Synopsis of correspondence received. (2) Monthly statistics of class attendance. (3) Staff conference report. (4) Minutes of previous meeting.<br>6 items.             |
| <b>3a</b> | 1961                                | Prospectus of Technical Institute, Dún Laoghaire, 1961-2. Contains information on staff, courses, fees, general regulations and members of the education committee.<br>15pp  |
| <b>3b</b> | 1963                                | Annual report.<br>5pp  |
| <b>4</b>  | 5 September 1963-<br>9 January 1975 | 9 Notices of monthly meetings from the county education officer with agenda. Enclosures: (1) Synopsis of correspondence (2) Sundry accounts (3) Class attendance statistics. (In 1974, sundry accounts and class attendance statistics cease to appear.) c. 50 items |
| <b>5</b>  | 8 July 1963-<br>9 December 1974     | Copies of minutes of monthly committee meetings. Contain lists of members present, correspondence read and resolutions proposed and passed.<br>c.37pp  |

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Special Meetings

- 6a** 12 July 1963 Notice from the county education officer of interviews with candidates for position of teacher of mathematics and science with details of the three applicants.  
2pp
- 6b** 17 July 1963 Official notice of decision of interview board.  
1p
- 7a** 23 July 1974 Notice from the county education officer of meeting for the creation of post of part-time caretaker.  
2pp
- 7b** 29 July 1974 Minutes of meeting.  
1p
- 8** 7 January 1975 Minutes of meeting re: Retention of Nautical College at Dún Laoghaire.  
2pp
- Ordinary Teacher Sub-Committee.
- 9a** c. June 1966 List of applicants for three posts. 1p
- 9b** June 1966 Copies of 5 letters from applicants for above posts with curriculum vitae. Some copies of references included.  
c. 10 items.
- 10** 15-18 July 1974 Minutes of meeting for selection of teachers. Contains list of posts, applicants and results of selection. 2pp

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|------------|-------------------|--|------|
| <b>11a</b> | 5 September 1974  | Contains minutes of above meeting, correspondence and details of financial scheme for 1975.                | 4pp  |
| <b>11b</b> | 9 September 1974  | Contains minutes of above meeting, correspondence and details of financial scheme for 1975.                | 8pp  |
|            |                   | Triennial Meeting  |      |
| <b>12a</b> | 1 July 1967       | Informal notice of meeting.  | 1p   |
| <b>12b</b> | 17 July 1967      | Minutes of meeting, containing results of election of chairman and list of policies proposed and approved. | 6pp  |
| <b>13</b>  | 8 July 1974       | Notice of meeting. Contains synopsis of correspondence received and a brief agenda.                        | 6pp  |
| <b>14</b>  | c. September 1974 | Education scheme for 1974-5. Contains details of evening and day classes.                                  | 15pp |

**b. I.V.E.A. Congress**

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|-----------|-----------|--|-------|
| <b>15</b> | June 1944 | Copy of constitution and standing orders as adopted by agm of I.V.E.A. | 4pp   |
|           |           | Sligo meeting.   |       |
| <b>16</b> |           | Report of first session.   | 39pp  |
| <b>17</b> |           | Official report.   | 122pp |

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| <b>18</b> |                | Programme<br>14pp                          |
| <b>19</b> |                | Commemorative programme.<br>c.72pp         |
| <b>20</b> |                | Notes, receipts and brochures.<br>4 items. |
|           | 6-10 June 1966 | Bray meeting.                              |
| <b>21</b> |                | List of delegates.<br>6pp                  |
| <b>22</b> |                | Programme.<br>14pp                         |
| <b>23</b> |                | Report of first session.<br>27pp           |
| <b>24</b> |                | Official report.<br>134pp                  |
| <b>25</b> |                | Miscellaneous.<br>2 items.                 |

**II Teaching Career**

**a. Trinity College Dublin**

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|-----------|---------------|---|
| <b>26</b> | December 1945 | Examination papers for Higher Diploma in Education, Trinity College, Dublin. Annotation 'got 1 <sup>st</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> Hons in this.'<br>5 items. |
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**b. St. Patrick's Cathedral School, Dublin**

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|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>27</b> | 27 June 1942<br>competitors. | Programme for annual sports. Containing list of events and<br>2pp |
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**28**            December 1948                            *The Patrician*, school magazine.  
20pp

**c. Drogheda Grammar School**

**29**            18 December 1950                            Programme for Christmas  
concert.  
4pp

**30**            1950    Manuscript of school history  
play [written by de Courcy  
Ireland].  
28pp

**31**            1950    Scheme of work for history  
classes.  
1p

**d. Bandon Grammar School**

**32**            14 February 1950                            Copy of school opinion.  
8pp

**e. Kingston Grammar School**

**33**            1957    Manuscript of school history  
play.  
2 copy-books.

**34**            1957    Photographs of cast.  
4 items.

**35**            1963    Circular bulletin to members of  
Kingstown past pupils  
association containing names and addresses of members.  
2pp

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**f. Sandford Park School**

- 36**            8 March 1965                            Programme of end of term  
entertainment. Manuscript of  
school history play written by de Courcy Ireland.  
5pp
- 37**            December 1965                            Copies of Christmas  
examinations.  
4 items.
- 38**            1966-67                                    Hand-written inventory of school  
equipment with prices [by de  
Courcy Ireland].  
1p

**g. Newpark Comprehensive School**

- 39**            April 1973                                    Programme of events in Open  
Day.            5pp
- 40**            18 February 1974                            Copy of French examination for  
sixth year students.  
6pp
- 41**            6 May 1974                                    Invitation card to official  
opening of Newpark  
Comprehensive School with draft of seating arrangements.  
1p

**h. Correspondence**

- 42**            14 January 1946                            From Jesus M. Casagnan,  
director de cultura ministerio de  
educacion de Habana, Cuba], in reply to A.E. Maxwell,  
headmaster of St. Patrick's Cathedral School.  
1p

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**j. Correspondence related to de Courcy Ireland's plan to emigrate and teach in Argentina.**

