

# UQFL599

## Ron Brown Collection

<b>Size</b>	1 box
<b>Contents</b>	Talks, lectures, research material, pamphlets, articles, and notes.
<b>Date range</b>	1947-1989
<b>Biography</b>	<p>Ron H. Brown (1916-1980) joined the Young Communist league in early 1933. In 1934, at 18 years of age, he joined the Clerks Union. The Brisbane Young Communist League held together until 1939 when World War Two broke out and the Communist Party of Australia was declared illegal. The Eureka Youth League (E.Y.L.) was established in 1941 and later Brown was one of its' National Presidents. At a Clerks Union meeting in 1945 Ron met Clarice Tonkin and they married very quickly. Ron was on a very low wage doing publicity work and assisting Fred Paterson. Although Clarice worked for the left-wing Storemen and Packers' Union, she was sacked because the union opposed married women working. Soon after, Clarice went to work in the E.Y.L. office in the Trades Hall where Ron and her father also worked. Ron was Research Officer with the Trades and Labor Council, when Mick Healy was the secretary, assisting with the publication of their <i>Research Bulletin</i>. In 1949 Ron and Clarice moved to Darwin where Ron became the editor of the <i>Northern Standard</i>, the newspaper of the North Australian Workers' Union (N.A.W.U.). In 1952, Ron was sacked from the <i>Northern Standard</i> for not writing what the Democratic Labor Party (D.L.P.) groupers wanted. Despite a "black ban" by the N.A.W.U. on employing Ron, he got a job as a gardener at the Darwin Botanical Gardens. They returned to Brisbane later in 1952 and continued to work and raise their family. In 1959, Ron went to the Soviet Union for fourteen months to study, mainly economics. Ron, regarded as great speaker, wrote and delivered many talks and lectures.</p>
<b>Notes</b>	Unrestricted access. Incorporates F3207

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## Box 1

### Folder 1

Typescripts of talks, lectures, articles by Ron Brown titled:

- 'Brisbane in the 1930s by a young communist worker', [undated], 6 leaves
- 'The class composition of the Australian population', (14 Feb 1957), 6 pages
- 'Darwin', c1950s, 6 leaves (pages have been cut in half)
- 'Extracts from a talk to Realist Writers Group, November 1963', 1963, 10 leaves
- 'From gold to paper', [undated], [10] leaves with article from The New Times, no. 20
- 'Huxley's Brave New World', 1967, 8 pages (A5)

- 'The labour movement after the Second World War', (c. 1950s), 20 leaves
- 'Lecture on crises' – February 1962, 4 leaves
- 'Local activity and building a mass party', (c. 1960s), 6 leaves
- 'Material for use in study of public speaking', [undated], 7 pages
- 'Monopoly and competition', [undated], 13 leaves, (pages have been cut in half)
- 'Monopoly plus (retail store monopoly)', 1962, 2 leaves
- 'Notes on inflation', 31 Mar 1971, 10 leaves
- 'Robbers of the people price fixers exposed', 1965, 12 leaves
- 'Teaching in the Soviet Union', [undated], 6 leaves (A5)
- 'The writer and the law (The Qld Crimes Act pamphlet)', [undated], 9 leaves
- 'Youth', Jan 1962, 2 leaves

## Folder 2

Typescripts, untitled, beings:

- 'Always the capitalists class ...', c1959, 13 leaves
- 'Angered and worried by the dramatic smashing ...', c1960s, 4 leaves
- 'Anyone approaching the present position ...', [undated], 7 leaves
- 'Are wage rises the cause of price rises ...', 4 Jun 1965, 16 leaves
- 'At our recent State Committee meeting ...', c1964, 15 leaves
- 'The Communist Party of Australia for some time ...', c1976, 6 leaves
- 'The document to go before the National Congress ...', c1960s, 3 leaves
- 'The first Federal Government was established ...', 1966, 2 leaves
- 'Following a nationwide pre-congress discussion ...', c1960s, [48 leaves]
- 'For centuries the finest minds of mankind ...', c1960s, 12 leaves
- 'Here are some new facts on the economic situation ...', 19 Feb 1962, 5 leaves
- 'In his very useful but somewhat overwritten ...', c1960s, 23 leaves
- 'The issue of whether industrial relations ...', (Copy of University talk), 1971, 6 leaves
- 'Mechanisation is with us; so are computers ...', c1965, 4 leaves
- 'More than 90 years ago Engels indicated the principles ...', c1960s, 6 leaves
- 'One of the methods being used by the Federal Government to divert ...', c1960s?, 2 leaves
- 'Ownership of property is generally understood to mean ...', c1969, 2 leaves
- 'Private property is possibly one of the most widely used terms ...', c1969, 9 leaves
- 'Queensland comrades welcome ...', (Speech National Congress), Jun 1967, 7 leaves

