

Research Collections

Summary of Holdings

The Upper Clyde Shipbuilders (UCS) Work-in 1971/72



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Introduction

“The story of the Upper Clyde in 1971...is the story of a community which was not prepared to lie down in defeat, victim of a dogma rooted in the nineteenth century.

...What the men of the Clyde proclaimed, and what I went to Clydeside to assert, was the ‘right to work’. And that principle cannot, and must not, be denied”.

(Harold Wilson, December 1971)

In the summer of 1971, the shipyards on Clydeside were facing severe financial difficulties, and without Government assistance, were liable to collapse. The Government was no longer willing to support what it classified as ‘lame duck’ firms and was preparing to liquidate them. The workers of the Upper Clyde were not willing to let this happen, and, rather than strike or stage a sit-in, they decided to have a ‘work-in’. The work-in was designed to show that they still had jobs on their order books to complete, that all the workers were still willing to work, and that they also had a right to work.

The Upper Clyde workers received support from all over the world, from all walks of life; from ordinary people to politicians and celebrities, including Tony Benn, Billy Connolly and John Lennon. Donations flooded in and fund-raisers were staged to support the workers and their families who were no longer being paid wages for the work they were doing.

On 18 August 1971 workers of Scotland turned out to support the UCS, many of them giving themselves a day’s holiday in protest of what was being viewed as enforced unemployment. They were also joined by supporters from all over England to march from the city centre to Glasgow Green. “Thousands line the pavements and burst into applause as the leaders reach them. In the front rank, arms symbolically linked, are shop stewards Barr and Dickie, Willie Ross of the Labour Party, James Jack of the STUC, Jimmy Reid, Tony Benn, Jimmy Airlie, Hugh Scanlon of the Engineers, Dan McGarvey of the Boilers, Vic Feather, General Secretary of the TUC, shop stewards McInnes and Cook, and Alex Murray of the Communist Party.”

This was a struggle like no other which, by October 1972, had secured the survival of shipbuilding on Clydeside, and saved thousands from unemployment.

(Source: The Right to Work: The 30th Anniversary of the UCS Work-in. A Commemorative Brochure, 2001, Govan Workspace Ltd.)

Holdings and arrangement

GCU's Research Collections hold UCS related material in the following archives and collections (please note there is some duplication across the archives/collections) –

The Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) Scottish Committee Archive
Glasgow Caledonian Archive of the Trotskyist Tradition (GCATT)
Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) Institutional Archive
The Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) Archive
Papers of Jimmy Cloughley and Bobby Dickie
Govan Workspace Ltd Archive
The Gallacher Memorial Library
The Norman and Janey Buchan Collection
The Centre for Political Song

The holdings under each archive/collection are on the whole arranged chronologically, earliest first, although some have been divided into material type as well. Undated material is listed in no particular order at the end of each list.

A list of websites offering further insight into UCS is listed at the end of the document.

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Further information is available from the University Archivist, Carole McCallum

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Website www.learningservices.gcal.ac.uk/archives/

Communist Party of Great Britain: Scottish Communist Archive

Shipbuilding Industry Bill

HMSO
15 February 1967
13 pages

Memorandum of agreement between the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions: procedures for avoidance of disputes

14 August 1967
11 pages

UCS Limited Employment Charter

November 1967
8 pages
3 copies

The three-pronged attack on the Clyde (press cutting)

Sunday Times
3 December 1967
Eric Jacobs

Note of meeting between Nicholas Ridley and Sir Eric Yarrow of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) – part of UCS (copy)

3 December 1969
2 pages

For the Attention of the News Editor

Letter quoting Mr Alex Murray

Communist Party – Scottish Committee

Issued for Publication in Morning Newspapers of 17 March 1970

1 page
Typed
3 copies

Shipbuilding in midst of boom

Extract from Morning Star

25 February 1971

All Clydeside Erupts

Morning Star, p1

Arthur Milligan

24 June 1971

6 pages

Includes Photograph of Clydeside workers in the streets led by UCS Shop Stewards

Words and music of Death on the Clyde
Tony McCarthy
June 1971
Handwritten music and typed words

Shipbuilding and UCS, Activities up until 1971
Report
Finlay Hart
9 July 1971
8 pages

Shipbuilding and UCS, Activities up until 1971
Report
Finlay Hart
9 July 1971
7 pages

Letter from John Eaton to Comrade Murray with attached pages listing his reasons for his support for the cause
11 August 1971
6 pages
Handwritten/typed collection sheet

Rally in support of UCS workers
Speech by Mr Alex Murray
18 August 1971
2 pages
Typed

Danish Newspaper Article
Land Og Folk, p12
Villy Karlsson
22 - 23 August 1971
Attached is an additional newspaper clipping

'Nous ne voulons pas sombrer' – 'we do not want to sink'
French Magazine, La Vie Ouvrière, No. 1408, p6 – 8
Georges Beaulieu
25 August 1971
36 pages

Danish Newspaper Article
Land Og Folk, p5
Villy Karlsson
27 August 1971

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Limited - in Liquidation
Letter
30 August 1971
1 page

UCS: the secret letter
Daily Record, pp12-13
2 September 1971

Bid to Scrap Plant with too Many Orders
Morning Star Newspaper Article
2 September 1971

Fury over secret letter, the rough hand of Riley, No politics warns UCS probe boss
Daily Record, pp1-2
3 September 1971
James Campbell and Stewart Maclean

