

force, to protect US access to the oil in the Persian Gulf. But will we fight to protect the profits of Exxon, Gulf and other big US corporations that economically control much of the resources of the Middle East? Will we fight to maintain unpopular dictatorships and martial law governments in Taiwan, the Philippines, and other Asian countries where these giant corporations have set up shop? We say no. Countries in the Third World are trying to regain control of their resources and economies, making great efforts to achieve real political independence and control of their futures. The fight of the Third World countries for national liberation deserves our support.

As minorities in the US, we will be hardest hit by the draft and any major military conflict that may follow. It is no accident that almost 50% of the Americans killed in Vietnam were Blacks, Chicanos, and other minorities. In World War II, when Japanese-Americans were locked up in concentration camps, the 442nd regiment (all Japanese-Americans) was thrown into the heaviest battles and sent on suicide missions. The 442nd received the heaviest casualties of any American troops in US military history.

Yet while we will certainly be the first sent out to fight and die for the US, we are the most disadvantaged, discriminated against and disenfranchised groups in the country. In Asian communities, such as Chinatowns, Manilatowns, and Japantowns, much, if not most, of the housing is substandard. There is a lack of proper social services for our elderly, insufficient bilingual education for the children, and inadequate healthcare and legal facilities. Even in the 1980's

there is unequal access to jobs and higher education for all minority groups. We are denied our traditions, culture, and most important, our history. Here at Circle there is not even one class on Asians in America, and there are only a few survey type classes on Asia. We are subjected to racist stereotypes and myths, such as Fu Manchu, Dragon Lady, and Suzie Wong, yet we will be the first most likely to be sent to the battlefronts.

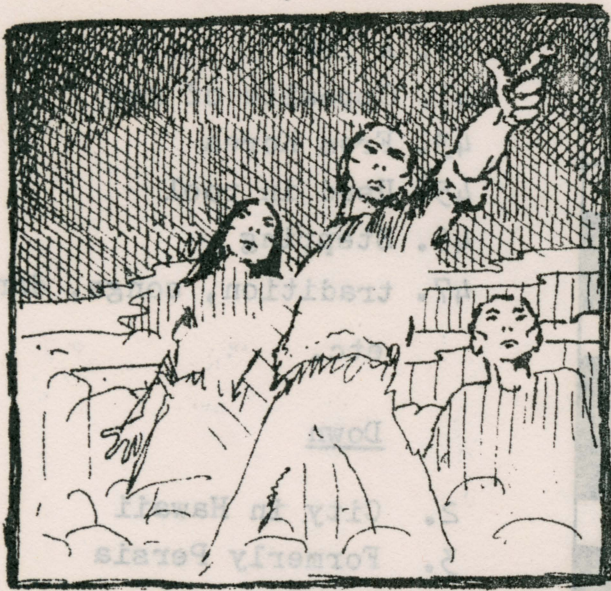
Unity is Strength!



We should be clear that if there is a fight to be waged, it's right here at home--a fight against racism, discrimination, and all forms of national oppression. Asian students, we should direct our energies towards gaining real equality for our people in this country.

It is time for Asians to take a stand. As long as we say nothing and do nothing, Carter will continue with the draft and increased militarization of this

country. but if we stand together and speak with one voice, we can make ourselves heard. Let's get ourselves together and say No Draft, No War, No Way

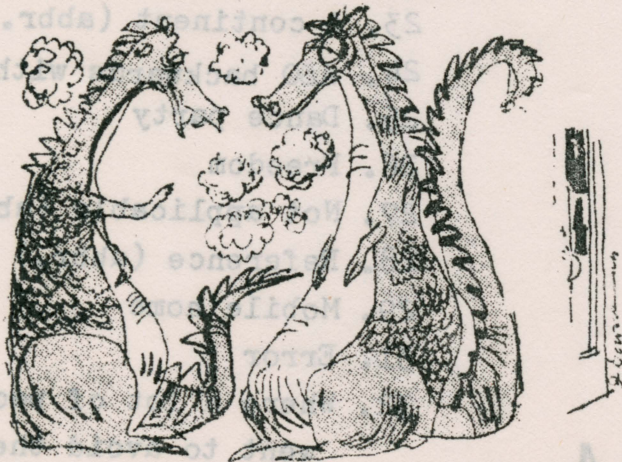


The Asian Student Organization says:

(1) We oppose the draft and militarization in the US as it heightens the danger of world war. World war is not in the interest of the people of the world.