- 43** 7 December 1949 Telegram from G.H. Tait, headmaster of St. Andrew's Scots school, Olivos, Argentina, confirming offer of teaching position. 1p
- 44** 30 November 1949 From Visconsul, Argentinian Consulate, 151 Waterloo Road, Dublin, is arranging visit to consulate for visa application. In Spanish. 1p
- 45** 7 February 1950 From G.A. Tait. 2pp
- 46** 10 March 1950 From Viscounsel, Dublin, requesting Mr. & Mrs. Ireland to visit consulate. 1p
- 47** 13 March 1950 From G.H. Tait expressing regret that they cannot come but says '...I will always be pleased to have you...' 1p

**k. Correspondence from friends agreeing to act as references for de Courcy Ireland's application for 'Lima' job.**

- 48** 1 November 1949 From Seamus [McCall], Dún Daire, Dalkey. 2pp
- 49** 29 October 1949 Copy of testimonial written by A.E. Maxwell, headmaster, Drogheda Grammar School. 1p
- 50** 31 October 1949 From Frank Pierce, Spanish Department, University of Sheffield, England. 1p
- 51** 8 February 1950 From Rev. David R. Wilson, Dean, St. Patrick's Cathedral School, Dublin. 1p





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**e. Other Activities**

- 15-18 November 1965 Papers read at a conference of the Campaign for European Civic Education, organised by Irish branch.
- 60** 'How can Civics be Taught to Children at School between 12-13?' 13pp
- 61** Manuscripts  
(a) *Civic Education-from National to European* by de Courcy Ireland. 24pp  
(b) *Résumé in French, Civisme National, Civisme Européen.* 2pp
- 62** c. 1963 Manuscript *The Teaching of Civics in Europe* by de Courcy Ireland. 21pp  
For the Journal of European Teachers. [See: P29/F/17-19]
- 63** January 1971 A.S.T.I., (Association of Secondary School Teachers of Ireland).  
Ireland).  
threatened strike. (a) Notice of A.S.T.I. meeting re: 1p  
A.S.T.I. representatives. (b) Copy of salary proposals by Minister for Education to 1p  
newsletter) (c) Copy of *Astir* (A.S.T.I. 2pp  
A.S.T.I. meeting. (d) Notes of speech given at 4pp
- 64** 6 May 1972 The Irish Association for Curriculum Development.  
(a) Programme for conference at Dominican Convent, Sutton, Dublin. 4pp  
(b) Notes on education for group discussion at conference. 9pp  
(c) Report on conference. Contains three speeches made at the conference, including *Curriculum Development and the Arts* by de Courcy Ireland. 5pp

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- 65** Students' Union. (a) Copy of policy of Irish School 1p  
(b) 1974 Dalkey school project. Handouts by parent-teacher association of St. Patrick's National School prosing multi-denominational school. 4pp
- 2 letters from Mrs. Nanette Whitbread, Ranelagh Road, London, regarding his assistance with the education book panel. Lists titles of history and geography books on which he is to report.
- 66** 22 March 1955 2pp
- 67** 24 May 1955 1p
- 68** Ghost Number.
- 69** 29 April 1963 From Miss Gay McCarthy, E.T.A., Dublin. Notice of meeting. 1p
- 70** 15 July 1963 From Dr. Patrick Hillery, Minister for Education, in reply to suggestions for prescribed history texts. 1p
- 71** 11 October 1965 From René Pouret, Echeval de l'Instruction Publique et des Sports, Liège, France. Accepts suggestion of twinning Irish and French schools. Refers him to principals of 2 Lycées in Liège. 1p
- 72** 8 November 1967 Notice of public lecture issued by E.T.A. 1p
- 73** 22 December 1965 From Max Zananiai, Laboratoire de Psychologie Sociale, Université de Paris. Recommends avant-garde education review entitled *Education et Techniques*. In French. 2pp

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- 74a** 30 January 1970 From Charlotte Brooks, Mountjoy School, Malahide Road, Dublin, congratulating de Courcy Ireland for his letter in the *Irish Times* [30 January 1970]. Deplores the 'ineptitude' of the Department of Education and A.S.T.I. Suggests a gathering of interested teachers 'to find a solution to the present chaotic situation.' 2pp
- 74b** 31 January 1970 From W.C. Darmondy, Editor, Nationalist, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Requests permission to reprint letter entitled 'A Plan for Teachers' [30 January 1970]. 1p
- 75a** 31 March 1970 From P. Waxweiler, Ching sur Semois, Liège, France. Agrees that twinning of 'our school and Kingstown would be an excellent idea.' Outlines plans. 2pp
- 75b** c. April 1970 Draft of letter written by de Courcy Ireland on behalf of the headmaster of Kingstown to the Préfet of Athenée Communal. Outlines plans for twinning. (1) Regular Correspondence 2pp  
(2) Exchange of ideas and visits. 2pp  
In French.
- 76** 25 February 1971 From Senator Mary Robinson, Seanad Éireann, explaining that motion to debate A.S.T.I. strike was rejected because 'the threat of a strike was not definite enough.' 2pp
- 77** January 1971 Carbon copy of letter written by de Courcy Ireland on behalf of D. Langan, school steward to A.S.T.I. Explains the special position of the school in the event of a strike. Suggests a meeting of A.S.T.I. representatives and school management. 2pp
- 78a** c. April 1971 Notice of one-day conference on curriculum development at Avoca and Kingstown School, issued by the headmaster, D. Harris. 1p

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- 78b**      7 April 1971      From Senator John Horgan, Seanad, regrets inability to attend conference.      1p
- 79**      5 September 1972      From Padriag Ó Fearáil, Stiúrthóir, An Forás Oidechais, enclosing brochure for adult-education services. Draws attention to the dates scheduled for lectures by de Courcy Ireland.      1p
- 80**      1974      3 letters from Ethna Hilliard, secretary, Association for Democracy in Education, Rathfarnham, re: arrangements for public meeting at which de Courcy Ireland has agreed to speak. 21 February-April 1974      3 items.
- 81**      1959-74      Reports from newspapers on national educational matters including many of the activities described above. Letters from de Courcy Ireland included. Cuttings from all national newspapers and *Education Times*.      c. 20 items.