Letter to Alex Murray regarding changes to attached draft of UCS Pamphlet.
3 September 1971
24 pages
Typed

Notes about UCS
B. Ramelson
17 September 1971
3 pages
Handwritten

Meeting of UCS
Minutes
26 October 1971
4 pages

Support the UCS Workers Struggle
Glasgow University UCS Solidarity Campaign
26 October 1971
1 page

UCS meeting minutes
26 October 1971
4 pages

UCS Shop Stewards Bulletin
Issue No.7
29 October 1971
Contains a copy of letter from Scottish Old Age Pensioners' Association explaining their support and donation for the cause

Letter from 'Morning Star' Bazaar Organiser to readers
19 November 1971
1 page

The Truth about Upper Clyde
The Business Observer Article, p12
Arthur Goodman
19 December 1971

Notes from meeting
20 December 1971
1 page
Handwritten

UCS Shop Stewards Bulletin
Issue No. 11
23 December 1971
4 pages
Includes letter of support from National Union of Lock and Metal Workers

Notes from discussion on UCS
27 December 1971
Handwritten

Letter to Alex Murray regarding a paper on socialisation
V.L Allen
3 January 1972
1 page
Typed

Unions to see Davies over Govan Yard
Glasgow Herald Article
Ian Imrie
4 February 1972

Stalinists Blast off about the Upper Clyde
Workers Press, No. 714, p2
15 March 1972

Agreement between The Marathon Shipbuilding Company (U.K) Limited and all Trade Unions
Report
3 August 1972
6 pages

Letter to Alex Murray
Nan Green
19 May 1972
Typed

Clydebank pact could mean £50,000,000 bonanza
Newspaper article
4 August 1972
1 page

Letter to Jimmy Airlie regarding the decision to end the work-in

Alex Murray

10 October 1972

1 page

Typed

Shop Stewards Co-ordinating Committee

Letter to Mr A Murray regarding a Reception

C. O'Neill

27 October 1972

1 page

Typed

Includes two invitations for Victory Celebration Reception for 16 November 1972

Danish Newspaper Article

Land Og Folk 2 Weekend, p9 - 10

Villy Karlsson

28 - 29 July 1973

Danish Newspaper Article

Land Og Folk, p2

Villy Karlsson

2 August 1973

Danish Newspaper Article

Land Og Folk, p2

Villy Karlsson

3 August 1973

New Threat to jobs on Upper Clyde

Morning Star Article, p2

Sam Barr

19 June 1974

Jimmy Reid threatens explosion if 900 Marathon jobs are Axed

Glasgow Herald Article

15 September 1978

Spare Some Seal Tears for Marathon-Reid

Newspaper Article

Ian Imrie

20 October 1978

No More Illusions

Morning Star, p2

16 November 1978

UCS 10th Anniversary Victory Rally

Commemorative Brochure

29 June 1981

Undated

The Tory Plot that Killed the Yards

Newspaper

4 pages

Meeting at Milligans

Minutes

3 pages

Handwritten

Notes on back page

Sweep Them Out, Rally in the City Hall

Leaflet

Published by the Communist Party

Includes address to return details in order to join the Communist Party

Unity + Cash = Ships

Poster

UCS Song sheets

4 pages

Typed

Letter to C. O'Neill regarding remainder of UCS Fighting Fund

Alex Murray

1 page

Typed

USC Worker's Control: the Real Defence against Unemployment is Attack

Pamphlet No. 25

John Eaton, John Hughes and Ken Coates

16 pages

Challenge UCS Special

Published by: Scottish Committee. Young Communist League

8 pages

Note to Alex Murray with attached Proposals Regarding the UCS Struggle

David McCluskey

3 pages

Handwritten

Train Today for Britain of Tomorrow

1 page

Typed

Addressed to Tony Rankin of UCS Clydebank Division- a list of proposals approved by Colin Mitchell, M.P

The Four Yards must continue-no loss of jobs

Flyer

1 page

6 copies

Mentions name of treasurer and emphasised aim of UCS work-in and appealing for support

Letter by R. Cook and a copy of collection sheet for appeal fund

2 pages

Typed

Note to workers

Typed

From Communist party

New Year Message from UCS workers

2 pages

Handwritten

We won-with your support

Upper Clyde Special Pamphlet

Includes photographs

Clydeside- a challenge to the Working class

Pamphlet

Contains capitalist strategy and origins of UCS

Selection of songs lyrics

2 copies of each sheet

8 sheets

Butchery who said it first

Flyer

Why sink Upper Clyde

Flyer

Glasgow University UCS Solidarity Campaign

Pamphlet

Notes on Effects of UCS Liquidation on the North British Engine Works of Barclay Curle and Co.

