

# BRITISH POLITICAL PSEUDONYMS

Suggested additions and corrections always welcome

## 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

Adler, Ruth	Ray Waterman
Ajax	Montagu Slater [in <i>Left Review</i> , which he helped create & edited in 1934]
Ajax Junior	Guy Aldred [Scottish anti-parliamentarian communist]
Allen, Peter	Salme Dutt [née Murrik aka Pekkala; married to Rajani Palme Dutt]
Anderson, Irene	Constance Haverson [George Lansbury's granddaughter, Comintern courier]
Andrews, R F	Andrew Rothstein [CPGB]
Arkwright, John	Randall Swingler [CP writer]
Ashton, Teddy	Charles Allen Clarke. 1863-1935. [Lancashire dialect novelist and socialist]
Atticus	William MacCall [pioneer anarchist, reviewer for <i>The National Reformer</i> ]
Avis	Alfred Sherman [before he became a close advisor to Margaret Thatcher, he had been in the CP in the 1940s, and used this name to write on Jewish issues]
Barclay, P J	John Archer [Trotskyist civil servant]
Baron, Alexander	Alec Bernstein [author]
Barrister, A	Mavis Hill [ <i>Justice in England</i> , LBC, 1938]
Thurso, Berwick	Maurice Blythman [Scottish radical poet]
Bennet or Bennett	Goldfarb [ECCI rep. to GB & Ireland; Head of Anglo-American Secretariat, C.I.; married Rose Cohen, CPGB. Both shot in 1937] Aka Lipec, Petrovsky, Breguer, Humboldt
Best, Michael	Michael Shapiro [CP]
Bilbo, Jack	Hugo Baruch [German anti-fascist; in England from 1936 – temporarily interned, set up the Modern Art Gallery in London in 1941; created controversial large-scale erotic sculptures in his Surrey garden]
Bishop, John	Ted Willis [as author of <i>Erma Kremer &amp; Sabotage!</i> for Unity Theatre in 1941 and 1942]
Black, Robert	Robin Blick [Trotskyist, as author of <i>Stalinism in Britain, Fascism in Germany</i> ].
Bookie, The	Chris Searle [in <i>MS 2000</i> ]
Brain, Leonard	Leonard Peek [author of novel <i>It's A Free Country</i> about his experience of being suspended from his Civil Service Job for writing for Unity Theatre - he was not a member of the CP]
Breguer, Max	Goldfarb [see Bennet]
Brent, Jack	George ("Geordie") Dickie [in 1933 he deserted from the Army, joined CP & changed his name; injured in Spanish Civil War]
Bridger, John	Michael MacAlpin [Features Editor <i>DW</i> c1950]
Brown, William	William Hampton + Michael Barrett Brown [in New Left mags]
Bryan, John	Theodore Rothstein [writing for the BSP and C.I.- including the period when he was working for the Intelligence Services of Britain, Russia and Turkey simultaneously!]
Bryher, Samson	S Bale [author of <i>An Account of the Labour &amp; Socialist Movement in Bristol</i> , 1929]
Buchan	James Boswell [CP cartoonist/artist]
Buchland, Robert	Buckley Roberts [author of <i>The Length of a Street</i> in <i>Penguin Parade 5</i> ; ILP?]
Burns	Gerry Healy [Trotskyist, in internal debates 1950s]
B V	James Thomson [Radical poet and reviewer]
Cade, Jack	Robin Page Arnot [CP]
Campbell, Donald	George Allison [CP]
Cardan, Paul	Cornelius Castoriadis
Carline, A L	Randall Swingler [CP writer]
Cassius	Michael Foot [writing for Gollancz]
Cato	Frank Owen/Michael Foot/Peter Howard [ <i>Guilty Men</i> , Gollancz 1940]
Casey	Walter Hampson [ILP author and activist; lost job in orchestra because of his politics – famous for his violin performances at socialist meetings]
Cathasaigh, P O	Sean O'Casey [as author of <i>The Story of the Irish Citizen Army</i> , his first published book in 1919]
Caudwell, Christopher	Christopher St John Sprigge
Cayton	Alf Rubin [ <i>DW</i> 's famous racing tipster 1935-1995]
Celticus	Aneurin Bevan [ <i>Why Not Trust the Tories?</i> Gollancz]
Chaulieu, Pierre	Cornelius Castoriadis
Citrine *	Bill McGregor [CPGB student at International Lenin School in Moscow, 1937]