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II. Sinn Féin

- 7** Wolfe Tone Society.  
(a) 2 reports by Roy Johnston, Vice-Chairman.  
(i) *Free Trade of Independence*.  
8pp  
(ii) *A Free Trade Area with Britain –the Pros and Cons*.  
4pp  
(b) [1969] Agenda for symposium for Irish Historians.  
(c) 12-18 June 1972, Copy of lecture, 'Ireland's European Traditions' read at Wolfe Tone Week.  
5pp  
(d) 1967-72 Notices of meetings.  
Includes: Memo on Criminal Justice Bill, July 1968.  
4 items.
- 8a** 1 December 1970 Letter form Margaret Lynch, secretary, Comhairle Ceantaire, Baile Átha Cliath. Confirmation of arrangements for symposium, 'Who Owns Our Seas?' at which de Courcy Ireland is to lecture on shipping.  
1p
- 8b** 23 January 1972 Copy of agenda of education seminar held by Sinn Féin, North Wicklow.  
1p
- 9** 1972 Anti-EEC Campaign, 1972. Correspondence from Máirín de Búrca, Árd Rúnaí, Sinn Féin, 30 Plás Gardnar, Baile Átha Cliath, confirming arrangements for Anti-EEC public meeting at which de Courcy Ireland is to speak on 'Irish Maritime Economy and the Sea.'  
3 items.  
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- 10** July-August 1974 Anti-Imperialist Festival.  
(a) c. June 1974, Letter from Ann Webb, [secretary], Sinn Féin. Confirming topics for lectures to be given by de Courcy Ireland. 1 ½pp  
(i) 'Analysis of Irish History' 1p  
(ii) 'The Effects of British Imperialism on Ireland.' 1p  
(b) Programme of Anti-Imperialist Festival 6pp  
(c) Manuscript of lecture, *Analysis of Irish History*. 24pp  
(d) Copy of newsletter containing résumé of above lecture. 4pp

**IV. Anti-EEC Campaign**

- 11** 1970-2 Correspondence from organising committee explaining its reservations about EEC membership, requesting patronage or acknowledgement of support. 6 items.
- 12** January-March 1972 Correspondence from Andrée Sheehy-Skeffington explaining her reservations about the Common Market Defence Committee because of its connection with Sinn Féin. Expresses surprise at seeing the name of de Courcy Ireland among the patrons. Includes: Copy of letter sent by Andrée Sheehy-Skeffington to Anthony Coughlan, Common Market Defence Committee, dated 4 February 1972. 4 items.
- 13** 1971 2 handbills issued by the Common market Defence Committee. 4pp each.
- 14** 3 June 1970 Report of conference between the European Communities and the states applying for membership by Dr. Patrick Hillery, Minister for Foreign Affairs. Issued by the Department of European Affairs. 8pp



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- 14b** 4-5 December 1971 Programme for Party  
International Seminar entitled  
'The EEC -What Does It Mean to Socialists?'  
1p

**V. Northern Ireland**

Correspondence containing (a)  
requests for support of open  
letters appealing for the cessation of violence in the North and  
(b) other correspondence discussing the Northern Ireland  
situation.

- 15** 8 September 1969 From the Committee of  
Action on the North. Solidarity for United Political  
1p
- 16** c. 1969 From Conor Farrington.  
4pp
- 17a** 19 May 1971 Copy of letter from de Courcy  
Ireland to British Ambassador,  
Merrion Square, Dublin, and criticising British policy on  
Northern Ireland. 2½pp
- 17b** 28 August 1971 Acknowledgment of letter from  
British Ambassador.  
1p
- 18** c. 1971 Copy of section of letter from de  
Courcy Ireland to Derry  
Kelleher, Official Sinn Féin. Expresses horror at sectarian  
warfare being waged by the Provisional I.R.A.  
7pp
- 19** c. 1972 From the Fellowship of  
Reconciliation, Surrey.  
1p
- 20** 26 July 1972 From Brendan Scott and Matt  
Merrigan. Open letter  
condemning 'the senseless slaughter.' 2pp

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- 21** 18 September 1972 From Anthony Coughlan,  
Department of Social Studies,  
Trinity College, Dublin. Expresses surprise that “you could not  
see fit to endorse the sentiments of the proposed statement on  
the Northern crisis because you thought it was implicitly if not  
explicitly sectarian.” Queries this and offers to make minor  
amendments. Annotation: “Answered in detail 20/9.”  
1p

**VI. Other Organisations and Campaigns**

**a. International campaign for an enquiry into the  
assassination of General Humberto Delgado, CBE, 1969-70.**

- 22** 1969-70 Correspondence from Antonio de  
Figueiaedo, 5 Elm Park  
Gardens, Chelsea, London, acknowledging support for the  
campaign and containing details of developments.  
7 items

**b. African Centre, Dublin.**

- 23** May-June 1974 Correspondence from Alan  
Matthews, c/o 45 Lissadel  
Avenue, Dublin, explaining his project for an African Centre and  
seeking patronage. Also contains notice of meeting and list of  
patrons.  
4 items.

**c. Irish Humanist Association.**

- 24** June 1972 Owen Sheehy-Skeffington  
Memorial Lecture.  
(a) June 1972, Letter from  
Antonia Healy, Torquay Road, Foxrock, confirming  
arrangements for lecture at which de Courcy Ireland is to be  
chairman.  
1p  
(b) 9 June 1972, Manuscript of  
address by de Courcy Ireland.  
2pp  
(c) 13 June 1972, Letter of  
thanks from Andrée Sheehy-Skeffington with comments on the  
lecture.  
2pp

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- 25** November 1972 'Christianity and Secularism' conference.  
(a) August-November 1972. Correspondence from Antonia Healy regarding arrangements for the conference at which de Courcy Ireland is to be chairman. 4 items.  
(b) November 1972, Programme and notes taken at conference. 4pp  
(c) 18 November 1972, Letter and thanks from Antonia Healy. 1p

**d. Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation**

- 26** 1971-2 Correspondence from Ken Coates, Bertrand Russell House, Nottingham, England, thanking for information on the Irish political situation and for the support of de Courcy Ireland in the Cambodian cause. 9 items.

