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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Canadians for Democracy in Chile fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1112
<b>Date:</b>	1971-1998; predominant 1973-1989 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1.7 m of textual records 13 photographs 5 posters
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Revised by Malcolm Fish, December 2023.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	

The first accession of the fonds contains photographs with the identifier format of BC-xxxx. RBSC has since switched its identifier to the format of RBSC-ARC-xxxx-PH-xxxx. The Canadians for Democracy in Chile fonds contains photographs with both the old BC-xxxx identifiers (BC-1963-01 to 11) and new RBSC-ARC-xxxx-PH-xxxx identifiers (RBSC-ARC-1112-PH-01 to 02); photographs with BC numbers have retained those identifiers and have not been assigned PH identifiers.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Canadians for Democracy in Chile was established in 1973 shortly following Augusto Pinochet's September 11 coup in Santiago, and it continued operations until at least 1989. Philip Rankin served as founding Chair, and William McLeod as founding Secretary-Treasurer with Elspeth Gardner as its first President in 1975. Primary activities of the organization included sponsorship of public meetings and conferences; gathering and dissemination of information on contemporary political conditions in Chile; dispatching medical, material and financial aid to opponents of the Chilean government; and distribution of leaflets, posters, and other publicity and educational materials. In addition, they also sponsored letter writing campaigns, organized fundraising events, and did liaison work with local, national, and international groups including labour unions and human rights organizations, Latin American charity associations, and so on . Canadians for Democracy in Chile designated itself as a `citizen's committee,' and listed its supporters as, alternately, organizer/volunteers, sponsors, or contributing members. The organizing committee was headed by a Chair and a Secretary-Treasurer, and, after 1975, a President. Other organizer/volunteers served on one or more sub-committees, each comprised of between two and five individuals . Sub-committees were formed for "Finance," "Speakers," "Correspondence," "Publicity," and a "Bulletin Committee" to oversee the Canadians for Democracy in Chile newsletter. Members of the

organization commonly abbreviated its full name to C.D.C. Philip Rankin served as founding Chair, and William McLeod as founding Secretary-Treasurer . Elspeth Gardner became first President in 1975.

## Custodial history

The initial deposit of materials was made to UBC Library RBSC in early 1990 by Susan Lockhart (née Radosevic), who donated the records on behalf of Canadians for Democracy in Chile around the time of the organization's dissolution. An accrual was donated by Carolina Palacios in September 2022. The accrual was held by Susan Lockhart after the initial deposit; she transferred custody of the accrual materials to Carolina Palacios, who then donated them to UBC Library RBSC.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of administrative records, correspondence, publications, newspaper clippings, and educational and promotional materials related to the operations of the Canadians for Democracy in Chile (C.D.C.) and its relationships with various domestic (Canadian) and international organizations. Records reflect the C.D.C.'s functions as a public information resource and activist organization and its close working relationship with the Vancouver Chile Association and various labour organizations. C.D.C. also regularly corresponded with provincial and federal Canadian government offices concerning Canada's relationship with Chile, particularly its economic relationship. Contents include: posters, leaflets, and other promotional materials for events, conference, and boycotts; published materials (including editions of Chile News, newsletters, and bound copies of conference and UN proceedings); newspaper clippings about activism, Chilean refugees in Canada, and conditions in Chile; correspondence; administrative records; and event photographs.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of the fonds.

### Arrangement

The records classification system used by the creator from establishment through to 1976 has been preserved by the archivist. Series entitled Administration, Bulletin, Clippings, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, and Publications, accordingly, are comprised of records created between 1973 and 1976. Most of the balance of C.D.C. records had no clear organizational structure upon accession. These records have been arranged in a General series, along with those pre-1977 records found among them at the time of accession. Graphic Materials series has been created on the basis of form. Records in 2 Conferences series were maintained by creator separately from other C.D.C. records.

**Restrictions on access**

No restrictions on access.

**Finding aids**

Inventory available.

**Accruals**

Further accruals are not expected.

**Other notes**

- **Publication status:** published
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**Access points**

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- Vancouver Chile Association (subject)
  - Chilean (subject)
  - Organizations (subject)
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**Series descriptions**

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**Clippings**

Date: 1971-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of newspaper articles, many of them without attribution of source, used for reference purposes. Material generally pertains to contemporary politics and human rights conditions in Chile, or in Latin America more broadly. The C.D.C. classified newspaper clippings chronologically to some extent, although not consistently.

