

Patsy George Fonds

An inventory of records held by BC Labour Heritage Centre

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Title: Patsy George Solidarity Collection

Dates: 1977 - 1984

Physical Description: 26 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Patsy George was a Social Worker employed by the Province of British Columbia who was fired as an outcome of the 1983 provincial budget and accompanying legislation. She was hired as a staff member of the Solidarity Coalition and attended meetings, rallies and events and organized on behalf of the Coalition.

Scope/Content: The collection consists of copies of newspapers and newsletters, contact lists, flyers, leaflets, research papers, legislation, briefs, speaking notes, press releases, personal notes, buttons, stickers, petitions, reports, agendas, minutes, correspondence and notes. The collection was donated to the BC Labour Heritage Centre in 2018 as part of the 35-year retrospective project, Solidarity35.

Title Source: Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Finding Aid: File list and inventory available

Names: Patsy George
Solidarity Coalition
Operation Solidarity

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Physical Description: printed material, personal notebook, petitions, buttons and stickers

File List:

Ref Code	Title	Dates	Container
2018.7			
2018.7.1	Legislation and Government Documents		
2018.7.1.1	Bill 3 Public Sector Restraint Act	1983	8
2018.7.1.2	Bill 5 Residential Tenancy Act	1983	8
2018.7.1.3	Bill 27 Human Rights Act	1983	8
2018.7.1.4	Bill 45 Family and Child Service Act	1983	8
2018.7.1.5	News Release, Ministry of Human Resources "Program and Staff Reductions in the Ministry of Human Resources"	July 25, 1983	8
2018.7.1.6	Proposed Amendment to Bill 3	n.d.	8
2018.7.1.7	Ex parte order, Supreme Court of B.C.	November 1, 1983	8
2018.7.1.8	Restraint and Recovery: Setting it straight	n.d.	8
2018.7.2	BC Federation of Labour		
2018.7.2.1	Program and Budget		
2018.7.2.1.1	Program of Action "Operation Solidarity"	July 15, 1983	8
2018.7.2.1.2	Proposal	n.d.	8
2018.7.2.1.3	Budget and Resource Allocation for "Operation Solidarity Coalition" Sept 1, 1983-Jan 31, 1984	n.d.	8
2018.7.2.1.4	Solidarity Fund	August 10, 1983	8
2018.7.2.2	News Releases		
2018.7.2.2.1	Changes to Bill 3 will not affect plans for August 10	August 4, 1983	8
2018.7.2.2.2	Government deliberately misleading people with so-called amendments to Bill 3	August 5, 1983	8
2018.7.2.2.3	Labour Code Amendments Complete the Circle, Kube says	August 18, 1983	8
2018.7.2.2.4	Legislation Means Insecurity, Not Recovery	August 22, 1983	8
2018.7.2.2.5	Art Kube issued statement	September 29, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3	Correspondence		
2018.7.2.3.1	Memo to all staff: Operation Solidarity Rally August 10, 1983	August 3, 1983	8

2018.7.2.3.2	Memo to all staff: Operation Solidarity Funding of Labour Councils' Rallies	August 3, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.3	Telex Received from Robert White, Director U.A.W.	August 8, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.4	Telegram Received from Richard Haughian, Chairman, Canadian Health Coalition	August 8, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.5	Letter to Laslo Barna confirming agreement on production of documentary film	August 9, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.6	Memo re: PNE Booth	August 19, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.7	Memo from M.L. Kramer regarding one-time assessment	August 23, 1983	8
2018.7.2.3.8	Policy Statement Essential Services	November 1977	8
2018.7.3	Operation Solidarity		
2018.7.3.1	Correspondence and circulars		
2018.7.3.1.1	The first session of British Columbia's 33rd Parliament has opened in shock, outrage and fear	July 18, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.2	What Does It All Mean?	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.1.3	Minutes, Joint Council Coalition Meeting	August 11, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.4	Operation Solidarity Recommendations	August 17, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.5	Workshop Speech Notes: Changes to the Compensation Stabilization Programme Act	September 6, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.6	Victoria Operation Solidarity Alternate Budget	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.1.7	BCTF: Education Sector Report to Operation Solidarity	January 11, 1984	8
2018.7.3.1.8	Restraint: or The Demise of Preventative Social Services in British Columbia	August 20, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.9	On the Creation of the Lower Mainland Budget Coalition	July 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.10	ICTU: What the Budget and the New Bills Mean to Workers	August 2, 1983	8
2018.7.3.1.11	BC Nurses Union: We must Stop This Repression	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.1.12	BCGEU on Strike	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.1.13	BCGEU News Release: Hot Line	04-Aug-83	8
2018.7.3.2	Flyers		
2018.7.3.2.1	Join Us and Speak Out	August 10, 1983	8
2018.7.3.2.2	March for Your Rights	October 15, 1983	8

