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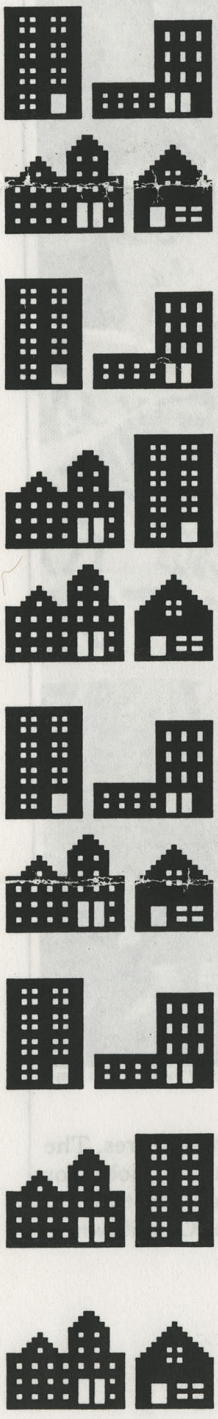
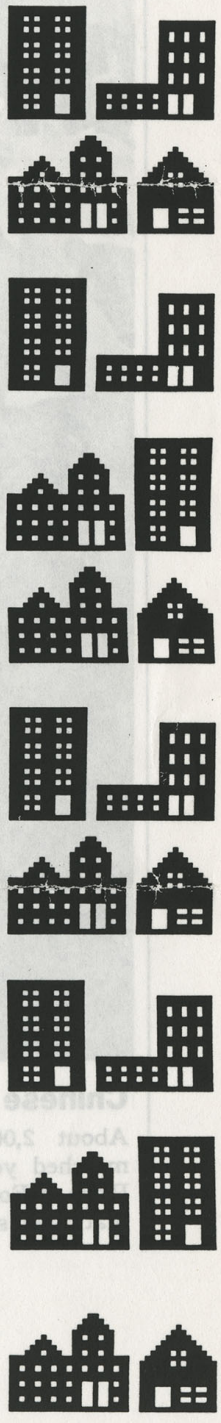
FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION LOCKS OUT CHINATOWN



Two federal projects in Foley Square, generating over $500 million in contracts and 2000 jobs, have brought only crumbs to the Chinatown community. Despite the wealth of opportunity created by our federal tax dollars, racist discrimination forces Chinatown residents to continue working in dead-end jobs in sweatshops and restaurants. ***The struggle for decent jobs is the frontline of the battle for economic survival in our communities.***

Vague promises for "minority" set-asides are not the same as a real policy for economic development of urban neighborhoods. We reject the token hirings on government projects which force communities of color to fight among ourselves for scraps. By uniting to challenge long-standing, racist federal spending policies, we can build the foundations for true social and economic justice.



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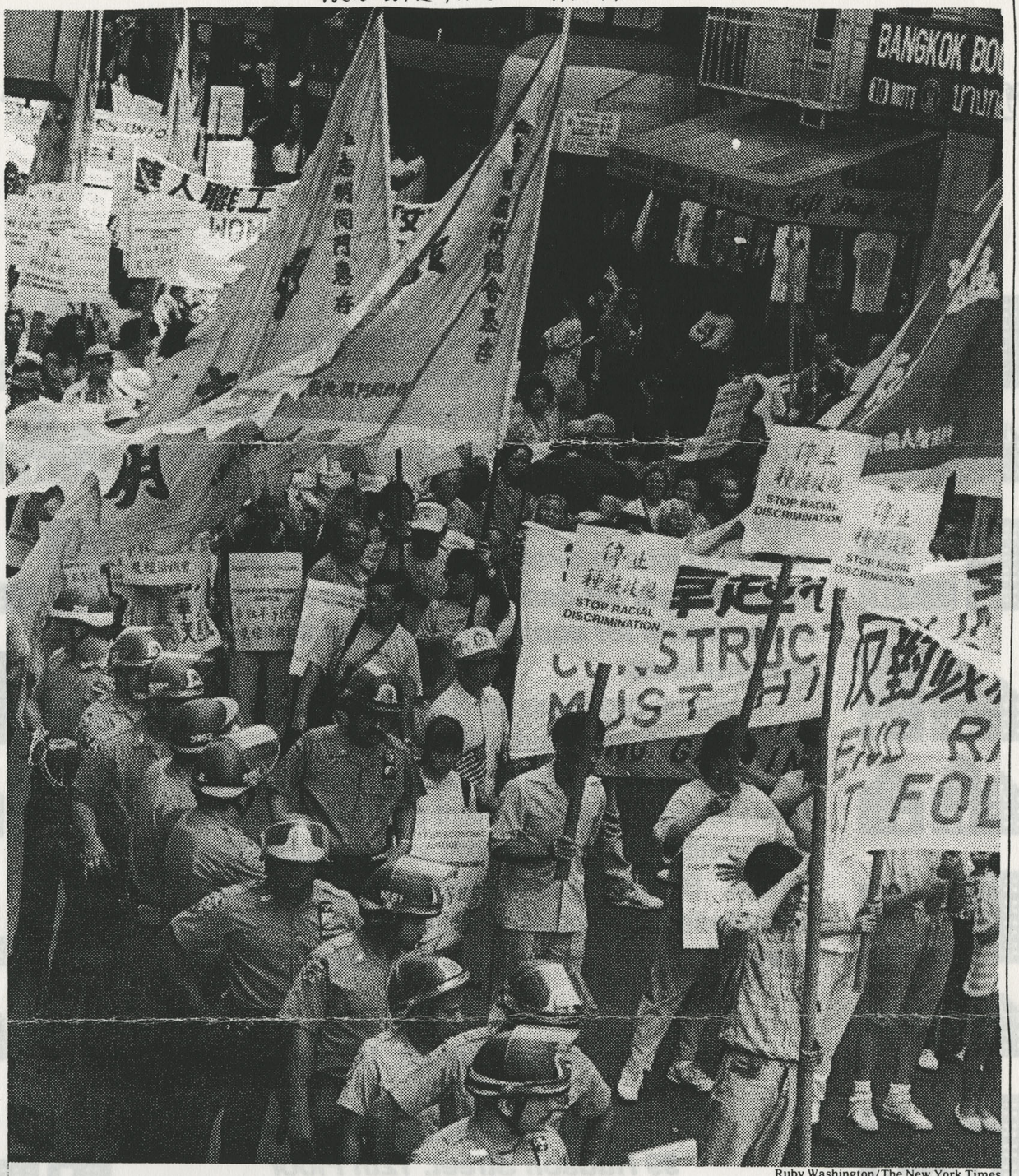

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Chinese Workers Demonstrate for Better Jobs

About 2,000 people, mostly from Chinatown, marched yesterday from Mott Street to Federal Plaza in Foley Square to protest job discrimination that they say keeps them in low-paying jobs in restaurants, garment factories and small stores. The marchers were particularly pressing for jobs for Chinese workers in two Federal construction projects being planned at the edge of Chinatown.