Cleary, Jack	Sean Matgamna [Trotskyist]
Cliff, Tony	Ygael Gluckstein
Cloud, Yvonne	Yvonne Kapp [author of <i>The Basque Children in England</i> ]
Clydebank Rivetter	Aitken Ferguson [CP organiser in Glasgow]
Cobley, Tom	Dennis Gleeson [author of <i>No! &amp; Russian for Yes</i> for Unity Theatre, early 1950s]
Cochrane, I R O	Percy Glading [CP]
Covenanter	Konni Zilliacus [as author of <i>Labour &amp; War Resistance</i> 1936]
Constantine, Murray	Katherine Burdekin [author of <i>Swastika Night</i> LBC]
Dallas, C	Chanie Rosenberg – Chanie Gluckstein (Tony Cliff's wife) [IS/SWP]
Dallas, Elana	Anetta Gluckstein (Tony Cliff's daughter) [S/SWP]
Dataller, Roger	Arthur Archibald Eaglestone [author of radical novels <i>Uncouth Swain, 1933 &amp; Steel Saraband, 1938</i> ]
Davidson, John	Tom Anderson [early Scottish communist, founder of first Socialist Sunday School]
Davis, Mary or Margaret	Tom Anderson
Davy	David Caplan [CP cartoonist/artist]
Dawson, Dr. Gerry	David Widgery [SWP, in <i>Socialist Worker</i> ]
Degras, Jane	Tabriski, Jane [academic]
Devilshoof	Harry Quelch [as author of short stories in SDF paper <i>Justice</i> ]
Dexter	Gabriel Cohen [CP]
Didymus	W H Auden [in <i>Commonweal</i> ]
Diplomaticus	Konni Zilliacus [ <i>Can the Tories Win the Peace?</i> ]
Dollard, Paddy	Sean Matgamna [Trotskyist]
Douglas, Evelyn	John Evelyn Barlas [poet, Oscar Wilde's circle and anarchist; spent some time locked in asylum - possibly as result of police blow in Bloody Sunday events of 1886]
Duckering, H	Arthur Clegg [ <i>Inside the Empire</i> ;CP]
Eaton, John	Steve Boddington [Lawrence & Wishart author]
Eccles	Frank Brown [ <i>DW</i> cartoonist]
Edgell, John	Edgell Rickword [CP; in <i>Our Time</i> , which he edited.]
Edwards, E or C E or Ness	Claude McKay
Elihu	Samuel Washington [ILP pamphleteer]
Ercoli	Palmiro Togliatti [General Secretary of Italian CP ]
Espoir	Will Hope [cartoonist in <i>The Communist</i> in 1920s]
Esse, James	James Stephens [author <i>Hunger(A Dublin Story)</i> ]
Evans *	Margaret Dickens [CPGB student at International Lenin School in Moscow, 1937]
Faber, Daniel	Dan Gallin (in <i>Labor Action</i> )
Farnborough, B	Brian Pearce [SLL]
Ferguson, Alex	Fergus Nicholson [CP]
Firestone, Bill	Abe Lazarus [Oxford CP]
Forrest, Freddy	Raya Dunayeskaya
Gabriel	James Friell [ <i>DW</i> cartoonist]
Gadfly	Langdon Everard [in the <i>Daily Herald</i> , post WW1]
Gates, Al	Albert Glotzer
Gavroche	William Steward [in Hardie's <i>Labour Leader</i> ]
Geraint, George	George Ewart Evans
Giacometti, André	Dan Gallin (in <i>Labor Action</i> and <i>The New International</i> in the 1950; in <i>International Socialism</i> 1950s/60s))
Gibbon, Lewis Grassie	J Leslie Mitchell 1901-35 [socialist author of <i>A Scots Quair</i> ]
Gore, C E	Christopher Hill [CP]
Gow	Vic Feather [as cartoonist in ILP journal, and possibly in <i>Communist Circus</i> published by Heston & Isleworth LP, 1946]
Gracchus	Tom Wintringham [author of <i>Your MP</i> Gollancz, 1944]
Graham, Alan	Bernard Dix in <i>Tribune</i>
Grainger, Martin	Christopher Pallis [SLL, Solidarity]
Greene, John	Stanley Harrison [tr. of <i>Fuente Ovejuna</i> for Unity Theatre in 1943 - he worked for BBC at the time as a Spanish monitor]
Hall, Fred	Duncan Hallas [IS/SWP]
Harvey, James	Roger Simon [CP – author of <i>The British State</i> ]
Havens, Allen	Alice Maud Allen [author <i>The Trap</i> 1930; ILP?]
Helvick, James	Randall Swingler - could also be Claud Cockburn at times, says Andy Croft!
Hill, James	Storm Jameson [as author of <i>No Victory for the Soldier</i> ]

