

# ASIANG UNITE!





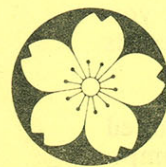
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Of all the men in the world  
None are equal to brothers...  
Brothers quarrel inside the walls,  
But they stand united against insult from without  
While even the best of friends,  
However numerous, will not fight for you.

- Book of Poetry. Shang Dynasty, 1400 B.C. -

You with black hair and crescent eyes come and share a cup  
of green tea with your brothers, you with the skin of tawny  
tan, the color of pale honey, come and unite under the banner  
of the Asian world.

Asian-Americans. We are creatures of two worlds. We  
approach manhood and womanhood with an American heart  
and mind but with an Oriental face. We are immersed in  
American culture but yet we must deny that part which is so  
blatantly evil; that part which is so contrary to our sensitive  
beings.

At home we were taught the virtues of hard work, honesty,  
humility, obedience, loyalty, and respect for parents and love  
of learning. At school we sat with our hands folded and spoke  
not a word, as we listened to our teacher talk of this land  
called America. We were shy students never questioning-never  
asking "why?". But then the lies were so well-formed, so  
subtle to our young minds.

Long ago, when we were children, we were happy in possessing  
both an ancestral heritage and an American dream. But the  
times have changed and so have we. We are beginning to grow  
and to see the reality that is outside of our homes and of our  
classrooms. This reality is that America is a racist society,  
where skin pigmentation and facial conformations create hatred  
and repression.

We are in a sad era. It has been a decade of strife and turmoil.  
The future grows not brighter but darker. To you, Asian  
student, this is your decade of questioning and soul searching.  
You are of age now; you must not only help your own  
destiny but the world's also.

Cows learn by smelling; wise men by remembering; kings by  
asking; and common people by seeing.



You who read this are being educated. You have been gassed, you have seen armed men marching through your home, you have felt the fear. You have felt part of the reality that exists for your brothers in Vietnam.

America calls us yellow. They did and they do. The United States in 1941: they put our parents in concentration camps. Hiroshima in 1945: they obliterated our forefathers and their children.

World War III will be a racial war. Think of Love; think of Death; think of War. Think of the photos of My Lai. Think of that tall, white, G.I. machine gunning that frightened grandmother carrying her bleeding baby. Think of the kind of mentality that it would take to be so hideous. They think of us as sub-human. Our stature is small so they contemptuously think they can crush us.

This campus, your home, is a foe against the white, capitalistic, Imperialistic, dictatorship that is trying to rule the world. War is being waged but you do not take part in the war that is personally yours. Last week you saw what the papers called "mindless violence being perpetrated on campus by marauding bands of rock throwers, vandals and arsonists" - and you probably agreed. You thought nobly of the Vietnam Moratorium, and of the anti-ROTC sentiment, but that is as far as your thoughts took you.

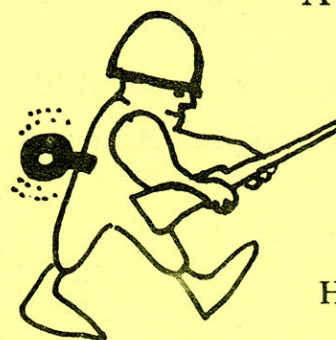
Asian student shed your apathy. Know that ROTC, the Rad Lab, Vietnam, are all directly related to you. Know that you are directly responsible for that girl who is getting her head beat in by that pig's billyclub.



If you cannot throw a rock then at least open your mind to the facts that will reveal startling truths. People strike where there is a need. People fight where there is a need.

Dissent. If not physically then mentally. This, at least you owe your children. The world, this nation, has a sordid future; know within yourself that at least you have tried to prevent in some small, personal way.

## ASIAN PERSPECTIVE C



# ROTC

OR

HOW I WAS DUPE

**My own personal involvement in the military began long ago.**

As far back as grade school, I remember how we kids used to read "Steve Canyon and his Pirates" and "Sergeant Fury and His Howling Commandos" with more interest and dedication than anything school had to offer.

When I entered junior high, there was the required music course which was taught by a DAR. That meant, of course, that we spent endless sessions singing, "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli..."

In the meantime, the movies and television also played their part in furthering the image of friendly American troops liberating hungry peasants everywhere. More than once I have fantasized myself fighting off hordes of yellow invaders on the sands of "IWO JIMA" and the slopes of "PORK CHOP HILL".