(2) As minority people in the US, our struggle is here at home, fighting for equality and against racism, discrimination and national oppression.

(3) We support the efforts of Third World countries to achieve independence and liberation. Neither the Soviet Union, the US, or any other aggressive power has the right to threaten, control, or dominate the countries of the Third World.



NEWS FLASH!

Major victory for Chol Soo Lee!

A major victory in Chol Soo Lee's seven-year fight for freedom was gained on March 21 when the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento, California, unanimously upheld Lee's Writ of Habeas Corpus decision. Lee, who is sitting on San Quentin's death row, was wrongfully convicted of a 1973 San Francisco Chinatown killing and a subsequent prison killing committed in self-defense when he was attacked by a neo-Nazi prisoner.

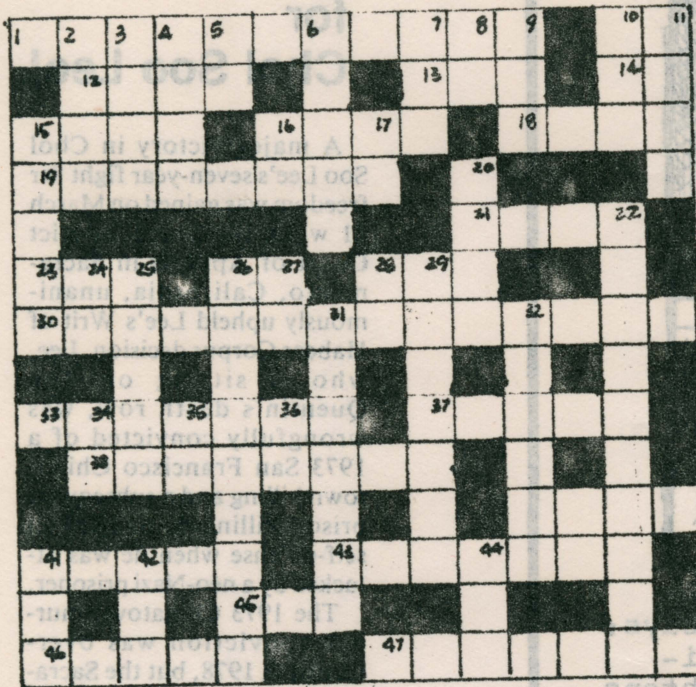
The 1973 Chinatown murder conviction was overturned in 1978, but the Sacramento District Attorney tried to reinstate it in February. This month's appeals court decision significantly confirms that Lee's conviction was unfair and illegal, clearly indicating that he should never have been imprisoned in the first place. Lee's attorney, Leonard Weinglass, is currently working on a motion to have Chol Soo Lee taken off death row.

Lee's attorneys have also filed an appeal of the death penalty for the self-defense prison killing. No date has been set for the hearing, but supporters are more than hopeful of a successful appeal now that the writ has been upheld confirming Lee's wrongful imprisonment at the time of the prison killing.

Mass support and grass roots organizing have been key factors in winning and upholding the writ, thus bringing Lee's freedom one step closer.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(answers on page 8)



Across

1. South Pacific Island Nation
10. Be (1st person)
12. A metal
13. Dine
14. Behold
15. Family
16. Cannot (contraction)
18. Singing voice
19. British Commonwealth
21. Semi
23. Shake of the head
26. Opposite of out
28. Regional transportation authority
30. Japanese Americans for example
33. Accomplishment
37. Opposite of outer
38. Place for sick people

39. A leak
41. Opposite of men
43. From Korea
45. Used in pool
46. Stepping
47. tradition, songs, dance, etc.

Down

2. City in Hawaii
3. Formerly Persia
4. Lengthy
5. Not in
6. Aircraft
7. Used for fishing
8. Each (abbr.)
9. Station (abbr.)
10. Altitude (abbr.)
11. Lunar
15. Largest country in Asia
16. In care of (abbr)
17. Chinese last name
20. From Thailand
22. Program to make money
23. A continent (abbr.)
24. ASO backwards without A
25. Dance party
26. Freedom
27. Not applicable (abbr.)
28. Reference (abbr.)
29. Mobile home
31. Error
32. Where a lot of people went to avoid the draft during the Vietnam war.

