

ASIAN-AMERICANS FOR ACTION

We recognize that this country is racist and that there are contradictions within the society which are responsible for the problems of Asian-Americans. We feel that it is our responsibility to effect changes in this situation. We have united to establish a political voice for the Asian community and a means for group action. We invite other Asians to join us.

The following statements reflect the attitude of our group towards various controversial subjects:

VIETNAM WAR AND ALL LIBERATION WARS

- . We call for immediate withdrawal of all US and allied troops from all over the world.
- . We support all liberation struggles for self-determination against imperialist forces.

BLACK, LATINO, CHICANO, INDIAN & ASIAN STRUGGLES

- . In the US we support the struggle of racial minorities for self-determination.
- . We recognize the black struggle as the most critical struggle at this point; we therefore give it our firmest support. 1

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

We see --

- . that US foreign policy is economically motivated;
- . that this motivation is based upon the amount of profit the US industries can gain from those areas;
- . that American foreign policy serves to protect the economic interests of the US; i.e., treaties, bases;
- . that because this interest is profit-oriented, US foreign policy is determined by the private interests of the business of this country;
- . that US foreign policy thus is imperialistic, because it is based upon the expansion of profits accrued from the people and materials of other countries, particularly countries of the Third World
- . that these racist attitudes are inherent within US foreign policy and often are implemented in those terms; i.e., policemen of the world, white man's burden.

U. S. DOMESTIC POLICY

- . We see that the service institutions and domestic legislation do not benefit the poor and minorities.
- . We see that there is no attempt by the government to deal with the problems of this country except by token, minimal gestures used as pacification devices which serve only to perpetuate the oppressed condition of the poor and minorities.
- . We recognize the government's participation in destroying the ecological balance of nature, thereby creating a hazard to life.
- . We condemn the government's attempts to repress those groups and individuals who advocate meaningful change.

THE DRAFT

- . We see the draft as an extension of exploitative US foreign policy.
- . We as Asians, see the US in conflict with developing nations of the Third World.
- . We support the refusal of Asian Americans to participate in armed struggle against the interests of their own people and people of the Third World.

LABOR

- . The US economic system is irrelevant to the needs of its people. There are vast differences in wealth and privilege in this country, particularly between the white and colored.
- . We see the union movement in US as not addressing itself to the unique oppression of the colored people, but rather working with big business to continue this social, political, and economic exploitation of colored people.
- . We call for a real labor movement which is against racism and recognizes its effects in this country and around the world. We believe only then will it be able to deal with changing the exploited condition of all working people -- colored and white.

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We believe that the above statement of purpose can be implemented through the following four-pronged program:

- . Asian identity
- . Community rapport
- . Heightening of political awareness
- . Promoting Third World unity