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## Introduction

This list describes the second accession of papers of John de Courcy Ireland, transferred to UCD Archives in 1977. It generally consists of material from the 1960s to 1976, but there is also material stretching back as far as the early 1930s. This second tranche considerably expands both the size and content of the collection, and has necessitated more elaborate arrangement than was applicable to the papers described in the earlier list. Cross references have been extensively used to refer to related material in that list.

The ten main sections in which the papers have been arranged reflect the manifold interests and activities of de Courcy Ireland. The sea is perhaps the unifying factor in de Courcy Ireland's life. In explaining his reasons for supporting the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament [P29a/118], he says:

‘Anyone who has seen the [sea] in action knows that the brotherhood of the sea can break all the barriers of creed, race or nation.’

He has had a lifelong dedication to Socialism and an equally long involvement with the Labour movement. Section I, the largest, contains papers relating to his involvement with the Labour movement in Ireland; not only serving on the National Executive of the Labour Party, but also a regular contributor to Labour journals, and eventually editing his own magazine, *The Review*. He writes:

‘.... I saw in Socialism the practical application of the principle of the Brotherhood of Man which my religious family had believed in as a theory without being able to implement it in practice.’

Though he may have found the Church lacking as a young man, de Courcy Ireland has been continuously involved with it, at first the Church of Ireland, and from 1953, the Unitarian Church which reflects his own liberal, non-conformist ethic. Nevertheless, his Protestant background laid the foundation for his future interests:

‘I was brought up in a very religious Protestant household. High standards of personal behaviour were set up and I was expected to live up to them. In this way I had planted in me a very talkative non-conformist conscience which constantly asks “Is the thing right?”’.

De Courcy Ireland has been involved in a large number of special interest groups, is a regular contributor to the newspapers on contemporary issues, and is frequently asked to present his viewpoint at lectures and debates. A dominant concern throughout his life has been to promote world peace, not only by campaigning for disarmament, but also by pointing out that the seeds of violence and bloodshed are apparent even in school text books, and in the media. More recently he has been concerned about the troubles in Northern Ireland, and has written on the subject of terrorism.

He also brought the principles of brotherhood and socialism to education. He graduated with a Diploma in Education from Trinity College Dublin in the 1940s, and began teaching in St. Patrick's Grammar School at the same time as

he was writing a doctoral thesis entitled 'Education and the Sea.' The sea has continued to be a life-long concern.

'I have an intense interest in the sea ..... conquest of the sea is the real task of this generation, more urgent and more profitable than reaching the Moon, and no less exciting.'

He was a founding member of the Maritime Institute of Ireland and of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and is an acknowledged authority on the subject of maritime affairs, both here and on the continent. He has written over fifty articles and notes, many of which have appeared in the *Irish Sword*, and maritime journals.

Though he campaigned against the Common Market on historical grounds, de Courcy Ireland has always been a European in the broadest sense, and, partly at least because his mother lived on the continent, he has many friends in France, Holland, Belgium, and Italy. Again the sea has been a common factor, as he has written on Algerian maritime affairs from first hand experience.

None of the ten sections into which the papers have been arranged are mutually exclusive, though an attempt has been made to keep material relating to the same subject or person together as far as possible.

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## A. POLITICAL AFFAIRS

### I. Labour Party, 1943-76

#### a. Executive Council

- |          |                            |   |
|----------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>1</b> | February 1943              | Notices of executive meetings.<br>5 items.  |
| <b>2</b> | c. 1945; 1974              | Publicity leaflets.<br>2 items.   |
| <b>3</b> | June 1946                  | Letter from Bernard Deegan,<br>Rathgar, enclosing the final<br>decision of the Dublin executive on foreign policy.<br>2 items.  |
| <b>4</b> | March 1947                 | Inquiry from Bernard Deegan in<br>relation to the hire of a ballroom<br>in the Dalkey area to raise funds for the Party from summer<br>dances.<br>2pp   |
| <b>5</b> | September-<br>October 1953 | Letters from Paddy Bergin,<br>secretary of the Labour Party,<br>Earlsfort Terrace, mainly in<br>relation to the setting up of a Party branch in Dún Laoghaire.<br>3 items.  |
| <b>6</b> | October 1968               | Letter from Mary [Sheehan],<br>Cork, enclosing de Courcy<br>Ireland's draft policy on fisheries [not present]. Mentions that a<br>Party committee on fisheries is to be established.<br>[See also: P29/A/12]<br>2pp   |
| <b>7</b> | October 1971               | 2 letters from Brendan Halligan,<br>general secretary of the Labour<br>Party, thanking de Courcy Ireland for a report on the<br>minesweeper <i>Grainne</i> and noting that he is unable to travel to<br>Dungarvan for a branch meeting.<br>[See also: P29/A/12]<br>2 items. |

- 8 August 1976 3 letters from Seamus Scally, general secretary of the Labour Party, in relation to money owed to de Courcy Ireland for the entertainment expenses of Spanish delegates at an Irish Labour Party conference. 3 items.
- 9 June 1969 *Election News* issued by the Labour Party. Includes a list of all Party election candidates. 4pp
- 10 c. 1955 Handwritten notes annotated by de Courcy Ireland. 'Jim Larkin's commitments – list presented to J[ohn de Courcy] I[reland] when sec[retary], Dublin Executive of LP.' 6pp

#### b. Annual Conference

- 11 1955-62 Delegates' credential cards for admission to successive conferences. 3 items.
- 12 April 1955 Notices of conference and lists of delegates and resolutions. 4 items.
- 13 April 1952 *Constitution of the Labour Party as approved by the National Conference, April 1952.* 18pp
- 14 1962, 1973 Agendas for the national conference in Dublin, May 1962 (10pp); and Cork, October 1973 (43pp). 2 items.
- 15 1960-62 Report of the administrative council and of the Parliamentary Labour Party for the years 1960-61 and 1961-62. [See also: P29/A/83 for the report for 1966] 48pp
- 16 December 1954 *Statement of accounts of the Labour Party for the year ending 31 December 1954.* 4pp



- 17** September 1953 Text of speech by Jim Larkin TD on a motion of confidence in the government. Issued by the Labour Party. 17pp
- 18** c. 1965 Notes for a speech for an amendment moved by de Courcy Ireland on a motion on Northern Ireland. 3pp
- 19** 1971 Report of the annual conference including report of the working party on marine policy written by de Courcy Ireland. 12pp

**c. Journals, 1944-45**

Issues of *Signpost*, journal of the Dublin executive of the Labour Party. Length varies from 5-8 pages. Articles by de Courcy Ireland are cited.

- 20** April 1943 No. 1 'Labour's task in Dublin.'
- 21** June 1943 No. 3 'Councillor Larkin is a Labour Party candidate for Dublin North-East.'
- 22** July 1943 No. 4 'Labour, the general election.'
- 23** September 1943 No. 6 'Facts about finance.' 2 copies, one with manuscript notes on transport and trade.
- 24** October 1943 No. 7 Article on education.
- 25** November 1943 No. 8 'The Dublin branch movement in October.'
- 26** December 1963 No. 9 'What's happening?'

- 27**            January 1944                            No. 10 'Youth and the Labour movement.'
- 28**            March 1944                                No. 12 'Facts about Switzerland.'
- 29**            May, July 1944                            Cuttings from *An t-Iolar* [*The Standard*] in which de Courcy Ireland and others are named as communists who have infiltrated the labour and trade union movement.  
2 items.

**d. Dublin Regional Council**

- 30**            1953                                        Circulars giving details of activities of the Council, including lectures, films and jumble sales.  
2 items.
- Issues of *Labour*, a monthly newspaper issued by Dublin Regional Council. Length varies from 4-6 pages.
- 31**            April 1954
- 32**            May
- 33**            January 1955                               Includes a supplement on Jim Larkin, 1876-1947.  
4pp
- 34**            September
- 35**            January 1956
- 36**            December 1959

**e. Local Branches****i. Dún Laoghaire Branch**

- |           |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| <b>37</b> | 1957-62   | Membership cards.<br>2 items.  |
| <b>38</b> | October 1953-<br>November 1963                              | Notices of branch committee<br>meetings.<br>9 items.   |
| <b>39</b> | November 1953-<br>June 1958                                 | Notices of branch annual<br>general meetings.<br>3 items.  |
| <b>40</b> | August 1953-<br>February 1955                               | Notices of branch meetings held<br>to select an election candidate.<br>2 items.                                  |
| <b>41</b> | March 1955  | Letters from Barbara Ditchburn,<br>secretary of branch, on party<br>matters. 2 items.                            |
| <b>42</b> | September 1953<br><br>co-operation between the<br>branches. | Letter from Kevin Nolan,<br>Booterstown, Dublin, discussing<br>Dún Laoghaire and other local<br>branches.<br>4pp |
| <b>43</b> | c. 1965<br><br>administrative council of<br>branches.       | Newspaper obituary of John<br>Fitzgerald, member of the<br>Dún Laoghaire and other local<br>branches.<br>1p      |

