

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 19 NATIONAL ANTI-BAKKE DECISION CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition

ON THE NATIONWIDE SPRING OFFENSIVE

A. The proposal for the Nationwide Spring Offensive Against the Bakke Decision was unanimously adopted by the National Anti-Bakke Decision Conference (see draft of this proposal, attached with this packet). The main aspects of this resolution are:

1. That there be a unified, democratically organized March on Washington, DC, with April 22 being the recommended compromise common date for this action.

2. That a democratic Planning Committee be immediately initiated to carry on discussions with the NCOBD and other anti-Bakke groups regarding the March on Washington, D.C. The ABDC would be open and flexible to other suggestions, recommendations, or proposals concerning the date, slogans, program, and speakers for the March.

3. That the Planning Committee not be restricted to the "five groups" proposed by the NCOBD, as this would be too narrow an approach to building a unified march on Washington, D.C., and would objectively exclude and cut off the democratic participation of numerous groups that have been active in the anti-Bakke movement.

4. That there be a WEEK OF STRUGGLE/SEMANA DE LUCHA initiated by the ABDC between May 6-13. The WEEK OF STRUGGLE/SEMANA DE LUCHA would include:

a. on MAY 6th, local or regional demonstrations should be organized in Atlanta (South); Chicago (Midwest); Boston and/or New York (East Coast); and possibly other areas of the U.S.

On the West Coast, the ABDC chapters should support and participate in the various Cinco de Mayo activities that will be taking place on the weekend of May 6-7.

b. On MAY 13, the ABDC will sponsor a major West Coast-wide mobilization against the Bakke Decision in either San Francisco or Los Angeles. The West Coast-wide mobilization could be coordinated with other actions in different local or regional areas.

5. The ABDC should initiate a Planning Committee to make preparations for the various actions in the WEEK OF STRUGGLE/SEMANA DE LUCHA, in the respective local and regional areas.

6. That the demonstrations be organized around the slogans:

*SMASH THE BAKKE DECISION!

*END NATIONAL OPPRESSION!

*FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN!

*DEFEND AND EXPAND ALL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND ON THE JOB!

7. That one of the targets of the demonstrations be the Supreme Court and federal buildings, with marches focused on the surrounding Third World and working class communities.

IMPACT WORKSHOP

1. That each local take up the woman question more conscientiously both through outreach efforts to women, and be developing a pamphlet on women and the Bakke Decision (using the San Jose pamphlet as a model).

2. That the National Anti-Bakke Decision Conference and the ABDC give its unconditional support to the struggle of the USF Law School Coalition in stopping the spirit of Bakke at USF. That we support and endorse the Friday, Feb. 25 demonstration planned against the School. Smash Bakke! Smash the Spirit of Bakke!

3. That the National Anti-Bakke Decision Conference and the ABDC stand in firm opposition to the proposed anti-Indian legislation led by the reactionary HR9054. Furthermore, that the Coalition fully endorses the Indian peoples' mass campaign to defeat this legislation, and in particular endorses the Longest Walk begun on Feb. 11 and due to finish in Washington, D.C. on July 4th. In the spirit of this resolution, this conference encourages all ABDC locals to commit a part of their organizing and fundraising efforts to concretely support the Longest Walk. Stop All Attacks on Indian Peoples! Defend the Sovereignty of Indian Nations!

CAMPUS OUTREACH

1. That we oppose all attacks by college administrations, regents, and trustees on special admissions, Ethnic Studies, and programs for Third World and women students.

2. That ABDC locals should pay attention to establishing ABDC chapters on campus, and to developing intercampus committees as part of their work.

3. That locals do more outreach to high school, veteran, disabled, and foreign students.

4. That we encourage all campus organizations to work together and draw in new campus organizations in sponsoring a week of coordinated campus actions the week prior to the April National Spring Offensive.

5. Given that the SWP and its affiliates (Young Socialist Alliance, National Student Coalition Against Racism) called a "Northern California Student Conference on Bakke" on Feb. 18, in direct conflict with the statewide MEChA conference and the first West Coast Asian Student Conference held Feb. 18 in the L.A. area, and given that the MEChA's and the Asian Student organizations have played an active and leading role in the student movement against the Bakke Decision, we see that the Socialist Workers' Party, YSA, and NSCAR are deliberately playing a divisive role in the overall anti-Bakke movement. Therefore, we resolve:

That we the participants of the National Anti-Bakke Decision Conference sponsored by the ABDC denounce the actions of the SWP and its affiliate organizations (the YSA and the NSCAR) in calling for this Feb. 18 No. Calif. Student Conference on Bakke, and that we refuse to support any SWP actions developed out of that conference as they deny the important role played by the Third World students in the anti-Bakke movement. (See attached statement regarding the SWP "Student Conference on Bakke".)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKSHOP

1. That we rely on the masses to expand and maintain special programs in the community in areas such as health clinics, education, housing, and recreation.
2. That we continue to link the ABDC outreach to the ongoing struggles against national oppression taking place in the communities.
3. That we strengthen our understanding and support for the struggle of women in the communities, and support the upcoming International Working Women's Day events.
4. That we develop and expand our outreach into the Black Community.
5. That we incorporate into the anti-Bakke work, educational materials on how attacks on immigrants are part of the intensifying national oppression in the U.S.

