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Abstract

Substantial selection of posters from PCF archive in Paris. Topics include French elections, union of the left, anti-outsourcing, peace, human rights, civil rights, social aid, environment, women, publications, congresses, anti-nuclear, pro-Cuba, pro-Soviet Union, and anti-America movements.

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Parti Communiste Français

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Historical Information

The French Communist Party (PCF for short) emerged in 1921 out of the Section Française de l'Internationale Communiste. The two parties fought for support; the PCF supported the many governments of France, but did not participate directly in politics until after World War II. The group took an active role in Charles de Gaulle's government starting in 1944. The PCF was critical of the Indochinese War and the Algerian War in the 1940s and 1950s. They opposed many of the referendums during the start of the Fifth Republic, to no avail. In 1956, Maurice Thorez became the party leader, a role he held until 1964 when Waldeck Rochet took over the party. The PCF ran a candidate in several presidential primaries, but never garnered enough support to continue to the second round of elections. In the 1970s, the PCF banded together with other parties of the left to create the programme commun; this alliance worked together to support Mitterand and also to make governmental changes that their constituents valued. Throughout its existence, the PCF supported the workers and farmers of France and fought for more social welfare programs, like higher minimum wages, better retirement conditions, better working conditions, and equal pay. The party also sought female support by celebrating women's issues and equal rights. The Party held Congresses every few years as party meetings to discuss and celebrate social issues. After President Mitterand's term in office, the party began to fracture and supporters disappeared. The end of communism and the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 put an extra burden on the already hurting party; they did not dissolve or change their name, but they struggled for wide support like they once had. The party is still active today, with a Young Communiste movement popular amongst the younger generation, but they do not have the members like during their heyday.

Scope and Content

Substantial selection of posters from PCF archive in Paris. Some of the earliest posters are from 1949 billboard campaign, which includes Pablo Picasso's peace dove poster, which he created for the PCF's World Committee of Peace Partisans' conference held in Paris in the spring of 1949. The posters follow party propaganda through their many electoral campaigns and changing platforms into the 21st century; topics include candidates, social welfare programs, financial issues, lodging, a union of the left, peace, human rights, civil rights, environment, anti-nuclear, pro-Cuba, pro-Soviet Union, and anti-America movements. Posters also celebrate important dates, promote the party's publications and advertise party events. Specific topics include women, fête de l'humanité, communists' births and deaths, protests, book releases, and the

newspaper l'Humanité.

Series 1: Political Posters contains posters that describe the party's position, call for peace, promote the Union of the Left, support French production and are by Young Communist groups.

Series 2: Social Posters contains posters that celebrate important anniversaries, advertise for meetings, promote publications, celebrate women, call for protest demonstrations, and convey important party events.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Parti communiste français.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into two series by subject with posters further organized into 11 subseries. Within each series, posters are arranged by size and chronologically.

- Series 1: Political posters, circa 1945-2008 (Box 1-5, Shelf 1-4,6, MC)
- Series 2: Social posters, 1950-2008 (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Contents List

Series 1: Political Posters,

Unit Date ca. 1945-2008

Extent (Box 1-5, Shelf 1-4,6, MC)

Scope and Content

This first series consists of five subseries and contains political posters all arranged by size and chronologically. The first subseries contains general position and party information posters. The second subseries contains posters about the programme commun. The third subseries contains posters for the production français campaign. The fourth subseries contains posters about peace and disarmament. The fifth subseries contains posters for the Jeune Communistes party.

Subseries 1.1: General Position and Party Information,

Unit Date 1945?-2008

Extent (Box 1-4, Shelf 1-3,6, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 1.1 is for general position and party information posters. Many posters that are just "vote communist" or describe the party platform. There are also many posters for each election that tell party members how to vote.

General, Party support and position posters,

Unit Date 1950-1959

Container 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 42x59cm sized posters; targeted toward workers and farmers asking for their support.

Transition from the Fourth Republic to the Fifth Republic of France,

Unit Date 1958

Container 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

11 30x40cm, 7 roughly 60x20cm, 2 roughly 40x50cm, 7 40x60cm sized posters; assortment of posters for the many processes surrounding the formation of the Fifth Republic, including anti-de Gaulle, No to constitutional monarchy, Gaulle is a fascist, attacks on de Gaulle's ministers, no to a military dictator, no to civil war.

General, position, and party support posters,

Unit Date 1960-1964

Container 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

11 40x60cm, 2 30x40cm, and 2 roughly 24x59cm sized posters; topics include secularism in schools and government, party positions on current issues, anti-fascism, promoting Maurice Thorez.