And so, in view of this tremendous education campaign to prepare young Americans for the harsh "realities" of constant foreign aggression, how else could I have responded when ROTC was offered to me? After all, if you assume the ROTC concept of citizen-soldiers doing their share to protect freedom and democracy? If you believe that America got into Southeast Asia by invitation of the Vietnamese people, how can you refuse to support our commitments over there? If you trust that America will never fight a war for her own interests, what is more consistent than participating in police-type actions?

**As late as 1968, I still believed.**

That's why, at the time, no amount of rhetoric or logic from the radical left mattered. I was too deeply entrenched in the American myth. It didn't bother me to hear that:



*America has the largest armed force in the world.  
24% of our governors, 15% of our ambassadors, 10% of  
members of congress, and 28% of key business executives had  
ROTC training.  
Over 50% of current active Army officers come out of ROTC.*

But lies have a strange way of being discovered over time, and  
for me, the arguments of American Newspeak began crumbling  
bit by bit.



In ROTC class after class, I grew tired of hearing Vietnam war  
veterans recounting their savage experiences. Like when they

told, with apparent satisfaction, of the mutilation of "gooks"  
by firing their M-16's point blank at the prisoners. Or when  
they described, with great pride, their techniques of fucking;  
of course, guns and dollars helped to convince the Vietnamese  
women, they would crack. And ad infinitum...

Closer to home I found the entire order of University priorities  
even more disturbing. For instance, the Cal chapter of the  
Army ROTC alone (232 cadets enrolled) runs on an annual  
budget of \$1.25 million, a figure more than 3 times that of  
the whole Third World Department (1135 students enrolled)  
on campus. If a government is willing to spend more money  
training students to kill peasants 8000 miles from home than

educating its minority citizens, then it must be terribly messed  
up. Stated bluntly, that government can be nothing less than  
racist.

And so, I began seeing a different picture whenever I stood in  
front of a mirror. I no longer saw an American face there.  
Instead, I could see only an Asian face, and to most Americans  
that face is no different than the faces of those thousands of  
nameless "gooks". Subsequently, I began to identify more  
and more with all the victims of Hiroshima and My Lai,  
because the ONLY reason they've been massacred is that they  
are ASIANS, and no amount of Newspeak can change that.

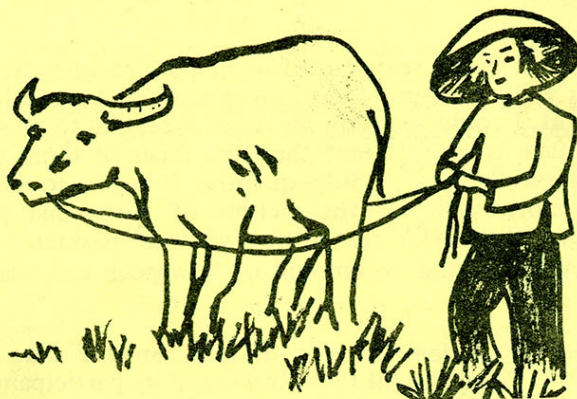
All of a sudden then, it dawned on me that I'VE BEEN  
DUPED. Because all that ROTC and its participants ever stood  
-or will ever stand-for is naked American Imperialism. Im-  
perialism so Bank of America can practice its economic dom-  
ination, Imperialism so that American GI's can practice their  
sexual prowess, and Imperialism so that "black and brown men  
are used to fight off yellow men in order to protect the  
land that the white men stole from the red men."

It was then that I dropped out of ROTC, never again, will I  
let myself be used as an agent to suppress all the beautiful  
peoples of the world.





# WAR GENOCIDE & RACISM



As Asians in America, the nature of Asia and of Asians has always been defined to us by White America.

As school children we accepted the history-book-Asia of poverty, starvation, the selling of children...we were not told of the brutal gunboat diplomacy by which Western nations drained Asia of her resources, enforced feudal systems upon Asian peoples for over 300 years & thereby, created conditions which gave our fathers and grandfathers little hope for better lives than to accept thinly veiled slavery in America.

And some of us discovered almost accidentally, because it's not in the history books, that our parents, American citizens, were placed in concentration camps...As children we were expected to accept this, too.

What America has tried to tell us about ourselves, as presented in Charlie Chan and television-geishas, is that we are industrious, happy to work for little...we are passive and quiet...our men are unaggressive, buck-toothed, unmasculine...our women exotic slaves to men...and perhaps we are still expected to accept these stereotypes.

Then, the American government tells us that the United States is fighting in Asia to protect democracy and to protect Asians from Communism...but we see pictures of "Vietcong" children brutalized and mutilated by American bombs, American napalm, and American bullets...we realize that they could be our little brothers and sisters.

We realize that "gook" means someone with golden skin, almond eyes, and black hair---that any ASIAN is a GOOK!

