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## HOOSIERS FOR PEACE RECORDS, 1967–1976

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Hoosiers for Peace was originally named Hoosiers for Peace in Vietnam when it was founded in 1967. Formed as a coalition of persons possessing the same general feelings on Vietnam, H. F. P. cooperated with national and local groups in advocating peace and a speedy end to the war. Their membership was a cross-section of the Indiana population including businessmen, religious leaders, students, housewives, workers, and professors.

The organization originally worked with Negotiation Now, a conservative group which advocated cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam and a negotiated settlement. They later expanded their associations to include Another Mother for Peace, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Hoosiers for Democratic Alternatives, the Indiana Council of Churches, the Indianapolis Council on World Affairs, and a draft-counseling service. The group was closely allied with individual churches and clergymen, especially in the Indianapolis area.

In 1969 the organization reorganized as Hoosiers for Peace and continued to function into the mid-1970s. Their projects were aimed at making the public aware of the events transpiring in Vietnam and in making their views on the war heard in Washington. They sponsored a number of speakers (including Senators Hartke and Fulbright and Tran Van Dinh) to come to Indianapolis. They also were involved with groups which supported George McGovern, Eugene McCarthy, and Birch Bayh. They arranged for peace rallies, organized petition drives, and sponsored a "Presidential Write-In for Peace."

The organization's leadership included Barton Hunter, Aurelia Little, Dee Rossman, Robert Fangmeier, Grover Hartman, and Garnett Day.

Source:  
Information in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of records documenting the organization's operations, finances, and programs.

Operational materials include Steering Committee minutes, 1967–73, secretary's records and notes, 1967–69, correspondence, 1967–71, and mailing lists.

Financial records contain treasurer's correspondence, memos, and receipts, 1967–75; financial and bank statements, 1969–76; and ledgers and journals, 1970–73.

Among the items pertaining to the organization's programs are those relating to speaking appearances by Senators Vance Harkte, November 1967, and William J. Fulbright, May 1970. Other materials include petitions and rallies to end the war, 1970, and events bringing prominent individuals to Indianapolis to speak about Vietnam, 1969–71. Also contained is information regarding the organization's efforts to support pro-peace candidates seeking re-election including Senators Birch Bayh and George McGovern, 1967–73.

The Hoosiers for Peace records also contain information regarding their relationship to other anti-war organizations. Among the groups represented are Hoosiers for Democratic Alternatives, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Another Mother for Peace, and the United Christian Missionary Society, 1967–73.

The collection also contains printed materials such as literature regarding the war and newspaper clippings.

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