Referendum for Algerian self-determination,

Unit Date 1961

Container 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 30x40cm sized posters; posters call for voters to vote against the referendum.

Referendum for electing the President through direct suffrage,

Unit Date October 1961

Container 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

10 30x40cm sized posters; posters are anti-Gaulle and against the referendum.

General, position and party support posters,

Unit Date 1965-1969

Container 1 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 roughly 38x58cm posters, 4 30x50cm sized posters, and 4 42x59cm posters; school, jobs, lodging, and military topics included.

1965 Presidential Election,

Unit Date 1965

Container 1 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 30x40cm and 3 40x60cm sized posters; the posters support Mitterand for president during the 1965

election in France.

1968 legislative elections,

Unit Date 1968

Container 1 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 40x60cm sized posters; posters are asking voters to vote communist.

1969 presidential election,

Unit Date 1969

Container 1 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 40x60cm and 2 roughly 30x25cm sized posters; supports Duclos in the first tour and asks voters to abstain in the second tour.

Pour Vivre Mieux (To Live Better),

Unit Date 1971

Container 2 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 40x60cm sized posters; posters all have the slogan "Pour vivre mieux" and deal with taxes, proportional representation, nationalization, tariffs, rent levels, and giving the young a job.

Election of 1971,

Unit Date 1971

Container 2 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 40x60cm sized posters; the posters call for voters to support the communists and vote communist in the municipal election of 1971. The posters attack the UDR and address taxes, lodging, salaries, and scandals. Most posters say "avec les communistes."

Election March 1978,

Unit Date March 1978

Container 2 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

16 40x60cm sized posters; the posters follow two color schemes, yellow with blue font and variations of blue, red and purple boxes with red, white, and blue font. Topics include minimum wage, government-assisted housing, old age aid, creating jobs, taxes, hours in a work week and paid vacation, equalize salaries, and changing the retirement age.

General, position, and party support posters,

Unit Date 1970-1979

Container 2 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 30x40cm and 10 40x60cm sized posters; workers against capitalism, vote no to the referendum of 1972, welcome Brezhnev to France, cooperation and friendship with the USSR, election poster for M. Gros (1974), stop inflation, lower prices, and HLM/government housing are the various topics of these posters.

Elections,

Unit Date 1980-1984

Container 3 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 40x60cm, 1 about 20x30cm, 8 about 50x68cm, 3 on average 35x50cm, 1 50x50cm, 3 triangle sized posters; topics include Marchais during the 1981 election, European parliamentary elections 1984, who to vote for in the March 6, 1983 election, 1982 cantonal elections, and Citroën and the elections.

Election 1986,

Unit Date 1986

Container 3 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 roughly 35x50cm sized posters; posters to support the Communists during the 1986 election, four posters say "je vote communiste."

Ne Pas Subir, Agir,

Unit Date 1985

Container 3 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 50x36cm and 5 40x60cm sized posters; each poster says "ne pas subir, agir" (do not suffer, act) and topics include unemployment, workers, and the future.

Place aux idées nouvelles,

Unit Date 1986

Container 3 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 roughly 68x48cm sized posters; posters show a person talking about something that concerns them, like social and political issues.

Lajoinie,

Unit Date 1987

Container 3 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 roughly 35x50cm, 5 roughly 48x68cm sized posters; posters are for André Lajoinie's campaign for president in the 1988 elections.

Une idée qui monte,

Unit Date 1988

Container 3 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 48x63cm sized posters; each poster has the phrase "Une idée qui monte" and addresses socio-political issues.

Salaries and wages,

Unit Date 1987-1989

Container 3 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 35x50cm and 4 48x68cm sized posters; each poster is about money, specifically salaries, minimum wage or social welfare aid.

General, position, and party support posters,

Unit Date 1985-1989

Container 3 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 33x70cm, 11 roughly 35x50cm, and 8 roughly 48x68cm sized posters; topics include housing, health care, electoral districts, employment, social aid, agricultural issues, and the June 18, 1989 election.

General, position, and party support posters,

Unit Date 1990s

Container 4 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 33x46cm, 5 48x60cm, 7 48x68cm, 3 38x60cm, and 1 38x52cm sized posters; topics include supporting the PCF, minimum wage, social security, education, drugs, uniting the party, anti-Balladur, women in politics, and the May 25, 1997 election.

