

PANEL: PHILLIP V. VERA CRUZ came to the United States as a worker in 1926. He was in the lumber industry in Seattle and Vancouver. He was a restaurant worker in Chicago. After induction and service during World War II, he became a farmworker. He is active in union work and serves as 2nd vice-president for the United Farmworkers.

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"The United States of America will celebrate its bicentennial in 1976. This is an appropriate time for us.....

TO REFLECT upon the total American heritage,

TO REMEMBER the Asian American contribution to building this country,

TO RECORD the rich Asian American oral history for all,

TO REACH across the years to the elderly who began our Asian American heritage with their dreams, courage, and years of toil."

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" WHY ...  
AMERICA "

NOVEMBER 15, 1975

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

CAMPUS CENTER

DE ANZA COLLEGE

....a dialogue with Asian American Pioneers on roots, family, marriage, experiences, history, immigration, citizenship, employment.

Sponsored by Asian Americans For Community Involvement, Inc. and De Anza College Multicultural Department.

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9:00 to 9:30..... COFFEE

9:30 to 12:30 ..... WELCOME  
PANEL  
CLOSING

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WELCOME.....ALLAN SEID, MD.  
Chairperson, Asian Americans For  
Community Involvement, Inc.

PANEL.....EFFIE BARNACHIA  
YONEO BEPP  
PETE SILAFAN  
LILY SUNG  
PHILLIP V. VERA CRUZ

CLOSING.....EDWARD KAWAZOE  
Coordinator, De Anza College  
Multicultural Department.

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PANEL: EFFIE BARNACHIA was born in 1911 in the Philippines. She moved to Hawaii in 1927 and from there, to San Francisco, in 1929. She was married in 1935 and moved to Salinas Valley with her husband to work in the fields. She went to work full-time during the war "...planting food for everybody." She has worked as a social service aide for the Salinas Valley Welfare Department. She and her husband, who died eight years ago, raised four adopted children and she currently has thirteen grandchildren. She has been retired for the past three years.

PANEL: YONEO BEPP was born in San Francisco in 1905. He received a degree in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley, in 1927. From 1942 to 1943, he was at Heart Mountain Relocation Camp. He was with the Office of Secret Service in Boulder, Colorado and Washington, D.C. from 1943 to 1946. He returned to San Jose to enter business for himself and is president of Northern California Fertilizer Company. He is a twenty-year member of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Buddhist Church and a member of the Community Advisory Board, Asian American Studies, San Jose State University.

PANEL: PETE SILAFAN was born in the Philippines in 1898. He came to Seattle, Washington in 1927. He has worked in agriculture in Oregon and in truck farming in Mountain View. He has been a resident of Mountain View for forty-seven years. He is currently working as a senior citizen liason worker for the Mountain View Community Services Center.

PANEL: LILY SUNG is a daughter of a pioneer Chinese family. She is the sixth child in a family of eleven. Her father was the first Chinese minister at the First Presbyterian Church on Stockton Street in San Francisco. She was married to the late Rev. William Sung and is the mother of six children. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1921. She was a writer and teacher of Sciences for many years. She is active in church and community affairs in San Rafael.