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SUMMARY: The records consist of administrative records, correspondence, publications, subject files, and photographs documenting the history, structure, philosophies, and activities of the Coalition to Stop Trident as well as other groups working to stop the production and deployment of Trident submarines and missiles in Connecticut and New England. There are also subject files which place the local activities of these Connecticut groups into the context of the national and international disarmament movement.

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Biographical / Historical

Although the Coalition to Stop Trident (CST) was not formally established until 1984, resistance to the construction of the Trident submarines in Connecticut began with a protest during the keel laying of the first Trident, the USS Ohio, in 1976. Southeastern Connecticut became a national locus for demonstrations supporting nuclear disarmament and protesting against the construction of the Trident and other "fast attack submarines," largely because the submarines were built at Electric Boat, a ship yard situated in Groton, Connecticut. Ceremonies at Electric Boat and at nearby naval bases marking the launching and commissioning of the submarines provided high profile opportunities for protest against their construction and more broadly against the nuclear arms race.

The history of resistance to the Trident program is complex. As their name suggests, the Coalition to Stop Trident was comprised of several different local affinity groups working toward eradicating nuclear weaponry. Other groups, though not formally part of the CST, participated in and assisted with several demonstrations and actions. To further complicate matters, the work of several different groups preceded the CST in organizing resistance to Trident and other nuclear weaponry. Although perhaps slightly divided on questions of theory and method, all of these groups were united by the need to stop the production of nuclear arms, particularly in Connecticut.

"Trident" is an overall military nuclear program comprised of Trident submarines and two generations of missiles, the Trident I, which became operational in 1979 with the launching of the USS Ohio, and the Trident II, which became operational in 1986 with the launching of the USS Tennessee, the ninth Trident submarine. Planning for the Trident program began in the early 1970s. The USS Ohio was launched in 1979 and was commissioned into the United States Navy in 1981. The USS Wyoming, the seventeenth Trident, was commissioned in 1996, and the submarines continue to be produced. The Trident submarines, which

measure 560 feet in length and can carry up to twenty-four highly explosive nuclear missiles with long range capabilities, brought unprecedented speed, accuracy, and power to an already potent fleet of "fast attack" submarines. Trident allowed the Navy to possess the "first strike" option, an ability to quickly attack and destroy an opponent's defenses, thereby rendering them unable to retaliate.

Anti-nuclear groups, many of which grew out of the peace movements of the late 1960s and early 1970s, saw the development of Trident as making nuclear war more dangerous and more likely. They believed that rather than acting merely as a deterrent, the faster, more accurate, and more powerful weapons would make the option of using them without retaliation more viable. The enhanced defense abilities also would cause opponents to be more likely to launch their own weapons on only the suspicion rather than the reality of an attack. Furthermore, most of these groups protested against the large budgetary allotments made to the Trident program (each submarine costs approximately two billion dollars to produce). The anti-nuclear protestors favored a conversion of the Connecticut economy from the highly influential defense industries to services which would combat the social problems of homelessness, poverty, unemployment, poor health care, and ineffective public education.

Protests against the Trident program involved many different groups and individuals. The most prominent organizations which preceded the formation of the CST included the Atlantic Life Network, the Trident/Conversion Campaign, the American Friends Service Committee of Connecticut, Connecticut Freeze Campaign, the War Resister's League, and Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide. Membership in the groups often overlapped.

The protests themselves were organized in an ad hoc manner and varied widely. The largest demonstrations usually coincided with the launching or commissioning of a new Trident submarine. Actions at these events often took on two forms: legal demonstrations and civil disobedience. Legal demonstrations included prayer vigils, leafleting, marching, "die-in's," chanting, music, street theater, and speakers. Civil disobedience technique generally consisted of attempts to disrupt the normal course of business, or celebratory activities at the site of the protest. Protestors involved in the civil disobedience actions practiced non-violence, and these actions usually resulted in their arrest.

In July 1982, a more radical form of direct action against the Trident program ensued in Connecticut when nine women and men broke into the Electric Boat shipyard, spray-painted "USS AUSCHWITZ," poured their own blood, and hammered on sonar devices on the USS Florida, the third of the Trident submarines. These nine protestors, who became known as "Trident Nein," were arrested and some of them ended up imprisoned. Protests such as these became known as "Plowshares" actions, the name being taken from the biblical verse, "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares." Plowshares actions recurred four other times in Connecticut and at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, the site of another Electric Boat shipyard. The break-ins and the trials of the Plowshares groups, especially Trident Nein and Plowshares #4, were covered extensively by local media and even received national attention. The trials and sentencing of these groups also resulted in staged demonstrations supporting their actions and protesting their incarceration.

During the weekend of June 18-20, 1983, large demonstrations were organized to protest the commissioning of the USS Florida, the third Trident submarine christened into the United States Navy, and to observe the International Day of Disarmament. Several groups and individuals formed the "June 18-20 Coalition" to plan these events. This group served as the precursor to the Coalition to Stop Trident, which formed in the early months of 1984.

The CST was initially comprised of Rhode Island Mobilization for Survival, Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide, Trident Nein, and the War Resistor's League of Norwich, Connecticut. By 1988 the CST had evolved to include the Isaiah Peace Ministry, Witness for Disarmament, New Haven Against Trident II, and Hartford Against Trident II. The CST organized and sponsored several activities ranging from educational outreach to continuing demonstrations protesting the launchings and commissionings of Trident submarines. In perhaps its most sustained effort, the CST kicked off a two-year campaign in 1986 to increase awareness about the Trident program with the goal of stopping the deployment of the Trident II missiles which became operational in December 1986. The largest of the events organized under the two-year campaign occurred on the weekend of October 24-26, 1987, dates of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis and International Disarmament Day.

