

Between THE Lines



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POLICE RIOT: NEW SHANTYTOWN BUSTED

Police attacked the newly-reconstructed Shantytown at Winnie Mandela (California) Hall in the early morning hours today, arresting about 100 people and beating hundreds more.

Police from the Oakland, Berkeley and Albany police departments were brought in at two a.m. wearing full-scale riot gear to serve a Temporary Restraining Order granted Tuesday afternoon in Superior Court, and to break up a protest which had been, until their arrival, completely peaceful and non-destructive.

Legal observers were arrested, as well as a photographer, in addition to the protesters who refused to abandon the Shantytown. About 200 protesters, in addition to those arrested, were beaten with clubs, kicked, and hurled from the area by riot police.

At least two people, were carried away in an ambulance. One, a photographer, was hit with a club so hard, in the words of one protester, that "it sounded like a baseball bat hitting metal."

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Time, Place and Manner

- 12:00 Noon Rally, Biko Plaza. BE THERE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR ANTI-APARTHEID PROTESTS AND FOR ARRESTEES !!!
- 2:00 Arraignment: Henry (Hummer) Duke, 2 p.m. Dept. 2, MLK Blvd. & Center Streets, Berkeley. Pack the courtroom to help get our brother out of jail!
- Later Watch leaflets & flyers for news of later actions against apartheid.

Nationwide Campus Actions Against Apartheid

COLUMBIA: 3 Shanties constructed on campus by 350 people.

CORNELL: On 3/21, students occupied their president's office in a 'stand-in' to circumvent a court order against a 'sit-in.' Planning an action for Friday.

U of O, PORTLAND: Action planned Friday.

U of VIRGINIA: Set up Shantytown on 3/21; escalation planned for Friday.

JOHN HOPKINS: Will build Shanty on Fri.

U of MICH., ANN ARBOR: Set up a shanty on 3/20, escalating Friday 4/4.

U of N. CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL: Have had Shantytown for 2 1/2 weeks.

U of TEXAS (AUSTIN), HOFSTRA U, U of WYOMING (LARAMIE), U of WASHINGTON (SEATTLE), WELLSLEY, SMITH, GEORGETOWN, YALE: Rallies/actions planned for Fri, April 4.

BROWN: 14 students arrested on 3/19-- planning another rally/action on Friday.

PENN: Have had a Shantytown for 3 weeks in defiance of campus administration. 50 FACULTY ON HUNGER STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS !!!!!

U of PA (PHILADELPHIA): 75 people sitting in at administration building.

MIT: 8 students arrested last week protecting their shanty.

BOSTON U: 14 students on hunger strike. Shantytowns knocked down by cops.

U of MINN (MINNEAPOLIS), U of CHICAGO, NORTHWESTERN, U of ARIZONA (TUSCON): other actions/rallies.

OFF CAMPUS: In D.C., city workers will march on SA embassy on Friday; in NYC actions will happen at offices of Citicorp, Shell and Mobil.

Bust at Noon Rally

free hummer

Hummer was busted yesterday during the noon rally near the entrance to campus. Police claim that he tried to push a dumpster into a squad of five cops as the bus was hauling the 60 Shantytown arrestees to jail in the early morning hours on Tuesday. Witnesses say that Hummer was actually trying to stop the dumpster-- that he was standing between it and the police. He is being charged with multiple felonies (assaulting a police officer with a deadly weapon), and his bail is \$29,114 (!). Arraignment today, Dept. 2, 2 p.m. -- MLK Blvd. & Center Street.

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Administrators, including John Cummins, Mary Jacobs and UCPD Chief Derry Bowles, stood to the side and laughed at protesters being hauled away.

About 150 protesters attempted to sit down in front of the busses in which arrestees were being taken from the area. Police formed a line in front of the bus, and marched into the crowd, swinging their clubs and kicking. Many people were injured, and the attempt to move the bus through Biko Plaza and down Bancroft Way erupted into a full scale riot, with rocks, trash cans, dumpsters and bodies

used to attempt to stop the bus from taking protesters to jail.

It is expected that police may try to arrest more protesters in the wake of the battle at the busses.