**e. Resources Protest Campaign**

- 27** (a) 27 May 1953, Copy of parliamentary question asked by Mr. Hickey on mineral development. 1p  
(b) 1973 Bulletin and publicity leaflets issued by the Resources Protection Campaign, 113 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, outlining the mining situation in Ireland and the policies of the campaign. 3 items.  
(For pamphlet issued by the Resources Study Group, see: P29/F/15)

**f. Irish Bank Strike**

- 28** August-September 1970 Correspondence from bank employees and sympathisers thanking de Courcy Ireland for his letter to the newspapers in support of their strike. 9 items.

**g. Military History**

- 29a** c. 1949 Circular letter from Major-General A. MacNeill, Arbour Hill, Dublin, outlining the objectives of the society and soliciting membership. 2pp

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- 29b** 7 July 1949 Agenda of council meeting.  
1p
- 29c** 1949 List of officers and members.  
4pp
- 29d** 27 November 1965 Copy of seating place for annual  
dinner. 6pp
- 29e** March-April 1951 2 letters from Richard Hayes,  
Blackrock, member, seeking a  
history of the French navy. 2 items.

**h. Labour History Society**

- 30a** 4 October 1973 Notice from provisional  
committee of inaugural meeting  
and outlining aims of the society. 2pp
- 30b** 14 November 1973 Letter from John Swift thanking  
for help at the inaugural  
meeting. 1p

**j. Irish Arab Society and General Arab Affairs**

- 31** 31 May 1971 Letter Alif Matouk, Arab  
Information Centre, 38 Grafton  
Street, Dublin, referring to the interest of de Courcy Ireland in  
Algeria and suggesting a meeting. Annotated.  
1p
- 32** 4 October 1972 Notice of committee meeting.  
1p
- 33** 26-27 February 1973 Public notice of exhibition,  
'Palestine's Heritage: Fashion  
and Folk Art.' To be opened by de Courcy Ireland.  
1p

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- 34** 14 May 1973 Copy of open letter from Europe to President Nixon on the Middle East War issued by *Eurabia*, Paris. 4pp
- Correspondence between Lakhdar Brahini, Algerian ambassador, 8 Hyde Park Gate, London, and de Courcy Ireland.
- 35** 28 September 1973 Letter and reply from the ambassador referring to articles on Algeria. Invites de Courcy Ireland to visit the embassy. 1p
- 36** 5 October 1973 From de Courcy Ireland. Discusses his articles on Algeria and suggests calling on the ambassador when in London. 2pp
- 37** 3 December 1974 From the ambassador, confirming time of interview at the embassy. 1p
- 38** 1 November 1973 (a) Notice of public meeting, 'War in the Middle East.' De Courcy Ireland among the speakers. 1p  
de Courcy Ireland. (b) Résumé of speech given by 1p
- 39** 1973 (a) Official statement issued by the Society deploring the renewal of the Middle East War. 1p  
Courcy Ireland. (b) Manuscript of same by de 3pp
- 40** 15 November 1973 Copy of letter from de Courcy Ireland and Alif Matouk to Mr. Nadim Dimechkil, Lebanese ambassador, London. Asks if Lebanon would host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Institute of Maritime Culture. 2pp

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- 41** February-December 1974 Notices of committee meetings and occasional public lectures issued by Alif Matouk. 7 items.
- 42** c. 1974 Draft of letter to the newspapers on Algeria. 3pp
- 43** 1974 Annual Report, 1973-4 14pp
- 44** 1974-5 (a) Invitation cards to receptions in honour of visiting dignitaries. 3 items.  
(b) Membership card, 1973-4 1p

**k. Eurovision Song Contest**

- 45** 1971 Correspondence and material related to Eurovision Song Contest, 31 April 1971, Dublin.  
(a) Letter from Catherine Kahn, Legal Officer, RTE, Dublin 4, offering a position as interpreter. 1p  
(b) Schedule of events issued by Adrian Irwin, Director of Operations Group. 27pp  
(c) Pull-out from the *Evening Herald* containing a report on the contest and details of the contestants, dated 3 April 1971. 4pp

**1. Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.**

- 46** 1959-70 Material (calendar, receipt, notice of meeting) related to Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green. Includes: Annual Report, 1965. 11pp
- 47** Savell Hicks Memorial Lecture, 1970.

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- 47a**            September 1970                            Letter from Kenneth Wright, Minister, requesting de Courcy Ireland to act as chairman at the memorial lecture.  
1p
- 47b**            14 September 1970                      Copy of lecture 'The Meaning of Freedom' by Francis Stuart.  
15pp
- 47c**            September 1970                            Copy of chairman's speech.  
3pp

**m. Correspondence related to the Dalkey Development and Protest Association**

- 48**            24 June 1974                            Notification from James McGuire, honorary secretary, of refusal of planning permission for development on Coliemore Road.  
1p
- 49**            1974    Development at Kyber Pass, Dalkey Heights.  
(a) 25 June 1974, Notice of public meeting.  
1p  
(b) 1 July 1974,  
Acknowledgement of appeal lodged from the Department of Local Government.  
1p  
(c) 10 July 1974, From James Tully, Minister for Local Government. Says he is awaiting the relevant information from the Planning Authority.  
1p

**n. Dún Laoghaire Old Folks Association.**

- 50**            June 1966                                    Correspondence from Dr. Fleetwood, Dún Laoghaire, regarding the public meeting on fund-raising at which de Courcy Ireland spoke.  
2 items.
- 51**            11 December 1969                        Notice of public meeting issued by the Dún Laoghaire Housing Action Group.  
1p

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- 52** 1945-72 Receipts and acknowledgements of donations to national and international funds. c. 30 items.
- (a) Invitation from the National Union of Seamen to attend a meeting at Liberty Hall, 26 June 1966. 1p
- (b) Letter from Barry Desmond to de Courcy Ireland referring to the seamen's strike, dated 13 June 1966. 1p

**o. Electioneering**

- 53** Senate Election Addresses
- (a) June 1969, Owen Sheehy-Skeffington. 4pp
- (b) June 1968, Mary T. Bourke. 6pp
- (c) September 1970, David Cabot. 6pp
- (d) March 1933, Noel Browne. 4pp
- (e) March 1973, Mary T. Robinson. 8pp
- 54a** September 1970 From Catherine MacGuinness, Blackrock, Dublin, canvassing vote for senate election. 1p
- 54b** October 1970 Appeal on behalf of Conor Cruise O'Brien. 2pp

