

# Seattle Women Act for Peace records, 1936-2002

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle Women Act for Peace
<b>Title</b>	Seattle Women Act for Peace records
<b>Dates</b>	1936-2002 1961 2002
<b>Quantity</b>	10.64 cubic feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	4073
<b>Summary</b>	Minutes, correspondence, newsletters, clippings, ephemera, subject series, audiotapes, scrapbooks, and reports of Seattle Women Act for Peace, an affiliate group of Women Strike for Peace that was involved in many areas of peace and justice work
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities

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## Historical Note

**Seattle Women Act for Peace (SWAP)** is an affiliate group of Women Strike for Peace (WSP). WSP was founded by Bella Abzug and Dagmar Wilson after an international protest against the arms race and atmospheric nuclear testing conducted by the United States and the USSR. On November 1, 1961, women around the world, including 1500 in Washington D.C., were roused to protest out of concern for children's health, which was at great risk due to radiation's effect on milk. SWAP was formed shortly after WSP by a group of peace activists in Seattle, including Rosemary Brodie, Anci Koppel, and Thorun Robel. The slogan often used on SWAP stationery declared "End the Arms Race - Not the Human Race." In their first year, they held a demonstration against nuclear testing during President John F. Kennedy's visit to commemorate the University of Washington's centennial anniversary. After Kennedy signed the 1963 Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, his motivation to sign was credited partly to WSP and other women's peace organizations. In 1969, SWAP lobbied in Olympia against the proposed antiballistic missile system. Over the decades, SWAP was involved in many areas of peace and justice work, including the campaign for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the 1978 protests at the Trident submarine base, the celebration of the 1989 International Year of the Child, and the 1999 protests against the World Trade Organization meetings in Seattle. SWAP produced a monthly newsletter,

edited by Thorun Robel, and launched letter writing campaigns to urge government officials to work for peace. SWAP has also participated in world peace conferences such as the 1973 World Congress for Peace in Moscow.

**Biographical Note, Anci Koppel:** Anci Koppel cofounded Seattle Women Act for Peace, and remained a vital part of the organization until her death in July of 2000. She was born Anci Rosenfeld in Austria in 1907 and emigrated to the United States in 1931 with her husband Charles Koppel. The Koppels ran a small tobacco and pipe wholesale business, which Anci continued after her husband died in 1954. Koppel's career as a peace activist began in 1938, when she protested against the sale of scrap metal to Japan for fear that it could be used for weaponry. She was arrested in 1978 for climbing the fence at the Bangor Naval Base in protest against Trident submarines. Koppel attended many conferences dedicated to world peace, including the 1962 World Conference Against A and H Bombs in Tokyo, Japan, the 1966 World Conference for Children in Stockholm, Sweden, and the 1977 World Peace Council in Warsaw, Poland. She also traveled to Cuba and Nicaragua. Not only did Koppel travel and protest, she also wrote many letters to elected local and national officials and to local newspaper editors. In 1981, the YMCA of Greater Seattle gave her its Milnor Roberts International Understanding Award. In the 1990s, Koppel became involved in the global movements to support Mumia Abu Jamal, a Pennsylvania journalist convicted of murder, and to oppose the World Trade Organization. On the topic of the WTO protests, Koppel said, "We built a grand coalition that spans the movement for peace, equality and economic justice, one that is powerful enough to make our voices heard by the WTO officials. Now we have to keep things together and make our elected officials stop and listen. They are the ones that have to make the changes. Our work isn't finished." She was a tireless activist until the end of her life, working during her last week to oppose the inclusion of the Trident nuclear submarine in the Seattle Seafair celebration.

## Content Description

Minutes, correspondence, newsletters, clippings, ephemera, subject series, audiotapes, scrapbooks, and reports of Seattle Women Act for Peace and related organizations.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 4 accessions.

- Accession No. 4073-001, Seattle Women Act For Peace records, 1968-1988
- Accession No. 4073-002, Seattle Women Act For Peace records, 1961-2000
- Accession No. 4073-003, Seattle Women Act For Peace Records, 1965-1996
- Accession No. 4073-004, Seattle Women Act for Peace records, 1992-2001

### Separated Materials

Seattle Women Act for Peace records, 1936-2002  
<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv49597>

Material Described Separately:

[Seattle Women Act for Peace Photograph Collection \(PH Coll 629\)](#)

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### **Accession No. 4073-001: Seattle Women Act For Peace records, 1968-1988**

3 cu. ft.

