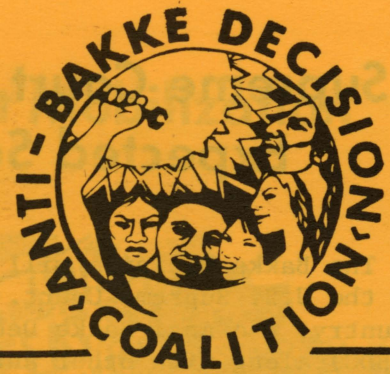


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Newsletter



Build for the Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha May 6 - 13



Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition locals throughout the country have launched a massive campaign in the schools, communities and workplaces to build the national Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha from May 6 - 13. Anti-Bakke forces from all sectors of society, including students, workers' caucuses, community organizations, trade unions, women's groups, professionals, churches and cultural groups, are joining with the ABDC to mount mass opposition to the racist Bakke Decision. From coast to coast, groups and individuals are busily doing educational presentations to new organizations, sponsoring joint activities around local and regional issues, such as fighting for bilingual education, decent low rent housing and affirmative action programs, promoting a variety of fundraising projects from selling buttons and T-shirts to organizing film showings and barbecues, and mass leafletting and postering to spread the word.

As part of the build-up work, the ABDC has supported and taken up many of the day-to-day struggles against national oppression and women's inequality, such as the attempts to eliminate the special admissions programs at Hastings and University of San Francisco Law Schools in San Francisco and the bilingual education student program at City

College of New York. Educational work in continuing through jointly sponsored activities such as film showings on Malcolm X in Chicago and Boston. The ABDC is also promoting regional issues, including building ties with groups in California to fight against the Anti-Bias Initiative and Walsh Amendment, which would eliminate any "preferential treatment" in affirmative action programs based on race, sex, or national origin and with groups throughout the South who are waging struggle against the HEW "desegregation" guidelines which would wipe out all-Black colleges.

The Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha includes a series of local activities that will continue this educational work and wage the ongoing struggles against these attacks on special programs for oppressed nationalities and women, and will be highlighted by major actions in New York, Chicago, Boston, and Atlanta on May 6 - 7, and in San Francisco on May 13.

To kick off the Week, anti-Bakke forces in the Northeast will march and rally in New York and Boston, while anti-Bakke groups from the Midwest and South will be demonstrating their opposition to the Bakke Decision at citywide programs in Chicago

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Supreme Court Decision Expected Soon

The Bakke Decision will be ruled on soon by the U.S. Supreme Court. All across the country, the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) along with other anti-Bakke forces are preparing for the Supreme Court's ruling. Plans have been set for 24-hour picket lines and rallies immediately following the Court's decision, as well as stepping up the day to day struggles to defend and expand the programs which would be affected.

There are several possible decisions that the U.S. Supreme Court can make. One possibility is that the Court can overturn the Bakke Decision. This would be a great victory for masses of people who have voiced their opposition to the Bakke Decision in countless demonstrations, rallies, petitions and educational programs.



The mass movement against the Bakke Decision makes it difficult for the Court to choose a second option of outright upholding the Bakke Decision and declaring all programs that use quotas or consider race, sex or national origin as criteria unconstitutional. Without a doubt, this would further provoke the wrath, anger, and resistance of the masses, something which the Supreme Court, government and campus administrations would like to avoid.

A third possibility is that the Court may make a "limited ruling" on the Bakke case and try to muddle its implications. The Court could uphold Bakke's charge of "reverse discrimination" and outlaw special admissions but say that it applies

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Call for Unified Spring Anti-Bakke Actions

The Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition would like to clarify the current situation relating to the April 15 March on Washington, D.C., and the May 6-13 Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha.

The April 15 Anti-Bakke Planning Committee, initially composed of the ABDC, National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision, National Lawyers Guild, Black American Law Students Association, Intercollegiate Communications Liaison Committee, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlan, and Peoples' Alliance, formed in late February to jointly plan and sponsor a unified March on Washington, D.C., on April 15. In mid-March, this Planning Committee broke down when the ABDC refused to accept NCOBD's ultimatum that all future anti-Bakke actions be planned by a closed 5 to 7 member national planning committee. ABDC could not accept this because it would have violated ABDC's principles of open and democratic decision making.

