

THE METROPOLITAN COALITION OF WOMEN COLLECTION

Papers, 1968-1973

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The papers of the Metropolitan Coalition of Women were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1977 by Mrs. Jeannette Cleary and opened for research in August of 1984.

The Metropolitan Coalition of Women was organized in early 1968 by Mrs. Jeannette Cleary, Vice-president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Over forty organizations from metropolitan Detroit responded to a call from Mrs. Cleary in the aftermath of the 1967 riot and voted in February to organize a coalition which would meet monthly to "establish better communications in the community among all peoples in order to reduce tension and create greater understanding towards solutions to problems." The coalition's programs concerned consumer affairs, health care, drug addiction, welfare rights, school integration, ADC grants, discrimination by public utilities and quality nursing care. They were particularly interested in the Prescription Food Program for medically indigent mothers and children. Programs and conferences relating to these interests were presented by the coalition and they promoted these efforts on television, with mailings and letters to public officials and legislators. In November of 1973 it was concluded that the "winds of change had brought about a decline in membership and attendance" and the group decided to disband.

This collection reflects the programs and activities of the Metropolitan Coalition of Women in their effort to create better relations among the people in the Detroit area.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

ADC Grants	Health Care
Consumer Protection	Open Housing
Drug Addiction	Police-Community Relations
Education	Prescription Food Program

Among the important correspondents are:

Katherine Beamer	Alice Devlin	Dorothy Haener
Jeannette Cleary		

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Series I General Files, 1968-  
1973  
Box 1

Correspondence, reports, financial records, clippings, and other items which cover the years the Metropolitan Coalition of women was in existence. The materials reflect the activities and programs of the coalition and there is information on the Prescription Food Program. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

Box 1

1. Bank Accounts; Saving and Checking, 1968-73
2. Bank Deposit Slips and Cancelled Checks, 1969-73
3. Bank Statements and Authority Forms, 1969-73
4. Cash Receipt Books
5. Clippings, 1970-73
6. Conference on Health Care, 4 Oct 1971
7. Correspondence, 1968-71
8. Food Prescription Program (Supplemental Food Program)  
1970-72
9. Mailing Expenses, 1969-71
10. Mass Communications and Structure Committees, 16 May 1968
11. Membership Registration and Dues, 1969-72
12. Membership Rosters, 1968-73
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16. Meetings; Women's International League for Peace  
and Freedom, 1968
17. Organization and Proposed By-laws, 1968
18. Program Notices, 1970-73