

# CROSS CURRENTS

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## ASIAN AMERICAN LABOR CONFERENCES DUE

The Center will sponsor a Conference on Asian American Labor History during the 1977-78 academic year. The conference will meet once each quarter for one day, during which two or more papers will be read, commented upon, and discussed by the participants. Attendance will be open to all interested parties. All meetings will be held in Campbell Hall 3232, Fridays, 9-11:30 and 1-3:30. Please check future issues of the newsletter for possible changes.

The Conference arises from a deep concern for the lack of scholarly materials on the history of Asian American labor. A large part of the recently initiated attempt to uncover the hidden and contorted history of Asians in the United States must necessarily concern itself with their experiences and vicissitudes as workers. The small number of scholars engaged in research on Asian American labor history do so in considerable isolation in California and in Hawaii. All work under the severe handicap of sparse, scattered, and disorganized source materials and all suffer from the absence of a developed secondary literature on the subject. These problems will continue to slow the writing and conceptualization of Asian American historical experience for some time to come. But it is beginning to be felt that all researchers might benefit if their efforts were somewhat more concerted, if there were a means of regular and organized consultation, stimulation, and criticism.

That is perhaps why most of the persons listed below expressed enthusiastic support for the idea of a quarterly conference on Asian American labor history and a willingness to participate and to contribute papers and comments during the coming year. All interested persons are invited to attend.

(Labor conferences agendas and schedules on page 5)

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ASIAN FALL ORIENTATION

SCHEDULED

The annual Asian Fall Orientation for new students will take place on Thursday, October 6, at the UCLA Alumni and Development Center. This year's program is being sponsored by the Asian Coalition, a confederation of various Asian organizations on campus.

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NEW JOURNAL ISSUE

The Asian American Studies Center announces the publication of Amerasia Journal, Vol. 4, No. 1. Since 1971, the Journal has been the only professional journal of national stature devoted exclusively to the study of Asian Americans. With this issue, the journal takes on a crisp, new format in very readable style, and contains a number of important studies based on

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# WOMEN'S GROUP TO START THIRD YEAR

The Asian Women's Rap Group will be kicking off its third year this coming October. The group was initiated by Asian women students who were interested in sharing their thoughts on issues which concerned minority women. They wanted to create an arena where Asian women with similar interests could communicate with each other. After many long discussions, the idea of the rap group was conceived.

The rap group strives to be an informal organization where women can express their opinions comfortably. The purpose of the group is to discuss issues which concern Asian women and the women's movement in general. The topics covered in the past two years have included:

- \* History of Asian women
- \* Asian Women and the Family
- \* Stereotypes of Asian Women in the Media
- \* The Women's Movement
- \* Equal Rights Amendment: Pro and Con

- \* The Bakke Decision
- \* Esther Lau Case
- \* Inez Garcia Issue
- \* Asian Wives of U. S. Servicemen
- \* Battered Women

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## new publication ETHNIC SERIALS LIST AVAILABLE

Ethnic Serials, A Union List, a compilation of ethnic materials available collectively on eight University of California campuses and the William Andrews Clark Library (in Los Angeles), is now available. The 368-page union list combines serials (newspapers, magazines, journals, government documents, newsletters, etc.) listed under Afro-American, Asian American, Chicano, and American Indian Studies and some multi-ethnic in scope. While the list is not exhaustive, it is an important addition to the growing number of reference materials being made available to researchers in ethnic studies. Serials in many languages other than English are included in the list.

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Cross Currents, newsletter of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, is published bi-monthly. Though its main purpose is to keep readers abreast of current developments in Center programs as well as announcements of new ones, articles about (1) programs outside the Center but in the province of Asian American Studies and (2) UCLA student programs will also be featured. All editorials represent the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the consolidated view of the Center staff, unless otherwise noted. Articles and letters from our readers will be considered, subject to editing. The staff welcomes suggestions and criticisms. Please submit written materials, inquiries, and criticisms to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90024

The staff may be reached by phone on (213) 825-1006. Editor: Ken Izumi; Assistant: Keiko Sasaki; Calendar of events: Gene Matsumoto.

# STUDENT STUFF

## aas 100a

### INTRO COURSE OFFERED

This quarter's course offering is Asian American Studies 100A, "Introduction to Asian American Studies." This course is the first quarter of a two-quarter introductory sequence to the field. Basically historical in approach, the course will cover the experience of Asian immigrant groups in America. The class will attempt to develop an "insider's perspective" for each group, and present their history in the context of American history of this period.

