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Anti-Asian sentiment during an era of economic regression and late Cold War era Conservatism.

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Media side

Newspapers

Who: Vincent Chin

What: What aspect of the murder

When: 1980s

Where: National coverage but it didn't reach Asian American activists and individuals until later.

Newspaper i found:

Hypocrisy from Democrats Over Vincent Chin Murder

BY OUR REPORTER

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Over 400 people attended the fourth annual Rededication Dinner of the American Citizens for Justice on Saturday evening to pledge their continued struggle for civil rights in the Vincent Chin case. A retrial on civil rights charges arising from the brutal murder of Chin is scheduled for April 21 in Cincinnati.

The American Citizens for Justice was formed in March 1983 in response to the racially motivated slaying of Vincent Chin, a 27-year-old Chinese American draftsman, who was beaten to death with a baseball bat by Ronald Ebens and his stepson, Michael Nitz, on June 19, 1982. The ACJ united the different Asian American communities across the country around the Chin case.

The two killers have never spent a day in jail. In the 1983 trial, Wayne County Judge Charles Kaufman granted probation and fines of \$3,720 to Ebens and Nitz. The judge, a former POW of Japan during World War II, made clear that his racial bias against Asians was tied to a class bias towards big business, calling Ebens a "responsible person" because he was a foreman at Chrysler.

The dinner attracted students from Asian American clubs from University of Michigan and Michigan State University, who have become active in the struggle against racism, especially in the protests against a series of provocations against black students in Ann Arbor.

Curt Lim from Ann Arbor

said, "The U of M Asian Student Coalition is planning a rally on April 16 on the Vincent Chin case. We plan to show that the Chin case is part of a rise in anti-Asian violence and that racism is not just against blacks."

"The UAW had some speakers at a rally earlier today on campus and vowed their support in this case. But they have been part of the auto industry's campaign of scapegoating the Japanese."

"According to government statistics, the number of anti-Asian incidents has increased 64% over the last year. There have been more racial incidents on the campuses."

Charles Chen, an Ann Arbor graduate, spoke about the recent struggles against racial attacks on the campus. "I thought it was amazing that University President Shapiro said he would see that all the demands would be met. There was no timetable and nothing specific."

"When Jesse Jackson came, it all got defused. They talked about 'minority' issues, but they were talking only about blacks. The \$35,000 went only to the blacks, not the Native Americans, Chicanos and



Charles Chen

Asian Americans. Do they expect a Jesse Jackson from every group?

"These attacks are really aimed at working people. There is a stereotype that Asian Americans are the 'model minority,' that we've made it and all are middle class doctors. But quite a few of us are garment workers and we need financial aid too. They say we're overrepresented, which is a racist term. The university has denied Asian Americans merit scholarships for three years. These scholarships are only for blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans. Everyone should be able to get financial aid."

Lilly Hu, a freshman at Michigan State University, said, "There has been an increase of racism on the campus. About a year ago, a teaching assistant named Scott Wong had his study carrel in the library vandalized. Racist statements



Lilly Hu

were written all over it. The administration is not dealing with racism against Asians. And when Morris Hood came, he didn't even notice us until we spoke up about it. Jesse Jackson also considers racism just in terms of blacks, not the other minorities."

While there is increased militancy among the students, the leaders of the ACJ turned the dinner over completely to Democratic politicians, some of them directly identified with anti-immigrant and chauvinist anti-Asian policies.

The main speaker was Thomas Hsieh, a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, a Democrat. He recounted the history of discrimination and racist attacks on Asian Americans in the US since 1845, in which the Democratic Party played a principal role, then called on Asian Americans to put their faith in this capitalist party.



Mrs. Lily Chin

Asian Americans should "play the system like everybody else" and "get into the main stream." Hsieh said, pointing out that in 1984 there were over 100 Asian Americans in elected office, overwhelmingly in the Democratic Party. He said the only way to fight racism was through putting pressure on Democratic politicians.

In a staggering display of hypocrisy, Michigan's Democratic Governor James Blanchard put in an appearance at the dinner and claimed he supported the ACJ and the struggle of Mrs. Lily Chin, Vincent's mother, for justice in the case.

Blanchard has been at the forefront of the trade war hysteria whipped up by the Democratic Party and the UAW bureaucracy, and particularly directed against the Asian rivals of the American capitalists. Japanese imperialism, South Korea and Taiwan.

It is this campaign which is directly responsible for the Chin murder, since Ebens and Nitz apparently mistook the Chinese-American engineer for a Japanese, and vented their chauvinist feelings over Japanese competition with Chrysler Corporation by beating him to death after a barroom argument.

If Blanchard showed up at the dinner, it was not because of any genuine concern over the Chin murder, which was whitewashed by a Democratic Party judge in Wayne County. The international notoriety of the Chin case has become a political embarrassment to the Blanchard administration in seeking foreign investment in Michigan, especially by Japanese firms. The Democrats cynically hope, after whipping up national chauvinism against Asians, to play the other side of the street by posing as defenders of civil rights.