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4 N-VAC members found guilty; charges against 6 juveniles dismissed.

Yesterday 4 adult members of N-VAC were found guilty on 2 charges arising out of a Sit-In at a Van De Kamp restaurant on May 15. The Sit-In was to protest Van De Kamp's hiring policies. The charges were disturbing the peace (415PC) and obstructin a fire exit (57.110 .11C L.A.M.C.) The jury trial took place in Division 24, Municipal Court in front of Judge Howard Scmidt. N-VAC's members were defended by Herbert M. Porter.

Attorney Porter says that there were substantial errors and substantial grounds for a new trial and more than substantial grounds for an appeal in all aspects. He went on to say that this trial was a deprivation of due process in some matters, specifically the Judge refused to let the jury consider some matters within their province such as unequal application of the laws.

Sentencing and motions for a new trial will take place June 11 in Judge Scmidt's court. Six juveniles who were also arrested at the same Van De Kamp demonstration came before Judge Teran in Division 98 today for decision following an earlier court hearing. All three charges filed against the 6 N-VAC members were dismissed. The charges were Sec. 415 PC and Sec. 57.110.11C as above and a third charge of Sec. 602J (trespass). The trespass charge against the 4 adults was dropped during the trial.

N-VAC announces that the demonstrations against Van De Kamps will continue until they change their discriminatory hiring policies. One of the next actions planned is a Drink-In protest at a Van De Kamp restaurant on Saturday, June 6.

N-VAC has received information that a group of people from San Francisco are planning to come to Los Angeles to join in the Van De Kamp protest demonstrations.

For further information, contact N-VAC office, 469-7610 or 254-4156.

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