Hill, Jim	Harry Brown [YCL/CP]
Holme, K E	Christopher Hill [as author of <i>The Soviets and Ourselves</i> ]
Holorenschaw, Henry	Joseph Needham [ <i>The Levellers and the English Revolution</i> , LBC]
Hood, Katherine	Noreen Branson [CP – author of <i>The British State</i> ]
Hope, Hugh or Rhonda	Claude McKay [in <i>Workers' Dreadnought</i> ]
Howard-Ellis, C	Konni Zilliacus [ <i>The Origins, Structure &amp; Working of the League of Nations</i> , 1928]
Humboldt	Goldfarb [see Bennett]
Humphrey/Humphreys/Humphries, Colin	Chris Harman [IS/SWP; like some other regular contributors to the organisation's journals, he used pseudonyms not for "security" reasons but because he had already other articles in same issue under his own name]
Hussey, Leonard	Brian Pearce [SLL, in <i>New Reasoner</i> ]
Iconoclast (1)	Charles Bradlaugh
Iconoclast (2)	Mary Agnes Hamilton [Biographer of Ramsay MacDonald, Margaret Bondfield...]
Iranksi	Theodore Rothstein [writing for C.I.]
Ivanov, Ivan	Hillel Ticktin
J.E.	see "John Edgell".
Jack *	Dave Springhall [CP, C.I.]
James, George Oswald	George Garrett [Liverpool seaman, socialist & short-story writer; wrote couple of plays in the US in the early 1920s under this name] Also see "Low, Matt".
James, Jeffery	Jeff Sawtell [in <i>MS</i> ]
James, Peter	Bill Moore [CP; in <i>Discussion</i> 1937].
James, Robert	Jim Higgins [IS/SWP]
Jeavons, Amy	Bernard Dix [in <i>Socialist Review</i> ]
Jeffries, Peter	Geoff Pilling {WRP}
Jeffries, Ralph	Douglas Hyde [in the 43 Group's paper <i>On Guard</i> while in CP, and in elsewhere after he left CP]
Jerry	Gerry Healy [Trotskyist, in internal debates 1950s]
Jimmie	C L R James
Johns, Richard	Montagu Slater [author <i>Man With a Background of Flame</i> ; he used a pseudonym because he was blacklisted]
Johnson, J R	C L R James
Jones, Chris	Braithwaite [black seaman, London; left CP early 1930s & joined Padmore's group & ILP?].
Jones, Gordon	Gordon Schaffer [left-wing LP journalist, as lead writer for <i>Johannesburg Sunday Express</i> during WW2]
Judex (1)	Barbara Castle & Michael Foot in <i>Tribune</i> in 1930s.
Judex (2)	Hector Delauney Hughes [author of <i>Anderson's Prisoners</i> Gollancz, 1941; later a Labour MP].
Kalek	Alex Gossip [in <i>Young Socialist</i> ]
Keats, Bill	Jack Woddis [ <i>Inside the Empire</i> ; CP]
Ken	Ken Sprague [CP cartoonist]
Kingsley, Isabel	Iris Kingston [author of pamphlet <i>Is Materialism the Basis of Communism?</i> published by Hendersons, the Bomb Shop in 1926 - she evidently thought not, for her vaguely spiritualist views got her expelled from the CP the same year, having been expelled from the Labour Party in 1919].
Knife, Jack	Jack Woddis [CP]
Knight, John	Jurgen Kuczynski [CP, <i>Labour Monthly</i> ]
A Labour Candidate	Konni Zilliacus [chapter in Gollancz's <i>Betrayal of the Left</i> 1941]
Labour Worker	Konni Zilliacus [in <i>Tribune</i> 1930s]
Lal, Nanda	Charles Ashleigh [CP]
Lane, Stewart	Bert Baker [ <i>DW</i> tv critic]
Lane, William	John Miller [English migrant to Australia where he wrote famous utopia <i>The Working Man's Paradise</i> 1892]
Lee, Vernon	Violet Paget [Novelist, suffragette member of WILPF, Union for Democratic Control]
Leckie, Peter	John Green [CP, in <i>DW</i> , 1970s]
Liberty	Guy Aldred [Scottish anti-parliamentarian communist]
Lincoln, Tom	Tom Wintringham [in <i>Left Review</i> ]
Lincoln White, J	Harold Helsop & Bob Ellis [joint authors of <i>The Abdication of Edward VIII</i> 1936]
Lipec/Lipez, David	Goldfarb [see Bennet]
Long, Stephen	Sergei Bezkorvany [ <i>Morning Star</i> music critic – Canadian of Ukrainian origin]
Lopez, Leon	Claude McKay

