

Guide to the Stephen Blank Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of minutes, reports, clippings, and research notes compiled by Stephen Blank in his study of the Federation of British Industries and other organizations of British employers.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Stephen Blank, 1987 and 2008.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Stephen Blank (born 1939) earned a BA degree, Dartmouth College, 1961, Certificate in Historical Studies, Cambridge University, 1963, and MA and Ph.D. degrees, Harvard University, 1966 and 1968. He joined the faculty of Pace University in 1981, was named Professor of International Business and Management at Pace's Lubin School of Business (1985), and served as Director of the Lubin Center for International Business Development, from 1998 to 2004. Blank is the author of *Industry and Government in Britain: The Federation of British Industries in Politics, 1945-1965*.

Scope and Contents

The Stephen Blank Papers consist of minutes, reports, clippings, and research notes compiled by Blank in his study of the Federation of British Industry (FBI) and other organizations of British employers. The papers document the history of the FBI and the merger of the FBI, the National Association of British Manufacturers, and the British Employers Confederation to form the Confederation of British Industry in 1965. There are also papers on the National Economic Development Council.

Blank donated his papers to the Yale University Library, along with an extensive collection of printed books and pamphlets for the general collection, in 1987. The papers are arranged in four sections: Federation of British Industries; Confederation of British Industry; National Economic Development Council; and Reprints and notes relating to Blank's research on British industry during World War II.

The bulk of the material is in the Federation of British Industries section, which includes documents such as minutes, committee reports, and memoranda of the federation collected by Blank, as well as his extensive handwritten research notes. Blank's notes are scattered throughout the files as well as in folder 18. Files on the Economic Policy Committee of the FBI include a transcript of the 1956 weekend conference leading to a statement of economic problems facing Britain and proposed policies for their solution. Material in the Committee on Economic Programmes and Targets file concerns the Beaver Committee and its role in the formation of the National Economic Development Council.

The Confederation of British Industry section is composed of the minutes of the confederation from its beginning in 1965 until 1970, memoranda by the director-general, newsletters, and reports. The National Economic Development Council section includes background material and Blank's notes on the organization as well as copies of statements by two of the council's directors.

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Employers' associations -- Great Britain

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Economic policy

Great Britain -- Industries

Names

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Corporate Bodies

Confederation of British Industry

Federation of British Industries

National Economic Development Council