Physical description: 3 folders

2 cm textual records

Language of the material:

Related material:

Clippings saved after 1976, and some from before, may be found in General series. Some clippings also found in Publications series and Vancouver Chile Association series .

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-02	File - News Clippings - Spanish News Clippings 71/73, Chile News Before Sept	1971-1973		
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-03	File - News - Chile - Sept 73-Dec 73 News Clippings	Sept 1973 - Dec 1973		
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-04	File - Chile Clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-08	File - [News Clippings]	1975-1984		
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-11	File - Chile - Newspaper Reports and Misc	1978-1980		
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-01	File - [News Clippings]	1973-1985		
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-07	File - [News Clippings]	1976-1984		
<b>Bulletin</b>				
<u>Date:</u> Nov. 1973 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u> Series consists of two duplicate copies of the C.D .C . newsletter, <i>Bulletin</i>, dated Nov. 1973. While the newsletter was issued periodically, series only contains these two copies of the first issue .				
<u>Physical description:</u> 6 leaves				
<u>Related material:</u> Copies of the <i>Bulletin</i> may also be found in Publications series.				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-01	File - Bulletin			
<b>Records relating to Vancouver Chile Association</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1973-1976 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u> Series consists of records which reflect the close working relationship between C .D.C. and the Vancouver Chile Association, and includes copies of press releases, pamphlets, leaflets, and				

correspondence issued by VCA and received by C.D.C. Series also includes other assorted material reflecting general C.D.C. operations in late-1973 and 1974.

Physical description: 3 folders

Note:

Vancouver Chile Association also seems to have been known as the Vancouver Chileans Committee.

Related material:

Other records reflecting C.D.C. relations with the Vancouver Chile Association will be found in Publications series, Administration series, and General series.

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-08	File - Extra Copies			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-09	File - Van. Chileans Cttee			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-10	File - Van. Chile. Assn.			

#### Administration Records

Date: 1973-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of membership rosters, mailing and contact lists, committee rosters, minutes of meetings, and other materials reflecting day-to-day operations of C.D.C. organizers and volunteers. Series also contains press releases and other publicity materials issued by C.D.C., blank letterhead, a register of letters received, and some correspondence.

Physical description: 5.5 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

Series has been created by the archivist to accommodate files related to office administration. File titles of creator have been preserved.

Related material:

Rosters, minutes, and so forth, created after 1976, and some from before, may be found in General series. Press releases may also be found in Correspondence series and in Conference series .

Publication status:

published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-02	File - Letterheads			
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-03	File - C.D.C. Rosters			
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-04	File - C.D.C. Minutes			
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-05	File - Minutes			
RBSC- ARC-1112-11-03	File - [Meeting Minutes]	1973-1985		
RBSC- ARC-1112-11-06	File - [Receipts]	1981		
RBSC- ARC-1112-11-07	File - [Member and Contact Lists]	1973-1976		
<b>Correspondence</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1973-1985 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
<p>Series consists of letters sent and received, pertaining to topics including fundraising, membership, liaising with other organizations, and various Canadian provincial and federal government offices. Correspondents include sponsors, contributing members, members of the BC and Federal Canadian governments, members of the Chilean government (frequently Pinochet himself and various Ministers), the United Nations (General Assembly), various BC and international labour unions, and other activist groups concerned with human rights and political issues in Latin America. Creator classified correspondence according to reception or dispatch, and, to some extent, chronologically.</p>				
<u>Physical description:</u> 12.5 cm of textual records				
<u>Related material:</u>				
<p>Correspondence sent and received after 1976, and some from before, may be found in General series. Some correspondence also in Administration series and Conferences series.</p>				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-06	File - C.D.C Correspondence - IN	1973		
RBSC- ARC-1112-01-07	File - C.D.C Correspondence - IN	1974		



RBSC-ARC-1112-01-08	File - C.D.C Correspondence - IN	1975
RBSC-ARC-1112-01-09	File - Correspondence - IN	1976
RBSC-ARC-1112-01-10	File - Correspondence - OUT	1976
RBSC-ARC-1112-01-11	File - C.D.C Correspondence	
RBSC-ARC-1112-01-12	File - Correspondence	
RBSC-ARC-1112-11-01	File - Correspondence	1973-1976
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-09	File - [Correspondence]	1980-1985

## Publications

Date: 1973-1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of booklets, pamphlets, leaflets, and other published material collected by C.D.C. for purposes of reference and dissemination. Most of this material was produced by North American organizations conducting charity work or human rights agitation in Latin America. Publications include several years of issues of Vinceremos and Chile News.

