

DETROIT COALITION TO END THE WAR NOW!

Papers, 1970-1973

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The papers of the Detroit Coalition to End the War Now! were placed in the Archives of Urban and Labor Affairs by James Lafferty in January of 1974 and opened for research in December of 1990.

In 1969 supporters of the peace movement gathered to discuss Detroit participation in a national convention of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (New Mobe). The result of this gathering was the formation of the Detroit Coalition to End the War Now! (DCEWN). This group became one of the most influential anti-war organizations both in Detroit and nationwide.

DCEWN was composed of a small body of coordinators and a larger steering committee. Members of this committee included individuals from member groups of DCEWN, prominent Detroit citizens opposed to the war, and other DCEWN activists. The Coalition also relied on part and full-time volunteers to do the daily work of phone calling, mailings, soliciting funds and endorsements, press releases and conferences, and recruiting new volunteers.

The Coalition was highly visible by means of demonstrations, teach-ins, press coverage, leaflets and mailings. It also generated a great deal of public involvement and support. In Detroit, DCEWN was instrumental in the City Council passing peace resolutions and city-wide anti-war referenda, and gaining ongoing support and endorsement of the citizens for the anti-war cause.

On a national level, in 1970 DCEWN and the Cleveland Area Peace Action Coalition (CAPAC) called for a new anti-war convention, as they perceived New Mobe as having departed from the single-issue mass action orientation. This joining together of DCEWN and CAPAC resulted in the formation of the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC), a very influential anti-war organization.

DCEWN maintained strong ties with NPAC, having been instrumental in its founding and the continued strength of the organization. James Lafferty was a coordinator of both organizations.

The papers in this collection primarily consist of correspondence, mailings and other general materials of the workings of DCEWN, with a portion pertaining specifically to NPAC.

For additional information on DCEWN and James Lafferty, see the James Lafferty Collection.

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Important subejcts covered in the collection

Labor

National Anti-War Convention

National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC)

Important correspondents

John Conyers

Emil Mazey

Mel Ravitz

Jackie Vaughn

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Series II. Box 3

Leaflets, pamphlets, lists, and newsletters from a variety of sources that served as resources to DCEWN. These files covers the years 1970-1973.

Series I
General Files
Boxes 1-2

This series contains correspondence, clippings, leaflets, mailings, and other general materials on a variety of topics. The files arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and chronologically within each folder. This series covers the years 1969-1972.

1. Ads; DCEWN, Northwest Women for Peace, 1972
2. Berrigan Case; press coverage, leaflets, 1970-71
3. Black Moratorium Committee; fund raising, 1971
4. Black Moratorium Committee; mailing lists, volunteers, n.d.
5. Black Moratorium Committee; "Third World People Unite...", n.d.
6. Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, 1970-71
7. Clipping; "Detroit Area Big Shots," 1971
8. Clippings; Detroit Free Press and Detroit News. 24-26 Jan 1972
9. Clippings; Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, 27 Jan 1972
10. Clippings; spring 1972 upsurge
11. Conyers; Committee Against Racism in the Military, 1971
12. Correspondence, Aug 1971-Mar 1972
13. Correspondence, Apr-Dec 1972
14. Detroit City Council resolution on dikes; endorser drive, 1972
15. Detroit City Council resolutions; correspondence, Oct 1971-Aug 1972
16. Detroit, City of; parade and rally permits, correspondence, 1971-72
17. Detroit, City of; referendum on the war, fall 1970
18. Ellsberg; publicity materials and invitation, 1972
19. Endorsers; Michigan, spring-summer 1971
20. Endorsers; Michigan, fall 1971
21. Endorsers; Michigan, 22 Apr 1972
22. Endorsers; national, 31 Oct [c. 1970]
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24. Endorsers; national, fall 1971
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27. Fund-raising; correspondence, 1971-72
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36. GI's support to peace actions, 1971-72
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38. Japan; Goodwill Ambassadors. 1972
39. Labor Task Force; AFL-CIO resolution, 20 Oct 1971
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48. Leaflets; layouts, 1970-Apr 1971
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51. Lease; Fisher-New Center office, 1972
52. Lease; Roneo duplicator, 1970-71
53. Lease; 6535 Third Ave., 1972

