

San Francisco State College BSU/TWLF Student Strike 1968-1969

Student flyers & organizing materials ~ March 1969

Partial collection of strike leaflets and materials that were distributed on campus during the month of March 1969. To the degree possible they are arranged in chronological order though in some cases that's largely guesswork and in others dating was not possible.

CLASSROOM STRUGGLE & KANGAROO COURTS

Throughout the strike, we have realized that we are part of a greater struggle-- a movement aimed at defeating racism and imperialism. In the movement against racism, the strategy of winning masses of students and workers to see the need to fight employs many tactics: sit ins, convocations, classroom education, rallies and strikes. We have used most of these tactics in the fight against racism and for 15 TWLF demands at S. F. State. whichever tactic is used is dependent upon its effectiveness in involving the greatest number of people.

The strike as a tactic has had widespread positive effects both in San Francisco among students and workers and throughout the country in spreading the fight against racism to other campuses. Now we see the need to use a new tactic in our struggle to win the 15 demands, that of reentering the classroom. We have maintained throuout this struggle that course content should be attacked for both its anti-working class and racist nature. Because of the nature of course content, the university does not now and will not ever serve Third World and white working people and students until that content is replaced with content which serves the needs of the people. In every classroom we must examine and expose the content and purpose of the course. The purpose of any particular course is to shape us to fill a certain role in serving the ruling class. A well-known example of using this racist content to mold students as future pawns of the ruling class is the Urban Studies Department's classes in urban "removal" which are taught by part-time lecturer and full-time racist profiteer, Eichler.

AMNESTY FOR ALL!!

As we carry the struggle into the classroom (as a tactic) we are still employing our strategy of mass action--because it is only by the united strength of the masses that we are powerful. We must still act as a collective group, not as isolated and uncoordinated individuals. This is true for the classroom work, but it is also true for our fight for amnesty, one of the 15 demands. We fought as a group and we must demand amnesty (academic and civil) as a group.

The Administration and the City have adopted the tactic of academic suspensions and criminal court prosecutions in order to crush the students and their fight against racism. The role of Hayakawa's Kangaroo Court (the sham of due process) is to suppress political action that represents a threat to the ruling class, in this case by isolating students involved in a united struggle against racism through probation, suspension and expulsion.

Whose interests are these academic and civil proceedings serving? The content of

structure. The laws, too, serve the ruling class by punishing people for uniting to fight racism in the schools, on the job and in the community. Together, the college and the laws set as a political tool to try to destroy our ability to solve the problem of racism.

As a collective, the movement must fight for and obtain amnesty as this is a demand which truly serves all the people. We must act collectively to combat the power of the Administration and City Hall which collectively and actively seek to destroy our struggle against racism. When we are charged with disturbing the peace, we must ask "whose peace"--the "peace" which the Board of Trustees uses as it promotes racist admissions policies? When the Kangaroo Courts say we "disrupt the campus" we must ask "whose campus" and "why." To disturb a campus which upholds and maintains the racism of the system is a crime only in the eyes of those who benefit from racism.

With a collective fighting spirit which has characterized the strike, we are calling on all strike supporters to attack and denounce Hayakawa's Kangaroo Court which has begun to suspend students. This put-up court will attack John Webb for his participation in the strike on Friday, March 14, at 3:00 in the Gym.

We must be there en mass to stop this vicious political attack on our movement against racism.

WE DEMAND !!! AMNESTY !!!

The administration is presently holding academic disciplinary hearings, in an attempt to punish, intimidate, and isolate strikers. Unable to break the movement over the past 4 months, they are currently holding kangaroo courts to suppress our fight against racism--- a fight which directly threatens the interests they represent.

The strength of the strike has been the united, mass action of Third World and white students. In December, students forced the administration to rescind an order suspending all arrested strikers-- by our united actions. As a result, they have set up these "hearings" to insure "due process!" Our position is, and has been NO DISCIPLINE AGAINST STRIKERS! WE DEMAND AMNESTY. IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION AND TRUSTEES- who are fighting to preserve the racist nature of university education, WHO ARE THE CRIMINALS!!