4 pages

Handwritten

Plessey Occupation News - Occupational Workers Newsletter

Notes

4 pages

Handwritten

Demarcation procedure agreement between UCS Ltd and the TU signatories to this agreement (copy)
3 pages

Shipbuilding Industry Act 1967
Chapter 40
HMSO
13 pages

UCS Ltd - letter from Nicholas Ridley MP (marked confidential) (copy)
5 pages

Communist Party notes
2 pages
3 copies

Memorandum from UCS Shop Stewards Coordinating Committee
5 pages

Glasgow Caledonian Archives of the Trotskyist Tradition (GCATT)

Newspapers

4000 Shipyard Men say No to unemployment Nationalize UCS
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 121
Michael Banda
18 March 1970

UCS pay-off strike
Worker's Press, p1, no 247
5 September 1970

Fairfield shipyard: Abortive 'proving ground' for MDW
Worker's Press, p3, no 251
11 September 1970

Defend jobs' strike calls on Tyne and Mersey
Worker's Press, pp 1 – 4, no 225
17 September 1970

Clyde Retreat guided by McGarvey
Worker's Press, p1, no 275
14 October 1970

Late News -Workers at the two Clyde side shipbuilding yards...
Worker's Press, p4, no 347
8 January 1971

Temporary Victory over Clyde sackings
Worker's Press, p4, no 426
12 April 1971

Clyde Redundancies Stopped
Worker's Press, p4, no 429
15 April 1971

Workers not to blame for shipyards' not paying
Worker's Press, p4, no 441
29 April 1971

Is this the end of Clyde Shipbuilding? 35,000 jobs are in danger
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 480
David Maude
14 June 1971

Nationalize now! – UCS men
Worker's Press, p1, no 480
14 June 1971

No cash for the Clyde – Davies we'll occupy UCS say workers
Worker's Press, p1, no 481
Stephen Johns
15 June 1971

What we think – shipping slump means more jobless
Worker's Press, p1, no 481
15 June 1971

Carve – up begins at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 484
John Spencer
18 June 1971

Snub strengthens UCS workers
Worker's press, p4, no 484
Stephen Johns
18 June 1971

Thousands pledge mass strike over UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 487
Stephen Johns
22 June 1971

Carve - up on the Clyde
Worker's Press, p4, no 487
Peter Jeffries, Stephen Johns, Alex Mitchell and Bernard Franks
22 June 1971

McLean speech welcomed again on Clydeside
Worker's Press, p4, no 487
22 June 1971

Clydeside march against Tory job-killers
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 488
Stephen Johns
23 June 1971

Nationalize UCS! For a General Election now!
Worker's Press, p4, no 488
23 June 1971

25,000 marchers rebuff Stalinists Clydeside chants 'kick out Tories'
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 489
Stephen Johns
24 June 1971

UCS not political say Stalinists Dangers of betrayal on Clyde
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 490
Michael Banda
25 June 1971

Illusion and Reality – Hard facts about future of UCS
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 491
Stephen Johns
26 June 1971

Crisis week for shipyard workers
Worker's Press, p1, no 517
Stephen Johns
27 July 1971

Tories slash 6,000 jobs at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 520
Stephen Johns
30 July 1971

UCS-real issue is the fight against the Tory government
Keep Left, p15, Vol.20, No.7
July/August 1971

Upper Clyde: The vultures gather
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 523
Stephen Johns
3 August 1971

UCS Stalinists hope for Church and Tory saviours
Worker's Press, p1, no 523
Ian Yeats
3 August 1971

Stalinists crawl at Davies' feet
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 525
Stephen Johns
5 August 1971

Four – point Wilson plan won't save Clyde jobs
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 525
Ian Yeats
5 August 1971

UCS and Ulster: Tory govt main enemy
Worker's Press, p1, continued on p4, no 534
16 August 1971

A special photo report coupling the crisis in Clydeside and the civil war in Ulster
Worker's Press, p3, no 534
Martin Mayer
16 August 1971

Rail workshops may close UCS threat comes to Swindon
Worker's Press, p4, no 534
16 August 1971

Tory snub for UCS leaders
Worker's Press, p1, no 539
Michael Banda
21 August 1971

UCS workers facing betrayal
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 540
Michael Banda
23 August 1971

UCS firings
Worker's Press, p1, no 540
David Maule
23 August 1971

The facts on UCS betrayals
Worker's Press, p1, no 541
Alex Mitchell
24 August 1971

The shipyard workers speak 'let's do something realistic' – big Frank
Worker's Press, p4, no 541
24 August 1971

Kelly meets Eden today, Crunch UCS talks
Worker's Press, p1, no 543
Alex Mitchell
26 August 1971

The Shipyard workers speak
Worker's Press, p4, no 543
Stephen Johns
26 August 1971

USC jobs: Tory axe falls
Worker's Press, p1, no 544
Ian Yeats
27 August 1971
4 Pages

UCS workers: The only road
Worker's Press, p1, no 545
28 August 1971

Pay change made
Worker's Press, p1, no 545
Stephen Johns
28 August 1971

Summit – then yachting
Worker's Press, p1, no 545
Ian Yeats
28 August 1971

The shipyard workers speak 'the Tories' plan is crystal clear'
Worker's Press, p4, no 545
Stephen Johns
28 August 1971

UCS talks today: Two Policies examined
Worker's Press, p1, no 547
Michael Banda
31 August 1971

UCS 'will not take orders from govt board' – says Reid
Worker's Press, p1, no 547
Stephen Johns
31 August 1971

Time runs out for UCS yards
Worker's Press, p1, no 548
Ian Yeats
1 September 1971

UCS: The great betrayal
Worker's Press, p3, no 548
Jack Gale
1 September 1971

The shipyard workers speak
Worker's Press, p4, no 548
Stephen Johns
1 September 1971

Beware of the Tory trap at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no. 554
8 September 1971

Govt playing cat and mouse with UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 563
Stephen Johns
18 September 1971

