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Liberation News Service Records

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1967-1974

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Read collection overview

In 1967, Marshall Bloom and Raymond Mungo, former editors of the student newspapers of Amherst College and Boston University, were fired from the United States Student Press Association for their radical views. In response they collaborated with colleagues and friends to found the Liberation News Service, an alternative news agency aimed at providing inexpensive images and text reflecting a countercultural outlook. From its office in Washington, D.C., LNS issued twice-weekly packets containing news articles, opinion pieces, and photographs reflecting a radical perspective on the war in Vietnam, national liberation struggles abroad, American politics, and the cultural revolution. At its height, the Service had hundreds of subscribers, spanning the gamut of college newspapers and the underground and alternative press. Its readership was estimated to be in the millions. Two months after moving to New York City in June 1968, the LNS split into two factions. The more traditional Marxist activists remained in New York, while Bloom and Mungo, espousing a broader cultural view, settled on farms in western Massachusetts and southern Vermont. The story of LNS, as well as of the split, is told in Mungo's 1970 classic book *Famous Long Ago*. By 1969 Bloom's LNS farm, though still holding the organization's original press, had begun its long life as a farm commune in Montague, Mass. Montague (whose own story is told in Steve Diamond's *What the Trees Said*) survived in its original form under a number of resident groups until its recent sale to another non-profit organization. Mungo's Packer Corners Farm, near Brattleboro, the model for his well-known book, *Total Loss Farm*, survives today under the guidance of some of its own original founders.

The LNS Records include a relatively complete run of LNS packets 1-120 (1967-1968), along with business records, miscellaneous correspondence, some artwork, and printing artifacts.

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Background on Liberation News Service

In the summer of 1967, Marshall Bloom and Raymond Mungo, former editors of the student newspapers of Amherst College and Boston University, were fired from the United States Student Press Association (USSPA) for their radical views. In response, they collaborated with colleagues and friends to found a news organization, first called Resistance Press Service, to act as an alternative to established news services such as the Associated Press (AP) and Collegiate Press Service (CPS). Soon renamed the Liberation News Service (LNS), the alternative news agency provided images and text via inexpensive mimeographed news packets mailed out to subscribers. Articles, commentary, and art offered radical perspectives on the war in Vietnam, national liberation struggles abroad, American politics, and the cultural revolution. At its height, LNS had hundreds of subscribers, spanning the gamut of college newspapers and the underground and alternative press. Its readership was estimated to be in the millions.

From a three-story brownstone in Washington, D.C., LNS gained initial success and momentum with its coverage of the October 1967 protests at the Pentagon by reporting on unique and insider aspects of the protests and antiwar movement. Remaining in the capital, the Service then moved to a shared office (and communal living space) with the Washington Free Press at 3 Thomas Circle, continuing to issue news packets twice-weekly, and growing with support from subscriptions, private donors, and the Institute for Policy Studies. LNS opened an international Telex line in December 1967, and later merged with the Student Communications Network (SCN) out of Berkeley, with its own nationwide Telex network. In addition to news, articles, and artwork from an often shifting (and mostly volunteer) staff, unsolicited material streamed into LNS from around the nation and globe. A New York staff and office came with the SCN merger, and was vital to the substantial role LNS played in the underground press coverage of the strikes at Columbia University in the spring of 1968.

Failing to ever establish a united "Liberated Zone" from which to help lead the movement in Washington, and tiring of both their high rent and the conditions in the nation's capital in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Poor People's Campaign, LNS officially moved its headquarters to New York City in June 1968. Some Washington staff joined the local group, and in total the list of young writers, photographers, and activists working and jesting under the LNS production over the years was substantial, including George Cavalletto, Steve Diamond, Thorne Dreyer, David Fenton, Clif Garboden, Martin Jezer, Verandah Porche, Sheila Ryan, Peter Simon, Mark Sommer, Harvey Wasserman, Allen Young and many others in addition to founders Bloom and Mungo.

However, the group, much like the countercultural movement itself, was often pulled in multiple directions by interests both serious and slight. Two months after moving to New York City, LNS split into two factions, partially along lines representing the New York office and the original staff from D.C. Bloom's historical leadership of LNS as a personal passion project, and continuing rule over much of the Service was unwelcome for some, and the New York office was filled with more traditional Marxist activists, hoping not only for more communal and transparent processes for LNS, but also increased commitments to more intense and leftist news journalism. Bloom, Mungo, and those who would later join them, espoused a broader cultural view, and wished to leave their urban setting and settle on farms, seeking a more idyllic existence.

The major, and final, fight for control of LNS funds and leadership followed a successful fundraising event around a screening of the Magical Mystery Tour at the Fillmore East in August 1968, after which a group followed Bloom and Mungo to Montague, MA, where they used the fundraiser profits to purchase a farm and profess it the new LNS headquarters. A tense standoff at the farm ensued, with those from New York eventually reclaiming the funds, but also getting charged with kidnapping by Bloom. The charges were later dismissed, and competing news packets from LNS-Montague and LNS-New York were produced until the winter conditions and small staff at the farm in Montague caused their production to end after issue #120 in January 1969. LNS-New York produced packets through 1981.

