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FROM TASK FORCE DETAINEES'

Sr. Marianni to Speak On 'Salvaging' in R.P.

Marcos' New Society has an unwritten policy toward political prisoners. Under the system of "salvaging", the military "unofficially" murders suspected subversives. Thus, "salvaging" eliminates any opposition to Marcos' rule without creating publicity that could harm the New Society's image.

This policy and other human rights issues will be discussed by Sister Marianni Dimaranan who will visit Hawaii Aug. 7-12. Sr. Marianni is Director of the Task Force Detainees (TFD), which gives legal and material support to political prisoners and their families.

Sr. Marianni is completing a speaking tour of the U.S. and Canada, sponsored by the Anti-

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KDP's 'Sining Bayan' To Organize Play On Hawaii's Filipinos

The KDP is pleased to announce its plans to produce a play about the Filipino experience in Hawaii. The play will be performed during mid-1981, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Filipino immigration to Hawaii.

Sining Bayan (People's Art), KDP's national cultural group, has written the play together

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SR. MARIANNI
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 Martial Law Coalition.

Because of her role in exposing human rights violations, Sr. Marianni has been called a subversive by the Marcos regime. The TFD has also been harassed by the military.

As a former detainee, Sr. Marianni became familiar with military interrogations and the experiences of tortured victims in prison. After her release in 1973, she was called to head the TFD by the Association of Major Religious Superiors for Women.

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Launched in 1974, the TFD has recorded numerous military abuses and arrests all over the country. Its documents, such as the "Political Prisoners Update" and the annual "TFD Yearly Report" show an increase in salvaging over the past few years, especially in the countryside.

As the economic crisis worsens and the resistance to martial law grows, the regime desperately turns to murderous acts like salvaging, to stay in power.

On Friday, Aug. 8, Sr. Marianni will speak at Harris United Methodist Church, 20 S. Vineyard Blvd. (at Nuuanu St.), from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be a reception with refreshments from 6-7 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, she will speak in Waianae at the Sacred Heart Church, 85-786 Old Government Road, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The program will include songs from the Philippines and a slide show on the recent Marcos visit to Honolulu. Refreshments will be provided by local supporters and the sponsoring group, the Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (CHRP), the Hawaii chapter of the AMLC.

A \$1.00 donation is requested.
 Call 841-6429 for information.

PLAY ABOUT FILIPINOS
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with KDP members from Hawaii. The Sining Bayan will organize the production here, using local community members as performers and backstage assistants.

The play is based on the lives of Filipinos here in the 1930's and 40's. The story will highlight life on the plantations, building the unions, race relations, the birth of a new generation of Filipinos in Hawaii.

Community support will be asked to help sponsor the play around the state. The production will be designed to move from one community to another, and can be performed at auditoriums, gyms, community halls, etc.

The Sining Bayan has already built its reputation for "community theatre" among mainland Filipinos. It has toured the West Coast and other major cities with several productions over the last few years. These include "Isuda ti Imuna", the story of Filipino pioneers on the mainland; "Mindanao", depicting the life of plantation workers in the southern Philippines; and most recently, "War Brides", which honored the Filipino women who came to the U.S. after World War II. The



group also performs songs and skits about the Philippines and Filipinos in the U.S.

A call for performers (actors, musicians) and back stage and technical help will be made in January. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to write to the KDP.

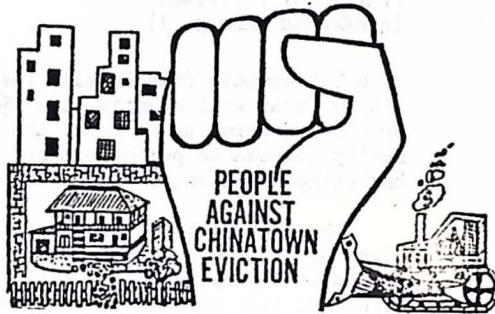
ON 5TH ANNIVERSARY...

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

1980 marks the 5th year since the People Against Chinatown Eviction (PACE) was organized to defend the rights of Chinatown residents to decent, low income housing. At first a voice for the struggling residents to stop unfair evictions from their homes, PACE is now recognized by the City in negotiations and continues to develop and lead in the downtown housing struggles.

Today, a major focus is on the "Pauahi Project" (two city blocks bound by Beretania, River, Hotel and Maunakea streets). PACE is calling for an end to the 3 month delay on building promised, low income housing on Parcel #1 along River St. PACE is also opposed to the sale of the Fong Building at Beretania and River until the family business tenants are provided reasonable relocation.

The delay on Parcel #1 has caused much concern as to whether or not the housing will ever be built. (Even though 'groundbreaking ceremonies' happened a month ago). This concern reflects Chinatown's history of mass evictions,



demolitions, empty lots, and broken promises from politicians.

