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?