After the dissolution of the April 15 Planning Committee, the NCOBD has proceeded to unilaterally plan for the April 15 March. At this time, the NLG and BALSAs are not participating in any collective decision making body with the NCOBD. The national leadership of the NCOBD has stated that they will not work with the ABDC. Both the NLG and BALSAs have taken the position that they disagree with this action by the NCOBD. Various individuals and organizations within the NCOBD also oppose these actions on the part of NCOBD's national leadership. For example, the Washington, D.C. chapter of NCOBD took the position that ABDC should be a part of any planning for the April 15 March. They were formally overruled by the National Coordinating Committee of NCOBD.

The ABDC has always felt that the majority of individuals in the NCOBD are honest. ABDC also believes that the majority of forces within the anti-Bakke movement desire unity. We believe that these activities of NCOBD's national leadership will increasingly expose and isolate them. At this time, the NCOBD is using the fact that they hold all permits for Washington, D.C. to unilaterally implement their own plans and program for the march. We will continue to wage struggle with other anti-Bakke forces, including the NCOBD, to break with and condemn these splitting actions of the NCOBD leadership and to call for the reestablishment of joint planning for April 15. This is still possible at this time. Even if this does not take place, ABDC will continue to mobilize for April 15 because we stand for unity and oppose all sectarianism.

On the West Coast, the NCOBD national leadership

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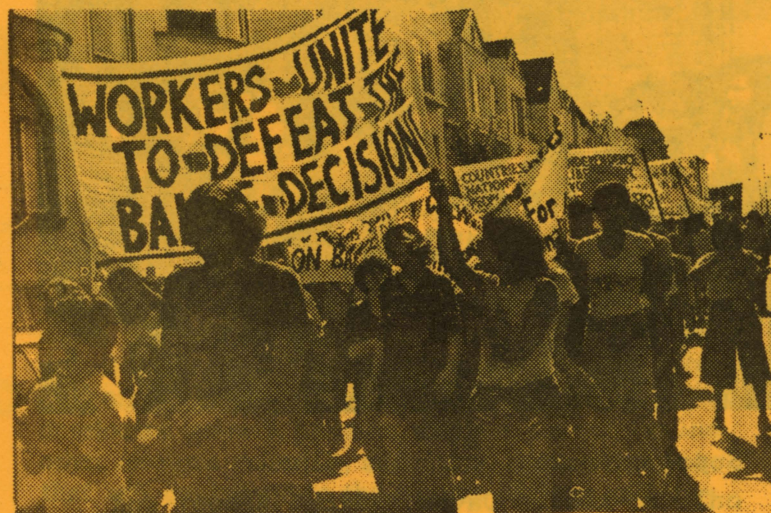
Unite for the May 13 West Coast Mobilization

At the National Anti-Bakke Conference, held in Los Angeles, California, on Feb. 19, 650 delegates representing over 150 organizations united around plans to initiate a major West Coast-wide mobilization against the Bakke Decision on May 13. This May 13 mobilization in San Francisco will culminate the national Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha on the West Coast, following a series of activities including numerous Cinco de Mayo events in local communities.

Efforts to build for a single, unified West Coast mobilization on May 13 have been underway for nearly two months now. Local organizing committees have been established in over 15 cities that are based in every major region of California. All are actively doing outreach and educational work, and organizing caravans and transportation to the May 13 demonstration in San Francisco. With such extensive mobilizing efforts taking place, there is a potential to build an even larger demo than the ABDC's Oct. 15 action when over 4,000 people from all over the state converged on the San Francisco Federal Building in a massive show of resistance to national oppression and the Bakke Decision.

The May 13 West Coast mobilization in San Francisco is especially important for the Nationwide Spring Offensive and the national Week of Struggle. California is the "home" of the Bakke Decision, a product of the Sept. 16 ruling by the state's Supreme Court. And just recently, two legislative measures fashioned after the Bakke Decision -- the Anti-Bias Initiative and the Walsh Amendment -- are being proposed. These proposed measures are seeking to outlaw all affirmative action programs -- in the schools, communities, on the job and in business -- that use quotas, or admissions criteria based on race, sex, or ethnic background. This is another sign that the government is not waiting until the Supreme Court announces its formal decision on the Bakke case before they go ahead with its actual implementation.