UCS youth watch Tories and their leaders
Worker's Press, p4, no 563
Stephen Johns
18 September 1971

Don't let UCS become an adventure
Worker's Press, p1, no 569
25 September 1971

Break from the Stalinists is urgent at UCS
Worker's Press, pp3- 4, no 569
Stephen Johns
25 September 1971

Bankrupt Stalinists ready to compromise on UCS, Clyde Stewards soften to Stenhouse
Worker's Press, p1, no 572
Stephen Johns
29 September 1971

Upper Clyde Yards, two crucial meetings
Worker's Press, p1, no 572
29 September 1971

Morning Star looks both ways at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 574
1 October 1971

Mr Stenhouse, you're welcome – Airlie
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 574
Stephen Johns
1 October 1971

What we think - The Tory Govt and UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 574
1 October 1971

Behind all the back slapping, hard facts, empty words at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 575
Alex Mitchell
2 October 1971

UCS – the great betrayal
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 583
Stephen Johns
12 October 1971

UCS men must reject the McGarvey – Davies deal
Worker's Press, p1, no 585
Alex Mitchell
14 October 1971

Shipbuilding claim 'didn't go down too well'
Worker's Press, p1, no 585
David Maude
14 October 1971

UCS comes to Birmingham
Worker's Press, p3, no 585
John Spencer
14 October 1971

Despite opposition UCS yards to be split
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 587
Ian Yeats
16 October 1971

Another Stalinist damp squib at UCS
Worker's Press, p1 continued on p4, no 601
David Maude
2 November 1971

Bitter fruits of split at UCS
Worker's Press, p1, no 610
12 November 1971

Marchers give back £100 to UCS
Keep Left, p7, Vol.21 No.4
April 1972

Pamphlets

Nationalize UCS! For a General Election Now!
A Workers Press Pamphlet
June 1971
22 pages

UCS: the Fight for the Right to Work
Alex Murray (CPGB)
1971
20 pages

Reformism on the Clyde: the Story of UCS
Stephen Johns (SLL)
March 1973
128 pages

Labour Party Young Socialists support UCS workers
LPYS
13 pages

UCS: The Social Audit
A special report by the IWC (The Institute for Worker's Control)
30 pages

Undated

UCS gets wise – organise bloody workers!
Leaflet

Clydeside Bulletin
Socialist Worker, No 3/8
August

Cydeside Bulletin, Millions Support You
Socialist Worker

Conference Special, support UCS, fight unemployment
Socialist Worker

Clyde sackings explode 'development area' myth
Worker's Press, p4, no 241

Glasgow Caledonian University Institutional Archive

UCS Shop Steward's Bulletin

1 September 1971 – 23 December 1971

11 issues

Original copies

Rattling the Cage

Bob Starrett

Ferret Press, 1983

The Politics of the UCS Work-In

John Foster and Charles Woolfson

Lawrence and Wishart, 1986

Signed by John Foster to Norman Buchan (donated by Janey Buchan)

The Right to Work: the 30th anniversary of the UCS work-in

A commemorative brochure

Govan Workspace Ltd

2001

Down the River

Lewis Johnman and Ian Johnston

Argyll Publishing

2001

Includes photographs and memories of people involved in different ways with ship building on the Clyde

UCS Work-in: 30th Anniversary

Witness Seminar and Open Forum, 18 May 2002

Audio recording and transcript + display

Floreat Clutha: Let the Clyde Flourish

Student film project including interview with Jimmy Reid

Colin Joss

Scottish Trades Union Congress Archive

Report of Proceedings of Committee of Enquiry into the Run-Down of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders

The STUC staged an inquiry into the proposed run-down. It began on 1 September 1971 with hearings in public at Clydebank Town Hall and Glasgow City Chambers (ending 21 October 1971). The Committee was chaired by Raymond Illsley (Professor of Sociology, Aberdeen University), Frank Cousins (former General Secretary of TGWU), and George Perry (American Chairman of General Motors, Scotland). Its remit was restricted to the wider social and economic consequences of the decision to run down UCS. [Taken from John Foster and Charles Woolfson, *The Politics of the UCS Work-In*, Lawrence and Wishart Ltd, 1986]

Listed boxes

UCS public hearing transcripts

September 1971

Day 1 and part of day 2

(87 Gestetner sheets)

Committee of Enquiry into the Proposed Run-Down of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders: Interim Report to STUC

28 September 1971

R Illsley(Chairman), F Cousins, G M Perry

Chapters 1-4 (bound)

Chapter 1 - The problem and the inquiry, Chapter 2 - The history of UCS,

Chapter 3 - Industrial decline and unemployment in West Central Scotland

Chapter 4 - The economic costs of redundancy at UCS

Chapters 5-6 (bound)

Chapter 5 - Social consequences of redundancy at UCS

Chapter 6 - Conclusions

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Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd enquiry 1971

Transcripts of proceedings at public enquiry

Day 3 to day 7

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Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd enquiry 1971

Letter to Jimmy Reid regarding tapes of the enquiry -- List of tapes received from Jimmy Reid -- Correspondence on the publication of the UCS Committee of Enquiry -
- Correspondence on the UCS Shop Stewards Fighting Fund -- Fighting Fund Income and Expenditure Report -- List of individuals and organisations who submitted evidence to the Committee before 28 September 1971

