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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Mecartney, John
Title:	Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC): John Mecartney Records
ID:	LR002692
Date [inclusive]:	1943-1985
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Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet (2 SB)
Physical Location:	4S-E-3(7)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	John Mecartney (1922-2004) was a lifelong activist with civil rights, peace and nonviolent defense and farm worker issues. He graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary and served as a United Methodist minister in Wisconsin. After receiving his Ph.D. from Northwestern University he taught sociology and peace studies at Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Bluffton College, and Albion College. He was on the board of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, as well as an active member of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC), Socialist Party of America (Socialist Party USA), and numerous other organizations.

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History

The Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) emerged as part of a three way split of the Socialist Party of America, which started in 1972. The three resulting parties were: Social Democrats USA, Socialist Party USA, and the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee.

In October 1973 the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee had its founding convention and elected Michael Harrington, a former chairman of the Socialist Party of America, as their Chairman.

In 1982, DSOC merged with the New American Movement to form the Democratic Socialists of America.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of material collected by John Mecartney and is organized into 2 series. DSOC organizational records and publications, personal correspondence, notes written by John Mecartney, Socialist Party USA organizational records.

Series 1: John Mecartney Personal Papers and DSOC Records, 1965-1985. This series consists of personal correspondence; handwritten notes; newsletters, events, and mailings from his various organizations; DSOC organizational records, photographs, publications, and local chapters.

Series 2: General Subject Files, 1943-1977 This series consists of various socialist and political literature collected by John Mecartney, labor songbooks, and organizational records from the Socialist Party USA.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 2 series.

Folders in each series are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

Series 1: John Mecartney Personal Papers and DSOC Records, 1965-1985 (Box 1)

Series 2: General Subject Files, 1943-1977 (Box 2)

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Donated by Mary Mecartney on May 02, 2016.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Elizabeth Nicholson on September 20, 2016.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Democratic Left Newsletter, Democratic Socialists of America Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- Socialism
- Mecartney, John

Series I

Box 1

- 1 John Mecartney Correspondence; undated, 1971-1984
- 2 John Mecartney Handwritten Notes; undated, 1972-1976
- 3 John Mecartney: Newsletters, Events, Organizations; undated, 1965-1985
- 4 John Mecartney: American Society of Christian Ethics; 1974
- 5 DSOC Publications and Flyers; undated, 1972-1982
- 6 DSOC Conferences and Conventions; undated, 1973-1981
- 7 DSOC 2nd National Convention; January 25-26, 1975
- 8 DSOC Correspondence; 1972-1975
- 9 DSOC National Office Meeting Minutes; 1973-1975
- 10 DSOC National Statements and Reports; 1972-1975
- 11 DSOC: Michael Harrington Literature and Photographs; undated, 1972-1979
- 12 DSOC: Carl Shier; 1972-1976
- 13 Articles about DSOC; 1972-1979
- 14 DSOC Bluffton College; 1973-1974
- 15 DSOC Bluffton College; 1974-1975
- 16 Bluffton College Newspaper "The Whitmarsum"; 1974-1976
- 17 DSOC Bowling Green University; 1974
- 18 DSOC Ohio; 1974-1975
- 19 DSOC Michigan; 1979-1982
- 20 DSOC Wisconsin; 1974
- 21 DSOC Regional Newsletters; 1974-1975
- 22 DSOC Religious Caucus; 1973-1975
- 23 DSOC Publication "The Democratic Left"; 1973-1977
- 24 DSOC Publication "The Democratic Left"; 1978-1983
- 25 DSOC Members and Mailing Lists; 1970s

Series II

Box 2

- 1 Labor and Other Songs; undated
- 2 Socialist and Other Political Literature; undated
- 3 Socialist and Other Political Literature; 1943-1972
- 4 Socialist and Other Political Literature; 1973
- 5 Socialist and Other Political Literature; 1974
- 6 Socialist and Other Political Literature; 1975
- 7 Socialist and Other Political Literature; 1976-1977

- 8 Socialist Party, USA; undated
- 9 Socialist Party, USA; 1960-1972
- 10 Socialist Party, USA; 1972-1973
- 11 Socialist Party, USA; 1974-1976
- 12 Socialist Party, USA- Discussion Bulletin "Hammer and Tongs"; 1965, 1973-1975"
- 13 Socialist Party, USA "New America" Newspaper; 1964, 1971-1973
- 14 Socialist Party, USA "New America" Newspaper; 1974-1975
- 15 Socialist Party, USA "Socialist Tribune" Publication; 1971-1975
- 16 Socialist Party of Ohio; 1972, 1974-1976