With the end of Cold War in the late 1980s, the intensity of the protests against the Trident program dropped off considerably. Although Trident submarines and missiles continued to be produced and deployed, the CST stopped holding regular meetings. Some of the local affinity groups which comprised the CST remained active, and new groups, such as the Trident Information Network, were formed. Through the activities of these groups, sporadic protests against Trident continued, but without reaching the same fervor as previous campaigns.

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Arrangement

Arranged in three series and twelve additions: I. Organizational Records, 1973-1993. II. Subject Files, 1969-1993. III. Visual Materials, 1981, no date.

Collection Contents

Series I: Organizational Records

The Organizational Records series is comprised of materials relating to resistance to the production of Trident submarines and missiles in Connecticut and New England. The series holds the most substantive records in this Manuscript group and is divided into five sections: Coalition to Stop Trident (CST) Office Files, Trident/Conversion Campaign, Other groups, Demonstrations, and Trident system files.

Arranged alphabetically, the Coalition to Stop Trident Office Files contain administrative records and organizing materials used by the Coalition. Brief histories of the CST can be found in "Brochures and newsletters, 1985, 1988" and "Grant applications 1986-1988." "Minutes and agendas, 1984-1988" hold valuable information on the history, structure, methods, and philosophies of the CST. Information on the orientation of the group is supplemented by materials found in "Goals and objectives, 1985-1986." Though far from complete, "Staff reports, 1988" provides a view of the activities of paid staff members of the CST. Other materials, including those found in "Organizing resources, n.d.," "Civil disobedience handbooks, 1983-1988, n.d.," and "Non-violence training materials, 1984, n.d.," were used by the CST when organizing their activities.

The Trident/Conversion Campaign (T/CC) section holds materials relating to this predecessor of the CST, which was formed in 1978. Much of the work done by the T/CC was performed through the American Friends Service Committee of Connecticut (AFSC) whose staff members were Marta Daniels and Bruce Martin. Most of the "Correspondence, 1977-1983" was generated or received by Daniels and Martin and was written on AFSC stationery. These letters contain valuable information on many topics relating to anti-Trident work in Connecticut and elsewhere. Daniels was also a prolific writer on anti-nuclear issues, and a sampling of her work is found in "Daniels, Marta-Writings, 1977-1981, n.d." Finally, "Minutes, 1978-1989," and "Goals and strategies, 1979" provide information on the beginning of the T/CC and of its principles and activities.

Other Connecticut Groups is a small but significant section which documents the work of organizations distinct from the CST and the T/CC but which did related work against Trident in Connecticut. "Atlantic Life Community, 1983-1985" holds several leaflets distributed to workers each week in a campaign at the Electric Boat shipyard. "Connecticut Freeze Campaign, 1981-1990" contains several different types of materials, including press releases, news clippings, flyers, and correspondence which document the activities of this group. "Ministry with Defense Workers, 1983-1984" is comprised of the correspondence, newsletters, and organizing resources of a group of local clergy who worked with employees of Electric Boat who were distraught about building nuclear weapons for a living. Finally, "Trident Information Network, 1992-1993" holds newsletters from a group which was a successor to the CST.

The multiple actions taken by groups against the production of Trident are well documented in the Demonstrations section. This section is divided into three sub-sections, Trident Demonstrations, Other Demonstrations, and Plowshares, each of which is organized chronologically. The Trident actions pertain to protests of launchings (the first time a submarine goes out to sea), sea trials, or commissionings (when the submarine is christened into the fleet of the United States Navy) of new Trident submarines at Electric Boat shipyard in Groton or a nearby naval base in New London. Clippings from news coverage by local papers comprise the bulk of these records, but flyers, mailings, and leaflets are also included. Folders in Other Demonstrations contain similar materials about actions organized to protest nuclear weapons other than Trident. These demonstrations often coincided with the launching or commissioning of "fast attack submarines," and religious holidays. Performed by small, independent groups, Plowshares actions were direct attempts to sabotage the production of nuclear weaponry. These folders contain several clippings about the actions themselves and the trials of the individuals involved. These actions also spawned groups to support the Plowshares groups financially and morally as they faced incarceration. "Support groups" contain newsletters and mailings about the status of the trials faced by the members of the different Plowshares groups.

The Trident System Files, the bulk of which are news clippings, document the production of the Trident submarines and missiles by their sole contractor, the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics. The

"Alternative Use Study, 1984-1985" explores the possibility of a conversion of Electric Boat from the production of nuclear weapons to non-military commodities. Relations between Electric Boat and its employees are documented in "Employee lay-offs, 1977-1978," "Employee strike, 1988," and "Proescher, Richard, 1978-1980." The most substantive documentation on Trident submarines is held in "DMS Profiles, n.d.," "Fact sheets, n.d.," and "Technical Explanations, 1982-1986, n.d.." Finally, "Position papers, 1977-1983" contains articles both for and against the Trident system.