General, position, and party support posters,

Unit Date 2000s

Container 4 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 roughly 47x67cm sized posters; topics include voting, supporting the party, minimum wage, youth jobs, and a poster supporting Marie-George Buffet.

Robert Hue,

Unit Date 1994-2002

Container 4 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 45x60cm, 1 15x68cm, 1 50x58cm, and 11 34x47cm sized posters for Robert Hue's many campaigns.

Undated General,

Unit Date undated

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 10x40cm, 3 40x60cm, 2 70x100cm, 4 60x80cm, 1 35x100cm, 7 50x70cm, 6 30x40cm, and 4 40x40cm sized posters; topics include candidates, positions, women, USSR, unemployment, immigration, voting rights, and buying power.

1950s-1960s General,

Unit Date 1953-1969

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

26 roughly 60x80cm and 5 60x100cm sized posters; topics include agriculture, workers, scandals, German soldiers in France, general party positions, how to vote, anti-de Gaulle, union and action, miners, women, personal power, halting fascism, and Duclos.

1970s General,

Unit Date 1970-1979

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

36 roughly 60x80cm, 2 40x60cm, and 2 30x100cm sized posters; topics include uniting, anti-UDR, financial scandals, the Soviet Union, Pompidou, cantonal elections, racism, personal power, raising fuel prices, petroleum scandal, d'Estaing, women, the Concord, farmers, saving hospitals, European election, and the election of 1978.

1980s General,

Unit Date 1980-1989

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

19 roughly 70x100cm, 8 40x60cm, 1 30x40cm sized posters; topics include anti-Giscard, the Corsican election, women, elections of 1983, June 1984 elections, March 1985 elections, schools, human rights, hospital care, electoral districts, party positions, banks, and schools.

1990-1994 General,

Unit Date 1999-1994

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

18 roughly 70x100cm, 2 60x80cm, and 9 40x60cm sized posters; topics include free information, retirement, schools, party positions, and unemployment.

1995-2000s General,

Unit Date 1995-2007

Container Shelf 1 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 60x80cm, 13 70x100cm, and 1 50x70cm sized posters; topics include Balladur, Chirac, Euro vote, growth, party positions, and Marie-George Buffet.

Place aux idées nouvelles and une idée qui monte,

Unit Date 1986 and 1988

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

8 70x100cm sized posters in the series entitled Place aux idées nouvelles (place of new ideas). 2 70x100cm sized posters from the series entitled une idée qui monte.

Robert Hue,

Unit Date 1994-2002

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 roughly 60x80cm, 10 70x100cm, and 1 50x70cm sized posters for Robert Hue's campaign.

Social Security,

Unit Date 1959-1990, undated

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 roughly 60x80cm, 8 roughly 70x100cm, and 2 50x70cm sized posters about social security issues, including retirement, social security, and more.

Mitterand,

Unit Date 1965-1981?

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 roughly 60x80cm sized posters for Mitterand's campaigns.

Lajoinie,

Unit Date 1987-1988

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

11 roughly 70x90cm sized posters for Lajoinie's campaigns.

Salaries, Taxes, Finances, and unemployment,

Unit Date 1959-2008, undated

Container Shelf 2 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

8 roughly 50x70cm, 14 roughly 60x80cm, 2 61x95cm, 1 60x70cm, 14 70x100cm, 1 35x50cm, 2 roughly 40x100cm sized posters that deal with finances, salaries, taxes, and unemployment.

Giscard,

Unit Date 1973?-1983

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 roughly 40x60cm, 1 50x70cm, 8 60x80cm, 2 40x100cm and 1 70x100cm sized posters against Giscard's campaign.

Hausse des prix (rising prices),

Unit Date 1951?-1980

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 50x70cm, 11 roughly 60x80cm, and 1 30x40cm sized posters that address rising prices.

Referendums,

Unit Date 1958?-2000

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 13x60cm, 1 25x60cm, 2 50x70cm, 6 roughly 60x80cm, and 5 70x100cm sized posters about referendum positions in France.

Marchais,

Unit Date 1981-1984?, undated

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 33x100cm, 1 30x40cm, 3 roughly 50x70cm, and 7 roughly 60x80cm sized posters for Marchais's campaign.

Support/Adhere,

Unit Date 1953-1996, undated

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 30x40cm, 19 50x70cm, 1 50x100cm, 26 60x80cm, 9 70x100cm, and 1 100x120cm sized posters calling for support or adherence to the Communist party; also includes phrases like I vote communist and with the communists.

