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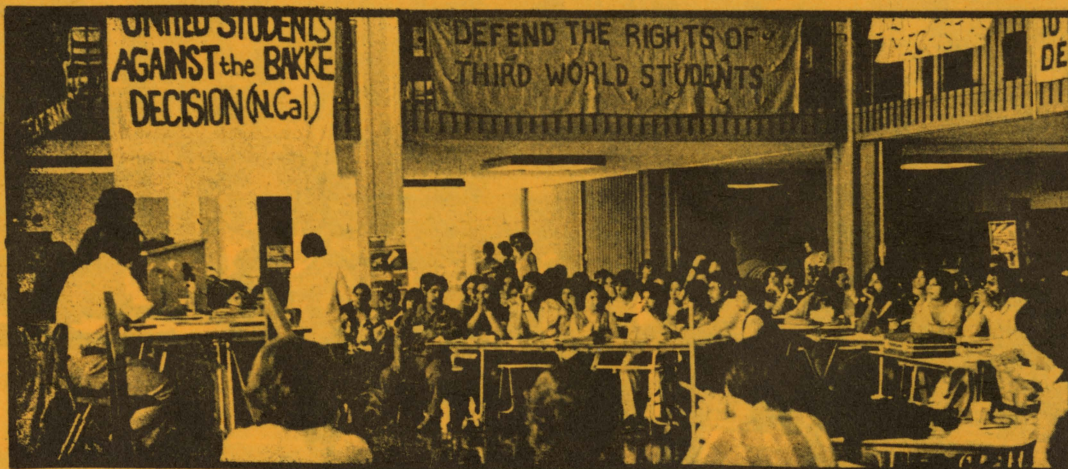
# **BAKKE DECISION**



## PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

1. Rely on the masses of oppressed people to defeat the Bakke Decision.
2. Oppose both the US Supreme Court and the UC Regents as equal targets.
3. Oppose the systematic oppression of Third World people.
4. Defend and expand all Third World programs, Affirmative Action programs, and all special programs for women and working people.

On October 15, 1977, thousands of workers, students, and community people, from all over California rallied to show opposition to the Bakke Decision. Over 4,000 demonstrators came together in San Francisco for a march through the Latin Mission District and the Black community to a rally at the Federal Building. The march was filled with banners demanding the defeat of the Bakke Decision and the necessity of the alliance of all nationalities to defeat the Bakke Decision. The banners also reflected the variety of groups and organizations that were participating, such as the Resistance Caucus of UAW Local 1134, the International Association of Machinists-Local 284, the Asian Students Union, the MEChA's, Co-ordinating Council of Bayview-Hunters Point, Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction, and others.



June 26, 1977 marked the formation of the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity and a great step forward in the movement to defeat the Bakke Decision.



In communities like the Puerto Rican community in Chicago, the masses show their determination to maintain their culture, language, and rights and continue to struggle against national oppression.

In the 1960's, oppressed nationalities along with progressive whites, rose up in a storm of protest demanding full rights. The militant Third World strikes on campuses won Special Admissions, EOP, Ethnic Studies; in the workplaces, Third World people demanded on the job Affirmative Action hiring and the right to unionization; in the communities, other special programs were developed to serve the people. And while these programs did not end the brutal system of national oppression, or mark full equality for Third World people, they were concrete gains and advances, which began to combat the centuries of national oppression. Yet these programs, the products of intense struggle, are being labelled "reverse discrimination".

Today, we in ABDC are continuing this tradition of resistance. History has taught us that "nothing comes without struggle". We know that we cannot rely on the courts or the UC Regents to protect our rights, but must target these two as equal and main enemies. We can only rely on ourselves, working people, students, community members, and women to build the struggle. We will

continue to oppose all attempts like the Bakke Decision to attack Third World people.

People across the country have already seen the importance of taking up the struggle against the Bakke Decision and are linking it to their own day-to-day struggles for equality, recognizing that it is not an isolated issue but is part of the overall struggle against national oppression. At Laney College, a predominantly Third World campus in Oakland, as on other campuses across the country, students are fighting against cutbacks of Ethnic Studies, liberal arts, and student services along with taking up anti-Bakke work. In communities like Little Tokyo, the Japanese community of Los Angeles, tenants, workers, and supporters are fighting to maintain their communities, their language and culture and seeing that the Bakke Decision is part of the overall attack on their communities. Communities are also fighting for certain social services like drug prevention, youth programs and care for the elderly. Outreach has also increased to workers who are taking up the struggle for affirmative action programs on the job. Many workers have joined ABDC locals to help develop slideshows and literature to take to their workplaces and unions. Various local committees of ABDC have held programs linking the Bakke Decision to the issue of immigration and the deportations of undocumented workers. Support has come from workers' organizations like the cannery workers' caucus.

We are asking all progressive people across the country to join us and continue the struggle to defeat the Bakke Decision. We have a series of events on local, regional, state, and national levels such as a nationwide anti-Bakke conference and nationwide demonstrations in the spring. We urge people to help work on and come to these programs. It is of great urgency and importance that the masses of people show our united and determined opposition to the Bakke Decision. Only through the mass movement and activity of the masses of people will we defeat and bury this reactionary attack against Third World people!

The ABDC has now set up a national office in San Francisco that will co-ordinate all of our activities. Any questions about up-coming events, literature, affiliation, etc. should be directed to the following address:

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