Coalition to Stop Trident office files

b. 1, f. 1	Articles and clippings	1983-1987
b. 1, f. 2	Bibliographies and publications lists	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Brochures and newsletters	1985, 1988
b. 1, f. 4	Civil disobedience handbooks A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1983-1988, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence	1987
b. 1, f. 6	Fund raising	1986, 1988
b. 1, f. 7	Goals and objectives	1985-1986
b. 1, f. 8	Grant applications	1986-1988
b. 1, f. 9	Graphics samples	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Leaflets and flyers	1987-1989, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Letters of support	1988, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Mailings	1984-1989
b. 1, f. 13	Minutes [minutes of the June 18-20 Coalition]	1983
b. 1, f. 14-16	Minutes and agendas	1984-1988
b. 1, f. 17	<i>New England Grassroots Peace Directory</i> English	1987
b. 1, f. 18	Non-violence training materials	1984, undated
b. 1, f. 19	Organizing resources	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Press releases	1984-1989
b. 1, f. 21	Staff reports	1988
b. 1, f. 22	Stickers and buttons	undated
b. 1, f. 23	Two year campaign	1986-1988
Trident/Conversion Campaign		
b. 2, f. 24	General	1977-1979

Trident/Conversion Campaign (continued)

b. 2, f. 25	Brochures	1976-1978, undated
b. 2, f. 26	Correspondence [mostly incoming/outgoing of Marta Daniels and Bruce Martin]	1977-1983
	Daniels, Marta	
b. 2, f. 27	Biographical information	undated
b. 2, f. 28	Writings	1977-1981, undated
b. 2, f. 29	Goals and strategies	1979
b. 2, f. 30	Information packet	1973-1979
b. 2, f. 31	Legislative task force	1978-1979
b. 2, f. 32	Minutes	1978-1979
b. 2, f. 33	"Peace Conversion: A Case Study" [paper by Peter DeBiasi on the Trident/Conversion Campaign] English	1979
	Other Connecticut groups	
b. 2, f. 34	Atlantic Life Community [leaflet campaign at Electric Boat Shipyard]	1983-1985
b. 2, f. 35	Connecticut Freeze Campaign [Connecticut Campaign for a US-USSR Nuclear Arms Freeze]	1981-1990
b. 2, f. 36	Ministry with Defense Workers	1983-1984
b. 2, f. 37	Trident Information Network	1992-1993
	Demonstrations	1977-1993
	Trident	
	1979	
b. 3, f. 38-39	USS <i>Ohio</i> launching, Apr 7	
	1980	
b. 3, f. 40	USS <i>Michigan</i> launching, Apr 26	
	1981	
b. 3, f. 41	USS <i>Ohio</i> sea trials, Jun 17	
	USS <i>Ohio</i> commissioning, Nov 11	
b. 3, f. 42	Clippings	
b. 3, f. 43	Organizing materials	
b. 3, f. 44	USS <i>Florida</i> launching, Nov 14	

Demonstrations > Trident (continued)

	1982
b. 3, f. 45	USS <i>Michigan</i> commissioning, Sep 11
b. 3, f. 46	USS <i>Georgia</i> launching, Nov 6 3
	1983
	USS <i>Florida</i> commissioning, Jun 18
b. 3, f. 47	Clippings
b. 3, f. 48	Organizing materials
b. 3, f. 49	USS <i>Jackson</i> launching, Oct 15
	1984
b. 3, f. 50	USS <i>Alabama</i> launching, May 19
b. 3, f. 51	USS <i>Jackson</i> commissioning, Oct 7
	1985
b. 3, f. 52	USS <i>Nevada</i> launching, Sep 14
	1986
b. 4, f. 53	USS <i>Alaska</i> commissioning, Jan 25
b. 4, f. 54	USS <i>Nevada</i> commissioning, Aug 16
b. 4, f. 55	USS <i>Tennessee</i> launching, Dec 13
	1988
b. 4, f. 56	USS <i>Pennsylvania</i> launching, Apr 23
	1989
b. 4, f. 57	USS <i>Pennsylvania</i> commissioning, Sep 9
b. 4, f. 58	USS <i>West Virginia</i> launching, Oct 14
	1992
b. 4, f. 59	USS <i>Nebraska</i> launching, Aug 15
	1993
b. 4, f. 60	USS <i>Rhode Island</i> launching, Jul 17
	Other
	1977
b. 4, f. 61	"Stop the Trident," May 21 English
	1980

Other > 1980 (continued)

b. 4, f. 62	USS <i>Baltimore</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Dec 13
b. 4, f. 63	Lenten peace vigils, Mar-Apr
1981	
b. 4, f. 64	"Days of October" [Franciscan vigil of peace] English
b. 4, f. 65	"Affirmation of Life Gathering," Oct 31 English
1983	
b. 4, f. 66	Feminists Against Trident, Jan 1
b. 4, f. 67	USS <i>Corpus Christi</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Jan 8
b. 4, f. 68	USS <i>Minneapolis/St. Paul</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Mar 19
b. 4, f. 69	Good Friday, Apr 1
b. 4, f. 70	"MayDay! MayDay!," May 1 English
b. 4, f. 71	USS <i>Rickover</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Aug 2
b. 4, f. 72	Women of Faith, Oct 3
b. 4, f. 73	"Santa Claus Action," Dec 22 English
1984	
b. 4, f. 74	Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Aug 6, 9
b. 4, f. 75	"Harvest of Life," Oct 27 English
1985	
b. 4, f. 76	Women of Faith [Norwich, Connecticut], Feb
b. 4, f. 77	Good Friday, Apr 5
b. 4, f. 78	North Atlantic Network, Jun 15
b. 4, f. 79	USS <i>Providence</i> , [fast attack submarine commissioning], Jul 27
b. 4, f. 80	USS <i>Pittsburgh</i> , [fast attack submarine launching], Nov 23
1986	
b. 4, f. 81	Good Friday, Mar 29
b. 4, f. 82	USS <i>Helena</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Jun 28
1987	