Lodging and rent,

Unit Date 1965-1995?

Container Shelf 3 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 30x40cm, 1 50x70cm, 3 60x80cm, and 3 70x100cm sized posters about rent and lodging options.

General very large posters,

Unit Date 1973-1982, undated

Container Shelf 6 (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 roughly 140x50cm, 8 roughly 160x50cm, 2 185x65cm sized posters of various topics, including who to vote for, protests, publications, and party positions.

General Party Posters,

Unit Date 1945?-1981?, undated

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 40x120cm, 2 30x120cm, and 30 80x120cm sized posters; posters tell supporters how to vote, call for support, and address party issues. Specific topics include Marchais, Mitterand, the Olympic games, birth control, union of workers, religion in school, Truman doctrine, Duclos, leaders, and taxes.

Subseries 1.2: Programme Commun,

Unit Date 1963-1977

Extent (Box 5, Shelf 4, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 1.2 contains posters leading up to and calling for support of the union of the left, i.e., the programme commun.

Programme commun,

Unit Date 1964-1977

Container 5 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 roughly 41x59cm, 1 29x42cm, 3 29x53cm, 1 38x48cm, and 1 60x70cm sized posters; these posters call for a union of the left or a programme commun.

Programme commun,**Unit Date** 1963-1977**Container** Shelf 4 (Oversize)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Content**

21 roughly 60x80cm, 1 95x63cm, 3 48x68cm, 2 58x52cm, and 1 38x58cm sized posters; poster topics support the union of the left, cantonal elections, Mitterrand and include phrases like end personal power, union and action, it's possible, and adhere.

Programme Commun and Disarmament/Peace,**Unit Date** 1972**Container** MC (Oversize)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Content**

1 80x120cm sized poster about the programme commun.

Subseries 1.3: Production Français,**Unit Date** 1981-1991**Extent** (Box 5, Shelf 4)**Scope and Content**

Subseries 1.3 contains posters about "production français," or the Party's campaign to purchase goods made in France.

production français,**Unit Date** 1982-1988**Container** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Content**

10 48x68cm and 1 48x64cm sized posters each calling for the support of French production and limiting imports and outsourcing.

Made in France,**Unit Date** 1981-1991**Container** Shelf 4 (Oversize)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Content**

2 roughly 60x80cm, 2 48x67cm, and 5 68x97cm sized posters; topics include creating jobs, keeping money in France, fewer imports, fighting unemployment, and Lajoinie campaign issues.

Subseries 1.4: Peace and Disarmament,**Unit Date** circa 1950-2001**Extent** (Box 5, Shelf 4, MC)**Scope and Content**

Subseries 1.4 contains posters that are anti-war or anti-bomb, also posters calling for support of certain countries in conflict or the freedom of certain prisoners.

Peace, general,**Unit Date** 1953-1991**Container** 5 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Content**

3 roughly 48x68cm, 4 roughly 30x40cm, and 7 roughly 37x49cm sized posters; general posters for peace and various specific topics, like Hungary, Indochina, Turkey, Cuba, and freeing people from prison.

Algeria,

Unit Date 1958-1962

Container 5 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

12 roughly 30x40cm, 12 40x60cm, 2 20x60cm, and 1 29x60cm sized posters; these posters follow the Algerian fight for independence, calling for a cease-fire and independence.

Vietnam,

Unit Date 1966-1968

Container 5 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 30x43cm, 10 roughly 38x58cm, and 1 38x51cm sized posters that deal with ending the Vietnam War.

Nuclear disarmament,

Unit Date 1958-1971

Container 5 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 30x40cm and 2 38x60cm sized posters that promote nuclear disarmament.

Algeria,

Unit Date 1959-1962

Container Shelf 4 (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

13 roughly 60x80cm sized posters about the Algerian War.

Vietnam,

Unit Date 1964?-1974

Container Shelf 4 (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 30x80cm, 14 60x80cm, and 1 22x60cm sized posters that deal with the war in Vietnam.

Peace, disarmament, general,

Unit Date 1952?-2001, undated

Container Shelf 4 (Oversize)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 22x60cm, 6 roughly 30x75cm, 3 roughly 30x100cm, 25 roughly 60x80cm, and 15 roughly 65x100cm sized posters; topics include helping the poor in Indochina, the Hungarian Revolution, no American bases in France, liberation, peace, Nixon and US aggression, concentration camps in Chili, AIDS, the Kyoto Accords, and disarming. Some posters call for freeing Jacques Duclos, Angela Davis, Mandela, and Vietnamese. Many posters are about conflicts in different areas of the globe, including Cuba, Germany, Indochina, Palestine, Nicaragua, Turkey, the Gulf War, and Rwanda.

