

Dear Friends:

We are a group of Japanese and Asian Americans from all walks of life who are concerned with the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and especially the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union which poses a grave threat to world peace. Together, the two superpowers already possess a total of 11,200 megatons of nuclear bombs--enough to destroy the entire planet many times over. (One megaton is equal to 67 Hiroshima bombs.)

Recently, the nuclear disarmament movement has grown rapidly throughout the world. We, as Asian Americans, want to take part in this international peace movement, do education in our communities, and call for a bilateral freeze and reversal of the nuclear arms race. Concretely, we will be holding a reception for peace delegates from Japan who will be stopping off in Los Angeles on their way to New York to participate in the June 12 rally in conjunction with the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

The reception in Los Angeles will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 31, at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. We invited you to attend and meet with peace delegates from Japan.

We are also planning commemorative activities for the 37th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August. Planning meetings will commence in the near future so we would like to urge you to participate in organizing for Hiroshima/Nagasaki.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to participate in our up-coming activities, and we look forward to working together with you.

Sincerely,

Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament (tentative name)

(Please see attached page for a partial list of endorsers.)

MEETINGS: JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1982

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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\*\*All organizations are list for identification purposes only.

PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSERS

Mike Murase	President, Little Tokyo Service Center; former U.S. Delegate to the World Conference Against A & H Bombs (Tokyo-Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Okinawa)
Dean Toji	Staff member, UCLA School of Medicine, Medical Study of Atomic Bomb Survivors; Member, Friends of Atomic Survivors in the U.S.
Miya Iwataki	Development Director, KPFK Radio
Rev. Alfred Tsuyuki	Konko Church of Los Angeles
Rev. Paul Nakamura	Lutheran Oriental Church
Kozo & Shizue Itabashi	One Family, Inc.
Dr. Robert Suzuki	Dean of Graduate Studies & Research, California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)
George Umezawa	Director, EPIC Program, CSULA
Lloyd Inui	Professor, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
Alan Nishio	President, Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization; Assistant Vice-President of Student Services, CSULB
Kay Ochi	Member, House of Representatives of the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA)
Roy Nakano	Coordinator of Student/Community Projects, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA
Yasuko Sakamoto	Member, Shintobeisha Service Kai
Bill Watanabe	Executive Director, Little Tokyo Service Center
Joyce Jinde	Co-chair, UCLA School of Social Welfare Asian Caucus
Sheri Miyashiro	Regional Representative, Asian Pacific Students Union
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Colleen Chikahisa	American Civil Liberties Union
Kathy Nishimoto	Nikkei Escort Service
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Mako	Actor/Director, East/West Players
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Joyce Yamashita	
Gary Chiang	Board member, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans
Miles Hamada	Director, Little Tokyo Art Workshop
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Kiyoko Hallenberg	Chairperson, Shintobeisha Service Kai
Yvonne Wong	Chairperson, Chinatown Committee for Community Services
Irene Hirano	Executive Director, T.H.E. Clinic; Chairperson, California Commission on the Status of Women
Evelyn Yoshimura	Member, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations
David Monkawa	Member, Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization
Kris Maru	Member, Asian American Students Association, CSULB
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Wed. June 2, 1982

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## Community to Commemorate Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima, Nagasaki

Asian Americans For Nuclear Disarmament (AAND) has announced the first community-wide planning meeting for local events commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and the current need for nuclear disarmament. The meeting will be held Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Japanese American Cultural/Community Center (JACCC) in Little Tokyo.

A spokesman for AAND stated "As Asian Americans, and Japanese Americans in particular, we feel as a community we have an important and distinctive contribution to make to the growing worldwide movement against nuclear war and for World peace."

Not only is it important that our own communities be made

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more aware of the continued proliferation of nuclear weaponry and the threat that this imposes, but it is also important to point out the broader American public that it

was an Asian people who were the first targets of nuclear holocaust, and that today after 37 years we still have victims of those bombings still suffering from the radioactive after effects. Some living right here in Los Angeles," they said.

