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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN GROUPS OPPOSE ASIA'S SUPPORT OF WAR

Protest for Peace on 60th Anniversary of Attack on Pearl Harbor

WHAT:

- A **mobile protest** that begins at the **Philippines consulate**, moves to the **Japanese consulate**, and ends at the **United Nations Plaza** with a speak-out with local activists from American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Phillip Vera Cruz Justice Project, Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines, U.S.-Japan No War Network, the Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition Against War, and others.

- **Photo Opportunity** with Bay Area Asian Pacific Islander American activists dressed in white for peace and mourning, handing out cranes for peace & longevity

WHY:

- On 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Asian Pacific Islander Americans reject revenge and military violence as the solution to terrorism and call on Asian countries to withdraw support of the U.S. war on "terrorism"

- First hand experience with war, such as internment camps during WWII or the military struggles waged throughout Asia (WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War) has taught us that innocent people are victimized, not made safe, by war.

- Because of the war in Afghanistan, the Japanese government has violated its own Peace Consitution by deploying the Self Defense Forces for foreign combat operations for the first time since World War II, and is fast eroding civil liberties of its people in unprecedented military build-up.

- Because of the war against terrorism, the Philippines has again become a launching pad for U.S. military attacks and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's administration is using the war as an excuse for repression of genuine mass movements for freedom and self-determination.

- Because of the war, Asian & Pacific Islander communities in the U.S. are suffering, targets of hate crimes, erosion of civil liberties like the use of indefinite detention, and xenophobic federal legislation that discriminates against the foreign-born (e.g. APIs are two thirds immigrants and will be disproportionately impacted if the citizen-only rule for airport security personnel is enacted).

WHEN & WHERE:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2001, Downtown San Francisco
3:00 PM PHILIPPINES CONSULATE - 447 Sutter/btwn Powell & Stockton
4:00 PM JAPANESE CONSULATE - 50 Fremont/btwn Market & Mission
5:00 PM UNITED NATIONS PLAZA – at Civic Center BART

WHO

* **Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition Against the War**, the **US-Japan No War Network** and the **Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines**
***** Pan-Asian Pacific American local activists like **Yuri Kochiyama, Tuyen Tran, Pratap Chatterjee, Sun Hyung Lee, Kawal Ulanday, Lily Wang**

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