Other > 1987 (continued)

b. 4, f. 83	"Disarm the Seas," May 29-31 English	
b. 4, f. 84	Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis/International Day of Disarmament, Oct 24-26	
1988		
b. 4, f. 85	USS <i>Topeka</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Jan 23 4	
b. 4, f. 86	USS <i>San Juan</i> [fast attack submarine commissioning], Sep 6	
b. 4, f. 87	USS <i>Miami</i> [fast attack submarine launching], Nov 12	
Plowshares		
Actions		
b. 4, f. 88	Trident Nein (1982 July 4)	1982-1983
b. 4, f. 89	Plowshares #4 (1982 Nov 14)	1982-1983
b. 4, f. 90	Avco Plowshares (1983 Jul 14) [Wilmington, Massachusetts]	1983
b. 4, f. 91	Sperry Software Pair (1984 Aug 10) [Eagan, Minnesota]	1984
b. 4, f. 92	Trident II Plowshares (1984 Oct 1) [Quonset Point, Rhode Island]	1984-1985
b. 4, f. 93	Trident II Pruning Hooks (1985 Apr 18) [Quonset Point, Rhode Island]	1985
b. 4, f. 94	Thames River Plowshares (1989 Sep 4) [New London, Connecticut]	1989
Support groups		
b. 4, f. 95	Plowshares Support Rhode Island	1988, undated
b. 4, f. 96	Trident Nein/Plowshares #4 Support Committee	1982-1984, undated
Trident system files		
Electric Boat Shipyard [Groton, Connecticut]		
b. 5, f. 97	"Alternative Use Study," 1984-1985 5 English	
b. 5, f. 98	Break-ins [re: security issues]	1982
b. 5, f. 99	Contract negotiations with United States Navy [clippings]	1981-1982
b. 5, f. 100	Cost over-runs for Trident construction	1975-1982
b. 5, f. 101	<i>The Day</i> [New London, Connecticut; re: news blackout]	1981
b. 5, f. 102	Employee lay-offs	1977-1978
b. 5, f. 103	Employee strike	1988
b. 5, f. 104	Fact sheets and general clippings	1978-1980

Trident system files > Electric Boat Shipyard [Groton, Connecticut] (continued)

b. 5, f. 105	Painters union, Local 1503 [re: hazardous working conditions]	1978
b. 5, f. 106	Proescher, Richard [fired Electric Boat employee]	1978-1980
b. 5, f. 107	<i>GD World</i> [General Dynamics Corporation newsletter] English	1980-1984
b. 5, f. 108	"Submarine History Highlights 1900-1983" English	undated
b. 5, f. 109	Trident Missiles I and II	1977-1983
	Trident submarines	
b. 5, f. 110	DMS profiles [statistics and data about Trident submarines]	undated
b. 5, f. 111	Fact sheets	undated
b. 5, f. 112-113	General clippings	1972-1984
b. 5, f. 114	Position papers	1977-1983
b. 5, f. 115	Published photographs and graphics	1979-1980, undated
b. 5, f. 116	Technical explanations	1982-1986, undated

Series II: Subject Files

Arranged alphabetically, the Subject Files are a varied and not comprehensive source for topics, events, and groups relating to the disarmament movement on a national and international level. Materials include newsletters, flyers, mailings, and speeches. Although these records span from 1969 to 1993, the bulk falls between 1977 and 1989. These materials were collected by members of the Coalition to Stop Trident and other local groups and were used to support their anti-nuclear work. They serve to place the anti-Trident activism in Connecticut within a context of broader anti-nuclear movements. The researcher should be cautioned, however, that the materials represent only a sampling of those from the world-wide disarmament movement of the 1970s and 1980s.

b. 6, f. 1	Alternative Employment Study Group [Scotland, England]	1988, 1990
b. 6, f. 2	Bay State Center for Economic Conversion [Cambridge, Massachusetts]	1983-1984, undated
b. 6, f. 3	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament [London, England]	1986-1993
b. 6, f. 4	Catholic Peace Fellowship [New York, NY]	undated
b. 6, f. 5	Center for Defense Information [Washington, DC]	1982-1984
b. 6, f. 6	Center for Peace and Contact [Mütlangen, Germany]	1986-1987, undated
b. 6, f. 7	Coalition for a New Foreign Military Policy [Washington, DC]	1985
b. 6, f. 8	Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice [organizing manual]	1976
b. 6, f. 9	Defense industry	1978-1985, undated
b. 6, f. 10	"Democracy and Weapons: A Bill of Rights for Citizens in the Shadows of America's Nuclear Weapons Production Facilities" English	
b. 6, f. 11	Department of Energy [closings of nuclear power plants]	1989-1990
b. 6, f. 12	Economic conversion	1976-1988
b. 6, f. 13	"First Strike" policy English	1982-1988
b. 6, f. 14	From Trident to Life Campaign [King's Bay, Georgia]	1986-1994, undated
b. 7, f. 15	<i>Gensuiken News</i> [Tokyo, Japan] English	1987
b. 7, f. 16	Greenpeace	1987-1988
	Ground Zero Center for Non-violent Action [Poulsboro, Washington]	
b. 7, f. 17	Flyers and mailings	1981-1985, undated
b. 7, f. 18-19	Newsletter	1982-1989

