

Paris 1968 Poster Collection

An inventory of the collection held in the Special Collections Division of the University of British Columbia Library.

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Introduction

Donated by Helmut Jung of Gold River, B.C. in 1979.

Some of the collection was displayed in an exhibition organized by the UBC Fine Arts Department in conjunction with the Centre for the Study of Political Graphics, Los Angeles, and displayed at the Morris and Helen Belkin Gallery. "Up Against the Wall, Motherposter!" was displayed from October – December 1999.

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This collection includes French posters and ephemera of the student revolt in Paris, 1968.

The following text accompanied the collection:

A century ago, the red and the black referred to the struggle between two Frances, one anticlerical, socialist, universalist; the other Catholic, conservative, nationalist. By 1968, red and black had come to designate a different kind of conflict. Those who paraded behind red flags during the May revolt represented one or another brand of Communism in power (now or in the past), while those who proudly displayed black flags were anarchists in fact or in tendency. Red flags and black flags flew together in defiance of the bourgeois state. The students of France, in the May revolution of 1968, developed a new barebones poster style for anti-Gaullist and anti-police propaganda. With silkscreen and lithograph, the students produced a series of spontaneous designs. The absence of newspapers, radio, and television allowed the poster to monopolize immediate communication. In next to no time, thousands of posters began to appear all over the country, giving aid and encouragement to the revolution. In Paris, the best designed and most efficiently produced posters came from the École des Beaux Arts. From École des Beaux Arts, at the end of May: "A generation of young people that is too frequently disturbed about the future." (Quotation from de Gaulle's speech of May 24, 1968).

Contains 42 items.

nb. Slides have been taken of 25 of the posters. A print copy of the inventory, together with the slides, is housed under the call number: SPAM95P.

INVENTORY: PARIS 1968 POSTER COLLECTION

PARIS FOLDER 1

1.

Title: **À nous de parler**

[*trans. It is our turn to speak*]

Description: 55 x 44 cm ; orange on white.

Image: 2 heads

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- slide

5.

Title: **RATP tiendra**

Description: 44.5 x 55.5 cm ; red on white.

Image: a tunnel

- encapsulated

- slide

6.

Title: **Pas de replâtrage la structure est pourrie**

[*trans. no more patching, the framework is rotten*]

Description: 36.5 x 51 cm ; violet on white.

Image: vague image

- encapsulated

- slide

8.

Title: **Non au pouvoir exploiteur**

Description: 41.5 x 55 cm ; black on white, some pencil.

Image: vague image

- encapsulated

- slide

9.

Title: **Dénonçons la psychiatrie policier!**

[*trans. Kill your inner cop!*]

Description: 63 x 76 cm ; black on yellow, some red ink

Condition: wrinkled.

Image: paddywagon unloading at a psychiatric hospital

- encapsulated

- slide

PARIS FOLDER 2

10.

Title: **ORTF en lutte**

Description: 58 x 46 cm ; blue on white.

Image: text through barbed wire

- encapsulated

- slide

11.

Title: **Vêtez toujours**

Description: 56 x 75 cm ; black on yellow

Condition: wrinkled.

Image: man patting France.

- encapsulated

- slide

14.

Title: **Habitants du quartier soyez vigilants!...**

Description: 55.5 x 28 cm ; black on white.

Image: no image

- encapsulated

15.

Title: **Construction spéculation profit**

Description: 43 x 55 cm ; red on white

Image: count of injured and dead

- encapsulated

16.

Title: **Habitants de Juvisy Orge soutenez les grévistes de votre quartier**

Description: 66 x 56 cm ; red on white

Image: no image

- encapsulated

PARIS FOLDER 3

17.

Title: **Tous unis contre la provocation gaulliste**

[*trans. all united against the Gaullist provocation*]

Description: 56 x 44.5 cm ; green on white

Image: no image

- encapsulated

20.

Title: **Je lutterai contre les étudiants je lutterai contre les travailleurs...**

Description: 44.5 x 87 cm ; black on white

Image: face

- encapsulated

- slide

22.

Title: **À l'appel de l'union des étudiants...**

Description: 79 x 58.5 cm ; blue on white

Image: no image

- encapsulated

- slide

24.

Title: **Ma victoire**

[*trans. my victory*]

Description: 62 x 77 cm ; neon orange on white

Image: man breaking France

- encapsulated

- slide

25.

Title: **Halte à la fascisation**

Description: 60 x 78 cm ; black on white

Image: man shooting person

Condition: lower left corner torn away

- encapsulated

- slide

PARIS FOLDER 4

26.

Title: **Camarades ouvriers!**

Description: 59 x 90 cm ; black on white

Image: no image

- encapsulated

- slide

29.

