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The papers of Joseph Spaniolo were placed in the Archive of Labor and Urban Affairs in September of 1982 by Joseph Spaniolo and were opened for research in March of 1985.

This collection contains materials relating to the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC), the United States Labor Party (USLP), and the campaigns of Lyndon LaRouche, USLP candidate for president in 1976 and 1980.

The National Caucus of Labor Committees began as the Labor Committee of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)--one of the factions of SDS in the late 1960s. In 1969 the NCLC, along with the Progressive Labor Party, was expelled from SDS after it supported Albert Shanker and the United Federation of Teachers in the New York City Oceanhill-Brownsville controversy. In 1973 the NCLC took over the National Welfare Rights Organization, renamed it the North American Unemployed Welfare Rights Organization (NUWRO), and began Operation Mop-Up--a plan to use verbal and physical harassment to destroy other left-wing political parties. Throughout the mid and late 1970s, the NCLC turned its harassment to political and labor union leaders, with its chief targets being Leonard Woodcock, Nelson Rockefeller, and Henry Kissinger.

Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, the NCLC professed to be a radical political movement with the goal of taking over or replacing the labor movement in order to lead a class revolution throughout the world. Its program included such things as the development of nuclear fusion energy, the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the establishment of a monetary bank to replace the International Monetary Fund. It also established and coordinated the work of the United States Labor Party to run candidates in local, state, and federal elections.

Lyndon LaRouche was the founder and executive director of the NCLC, and thus presided over the USLP. An economist by training, LaRouche was the USLP presidential candidate in 1976 and 1980.

The papers of Joseph Spaniolo contain information on the history, organization, and political ideas of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, the North American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization, the United States Labor Party, and the 1976 and 1980 campaigns of Lyndon LaRouche.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Central Intelligence Agency
International Monetary Fund
Middle East

Nuclear Fusion Power
Nelson Rockefeller
United States Economy

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Non-manuscript material:

Thirteen posters announcing the meetings or the program and platform of the NCLC and the USLP, and one bumper sticker, have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

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National Caucus of Labor Committee, 1973-1981
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