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## David Koven Papers

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## Context

### Biographical Note

Born in Brownsville, Brooklyn, USA 1918; railroad worker, sailor and electrician; painter and photographer; in his youth a member of the Young Communist League; broke with communism and became a pacifist in 1936; turned to anarchism during the Spanish Civil War, when he got involved with the anarchist Vanguard Group; with Audrey Goodfriend one of the founders of Why? (1942-1947), continued as Resistance (1947-1954); moved to San Francisco in the late 1940s, where he became active in Kenneth Rexroth's anarchist group; editor of The Needle in 1956; in 1958 with Audrey Goodfriend and three other families cofounder of the libertarian Walden School in Berkeley which still exists; one of the founders of and contributors to Pacific Radio Station and one of the most active members of the Vietnam Day Committee.

## Content and Structure

### Content

Correspondence with anarchists and artists 1940-1960, 1977-1997, including Diva Agostinelli, Paul Avrich, Bob D'Attilio, Howard Ehrlich, Bob Parr, Vernon Richards, Philip Sansom, Nicolas Walter, Colin Ward and David Wieck; subscription list and cash book of The Needle, with an announcement and some other documents.

### Processing Information

List made by Cees Smit en Amanda Elsinghorst in 1999

### Subjects

### Geographic Names

United States

### Themes

Anarchist movements

Press/Journalism

### Material Type

Archival material

## Access and Use

## Access

Not restricted

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## Inventory

## Correspondence

### Persons

- 1-53 Correspondence with family members, comrades and friends. Alphabetically arranged by sender. 1939, 1941, 1960-1962, 1980-1997. 44 covers and 9 folders
- 1 Attilio, Robert (Bob) d'. 1985-1995.
  - 2 Avrich, Paul. 1985, 1995.
  - 3 Bartell, Arthur and Libera. 1980-1985, 1990-1995.  
NB. Synonymous with Bartolotto, Attilio.
  - 4 Bell, Alistair. 1985-1997.
  - 5 Bennello, George. 1984-1985, 1994.
  - 6 Bennett, Clif. 1988-1993, n.d. (folder)  
NB. With some Tribal Notes.
  - 7 Berkson, Bill. 1990-1991.
  - 8 Boericke, Arthur. 1985, 1990-1997.
  - 9 Bühlmann, Severin. 1984-1986.
  - 10 Caldas, Lydia. 1977-1995.
  - 11 Clark, John. 1983-1992.
  - 12 Doty, Sharon. 1994-1996.
  - 13 Dreishpoon, Douglas. 1996-1997.
  - 14 Ehrlich, Howard J. 1985-1996.
  - 15 Finzi, Paolo and Failla, Aurora. 1985-1996.
  - 16 Foote, Caleb. 1986, 1991-1996.
  - 17 Fraser, Heather. 1990.
  - 18 Grayson, Marvin. 1986-1993.
  - 19 Guerrieri, Pippo and Giaratano, Letizia. 1995-1996.
  - 20 Hamalian, Linda. 1987.
  - 21 James, Bob. 1984-1985.
  - 22 Johnson, Sonia. 1990.
  - 23 Kaplan, Jerry. 1991-1995. (folder)  
NB. The Anarchist Archives Project.
  - 24 Kesselman, Janie. 1988-1989 en n.d. (folder)  
NB. With some documents on communities.

- 25 Kuehnpast, Andreas. 1984-1989.
- 26 Lang, Wilfrid and Sonia. 1982, 1986.
- 27 Marcoux, Maryvonne. 1984-1985.
- 28 Mills, Dick and Betty. 1994-1996.
- 29 Mok Chiu Yu. 1987 en n.d.
- 30 Naeve, Virginea. 1989-1996. (folder)
- 31 Nicolazzi, Alphonso. 1990-1995. (folder)
- 32 Ostergaard, Eva. 1986-1995.
- 33 Parr, Bob. 1962, 1983-1993.
- 34 Peters, Tony. 1983, 1989, 1994.
- 35 Peterson, Peter. 1986-1991.
- 36 Pine, David. 1991-1994 en n.d.
- 37 Porter, David. 1985.
- 38 Richards, Vernon. 1985-1995. (folder)
- 39 Sansom, Philip. 1985-1993. (folder)
- 40 Soufault, Arlette. 1982-1995. (folder)
- 41 Stadler, Chris. 1985-1989.
- 42 Stoehr, Tayler. 1985 en n.d.
- 43 Stowasser, Horst. 1985-1986.
- 44 Vallet, Jacques. 1985.
- 45 Vattuone, John. 1983, 1986, 1992-1994.
- 46 Walter, Nicholas and Christine. 1985-1996.
- 47 Walter, W.E. 1939, 1941 en n.d.
- 48 Ward, Colin and Harriet. 1984-1996.
- 49 Washburn, Joan. 1990.
- 50 Wetzel, Donald. 1994.
- 51 Wieck, David. 1980-1996. (folder)
- 52 Williams, Paul and Vera. 1960-1962.
- 53 Ziesling, M. 1991-1992.
- 54-91 Letters received from family members, comrades and friends. Alphabetically arranged by sender. 1940-1965, 1982-1997. 37 covers and 1 folder  
NB. For the letters from unidentified persons see the numbers 92-99.
  - 54 Agostinelli, Diva. 1940, 1950-1951.
  - 55 Bladen, Ronny. 1958 and n.d.
  - 56 Bufe, Chaz. 1987.
  - 57 Cantine, Holley. N.d.
  - 58 Carlsson, Chris. 1987, 1995.
  - 59 Claris, Jean Max. 1985, 1991-1992.
  - 60 Creagh, Ronald. 1986.

