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AND MORE!!

# MILITANT DEMONSTRATIONS

On May 19, 1975, people from Philadelphia, Boston, Washington DC and other cities joined 20,000 New York City Chinatown residents and other minority people in a mass demonstration to protest the policy of police brutality against Chinese and all national minorities.

## BEATING OF PETER YEW

The May 19th demonstration, and an earlier demonstration held on May 12th, stemmed from the April 26th police beating of Peter Yew.

On April 26, one Chinese motorist and one white motorist were involved in a car-ramming argument half a block away from the Fifth Precinct Police Station in Chinatown. After a large crowd gathered, the police came and pushed the people around, knocking a 15-year-old youth to the ground. Peter Yew, standing in the crowd, protested loudly against the action of the police. A policeman then grabbed Peter by the throat and Peter was beaten in front of the large crowd of people. He was then dragged into the police station, handcuffed, stripped, and beaten up again by three other policemen. On top of that, Peter was charged with resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer! The hearing for Peter's case was set for May 12.

## THE PEOPLE ORGANIZE

On May 6, 400 Chinatown workers and residents met at a meeting called by Asian-Americans for Equal Employment (AAFEE) to support Peter Yew and to plan a mass demonstration at City Hall to protest against police brutality and to fight for other democratic rights for Asian-Americans.

Chinatown in New York City, like Chinatowns throughout the country, has many problems -- overcrowded and miserable living conditions, not enough jobs, low pay, employment discrimination, street crime, gambling,

and all the rest. The 400 people at the May 6 mass meeting voted to support AAFEE's nine demands to dismiss all "charges" against Peter Yew; to end racial discrimination, police brutality and harassment in the form of raids and searches for "illegal aliens" in Chinese and all minority and working people communities; end all discrimination in employment, education, health, housing, and other social services to the minorities and working people. At that meeting, it was also decided that the mass demonstration should be held on May 12 to coincide with Peter Yew's hearing.

## CCBA LEADERS BACK OUT

The planning of the May 12 demonstration once again exposes the misleadership of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA). At first, when approached by AAFEE, the CCBA agreed to join in the rally on May 12. But later, CCBA refused on the ground that CCBA would not take part in any large-scale demonstration. The excuse given was that a demonstration permit was not obtainable and that a demonstration should be held on May 19 instead.

## MAY 12 DEMONSTRATION

Despite the lack of leadership on the part of the CCBA, AAFEE went ahead with the May 12 demonstration. On that day, 4,000 people marched on City Hall to support the nine demands. The demonstrators were mainly made up of women garment workers, restaurant workers, students, and elderly people.

The May 12 action of the people brought out by anger at a history of police brutality forced the leaders of the CCBA to plan for the May 19 demonstration.

## SELLOUT BY THE CCBA

The May 19 march and rally at City Hall with 20,000 demonstrators

was the largest mass action that took place in the New York Chinese community. Forced by the people of Chinatown, CCBA came out with "six demands" which were similar to AAFEE's nine demands.

The result of the negotiation between the leaders of CCBA and city officials for the demands was a complete sellout of the people. Instead of fighting for all nine just demands of the people, CCBA settled for a vague "promise" by city officials to "respond within a week." The CCBA then told the large rally that the demonstration was over.

## MILITANT ACTION ON MAY 19

AAFEE responded to this open sellout of CCBA by leading a group of 4,000 demonstrators in a takeover of the rally. Surrounding streets were closed for four hours as the militant demonstrators demanded that City Hall give a full explanation of the negotiation and specific answers to the nine demands. Following this, a massive protest was held in front of the CCBA building to demand for a full account of the City Hall negotiations. The leaders of the CCBA, however, refused to answer the people and remained behind closed doors.

Despite the weak leadership of the CCBA, the massive anger and organized protest of the people forced the police and government officials to make immediate concessions in the Peter Yew case. The head of the Fifth Precinct was replaced. All charges against Peter Yew were dropped.