**ii. Dalkey Branch**

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|-----------|---|--|
| <b>44</b> | 1969                                      | Membership cards and receipt for subscription.<br>3 items.   |
| <b>45</b> | November 1973-<br>October 1976            | Letters and notes from Dermot Boucher, secretary of the branch, giving notice of council meetings, and meetings to discuss fisheries, education and natural resources. Includes a letter explaining why fisheries and maritime affairs were omitted from the 'Left Alternative' policy document.<br>8 items. |
| <b>46</b> | c. 1970                                   | Rough notes take by de Courcy Ireland at a committee meeting, on elections, health, and road safety. 6pp   |
| <b>47</b> | May 1971                                  | Notice of 'Connolly Commemorative Lectures' organized by the Dalkey and Glasthule branches.<br>2 items.  |
| <b>48</b> | November 1953-70<br><br>Dundrum branches. | Notices of meetings of the Dublin Central, Foxrock, and<br>3 items.  |
| <b>49</b> | March 1943-<br>March 1946                 | Dublin North-East Constituency Council agenda and report.<br>2 items.  |

**iii. Larkhill-Ellenfield Branch**

Issues of *The Whitehall Democrat*, published monthly by the Larkhill-Ellenfield branch of the Labour Party. Articles written by a 'Fenian' [nom-de-plume for de Courcy Ireland], are as follows:

<b>50</b>	August 1945	4pp
<b>51</b>	October	4pp
<b>52</b>	April 1946	'School meals complaints.' 4pp
<b>53</b>	May	'It will be peace not war.' 4pp
<b>54</b>	June	'Lies.' 4pp
<b>55</b>	July	'The outside world.' 4pp
<b>56</b>	August	'Fighting for peace.' 4pp
<b>57</b>	September	'Next step to peace.' 4pp
<b>58</b>	October	'Forging iron curtains.' 4pp
<b>59</b>	November	'War or no war.' 4pp
<b>60</b>	December	'Where does she stand.' 4pp

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|--------------|---|---|
| <b>61</b>    | February 1947   | 'Fighting the price racketeers in Europe.' 4pp  |
| <b>62</b>    | March   | 'There shall be peace.'<br>4pp  |
| <b>63</b>    | June  | 'It happened before.'<br>4pp  |
| <b>64</b>    | May   | 'Facing our responsibilities.'<br>4pp   |
| <b>65</b>    | June  | 'Two ways-two worlds.'<br>4pp   |
| <b>66</b>    | July 1947   | 'Boggey men.'<br>4pp  |
| <b>67</b>    | August  | 'Who are the patriots.'<br>4pp  |
| <b>68</b>    | September   | 'Where we please.'<br>4pp   |
| <b>69</b>    | November  | 'Veto and Marshall.'<br>4pp   |
| <b>70</b>    | c. 1945   | Leaflets from the Londonderry Labour Party.<br>2 items.   |
| <b>71-77</b> | January 1943-<br>July 1946<br><br>Ireland Labour Party. | Issues of <i>Labour Progress</i><br>[incorporating the <i>Torch</i> ],<br>published by the Northern<br>7 items. |

## II. Trade Unions, 1941-64

### a. Workers' Union of Ireland

- 78** June 1946 Letter from Sean Dunne, asking de Courcy Ireland to write 'propaganda for the Federation of Rural Workers' on the organisation of labourers' unions. 1 item.
- 79** c. 1956 Pamphlet entitled *Planning full employment, a trade union approach*, issued by the Provisional United Trade Union Organisation, Dublin. 32pp
- 80** 1949 Workers' Union of Ireland Silver Jubilee Souvenir, 1924-49. 40pp
- 81** February 1960- July 1960 Issue of *Bulletin*, the Workers' Union of Ireland official monthly bulletin. 2 items.

### b. National Union of Labour Colleges

- 82** January- February 1964 Letters from Jack [?], Belfast, discussing activities of the Union. Mentions that Lester Hutchinson is coming to Belfast, Derry and Dublin. 2 items.
- 83** November 1961 N.U.L.C. General circular (No. 446), on courses, fees and grants. 1p
- 84** January 1962 Letters from Andrew Boyd, N.U.L.C., Belfast, arranging dates for lectures and talks by de Courcy Ireland, and requesting information on the Labour Party. Encourages de Courcy Ireland to write for the *Tribune* newspaper. [See also: P29/D/35 and 37] 10 items.

- 85 c. 1955 Circular from N.U.L.C.  
Publishing Company, Scotland,  
asking for assistance in distributing the Labour journal *Plebs*.  
1p

**c. Trades Union Publications**

[See also: P29/F/23-27, and P29/C/62-63]

- 86 June 1942-  
May 1943 Issues of *The Torch*, the weekly  
journal of the Irish Labour  
Movement, Dublin.  
10 items.
- 87 January 1943-  
January 1944 Issues of *The Trade Unionist*, a  
rank and file journal, issued by  
a group of concerned Dublin  
trade unionists. 6 items.
- 88 June 1940-  
June 1941 Issues of *Irish Workers' Weekly*,  
published by Irish Workers'  
Weekly, Dublin.  
8 items.
- 89 November 1942-  
February 1946 Issues of *Unity: for victory over  
Fascism*, published by Workers'  
Weekly Committee, Belfast.  
13 items.
- 90 May 1942 Issues of *Workers' Action*,  
published by the Council of  
Action, Dublin Trades Union Council. 12pp
- 91 May [c. 1950] *May Day Bulletin*.  
4pp



### III. Socialist and Republican Organisations, 1941-76

#### a. Anti-Imperialist Festival

- 92** April 1976 Letters from the Irish Republican Movement International Affairs Bureau, Gardiner Street, Dublin, requesting de Courcy Ireland to give a lecture on 'The land and the sea as resources,' at the Festival.  
2 items.
- 93** July Entrance Ticket.  
1p
- 94** July Festival programme of events.  
8pp
- 95** July Notes for de Courcy Ireland's lecture at the Festival.  
13pp
- 96** July Note from Peigin Doyle, the *Irish People*, Dublin, enclosing a copy of the *Irish People*, which features a summary of de Courcy Ireland's festival lecture.  
2 items.
- 97** July Copy of a newspaper report of de Courcy Ireland's Festival lecture.  
[See also: P29/C/10] 1p
- 98** October [c. 1968] Poster and programme for 'Peoples Festival for a Socialist Ireland by S.L.A./P.D.' Signed 'with regards Dermot Boucher.'  
2 items.

**b. Socialist and Republican Societies**

- 99**            October 1967-  
September 1976            Circular, and letter from Dermot O'Doherty, Wolf Tone Society, Dublin, asking de Courcy Ireland to take part in a meeting on 'Ireland and the law of the sea.'  
[See also: P29/C/7]            2 items.
- 100**            April 1964-  
July 1976            Letters and circulars from the Connolly Associations, Manchester and London, on general matters. Also a letter from Marcus O'Riordan, thanking de Courcy Ireland for 'support on the issue of Connolly's role during the Great War.'  
3 items.
- 101**            September 1941            Issue of *Irish Freedom*, journal of the Connolly Club, London.  
1 item.
- 102**            February 1945            Issues of *The Irish Democrat*, (incorporating *Irish Freedom*), a journal edited by Desmond Greaves, London.  
[See also: P29/I/149]            1 item.
- 103**            April 1976            Circular from the Roger Casement Committee, Dublin, inviting de Courcy Ireland to a symposium on the 'life and political significance of Roger Casement.'  
1p
- 104**            January 1962            Letter from Tom Ponsonby, assistant general secretary of the Fabian Society, London, inviting de Courcy Ireland to take part in a political school planned for 2 weeks in Yugoslavia.  
1p
- 105**            August 1946            Letter from R. Stringer, Promethean Society of Ireland. Includes a ticket to a Society lecture by Professor Benjamin Farrington.  
2 items.

