

Guide to the Michael P. Schon Collection of Peace and Freedom Party of California Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-4486

CREATOR: Schon, Michael P., collector

TITLE: Michael P. Schon collection of Peace and Freedom Party of California papers

DATES: 1965-2007

BULK DATES: 1966-1971

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.0 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: Professional archive of Michael P. Schon, comprised of correspondence, documents, flyers, speeches, manuscript notes, published brochures and pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and periodicals recording the efforts of the Peace and Freedom Party of California, 1965-2007 (bulk 1966-1971).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Lorne Bair Rare Books on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2016.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

Folder titles assigned by Michael P. Schon have been retained. Supplied titles for folders received without labels are in brackets.

Biographical / Historical

Michael P. Schon, professor of speech and forensic debate, served as state chairperson for the Peace and Freedom Party of California from 1967 December until the founding State Convention in 1968 March.

Biographical / Historical

The Peace and Freedom Party (PFP), which grew out of the civil rights and anti-war movements, organized in 1967 June and achieved ballot status in California in 1968 January under the California Secretary of State Report of Registration. After 1968, PFP affiliates in most states dissolved primarily because of ballot access restrictions. The California party, however, continued to maintain enough registered voters to hold on to its ballot status and continued to contest local elections throughout the 1970s and the 1980s.

Scope and Contents

Professional archive of Michael P. Schon, comprised of correspondence, documents, flyers, speeches, manuscript notes, published brochures and pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and periodicals recording the efforts of the Peace and Freedom Party of California, 1965-2007 (bulk 1966-1971).

Consists of nearly 1,000 items including 657 government documents, flyers, articles, or other materials issued by the PFP; 20 periodicals represented in 56 issues; 27 speeches and 105 notes by Schon; 70 pieces

of correspondence; 100 newspaper clippings; and 26 miscellaneous items (including signed petitions, party buttons, and bumper stickers).

Arrangement

Collection retains the arrangement in which it was received.

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b. 1, f. 1	Minutes State Convention	1968 March
b. 1, f. 2-3	Pre Convention Workshops	1968 March
b. 1, f. 4	State Structure Committee	undated
b. 1, f. 5	P-F State Convention Richmond- March 16-17-18	1968 February- March
b. 1, f. 6	State Convention Materials	1968 March
b. 1, f. 7	State Convention News Clippings	1968 March
b. 1, f. 8	Registration Statistics 1968	1968 May
b. 1, f. 9-10	National Organizing 1968	1968
b. 1, f. 11	Minnesota P-F Materials	1969
b. 1, f. 12	New York Peace-Freedom Materials	1968
b. 1, f. 13	South Nominating Convention	1968
b. 1, f. 14	North Nominating Convention	1968 August
b. 1, f. 15	L.A. Delegation to Nat. Conv. (Empty)	undated
b. 1, f. 16	National Convention Ann Arbor	1968
b. 1, f. 17	L.A. Caucus	1968 August
b. 1, f. 18	[Miscellaneous campaign materials]	1968
b. 2, f. 19	[Speaking engagements]	1968
b. 2, f. 20	A Peace Proposal	1969 May
b. 2, f. 21	Peace Proposal Copies	1969 May
b. 2, f. 22	[Registration literature and other]	1967-1969
b. 2, f. 23	County Steering	1969 November
b. 2, f. 24	[Agendas and minutes]	1968
b. 2, f. 25	C.C. Emergency Steering Committee	1968
b. 2, f. 26	Activity Calendars	1968
b. 2, f. 27	County Office Administration	1968
b. 2, f. 28	Special Projects	1968
b. 2, f. 29	Summer Project	undated
b. 2, f. 30	Current Flyers + General Publicity	undated

