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## AAFEE

## The BILL COLLECTOR

The Asian-Americans For Equal Employment (AAFEE) was established with the objective of unifying with other ethnic minorities in the common fight against racial discrimination and for democratic rights. The first project of the organization was to get Chinese workers into the construction industry through the struggle at Confucius Plaza. AAFEE believes that unity is strength and that victory could be guaranteed only if the people are mobilized for action.

The victory of the demonstrations in Chinatown at Confucius Plaza resulted in 24 jobs for Chinese workers in the construction industry. During the past year, AAFEE's work has centered on keeping the Chinese workers' jobs, getting them into the unions and to fight against racial discrimination within the various trades. There have also been continuous contact with the other minority organizations to exchange experiences.

Black people have been in the forefront in the struggle for democratic rights. In the 60's, the impact of the civil rights movement shocked the whole American society, particularly the government and the big capitalists. Oppression and pacification were used hand in hand by the government in order to destroy the movement. This movement did a great job in raising the consciousness of the Black and other minority peoples.

This May, the police brutality used against Peter Yew aroused the Chinese community. Based on its original principles, AAFEE supported the fight against police brutality. When CSEA secretly changed the date of the demonstration, AAFEE decided to pick up the responsibility of carrying out the community's original decision, and mobilized for the demonstration on May 12th. The turnout of 4,000 people

clearly reflected the tremendous support for Peter Yew's case. It was also an expression of the deep anger borne of the oppression that the Chinese have suffered for hundreds of years. AAFEE also fully mobilized for the court hearing on the 13th and the demonstration on the 19th. Yew's case was but the spark that triggered off the whole struggle; we should understand the roots of the issue -- that is, economic and racial oppression. We must continue our struggle against all forms of oppression.

The working objectives of AAFEE are as follows:

1. Unite with other minorities, fight against racial discrimination, and fight for democratic rights.
2. Fight for equal job opportunities.

You've heard about Southern hospitality; you've heard about Hawaiian hospitality. For two vacationing Centerites, Karen Asakawa and this columnist, the definition of hospitality -- the friendly and generous entertainment of guests -- was made real and meaningful by Asian Americans in California, particularly in the Los Angeles area.

While the Big Apple was undergoing the trauma of fiscal problems and extremely bad inclement conditions, we were enjoying the luxuries of perfect weather (sunshine every day), meeting new and long-time friends, swimming, dining graciously, and hoisting libations (including Coors, of course). This reporter even experienced for the first time the offerings of a health spa -- steam bath, sauna, and whirlpool treatment.

Sandwiched between stays with relatives in southern and northern California, were visits to JACS/Task Force Office, Pioneer Center (for the Issei), YB (Yellow Brotherhood) House and Women's Center, JACL Regional Office, and Visual Communications.

Among the friends who entertained us were: Warren Furutani and his parents, Chuck and Mary, and the rest of the clan -- Norman and Jean, Allen and Marsha, and Stoney; Lisa Abe; Gary Fujimoto; Mark Kondo and his mother, Alice; Bob Miyamoto; Wendy Sahara; Mark Masaoka; Craig Shimabukuro; Ellen Endo; Alfred Sadanaga; Wendy Yoshitomi and her father, Roy; Nick Nakatani and his mother; Evelyn Yoshimura; Patty Iwataki; Mary Uyematsu and her mother; Victor Shibata; Linda Iwataki; Henry Omori; Eddie Wong; Pam Iguchi; Walter Morita; Kenny Uemura; Merle Oyadomori; Dean Toji; John Takakuwa; Ken and Pam Hayashi; and Shimo and Blanche Shimotsuka, and their daughter, Susan.

Many of these good people are engaged in educational, health care, and community service work.

Visiting and training here now are two Los Angelesans Tatsuo Hirano and Steve Tatsukawa. Recent visitors were Nobuko Miyamoto and her son, Kamau.

Aloha!

3. Promote workers' (especially minority workers') benefits and status within the trade unions.
4. Fight for equal rights of women.
5. Fight for benefits of youth.

Membership of the organization consists of construction workers, garment workers, workers of other professions, and students. People of all ages and both sexes work together towards the common objective of unity with other ethnic minorities to fight against racial discrimination and for democratic rights.

AAFEE welcomes workers and students that agree with our objective to join the organization. For any information please call: 233-0988.