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well-known book, *Total Loss Farm*, survives today under the guidance of some of its own original founders. Bloom did not live to see the commune counterculture movement grow, however, as he committed suicide on November 1, 1969.

Scope of collection

Despite its relatively short existence of less than three years, the Liberation News Service that ended in Montague, MA originated and extended from a period of exceptionally heightened activity in American political, social, and cultural history. As a whole, the LNS Records document numerous trends stemming from the counterculture, liberation, and activist movements in the United States and abroad during the end of the 1960s. As a news service they played a significant role in the shaping of these stories from a new perspective, and the LNS records depict the wide-reaching branches of the underground press movement, both geographically and in content and style.

The LNS Records include a relatively complete run of LNS packets 1-120 (1967-1969), along with administrative and business records, miscellaneous correspondence, printing artifacts, copies and clippings from the underground press, and material for news stories and commentary, including article drafts, research material, press releases, and photographs and negatives.

Arrangement

The collection has been divided into four series:

- [Series 1: Administrative Files](#)
- [Series 2: Subject Files](#)
- [Series 3: Serials and Clippings](#)
- [Series 4: Liberation News Service Issues](#)

Series descriptions

[Series 1. Administrative Files](#)

1966-1970

2 boxes (3 linear feet)

This series consists primarily of documents related to the administrative functioning of the Liberation News Service. This includes materials relating to organizing their subscription lists, mailings, and payments; financial records; organizational papers and meeting minutes; forms; office notes and memos; documentation on staff and reporters; and both administrative and some personal correspondence. Some original LNS folder and organizational titles have been maintained and appear in quotation marks.

[Series 2. Subject Files](#)

1967-1977 (*bulk*1967-1969)

6 boxes (4.25 linear feet)

This series, the largest in the collection, contains research material, article drafts, press releases, photographs, and negatives used or received by the Liberation News Service for its news packets. While a few folder and organizational groupings from LNS have been retained, such as several folders organized by author or chronologically, the majority of the series is organized by subject, and demonstrates the broad cultural, social, and political topics of interest to LNS and its journalists and audience.

[Series 3. Serials and Clippings](#)

1966-1971

2 boxes (.75 linear feet)

This series includes serials, periodicals, and newspaper and magazine clippings collected by the Liberation News Service. LNS subscribers were asked to submit one copy of every issue in which LNS stories or photographs were published, and the Service also kept articles covering their organization and stories, in addition to collecting news materials for research and entertainment purposes. The serials in the series are organized alphabetically by name, and the clippings have been organized into groupings based on rough thematic subjects.

[Series 4. Liberation News Service Issues](#)

1967-1969

1 box (1 linear foot)

This series consists of the mimeographed news packets produced by the Liberation News Service. There are two copies of each packet, when available, organized chronologically into duplicate folders.

Inventory

Series 1: Administrative Files

1966-1970

2 boxes (3 linear feet)

Advertising forms

ca.1968

Box 1: 1

"Back label" - stationary

ca.1968

Box 1: 2

Bloom, Marshall - correspondence

ca.1966-1969

Box 1: 3

Includes a letter regarding Bloom's failure to report for a physical from the Selective Service System, a typescript concerning moving LNS to a farm by either Bloom or Ray Mungo, and personal correspondence to and from Bloom, including a letter to Frank Zappa, a copy of correspondence written by Bloom on October 31, 1969, and a copy of a letter written to Bloom's parents by Veranda Porche on the day of Bloom's death, November 1, 1969.

Bloom, Marshall - personal materials, photograph

ca.1966-1969

Box 1: 4

Correspondence

General

1967-1969 Jan

Box 1: 5-8

Advertising

1967-1968

Box 1: 9

"Dear friends" letters

1967 Oct-Nov

Box 1: 10

"Dear friends" letters

1968 May-Sep

Box 1: 11

Includes letter from Mungo concerning the move of LNS to Montague, titled "Why Move? The Politics of Rural America in Our Age."

"Dear college radio station manager"

ca.1968

Box 1: 12

"To the Delegates to the S.D.S. N.C"

1967 Dec 28

Box 3: 1

"Dow Shalt Not Kill" reprints and article

1967-1968

Box 1: 13

Finances

1968 Mar

Box 1: 14

Lanham, "Connie" Consuelo

1968 Jun

Box 1: 15

Lipnack, Jessica

1968 Jul

Box 1: 16

Seventeen page letter concerning Lipnack's attendance as one of eleven Americans visiting the headquarters of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRVN) delegation to the Paris peace talks, arranged by the Second Front, a group of draft resisters and deserters living in Paris.

