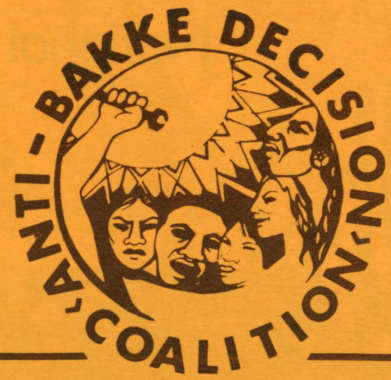


# ANTI-BAKKE DECISION COALITION

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## Newsletter



### MASSES PREPARE FOR BAKKE DECISION

The question on people's minds is, what are we going to do when the Supreme Court releases its verdict on the Bakke case? Our response is to make it crystal clear that we will carry on the struggle. The perspective that we have held all along is to link the anti-Bakke movement to the ongoing struggles against national oppression. Our sustained struggles will make our demands real!

During the week of the Decision, the ABDC locals will be organizing rallies and picketing. ABDC calls on all progressive people to join together in unified actions to make the strongest statement against the Bakke Decision. Become part of the phone tree, bring your friends to the rallies. BUILD THE — ANTI-BAKKE MOVEMENT!

#### DECISION DAY

SACRAMENTO-DAVIS: 11:30am-1pm. Picket line at the Federal Building.

SAN FRANCISCO: 11am. Picket line at the Federal Building. Rallies at 12noon and 6pm. Press conference at 12noon at the Federal Building.

SAN JOSE: Join the picket line in San Francisco.

SANTA BARBARA: 4pm. March from Anacapa and State Streets to Highway 101.

LOS ANGELES: 4pm-9pm. Picket and Rally at the Los Angeles Federal Building.

CHICAGO: 2pm. Press conference at the Federal Building Lobby.

SAN DIEGO: Leafletting throughout the day.

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### West Coast Mobilizes to Defeat Bakke Decision



San Francisco, May 13.

As part of the Week of Struggle, over 3000 people marched through San Francisco for the May 13 West Coast Anti-Bakke mobilization. From across California, and as far away as Colorado, Texas, and Washington came contingents representing campuses, community organizations, labor unions and workplaces. As we took the march through the communities people encouraged us on, taking up the chants

and joining in the march. Clearly, we served notice to the Supreme Court that we would accept nothing less than the complete overturn of the Bakke Decision.

Our spirits continued to rise as each contingent converged on the Federal Building. By relying on grassroots efforts, we mobilized a significant number of people who are determined to smash this racist decision.

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## Boston



200 militant people marched through the Chinese, Latino, and Black community of Boston's South End. Many banners were trilingual upholding ABDC's stand for the equality of languages. They represented the Black Artists Union, East Coast Asian Student Union, Chinatown Peoples Progressive Association, students at Boston State College, Brown and Harvard University and others.

Rallying at Boston Commons, the program embodied the spirit of resistance in Third World peoples' culture with poetry, singing, martial arts, and a skit. Original works projected ABDC's principles and perspective of struggling against "Bakke" in the context of fighting every instance of national oppression. The Black Artists Union at Massachusetts College of Art related the struggle for Third World studies, admissions, and faculty hiring, and the fight to keep the college from being moved to Charlestown where Third World people have been physically attacked. Speeches were also given by students from Harvard and Boston State relating their struggles against university investments in South Africa and cutbacks of Black studies. Persons from the Latino and Chinese communities gave speeches in their own languages.

This was the 1st anti-Bakke event in Boston that brought out a large number of oppressed nationalities.

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## Anti-Bakke Song

Marching on the road to liberation  
 Holding high the banner of full equality  
 Against oppression and superexploitation  
 Third World people struggle daily to be free.

Ten years ago, we fought a bitter struggle  
 We organized and took the streets to fight  
 the State  
 Now the use the lie "reverse discrimination"  
 Trying to reverse the gains that we have made.

We have learned through fighting our oppression  
 The battle must be fought from day to day  
 For every gain is won and kept through constant  
 struggle

We have learned through fighting our oppression  
 The battle must be fought from day to day  
 For every gain in won and kept through constant  
 struggle  
 What one hand gives the other tries to take  
 away.

Bakke, the Regents and the courts  
 have all conspired to push a boulder in our  
 way  
 But we'll move not just this boulder we'll  
 move mountains  
 Till we finally reach our liberation day!



## Chicago

Chicago ABDC's Semana de Lucha event included a spirited march down State Street and a rally with Wallace Davis and Science for the People. That night a fundraiser was held and was attended by over 150 people.

## Atlanta

The ABDC held an outdoor program at Hernon Homes, a Black housing project. The Capitol Homes Tenants Association and the 4th Ward-Auburn Avenue Restoration Society spoke on their ongoing struggle for the rights of the Black community; Soul Patrol, a Black youth group, expressed wholehearted support for the fight against the Bakke Decision. The African Liberation Support Committee stressed the long history of struggle for the rights of Black people and the necessity to carry it on for future generations. Solidarity statements were given by Getting Together, Revolutionary Cause, the Mailhandlers Union #310, and the CYO.