However, in the midst of these victories of the community, further police brutality in New York and Boston show that the fight for our democratic rights is a long term militant struggle relying on the united strength of the working people.



# urban renewal news



## ONE MORE PIECE OF CHINATOWN, TORN DOWN

### ANOTHER BROKEN PROMISE!

Last Monday, June 30, the State tore down another piece of Chinatown. The State said they made a mistake but they'll give us some gravel to appease us. Once again the government broke their promise to us. One and a half years ago Governor Shapp promised that no more buildings would be torn down until the issue of Holy Redeemer was settled. Look at what happened.

### BIG BUSINESS AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE OUR ENEMIES.

This is how a community gets destroyed. The government will tear down buildings one by one, and they will give us nothing, so that slowly but surely, the community dies. So, from Chinatown's experience and from this latest building going down, we know who our enemies are. Look at Chinatown, what has the government ever done for us? In Chinatown the issue of Holy Redeemer is still unsettled because the State hasn't promised to leave it alone; the plaza across the proposed highway has not been promised yet; and our community hasn't gotten any housing. The Chinatown Community doesn't want appeasement, we want our rights. We do not want gravel or a playground, **WE WANT OUR DEMANDS MET!** We cannot compromise our community away.

### CHINATOWN'S DEMANDS

Here are the Save Chinatown demands. Here are our demands to Secretary of Transportation Kassab. Let us all stand firmly behind these and not accept anything less. After all, it is the people's tax money that the government has been misusing. Let us all watch out for the people

in the community who try to sell us out. The Save Chinatown Demands are:

1. We demand that Holy Redeemer its gym and school will not be touched by plans for the highway.
2. No more demolition in the community until the highway issue is resolved. This time we want a written agreement from the Governor that no work will be done without notice and consent from the community. This promise has been broken twice. We demand a formal apology from the State.
3. All land in the community must be used for the community. We want the State to replace the houses that were destroyed with decent affordable housing. Decent housing, health care and education are RIGHTS, not privileges that only a few can afford. These are rights that have long been denied us, as minority and working people.

### WHERE ARE OUR LEADERS??

People were real angry when they heard that another building was being torn down. Yellow Seeds took a strong stand and blocked demolition at 6:30 Tuesday morning. But where was the CBA (Chinese Benevolent Association) and PCDC (Philadelphia Chinatown Development Association)? It was decided that Chinatown will not let the State tear down the rest of the building



a correction:  
In the July Urban Renewal Newsletter, we made a mistake. PCDC met with the Assistant to the Mayor, and not the Deputy Mayor.

unless Chinatown's demands are met. It is to be remembered that that building and all those empty lots are a symbol of our need to struggle for our survival. It is symbolic in the same way when, last fall, Chinatown told the State that no more buildings were to come down until the Plaza over the highway was promised to us. The State did not make that promise and they took down another building. Obviously the State does not serve the people.

### WE WANT KASSAB!

Neontime Tuesday, people gathered at 10th and Vine streets. An official from the State came and tried to excuse their immobility and destructiveness. He gave the community the usual run-around. But the community stuck to the Save Chinatown demands. It was then that we demanded that the guy on top, Secretary of Transportation Kassab, had better come to meet with us.

### MARCH TO CITY HALL.

At the end of the rally there was a march to City Hall to see the Mayor. We waited while some PCDC Board Members met with the Assistant to the Mayor. We do not know what went on. But even though PCDC is busy, the most important thing they can do is to communicate with the people. PCDC should have told us what happened.

Rizzo was reported out of town, but then he decided to meet with us. He called up Kassab and we made it known that we demand that he come to Chinatown to hear our demands.

### OUR DEMANDS MUST BE MET!

So the Secretary of Transportation is to come to Chinatown soon. We must all be united in the Save Chinatown Demands. We must combat the State, the opportunists, and the snakes in the grass who try to sell us out. They do not have our interests in mind. When we make sure that the Save Chinatown demands are met, we will then let them finish tearing down the building.

