



# **Movement Building in AAPI Communities: Combatting Exclusion and Striving for Health Equity**

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Inclusion

~~Exclusion~~

# My Family's Living Memory



*r. and Mrs. Lum Sung Boone on their wedding day circa 1898*



# EXCLUSION: A Historical Review

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1882: ~~All Chinese~~ **EXCLUDED**

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**RESTRICTED**

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICEFile 4590/4805  
C. R. No. 17729

City of Honolulu, T. H.

(Date) Mar 6 1934

To Officer in Charge, Port of Honolulu, T. H.

That it being my intention to leave the United States as a temporary visit abroad, and to depart and return through the Chinese port of entry of Honolulu, T. H. I submit herewith evidence of my lawful residence within the United States and apply, under the provisions of the laws of the United States (especially Section 7, Act approved December 13, 1889 and Rules 13 to 15 of the Regulations of the Department of Labor drawn in conformity therewith, for the investigation of my Chinese status as a lawfully domiciled laborer. I am prepared to personally appear before you, at such time and place as you may designate, and produce the following named witnesses to prove my statutory qualifications for this return certificate:

Name Beatrice Sen Yun Chong Address 2211 Coynes Street, Honolulu, T. H.

Name Address

Description of Property or Debt (aggregating at least \$1,000), or wife, child or parent resident in the United States

Daughter, above named, residing in the Territory of Hawaii

I hereby agree that the above described children and persons as they lay out until my return.

I am 59 years of age, my height is 5 ft 11 in.

and my physical marks are Pin mole left cheek  
scar nose.

My address is 1313 McCully Street, Honolulu.

Signature in Chinese (CHIN SHEE) (MS. EN CHAN CHONG)

Signature in English Mto En Chan Chong

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day

of March 1934

Chinese and English Interpreter

he will be permitted to reenter the United States, unless pending in the case of the person, in the event that the person is found inadmissible under the provisions of the laws of the United States.



City of Honolulu, T. H.

Date

APR 25 1934

This is to certify that the Chinese laborer named herein, who has been investigated by the Chinese Consulate at Honolulu, T. H., and the Department of the Investigating Officer, has been found to be a lawfully domiciled laborer, and that the application, which has been approved, upon his return to the United States, his identification as the person to whom this return certificate is delivered, the person to whom this return certificate is delivered, is a lawfully domiciled laborer.

