

STUDENT ACTIVISTS COLLECTION: Student  
League for Industrial Democracy, Students for  
a Democratic Society, and Others

Papers, 1946-66  
(Predominantly 1957-61)

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The papers of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the Students for a Democratic Society were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on October 1, 1974 by Judy Bardacke, Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy.

The Student League for Industrial Democracy, later renamed Students for a Democratic Society, was a liberal college student organization which gained much fame in the 1960's. It traces its history back to the first student organization in the United States, the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, formed in 1905 by Upton Sinclair. In the 1930's it became the student division of the League for Industrial Democracy. As S.L.I.D., its activities were limited to arranging speakers, and sponsoring an occasional conference until the late 50's. With the impetus of the Civil Rights movement, and the burgeoning student attendance at universities, the level of activity began to increase.. The organization's name was changed to Students for a Democratic Society in 1960, and under the leadership of (Robert) Alan Haber and Tom Hayden, began to expand its membership, and influence.

The collection covers this transitional period, reflecting the beginning of S-.D.S.'s theoretical development and activism. The papers reflect the daily operations of the national organization office in New York City.

The later years of S.D.S., which are not covered in this collection, evidence heavy involvement in many political issues, including civil rights and the war in Viet Nam. Beginning as passive resistance, action eventually moved to violent rebellion. By 1970, S.D.S. was splintered into factions such as the Weathermen, and the group which allied with the Progressive Labor Party. S.D.S., as such, ceased to function on the national level.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Conference on Human Rights in the North 1960 L.I.D.-  
S.D.S. Controversy over S.D.S. activities, 1965

Among the correspondents are;;

(Robert) Alan Haber	Gabriel Kolko
William Haber	Aryeh Neier
Tom Kahn	Charles Van Tassel

letters of autograph interest from:

Ralph Bunche Eleanor Roosevelt G. Mennen Williams

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Student League for Industrial Democracy  
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