The white strike committee is having a meeting to plan a strategy to force the administration to end these bullshit hearings.

MEETING OF STRIKERS TO PLAN ACTION

MONDAY, MAR. 17, NOON, HLL 362

STRIKE SUPPORT
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3/20

B.S.U.
IS CALLING FOR A
MASS

MOBILIZATION
OF

ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY
ADMINISTRATORS and COMMUNITY
SUPPORTERS

12:00

12:00

AT

SAN FRANCISCO STATE - THURS. MARCH 20.

TWLF AND S.I. HAYAKAWA'S SELECT COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF CURT ALLEN-
CHAIRMAN; JOHN EDWARDS, JORDAN CHURCHILL, DEVERE PENTONY AND DON-
ALD BARNHART HAVE BEEN HAVING "PEACE" TALKS OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE 15 DEMANDS. TWLF AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE COULD NOT REACH
A RAPPORT BECAUSE THE "EMPEROR" HAYAKAWA DIDN'T GIVE THE SELECT
COMMITTEE THE POWER TO IMPLEMENT DEMAND NO.8. AMNESTY FOR ALL
STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND WORKERS WHO WERE ARRESTED
FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE STRIKE.

"EMPEROR" HAYAKAWA IS THE SOLE REASON WHY TWLF AND THE SELECT COM-
MITTEE CANNOT REACH AN AGREEMENT.
HIS BEHAVIOR IS ERRATIC. HE IS STALLING FOR TIME TO DEVELOP HIS
POLITICAL BASE AS A FOLK HERO OF CONSERVATIVE, RIGHT WING AMERICA.
HE WILL PROBABLY GET A POST IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IN THE FU-
TURE.

HAYAKAWA WANTS ALL DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS TO CONTINUE. HE WANTS US
TO END THE STRIKE AND LET EDWIN DUERR'S RACIST "INTERN'L SECURITY"
MACHINERY GRIND UP 700 STUDENTS WHO WOULD HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE
"HEARINGS". EDWIN DUERR'S COMMITTEE WILL SUSPEND, EXPEL, AND PRE-
PARE US FOR PREDETERMINED JAIL TERMS. MASON WONG HAS BEEN SUSPEN-
DED BY DUERR AND LAURIE WALTERS IS SERVING A 90 DAY JAIL TERM IN
SAN BRUNO FOR "FAILURE TO DISPERSE" AT AN "ILLEGAL RALLY".

WE CANNOT LET THE THREE RENAGADES: HAYAKAWA, DOLLARD (WHO TRIED
TO MURDER HIS WIFE IN 1957), AND DUERR'S RACIST KANGAROO COURT
CONTINUE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES. THE "HEARINGS" MUST BE STOPPED
NOW!!

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March 24, 1969

BSU PRESS RELEASE

On the 20th of March, "in good faith," the members of BSU and other members of TWLF signed an agreement "in conjunction with" the Select Committee appointed by S.I. Hayakawa to reach a settlement ending the strike. "In good faith," the student body of San Francisco State College became the "victims of the known erratic, and unpredictable behavior of S.I. Hayakawa." The long hours the TWLF and the Select Committee spent together to reach a binding agreement were spent in vain because of the grandiose dreams of his hawkish political future.

Our desire was to "End the strike and get down to the business of real education." Education that's relevant to all America. "We will disregard S.I. Hayakawa" and begin to build San Francisco State College into the most profound and creative institution of higher learning in the country!"

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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Tony and Sharon

Saturday, March 29, 1969

Fellowship Church, 2041 Larkin St.

San Francisco 4 pm



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Campus Communications Center

469-1100, 469-1240

Ed.26 10 am - 4 pm

please come