Students wishing to enroll in Asian American Studies courses in the Winter Quarter should keep the following tentatively scheduled classes in mind:

- \* AAS 100B, "Introduction to Asian American Studies" (second quarter of the sequence dealing with contemporary issues), MWF 10, Bunche 3175. ID 16552. June Mei, instructor.
- \* CED 127, "Filipino Experience in the United States," TuTh 1-2:30, GSM 4357C. ID 92540. Remy Galeo, instructor.
- \* AAS 200A, "Critical Issues in Asian American Studies," Th 2-5, Campbell 3232. ID 16570. Gerald Suhr, instructor.
- \* History 197, "Japanese American History." Yuji Ichioaka, instructor. Time, room number and ID have not been assigned. Call Center for further information, 825-2974.

All inquiries about the above, including possible changes in schedule, should be directed to the Center by calling 825-2974.

## ASIAN EDUCATION PROJECT HELPS CHILDREN. COMMUNITY

The Asian Education Project is comprised of two components, each with its particular target population and activities, but both ultimately aimed towards the goal of increasing student involvement in the ever-growing Asian population in Los Angeles.

### Asian American Tutorial Project (AATP)

The essence of AATP is captured in the theme for the coming year -- "Love is . . . AATP." The project is now actively seeking students to volunteer a few hours a week to tutor primarily Asian immigrant children in English.

Asian immigrant children face a handicap that American-born children normally do not have -- they lack the basic knowledge of English that is necessary to adjust to life in America. Difficulty with the language often leads students to frustration and resignation at an early age in school.

AATP's purposes and goals are to help these children get the most out of their education by providing tutorial assistance in English and to give the children a variety of experiences to broaden their perspectives. Hopefully, through tutoring, a lasting friendship will grow between tutor and tutee -- one which will help the tutee cope with his or her environment better.

Working with school teachers, administrators, community workers and the children themselves, AATP hopes to accomplish these goals. Tutoring is done once a week on any weekday or on Saturday mornings. Transportation is

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## «name that newsletter» CONTEST RESULTS

### Cross Currents.

Streams of research and education crossing mainstream scholarship and teaching. This was the idea behind the selection of our new newsletter title.

After the editor overcame his mindless rage on the rejection of his own Campbell Scoop, it is rumored that he was overheard muttering, "Not bad."

In any case, six entrants participated in our contest, having submitted thirty-nine possibilities. To the victor belong the spoils. And so, our own Elsie Uyematsu, Administrative Assistant at the Asian American Studies Center, has elected to satisfy her immediate needs by dining at Genji (Marina Del Rey). During an extensive interview after being informed of her victory, she was asked why she didn't elect a soft-cover copy of Counterpoint, the Center's new anthology, the other option of her winnings. "Already bought one. Point the way to Genji," said Elsie, salivating.

So, as long as there are no real objections to Cross Currents, it will henceforth bedeck our mundane pages.

The editor wishes to thank the other five contestants for their efforts.

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## ORIENTATION (cont'd from p. 1)

The Coalition has been meeting since mid-August to organize for this annual event. The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

The first forty-five minutes will be devoted to the various Asian student groups and their information tables. The tables will provide new students

an opportunity to meet and talk with student representatives. Asian student organizations to be represented include:

Asian Coalition  
Asian Education Project  
Asian Graduate Student Association  
Asian Law Student Association  
Asian Social Welfare Student Assoc.  
Asian Women's Rap Group  
Chinese Cultural Association  
Chinese Student Association  
Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society  
Kendo Club  
Omega Sigma Tau (Asian fraternity)  
Samahang Pilipino  
Vietnamese Student Association

The Asian American Studies Center and International Student Center will also be represented. In addition, counselors from the Academic Advancement Program and the Office of International Students and Scholars will be on hand to answer students' questions about their programs.

The main part of the program will take place 7:45-9:15 p.m., during which organizations will formally introduce themselves. Not only will this hour and a half be very informative, it will also include entertainment. An extremely talented group of people, the Coalition members will be performing both skits and dances. A live band and dance will climax the evening. Refreshments will be served throughout the program.

All students are welcome to attend. For more information about the event, please contact the Asian Coalition at 825-5178. See you there.

Event: Asian Fall Orientation

Date: October 6, Thursday

Place: UCLA Alumni and Development Center (located between Pauley Pavilion and Ackerman Union)

Time: 7 - 11:45 p.m.

## RAP GROUP (Cont'd from p. 2)

In addition to these discussions, the group also conducted worthwhile workshops on self-defense, arts and crafts, and autocare. Weekend exchanges with other Asian women's groups were also valuable.

