# \*\*\*\*\* ANTI-BAKKE DECISION COALITION \*\*\*\*\* FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY

## PRINCIPLES OF UNITY:

1. Rely on the masses of oppressed people to defeat the Bakke Decision.

2. Oppose both the U.S. 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.

## SLOGANS

1 Unite all nationalities to defeat the Bakke Decision.

2. End national oppression-Full equality for oppressed nationalities.

3. End women's oppression-Full equality for women.

## DEMANDS

1. Overturn the Bakke Decision.

2. Maintain and expand minority special admissions, Ethnic Studies and other related programs.

3. Grant tenure to progressive Third World faculty, and increase the hiring of

Thirld World staff with student input on the campuses.

4. Increase financial aids and increase the enrollment of oppressed nationality

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5. Maintain and expand programs and services for oppressed nationality communities.
6. Maintain and expand Affirmitive Action programs, increase the hiring of oppressed

nationality workers.

7. Stop cutbacks in Affirmitive Action programs for women, increase the hiring of women workers, especially oppressed nationality women.

8. End all discrinination on the basis of language and immigration status-Equality of languages at all levels of education and on the job.

The Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) is a statewide body of over 100 campus, cumunity and workers' organizations. For the last several months, the ABDC has been actively organizing on a local and statewide basis to overturn the Bakke Decision, in coordination with similar efforts nationwide.

Presently, the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing the Bakke case, which, with the racist myth of 'reverse discrimination' is threatening to eliminate Special Admissions, Affirmative Action and other related programs on the campuses, communities and workplaces across the country.

It is of great urgency and importance that we join together to actively oppose the Bakke Decision and the systematic oppression of Third World people.

Call the Los Angeles local committee for more information at 224-2595 (ask for Ron c/o EPIC Program during the day) or call Lola at 726-2793.

UNITED THE PEOPLE SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!!!

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# Effects of the Bakke Decision --

# WORKPLACES

Most clearly, the Bakke Decision is attacking existing Affirmative Action programs, while blocking much-needed new ones from being established. The argument of "reverse discrimination" can affect the hiring, promotion, transfer, pay increases of oppressed nationalities and women on the job, as well as limit opportunities for oppressed nationalities and women to get into certain industries, skilled jobs and unions.

\*In 1974, when the Civil Rights Act was signed, oppressed nationalities held only 10.7% of skilled jobs in the U.S. As of 1975, this figure remained the same.

\*In places like Atlanta, Georgia, where a big part of the population is Black, only 1 out of 5 workers at the General Motors and Ford plants are Black.

\*COORS: while over 120,880 Chicanos live in the Denver, Colorado area, Coors Beer employs only 74 Chicano workers from that city.
BOYCOTT COORS!!!

\*In the last 10 years, the percentage of women in skilled jobs rose from 3% to only 5% -- a ridiculously low figure considering that 40% of the work-force is women.

\*Unemployment for Black youth soars between 30%-40%. Unemployment rates for Black people overall is at least twice that of whites.

\*In California alone, at least seven lawsuits have been filed by companies trying to eliminate their Affirmative Action programs, on a similar basis as the Bakke Decision. This includes the Post Office, which began to hire more minorities and women only recently, In L.A., a recent court ruling overturned a 19% quota requirement for minority participation in Public Works construction projects. The construction industry has historically discriminated a lot against minorities and women; this case is being seen as a signal for a lot more similar actions in other industries, both public and private

\*Not only the companies and the UC Regents, but also the union bureaucrats are attacking Affirmative Action. Since they reap tramendous superprofits from the labor of the oppressed nationalities and women, these bureaucrats are working together with the courts to perpetuate national oppression and women's oppression in the workplace.

\*In Louisiana, the courts ruled as illegal a United Steelworkers contract that included an Affirmative Action plan. They used the Bakka Decision rationale as the base for their case.

\*The U.S. Supreme Court recently sanctioned the Teamster's obviously discriminatory system that perpetuates the "last hired, first fired" status of oppressed nationality and women workers.

\*Arnold Miller of the United Mine Workers, just as he has sold out workers of all nationalities in various strike negotiations, has reinstated a "qualification system" by which Navajos, Latinos, and Blacks are restricted to the most hazardous and low-paying jobs in the mining industry.

