One and All, One and All: Edward Thompson (1924-1993)

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Thompson, Edward P. 1924–1993 CULTURE CLASS CRITICISM AND THE “CRISIS OF CLASS” LEGACY BIBLIOGRAPHY Source for information on Thompson, Edward P.: International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences dictionary. Thompson, Edward P. International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences COPYRIGHT 2008 Thomson Gale. Thompson, Edward P. 1924–1993. CULTURE. In this stroke, one glimpses Thompson’s distaste not only for political economy, but also for its left opposite number, “Structural Marxism,” both of which he saw as abdicating morality, agency, and responsibility by theologizing what was itself a human production. CLASS. Thompson brought these understandings fully to bear in his Making of the English Working Class (1963) (MEWC). Thompson, Edward Palmer, 1924-1993. Publications • 1996 • E J Hobsbawm. facebook. ©2019 The British Academy. All Rights Reserved. 020 7969 5200 Email us 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. Twitter. Facebook. Edward Palmer Thompson (3 February 1924 – 28 August 1993), usually cited as E. P. Thompson, was a British historian, writer, socialist and peace campaigner. He is probably best known today for his historical work on the British radical movements in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, in particular The Making of the English Working Class (1963). Thompson was one of the principal intellectuals of the Communist Party in Great Britain. Although he left the party in 1956 over the Soviet invasion of Hungary, he nevertheless remained a “historian in the Marxist tradition”, calling for a rebellion against Stalinism as a prerequisite for the restoration of communists’ “confidence in our own revolutionary perspectives”.

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