"LNS Info Requests"

1967-1968

Box 1: 17

"Paul Semonin posters"
1967 Dec
Box 1: 18
Personal
1968
Box 1: 19
Finances

Accounts
1968
Box 1: 20
"Bank Papers"
1968
Box 1: 21A
Bills and receipts
1967-1968
Box 1: 21-24
Checkbooks
1968
Box 3: 2
"Daily Receipts - The New Media Project"
1968 Sep-Nov
Box 3: 3
Equipment needs and expenses
1968
Box 1: 25
"Expenditure of funds so far"
1967 Aug-Oct
Box 1: 26
Fundraising
ca.1968
Box 1: 27

Includes example of the "I Am the Americong" button sold by LNS

Fundraising
1968
Box 3: 4
"Fundraising" - lists of names
1967-1968
Box 1: 28
Fundraising - Magical Mystery Tour, poster for Fillmore East show
1968 Aug
Folder OS1
Fundraising - Magical Mystery Tour, tentative tour
ca.1968 Sep
Box 1: 29
Investment pamphlets
1968
Box 1: 30
"LNS household crap"
ca.1967 Nov
Box 3: 5
Prospectus
ca.1967 Dec
Box 1: 31
"Information for new members"
ca.1968
Box 1: 32
Lease - Union Theological Seminary and Branigan, James
1968 Jan
Box 1: 33
LNS Split
1968 Aug-1970
Box 1: 34

Includes "Summary of Major Facts" written by Bloom, a June 1970 note concerning the donation of the offset press, legal correspondence from the First National Bank of Amherst, and requests for Issue 100, LNS

Montague's issue covering the split.

LNS Split - "Post Office vital stuff"

1968 Sep-Oct

Box 1: 35

Miscellaneous notes

ca.1968

Box 1: 36

Miscellaneous notes

ca.1968

Box 3: 6

New Press Project

ca.1968

Box 1: 37

Notebooks

ca.1967-1968

Box 1: 38

Organizational meeting

1967 Oct 20

Box 1: 39

Organizational planning

ca.1968

Box 1: 40

Parking tickets

1968 Jan

Box 1: 41

Photograph department

1968

Box 1: 42

Press Conference

ca.1967 Dec

Box 1: 43

Publications lists

ca.1968

Box 1: 44

Staff

Correspondence

ca.1968

Box 1: 45

Job advertisements

ca.1968

Box 1: 46

Lists, roles

ca.1968

Box 1: 47

Office Staff Information Forms

ca.1968

Box 1: 48

Physician's Report - Ross, William, J.

1968 Apr

Box 1: 49

"Police Press Cards"

1967-1968

Box 1: 50

Reporter Information Forms

1968

Box 1: 51-52

Reporters - "Good Writers"

ca.1968

Box 1: 53

Scolnick, Stephen - obituary

1968

Box 1: 54

Subscriptions

Address labels

ca.1968
Box 1: 55-56
Addressograph plates
ca.1968
Box 1: 57A
Addressograph plates lists
1968 Apr
Box 1: 57
"Bill duplicates for new subscribers"
1968 May
Box 1: 58
Bills
1968
Box 1: 59
"Bundle Covers"
1968
Box 1: 60
Cancellations
1967-1968
Box 1: 61
"Cancellations (active)"
1968
Box 1: 62
Cancellations, address changes
1968
Box 1: 63
Checks
ca.1968
Box 1: 64
"Complimentary subscriptions"
ca.1968
Box 1: 65
Correspondence
1968-1969
Box 1: 66-73
"Cut off letter"
1967 Dec 12
Box 1: 74
"December bill recorded"
1968
Box 1: 75
Envelopes
1968
Box 3: 7
Forms
1967-1968
Box 2: 1
Forms (blank)
ca.1968
Box 2: 2
Forms, A-Z
ca.1968
Box 2: 3-4
Forms, Alabama-Wisconsin
1968
Box 2: 5-7
Forms, New York City and Foreign
1968
Box 2: 8
Forms, "New Subs"
1968
Box 2: 9
Forms, sign-ups
ca.1968
Box 2: 10
"Free Presses, Magazines (code U)"
1968
Box 2: 11

"Master Code List"
ca.1968 Jul
Box 2: 12
Membership list
1968
Box 3: 8
Membership list requests
1967
Box 2: 13
"Misc. Subscription Stuff"
1968 Apr
Box 2: 14
"Newsletter Subs"
1968
Box 2: 15
"To Post"
1968
Box 2: 16
"Postage Permit"
1968 Apr-Jul
Box 2: 17
"Problem File"
1968
Box 2: 18
Record cards for members
ca.1968
Box 2: 19
"Returned Forms"
1968
Box 2: 20
Subscribers lists
1968
Box 2: 21
Subscription receipts book
1968 Apr-Dec
Box 3: 9
"We're Moved" notification
1967 Dec
Box 2: 22
"What is Liberation News Service"
1967-1968
Box 2: 23
Zig-Zag Cigarette Papers, A Marge and Dave Production (newsletter)
ca.1968-1969
Box 2: 24
Series 2. Subject Files
1967-1977 (*bulk*1967-1969)
6 boxes (4.25 linear feet)
Abortion
ca.1967-1968
Box 3: 10
American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive
1967-1968
Box 3: 11
Amherst College
ca.1967-1970
Box 3: 12
Biography
ca.1968
Box 3: 13
Black liberation, black power
1967-1968
Box 3: 14
Black Panthers
1968
Box 3: 15
Black panthers, Newton, Huey P. Trial
1968

Box 3: 16
Black panthers, Newton, Huey P. [halftone negative, photographs]
ca.1968
Box 3: 17

Two photographs of poor quality, and one halftone negative of Newton, reproduced in LNS Packet 107.

