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JESSE JACKSON RUNNING FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION
ASIAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES MEET AND SHOW THEIR FIRM SUPPORT
MAY CHEN AND OTHERS WILL RUN FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTIONAL
DELEGATE

Approximately 100 people who support Jesse Jackson's bid for the Presidential nomination showed up on Sunday, February 7, 1988 3 p.m. at the Asian American Arts Centre on 26 Bowery St. Rocky Chin, member of the committee to support Jackson said that if Jackson succeeds, it will definitely help further the rights of Asian Americans. He also called upon all Asian Americans to vote and to support the Rainbow Coalition's efforts and on April 19th to cast the primary vote for Jesse Jackson.

The Rainbow Coalition is a joint effort and strength of all the minorities. It calls upon all to join together on addressing the issues of racial equality, social justice and economic right and to achieve more just treatment. Asians for Jesse Jackson said that: "the reason we support Jackson is that our concerns are his concerns, he has supported Japanese Americans in their fight for Redress/Reparations; he is concerned with the human rights issues in Korea, Philippines and other Asian countries. He met Vincent Chin's mother and showed his care and concern and also fought for justice for Vincent Chin.

In his early days, Jackson worked hand in hand with civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Jackson has a clear stand on a fair immigration policy, bi-lingual education, and Asia and other minority civil rights issues and their representation; clear stand on supporting housing, social security benefits for the people.

ILGWU organizer May Chen said that "before this, I did not care about elections, because those who ran were not concerned about us. But it is different now, I believe that Jesse Jackson will fight for minority rights and we will see the benefits it will bring" She added that if the Jackson bid is not successful this time, it is not crucial but it is a starting point, the point for minorities to run for other political positions and to be involved in politics. May Chen said that she and two other Asians Leslie Wong and John Young will run for the National Democratic Convention Delegates on April 19th, and hopes that all Asians will come out to vote for them.

On election day, as well as preparation work before that day, a large group of people with resources will be needed-translation, layout, typing, writing, photography, all kinds of people, anyone who is interested in helping out in any way can contact the Asians for Jackson at 39 Bowery St.

Those who were also present at the meeting were Stanley Hill - Executive Director of DC 37 and co-chair of the New Yorkers for Jesse Jackson; Bill Nuchow - Constituency chair of New Yorkers for Jesse Jackson and President of Teamsters Local 840; Asian Labor Resource Center members; Cindy Ng - Manhattan Borough President Special Assistant, Chinese Progressive Association, ILGWU-Local 23-25 -- approximately 100 people attending.

傑克遜競逐民主黨總統競選提名
亞裔代表集會表堅決支持
陳美瑛等將競逐民主黨全國代表資格

【本報紐約訊】支持傑克遜角逐民主黨總統提名人的百多名支持者週日下午三時在亞美利加中心開會。助選團成員之一陳兆文表示，傑克遜若競選成功，一定正視亞裔的權益。他呼籲亞裔選民能支持他的「彩虹聯盟」，在四月十九日初選中投其神聖一票。所謂「彩虹聯盟」，就是集各種族裔的力量，在種族平等、社會公義及經濟權益方面尋求較公平的對待。傑克遜紐約亞裔助選團表示，他們支持傑克遜的原因在於他能夠「急我們所急」。

新我們所痛」。該團指出，傑克遜自始至終對日裔在第二次世界大戰期間被監禁要求賠償表示支持；對待韓國、菲律賓等亞洲國家的人權問題相當關注；在陳果仁事件中，曾約談其母親，關懷備至，並為其伸張正義而努力。此外，這位早期曾受已故黑人民權領袖馬丁路德·金一手提拔的黑人領袖傑克遜對移民政策、雙語教育、亞裔及其他少數民族權益及代表性、房屋、社會保障等問題均有具體體恤情懷的明確主張。國際女服工會幹事

陳美瑛在會上表示：「我從前不大理會競選的事情，因為出來競選的人從不理會我們。不過，現在不同了，我相信傑克遜會為少數民族謀福利。」她又稱：「就是這次傑克遜競選黨內提名不成功也不要緊，這起碼是個起步，讓少數民族可以問鼎政壇。」陳美瑛透露，她連同兩名亞裔：翁振信及王貴美子，將於四月十九日競選民主黨全國大會代表資格，故希望各亞裔能踴躍投票，支持他們。由於投票當天需要大量通曉語的工作人員，事前並需要翻譯、排印、打字、編寫、照相等各人才，凡有興趣加入行列的可聯絡「八八」傑克遜亞裔助選委員會，地址：包厘街卅九號。出席是次助選大會的包括擁有十二萬五千會員的城市工人工會領袖史丹福·希爾、第十五區副主席王貴美子、貨倉及貨櫃管理司理標摩侯、亞裔勞工聯盟代表暨曼哈頓區區長助理吳仙迪、及華人進步會代表、國際女服車衣工會代表等百多人。



圖為支持傑克遜競選大會部份出席嘉賓。(本報記者李安攝)

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