- 106** August 1944-76 *Manifesto of the Vanguard, the Irish socialist republican movement, to the people of Ireland*, Dublin. Includes a notice of an Irish Marxist Society meeting. 2 items.
- 107** October 1973 *Self-management in the struggle for socialism*, a Spokesman Pamphlet, published by the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Nottingham. 19pp
- 108** c. 1965 Pamphlet *10 years fighting and building of the Vietnam people's army*. 9pp  
[See also: P29/B/4]
- 109** c. 1972 Copy of three typescript poems: 'The wind that blows through Auschwitz,' 'All men have barricades,' 'H.M. Prison-Belfast.' 4pp

#### IV. Pressure Groups, 1942-76

##### a. Irish Pacifist Movement

- 110** September 1955-October 1961 Notices of meetings. 4 items.
- 111** February 1958-March 1963 Letters from Victor Meally, and Betty Taylor, secretaries of the I.P.M., enclosing issues of *Pax*, (the I.P.M. journal), and arranging for de Courcy Ireland to take part in meetings, and other matters. 6 items.  
[See also: P29/F/29]
- 112** c. 1960 Note inviting de Courcy Ireland to join Le Conseil de Direction du Russement International pour la Paix. 1p

**b. Irish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament**

- 113** c. 1962 Notices of C.N.D. 'Ban the Hydrogen Bomb' meetings, [manuscript notes by de Courcy Ireland on the back].  
6 items.
- 114** March 1964 Agenda of the annual general meeting. 1p
- 115** March-May 1962 Letters from Lionel [Booth] T.D., Dublin, in reply to an invitation to take part in a C.N.D. meeting. Expresses unwillingness to attend because of the anti-government flavour of the meeting, and a fear of rowdiness. [See also: P29/E/7]  
4 items.
- 116** May 1962 Letter from de Courcy Ireland to L. Booth, pointing out that Booth would not have been the only Fianna Fáil T.D. at the meeting, and that the only trouble that took place was caused by someone 'probably Fianna Fáil tout, who took violent objection to a Belfast speaker.'  
4pp
- 117** February-October 1962 Letters in relation to public speaking, writing articles, and arranging meetings of C.N.D.  
4 items.
- 118** October 1962 Rough lecture notes by de Courcy Ireland stating his reasons for supporting C.N.D., and other notes. [See also: P29/I/118]  
3 items.
- 119** October 1962 Circular from Nuclear Disarmament Group, Northern Ireland, giving details of a planned one-day school.  
1p

**c. Resources Protection Campaign**

- 120**      c. 1976      Leaflet on enforcing the fifty mile fishing limit.  
4pp
- 121**      February 1976      Letter from Paul Sweeny, R.P.C. Trinity College, Dublin, asking de Courcy Ireland to chair meeting on state development of natural resources.  
1p
- 122**      November 1976      Invitation to R.P.C. fund-raising lecture. 1 item.
- 123**      October 1976      Text of a speech by de Courcy Ireland given at the opening of the R.P.C. national promotion week.  
3pp
- 124**      November 1976      Newspaper report of same.  
1p
- 125**      December 1975      Annual Report for 1974-75.  
10pp

**d. Common Market Defence Campaign**

- 126**      April 1972      Letter from Theresa Dillon, secretary C.M.D.C. Dún Laoghaire, asking de Courcy Ireland to chair meeting.  
1p
- 127**      c. 1972      Statement against membership of the E.E.C., circulated to prominent Irish people for their signature.  
3pp
- 128**      1970      Circular from Common Market Safeguards Association, London, giving details of the Association.  
1p

- 129** c. 1972 Manuscript articles by de Courcy Ireland on the case for not joining the E.E.C.:  
 (a) 'Ireland and Europe.' 4pp  
 (b) 'The Common Market: an assessment.' 4pp
- 130** 1972 Hand coloured handkerchief, marked 'E.E.C.-No! Long Kesh 1972.' 1 item.

#### e. Citizen for Better Broadcasting

- 131** April 1976 Cancelled cheque made out to C.B.B. 1 item.
- 132** February 1976 Statement by Senator Augustine Martin, chairman of C.B.B., stating the aims of the movement. 1p
- 133** c. 1976 Pamphlet, *Aspects of R.T.É. Television Broadcasting*, published by C.B.B. 38pp
- 134** March 1959 Newspaper report of a debate on the need for television in Ireland, in which de Courcy Ireland took part. 1p

#### f. Other Pressure Groups

- 135** January 1955- May 1964 Circulars and letters on meetings of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. 5 items.  
 [See also: P29/C/5-6]
- 136** 1950-1 Irish Association of Civil Liberties, Dublin. Includes the constitution of the Association [in Irish], and report of work in progress. 2 items.

- 137** November 1976 Irish Peace Group, Dublin. Circular on the aims of the Group. 1p
- 138** October 1951 Letters from World Peace Appeal, London, thanking de Courcy Ireland for his help and interest. 2 items.
- 139** c. 1942 Circular from La Comité Parisien de la Libération, relating atrocities committed by the Germans in occupied Paris. [In French] 6pp

### V. Correspondence, 1945-76

- 140** July 1946-  
January 1955 Louis Bennett, Killiney, County Dublin. Discusses politics, socialism and ideology. Refers to *The Review* [a journal edited by de Courcy Ireland], and his contributions to it. Includes a draft proposal for the Labour Party Conference (1955) to encourage a 'spirit of fraternity and co-operation between nations.' 8 items.
- 141** November 1951 Jacque [Bissery], Holland and France. Discusses world politics with particular reference to France. [In French][See also: P29/G/30 and 35] 11 items.
- 142** April 1955 (a) Rev. Alan R. Booth, Limerick, discussing the partition of Ireland and the prerequisites for reunification. 2 items.
- November 1963 (b) John de Courcy Ireland to Rev. Booth, expressing indignation at Booth's allegations against Gordon Stanly, a press photographer and past pupil of St. Patrick's Cathedral School, Dublin. 1 item.

- 143** c. 1960-  
October 1971 From Desmond [Breathnach?], Carna, Galway, thanking de Courcy Ireland for support against his expulsion from the Labour Party. Also asks for his support for the 'Condominium Idea' as a solution to the troubles in Northern Ireland. 4 items.
- 144** August 1957-  
April 1962 From C [illegible], Paris, in relation to world politics, with particular reference to the Algerian crisis. [In French] 6 items.
- 145** January 1946 From Helen Chenevix, Irish Women Workers Union, Dublin, in relation to an article for *The Review*, and hiring a hall for a function organized by de Courcy Ireland. 3 items.
- 146** December 1961 From Brendan Corish T.D., Dáil Éireann, in reply to a suggestion for the provision of an Irish helicopter service, and answering parliamentary questions. [See also: P29/B/33-35] 1p
- 147** November 1976 From Anthony Coughlan, Dept. of Social Studies, Trinity College, Dublin, asking de Courcy Ireland to contribute an article to the *Irish Democrat* on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also asks him to take part in a seminar 'Planning for jobs.' [See also: P29/B/21 and P29/F/7-8] 3 items.
- 148** October 1961-  
May 1962 From Anthony Farrington, Sandyford, County Dublin, in relation to activities of the Anti-Nuclear Arms Campaign. 3 items.
- 149** February 1946-  
November 1961 From Desmond Greaves [editor of the *Irish Democrat*], London, making arrangements for trips and lectures in Dublin. Mentions he was 'shocked to hear of the disaffection of the Central Branch' of the Labour Party towards de Courcy Ireland. 7 items.





- 155** August 1954 From Donal Nevin, Dublin, enclosing copies of replies given by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to questions suggested by de Courcy Ireland on maritime affairs. Also includes a letter asking de Courcy Ireland to write a profile of Nelson for publication.  
[See also: P29/E/8] 4 items.
- 156** May 1953-1960 From Peggy, Berkley Rd., c. Dublin, discussing local politics around the country, and activities of the Labour Party Executive. 2 items.
- 157** September 1947- June 1964 From Owen Sheehy Skeffington, Trinity College and Terenure, Dublin, enclosing articles and newspaper cuttings and acknowledging receipt of same.  
[Enclosures not present.] 8 items.
- 158** August-December 1962 From John Starky, Lecky Rd., Derry, re-establishing contact with de Courcy Ireland and discussing the poor state of the Labour movement in Derry, and his expulsion from the Party. Includes reminiscences of the Labour movement in Belfast c. 1918. 3 items.
- 159** May-June 1962 From Willowfield Divisional Labour Party, Belfast, acknowledging de Courcy Ireland's offer of assistance in the general election campaign. 2 items.
- 160** September 1953-May 1955 From 'Brother Max' [?], Ballymore Eustace, County Dublin, asking de Courcy Ireland to have an outspoken article on Algeria published in a Labour Party journal, and other matters. 2 items.
- 161** October 1955-May 1973 Letters of acknowledgement from the Tánaiste and the Minister for Industry and Commerce. 3 items.

- 162** August 1967 Note from 'Bill' [?],  
Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin,  
expressing surprise that de Courcy Ireland considers that he  
will be one of 'Pembroke's delegates at the forthcoming party  
conference.'  
[See also: P29/G/62] 1 item.
- 163** April 1940-7 From 'Pat' [?], Chalcot Square,  
London, on political affairs,  
travels, and journalism. 6 items.

## VI. Writing on Politics and Ideology, 1955-76

### a. Material by de Courcy Ireland

- 164** c. 1967 (a) Pamphlet *The new partition  
of Ireland*, by Andrew Boyd and  
de Courcy Ireland, National Union of Labour Colleges, London.  
8pp
- 1971 (b) Pamphlet *Revolutionary  
movements of the past, a guide  
to the future.* 43pp
- (c) Article 'Revolutionary Past,'  
in *Seac.* 1p
- 165** c. 1964 Manuscript entitled *Extinct  
volcanoes, Mr. Lemass.*  
2pp
- 166** c. 1960 Typescript article 'Irishmen in  
the fight to save the gains of  
1798.' 42pp

### b. Other Material

- 167** c. 1955-65 Newspaper cuttings on various  
subjects, including democracy  
in the United States, Irish Labour politics, the partition of  
Ireland, and other contemporary issues. Includes copy of *World  
News*, 3 July 1956, and *Galway Observer*, 26 March 1955.  
18 items.