Box 509

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd enquiry 1971 to 1972

Interim report -- Completed enquiry -- Evidence papers -- Financial reports

Committee of enquiry replies -- Circulars -- General Motors Scotland Ltd employee

handbooks -- Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen pamphlet -- Glasgow

Herald article (5/8/71) -- General correspondence

Box 504

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd enquiry 1971 to 1972

Evidence papers -- Reports -- Liquidation statement and report -- Newspaper articles -

- Shipyard and employment statistics -- Drafts of final enquiry report -- General

correspondence

STUC Organisational Histories

The Scottish Trades Union Congress: The First 80 Years 1897-1977

Pages 385, 392, 394-404, 405,

Angela Tuckett

1986

(14 pages relating to UCS)

The Bairns O' Adam: The Story of the STUC

Pages 134, 223-229, 232

Keith Aitken

1997

(9 pages relating to UCS)

STUC General Council Papers

This Archive has at its core bound volumes of the General Council minutes and papers. Listed below are description and page numbers for all discussed and recorded business relating to UCS

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Meeting of General Council, 8th April 1970	(pp0002-0003)
Agenda and General Secretary's Report, General Council Meeting, 8th April 1970	(p0008)
Economic Committee, 31st March 1970	(p00036)
Agenda and Secretarial Report for Economic Committee	(p00042)
Report of Meeting with Mr Ken Douglas, Managing Director and Mr John Reed, Personnel Director, Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Ltd, 1st April 1970	(pp00064-00068)
Meeting of General Council, 13th May 1970 Reference Agenda Item 13	(p000144)
Council Meeting, 13th May 1970	(p000147)
Emergency Resolutions Reference No. E2	(p000199)
Emergency Resolution 2	(pp000219-000220)
Minutes of General Council, 10th June 1970	(p000268)
Agenda and General Secretary's Report, General Council, 10th June 1970	(p000273)
Minutes of Economic Committee, 26th May 1970	(p000296)

Agenda and Secretarial Report for Economic Committee, 26th May 1970	(p000300)
1970 Congress- Resolutions Carried, Action Required	(p000305)
A Report of Meeting with Paymaster-General, Mr Harold Lever M.P Ministry of Technology Offices, 13th April 1970	(pp000306-000310)
Minutes of General Purposes Committee, 23rd June 1970	(p000420)
Agenda and Secretarial Report, General Purposes Committee, 28th July 1970	(p000438)
Minutes of General Purposes Committee, 25th August 1970	(p000541)
Agenda and Secretarial Report, General Purposes Committee, 25th August 1970	(p000547)
<u>Volume: January 1971 - April 1971</u>	
Minutes of meeting of General Council, 10 th February 1971	(p000885)
Supplementary agenda to meeting of General Council, Agenda Item 6, 10 th February 1971	(pp000891-000892)
Agenda and General Secretary's Report, General Council Meeting, 10 th February 1971	(p000894)
Minutes of Meeting of Economic Committee, 26 th January 1971	(p000900)
Agenda and Secretarial Report to meeting of Economic Committee, 23 rd February 1971	(p001079)
Special Conference: Employment for Scotland	(p001083)
Report of meeting with the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, M.B.E. M.P., Prime Minister, 22 nd February 1971	(pp00109-001101)
STUC Allocation of Speakers to General Council Report, 74 th congress	(p001160)
STUC Allocation of Speakers to General Council Report, 74 th congress, section two	(p001237)

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Special Meeting of General Council, 15 th June 1971	(pp000174-000176)
Press Statement, 13 th June 1971	(p000177)
Special Meeting of General Council, 4 th August 1971	(pp000178-000181)
Report of Special General Council meeting, 30 th July 1971	(pp000182-000134)
Meeting of Economic Committee, 22 nd June 1971	(pp000215-000216)
Agenda and Secretarial Report to Meeting of Economic Committee	(p000218)
Reference Agenda Item 2, Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, 15 th June 1971	(pp000221-000222)
Reference Agenda Item 2(a)	(pp000223-000224)
Press Statement	(p000225)
Report of meeting with Mr. Edward Heath., Prime Minister, Mr. John Davies, M.P., Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Mr. Gordon Campbell, M.P., Secretary of State for Scotland held to discuss Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, 21 st June 1971	(p000245)
Meeting with Prime Minister, possible questions, 21 st June 1971	(pp000246-000247)
Report of meeting with Sir John Eden, Bt., M.P., Under – Secretary of State, 14 th June 1971	(pp000248-000249)
Report of Special Meeting of Economic Committee, 8 th July 1971	(pp000250-000251)
Report of meeting with Committee of Enquiry, Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, 16 th July 1971	(pp000252-000254)
Upper Clyde, State of Order Book, 20 th July 1971	(p000255)
Report of meeting with Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister for Trade and Industry regarding unemployment, 26 th July 1971	(pp000256-000261)
Report of meeting held in the A.U.E.W rooms, 21 st July 1971	(pp000263-000264)