2018.7.3.2.3	Demonstrate against Michael Walker and Pat Carney	March 31, 1984	8
2018.7.3.2.4	Hey, I'm Unemployed	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.2.5	These services have been or are going to be cut or substantially reduced in Prince George	n.d.	8
2018.7.3.2.6	This budget hurts women	September 7, 1983	8
2018.7.3.2.7	Seniors Lose Rights (Courtenay B.C.)	August 31, 1983	8
2018.7.3.2.8	Speak Up Now (Courtenay B.C.)	August 31, 1983	8
2018.7.4	Solidarity Coalition		
2018.7.4.1	Briefs and Speech Notes		
2018.7.4.1.1	Responding to the Unthinkable	October 5, 1983	8
2018.7.4.1.2	Brief to the Premier regarding the need for a consultative process	October 7, 1983	8
2018.7.4.1.3	Solidarity View by Renate Shearer	January 25, 1984	8
2018.7.4.1.4	Privatization by Renate Shearer	March 12, 1984	8
2018.7.4.1.5	Women Hurt by New Provincial Budget by Renate Shearer	March 16, 1984	8
2018.7.4.2	Flyers		
2018.7.4.2.1	To all employees of MacMillan Bloedel and Cominco	n.d.	8
2018.7.4.2.2	Candlelight Vigil to Protest Bill 27	September 9, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.3	INCAR Public Meeting	September 13, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.4	C.I.P. Fightback Public Meeting	September 16, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.5	Government Budget/Legislative Package Threatens the Environment	October 7, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.6	Some Questions and Answers about a Major Public Strike	November 3, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.7	Tired of Waiting!	November 8, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.8	Bishop Remi J De Roo	January 20, 1984	8
2018.7.4.2.9	Protest Rally August 10, 1983	n.d.	8
2018.7.4.2.10	Vigil on behalf of the victims of cutbacks	March 7, 1984	8
2018.7.4.2.11	Social Services Cutbacks A Community Forum	October 13, 1983	8
2018.7.4.2.12	People's Law School, Public Forum on the B.C. Budget	September 15, 1983	8
2018.7.5	Structure and Policy		
2018.7.5.1	Operational Statement	August 28, 1983	8
2018.7.5.2	Operational Statement	n.d.	8
2018.7.5.3	Interim Structural Recommendations	August 2, 1983	8

2018.7.5.4	Proposals Concerning Organization - Draft	August 30, 1983	8
2018.7.5.5	Draft Suggestions re Organization	n.d.	8
2018.7.5.6	Office Policy	January 1, 1984	8
2018.7.5.7	Structure Committee Recommendations	February 25, 1984	8
2018.7.5.8	Solidarity Pressure on Legislators-some proposals	n.d.	8
2018.7.5.9	Mid-Island Solidarity Coalition	September 21, 1983	8
2018.7.5.10	Prospects for the Long-term	November 2, 1983	8
2018.7.5.11	Social and Economic Alternatives Conference	November 2, 1983	8
2018.7.5.12	8 Week Action Proposal	August 29, 1983	8
2018.7.5.13	Recommendations of Funding Sub-committee	August 29, 1983	8
2018.7.5.14	Petition sub-committee proposals	August 30, 1983	8
2018.7.5.15	Do's and Don't's of Door to Door Canvassing	n.d.	8
2018.7.6	Workshops and Conferences		
2018.7.6.1	Labour Day Workshop	September 1983	8
2018.7.6.2	Developmental Workshop Proposal	n.d.	8
2018.7.6.3	Delegated Provincial Conference	October 7, 1983	8
2018.7.7	Correspondence		
2018.7.7.1	Solidarity Coalition Meeting: Coalition Supporters	August 30, 1983	8
2018.7.7.2	Solidarity Coalition Meeting: Local Committees c/o Labour Councils	August 30, 1983	8
2018.7.7.3	Solidarity Coalition Meeting: Trade Union Solidarity Committee	August 30, 1983	8
2018.7.7.4	Guidelines for Actions and Literature which us the "SOLIDARITY" name	August 31, 1983	8
2018.7.7.5	Joint Meeting of Operation Solidarity and Solidarity Coalition Steering Committees	November 30, 1983	8
2018.7.7.6	Renate Shearer to Local Coalitions	n.d.	8
2018.7.7.7	Feasibility of communicating by computer	January 11, 1984	8
2018.7.7.8	Action for your groups or local coalitions	January 13, 1984	8
2018.7.7.9	Letter from Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	January 13, 1984	8
2018.7.7.10	Provincial Inservice Resource Team	February 10, 1984	8
2018.7.7.11	Action Proposal against Fraser Institute	February 10, 1984	8
2018.7.7.12	Structure Recommendations for consideration at the February 25 Steering Committee Meeting	February 13, 1984	8

