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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Science Action Coordinating Committee Papers
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0473
Date: 1968 - 1969
Extent: 1 Cubic foot (2 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Creator: Union of Concerned Scientists
Organization for Progressive Engineers
New University Conference
Scientists for Social and Political Action
Science Action Coordinating Committee
Chodos, Alan, Dr.
Haseltine, Florence P., Dr.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Language: English
Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Donated to the National Museum of American History, Archives Center by Dr. Alan Chodos and Dr. Florence P. Haseltine in 1992.

Processing Information
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Biographical / Historical

The Science Action Coordinating Committee (SACC) was a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) based graduate student organization active in the Vietnam War protest movement of the late 1960s. Its activities grew to include protests against a variety of social and political targets. Members described themselves as, "a group of graduate students at MIT concerned with social responsibility of scientists."

Scope and Contents

The collection covers the period 1968-1969, the blossoming of the anti-Vietnam War protest movement. The papers primarily concern the March 4, 1969 voluntary research stoppage at MIT. This day was set aside to discuss and criticize the cooperation of MIT researchers with the US Department of Defense and included speakers George McGovern and Noam Chomsky as well as many others. The materials include photographs, posters, programs, and coordinating notes concerning this day of non-violent protest. The papers also cover other days of protests, Agenda Days, May 6-8, 1969 and a demonstration held on June 16, 1969, as well as a letter sent to Russian scientists in April 1969. The collection also includes items from other Vietnam War era protest groups: the Union of Concerned Scientists, New University Conference, Scientists for Social and Political Action and the Organization for Progressive Engineers.

The collection is particularly valuable in the picture it presents of the anti-Vietnam War protest movement of the late 1960s and how it grew to include other societal concerns. It is also valuable in the view it presents from inside the movement.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Peace movements -- 1960-1970
- Universities and colleges
- Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 -- Protest Movements

Types of Materials:
- Photographs -- 1960-1970
- Posters
- Programs
Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1  
Papers, 1969 March 4

Box 1, Folder 2  
Posters/Programs, 1969 March 4

Box 1, Folder 3  
Photographic "Contact" Sheets, 1969 March 4

Box 1, Folder 4  
Miscellaneous Photographs, undated

Box 1, Folder 5  
Letter to Russian Scientists, 1969 April

Box 1, Folder 6  
Newspapers, 1969

Box 1, Folder 7  
MIT, "Agenda Days", 1969 May 6-8

Box 1, Folder 8  
Demonstration, 1969

Box 1, Folder 9  
Contact Names, undated

Box 1, Folder 10  
Miscellaneous Papers, undated

Box 1, Folder 11  
Miscellaneous Printed Material, undated

Box 1, Folder 12  
Union of Concerned Scientists, undated

Box 1, Folder 13  
New University Conference, undated

Box 1, Folder 14  
Scientists for Social and Political Action and Organization for Progressives

Box 2  
Photographic contact sheets, 1969

Image(s)