- 168** c. 1955 (a) Newspaper article by Hugh Delargy, 'What's happening to Ireland's genius and her honour.' 1 item.
- c. 1970 (b) Newspaper article by Francis Stuart, 'Talking to ourselves.' 1 item.

## B. EDUCATION

### I. Theory and Practice, 1959-76

#### a. Dún Laoghaire

- 169** July 1960-  
January 1976 Material relating to the Vocational Education Committee, Dún Laoghaire, including the prospectus, and committee attendance sheet for 1960-1, as well as an acknowledgement of de Courcy Ireland's resignation from the committee, dated January 1976. Also includes newspaper cuttings in relation to attempts by de Courcy Ireland to link schools in Belgium and Ireland. [See also: P29/B/1-25] 7 items.

#### b. Bailieboro Model School

- 170** June-  
July 1959 Letters from Thomas J. Bavion N.T., Bailieboro, County Cavan, discussing better education for under-privileged Protestant children in rural districts, and outlining his plans to re-establish the Baileboro Model School. 6 items.

#### c. Teachers for Peace National Committee, London.

- 171** December 1951-  
January 1954 Letters thanking de Courcy Ireland for his interest and asking him to build up further Irish support for 'the preservation of world peace.' Mentions that some of his letters were read to the National Executive. 4 items.

- 172 March- September 1955 Letters from Nanette Whitebread, London, in relation to 'the demand for a more humane outlook in childrens' textbooks', and asking de Courcy Ireland to write on school books in Ireland. 'I don't think you need to do such a detailed job as you did on the last.'  
[See also: P29/B/66-67] 3 items.

#### d. Campaign for European Civic Education.

- Papers delivered at the Ninth Conference of the Campaign for European Civic Education, Malahide, Dublin.  
[See also: P29/B/60-2]
- 173 November 1965 (a) Typescript entitled *Civic education: from the national to the European* by de Courcy Ireland. 24pp  
(b) An earlier draft of same. 44pp
- 174 November 1965 Typescript entitled *How can civics be taught to school children aged from 12-16*, by Neuenaschwarder. 13pp

#### e. Association for Democracy in Education

- 175 May 1974 Notice of a lecture by de Courcy Ireland to be given to the Association for Democracy in Education, Dublin.  
[See also: P29/B/80] 1p

#### f. Dissociated Material

- 176 March- May 1962 Other letters from educationalists thanking de Courcy Ireland for suggestions relating to Spanish, cricket coaching, and other matters. 3 items.

## II. School Teacher Associations, 1946-76

### a. Association of Secondary School Teachers of Ireland.

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| <b>177</b> | November 1963-<br>September 1965 | Membership card.<br>1p  |
| <b>178</b> | October 1955;<br>December 1965   | Agendas and minutes of A.S.T.I.<br>(Dublin Branch) meetings.<br>6 items.  |
| <b>179</b> | 1950                             | Details of an incremental salary<br>increase. 2 items.  |
| <b>180</b> | December 1951-76                 | Letter from A.S.T.I., Dublin,<br>suggesting that a branch could<br>be set up in Bandon, and other matters. 3 items. |

### b. National Union of Teachers.

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| <b>181</b> | February 1946 | Letter from the National Union<br>of Teachers, Chiswick, England,<br>discussing teacher unions in Ireland. 1p |
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### c. European Association of Teachers.

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| <b>182</b> | September 1962-<br>May 1963 | Letters from Gay McCarthy,<br>general secretary, European<br>Association of Teachers (Irish<br>Branch), Dublin, making arrangements for de Courcy Ireland to<br>address the Association, and other matters.<br>[See also: P29/B/69, 72 and P29/F/17-19] 8 items. |
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## III. Teaching Career, 1939-76

- 183** 1945-58 Material from Trinity College, Dublin, including examination fee receipts, and appeals from Trinity College Trust. Also includes confirmation of the award of Ph.D. to de Courcy Ireland.  
[See also: P29/B/26] 6 items.
- 184** April 1939-  
March 1964 Letters in reply to queries, and acknowledging receipt of applications, for teaching posts in Dublin, Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock, Ranelagh, and Zeitland, Scotland.  
[See also: P29/B/43-7] 6 items.
- 185** c. 1953 Letters and rough notes on examination results of students of de Courcy Ireland. 3 items.
- 186** January 1954-  
April 1958 Letters from Trinity College, Dublin, and the University of Liverpool, in relation to the eligibility of de Courcy Ireland's students for the matriculation examination. Also a letter from the Shipping Federation Ltd., London, stating the entry qualifications for their courses. 3 items.
- 187** May 1976 Letter from Jim Ryan, Killiney, Dublin, in relation to the Kingstown Grammar School-Avoca merger. 1p
- 188** December 1965 French examination papers for various grades in Kingstown School.  
[See also: P29/B/37, and 40] 3 items.
- Newpark Comprehensive School
- 189** February 1976 Agenda and notes of staff seminar day, including a summary of a lecture, 'The present state of language in the school.' 3 items.

- 190** May 1976 Letter from Dillon Byrne, Dún Laoghaire, requesting that a 'young friend of mine be taken into the school.'  
[Newpark Comprehensive] 1 item.
- 191** 1976 Copies of handouts given to parents, giving information on the Newpark Parent/Teacher Association, its role in the school and the social services it helps to fund. 2 items.
- 192** February 1976 Agenda of Newpark Past Pupil Association annual general meeting. 1p
- 193** December 1951- August 1963 Letters from parents of children receiving private tuition from de Courcy Ireland, discussing their progress, ability, and explaining reasons for their non-attendance. 15 items.

#### IV. Correspondence, 1946-76

- 194** February 1958- November 1976 From past pupils, and prospective employers of past pupils, requesting reference reports and character references.  
[See also: P29/B/59] 8 items.
- 195** November 1957- March 1958 From J.V. Luce, [tutor], Trinity College, Dublin, in relation to a former pupil of de Courcy Ireland. Discusses her health and the necessity to guarantee her year's fees. 2 items.
- 196** 1962-4 Letters, notices of meetings, receipts, and newspaper cuttings in relation to the Kingstown Past Pupils Association. Includes a letter asking de Courcy Ireland to become Vice-President for 1964-5  
[See also: P29/B/35] 5 items.



- 197** October 1953 Notice of the annual general meeting of L.S.S.A.U. [?], from J.W. Smyth, Kings' Hospital School, Dublin.  
1 item.
- 198** June 1958 Note from W.M. Carson, Hon. Secretary, St. Colomba's College Cricket Club, Rathfarnham, on arrangements for a cricket match.  
1 item.
- 199** October 1957- August 1958 From Sean Clayton, [headmaster, Vocational School Cork], in relation to an interview for a position in Dún Laoghaire Technical School. Also discusses arrangements made for Hugh Ireland to apply for a place on a course on hotel management in Cork.  
3 items.
- 200** November 1946- February 1950 From Sam [Knight], Swansea and Lancashire, on general matters. Advises de Courcy Ireland that he ought 'to look [for a position] as an assistant director for education in preparation for a job as director of education for some local authority over there.'  
[See also: P29/B/53] 2 items.
- 201** September 1951- December 1959 From past-pupils and teachers, mostly from Cork and Drogheda, in relation to personal matters, and school news.  
[See also: P29/B/53] 6 items.

#### **V. Writings on Educational Matters, by de Courcy Ireland, 1966-76**

- 202** 1976 Notes from the editor of *The Secondary School Teacher* [journal of the A.S.T.I.], enclosing books for review, stating their title, length of review required, and the latest date for submission.  
2 items.
- 203** 1976 Copies of 2 reviews by de Courcy Ireland, from *The Secondary School Teacher*, in the Autumn and Summer issues. Includes a manuscript draft.  
3 items.

