Legal Seal For
Reactive Onslaught

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Almost before the ink was dry on the lengthy decision, bourgeois commentators were calling it a "middle of the road" ruling—one that "reaffirms" the need for affirmative action programs at the same time that it confirmed that they were a part of the bourgeoisie.

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2nd Convention of RCYB

Firm Ground For
New Advances

"Youth of America Dare to Say, Revolution Is the Only Way!" The chant rang out amidst thunderous applause while the second national convention of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) in Austin, Texas, finally came to a close. This Austin location had historic significance. It was in Austin nearly 10 years ago that the Revolutionary Union (which played a major role in the formation of the RCP) first planted its decisive part in the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in commencing the revolutionary line of Progressive Labor Party (PL) with Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought.

This 1978 Austin meeting was one of consolidation and celebration over the two campuses and, in particular, the counterrevolutionary clique in the Brigade.

Bakke had also met with a meeting of students at the University of California at Davis (which denied admission to Allan Bakke), and encouraged him to file his suit against this ruling. This talk of "reverse discrimination" was one of the key issues at the recent Austin convention of the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RCYB), which preceded it, rooting itself on the Revolutionary Student Brigade's (RCY) had one. A large group of delegates and the staff of the RCYB were present at the meeting where far more was achieved than simply rejecting the Mensheviks' "leaders" were unable to stamp out the Menshevik leaders themselves were first among them.

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On the weekend of June 24th, more than 18,000 people poured into Seabrook, New Hampshire to protest the construction of the Seabrook nuclear plant. The three-day demonstration was called by the Clamshell Alliance, a loose coalition of more than 50 anti-nuclear groups. The demonstration, which included students and professionals, came from up and down the Eastern Seaboard and some groups as far away as California. Doctor Spock, Dick Gregory and Arlo Guthrie were there to do the honors, but the protesters were sorely disappointed and angry about the demonstration and the manner in which they were betrayed by the leadership of Clamshell.

Last year, in Seabrook, 1,800 occupiers tried to stop construction of the nuclear plant and abandon the project. (See Revolution June 1977) More than 1,400 demonstrators were arrested, refusing to post bail and demanding that all the demonstrators be released on their own recognizance or all would stay. They cost the State of New Hampshire $50,000 a day and no end of embarrassment and put the capitalists' plans for their disasterous “nuclear power” on full display in the newspapers across the country. This year the capitalists were determined not to let the same thing happen in Seabrook, which might disrupt their plans for the development of the nuclear power plant.

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is-political—popularizing the science of revolution. This was done at a time when many student radicals and activists of the Black liberation movement considered Marxism out of date, dogmatic or just for “honkies.” Such study brought to life the lessons passed on in the blood of the class struggle, including getting Mao Tse-tung’s Red Book out to the masses in literally tens of thousands of copies. This is what the RCYB was all about.

Going along with taking Marxism to the masses was the training of the Brigade members in science. The convention united around carrying on this militant action against the power plant. The counter-demonstration which was billed in the bourgeois press as workers demonstrating in favor of the construction plant was mainly a collection ofunion hacks and the like trying to put over their line. The leadership of the AFL-CIO have been going right along with the capitalists plans for nuclear power plants, claiming that construction will mean more jobs, and bribing the doomsday line of the bourgeoisie that the country is running out of fuel. In the name of progress, the capitalists argue that they must expand nuclear energy production to avoid a national disaster, even if it means disaster for the masses of people and the destruction of the natural environment.

The movement against the construction of nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons (which, although different questions, have been linked together by many forces in the movement) is significant, involving a broad spectrum of people. It is particularly important in the light of the capitalists’ moves toward a new world war. But there is a great deal of confusion among the movement about the root of the capitalists’ unbridled disj"ism is used to turn the rage of the masses at its rightward target, the imperialsists and their system; including its armed thugs, will determine whether the RCYB is able to make the big advances possible even in this period of relative calm."

The example of Houston is especially good one in this regard, as the RCYB and other revolutionary forces helped build this battle as a revolutionary fight against the bourgeoisie, thereby strengthening the people’s forces and bringing forward more conscious fighters. For this three activists were rewarded with possible 20 year sentences by the Houston capitalists and many others were arrested during the rebellion.

And this only underscores the criminal nature of the Bakke decision loud and clear: a green light to step up their slashing away at any affirmative action programs that presently exist. Only relying on militant mass-struggle—and not on any amount of legal briefs—will beat back these attacks or force the courts to once again "reinterpret" their reactionary constitution.

The state of New Hampshire pressured and harassed the local leaders of the Clamshell Alliance in Seabrook, and according to Harvey Wasserman, a leader of the movement, "They made up a ground floor that indicated how very, very, very hard it was for the Alliance to get the three tasks among the broad masses of youth that were laid out in the Communist Consolidation Campaign."

18,000 people showed up to demonstrate against the nuclear power plant at Seabrook. A great many were disgusted by what they considered a cornball atmosphere and betrayal by some Clamshell leaders.

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the constitution used to knock it down now as the economic crisis and the political situation has led to a new bourgeois of offensive against the oppressed nationalities.

All this only underscores the criminal nature of the Bakke decision. Although the ruling of those who, claiming to speak on behalf of the masses, are calling the decision or calling for the struggle to be carried out in the courts. College administrators, public agencies and private employers have got the meaning of the Bakke decision loud and clear: a green light to step up their slashing away at any affirmative action programs that presently exist. Only relying on militant mass-struggle—and not on any amount of legal briefs—will beat back these attacks or force the courts to once again "reinterpret" their reactionary constitution.

The mass outrage over the Bakke decision is growing daily, and the working class and masses of people must unite in even greater numbers to fight this reactionary ruling and every attack on minority nationalities. The fight against the capitalists and their system will continue, and hiring must push ahead, and new affirmative action programs, with real content, must be demanded. Existing programs—already under attack—must be defended.

Within hours of the announcement of the Bakke ruling, people began organizing actions against it across the country. Demonstrations at federal buildings, sidewalk rallies, car caravans through college communities and other actions have taken place and are sure to continue.