

ASIAN AMERICANS AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION IN GRENADA

We are Asian Americans from New York who denounce the October 26, 1983 U.S. invasion of Grenada. Under the pretext of a "rescue mission," and backed by an armada of Navy warships and some 6,000 marines and paratroopers, the Reagan Administration conducted a dangerous act of aggression which has increased world tension and brought closer the threat of a nuclear war. This action has been denounced throughout the world. The overwhelming majority of nations represented in the United Nations voted to condemn the invasion. In the face of this world-wide opposition, Ronald Reagan and his administration continue to deceive the American public about how the action is in the "national security interests" of the American people.

The invasion of Grenada reflects a policy of superpower warmongering and aggression by the U.S. The Caribbean nations, Central America, and Latin America have been historic victims of U.S. intervention. In 1965 a military intervention was carried out against the Dominican Republic. Today, the peoples of Grenada, El Salvador and Nicaragua are direct targets. We stand for an end to all foreign intervention in the internal affairs of countries and the right of sovereign nations to independence.

As Asian Americans, we raised our voices before in protest against U.S. intervention in Asian countries. During the '60's and 70's when one president after another attempted to justify and rationalize U.S. military intervention in Vietnam with distorted facts and outright lies, Asian Americans throughout the country joined the efforts of millions of people, and played an active and important role in the Anti-Vietnam War movement. Through

our work, we supported the rights of the Vietnamese to self determination and condemned the Vietnam War as an imperialist war. We learned that it would take both the determination of the Vietnamese people, as well as a people's movement in America to bring an end to that war.

Today, through this statement, we reaffirm the importance of Asian Americans taking a stand and speaking out against what is wrong. We call for an end to U.S. intervention in Grenada. We support the Grenadian peoples in their right to self determination.

U.S. OUT OF GRENADA!