## FACING CONTRADICTIONS

Suddenly, all the "little contradictions" of our lives can no longer be avoided...more Asians are realizing that the entire Asian image as seen by White America is racist and distorted...more Asians, as all Americans, are realizing that government figures have lied to us about the entire history of the present Asian War.

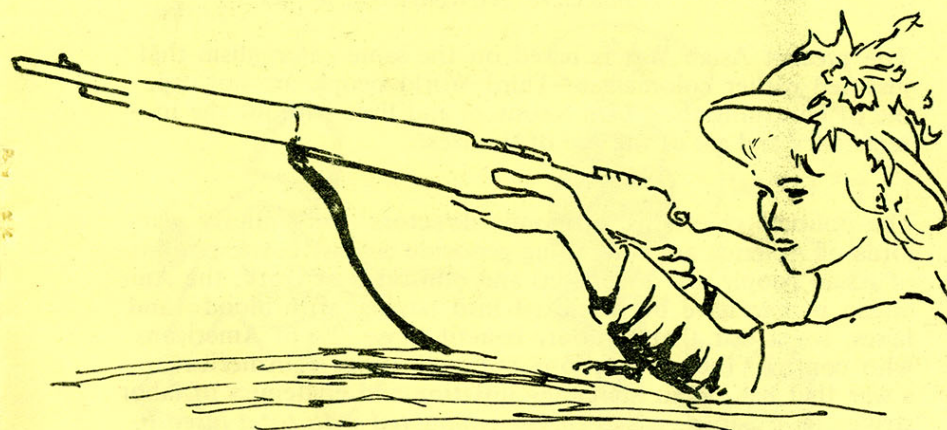
Through the sheer abuse of power the U.S. government has attempted to control the resources of Asia since WWII:

*80% of the French colonial war in Indochina(1947-1954) was financed by America.*

*Massive military aid plus the CIA, have allowed the U.S. State Department to hand-pick the military dictators of South Korea, South Vietnam, Royalist Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan.*

*Over one million American military personnel are maintained in Asia to protect "American interests." America has the largest standing military force in the world.*

Furthermore, in face of the most brutal technological warfare in history, ASIANS ARE WINNING SELF-DETERMINATION. Unlike the stereotype we have been given, the Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese, and Laotians have been hardly passive and quiet. They are winning the 300 year old struggle against Western attempts to control by military and economic force the lives, the resources and the destiny of the Asian peoples.



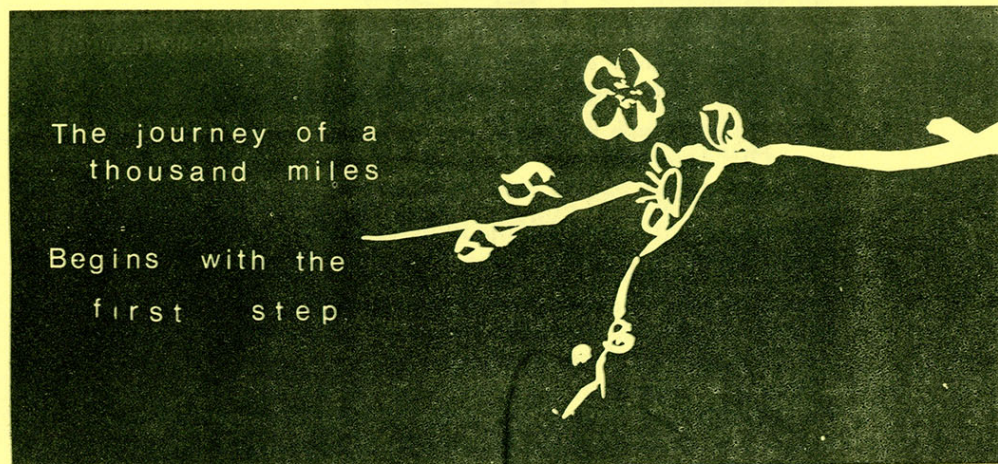


## UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES OF THE ASIAN WAR

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## RACISM AND GENOCIDE

*"What's all the fuss? ... Asia's overpopulated anyway ...it's no real loss..."*

*Iowan housewife on the My Lai massacre, NEWSWEEK, 11 - 69*

The present Asian War is based on the same paternalism that justified earlier colonialism—Third World people are not capable of governing their own resources and lives without the interference and aid of the Aid of the West.