S. S. President Hoover

W. H. Hoover  
Immigrant Inspector.

Departed from Honolulu, T. H.  
Per S. S. S. S. President Chodige

APR 25 1934

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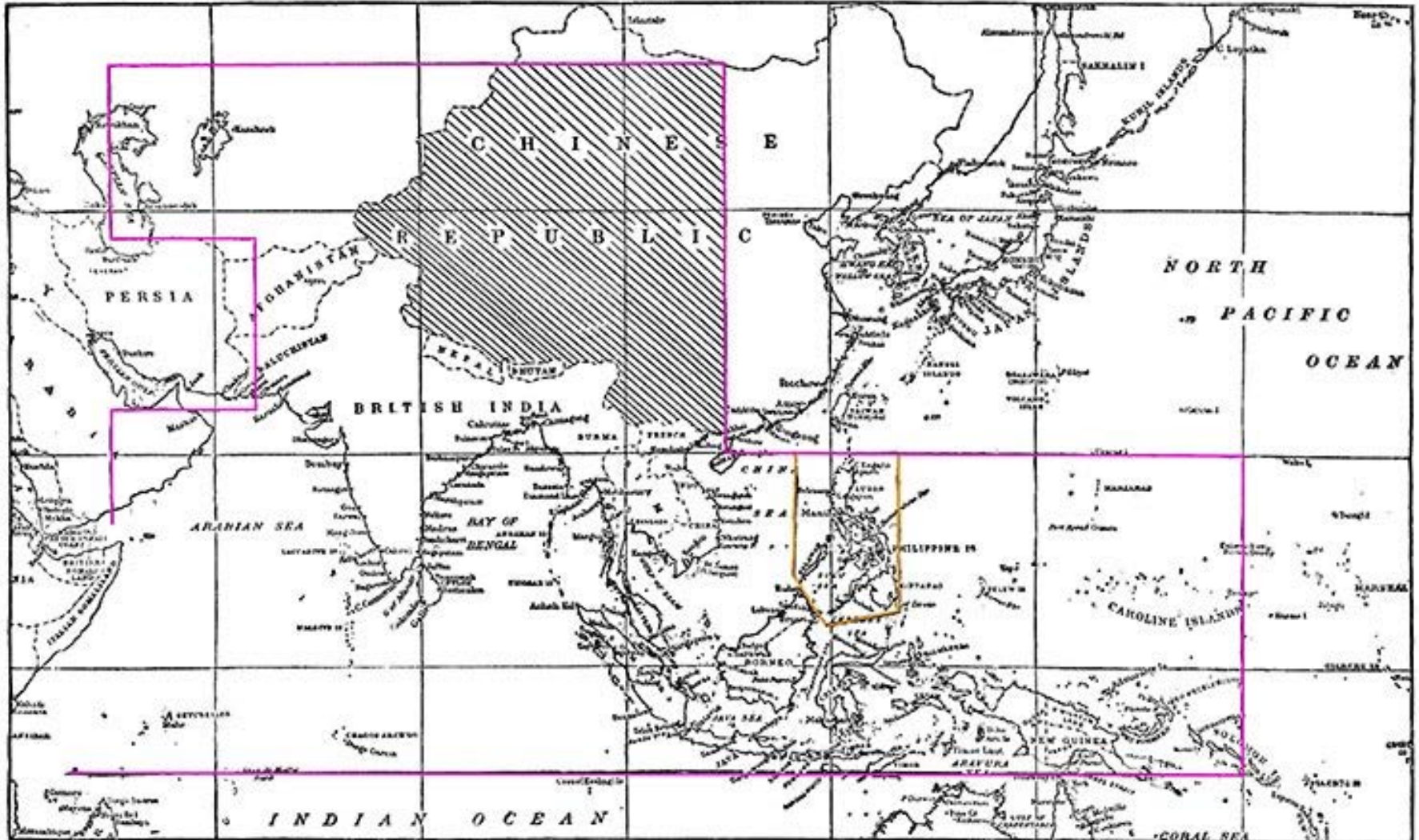
1917:

**RESTRICTED**

# 1917 Immigration Act: "Asiatic Barred Zone"

*Demarcated Map Courtesy Professor John Cheng, SUNY Binghamton*

MAP SHOWING ASIATIC ZONE PRESCRIBED IN SECTION THREE OF IMMIGRATION ACT, THE NATIVES OF WHICH ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE UNITED STATES, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.  
(Section indicated by diagonal lines covered by treaty and laws relating to Chinese. The Philippine Islands are United States possessions and therefore not included in barred zone.)





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1917: ~~India, Bangladesh, Burma, Pakistan,  
Southeast Asia, Pacific Islands, ASIA~~ **EXCLUDED**

1924: ~~Japanese, Korean~~ **EXCLUDED**

1933: ~~Filipinos~~ **EXCLUDED**

1942: ~~Japanese American Citizens~~ **EXCLUDED**

**RESTRICTED**

# Executive Order 9066

## THEN THEY CAME FOR ME

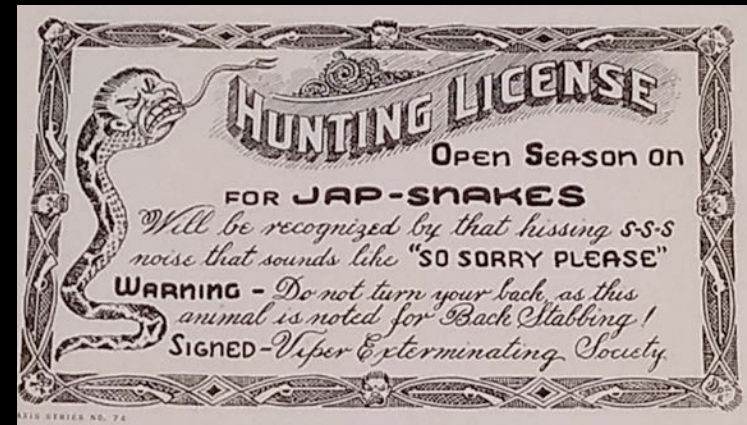
INCARCERATION  
OF JAPANESE  
AMERICANS  
DURING WWII  
AND THE  
DEMISE OF  
CIVIL LIBERTIES

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THE PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO

What does an American look like? Who gets to decide?