From past experience we know that compromising, and seeing the government as a friend did absolutely no good. We are fighting for the survival of Chinatown, a community that they have been trying to destroy. We are fighting for our democratic rights to a decent community. We are not alone in this struggle for decent affordable housing. With us are other minorities and working class peoples who are also fighting against the government and big businesses. We must unite with them and **FIGHT TO WIN.**

# POLICE BRUTALITY



again!

(NEW YORK CITY) At about 9:30 pm on the night of June 30, 1975, four police officers with drawn guns ordered a car with four Chinese youths to pull over. Then, without explanation or warrant, searched the youths and car. All along, racist names and comments were made by the police to the youths and the growing crowd. During the search, the officers gave no explanation. When the youths ask the police for a search warrant, the youths were told to shut up. The police found nothing.

The police then try without stating any charges to take the youths to the police station. But the almost 100 Chinese community residents who have at this time gathered protested this latest violation of democratic rights and forced the police to withdraw.

## 200 DEMONSTRATES AT POLICE STATION

The Asian-Americans for Fair Employment (AAFEE) was called by a resident. AAFEE then called a Legal Aid Service lawyer. The youths, their lawyers, and representatives from AAFEE, accomplished by a crowd of almost 200 community people marched to the police station to demand an explanation and to protest.

At about 11:30 pm a police car threatened to run right through the crowd. The answer of the people was to lock arms.

Suddenly and without any warning, about 40 police charged out of the station. With clubs swinging

and shouting racist comments, the police attacked both protesters and bystanders alike. When the police stopped their attack, 20 people were injured and 15 were hospitalized.

The police made no arrests as they knew that any charges they might make would only point out the crimes they themselves had committed. This was no an incident of youth gangs against the police. This was a case of police brutality against a community, as witnessed by 200 people.

As this point, the leaders of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association have remained silent on this case. AAFEE has begun court action against the police.

## BOSTON CHINATOWN PROTEST POLICE DISCRIMINATION

The Chinese community of Boston has charged the police department of that city of police discrimination and insensitivities toward Chinese.

On May 11, 1975, Paul Chan and Jerry Chu were involved in a scuffle with two white men after they refused to leave a parking area of the building where Chan and Chu were working. Chan and Chu were taken to the District 1 Police Station. The two whites were not arrested.

To Chinese residents in Boston, this incident is one of many that show how the police treat the Chinese community.

One resident said, "It seems that sensitivity to the Chinese is not one of the services that the Boston Police Department provides to this community. They don't realize that alot of people here are of immigrant status, and if one of us is criminally charged without a full and fair investigation, it would appear on our records and become a deterrent to our obtaining U.S. citizenship."

Another community member said, "The feeling of the community is that if Paul did not speak English and had not spoken up and explained the situation, the two of them could have ended up in a jail."

# STREET FAIR IN NEW YORK CHINATOWN

There will be a Street Fair in New York City Chinatown. It will last for three days on August 16, 17, and 18 (Saturday through Monday.) Streets in Chinatown and Columbus Park will be used for the fair.

The theme of the Street Fair will be: Unite with Minorities and Other Working People to Fight for Democratic Rights and Against Racial Discrimination.

Community groups and agencies as well as individuals united on the following objectives to work together on the Street Fair:

1. Fight for equal job opportunities.
2. Promote workers' (especially minority workers') benefits and status within the trade unions.
3. Fight for the equality of women.
4. Fight for the benefits for the youth and elderly.

There will be street theatre, singing, dancing, music, slide shows, movies, and health screening facilities. There will also be many interesting and informative

exhibits on education, health, daycare, legal information, rights of immigrants, and many more.

Philadelphia Chinatown will be represented at the Street Fair. The "Save Chinatown" movie of Philadelphia will be shown. There will be an exhibit with a mural and photographs showing the struggle for democratic rights of the people in Chinatown and other parts of Philadelphia.