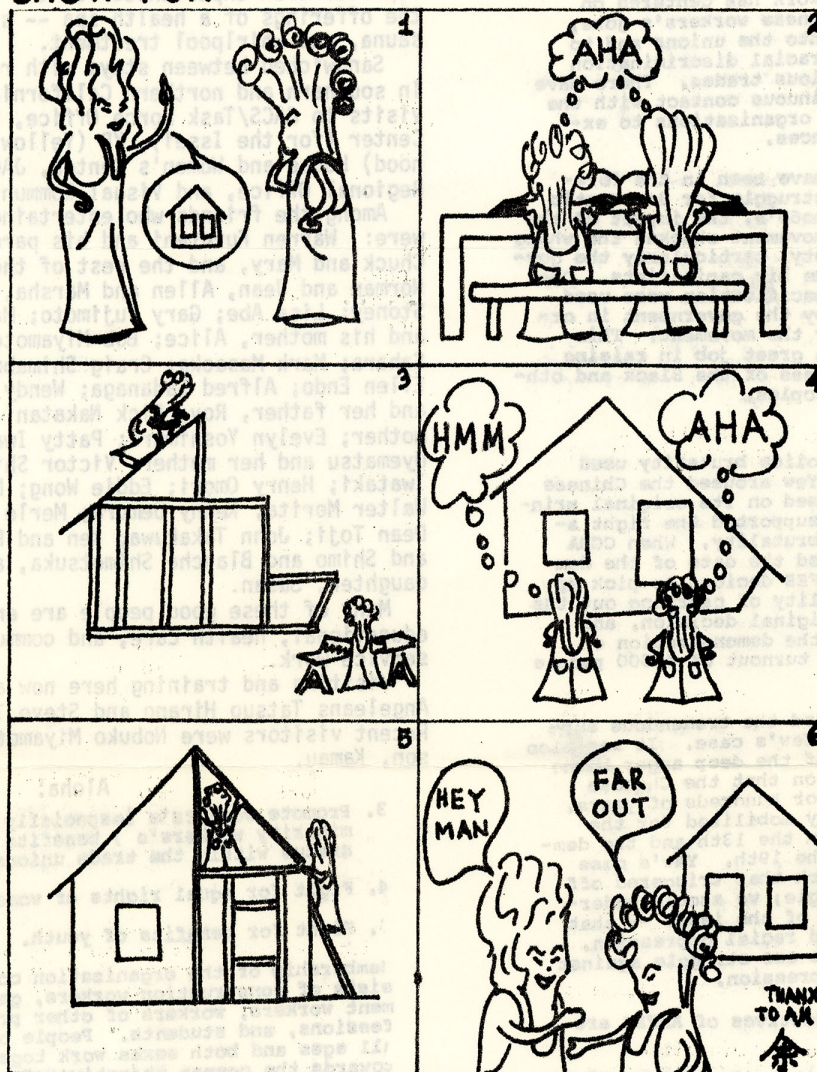
Those of you who regularly read the Center Bulletin may have noticed that over the past half year the Center has cut back its regular programs to a minimum. As a staff, we have been maintaining the Center as a space for people to use and meet in, raising maintenance funds, participating in Japanese American Help for the Aging (JAHFA) and having a softball team in the Niko Niko league. The Center staff has also tried to let you know what's happening in the Asian movement via the Bulletin.

The victory of the Indo Chinese peoples has deeply affected the Asian movement. The staff has been trying to understand the general questions which are now facing the Asian movement as a whole. We are trying to understand the changing world and national events and the response of the movement. We, the Center staff are looking for ways to participate in and contribute to the movement given our strengths and limitations.

The staff has been looking at different aspects of the history of the Asian movement and the Center and tracing their development to the present. This has been a part of the understanding which we as the Center staff are building towards defining ourselves more clearly and then moving forward.

Currently we are engaged in a series of discussions which will hopefully move us into taking on a more vital and dynamic role in the Asian communities and movement.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 5:00 In Use	4 6:30 Center Mtg	5	6 6:00 Women's Gr.	7 6:30 AAFM 7:30 In Use	8	9
10 5:00 In Use	11 6:30 Center Mtg	12	13 6:00 Women's Gr	14 6:30 AAFM 7:30 In Use	15	16
17 5:00 In Use	18 6:30 Center Mtg	19	20 6:00 Women's Gr	21 6:30 AAFM 7:30 In Use	22	23
24 5:00 In Use	25 6:30 Center Mtg	26	27 6:00 Women's Group	28 6:30 AAFM 7:30 In Use	29	30
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In dependent Groups Using the Center (for meetings, activities, forums, mailing addresses, etc.):

Asian Americans for Action (AAA)  
Asian Americans for Fair Media (AAFM)  
Asians in the Spirit of the Indochinese (ASI)  
Asian Women's Group  
Group of Khmer Residents in America  
Worker's Viewpoint  
Korean Unification Study Group

UACC takes this opportunity to thank Steve Wada for his latest monetary gift. In addition to being a regular pledger, Steve has periodically given of his time, talents, services and even more money towards the Center cause. We are deeply grateful.

Also, we wish to thank the New York NichiBei and its English editor, Taxie Kusunoki for keeping its readers informed of the Center and its activities. Our recent fund-drive was most successful in no small part to the role that the local Japanese-English tabloid played in publicizing the event.

Thanks again to Taxie and Steve.

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