**p. Miscellaneous**

- 55** c. 1938 Copy of letter from Betty de Courcy Ireland, Irish Prisoner's National Aid Society, Manchester, to the Labour Party (Manchester Branch), suggesting a public meeting on the subject of injustice in Northern Ireland. 1p



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- 56**            3 December 1939            Copy of letter from de Courcy Ireland, Irish Prisoner's National Aid Society, Derry, to the editor of the *Manchester Guardian* on internment in Northern Ireland. Calls for trials and freedom of the Press.            3pp
- 57**            25 April 1944            Letter from M. McNamara, Runáí, Irish Red Cross, Dublin.            1p
- 58**            24 February 1965            From Ruth O'Rahilly, International Commission of Jurists. Includes: copy of letter sent to Monsieur Louis Villefosse. Suggests he writes to London office for statistics on number of political prisoners in each country. In French.            1p
- 59**            3 October 1960            Letter from Mai O'Grady, International Club, Dublin.            honorary secretary,            1p
- 60**            1968            Statement issued by the Republican Club, Trinity College, Dublin, on recent events in the college.            1p
- 61**            30 October-1 November 1970            Rome conference of Left Wing groups.            (a) 'Il Incontro Sulle Prospettive e la Strategia della Sinistra in Europa.'            5pp            (b) October 1970, Telegram to de Courcy Ireland from Italy concerning his attendance at the conference.            1p

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**q. Newspapers and cuttings**

2 scrapbooks containing newspaper cuttings and articles and reports relating to mainly Irish political matters. Newspapers included are the *Derry Journal*, *Torch*, *Irish Freedom*, *Irish Press* and *Labour News*.

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|-----------|---------|--|
| <b>62</b> | 1939-40 | 2x8 inches   |
| <b>63</b> | 1938-40 | 2x8 inches   |
| <b>64</b> | 1940    | Newspaper articles and reports and letters referring to political matters and issued after the above. Cuttings are taken from all the national newspapers. Letters from de Courcy Ireland are included. c. 50 items. |

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## D. JOURNALISM

### I. Published Material

- 1 c. February 1964- November 1973 *Tribune* Newspaper [published by the Labour Party, England]. Series of articles by de Courcy Ireland commenting on political and other contemporary issues in Ireland with particular emphasis on Party developments.  
c. 34 items.
- 2 1971-74 Manuscripts and articles published in *Labour News*, *Middle East Magazine* and the *Irish Independent*.  
8 items.
- 3 1965-73 Manuscripts and articles published in the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, *United Irishman*, *The Plough*. Topics cover Irish maritime history, fishing, water pollution, inland waterways and maritime policy.  
14 items.
- 4 1973 Technological articles published in *Technology Ireland* magazine.  
(a) July-August 1973, 'Parson and the Development of the Steam Turbine.'  
3pp (2 copies)  
(b) November 1973, 'Robert Halpin and the Great Eastern Railway.'  
3pp  
(c) 1973, 'Francis Beaufort -Irish Hydrographer.'  
2pp
- 5 1963-73 *Irish Democrat* and *Irish Independent*.  
4 items
- 6 1970 'Tuige Stair?' in *Pobal*.  
Translation of article by de Courcy Ireland.  
2pp
- 7 [1970] Manuscript on agrarian struggle in Ireland. In French. (Prepared for Peadar O'Donnell.)  
6pp

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- 8** Copy of manuscript *The Primary Purpose of Education*.  
2pp
- 9** 1967 *Civics*, speech delivered at Clonmel. 4pp
- 10** October 1969 'Student Power' in the *Secondary Teacher*.  
18pp
- 11** 1940 Manuscript of *Alfred deVigny – Poet and Prophet*.  
5pp
- 12** Manuscript of *Michelangelo*.  
6pp
- 13** Manuscript of *Winter off the Irish Coast*. 7pp
- 15** May 1974 (a) 'Portugal Owes her Identity to the Works of this Poet – Luis de Camoes' in the *Irish Independent*.  
(b) Manuscript of article.  
6pp
- 16** Manuscripts of 2 poems, 'The Sea.' 2pp
- 17** Manuscripts of *Italia Redenta*.  
7pp
- 18** Manuscript of *Italy's Centenary Woes*. 6pp
- 19** 13 May 1968 'The Smell of Corsica' in the *Evening Herald*. 1p

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- 20** 'Impressions of Yugoslavia' in the *Africa-Asia Journal*.  
1p
- 21** 3 October 1969 'Portuguese Regression' in the *Irish Times*.  
1p
- 22** Manuscript of *The Middle East and World Peace*.  
2pp
- 23** Carbon copy of manuscript *Ireland and Europe*.  
4pp
- 24** (a) Manuscript of *Ireland's Radical and International Traditions*.  
94 pp  
(b) Typescript of same.
- 25** 1965 John Ireland and Andrew Boyd, *The New Partition of Ireland*.  
8pp
- 26** 1970 De Courcy Ireland, *Ireland's European Tradition*. Vanguard Publications.  
44pp
- 27** 1971 De Courcy Ireland, *Revolutionary Movements of the Past*. Republic Education Department. 43pp
- 28** c. 1946-69 Reviews of books on historical, maritime and political subjects for the *Irish Times*, *Hibernia*, *Tribune* and the *Irish Press*.  
11 items.

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- 29** Appreciations.  
(a) 1969, 'James Larkin' in the *Irish Times*. 1p  
(b) Undated, 'Capt Frank Tyrrell' in the *Irish Times*.  
1p
- 30** c. 1945-74 Notes (loose-leaved pages) on history, education, maritime affairs, politics and contemporary issues.  
c. 60 items.

**II. Correspondence**

- 31** c. 1942 From Sam Nolan, Unemployed Protest Movement, 4 Derby Square, Dublin.  
1p
- 32** 18 February 1946 From William Sweetman, Editor of the *Irish Press*.  
1p
- 33** 5 June 1952 From B. [Chusle], *The Parkside Press*, Dublin.  
1p
- 34** 13 June 1957 From W.J. White, the *Irish Times*. 1p
- 35** 5 October 1960 From Andy [Boyd], Belfast, with enclosure from Dick Clements, editor of *Tribune*, acknowledging receipt of article from de Courcy Ireland. (30 September 1960) 1p
- 36** 1963-74 Correspondence from Dick Clements, editor of the *Tribune*, The Strand, London.  
20 items.