Book reviews
1968
Box 3: 18
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
1967-1968
Box 3: 19
Christianity
1968
Box 3: 20
College and university events
1968
Box 3: 21
College and university events - California
1968
Box 3: 22
College and university events - Columbia University
1968 Mar-Aug
Box 3: 23-24
College and university events - Columbia University - Hamilton, Tom
1968 May-Jul
Box 3: 25
College and university events - Columbia University - NACLA publication "Who Rules Columbia"
1968 Jun
Box 4: 1
College and university events - Columbia University - Strike Coordinating Committee
1968 May-Jul
Box 4: 2
College and university events - New York
1968
Box 4: 3

Includes two photographs from protests at New York University (NYU) over race issues and John Hatchett.

College and university events - Spain [photographs]
ca.1968 Mar-Apr
Box 4: 4

Three photographs of poor quality, covering protests in Seville and Madrid.

Community improvement, community operations
1967-1968
Box 4: 5
Conservative movement
ca.1968
Box 4: 6-7

Materials were together in a folder labeled "The Right." Includes four issues of the newsletter "Pardon Me, But..." whose purpose was "to expose Communism and those who are aiding its cause;" pamphlets and reports from Oak Forest University; three issues of the newspaper "La Liberti News" from central Massachusetts; one issue of "Free China Review;" the LNS article and draft of "Belch from the Right" by Art Rosenblum about the 6th Annual Rally for Conservative Americans; and a program for that rally. Also included are additional publications about Communism and conspiracy; anti-obscenity and pornography laws and decency activism; urban renewal; religion; and the Vietnam War.

Counterculture, the Left, revolution
1968
Box 4: 8
David, Richard H. - allegations, correspondence, lawsuits
1967
Box 4: 9
Democratic National Convention, Chicago
1968
Box 4: 10

Includes three contact sheets with contact prints from several rolls of film.

Demonstrations - labor strikes

1968

Box 4: 11

Demonstrations - love-ins, parades, protests, rallies

ca.1968

Box 4: 12

Demonstrations - Peace Parade Rally, New York City

1968 Apr

Box 4: 13

Demonstrations - Pentagon, jail brutality

1967 Oct-Nov

Box 4: 14

Demonstrations - Pentagon, mobilization

1967 Oct

Box 4: 15

Demonstrations - Pentagon, Washington D.C. [black-and-white negatives]

1967 Oct 21

Box 4: 16

Taken by Gerry Shea.

Demonstrations - Private Borne in picket line and arrested [photographs]

1968

Box 4: 17

LNS Issue 107 notes that Private Bourne was picketing George Wallace's speech at the American Legion Convention in New Orleans, and was arrested by military policemen for alleged "failure to salute an officer."

Demonstrations - schools

ca.1968

Box 4: 18

Demonstrations - Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant [photograph]

ca.1976-1977

Folder OS1

Drugs

1968

Box 4: 19

Environmentalism, toxicity

1968

Box 4: 20

Famous Long Ago, Mungo, Ray - cover image [halftone negative]

ca.1969

Box 4: 21

Halftone negative of the original cover photograph of Famous Long Ago, depicting Mungo and Ellen Snyder re-enacting "American Gothic," taken by Peter Simon.

"Ginsberg Project" on Military Industrial Complex

1967

Box 4: 22

Goodman, Paul

1967

Box 4: 23

Gregory, Dick

1967 Aug

Box 4: 24

Haight Ashbury, San Francisco

1968

Box 4: 25

Humor

ca.1968

Box 4: 26

Institute for Policy Studies

1968

Box 4: 27

International - Africa

ca.1968

Box 4: 28

Includes material organized, sent by, and about Fritz Flesch, concerning the Jewish reaction and activities related to racial policies in South Africa.

International - Australia - Australian Christian Student Movement
1968

Box 4: 29

International - Bolivia
ca.1968

Box 4: 30

International - Canada
1968 May

Box 4: 31

International - China, Korea, Thailand
ca.1967-1968

Box 4: 32

International - Europe general, England, France, Greece
ca.1968

Box 4: 33

International - Germany
ca.1968

Box 4: 34

International - Israel, Palestine
ca.1968

Box 4: 35

International - Latin America general, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru
ca.1967-1968

Box 5: 1

International - Vietnam
1968

Box 5: 2

International - Vietnam [halftone negatives]
ca.1968

Box 5: 3

International - Vietnam - Sommer, Mark: [Diary of Mark Sommer trip to North Vietnam](#)
1968 May

Box 5: 4

A 75 page typescript diary by Mark Sommer about his trip with three other students, Naomi Jaffe, Jon Stielstra, and David Tobis to North Vietnam in May 1968. Parts of the journal were reprinted as a story in LNS packet #86. Sommer has since retold this story on his website in a photo essay titled "[Crossing Over, Coming Home](#)" and in a feature length film, "[The Healing Heart of Hanoi](#)" about his trips there in 1968 and 2015.