- 204** c. 1966 Copy of a school play written by de Courcy Ireland for Sandford Park, on the history of Dublin, [no title].  
[See also: P29/B/30, and 31] 5pp

## C. MARITIME AFFAIRS

### I. Maritime Institute of Ireland, 1951-76

- 205** 1952; 1976 Receipts for membership fee.  
2 items.
- 206** October 1951-  
March 1963  
[See also: P29/E/2] Notices of council meetings.  
13 items.
- 207** February 1958-  
May 1976 Notices and agenda of the annual general meeting.  
4 items.
- 208** October 1951-  
September 1976 Notices of functions and lectures of the Maritime Institute.  
4 items.
- 209** September 1976 Resolutions passed by the Maritime Institute on Irish sea fisheries. 2pp
- 210** October 1951 Letter from the Council of the Maritime Institute expressing regret that de Courcy Ireland has moved to Bandon, and that he will be unable to attend Council meetings.  
2pp

- 211** July c. 1951- August 1958 Letters from Fintan Murphy, [Council member], Dublin and Wicklow, in relation to the affairs and activities of the Institute. Includes a letter relating that Erskine Childers is willing to lecture to the Institute.  
6 items.
- 212** September 1955 Letter from S.T. Pelson, [Council member], Sandymount, Dublin, in relation to routine matters.  
1p

## II. Establishment of a Maritime Museum.

- 213** August 1951- April 1958 Letters from Les Amis des Musées de la Marine, Paris, in reply to queries from de Courcy Ireland on museums, and arranging the exchange of maritime journals.  
[See also: P29/E/12] 2 items.
- 214** July 1958 Letter from A.J. O'B. Twohig, [Dublin Port and Docks Board], Dublin, declining an invitation to attend a press conference on the establishment of a maritime museum.  
2pp
- 215** September 1976 Copy letter from Maurice Craig [co-ordinator of the Museum Committee], Sandymount, to Wynne Jones, asking for the assistance of his senior pupils in the Maritime Museum.  
1p
- 216** August 1976 List of publications collected and sent to the Arklow Maritime Museum, by de Courcy Ireland.  
1p

## III. Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Dún Laoghaire, 1953-76

- 217** July 1953- May 1962 Letters and notices from R.N.L.I., Dún Laoghaire, on routine matters. Includes a note co-opting de Courcy Ireland onto the committee.  
4 items.

- 218** February 1961;  
August 1962 Notice of R.N.L.I. fund-raising functions.  
2 items.
- 219** August 1961-  
June 1964 Receipts for telephone bills from R.N.L.I., London.  
4 items.
- 220** May 1976 Note from Inspector of Lifeboats in Ireland, confirming a visit to the Dún Laoghaire Station.  
1p
- 221** March 1953-  
October 1962 Letters from R.N.L.I. (Irish District), Dublin, asking de Courcy Ireland to judge entries in an essay competition, and other matters.  
8 items.

#### **IV. Inland Waterways Association of Ireland, 1952-62**

- 222** 1954; 1962 Receipts for annual subscription.  
2 items.
- 223** 1954 Constitution and rules of the Association.  
12pp
- 224** December 1954-  
April 1957 Notices of Council meetings and annual general meetings.  
6 items.

#### **V. Correspondence, 1951-76**

- 225** September 1951-  
January 1955 The Society of Nautical Research, London, in relation to maritime affairs, and contributions to *The Mariners' Mirror*, [the journal of the Society]. Includes receipts for subscriptions and notices of society functions.  
5 items.

- 226** November 1954 The Seafarers' Education Service and College of the Sea, London, replying to query on availability of Christmas cards. Ask 'if your little magazine *Salt Water* is still going strong?'  
2 items.
- 227** October 1951 Letters in relation to a ship adoption scheme.  
2 items.
- 228** June-August 1956 The Belgian Embassy, Dublin, giving information on maritime affairs, as requested by de Courcy Ireland. [In French]  
2 items.
- 229** October 1951-  
October 1962 Frank Tyrell, various addresses in Ireland, relating information on the running of his ship, events during voyages, his cargo, as well as personal matters.  
11 items.
- 230** 1953-March 1955 Jack Tyrell, Arklow, on maritime and personal affairs.  
4 items.
- 231** June 1957-  
May 1958 Frank Allaun, Southampton and Blackrock, discussing general maritime affairs. Includes frequent mention of a course in which he is studying petrochemicals in connection with the establishment of the Whitegate oil terminal, in Bantry Bay. 7 items.
- 232** 1955-61 Other seafarers from various addresses, dealing with their ships and ports of call. Includes 2 letters on Irish lighthouses.  
5 items.
- 233** October-  
November 1951 Anthony MacDermot, Surrey, discussing problems of navigation in medieval times, and other matters.  
2 items.

- 234** May 1951- December 1976 Various correspondences, enclosing articles, replying to suggestions, and giving notice of meetings. Includes a cutting from *The Eagle* [childrens' magazine] on 'Rules of the Road for Ships at Sea.'  
5 items.

## VI. Writings on Maritime Affairs, 1951-76

### a. Published articles

[See also: P29/D/3, and 4a]

- 235** August 1974 'Francis Beaufort-Irish Hydrographer' in *Technology Ireland*, July/August, 1974.  
2pp
- 236** November 1973 'Ralph Halpin and the Great Eastern' in *Technology Ireland*.  
3pp
- 237** c. 1974 'Rais Hamidou: the last of the great Algerian corsairs.'  
10pp
- 238** 19 June 1965 'Sea fisheries, what could be done,' in *The Plough*.  
[See also: P29/D/3] 4pp

### b. Notes

- 239** c. 1970 Manuscript entitled, *Swiss naval wars*.  
2pp
- 240** c. 1965 Manuscript entitled, *Mark Parker and the Papal Navy*.  
1p

**c. Reviews**

- 241** 1976 Manuscript review of 'A nest of corsairs: the fighting Karamanlis of the Barbary Coast,' by Seaton Dearden.  
2pp
- 242** 1976 Manuscript of a review of *The Mariners Mirror*, Vol. 62, No. 3, 1976. 1p

**d. Material by de Courcy Ireland**

- 243** February 1973 Letter from de Courcy Ireland to the 'Chief Reporter,' relating a summary of a lecture on the maritime affairs of Poland, which was to precede the showing of several Polish films at the Maritime Institute.  
[See also: P29/E/9] 3pp
- 244** September 1973 Article by de Courcy Ireland entitled 'Sea lore for the public – in films,' in [*Evening Herald*], summarising the Maritime Institute's education policy. 1 item.
- 245** September 1974 Rough lecture notes dealing with historical research on travel and transport in Ireland.  
[See also: P29/E/6] 5pp
- 246** October 1951-  
October 1954 (a) Letters from Parkside Press, [*Maritime Magazine*, *Maritime and Aviation*, and *Maritime and Import-Export Magazine*], in relation to the publication of article by de Courcy on maritime affairs.  
[See also: P29/D/33] 6 items.
- 1951 (b) Note from Lawrence and Wishart, [publishers], London, acknowledging receipt of a manuscript entitled, *The sea in education*.  
[See also: P29/D/51] 1 item.

- 247** February 1971 A biographical account of de Courcy Ireland on the occasion of the bestowal of the Asgard Award of the Naval Association, in the *Irish Times*.  
[See also: P29/E/3-4] 1 item.

## D. CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

### I. International Friendship Societies, 1940-76

#### a. Irish Arab Society

##### i. Membership and Administration

- 248** 1974 Membership card.  
1p
- 249** January-December 1976 Agendas and minutes of executive council meetings.  
[See also: P29/C/41] 12 items.
- 250** 1974-6 Annual reports of the I.A.S., consisting of a summary of the preceding years activities.  
[See also: P29/C/44] 2 items.
- 251** August-September 1976 Correspondence and newspaper cuttings in relation to the constitutional crisis in the Society, when the executive council attempted to sack Atif Matouk, the executive secretary. Includes a solicitor's letter demanding the reinstatement of Matouk, and also a statement of the position of the Society. 10 items.
- 252** February 1974-November 1976 Notices of functions of the I.A.S., includes a programme for the Dublin Oriental Festival.  
5 items.



- 253** September 1976 Statement to the press from the I.A.S. on the Society's activities.  
3 items.
- 254** February 1971-  
October 1976 Newspaper cuttings reporting on the activities of the Society. Includes a note on de Courcy Ireland's 10 day visit to Iraq.  
12 items.