# Progressive Turn? ...or the US Needs Allies in WWII?

1943: Chinese Exclusion Act repealed

1946-1947: Lifts restrictions on Philippines & India (quotas persist)

1952: Japanese, Koreans, people from all barred countries, can become citizens (gets rid of racial eligibility requirements)

1965: gets rid of national origin quota – all countries same #; allows family reunification; applies quotas first time to western hemisphere

SOME REASONS  
FOR  
CHINESE EXCLUSION.

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MEAT vs. RICE.

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AMERICAN MANHOOD against ASIATIC COOLIEISM.

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WHICH SHALL SURVIVE?

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1902.

DONT USE THIS  
IF YOU WANT TO BE DIRTY

PROCLAMATION  
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
HEREAFTER NO FAMILY  
WILL BE WITHOUT  
MAGIC WASHER  
UNDER PENALTY OF  
BEING DIRTY





THE ONLY ONE BARRED OUT.

ENLIGHTENED AMERICAN STATESMAN.—“ We must draw the line *somewhere*, you know.”

# Stigma, Prejudice, and Marginalization



# **The Power of Movement Building**

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**Civil Rights Movement**

**Community Health Center  
Movement**





“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION

U. S. Weather Bureau Report (Page 41) Forecast:  
Cloudy with rain today and tonight.  
Fair, windy and colder tomorrow.  
Temp. Range: 48-32; yesterday: 41-31.

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## DR SETS PROGRAM MESSAGE



United Press International Telephone  
**DELIVERING MESSAGE:**  
Governor Rockefeller as he spoke before the Legislature.

## COURT HALTS RENT FOR 'UNFIT' SLUMS

Says Tenants Need Not Pay

## NEW CITY COUNCIL BITTERLY DEBATES COMMITTEE POSTS

35-Member Body's Opening Session Upset by Attack of Reform Democrats

**By CHARLES G. BENNETT**  
The first meeting of the new 35-member City Council was thrown into turmoil yesterday by a controversy over committee assignments.  
Ten new councilmen at large, two from each borough, took their seats for the first time. Five were Democrats and five Republicans. The Council's political composition is now 28 Democrats and 7 Republicans.  
Three reform Democrats fought to have the new committee assignments referred back to the Rules Committee. The effort failed on a roll-call when they were joined only by Councilman at Large Paul O'Dwyer, Democrat of Manhattan. Councilman Samuel Davis, also a Manhattan Democrat, refrained from voting.

**Panels Held Too Large**  
Councilman Theodore S. Weiss, Democrat of Manhattan, opened the assault on the committee assignments by declaring that there should be smaller and fewer committees. Instead, he said, most of the committees had been enlarged from 12 to 15 members.  
Mr. Weiss attacked the sen-

## U.S. WILL CITE LAG IN SOVIET GROWTH TO DETER CREDITS

Will Tell Allies Export Aid Would Help Moscow in Economic Difficulties

**By EDWIN L. DALE Jr.**  
*Special to The New York Times*  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—The Johnson Administration will use new evidence of a sharp slowdown in Soviet economic growth as an argument to persuade West European countries not to extend large export credits to the Soviet Union.  
The evidence has been supplied by the Central Intelligence Agency. The agency made available yesterday its conclusion that Soviet growth has dropped from annual rates of 6 to 10 per cent in the last decade to less than 2.5 per cent in 1962 and 1963.  
One reason behind the decision of the agency to make its conclusions available for public knowledge, it is believed, was that it might be taken as reinforcing the United States case in the debate with allied countries over credit sales to the Soviet Union.

**Tarnished Image Sought**  
Another reason was to tarnish an image of the Soviet Union, in underdeveloped countries particularly, as a nation that had found the secret of rapid economic growth.  
In the case of credit, the ob-

# JOHNSON STATE OF UNION ADDRESS PROVIDES BUDGET OF \$97.9 BILLION, WAR ON POVERTY, ATOMIC CUTBACK



United Press International Telephone  
**APPRAISING THE STATE OF THE UNION:** President Johnson speaking to Congress

## HOUSE APPROVES KENNEDY CENTER

## Johnson Orders Reduction In Nuclear Arms Output

## URGES RIGHTS BILL

Drop of \$500 Million in Federal Spending Seen by President

Text of President's message is carried on Page 16.