The political chieftains, economic directors, and military warlords of America are committing genocide against entire nations of Asian people. By distortions and omissions of truth, the American people have been tricked into paying, with blood and taxes, for a war that can only benefit those .2% of Americans who control the corporations and institutions of America†... a war that has led to increasing inflation and epidemics of labor strikes in America...a war that is conducted with total insensitivity to the humanity of Asian people.

## WHY AN ASIAN WAR ?

*"That empire in Southeast Asia is the last major resource area outside the control of any one of the major powers ...I believe that the conditions of the Vietnamese people and the direction in which their future may be going, are at this stage secondary, not primary."*

Senator McGee (Wyoming)  
 U.S. Senate 2/17/65

**It is clear that America has shown little respect for Asian life... Asian life has become cheap to Americans.**

The immoral and massive use of America's technology, against the peasants of Asia, would never be sanctioned by the U.S. in an European country.

More bombs have been dropped on the peasants of Southeast Asia than were ever dropped on Nazi Germany.

Just as the Japanese were used to test the atomic bomb,† Vietnamese and Laotians are used to test gases and herbicides. A new kind of napalm which sticks to the flesh of its victims was developed for this war.

The "pacification" which was protested at My Lai occurs daily in Indochina. Entire villages are bombed with napalm, explosives and crop destroyers to encourage peasants to move "voluntarily" Those who remain are forced at gun-point or shot as suspected Vietcong. American experts are rationalizing that it is cheaper to dump surplus U.S. rice into the easy-to-manipulate concentration camps and armed cities than to continue extermination bombing.

Over 5 million or one quarter of the combined populations of South Vietnam and Laos are refugees because of U.S. military action.





## SELF-DETERMINATION

Asians are winning and will continue to win.

The United States has failed to understand that a fight for national self-determination cannot be won by sheer military force or bought by American wealth...the war has already been won in the hearts and minds of millions of Asians...America cannot buy a victory, it can only buy senseless slaughter.

Vietnamese, Laotians, Cambodians, Koreans...these are *humans* with whom we share a common history and color, if not a common fate.

We must begin to see beyond the racism that has made these people into less-than-human GOOKS. We must define the truth about Asia and about Asians for ourselves. Perhaps, then we can begin to win some self-determination for ourselves.

*We will fight and fight from this generation to the next...*



# Bringing it Home

**We'd be fools to think that these are foreign to us because these same values and interests are working us over, here at home.**

This nation, comprised of and built by ethnic communities, is turning on our people in a systematic attempt to exterminate our communities. We only have to look over the Bay to see our people being strangled by economic blight. Where will that leave them? Due to *economic restriction*, they are forced to remain in their ghetto enclave. Where can they go, and who cares? Certainly, not the corporate pigs. Do you have friends or relatives there or in similar situations?

Is money the answer? Partially. This is the answer of the pigs. It is with this that they have control over all. They wield the power to buy, destroy and, by keeping the funds to themselves, continue to subjugate the workers. Not only is this country racist, it is also economically oppressive. It contains so many contradictions that if a clear view were possible, it would crumble. Therefore, it pits the races against one another and preoccupies individuals with the contest for the dollar. With these diversions those who have get more because they write the rules and sell the game.

But none of this has to be accepted as true. We probably don't feel directly discriminated against, neither can we understand what an atrocity is. We have no gut level feeling for these things. Well, fool! That is incontrovertible evidence of our co-optation. We have reaped the individual benefits of playing their game, while on the greater picture, our people are getting fucked over. We are being selfish, bourgeois pigs by our complacency and are guilty of aiding the extermination of our families. We can only believe what they tell us because we owe them so much for our well-being. Once our usefulness is gone, however, we will be spit out of the way. When will our complicity end, for our sake and our people's?