WORKPLACE OUTREACH WORKSHOP

1. That we unite workers of all nationalities to smash the Bakke decision, and to end all forms of national oppression.
2. That by relying on the masses, link the struggle against the Bakke decision to the day to day struggles of working people on the job and in the trade unions.
3. That in particular, take up the struggle to defend, expand and initiate affirmative action programs for Third World people and women.
4. That we take up the fight to end all forms of women's oppression in the workplaces.
5. That the National Office gather and communicate concrete examples of people's experiences in uniting workers of all nationalities against the Bakke decision, and prepare educational literature for use in outreach to the workplaces and the trade unions.

NATIONAL OFFICE AND NETWORK OF COMMUNICATIONS

A. ABDC National Structure

1. The national structure of the ABDC would be based on the following:
 - a. Locals: each local would elect 2 representatives to be part of a regional advisory body;
 - b. The regional bodies would be set up to coordinate the work of the various regions. Each regional would elect 2 representatives to function on the national executive board;
 - c. The National executive board would meet to coordinate the national work of ABDC;
 - d. The National Office Staff will take on the coordination of the day to day work of ABDC, and implement the policies adopted by ABDC National conferences and the national executive board.
2. Organizational affiliation with the ABDC will be based on general unity with the principles of unity and a willingness to put them into practice. The affiliation process will take place by organizations applying through locals; the locals will then make recommendations to the regionals. If there is no conflict between the recommendations of the locals and those of the

regional, the organization then immediately becomes affiliated with ABDC. If there is some conflict between the regional and local body, the application for affiliation must go to the National Exec. Board for final approval.

3. The experience of the locals (those established prior to the national conference) as to how they are structured and how they function will be summed up and shared with new locals.

B. National Communications Network

1. The National Office will take the responsibility of setting up a communications network through which local struggles and activities can be communicated. This would take the form of a newsletter. In addition, the out of state locals would write at least monthly reports to the national office. The national office will take the responsibility of writing out reports and distributing them to locals.

2. Movies, slide shows, other forms of cultural outreach will be centralized and available to all locals.

CULTURAL WORKSHOP

A. Unite FIRMLY AROUND AND IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANTI-BAKKE DECISION COALITION:

The Bakke decision is not only an attack against Third World people (as students workers, and community members), but also an attack on their culture. It will seriously weaken or eliminate ethnic studies programs, bilingual education, and Third World community cultural centers. These programs are important means for Third World people to learn their true history, language, literature, and artistic traditions. We cultural workers of the ABDC must resolutely defend Third World culture and use our talents to expose the oppression of national minorities, women, and working people. In particular, we must use our skills to inspire the masses to join the anti-Bakke movement.

B. GO ALL OUT TO MOBILIZE THE MASSES FOR THE NATIONWIDE ANTI-BAKKE DEMONSTRATION:

1. Develop cultural work committees at the local level.

Cultural work committees of the various locals should begin immediately to do outreach and get people involved in developing forms of cultural work.

a. Each region should focus on one or two projects (e.g. skit and photo display) based on the availability of resources, man-power, and experience.

b. The outreach to cultural to cultural workers should be done to help lead in the development of various projects. The principles of unity are key to drawing and uniting cultural workers for the spring demonstrations.

c. The overall coordination of cultural work should be through the Exec. and Advisory committees. Locals should submit their experiences and problems to these central bodies so that the locals elsewhere can benefit or help. Copies of various projects should be given to the ABDC National Office. The executive board should attempt to provide more centralized leadership to the cultural work which is being done. Someone on the Exec. board should be made in charge of coordinating the cultural work.

2. Ideas and Projects:

a. Skit

b. Slideshow (copies should be available to the national office)

c. Photo Exhibit

d. Posters

e. T-Shirts

f. Buttons

g. Video Tape

h. Film

i. Murals

j. Music

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

National Communications Network

3. A Master mailing list begin. The basis for this list will be the conference registration. ABDC request mailing lists from other affiliated organizations to expand the master list.

FINANCIAL POLICY

1. All locals are to give 30% (off the top) of all income to the National Office. The goal is to send \$150.00 to the National Office every two months. (As locals become better organized and working, the amount shall increase.)
2. Prior to the Spring Offensive, each local will designate one week of fund-raising, the total proceeds for that week would go to the National Office for the expenses incurred for the Spring offensive.