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Community Organizations and Involvement from the 1960's

Harlem Parents Committee.....1963-1964
Harlem Women's Group.....1964-1968
Organization of Afro-American Unity.....1964-1965
Asian-Americans for Action.....1969-1974
National Comm. for the Defense of Political Prisoners.....1970-1976
The New Afrikan (news staff).....1979 (Jan.)

Extracurricular (Political) Education

Harlem Freedom School.....1963-1964
Malcolm X Liberation School.....1964-1965
Leroi Jones' Black Arts School.....1965-1966
(Studied under Harold Cruse)
Free University.....1966-1967
(Studied under Charles Johnson)

Movement Experience

Civil Rights.....1963-1968. (Visited Alabama/Louisiana in '63).
For Ethnic Studies.....1968. (With Third World students at CCNY)
Anti-Vietnam War activities.....1965-1973. (Spoke at rallies/demos)
Asian-American Movement.....1969-1974 (With Asian-Amer. for Actions)
Prison struggle.....1970 on. (Corresponded with and visited in-mates
in all the city detention centers, plus some up-state prisons
such as Green Haven, Sing Sing, Waponech, Comstock, Dannemora;
and prisons in New Jersey, Conn. Pennsylvania and So. Carolina.
Anti-imperialist struggle and Third World liberation support work
(including for Puerto Rican independence, American Indian sov-
ereignty; Southern Africa support; etc.)
Legal Defense Committees.....1967 on. (Queens 17, Harlem 6, Harlem 5,
New York 5, Tomb 7, Rap Brown 4, Carlos Feliciano, Martin Sostre,
Benny Martinez, Assata Shakur, and presently, The R NA-11.
Lee Berry

Board Experience

Third World Media News.....1972-1973. (At Inter-Church Center)
Committee for Puerto Rican Decolonization.....1973-1974
Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee.....1974-1975
The New Harlem YWCA.....1976-1977
The Institute of the Black Studies.....(just asked). Philadelphia

Education

Compton Junior College.....1939-1941
Los Angeles Presbytery (Special in Child Education).....1941

Employment

Restaurant work; mostly waitressing--for 35 years.

Spoke on College Campuses (at invitation of students or movement activists via Asian Studies programs, or Black student organizations and Third World or Women's groups)

In New York: CCNY, Columbia, Hunter, Queens College, Stony Brook, Westbury, Brooklyn College, Manhattan Community; also Fieldston and Bronx Science H.S.

Other states: Harvard-Radcliffe, Yale, Princeton, Connecticut College, Temple, Univ. of Massachusetts, Univ. Of Minnesota, Univ. of Wisconsin, Univ. of California (Berkeley), Wayne State, Oberlin, Antioch, Essex College, Long Beach State (Calif.)

(Taught 1 semester at CCNY in 1972, a course in Asian American Studies called "Social Science Approach to Asia." I did not have teaching credentials but the Asian American movement was very strong and student activists had decision-making powers at CCNY).

Personal

Grew up in San Pedro, Calif. Worked with children (Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts, Blue Birds, Sunday School, Bible School, Settlement House, playground)--taught arts and craft, first aid, photography, tennis. All volunteer work. Did sports-writing (also non-paid) 4 years with the San Pedro News Pilot.

During World WarII, spent 2 years in concentration camps in Santa Anita, Calif. and Jerome, Arkansas; went out to work at the Aloha USO in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for 1 year for the all-Japanese American 442nd Combat Team; followed by a 6-months setting up of an Aloha Service Center in Minneapolis, near the Military Intelligence Language School to service Japanese American servicemen.

Married in 1946 to a 442 Nisei vet. Husband in PR work. Raised 6 children--which I consider the most rewarding learning process and relationship experienceable. Have 2 grandchildren.

In 55/56, my husband and I helped with countless others, befriending the 25 Hiroshima Maidens during their year-long stay in New York undergoing plastic surgeries. In 1964, worked with the Hiroshima-Nagasaki World Peace Study Mission who were touring the U.S. (The contingent of 43 atom-bombed victims included 4 writers who wished to meet Malcolm X when they visited Harlem. A reception was arranged at our apartment.

Other activities include: teaching Sunday school 10 years; also, with my husband, acted as advisors to the Nisei-Sino Service Organization for 10 years. For some 20 years have covered Asian-American softball for the N.Y. Nichibei, a bi-lingual Japanese-American weekly.