**ii. Correspondence**

- 255** March-  
September 1976 Fr. John Chisholm, University College Dublin, and Clontarf, discussing Society business, mentions 'attempts being made to destroy the I.A.S.'  
7 items.
- 256** December 1975-  
February 1976 Lebanese Embassy, London, regarding political events in the Lebanon. Mentions Mr. Matouk's 'energy and dedication to the Society.'  
2 items.
- 257** February-  
May 1976 The Algerian Embassy, London, discussing personal matters and Mr. Matouk.  
4 items.
- 258** April-  
August 1976 Copies of letters from de Courcy Ireland to the Algerian, Lebanese, and Libyan embassies, London, discussing various matters including the I.A.S. and Mr. Matouk. Also includes a list of venues at which de Courcy Ireland lectured on his impressions of Iraq.  
5 items.
- 259** September 1975-  
January 1976 Other correspondence and rough notes in relation to the running of the I.A.S.  
10 items.
- 260** c. 1975  
Sean Flanagan, Ireland.' Typescript entitled, 'Tourism in Arabia: a discussion paper by Sean Flanagan, Ireland.'  
5pp

### iii. Articles on the Arab world by John de Courcy Ireland

- 261** Issues of *Irish/Arab News*, a quarterly newsletter of the I.A.S., featuring the following articles by de Courcy Ireland:
- 1975 (a) 'The Trans-Maghred Express,' in Vol. 1, No. 3 and 4, pp 18-20.
- 1976 (b) 'L'Eminence Grise du Sahara -Dominique Louis Alfred Oscar McCarthy,' in Vol. 2, No. 1, pp 10-11.
- 1976 (c) 'Basrah -the great port of Iraq,' in Vol. 2, No. 2, p 20.
- 262** September 1973 Copy of 'The misery with which developing countries must grapple,' in the *Irish Independent*. 1p
- 263** c. 1973 Copy of an article entitled, 'Algeria builds towards an Arabic Future.'  
[See also: P29/D/2 for other articles on Algeria.] 1p
- 264** May 1968 Article entitled, 'Holiday '68, The spell of Corsica,' in *The Evening Herald*. 1p

### b. Other International Friendship Societies.

#### i. Arab Friendship Societies

- 265** December 1975-  
October 1976 Circulars and letters from Robert Swann, European Co-ordinating Committee of Friendship with the Arab World, [E.U.R.A.B.I.A.], Paris, giving notice of committee meetings, and enclosing agendas and minutes. 5 items.
- 266** January-  
November 1976 Issues of *Bulletin d'Information of EURABIA*, No. 51, 56, and 68 which feature reports on I.A.S. [In French] 3 items.

- 267** August- September 1976 Letters from Robert Swann, Association Parlement pour la Coopération Euro-Arabe, Paris, in relation to a joint meeting of the executive committee of the Arab Parliamentary Union and the Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation, to be held in Dublin. Includes a provisional agenda.  
3 items.
- 268** April 1976 Circular from the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, London, in relation to a seminar 'Palestinean nationhood-key to peace.'  
3 items.

### ii. Other Ethnic Friendship Societies.

- 268b** February- November 1976 Letters and circulars from Kevin Quinn, secretary, The Irish Chinese Cultural Society. Includes a report of the Society's activities for 1975-6.  
5 items.
- 269** 1953-62 Circulars from the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic, and Social Relations; The Indian League, Dublin; International Friendship League, Dublin; Dublin University Association for International Affairs.  
5 items.
- 270** May- October 1976 Correspondence and circulars from the British Algerian Society, British Yugoslav Society, Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.  
4 items.

## II. Historical Societies, 1951-74

### a. Military History Society of Ireland

[See also: P29/C/29a-e]

- 271** December 1953-6 Notices and agendas of Council meetings. 3 items.

- 272** 1951-62 Programme, and notices of functions of the Society.  
5 items.
- 273** November 1956-  
October 1957 Notices in relation to the Admiral Brown Centenary Committee.  
3 items.
- 274** December 1953-  
November 1966 Notices of the annual dinners of the Society. Includes the seating plan for 1965.  
[Another copy P29/C/29d] 3 items.
- 275** September 1951-  
March 1962 Letters from Professor Gerard Hayes McCoy, editor of the *Irish Sword* [journal of the Society], giving notice of editorial committee meetings, and discussing notes and articles contributed by de Courcy Ireland.  
12 items.
- 276** November 1951-  
April 1955 Letters from Diarmuid Murtagh, discussing the re-allocation of editorial work for the *Irish Sword* because of Hayes McCoy's ill health, and other matters.  
3 items.
- 277** c. 1970 Manuscript article entitled, 'The Ultonic Regiment and Oran' by de Courcy Ireland.  
5pp

#### **b. National Library of Ireland Society**

- 278** 1970-1 Membership card and receipt for subscription.  
2 items.
- 279** 1970 Constitution of the Society [cover signed S. MacCormac].  
10pp

- 280** December 1971 Notices and agendas of the annual general meeting. Includes correspondence between Patrick Henchy, [Director of the National Library], and Sean MacCormac, Blackrock, on amendments to the constitution of the Society.  
c. 12 items.
- 281** October 1975 Notices of meetings of the Society. 1p
- 282** 1972 Off-print of an article entitled, 'The National Library: the library today and tomorrow,' by K.W. Humphreys, in *An Leabharlann*, 1972. 6pp
- 283** 1969-74 Reports of the Trustees of the National Library. 4 items.

### III. Churches, 1950-64

#### a. Church of Ireland

- 284** 1952-54 Material relating to the Church of Ireland Peace Fellowship.  
(a) Notices of meetings. 2 items.  
(b) Prayers for the Fellowship. 3 items.  
(c) Letter from Philis Pichard, in relation to the Fellowship magazine. 2pp  
(d) Newspaper report of Rev. Dr. Mageean's sermon on peace. 2pp
- 285** August-September 1951 Letters from the Council of Church Training Colleges, London, making arrangements for an interview with de Courcy Ireland. 2 items.
- 286** 1950-63 Miscellaneous notes and circulars on Church matters. 3 items.

**b. Unitarian Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.**

[See also: P29/C/46-7]

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| <b>287</b>  | 1957-64  | Receipts for annual subscription.<br>3 items.  |
| <b>288</b>  | March 1962-<br>May 1964                          | Notice of meetings of the Managing Committee.<br>6 items.  |
| <b>289</b>  | June-<br>August 1962                             | Agenda of the Managing Committee's meetings.<br>4 items.   |
| <b>290</b>  | June 1958  | Notice from the Managing Committee to the Church congregation in relation to their financial position.<br>1p   |
| <b>291</b>  | August 1953-<br>June 1964                        | Correspondence from the Unitarian Church, Dublin, including a letter accepting de Courcy Ireland and his family for membership of the Church. Also includes notes thanking de Courcy Ireland for conducting the service in absence of the minister. 7 items. |
| <b>292</b>  | c. 1965  | Words of several Christmas Carols. 2pp   |
| <b>293a</b> | February 1954<br><br>Free Religious Fellowship.' | Issue of ' <i>The Inquirer</i> , the organ of Unitarian Christianity and<br>4pp  |

**IV. Local Dún Laoghaire Societies, 1954-76**

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| <b>293b</b> | c. 1954<br><br>Borough Co-operative Society. | Circular and invitation to join the co-operative. Dún Laoghaire<br>2 items. |
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- 294**            September-  
December 1954            Circulars concerning dividends and interest from the Dún Laoghaire Borough Co-operative Society. 3 items.
- 295**            May-  
November 1956            Notices of functions organized by the Education Committee of the Co-operative.  
[Manuscript notes on the back.]            7 items.
- 296**            c. 1955            Notice of meeting of the Ballybrack and District Housing Committee.  
1p
- 297**            1954            Notices of lectures organised by the Co-operative.  
4 items.
- 298**            August 1955            Issue of *Co-op News*.  
1p
- 299**            July 1955            An unsigned letter sent to the Co-operative applying for a job as a driver. Mentions that de Courcy Ireland will give a character reference.  
2pp
- 300**            June 1956-  
August 1958            Notices of meetings of the Dalkey Development Association. Also an open letter sent to the Minister of Local Government in relation to building on the Vico Road, Dún Laoghaire.  
[See also: P29/C/48-9]            10 items.
- 301**            1958-76            Circulars on local matters, including building on the Vico Road, and the Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire Child Welfare Clinic.  
5 items.

## V. Other Institutions and Societies, 1964-76

- 302** August 1940- August 1976 Circulars, notices, and correspondence from The Dublin Wine Society; Royal United Kingdom Benevolent Association; Kingstown Men's Christian Institute; Irish Association for the Blind. Also includes a membership card for the Muff [County Donegal], local security and patrol force during the war. 10 items.

## E. PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

### I. Dalkey Literary, Historical and Debating Society

- 303** December 1953 Receipt for annual subscription. 1 item.
- 304** October 1953- January 1964 Notices of functions of the society. 4 items.
- 305** October 1953 Letters from P. Cogan, Hon. Secretary of the society, in relation to society business, and arranging meetings. Also includes balance sheet for 1953-4. 6 items.
- 306** April 1955-68 Correspondence from the Blackrock Literary and Debating Society, asking de Courcy Ireland to reply to a paper by G. Hayes McCoy, and also to act as a judge in the Society's Thomas Davis Essay Award competition. 3 items.

### II. Trinity College Societies.

- 307** October 1942- November 1961 Correspondence from College Historical Society, asking de Courcy Ireland to chair various meetings, and other matters. [See also: P29/G/7] 6 items.



- 308**      October 1967      Correspondence from University Philosophical Society, asking de Courcy Ireland to take part in their meetings.  
4 items.
- 309**      June-  
October 1976      Correspondence from David Crooke, College Theological Society inviting de Courcy Ireland to reply to his inaugural address on 'Christianity and Communism.' Includes the text of Crooke's speech, and de Courcy Ireland's lecture notes. Also a newspaper cutting, with a photograph, on the lecture.  
7 items.

