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GEORGIA STRAIGHT  
PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION INVENTORY  
BC 1762

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## Georgia Straight Photograph Collection Inventory BC 1976

### Introduction

This collection of photographs was acquired in 1983 from William Hoffer, bookseller, by Special Collections.

### Biographical/historical note

The Georgia Straight newspaper was first published in 1967. It ceased publication in 1979, to be continued in 1981 by the Vancouver Free Press. The Georgia Straight started as an "alternative press" or "underground press" newspaper, probing controversial issues, such as sexual freedom and police brutality, not explored by the regular press. Originally, copies were sold and the run was 50,000 copies every two weeks.

### Scope and content note

The Georgia Straight photograph collection consists of over 5,000 black and white 35mm negatives, a few color negatives, and approximately 1500 black and white and several color 25 x 23 cm. or smaller photoprints. The photographs are from the Georgia Straight newspaper photograph files. They cover the years from 1960 to the late 1970s and feature the youth of the sixties and early seventies involved in demonstrations, conflicts, picnics, and concerts. Musicians and celebrities as well as a number of individuals are also depicted. The majority of the photoprints appear to have been used in the publication as a page number and printing instructions appear on the back of the photographs. However, very few are dated or identify the people depicted.

The photographs were taken by a number of photographers and are of professional quality. The images are clear, well composed, journalistic and often artistic in style. Identified photographers who are most prominent in the collection include Steve Brown, Brian A. Gauvin, Al Harvey, Shiekh Istanbuli, Alan Katowitz, Dee Lippingwell, Colin Portnuff, L.T. Robinson, Sharkie Murray Skuce, Marty Smith, Taki Blues Singer, Tracey, and Vlad.

This collection is an invaluable source of visual information on the preoccupations and interests of the youth culture and the alternative press in Vancouver of the sixties and early seventies.

\* The photographs are available for research purposes only as UBC Archives does not have copyright.

### Arrangement

The photographs have been left in their original subject arrangement and the files arranged alphabetically. There is no original order of the photographs within the files. Negatives sheets are numbered to correspond with contact sheets which are included with the photoprints.

Box 1

**Abbotsford Air Show**

Includes shots of King Hussein.

**Amusements**

Includes shots of Kits Day, Granville Mall Folk Fest, various theatre productions in Vancouver, Vancouver theatre exteriors, actors and actresses.

**Celebrities**

Those identified include Donald Sutherland and Jack Webster.

**Censorship**

**Communes**

Exterior shots of various communes including one at Mud Flats, Summer of 1971. Also features a fire.

**Crowds**

People at events such as the People's Fair, Trout Lake Harvest Moon Fair and various concert scenes, mostly outdoors.

**Democratic National Convention, Miami, Florida**

**Demonstrations**

The following files of photographs on demonstrations show people bearing placards, parading down streets and protesting. This file contains shots of unidentified scenes.

Demonstrations - Abortion, Feminist

Demonstrations - Anti-Freeway

Demonstrations - Ecological, Farmworkers' Rights

Demonstrations - Four Seasons Development

Demonstrations - Racism

Demonstrations - Unemployment, Housing, Rent Controls

Demonstrations - Vietnam, Anti-American, Amchitka Test

**Elections**

Includes shots of Dave Barrett.

**Gastown Riot**

**Greenpeace**

**Groups**

These photographs are mostly unidentified. There are shots of former Vancouver Mayor, Art Phillips and Alderman, Harry Rankin.

**Hostels, "Crash Pads", Dormitories**  
Includes shots of interiors and exteriors.

**Miscellany**

Box 2

**Mothers, Children, Family**

**Musicians**

Most of these photographs are of musicians in concert. Those identified include: former VSO conductor, Kazuyoshi Akujama, the Bee Gees, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Fantastics, Elton John, Jimmy Page, Jim Peters, Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, Frank Zappa and Led Zeppelin.

**PNE (Pacific National Exhibition)**

**Police**

**Politicians**

Those identified include former Vancouver Mayor, Tom Campbell, Capozzi, Cesar Chavez, King Hussein, Rene Levesque, Les Peterson, and Robert Stanfield.

**Portraits - Female**

**Portraits - Male**

Included in this group are shots of Georgia Straight editor, Dan McLeod.

**Prisons**

Exterior shots.

**Ships**

**Signs and Billboards**

Most of these are of signs and billboards which have additions or deletions made to them.

**Sports**

**Stanley Park**

Shots of children and animals.

**Towns**

**Vancouver - Gastown - Views**

**Vancouver - Views**

**Vancouver Inncity Service Project**

NEGATIVES EXIST FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTACT SHEETS

Abbotsford Air Show: # 128 - 132  
Amusements: # 1, 9, 10, 14, 20, 26, 29, 60 - 62, 72 - 74, 76, 84,  
87, 88, 89, 99, 101, 109, 119 - 121, 126, 141, 150.  
Celebrities: # 23, 32, 94, 95, 100, 149.  
Censorship: # 18, 46.  
Communes: # 24, 102, 103.  
Crowds: # 136, 137.  
Democratic National Convention, Miami, Florida: # 213.  
Demonstrations: # 28, 35, 51, 54, 90 - 92, 97, 135, 148, 152 -  
156, 158-162, 170, 171.  
Demonstrations - Abortion, Feminist: # 27.  
Demonstrations - Anti-Freeway: # 2, 3, 166.  
Demonstrations - Ecological, Farmworkers' Rights: # 157, 110,  
163.  
Demonstrations - Four Seasons Development: # 34, 45, 114.  
Demonstrations - Racism: # 52, 115, 117, 164, 165.  
Demonstrations - Vietnam, Anti-American, Amchitka Test: # 31, 53,  
111 - 113, 168, 169.  
Elections: # 70.  
Gastown Riot: # 147.  
Greenpeace: # 8, 56, 146.  
Groups: # 22, 30, 44, 49, 50, 57, 64 - 68, 151, 172 - 174.  
Hostels: # 175.  
Mothers, Children, Family: # 17, 138, 176.  
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105, 107, 108, 124, 133, 140, 177 - 183, 186, 187 -  
192.  
PNE: # 6, 11, 19, 77 -79, 104, 193.  
Police: # 194.  
Politicians: # 122, 134, 195, 196.  
Portraits - Female # 33, 48, 71, 197.  
Portraits - Male: # 58, 59, 93, 96, 125.  
Ships: # 47, 118.  
Signs and Billboards: # 69.  
Sports: # 142, 198 - 200.  
Stanley Park: # 81, 83.  
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Vancouver - Views: # 16, 25, 55, 122, 123, 127, 139, 144, 145,  
209 - 212.