

DOC 72 - Concord Campaign to Stop Arms Shipments to El Salvador

Parent Collection: Anti-War

Description: This collection contains materials related to the Nuremberg Actions Concord Campaign to stop US arms shipments to El Salvador. The materials reflect a series of demonstrations that involved fasting, vigils, and direct actions on the train tracks outside of the Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS), the largest munitions depot on the west coast and a major supplier of munitions to Central America during the Contras era. The protests gained national attention after Brian Willson was hit by a train that was ordered not to stop. Though Willson suffered the loss of his legs and a severe skull fracture, he continues his anti-war activism to this day.

Organizations: Nuremberg Actions, the Pledge of Resistance, Vietnam Veterans Against the War Anti-imperialist (Oakland), Institute for the Practice of Non-Violence; Marxist-Leninist Party SF Bay Area Branch;

People: Brian Willson, Holley Rauen

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Size: 1 Box, 5 folders

Date Range: 1987-1989

Formats: Statements, correspondence, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes and notes, photographs, flyers, articles, newspaper clippings and periodicals

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Folder 1: Organizational Documents

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Keywords: Non-violence, hunger strike, fasting, U.S. aid, arms export, U.S. imperialism

Description: This folder contains various organizational documents related to the Nuremberg Action Concord Campaign and working committees. It includes notes, legal briefings, statements, meeting agendas, training documents and notes, newsletters, a member roster, and more.

Folder 2: Flyers and Outreach Materials

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Keywords: Veterans, Brian Willson, arms, US aid, international law, Contras, Concord Naval Weapons Station, Nuremberg Actions, arms export, Nicaragua

Description: This folder contains various flyers and outreach materials related to the Nuremberg Actions Concord Campaign to stop arms shipments to El Salvador. It includes flyers for events such as rallies, vigils, and calls to action.

Folder 3: Correspondence

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Keywords: Brian Willson, Holley Rauen, Veterans, Veterans Speakers Alliance, arms export, fasting, hunger strike, Nicaragua

Description: This folder contains correspondence from members of the Nuremberg Action Working Committees, government officials, Brian Willson, Holley Rauen, and Paul Cox, among others. The letters primarily concern raising support for the Concord Campaign through participation as well as material aid. The folder also contains Brian Willson's letter to Commander Cagle of the Concord Naval Weapons Station announcing his 40 day fast and plan to protest on the tracks.

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings and Publications

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Keywords: Brian Willson, Concord Naval Weapons Station, Non-violence, Contras, Nicaragua

Description: This folder contains news clippings (1987-88) from IMAGE, the San Francisco Chronicle, The Evening Sun, Contra Costa Times, the New York Times, The Examiner, Los Angeles Times, The Olympian, Express (East Bay's Free Weekly), The Oakland Tribune, USA Today, The Washington Post, Dallas Morning News, The Seattle Times, The Guardian, The Black Scholar, and KPFA Folio. It also contains "A Handbook for Nonviolent Direct Action" by Bay Area Pledge of Resistance.

Folder 5: Photographs

Subjects: El Salvador, Human Rights, Anti-War, Militarism, Central America

Keywords: Nuremberg Actions, Concord Naval Weapons Station

Description: Photographs and negatives of a Nuremberg Actions demonstration at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.