GIs For Peace Records, 1969-1971

Overview of the Collection

Creator: GIs For Peace
Title: GIs For Peace Records
Dates: 1969-1971 (inclusive)
Quantity: 1 container, (.25 linear feet of shelf space.)
Collection Number: Cage 4617
Summary: Correspondence, writings, newsletters, business records, and miscellanea, all regarding protest of the Vietnam war and other government policies, and concern for soldiers' rights and conditions.
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Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research use.
Languages: English
Sponsor: Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

GIs For Peace was an organization established by military personnel at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas in 1968. The organization aimed to: promote peace; end the Vietnam war, American militarism and institutional racism; support soldiers’ rights, improve soldiers’ conditions and provide them with counseling; and work for the betterment of the local community.

Resistance to the Vietnam war within the military began in 1966 with individual acts of resistance to authority. The first anti-establishment newspapers began publication in 1967. As the war and civilian protest escalated, so too did protest within the military. Those in the military were largely isolated and alienated from civilian protest, as well as working in a more repressive environment. GI newspapers, a stateside phenomenon, were a means for GIs to develop a sense of solidarity with other protesters in the military and present a political analysis of local and national events from their own unique perspective.

GIs For Peace was one of many similar organizations in the country. It was typical in that membership was small and transitory, and that it was representative of the thinking of many in the military who were either not willing to chance the consequences of active involvement or chose to express themselves through other means.

Content Description

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This collection is a group of materials collected by Jim Jones, a founding member of GIs For Peace and editor of the organization’s newsletter, Gigline. The mailing list for Gigline includes many listings of other GI newspapers and sympathetic leftist publications and organizations. The correspondence contains materials received by Jones both while he was editor of Gigline and after his discharge from the army. A Different Drum is Jones’ recollection of the development of GIs For Peace, with an emphasis on his own participation.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The records of GIs For Peace were donated to the Washington State University Libraries in October 1983 (MS83-36) by James A. Jones.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975--Protest movements

Corporate Names:
GIs for Peace --Archives
(creator)

Geographical Names:
Fort Bliss (Tex.)

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