

HISTORY

AACD was founded in March 1982 as a coalition of Asian American community activists, students, community organizations, women's groups and individuals concerned and interested in participating in the June 12 Disarmament Mobilization.

PAST ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Executive Committee of the June 12 Rally Committee, key organizers to forge unity between the traditional peace movement with the third world minority groups.
- Organized the Asian Contingent for the June 12 Rally.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Third World and Progressive People's Coalition.
- Picketed the U.S. Mission to the United Nations to protest the denial of visas to Japanese peace delegates to June 12.
- Initiator of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Coalition which sponsored a commemoration march and rally in Chinatown, N.Y.
- Organized a protest picket in front of the Japanese Consulate on the issue of the Japanese government's distortion of the history in their textbooks. Part of the N.Y. Alliance Against Japanese Distortion of History.
- Co-sponsored the city-wide showing of the movie Gandhi.
- Member of the N.Y. Nuclear Free Pacific Network.

AFFILIATION WITH APANA
(Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness)

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WHY AACD?

With so many groups working for disarmament, why is there a need for an Asian American Caucus?

Because of the racist nature of our country, minority caucuses have become a necessity. Minorities are one of the major groups that bear the brunt of Reagan cut-backs, and as the economy deteriorates, become the focus of economic scapegoating.

In World War II the first atom bomb was dropped on an Asian nation. Japanese Americans were put into concentration camps. Today, while attention is focused on Euro-missiles, the arsenal-building and testing in the Pacific is being largely overlooked.

By addressing such issues we believe that it will deepen and strengthen the disarmament movement as a whole.

**Channel Military Spending
for Human Needs and Jobs**
further, we oppose racism, sexism,
and foreign intervention



PROGRAM FOR ACTION

NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC

An immediate task is to bring to the attention of Asian Americans and the American people the situation of the Pacific Island people in Micronesia, whose homeland has become a testing ground for the U.S. government's nuclear missiles. Kwajalein Atoll, one of the Marshall Islands in Micronesia has become the only test site the U.S. now has for the MX missile. Whole populations have been displaced, their resources contaminated, unfit for consumption or livelihood. In its place are the byproducts of nuclear testing: still born fetuses, tumors, early deaths.

HIBAKUSHA (atom-bomb victims)

Another concern is support for the American atom bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who are pressuring the U.S. government to pass a bill in Congress which will provide them medical aid. Theirs has been a continuous nightmare from the affects of radiation, leading to leukemia, cancer and genetic damage. Another group of *hibakushas* whose story has been suppressed by the Japanese government are the Koreans, living in Japan, who survived the bombings but who have not received medical aid from the Japanese or Korean governments.

NUCLEAR FREE KOREA

We support a nuclear free zone in Korea and the withdrawal of the 40,000 U.S. troops stationed there, which is costing the U.S. government \$2 billion to maintain.

SCAPEGOATING

We oppose the use of Asian Americans and other minorities as scapegoats for the economic problems of all Americans. Taking the form of anti-imports from Asia, hostilities are directed at Asian Americans. Quoting from a Japanese-American autoworker in Detroit, "They're saying if you have an Asian face you must be the enemy."

PREPARATION FOR HIROSHIMA NAGASKAI DAY



The Asian American Contingent on June 12, 1982.

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