

1985 APSU CONFERENCE WORKSHOP OUTLINE
ASIANS IN THE WORKFORCE

Asians: Labor Experience In America

AGENDA

Shiree Teng: A Chinese Progressive Alliance member and a business agent for International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Based on her experience as a worker and her activism in the Local 2 Restaurant Workers Strike, she will talk about the experience of Asian workers (especially immigrants) in the labor field. (i.e. Anti-Asian racism) She will also talk about the current struggle around Sierra Designs and the situation for women.

Susan Hayase: An engineer at Hewlett-Packard.

She will talk about the status and treatment of Asians in the professional field. (How Asians are discriminated and how to deal with it) She will discuss the situation for women in these field.

Dean Ito-Taylor: A lawyer.

He will talk about the pressures of law school (pressures to assimilate and accommodate). He will also talk about the conflict between being the organizer of the community and social provider for the community. And, he will discuss the question of maintaining one's class outlook.

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ASIAN IN POLITICS
The New Face Of Asians In Politics

GOALS

This workshop will try to educate around all or some of the following:

- 1) The importance and need for people to get involved in electoral politics at the national, local community, and campus levels.
- 2) The impact of the 1984 elections on Asian/Pacific people and other minorities. Aspects of coalition building and third world unity.
- 3) The whole or main aspects of electoral politics. Its limitations and potentials for Asian/Pacific people. To address the need for more voting rights.
 - a) Voter registration- If there's a law that requires 18-year-old students and youths to register for the draft, why can't there be one which requires them to register to vote as well. Asian/Pacific Americans pay taxes. Why can't the government just slip a registration form along with the tax forms sent. This would beat having to go to the post office and waiting in line.
 - b) Bi-lingual ballots - many third world people (U.S.citizens), especially in California which is becoming, or already is, a Third World state, need bilingual ballots in order to understand the voting procedures which is already complicated enough to figure out in English.
 - c) Voter Education - There are many aspects of the electoral politics which people should know about, such as filling out ballots, the candidates and their positions on issues, the whole aspect of gerrymandering and the electoral college, etc...
- 4) The need for student organizing through ASU's, student government, Third World and other coalitions, and building networks of communications like APSU. Whether they just be means for students to share their concerns and educate each other around issues or take it a step further by actively participating in registering people to vote, in protesting injustices and racism, lobbying for progressive reforms and against backward ones, or organizing educational rallies and forums, etc...
- 5) The need for increased participation in and awareness of community issues and to continue to support and defend against any forced destruction of our communities. Being aware of various housing development issues and city propositions is one aspect of participation.
- 6) Continue to build and expand networks of communications between student groups, third world groups, and community groups.