Jones, LeRoi

1968 Mar

Box 5: 5

King, Martin Luther, Jr. - assassination
1968 Apr

Box 5: 6

Miscellaneous - halftone negatives
ca.1968

Box 10: 1-5

Miscellaneous - halftone negatives and paste-ups
ca.1968

Box 10: 10

Miscellaneous - mixed notes and content
ca.1968

Box 5: 7

Miscellaneous - metal printing masters
ca.1968

Box 11

Miscellaneous - photographs
ca.1967-1968

Box 5: 8

Assorted photographs, including several of Dick Gregory, but most of which seem to be from the 1967 meeting of the United States Student Press Association (USSPA) where Marshall Bloom was purged as

Director. Clif Garboden, of the Boston University student editorial office has been identified in one photograph.

Miscellaneous - photographs
ca.1968
Box 5: 9

Assorted photographs, including images of Dr. Spock at the 5th Avenue Peace Parade Committee feeder demonstration, riots in Harlem after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, a local 254 AFL-CIO strike, the student protest at the London School of Economics, confrontations with the police, and various protesters and protest movements.

Miscellaneous - work prints
ca.1968
Box 5: 10

Assorted work prints of LNS packet photographs, including protests and events in Paris, at Columbia University, after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and scenes in Vietnam.

Music - rock and roll
ca.1968

Box 5: 11

Music - rock and roll - MC5 - John Sinclair [photographs, halftone negatives]

1968

Box 5: 12

New Orleans

1968

Box 5: 13

News services - Collegiate Press Service

1968

Box 5: 14

News services - high school underground newspapers

ca.1968

Box 5: 15

News services - LNS - advertisements, spoof advertisements, packet covers [halftone negatives]

ca.1968

Box 5: 16

News services - LNS - "April"

1968 Apr

Box 5: 17

News services - LNS - Burton, Steven - "Garrison Case"

1968

Box 5: 18

News services - LNS - Connery, Colin

ca.1967-1968

Box 5: 19

Topics covered include the Student Communications Network (SCN) and the underground press.

News services - LNS - Diamond, Steve

1968

Box 5: 20

Topics covered include Columbia University, music, and the underground press.

News services - LNS - "Extra Sheets"

ca.1968

Box 5: 21

News services - LNS - "March 1968 stories mailed out"

1968 Mar

Box 5: 22

News services - LNS - Packet 87-88

1968 Jul

Box 5: 23

News services - LNS - Packet 89

1968 Jul

Box 5: 24

News services - LNS - Packet 90

1968 Jul

Box 5: 25

News services - LNS - Packet 105
1968 Sep
Box 5: 26
News services - LNS - Packet 107 [halftone negative]
1968 Sep
Box 5: 27
News services - LNS - Riggins, Rodger
ca.1968
Box 5: 28

Topics covered include art, jazz, race, and society.

News services - LNS - Sluiter, Steve - political cartoons [halftone negatives]
1968
Box 5: 29
News services - LNS - Telex printouts
1968 Jan-Mar
Box 6: 1
News services - LNS - Telex printouts
1968 Apr
Box 6: 2-4
News services - LNS - Telex printouts
1968 May
Box 6: 5
News services - LNS - Telex printouts - "Resistance draft card turn in"
1968 Apr 3
Box 6: 6
News services - LNS - Telex printouts - "Student strikes"
1968 Apr 26
Box 6: 7
News services - LNS - Young, Allen
1968
Box 6: 8

Topics covered include politics and South America. For more copy by Young see "World Youth Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria."

News services - Newsreel
1968
Box 6: 9
News services - press releases - Department of Defense
1968 Feb
Box 6: 10
News services - press releases - Department of State
1968 Apr-Sep
Box 6: 11
News services - press releases - United States Atomic Energy Commission
1968 Apr
Box 6: 12
News services - Student Communications Network (SCN)
ca.1968
Box 6: 13
News services - Student Communications Network (SCN) Berkeley
1968
Box 6: 14
News services - underground press
1967-1968
Box 6: 15
News services - WBAI News Experiment
1968
Box 6: 16
Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan
1968 Jun
Box 6: 17
Pamphlets
ca.1968
Box 6: 18

Assorted pamphlets including: "The Alliance for Progress... an American Partnership" by the Agency for

International Development; "The Freedom Charter" by the African National Congress; "Fuck the Police" on free New York by the Youth International Party; and "Marxism & Students" by the Leeds University Union Marxist Society.

