THE MARJORIE STERN COLLECTION

Papers, 1967-1975
(predominantly, 1971-1974)
4½ linear feet

Accession Number 774

The papers of Marjorie Stern were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in June of 1976 by Ms. Stern.

Marjorie Stern was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 2, 1918. She acquired a bachelor's degree in Social Science and Homemaking in 1958 and a Master's degree in Sociology and Anthropology in 1965 from San Francisco State College. Before she began teaching at the secondary level, in 1959, she served as secretary to the National Association of Social Workers in San Francisco and to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers in Chicago. In 1973 she had been elected to seven consecutive terms as secretary to Local 61 San Francisco Federation of Teachers. From 1966 she served as a member of the bargaining team. She was a part-time paid AFT organizer in 1966-1967 and for short periods thereafter in other cities. In January 1972 Ms. Stern served for six months as the full-time Field Representative for the Seattle Federation of Teachers. After serving as chairwoman of the Ad Hoc Women's Committee at the 1970 American Federation of Teachers Pittsburgh convention, Ms. Stern played an instrumental role in the establishment of the AFT Women's Rights Committee to which she was appointed chairwoman in January, 1971, serving in that capacity until August, 1974. In 1975 Ms. Stern was made recipient of the Sacramento Area Council Locals' Academic Freedom Award.

In addition to her organizing work for the AFT, Ms. Stern served the National Organization for Women as coordinator of the Task Force on Union Women from May, 1973 to November, 1974. Since the Founding Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women in Chicago March 23, 24, 1974, Ms. Stern has represented teachers on CLUW's National Coordinating Committee and National Steering Committee.

The papers of Marjorie Stern reflect her work in the AFT, NOW, and CLUW.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

American Federation of Teachers, 1974 Convention--Selden/Shanker
Presidential contest
American Federation of Teachers' Women's Rights Committee, 1970-1974
Coalition of Labor Union Women, Founding Convention, Constitutional Convention
San Francisco Federation of Teachers Local 61, bargaining and strike, 1968
San Francisco State College Strike, 1969

Among the correspondents are: (to be found in general throughout CLUW and AFT Women's Committee correspondence, respectively)

Olga Madar
David Selden

Contents
9 manuscript boxes

Series I, Box 1
San Francisco Federation of Teachers Local 61, 1967-1969. Handouts, newsletters, clippings and other materials relating to the SFFT Local 61, including handwritten bargaining team notes, strike materials, and settlements, 1967-69. There is also material relating to the San Francisco State College Strike of 1969.

Series II, Boxes 2-6
AFT Women's Rights Committee, 1970-1975. American Federation of Teachers Women's Rights Committee Materials from its founding. Substantial correspondence reflecting activities in the women's movement in labor and elsewhere. Material on Women's Committee activities at national AFT Conventions as well as the local level, publications and articles written by Stern, substantial workshop and conference materials.

Series III, Box 7

Series IV, Box 8
Series V, Boxes 8-9
Coalition of Labor Union Women, 1973-1975. Includes conferences leading up to the Founding Conference, correspondence, proceedings of the National Steering and Coordination Committees, constitutional drafting committees and constitutional convention, and related materials.

Series VI, Box 9
Miscellaneous California Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, 10/75. One folder containing materials relating to the workshop "Who Should Own California"? Sterns' panel discussion notes, bibliography, etc. about "Restoring Work Time".

Non-manuscript material
Four photographs of the CLUW Founding Convention, one taped interview have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections. Assorted AFT proceedings and newspaper clippings have in placed in the Archives Library.
Series I
Box 1

1. San Francisco Federation of Teachers Constitutional Convention 9/12/66
2. San Francisco Federation of Teachers, Membership and Executive Board draft minutes, 2/68 - 6/68
3. SFFT Membership and Executive Board draft minutes, 6/68 - 1/69
4. SFFT Newsletters, clippings 9/67 - 2/68
5. SFFT Newsletters 3/68 - 5/68
6. SFFT Newsletters 8/68 - 2/69
7. Correspondence 12/67 - 4/68, 1/69
8. Bargaining team notes 1/68 - 1/69
9. San Francisco Unified School District Superintendent's Agreement 1/25/68
10. Teacher Facility Survey 4/69
13. San Francisco Federation of Teachers Demands, 1967-68
14. Personnel Procedures
15. Auxiliary Personnel
16. Class Size
17. Curriculum Development
18. Compensatory Education
19. Health Insurance, Drug Plan
20. Miscellaneous Education Legislation
21. Miscellaneous and undated material
22. San Francisco State College Strike - 1969, leaflets clippings