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2. Mailings, winter-spring 1972
3. Mailings, summer-fall 1972
4. Meetings; agenda, minutes, coalition structure, Jul-Aug 1971
5. Meetings; attendance, Fall 1971-72
6. Meetings; coalition and staff, 1972
7. "Miller Party," n.d.
8. Miscellaneous work notes, n.d.
9. National Anti-War Convention, Jul 1971
10. National Anti-War Convention, Jul 1972
11. National Lawyers Guild; picnic, 1970
12. National Peace Action Coalition; affiliates, 1971-72
13. National Peace Action Coalition; education task force, 1972
14. National Peace Action Coalition; Gage-Colby testimonial plans, 1971-72
15. National Peace Action Coalition; leaflets, 1971-72
16. National Peace Action Coalition; mailings, 1971
17. National Peace Action Coalition; mailings, 1972-73
18. National Peace Action Coalition; mailings re labor, 1971-72
19. National Peace Action Coalition; mailings re PCPJ, 1971-72
20. National Peace Action Coalition; mailings re steering committee, 1971-72
21. National Peace Action Coalition; marshals, n.d.
22. National Peace Action Coalition; Paris World Assemble for Peace, 1972
23. National Peace Action Coalition; position papers, 1972
24. National Peace Action Coalition; press coverage, 1971-73
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30. Peace Action; partial bus list, 24 Apr 1971
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33. People's Peace Treaty; related activities and counterproposals, 1971-72
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37. Press coverage; DCEWN, 1971
38. Press releases, 1971
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40. Religious community communications; Interfaith Draft Counseling, Lutheran Witness. 1971
41. Religious community communications; Memorial Congregation of the Four Chaplains, [1972]
42. Religious community communications; Unitarian Churches' newsletters, 1971
43. Speakers; invitation correspondence, 1971-72
44. Speakers; list, 6 Nov 1971
45. Speakers; reply correspondence, 1971-72
46. Special events; invitations, 1971
47. Statewide anti-war activities, fall 1972
48. Student Mobilization Committee, 1972
49. Vietnam Peace Parade Committee and the Family Trust, 1971
50. Women's Contingent, n.d.

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Series II
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This series contains leaflets, pamphlets, lists, newsletters, and other materials from various sources. The files are arranged alphabetically by source or type of material. This series covers the years 1971-1973.

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2. American Friends Service Committee, n.d.
3. Another Mother for Peace, n.d.
4. CBS News, 1971-72
5. Committee in Solidarity with Vietnamese Students, 1972
6. Direct Action for a Non-Violent World #127. n.d.
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10. Indochina Chronicle, 1971-72
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12. Intercontinental Press. 1972
13. Miami Convention Coalition, n.d.
14. The Militant. 1971-72
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16. National Peace Action Coalition, 1972
17. Pentagon Paper Peace Project, 1972
18. Project Air War, [c. 1971]
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Abstract

See Part 1 for a history of the organization.

Part 2 of the collection consists mainly of materials that cover the organization efforts for the large scale mobilizations of the NPAC and DCEWN in Oct. 1970 and April-May 1971. There are also anti-war news publications, clippings, and correspondence from James Lafferty. Materials from various other anti-war organizations are also represented in the records.

Important Subjects:

National Peace Action Coalition (U.S.)
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Protest movements
Peace movements

Important Names:

Gordon, Jerry
Kiiskila, Carolyn
Lafferty, James
Mazey, Emil

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collections.

Numbering continues from closed files.

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1. Detroit Coalition; Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, and Records, 1970-1971
2. Winter Soldier Investigation, 1971
3. Jerry Gordon, 1970
4. James Lafferty; Correspondence, 1970-1971
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6. NPAC; Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, and Records, 1970-1971
7. NPAC; Fall 1970 Anti-war actions
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9. Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, 1971
10. War Resisters League, 1971
11. Other Anti-war organizations, 1970-1971
12. Chicano Organizations, 1970
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