Scope and Content: Minutes, 1984-1987; correspondence, mailings, newsletters, clippings, ephemera, subject series kept by Trudy Holzinger, 1968-1988.

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Acquisition Info: Bibliographic Source: Women Act for Peace. Seattle, May 2, 1990

### **Accession No. 4073-002: Seattle Women Act For Peace records, 1936-2000**

7.04 cu. ft. (8 boxes)

Scope and Content: Accession 4073-2 (7.04 cubic feet, 1936-2000) is mainly comprised of records created by Anci Koppel. It also contains records of two peace organizations to which Anci Koppel belonged. The Abe Keller Peace Education Fund was established by Abe Keller's widow and SWAP member, Rosemary Brodie, in 1998 to provide financial resources for peace education activities in the Puget Sound region. The Northwest Disarmament Coalition is composed of organizations in the Northwest with a common desire for disarmament and the complete elimination of weapons of mass destruction. SWAP was an active member of the Coalition, along with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Anci Koppel served on the KUOW Community Advisory Board. KUOW, a member of National Public Radio, is licensed by the University of Washington and has been broadcasting since 1952.

Subject files such as "Special Events and Very Special People" and "In Memoriam" are original file headings created by Anci Koppel.

A collection of audiotapes is also included in this accession. The tapes, recorded from 1975 to 1999, cover a wide range of topics. Included are political-educational tapes from various organizations, including Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR), and from local lectures and events concerning varying issues, such as SWAP's 1984 International Women's Day celebration, the arms race, nuclear weapons, Iraq and economic sanctions, the Iran Contra affair, Trident submarine protests, pesticides, computers and technology, Holocaust survivors, Mumia Abu-Jamal, and Beijing. Two WSP tapes cover the Star Wars campaign and a talk given by Dr. Daniel Ellsberg regarding the Pentagon Papers at a 1992 WSP meeting. There are audiotapes of two conference proceedings: the 1985 Seattle Conference on Central America and the 1986 Hands Off My Neighbor symposium. There are also memorial tapes for Nghen Thai Bin, Richard Carbray, and Abe Keller. Musical tapes and four tapes of Ronald Reagan's presidential speeches and debates were not retained.

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Acquisition Info: Rosemary Brodie, November 30, 2001

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Administrative Records</b>		
Box/ Folder		
1/1	4073-002 Historical Features	<b>1963-1969, 1990-1997</b>
<b>Biographical Features - Ancie Koppel</b>		
Box/ Folder		
1/2	4073-002 Oral History	1994
1/3	4073-002 Miscellaneous	1981-1983, 1999
Box/ Folder		
1/4	4073-002 Outgoing Letters of Ancie Koppel to Shavahn Best	<b>1982-1984</b>
<b>General Correspondence</b>		
Box/ Folder		
1/5	4073-002 re: <i>New Yorker</i> Article by Paul Berman on the Death of Ben Linder in Nicaragua	1996
1/6-24	4073-002 Miscellaneous	<b>1967-2000, undated</b>
Box/ Folder		
1/25	4073-002 Minutes and Agenda	<b>1996-1997, 2000</b>

### Newsletters

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder		
1/26-30	4073-002 Seattle Women Act for Peace (SWAP)	<b>1978-2000</b>
1/31	4073-002 Others	1970-1994, 2000

### Speeches and Writings

Box/ Folder		
1/32	4073-002 Koppel, Rosemarie	1975
1/33-34	4073-002 re: WSP History	1979-1995
1/35	4073-002 Skits	1989, undated
1/36-39	4073-002 Miscellaneous	<b>1955-1998, undated</b>

### Subject Series

Box/ Folder		
2/1-2	4073-002 Abu-Jamal, Mumia	1995-1999
2/3-6	4073-002 American Peace Delegation to the Soviet Union	<b>1966-1969</b>
2/7	4073-002 Anglesey, Zoë	1986
2/8	4073-002 Arms Sales and Trade	1995-1997, undated
2/9	4073-002 Best, Rick	1970
2/10	4073-002 Buskin, Jean	1991, 1993
2/11	4073-002 Carbray, Richard	1998
2/12	4073-002 Citizen's Train	1987-1988

