

23 HANDMADE PROTEST SIGNS AND POSTERS FROM SOLIDARITY GROUPS LOCAL TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.

The following is a unique collection of primary source documents relating to solidarity movements, marches and demonstrations in the San Francisco Bay Area during the 1980s.

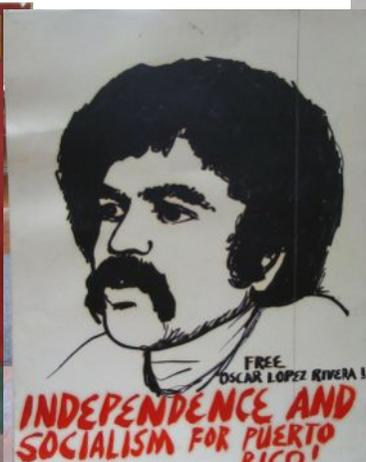
All are handmade signs proclaiming support for a variety of movements and political prisoners around the world.

Of particular note is a set of posters produced by Women Against Imperialism, started by a contingent from the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee; itself an off-shoot of the Weather Underground. These posters show the width of the goals of these political movements. The posters express solidarity with Irish, Puerto Rican, African-American and Native American political prisoners, activists and revolutionaries. Several are marked with the phone number of the Women Against Imperialism HQ.

These posters were used in marches and, in the case of the “Assata Shakur is Welcome Here” poster, displayed on buildings. Another handmade piece is a three-panel piece, presumably a prop used for radical theater, showing a US marine, SFPD officer and hooded KKK member in a not so subtle protest against racism, discrimination and imperialism among US authorities. All of the posters display a similar fervent support for revolutionary movements, from the FLNC in Africa to the American Indian Movement.

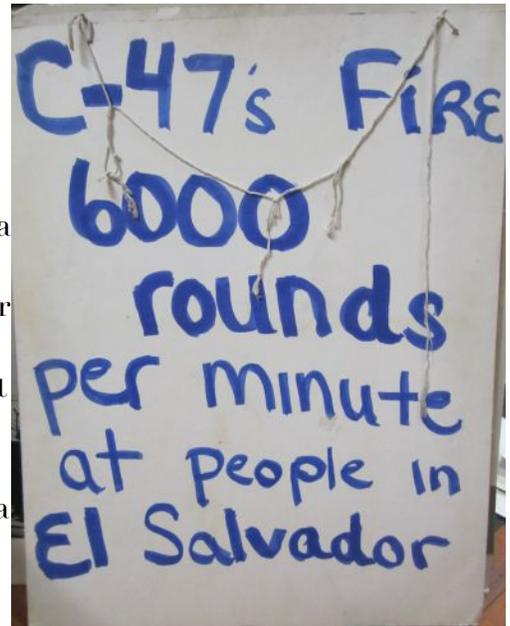
These posters represent an up-close encounter with the legacy of the American New Left in the SF Bay Area.

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Numerous graphic designs from groups like Fireworks were mounted on to boards and displayed in marches. On one side, a visual motif reminds Americans of how their involvement in Central America is reminiscent of the Viet Nam intervention... and on the other side, a bold statement about the violence of US-backed actions in the small Central American nation.



These posters not only document ideologies and ideals in history, but of the actual movements of people as they marched in the streets and reached out to the struggles of their comrades around the world.