Pamphlets - Vietnam War
ca.1968
Box 6: 19

Pamphlets include: "Black Book on US War Crimes in South Vietnam" edited by the Committee for the Denunciation of War Crimes Committed by the US Imperialists and their Henchmen in South Vietnam; "How 'The Silent Center' Will Seek Peace with Freedom" from the Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam; "Resistance and Repression" from the Students for a Democratic Society; and "Vietnam: The Dirty War" by Housmans, the International Booksellers.

Peace and Freedom Party
1968
Box 6: 20
Poetry
ca.1967-1968
Box 6: 21
Police
ca.1968
Box 6: 22
Politics and politicians
ca.1968
Box 6: 23
Politics and politicians - Pool, Joseph
1967
Box 6: 24
Poor People's Campaign
1968
Box 6: 25
Poor People's Campaign - Resurrection City [halftone negatives]
ca.1968 May-Jun
Box 6: 26
Posters
ca.1968-1972
Folder OS1

Includes three advertisements for Butler's Dollar Day Specials; a poster for the November 8-10, 1968 music festival at The Avalon Ballroom, in San Francisco, CA, featuring performances by Mother Earth with Kaleidoscope, A.B. Skhy, and Garden of Delights (artist: Jerry Wainwright) with a short message written to Martin Bloom on the back; a 1972 poster by Eduardo Muñoz Bachs for the Japanese animated film El Imperio Submarino (Underwater Empire) directed by Takeshi Tamiya; and a reprint of an original Political Department of the Ministry of the Interior of Communist Cuba and GRANMA, the newspaper of the Cuban Communist Regime, "No Reconciliation" poster by The Truth about Cuba Committee, INC.

Protest movement - guides and training
1968
Box 6: 27
Protest movement - peace and war resistance
1968
Box 6: 28

Folder of materials and book lists from various organizations, including Friends Peace Committee, Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc., Students for a Democratic Society, Student Union for Peace Action, and the War Resisters League, mailed to Connie Lanham in Houston, TX, who was Secretary of the Student Humanist Association.

Protest movement - peace and war resistance
1968
Box 6: 29
Recall Regan Committee [photographs]
1968 Jul
Box 6: 30
Sobell, Morton and Rosenberg case
1968
Box 6: 31
Student Mobilization Committee (SMC)

1968 May-Jul

Box 6: 32

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) - Brown, H. Rap

1968

Box 6: 33

Theater

ca.1968

Box 6: 34

Tijerina, Reis Lopez

1967-1968

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Un-American Activities Committees

1967-1968

Box 7: 1

Vietnam War - anti-war [halftone negatives]

ca.1967-1968

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Vietnam War - draft resistance - black movement

1968

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Vietnam War - draft resistance - conscientious objectors

1968

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Vietnam War - draft resistance - The Milwaukee 14 [photographs]

1968 Sep

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[The files going up in their deserved flames](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of selective service files on fire in a public square.

[Firemen putting out blaze](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of firefighters turning hoses on burning documents.

[Police guarding Selective Service entrance after the blast](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of policemen, arms crossed, standing in entryway.

[Four of the Milwaukee 14](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of four activists (l. to r.: Donald Cotton, Gerald Gardner, Doug Marvy, Jon Higgenbotham), arms around one another, one flashing the peace sign.

[The fire lasted for 10 min. before the police even knew about it](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of draft records burning on the square.

[The Milwaukee 14](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of the activists taken at the scene: (l. to r.) Gerald Gardner, Bob Graf, Jim Forest, Fr. Larry Rosebaugh, Brother Basil O'Leary, Rev. Jon Higgenbotham, Donald Cotton, Fr. James Harney, Fr. Alfred Janicke, Fred Ogile, Michael Cullen, Fr. Tony Mullaney, Fr. Robert Cunnane and Doug Marvy.

[One of the priests](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Close up portrait of Father James Harney, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.

[Another priest](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Close up portrait of Father Anthony Mullaney, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.

[Another arrested priest](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Close up portrait of Father Robert Cunnane, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.

[Two more arrested priests](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of Father Alfred Janicke and Brother Basil O'Leary (l. to r.), Catholic clergymen and members of the Milwaukee 14.

[The pigs and the men](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of police officer arresting Fr. James Harney and Fr. Robert Cunnane (l. to r.), Catholic priests and members of the Milwaukee 14.

[The police and some of the people](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of police officers arresting Donald Cotton, Gerald Gardner, Doug Marvy, and Jon Higgenbotham (l. to r.), members of the Milwaukee 14.

[Search on the way to paddy wagons](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of police officer frisking Jon Higgenbotham, member of the Milwaukee 14.

[Searching as men stuffed into wagons](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of police officers frisking Jon Higgenbotham, member of the Milwaukee 14.

[Firemen surveying the scene](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of firefighters after extinguishing the blaze set by the Milwaukee 14 to burn draft records.

[The left-over, but obliterated, records](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of draft records burned by the Milwaukee 14.

[The left-over, but obliterated, records](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of draft records burned by the Milwaukee 14.

[Outside the church before the pulpit was taken over](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of crowd of police and protesters.