Low, Matt	George Garrett [Liverpool seaman, socialist & short-story writer, in <i>Adelphi</i> ]
MacColl, Ewan	Jimmy Miller [singer/songwriter, actor]
McGarrity, J	Sean Cronin [author of <i>Resistance: The Story of the Struggle in British Occupied Ireland</i> Irish Freedom Press, 1957]
MacMathuna, Sean	John O'Mahony [Trotskyist]
McNally, Curtis	Ian Birchall [IS/SWP]
Maro	M A Rowley [CP cartoonist, 1930s]
Marlowe, Jackie	John Lehmann [in <i>New Writing</i> ]
Mason [1]	George Hardy [CP in C.I.]
Mason [2]	Gerry Healy [Trotskyist, in internal debates 1950s]
Matgamna, Sean	John O'Mahony [Not a pseudonym but Gaelic version of name. Trotskyist]
Mavin, John	Douglas Garman [CP] - Mavin was his middle name. Ian Patterson reckons Edgell Rickword also used this pseudonym!
Miles	Walter Loewenheim, later Lowe [as author of <i>Socialism's New Start – A Secret German Manifesto</i> , Allen & Unwin, 1934 – for the “Neu Beginnen” or “Miles” Group, an underground socialist organisation in Nazi Germany]
Moreseby, Ivor	E F Schumacher [author of <i>Small is Beautiful</i> ] in <i>Tribune</i>
Mortimer, Dr.	Isaac Frost [in <i>Labour Monthly</i> ]
Murray *	George Hannah [CPGB, worked for Comintern, translator at FLPH - imprisoned during purges]
Mynatt, Margaret	Bianka (or Bianca) Mynat-Mynotti [Not really a pseudonym, she just changed her name once in England; Austrian-born, she was close friend of Elisabeth Hauptmann & others in Brecht's circle and later of John Heartfield. Became manager of Central Books].
Newton, Francis	Eric Hobsbawm [as jazz critic and author of <i>The Jazz Scene</i> ]
Nunquam	Robert Blatchford
O'Mahony, John	Sean Matgamna [Not a pseudonym, but English version of name. Trotskyist]
Panza, Sancho	Salme Dutt [nee Murrik aka Pekkala]
Parker, Florence	Winifred Giles [CP journalist, editor of Women's Page in <i>Sunday Worker</i> ; died June 1927 aged 33]
Patrick	Patrick Carpenter [CP, artist]
Perspicax	Konni Zilliacus [in <i>Tribune</i> 1938]
Peterson, Peter	Pat Jordan
Petrovsky, David	See Bennet
Pied Piper	J P W Mallalieu [ <i>Rats!</i> LBC]
Pitcairn, Frank	Claud Cockburn [as <i>DW</i> correspondent]
Plowman	Reg Groves [author of ‘Workers’ Notebook’ in <i>Daily Worker</i> 1930]
Pontax	Paxton Chadwick [CPGB; cartoonist/illustrator in <i>Leiston Leader</i> ]
Populus	G D H Cole [LBC, <i>Left News</i> ]
Porcupine, Peter	Jean Ross [ <i>DW</i> film critic, married to Claud Cockburn]
Preston, Richard	Jack Lindsay [as author of <i>Shadow and Flame &amp; End of Cornwall</i> ]
Proteus	Jack Woddis [CP]
Quaestor	Andrew Rothstein
Quince, Peter	Robert Mitchell [as co-author/director of Unity Theatre productions in late 1930s/early 1940s.]
Raftery, A	Paddy Carmody [Irish Marxist, leading figure in Irish Workers’ League, Irish Workers’ Party, then the Communist Party of Ireland; as author of various pamphlets on Irish history]
Rainboro, Thomas	Frank Owen [in <i>Tribune</i> during WW2]
Ramsay, Guthrie	Rev. John George Bowram. 1869-1946. Author of books about miners.
Redman, Joseph	Brian Pearce [SLL]
Rennap, I	Issie Panner [CP, author of <i>Anti-Semitism and the Jewish Question</i> ]. Name spelt backwards.
Repard, Theodore	Theodore Draper [as co-author of <i>Spain in Revolt</i> LBC, 1936]
Roberts, Owen	Bernard Dix [when Trotskyist in S R Group]
Rock, L	Tony Cliff [writing in American Trotskyist journal <i>The New International</i> 1938]
Roebuck, C M	Andrew Rothstein
Roley, A P	George Chandler [CP railwayman, author of revolutionary novel <i>Revolt</i> 1933]. Name from “a proley(tarian)”!
Ross, John	Richard Winnington [as <i>DW</i> film critic in 1940s - he was the <i>News Chronicle's</i> film critic; brother of Alan]
Russell, Sam	Sam Lesser [I.B., Foreign Editor of <i>DW &amp; MS</i> ]
Y Sakhry	Tony Cliff (Ygael Gluckstein)

