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COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION

Communist Analysis of Anti-Bakke Movement All Out Mobilization For Oct. 15!

The US Supreme Court announced that it will hear the Bakke case October 12 and make public its ruling sometime later. In response, the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition for a National Day of Solidarity (ABDC) plans massive demonstrations for October 15 at the San Francisco Federal Building. Groups in Atlanta, Boston, New York and other cities plan coordinated events for Oct. 15. Students and workers around the US will protest the Bakke decision which outlaws special admissions and affirmative action programs for national minorities.

In the 1960's thousands of Black, Latin, Native American and Asian students across the US fought militantly for preferential admissions to the colleges and universities. Black students, in particular played a strong role; the Black movement helped spark movements among other oppressed nationalities and within the working class. National minorities fought for hiring more minority teachers and staff, for special financial aids and ethnic studies departments. After sit-ins, strikes and occupying buildings, local governments and administrators were forced to grant these programs. At factories and workplaces around the US, many workers took up similar struggles and won affirmative action programs for hiring and training of national minorities.

But with the imperialist economic crisis of the 1970's, the ruling class is attempting to take away these gains. People around the world are rising up against US domination. The US is increasing its rivalry with the USSR for control of the world's markets and resources. The two superpowers are preparing for a new world war. To make up for lost profits the imperialists intensify the exploitation of working people and



The hard-won gains of the '60's will be lost without a revolutionary fight. Here students and workers demonstrate against the Bakke decision earlier this year in San Jose.

national minorities at home. To prepare the "home front" for war, they must divide and weaken the working class. The Bakke decision is part of the wider political and economic attack on national minorities. Today the ruling class is united on the need to take away the gains of the 1960's--they differ on how much and how fast.

The Bakke case is more than an attack on affirmative action programs--it sets the basis for the intensification of national oppression throughout

Lance Out-Capitalism Next

From time to time a little shaft of truth breaks through the capitalists wall of lies. Watergate, for instance, revealed a lot about the way capitalist politics are actually conducted.

society National minorities are forced into the lowest paying jobs, forced into the worst schools and receive the worst health care Imperialism directly profits from the lower wages paid to minorities Imperialism particularly attacks the oppressed peoples of the Chicano and Black nations in the South and Southwest

The argument that whites suffer "reverse discrimination" negates the century of oppression faced by national minorities It is used to justify the forcing of minorities into the worst jobs, housing, etc The reverse discrimination argument further divides the working class The struggle to defend the rights of minorities is the task of all workers--part of the overall struggle against imperialism

A COMMUNIST VIEW OF THE ANTI-BAKKE MOVEMENT

For almost a year Marxist-Leninist groups such as ATM(M-L), I Wor Kuen, and others have helped build the movement against the Bakke decision We have helped organize mass marches, rallies, demonstrations and build multi-national unity against the Bakke decision.

While we believe that the Bakke decision can be defeated, the entire system of imperialism will never be defeated except through socialist revolution Only under socialism will national minorities and all workers gain full democratic rights A socialist education system will enrich minority culture, a socialist economic system will encourage the development of national minority communities Socialism guarantees the true right of self-determination to all oppressed nations, including the right to form a separate state. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, all forms of discrimination are outlawed Because there are no capitalists to profit from the exploitation of national minorities and workers, there is no material base for continued discrimination The struggle to eliminate racist ideas will continue for some time even after a revolution, but only a socialist revolution can lay the basis for eliminating racism

For any socialist revolution to be successful, it must be led by a single, unified communist party Such a party will represent the interests of workers throughout the US Unlike the scattered Marxist-Leninist groups that exist today, a unified vanguard party will be able to mobilize various classes and strata to build a united front to defeat imperialism. This new communist party will be built in the heat of class struggle, in the heat of theoretical struggle and in giving revolutionary leadership to practical struggles like the anti-Bakke movement Every successful revolution has been led by such a party, that's why ATM(M-L) sees this as our central task.

To defeat the Bakke decision and continue the struggle against national oppression, the movement must link the struggle against Bakke to a struggle against imperialism ATM(M-L) believes the following three points are key in developing that movement.

