



Liberation News Service Records

1967-1974

11 boxes, 1 oversize folder (9 linear feet)

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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.

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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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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

Contents: 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 Correspondence	ca.1966-1969	Box 1: 4
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 Contents: Includes letter from Mungo concerning the move of LNS to Montague, titled "Why Move? The Politics of Rural America in Our Age."	1968 May-Sep	Box 1: 11
"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 Contents: 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.	1968 Jul	Box 1: 16
"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 Contents: Includes example of the "I Am the Americong" button sold by LNS	ca.1968	Box 1: 27
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 Contents: 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.	1968 Aug-1970	Box 1: 34
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 (bulk1967-1969)	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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> Taken by Gerry Shea.		

Demonstrations - Private Borne in picket line and arrested [photographs]	1968	Box 4: 17
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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: <i>Diary of Mark Sommer trip to North Vietnam</i>	1968 May	Box 5: 4
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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

Contents: 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
Contents: 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
Contents: Topics covered include the Student Communications Network (SCN) and the underground press.		
News services - LNS - Diamond, Steve	1968	Box 5: 20
Contents: 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
Contents: 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
Contents: 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
Contents: 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> 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	Box 6: 35
Un-American Activities Committees	1967-1968	Box 7: 1
Vietnam War - anti-war [halftone negatives]	ca.1967-1968	Box 7: 2
Vietnam War - draft resistance - black movement	1968	Box 7: 3
Vietnam War - draft resistance - conscientious objectors	1968	Box 7: 4
Vietnam War - draft resistance - The Milwaukee 14 [photographs]	1968 Sep	Box 7: 5
➤ The files going up in their deserved flames	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<i>Contents:</i> Image of selective service files on fire in a public square.		
➤ Firemen putting out blaze	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<i>Contents:</i> Image of firefighters turning hoses on burning documents.		
➤ Police guarding Selective Service entrance after the blast	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<i>Contents:</i> Image of policemen, arms crossed, standing in entryway.		
➤ Four of the Milwaukee 14	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<i>Contents:</i> Image of four activists (l. to r.: Donald Cotton, Gerald Gardner, Doug Marvy, Jon Higgenbotham), arms around one another, one flashing the peace sign.		

<p>➤ The fire lasted for 10 min. before the police even knew about it</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of draft records burning on the square.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ The Milwaukee 14</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> 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.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ One of the priests</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Close up portrait of Father James Harney, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Another priest</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Close up portrait of Father Anthony Mullaney, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Another arrested priest</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Close up portrait of Father Robert Cunnane, a Catholic priest from Boston and member of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Two more arrested priests</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of Father Alfred Janicke and Brother Basil O’Leary (l. to r.), Catholic clergymen and members of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ The pigs and the men</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of police officer arresting Fr. James Harney and Fr. Robert Cunnane (l. to r.), Catholic priests and members of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ TThe police and some of the people</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of police officers arresting Donald Cotton, Gerald Gardner, Doug Marvy, and Jon Higgenbotham (l. to r.), members of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Search on the way to paddy wagons</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of police officer frisking Jon Higgenbotham, member of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Searching as men stuffed into wagons</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of police officers frisking Jon Higgenbotham, member of the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Firemen surveying the scene</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of firefighters after extinguishing the blaze set by the Milwaukee 14 to burn draft records.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ The left-over, but obliterated, records</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of draft records burned by the Milwaukee 14.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
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<p>➤ Outside the church before the pulpit was taken over</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of crowd of police and protesters.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24
<p>➤ Brumder Building -- 2nd floor location of Selective Service</p> <p><i>Contents:</i> Image of entrance to the building where the Milwaukee 14 burned draft records.</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24

<p>➤ 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</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<p>➤ 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</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<p>➤ Policemen talking with some of the Milwaukee Fourteen at the small park dedicated to America's War Dead where the burning ceremonies took place</p>	ca.1968 Sep 24	
<p><i>Contents:</i> The priests are Fr. James Harvey and Robert Cunnane (l. to r.).</p>		
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Vietnam War - draft resistance - The Resistance	1968	Box 7: 7
Vietnam War - draft resistance and military desertion	1968	Box 7: 8
Women's movement	1967-1968	Box 7: 9
World Youth Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria	1968 Jul-Aug	Box 7: 10
<p><i>Contents:</i> 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.</p>		
Youth International Party (Yippies)	ca.1968	Box 7: 11
<p><i>Contents:</i> Includes photograph of Jerry Rubin.</p>		

Series 3. Serials and Clippings	1966-1971	2 boxes (.75 linear feet)
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<p><i>Contents:</i> Outline summary of "A Freedom Budget for All."</p>		
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Avatar (Boston, MA)	1967-1968	Box 2: 32
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The British Independent	1966	Box 10: 6
<p><i>Contents:</i> Published by The Racial Preservation Society.</p>		
Canadians for the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam	1968 Aug	Box 2: 37
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China Report	1967 Nov	Box 2: 39
The Christian Science Monitor	1968 Nov	Box 7: 13
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<p><i>Contents:</i> Newsletter of Robert F. Williams.</p>		
Daily World	1968 Oct 29	Box 2: 43
Democratic German Report	1968 May 29	Box 2: 44
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Despite Everything Quarterly: Student Communications Network Supplement <i>Contents:</i> "The Thirty Theses of May of the Sorbonne Students & Marcuse in Paris."	1968	Box 2: 46
The East Village Other <i>Contents:</i> 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."	1967 Nov	Box 7: 14
The Evening News and Star (London)	1966 Sep 6	Box 7: 15
Gordon Free News (Gordon Junior High School)	1968	Box 10: 7
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Gumbo	1968 Jun	Box 2: 47
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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
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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) <i>Contents:</i> "Selected articles from American newspapers and magazines about the U.S. economic assistance program in Vietnam."	1967 Feb	Box 2: 54
The New Leader	1969 Feb 3	Box 2: 55
New Statesman	1967 Oct 13	Box 7: 20
New York <i>Contents:</i> "Special Report: The City on the Eve of Destruction," about the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	1968 Apr 22	Box 2: 56
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La Paz/Peace News	1968 Jul 28	Box 2: 59
Peace News (London)	1966-1967	Box 2: 60
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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
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The View From Here	1967-1968	Box 2: 82
<i>Contents:</i> Includes December 1967 list of members of the Underground Press Syndicate (UPS).		
The Wall Street Journal	1968 Nov 5	Box 7: 26
The Washington Daily News	1968 Feb 16	Box 7: 27
The Washington Post Potomac	1968 Mar 17	Box 2: 83
<i>Contents:</i> 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
<i>Contents:</i> Focus is on May Day protests.		
The Williams Record (Williams College)	1968 Nov 5	Box 2: 84
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Clippings - Liberation News Service	1967 Oct	Box 8: 14
<i>Contents:</i> Assembled packet of photocopies from various underground and student newspapers featuring LNS stories. The LNS credit is highlighted in each.		
Clippings - Politicians	1967-1969	Box 8: 15
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