Programme Commun and Disarmament/Peace,

Unit Date 1950?-1983, undated

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 40x120cm and 10 80x120cm sized posters that call for disarmament and peace in war-torn areas

3 40x120cm and 10 60x120cm sized posters that call for disarmament and peace in war-torn areas like Indochina, Vietnam, Algeria, and Tunisia. There are also posters against American military forces in France.

Subseries 1.5: Jeune Communistes,

Unit Date circa 1974-2007

Extent (Shelf 4)

Scope and Content

Subseries 1.5 contains posters by the Jeune Communistes (Young Communists).

Jeune Communistes,

Unit Date 1974?-2007

Container Shelf 4 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 40x60cm, 1 50x80cm, 1 20x80cm, 4 60x80cm, and 8 65x90cm sized posters; poster topics include schools, voting, anti-globalization, employment, the death penalty, Europe, Palestine, stopping discrimination, and anti-Front National.

Series 2: Social Posters,

Unit Date 1950-2008

Extent (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

This second series consists of six subseries and contains social posters all arranged chronologically. The first subseries contains commemorative and anniversary posters. The second subseries contains posters for the celebration of women, like the Fête des Mères, Journée des Femmes, and May 1st for example. The third subseries contains posters for meetings, programs, television appearances. The fourth subseries contains posters about protests. The fifth subseries contains posters to advertise and celebrate for Congresses, Vente-exposition, and the Fête de l'Humanité. The sixth subseries contains posters to advertise for Communist publications.

Subseries 2.1: Commemorative and Anniversaries,

Unit Date 1950-1994

Extent (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.1 is for commemorative and anniversary posters that celebrate the anniversary of important communist events like October 1917, famous communists' birthdays or deaths, and the party's anniversary.

Commemorative and anniversary,

Unit Date 1950-1990

Container 6 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 30x40cm, 5 roughly 39x59cm, 1 61x24cm, 2 50x67cm, and 1 45x65cm sized posters to celebrate Thorez's birthday, the revolution of October 1917, the passage of social laws, the anniversary of the party, and the anniversary of the liberation of Paris.

Commemorative,

Unit Date 1958-1994

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 roughly 60x100cm, 4 roughly 70x100cm, 15 roughly 60x80cm, 1 40x100cm, 2 50x70cm, and 1 40x56cm sized posters that commemorate social laws, the revolution of October 1917, the French

Revolution, the founding of the party, several important Communist figures' birthdays, and the anniversary of World War II events.

Commemorative and Publications,

Unit Date 1953-1969

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

21 80x120cm and 4 40x120cm sized posters that commemorate the October Revolution of 1917, the commune of Paris, the births and deaths of famous communists, the anniversary of the party, and other small events.

Subseries 2.2: Fête des Mères, Journée des Femmes, etc.,

Unit Date 1957?-2000

Extent (Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.2 contains posters celebrating women, like the Fête des Mères, Journée des Femmes, and May 1st for example.

Fête des Mères, Journée des Femmes, etc.,

Unit Date 1957?-2000

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 20x70cm, 1 40x60cm, 5 roughly 50x70cm, 12 roughly 60x80cm, and 7 65x100cm sized posters that celebrate women, particularly the Fête des Mères, the Journée des Femmes, and May 1st celebrations of the French Communist Party.

Women, Protests, Congresses and Meetings,

Unit Date 1963

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 80x120cm sized poster announcing a meeting for women.

Subseries 2.3: Meetings, Programs, and Television Appearances,

Unit Date 1950-2006

Extent (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.3 contains posters to advertise for party meetings, programs, television appearances.

Programs and meetings,

Unit Date 1980-2006

Container 6 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 roughly 39x59cm, 1 48x48cm, 3 34x48cm, and 4 48x67cm sized posters; topics include a meeting with Marchais, a city meeting, invites for a meeting, meeting of Fontenay, meeting with Buffet, and a Grand Bal.

Television appearances,

Unit Date 1974-1995?

Container 6 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 40x60cm, 2 roughly 28x40cm, 2 roughly 35x50cm, 1 46x46cm, and 1 35x25cm sized posters; specific television appearances include Marchais, Lajoinie, Marchais's new book promotion, Robert Hue, and a radio show.

