

# The Injunction Is Used To Discourage Us From Good Political Action!

The court system in America is just one tool by which certain peoples are systematically terrorized and deprived of their rights. Third World peoples, poor people, working people, hippies, and revolutionaries of all kinds are daily mutilated by the "law." A perfect example is the effect that the "paper tiger" injunction has had on our present movement. It has scared most of us and lead us astray onto false issues. We have, in a sense, played along with their game by allowing ourselves to be plagued by the spector of the injunction. This is the traditional function of the injunction. Perhaps a brief explanation of the injunction will serve to show us that our most important decisions are to be whether or not we should be busted at all at this time, and if so, through which of our actions. The question is not, and never has been, "Will they be able to use their injunction on us now?" because they can bust us with or without it, whichever they choose. About the injunction. . .

1. WHAT IS IT? It's a court order which is specifically designed by Stanford to outlaw our acts (in conjunction with the Superior Court of Santa Clara County of course). It was originally granted during the Encina sit-in and then modified at graduation time to cover any demonstrations that might occur at Frost Amphitheatre. It literally forbids almost anything on campus, as for example occupation of buildings, disruption of campus activity, etc.

2. WHO DOES IT APPLY TO? It applies specifically to all those named in it but ALSO TO THOSE WHO AID AND ABET in the named actions. The aiding and abetting clause is similar to a conspiracy clause. Both are catch-all clauses used by the courts to rope in defendants.

3. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BREAK AN INJUNCTION? When you break an injunction you can either be punished by a judge WITHOUT A JURY for contempt or you can be punished for a misdemeanor, (for violating a criminal statute that says it is against the law to violate a court order). In the latter case you are entitled to a trial by jury. There's a good chance that injunction punishments would be done in this manner.

4. IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE IN WHETHER THEY BUST YOU ON AN INJUNCTION OR ON A MISDEMEANOR SUCH AS UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY, DISTURBING THE PEACE, FAILURE TO MOVE ON, ETC.? There's little difference. Depending on the act, you will either get probation and a fine or a small jail sentence if you have no previous record, but probably just probation. If you have a previous record, or are now on probation, your probation can be revoked and you can be sentenced to up to six months maximum on the contempt or the misdemeanor charges. But the normal sentence would be anywhere from 30 to 90 days for those with a record. The sentencing is the same, pretty much, whether you get busted for breaking the injunction or on a misdemeanor.

WE MUST MAKE OUR POLITICAL DECISIONS FREE OF THE PAPER TIGERS THEY THROW OUR WAY. DARE TO STRUGGLE. DARE TO WIN.

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