### **III. Other societies and functions.**

- 310**      1951-76      Correspondence from secretaries of debating societies, church social societies, and schools, asking de Courcy Ireland to attend at various meetings. Societies include Bray Debating Society, The Circle, Spectrum Club, Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Presbytery Movement.  
33 items.
- 311**      1951-76      Invitation and entrance cards for various social functions.  
11 items.
- 312**      c. 1955-76      Rough lecture and debating notes by de Courcy Ireland.  
20 items.

**F. JOURNALISM AND BROADCASTING**

[See also: P29/I/164-66]

**I. Editorial Work, 1945-64**

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|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>313</b> | c. 1946                         | Jack T. Allansom, London.<br>2 items.   |
| <b>314</b> | June 1945-<br>March 1947        | Eleanor Butler, [T.D.], Ailesbury Road, Dublin, in relation to an article on Dublin Corporation Housing Report.<br>4 items. |
| <b>315</b> | October 1945-<br>February 1947  | Lester Hutchinson, London and Dublin. 5 items.  |
| <b>316</b> | September 1945-<br>April 1946   | J.T. O'Farrell, secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association of Great Britain and Ireland.<br>2 items.                      |
| <b>317</b> | December 1945-<br>January 1946  | Frank Pierce, [lecturer in Spanish], University of Sheffield.<br><br>2 items.   |
|            | [See also: P29/G/19]            |   |
| <b>318</b> | February 1946-<br>February 1955 | Desmond Ryan, Swords, County Dublin, in relation to an article on Michael Davitt.<br>4 items.                               |
| <b>319</b> | January-<br>March 1946          | Anuchu Wackuku, Trinity College, and The Four Courts, Dublin, discussing an article on African affairs.<br>4 items.         |
| <b>320</b> | December 1945-<br>April 1951    | Professor B. Farrington, Gerald Fish, George Thomson, and others. 12 items.   |

- 321** July 1958-  
March 1964  
to de Courcy Ireland.
- Correspondence from various people seeking advice and comments on scripts submitted  
4 items.

**II. Articles, Reviews, and Public Letters by John de Courcy Ireland, 1953-76.**

**a. Newspaper articles**

- 322** c. 1971  
the *Irish Times*.
- 'The storming of Heaven,' the Paris workers rising in 1871, in  
2pp
- 323** February 1963  
ending of the Seven Years War between England and France in 1763, in *The Evening Herald*.
- 'A lesson from the Peace of Paris,' a discussion of the  
2pp
- 324** October 1970  
unity, in the *Irish Times*.
- 'Italy's centenary woes,' a review of a hundred years of Italian  
2pp
- 325** Autumn 1976  
of the strike of 1976. Includes a note from the *Irish Times* regretting that the article could not be published.
- Manuscript article 'Behind the seamens strike,' in justification  
2 items.

**b. Letters to the newspapers.**

- 326** May-  
July 1976  
letter from Roy Samuels, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, agreeing to disagree.
- 2 published letters on the Arabs and Israel. Also includes other letters in reply, and a private  
4 items.
- 327** July; August 1976
- On socialism and terrorism in Ireland, in the *Tribune*.  
2 items.

- 328** August 1976 'The language of technology.' Also a letter in reply, both in the *Irish Times*.  
2 items.
- 329** c. 1963 Short letter on the 'Dallas Crimes.' 1 item.
- 330** December 1951 Manuscript letter on native workers in South America. 'Natives are the same everywhere, useless unless ordered about.' Includes a refusal note from the *Irish Times*.  
2 items.
- 331** c. 1955 Manuscript letter criticising a letter in the *Irish Times* on world power blocs and the threat of communism.  
2pp
- 332** March 1965 Manuscript letter criticising President Johnson's handling of the Vietnam War.  
3pp
- 333** November 1953- August 1976 Letters from various people, written in reply to published letters by de Courcy Ireland. Writers include P. Sommerville-Large, and G.K. White. Also includes one crank letter from 'A genuine Irishman, and of course Catholic.'  
7 items.
- 334** 1972 Copy of an appreciation of Owen Sheehy Skeffington.  
[See also: P29/D/29] 4pp
- 335** c. 1970 Copy of a manuscript text on Parnell. 4pp
- 336** October 1976 Short appreciation of Hugh Delargy, by de Courcy Ireland, in the *Irish Times*.  
1p

**III. Correspondence from newspapers and publishing companies concerning the publication of articles and reviews by de Courcy Ireland, 1958-76.**

- 337/1**      October 1963      (a) From Dick Clements, [editor of the *Tribune*], London, in relation to articles on the Irish Labour Party, and contemporary issues in Ireland.  
[See also: P29/D/1]      12 items.
- 1961-4      (b) Notes from the *Tribune* in relation to a standing order for copies.      3 items.
- 337/2**      January 1962      (a) From the book page and general features editors of the *Irish Times*.  
8 items.
- February 1958      (b) Payment slip from the *Irish Times* for 'The Bluid Eye' for £4.14.6.  
1 item.  
[See also: P29/D/34, 41, and 58, and P29/G/51]
- 337/3**      June 1961-  
August 1964      From the *Irish Independent*,  
Dublin.      3 items.
- 337/4**      November 1963      From Aiden J. Pender, [editor],  
*Evening Herald*, in relation to a series on Irishmen in foreign navies.  
[See also: P29/D/55]      2 items.
- 337/5**      September 1961-  
March 1976      From *Irish Press*, *Evening Press*,  
and *Sunday Press*, Dublin.  
Includes a [returned] review of 'Within the family' by Violet Powel.  
[See also: P29/D/40, and 32]      4 items.
- 337/6**      April-  
June 1961      From *The Observer*, London.  
[See also: P29/D/38]      3 items.
- 337/7**      c. 1960-  
September 1976      From the *Sunday Times*,  
London.      2 items.

- 337/8** November 1957-  
July 1976 From other publishing companies, including The Bell, History Today, Afro-Asian Association of Ireland, and The Third World Group, Dublin.  
10 items.
- 337/9** c. 1958 - c. 1962 From editors asking de Courcy Ireland to contribute to their magazine or publication.  
4 items.

#### **IV. Correspondence from Broadcasting Companies, 1952-76**

- 338** January 1955-  
April 1964 From Radio Éireann, Dublin, in relation to broadcasts made by de Courcy Ireland, their subject matter, revision, and making arrangements for their recording. Script titles mentioned include 'Shetland journey,' 'Shetland and depopulation,' 'The book I liked the best,' 'The Titanic,' and 'Irish seamen in Latin America.' Includes several drafts of the 'Shetland journey' script.  
20 items.
- 339** February-  
September 1976 From Radio Teilifis Éireann, reply to criticism and offers of assistance. Includes a query on mariculture from Jim Sherwin [a reporter].  
8 items.

### **G. TRAVEL, 1945-76**

#### **a. Correspondence from transport companies and travel agents giving information and making travel arrangements.**

- 340** November 1953-  
May 1976 Coras Iompair Éireann, Dublin, replying to queries and complaints on the train and bus service to Dalkey.  
9 items.
- [See also: P29/B/57]

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| <b>341</b> | September 1951-<br>August 1976 | Aer Lingus, Dublin, in reply to complaints. Includes a used air ticket to London.<br>6 items.   |
| <b>342</b> | December 1962-<br>March 1963   | From Thomas Cook and Company, Dublin, in relation to travel arrangements for a journey to Italy.<br>4 items.  |
| <b>343</b> | July 1960-<br>November 1962    | From Anglo-Yugoslav Shipping Company Ltd., London, arranging passage on ships to Italy. 5 items.  |
| <b>344</b> | May 1958-<br>July 1961         | From Bristol Steam Navigation Company. Agencies, Ltd., in relation to passage from Dublin to Bristol. 5 items.  |
| <b>345</b> | June 1964                      | From Hewetts Travel Agency, Dublin, confirming details of de Courcy Ireland's itinerary.<br>1 item.   |
| <b>346</b> | June 1964                      | From Askus Travel and Personal Services Bureau, Dublin. Asking de Courcy Ireland to act as interpreter for Spanish visitors on a tour of Wicklow.<br>3 items. |
| <b>347</b> | October 1947-<br>November 1976 | From other companies and travel agents including Irish Shipping, B & I, Westover Shipping, and Air France.<br>22 items.                                       |
| <b>348</b> | 1950-76                        | Used travel tickets and travel leaflets. 2 items.   |
| <b>349</b> | c. 1948                        | Newspaper article in tourism in the Derry area, by de Courcy Ireland. 1p  |

**H. BOOKS AND LITERATURE, 1951-76****a. Correspondence from book shops and publishing companies in relation to the purchase of books and journals.**

- 350** 1953-76 From Hodgis Figgis, Dublin, including: correspondence on the availability of books; acknowledgments of orders; statements of account and receipts; and an invitation to attend the opening of a new Hodgis Figgis shop in Dún Laoghaire, [with manuscript notes on the back on the Renaissance painters].  
12 items.
- 351** September 1951-  
October 1953 From Collets subscription department, London.  
24 items.
- 352** October 1953-  
May 1964 From Bowes and Bowes, Cambridge.  
6 items.
- 353** August 1953-  
January 1954 From Nimrods, the book hunters, London, in relation to searches for out of print or rare books. 3 items.
- 354** January 1955 From other book and publishing companies.  
2 items.
- 355** April 1962-  
December 1963 Letters from Richard Casey, Dún Laoghaire Borough librarian, asking for advice on the selection of continental books, and in relation to the payment of fines.  
4 items.
- 356** March 1941-  
June 1963 Notes and letters enclosing books, articles and leaflets from various official bodies, including the E.S.B., the Ministry of Civil Aviation, London, and the Indian High Commission, London, and others.  
23 items.