The May 13 mobilization is seen as a way to help mount concrete opposition to the Anti-Bias Initiative and Walsh Amendment, and making this a component part of the



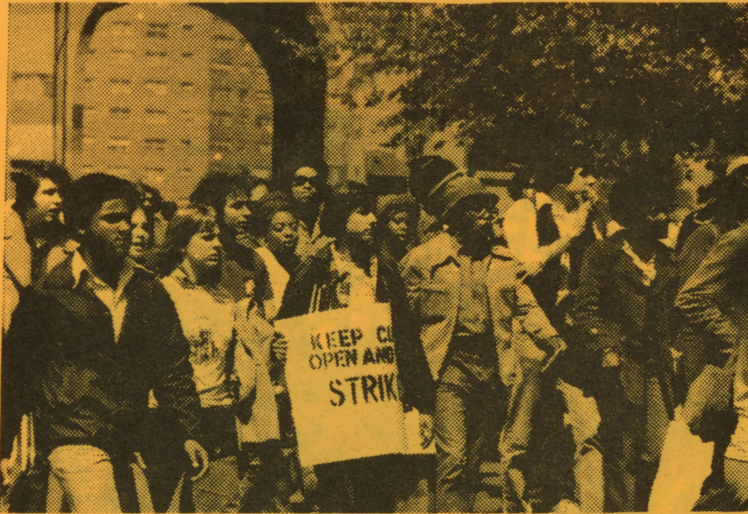
overall thrust of the anti-Bakke struggle.

We encourage all anti-Bakke forces to unite to build for the May 13 West Coast mobilization as the single, unified action in this area. In this way, we can build the broadest and most powerful movement that can topple the Bakke Decision, and deepen the overall fight against national oppression. WORKERS, STUDENTS, COMMUNITY UNITE -- BUILD THE ANTI-BAKKE FIGHT!

See you May 13 in San Francisco.

Support the 'Long Walk'

The Longest Walk is now 350 people strong, building as it surges forward. Native Americans from all tribes, all nationalities, and all races have joined together in the walk to Washington, D.C. to protest HR 9054 and other bills in Congress that will abrogate all Indian treaties and do away with all fishing and hunting rights of Native Americans. At the National Anti-Bakke Conference in Los Angeles, we gave the Longest Walk our endorsement and pledged to send material aid to them. Right now, the Community Monitors of San Jose are organizing a caravan to bring the warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, canned foods, and money that are needed for the 350 marchers. Send your contributions to Jesse Dominguez, 2212 Angie, San Jose, Ca. or to Gustavo Arias, 983 Delmas, San Jose, Ca.



Supreme Court....

only to the UC Davis Medical School and perhaps the entire UC system.

Today as we await the Bakke Decision, the government, campus administrators, and employers are already implementing the dismantling and elimination of special admissions, affirmative action and other programs with the Bakke Decision as their legal back-up. Whether the Bakke Decision is upheld, overturned, or "limited," these forces will surely continue these attacks. Even a ruling that limits the Bakke case to certain areas would set a dangerous precedent that would legally sanction further attacks. This would give the go-ahead to the people who have already filed over 2000 "reverse discrimination" suits across the country to flood the court system with demands that their cases be resolved in their favor, based on this "limited ruling."

Call for unified....

has even further exposed and isolated themselves. Although hundreds of groups have been jointly working together for two months on the May 13 West Coast mobilization, as a part of the national Week of Struggle set by the February 19 National Anti-Bakke Conference, the NCOBD refuses to join with these groups to build for a single, unified demonstration. All plans are being developed through open and democratic meetings involving anti-Bakke forces throughout California, but NCOBD is boycotting the efforts to build for the May 13 mobilization. Instead, the NCOBD is calling for an April 29 counter-demonstration in San Francisco and blatantly promoting division in the anti-Bakke movement. This

Whatever the decision, it's important that people remain vigilant and vigorously continue the struggles for special programs for oppressed nationalities and women. We should not rely on the formal court ruling to determine the fate of these programs. It was through the mass struggles of the 1960's that these programs were wrested from the government, employers and campus administrations. And it has been a consistent battle to maintain and expand these programs over the past decade. Clearly it is primarily through our own efforts that these programs can continue to exist and serve the needs of oppressed nationalities and women.

