

## A.T. Hill fonds

1937-1977

37 cm. of textual records

*Languages* - English, Finnish

### *Biographical Sketch*

A.T. Hill was born in Finland on 12 Oct. 1898 and died in 1978. He arrived in Port Arthur in 1917. He was a leading young Communist and secretary of the Finnish Organization of Canada from 1921-1924 and 1926-1929. He became secretary of the Young Workers' Party of Canada in 1922 and attended the fifth Comintern Congress in Moscow in 1924. From that point onward he was a Communist Party organizer serving as a liaison between the Party and the Finnish community in Canada.

### *Scope and Content*

The A.T. Hill Papers are composed of manuscripts, files, published material, miscellaneous textual records and photographs dealing primarily with the union and labour movements in Canada and at the Lakehead, and Communist Party activities, as well as Hill's own interest in the U.S.S.R. and other communist countries. Arranged by record type into six series.

#### **Series A 17/1/1-11** - Manuscripts - 114 fol. - 1948-[1974]

- 1) Rough manuscript of Hill's autobiography from his youth in Finland to the mid-1970s in Thunder Bay. Typewritten with some photocopies. (48 fol.), no date.
- 2) Shorter typewritten manuscript of autobiography of A.T. Hill intended to include also photos. Covers from Hill's youth to 1923. (7 fol.)
- 3) "Basic Highlights of Labor History -- Lakehead and Canada", covering the period from around 1910 to 1945. Also includes civic candidates' slates for elections and an anti-nuclear weapons poster from the Communist Party of Canada (12 fol.)
- 4) "Highlights of Labor History - Lakehead, Canada and the World", which also includes some municipal election information, no date (14 fol.)
- 5) "Finnish Hall, 316 Bay St.", outlining the purpose and financial status of the hall, incomplete, no date (2 fol.)
- 6) "All People Should Accept the Truth and Reject Lies and Misrepresentation". A history of the Finnish population in Port Arthur, no date (9 fol.)
- 7) "Harry Bryan" dealing with the lumber workers organization in Ontario and the recruiting of Harry Bryan as an organizer, no date (1 fol.)
- 8) "Historic Basis and Development of the Workers Organization and Struggles in Ontario", 1948 (16 fol.)
- 9) "Our Tasks in the Coming Municipal Elections", a draft resolution for submission to the L.P.P. Ontario Committee, 2-3 Oct. 1954 (3 fol.)
- 10) "International Labour Councils Convention", Thunder Bay, 1974 (4 fol.)
- 11) "Lenin in the Leadership of the Communist International", no date (3 fols.)

#### **Series A 17/2/1-16** - Miscellaneous files - 17cm. - [1973-1977]

- 1) Correspondence between Hill and the Canadian Tribune
- 2) Letters and reports dealing with the Labour Progressive Party c.1941-1961
- 3) Letters and reports dealing with the Communist Party of Canada, [1975-1976]

- 4) File entitled "Education, Research, Assistance and Service", a "New Horizons" program.
  - 5) Finnish Organization of Canada
  - 6) Letters and reports in Finnish, untranslated
  - 7) Reports and submissions regarding labour and lumber workers' unions
  - 8) Personal correspondence of Hill, 1976-1977
  - 9) Rosval and Voutilainen memorial file
  - 10) Senior Citizen Alliance file
  - 11) Tim Buck Centre file
  - 12) Woodworkers' Welfare Assoc. file
  - 13) Two files of reports, minutes and clippings regarding the World Peace Council
  - 14) Note and writings regarding A.T. Hill autobiography
  - 15) File regarding Hill's manuscripts: "Historic basis and development of the Workers' Organization and Struggles in Ontario", "Highlights of Labor History", and "International Labor Councils' Convention"
  - 16) Misc. historical writings and election poster
- Series A 17/3/1-11** - Pamphlets, Reports and Magazines - 7cm. - 1944-1948, 1966, 1970, 1974-1977

**Pamphlets:**

- 1) "Canada in a Fast Changing World", by William Kashton (1976)
- 2) "A New Course for Canada", by William Kashton (1966)
- 3) "For a Liberal Labour Coalition Government", by Tim Buck (1944)
- 4) "Finns in North America", by E. Engle (1975)
- 5) "Save the Cyprus Republic" (1974-1975)
- 6) "Euro-Communism" (1977)

**Reports:**

- 7) Trades and Labour Congress reports, 1944-1947
- 8) Trades and Labour Congress Journal, 1948

**Magazines:**

- 9) Rintamaamme Yhtykaa, skp, 1974
- 10) Karjalan Asnt (Red Flag Magazine), 1970

**Series A 17/4/1-6** - Documents - 1cm. - 1944-1950

Misc. documents of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union

- 1) Dues book, 1944-1947
- 2) receipt, 1950
- 3) Business agent authority slip, 1946
- 4) Master agreement between Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and Forest Products Industries in Ontario, 1948
- 5) L.S.W.U. pamphlet, "Prosperity or Austerity? Which Way Canada", 1948
- 6) Submission of L.S.W.U. to Royal Commission on Forestry, Ontario, no date

**Series A 17/5/1-12** - Miscellaneous - 8cm. - 1909, 1912, 1937-1976

- 1) pocket diary compiled by Hill, 1937
- 2) Finnish passport belonging to Edwin Lahtinen, 1909
- 3) Finnish Organization of Canada membership book
- 4) Finnish Organization of Canada membership book by laws, 1953
- 5) Communist Party of Canada membership book, 1975
- 6) Co-op trading Co. by laws, 1912

- 7) Letter promoting visit by Tim Buck by Hill, 1943
- 8) Letterhead, Lakehead Communist-Labour Total War Committee, Communist Party of Canada, Northwestern Regional Committee
- 9) Newsletter, Coalition for Social Justice, 12 May 1976
- 10) Stock certificate, Toronto Workers Co-op Ltd., 1931
- 11) Telegram regarding Coalition for Social Justice rally, 28 Apr. 1976
- 12) Collection of personal greeting cards to Hill

**Series A 17/6/1-6** - Photographs - 162 items

- 1) 63 postcards from USSR
- 2) 27 postcards mainly from Finland, China, and Canada
- 3) 19 photographs depicting various scenes from State University in Moscow
- 4) 6 photographs of lumber industry in USSR
- 5) 14 photographs of various places and events in USSR
- 6) 33 misc. photographs, cards, etc.

*Additional Information*

*Custodial History* - Formerly catalogued into museum collection, 980.83.1-4, 7-12, 16, 22, 24-5, 27-8, 33, 36, 39-42, 44-47.