Forty percent of Black children live in families that are plainly tired of paying for hundreds of years of deprivation of decent housing, forced into malnutrition and toil; forced into their present problems. They have to sacrifice and study the way we did. This is how it goes in our responsibility, not our ancestry, that the hoax of "What... is being reversed? Are the whites to be let alone? Is the State's doctors, lawyers, etc. should be black is an idea that is propagandized day in and day out to millions of people. And it has a big impact.

A call-in poll conducted by the New York Post immediately after the court decision found that 76 percent of those responding approved of the ruling. (Yet 1978 was a year of new statements point the way to more such united activities this fall."

Because of their commitment to united action, the socialists welcome recent statements by the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke decision and the Communist Party. NCOBD National Staff Coordinator Melinda Paras stresses the need for unity in an article in the June 28 issue of the Guardian. Paras criticizes certain organizations—in particular, the Macat, I.W.creenshot and August 29 Movement—for attempting to build the anti-Bakke movement on a narrow, exclusionary basis. "Those who are seriously concerned could win the struggle against a force as powerful as the U.S. Supreme Court," Paras says, "if the whole movement is united in order to maximize its political impact."

She says that "NCOBD's organizing work has clearly been directed to the masses of workers and students, especially third world people and women."

But, Paras explains, "NCOBD is convinced that trade union officials, ministers, politicians, social service professionals, lawyers, and the like are an integral part of the united front as well."

Paras says that groups such as IWK and ATW "are terrified" by such forces "because they fear they would lose leadership in the midst of such a broad front." Paras also says that unity in the anti-Bakke movement must include those whom she calls "revisionists, Trotskyists and dogmatists." She specifically singles out the SWP and the Communist Party, USA, in this regard. "While we clearly have political disagreements with Parsons," says Dixon, "we agree with her that these differences should not be an obstacle to unity against the Bakke ruling."

In a statement published in the July 8 issue of the Daily World, the Communist Party also calls for unity. "The CP urges the labor movement, community, and religious organizations to join the fight."

It also says, "student action should be organized on every campus to block retreats on affirmative action and instead to demand new advances."

We Communists will join with all democratic-minded persons, irrespective of political views or affiliations, who are prepared to do battle this epic struggle," the statement concludes.

Dixon and Hart explained that the NCOBD organized the April 15 demonstration of 10,000 people in Washington, D.C., against the Bakke decision. And the CP and its affiliated Young Workers Liberation League played a major role in organizing some 4,000 young people in a national march for jobs a week earlier—also in Washington. "The SWP and YSA supported both of those actions," says Hart. "These new statements point the way to more such united activities this fall."

"Despite the confusing language used by the Supreme Court to cloak the real meaning of its July 6 Bakke decision," explains "the racist and sexist character of this ruling will become increasingly clear."

"As this happens, oppressed minorities and women will struggle to defend and extend the gains they have won through affirmative action against new blows from racist forces."

Dixon added, "Unified action by those already involved in anti-Bakke activities will make it easier to involve still more people. We工作任务 from the labor movement, the Black, Chicano, and Puerto Rican communities, and the women's movement."