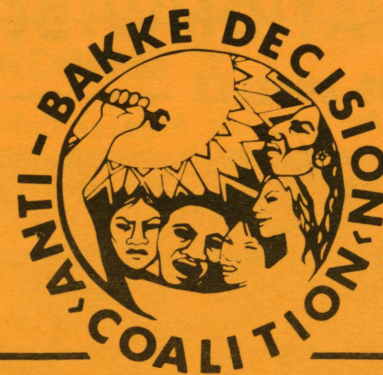


# ANTI-BAKKE DECISION COALITION

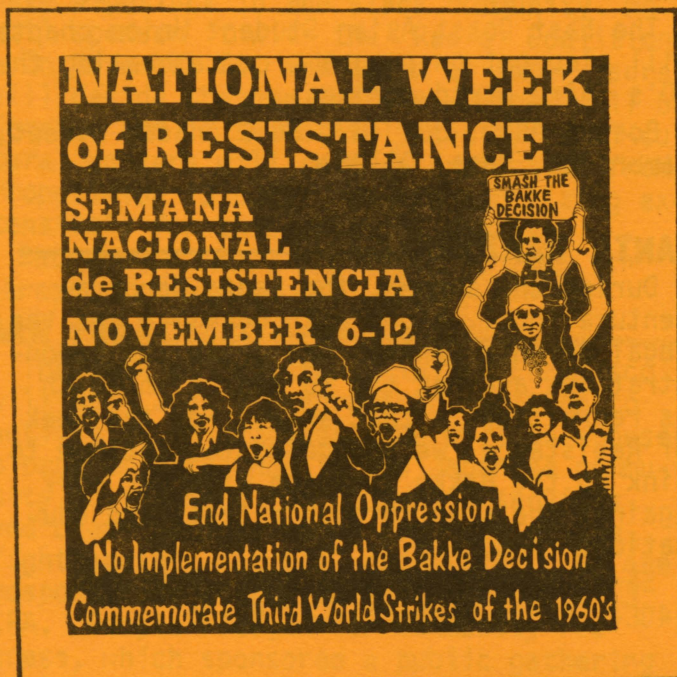
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# The Struggle Goes On



This past June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the racist Bakke decision and legitimized the myth of "reverse discrimination" by outlawing quotas. The Court said Bakke had been discriminated against by the special admissions program at UC Davis Medical School. This dealt a harsh blow to the struggle for equality for Third World people and women. The decision sets the basis for wiping out Affirmative Action programs which were only just beginning to compensate for past discrimination.

We must get organized to defend special admissions programs. On the campuses, in factories, in offices, and in the communities, we must unite to smash every scheme to implement the Bakke decision. ABDC has initiated the National Week of Resistance/Semana Nacional de Resistencia from November 6-12 to educate and organize the people to resist this attack.

### Commemorate Third World Strikes of the 1960's

The 60's was a decade of resistance: strikes erupted on campuses, cities exploded in rebellion, millions marched and protested. November 6 marks the 10 year anniversary of one of the most significant struggles of that decade against national oppression--the San Francisco State University strike. The militant strikers demanded the establishment of independent Third World and Ethnic Studies departments, financial aid to serve minority students, and open admissions. The students were joined by teachers, workers, parents, and community supporters. Together they had to battle then, as we do today, the police, the courts, and school administrators. The SF State strike was an example and inspiration to dozens of other strikes that spread across the U.S. It continues to serve as an example today.

The gains won in the 60's--special admissions, ethnic studies, affirmative action, bilingual and bicultural programs, women's programs, community services like childcare, health clinics, and legal aid--were not won easily. Since they were granted they have been steadily cut back. The Bakke decision is a full-scale attack that lays the basis to wipe out hundreds of programs.

### No Implementation of the Bakke Decision

The Supreme Court handed down the law, but school administrators, employers, and government agencies will now attempt to implement the Bakke decision. The precedent has been set to implement the decision on the job--axing affirmative action programs in hiring and promotion, and in the communities--cutting services for Third World people and women.

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# NATIONWIDE RESISTANCE

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## LOS ANGELES

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At East Los Angeles College and California State University programs are being planned around cutback struggles and the Third World strikes. Los Angeles City College is hosting a Third World culture program.

On November 4, the East Los Angeles Committee for Democratic Rights is holding a mini-conference for high school students, encouraging them to form MEChA chapters.

