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Descriptive Summary

Title: Fred Hirsch Ephemera collection

Dates: 1955-1973

Collection number: MSS-2007-07-01

Creator: Hirsch, Fred, 1933-

Collection Size: 1 box1.3 linear feet

Repository: San Jose State University Library.

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Abstract: The Fred Hirsch Ephemera collection documents local civil rights activist organizations in San Jose and Santa Clara County. This collection documents the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the National Farmworkers Association, and Santa Clara County Friends of SNCC, the Mexican American Political Association, and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). The collection includes correspondence, petitions, flyers and miscellaneous ephemera.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Fred Hirsch, July 2007.

Biographical Information

Fred Hirsch (1933-), a retired plumber is well known to the national leadership of the AFL-CIO and very widely in San Jose. As vice president of Plumbers and Fitter, Local 393, Hirsch worked as a plumber and rank and file worker in construction as well as a union activist and organizer. Hirsch helped transform his union into a dynamic force on issues of AFL-CIO intervention in the political and trade union life of sovereign nations and specifically the organizations in Latin America. Hirsch is particularly known in the Chicano community, where he founded and served as Secretary of the Law and Police Committee Model Cities Program. He has been involved in political, labor and community activism in San Jose and he served as Co-Chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Friends of the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Hirsch also wrote the first pamphlet exposing CIA machinations in the Latin American labor movement. Committed to civil rights, Hirsch participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer project to help register African American voters in Mississippi. In addition, he worked with Cesar Chavez and the National Farmworkers Association. He played a part in the Angela Davis' trial by helping with the research of over 2000 potential jurors to guarantee a fair trial. Hirsch is currently on the Executive Board of Plumbers and Fitters Local 393 in San Jose, a delegate to the South Bay Labor Council and a longtime activist in the Latin America Solidarity Coalition.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Fred Hirsch Ephemera Collection contains civil rights era materials documenting the activities of civil rights organizations in San Jose and Santa Clara County. A Major focus of this collection is police brutality, and the development of the Community Alert Patrol (CAP). The collection consists of printed materials, ephemera, and publications. Topics include, Voter Registration and the Selma March in Alabama, Fair Housing issues, community alert patrols in San Jose and the effort to free Angela Davis.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series. I. Public Relations and Printed Matter, 1955-1973.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Hirsch, Fred, 1933--

SNCC--California--Santa Clara

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Protest movements

African Americans Civil Rights Movement--California--San Jose

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Box: 1 Series I: **Public Relations and Printed Matter 1955-1973**

Creator: Hirsch, Fred 1933-

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

The materials presented in this series contain supporting documents of events held by local civil rights organizations of San Jose and Santa Clara County. Documents in this series include flyers of upcoming political and social events such as rallies in support of the First Amendment, mass marches to denounce police brutality and a variety of social justice petitions. This series provides a sampling of the local and national efforts to promote civil rights, including court documents and petitions related to the Angela Davis trial in the 1970s.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format and alphabetically by subject matter.

Box/Folder 1/1-1/5	**Correspondence 1960-1972**
Folder 1/1	**Invitations circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/2	**Mississippi Challenge 1964-1965 undated**
Box/Folder 1/3	**Official Government Papers 1963 1970**
Box/Folder 1/4	**Solicitations for Donations circa 1960s 1972**
Box/Folder 1/5	**Solicitations for Support circa 1960s-1970**
Box/Folder 1/6-1/13	**Flyers 1955-1972**
Box/Folder 1/6	**Angela Davis 1970-1972**
Box/Folder 1/7	**Anti-war circa 1969**
Box/Folder 1/8	**Equal Employment & Fair Housing 1964-1965 undated**
Box/Folder 1/9	**Mexican-American Groups 1964**
Box/Folder 1/10	**Police Brutality circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/11	**Political & Performance Events 1955-1965**
Box/Folder 1/12	**Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee Events 1963-1965**

Box/Folder 1/13	**Youth Education circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/14-1/15	**Forms 1964-1972**
Box/Folder 1/14	**Community Alert Patrol 1972 undated**
Box/Folder 1/15	**Various Petitions 1964-1965 undated**
Box/Folder 1/16	**News Clippings 1966-1969**
Box/Folder 1/16	**San Jose Police 1969 undated**
Box/Folder 1/17-1/20	**Newsletters 1960-1973**
Box/Folder 1/17	**Firing of Chicano Professors circa 1973**
Box/Folder 1/18	**Mississippi Matters 1965 undated**
Box/Folder 1/19	**San Jose Police Matters 1969**
Box/Folder 1/20	**The South & Freedom circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/21-1/23	**Pamphlets 1960-1970**
Box/Folder 1/21	**Civil Injustice 1964-1970 undated**
Box/Folder 1/22	**Mississippi circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/23	**Publications 1964-1966 undated**
Box/Folder 1/24-1/25	**Printed Matter 1960-1969**
Box/Folder 1/24	**Protest Photographs 1969**
Box/Folder 1/25	**Song sheets 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/26-1/29	**Templates 1960-1972**
Box/Folder 1/26	**Angela Davis Flyers 1970-1972**
Box/Folder 1/27	**The South & Freedom Flyers circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/28	**Upcoming Event Flyers circa 1970s**
Box/Folder 1/29	**Vietnam & Community Alert circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/30-1/33	**Tin Sheets 1960-1972**
Box/Folder 1/30	**Angela Davis 1970-1972**
Box/Folder 1/31	**Community Alert Patrol circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/32	**Community Control Petitions circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/33	**Events & Demands circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/34-1/38	**Transparencies 1960-1971**
Box/Folder 1/34	**Criminal Justice 1969-1971 undated**
Box/Folder 1/35	**Mexican Groups Flyers circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/36	**Newspaper Articles 1967 undated**
Box/Folder 1/37	**The South & Freedom Flyers circa 1960s**
Box/Folder 1/38	**Upcoming Event Flyers circa 1960s**