A VIEW ON INNER CIRCLE

As one walks around Inner Circle, the new cafeteria, one can't help but wonder the cost of such a luxury. The architecture is fascinating but the food prices could be very disappointing for some students. As one looks back at the reasons why he or she enrolled in this institution of higher learning. The priorities may have been many, but the most important reason is to get a quality education.

Sure, Inner Circle might be a good place for relaxation but with all these entertainers coming up, the place could also serve to distract students from their studies. It would have been nice if we had a well-equipped library to balance our conflicting interests. On one hand, we have people who want relaxation. On the other hand, we have dedicated students who have to utilize other schools' libraries such as Northwestern's, University of Chicago's, or anyone else's but Circle's.

In political science they have a term for this type of clash. They call it the allocation of values. Well here is a clear cut example where the administration chose to provide food instead of books for the students. We have about seven different cafeterias on campus and only three libraries, which proves that the administration underestimates our hunger for knowledge and overestimates our hunger and thirst for food. These cafeterias might be able to satisfy our bellies with their expensive and fattening foods, but this university's main library cannot even satisfy the needs of a pre-law student, for example.

The other thing that bothers a lot of students is that the Circle Bookstore on Taylor Street does not accept the number 7 fee

card for charging books. Why do we have to go to Taylor Street to buy our university books? Why can't we have a better bookstore on campus?

It is not that we should knock the idea of having a place such as Inner Circle because it is just another luxury. However, we should consider also that bookstores or libraries are major priorities at a university. Sure, everyone loves luxuries. After all, it is the middle-class American standard.

The Inner Circle is a different place. The employees are students themselves and it is very nice to know that at least Inner Circle can help out those students employed there.

However, we have to ask ourselves a question in terms of the "allocation of values." Would it have been better if the money spent in the construction of the Inner Circle had been spent on the improvement of the main library?

This is my opinion.



THE KAMPUCHEAN (CAMBODIAN) PEOPLE NEED HELP!

Since our Cambodian relief fund-raising began last quarter, the Asian Student Organization has been able to raise over \$140. We wish to thank everyone who contributed at our program and bake sale. But remember, thousands inside Cambodia and in the Thai refugee camps still need our help. Please give your contributions to any Asian Student Organization member and we will forward them on to different relief agencies. Thank you.



GIVE YOUR SYMPATHY TO THE CAMBODIANS

Had we but no pity to a dying people
A mere contribution could bring them
 grace
The suffering and hunger won't sub-
 side
'Til we put a halt and help the
 right side
Everyday hundreds of Cambodians
 die
Lack of food and disease their
 bodies defy
For just a kilogram of rice
In a week, two people may survive.
Had we not seen enough atrocities?
Remember Biafra?
Remember Hitler's reign of terror?
Are we just to let history repeat
 itself?
This time the Vietnamese are the
 agressors
Soviet Union the instigators,
No longer a surprise for the
 Lithuanians!
No longer a shock for the Czechs!
They too had fallen in the same
 demise.
At this moment the battle goes on
The food might only last till the
 break of dawn
Americans, I urge thee
Help Cambodians for the sake of
 humanity
Give for the sake of generosity.
A plague has hit Cambodia
Famine has swept the land
Only the human will to survive
 keeps them alive
"The poor huddled masses!"
Vietnamese pharaohs will dread to
 see a Moses!
In a form of food supplies,
Relief comes only minimal.
For what is a week or even a month's
 supply.
Sympathy to Cambodians.
A bleak future on their hands
Most of the world doesn't give a damn.
For God's sake we should!