The time of the Street Fair is:  
Saturday Aug. 16: 2 - 9 pm  
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# EDITORIAL UNITE TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

On June 30, 1975, bulldozers sent by the State torn down more pieces of the Chinese Community in Philadelphia for a highway. This was done inspite of the fact that the State had twice "promised" that no more demolition of Chinatown is to be done without the consent of the Chinese community.

That same night on June 30, twenty workers and residents of the Chinese community in New York City were beaten up by the police. The twenty people were among a crowd of two hundred who had gathered to demand an end of police brutality and harassment.

## DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Besides taking place on the same day, these two events in Philadelphia and New York City have other things in common. By the use of "laws" and "promises," the government tells us that we have many "rights." But as the above two events show us, in day-to-day living, Asian-Americans along with other minorities and working people don't have many of these democratic rights. We cannot trust the State or the police to "guarantee" these rights to us. We have to fight for them.

## ECONOMIC CRISIS AND BUDGET CUTS

At a time when the whole country is in the worst economic crisis since World War II, budget cuts, layoffs, large-scale unemployment, and loss of health care and social services are a daily reality for more and more of us. At the same time, huge profits are a reality to the banks and big businesses, who have the cooperation of the government.

Though our women work long, hard hours in the garment factories, and our men work as cooks and waiters, jobs are becoming harder to get. We work long hours for less pay. Our paychecks keep getting smaller but the price of food and clothing keep getting higher. Some prices in Chinatown for essential items have risen 100%.

Our people work hard so that our children can go to school. Yet budget cuts in the public schools in such areas as bi-lingual education seriously hurt the education of our children. Though the wealthy areas still have adequate school and hospital budgets, these services in poor areas, especially minority communities, are the first to be cut.

## THE PEOPLE FIGHT BACK

As citizens and residents of this country, we are entitled to equal and quality education, decent health care, housing, employment, and equal justice for all. These rights are not gifts handed down to us by the government. Working people have worked and fought for them.

Working people all over the country are fighting for our democratic rights. Fearing the strength found in the unity of all groups, the government tries to scare us with harassment and physical violence. They try to keep us quiet by the use of reform, by giving in a little. If this doesn't work, repression is used.

But we are not going to be threatened by this. In Philadelphia, the bulldozers were stopped (we realize only temporary, the struggle must go on) by a demonstration. In Boston, people raised their voice against police discrimination. In San Francisco, Chinese restaurant workers are organizing unions. In New York City, 20,000 people demonstrated for democratic rights. We are strong and we will become more united, more organized and we will fight back even harder.

## LETTER FROM CHINESE-AMERICANS IN PHILADELPHIA TO ASIAN-AMERICANS FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT

Dear Friends,

Beginning with the struggle for equal employment opportunities, and especially since the May demonstrations against racial discrimination and police brutality, Asian-Americans for Equal Employment has worked for the discriminated and oppressed Asians to fight for their legal rights and their welfare.

Your selfless spirit, your leadership and your genuine concern for the people have awakened the community. Learning from your model, minority peoples will become more united and stronger. And it is inevitable that before long, a new Asian community of equality will appear.

Keep up the good work,

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# VICTORY IN VIETNAM

Finally! The war is over. After years of struggle, the Vietnamese people have thrown off the yoke of United States imperialism and have won the right to control their own natural resources, their own lands, and their own lives

The Vietnamese people have never been able to live their lives as they've wanted to. They have fought for over a hundred years against foreign aggression: first against the Chinese, then against the French, and finally against the United States.

The Chinese people throughout China's history were led by feudal leaders, to believe that they were the center of the universe and superior to all men. Because this idea was pushed on the people for thousands of years, the people actually began to believe these lies. So, led by misleadership, they went to conquer the Vietnamese people. But because the people of Vietnam were able to see that it was their right to rule their country as they saw fit, they were able to unite and fight off China's attempt at domination.

Then came the French. France, as an imperialistic country, thought they could take over Vietnam and exploit the people there. The ruling class of France saw that they could make huge profits by using the Vietnamese for cheap labor and paying them very small wages. They could also make profits by selling goods to the Vietnamese way above costs. By controlling the economy of Vietnam, France could control the lives of the Vietnamese people.