The C.D.C. employed a mixed scheme to classify publications, storing material in files according to organizations sponsoring publication, the characteristics of organizations sponsoring publications, or the characteristics of the publications themselves.

Physical description: 36 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

Related material:

Publications received after 1976, and some from before, may be found in General series. Some publications also in Correspondence series.

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-11	File - Publications (Veneceremos & Van. Chile Assn.)			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-12	File - CDC Publications C.D.C. B.C. Committee C.D.C.			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-13	File - Publications (B.C. Peace Council)			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-14	File - World Peace Council			

RBSC-ARC-1112-02-15	File - Informational Material
RBSC-ARC-1112-03-01	File - Publications LAWG
RBSC-ARC-1112-03-02	File - LAWG Bulletins
RBSC-ARC-1112-03-03	File - Publications (Non B.C. Chile-Can Committees)
RBSC-ARC-1112-03-04	File - Non-Canadian
RBSC-ARC-1112-03-05	File - Publications Foreign Language
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-01	File - Chile-Solidarity Cttee
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-02	File - Publications (Church)
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-03	File - Publications - Ultra Left
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-04	File - Miscellaneous
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-05	File - Irregular and Miscellaneous
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-06	File - Irregular and Miscellaneous
RBSC-ARC-1112-04-07	File - Irregular and Miscellaneous
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-01	File - [Non-C.D.C. Publications] 1974-1980
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-12	File - Co-ord Committee News Letters 1981
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-02	File - Chile - Venceremos 1975-1986
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-03	File - [Chile News] 1979-1986

## General Files

Date: 1972-1998 ; predominant 1977-1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of publications, clippings, correspondence, event promotion materials (flyers and posters), and administrative records reflecting C.D.C.'s continuing activities following 1976. Series also consists of similar material from earlier era which was found among such records at time of accession. Records include promotional materials and reports on events including speakers and rallies, informational records about the Inter-American Development Bank, open letters and resolutions passed by various committees, and boycott and other labour activism materials.

Physical description: 95 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

Arrangement of the creator has been strictly preserved. Even though much of this series was stored without evident classification, structure, or order, no attempt has been made to place this material

into a classification scheme resembling that of earlier C .D.C. records. A considerable proportion of this series consists of pre-1977 records which were found among post-1976 records at the time of accession . Presumably this material was brought forward for reference purposes during the active life of the records, and never replaced . This material has not been returned to those series to which it evidently was drawn (Clippings, Vancouver Chile Association, Administration, Correspondence, Publications), but remains as ordered at the time of accession. A portion of the General series was maintained according to chronological classification, as is reflected in certain of the file titles . Many among the leaflets, pamphlets, and booklets in this series were stored along with other classes of contemporary records, although some were maintained separately. This latter group of publications now constitutes a Publications file within the General series. This file has been titled 'Publications: Post-1976' in order to distinguish it clearly from the Publications series.

Related material:

See also series titled Clippings, Vancouver Chile Association, Administration, Correspondence, and Publications.

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-05-(01 to 05)	File - Publications: Post-1976	Post-1976		
RBSC-ARC-1112-06-(01 to 06)	File - Publications: Post-1976	Post-1976		
RBSC-ARC-1112-07-(01 to 02)	File - Miscellaneous	1976-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1112-07-03	File - Miscellaneous	1983		
RBSC-ARC-1112-07-(04 to 06)	File - Miscellaneous	1982-1987		
RBSC-ARC-1112-08-(01 to 06)	File - Miscellaneous			
RBSC-ARC-1112-09-(01 to 05)	File - Miscellaneous			
RBSC-ARC-1112-10-(01 to 06)	File - Miscellaneous			
RBSC-ARC-1112-11-02	File - [Press Releases, Open Letters, and Resolutions]	1973-1998		
RBSC-ARC-1112-11-04	File - [Inter-American Development Bank]	1972-1977		
RBSC-ARC-1112-11-05	File - Canadians for Democracy in Chile Re: Recabarren Family	1981-1984		
RBSC-ARC-1112-11-08	File - [Events and Addresses]	1974-1984		
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-02	File - [United Nations Commission on Human Rights]	1980-1982		
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-03	File - [Newsletters and Campaigns]	1974-1988		

