

# MAY 13 ANTI-BAKKE RALLY

On May 13 thousands of people are expected at an Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) rally in San Francisco. This rally culminates a week of intensive mobilization and activity up and down the West Coast. The San Francisco rally is receiving wide support from unions as well as from student and community organizations of all nationalities. This support reflects the growing mass opposition to the Bakke decision. Other rallies have been organized by ABDC between May 6-13 in New York, Chicago, Atlanta and Boston.

Only a few weeks ago 15,000 attended a National Coalition to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) march in Washington DC. This rally was an important gain in the battle to defeat the Bakke decision.

The motion toward nation-wide activity around Bakke reflects the growing scope of the anti-Bakke decision movement. No longer limited to a few college campuses in California, anti-Bakke activity is now being carried on in numerous communities and campuses throughout the US.

The anti-Bakke decision movement is winning this support due to the strong popular opposition to attacks on equal rights of women and oppressed nationalities. However, the future growth of this movement and its influence is being undermined by its fragmentation. In order to overcome this fragmentation, Marxist-

Leninists must take the lead in the struggle for unity. The tactics of reformist and national exclusive tendencies have undermined this unity in the past.

In Washington DC this was reflected in the reluctance of some to aggressively build the march because of the reformist leadership at its head. In turn we now see the leadership of the DC march holding a separate West Coast rally! The sectarianism associated with this kind of activity only serves to promote apathy and cynicism. Those building a separate rally fail to appreciate the importance of unity to the anti-Bakke decision struggle. Instead they place their own narrow interests above the movement as a whole.

We call on all those opposed to the Bakke decision to support the ABDC rally on May 13.

The Workers Congress (Marxist-Leninist) also calls on the ABDC to take up the struggle for united action aggressively. United action can and should be built on the basis of support for the principle of equal rights. This principle does not compromise a revolutionary outlook. At the same time it is not exclusionary.

The principle of equal rights allows Marxist-Leninists to unfold propaganda and agitation around national oppression, the oppression of women and the leading role of the working class. Yet it does not exclude from participation those who are

still under the influence of reformist politics.

The struggle to defeat the influence of reformism and revisionism in the spontaneous movement is a long protracted struggle. To carry out this struggle successfully requires persistent and patient political education. This work also requires that communists take the lead in building the broadest possible unity. It is only through such work that communists gain the trust, confidence and respect of the masses.

## WEST COAST MOBILIZATION

### march & rally

10 am assemble at Garfield Park  
25th & Harrison Streets

1 pm rally at the Federal Bldg.  
450 Golden Gate Avenue

### program

- Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition
- Robert F. Williams
- Philip Veracruz
- Black American Law Student Assn.
- Iranian Student Association
- Asian Student Union
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

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economic development of Mexico. The war had been between the progressive aspiring national bourgeoisie backed by the oppressed peasants and the aristocratic forces backed by the professional military elements.

Even after the civil war, these reactionary forces didn't give up. Many supported France's plans to control Mexico as a way to re-establish their own power and wealth. They provided Napoleon III with the excuse of supposed Mexican approval for his designs on Mexico.

The new Juarez government needed to rebuild the nation's economy after years of civil war. When it suspended payment on foreign debts, Napoleon III seized on this act as a pretext to invade Mexico along with England and

### THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE CONTINUES

Although the Mexican people defeated the French's hegemonic plans, their national independence was not guaranteed. For the last 100 years, imperialism, especially US monopoly capital, has increasingly dominated and impoverished Mexico. Because the struggle for national independence continues, the celebration of Cinco de Mayo is a significant one. Every year on May 5th, the Mexican people reaffirm their commitment to struggle against foreign domination. Mexican-Americans celebrate this holiday in solidarity with the struggle in Mexico and as a statement of their determination to struggle against national oppression within the US.