

Sariling Gawa (Our Own Work)

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CHALLENGES
of
FILIPINO YOUNG ADULTS:
A Conference Series"**

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Fine Philippine Foods

Over one hundred varieties of the finest imported Philippine foods available in Hawaii.

LUMPIA WRAPPERS

A very popular paper-thin edible pastry product used as wrappers for various fillings.



PALM NUTS

One of many delectable and exotic taste treats used in desserts and salads to please family and friends.



IPON

A sauce of salted fishes and shellfish (bagoong) ... a favorite from the Philippines.

SELECTA COCONUT MILK

A non-refrigerated coconut milk used in countless recipes for foods and beverages.



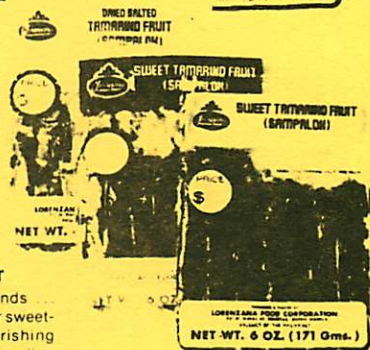
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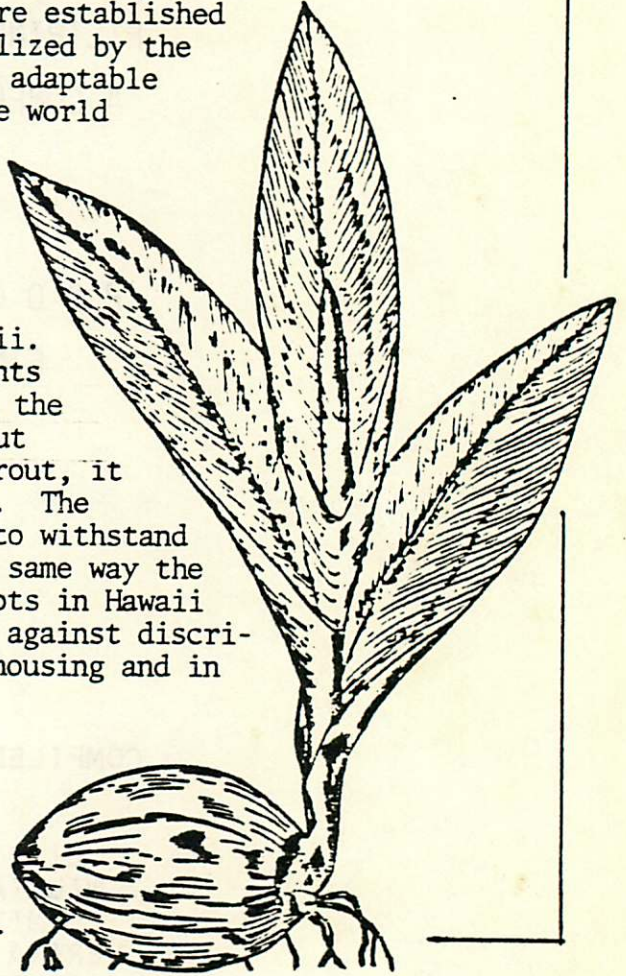
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THE LOGO

The growing coconut sprout represents the Filipino youth being nurtured by the older, more established Filipino community in Hawaii as symbolized by the mature coconut. The coconut plant is adaptable to any tropical setting throughout the world just as the Filipinos have adapted to Hawaii. The three developed leaves of the coconut palm symbolize the three waves of Filipino migration to Hawaii. Each leaf also denotes 25 years, therefore representing the 75 years of Filipino experiences in Hawaii. The fourth undeveloped sprout represents the future generation of Filipinos in the next twenty-five years. When a coconut washes ashore and gives birth to a sprout, it develops deep roots where it settles. The roots of a coconut are strong enough to withstand hurricanes and high waves in much the same way the Filipinos have established strong roots in Hawaii and have experienced strong struggles against discrimination in employment, education, housing and in the government.



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SUMMARY

On March 6, 7 and 8, 1981, over ninety (90) participants from all over Hawaii (except Maui), attended Sariling Gawa's first conference on Filipino youth at Camp Erdman on Oahu. By the end of the conference, a coordinating council and eight (8) chapters of Sariling Gawa were established.

Before this, eight (8) community conferences were held, attended by over 250 people, represented by various ethnic groups, ages and especially Filipino young adults.

Discussions were lively, targeting the issues and sharing ideas for solutions to take back to the community. We learned about our past. We tasted our culture. And we examined the present -- the need for bilingual education, for more Filipino teachers and counselors in school, for inter-cultural cooperation, and inter-generational understanding.

We looked critically at why conflicts exist between local and immigrant Filipinos and why most Filipino organizations are socially oriented, detached from taking up issues.

These questions set the basis for changing our future.

We resolved to take the progressive road towards meeting the needs of Filipino young people and thereby, tapping the leadership potential of young Filipinos.

The conferences laid the tasks before us -- challenges from which change will come.

AN INSPIRATIONAL POEM

Go to the people

Live among them

Learn from them

Start with what they know

Build on what they have

But of the best leaders

When their task is accomplished

Their work is done

The people all remark,

"We have done it ourselves."

-Anonymous-