In the "Smith-Beretania" issue, PACE proposes a halt to the private development of market condominiums in the parking lot at Smith and Beretania, owned by the City. As an alternative, PACE wants the City to build low and moderate income housing, with PACE given some input to the planning. The City is currently considering a proposal by Pankow Associates, a developer, to build condominiums at a starting price of about \$90,000 each.

Low income housing is still a great need, in Chinatown and the whole City. PACE estimates there are about 600 residents in Chinatown who need low income housing. There are over 1,000 island wide on the waiting list of

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Filipino Farm Trainees Get New Contract

A new agreement has been developed for the controversial Filipino agricultural training program.

Dr. George Nakasato of the College of Tropical Agriculture at the U.H. returned last month from the Philippines, where he met with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture. Nakasato heads the program for the U.H., which has a contract with the Philippine Agricultural Training Program, under the Ministry.

Filipino trainees on Maui farms alerted the Filipino community last year to many problems in the program. They exposed that they were being used as "cheap labor", were physically and verbally abused, and denied their basic rights.

The agreement they had to the Hawaii Housing Authority.

Many of the thirty or so active members of PACE are residents of Chinatown. Through the 5th anniversary celebration, PACE hopes to further expand and build various committees that will carry on the tasks ahead.

All supporters of PACE and

sign to come here for the program was widely criticized by the Filipino community, particularly the Task Force for the Defense of Filipino Immigrant Rights.

According to Nakasato, a decision was reached to bring a new group of trainees here, under the conditions of the new agreement. They will arrive in the next couple of months. About half of the current group leaves for the Philippines July 31, at the end of their 1 year stay. The other half is staying until the new group arrives. This extension was offered the trainees and their host farmers.

Nakasato told the Task Force that he would like them to critique the new agreement, which should be available as soon as the U.H. completes reviewing it.

low income housing are invited to the celebration on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 5 p.m. As usual, Pauahi street near River will be blocked off for the occasion, which includes a chicken adobo dinner, speakers, and local entertainers.

Call PACE at 538-1619 for tickets or information.

Registration & Draft Opposed in Hawaii

The Hawaii Committee for Action Against Registration and the Draft (HCAARD) and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), are just two groups locally organizing against registration for the draft.

Both groups counsel potential draft registrants and have information for interested people.

The AFSC, a Quaker group, has a long history of anti-war activities, most recently during the Vietnam War. HCAARD is a new coalition of concerned groups and individuals.



6 "Give me your 19- your 20-year olds ..."

When registration began on July 21, several groups picketed at post offices and handed out flyers opposing the draft.

The anti-draft groups recommend to any young man who must register, to think seriously about what it means.

Filling up the ranks of the armed forces is mainly necessary for the U.S. government to send troops to countries where it has political and economic interests--like the Philippines. There are other countries where people are also rising up against dictators and U.S. domination. These are the first areas young soldiers will be sent.

HCAARD and the AFSC say there are a number of "choices" for the registrant who opposes the draft. These include becoming a "conscientious objector", registering "under protest", refusing to register, etc. These are all important steps, however. Anyone who has to register or is considering one of these "options" should first talk to a "draft counselor".

Free draft counseling is available from the AFSC. Call 988-6166 for information.

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Human Rights & Martial Law in the Philippines published by the National Resource Center on Political Prisoners in the Philippines (NRCPPP), 1977. A report of an investigating mission to the Philippines sponsored by the Anti-Martial Law Coalition and the Friends of the Filipino People \$1.00/copy.

Philippine Society & Revolution (PSR) and "Specific Characteristics of Our People's War" by Amado Guerrero. Published by the International Association of Filipino Patriots, 1979 third edition. History and analysis of Philippine society, and program of the national democratic revolution. \$3.95/copy.

Pacific Research "Philippines: Workers in the Export Industry" by Enrico Paglaban. Published by Pacific Studies Center (PSC), November 1978. \$1.50/copy.

Preparing for Revolution: The United Front in the Philippines published by Southeast Asia Chronicle, May-June 1978. The national democratic struggle in the Philippines. \$1.00/copy.

'500-Mile' Island: the Philippine Nuclear Reactor Deal by Walden Bello, et.al., published by Pacific Research, 1979. Research on the controversial nuclear reactor deal and the roles of the Philippine government and US multi-corporations. \$1.50/copy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 2 (Sat.) PACE anniversary celebration. Koaahi/Aliver St. 5 p.m. dinner/program. Call 538-1619 for info.

Aug. 6 (Wed.) 6-7:30 p.m. Rally for Hawaiian rights Kalakaua by Sheraton.

Aug. 8 (Fri.) Sr. Marianni to speak on human rights in Philippines. 6 p.m., Harris United Methodist Church, So. Vineyard & Nuuanu. Call 841-6429 for info.

Aug. 9 (Sat.) March on West Loch against nuclear weapon storage. Meet 8 a.m. at Ewa Beach Com. Park. Call 947-1210 or 947-2165 for info.

Aug. 10 (Sun.) Sr. Marianni to speak in Waianae, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

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