b. 7, f. 20	<i>INFACT</i> [Boston, Massachusetts] English	1986
b. 7, f. 21	<i>Interhelp: A Networking Newsletter</i> [Northampton, Massachusetts] English	1986
b. 7, f. 22	International anti-Trident work	1984-1994, undated
b. 7, f. 23	King's Bay, Georgia [submarine base]	1977-1980
b. 7, f. 24	Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy [New York, New York]	1985-1987
b. 7, f. 25	Mobilization for Survival	1985-1987
b. 7, f. 26	<i>New Age</i> [Manchester, New Hampshire] English	1978
b. 7, f. 27	North Atlantic Network [international disarmament group] Nuclear disarmament	1985-1988
b. 7, f. 28	Cartoons	undated
b. 7, f. 29	Church involvement	undated
b. 7, f. 30	Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific [International disarmament group]	1983-1993
b. 7, f. 31	<i>Nuclear Resister: Newsletter of the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective</i> [Tempe, Arizona] English	1983
	Pacific Peacemaker [Seattle, Washington]	
b. 8, f. 32	Flyers and mailings	1977, 1981-1983
b. 8, f. 33	Newsletters	1981-1983
b. 8, f. 34	<i>Plowshare Press</i> [Mountain View, California]	1977, 1982-1990
b. 8, f. 35	<i>RECON</i> [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania]	1979
b. 8, f. 36	<i>The Round Table</i> [St. Louis, Missouri]	1987
b. 8, f. 37	Sante Fe Peace Coalition [Sante Fe, New Mexico]	1984
b. 8, f. 38	<i>Shinsei</i> [Tokyo, Japan]	1986
b. 8, f. 39	Stop the B-1 Bomber/ National Peace Conversion Campaign	undated
b. 8, f. 40	Stop Project ELF [Madison, Wisconsin]	1981-1994
b. 8, f. 41	"Swords into Plowshares" [speech delivered by Walter P. Reuther to the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare] English	
b. 8, f. 42	Teach-ins on college campuses	1981 November 11

b. 8, f. 43	Union of Concerned Scientists [briefing papers]	1983-1984
b. 8, f. 44	United Nuclear [Montville, Connecticut nuclear power plant]	1974-1980, undated
b. 8, f. 45	Women Strike for Peace [Washington, DC]	1980
b. 8, f. 46	<i>WIN</i> [Workshop in Non-violence, New York, New York]	1976

Series III: Visual Materials, 1981, undated

Visual Materials contains photographs, a slide presentation, and exhibit posters. The photographs were taken in 1981 of protestors demonstrating against the sea trials and commissioning of the USS Ohio, the first Trident submarine. The Slide presentation was created by the CST to educate the public on the hazards of nuclear weapons and it includes both the script and slides. The Exhibit posters include photographs from demonstrations against Trident submarines accompanied by text which describes the events and anti-Trident work. The origin of these posters is unknown.

	Photographs	
b. 9, f. 1	USS <i>Ohio</i> launching	1979 April 7
b. 9, f. 2	USS <i>Ohio</i> sea trials	1981 June
	Slide presentation	undated
b. 9, f. 3	Scripts	
b. 9, f. 4	Slides	
b. 10	Exhibit Posters	undated

Accession 1998-M-100: Additional Material

Arranged alphabetically, the addition includes correspondence, memoranda, publications, clippings, flyers, and other materials relating to the Coalition to Stop Trident and other local and national groups working to stop the production of nuclear weapons. The CST files from the main accession are supplemented by the "Statement on Disbandment," which gives the rationale behind the break-up of the group in 1989. Other files include a useful chronology of demonstrations against the Trident program, as well as a paper reflecting on the use of civil disobedience as a means of protest against Trident. The addition also documents the group, Witness for Disarmament, which was a member of the CST and continued to protest against the Trident program after the CST disbanded. Two folders of materials on the Plowshares movement, including chronologies of Plowshares actions, continue documentation found in the main accession. Clippings concerning the Electric Boat Corporation, the construction of Trident and other submarines, and the United States Department of Defense provide background information. Publications, flyers, clippings, newsletters, and other materials from related anti-nuclear groups serve to place the work of the CST and other local groups into a broader national and international movement against nuclear weapons.

b. 1, f. 1	Abalone Alliance Legal Collective [San Luis Obispo, CA]	1982
b. 1, f. 2	iBasta!: No Mandate for War: A Pledge of Resistance Handbook English	1986
Coalition to Stop Trident		
b. 1, f. 3	Chronology of demonstrations A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	undated
b. 1, f. 4	"Civil Disobedience and Trident: Some Reflections" English	1988
b. 1, f. 5	Statement upon disbanding	1989
b. 1, f. 6	Connecticut Freeze Campaign [Hartford, CT]	1985-1987, undated
b. 1, f. 7	"Democracy and Weaponry: A Bill of Rights for Citizens in the Shadows of America's Nuclear Weapons Production Facilities" English	1988
b. 1, f. 8	Electric Boat Company [Groton, CT]	1993-1995
b. 1, f. 9	Fellowship of Reconciliation [Nyack, NY]	1989-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 10	From Trident to Life [Decatur, GA]	1995
b. 1, f. 11	Greenpeace [Washington, DC]	1988-1990
Kobasa, Stephen [member of the Coalition to Stop Trident and Witness for Disarmament]		
b. 1, f. 12	Court case	1987-1988, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Correspondence	1989-1990

