

Part of week-long actions

Bakke blasted at Cal State

Hayward, Calif.—Over 125 students at Cal. State Hayward rallied Nov. 9 in one of dozens of actions held here and across the country during the National Week of Resistance against the racist Bakke decision.

Initiated by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition, the demands of the week were: No implementation of the Bakke Decision; End National Oppression; and Commemorate the Third World Strikes of the 1960s.

At the Hayward rally, Malachi Andrews, a Black physical education instructor at Cal State, told students about the struggles there during the '60s. In a rousing talk, he described how the Cal State students were active, not only in the movement against the Vietnam war, but also in demanding better quality education, including ethnic studies, women's studies and childcare. At one point, hundreds of students of all nationalities had occupied the administration building and sealed it off on the outside with a huge human chain.

It is precisely the kind of programs which were won then that are now being buried by the Bakke bulldozer under the cover of stopping so-called "reverse discrimination."

Noting that "the lessons of the '60s can be traced to the spirit of resistance among all

the people for social change," Andrews called for united multinational resistance against Bakke and all forms of oppression.

Andrews also talked about a visit he made to South Africa. He linked the oppression and genocide of Azanians at the hands of the racist apartheid regime there to the history of genocide against Blacks, Native Americans and Mexicans.

The Hayward rally, which was sponsored by the Campus Resistance Coalition and the Communist Youth Organization, also featured Sam Ho of the CPML. He elaborated on how U.S. imperialism was built upon and has thrived on national oppression.

"Moves like Bakke, Proposition 13 and the resurgence of the KKK and the Nazis are not coincidences," Ho explained. "They are happening at a time when U.S. capitalism is in the midst of a serious economic crisis.

"The intensification of national oppression and the whipping up of race hate is meant to make the whole working class suffer the effects of the crisis," he continued. "When the working class remains divided along national lines, it cannot mount an effective fight against the capitalist class."

Ho, who was an activist in Students for a Democratic So-

ciety (SDS) during the '60s, said that another important lesson of that period was the need for conscious revolutionary leadership.

"Spontaneous mass movements like those of the '60s have arisen throughout history," Ho stated, "but revolutions are only accomplished when conscious, organized leadership exists."

Speaking at the rally was also a representative of the ABDC. She cited examples linking discriminatory attacks today, as in the case of the Bakke decision, with the history of imperialism's oppression of minority nationalities.

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