The Carlos Montes committee is sponsoring activities and benefits preparing for his upcoming trial.

On November 12, ABDC is participating in a slide show program on immigration with Mexicano workers from the San Fernando Valley.

Los Angeles ABDC, c/o EPIC, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, Ca. 90032.

## ATLANTA

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Organizing for the Week of Resistance is helping us deepen our ties with people, particularly with students at Atlanta Junior College. With the Black and Third World Culture Club, we are sponsoring an evening program for November 10. It will include the sponsoring groups, an activist from the 60's struggles in the South, the African Dance and Drum Ensemble, a magic show, and solidarity statements. The program is a concrete show of support for the students who are fighting the racist policies of the school.

Atlanta ABDC, P.O. Box 769, Atlanta, Ga. 30301.

## CHICAGO

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On November 8 at Chicago State University, ABDC and members of the Student Government and Afro-American Organization are sponsoring a program that includes a representative from the Atlanta Junior College struggle, Bill Hampton, a speaker from the campus to relate the 60's strikes to the current struggles, cultural presentations, solidarity statements, and ABDC.

On November 9 at the University of Illinois Circle campus a similar program is planned with the addition of a slide show of the International Hotel struggle.

Building for the Week of Resistance, ABDC is holding an educational program on affirmative action with Benny Lenard giving a history of affirmative action at International Harvester and a presentation by a woman steel worker. A second program will focus on the history of the Third World strikes in the Chicago area.

Chicago ABDC, Box 5178, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

## BOSTON

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For the Week of Resistance the Boston local is calling a mini-conference of grass roots organizations, particularly from the Black, Puerto Rican, Chinese, and Mideastern nationality communities. The conference highlights the commemoration of the Third World strikes as many of the social services came out of these struggles. Simultaneously, we want to use the conference as a way to build support for these groups and their projects and campaigns. Growing out of the cooperation, we hope to publish a local bulletin publicizing their struggles.

The East Coast Asian Student Union chapters will also put on programs commemorating the 60's Third World strikes.

Boston ABDC, Box 187, 56 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

## SANTA BARBARA

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During the summer, the Santa Barbara-Ventura local, along with Concilio and the Legal Defense Center, has organized demonstrations against the Ku Klux Klan which is recruiting in that area. For the Week of Resistance, we are going to continue to link up the Bakke decision with our work against the Klan through pickets and educational programs.

Santa Barbara-Ventura ABDC, P.O. Box 14084, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93106.

## NEW YORK

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"Commemorating the Third World Strikes" is a theme of the campus programs cosponsored by ABDC. At City College of New York where students have always united with ABDC, and Hunter College, we will be showing a documentary on the San Francisco State strike.

In Chinatown, the Progressive Chinese People's Association is integrating its campaign for the unionization of restaurant workers with the Week of Resistance.

In the Dominican community, we are coordinating actions with the Anti-Imperialist Patriotic Union. We are showing a film on the Young Lords. We want to relay the message that the programs we fight for today were won out of the heroic struggles of the past decade.

New York ABDC, c/o PCPA, 126 Division Street, New York, N.Y. 10002.

## SACRAMENTO

Sacramento-Davis ABDC is continuing to put pressure on the U.C. Regents. On October 12 we picketed at the Chancellor's luncheon. Supposedly, the luncheon solicited community input into the administration's affirmative action plans. Along with the Third World Coalition of Davis Law School, we presented the Chancellor with a list of demands that must be answered by November 6. On that day we are planning an action to address the new admissions policy.

As the main focus of the Week of Resistance we are calling activities around the Jarvis-Gann cuts and the attacks on Third World welfare workers. On November 10 we plan to have a potluck in the Black community. We will sponsor it with the Racial Coalition.

On November 20, the Board of Supervisors will decide whether welfare workers will be demoted and if selectively certified bi-cultural workers will receive protection from Proposition 13 cuts. We are mobilizing extensively for this critical meeting.

Sacramento ABDC, c/o Noguchi, 2508 "T" Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95818.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The Week of Resistance in San Francisco will host 3 or 4 programs in addition to activities on campuses. We will co-sponsor a program with CANE in the Japanese community on the need for community services and organizations which grew out of the fight against national oppression. We are cosponsoring a program in Chinatown with CPA. People Pledged for Community Progress, which sponsored a public gathering on Bakke, Jarvis Gann, and redevelopment will follow up with workshops during the Week.