b. 1, f. 14	Laffin, Art ["Faithful Versus Effective Action;" speech]	1991
b. 1, f. 15	Lawyer's Committee on Nuclear Policy [New York, NY]	1987, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Livermore Action Group [Berkeley, CA]	1982
b. 1, f. 17	Peaceweaving [Erie, PA]	1990-1991
	Plowshares movement	
b. 1, f. 18	Disarmament action chronologies	1989-1991
b. 1, f. 19	Thames River Plowshares	1989
b. 1, f. 20	Trident submarines [clippings]	1992-1994
b. 1, f. 21	United States Department of Defense [clippings]	1993-1995, undated
b. 1, f. 22	United States Department of Energy, Stockpile Stewardship and Management	1995
	Witness for Disarmament [New Haven, CT]	
b. 1, f. 23	Flyers	1987-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 24	Newsletters and minutes	1989-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 25	Miscellaneous [newsletters, flyers, brochures]	1987-1993, undated

Accession 1999-M-073: Additional Material

Files created and kept by the War Resister's League New England (WRLNE) comprise the accession. The records supplement the Demonstrations section of Series I in the main accession. As one of the groups that founded the coalition, the WRLNE played an active role in planning, organizing, and carrying out protests against the production of nuclear weapons, primarily submarines, in Connecticut. Arranged chronologically by demonstration, the files include correspondence, memoranda, clippings, press releases, flyers, notes, and other materials documenting the demonstrations and protests against nuclear weaponry in Connecticut. The files particularly reflect the work of Joanne Sheehan, one of the leaders in several groups involved in these demonstrations. One folder of clippings spanning several years and regarding defense contracts between the Electric Boat Company and the United States government is filed at the end of the listing.

	USS <i>Ohio</i> launching	1979 April
b. 1, f. 1	General	
b. 1, f. 2	Clippings	
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 4	Endorsements	
b. 1, f. 5	Flyers	
b. 1, f. 6	Publicity	
b. 1, f. 7	Related actions	
	USS <i>Michigan</i> launching	1980 April
b. 1, f. 8-9	General	
b. 1, f. 10	Clippings	
b. 1, f. 11	USS <i>Baltimore</i> launching	1980 December
	USS <i>Corpus Christi</i> launching	1981 April
b. 1, f. 12	General	
b. 1, f. 13	Newspaper clippings	
b. 2, f. 14	USS <i>Ohio</i> commissioning and <i>Florida</i> launching	1981 November
b. 2, f. 15	<i>Corpus Christi</i> campaign [Community for Creative Non-Violence, Washington, DC] English	1981-1982
	Trident Nein [nuclear activist group]	
b. 2, f. 16	General	
b. 2, f. 17	Clippings	
b. 2, f. 18	USS <i>Michigan</i> commissioning	1982 September
b. 2, f. 19	USS <i>Georgia</i> launching	1982 November
b. 2, f. 20	USS <i>Corpus Christi</i> commissioning [newspaper clippings]	1983 January

b. 2, f. 21	Electric Boat blockade [newspaper clippings]	1983 March
	USS <i>Minneapolis-St. Paul</i> launching	1983 March
b. 2, f. 22	Correspondence	
b. 2, f. 23	Clippings	
b. 2, f. 24	Groton Peace Party [civil disobedience action by seminary students, Good Friday vigil]	1983 March
b. 2, f. 25	USS <i>Albaquerque</i> commissioning	1983 March
	USS <i>Florida</i> commissioning and International Day of Disarmament	1983 June
b. 2, f. 26	General	
b. 2, f. 27	Clippings	
b. 2, f. 28	USS <i>Rickover</i> launching [clippings]	1983 August
b. 2, f. 29	Women of Faith [anti-nuclear activist group, non-violent civil disobedience]	1983 October
b. 2, f. 30	USS <i>Rhode Island/Jackson</i> launching	1983 October
b. 2, f. 31	USS <i>Augusta</i> launching [clippings]	1983, 1984
b. 2, f. 32	USS <i>Georgia</i> commissioning	1984 February
b. 2, f. 33	USS <i>Minneapolis-St. Paul</i> commissioning	1984 March
b. 2, f. 34-35	USS <i>Alabama</i> launching	1984 May
b. 2, f. 36	USS <i>Providence</i> launching	1984 August
b. 2, f. 37	New England rally [nationwide actions]	1984 September
b. 2, f. 38	Trident II Plowshares [anti-nuclear protest group]	1984 October
b. 2, f. 39	USS <i>Jackson</i> commissioning	1984 October
b. 2, f. 40	Harvest of Life or Harvest of Shame [non-violent march on Electric Boat shipyard]	1984 October
b. 3, f. 41	USS <i>Pittsburgh</i> launching	1984 December
b. 3, f. 42	Women of Faith [anti-nuclear activist group, winter solstice gathering]	1984 December
b. 3, f. 43	USS <i>Alaska</i> launching	1985 January
b. 3, f. 44	Good Friday vigil [Yale University Divinity School]	1985 April
b. 3, f. 45-46	USS <i>Alabama</i> commissioning	1985 May
	USS <i>Nevada</i> launching	1985 September
b. 3, f. 47	General	
b. 3, f. 48	Clippings	
b. 3, f. 49	USS <i>Louisville</i> launching	1985 December