RBSC-ARC-1112-12-04	File - [Christmas Card Master]	n.d.
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-06	File - [Refugees]	1974-1979
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-07	File - [Trade and Labour Activism]	1977-1986
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-10	File - [Miscellaneous]	1977-1983
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-06	File - [Chilean Women]	1974-1984
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-08	File - [Trade and UN Activism]	1973-1985
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-08-PH-01 to 02	Item - Photographs	

## Graphic Materials

Date: Sep. 1973-19-- (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of posters made and used by C.D.C. in publicity campaigns, and photographs portraying C.D.C. activities in 1973 and 1974.

Physical description: 11 photographs : b&w ; 34 x 26 cm and 24 x 20 cm  
5 posters ; 43 x 28 cm and 67 x 44 .5 cm folded to 44 .5 x 23 cm

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

## Photographs

Date: Sep.1973 - Sep.1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of photographs documenting C.D.C. activities in late-1973 and 1974, including marches and rallies taking place under C.D.C. sponsorship, fundraising events, public meetings, and so on.

Physical description: 11 photographs : b&w ; 34 x 26 cm and 24 x 20 cm

Note:

All of the 24 x 20 cm photographs are accompanied by typewritten captions describing contents and supplying approximate dates.

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112- BC-1963/1-11	File - Photographs			
<b>C.D.C Press Releases &amp; Project Records &amp; Resolutions</b>				
<u>Date:</u> Apr.1973 - Apr.1976 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
File consists of press releases, letters to editors, resolutions taken at meetings, and open letters from C.D.C. to the Canadian parliament, Canadian cabinet ministers, the Prime Minister of Canada, the United Nations, the Chilean Embassy in Ottawa, and several Chilean government officials in Santiago. File also contains some pamphlets and flyers, and some correspondence.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 folder				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
File / item list				
<b>Photograph of Hortensia Allende</b>				
<u>Date:</u> December 1973 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Item is a black and white photograph of Hortensia Allende, widow of deposed Chilean President Salvador Allende, at a rally in Vancouver. Image shows Allende in oblique angle profile standing behind a lectern. Beside her, partially obscured, is an unidentified interpreter.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 photograph : B&W ; 24 x 20 cm				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
File / item list				
<b>Press Release Relating to Foundation of Canadians for Democracy in Chile</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 24 Sep.1973 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Item is a typewritten press release issued on C.D.C. letterhead announcing the establishment of C.D.C. Item also records that C.D.C. has wired to the Canadian Prime Minister its opposition to further Canadian relations with the new Chilean government, announces that the organization has				

invited Hortensia Allende to speak in Vancouver, and discloses time and place of C.D.C.'s next public meeting.

Physical description: 1 leaf ; 28 x 22 cm

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-01-01	Item - C.D.C. Press Releases & Project Records & Resolutions	24 Sep. 1973		
	File - Posters			

### Conferences

Date: 1975-1987 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of registration, booking, financial, and promotional records pertaining to C.D.C. participation in and co-sponsorship of various conferences on contemporary affairs in Chile. Records reflect C.D.C. relations with co-sponsoring bodies, including Amnesty International, the Fraser Valley Peace Committee, the MacKenzie Papineau Battalion Veterans, the Communist Party of Canada, and several labour unions, among others. Contents include invitations to participate, speaker notes, participant notes, itineraries, and travel and other financial records related to participation.

Physical description: 3 folders

2.5 cm textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-05	File - Radosevic's Notes			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-06	File - Conference			
RBSC-ARC-1112-02-07	File - Conference - 1987/1988	1987-1988		
RBSC-ARC-1112-12-05	File - [Conferences]	1975-1981		
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-04	File - [CUT Conference, 1984]	1983-1984		
RBSC-ARC-1112-13-05	File - [CUT Conference, 1985]	1985		