So, with that plan in mind, the French went out to conquer Vietnam in the 1950's. However,

even though France was much more advanced and developed as a country and would eventually receive millions of dollars in United States aid, they would probably fail. Like the Chinese, the French were unable to suppress the revolutionary spirit of the people. This spirit allowed them to see the real enemy and made it possible for them to unite to defend their homeland. In the end France was forced to withdraw. Then came the United States.

The Americans, during the Second World War, played a most important part in Asia. By defeating the Japanese imperialists, the United States was able to place troops in the Philippines and Taiwan. When France saw that she couldn't control the situation in Vietnam, the United States government saw that it could gain greater control of Asia by first helping the French and eventually, taking France's place as the main imperialistic influence in Vietnam.

The United States first started to send aid directly to South Vietnam in November of 1954. From that date on, the United States people saw a continuous increase in the United States' involvement in Vietnam. This involvement would cost the taxpayers of the United States billions of dollars and thousands of lives.

To gain support for their efforts, the United States government helped set up a puppet government headed by Thieu in the 1960's. This government was used to suppress the people. But the people of the United States didn't support the United States involvement in Vietnam and demanded the government to pull out.

Why did the United States government continue to fight this illegal war? There are several reasons which are often given.

The favorite is that the United States is trying to protect the world from the spread of communism. This excuse, which was often given over and over again, was used to hide the real reasons.



There are military reasons for the United States involvement in this war. The U.S. government could use this war as a testing ground for newly developed chemically and biologically dangerous weapons such as napalm and chemical defoilants. Also if the U.S. puppet Thieu government is in power, the United States could use South Vietnam as a military base. This would greatly spread U.S. influence in Asia.

The most important reasons are economic. Big business in the United States would like to "free" South Vietnam from communism so that they could exploit the people themselves. As they have already done in Taiwan and the Philippines. U.S. monopoly capitalists want another source of cheap labor and a new market to sell their goods. Thus, the U.S. government could gain political and economical control over the people.

As we have seen already, even the United States could not suppress the Vietnamese people. The "paper tiger" of the U.S. Imperialism has been exposed to the whole world.

We Join in the celebration of the victories of the Cambodian and Vietnamese people. Their Victories are the victories of the Asian-Americans, Third World peoples and other working peoples in the United States and throughout the world.



IN CAM RAHN, THE PEOPLE AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS JOINED IN CELEBRATION OF THE VICTORY.

PCDC CUTS ITS OWN THROAT

Is PCDC (Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation) really doing the job it is supposed to be doing? For the thirty or so people who attended the May general meeting, it was clear that they are not. This was evident despite the one-sided vote to cancel September's Board Elections, a vote which represented a victory for the present PCDC board members. However, this still could not cover up what many people voiced at the meeting: PCDC was not getting its job done.

May 20th can now be marked as the night when PCDC, out of sheer blindness, cut its own throat. At a time when T.T.Chang is running all over town saying he represents all of Chinatown, PCDC goes and gives away the most concrete action that could make it a really representative of the community's interest: opening membership.

At a time when most of the PCDC board are so confused that they're still not sure that the city government is our enemy, we certainly didn't need this set-back. We needed to be putting out a newsletter that comes out regularly in both English and Chinese so that our side knows what is going on.

We need to be linking up with other communities in Philadelphia. Black, Puerto Rican, and white working communities are also fighting to make their neighborhoods better. We need to see that it's our right to have a decent community, not a privilege we go around begging for.

A CORRECTION

In the April issue of the newsletter a printing error was made in the Chinese section. It was stated that the CBA (Chinese Benevolent Association) collected over \$32,000 in donations. The correct figure is that the CBA collected over \$3,200. in donations for PCDC (Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation) two summers ago.

MOVIES AT HR

Movies are being shown at the HR Auditorium. The movies are on Mondays. Call HR for the exact dates and the titles of the movies.

