

Malcolm Joseph (sometimes known as Mitchell or Joseph-Mitchell) (1914-2008)

Joseph was born in 1914 in Trinidad and came to Loughborough to study at the School of commerce in 1938. He was an excellent athlete and represented Trinidad in the Empire Games in the late 1930s, he was a hurdler, see photograph FG7/9/1.

He took over the League of Coloured Peoples (LCP) after Dr Harold Moody's death in April 1947.

The League of Coloured Peoples (LCP)

"Harold Moody moved to England from Jamaica in 1904 and founded the League of Coloured Peoples (LCP) in 1931. Dedicated to achieving racial equality, the LCP campaigned for political and social change, and ran community programmes. The Keys, established in 1933, was the official publication of the LCP. Edited by Una Marson, the journal was a crucial voice for the Pan-African and anti-colonial movements of the time. Stories ranged from the experiences of Caribbean migrants in Britain, to critical essays by writers such as Learie Constantine and C L R James."¹

Related materials at Loughborough University Archives:

- 2 photographs:
 - 1 hurdling FG7/9/1.
 - 1 with the school of commerce, FG10/17.

Related materials elsewhere:

- League of Coloured Peoples papers, in the SOAS University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies) Archives².
- Joseph-Mitchell, 'The Colour Problem among Juveniles', DD/TCM/15/14, Somerset Archives.
- League of Coloured Peoples, Una Marson, *The Key*. The British Library has them all.
- *LCP Newsletter*. See the British Library catalogue.
- Podcast "We Are History - Episode 27: Harold Moody and the League of Coloured Peoples."
- Papers of the Indian Workers Association for press cuttings on racial discrimination and immigration legislation in the 1960s and some mentions of the LCP, at Birmingham Archives, in MS 2141³.
- Report from the League of Coloured Peoples on "Homes for coloured children", 1944-1948, See the National Archives, Kew: Mh 55/19656.

Related secondary sources:

- Daniel James Whittall, *Creolising London: Black West Indian activism and the politics of race and empire in Britain, 1931-1948*, PhD Thesis for the Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2012.
- Submitted for examination for PhD.

<https://academic.oup.com/liverpool-scholarship-online/book/43431/chapter/363268281>

¹ <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/the-keys-january-to-march-1935-issue>

² <https://www.soas.ac.uk/research/library/special-collections/search-our-catalogues>

³ <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/browse/r/h/b5f760cd-dfb4-4bd5-986a-ddd1813844be>