Students at S.F. State are calling for a city-wide rally; other campuses are planning their own rallies. Six law schools in N. California are coordinating "teach-ins" on Nov. 8.

The Week will end with a final program linking the various activities and struggles together.

## SAN JOSE

Kicking off the Week of Resistance events, San Jose ABDC is inviting children and their parents to a Halloween party on October 29. This is a unique and fun way to draw in people who have expressed an interest in ABDC.

On November 4, the local will host another party with Youth Getting Together to continue to do outreach for the Week of Resistance activities.

San Jose ABDC, c/o Del Sol, 114 Hollywood, San Jose, Ca. 95112.

## Bakke "Welcome":



## Rally Exposes UC Regents

On September 25, over 150 angry demonstrators "welcomed" Allen Bakke to his first day of school at U.C. Davis Medical School. Bakke, who claims he was a victim of "reverse discrimination" rushed the picket line for his class. But as he did, he heard loud and clear: "Reverse discrimination--a racist lie, Bakke's plan will surely die".

The demonstration also focused on the UC Davis administration which warmly welcomed Bakke and is currently revising its special admissions program in the wake of the Bakke decision.

Soon after Bakke ducked into his class, the demonstrators presented a list of demands to the dean of the Medical School. The demands were to maintain and expand special admissions, that the administration admit to past discrimination, and that students have equal input in admissions procedures.

The UC administrations and regents would like to forget about special admissions. They would like to return to the days before these programs existed, before quotas were established to provide some guarantee of minority enrollment. The militant protest showed that people are still fighting the Bakke decision. They are meeting the attempts to implement the Bakke decision with forthright demands that the programs be maintained and expanded!

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Administrators and employers want us to sit back and say the struggle is over. But it is just beginning. When administrators at Hastings Law School axed the special admissions program last spring, students, faculty, and community supporters boycotted classes and forced the administration to retract its version of the Bakke decision. Bitter struggle was necessary to win these programs in the 60's and militant, united, organized struggle is necessary to defend and expand them today.

### End National Oppression

As conditions deteriorate, Third World people are hit first and hardest. All working people suffer from the rising costs-of-living, unemployment, speed-ups, and layoffs. Yet it is minority workers--the last hired and the first fired--who suffer the most. The Weber case is to employment what Bakke is to education. Weber, like Bakke, says he was discriminated by the company's affirmative action program. We must struggle for the rights of Third World and women workers to job and promotional opportunities.

In the communities, the repeated police murders of national minority people, especially minority youth, is evidence to the ever increasing national oppression. The recent march of thousands through the Black community of Crown Heights, N.Y., to protest the brutal police murder of Arthur Miller demonstrates the determination to smash national oppression. In California, Proposition 13-Jarvis Gann has signaled a new era of assault on the rights and livelihood of the people, particularly minorities and women. The cutbacks in health, child-care, social services, and jobs are devastating to many Third World communities and clearly reveals the systematic nature of national oppression.

The Week of Resistance will be a week of education and struggle. The Week will help link the many struggles together, both locally and nationally. Each ABDC local will be initiating various programs and activities in your area. We encourage you or your organization to join with us in the National Week of Resistance/Semana Nacional de Resistencia.

## SUPPORT THE WEEK OF RESISTANCE

On June 28, 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Bakke decision, ruling that quotas are illegal and affirming the lie of "reverse discrimination". It is crucial that people join together to fight the implementation of the Bakke decision.

The Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition has designated November 6-12 as the National Week of Resistance/Semana Nacional de Resistencia. From New York to Los Angeles, from Atlanta to Sacramento, ABDC locals will be holding community programs, events on campuses, and other activities. Join with us in building a militant Week of Resistance/Semana de Resistencia to demand: No implementation of the Bakke Decision!

I/My organization, \_\_\_\_\_ wish(es) to endorse the ABDC and the Week of Resistance/Semana de Resistencia.

I/My organization, \_\_\_\_\_ am/is interested in building for the events by:

distributing literature to our membership and supporters.

having a presentation made to our membership about ABDC and upcoming events.

printing articles in our newsletter

participating in planning meetings for the anti-Bakke events

pledging financial support

sending an official delegation to the activities.

Please send me/us more information about ABDC.

Mail this into the ABDC National Office, 558 Capp St., San Francisco, CA., 94110.  
Or call (415)648-4280.