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History

The AFT has always maintained a close relationship with unions from across the globe. The AFT was very active with the World Federation of Education Association and the International Federation of Free Teacher Unions. By the 1970s with the election of Albert Shanker as president of the AFT; the international affairs department took a more prominent role in international activities particularly in Eastern and Central Europe, Central America, Africa and Asia. The AFT worked with various teacher unions around the world to start training programs for teachers and unionists that established a presence in countries to educate about free trade unionism and democracy. The department also increased its presence in various human rights campaigns as well as worked on strengthening the anti-child labor laws.

Scope and Content:

The majority of the collection deals with AFT's activities via various non-government organizations that worked in Poland and Russia. Documentation and reports about the activities of various unions in other countries as well as their governments are scattered through out this collection especially in the files of countries. There is valuable information on the development and creation of various organizations, such as Education for Democracy International and the International Civic Education Exchange Program. Some AFL-CIO files contain insight on day-to-day operations right before the fall of the Soviet Union. Most of the organizations files contain grant and reports and updates of projects. The collection consists of some of the issues surrounding Central American during the 1980s as well.

Papers consist of reports, grant proposals, emails, drafts and final papers, articles and academic publications, memos and correspondence in variety of languages. There are conference planning and conference packets from international events, guests lists and lists of participants in workshops, US visits as well as teacher to teacher programs.

Abbreviations used

F.E.N. – French Teachers Union
IFFTU – International Federation of Free Trade Unions
NASUWT – National Association of School Masters Union of Women Teachers
NEA – National Education Association
USAID – U.S. Agency for International Development
FTUI - Free Trade Union Institute

Important Subjects:

Czechoslovakia
Democracy--Former communist countries

National Endowment for Democracy (U.S.)
Poland
Polish teachers
Russia
Sandinista
Solidarity (Labor Organization)
Nicaragua
Teacher Unions
Free Trade Unions

Important Names:

Albert Shanker
Chester Finn, Jr.
David Dorn
Diana Ravitch
Eric Chenoweth
Matthew Gandal
Paul Somogyi
Time Shea
Zhenya Belyakov

Series I AFT, 1981-2001

Activities generated from the AFT that concerned the International Affairs Department. Correspondence, reports and other items related to education reform and international issues from the AFL-CIO. The AFL-CIO files do contain very detailed communication with the fall of the Soviet Union.

Series II Subject and Organization Files, 1981-1998

Correspondence with other organizations and actual actives of the International Affairs Department in participation with other organizations. The series contains communications, reports, subject materials, information about various projects and reports.

Series III Countries, 1981-1996

Correspondence and factual information about teacher unions in these countries. The files on Poland are a great insight on the activities that the AFT took in assisting the Solidarity movement in Poland.

Series IV Groups and AFT sponsored projects, 1987-2000

Series is made up of grant packages to create non government agencies that the AFT was involved with, the formation of these groups and yearly reports. They consist of correspondene with author who wrote various essays on democracy that were used through out eastern eupore and Russia. This series has very detailed information on the creating Education for Democracy nationally and internationally.

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Series V Publications

Various publications published by Democracy for Education or the National Endowment for Democracy in Polish, Ukrainian, Russian and other languages.

Arrangement

Series I – III are arranged in alphabetical order. Series IV is alphabetical by organization. Within each organization the series is broken down alphabetically as well. Series V are publications in no order.

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- 7 Amnesty International 25th Anniversary at AFT, invitation list, 1987
- 8 AFL-CIO; Reports on Eastern Europe, 1990
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- 10 AFL-CIO; Report on Hungary, 1989
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- 17 AFT and Labor's Stake in 21st Century international affairs, 1998
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- 22 Council of Washington Representatives on UNA/USA, 1988
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- 2 IFFTU Technology conference speakers, 1987
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- 5 Interview; Weiner, Herbert E., Marshall Plan, 1993

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- 6 Interview; Forgacs, Pal; Democratic League of Independent Trade Union of Hungary, 1989
- 7 Jewish Labor Committee, 1987-1990
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- 10 National Board of Professional Teachers Standards, 1986-1987
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- 16 NEA on Defense and National Security, 1986-1987
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- 7-8 Civitas; Buenos Aires, 1996
- 9 Civitas; conference information, 1991
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- 11 Civitas; General correspondence, 1988-1999
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- 7 Chile AFT Exchange, 1989
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- 9 Nicaragua Civic Education Conference, 1991
- 10 Greater Volga Program, 1997
- 11-12 National Conference on Civics Education; Russia, November 1994
- 13 Nizhny Novgorod Civic Learning, 1996
- 14 Poland; Classroom-to-Classroom; Anchorage High School, 1990
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- 2 Russian Civic Education; Report, 1997
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- 10 Ukraine; Democracy and Education, 1997
- 11 Uzbekistan Program, 1999

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- 12 Americanization: Immigrant Education, 1992
- 13 Banaszak, 1990
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- 8 Education for Democracy International; Joyce Foundation Proposal, 1990
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- 12 Education for Democratic Citizenship in Poland, 1991
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