Scottish unemployment, draft	(pp000265-000274)
Minutes of Youth Advisory Committee, 26 th June 1971	(p000276)
Minutes of Meeting of General Council, 15 th September 1971	(pp000294-000296)
Agenda and General Secretary's Report, General Council Meeting, 15th September 1971	(pp000304-000306)
Minutes of meeting of Economic Committee, 24 th August 1971	(p000353)
Agenda and Secretarial Report to Meeting of Economic Committee, 24 th August 1971	(pp000358-000359)
Reference Agenda Item 3(a), Copy of Statement received from Thomson Ship Cranes Ltd. USC proposed Liquidation, 20 th July 1971, (see p000359 for date)	(p000362)
Report of meeting with secretary for Scotland and Minister for Trade and Industry, 26 th July 1971	(pp000374-000378)
Minutes of meeting of General Council, 13 th October 1971	(pp000403-000404)
Agenda and General Secretary's Report, General Council Meeting, 13 th October 1971	(pp000407-000408)
Minutes of meeting of Economic Committee, 28 th September 1971	(pp000439-000441)
Agenda and Secretarial Report to meeting of Economic Committee, 28 th August 1971	(p000443)
Committee of Enquiry into proposed run down of Upper Clyde	(pp000455-000456)
Reference Agenda Item 5 (b) Copy of letter from A.U.E.W: Technical and Supervisory Section, Nationalisation of the shipbuilding Industry	(p000458)
Statement made by Mr. A. Scott, Technical and Supervisory Section - AUEW	(pp000459-000460)
Committee of Enquiry into the proposed run down of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, Interim Report to STUC, 28 th September 1971	(pp000517-000522)
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General Council Meeting, 13th September 1972 (p000349)

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Scottish Trade Union Congress (STUC) – Annual Reports

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Shipbuilding, pp43-51
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Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, pp40-41
Nationalization of the shipbuilding industry, pp77-78

Scottish T.U.C Bulletin (1963-71)

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No 421, pp6-7
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Labour Party Annual Conference Report (fragile condition)

70th Annual Report (Brighton 1971)
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71st Annual Report (Blackpool 1972)
Monday morning: Industrial Democracy, pp125-26

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Trade Union Congress Report (Blackpool 1971)

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, pp295-296

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Trade Union Congress Report (Brighton 1972)

Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, pp290-291

Papers of Jimmy Cloughley and Bob Dickie

Black and White photo - UCS employees leaving yard

Andy Kiggins (copyright)

9 June 1971

Black and White photo -workers leaving Fairfield

The Glasgow Herald (copyright)

14 June 1971

Black and White photo - mass meeting Clydebank workers

The Glasgow Herald (copyright)

15 June 1971

Black and White photo - UCS union representatives protest to Scottish Secretary

Gordon Campbell

Scottish Daily Record and Sunday Mail (copyright)

19 June 1971

Black and White photo - UCS shop stewards at entrance to Govan yard

The Glasgow Herald (copyright)

29 July 1971

Card

John Lennon and Yoko Ono

9 August 1971

Typed

UCS Liquidation Statement

Mr Robert C. Smith, Official Liquidator

19 August 1971

3 pages

Typed

Original copy

UCS Shop Steward's Bulletin

1 September 1971 – 23 December 1971

11 issues

Original copies

Black and White photo - shop stewards meeting in Linthouse
The Glasgow Herald (copyright)
28 September 1971
Includes key of whose who in photograph (incomplete)

Black and White photo - shop stewards meeting in Linthouse
The Sun (copyright)
29 September 1971

Letter to Tony Benn
John Davies
31 December 1971
Typed

Letter and envelope
Tony Benn
6 January 1972
Typed with handwritten signatures

Letter and envelope
Tony Benn
14 March 1972
Typed with handwritten signatures

Original Marathon Shipbuilders (UK) Ltd Agreement
July 1972
4 pages
Unsigned

Fighting Fund Income and Expenditure Account
Pamphlet - UCS
For year ending 23 June 1972
R.G. Mackenzie (Treasurer)
23 November 1972
4 pages
Typed
Original

Undated

Original Memorandum from UCS Shop Stewards Co-ordinating Committee
5 pages

Black and White photo- Publicity Committee
People preparing UCS victory bulletin including Jimmy Cloughley

Black and White photo - UCS protest at Downing Street
5 copies and 6 negatives
Negatives marked "Morning Star"

Black and white photo - UCS Delegation at Downing Street
Includes Sammy Barr, Jimmy Reid, Jimmy Airlie, Bob Dickie, Bob Cook and Willie McInnes
16 June

Black and White photo – Demo Glasgow 18th August

Broadsheet - The Butchering of UCS
2 copies

Black and white photo (grainy copy) - John Lennon and Yoko Ono

Poster - UCS Campaign
Dubliners in concert on 17 April
Includes Bobby Starrett cartoon

Poster- UCS Campaign
Donovan and others in concert on 30 April
Includes Bobby Starrett cartoon

Broadsheet – Upper Clyde Special: we won with your support
2 copies

Black and white photo - UCS Work-in victory celebrations, Clydebank
Margo McDonald (SNP)
Bob Dickie (Convenor at John Brown's)
Robert Smith (UCS Official Liquidator)
(Identifier – A3)

Black and white photo - UCS Work-in victory celebrations, Clydebank
Danny McGarvie (President, Boilermakers Union)
Jimmy Airlie (Leader, UCS Work-in)
Jimmy Reid (Leader, UCS Work-in)
(Identifier – A4)

Black and white photo - UCS Work-in victory celebrations, Clydebank
Joe Black (Full-time official E.T.U)
Various clergy
(Identifier – A6)

Black and white photo- UCS Work-in victory celebrations, Clydebank
Margo McDonald (SNP)
Bob Dickie (Convenor at John Browns')
Robert Smith (UCS Official Liquidator)
Mrs Danny McGarvie (Boilermakers Society)

Govan Workspace Ltd Archive

This Archive contains the original exhibition created and staged by Govan Workspace. The Exhibition was called *THE RIGHT TO WORK: a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the UCS Work-in* and is made up of 27 display boards. Includes commemorative brochure.