Series II
Boxes 2-6

Box 2

1. Ad Hoc Committee for Women's Rights, 1970 AFT Convention, Pittsburgh
2. Women's Resolutions, 1970 AFT Convention (other resolutions to be found)
3. Women's Rights Committee, proceedings, recommendations, notes, 1971-74
4. Resolutions, 1971 AFT Convention, San Francisco
5. Women's Resolutions - State AFT's 1971-72
7. Women in Education Conference, correspondence
8. Women in Education Conference, clippings
9. Women in Education Conference - evaluations
10. Resolutions, 1972 AFT Convention, St. Paul
11. Women's Activities, 1972 AFT Convention
12. Chicago Teacher's Union Women's Rights Conference, 11/18/72 - correspondence, clippings
13. Conference Materials, Chicago Teacher's Union, 11/18/72
14. Women and Higher Education Conference May 11-13, 1973, Boston (conference publications to be found)
15. Women and Higher Education Conference - correspondence
16. Women and Higher Education Conference - evaluations
17. AFT Summer Workshops, 1973
18. Child Care at AFT Conventions, 1971-73
19. Women's Rights Committee, 1974 AFT Convention, Toronto
20. Film "Girls at 12", 1974 AFT Convention - correspondence
Convention - correspondence, notes
22. AFT Regional Education Conferences, 1973-74
Correspondence, agendas
23. AFT Quest Consortium, 4/74 Chicago - correspondence,
agenda

Box 3
1-5. AFT Women's Rights Committee Questionnaires - 4/1/74
correspondence, summary
6. Committee on Women's Rights in Education, California
Federation of Teachers 1972, correspondence, newsletters
7. Committee on Women's Rights in Education, CFT 1973,
newsletters, etc.
8. Committee on Women's Rights in Education, CFT 1974
correspondence
9. United Teachers - Los Angeles, Women's Education
Conference 12/2/73
10. Local Women's Rights Committees - Illinois, 1972-74
11. " " " " - Minnesota, 1972-74
12. " " " " - Philadelphia, Washington
State
13. Washington State Federation of Teachers - Women's
Rights Committee Workshop 1/13/73
14. Miscellaneous Local Women's Rights Committees
15. Miscellaneous - 2nd National Collective Bargaining
Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota, May 17-19, 1974
16. Miscellaneous Conference workshops
17. Mills College - Beyond Sexism: Educating Women for the
Future, Conference materials 11/9/73
Conference, Alexandria, Va. correspondence, notes
November 15-17, 1974

Box 4
1. Clippings by or about Marjorie Stern, 1971-75
2. "Nixon Administration and Women" American Teacher, January
1974 - notes, draft, correspondence
3. "An Insider's View of the the Teachers' Union and Women's
Rights" Urban Review, 1973, correspondence, reprint
1973-74
5. American Teacher column background material
6. Women's Rights Committee publications
8. Financial Records, AFT and District, Marjorie Stern,
1970-75
9-30. Women's Rights Committee Correspondence - 8/70-3/71

Box 5
1-25. Women's Rights Committee Correspondence - 9/72-5/74

Box 6
1-7. Women's Rights Committee correspondence - 6/74-1975
8. Women's Rights Committee Correspondence - undated, miscellaneous, notes
9. Miscellaneous lists of Women's Groups, Workshop Participants, etc.

Series III
Box 7

1. American Federation of Teachers Executive Council Minutes 8/73-7/74
3. 1970 AFT Convention, Pittsburgh - resolutions
4. 1971 AFT Officers' Reports
5. 1971 AFT Convention, San Francisco - Progressive Caucus handbills
6. 1972 AFT Convention, St. Paul
7. " " " " " " " - Progressive Caucus
8. " " " " " - United Action Caucus
10. 1972 AFT Officers' Reports
11. 1974 AFT Convention, Toronto - resolutions, constitutional amendments, delegates
12. 1974 AFT Officers' Reports
13. 1974 AFT Convention - Marjorie Stern's notes
14. 1974 AFT Convention - David Selden/Albert Shanker presidential race - clippings, reprints
15. 1974 AFT Convention + Coalition for a Democratic Union
16. " " " - Progressive Caucus, United Action Caucus
17. 1974 AFT Convention - Teacher's Cause, New York State United Teachers
18. 1974 AFT Convention - Miscellaneous caucus material
19. 1 " " " - American Teacher Convention Extra