[Brumder Building -- 2nd floor location of Selective Service](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

Image of entrance to the building where the Milwaukee 14 burned draft records.

[Fr. Nicholas Riddle being forced from St. John's Cathedral after he attempted to read a statement against the war in Vietnam at the church. He and 7 others were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, posting bail of \\$250 each](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

[James Forest \(right\), later arrested with the Milwaukee 14, and 2 others with a policeman inside of St. John's Cathedral after the eight people had been arrested](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

[Policemen talking with some of the Milwaukee Fourteen at the small park dedicated to America's War Dead where the burning ceremonies took place](#)

ca.1968 Sep 24

The priests are Fr. James Harvey and Robert Cunnane (l. to r.).

Vietnam War - draft resistance - New York
1968

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Vietnam War - draft resistance - The Resistance
1968

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Vietnam War - draft resistance and military desertion
1968

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Women's movement
1967-1968

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World Youth Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria
1968 Jul-Aug

Box 7: 10

Includes LNS copy and several photographs from the event, including those of an unofficial demonstration sponsored by dissident leftist and led by German SDS, a march by "Spontaneous Bulgarian Workers" (SBW) to break up the unofficial leftist demonstration, and a press conference of United States deserters from Sweden, led by Bill Jones.

Youth International Party (Yippies)
ca.1968
Box 7: 11

Includes photograph of Jerry Rubin.

Series 3. Serials and Clippings
1966-1971
2 boxes (.75 linear feet)
ADA World Magazine (Americans for Democratic Action)
1966 Dec
Box 2: 25

Outline summary of "A Freedom Budget for All."

The American Abroad (London)
1968 Jun 15
Box 2: 26

Americong (Resurrection City)
1968
Box 2: 27

Amherst Record
1968 Nov 6
Box 7: 12

The Amherst Student (Amherst College)
1968 Feb 1
Box 2: 28

Army
1968 Sep
Box 2: 29

Army Digest
1967 Oct
Box 2: 30

ASP (Appalachian Student Press)
1969 Jan
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Avatar (Boston, MA)
1967-1968
Box 2: 32

Avatar (New York, NY)
1968 Apr-Aug
Box 2: 33

Black Newark
1968 Apr
Box 2: 34

Black Theatre
1968
Box 2: 35

Bowditch Review (Student Communications Network (SCN))
1968 Jul 12

Box 2: 36
The British Independent
1966
Box 10: 6

Published by The Racial Preservation Society.

Canadians for the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam
1968 Aug
Box 2: 37
Carta Editorial
1968 Jul 29
Box 2: 38
China Report
1967 Nov
Box 2: 39
The Christian Science Monitor
1968 Nov
Box 7: 13
Community Action Committee (CAC) Newsletter
1968 Jul 16
Box 2: 40
Conn Census (Connecticut College)
1968 Oct 29
Box 2: 41
The Crusader (Peking, China)
1967 Dec
Box 2: 42

Newsletter of Robert F. Williams.

Daily World
1968 Oct 29
Box 2: 43
Democratic German Report
1968 May 29
Box 2: 44
Desolation Row Times
1971 Apr 26
Box 2: 45
Despite Everything Quarterly: Student Communications Network Supplement
1968
Box 2: 46

"The Thirty Theses of May of the Sorbonne Students & Marcuse in Paris."

The East Village Other
1967 Nov
Box 7: 14

Cover is a collage, which includes an image of Marshall Bloom burning his draft card, and the caption "Girls say yes to men who say no."

The Evening News and Star (London)
1966 Sep 6
Box 7: 15
Gordon Free News (Gordon Junior High School)
1968
Box 10: 7
Guerrilla: The Free Newspaper of the Streets (broadside)
1968
Folder OS1
Gumbo
1968 Jun
Box 2: 47
Hyde Park-Kenwood Voices
1967 Nov
Box 7: 16
I. F. Stone's Weekly
1968 Feb 19

Box 2: 48
Information Department - Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (Hanoi)
1968
Box 7: 17
Kaleidoscope (Milwaukee, WI)
1968 Aug
Box 7: 18
The Journal (The Council for Higher Education)
1968 Apr
Box 2: 49
Life
1968 Aug 30
Box 10: 8
The Louisville Cardinal (University of Louisville)
1967 Dec
Box 2: 50
The Massachusetts Daily Collegian (University of Massachusetts)
1971 Apr 7
Box 2: 51
Le Monde (Paris)
1968 Jan 25
Box 7: 19
Motive (The United Methodist Church)
1968 Jan
Box 2: 52
The Nation
1968 Nov 4
Box 2: 53
Nation Building in Vietnam (Agency for International Development)
1967 Feb
Box 2: 54

"Selected articles from American newspapers and magazines about the U.S. economic assistance program in Vietnam."

The New Leader
1969 Feb 3
Box 2: 55
New Statesman
1967 Oct 13
Box 7: 20
New York
1968 Apr 22
Box 2: 56

"Special Report: The City on the Eve of Destruction," about the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

New York Free Press
1968 Jun 13
Box 2: 57

Contains a half page LNS subscription advertisement.

