

ALBERT SHANKER INSTITUTE

**DEMOCRACY AND WORKER RIGHTS:
A DISCUSSION ON LABOR'S APPROACH TO CHINA**

April 6-7, 2006
Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Thursday, April 6th

Empire Room

6:00 pm *Reception*

6:30 pm *Dinner*

Welcome

Edward J. McElroy

*President, Albert Shanker Institute and
American Federation of Teachers*

Why labor's approach to China requires a democracy strategy

James Mann

*Author-in-Residence, Foreign Policy Institute
The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University*

Andrew Nathan

*Chair, Department of Political Science and
Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science
Columbia University*

Discussion

Friday, April 7th

Blue Room

8:30 am *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 am ***Labor's role in Hong Kong and on the Mainland***

Han Dongfang
Director
China Labour Bulletin

Lee Cheuk Yan
General Secretary
Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

Respondents:

Owen Herrnstadt
Director, Trade and Globalization
International Association of Machinists

Jeff Fiedler
President, Food and Allied Service Trades/
Research Associates of America

Discussion

10:30 am ***Break***

10:45 am ***Why a policy of “no contacts” with the All China Federation of Trade Unions matters***

Herb Magidson
Vice President, American Federation of Teachers
Board Member, Albert Shanker Institute

Respondents:

Barbara Shailor
Executive Director
American Center for International Labor Solidarity, AFL-CIO

Debbie Schneider
Director, Global Partnerships
Service Employees International Union

Discussion

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm ***Where do we go from here?***