**END IT NOW!**

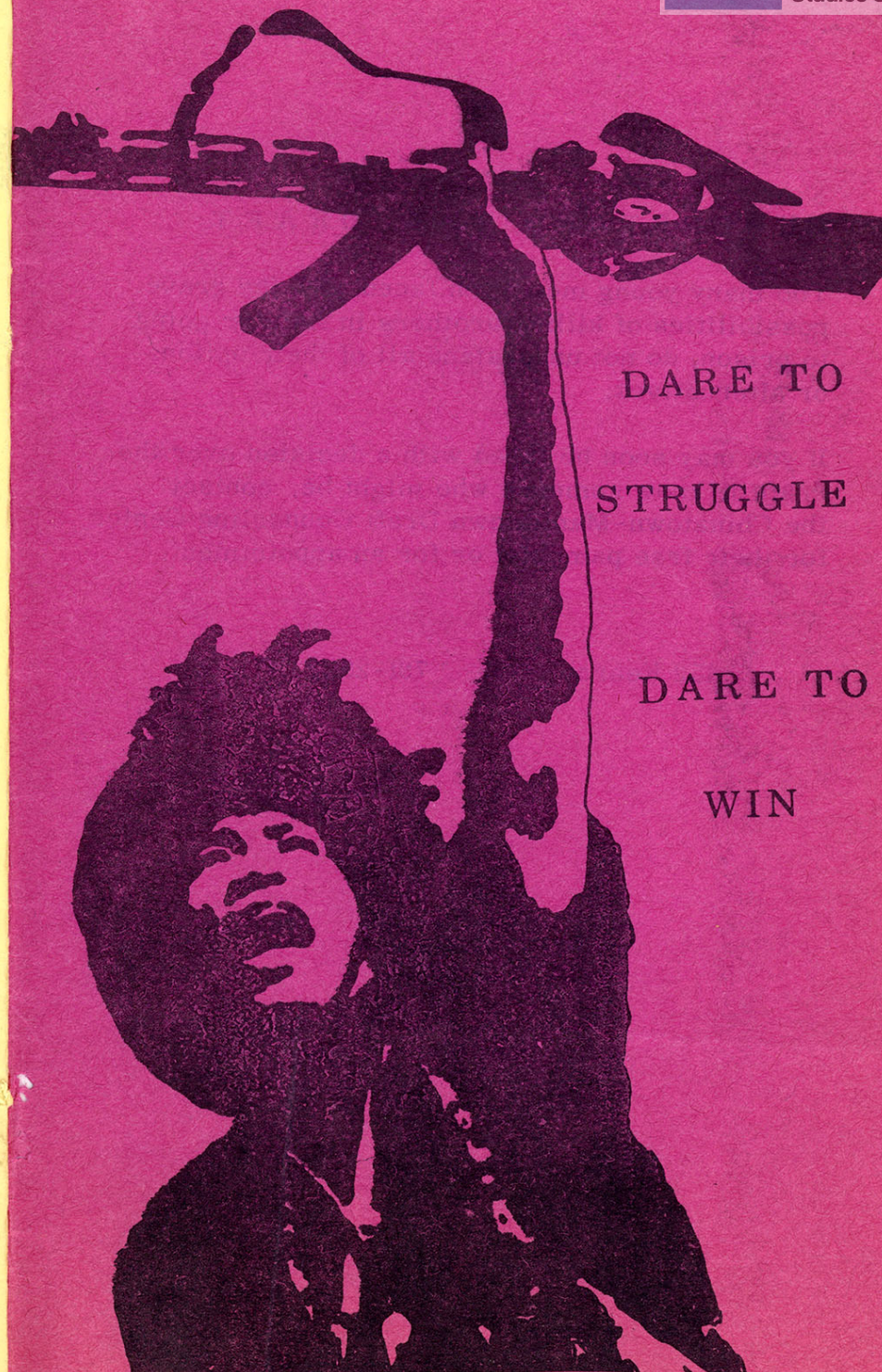


# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ■ Support educational activities and protests on your campus... arrange teach-ins, speakers in your classes, talk to teachers, administrators, parents
- ■ Help organize and come to Teach-ins in our Asian communities... newspapers & television have distorted the truth about the Asian Wars... we hope to organize a series of informational programs throughout the Asian communities in the state.
- ■ Support Asian and Third World struggles at home: Chicano and Filipino farmworkers have been fighting for self-determination against the agricultural interests that have exploited Asians throughout the history of California. They need food and money to continue in their 5 year old strike. Bay Area caravans are being arranged to Delano.
- ■ Support our Asian people in their communities: The International Hotel is the home of over 100 elderly Chinese & Filipinos. San Francisco's financial district has been expanding because of the war profits resulting from the Asian war... this has resulted in the destruction of buildings in Chinatown and the construction of such buildings as the Holiday Inn (disguised as the Chinese Cultural Center).

International Hotel is on the border of Chinatown & may be turned into a parking lot for tourists and workers in the financial district, thus destroying one more block of diminishing Manilatown. Other residents in Chinatown face similar situations with evictions.

Other community projects include: Chinatown Food Program, Self-Help for the Elderly, tutorials, & the Sewing co-op in S. F. Chinatown; Oakland Youth Council; Japantown Youth Council.





## UNDERSTAND THE DRAFT

Too many young men, when faced with the grave possibilities of killing brothers in Asia or going to prison, do not understand all of their options or alternatives.

If you may soon be faced with a decision over the draft or know someone who might be, contact the Chinatown-Manilatown Draft Counseling Center for their free pamphlet or for an appointment.

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