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Rachel Wyon Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización / Pro Literacy Support Committee Collection

1982-1985
1 box (0.20 linear feet)
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Background on Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización

The Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización was formed in 1983 by Rachel Wyon and others in Estelí, Nicaragua where Lyon was living and working in solidarity with the Salvadoran popular movement in exile, including the Salvadoran Teachers Association ANDES 21 de Junio. The group continued their solidarity work from the Cambridge/Boston area, where Wyon was based.

Scope of collection

The bulk of this small collection consists of approximately 100 photographs taken in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua between 1982-1985. One of the members of the Committee, Tom Mattie, traveled to Central America in 1985 and took photos documenting everyday life there. Some of the subjects covered in the photographs include: family living conditions, group meetings, public events, rural education projects, marches, and the effects of the civil war. There is also a series of photos of Mérida Anaya Montes (aka Commander Ana María), who was a Salvadoran educator, guerrilla, and co-founder of the Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) that in 1980 merged with other organizations to form the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN). The photos in the collection were given to the Committee for their solidarity work in the U.S. In addition, there is a small folder of documents from the ANDES 21 de Junio, the National Association of Salvadoran Educators, an issue of The Freeze, an adult literacy pamphlet, a flier for Tom Mattie and Wendy Shaul's exhibit of photographs, and a script for a Comité do Apoyo Pro-Alfabetización educational slideshow.

Inventory

1982 - 1985

Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Effects of the civil war photographs

ca.1985

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Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Family living conditions, people photographs

ca.1985

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Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Group meetings and museum photographs
ca.1985
Box 1: 3
Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Landscape and living conditions photographs
ca.1985
Box 1: 4
Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Marches, U.S. Educators for Peace photographs
1985
Box 1: 5
Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Pamphlets, correspondence, flier, newspaper, script
1984-1996
Box 1: 6
Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización: Street and construction photography
ca.1985
Box 1: 7
Melinda Anaya Montes: Photographs
ca.1982
Box 1: 8
Negatives, contact sheet
ca.1985
Box 1: 9

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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Search terms

Subjects

- Anaya Montes, Mélida
- Central America--Photographs
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- Documentary photography
- El Salvador--Politics and government
- El Salvador--Social conditions--Photographs
- Pacifists--Photographs

Contributors

- Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización [main entry]
- Mattie, Tom
- Wyon, Rachel
- Comité de Apoyo Pro Alfabetización

Genres and formats

- Correspondence
- Pamphlets
- Photographs
- Scripts (documents)

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