

Ann Filardo Collection

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1969-1993

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Abstract: The Teacher Action Caucus is a rank and file caucus within the UFT. The purposes to make the UFT a more democratic union, improve the quality of education in NYC and community control. The United Action Caucus is a party within the AFT which serves as a group that is composed of members that did not agree with the progressive caucus. Their agenda was to bring back a secret ballot, an end to the AFT's foreign policy and be a group that questioned the education reforms condoned by Albert Shanker.

Biography: Ann Filardo was chairperson of the Teachers Action Caucus and an executive board member. Teachers Action Caucus was a rank and file caucus in the United Federation of Teachers. Filardo was also the founder of the United Action Caucus, a national rank and file group in the American Federation of Teachers. She was membership secretary and vice-chairperson.

Provenance: Ann Filardo collection came to the Reuther Library from Filardo 1987 - 1993.

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Related Collections: AFT Office of the President: Albert Shanker
AFT Office of the President: 1960-1974
AFT Oral History Collection

Subjects:

AFT Black Caucus
New Action Coalition
Vietnam
Central America
United Federation of Teachers
American Federation of Teachers
Education Reform – Peer Review
Redesign of Public Schools

National Rank and File Conference
New York City Fiscal Crisis 1975
Paraprofessionals
Community Control
Public Employee Federation of New
York State
American Federation of Teachers –
Secret Ballot

Names:

Albert Shanker
David Selden
George Altomare
Jules Kolodny
Mike Shulman
Ronald Reagan
William Simons

Scope/Content

Series I: Teachers Action Committee of the United Federation of Teachers

Teachers Action Committee materials from 1969-mid 1970s deal mostly with community control, Vietnam, paraprofessionals, Crisis in New York City in 1975. By 1980s TAC is running candidates in opposition to the Unity Caucus a bit more successfully so that by 1985-1986 a TAC members is elected as vice president of the UFT. New Action Coalition formed between TAC, New Directions and other independents. The series is organized chronologically.

The Teachers for Community Control was created during the 1968 strike when members of the UFT and non-members supported the parents right for community control in Ocean Hill – Brownsville. The TCC eventually became TAC.

Series 2: United Action Caucus

United Action Caucus is the rank and file caucus that runs opposition against the progressive caucus of the American Federation of Teachers. The series contains their activities at AFT convention as well as their own meetings and financial issues. Of note is the constant pressure on the leaders of the AFT to bring back the secret ballot, and foreign policy of the AFT in Vietnam and Central America. By the mid-1980s the education reform movement was peaking with the ideas of merit pay, peer review, new

career ladder methods and standards. The UAC questioned all of these reforms. Two event of interest is in 1983 Ronald Reagan gave a speech at the AFT convention in which UAC protested and when AFT moved from an annual convention to a biannual in the mid 1980s and promoted the QuEST conference on the off convention years. The UAC saw this as a way to undercut UAC from organizing new members and also to push through education reform ideas that they opposed. Within the files are flyers, correspondence, newsletters, newspaper clippings and minutes, leaders in UAC lists as well as budget information.

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- 1 AFT convention, United Action Caucus, July 1981
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- 7 AFT convention, United Action Caucus, 1984
- 8 United Action Caucus, September 1984-August 1985
- 9 United Action Caucus, September 1985-August 1986
- 10 AFT convention, United Action Caucus, 1986
- 11 United Action Caucus, September 1986-August 1987

Box 4

- 1 AFT Convention, United Action Committee, 1988
- 2 United Action Committee, 1988-1989
- 3-4 AFT Convention, United Action Committee, 1990, 2 folders
- 5 AFT QuEST, 1985
- 6 AFT QuEST, 1987
- 7 AFT QuEST, 1989