We must continue the struggle on all fronts: through voicing our determination to maintain these programs when the Supreme Court ruling is handed down, through building mass resistance in the Week of Struggle/ Semana de Lucha events, and through carrying on the struggles to defend and expand special admissions, affirmative action and other programs wherever they are attacked.

ABDC encourages all anti-Bakke forces to join with the ABDC, Balsa and others in showing immediate response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling. Picket lines will be set up in San Francisco and Sacramento the day of the Supreme Court's announcement of the Bakke Decision, followed the next day by rallies also in New York, Boston, Fresno, San Jose, Los Angeles and Chicago. You can contact the ABDC national office or local number to become a part of the phone tree and activities in immediate response to the Bakke Decision.

is creating unnecessary splits and causing a great deal of confusion among the masses of people. Many anti-Bakke forces are urging the NCOBD to drop their divisive actions and join with others in one unified demonstration on May 13.

In closing, we reiterate our call to resume the work of the April 15 Anti-Bakke Planning Committee and the jointly coordinated efforts towards the March on Washington, D.C., and encourage the NCOBD to unite with other anti-Bakke forces around this objective.

We also emphasize the importance of building for a single, unified West Coast mobilization, and call on the NCOBD to unite and join with hundreds of other anti-Bakke groups throughout California in building for the May 13 mobilization in San Francisco.

Week of Struggle....

and Atlanta. On the West Coast, the Week of Struggle /Semana de Lucha will culminate in a major West Coast mobilization in San Francisco on May 13. Already hundreds of groups have joined in the work to build a unified march and rally at the Federal Building to demonstrate the mass outrage at the Bakke Decision and their determination to fight all continuing attacks on oppressed nationalities and women. Regional planning meetings are set for April 8, where groups from all over California will concretize the program, outreach, finances and logistics for the West Coast mobilization.

All of the programs will focus on linking the Bakke Decision to the ongoing struggles against national oppression and women's inequality through a variety of speakers, cultural performances, skits, photo displays, educational literature and other informational activities. They will target the US Supreme Court, who is expected to render a decision any day now, and the collusion of other sectors of the government, employers and campus and city administrations who are continuing to chip away, alter, and eliminate special admissions, affirmative action and other special programs. Speeches, banners, skits, photo displays, and other materials will address the four slogans:

Smash the Bakke Decision, End National Oppression, Full Equality for Women, and Support and Expand Affirmative Action on the Job and in Education. The link to the oppressed nationalities will be strengthened by militant marches through oppressed nationality communities as part of the New York and San Francisco activities.

The work for the Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha has generated tremendous enthusiasm and unity in the anti-Bakke movement. In all parts of the country, ABDC and other groups are jointly taking up the enormous amount of work involved in building these activities. You can get involved in numerous ways, including helping to do outreach, setting up and doing presentations, getting endorsements, making donations or organizing fundraising activities, coming to worknights, developing joint programs with ABDC, developing banners, literature, displays, slide shows and other resource materials, and many, many other tasks that will contribute to the success of these activities.

ABDC invites all anti-Bakke groups and individuals to join in building a broad, mass, unified show of opposition to the Bakke Decision during the Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha from May 6 - 13.

Smash the Bakke Decision!

On to May 6 - 13!

Build the Week of Struggle!

Unirsar por la Semana de Lucha!

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Build for the Week of Struggle **Semana de Lucha** May 6 - 13

May 6

Atlanta

Outdoor Program

2:30-6:30
Herndon Homes
Recreation Field

Chicago

**Citywide
Demonstration**

time & place
to be announced

New York

March and Rally

11:00 assemble at
Union Square Park
2:00 rally at
Federal Bldg.

May 7

Boston

March and Rally

time & place
to be announced

May 13

San Francisco

**West Coast
Mobilization**

10:00 assemble at
Garfield Park
1:00 rally at
Federal Bldg.

contact ABDC National Office/locals for more information