
Peace and Freedom Party Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Peace and Freedom Party Collection

Dates: 1933-1980

Collection Number: 2014.005

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 14.59 linear ft.

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Abstract: The Peace and Freedom Party was founded on June 23, 1967 during the 1960's civil rights and anti-Vietnam War movements. By 1968 the group gained national recognition and dedicated their efforts towards achieving their platforms of a socialist, democratic, feminist, and racially equal society. They organized mass groups and rallies to protest and support political candidates to reform US political institutions. They formed Tenant unions for renters. They organized food co-ops, free health clinics and newsletters for the public and their followers. Additionally, they organized two successful statewide initiative campaigns. One in 1968, lowering the voting age to 18, and another in 1972 to repeal the capital gains tax loophole. They have also helped numerous political candidates run for office like Robert F. Kennedy and Eldridge Cleaver of the Black Panthers.

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Louis Negrete

Scope and Content of Collection

The materials in this collection were created from 1933-1980. The majority of the collection is comprised of writings and publications related to various political and social issues. The first series Writings and Publications contains newsletters produced by the Peace and Freedom Party (PEP) along with numerous other publications. Additionally, there are independent writings from different cohorts on sentiments towards race, economy, war, and U.S. politics. Included in the collection are documents and materials by various committees/associations, along with municipal and state reports, and journals. Lastly, in the series are files containing US political candidate literature and miscellaneous notes during PFP meetings. Series II: Subject Topical Files are divided into two subseries and containing student organization literature, catalogs, forms, and miscellaneous reports. Series III: Newspapers and Clippings, range from The Los Angeles Times to The Black Panther News. Series IV contains Informational Handouts such as broadsides, flyers, and pamphlets regarding upcoming events and plans to organize and promote civil liberties and denote the Vietnam War and US drafting. Series V contains correspondence between PFP members and their sentiments, in addition to their planning and organization. The next series contains, Minutes/Agendas, Miscellaneous, and legal related documents, which hold detailed information into the PFP structure and foundation. Additionally, the collection includes maps of Long Beach, Los Angeles and CSULB. There are also posters in the collection promoting upcoming events and anti-war sentiments. Finally, in the last series contains ephemera such as political candidate buttons, business cards, ribbons, and bumper stickers.

Indexing Terms

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