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- 37** 1965-6 From Andy [Boyd], Belfast, concerning the publication and distribution of *The New Partition of Ireland*.  
(a) 7 May 1965  
1p  
(b) December 1966  
1p
- 38** 3 September 1969 Card of acknowledgement from *The Observer*, Victoria Street, London.  
1p
- 39** 20 October 1969 Contract from RTÉ for researcher/interviewer for Féach.  
1p
- 40** 29 June 1970 From Tim Pat Coogan, editor of *The Irish Press*.  
1p
- 41** 9 December 1970 From Douglas Gageby, editor of the *Irish Times*.  
1p
- 42** 1970 From Gerard Curran, the *Irish Democrat*, London.  
(a) c. 1970  
1p  
(b) 15 May 1970  
1p
- 43** 11 December 1970 From Desmond Greaves, editor of the *Irish Democrat*, agrees to review *The Historical Case Against the EEC* by de Courcy Ireland.  
1p
- 44** 25 May 1971 From Eoin McKiernan, *Eire/Ireland Magazine*, Irish-American Cultural Institute, Minnesota, U.S.A.  
1p
- 45** 2 July 1971 From John Mulcahy, editor of *Hibernia*. 1p

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- 46** 19 October 1971 From Michael Adams, Middle East International Publishers Ltd., 105 Grand Buildings, London. 1p
- 47** 23 November 1971 From Collette Cullen, *Young Citizen's Magazine*, Dublin, enquiring about the publishers of *Ireland's European Traditions* by de Courcy Ireland. 1p
- 48** 17 November 1971 From Collette Cullen, *Young Citizen's Magazine*, Dublin, enquiring about the publishers of 'Ireland's European Traditions' by de Courcy Ireland. 1p
- 49** December 1971 Copy of letter from Derry Kelleher, editor of *Vanguard Publications*, to newspaper editors containing press release on 'Ireland's European Traditions' by de Courcy Ireland. 2pp
- 50** 1972 *United Irishman*, 30 Gardiner Place, Dublin.  
(a) 8 January 1972  
1p  
(b) 29 February 1972  
1p
- 51** 1972 From Michael Gill, Gill and Macmillan, Dublin, referring to progress of 'book in progress' entitled *Ireland and the Sea*.  
(a) 21 March 1972  
1p  
(b) 23 March 1972  
1p
- 52** 12 May 1972 From Jack White, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin, acknowledging suggestion for programme on Algeria. 1p







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Correspondence

- 7** 3 letters from Lionel [Booth TD, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdrum].  
(a) 26 January 1964, In reply to suggestion that the United Nations should supervise shipping.  
1½pp  
(b) & (c) November 1967, Refuting allegations and remarks made in the Dail Éireann by members against the lobby for the protection of the canals.  
2pp
- 8** 8 February 1971 From Donal Nevin, assistant general secretary, I.C.T.U., congratulating de Courcy Ireland on receiving the Asgard Award.  
1p
- 9** 1971-73 Copies of invitation from de Courcy Ireland, Maritime Institute, to newspapers, inviting them to attend film shows at the B.P. conference hall.  
2½pp
- 10** 26 June 1974 From John Shade, World Development Movement. Refers to lack of British policy on the law of the sea.  
1p
- 11** 23 October 1974 From Barry Desmond, congratulating de Courcy Ireland on appointment as Director-Designate of the International Institute of Maritime Culture.  
1p
- 12** Invitation card to 'Les Amis des Musées de la Marine,' Paris.  
1p
- 13** Acknowledgment of donation from the Whaling and Marine Manuscript Archives, U.S.A.  
1p
- 14** 1972-3 Newspaper cuttings. Letter by de Courcy Ireland on need for maritime policy and reports on maritime activities. Taken mainly from the *Irish Times*.  
c. 30 items.

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## F. PRINTED MATERIAL

### I. The European Economic Community.

- 1 c. 1972  
Dublin. *The EEC and Ireland.* Published as a Marxist Group Publication, 35pp
- 2 c. 1972 *The Question Posed.* Published by the I.T.G.W.U. 24pp
- 3 c. 1973-4 *Europe -Time to Leave and How to Go.* Labour Party, England. 14pp

### II. Political Material

- 4 1959 *Defend Democracy,* I.C.T.U. 16pp
- 5 1966 *Labour and the Republican Movement* by George Gilmore, Republican Publications, Gardiner Street. 22pp
- 6 1967 *The Criminal Justice Bill Affects You,* Citizens for Civil Liberties. 10pp
- 7 c. 1969 *The Northern Crisis* by Anthony Coughlan. 16pp
- 8 c. 1974 *The Way to Peace in Ireland* by Anthony Coughlan. The Irish Sovereignty Movement. 16pp
- 9 *Republicanism, Christianity and Marxism* by Derry Kelleher. Vanguard Publications. c. 50pp

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**III. Economic Matters**

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|-----------|---------|---|-------|
| <b>10</b> | 1938    | <i>Minority Report of Commission of Enquiry into Banking Currency and Credit</i> by P.J. O'Loghlan. | 60pp  |
| <b>11</b> | 1945    | <i>Full Employment in Ireland</i> by Arnold Marsh. Browne & Nolan.                                  | 278pp |
| <b>12</b> | 1945    | <i>The Post-War Building Programme</i> , Department of Transport and Power.                         | 14pp  |
| <b>13</b> | 1946    | <i>National Income and Expenditure, 1938-44.</i> Department of Finance.                             | 81pp  |
| <b>14</b> | 1973    | <i>Proposed Dublin Refinery</i> , Institute for Industrial Research and Standards.                  | 4pp   |
| <b>15</b> | c. 1973 | <i>Navan and Irish Mining.</i> Resources Study Group.   | 72pp  |
| <b>16</b> |         | <i>Technology and the State</i> by John Eaton, Bertrand Russell. Peace Foundation.                  | 8pp   |

