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Title: Paris student revolt collection
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Physical Description: 1.4 Linear Feet (1 box and 10 oversized folders) and 0.3 unprocessed linear feet
Date (inclusive): 1968-1969
Abstract: This collection comprises materials documenting the protests and general strike that took place in France in 1968 when Parisian students and workers protested against American involvement in Vietnam, as well as for a better educational system and working class rights. The collection includes periodicals, handbills, fliers and programs publicizing demonstrations. All items, except for one handbill (in English), are in French.
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Acquisition Information
Processing History
Historical Background
On May 3, 1968, student protesters from The University of Paris X–Nanterre met with students at the Sorbonne to discuss left-wing politics and the upcoming trial of the Nanterre students for earlier protests. As the crowd of students grew, authorities panicked and police were called in to surround the campus. Many students were arrested and the Sorbonne was closed. The National Union of French Students and the Lecturers’ Union called a strike. This began a series of protests, riots, and strikes in which police brutally attacked protestors. The intransigence of the French government and the tactics of police resulted in strong pro-student sentiment in Paris, and during a demonstration major labor unions in France and the Communist Party all called for a general strike on May 13, 1968. The general strike soon spread to factories, French railways, industry, communications and education networks. The strike lasted through June 1968 when French President Charles De Gaulle called for a national referendum.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
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Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically by format, then title. Accession 2018.028, an unprocessed addition to the collection, is listed at the end of the finding aid.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Riots -- France -- Paris -- History -- Sources
General Strike, France, 1968 -- Archives.
Socialism -- France -- Paris -- History -- Sources
Strikes and lockouts -- France -- Paris -- Archives.
Fliers (Printed matter) -- 20th century.
Newspapers -- 20th century.
Guide to the Paris Student Revolt
Collection MS.M.016
L'homme nouveau 1968
General Physical Description note: 3 issues

box-folder FB-61 : 6

L'humanité 1968
General Physical Description note: 1 issue and 6 supplements

box-folder FB-61 : 7

L'humanité nouvelle 1968
General Physical Description note: 2 issues and 1 supplement

box-folder 1 : 9

Journal du comte d'information 1968
General Physical Description note: 2 issues

box-folder 1 : 10

La scientlit 1968
General Physical Description note: 1 issue

box-folder FB-61 : 8

Servir le people 1968
General Physical Description note: 2 issues

box-folder FB-61 : 9

Tribune libre 1968
General Physical Description note: 1 issue

box-folder FB-61 : 10

Tribune socialiste 1968
General Physical Description note: 3 issues

box-folder FB-61 : 11

Voix ouvrière 1968
General Physical Description note: 5 issues

box-folder FB-61 : 12

Miscellaneous 1968

General Physical Description note: 8 issues

Unprocessed addition 2018 Accession 2018.028 1968

Physical Description: .03 Linear Feet (1 half document box and 1 folder)

Access

This addition to the collection has not been processed but is open for research. Please contact the Department of Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This addition to the Paris Student Revolt collection contains materials documenting the protests and general strike that took place in France in 1968 when Parisian students and workers protested against American involvement in Vietnam, as well as for a better educational system and working class rights. The addition contains French magazines about the revolts, as well as an issue of Time Magazine.