b. 2, f. 31	County Finances	1968
b. 2, f. 32	Fund Raising Parties	1968
b. 2, f. 33	Structural-Referral Proposals	undated
b. 2, f. 34	State-County Structure Proposals Not Adopted	1967-1968
b. 2, f. 35	Calif. P-F. Council - Convention Rules	undated
b. 2, f. 36	Parliamentary Procedure Charts	undated
b. 2, f. 37	State Interim Committee	1968
b. 2, f. 38	State Steering - Minutes	1968
b. 2, f. 39	[Newspaper clippings]	1968
b. 3, f. 40	Civil Rights Materials	1965 and undated
b. 3, f. 41	Peace and Freedom Party Special Souvenirs	1965-1969
b. 3, f. 42	[Speech for radicals]	undated
b. 3, f. 43	What Matters Now P.W.P. Speech	1966-1973
b. 3, f. 44	Old Schon Speeches & Speech Notes	undated
b. 3, f. 45	P.F. Speech Materials	undated
b. 3, f. 46	Hannon Campaign	1968
b. 3, f. 47	Newton-Cleaver Defense Committee	1968-1969
b. 3, f. 48	Yippie Caucus	undated
b. 3, f. 49	[Finance committee]	1967
b. 3, f. 50	Ballinger Caucus	1968
b. 3, f. 51	California Peace and Freedom Council	1968
b. 3, f. 52	Rules From Movement Conventions	1968
b. 3, f. 53	San Fernando Valley	1967
b. 3, f. 54	Southstate Finance Committee	undated
b. 3, f. 55	State Administration Committee	1968
b. 3, f. 56	State Convention Planning Committee	1967-1968
b. 3, f. 57	State Finances	1968
b. 3, f. 58	State Rules Committee	1968
b. 3, f. 59	Gregory Materials Campaign-Caucus-Etc.	1968
b. 4, f. 60-62	[1970 Convention]	1970

b. 4, f. 63-65	[Newspapers]	1968-1970
b. 7	[Newspapers]	1968-1970
b. 4, f. 66	L.A. Delegation to State Council (Empty)	undated
b. 4, f. 67	3rd. Party Movements and the Search for Human Dignity When All Doors are Closed	1971
b. 4, f. 68	The Making of the President - 1972	1972
b. 4, f. 69	P-F Speeches	1967-1968
b. 4, f. 70	Radicalism in America	circa 1969
b. 4, f. 71	Resource Materials	1969-1970
b. 4, f. 72	The Rodent	undated
b. 4, f. 73	Samples Calif P-F	1971
b. 4, f. 74	Special Souvenirs General	1969-1971
b. 4, f. 75	Work Folder	1971
b. 4, f. 76	The Youth Revolution	1969
b. 4, f. 77	[Peace and Freedom Party of California: Early Organizational Growth--Public Policy Impacts by Charles Thomas Weber]	1980
b. 5, f. 78	[Speeches]	1966-2007
b. 5, f. 79	[West Los Angeles]	1970
b. 5, f. 80	[East Los Angeles]	1968
b. 5, f. 81	[South Pasadena-San Marino Peace and Freedom Club]	1968
b. 5, f. 82	[Eldridge Cleaver campaign materials]	1968
b. 5, f. 83	[Letter]	1967 December 23
b. 5, f. 84	[Long Beach]	undated
b. 5, f. 85	Central Los Angeles	1967
b. 5, f. 86	[Statewide meeting]	1967 December
b. 5, f. 87	Mailing Phone Lists	1967
b. 5, f. 88	Legal Services	1967
b. 5, f. 89	Independent Caucus	1968
b. 5, f. 90	Misc. Schon Proposals	1968
b. 5, f. 91	Registration Drive	1968
b. 5, f. 92	Malibu Conference Materials	1969

b. 5, f. 93	Minutes	1967
b. 5, f. 94	Agendas	1967-1968
b. 5, f. 95	Registration	1967
b. 5, f. 96	Negro Community	undated
b. 5, f. 97	New State Committee	1969
b. 5, f. 98	Jacobs Campaign	1968
b. 6, f. 99	Evaluation	undated
b. 6, f. 100	Office	1967
b. 6, f. 101	[National Conference for New Politics]	1967
b. 6, f. 102	[Psychological Variables in Political Recruitment: An Analysis of Party Activists by Jeanne N. Knutson]	1974
b. 6, f. 103	[Flyers]	undated
b. 6, f. 104	[18-Year-Old Vote Initiative Committee]	1966
b. 6, f. 105	[Registrars and phoners]	1967
b. 6, f. 106	[Speech material]	1967
b. 6, f. 107	San Gabriel Valley	1967
b. 6, f. 108	[Campaigns and candidacies]	1968

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

California -- Politics and government -- 20th
Century
California -- Social life and customs -- 20th
Century

Subjects

African Americans -- Civil rights
Civil Rights movements -- United States
Political activists -- United States
Political parties -- California
Socialist parties -- California
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Protest movements

Corporate Bodies

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