b. 3, f. 50	Mobilization for Survival, Campaign Against Arms Build-up at Sea	1985
b. 3, f. 51	USS <i>Alaska</i> commissioning	1986 January
b. 3, f. 52	Good Friday vigil [protest at Electric Boat]	1986 February-March
b. 3, f. 53	USS <i>Helena</i> launching	1986 June
b. 3, f. 54	Coalition to Stop Trident "Kick-off" [event marking the formation of CST]	1986 August
	USS <i>Nevada</i> launching	1986 August
b. 3, f. 55	General	
b. 3, f. 56	Clippings	
b. 3, f. 57	October 25th Coalition [rally at New Haven Green]	1986 October
b. 3, f. 58	USS <i>Louisville</i> commissioning	1986 November
b. 3, f. 59	Mobilization for Survival 10th Anniversary Convention	1986 November
	USS <i>Tennessee</i> launching	1986 December
b. 3, f. 60	General	
b. 3, f. 61	Clippings	
b. 3, f. 62	Miscellaneous demonstrations [Bike for Peace, Anniversary of Hiroshima bombing]	1986
b. 3, f. 63	Lenten Witness for Disarmament	1987 February-April
b. 4, f. 64	Mobilization for Justice and Peace	1987 April
b. 4, f. 65	Walk for Life	1987 August-September
b. 4, f. 66	Anti-nuclear protest at Mystic	1987 September
b. 4, f. 67	John Doe #5 [unnamed protester at Nautilus Memorial Museum]	1987 October
	Rally Against Trident	1987 October
b. 4, f. 68-69	General	
b. 4, f. 70	Clippings	
b. 4, f. 71	"Back to the Brink" [demonstration and blockade] English	1987 October
b. 4, f. 72	Interfaith Pilgrimage [Japanese monks from Nipponzan Myohoji]	1987 October-November
b. 4, f. 73	USS <i>Topeka</i> launching	1988 January
b. 4, f. 74	USS <i>Pennsylvania</i> launching	1988 April

b. 4, f. 75	United Nations Third Special Session on Disarmament	1988 June
b. 4, f. 76	USS <i>San Juan</i> launching	1988 August
b. 4, f. 77	USS <i>San Juan</i> commissioning and Hiroshima Day	1988 August
b. 4, f. 78	USS <i>Miami</i> launching	1988 November
b. 4, f. 79	USS <i>Tennessee</i> commissioning	1988 December
b. 4, f. 80	Martin Luther King Day action	1989 January
b. 4, f. 81	Pax Christi Trident action	1989 May
b. 4, f. 82	USS <i>West Virginia</i> launching	1989 August
b. 4, f. 83	USS <i>Pennsylvania</i> commissioning	1989 September
b. 4, f. 84	Thames River Plowshares [raid on USS <i>Pennsylvania</i>]	1989 September-March
b. 4, f. 85	USS <i>Kentucky</i> launching	1990 August
b. 4, f. 86	USS <i>Boston</i> launching	undated
b. 4, f. 87	Trident defense contracts [clippings]	1984-1989

Accession 2000-M-087: Additional Material

The accession includes clippings, flyers, mailings, and pamphlets that supplement materials found in earlier accessions.

b. 1, f. 1-4	Clippings	1980-1992, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Mailings	1980-1988
b. 1, f. 6	Pamphlets and flyers	1981-1990, undated

Accession 2001-M-028: Additional Material

b. 1, f. 1	Atlantic Life Community [clippings and flyers re: Lenten Witness for Disarmament]	1983-1990
	Trident Nein	
b. 1, f. 2	Clippings and flyers	1982-1983, undated
b. 1, f. 3-10	Court trial transcripts	1982
b. 1, f. 11-13	Clippings (misc.)	1980s
b. 1, f. 14	Flyers	1980s
b. 2, f. 15	Poster [depicts the damaged hull of the USS Florida, the target of the Trident Nein action], ca. 1982	

Accession 2001-M-029: Additional Material

The addition consists of the Trident Resistor's Handbook, a publication written, compiled, and edited by Bob Aldridge of the Pacific Life Research Center. The handbook provides background on the Trident and other military systems, as well as suggestions on organizing against them.

Trident Resistor's Handbook		
b. 1, f. 1	Cover page	1993
b. 1, f. 2	Table of Contents, Foreword, and Preface	1996
b. 1, f. 3	Section 1: Understanding the New World Order	1993
b. 1, f. 4	Section 2: The Trident Submarine and Missile System	1993
b. 1, f. 5	Section 3: Supporting Systems	1993
b. 1, f. 6	Section 4: Trident Deployment	1993
b. 1, f. 7	Section 5: The Hazards of Trident	1993
b. 1, f. 8	Section 6: Trident Economics	1993
b. 1, f. 9	Section 7: Nuclear Weapons Inventories	1993
b. 1, f. 10	Section 8: Other Military Systems	1993
b. 1, f. 11	Section 9: Nonviolent Resistance and Alternatives to Military Force	1993
b. 1, f. 12	Pacific Life Research Center Papers	1994-1995
b. 1, f. 13	Glossary, Bibliography, and Appendices	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Record of revisions	1993-1995
b. 1, f. 15	September 1995 revisions	
b. 1, f. 16	March 1996 revisions	
b. 1, f. 17	Autumn 1996 revisions	1996