Display boards x 27 - dimensions 81cm by 119cm each

- Power to the People
- 1968: Upper Clyde Shipbuilders is Born
- The Storm that Lay Ahead
- News of Crisis Leaks Out
- Appointment of Liquidator
- Plans for a Mass Campaign
- Benn Defends UCS
- Meeting at No 10
- Mobilising Support
- They Marched in Unity...
- ...and for the Right to Work
- UCS is Doomed
- Building Ships and Men
- The Work-in Begins
- The Money Pours In
- Public Outcry
- The Information War
- Carnival of Protest
- A United Assault
- Negotiations Begin
- Bolstering Morale
- Secret Plans to Butcher UCS
- Lame Duck Board
- Four Yards or None
- Towards a Solution
- Victory in Sight
- The Four Yards are Saved

27 replica placards

Replica red roses sent to the UCS by John Lennon and Yoko Ono

The Gallacher Memorial Library

Books

The UCS Work-In

Willie Thompson and Finlay Hart

1972

995 pages

Copy signed by the authors

The Right to Work: The Story of the Upper Clyde Confrontation

Alasdair Buchan

1972

160 pages

UCS The Anatomy of Bankruptcy

Robin Murray

1972

86 pages

Crisis on the Clyde

Jack McGill

1973

143 pages

Reflections of a Clyde-Built Man

Pages 45, 77 – 98

Jimmy Reid

1976

(23 pages relating to UCS)

In the front of the book are two newspaper clippings, although it is not clear what publications they are from. Both relate to Jimmy Reid, but only one is specific to the UCS - 'Communists accused over UCS crisis' by James Fyfe.

The Politics of the UCS Work-In

John Foster and Charles Woolfson

1986

446 pages

Includes a handwritten dedication on cover page from John Foster to Finlay Hart

The Scottish Trades Union Congress: The First 80 Years 1897-1977

Pages 385, 392, 394-404, 405,

Angela Tuckett

1986

(14 pages relating to UCS)

The Bairns O' Adam: The Story of the STUC

Pages 134, 223-229, 232

Keith Aitken

1997

(9 pages relating to UCS)

Photographs

8 colour photographs - UCS demonstration/march Trafalgar Square, London

12 September 1971

9cm x 6.5cm

4 colour photographs - UCS demonstration/march Trafalgar Square, London

12 September 1971

12.5cm x 9cm (colour quality not as good as the 8 smaller photographs above)

2 black and white photographs - UCS marches

Date and location unknown

9cm x 11.5cm

Black and white photograph - Jimmy Reid addressing crowd in Govan

Date unknown

11.5cm x 15cm

The Glasgow Herald and Evening Times (copyright)

2 black and white photograph - UCS march

Date and location unknown

15.5cm x 10.5cm, 21.5cm x 16.5cm (card backing)

4 black and white photographs - UCS march with the leaders of the political parties and trade unions including Jimmy Airlie & Jimmy Reid

Date and location unknown

20cm x 12cm (card backing), 20cm x 11cm, 16cm x 12cm, 15.5cm x 10.5cm (card backing)

Black and white photograph - demonstration against Anti-Union Act

Date and location unknown

24.5cm x 19.5cm

Black and white photograph - Jimmy Reid & Jimmy Airlie being interviewed at Glasgow Airport prior to leaving for London

Date unknown

21.5cm x 16.5cm

The Glasgow Herald and Evening Times (copyright)

5 black and white photographs - various UCS marches and demonstrations

Dates and locations unknown

18.5cm x 22.5cm (card backed); 19.5cm x 24cm (card backed); 21.5cm x 15cm (card backed); 16.5 cm x 17cm (card backed); 21.5cm x 16.5 cm

Black and white photograph - 'The London Delegation'

copied from the "Morning Star"

Date and location unknown

24cm x 17cm

Black and white photograph - press conference meeting with Jimmy Reid

Date and location unknown

21.5cm x 17cm

The Glasgow Herald and Evening Times (copyright)

Black and white photograph - STUC meeting with Jimmy Airlie

Date and location unknown

21.5cm x 17cm

Scottish Daily Record and Sunday Mail (copyright)

Black and white photograph - of a meeting
Photograph by A B Holmes
Date and location unknown
24cm x 17.5cm

8 photocopied sheets of black and white images from UCS
(some already included in photographs noted above)

Pamphlets/Publications

UCS Employment Charter
UCS Ltd
November 1967

An Interim Productivity Agreement between Boilermakers, Shipwrights and UCS Ltd
November 1968

Visit of Joint Management/Shop Stewards to Swedish Shipyards
UCS Ltd
1968

UCS: the Fight for the Right to Work
Alex Murray (CPGB)
1971

UCS Ltd (In Liquidation): Statement of Affairs as at 15 June 1971
UCS Ltd
1971
Includes letter to Willie Thompson dated 30 November 1971 from Robert C Smith,
Official Liquidator