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/13	4073-002 Cuba	1975-1983
2/14	4073-002 Davis, Angela	1972
2/15-16	4073-002 Disarmament Clearinghouse Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Activist Packet	1994-1998
2/17	4073-002 Gala Event	1996-1997
2/18	4073-002 Grassroots Assembly of Women	1967-1973, undated
2/19	4073-002 Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action	1998-1999, undated
2/20	4073-002 Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action Trident Campaign	1994-1999
2/21	4073-002 Guatemala - Earthquake	1976
2/22	4073-002 Holzinger, Trudy	1974-1986, undated
2/23-24	4073-002 In Memoriam (Obituaries of Friends)	1977-1998, undated
2/25	4073-002 International Women's Day	2000
2/26	4073-002 International Year of the Child (IYC)	1979-1981, undated
2/27	4073-002 IYC Children's Art Exhibit	1979-1980, undated
2/28	4073-002 Kurose, Akiko	1972, 1992-1998
2/29	4073-002 Meeting File	1995, 2000, undated
2/30	4073-002 Nicaragua Trip	1982-1990
2/31-32	4073-002 Oral History Class at Seattle Central Community College	1979, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/33	4073-002 Peace and Labor Songs	1972, 1990, undated
2/34	4073-002 Robel, Thorun	1988, 1998
2/35	4073-002 Rosenfeld, Ernest	1936, 1978, 1989
2/36	4073-002 Sanger, Margaret	undated
2/37	4073-002 Seattle Raging Grannies	1996, 1999, undated
2/38	4073-002 Special Events and Very Special People	1970-1998, undated
2/39	4073-002 Spock, Dr. Benjamin	1969
2/40	4073-002 Stop Star Wars: A Campaign of WSP	1987
2/41	4073-002 SWAP Book	1962-1986
2/42	4073-002 SWAP Educational Programs	1997-2000
2/43	4073-002 SWAP Poster	undated
3/1-4	4073-002 Sweatshop Labor	1996-1998
3/5	4073-002 Sweatshop Labor - Garment 2000 Program	1993, 1996-1997
3/6	4073-002 Trident Protests - May 22nd Coalition	1978
3/7	4073-002 U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Hearings	1976-1979, undated
3/8	4073-002 Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade	1983-1986
3/9-10	4073-002 Vietnam	1968-1994, undated
3/11	4073-002 Washington State Welfare	1994-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/12-13	4073-002 Women Strike for Peace	1962-2000, undated
3/14	4073-002 WSP Billboard Campaign	1975-1976
3/15	4073-002 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Seattle	1989-1995
3/16	4073-002 Word of Mouth: Women Reading and Singing for Peace	1986, 1988, undated
3/17-19	4073-002 World Court Project	1993-1996, undated
3/20-25	4073-002 World Trade Organization Protest	<b>1960, 1998-2000</b>
<b>Conference and Convention Files</b>		
<a href="#">Box/ Folder</a>		
3/26	4073-002 Asia-Pacific Economic Conference	1993-1994
3/27	4073-002 Canadian Women's Conference with Women from Indochina	1969, 1971
3/28-29	4073-002 Everywoman's Conference - Beijing and Back (Seattle, WA)	1990-1996, undated
3/30	4073-002 Tashkent Conference of Women of Asia/Pacific	1991
3/31	4073-002 Test Ban Treaty Conference at United Nations	1988-1995
3/32	4073-002 WSP Rally and Annual Conference	1979
3/33-35	4073-002 World Conference for Children (Stockholm, Sweden)	1966
3/36-39, 4/1-3	4073-002 World Conference Against A and H Bombs (Tokyo, Japan)	<b>1962</b>
4/4-6	4073-002 World Peace Council, Warsaw Conference	1977