STOP LETTING T.T. USE THE CBA'S NAME

In response to many questions from the community and articles written by Yellow Seeds, Mr. Paul Lee, president of the Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA), explained to the April general community meeting of PCDC (Philadelphia Chinatown Development Association) the relationship between CBA and T.T. Chang. According to Paul Lee, T.T. Chang was nominated to be an officer in the CBA through the United Club, one of the three major organizations represented in the leadership of the CBA. His ability to speak Cantonese, Mandarin, and English allowed him to become the English Secretary of the CBA and to speak for the CBA to public officials.

Mr. Paul Lee explained his efforts to unite the different groups in Chinatown and said that since he has been in office, he has always given support to PCDC's efforts to save and improve Chinatown. He repeated several times that the CBA could not tell T.T. Chang and the Chinatown "Y" how to run its business or control what type of funds it gets from public agencies.

Yellow Seeds and many people in the community feel that although CBA has openly supported the fight to save Chinatown, it has also supported T.T. Chang and allowed him to use the CBA as a front to disrupt our efforts. T.T. Chang has, in the name of CBA, challenged PCDC's right to represent the community and instead presented his own plans.

The members of CBA should stop letting T.T. Chang use the name of CBA to divide and destroy this community. The City government and big business are our real enemies, not the people who speak out to make our community stronger. We must stop uniting with opportunist and government lackeys and politicians, and, instead, unite with the working people to demand our rights for a decent community and a good life.

WHERE ARE OUR "MISLEADERS"?

Once again, while the government is tearing down buildings in Chinatown, The CBA (Chinese Benevolent Association) and T.T. Chang have closed their eyes.

On the days that demolition took place not a word was heard from the CBA, the "leaders" of our community. Will the CBA close their eyes again when another building is torn down? And will T.T. Chang hold up in his palace? Probably. The only Chinatown he's interested in is for the tourists.

What is PCDC doing?

Trading off building for playgrounds and parking lots? Sure, PCDC called a rally but only after it was pushed to do so by Yellow Seeds. PCDC did not even try to stop the demolition. They gave the State permission to finish the job off! Also, when we marched to see Mayor Rizzo, PCDC had another one of their closed door meetings. We still don't know what happened. When is PCDC going to inform the people who work and live in Chinatown of what's going on?

What are we Fighting for?

We're fighting to save Chinatown; for our right to a decent community. We see clearly that the State didn't make a mistake; that the State and big business wants us out to get more land. We cannot let PCDC settle for petty concessions because they are only sugar coated bullets; they taste good now but will kill us in the end. There is only one way to fight. FIGHTING TO WIN ALL OF OUR RIGHTS!

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# CHANGE - NOT CHARITY

## The People's Fund

With the slogan "Change, not charity", the People's Fund was organized in 1971 as an alternative to the United Fund charity. The purpose of the People's Fund is to support various community groups in Philadelphia who are working for fundamental changes in society. Yellow Seeds is one of the groups to which the funds are given. \$600 was given to each of the forty-one funded groups.

The groups funded are selected according to five criteria:

1. The groups see that the government and economic structure of this society is oppressive and in need of over-all change.
2. The activity of the groups serves the needs of the people not met by our political, social, and economic institutions.
3. The groups work for a society which serves the majority of the people and not just the small group of people now in power.
4. Members and the community

are encouraged to take part in making decisions and planning activities for the groups.

5. The group is working for a society where everyone is given basic human rights.

The People's Fund is made up of people who contribute money. Anyone who contributes becomes a member of the People's Fund. The donations are not tax-deductable. The major decisions concerning the selection of the groups, and the operation and direction of the People's Fund are made by the members and funded groups at the annual People's Fund Conference.

The People's Fund Conference was held this year on April 12. From the conference it was felt that the People's Fund needs more political direction in order to make it function more effectively for basic social changes. It is good that more groups are selected this year. But the main purpose

purpose of the People's Fund is to bring about basic changes in our society. The criteria are so broad that groups whose activities do not challenge the system may be selected. This hurts the idea of "Change, not charity," as well as the groups who do work for the basic changes in our society.