UCS Workers Control: the real defence against unemployment is attack
The Institute for Workers' Control,
[1971]
John Eaton, John Hughes and Ken Coates

UCS: the social audit: a special report by the IWC
pamphlet number 26
The Institute for Workers' Control
[1971]

John Brown's body: a brief synopsis of the origins and course of the UCS work-in
Strathclyde Regional Council
John McLauchlan
[1975]

Bulletins

UCS Shop Steward Bulletin, issue no 2
8 September 1971

UCS Shop Steward Bulletin, issue no 3
September 1971

Broadsheets

The Tory plot that killed the yards
UCS Shop Stewards, 1971 (large format)

Upper Clyde Special: we won with your support
UCS Shop Stewards, [1971] (large format)

Leaflets/Flyers

To all employees
Letter dated 8 April 1970 from A E Hepper, Chairman UCS Ltd

Why sink upper clyde?
Appeal for donations - UCS (Clydebank Division)

Work-in
Frankie Miller - Citizens Theatre (Cran Theatre Company)

Catalogues

The UCS Work-in: an interim catalogue
J R Hay and J McLauchlan
(from *Scottish Labour History Society Journal*, no 8, June 1974)

The Norman and Janey Buchan Collection

Books

The UCS Work-In
Willie Thompson and Finlay Hart
Lawrence and Wishart
1972

The Politics of the UCS Work-In
John Foster and Charles Woolfson
Lawrence and Wishart
1986

Reformism on the Clyde (The story of UCS)
Stephen Johns
Socialist Labour League
1973

Centre for Political Song

Unity Creates Strength (sound recording)

Sound disc – analogue – 33-1/3 rpm, stereo, 12 inch

Glasgow : Nevis

1972

Head teeth / Alistair McDonald – Keek-a-boo / Danny Kyle – Highland Medley / Robin Hall and Jimmie MacGregor -- Pay day / Alex Campbell – John Maclean march / The Laggan – Connolly was there / Dominic Behan – Pack your tools / Robin Hall and Jimmie MacGregor – Great iron ship / Danny Kyle – Cowes capers / Alistair McDonald – Been on the road / Alex Campbell – S S Shieldhall / The Laggan – Pass round the whisky / Ian Campbell – Finale / All

Websites with UCS related material

Links to other identified websites offering UCS related information and resources.

Access to Archives

Information about UCS documents held in other archives across England and Wales.

http://www.a2a.org.uk/search/documentxsl.asp?com=1&i=1&nbKey=1&stylesheet=xsl/A2A_com.xsl&keyword=UCS&properties=0601

BBC

Information about the secret government documents relating to UCS, an interview with Tony Benn discussing UCS, and the transcript, video and audio link of an interview with Jimmy Reid.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/uk_confidential/1717110.stm

BBC

An online educational resource on social change 1945-79, containing a section on Jimmy Reid and the UCS work-in as well as a quiz and three excerpts by men who took part.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/hist/employment/ship/section_d/index.shtml

The Clydebuilt database

A database of ships built on the Clyde past and present that is updated daily.

<http://www.clydesite.co.uk/clydebuilt/active.asp>

Glasgow University Archive Services (GUAS)

Information on archives held by Glasgow University Archives relating to UCS.

<http://www.archives.gla.ac.uk/collects/catalog/ugd/301-350/ugd349.html>

Marxist Internet

A paper about the action of the working class which refers to UCS at beginning of document, and a review of a book concerning the strikes, pickets and other protests of 1972, including references to UCS.

<http://www.webarchive.org.uk/pan/12149/20051223/www.marxists.org/archive/cliff/works/1995/02/balance.htm>

National Archives Scotland (NAS)

Short summaries and digital reproductions of previously confidential documents held by the National Archives of Scotland, concerning the dispute (released in 2002).

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/new_year_releases_2002_pt2.pdf

Radical Glasgow

Electronic book on GCU's Special Collections website that includes a chapter on UCS.

http://www.gcal.ac.uk/radicalglasgow/chapters/ucs_workin.html

The Scotsman

Video clip of Jimmy Reid and Jimmy Airlie talking in 1971 about the success of the UCS work-in as well as a video of a speech by Jimmy Airlie on the background to the conflict.

<http://heritage.scotsman.com/videos.cfm?vid=230>

SCRAN

Contains a photo of UCS demonstration in Glasgow with Tony Benn, Jimmy Reid and James Airlie.

<http://www.scran.ac.uk/database/record.php?usi=000-000-114-302-C&PHPSESSID=9r0lbb097dco6p4d02ldjqoir1&scache=1rm4g278fe&searchdb=scran&PHPSESSID=9r0lbb097dco6p4d02ldjqoir1>

Screenonline

Campaign film used by UCS.

<http://www.screenonline.org.uk/film/id/529391/index.html>

Socialist Worker

Information on UCS can be found via the search engine on this site.

www.socialistworker.co.uk

Sunny Govan website

Information taken from an article by Sheila Hamilton 'The Fighting Spirit of UCS' with good photographs

<http://www.sunnygovan.com/PLACES/Clyde/FightingSpirit.html>

Wikipedia

An overview of the reasons behind the work in, the tactics used, and the aftermath of the industrial action with links to key figures, such as, Jimmy Reid.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper-Clyde_Shipbuilders_Work-in

Youtube

Video of an interview with Jimmy Reid in 1971.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCrcWINPd0k>