Meetings and Programs,

Unit Date 1958-2000, undated

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 roughly 35x45cm, 18 roughly 60x80cm, 4 roughly 40x100cm, 15 70x100cm, 1 100x140cm, 2 30x80cm, 1 120x160cm, 3 50x70cm, and 1 17x50cm sized posters; poster topics include large public meetings, large parties, regional debates, television appearances, and student and young worker meetings, as well as meetings with top party leaders to discuss various party issues.

Women, Protests, Congresses and Meetings,

Unit Date 1950?-1980, undated

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 40x120cm, 1 76x102cm, and 16 80x120cm sized posters; meetings include those with top leaders of the party, with Marchais, and with women, topics include petrol, the Front Populaire, Christmas programs, and referendums.

Subseries 2.4: Protests,

Unit Date 1954?-2008

Extent (Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.4 contains posters that advertise for protest marches.

Protests,

Unit Date 1959-2008

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

8 roughly 60x80cm, 4 roughly 30x100cm, 2 roughly 45x60cm, 1 35x48cm, and 2 70x100cm sized posters; poster topics include secular schools, the youth against apartheid and Giscard, protests against nuclear weapons and the Front National, and protests for jobs and salaries.

Women, Protests, Congresses and Meetings,

Unit Date 1954?-1968

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 40x120cm and 1 80x120cm sized posters; one poster is for a protest in honor of the founder of l'Humanité and the other for the commune of Paris.

Subseries 2.5: Congresses, Vente-Expositions, and Fêtes de l'Humanité,

Unit Date 1957-2007

Extent (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.5 contains posters to advertise and celebrate for Congresses, Vente-exposition, and the Fête de l'Humanité. Congresses and Fetes are annual gatherings of party members, similar to a convention or festival. Vente-Expositions are book festivals.

Congress and fête de l'humanité,

Unit Date 1959-1985

Container 6 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 40x60cm posters; one poster advertises the 15th Congress and the other four show facsimiles of old posters for the 1985 fête de l'humanité.

Vente-Exposition,

Unit Date 1959-1991

Container 6 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 roughly 39x59cm, 1 32x50cm, 3 28x39cm, 1 35x44cm, 1 64x50cm, 1 68x47cm, and 1 46x61cm sized posters; posters advertise Vente-Expositions for Marxist books, the history of the PCF, art and books, the anniversary of the Paris commune, a Grand Gala du lien, a technology expo, and a night of cinema.

Vente-Expositions/Congress,

Unit Date 1959-2000

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

13 roughly 60x80cm, 7 roughly 60x100cm, 1 35x70cm, and 2 roughly 40x80cm sized posters; topics include expositions for Soviet or Marxist books, music celebrations, and Congresses.

Fête de l'humanité,

Unit Date 1973-2007

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

9 70x100cm, 1 55x75cm, 1 33x48cm, 1 49x65cm, 1 40x60cm, 1 47x58cm, 2 60x80cm, and 1 34x100cm sized posters advertising for the Fête de l'humanité.

Women, Protests, Congresses and Meetings,

Unit Date 1957-1976

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

1 40x120cm and 7 80x120cm sized posters; topics include Congresses and Marxist book celebrations.

Subseries 2.6: Publications,

Unit Date 1958-2001

Extent (Box 6, Shelf 5, MC)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.6 contains posters to advertise for Communist publications, including book releases by party members and newspapers or journals published by the French Communist Party.

Publications,

Unit Date 1958-2001

Container 6 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 20x40cm, 3 roughly 50x20cm, 1 52x28cm, 2 60x48cm, and 1 25x5cm sized posters; the publication

2 50x40cm, 5 roughly 59x59cm, 1 52x58cm, 2 69x48cm, and 1 55x50cm sized posters; the publication advertised include L'Humanité, France Nouvelle, Marchais's L'Espoir au Present, Economie et Politique, Avancées, and Communistes.

Publications,

Unit Date 1973?-2001

Container Shelf 5 (Oversize)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 40x60cm, 12 60x80cm, and 1 70x100cm sized posters; topics include the newspapers L'Humanité, Economie et Politique, and Les Espaces Citoyens; Marchais's books Le Defi Democratique and Espoir au Present; Robert Hue's Communisme: La Mutation; and nights of cinema.

Commemorative and Publications,

Unit Date 1973-1980, undated

Container MC (Oversize)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 40x120cm and 3 80x120cm sized posters; publications include the book for the Fête de l'Humanité, Le Patriote newspaper, and Marchais's L'Espoir au Present and Le Defi Democratique.