

Politics of Liberation and Repression

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Jack O'Dell
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC)



Jack O'Dell
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KING,

King, look into your heart. You know you are a complete fraud and a great liability to all of us Negroes. White people in this country have enough frauds of their own but I am sure they don't have one at this time that is any where near your equal. You are no clergyman and you know it. I repeat you are a colossal fraud and an evil, vicious one at that.

King, like all frauds you are in a hurry. You could have been our greatest leader.

But you are done. Your "honorary" degrees, your Nobel Prize (what a grim farce) and other awards will not save you. King, I repeat you are done.

The American public, the church organizations that have been helping - Protestant, Catholic and Jews will know you for what you are - an evil, abnormal beast. So will others who have backed you. You are done.

King, there is only one thing left for you to do. You know what it is. You have just 34 days in which to do (this exact number has been selected for a specific reason, it has definite practical significance. You are done. There is but one way out for you. You better take it before your filthy, abnormal fraudulent self is bared to the nation.

FBI's Anonymous Letter to King, 1964



Young Lords Organization
Rainbow Coalition (Fred Hampton)

William Petersen, “Success Story:
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Magazine, January 9, 1966.

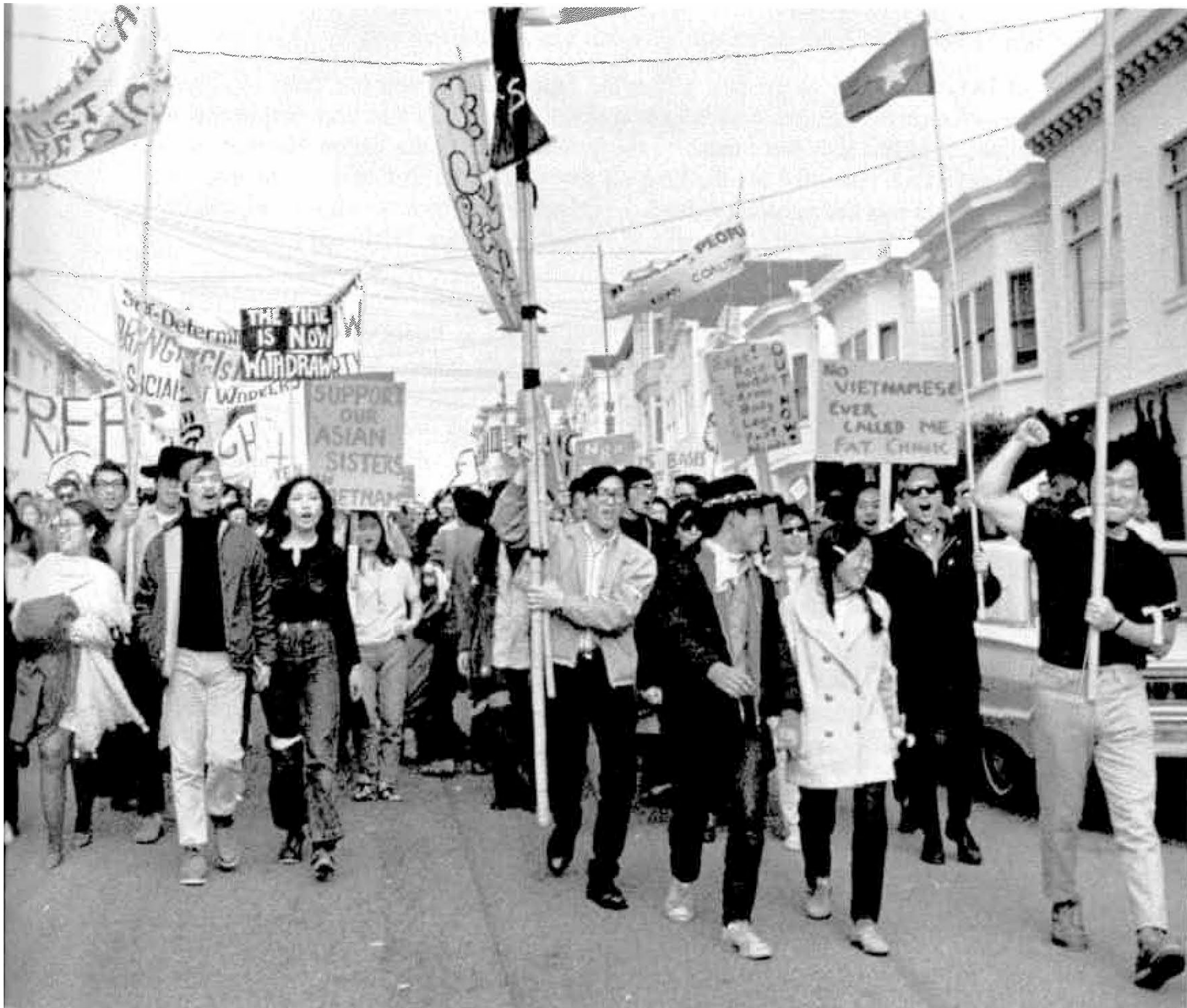
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U.S.,” *U.S. News & World Report*,
December 26, 1966.

The “Model Minority” Myth

1. Asian Americans have suffered from racism in the past.
2. By their own efforts, Asian Americans were supposedly able to overcome racism.



Mike Tagawa



Asian American Protests Against the Vietnam War

Third World Liberation Front Strikes (1968-69)

San Francisco State College
University of California, Berkeley



**Delano Grape Strike, César Chávez
United Farm Workers**



School Walkout, Los Angeles, March 1968

National Chicano Youth Liberation
Conference (March 1969)
El Plan Espiritual de Aztlán
(The Spiritual Plan of Aztlán)

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de
Aztlán (MEChA)



Brown Berets



Chicano Moratorium, August 29, 1970



Indians of All Tribes, Alcatraz, 1969-71

- Inspired and influenced by the black freedom movement, Asian Americans, Chicanos, and American Indians forged and affirmed racial identities to challenge white supremacy.
- Law enforcement agencies, led by the FBI, deemed them threats to U.S. national security.