

This press conference is called by the African Liberation Support Committee, Association of Black Attorneys, Baptist Ministers Union of San Diego County and Vicinity, Black Federation, Committee on Chicano Rights, NAACP, NIA Cultural Organization, Southeast Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, World Community of Islam in the West Masjid Muhammad #8 and People For Better Foods and Services: to announce the formation of the Coalition for Justice. One of the purposes of this coalition is the coordination of our collective efforts in our pursuit of justice in the murder of Tyrone Thomas.

We disagree with the findings of the District Attorney and Chief of Police in this matter as we believe their conclusion to be self-serving rather than reflecting unbiased objectivity.

The testimony of two eye-witnesses of the tragedy of May 30, 1978 contradicts much of what the police say occurred. (Example: Police report Officer Christensen had his baton in his left hand, revolver in his right and attempted to grab Tyrone by the Shoulder to keep him from fleeing; and because his left hand was losing it's grip, he decided to strike Tyrone with the revolver which was in his right hand. Both witnesses state Christensen had no baton and had full control of Tyrone by holding him by the waistband of his trousers in the small of his back with his left hand and holding the revolver in his right. Tyrone was seen to have both hands raised shoulder high and Christensen was heard to say several times "Don't make me kill you")

Obviously someone is not telling the truth. During a meeting of the police, one of the witnesses and myself, the police requested the witness to take a polygraph to which I replied we would think about. When I was contacted by the police several days later for my reply, I stated if Christensen and Aguirre would submit to a polygraph by a qualified, independent Agency of my choosing, I would agree to the witness to undergo the same test under the same conditions. I was told they would get back to me. More than a week has passed and I have yet to hear from them.

The Firearms Policy of the San Diego Police Department #1.6 Administration, dated 7-11-77 states:

"Contemporary society, the legislative, the judiciary and the Department place a greater value on the preservation of life than on the apprehension of criminal offenders. For this reason, the Department considers firearms to be defensive weapons, to be used only when necessary to protect human life or in the rare situations to apprehend fleeing felons."-----
-----Policy

- A. It is the policy of the San Diego Police Department that Officers shall use a firearm only as a last resort when it reasonably appears necessary:
- 1) To protect themselves from death or serious bodily injury, or;
 - 2) To protect another officer or any other person from death or serious bodily injury, or;
 - 3) To apprehend a fleeing felon believed to be armed with a deadly weapon for a felony involving great bodily injury or the threat of great bodily injury. "

In the Pursuit Policy of the SDPD, Instruction

#1.12 Administration (revised 8-77) dated 11-9-77, Section C:

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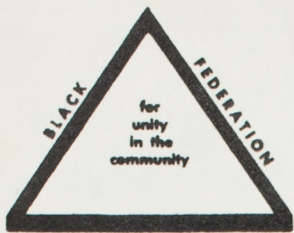
We believe Officer Christensen is in clear violation of these policies. We further believe the District Attorney and Chief of Police are aware of these violations, but are more concerned about potential civil ramifications than the criminality of this matter.

This coalition has called for a "Gathering of the Community" on Wednesday, evening, July 12, 1978, 7 p.m. at Christ Church of San Diego--3060 54th Street to hear the facts available to us in this matter and to participate with us in a new genesis for ~~prayers through~~ ^{Progress} cooperative efforts as we move together toward justice and the improvement of the well-being of our entire community.

This is not a rally, but the beginning of a spiritual, psychological, social-ogical and economic metamorphosis of our community by our Community and for our Community.

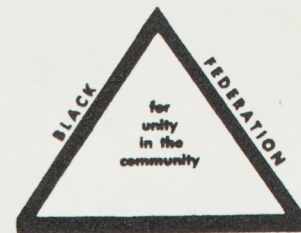
On tomorrow evening this coalition will present a list of several demands to the community for information and later to the City Council for action.