"Therefore, our work for peace and disarmament as Asian Americans is based upon not just concern for an unknown future, but also a clear understanding of the past and the actual and historically unjustifiable use of nuclear weapons against the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki." Anyone interested in helping to work on the Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorative events are urged to attend the meeting on Saturday. For more information please call Mike at 621-0350 or George at 224-2594.

## Japan Anti-Nuclear Groups Protest Denial of Visas to U.N. Delegates

TOKYO, (AP).—Japanese anti-nuclear organization officials Wednesday lodged a strong protest to the U.S. government over a delay in granting visas to more than 400 people planning to attend a nuclear disarmament rally in New York.

Officials said that of those without visas, 116 people were scheduled to leave Tokyo for New York at 10 a.m. Thursday to attend the June 12 rally and a special United Nations session on disarmament.

They said it would be virtually impossible for this group to make the trip now.

Granting of visas to pacifists, many members of a large Japan Communist Party-backed anti-nuclear group, has reportedly been blocked by a State Department decision to invoke the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act, which was enacted to keep Communist and other Political undesirables out of the country.

An umbrella coalition called the National Petition representing anti-nuclear groups in Japan said in a message delivered to the U.S. Embassy, "The United States government has no authority to interfere with the rights of citizens of any nation to participate in the activities of the U.N."

"We have been granted the right to address the U.N. General Assembly during the Second Special Session on Disarmament, and it is our responsibility that we accomplish our mission," the organization's statement, issued after a two-hour emergency session Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for the anti-nuclear activists, Mrs. Fumi Kubo, said more than 900 attended the rally and the disarmament conference have received or expect to receive their visas soon.

In addition to the Japanese, anti-nuclear advocates from Finland, Australia, East Germany, India, Denmark and the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) have been unable to get visas.

Among others not issued entry permits were a group of university professors, left-wing journalists, an entire group of delegates from

-backed Japan Congress Against A and H Bombs.

Mrs. Kubo, a top official of the National Petition Liason Council, said her group still hoped the U.S. State Department will decide to grant their visas.

Her group says it collected more than 27 million signatures in Japan this year for a petition calling for a total ban on nuclear arsenals in all nations and defining use of nuclear arms as a "crime against humanity."

Other political and religious

groups collected another 55 million signatures in Japan calling for an end to nuclear arms, and all 82 million signatures are to be presented at SSD2 scheduled June 24-25.

The National Petition, which is comprised mainly of housewives, labor groups, anti-nuclear and other citizens groups in Japan, was formed late last year with SSD2 in mind to collect signatures and organize mass rallies in Hiroshima—site of the first atomic bomb attack on Aug. 6, 1945—and Tokyo.

## Library Access Line Improved

The Community Access Library Line, a toll free information and referral service of the Los Angeles County Public Library today announced the donation of a Porta Printer Plus telecommunications device for the deaf. A gift of the Mission chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the new machine will provide access to CALL's unique program for the estimated 19.6% of Southern California's population who are deaf and hearing impaired.

By dialing 1-800-372-6641, callers in the 213, 714 and 805 area codes can obtain information and referrals on a wide variety of topics and can be directed to the appropriate public or private agencies for needed services. Those who request ethnic or community events can also be assisted by this unique program.

Inaugurated in 1979, the CALL data base includes the Community Resource Information Bank (CRIB), reference materials,

agency files, community directories, newspapers, periodicals and ethnic information for the entire service area. In July 1981 CALL received the National Association of Counties' Achievement Award for its innovative program.

A key feature of the CALL program is its three-way telephone conferencing system. This enables the information specialists to connect callers directly to those agencies or organizations that can provide the proper assistance. It also allows the specialists to remain on the line to act as facilitators or interpreters.

Although this program is for everyone, the Spanish speaking, Afro American, Chinese, Japanese, American Indian, and handicapped communities have been specifically targeted for service.

CALL's hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. After business hours and on weekends callers may leave a message and their questions will be answered the next working day.

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