

ABDC Lays Plans

FRESNO, CA.--"Bakke's attacks reach far and wide; Build the struggle nation-wide!!" This was one of the chants shouted many times by over 80 people who gathered here December 18 for a meeting of the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) advisory committee. The purpose of the meeting was to develop the program of action that the coalition will follow in the first 6 months of 1978.

With an overwhelming show of unity the California state-wide conference agreed to formalize the coalition as a national organization. ABDC locals will be organized immediately in New York, Boston, and Atlanta, followed by El Paso, Chicago and other midwestern, southern and southwestern cities. Groups in New York, Boston and Atlanta have already expressed unity with ABDC's points of unity and demands. These groups held solidarity anti-Bakke demonstrations on October 15 at the same time that ABDC gathered 4,000 people in San Francisco for a militant, colorful anti-Bakke demonstration.

The ABDC plans to unite all groups and individuals who can be united around the points of unity and demands (see box), as well as to deepen its outreach among workers and women's organizations. To coordinate all of these efforts a national office will be immediately set up in the San Francisco Bay Area. A national conference will be held in San Francisco on February 11 which will bring in organizers from all over the US whose task will be to continue building for a national demonstration on April 29. Local actions to build for this demonstration will be held on February 25.

The lively Fresno meeting heard solidarity speakers from the Fresno State Third World Student Coalition the MEChA Chicano student organization, the Iranian Student Association and the Fungston Tenants (a strong group of tenants fighting poor living conditions in Fresno.) All speakers expressed solidarity with ABDC. One of the things that the ISA speaker pointed out was that the "Bakke decision sets the basis for the intensification of national oppression" and that the struggle must continue under the leadership of the ABDC.

The conference ended with chants and shouts to "build the struggle nation-wide and "down with Bakke!"

PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

1. Rely on the masses of oppressed people to defeat the Bakke Decision.
2. Oppose both the US 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.