- 'The question of whether there will, or will not be a major world economic crisis', 1971, 7 leaves
- 'Repeatedly our Central and State Committee has said that dogmatism ...', 1962?, 32 leaves
- 'The symposium on municipal questions ...', c1966, 5 leaves
- 'The term imperialism is used in political economy ...', c1962, 7 leaves
- 'There is a difference ... between the value of labour power ...', c1960s, 15 leaves
- 'There is no ambiguity or error ...', 1960s, 9 leaves
- 'To monopoly capital 'development' means ...', c1962, 7 leaves
- To understand inflation in a fundamental way ...', c1960, 8 leaves
- 'Today monopoly capital completely ...', 1962, 9 leaves
- 'Unity in action of the working class ...', c1960s?, 5 leaves
- 'We simply do not do enough about the Labor Party ...', c1960s? 2 leaves
- 'A worker owns only his hands ...', c1960s?, 2 leaves

### Folder 3

Notes on philosophy, 1961

### Folder 4

Speech by ... H.V. Evatt ... on Royal Commission on Espionage [rom the "Parliamentary Debates, 19 October, 1955

### Folder 5

Newspaper cuttings and journal articles, 1962-1979

### Folder 6

*A.L.P. How to Vote* card for Lalor, 1975

*Arbitration and penal powers an obstacle to workers' advance* (Reprinted from Qld Guardian), 11 Aug 1964, 2 p.

*Australian Independence*, c1975?, 2 p.

*The Browns Ferry incident / Campaign Against Nuclear Power*, 1977, 1 page tri-folded

*The building industry and technical change / H.R. Hamilton*, State Management Committee of the Building Workers' Industrial Union of Australia, Queensland Branch, c1967?, 10 pages

Poster, *Cancel his license!* Communist Party of Australia, c1970s

*The Deadly Legacy of the H-Bomb / Campaign against nuclear power*, c1975?, 1 page folded in half

- Draft resolution* / Qld State Conference, Communist Party of Australia, 1961, 4 pages
- Enough is enough* / Griffith University Christian Union, University of Queensland Evangelical Union, House of Freedom, c1970s, 2 pages
- Essential services bill anti strike legislation must be stopped* / Queensland Building Trades Group, 10 Oct 1979, 2 pages
- The Eureka Youth League* / Clarice Brown, 1989, 1 leaf
- Great victory for rank and file : disallowance of A.W.U. rules and Mr Dougherty's strange silence* / Council for Membership Control of A.W.U., [undated], 8 pages
- Hands off the trade union : slave act must be repealed* / Trades and Labor Council of Queensland, [undated], 4 pages
- Horse and coach*, [undated], 2 pages (2 copies – one typescript and one a photocopy with handwritten notes)
- If you're swimming in it this won't interest you but ...* / [Community Party of Australia], c1965?, 4 pages
- Latest on S.G.I.O. stoppage*, [undated], 1 leaf
- Law in disorder : politics, the police & civil liberties in Queensland* [book launch leaflet], 1977, 2 pages
- March again – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> : a militant campaign* / Civil Liberties Co-Ordinating Committee, 1977?, 2 pages
- Modern industry demands strong industrial unionism* / Building Industry Branch, Communist Part of Australia, c1965?, 1 leaf
- "My feeling is that Australia's best interests would be served if we were prepared to min and export uranium"* R.J. Hawke, 1977, 2 pages
- National Conference for Communists and the Labour Movement : 1920/1980 : sixty years of struggle, sixty years for socialism : Program*, 1980, 4 pages
- Nuclear power issues* / Campaign Against Nuclear Power, [1976?], 2 pages folded in half
- Prices-wages protests rock the Nicklin Govt.* / Queensland Building Trades Group, 14 Mar 1966, 2 pages folded in half
- Rally to leave uranium in the ground : City Sq : Oct 22* / Anti-uranium Mobilisation Committee, 1977, 2 pages
- Ralph "The Economist" James (Director of the Queensland Employers' Federation)*, [1970], 2 pages folded in half [one from each accession]
- Shares – speculation*, [undated], 1 leaf
- South Australian supplement*, 6 Jul 1977, 2 pages
- Souvenir Programme, The Trades and Labour Council of Qld welcomes our Brother Soviet and Chinese Trade Unionists*, 12 May 1956
- Uranium-fascism or independence*, c1970s, 2 pages
- Your country needs you but ...* / Communist Party of Australia, 1980, 4 pages