Title: **Attention: la radio ment**

Description: 45 x 58 cm ; black on white

Image: microphone with a triangle

- encapsulated

- slide

30.

Title: **La police s'affiche aux Beaux Arts**

Description: 56 x 75 cm ; red on yellow

Image: face biting a paintbrush

Condition: lower right corner torn off

- encapsulated

- slide

31.

Title: **Information libre**

[*trans. free information*]

Description: 53 x 71 cm; blue on yellow

Image: blindfolded speaker

- encapsulated

- slide

32.

Title: **La lutte continue**

[*trans. the struggle continues*]

Description: 39 x 56 cm ; black on orange

Image: fist

- encapsulated

- slide

PARIS FOLDER 5

33.

Title: **CRSSS**

Description: 43 x 55 cm ; dark blue on white

Image: no image

- encapsulated

- slide

34.

Title: **Frey chef des indics assassin de Charonne patron des briseurs de grève**

Description: 54 x 81 cm ; violet on white

Image: top half of a person

- encapsulated

- slide

35.

Title: **Frontières repression**

[*trans. frontiers repression*]

Description: 33 x 44 cm; brown on white

Image: riot police

- encapsulated

- slide

36.

Title: **La lutte continue**

[*trans. the struggle continues*]

Description: 51 x 44 cm ; black on white

Image: 6 people

- encapsulated

- slide

38.

Title: **Les conquêtes noyées**

Description: 58 x 78 cm ; blue on yellow

Image: fist

Condition: wrinkled

- encapsulated

- slide

39.

Title: **La chienlit c'est lui**

[*trans. He's chaos*]

Description: 30 x 38.5 cm ; brown on white

Image: top half of a person

- encapsulated

- slide

42.

Title: **Laissons la peur du rouge aux bêtes à cornes**

Description: 44 x 33 cm ; red/black on white

Image: bulls

- encapsulated

- slide

PARIS FOLDER 6

2.

Title: **La lutte continue**

[*trans. the fight continues*]

Description: 77 x 132 cm ; black on white

Image: hand casting vote, 5 fists raised

3.

Title: **Mardi matin**

[*trans. Tuesday morning*]

Description: 67 x 85 cm; red on yellow

Image: crowd

Condition: frayed edges

7.

Title: **Les ouvriers de flins**

Description: 92.5 x 140 cm ; brown on white

Image: raised fist

Condition: slightly ripped on edges

12.

Title: **À nos revendications légitimes de Gaulle répond fascisme**

[*trans. to our grievances de Gaulle responds with facism*]

Description: 117 x 90 cm ; blue/ red on white

Image: French flag

Condition: frayed edges

13.

Title: **Nous avons gagné une bataille**

[*trans. we have won a battle*]

Description: 94 x 38 cm ; brown on white

Image: no image

Condition: some smudged text

19.

Title: **Paris nous appartient**

[*trans. Paris belongs to us*]

Description: 45 x 56 cm ; black on white

Image: no image

Condition: tape marks on corners

21.

Title: **Nous avons besoin de vous**

[*trans. we need you*]

Description: 84 x 57 cm ; blue/brown/ violet on white

Image: doll store

Condition: tape marks on edges

23.

Title: **Nous sommes le pouvoir**

[*trans. we are the power*]

Description: 75 x 56 cm ; brown on white

Image: silhouette of 6 men

Condition: torn and folded at edges

27.

Title: **Nous ne serons pas dupes**

[*trans. we will not be fooled*]

Description: 76 x 107 cm ; red on white

Image: no image

Condition: section torn off on lower left corner; stains and dirt marks on edges

28.

Title: **Non les grands magasins**

[*trans. no to big stores*]

Description: 55 x 84 cm ; green on white

Image: building corner

PARIS FOLDER 7

3.

Title: **Soutenez les cheminots en grève**

Description: 65 x 100 cm ; violet/ neon red on white

Image: stoplights

- encapsulated

- slide

18.

Title: **Et après?**

[*trans. and after?*]

Description: 65 x 77 cm; black on white

Image: person lying on their back

Condition: glued on cardboard; wrinkled

- encapsulated

- slide

37.

Title: **Le vote ne change rien**

[*trans. your vote changes nothing*]

Description: 76 x 96 cm ; black on white

Image: hand casting vote, 5 fists raised

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- slide

40.

Title: **Centre d'intoxication civique**

[*trans. public intoxication centre*]

Description: 65 x 98.5 cm ; black on white

Image: 7 bulls standing on hind legs

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- slide

41.

Title: **Une jeunesse que l'avenir...**

Description: 66 x 86 cm ; violet on white

Image: face covered in bandage wrap on fingers (as a puppeteer)

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