

Women's Motivational Workshop
July 25, 1991

Racist Comment/Actions Toward Hmong
19 Hmong Women In Attendance

1. People tell them their taking jobs away from Americans
2. People in parks, Quillins Foodhouse (customers) tell them to go back to their country
3. White man came up to Hmong woman at bus stop, asked if she would let him fuck her.
4. Hmong woman took her kids to school at Logan Middle - every day - the white students from one classroom yell out the window-"fuck you", "don't walk around this street", "we don't want to see you", "we want to fuck you", and "you have a big pussy."
5. Hmong lady living on Caledonia street has neighbor upstairs (man) spits on her, calls her fucker.
6. Next door kid (girl) - northside - about 7 or 8 years old - hit Hmong lady in the head with her hand. The Hmong lady was just standing in her own yard.
7. Hmong woman was walking to her house from a doctors appointment at Lutheran Hospital - white man walking toward her on sidewalk said "you have black hair - you eat dog. If you eat dog - go back to your country."
8. Hmong lady was waiting for the bus on George Street near Schuh Homes - man driving south (old rusty car) drove by - stopped car - screamed "fuck you" beeped his horn - Hmong lady so scared she was shaking.
9. In about February of this year - Hmong lady and her 14 yr. old daughter were walking from Schuh Homes to Exchange State Bank - a bunch of boys and girls driving in a car - stopped their car - got out - spit at the Hmong lady and daughter, stuck out their tongue - yelled "fuck you."
10. Hmong lady left home walking from about 11th and Pine to WWTC Drivers Training class about 5:00 p.m. Her husband was supposed to watch her little boy (about 3 1/2 yrs. old) but the little boy followed her anyway. At about 10th and Pine-3 men and women were outside fixing their car - they stopped the Hmong woman - told her to take her little boy away and kill him. She was very mad - took her kid back home - called HMAA-HMAA called police - when police came the men and woman had run away. The next morning the same men came to her house and stood in front of the door. They told her she better be more careful because they never liked Hmong anyway

- if she's not careful they will beat her up and kill her. She's very afraid. She called HMAA - HMAA asked if she knew the address of the men - she gave it - HMAA called police - police came twice - both times men were gone. This all happened in about November of 1990.

11. In January 1991 - a boy about 10 yrs. old (taller than the Hmong lady) came to her house with a big rock - was going to hit them - she told him to go home or she would call police. He left. The next day he came with a bullet. He showed bullet to Hmong lady - asked her if she wanted to die - Hmong lady told him she was going to call police - went inside called her brother-in-law who called police - the mother of the boy saw police arrive - took her son away before police got to their house. That family moved away.
12. Hmong woman went to Northwest Fabrics - she reached one hand into her pocket to get quarter to give son to make phone call - her other hand was touching merchandise - white woman watching then told cashier the Hmong woman was stealing. When the Hmong woman went to leave - cashier stopped her - accused Hmong woman of stealing - Hmong woman said what - if you don't believe me check purse/wallet. Cashier said if they didn't take anything - she was sorry - but somebody told her that. They knew what woman it was - daughter went up to the woman - said to her "Why did you say we took something when we didn't?" Woman wouldn't answer.
13. Sometimes when Hmong are driving - children run out in front intentionally - try to stop car - the Hmong women are concerned what will happen if they don't see them in time to brake and stop. Kids are about 10-11 years old. This happens in Huber Court on the southside. Always the same kids. They have already had meeting with Housing authority - parents of these kids have been told - it still doesn't stop. She is very concerned about safety - not wanting anyone to be hurt.
14. A Hmong couple went to Quillins Foodhouse - white man in car followed them so close when Hmong couple was walking in they were afraid they were going to be hit by the car - at the same time the driver was screaming at them "fuck you chinks" and called them many other names.