Accession 2001-M-067: Additional Material

This addition contains organizational notes on the Lenten Witness for Disarmament movement, as well as various flyers and correspondence relating to other disarmament movements in Connecticut. The organizational notes and clippings help give a closer glimpse into the workings of this movement.

b. 1, f. 1	Advent Peace Witness	
b. 1, f. 2	Franciscan Community	
	Lenten Witness for Disarmament	
b. 1, f. 3 - 5	General	1985-1990
b. 1, f. 6	Clippings	1985-1989
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1986-1993
b. 1, f. 8	Fliers	1985-1989
b. 1, f. 9	Writings [proposals, meeting notes]	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Nuclear programs in Connecticut	1986, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Miscellaneous [sermons, articles]	1981-1989

Accession 2002-M-104: Additional Material

The accession consists of correspondence, clippings, flyers, meeting minutes, and other material produced or collected by the Trident/Conversion Campaign, one of the earlier groups resisting the Trident program in Connecticut.

Clippings		
b. 1, f. 1 - 2	General	1978-1987
b. 1, f. 3	Electric Boat road closing	1980
b. 1, f. 4	Marine Draftmen's Association strike	1980
b. 1, f. 5	<i>Conversion Planner [newsletter]</i> English	1978
Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 6 - 8	General	1977-1980
b. 1, f. 9	Fisher, Peter	1978-1981
b. 1, f. 10	Stolberg, Irving J.	1979
b. 1, f. 11	<i>EB Topics [General Dynamics newsletter]</i> English	1979-1980
b. 1, f. 12	EB Real Topics [General Dynamics newsletter]	1979-1981
b. 1, f. 13	"The Empty Pork Barrel: Unemployment and the Pentagon Budget" English	1978
b. 2, f. 14	Flyers	1976-1980
b. 2, f. 15 - 16	Labor issues [pamphlets, flyers, clippings]	1977-1980
b. 2, f. 17	Lucas Aerospace	1976-1978
b. 2, f. 18	McGovern-Matthias Bill	1977-1978
b. 2, f. 19 - 20	Meeting minutes	1978-1979
b. 2, f. 21	Mid-Peninsula Conversion Project	1978-1979
b. 2, f. 22	Religious Conference on Disarmament and Peace	1979
b. 2, f. 23	Religious task force	1978-1979
b. 2, f. 24	"The Soviet Threat: Answers for Peace Activists" [by Marta Daniels] English	1978

Accession 2005-M-062: Additional Material

b. 1, f. 1	Administrative records	1983-1989, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Aldridge, Bob [correspondence, writings, and background information about the Trident protest movement]	1992-1994, undated
b. 1, f. 3	American Peace Test	1986
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	Protest information [flyers, mailings, clippings, and other materials]	1976-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Responses by Electric Boat workers to protest handouts	1983, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Trident missiles and submarines [technical information]	1984-1987, undated

Accession 2007-M-086: Additional Material, 1960-1987

Materials document Coalition to Stop Trident activities protesting the General Dynamics subsidiary, Electric Boat, in Groton, Connecticut, as well as more general anti-nuclear activities in the New England area. Materials were given to the donor by Michelle Zacks, one of the founding coalition members, after she discovered them while in the process of moving from the New Haven area.

b. 1, f. 1	Coalition to Stop Trident organizing papers	1980-1987
	Electric Boat	
b. 1, f. 2	Clippings	1983-1984
b. 1, f. 3	Gary Koos alternative use study	1981-1985
b. 1, f. 4	General Dynamics	1966, 1982-1986
b. 1, f. 5	Leaflets, originals	Circa 1983-1984
b. 1, f. 6	Protests	1982-1985
b. 1, f. 7	Veliotis, P. Takis, scandal, clippings	1984
b. 1, f. 8	Harvest of Life	1984 October 27
b. 1, f. 9	National/other area press	Circa 1982-1985
b. 1, f. 10	New England Committee for Non-Violent Action	1960-1966
b. 1, f. 11	Submarines	1982-1983
b. 1, f. 12 - 13, reel ,	Trident information	1982-1983
b. 1, f. 14	Trident Nein newsletter	1982-1984
b. 1, f. 15	Trident II Plowshares	1984-1987
b. 1, f. 16	Handouts/flyers concerning efforts to halt production and deployment of Trident submarines and missiles in Connecticut and New England. English	1980-1989

Accession 2010-M-076: Additional Material

b.1

Poster, "Disarmament/Trident Nein, July 5, 1982"

1982 July 5

Accession 2015-M-039: Additional Material, 1964-2009*0.02 linear feet (1 envelope)*

b. 1, f. 1	Photographs of protests	1979-1980
b. 1, f. 2	Flyers, brochures, newsletters, handouts, postcard, and planning documents of Coalition to Stop Trident and affiliated organizations	1983-2009
b. 1, f. 2	Newsclippings	1988-1994
b. 1, f. 2	Protest poetry and song lyrics	1964-1987

Accession 2019-M-0039: Additional Material, 1983–2004

b. 1, f. 1-2	News clippings, newsletters, and brochures from peace organizations	1983–2004
b. 2	Protest posters Two posters illustrated by hand depicting a design representing the Coalition to Stop Trident and text.	Undated

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.

Subjects

Antinuclear movement -- United States
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Plowshares Eight (Group)
Plowshares Four (Group)
Trident/Conversion Campaign
Trident Nein
War Resisters League