Many minorities and women gave been excluded historically and today from unions and forced to work in sweatshops in the ghettes and barries. For example, in Boston's Chinatown, there are 700 restaurants which employ mostly Chinese workers. They make only \$1.00 per hour, work 60-70 hours per week with no regular breaks, sick leave, atc. Not one of these restaurants has been unionized, largely because the union bursaucrats have systematically excluded these workers from joining a union. By knocking down programs to offer better job opportunities to these oppressed workers, the Bakke Decision will perpetuate the system of isolation and super-exploitation of oppressed nationality and women workers.

In general, union contracts are not translated into languages other than English, even in locals where the work-force is mostly is mostly non-English speaking. The Bakka Decision promotes the mentality that translations and equality of languages is preferential treatment for the oppressed nationalities.

Training programs such as CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) which provide special training for more skilled jobs in industries such as steel, are threatened by the Bakke Decision. Apprenticeships have been closed to most Third World people.

#### Campuses

Most well-known is that the Bakks Decision would wipe out Special Admissions programs, which have allowed for more minorities to enroll in colleges and universities. This affects not only the University of California system, but applies to state, city and community colleges as well. The Bakke decision also affects financial aid programs, Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, and any campus programs that can be interpreted as special to minorities and women.

At UC Davis, where Allan Bakke filed his suit, only 1 Black and 2 Chicanos were admitted between 1967-1969 before Special Admissions was established. (And yet the UC Regents claim that they have no past history of discrimination!!!)

In Atlanta, Georgia State University has a student population of only 15% Blacks, while a big majority of Atlanta's population overall is Black.

Without special financial aid programs, many Third World students could not afford to attend college. Yet EOP and other financial aid programs are coming under attack. California State Universities volunatrily ended their participation in a private Engineering Scholarship program for minorities. Long Beach State EOP studetns struggled against cuts in financial aid in Spring 1977.

Speical recuitment programs that go out to the high schools and communities to recruit minority students will be affected by the Bakke Decision.

The Bakke Decision will reinforce the "tracking system" by which Third World children from kindergarten up are put in inferior

schools and are excluded from college on the basis of charvinistic SAT and other tests. The UC system has just decided to rely even more heavily on these tests and GPA in determining who can be admitted to college. This effectively closes the dorrs of the universities to minorities.

Ethnic Studies programs never existed untel the last 5-10 years-where the true histories of Black, Latino, Asian and Native American people are taught. These programs are significant in challenging the perspective that traditional history, sociology, anthropology, psychology, etc., departments have taught about Third World people.

College and University administrations generally fought hard against the demands for these programs from the very geginning - using the National Guard, police, etc. From the day whent these programs were won, the administrations have tried to sabotage them by cutting financial support, controlling staff and faculty hiring, etc.

Many campuses are fightting against the firing of progressive faculty. At Laney College in Oakland, a Native American Studies instructor was fired and the course now taught by an Anthropology professor. At UC Davis, the administration tried to deny tenure to a progressive Asian Studies teacher, but was forced to back down in the face of mass student support.

UC Santa Barbara, the administration has tried to shove Ethnic Studies under Sociology, in opposition to student demands for a separate department.

At Cal. State L.A. and E.L.A. College, studetns are still fighting to get Ethnic Studies programs.

Affirmative Action in the hiring of campus staff is directly affected by the Bakke Decision.

Child care programs serving women students are being cut back; this will make it impossible for some women to go to school.

Special language programs and bilingually taught courses are under attack. At UC Davis, they tried to eliminate the Cantonese course (dialect of Chinese spoken in most Chinatown communities). In Newark, at Essex County College, they tried to eliminate bilingual classes for the Spanish speaking Puerto Rican students.

Counseling, tutoring and supportive services for minority and women students are also threatened by the Bakke Decision.

#### COMMUNITIES

Using the Gakke arguments, any program that is "special" or designed to meet specific needs of minority groups or women can be attacked. Many important community services and programs could potentially face difficulties in funding, operation, etc. if the Bakke Decision is upheld.

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It may seem far-fetched...But one ELA bank has already been cited for having "too many" Chicano workers and not enough whites. They were told to hire more white workers (even tho' ELA is at least 90% Chicano.)

Child-care centers, bilingual training programs, ESL classes, etc. all aimed at addressing special needs can be threatened.

# HISTORICAL FACTS ON BAKKE.....

- 1. Bakke was 34 years old when he applied to UC Davis Medical School and had already had an established career as an aerospace engineer.
- One California court determined that Bakke was not entitled to an order for admission to the University because he would not have been selected even if there had been no special programs for minorities.
- 3. There were 36 white students that were admitted through regular admissions over the 2 year period in which Bakke applied that had lower test scores than Bakke.
- 4. Bakke was discriminated because of his age....NOT because of special admissions program.

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