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Berkeley's 1970 Political Poster Workshop: A short catalog.

In late May, 1970, after the invasion of Cambodia and the killings of protesters at Kent State and Jackson State, student unrest reached a boiling point at many universities. Radical faculty at U.C. Berkeley's College of Environmental Design supported a student occupation of the lower floors of their building, during which the students used school facilities to produce a short-lived but spectacular explosion of screen-printed posters, Berkeley's answer to the general strike posters of Paris in 1968. Screenprint workshops there and at other locations around the campus created hundreds of designs in multiple editions, on topics including the war, racism, educational reform, and related issues. Most were printed on the back of scrap paper from the computer labs, perforated fan-folded sheets of white paper with tractor feed holes on either side. The activist and artist Malaquias Montoya was among those who guided this experiment in agitational art.



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1. **Americans want peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this a bicolor variety of poster 9. The number 4973 at lower right is explained by Lincoln Cushing, quoting Robin Repp, one of the participating artists: "We put the number 4973 on the posters because it was a sort of 'stamp of approval' number from the Berkeley Police Department. We were led to believe that if we put the number on a poster, it would not be torn down from city poles or signs." (#215003) \$450.00

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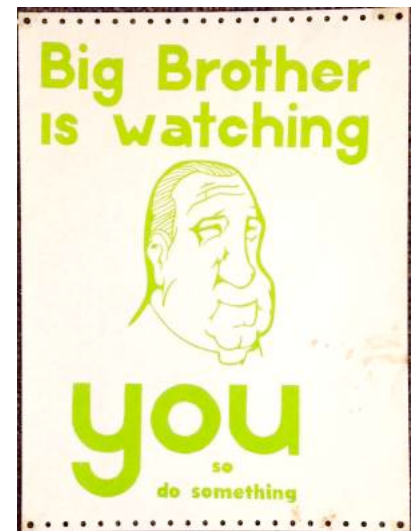
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3. **Big Brother is watching YOU so do something [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 11x14.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of a sheet of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 18. (#215018) \$175.00

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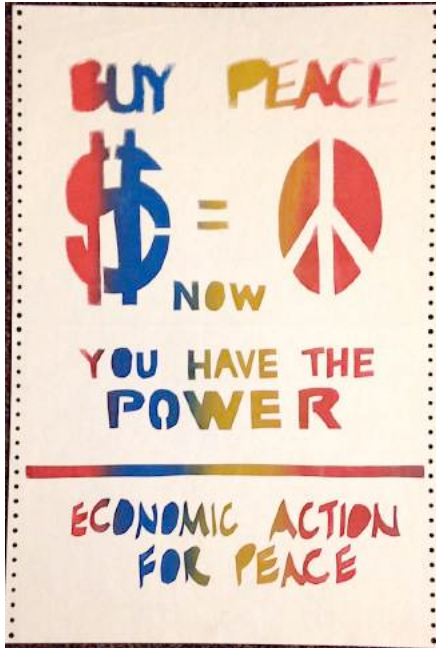


[1970]. 11x14.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of a sheet of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Tape residue at corners, some smearing in the field. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is a color variant of number 17. (#215019) \$95.00

5. **'Bring Us Together' [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 21.75x14.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket



edge strips intact. The two conjoined sheets are beginning to separate at the top. The slogan, popularized among Republicans after Nixon's 1968 election, is paired with an image of chimpanzee with arms extended. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 21. (#214851) \$250.00



6. **Buy peace / Now you have the power / Economic action for peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Fine condition. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is unlisted. (#215005) \$250.00

7. **Come together for Peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x11 inch poster silkscreened on the back of a sheet of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. There is some yellow discoloration, apparently tape residue, at upper left; otherwise very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley

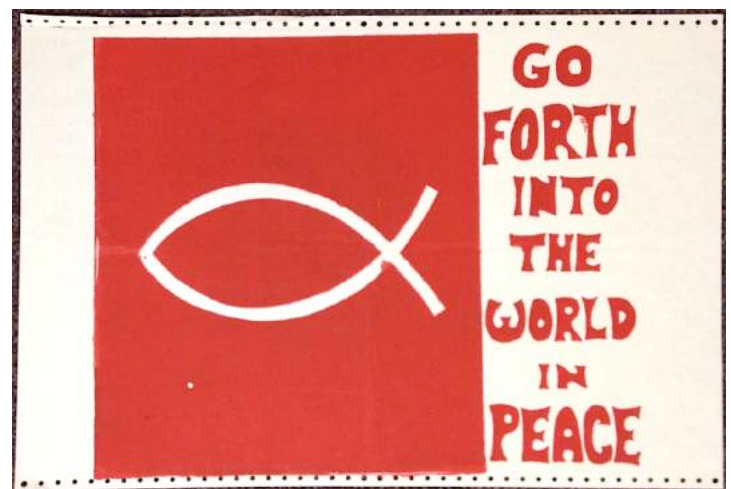


Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 23. (#215015) \$175



8. **Free all political prisoners [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Small spot in field, otherwise very good. Depicts raised black fist in shackles. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 41. (#215000) \$250.00

9. **Go forth into the world in peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Some unevennesses in the application of the ink, otherwise very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 46, with a Christian fish symbol. (#215001) \$250.00