We expect the People's Fund will play an important part to unite the people of various communities throughout Philadelphia to work for basic changes in the society with the clearer political direction.



# AAC/PCDC CONF. TALK IS NOT ENOUGH

On April 12, 1975, PCDC (Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation), with the assistance of the Asian-American Council, sponsored a conference attempting to bring about awareness of the problems confronting Asians in America. The program as planned offered four panel discussions, the main one being about the urban renewal crisis in Chinatown.

The conference proved disappointing. Steps were not taken by the planners of the conference to insure a day in which consideration of the problems confronting the Chinese in America would lead to the forming of clear goals and solutions for a directed course of action.

The urban renewal struggle, if it is to be successful, must involve as many people in Chinatown and in Philadelphia as possible. The conference as planned was only aimed at professionals,

college students and people who speak English. The people of Chinatown who worked in restaurants and grocery stores, the old people and the youth were not able to take part in the conference. The program was in English and most of the publicity was in English. Without the ideas and the participation of the workers, a true picture of the problems caused by urban renewal is not possible. As a result, no solid direction and organization to fight urban renewal came from the conference.

Those attending the conference may have an interest in contributing to work in the community. But the conference failed to take advantage of this resource in manpower. Instead of concentrating on allowing city officials to speak on what plans they had made for Chinatown, more attention should have been paid to the consideration of the unkept promises and forgotten proposals

of saving Holy Redeemer Church and School and of decent housing for Chinatown. Thus the audience led to believe that the urban renewal struggle was improving and the hardest part in obtaining agreements with the City and the State had been overcome. From the June 30th demolition of a vacant building at 10th and Winter Street (story in this issue), it can be seen that PCDC did little in suggesting the possibility of such a trick by the State and of preparing the community to oppose such action.

The conference may have given the planners a sense of taking a step forward in the struggle we faced. But good feelings and good intentions are not enough. With more participation from the workers of the community, the conference could be more effective in bringing to the audience an awareness of the problems facing Asians in America.

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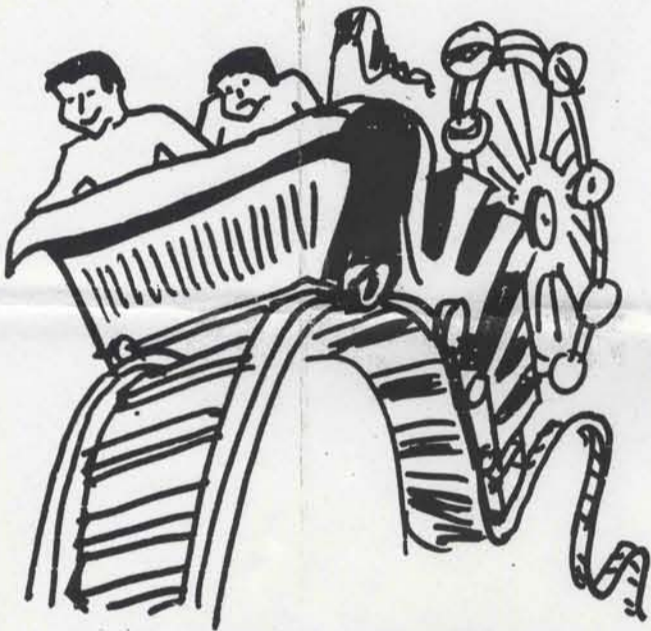
## INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

Last year, the first May Day, International Workers Day, was celebrated by the Chinese community in Philadelphia. Learning from last year's celebration, this year's May Day was bigger and more meaningful.

On May 5, 1975, more than 300 community people and friends joined in the celebration at Holy Redeemer Auditorium.

