

*Friends of the Filipino People (Bay Area) and
Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC) present:*

The Fall of the I-Hotel



Photo from Fall of the I-Hotel web site:
<<http://chonkmoonhunter.com/FIH.html>>

**Friday, July 6th,
7:30 p.m.**

**Yu-Ai Kai
588 North 4th Street
Room 100
San Jose, CA**

*The program includes the
film, "The Fall of the I-
Hotel" produced by Curtis
Choy, and Gary Jio, NOC
Treasurer who will speak
about the night the I-Hotel
was evicted.*

On August 4, 1977, the tenants of the International Hotel (I-Hotel) were forcibly evicted by 300 baton-wielding and horse-mounted police, who broke through a human barricade of thousands of people who had surrounded the building. This was the culmination of a movement to defend the hotel made up of tenants, community activists, students, churches, senior citizens, and labor who mobilized to preserve the I-Hotel as low-cost housing for the elderly, and as a center for the Asian communities. They had to fight both business interests and the City government, which worked together to expand San Francisco's financial district, the "Wall Street of the West." The Fall of the I-Hotel serves as witness to the community's fight to survive, and as tribute to the dignity and strength of the Manongs, the elderly Filipino immigrant workers who came to the United States in the 1920s.

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