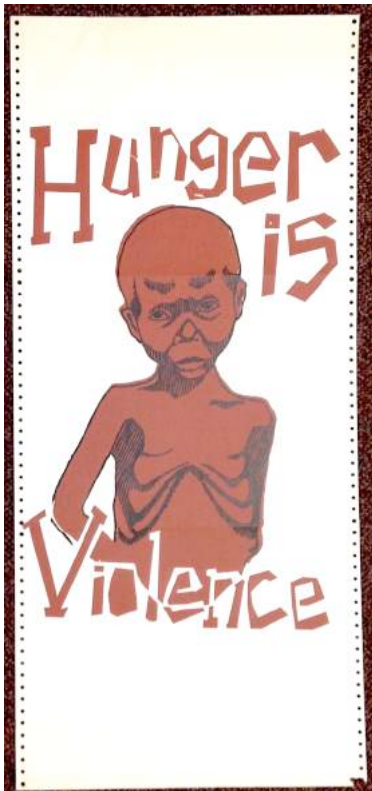


10. **Home for Peace [poster]**. [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 7x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of two conjoined sheets of computer printout paper vertically cut down the middle. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact, very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is a greener version of number 50. (#215013) \$125.00

11. **Home for Peace [poster]**. [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 7x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of two conjoined sheets of computer printout paper vertically cut down the middle. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact, very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 51. (#215014) \$125.00



12. **Hunger is violence [poster]**. [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x32.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. The point of the lower right corner is torn off, otherwise very good condition. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is a variation of poster 55 (this one printed on three sheets instead of two). The image is based on a photograph of a starving Biafran boy. (#214998) \$250.00



13. **Peace [poster]**. [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x32.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Top edge has a piece torn away, a couple of pieces of tape; the sheets are starting to separate at the edges of the perforations. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 95. (#214999) \$125.00

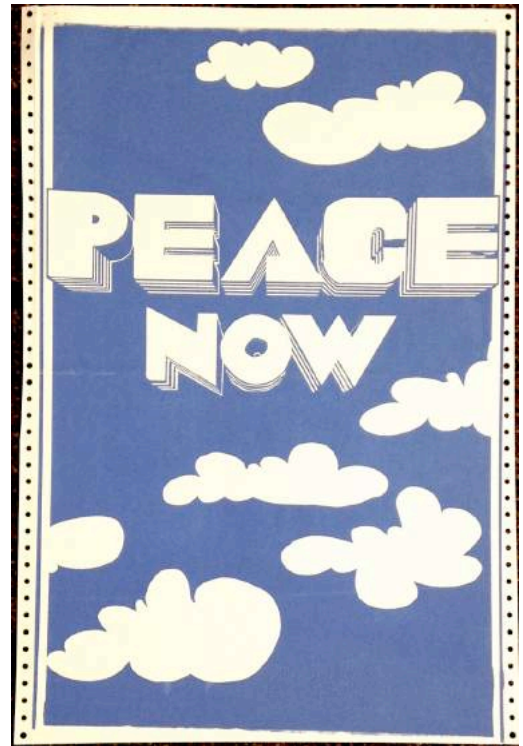




14. **Peace is Patriotic [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Fine condition. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is a variation of poster 77. (#214853) \$250.00

Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 83. (#215010) \$250.00

15. **Peace Now [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Very good condition. In the Maggs



16. **Peace Now [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 11x14.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of a sheet of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Minor smudges of blue ink from the production process, otherwise very good. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is a color variant of number 79. (#215016) \$175.00



17. **Unite against the war [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 15x33 inch poster silkscreened on three conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strip intact on left side, missing from right side. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 114. (#208156) \$300.00





18. **We must unite now! [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Very good. Depicts crossed white and black fists. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this is poster 128. (#214852) \$250.00

19. **Write for peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. Fine condition. Somewhat disconcertingly, the word "RAPE" is rubberstamped at lower right corner. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 134 (that example also with the rubberstamp). (#215007) \$250.00



20. **Yes on Peace [poster].** [Berkeley]: [Political Poster Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley], [1970]. 14.75x21.75 inch poster silkscreened on the back of conjoined sheets of computer printout paper. Perforated sprocket edge strips intact. The perforation across the middle of the poster is 2/3 separated. In the Maggs Bros book "4973: Berkeley Protest Posters 1970," this poster is number 135. (#215012) \$125.00

ADDENDUM: Posters screen-printed on computer paper in Berkeley, but not from this workshop:



21. **J.C. Irish Repb. Club presents Benefit Hooley, Irish folk dancing, for families in Northern Ireland / Ireland / Justice [poster].** Unitas House, [1972]. 15x22 inch poster, silkscreened in green on the blank verso of used computer paper. Depicts a man with a rifle and a woman with a sword, flanking a simplified map of Ireland. (#207296) \$125.00

22. **April 6 / Bailey Brown Hancock Simmons [poster].** Berkeley, CA: [The April Coalition], [1971]. 14.75x22 inch poster silkscreened on the verso of two connected pieces of used computer printout paper, sprocket strips still attached. Incipient split along the perforated connection between the sheets. (#212644) \$95.00
Campaign poster for the April Coalition slate.

