

P IS FOR... PHILIP VERA CRUZ

Philip Vera Cruz immigrated
from the Philippines
With dreams of becoming an attorney—
But his family needed his support
So he worked in the fields,
harvesting and farming

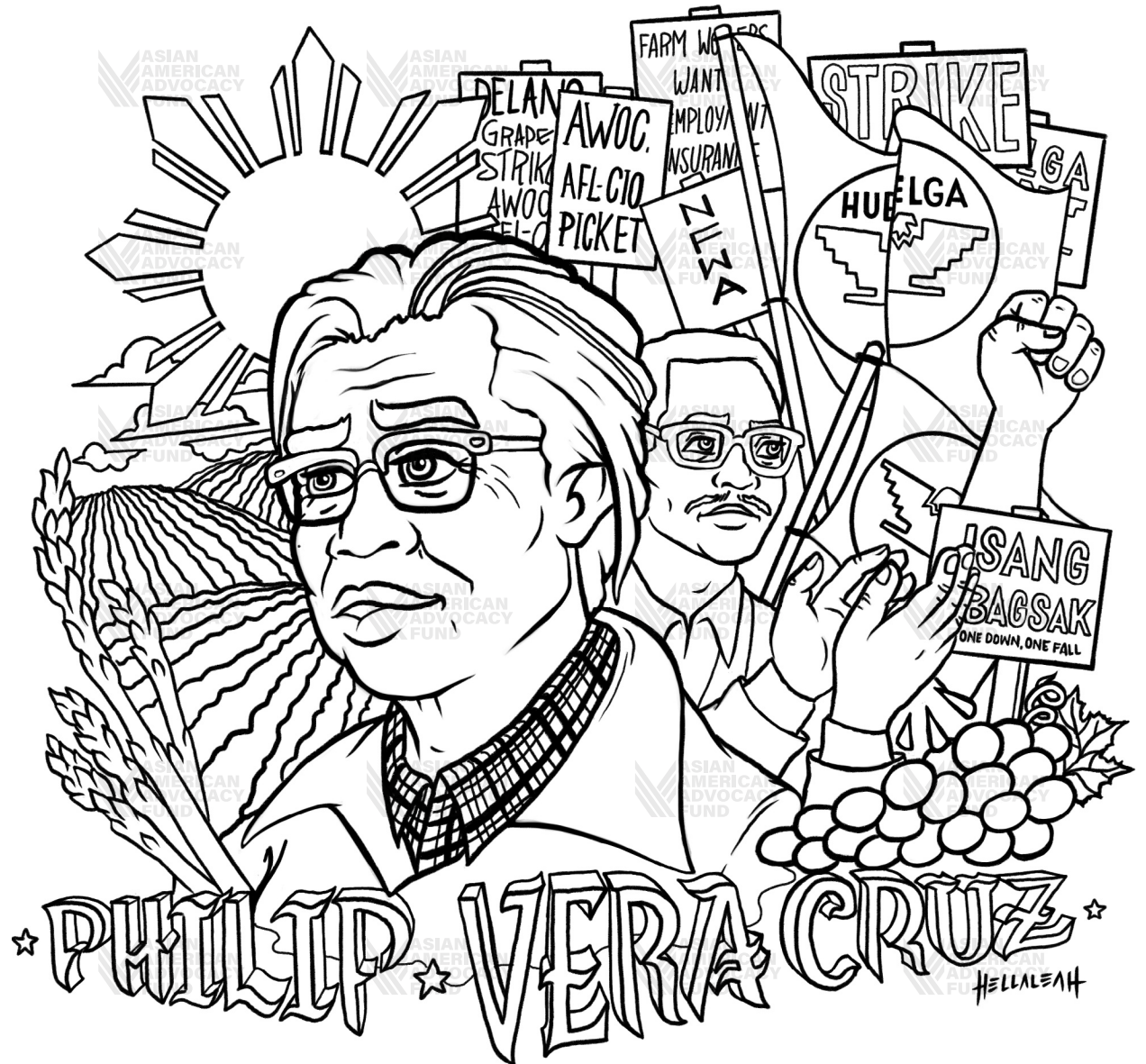
The hours were grueling
The working conditions were cruel
Philip knew the treatment of farm workers
Was inhumane and brutal

He began to speak out
with power and clarity
Filipinos and Mexicans joined forces
in solidarity
Raising their voices
Demanding fair wages and equity

His legacy
lives on
in the United Farm Workers

He showed us the Power of Everyday Laborers
Philip Vera Cruz, Champion and Hero.

- Mila Konomos



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"I think that whatever nationality you are, you should be treated equally, otherwise you don't have equality."

- Philip Vera Cruz