In its effort to reach out to Asian women in the community and to women who are not necessarily students, the rap group will begin a series of film and speakers programs at designated off-campus locations. The programs will be held every other month beginning in November. The exact dates and locations will be announced in future issues of Cross Currents. These programs are in addition to weekly campus meetings.

The Fall agenda for the campus meetings is as follows:

- Oct. 3: Introduction of the Rap Group. "Get-to-know-each-other" session. Slideshow, "History of Asian Women."
- Oct. 10: Contemporary Issue: the Bakke Decision.
- Oct. 17: Asian Women and the Family
- Oct. 24: Stereotypes of Women
- Oct. 31: Overview of the Women's Movement. Slideshow & discussion.
- Nov. 7: Contemporary Issue: Lack of adequate funding for Little Friends Community Playground in Chinatown
- Nov. 14: Contemporary Issue: the Equal Rights Amendment
- Nov. 21: Contemporary Issue: Narciso-Perez case. Evaluation of Fall quarter.

If you are interested in joining the rap group or want to know more about the film and speakers program, please call the Asian American Studies Center at 825-1006.

## CONFERENCES (cont'd from p.1)

November 18

Morning:

- Alex Saxton (UCLA): on race and class
- Edna Bonacich (UC Riverside): another view on race and class
- Commentator: Gerald Surh (UCLA)

Afternoon:

- Edward D. Beechert (University of Hawaii): "The ILWU in Hawaii, 1944-1958"
- Commentator: John Liu (UCLA)

February 10

Morning:

- June Mei (UCLA): "The Class Structure of 19th Century Chinatown"
- Commentator: H. Mark Lai (San Francisco)
- Ling-chi Wang (UC Berkeley): "The Chinese Contract Labor System in California, 1850-1880"
- Commentator: Hong-ming Yip (UCLA)

Afternoon:

- Lucie Hirata (UCLA): on Chinese women garment workers
- Commentator: Devra Weber (UCLA)

May 5

Morning:

- Stephen Fugita (University of Akron): "Nisei Farmers League and the United Farmworkers"
- Commentator: Juan Gomez-Quinones (UCLA)
- Sucheng Chan (UC Berkeley): "Japanese Immigrant Labor and the Transformation of California Agriculture, 1890-1920"
- Commentator: Masakazu Iwata (Biola College)

Afternoon:

- Yuji Ichioka (UCLA): on Japanese contract laborers in the U.S.
- Howard A. DeWitt (Ohlone College): "The Filipino Labor Union and the Salinas Lettuce Strike of August 1934"
- Commentator: Karl Yoneda



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provided. Although a second language is helpful, no experience is necessary -- enthusiasm and the desire to get involved are the only requirements.

#### Asian American Community Involvement

The second part of the Asian Education Project, Asian American Community Involvement (AACI) is geared toward greater participation in the Asian community. Conceived just last year, this program is now contacting already existing Asian and Pacific organizations and agencies. The aim of this program is to provide an outlet for students who wish to become involved in the myriad of Asian-oriented community problems, such as care for the elderly, juvenile delinquency, and health problems. Although available funds are limited, AACI hopes to supply the most important resource -- peoplepower. As this component is only now being formed, any suggestions for possible projects are welcomed.

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Through funds provided by student government, the Asian Education Project has the materials and supplies to start but we do need YOU!! Our office is in 2240 Campbell Hall. Drop in and see us or you can call:

- Office: 825-5178
- Janet: 473-8377
- Kim: 661-9500
- Jeff: 398-6762

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### SERIALS (cont'd from p. 2)

The bibliography contains sections on resources for Chicano Studies, Asian American Studies, Afro-American Studies, American Indian Studies and multi-ethnic studies. In the Asian American section, the 312 titles are divided into a general alphabetic list (which includes materials on Chinese, Japanese,

Pilipino, and Korean Americans) and a list of serials pertaining to the Japanese American concentration camp experience. The latter is further subdivided as follows: publications from internment camps, publications from assembly centers, publications from relocation centers with the centers arranged alphabetically, and publications issued by official agencies outside of the camps. The Chicano Studies section lists 234 titles; Afro-American, 323; and American Indian, 772. The multi-ethnic section has 176 titles.

The work is the result of combined efforts by the ethnic materials librarians at participating libraries on the UC campuses at Los Angeles, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz, and at the William Andrews Clark Library. From the Berkeley campus, only Native American serials housed in the Native American Center, were included.

