Finding aid to the Union WAGE (Women's Alliance to Gain Equality) Photograph Collection

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Date (inclusive): circa 1971-1982

Creator: Union WAGE (Organization)

Creator: Cade, Cathy, 1942-

Extent: 0.80 Cubic Feet(2 boxes)

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Abstract: Photographs of Union WAGE staff and volunteers participating in various strikes and demonstrations, conferences, meetings, fundraisers, benefits and other events in San Francisco and other places in California (and a few out of state), circa 1971-1982.

Collection available on site.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English.

Material Specific Details: The bulk of the materials comprise black and white prints of various sizes. Also includes some negatives and contacts sheets.

Availability
Collection is open for research.

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Separated Materials
Photographs were separated from Union WAGE (Women's Alliance to Gain Equality) Records, larc.ms.0004.

Historical
Union WAGE (Women's Alliance to Gain Equality) was founded on International Women's Day, March 8, 1971, at an educational conference sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW), at the University of California, Berkeley. Union WAGE was a politically non-partisan, non-profit organization for "working women" which included housewives, unemployed, retired, and welfare women. The organization's purpose was to achieve "equal rights, equal pay, and equal opportunity" for working women.

Scope and Contents
Photographs of Union WAGE staff and volunteers participating in various strikes and demonstrations, conferences, meetings, fundraisers, benefits and other events in San Francisco and other places in California (and a few out of state), circa 1971-1982, including images of members attending and picketing Industrial Workers Commission (IWC) legislative hearings. Also contains photographs of members producing the organization's newsletter Union WAGE. Includes photographs of Union Wage leader Jean Maddox, newsletter editor Maxine Jenkins, politician Dianne Feinstein, and one photograph of Gloria Steinem supporting No on Proposition L. Most of the photographs were taken by Cathy Cade.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Women -- Political activity -- United States -- Photographs.
Women's rights -- United States -- Photographs.
 Strikes -- United States -- Photographs.
Series 1: Administration circa 1977-1982
Physical Description: 1 folder (Box 1, folder 1)
Scope and Contents
Images of staff, volunteers, office meetings and production of newsletter.

box 1, folder 1
Staff, volunteers, office meetings, production of newsletter circa 1977-1982

Series 2: Strikes and demonstrations 1971-1982
Physical Description: 50 folders (Box 1, folders 2-41; Box 2, folders 1-10)
Scope and Contents
Images of strikes and demonstrations in San Francisco and other locations in California, and a few out of state.
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by name of organization, business or topic.

box 1, folder 2
Alameda County, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Locals 250, 535, 616 1976
box 1, Folder 3
American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Local 61 1979
box 1, folder 4
Bakke, Weber, Briggs court case decisions 1979
Historical

box 1, folder 5
Bank of America 1973
box 1, folder 6
Blue Cross, Office Professional Employees Union (OPEU) Local 29 1977
box 1, folder 7
Blue Shield 1981
box 1, folder 8
California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), United Legal Workers 1978
box 1, folder 9
Capwell's department store undated
box 1, folder 10
Co-Op Credit Union, Office Professional Employees Union (OPEU) Local 29 1975
box 1, folder 11
Coors Brewing Company boycott undated
box 1, folder 12
Disability rights sit-in at Health, Education and Welfare building, San Francisco 1977
box 1, folder 13
El Salvador (anti-intervention) circa 1980s
box 1, folder 14
Gallo Winery, United Farm Workers (UFW) 1973
box 1, folder 15
Gay rights circa 1978-1982
box 1, folder 16
Grape strike (Clothing workers in support) circa 1966
box 1, folder 17
Health care workers: San Francisco General Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, Alta Bates Medical Center, Laurel Grove Hospital, San Jose hospitals 1973-1982
box 1, folder 18
International Hotel circa 1975
box 1, folder 19
International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Office Professional Employees Union (OPEU) Local 29 1975
box 1, folder 20
Jung Sai (Great Chinese American Sewing Company) 1974
box 1, folder 21
KRON-TV, WSU Local 2, Office Professional Employees Union (OPEU) Local 3 undated
box 1, folder 22
LeeMAH Electronics 1974
box 1, folder 23
Lincoln Child Center 1979
box 1, folder 24
March For Jobs (Retail Clerks, Local 1100) 1982
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MetLife 1973
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New York Life Insurance Company 1971
Series 2: Strikes and demonstrations 1971-1982

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Physical Description: 5 folders (Box 2, folders 11-14)

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of demonstrations aimed at the IWC for better pay and working conditions. Includes images of Union WAGE members’ testimonies at IWC hearings.

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Series 4: Conferences, conventions, benefits and events circa 1973-1982

Physical Description: 11 folders (Box 2, folders 16-26)

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by event.

Scope and Contents
Images of conferences, conventions, benefits and other events in which Union WAGE members were involved.

box 2, folder 16  California State Federation Women’s Conference 1973
Scope and Contents
Includes images of Ann Ginger and Edith Withington, and delegates marching in support of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW).

box 2, folder 17  Clerical Workers’ Conference 1974
box 2, folder 18  Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) Conference 1974 March
box 2, folder 19  Constitutional Convention 1976
box 2, folder 20  International Women’s Day, Stanford University 1974
box 2, folder 21  Network for Economics Rights Conference 1972
box 2, folder 22  San Francisco Mime Troupe benefit 1973
box 2, folder 23  Trouble Maker Conference 1980
box 2, folder 24  Union Maids and With Babies and Banners (Documentaries) undated
  General
  Union Maids is a film tribute to women union organizers of the 1930s. With Babies and Banners is a film about the Women’s Emergency Brigade. Contains four photo film stills.

box 2, folder 25  United Mine Workers (UMW) benefit 1978
  General
  Benefit sponsored by the Equal Rights Council.

box 2, folder 26  Miscellaneous Circa 1972-1982
  Scope and Contents
  Images of events, mostly unidentified.

Series 5: Projects circa 1971-1978

Physical Description: 5 folders (Box 2, folders 27-31)

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by project name.

Scope and Contents
Contains images of special projects in which Union Wage was involved.

box 2, folder 27  Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) campaign 1973
box 2, folder 28  Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) 1971
  Scope and Contents
  One photograph of Union WAGE members with San Francisco mayor Joseph Alioto in support of the Board of Supervisors’ resolution on the ERA.

box 2, folder 29  Unemployment 1975
  Scope and Contents
  One photograph of people standing in a long unemployment line at McAllister Street, San Francisco.

box 2, folder 30  Union caucuses: Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (HERE) Local 2 1976-1978
box 2, folder 31  Unidentified undated