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Descriptive Summary

Title: Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1970

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Creator: Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders

Extent: 1 linear foot (1 half-size box and 15 open reel audiotapes)

Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Department of Special Collections
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Physical Location: Del Sur (Box 1) and Performing Arts (audiotapes).

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Mrs. Adolf C. [Helen] Pedotti, Oct. 1970.

Administrative History

In response to 1969-1970 disturbances in Isla Vista (the community adjacent to the University of California, Santa Barbara campus) and elsewhere locally, the Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders was self-appointed and organized mid-June 1970. The 46 members were from various segments of the community, but did not include UCSB administration, faculty, and students, Isla Vista residents, and local government officials.

The Commission was formed to make public inquiries and findings relating to "... the eruption of civil disorders in our area, the course and nature of these disorders, the efforts by official and unofficial agencies to quell or stem disorder, and the administration of justice connected with the disorders."

More than 150 people testified during the hearings, including University administrators, faculty, and students (also including political, social, and ecology groups); Isla Vista realtors, landlords, and businessmen; attorneys, and other legal and law enforcement experts; members of the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, National Guard, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and a State Senator; Isla Vista Community Council leaders and members of other Isla Vista organizations; psychiatrists, medical observers, ministers, chemists; and numerous citizen observers and participants in the disturbances in Isla Vista, at the University, and at El Paseo (in Santa Barbara). Due to pending lawsuits, county officials and law enforcement officers could not give testimony.

The hearings were public and recorded on tape. They were made available to Commissioners and others not able to attend the hearings. This collection of tapes was donated by Mrs. Adolf C. [Helen] Pedotti, a member of the Commission, rancher, and Vice-President of Central Coast Broadcasters, KCOY-TV, in October 1970.

[From information in the Introduction to the Table of Contents located in Box 1, folder 1].

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection contains a list/table of contents and 15 open reel audiotapes of hearings held from June 17, 1970 to September 1, 1970 regarding Isla Vista and other local disturbances, 1969-1970. It includes eyewitness testimony, accounts of arrests and jail experiences, observations of police actions, accounts of news coverage, observations on causes of unrest, resource information on judicial codes, bail systems, effects of tear gas, socio-economic conditions of Isla Vista, housing, mass arrest procedures, administration of justice during civil disorders, the role of UCSB administration, radicalization process among the student body, Black Student Union, Student Legal Defense Fund, observations of the legal community, Faculty for Academic Responsibility group, UCSB Radical Student Union group, county drug problems, Isla Vista Red Cross Unit, the development of ecology as a student issue, the role of fire departments in civil disorders, law enforcement training, Isla Vista riots from a state administrative point of view, and and issues of UCSB student government.

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| Box 1:1 | Table of Contents of Tapes Abstract: [Table of contents of tapes recording testimony before the Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders, June 17 - Sept. 1, 1970 (a series of 34 hearings). Plus one page on the origin of the Commission, its statement of principles, its membership, and its organization and procedures.] |
| A/V Item A4291/R7 | Tape 1, Side 1: Hearing #1, June 17, 1970. Abstract: [Testimony by Helen Pedotti, Robert Potter, Barbara Turner, Harry G. Ainsley, Virginia Gregory, James Nichols, Ron Marley, Jeff Speigleman, Ron Swanson, Arlo Welles, Norman Shaskey, Arthur Crestfield, Steve Dunlap, Jeff Horman, Jim Lathrop, Walter Gilbert, and Alice Mauro.] |
| A/V Item A4291/R7 | Tape 1, Side 2: Hearing #2, June 17, 1970. Abstract: [Testimony by Walter Davis, Steve Dunlap, Robert Rudas, Michael Hanneman, Judy Elliot, Kelly Pritchard, David Moore, Kim Bish, and Ruth Flower.] |
| A/V Item A4292/R7 | Tape 2, Side 1: Hearing #3, June 18, 1970. Abstract: [Testimony by Joane Wells, Dana Wells, Sam Cosma, Sandy B. Hicks, Peter Nagourney, Steve Dunlap, Dhira Bapat, George Mokray, Barry Jacobs, H. P. Abbott, Robert Baesemann, James Nichols, Daniel Thomas, Michael Randall, Chris Randolph, Gareth Hosmer, Susan Swander, and Mickie Hosmer.] |
| A/V Item A4292/R7 | Tape 2, Side 2: Hearing #4, June 19, 1970. Abstract: [Testimony by Ivan Sonier, Morris Friedell, David Riesman, Tom Crowell, Dorothy Ness, David Premack, Jeffrey Barnes, Mrs. R. O. Flemming, and Chris Randolph.] |
| A/V Item A4293/R7 | Tape 3, Side 1: Hearing #5, June 26, 1970. Abstract: [Testimony by Bruce R. MacVicor and Dr. Harold Miles.] |