Series IV
Box 8

Series V
Boxes 8-9

Box 8
5. Midwestern Conference of Union Women Leaders, Chicago, June 29, 30, 1973
6. Midwestern Conference of Union Women Leaders, correspondence, press releases
7. CLUW - Midwest Planning Committee Chicago, 9/15/73 minutes, notes
8. St. Louis Women's Labor Conference, 11/17/73
9. CLUW West Coast Planning Conference 10/72-2/74
10. " East " 12/73-1/74
11. " National Conference Planning Committee 1/3/74
13. " " clippings
14. " " resolutions: statement of purpose, guidelines
15. CLUW Founding Conference - resolutions: political/ legislative action
16. CLUW Founding Conference - resolutions: political/ legislative action
17. CLUW Founding Conference - resolutions: affirmative action
18. " " Women in Unions
19. CLUW Founding Conference - resolutions: Organizing the Unorganized
20. California Constitution and By-laws Committee 12/1/74 - 9/23/75
21. Constitution and By-laws Committee - undated drafts

Box 9
1. CLUW Constitutional Convention, Detroit, December 5-7, 1975
2-4. " National Coordinating Committee 5/74-11/75
5-8. " National Steering Committee 6/74-9/75
7-8. " Correspondence 7/73-1/76
9. Atlanta Chapter (including material relating to incident with Olga Madar observance International Women's Day March 8, 1975)
10. Metropolitan, D.C. Area Chapter 6/74 - 8/74
11. San Francisco Chapter 10/74 - 3/76
12. " " newspaper clippings, misc.
13. Seattle Area Chapter 4/9/74 - 6/11/75
15. Miscellaneous - Membership recruitment materials
16. " - International Women's Year
17. " - Resolutions, leaflets
18. " - handwritten notes, undated
19. CLUW - clippings January-May, 1975
20. Miscellaneous Unrelated Women's Groups
THE MARJORIE STERN COLLECTION

Papers, 1963-1985
2.5 linear feet

The second section of Marjorie Stern's papers was received at the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in the spring of 1978. As well as the first part, it was donated by Ms. Stern herself and reflects her activities both in the American Federation of Teachers and in various women's organizations, although the largest body of documents encompasses the period 1970-1977. The second section of Ms. Stern's papers was processed and opened to researchers in June 1979.

Important subjects are:

Affirmative Action
Children Care Centers
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Constitutional Conventions of the California Federation of Teachers, 1968-1977
Equal Rights Amendment
Hawaii Organizing Drive of the American Federation of Teachers, year 1972 (see Box 5, folder 5)
International Women's Year, 1975 and 1977
National Women's Political Caucus
San Francisco Teachers' Strike (1971)
United Teacher Press Association
Women in Education Committee
Women's Alliance to Gain Equality (Union W.A.G.E.)
Women's Rights Committee
Contents

5 manuscript boxes


It contains clippings, pamphlets, resolutions, statements and other similar materials related to various women's committees inside of the A.F.T. and the California and Seattle Federations of Teachers. The statements of various unions of affirmative action and the Equal Rights Amendment also belong to this series.


Clippings, flyers, proceedings and programs of conferences and workshops not directly sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers, newsletters, and membership lists of several women's organizations are located in this series.

Series III: Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1963-68, Box 5.

In-coming and out-going letters related to both unions' and women's organizations' activities, drafts of Ms. Stern's speeches and articles, letters and memos concerning the State Colleges in which she served either as a student or as a teacher.

