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Context

Biographical Note
Born in Blonie near Warsaw, Poland 1907, died in London 1966; original surname was Nasibirski; joined the Polish Communist Party at the age of 15; worked as a docker in Danzig 1926; left, intending to go to South Africa, but stayed in London; worked as a cutter and machinist in the clothing trade; in the thirties, living in Stepney, London, member of the British Communist Party, the Jewish Workers Circle, the Friends of the Soviet Union and the Yiddish Workers’ Theater Movement; under Stalin supported the creation of Birobidjan, a Jewish Autonomous Republic in the Soviet Union; general-manager of a communist bookshop chain in Great Britain 1942-1952; leading member of the Jewish Advisory Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain and heavily involved in the crisis that broke out following the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in 1956; last editor of the Jewish Clarion from 1953 tot 1956, when it ceased publication; wrote a memorandum for the Communist Party on the position of Jews in the Soviet Union in the last months of his life.

Content and Structure

Content
Documents on the Communist Party of Great Britain, the debates in the communist movement after the death of Stalin, the cry for reforms in Hungary and Poland as well as the position of Jews in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries 1956-1958, 1966.

Subjects

Geographic Names
United Kingdom
Hungary
Poland
USSR (former)

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