It took police five hours to make the arrests and to get the busses out of the crowd. Since police arrived at 2 a.m., hundreds of people have been continued to gather at Winnie Mandela (California) Hall in a groundswell of outrage as reports of the violent attack on the Shantytown spreads through the media and by word-of-mouth.



Nineteen Banned by Campus Administration

as Heyman Tries to Squash Protest

Just one hour before yesterday's noon rally, student activists learned that police were 'banning' people from campus, so that they could not participate in anti-apartheid protests. Dave Campbell, who was arrested on Monday night, answered his front door in his bathrobe yesterday morning to greet uniformed UC Police, who handed him an order banning him from appearing on the campus, under penalty of ten days in the county jail. Other students and community activists were served with their banning papers on or near the campus.

Billy Nessen, a community activist, responded to his banning by waiting just off campus until the 800 people at the rally moved to the corner of Bancroft and Telegraph to escort him and the materials for the new Shantytown to Winnie Mandela (California) Hall. At W.M. Hall, Billy said that "The university has shown that they will not listen to us, that they will attempt to criminalize our protest through the courts, and that if they can't win convictions by jury trials, that they'll pull legal maneuvers to convict us before a trial. We have no choice, but to escalate the struggle."

Judge Henry Ramsey granted some provisions of the Temporary Restraining Order for which UC petitioned yesterday afternoon. The order was granted to make the protest illegal if the Berkeley Campus Fire Marshall found that the Shantytown posed "a fire hazard."

The Fire Marshall inspected the Shantytown in the afternoon, and told protesters that if the structures were maintained at least 10 feet away from the (stone) building, that no fire hazard existed. However, UC police appeared at 11 p.m. with a written statement from the Fire Marshall, reversing his earlier statements, and effecting the TRO.

The administration has engaged in a broadside attack on the right of students to protest on the campus, in maneuvers reminiscent of the battle for Free Speech in 1964. The response to the bannings and the TRO -- a bigger Shantytown, and many more students participating in the protest -- ought to let Chancellor Heyman know that students will continue to fight UC's complicity with apartheid despite whatever legal tricks he uses to squelch dissent on campus.



H. H. H. H. H.
I have been saddened to hear
that, despite the recent restrictions
on your freedom, many of you still
do not like me.

STRIKE!

MONDAY, APRIL 7

AGAINST APARTHEID

What The People Say

"There has never been a successful destruction of a Shantytown, be it Kliptown, Crossroads or U.C. Berkeley. The removal of Shantytowns has always strengthened the resolve of people to fight on with a rekindled spirit and will. Therefore Black Consciousness Movement (Azania) says: rebuild and maintain the Shantytown on the U.C. campus. Get Gardner out of his moral shanty! Viva Azania! Viva AZAPO!"

- Wandile. (BCM)

"As Mechasistas and UPC we decided to co-sponsor and participate in this action because we support divestment. There is lots of support on the campus, and the administration has not responded with anything meaningful. Divestment is integral to our struggle -- it is solidarity work with our sisters and brothers in South Africa. Also, our work is here at home. Graduate student enrollment at UC is 9.7% people of color, in a state where 45% of the population is people of color -- that's apartheid here. Here and abroad both, as people of color we work to make a more just and human world. None are free until all are free."

- Patricia Vattuone. (MEChA & UPC)

"It is absurd to think that U.C. is so concerned about our safety that they would prohibit the shanties because of fire danger. Our safety certainly wasn't in their minds when the cops were beating on us Monday night. As in South Africa, resistance to the oppression will continue. The beautiful thing about today was that the students were told about the bannings, the beatings, the arrests -- they even saw Hummer getting dragged off by the police...and instead of being intimidated by the violence, I think they realized that this is a fight for their own freedom as well as the freedom of South Africa. And by the size of the Shantytown (Monday night), it seems that they are determined to win this struggle."

- Andrea Pritchett. (Campaign)

"The Shantytown is an excellent means of educating people. It's taken a lot of energy to erect it, and it's annoying to see the university waste so much energy destroying it. Heyman's policy seems to be 'come down hard and early.' The police have no qualms about hurting people."

- Jon Jackson. (UCDC)