Non-manuscript material

A large amount of publications has been placed in the Archives' library. A list of these publications, subdivided by subjects, is located at the end of the guide. Several personal objects - buttons, flags, certificates - have been placed in the Archives' audiovisual collection. A kit of photographic reproductions, with the title Women of Greatness in American History, has also been transferred to that Collection.
Series I
International and State Federations of Teachers' Activities
1968-78
Boxes 1-2

The papers in this series primarily concern Ms. Stern's activity in various committees created inside of the California Federation of Teachers (C.F.T.), and the Seattle Federation of Teachers for the year 1972. Most of these committees were formed to analyze and support from inside of the union the broader issues of American women's movement. A smaller amount of flyers, clippings, resolutions and reports concern general union activities such as the Conventions of C.F.T. and the negotiations during the San Francisco teachers' strike of 1971. Statements of various unions, including the American Federation of Teachers, on affirmative action and the Equal Rights Amendment are also located in this series. The correspondence related to these activities is gathered in the Series III of the present collection; however, letters of transmittal of research papers and resolutions have been left in this series. A small number of letters related to the C.F.T. 1977 Convention Workshops and to the United Teacher Press Association can also be found in this series (Box 1, folder 12 and Box 2, folder 5). Subjects are organized alphabetically.

Box 1
2. Affirmative Action: Research papers and notes, no date.
Box 1 (cont)


Box 2

7. Women in Education Committee: Membership lists, 1972-78.
8. Women in Education Committee: Minutes and notes, 1974-77.
Series II
Women's Organizations
1972-1985
Boxes 2-4

This series contains clippings, flyers, programs, and resolutions relative to conferences, meetings and conventions of women's organizations, either outside of the union movement (like the International Women's Year) or inside of it, but on a nationwide and intercategorical basis (like the Coalition of Labor Union Women, further referred to as C.L.U.W.). Two small collections of newspapers and newspaper clippings, intermingled with Ms. Stern's notes, also belong to this series. The largest amount of documentation concerns the International Women's Year. The International Convention of the I.W.Y. was held in Mexico City in July 1975; eventually a commission for the observance of the I.W.Y. was created in the United States, with the purpose of diffusing the results and statements of the Mexican convention. The U.S. committee organized in 1977 a series of state conventions, among which the California State Meeting which was held in Stanford in June 1977; the state conventions led to a National Women's Conference, held in Houston (Texas) in November 1977. The three conferences (Mexico City, Stanford and Houston) are organized in this series under the general title of I.W.Y.; general subjects, as for the Series I, follow the alphabetical order. A small amount of correspondence may be found in Box 2, folder 26 and Box 4, folder 6. The remaining letters related to the subjects of this series are filed in the Series III of the present collection.

Box 2 (cont)

16. : 1977 Convention, Programs and resolutions.
17. : Education Committee, meetings' minutes, 1976-77.
23. : Officers' list, not date (ca. 1975).
Box 2 (cont)

27. I.W.Y.: Celebrating Labor Union Women's History, Marjorie H. Stern, [1985]

28. : Mexico City, 1975: Preparatory material from other nations.

29. : Mexico City, 1975: Preparatory material from the United States Information Center.

Box 3

   Preparatory material, 1974-75.
2. : Mexico City, 1975: Clippings.
3-5. : Mexico City, 1975: Convention Workshops' Proceedings.

Box 4

3-4. I.W.Y.; N.W.C.-clippings
5. I.W.Y.; N.W.C.-delegates' lists, housing instructions
6. I.W.Y.; N.W.C.-notes & corres. from Calif. during conference
7-9. I.W.Y.; N.W.C.-pamphlets & research papers
10. I.W.Y.; N.W.C.-resolutions
13. National Organization for Women; list of officers & task forces, c. 1972-73
14. National Women's Political Caucus; organizing drive reports, 1971-72
15. NWPC; Democratic Party presidential campaign, 1974
16. NWPC; newsletters, 1975
17. NWPC; Washington & Calif. chapter newsletters, 1974, 1976
18. Union W.A.C.E.; newsletters & flyers, 1971-72
19. Women's Action Alliance; directory, 1973
Series III
Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1963-68
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Box 5

1-2. Correspondence; CLUW, 1975-77
3. Correspondence; ERA, 1970-77
4. Correspondence; general AFT and CFT, 1971
5-6. Correspondence; general AFT and State Federations, 1972-75
7-8. Correspondence; general AFT and CFT, 1976-78
9-14. Correspondence; Marjorie Stern's publications and cultural activities, 1972-78
15-18. Correspondence; CFT Women in Education Committee, 1974-78
19. Correspondence; AFT Women's Rights Committee, 1973-74
20. Personal papers; Grossmont College, 1976-77
21. Personal papers; San Francisco College, 1963
22. Personal papers; Stockton College, 1977
23-24. Personal papers; drafts of Marjorie Stern's speeches, 1973-75