2018.7.7.13	Draft Declaration of Rights	October 7, 1983	8
2018.7.8	Minutes		
2018.7.8.1	First Meeting of Solidarity Coalition	August 3, 1983	8
2018.7.8.2	Steering Committee	August 18, 1983	8
2018.7.8.3	Report to Steering Committee on Organizational Support for Local Coalitions	August 23, 1983	8
2018.7.8.4	Steering Committee	August 25, 1983	8
2018.7.8.5	Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition	September 13, 1983	8
2018.7.8.6	Joint Sub-Committee Meeting	November 28, 1983	8
2018.7.8.7	Provincial Steering Committee	January 24, 1984	8
2018.7.8.8	Provincial Steering Committee	February 25, 1984	8
2018.7.9	News Releases		
2018.7.9.1	Interim Steering Committee concerning cost of legislature debate	August 19, 1983	8
2018.7.9.2	Women and Children's Week	September 19, 1983	8
2018.7.9.3	Brief to Premier	October 12, 1983	8
2018.7.9.4	Program of united action	November 22, 1983	8
2018.7.9.5	Mass Teacher Layoffs	January 10, 1984	8
2018.7.9.6	Social Service privatizing	February 13, 1984	8
2018.7.9.7	Challenge to Human Resources Minister	February 28, 1984	8
2018.7.9.8	Government Induced Poverty Requires Action	March 26, 1984	8
2018.7.10	Lists		
2018.7.10.1	Lower Mainland Contact List	September 23, 1983	8
2018.7.10.2	Regional list	n.d.	8
2018.7.10.3	Labour Council List	July 29, 1983	8
2018.7.10.4	BCNU Contacts for Regional Labour Councils	n.d.	8
2018.7.10.5	Organization Contacts	n.d.	8
2018.7.10.6	Groups	n.d.	8
2018.7.10.7	Unemployment Action Centres	October 20, 1983	8
2018.7.10.8	Province Wide Community Groups	October 7, 1983	8
2018.7.10.9	Province Wide Community Groups	October 17, 1983	8
2018.7.10.10	Province Wide Community Groups	November 15, 1983	8
2018.7.10.11	Province Wide Coalitions	October 19, 1983	8
2018.7.10.12	Province Wide Coalitions	November 9, 1983	8
2018.7.10.13	Province Wide Coalitions	November 17, 1983	8
2018.7.10.14	Province Wide Coalitions	December 6, 1983	8
2018.7.10.15	Council of Senior Citizen's Organizations of B.C. Officers	1982	8
2018.7.10.16	Candlelight Vigil Sign-in Sheet	September 9, 1983	8

2018.7.10.17	Core Committee, B.C. Human Rights Coalition	September 2, 1983	8
2018.7.10.18	Canadian Federation of Students Local Association Contacts	n.d.	8
2018.7.10.19	British Columbia Association of Social Workers	n.d.	8
2018.7.11	Petitions		
2018.7.11.1	Blank petition to Legislative Assembly	1983	8
2018.7.11.2	We're Involved Too!	1983	8
2018.7.11.3	Draft petition to Legislative Assembly	n.d.	8
2018.7.12	Solidarity Coalition Bulletin		
2018.7.12.1	Vol. 1	September 15, 1983	8
2018.7.12.2	Vol. 5, Qualicum Parents and Teachers Protest Cuts in Education	February 7, 1984	8
2018.7.12.3	Vol. 10, End the Arms Race Before the Economy Bombs	April 18, 1984	8
2018.7.12.4	Vol. 11, Poverty Hurst Everybody	May 1, 1984	8
2018.7.12.5	Vol. 12, Labour Code Amendments Hurt Us All	May 15, 1984	8
2018.7.12.6	Solidarity Education Report	September 12, 1983	8
2018.7.13	Budget Analysis		
2018.7.13.1	General Background to Budget Changes	n.d.	9
2018.7.13.2	Analysis of Proposed Amendment to Bill 3	n.d.	9
2018.7.13.3	Budget and Accompanying Legislation	n.d.	9
2018.7.13.4	Compensation Stabilization Amendment Act, 1983	July 1983	9
2018.7.13.5	Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act	July 1983	9
2018.7.13.6	Public Sector Restraint Act	July 1983	9
2018.7.13.7	B.C. Civil Liberties Association, Bill 27 - Human Rights Act - Summary Fact Sheet	August 2, 1983	9
2018.7.13.8	Revenge, Not Restraint	n.d.	9
2018.7.13.9	British Columbia Teachers' Federation, Major Features of Bills Affecting Teacher Tenure and Teachers' Bargaining	August 26, 1983	9
2018.7.14	Community Organizations		
2018.7.14.1	News Release, University of British Columbia	July 15, 1983	9
2018.7.14.2	Press Release, British Columbia Association of Social Workers	July 18, 1983	9