**By TOM WICKER**  
*Special to The New York Times*  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 — President Johnson, reporting for the first time on the State of the Union, announced today a surprising reduction of the next Federal budget to \$97.9 billion.

The President also called for a wide-ranging program to end poverty and discrimination at home and the threat of war abroad.

Only recently the White House indicated that the new budget would be about \$100 billion or a little less. But Mr. Johnson trimmed it so that the final figure was \$500 million—or about one-half of 1 per

# Striving for Health Equity

*National / Federal*

*State*

*City / County*

*Grassroots / Community*



**Community  
Engagement**

**High Quality  
Clinical  
Services**

**Advocacy**

**Population  
Health**

# Asian Health Services (AHS)

- AHS History
- **Mission:** To serve and advocate for the medically underserved, including the immigrant and refugee Asian community, and to ensure equal access to health care services regardless of income, insurance status, language, or culture.



# AHS Organizing

- 1978: Prop 13 Property Tax Reform results cut all community-based contracts - AHS mobilizes community to defend right to services and funding remains intact
- 1982: AHS files an Administrative Complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, resulting in the language interpretation unit at Highland Hospital

# Heckler Report 1985

**Model Minority Myth  
for Health  
Outcomes**

**Language and  
Culture Importance**

**Disease-specific  
Disparities**

**Disaggregation of  
Data**



## Asian/Pacific Islanders

The Asian/Pacific Island minority, in aggregate, is healthier than all racial/ethnic groups in the United States, including Whites. There are virtually no excess deaths, as seen in Table 10, when all Asian ethnic groups are combined, and Asians have a greater life expectancy than Whites. Yet, specific health problems do exist among

more closely. Cultural differences and language difficulties are major barriers for immigrants and refugees for using existing health services in the areas where they reside. Additionally, for almost every age group, the death rates for foreign-born Chinese, Japanese, and Filipinos are higher than for native-born Americans of these same subgroups.

death for almost every cause is low. Although the risk of death for all causes is a third lower than that of Whites, Asian/Pacific Islanders have higher rates for TB, hepatitis, anemia, and hypertension. The importance of the increased risk indicated by

As a group, the Asian/Pacific Island population in the United States is at lower risk of early death than the White population. There are, however, specific diseases for which this population is at higher risk. There are also significant subgroups in this population, e.g., Southeast Asians, other recent immigrants and refugees, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, who have specific health problems that are not reflected in national data. These issues are

# Response to Heckler Report

1986

- Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)

1987

- Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

2019

- **SHAMELESS PLUG:** If you aren't a member of AAPCHO, you should be! Organizing is hugely important – please consider becoming a member!



# Movement Building:

## *Current Exclusionary Policies*

- Deportations of Southeast Asian refugees
  - As of September 2018, an estimated 1,900 Cambodian immigrants have pending deportation orders
- Undocumented AAPIs
  - 1.7 million undocumented Asian Americans
  - One out of every 7 Asian immigrants is undocumented
- DACA
  - between August 15, 2012 and March 31, 2015, approximately 18,000 individuals from Asia submitted initial applications for DACA
- **Public Charge**

The logo for 'unite' features the word in a lowercase, yellow, serif font. A large, black, stylized number '1' is positioned over the letter 'i', extending above and below the baseline of the text.

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ONE NATION IS BUILT ON THE  
STRENGTH OF IMMIGRANTS

# One Nation Commission



**ONE NATION  
COMMISSION**





# TAKE ACTION

*JOIN THE ONE NATION MOVEMENT!*

1. Sign up at [ONENATIONAAPI.COM](https://onenationaapi.com)
2. Wear the T-SHIRT, FOLLOW ONE NATION, Repost,  
 RT onenationmovement  @OneNationaapi
3. UNDERSTAND PUBLIC CHARGE  
SPEAK OUT, FIGHT BACK!!



# The Power of Movement Building

## Exclusion & Inequity



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