Ethnic Serials is available at the Asian American Studies Center for \$5.50. Mail orders should include a \$.50 postage and handling charge. California residents add 6% sales tax. Make checks payable to The Regent of the University of California. Send mail orders to:

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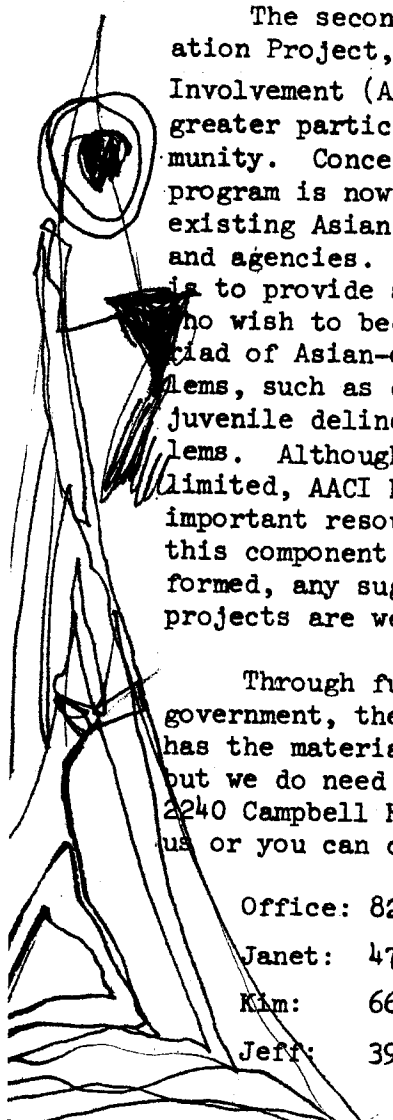
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### JOURNAL (cont'd from page 1)

scholarly primary research.

There are feature articles on early Japanese prostitutes in the U.S., Korean nationalist activity in Hawaii and the continental United States, and a study of Asian wives of U.S. servicemen. The issue also contains short stories by prominent Asian American authors, Carlos Bulosan, Toshio Mori,

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## READING ROOM ROUNDUP

As a service to the readers of the newsletter, each issue will contain a selected list of recent Reading Room acquisitions. Students, staff, and faculty of UCLA should use their library card to check out materials from the Reading Room. All others must use the Asian American Studies Center Reading Room card. The card may be obtained by presenting one picture ID (usually a driver's license) and one other ID to the Reading Room staff.

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Liu, William, "Asian American Research Occasional Report," Center for Asian American Studies, Arizona State University. Arizona State University, (n.d.)

Parreno, Heide, Sr., and Catherine N. Chin, "How Pilipinos Deal with Stress/ How Orientals Deal with Stress." Seattle, WA; Washington State Journal of Nursing, 1977 (Winter).

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Papanikolas, Helen Z., ed., The Peoples of Utah. Includes chapters, "The Pioneer Chinese of Utah" and "Japanese Life in Utah." Utah State Historical Society, 1976.

### IN-ROOM READING MATERIALS (These materials may not be taken out of the Reading Room)

Burgess, Alan, The Small Woman. London, Evans Pub., 1957.

Smith, Arthur H., China and America Today. New York, N.Y., Revell, 1907.

Spier, Leslie, Growth of Japanese Children Born in America and Japan, Seattle, University of Washington, 1929.

Vandercook, John W., King Cane: The Story of Sugar in Hawaii. New York, Harpers, 1939.

Webb, Nancy, and Jean Francis, The Hawaiian Islands: From Monarchy to Democracy. New York, Viking, 1956.

Williams, Frederick Wells, Anson Burlingame and the First Chinese Mission to Foreign Powers. New York, Scribners, 1912.

### UNCATALOGUED PAMPHLETS, ARTICLES AND PAPERS (These materials have not been assigned subject topics but have been given temporary numbers for current reference. Subject topics will be assigned in the near future.)

#001 "Oriental American Survey Project, 1968," Council of Oriental Organizations. Los Angeles, CA.