- 61 Dadoun, Roger. 1984, 1986.
- 62 Daniel, Marilyn. 1985.
- 63 Desuyo, Hedi. 1995-1997.
- 64 Dewees, Dan. 1955-1956.
- 65 Drinnon, Dick. 1962.
- 66 Evans (?), A. 1985-1986.
- 67 Evans, Marsha. 1996.
- 68 Flagler, F. 1950.
- 69 Gardner, Richard. 1988.
- 70 Goodfriend, Audrey. 1943, 1950-1959, 1965 and n.d. (folder)
- 71 Gould, Stan and Marylou. 1987, 1996.
- 72 Guerrieri, Anne Rita. 1982.
- 73 Hawraw (?), E. 1958.
- 74 Jahn, John and Ana. 1987.
- 75 Kaplan, Jerry. 1995-1996.
- 76 Koven, Bill. 1962.
- 77 Mac Low, Jackson. 1950.
- 78 Luca, Mark. N.d.
- 79 Milne, ... 1957-1958, 1985.
- 80 Perry, Dick. 1984-1985.
- 81 Rainwater, Janette. 1991 and n.d.
- 82 Retter, April. N.d.
- 83 Rooum, Donald. 1985 and n.d.
- 84 Shuman, Celia. 1985-1987.
- 85 Swanson, O. 1943.
- 86 Thorne, Ahrne. 1985.
- 87 Triest, Frank. 1950.
- 88 Tuckel, Morris. 1983-1985 and n.d.
- 89 Wieck, David. 1946, 1952-1959 and n.d.
- 90 Woodcock, Inge. 1995.
- 91 Woodworth, Fred. 1985, 1992.
- 92-100 Letters received from unidentified persons. Arranged by christian name.  
1980-1991. 9 covers
  - 92 Angelo and Jessie. N.d.
  - 93 Arnold, Betty and Johny. N.d.
  - 94 D.(M.) 1980.
  - 95 Daniel. 1993 and n.d.
  - 96 Eva. N.d.
  - 97 Liadain (?). 1989.

- 98 Luis. 1985.
- 99 Mark and Rose. 1991.
- 100 Marilyn. 1989.
- 101-116 Copies of letters from Koven to family members, comrades and friends. Alphabetically arranged. 1983-1985, 1992-1997. 15 covers and 1 folder
  - 101 Agostinelli, Diva and Wieck, David. 1994-1997.
  - 102 Baez, Joan. 1985.
  - 103 Bluestein, Abe. 1985.
  - 104 Canipa, Mary. 1985.
  - 105 Claris, Jean-Max. 1985.
  - 106 Compton, Walter. 1983. (folder)
  - 107 Dadoun, Roger. 1985, 1986.
  - 108 Goodfriend, Audrey. 1985, 1992.
  - 109 Gould, Stan and Marylou. 1996.
  - 110 Guin, Ursula le. 1985.
  - 111 Isca, Valerio. 1985.
  - 112 Pauline, Jean. 1985.
  - 113 Rooum, Donald. 1985.
  - 114 Thorne, Ahrne. 1985.
  - 115 Townsend, Nick and Gary, Anita. 1985.
  - 116 Woodcock, Inge. 1995.
- 117-121 Copies of letters from Koven to unidentified persons. Arranged by christian name. 1985, 1987, 1992, 1995. 5 covers
  - 117 Dindy. 1987.
  - 118 Franz. 1985.
  - 119 Irving and Greta. 1989, 1991.
  - 120 Laura. 1992, 1995.
  - 121 Sa (?). 1985.
- 122-123 Copies of (circulars-) letters to family members, comrades and friends. With letters concerning the arrest of Jose Miguel Reano Lopez. 1987, 1989-1997. 2 folders

## Organizations

- 124 Correspondence with the War Resisters League-West. 1982-1987. 1 folder
- 125 Correspondence with Centro Studi Libertari Archivio. 1983-1993. 1 folder
- 126 Correspondence with Freedom Press. 1984-1991. 1 folder
- 127 Correspondence with the Green Anarchist. 1985-1986. 1 folder
- 128 Correspondence with Kick it Over. 1985-1995. 1 folder
- 129 Correspondence with the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art concerning Ronald Bladen. 1990-1991. 1 folder
- 130 Correspondence with Anarchy. A Journal of Desire Armed. 1990-1997. 1 folder

## Manuscripts

- 131-132 Manuscripts by Koven. 1989-1997 and n.d. 2 folders
- 133 Manuscript by David Wieck concerning Paul Goodman. 1978. 1 cover
- 134 Manuscripts by Richard Gardner concerning cultural center Friedrichs in Austria. 1981-1983. 1 cover
- 135 Manuscript of poems by Waldo Esteva. N.d. 1 folder

## Other documents

- 136 Subscribers list and cash book of The Needle. With an announcement. [1956]. 1 folder
- 137 Documents concerning Domenico Sallitto. 1992 and n.d. 1 folder
- 138 Mailing list and address lists by Koven. 1995, [1997] and n.d. 1 folder

## Documentation

- 139 Documents concerning anarchism. 1984 and n.d. 1 folder
- 140 Copies of Botanical Prints by Henry Evans. 1979-1987. 1 folder
- 141 Documents concerning social ecology. 1980s. 1 folder
- 142 Documents concerning photographs by Richard Avedon. 1986 and n.d. 1 folder
- 143 Other documentation. 1952, 1992, 1995 and n.d. 1 folder