Sancho	Salme Dutt [satirical articles in British Communist press; wife of R P Dutt]
Scorpion	Guy Aldred [Scottish anti-parliamentarian communist]
Seedo, N M	Sonia Husid [author of <i>In the Beginning Was Fear</i> 1964 & <i>They Sacrifice to Moloch</i> 1967]
SELRAHC	Charles Marchinton [Leeds CP, cartoonist]
Sharp, A	Thomas Russell [CP; Manager of London Philharmonic Orchestra; briefly editor of <i>New Times</i> ; 1942]
Slater, C	Montagu Slater [in <i>Left Review</i> , which he helped create & edited in 1934]
Slater, Hugh	Humphrey Slater [in <i>Inprecorr</i> ]
A Socialist	Konni Zilliacus [in <i>New Statesman</i> in 1930s]
Spag, John	Bill Owen [actor, producer when Director of Unity Theatre protecting his career]
Spencer, Thomas	Paddy Goldring [ <i>DW</i> film critic, c1951]
Stammers, J	John Saville [his father being Greek, he was christened Orestes Stamatopoulos]
Stampe, Will	Bernie Cohen [Music Hall artist, when performing at Unity Theatre, 1950s]
Steel, Harry	Fergus Nicholson [CP, in <i>Straight Left</i> ]
Stepniak	Segei Milhailovich Kravchinsky [Russian revolutionary who came to London in 1884; author of <i>Underground Russia</i> ]
Stephenson, Richard	Al Richardson [Trotskyist historian]
Sutor, Ernst F.	E F Schumacher [ <i>Small is Beautiful</i> ] in newspapers.
Sweeper Up, the	Jack Common (in <i>The Adelphi</i> , 1930s)
Tennant, Roger	Ygael Gluckstein [aka Tony Cliff; he used this for security reasons when participating in the Socialist Review Group after he'd been expelled by the Attlee government says Einde O'Callaghan]
Terpander	Bernard Stevens [Communist composer]
Tomfool	Eleanor Farjeon [in <i>Daily Herald</i> ; the collection of verse "Tomfooleries" was published by the <i>Daily Herald</i> in 1920]
TP	Peter Taafe [Revolutionary Socialist League/Militant, intro. to <i>Entrism</i> 1973, no publisher stated but by Militant]
Turner, John	Georg Knepler [WMA, German émigré musician]
Turov, L or M	Tony Cliff (Ygael Gluckstein)
Valtin, Jan	Richard Krebs [CI; author of <i>Out of the Night</i> ]
Vaughan, Eugene	Ellis Hillman [in <i>Socialist Leader</i> ]
Verde, Juan	John Green [CP, in <i>DW</i> , 1970s]
Vigilans	Konni Zilliacus [in <i>Tribune</i> 1939-41]
Vigilantes	Konni Zilliacus [as published by Gollancz between 1933-9]
Viktor	Tom Bell [C.I., c1940]
Vindicator	Konni Zilliacus ??
W.A.M.M.	Theodore Rothstein [based on Mozart's initials; during WW1 in socialist papers]
Wales, Nym	Helen Foster Snow [ <i>Inside Red China</i> ]
Whyte, Thorne	Richard Whiteing [novelist]
Williams, David	John Buckle [Maoist]
Williams, Roth	Konni Zilliacus [2 books on the League of Nations, early 1920s]. Zilliacus used many pseudonyms because he was member of the League of Nations Secretariat 1920-38, then at Ministry of Information 1939-45.
Yaffle	A J Boothroyd [Cartoonist, <i>Daily Herald</i> & ILP; author of <i>Pity the Poor Rich</i> 1947 and Editor of <i>Peace News</i> ]