Before the program started at 7:00 pm, there was a lion dance and literature display. Representatives from Yellow Seed and the Philadelphia Overseas Chinese Serve the People Organization gave welcoming speeches. The talks were about the history and the meaning of International Workers Day. Following this, there were singing and a kung-fu demonstration performed by young people from the community. The people then enjoyed the refreshment donated by restaurants from the community. The successful event ended with the showing of three movies.

This successful celebration of another International Workers Day shows us the importance of and encourages us to fight harder for the democratic rights of workers.



### YOUTH SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Yellow Seeds has been able to offer more services to the Chinatown community this summer through the ten high school students working with our group in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. Most of these teenagers are from Chinatown and, thanks to them, the Yellow Seeds Center is open to the community during longer hours this summer. In opening Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Yellow Seeds has expanded its educational program, offering courses in Physical Fitness, Tai Chi, Auto Mechanics, Cantonese Language and Guitar. Some of these courses are being taught by members of the NYC staff, and other projects at Yellow Seeds, including the Ping Pong tournament which began August 3rd, the field trips offered by Yellow Seeds, work in the urban renewal struggle, and the publishing of this issue of the newspaper are large contributions by NYC people.

The NYC Program, which began July 1st, will continue through late August. Yellow Seeds has been helped a great deal by NYCers.

## COMMUNITY CLASSES

Yellow Seeds has classes to offer the Chinatown community:

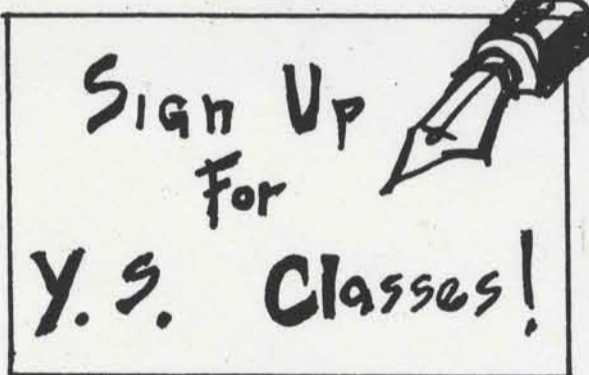
- Physical Fitness: Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.
- Auto Mechanics: Learn how to repair your own car, from knowing what to check before your car breaks down to the how-to of starting an ignition without a key -- every Monday at 6 p.m.
- Cantonese Language: the basics of this language laid out simply but thoroughly every Monday and Tuesday (Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 p.m.)
- Guitar Lessons: taught on basic, intermediate, and advanced levels Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

### BUS TRIP TO AMUSEMENT PARK

On August 3, 1975, Yellow Seeds sponsored a bus trip to Six Gun Territory Amusement Park at Willow Grove. Friends from South Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, and Chinatown sang in the bus, had a picnic, and enjoyed the park.

In Chinatown as well as in other working people communities, the parents work hard long hours and often could not find the time to enjoy recreation with their children. During the summer, when the young people are out of school, jobs and recreation are hard to find. Also, it's good for people in different parts of Philadelphia to get to know each other. These are the reasons why we're having the bus trips.

The next bus trips are on August 17 and 18 to the Street Fair in New York City Chinatown. If you have any suggestions of places to go on these bus trips and how to improve them, let us know.



### SUPER SUNDAY

On May 11, a Super Sunday Fair was held at the Parkway. People from many national groups sold food and exhibited crafts. Yellow Seeds sponsored an exhibit booth and sold egg rolls. 6000 egg rolls were sold. \$1000 was raised. This is one of the ways used to raise money to support the Yellow Seeds Community Center and its programs.

Among other groups from Chinatown participating in the fair were Holy Redeemer School and Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 3-23: Ping-pong Tournament at Yellow Seeds with categories of beginner, intermediate, and advanced players.

Sunday August 17 and Monday August 18: Yellow Seeds will sponsor a bus trip to New York for the Chinatown Street Fair. Buses will leave from Yellow Seeds, 1006 Winter Street, at 8:30 a.m. and return from New York at 6:30 p.m. on both days. Bus fare will be \$5.25 per person, and buses are air-conditioned.

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