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Continue the Struggle Against the Bakke Decision

No matter how the Supreme Court rules in the Bakke case, racist discrimination in medical education and throughout this society will continue. The anti-racist struggle must go on, too.

The Bakke decision is another attack on black people and national minorities, who have long been super-exploited by big business. Special education and job programs that dented racist allocations of resources and racist hiring systems are under fire. In the 1960's, the mass struggle, often against official and Klan-type violence, fought by minority peoples and by anti-racist workers and students won real gains. The economic position of minorities improved; their great contributions to humanity won respect; racist and chauvinist attitudes were forced into retreat.

All this cost the capitalist class money. It dealt a blow to a major political tool for dominating the working class. Since then, the gains of anti-racist struggle have been under attack. If there was ever any lull in the fight, it's over now. Education grants, low interest loans, housing assistance, healthcare funds and school finances for black people and various national minorities are being slashed.

The whole working class is hurt by this racism. Only capitalists benefit. Racism is based on the difference in income and standard of living between white and minority workers. It is big business's divide-and-conquer tactic to fragment the working class and weaken our struggles. Where racism succeeds, unions are weakest, wages are lowest, and schools and public services the worst for all workers. The entire working class has as much interest in fighting



STRATEGY FOR FIGHTING BAKKE AND RACISM

We cannot rely on the capitalist-owned courts and politicians to smash the Bakke decision. Only by targeting militant mass struggle at the courts, at the university and at the capitalists, who promote racism, can we defeat the Bakke decision.

We need to unite all workers and progressive students to fight racism. The Bakke decision is not an attack only on minorities; it is an attack on the unity and equality of the working class, the overall target of racist capitalists and the great force for anti-racist and all progressive struggle. This question comes up in the issue of quota systems, which are too often used to pit minorities and whites against each other in a scramble for the few admission slots and jobs the capitalists dangle before us. We need to fight racist admissions systems and we need to fight for more jobs, doctors and resources for public services!

A fighting program against racism and national minority oppression includes:

SMASH THE BAKKE DECISION! Fight the racism and national minority oppression of the bosses' courts.

EXPAND ADMISSIONS, MORE DOCTORS! Unite the working class with demands for more education and more jobs. For example, medical school admissions have a direct impact on the quality of health care for all of us.

DEFEAT RACIST ADMISSIONS POLICIES! Minorities are kept out of jobs and higher education because of discrimination. Anti-racist forces in each workplace and campus must expose and fight the racist policies at their particular institution.

AGGRESSIVE MINORITY RECRUITMENT AND EQUALITY IN PROMOTIONS! We do not tie ourselves to a phoney quota system. The workers at a company and students at a school know when minorities are excluded. We demand programs to recruit more minorities and to provide equality in promotions and opportunities once recruited. We should keep the terms of the struggle in our own hands. We cannot look to the bosses with their bureaucratic systems to tell us when enough is enough.

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL; PUT THE MONEY WHERE IT'S NEEDED! We demand more resources for all working class areas, with the most deprived schools (more often found in minority neighborhoods) getting catch-up funds.



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