## READING ROOM ROUNDUP (continued)

- #002 "The JACL Occupation Survey of the Japanese Communities in the Greater Pacific Northwest District," National JACL Committee, January, 1965.
- #003 "New Women in China," Foreign Language Press. Peking, 1972.
- #004 Aion, Janice Mirikitani, ed., Vol. I, No. 1, Spring, 1970.
- #005 "Report and Minority Views of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on Japanese War Relocation Centers," U.S. House of Representatives, September 30, 1943.
- #006 "America, A Land That Is Dear to Me," Hidejiro Nagata. Japan, 1938.
- #007 "An American Case for Japanese Imports," U.S. Congressional Record, House of Representatives. July 26, 1956.
- #008 "Segregation of Loyal and Disloyal Japanese in Relocation Centers," U.S. President's Report on Senate Resolution No. 166. September 14, 1943.
- #009 "Periodical Clippings on the Philippines," Philippines Clipping Service. November 1971-February 1972.
- #010 "Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples: A Case of Mistaken Identity," California Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Feb. 1975.
- #011 "Oriental Immigration from an American Dependency," Generoso Pacificar Provido. MA thesis, Berkeley, 1931.
- #012 "We, the Asian Americans," U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1970.
- #013 "The Politics of Health Care (A Bibliography)," Ken Rosenberg and Gordan Schiff (eds.). New England Free Press.
- #014 "Proseminar on Asian Women, a Selected Bibliography," Emma Gee, compiler. UC Berkeley, 1971.
- #015 I.W.K. Journal, The Political Organ of I Wor Kuen. No. 2, May 1975.
- #016 "The Asian Experience in America. Immigrants in the United States: the Chinese Example," Ethnic Studies Workshop Number Five. Summer 1969.
- #017 "A Discussion of the Asian Image in American Schools and Public Media," Richard Sorich, appeared in Bridge, Vol. I, No. 4 (March/April).
- #018 "Chinatown in Transition," Ling-chi Wang, UCLA, 1969.
- #019 "Asian American Curriculum in Pasadena: Final Report to JACL National Board," Greater Pasadena Area Chapter, JACL, June 26, 1972.
- #020 "Political Prisoners in the Philippines," Documentation Committee for Philippine Political Prisoners, Los Angeles. May 1975.
- #021 "Roadblocks to Community Building: A Case Study of the Stockton Filipino Community Center Project," Lillian Galedo, et al., Asian American Research Project. November 1970.
- #022 "A Comparative Study of the Housing Needs and Preferences of Korean and Filipino Elderly," Angelina D. Alpuerto, et al., MA thesis, USC, June 1974.
- #023 "Pilipinos on the United States Mainland, A Selected Bibliography," Henry Empeno, Jr., and Casimiro Tolentino, UCLA, 1976.



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**JOURNAL** (cont'd from p. 6)  
 and Wakako Yamauchi. In addition,  
 there is a useful book review section  
 which is a regular journal feature.

Individual copies of Amerasia  
Journal (V. 4, No. 1) may be obtained  
 through the Center at \$3 per copy.  
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Prices and tables of contents of past  
 issues are available upon request.

## MATERIALS REQUESTED

The Center has many occasions to answer questions about community organizations and the services they provide. Frequently, however, the staff is unable to do so because it lacks or has outdated information. Many new programs go unnoticed by us because we have no effective mechanism for finding out about them. Therefore, we would like to solicit from the community organizations which read our newsletter brochures or other information for the Center files. Please send materials to:

Community Information File  
 Asian American Studies Center  
 Student-Community Projects  
 3232 Campbell Hall  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Starting in the next issue of Cross Currents, a calendar of events listing campus activities and community events of interest will be published. All student and community organizations wishing to publicize their activities to the campus community and to other readers of our newsletter are invited to submit announcements to us.

Please take note of the following newsletter deadlines and distribution dates:

	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
Vol. I, No. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 16
Vol. I, No. 4	Dec. 23	Jan. 4
Vol. I, No. 5	Feb. 3	Feb. 15
Vol. I, No. 6	Mar. 17	Mar. 29
Vol. I, No. 7	May 5	May 17

## NEW BOOKS

**Asian American Studies Center**  
**University of California, Los Angeles 90024**

### COUNTERPOINT:

*Perspectives on Asian America*

General Editor: Emma Gee. Features 54 articles, bibliographical essays and reviews, 31 works of literature, and is generously illustrated. The selections view Asian Americans as active participants in the making of their history. Topics covered include immigration, labor, race and class, education, the media, and hitherto neglected groups like the East Indians, Koreans, Pilipinos, and Samoans.

610 pp., 8" x 11", illus., Hardbound, limited edition \$17.95. Paperbound \$8.95

### LETTERS IN EXILE:

*An Introductory Reader on the History of Pilipinos in America*

General Editor: Jesse Quinsaat. The first published collection devoted exclusively to the Pilipino experience in America. The essays, literary selections, and photographs recount the struggles of the Pilipino migrant farmworker, plantation laborer, and naval steward. Includes a useful bibliography.

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