<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
4/7-9	4073-002 Miscellaneous	<b>1976-1995, undated</b>
<b>Box/ Folder</b>		
4/10	4073-002 Activity Sheets	<b>1989-1999</b>
4/11	4073-002 Lists	<b>1996, 2000, undated</b>
4/12	4073-002 Resolutions	<b>1981, 1988, undated</b>
4/13	4073-002 Legislative Agenda	<b>1989</b>
4/14	4073-002 Police Records	<b>1984-1987</b>
4/15	4073-002 Awards	<b>1993, 1996</b>
4/16-17	4073-002 Reports	<b>1979-1995</b>
4/18-29	4073-002 Publications	<b>1976-1997, undated</b>
4/30-31	4073-002 Datebooks	<b>1984-1998</b>
4/32	4073-002 Notebooks	<b>2000</b>
<b>Box</b>		
6	4073-002 Address File	<b>1991-2000</b>
6	4073-002 Buttons	<b>1977, 1983-1985, undated</b>
<b>Audiotapes</b>		
<b>Box</b>		
7	4073-002 Cassette Tapes	<b>1975-1999, undated</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7	4073-002 Reel-to-reel Tapes	undated
Box		
8	4073-002 Cloth Bags	<b>undated</b>
8	4073-002 Signs and Posters	<b>1966, 1983, undated</b>
8	4073-002 Scrapbook re: Amchitka	<b>1971</b>
<b>Ephemera</b>		
Box/ Folder		
4/33	4073-002 SWAP	1984-2000, undated
5/1	4073-002 WSP and WILPF	1979, 1990
5/2-3	4073-002 Others	1982-2000, undated
5/4	4073-002 Miscellaneous	1966-1999, undated
Box/ Folder		
5/5-7	4073-002 Clippings	<b>1961, 1973-2000</b>
<b>Abe Keller Peace Education Fund</b>		
Box/ Folder		
5/8	4073-002 Organizational Features	<b>1998-1999, undated</b>
5/9	4073-002 General Correspondence	<b>1998-1999</b>
5/10	4073-002 Minutes and Agenda	<b>1998-2000</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/11	4073-002 Budgets	1999
5/12	4073-002 Grant Files	2000
5/13	4073-002 Lists	1998
5/14	4073-002 Ephemera	2000, undated
Box/ Folder		
5/15	4073-002 KUOW Community Advisory Board	1981-1985
	Northwest Disarmament Coalition	
Box/ Folder		
5/16	4073-002 General Correspondence	1997-2000, undated
5/17	4073-002 Minutes and Agenda	1999-2000, undated
5/18	4073-002 Speeches and Writings	1998-1999
	<b>Subject Series</b>	
Box/ Folder		
5/19	4073-002 Tritium	1998, undated
Box/ Folder		
5/20	4073-002 Press Releases	1999
5/21	4073-002 Lists	1998-1999, undated
5/22	4073-002 Ephemera	1999-2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/23	4073-002 Clippings	1998-1999

### Accession No. 4073-003: Seattle Women Act For Peace Records, 1965-1996

.42 cu. ft. (1 box)

Scope and Content: Scrapbooks of clippings and conferences, conference and other reports, publicity, ephemera, including leaflets, mainly from Thorun Robel's activism; 1965-ca. 1996 (bulk ca. 1969-ca. 1985).

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Bibliographic Source: Kathleen Robel Donor Database Source: Kathleen Robel

### Accession No. 4073-004: Seattle Women Act for Peace records, 1992-2002

0.18 cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content: Mailing list, correspondence, articles, minutes and agendas, and newsletters of Seattle Women Act for Peace.

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Acquisition Info: P. Anna Johnson, 2009-09-24

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder		
1/1	4073-004 Newsletters	1998-2002
1/2	4073-004 Mailing List	1998
1/3	4073-004 Meeting Minutes	1998-2001
1/4	4073-004 Agendas	2000-2001
1/5	4073-004 List of Activities	1992-1999
1/6	4073-004 Correspondence, Mailings, and Stationary	1992-2001

## Names and Subjects

### **Personal Names :**

Koppel, Anci--Archives

### **Corporate Names :**

Seattle Women Act for Peace--Archives

## Names and Subjects

### **Subject Terms :**

Nonprofit organizations--Washington (State)--Seattle

Peace movements--Washington (State)--Seattle

Peace--Societies, etc

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

Women and peace--Washington (State)--Seattle

Women pacifists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives

Women--Washington (State)--Seattle--Societies and clubs

### **Corporate Names :**

Abe Keller Peace Education Fund

Northwest Disarmament Coalition

Women Strike for Peace

### **Form or Genre Terms :**

Annual reports

Business correspondence

Ephemera

Minutes (Records)

Newsletters

Press releases

Sound recordings

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