The News (Boston University)
1968 Oct 30
Box 2: 58
La Paz/Peace News
1968 Jul 28
Box 2: 59
Peace News (London)
1966-1967
Box 2: 60
The Peacemaker
1971 Sep-Oct
Box 2: 61
Point of View (Cleveland)
1968
Box 2: 62

Private Eye (London)
1966 Nov 11
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Pterodactyl (Grinnell College)
1969 Mar 13
Box 2: 64
Quicksilver Times
1971 Apr-May
Box 7: 21

Focus is on May Day protests.

Ramparts
1967-1969
Box 2: 65-66
Rojo Negro
1968 Oct
Box 2: 67
Rolling Stone
1971 Jan 21
Box 2: 68
The San Francisco Chronicle
1969 Mar-Apr
Box 7: 22
SDS New Left Notes (Chicago)
1968 Feb 12
Box 2: 69
Sears, Roebuck and Co. Home Movie Catalog
1969
Box 10: 9
Small Change
ca.1968
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Solidarity (London)
1967 Apr 3
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The South End (Wayne State University)
1967 Oct-Nov
Box 2: 72
Southern Africa
1968 Jan
Box 2: 72
The Spectator
1967 Oct 23
Box 2: 74
Sports World
1968 Mar
Box 2: 75
Spotlight on South Africa
1967 Aug-Sep
Box 2: 76

"News digest compiled by the African National Congress of South Africa."

Springfield Herald (Springfield, MA)
1968 Sep 26
Box 2: 77
The Sunday Express London
1967 Apr 16
Box 7: 23
This Week Magazine
1968 Nov 3
Box 2: 78
The Thunderbolt
1968 Aug
Box 2: 79
The Times (London)
1967 Feb 23
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Town Crier (Greenfield, MA)
1968 Nov 11
Box 7: 24
Treason (Free School of New York)
1967
Box 2: 81
Veterans' Stars & Stripes For Peace
ca.1967 Nov
Box 7: 25
The View From Here
1967-1968
Box 2: 82

Includes December 1967 list of members of the Underground Press Syndicate (UPS).

The Wall Street Journal
1968 Nov 5
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The Washington Daily News
1968 Feb 16
Box 7: 27
The Washington Post Potomac
1968 Mar 17
Box 2: 83

Special issue on "Dissecting the Disaffected," including articles and photos: "Snap-Shots: How the Working Hippies Live" focused on the Washington Free Community, which mentions LNS; "Brain Power to the Disaffected" about the Institute for Policy Studies; and "Broadside to the Alienated: Washington's Underground Press" about The Washington Free Press.

Washington Spring
ca.1971 Apr
Box 8: 1

Focus is on May Day protests.

The Williams Record (Williams College)
1968 Nov 5
Box 2: 84
World News Digest
1968 Feb
Box 2: 85
Clippings - African Americans, blacks, racism
1968-1969
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Clippings - Arts, entertainment
ca.1969
Box 8: 3
Clippings - Colleges, universities, students
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Box 8: 4
Clippings - Counterculture, marches, protests
1966-1968
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Clippings - Crime, police
1968-1969
Box 8: 6
Clippings - Democratic National Convention, Chicago, IL
1968
Box 8: 7
Clippings - Drugs
1968-1969
Box 8: 8
Clippings - "Financial"
1968
Box 8: 9
Clippings - International
1966-1968
Box 8: 10-11

Clippings - Miscellaneous

1967-1969

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Clippings - News media, Liberation News Service, underground press

1967-1968

Box 8: 13

Clippings - Liberation News Service

1967 Oct

Box 8: 14

Assembled packet of photocopies from various underground and student newspapers featuring LNS stories. The LNS credit is highlighted in each.

Clippings - Politicians

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Clippings - Religion

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Clippings - Science

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Clippings - Vietnam War

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Clippings - Vietnam War - draft resistance

1968-1969

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Vietnam War - draft resistance - Massachusetts, Arlington Street Church

1968 May

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Clippings - Western Massachusetts

1968-1969

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Clippings - Women

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1967 Dec

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Packets 24-34

1968 Jan

Box 9: 7-8

Packets 39-47

1968 Feb

Box 9: 9-10

Packets 48-51, 53-56, 58

1968 Mar

Box 9: 11-12

Packets 62-70

1968 Apr

Box 9: 13-14

Packets 71-76

1968 May

Box 9: 15-16

Packets 79-86

1968 Jun

Box 9: 17-18

Packets 87-96

1968 Jul

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1968 Aug
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Packets 104-109
1968 Sep
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Packets 110-114
1968 Oct
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Packets 115-117
1968 Nov
Box 9: 27-28
Packets 118-120
1968 Dec-1969 Jan
Box 9: 29-30
"The 1968 Campaign, by Steve Sluiter" [cartoons]
1968
Box 9: 31

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- The [Liberation News Service Photographs](#) collection at Tamiment Library.
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