TARGET IMPERIALISM -- The Bakke decision is not coincidence, nor is it the policy of a few bad men. The Bakke decision flows logically from imperialism--a system which profits from the exploitation of all workers and oppressed people The UC administration and Regents represent this system of imperialism. The Regents sit on the Boards of Directors of companies like IBM, AT&T, Crocker Bank and Pacific Telephone. They always protect their corporate interests as in the recent case of continuing their investments with companies that support apartheid in South Africa. Similarly, the US Supreme Court upholds the policies of imperialism. We must target not only the Supreme Court and the Regents, but the whole capitalist system which will benefit from the Bakke decision.

Imperialism is the enemy of all working and oppressed people--regardless of nationality The capitalists will use the precedent of Bakke to attack affirmative action for women. Struggles of working and oppressed women have forced the capitalists to provide special women's studies programs at universities and forced certain industries to hire women. In a strictly legal sense the Bakke case doesn't affect women. But the imperialists will use the logic of Bakke to deny affirmative action for women. The common struggle against imperialism calls for the closest unity of national minorities and women against a common enemy.

While the Bakke case is a special attack on national minorities, it comes at a time when the government is cutting back educational opportunities for white working class youth as well. At City University of New York, for example, the capitalists cut out the open admissions and increased tuition which prevented many white working class youth from attending college. Based on a common program of support for the demands of national minorities, all nationalities must join in the struggle to defeat the Bakke case, establish quality education for all working people, and overthrow imperialism. The struggle against national oppression weakens imperialism--it is in everyone's interests to fight national oppression. This fight must include upholding the right of self-determination for the Black and Chicano na-

tions No one can be free so long as imperialism forcibly occupies those oppressed nations

WORKERS MUST TAKE THE LEAD--Different classes and strata are active in the anti-Bakke movement The Bakke case directly threatens the jobs of thousands of teachers, administrators and other professionals who currently work in special minority programs. The Bakke case is also a direct attack on the interests of minority workers and students Corporations and universities around the country will eliminate their affirmative action programs if the Bakke decision is upheld The demands for more minority professionals and continued affirmative action are legitimate demands that all progressive people must support Today groups representing the interests of the petty bourgeoisie, intelligentsia and labor aristocracy are active in the anti-Bakke movement, groups like the NAACP, MALDEF, CASA, Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party USA To the extent these forces influence the movement, it will remain limited to reform demands

Only the working class can lead the struggle to defeat the Bakke decision, end national oppression and establish socialism. The working class is concentrated in large scale industry and holds the power to stop the capitalists' profits by stopping production Workers are the only class who have no material interest in maintaining capitalism, who are politically capable of overthrowing it.

Sections of the petty bourgeoisie and intelligentsia are oppressed by imperialism as well They are allies of the working class and can be a powerful force for mass struggle So far many hundreds of revolutionary intellectuals have demonstrated against the Bakke case and have played a most active role. The working class must begin to see cases like Bakke as part of their own struggle In particular, workers must begin to play a leading role in the anti-Bakke movement

To date, the ABDC has had some success in reaching out to workers. The most recent Santa Barbara California advisory committee meeting involved a number of workers from local plants who are integrating the anti-Bakke struggle into their work. Two of the keynote speakers were workers. A number of unions have passed resolutions opposing the Bakke decision, including United Steelworkers #1981 and United Auto Workers #1364. Forums in East LA and the Bay Area attracted workers, but there is still much to be done The anti-Bakke movement and advanced workers must take agitational and propaganda materials to the basic industries and to the unions Union locals and caucuses must be mobilized to participate in demonstrations and rallies against the Bakke decision. Workers must become actively involved in leading the ABDC and other anti-Bakke groups

EXPOSE THE OPPORTUNISTS--As in any mass movement, a number of opportunist groups are participating in the anti-Bakke work. Everyone wants the greatest possible unity to defeat the Bakke case But no movement can succeed in overturning the Bakke decision, let alone in defeating imperialism, if the leadership puts their own reformist interests ahead of the masses.

Today more and more students are realizing in the course of struggle that opportunists like the Communist Party USA, CASA, and the Socialist Workers Party are unable to provide revolutionary leadership to the movement.