**IV. Education**

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|-----------|------|--|------|
|           |      | European Teachers' Association. E.T.A. Journals. |      |
| <b>17</b> | 1963 | Vol. 2, No. 1                                    | 34pp |
| <b>18</b> | 1966 | Vol. 4, No. 1                                    | 48pp |



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**VII. Miscellaneous**

- 28**            1961                                    *The Contribution of Amateur Radio to the Cause of World Peace and International Goodwill.* Irish Radio Transmitters' Society.                                    4 ½pp
- 29**            1962                                    *Pax.* Irish Pacifist Movement. [See also: P29/C/1-3]                                    35pp
- 30**            1963                                    *Trinity [College] Annual Record*                                    40pp
- 31**            1968                                    *Ireland and the English Puritan Revolution –a Colonial Relationship.* Auditorial address, Seán Morrow [TCD].                                    21pp
- 32**            1968                                    *Charles Stewart Parnell.* Address by Seán MacCormac.                                    8pp
- 33**            1972                                    *External Influence on Broadcasting.* Seminar paper by Stuart Hall [Manchester].                                    23pp

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**G. PERSONAL MATERIAL**

**I. Diaries**

- 1 Collection of miscellaneous material including appointment diaries: 1956-9; 1961-2; 1971-3. 9 items.
- 2 22-29 December 1972 Handwritten diary kept during trip to Yugoslavia. 16pp

**II. Profiles of de Courcy Ireland**

- 3 (a) 13 December 1958, Profile of Dr. John & Betty de Courcy Ireland in the *Irish Times*. 1p  
(b) July 1964, Profile of de Courcy Ireland in the *Irish Tatler & Sketch*. 1p

**III. Correspondence**

- 4 14 July 1939 From Lúghaidh Breathnach [Louis Walsh], District Justice, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, suggesting he study 'the ill-effects of Partition economically and otherwise' and that he go to Gweedore to learn Irish. 3pp
- 5 8 December 1939 From H.J. Timperly, 13 Robert Adam Street, London, referring to the Chinese-Japanese war. Extract from the *New York Times* dated 19 November 1939. 4pp
- 6 5 September 1940 Copy of letter from de Courcy Ireland to H. Harrison, OBE, London, explaining why he cannot sign a letter to the Prime Minister. Explains his hopes of a united, democratic Irish state. 3pp





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- 15** 1 February 1946 Note from J.H. Delargy, Irish Folklore Commission, Dublin, suggesting a meeting to discuss 'matters of common interest, especially Spanish folk-lore.' 1p
- 16** c. 1949 From 'Sam' Swansea, England, congratulating de Courcy Ireland on his thesis, 'The Sea in Education.' 2pp
- 17** 21 November 1949 From Legation de Suisse en Irlande, 40 Elgin Road, Dublin, explaining that private addresses of Swiss citizens cannot be disclosed. 1p
- 18** 25 November 1949 From E. Benziger, Tartegnim, Switzerland, agreeing to act as referee. Suggests writing to the Swiss legation for the address he sought. 2pp
- 19** 1950 From Frank Pierce, Department of Spanish, University of Sheffield, England, acknowledging copies of *Vertice*. Also refers to family and other matters.  
(a) 6 January 1950  
2pp  
(b) 17 June 1950  
card
- 20** 25 June 1952 From 'Stanley,' 30 Clare Park, Belfast, acknowledging receipt of letter and periodical. Discusses 'Kavanagh's weekly.' Also refers to the Korean War. 3pp
- 21** c. 1952 Draft of letter to the newspapers referring to the Korean War and 'the Soya bean market.' 2pp
- 22** 18 May 1952 From 'Larry,' arranging meeting at 'Sam's.' Discusses astronomical theories. 4pp

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Correspondence regarding the naturalisation of Hugh [de Courcy Ireland], son of J. de Courcy Ireland.

- 23** 21 May 1952 From the Passport Office, 78 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Explaining that his own son cannot be included on his passport. 1p
- 24** 27 May 1952 From Jim [Larkin], suggesting what steps should be taken to take out Irish citizenship. 3pp
- 25** 4 June 1952 From the Department of Justice. 1p
- 26** 4 July 1952 From [J.H.] Barret, Bandon, Co. Cork. 2pp
- 27** 17 May 1957 From Paul Derrien, France, thanking him for the copy of *Maritime Review*. Describes his holiday in south Finistère and other matters. 2pp
- 28** 25 May 1957 From C.J. Williamson, Shetland, Scotland, acknowledging receipt of books and article on the Shetlands, (published in the *Irish Times*). 2pp
- 29** 12 June 1957 From 'Stanley,' 30 Clare Park, Belfast, congratulating de Courcy Ireland of the Shetland article. Refers to the 'Algeria business.' 2pp
- 30** 3 June 1958 From 'Jacques,' France. Refers to French and Algerian political affairs. 6pp
- 31** 1952-64 From Louis de Villefosse, France, discussing his international survey of civil rights and liberties. Requests information on the Irish situation. 3 items.

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- 32** [c. 1966] 2 cards from Jim Larkin while on tour in Russia.
- 33** 28 July 1964 From Erskine Childers, Minister for Transport and Power, Dublin. 1p
- 34** 7 May 1965 From Counsellor for Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Yugoslavia. 1p
- 35** 8 March 1966 From 'Jacques,' Hustermeide. 2pp
- 36** 1966 2 letters from Marie Johnson, Clontarf, Dublin, referring to James Connolly and the Rahine Commune. Also discusses her husband's [Tom Johnson] relationship with James Connolly.  
(a) 20 June 1966  
2 ½pp  
(b) 25 June 1966  
2pp
- 37** 30 June 1966 From Max Zanariri, Paris, refers to personal and political matters. 4pp
- 38** 2 May 1966 From Marcel Blok, Hoozbliet, Holland. 1p
- 39** 1966 From Erskine Holmes, regarding arrangements to collect Party material offered by de Courcy Ireland. 2 items.
- 40** 9 June 1966 From George Gilmore, Howth, Dublin, discussing James Connolly. 1p  
Enclosure: Copy of unpublished letter entitled 'The Relevance of Connolly.' 1p