2018.7.14.3	British Columbia Association of Social Workers, telegram to Hon. Grace McCarthy	July 18, 1983	9
2018.7.14.3.1	British Columbia Association of Social Workers, Information Release	n.d.	9
2018.7.14.4	The Committee for Racial Justice	July 22, 1983	9
2018.7.14.5	Canadian Church Leaders, letter to Hon. W.R. Bennett	July 25, 1983	9
2018.7.14.6	Community Council of Greater Victoria, For Information	August 5, 1983	9
2018.7.14.7	B.C. Civil Liberties Association, Notes for a Press Conference	August 19, 1983	9
2018.7.14.8	British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, Newsletter, Volume 17, Number 2	September 1983	9
2018.7.14.9	Ill Fares the Land, A sermon delivered in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver	September 18, 1983	9
2018.7.14.10	Unitarian Church of Canada, What Does It Mean to You?	September 17, 1983	9
2018.7.14.11	Vancouver Community Legal Assistance Society, The effect of the new Residential Tenancy Act on the court system	September 28, 1983	9
2018.7.14.12	Canadian Association of Social Workers, B.C. Cutbacks Unproductive says CASW President	October 13, 1983	9
2018.7.14.13	Consumers' Association of Canada, British Columbia Branch, Regional Newsletter	1983	9
2018.7.14.14	The Native Courtworkers and Counselling Association of British Columbia	n.d.	9
2018.7.14.15	Office of the Mayor (Vancouver), News Release	October 6, 1983	9
2018.7.14.16	New Democratic Party, News Release	November 2, 1983	9
2018.7.15	Publications		
2018.7.15.1	John Calvert, The Public Sector: Myths and Reality	August 16, 1983	9
2018.7.15.2	A.R. Dobell, What's the B.C. Spirit? Third Revised Draft	September 1983	9
2018.7.15.3	Cliff Stainsby and John Malcomson, The Fraser Institute, The Government and a Corporate Free Lunch	October 1983	9
2018.7.15.4	Patricia Marchak, The Ideology of Restraint	February 1984	9

2018.7.16	Periodicals		
2018.7.16.1	Women Against the Budget	1983	9
2018.7.16.2	Victoria Solidarity No. 1	1983	9
2018.7.16.3	Victoria Solidarity No. 2	1983	9
2018.7.16.4	The Democrat, Vol 23, No 8,	October 1983	9
2018.7.16.5	Social Work Perspectives, Vol. 5, No 5	December 1983	9
2018.7.16.6	Social Work Perspectives, Vol. 5, No 4	October 1983	9
2018.7.16.7	Social Work Perspectives, Vol. 5, No 2	April 1983	9
2018.7.16.8	British Columbia Association of Social Workers Newsletter, Vol. 16, No 1	January 1983	9
2018.7.16.9	Public Employee Press, Vol. 24, No 19	November 23, 1983	9
2018.7.16.10	Priorities, Vol. 11, No. 4	November 1983	9
2018.7.16.11	Surrey Teachers' Association, Crisis Bulletin to the Citizens of Surrey	February 28, 1984	9
2018.7.16.12	Eli Sopow, "Solidarity versus Socredomomics", Goodwin's	Winter 1983-84	9
2018.7.16.13	The Provincial	September 1983	9
2018.7.16.14	The Guardian (Hospital Employees' Union)	n.d.	9
2018.7.16.15	B.C. Business Magazine	August 1983	9
2018.7.16.16	Canadian Ecumenical News, Vol. 8, No 4	September-October 1983	9
2018.7.16.17	The Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ethical Reflections on the Economic Crisis	1983	9
2018.7.17	Solidarity Times		
2018.7.17.1	Vol. 1 No. 1	October 15, 1983	9
2018.7.17.2	Vol. 1, No. 3	November 2, 1983	9
2018.7.17.3	Vol. 1, No. 4	November 9, 1983	9
2018.7.17.4	Vol. 1, No. 5	November 16, 1983	9
2018.7.17.5	Vol. 1, No. 6	November 23, 1983	9
2018.7.17.6	Vol. 1, No. 7	November 30, 1983	9
2018.7.17.7	Vol. 1, No. 8	December 7-14, 1983	9
2018.7.17.8	Vol. 9, No. 9	December 14-20, 1983	9
2018.7.18	Notebooks	1983	9
2018.7.19	Flyers	1983	9
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