Should Orientals Join Blacks in Racial Protests?

**Yes**

Stand Up and Be Counted, Say Some Seattle Nisei

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Yellow power: A new concept in the black and white of civil rights. Or an exercise for everyone.

In Seattle's Oriental community, the latter sentiment prevails, although there are few arguments for both viewpoints.

Supporters of the power gesture believe that the Orientals need a long-standing vacuum in human relations. When an action group, the Asian Coalition for Equality (ACE), was organized five months ago, the group's goal was to create a vacuum in Oriental society that they say is causing problems for the Asian-Americans.

"Racism is not directed solely at the blacks," said the Rev. Canon Lincoln Eng, another ACE leader, "and to do nothing about it, to assume that we are becoming involved, is to do nothing at all." On September 24, some 200 Orientals in the ACE met to discuss the group's activities.

ACE members, in a letter to the mayor of Seattle, have asked for a police presence in the city. The protest later erupted into violence and involved property damage and several arrests.

"Do you want me to be a witness against you?" a police officer asked an Asian man who was being arrested.

ACE leaders thus feel that the incidents have blown a long-simmering vacuum in human relations. For Miyake and Takasaki, their involvement is partly economic. They do business in the Central Area.

"I don't think it is going to work out," said Miyake. "The black power is limited to the Central Area."

ACE leaders realize that the incident in the Central Area was not isolated. They are trying to extend their activities to other areas.

"If you don't make noise," said a member of the ACE, "you will be ignored."

"The first thing that comes to mind, of course, is the internment of the Japanese-Americans in 1942," said Eng. "But we are doing it for the sake of the blacks, too."

"The ACE's next target is the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which provided that in emergencies certain provisions could be placed in concentration camps without trial."

ACE leaders have been criticized for their activities. "We are particularly concerned because of a statement made by J. Edgar Hoover," Eng said. "We have been called各種, including a Communist."

"We are not a group of revolutionaries," Eng said. "We are a group of individuals who are fighting for the rights of the blacks."

"Our goal is to make a lot of noise," Eng said.

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