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- 41** 17 July 1966 Note of thanks from Dr. Patrick Hillery, Minister for Labour, Dublin. 1p
- 42** 21 January 1967 Card from de Courcy Ireland to newspaper, questioning the morality of spending vast amounts of money on war. Refers to the plight of Algeria. 1p
- 43a** 24 September 1967 From T.W.R. Coe. President, University Philosophical Society, Trinity, Dublin, requesting him to speak at a society meeting. 1p
- 43b** 1 November 1967 Note of thanks for the above invitation. 1p
- 44** 3 October 1967 From G.A. Redmond, Chief Information Officer, RTÉ, Dublin. 1p
- 45** 3 October 1967 From R.J. Casey, Borough Librarian, Dún Laoghaire. 1p
- 46** 29 August 1969 From Mrs. Samokovlie, Editor-in-Chief, *Yugoslavia Life*, Belgrade. Acknowledges article. Enquires about political situation in Ireland. In French. 2½pp
- 47** 1 September 1969 From Monsieur André Duberger, Laval, France. 2pp
- 48** 15 December 1970 From Maurice Szigeti, *Objectif*, Paris, France. Refers to conference in Rome. Requests bulletin on the Irish political situation. In French. 1p  
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- 49** 1971 From Desmond Fennel, Maoinis, Carna, Co. Galway, referring to the political situation in the north and other matters.  
3 items.
- 50** 27 February 1971 From Elizabeth Babington, The Irish Trefoil Guild, Dublin.  
1p
- 51** March 1971 From Fergus Pyle, editor of the *Irish Times*, arranging meeting while de Courcy Ireland is in Paris.  
2 items.
- 52** 31 May 1971 From Thomas Moran, Gardaí Síochána, Robertstown, Co. Kildare.  
1p
- 53** 9 August 1971 From George c/o Jorgen Hauptinaun, Denmark.  
Requesting meeting while he is in Ireland. 1p
- 54** From K. Fleet, secretary of The Institute for Workers' Control, Bertrand Russell House, Nottingham. Introducing Jean Auger and requesting that de Courcy Ireland introduce him to Party members in Ireland during his stay.  
1p
- 55** June 1972-July 1974 File of correspondence from Jean Auger, Antony, France, containing details of his trip to Ireland. Expresses his desire to meet with northern and southern politicians in the country.  
13 items.
- 56** 3 August 1972 From Ernest Milcent, Rédacteur en Chef, Informations Catholiques Internationales, Paris, thanking him for the kindness shown to himself and his friends while in Ireland. In French.  
1p

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- 57** 4 August 1972 From Brian Callinan, Publicity Department, Bord Fáilte, Dublin, expressing his thanks for kindness shown towards the 'group from' Informations Catholiques Internationales. 1p
- 58** 26 June 1972 From Pat Lynch, Aer Lingus, Dublin. 1p
- 59** 19 December 1973 Letter of introduction from [Max] to Dr. Kamal Daoud, Beyrouth, for de Courcy Ireland. In French. 1p
- 60** June-September 1973 From Walter Kendall, Service Research Officer, Nuffield College, Oxford, England. Requests information on Irish situation with reference to his book, *The Revolutionary Movement in Britain, 1900-1921*. 2 items.
- 61** 16 September 1973 From Monsieur M. Ramillon, Chatenay, France, discussing educational and political matters. 2pp
- 62** c. 1973 From 'Bill,' Sandford Park School, in connection with the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Comments on his new position as headmaster. 2pp
- 63** c. 1973 Copy of letter to Dr. David Thornley TD, discussing the philosophy of James Connolly, and its relevance to the Labour Party. Also discusses the North of Ireland. 6pp
- 64** January 1973 2 letters from Sean Redmond, *Irish Democrat*, Connolly Publications, London, in connection with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Desmond Greaves as editor. 2 items.
- 65** 26 January 1973 Sam P. Lynch, U.C.D., thanking for offer of verbal submission to the working party in science. 1p

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- 66** 13 February 1973 From Cathal B. Daly, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, Longford, referring to de Courcy Ireland's letter to the Irish Times [12 February 1973] "about Protestants in the south of Ireland, a most perceptive and courageous statement."  
2pp
- 67** 29 March 1973 From Harry Craig, Rome, Italy.  
2pp
- 68** 7 May 1973 Card from 'Max,' Paris, France.  
1p
- 69** 8 May 1973 Card from G.K. White, St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham, Dublin.  
1p
- 70** 21 May 1973 From Desmond [Moran], solicitor, 7 Lower Ormonde Quay, Dublin.  
1p
- 71** 24 January 1974 Card from Maureen Aherne, Corbally, Limerick.  
1p
- 72** 12 June 1974 From Max [in Paris] confirming arrangements for the visit of de Courcy Ireland to France. Discusses family matters.  
2pp
- 73** 9 May 1974 From Madelaine Cooke, Wesley College, Dublin, thanking for the offer by de Courcy Ireland to serve on the history sub-committee.  
1p
- 74** 13 June 1974 Card from Andrée Sheehy-Skeffington seeking copy of 1943 Labour conference report with details of Owen Sheehy-Skeffington's expulsion from the Party. 1p



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- 75** 20 July 1974 From Pádraig Ó'Dargáin,  
requesting a lift to Dublin for  
some Americans from the International Folkschool.  
2pp
- 76** 14 May 1974 From Roy Johnston, 22 Belgrave  
Road, Rathmines, Dublin.  
Discuss Marxist theories. Requests de Courcy Ireland to speak  
at a meeting of the Irish Committee for Democracy in Chile.  
2pp
- 77** 12 October 1974 From Hubert Butler,  
Bennetsbridge, Co. Kilkenny,  
discussing the article by de Courcy Ireland in Beaufort, 'The  
humanist's role in modern society' and other matters.  
Typewritten.  
[See also: P29/D/4] 1p
- 78** 28 December 1974 Correspondence from the  
Labour History Society  
arranging for the deposit of Labour material at 82 St. Stephen's  
Green, Dublin [UCD Archives Department].  
1 item.
- 79** 1 January 1975 Correspondence from the  
Labour History Society  
arranging for the deposit of Labour material at 82 St. Stephen's  
Green, Dublin. 1 item.