**b. Material relating to English literature or of literary value.**

- 357** c. 1970 Notes on the practical criticism of 3 poems by de Courcy Ireland. 5pp
- 359** March 1958 Theatre programme for the first production of 'Roger Casement' by Roger McHugh and Alfred Noyes, Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. 8pp

**J. PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 360** November c. 1950-  
February 1954  
debating society, and the progress of the Dún Laoghaire Co-operative. From P. D'Arcy, Dalkey, discussing local Dún Laoghaire activities, including the Dalkey Co-operative. 3 items.
- 361** December 1944-  
February 1966  
in Northern Ireland. Includes much personal material on his own and de Courcy Ireland's family. Thanks him for articles and papers he has received, and makes numerous arrangements to go to Dublin. [See also: P29/G/20 and 29] From Stanley Cooper Foster, [civil servant], Belfast, discussing politics and the arts. 58 items.
- 362** April 1961-  
August 1969 From [Hallam?], Sheffield, and Doncaster, England, relating the events of his visit to Ireland. 2 items.
- 363** September 1957-  
August 1961 From D. Aliprando, Catani, Italy, and the United States. [In Italian] 4 items.
- 364** 1945-6 From Pedro Actuitequi, France and the United States. [In French] 8 items.

- 365** July 1946-  
June 1961 From Jim Larkin Jr., [general secretary of the Workers Union of Ireland], Bray, in relation to personal matters, including tuition for his children, advice on payment of family hospital bills.  
[See also: P29/G/24 and 32] 11 items.
- 366** July 1950-  
October 1970 From Arnold Marsh, [Headmaster], Drogheda Grammar School, Drogheda, discussing the running of the school, its teachers and pupils, as well as much personal material. Includes a newspaper biography of Marsh (1954), as well as several notices of Drogheda Grammar School.  
[See also: P29/B/27-9 and 56] 14 items.
- 367** November 1963-  
November 1970 From Dr. A.E. Maxwell, the United States and London, discussing old school and university friends, and his present activities.  
3 items.
- 368** August 1951-  
July 1958 From Miriam Mitchell, London and other addresses, in connection with the historical novels she is writing on Spain. Asks de Courcy Ireland to review her books in the *Irish Times*. Also contains personal material.  
7 items.
- 369** February 1953-  
July 1957 From C. de [Nillejon?], France. [In French]  
5 items.
- 370** May-  
June 1958 From E. Stiobhad, Ballsbridge, Dublin, requesting a meeting with de Courcy Ireland, and asks about arrangements to go abroad on a cargo ship.  
2 items.
- 371** October 1951-  
February c. 1963 From 'Mrs. Sir,' [wife of an old school teacher of de Courcy Ireland, relating news of de Courcy Ireland's former school friends, and making arrangements for annual reunions. 7 items.

- 372** September 1953-  
August 1954  
[See also: P29/I/152] From Lucette, [La C....], Paris.  
[In French]  
6 items.
- 373** December 1953-  
October 1975 From Rev. Maurice [?], England,  
relating personal news and  
gossip. 2 items.
- 374** July 1974 From Annette Berthereau, Girls  
School, Lincolnshire, England.  
[In French]  
2 items.
- 375** December 1967-  
October 1976 From Max [Zananiri], Paris,  
discussing education, and  
personal matters. [In French]  
6 items.  
[See also: P29/G/37, 59, 68, 72, and P29/B/73]
- Other personal correspondence  
consisting of single letters or  
notes in reply to congratulatory remarks from de Courcy  
Ireland, or of a solely personal nature. Arranged in  
chronological order.
- 376** April 1945-  
August 1958 Includes letters from R.B.  
McDowell, Trinity College; Denis  
Larkin [Lord Mayor of Dublin].
- March 1959-  
February 1972 Includes letters from Mary  
Keating; Philip Toynbee,  
London; Hugh Trevor Roper,  
London; and Brian Friel, Derry.
- February 1976-  
October 1972 Includes a letter from the  
National Gallery, London.  
104 items.
- 377** 1945-72 Disassociated correspondence in  
French. 16 items.
- 378** September 1951-  
November 1976 Letters from friends, students,  
and colleagues, in reply to  
messages of sympathy from de  
Courcy Ireland.  
14 items.

- 379** 1951-75 Birthday, greeting cards and telegrams from various people.  
16 items.

## K. FAMILY AFFAIRS

### I. Correspondence from, or concerning, family members, mostly of a routine nature, often commenting on and repeating letters sent by de Courcy Ireland to them, 1938-76.

#### a. From the immediate family

- 380** 1938-69 From Mrs. John [Betty] de Courcy Ireland, from various addresses. Mostly letters written when travelling away from home or when de Courcy Ireland was away. Includes a circular from Betty de Courcy Ireland, 'A candidate for the municipal election in the Leversham Ward, Manchester, 1938.'  
15 items.
- 381** c. 1950-62 From the children, relating routine matters when away from home:  
(a) From Hugh Ireland.  
5 items.  
(b) From Rosamond Ireland.  
3 items.  
(c) From Moneen Ireland.  
2 items.
- 382** April 1958-  
August 1961 From Dr. A.J.E. Kilpatrick, concerning Hugh Ireland's health. 4 items.
- 383** September 1954-  
October 1962 The children's school reports, school fees receipts, and other material. 11 items.
- 384** c. 1955-65 Photographs of family members, friends, students, and boats.  
10 items.

- 385** c. 1960-76 Rough notes of addresses, telephone messages, and calling cards. c. 37 items.

**b. From near relations.**

- 386** July 1957-  
May 1962 From 'Mother,' [no name], Arezzo, Italy.  
39 items.
- 387** May 1962 From Aunt Maud Barry, London. Mentions a trunk of family papers which she sent to de Courcy Ireland. Includes a photograph of Maud Barry.  
39 items.
- 388** December 1961-  
January 1962 From Aunt Florance, London.  
3 items.
- 389** September 1963-  
October 1963 From Uncle 'Freddie,' [no surname], Tunbridge Wells, England. 2 items.
- 390** January 1954-  
July 1964 From Cousin Cynthea, [no surname], London, and Oxford.  
4 items.
- 391** August 1953-  
March 1955 From [Uncle] George Atkinson.  
3 items.
- 392** January 1958 From Aunt Louis M. Byron, Canterbury, England.  
2 items.
- 393** c. 1955 Note from [?] to Brother John.  
2pp
- 394** August 1963-  
January 1964 From [Cousin] Mary [no surname], Uxbridge Road, London. 5 items.

- 395** September 1951-  
March 1964 From [Cousin] Alise [no  
surname], Scotland.  
11 items.
- 396** January 1976-  
August 1976 From David de Courcy Ireland,  
Lausanne, Switzerland,  
inquiring as to the origin of the  
family name, and of the possibility of a blood relationship.  
3 items.

## II. Financial Matters, 1943-76

- 397** December 1953-  
January 1958 Banking material.  
(a) Check stub books.  
3 items.
- September-  
October 1951 (b) Cancelled cheques.  
2 items.
- 1951-7 (c) Memos of lodgements to  
account. 10 items.
- 1955-76 (d) Correspondence from Bank  
Managers, on loans, travellers  
cheques and transfers of accounts. 8 items.
- 398** September 1951-  
March 1961 Receipts and notices for  
payment of insurance  
premiums.  
4 items.
- 399** April 1952-  
February 1962 Correspondence, bills, and  
notices of assessment for  
income tax.  
4 items.
- 400** 1951-63 Electricity bills and receipts.  
7 items.
- 401** 1952-61 Agreements, payment books and  
notices for payment of  
instalments for goods bought purchase. 4 items.
- 402** 1951-76 Receipt for various goods and  
sums of money.  
c. 30 items.

- 403**            1943-53                            Miscellaneous forms for the electoral register fire prevention order.    2 items.
- 404**            March 1939-  
                     July 1976                            Correspondence on various matters, including arrangements for removal of furniture from Cork to Dublin, note from the Department of Social Welfare. Also includes letters from the War Office, London, in relation to the removal of a plaque to Major de Courcy Ireland.                            7 items.