\* CPGB members in USSR (International Lenin School, CI, translators etc).

### Multiple pseudonyms:

Aldred, Guy	Scorpion; Ajax Junior; Liberty
Castoriadis, Cornelius	Paul Cardan; Pierre Chaulieu
Cliff, Tony	L Rock, Y Sakhry, Roger Tennant, L Turov, M Turov, Max Turov
Goldfarb, Max	David Lipec/Lipez; A J Bennet; David/Max Petrovsky; Humboldt; Max Breguer
Healy, Gerry	Burns; Jerry; Mason.

Matgamna, Sean	John O'Mahony; Sean MacMathuna; Paddy Dollard; Jack Cleary
Slater, Montagu	Ajax; C Slater
Zilliacus, Konni	Covenanter; Howard-Ellis, C; A Labour Candidate; A Labour Worker; Perspicax; A Socialist; Vigilans; Vigilantes; Roth Williams

## 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

Carrel, Armand	William J Linton [the Radical writer, publisher and engraver as author of poems and songs in <i>Red Republican</i> and the <i>Nation</i> ].
Gracchus	Edward Reynolds [writing in <i>Reynolds's Newspaper</i> which was owned and edited by his elder brother George. Edward wrote articles favourable to the Paris Commune, to which the paper gave a more cautious support]
Junius Redivivus	William Bridges Adams [engineer and campaigner for marriage reform, writing in various journals]
Hornbrook, Adam	Thomas Cooper [Chartist novelist]
Iconoclast	Charles Bradlaugh [Co-editor of <i>The National Reformer</i> etc.]
Law, John	Margaret Harkness [member of SDF, author of <i>Out of Work</i> ]
Longtung, Ike	Ben Turner [Yorkshire textile workers' leader as dialect sketch-writer in <i>Huddersfield Examiner</i> in 1880s]
Morton, Howard	Helen MacFarlane [as first translator of the <i>Communist Manifesto</i> in <i>Red Republican</i> November 1850. She gave it the title <i>Manifesto of the German Communist Party</i> . It famously begins: "A frightful hobgoblin stalks throughout Europe". She was a journalist on Harney's <i>Democratic Review</i> ]
Soothill, Sammy	Ben Turner [Yorkshire textile workers' leader as dialect sketch-writer in <i>Dewsbury Reporter</i> in 1880s]
Sweeper Up	Ben Turner [Yorkshire textile workers' leader as dialect sketch-writer in 1880s]
Spartacus	William J Linton [author of poems and songs in <i>Red Republican</i> and the <i>Nation</i> ].

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