We come together not as advocates of lawlessness but seekers of truth and justice and we invite people of good-will throughout the County to join with us. A full revelation of the truth, no matter how painful cannot but make of us all a better people from having participated in the process and with the help of God, we will be successful.



Black Federation of San Diego

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VERNON SUKUMU
Executive Director

January 31, 1979

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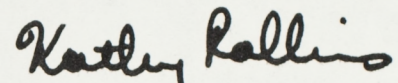
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For more information contact myself or Kasimu at 263-8161.

Remember:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
ROOM 310 NORTH CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1979
8:30 A.M.

Sincerely,



Kathy Rollins
Planning Coordinator

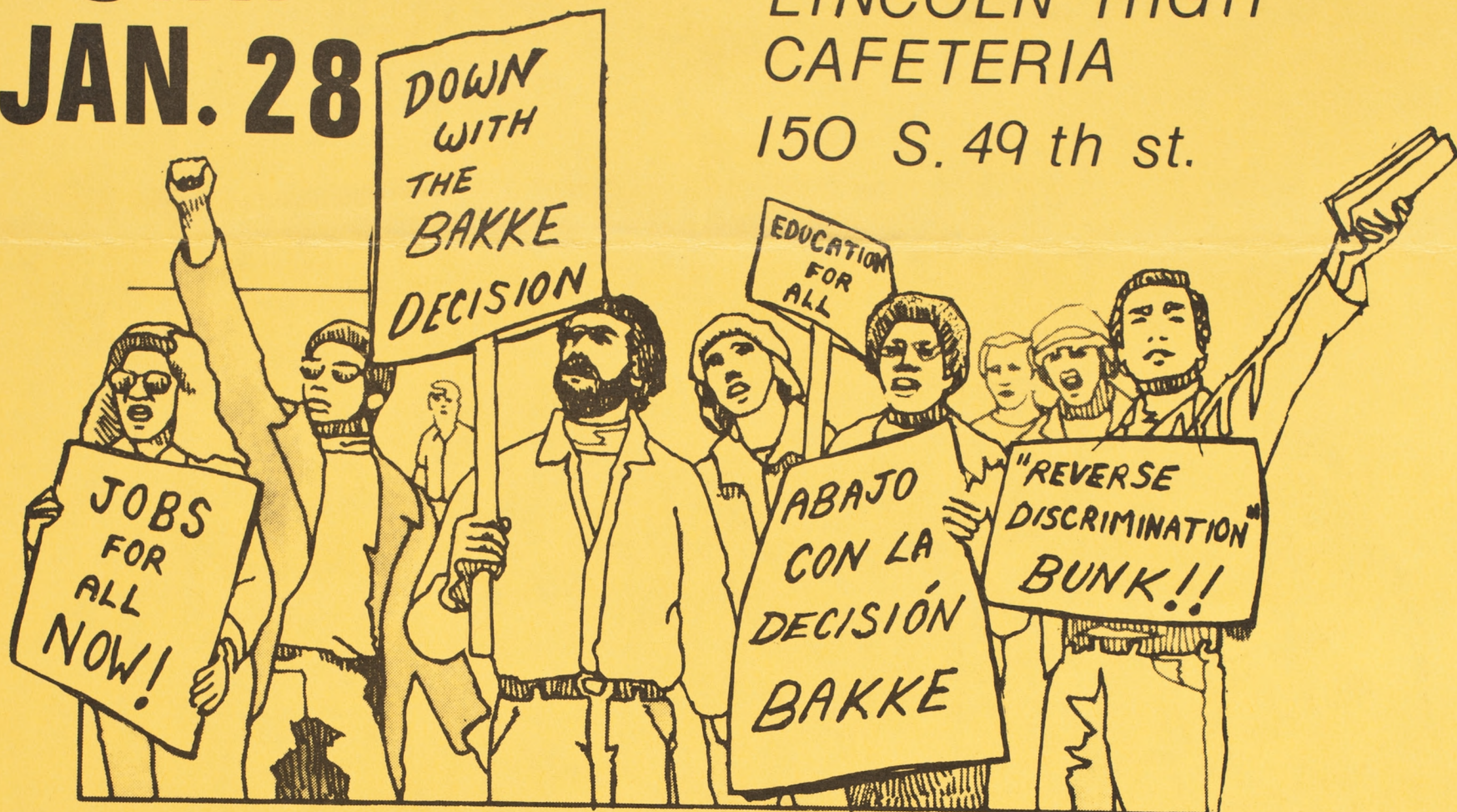
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Enclosure

SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE AGAINST the BAKKE DECISION

**SAT.
JAN. 28**

LINCOLN HIGH
CAFETERIA
150 S. 49th st.



- * SPEAKERS
- * PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- * WORK SHOPS ON EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

EVERY ONE
WELCOME

REGISTRATION AT 8:30 A.M. SAT. JAN. 28 AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
REGISTRATION FEE: \$1.00

CONFERENCE TO BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

SPONSORED BY THE SAN DIEGO COALITION AGAINST BAKKE

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS; BLACK FEDERATION OF SAN DIEGO
M.E.C.H.A. SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
AND OTHERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: BLACK FEDERATION 263-8161

down with the racist Bakke decision!

CONFERENCIA CONTRA LA DECISIÓN BAKKE

SABADO
28 DE ENERO

Lincoln High
cafeteria
150 calle 49 sur



- * ORADORES
- * DISCUSIONES
- * TALLERES PARA DISCURSO

REGISTRO A LAS 8:30 A.M. SABADO EL 28 de ENERO EN LA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

PRFCIO DE ENTRADA \$ 1:00

LA CONFERENCIA COMIENZA A LA 9:00 A.M.

PROMOVIDA POR LA SAN DIEGO COALITION AGAINST BAKKE

PARTICIPANTES; BLACK FERDERATION OF SAN DIEGO

M.E.C.H.A. SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Y OTROS

¡UNIRSE PARA DERROTAR BAKKE !

Todos
Invitados

PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAME:
BLACK FEDERATION 263-8161

THE SAN DIEGO COALITION AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION 1977

c/o 4181 Market Street
San Diego, California 92102
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COME TO A THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE

ON THE BAKKE DECISION AND

RELATED ISSUES

Greetings, to all campus and community based, group agencies and organizations engaged in the struggle for the progress and protection of third world people.

The San Diego Coalition against the Bakke Decision cordially invites you to join us in fighting apathy by attending a San Diego Third World Community Conference, Saturday, January 28, at Lincoln High School, 150 S. 49th Street, on the affect of the Bakke Decision on third world people. The related issues of "reverse discrimination" and affirmative action will also be major topics. The conference will convene at 8:30 a.m.

This conference is being held for the specific purpose of educating campus and community based organizations, that are engaged in the struggle of all oppressed people, but, particularly people of color. The conference will also promote, aid and assist delegates in the formulation of a written position of solidarity against the Bakke Decision and for the expansion of affirmative action programs. Furthermore, the conference will develop educational strategies and schedules for raising the consciousness of the masses of third world and oppressed people in our community. To that end individual education becomes important also, therefore individuals are invited to attend for the educational experience in a non-voting capacity.

SEE YOU THERE!

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/18/78

To: All Third World based campus and community groups,
agencies and organizations.

From: The San Diego-Coalition Against the Bakke Decision
Steering Committee

Ref: Anti-Bakke Conference

A Conference will be held on the Bakke Decision and
related issues.

The Theme is...Fighting Apathy and mounting a collective struggle

The Place will be...Lincoln High School 150 S. 49th Street

The Time will be...8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The Conference is endorsed by...NIA Cultural Organization, The S.D. Lawyers
Guild, The San Diego Legal Aid, C.W.S.S., Barrio Station, Chicano Park
Steering Committee, G.I. Forum, Open Roads, U.P.A.C., Committee on Chicano
Rights, Dept. Mexican American studies, S.D.S.U.