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- A/V Item
A4293/R7 **Tape 3, Side 2: Hearing #6, June 29, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by James H. Lathrop, Murray Lewis, Mrs. M. Lewis, and Helen Pedotti.]
- A/V Item
A4294/R7 **Tape 4, Side 1: Hearing #7, June 30, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Jon Wheatley, Lawrence Smith, Hans Ulrich Siebeneick, and Bob Doke.]
- A/V Item
A4294/R7 **Tape 4, Side 2: Hearing #8, July 6, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Bob Doke, Paul Plamondan, and Ferren MacIntyre.]
- A/V Item
A4295/R7 **Tape 5, Side 1: Hearing #9, July 6, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Richard Solomon and Thomas Haney.]
- A/V Item
A4295/R7 **Tape 5, Side 1: Hearing #10, July 7, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Geoffrey Wallace, Clifford A. Bunton, Daniel Santi, and Dimitri Koutroufiotis.]
- A/V Item
A4295/R7 **Tape 5, Side 2: Hearing #11, July 13, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Arlo Wells, and David A. Cawthon.]
- A/V Item
A4295/R7 **Tape 5, Side 2: Hearing #12, July 13, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by James Sullivan, Andrew Winnick, Robert Potter, Homer Swander, H. Porter Abbott, Haruhiro Fukui, Ferren MacIntyre, Ivan Sonier, and Bernard Kirtman.]
- A/V Item
A4296/R7 **Tape 6, Side 1: Hearing #13, July 14, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Kenneth L. Peterson, Donn Bernstein, Joseph Cardinali, and Randolph Ponedal.]
- A/V Item
A4296/R7 **Tape 6, Side 2: Hearing #14, July 14, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Cynthia George and James E. Johnson.]
- A/V Item
A4297/R7 **Tape 7, Side 1 and Side 2: Hearing #15, July 18, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Side 1: Testimony by Robert Monk, Joseph A. Ball, Judge Alvin H. Goldstein, Jr.; Side 2: Testimony by Anthony Murray and Bruce R. Baker.]
- A/V Item
A4298/R7 **Tape 8, Side 1: Hearing #16, July 20, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Preston Dent and Homer Swander.]
- A/V Item
A4298/R7 **Tape 8, Side 2: Hearing #17, July 20, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Stan Roden and Tom Schrock.]
- A/V Item
A4299/R7 **Tape 9, Side 1: Hearing #18, July 21, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by J. Allen Marshall, Robert Martin, Gerald Franklin, James L. Davis, and Hildegard Lagerquist.]
- A/V Item
A4299/R7 **Tape 9, Side 2: Hearing #19, July 21, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Cary Peyton, Howard Parke, Thomas Hudson, George L. Wittenburt, Arnold Gowans, and Stanley Abbott.]
- A/V Item
A4300/R7 **Tape 10, Side 1: Hearing #20, July 27, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Leslie Baird and Gen. Charles Ott.]
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- A/V Item
A4300/R7 **Tape 10, Side 2: Hearing #21, July 27, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Stephen Goodspeed, Lyle Reynolds, and Sister Mary O'Keefe.]
- A/V Item
A4301/R7 **Tape 11, Side 1: Hearing #22, July 28, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Rev. Robert Siberry, Rev. Dan Kennedy, Rev. Sidney Shearin, Rev. William VanNess, and Harry Girvetz.]
- A/V Item
A4301/R7 **Tape 11, Side 2: Hearing #23, August 3, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Vera Martin and Bob Blakemore.]
- A/V Item
A4302/R7 **Tape 12, Side 1: Hearing #24, August 3, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Mr and Mrs. Martin Freeman, Bud Oxford, and Mabel Schultz.]
- A/V Item
A4302/R7 **Tape 12, Side 1 and Side 2: Hearing #25, August 4, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by John Seeley, Jr., and Jim Gregory.]
- A/V Item
A4302/R7 **Tape 12, Side 2: Hearing #26, August 4, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Dr. Norber J. McNamara, Dr. Hardin Branch, and Paul Frye.]
- A/V Item
A4303/R7 **Tape 13, Side 1: Hearing #27, August 17, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Katherine Peake, Marcel Cote, and Ted Gillis.]
- A/V Item
A4303/R7 **Tape 13, Side 1 and Side 2: Hearing #28, August 17, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Bob Mizerak.]
- A/V Item
A4303/R7 **Tape 13, Side 2: Hearing #29, August 18, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by George Pecci, John Allred, and H. L. Williams.]
- A/V Item
A4304/R7 **Tape 14, Side 1: Hearing #30, August 18, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Mrs. Norbel Currin, Yvonne Doone, and Ray Varley.]
- A/V Item
A4304/R7 **Tape 14, Side 1: Hearing #31, August 25, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Side 1: Testimony by Reginald W. Botright, Eileen Kadish, and Dr. David Bearman. Side 2: Testimony by Dr. David Bearman, Victor Mohr, and Herbert Gordon.]
- A/V Item
A4304/R7 **Tape 14, Side 2: Hearing #32, August 31, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Sen. Robert J. Lagomarsino and Stuart Nolton.]
- A/V Item
A4305/R7 **Tape 15, Side 1: Hearing #33, August 31, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by James Driscoll and Roger Lagerquist.]
- A/V Item
A4305/R7 **Tape 15, Side 2: Hearing #34, September 1, 1970.**
 Abstract: [Testimony by Tom Tosdal and Kati Perry.]