

A new Asian organization has been formed at UCLA--the Asian American Political Alliance. These are its principles:

1. LAW IS POWER, NOT JUSTICE

The law-makers, judges, and law enforcers serve the very rich. Laws are made to maintain the power of this group. In the Delano Grape Strike, Filipino and Chicano workers are trying to create a Union which will have the power to improve their lives. The grape growers see this movement as a threat to their power to exploit the workers for huge profits. The law is on the side of the growers. Laws which would favor the workers (anti-scab laws) are not enforced because the police and the courts are on the side of the growers.

The history of Asians is a history of pppression sanctioned and encouraged by law. Laws prohibited Asians from buying land, intermarrying, and testifying in court. The law in California now allows landlords to discriminate in renting housing. Title II is a law which would enable the government to put anyone in a concentration camp without trial. The incarceration of 112,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans during World War II without trial or charges was defended by the U. S. Supreme Court. Law does not mean justice. It means power. We will fight for justice and if the law opposes us, we will oppose the law.

2. THE UNIVERSITY

The University mass produces skilled and educated workers. It has become the servant of business and industry. Isolated and aloof, the University has created problems for society rather than solving them. The involvement in war-related research is an example of how the University helps to oppress peoples of the world while fattening the coffers of large corporations in this country. The University must serve all the people, not just those rich enough to sit on the Board of Regents.

3. ABOLISH RACISM

We recognize that minority groups in America are being economically, socially, politically oppressed. It is a racist society which is perpetuating this racism. We feel that ethnic pride and cultural identity are of utmost importance to all Asian-Americans. But on the other hand we cannot condone a nationalism which pits one minority group against another (eg the rift between Chinese and Japanese). We feel that all people of color along with oppressed whites should come together to combat the economic and racial discrimination in this society.

4. ABOLISH ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION

At present power and money exist in the hands of a few. Even within the Asian-American community we find Asian businessmen exploiting other Asians (eg, immigrants). Schools in economically lower areas have inferior facilities, materials, teachers. In Los Angeles, with 42.9% "minority" population, the student-to-teacher ratio is 32.7, whereas in the Beverly Hills District the ratio is 24.9 (source: L.A. Times, Feb. 23, 1968, p.18). If racial discrimination were abolished, economic oppression would still exist. Therefore we cannot limit our goals to combating racial discrimination alone.

5. ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN

We will work to abolish the political, economic, and social discrimination against women in this country, and particularly in the Asian community. Due to an obsolete cultural heritage, Asian females have been relegated to an inferior status even more

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