REGISTRATION-INFORMATION

Donation: \$1.00-general admission person
Registration will take place at the Conference only

Participants may register beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Coffee and
dohnuts will be served between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. during registration.
recognized community and campus based groups, agencies and organizations represen-
tatives will be registered as official voting delegates. Individuals may
participate in a non voting capacity. Each organization may have a maximum of
eight (8) official delegates.

LUNCH RALLY

A lunch program including food provided and prepared by S.D.S.U. M.E.Ch.A.,
and will feature several notable speakers, among them--Lee Brightman, AIM, Ann
Abraham, National Association of Black Lawyers, Patricio Gonzales, Statewide
Anti-Bakke Coalition.

SPIRIT

The Spirit of this conference is work and solidarity. Please come prepared to
make a contribution and re-affirm your commitment to the struggle for the pro-
gress of Third World and other oppressed people.

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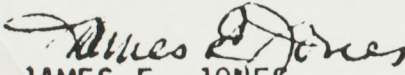
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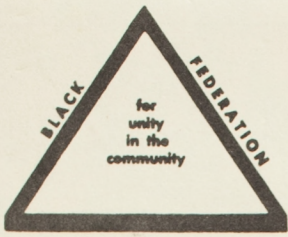
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JAMES E. JONES
Treasurer/Tax Collector

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

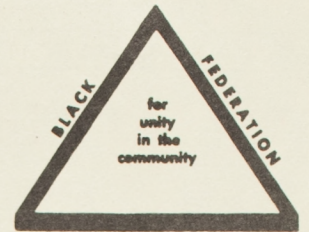
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VERNON SUKUMU
Executive Director

SOUTH AFRICA:

WHY YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED

Friday, March 23, 1979

Workshop Agenda

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| 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | <u>REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS</u> |
| 9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. | <u>INTRODUCTION</u> |
| 9:35 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. | <u>PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP</u> - Why we should be involved in the South African Issue.
Vernon Sukumu, Executive Director, Black Federation |
| 9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. | <u>HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA</u> -
Nathan Katungi, Chairperson, Black Studies Department, San Diego City College |
| 10:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | <u>THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA</u> -
Dr. M. R. Karenga, Associate Prof., Pan-African Studies C.S.U. at L.A. Adjunct Prof., Social Change U.S.I.U. Creator of Kwanzaa and The Nguzo Saba |
| 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | <u>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</u> |
| 11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. | <u>BREAK</u> |
| 11:10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | <u>CURRENT STRATEGIES TO IMPACT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND A PLAN OF ACTION FOR SAN DIEGO</u> -
Vernon Sukumu, Executive Director, Black Federation |

West Room Neighborhood House Association, 841 South 41st Street, San Diego, California 92113

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR LUNCH !!!

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM: SOUTH AFRICA'S WORKSHOP

PERSON ATTENDING

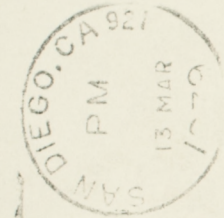
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For further information call - 263-8161

Workshop Coordinator - Deborah Simms

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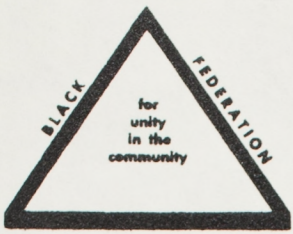


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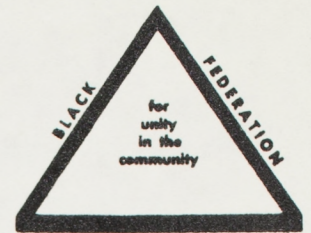
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TIME: 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Kathy Rollins
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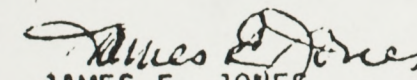
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