The CPUSA, CASA and other opportunists are participating in the National Committee to overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) Although honest

ATM (M-L) DEMANDS

1. Overturn the Bakke Decision.
2. Open Admissions with No Tuition--guarantee a minimum of proportional admissions for minorities. Students and workers must fight for free, quality higher education for everyone. Open admissions means that anyone who desires to attend college should be able to do so. Until recently, New York public colleges had this system and thousands of working class and minority youth received a college education. The demand for open admissions is not a substitute for the legitimate demands of minorities for preferential admissions to colleges. Because of the history of national oppression in the US, minority students must be guaranteed admission in no lesser numbers than their percentage of the population.
3. End cutbacks, expand social services and the hiring of minorities and working class women. The Bakke decision will affect not only students, but workers as well. Therefore we must demand the increase in social service programs and affirmative action programs for women and minorities at workplaces and universities.

individuals are participating in the national Committee, its political line and actions--particularly those of its leading organizations--will never defeat the Bakke case

The National Committee limits the struggle against Bakke to a struggle for "racial equality" The NCOBD has struggled against linking the anti-Bakke movement to the fight against imperialism and national oppression. In their major brochure, "Fight Racism--Overturn the Bakke Decision!" for example, the NCOBD doesn't mention imperialism once Indeed the CPUSA and CASA see "racism" as only a bad set of ideas that can be legislated away with militant reforms. They liquidate the national question as part of the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism

The leadership of NCOBD essentially represents the political interests of the petty bourgeoisie and labor aristocracy who are anxious to "move up" as doctors, lawyers and school administrators The NCOBD has completely failed to actively involve workers in their campaigns, preferring instead to get endorsements from bourgeois politicians like Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson. The position of the NCOBD guarantees that the Bakke struggle will deadend into harmless legal challenges and an alliance with the bourgeoisie. In the course of the struggle, students and workers must expose the phony support of these opportunists and drive them from the anti-Bakke movement

THE OCTOBER 15 DEMONSTRATIONS

Large numbers of demonstrators will converge in San Francisco and other cities for the Oct. 15 demonstrations. They will demand an overturning of the Bakke decision, increases in special admissions programs for minorities and increased affirmative action for women After the Oct 15 demonstration the ABDC will be laying plans to continue the struggle and develop it around the country. ALL OUT FOR OCT 15!

UNITE ALL NATIONALITIES TO DEFEAT BAKKE
EDUCATION AND JOBS ARE A RIGHT,
NOT A PRIVILEGE
FULL EQUALITY FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES
AND WOMEN THROUGH SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

Lance Out...

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politicians in the US. By marrying the boss' daughter, Lance started out as a small town bank owner in Calhoun, Georgia. Lance acquired political friends around the state by handing out generous loans. Then Governor Jimmy Carter appointed him head of the Georgia Highway Commission. But Lance was still a local banker, far from the centers of power on Wall Street. The big banks are always anxious to develop allies for their investment and political policies in different regions of the country. The major bankers, particularly the Rockefellers, took a liking to Lance and to Carter. Lance was able to take out a loan of \$3.4 million from Rockefellers' First City National Bank of Chicago to help his controlling interest in the National Bank of Georgia. These publicly disclosed loans are undoubtedly a small portion of the backroom

deals and financing of Carter and his friends by the Wall Street financial groups. Jimmy Carter and Bert Lance, far from being "just country folk" and "Washington outsiders" have had their hands in Wall Street's till for many years. And they, like every other administration before them, carry out the needs of those same monopoly groups.

The Bible-thumping hypocrisy of capitalism was thoroughly revealed in the Lance case. The notion that capitalists and workers are bound by either the same laws or the same code of ethics bites the dust. Not a working man or woman in this country could get away with consistent check overdrafts of \$100 much less \$100,000. The Lance affair has shown us once again that the laws are written by the capitalists for the capitalists.

Lance is no exception to his class. The entire capitalist class steals its loot from the workers in the form of profits to begin with. And the financial dealings of Bert Lance are typical goings-on for the capitalists.

The exposure of Lance is a good thing. It educates more of the working people as to the real nature of capitalist deceit. Undoubtedly Lance's exposure is a move on the part of one group of capitalists' interests against another. It certainly was no accident. Time will eventually reveal who benefits from Lance's ouster. In the meantime we are finally able to understand just why Carter considered Lance such a "trusted friend" and was ready to turn over the Office of Management and Budget to that crook. Over a two year period, while Lance was head of the National Bank of Georgia, he lent Carter's agribusiness operation almost \$5 million. Is it any wonder why Carter would say to Lance, "Bert I'm proud of you"? ★