

PRESS RELEASE

Event : Demonstration / March

Date: Saturday December 3, 1988

Time: 6 PM

Location: gathering at Union Square

Sponsored by Women Against Imperialism and the Bay Area Pledge of Resistance

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A noisy nighttime women's demonstration will march through the downtown area to protest violence against women in the US and around the world.

In honor of the International Day to Stop Violence Against Women, the protesters will march to the Philippine and El Salvadorean Consulates to draw attention to violence against women in those countries. At the consulates, the women will demand an end to human rights violations against women, such as the systematic use of rape by the military. They will protest the US backing of the Duarte and Aquino regimes whose death squads and vigilante groups often target women for particular torture, imprisonment, disappearances, and death.

Over the past several years, women in El Salvador and the Philippines have been protesting these abuses, and will recognize this International Day to Stop Violence Against Women in their countries.

Here in San Francisco, women are fighting back against rape, battery, incest, racist attacks, lesbian oppression, and all forms of sexism everyday. The protesters will also target places which promote violence against women in the US. At these locations, street theater and other "creative means of communication" will vividly portray the institutions which contribute to the increasing violence against women.

The protesters goal is to raise awareness about these issues while making the connections internationally as to how violence against women is perpetrated.

By taking power in the night, this very spirited anti-racist, anti-sexist demonstration itself will serve as testimony to women's anger and resistance.

Media liasons will be present at the demo to assist you.