While setting up, people listened to tapes of the inspiring speeches of Malcolm X. Progressive poetry was read by a Black Australian poet. Young people played the ball toss and dart games having the theme, "Smash the Bakke Decision."

In building for May 13, positive contributions were made to strengthen the movement in the Atlanta vicinity and in other regions of the South--New Orleans, Nashville, and Memphis.



Washington D.C.

From the South, Midwest, and East Coast, over 10,000 people of all nationalities marched on Washington, D.C., taking their message straight to the Supreme Court. Following 2 months of preparation and outreach for April 15, the ABDC chapters of New York, New England, Chicago, Atlanta, and Ohio organized militant contingents totalling over 1000 people. Carrying banners and pickets with the ABDC slogans and logo, they let the Court know that the masses are outraged by the Bakke Decision and they were there to see that it gets overturned.

## New York



Despite the rainy weather, over 150 people participated in the May 6 march and rally. Through continuous agitation along the march route, combined with chants in English, Chinese, and Spanish, thousands of Third World and working people learned about the Bakke Decision and its implications on their lives.

Speakers from ABDC, Progressive Chinatown Peoples Asso. Women's Group, Habitantes Unidos de Williamsburg, Brooklyn College, City College of New York, Gouveneur Hospital, and Getting Together addressed the crowd. Singers from PCPA and Charlie Chin rounded out the program. A note of drama was added as a brother read a telegram from the Third World Center at Princeton. He expressed their solidarity and regrets for not being able to attend due to disciplinary hearings against the students stemming from their movement to get the university to divest its money from racist corporations with holdings in South Africa.

West Coast, May 13...



The opening speech at the rally, given by ABDC set the tone for the program:

"We are in the process of rekindling the flames of rebellion that lit cities across the country in the 60's. People of all nationalities-students, workers, minority communities, and women-are joining together not only to smash the Bakke Decision, to break the chains of national oppression."

Phillip Vera Cruz, a key organizer of the United Farmworkers Union, warned against falling for the reverse discrimination slander that is used by the courts, regents, and employers to divide people, weakening their ability to resist their common enemies. He stressed the need for people of all nationalities to unite in an all-out effort to defeat "Bakke."

Alfredo Espinosa of Chicanos Unidos from El Paso, Texas aroused the crowd as he reported the battles and campaigns against the genocidal murders of Chicanos in the Southwest, the evictions and destruction of the barrios, and the terror tactics of La Migra.

Another highlight of the program was Civil Rights activist and Black Liberation fighter Robert F. Williams. He praised the militancy of the anti-Bakke movement. But at the same time, he felt it was an outright tragedy for us to have to again fight for the very same programs and rights that were won only a few years ago. In a single swipe he knocked down the "reverse discrimination" argument:

Masses prepare...

#### DAY AFTER DECISION DAY

SAN JOSE: 5pm-7pm. Picket line at the Bank of America, S. Market and San Carlos Streets.

SANTA BARBARA: 12noon. Demonstration at Storke Plaza, University of California at Santa Barbara. (subject to change).

OXNARD: 3pm-7pm. Demonstration at City Hall.

SAN DIEGO: 4:30pm-5:30pm. Picket line at the Federal Building. Press conference, time and place to be announced.

BOSTON: 12noon-7pm. Extended protest at the Federal Court House in Government Center.

NEW YORK: 4pm-6pm. Demonstration at the Federal Plaza.

CHICAGO: 12noon. Rally at the Federal Building. March down State Street.

ATLANTA: 12noon. Rally at Central City Park.

#### SATURDAY AFTER DECISION DAY

SACRAMENTO-DAVIS: 11am-1pm. Demonstration at the State Supreme Court.

SAN FRANCISCO: 12noon. Mass demonstration at the Federal Building.

SAN DIEGO: 12noon. Picket and leafletting at Balboa Park.

"Simply by opening the doors of competition to a people who have been brutalized, dehumanized, and stigmatized, denied normal human development and have been barred from practicing the game of life for centuries, does not constitute equal opportunity. The National Boxing Association might be an equal opportunity exponent, but I wouldn't give a tinkers damn for the average American chances against Muhammed Ali without proper grooming for the contest."

Other presentations were given by the West Coast Asian-Pacific Student Union and state-wide MEChAs; I Wor Kuen and August Twenty-Ninth Movement; Black American Law Students Association; Bill Wahpepah; Confederation of Iranian Students; Caterpillar Anti-Discrimination Committee; and Women's Alliance. Maintaining the cultures of Third World peoples was also upheld with rousing performances by the Chinatown Lion Dance, Ujamma, and Moving Our Feet singing group.

May 13 proved that the people of the country are up in arms against the Bakke Decision. As Williams said:

"Let tyranny beware! For our hard earned rights cannot be quietly decreed away in the hypocritical decorum of court chambers. Let us serve notice that if Bakke wins, we shall not return to indifference and apathy."

SMASH THE BAKKE DECISION, NOW!