

Timeline MAY 1916 TO JANUARY 1925

	THE UK	THE BRITISH LEFT
1916		<p>MAY BSP split</p> <p>NOVEMBER First national conference of the National Shop Stewards' and Workers' Committee movement</p>
1917	<p>OCTOBER British cabinet calls for special report on danger of revolution</p>	<p>31 MARCH Albert Hall meeting</p> <p>MAY Strike wave, centred on the engineering industry</p> <p>3 JUNE Leeds "Soviet" Convention</p> <p>28 JULY <i>Woman's Dreadnought</i> becomes <i>Workers' Dreadnought</i></p>
1918	<p>FEBRUARY Representation of the People Act is passed, enfranchising all adult men and women over the age of thirty</p> <p>SEPTEMBER Litvinov deported</p> <p>DECEMBER British general election</p>	<p>JANUARY Labour Party conference in Nottingham; new constitution adopted</p> <p>JUNE Labour Party conference</p> <p>SEPTEMBER Rothstein becomes chief representative of the Bolshevik government in Britain</p>

INTERNATIONAL**RUSSIA/THE COMINTERN**

3 MARCH Brest-Litovsk Treaty; Russia makes peace with Germany

6 MARCH Allied intervention; British troops at Murmansk

21 MARCH German spring offensive on the Western Front

8 AUGUST The “Black Day of the German army”; the war turns decisively towards an Allied victory

11 NOVEMBER First World War ends

1–2 MARCH February Revolution in Russia

25–30 AUGUST Failure of Kornilov “coup”

7 NOVEMBER Bolsheviks seize power

25 NOVEMBER Elections for Constituent Assembly

JANUARY Constituent Assembly meets and is forcibly suppressed

6–8 MARCH Bolsheviks become the Communist Party

9 APRIL Allied troops land at Murmansk

MAY–JUNE Russian civil war begins

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1919

JUNE WSF conference declares itself the Communist Party but on Comintern advice postpones implementation of the new name

1920

MAY London dockers refuse to load munitions on *Jolly George*

EASTER (EARLY APRIL) ILP annual conference agrees to explore possibility of Third International affiliation

11 MAY British Labour Party / TUC delegation in Russia for six weeks

19 JUNE WSF and others form the Communist Party (British Section of the Third International)

31 JULY AND 1 AUGUST Communist Unity Conference; CPGB formed

16 OCTOBER *Workers' Dreadnought* publishes "Discontent on the Lower Deck"

19 OCTOBER Pankhurst arrested for sedition

EARLY DECEMBER Cardiff Conference of CP (BSTI)

1921

5 JANUARY Pankhurst begins six-month prison sentence under DORA

16 JANUARY CP (BSTI) executive declares the *Dreadnought* no longer official organ of party

29-30 JANUARY Second CP Unity Conference, in Leeds

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21 MARCH Proclamation of Hungarian Soviet Republic

28 JUNE Treaty of Versailles signed

1 AUGUST Meeting of Socialist International in Lucerne

JANUARY Allied Supreme Council ends economic blockade of Russia

13–17 MARCH Kapp putsch defeated in Germany by general strike

AUGUST Battle of Warsaw; Poles defeat the Russians

JANUARY Petrograd radio announces formation of the Comintern

2–6 MARCH Comintern foundation conference

DECEMBER First meeting of Western Sub-Bureau of the Comintern

3–7 FEBRUARY Amsterdam Sub-Bureau Conference

MARCH Denikin evacuates last White army from Crimea

SPRING Lenin's "*Left-Wing*" *Communism: An Infantile Disorder* published

17 JULY TO 7 AUGUST Second Comintern Congress

FEBRUARY–MARCH Red Army invades Georgia

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<p>1921 (cont'd)</p> <p>15 APRIL Black Friday</p>	<p>MARCH National Shop Stewards' conference in Sheffield; group renamed the National Workers' Committee movement</p> <p>EASTER (LATE MARCH) ILP annual conference rejects Third International affiliation; many of the party's "Left Wing" withdraw</p> <p>23–24 APRIL Third CPGB Congress meets in Manchester to ratify constitution and rules</p> <p>13 MAY Final issue of <i>Solidarity</i></p> <p>30 MAY Pankhurst released from prison</p> <p>10 SEPTEMBER Pankhurst expelled by CPGB executive</p>
<p>1922</p> <p>15 NOVEMBER British general election</p>	<p>18–19 MARCH Fourth CPGB Congress in London; Commission on Organisation appointed</p>
<p>1923</p> <p>6 DECEMBER British general election; conservatives lose majority</p>	<p>JANUARY Building Guild in receivership</p> <p>MAY National Guilds League winds up</p> <p>AUGUST Final issue of <i>The Guild Socialist</i></p>
<p>1924</p> <p>22 JANUARY Ramsay MacDonald heads first (minority) Labour government</p>	<p>FEBRUARY Final issue of <i>The Socialist</i></p> <p>16 JUNE Final issue of the <i>Workers' Dreadnought</i></p> <p>OCTOBER Final issue of <i>New Standards</i></p>
<p>1925</p>	<p>22 JANUARY Final issue of <i>Justice</i></p>

INTERNATIONAL

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7–19 MARCH Kronstadt revolt crushed

18 MARCH Treaty of Riga and end of Russian civil war

21 MARCH New Economic Policy (NEP) promulgated by tenth congress of Russian Communist Party

22 JUNE TO 12 JULY Third Comintern Congress

JULY Russian famine widely reported

27–29 OCTOBER March on Rome; Mussolini comes into power in Italy

DECEMBER Creation of USSR

21 JANUARY Lenin dies