

# WEST COAST CONFEDERATION OF FILIPINO STUDENTS

## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIV.

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1975

TIME: 9 am - 6 pm

**"UNITE AND ORGANIZE:**

**BUILD THE WEST COAST**

**CONFEDERATION OF FILIPINO**

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During the Far West Convention, one of the most substantial resolutions passed called for the formation of a West Coast Confederation of Filipino Students. Essentially, this confederation would unite hundreds of Filipino college students in opposition to racial and national discrimination.

In particular, this resolution calls on Filipino student organizations, which are members of the Confederation, to organize Filipino students to

- 1) establish, maintain and improve Filipino courses and studies programs;
- 2) fight against various cutbacks (financial aid, material support, etc.) and other attacks on students and
- 3) struggle to meet the educational, social, cultural and recreational needs of students.

The Confederation's second point of unity is to "develop and strengthen our understanding of the true conditions of the Philippines."

The West Coast Confederation of Filipino Students encompasses the area between Seattle, Washington and San Diego, California. Within this area, there are three regions: Northwest (Seattle and outlying regions), Northern California (Eureka to the north and Monterey to the south), Southern California (Fresno to the north and San Diego to the south).

There are three organizational levels within the Confederation. The first is the local level. This is defined as Filipino student organizations on the college and high school campuses throughout the West Coast, or interested individuals on campuses with no established organization. The next body is the regional council. The regional council is composed of two selected representatives from each of the local campuses within the region. Within each region, the council will elect three people who will be the regional standing committee. These three individuals, besides giving guidance to the region, would be the three representatives to the body called the West Coast Steering Committee. This body would be composed of nine individuals, the three representatives from the three regions.

At the student workshop of the Filipino People's Far West Convention 1975, a body called the Interim Steering Committee was selected to initiate the preparations for the Regional Conference. Presently, the Interim Steering Committee has expanded and are busy in the preparations for the up-coming Conference.

The purpose of this Conference is to share the struggles occurring at our respective campuses and to sum them up in order to formulate regional plans for the upcoming semester. Secondly, the Conference will transfer the Interim Steering Committee work to the newly-introduced Regional Council members. Lastly, the Regional Conference will formalize future Regional Conferences of the WCCFS.