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Summary information

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| Repository: | Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books |
| Title: | Operation Solidarity fonds |
| Reference code: | MsC-225 |
| Date: | 1983-1987 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 36 cm of textual records |
| Language: | English |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | Created January 25, 2016. SS |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

On July 7, 1983, the Social Credit government of British Columbia introduced a budget and twenty-six pieces of legislation that would slash funding to social services, schools, and reduce the rights of workers and trade unions. Eight days later, union leaders from across the province met with Art Kube, president of the BC Federation of Labour, to discuss a united response. They formed Operation Solidarity, a movement representing 400,000 workers with the common goal of stopping the cuts announced by the government and achieving a just society. Operation Solidarity organized several well attended rallies across the province and pressured the government into negotiating changes to the proposed legislation. A related organization, Solidarity Coalition, was formed by activists and community members opposing the restraint policies of the Social Credit government, and concerned that their wider concerns were not represented by union leaders in the coalition. Operation Solidarity ended in controversy, with many people disappointed with its lack of success.

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Art Kube until their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Library Special Collections and Rare Books in 2000.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to the labour organizing activity of Art Kube and Operation Solidarity. These include meeting agendas, committee reports, newsletters, brochures and pamphlets, publications, correspondence, ephemera, AGM conference packages, and material documenting participation in the BC

Native Land Claims conference in 1986 and the Canadian Labour Congress's presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs & International Trade in 1987.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

This fonds has not been processed. Restrictions on access may apply; please consult staff for more information.

Finding aids

Preliminary print inventory available.

Related material

Related materials in the Solidarity Coalition fonds at University of British Columbia's Rare Books and Special Collections: <http://www.memorybc.ca/solidarity-coalition-fonds>
SFU Library's Special Collections and Rare Books also holds Art Kube's collection of labour pins.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Status description:** Published

Access points

- Operation Solidarity
- Kube, Art (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Labour (subject)
- Politics (subject)