

# Local Skins head anti-racist fight

action group who are organising a series of multicultural musical events to promote racial harmony.

SHARP - Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice, say that a vocal minority of fascist thugs are ruining the image of the skinhead movement.

The Yorkshire based branch of SHARP is setting out to tackle prejudice against skins and to reclaim its working class roots.

The skinhead culture has its roots in the mods music of the 60s and is an extreme version of working class fashion. They follow West Indian music, ska, rock steady, trojan and blue beat and say this makes nonsense of their racist image.

Skinhead Andy Dyson explains: "Organisations like the National Front recruit skins because they are working class, patriotic and predominantly white.

"Skins have pride in themselves and their country, but this patriotic element has been twisted by some into racism."

Andy Dyson says he finds racism divisive, repulsive and dangerous. SHARP, closely associated with the Huddersfield Scooter Club, mods and punks, say members are continually having to deal with public misconceptions.

The group were present at the recent Dewsbury anti-fascist rally organised by the Kirklees Black Workers Group and were repeatedly stopped by the police and suspicious Asians. "The people most likely to beat us up are the real Nazis," according to Andy.

The contradictory image of the skins and the black music



played at the gigs has taken most by surprise.

"It's gonna take people a long time to get used to," says Andy. He admits that SHARP

has a large, white following, but says that it's going to take much longer to win over the black kids.

He hopes that this problem

will be eased by promoting predominantly black artistes. A similar tactic is being used to win over a female audience to try and counter the male skinhead culture.

Much of SHARP's time is spent explaining their aims and activities to bewildered and sceptical onlookers. Their aim is simple, to fight racism, and their non-alignment to any political group or party helps to break down barriers and ensures a large attendance at their ska nights in local pubs and colleges.

"It's great to see skinheads dancing with soul boys and dreadlocks. There's never been any trouble," says Andy. He admits the current ska revival is a white one and not black, but "British Black people are into acid and hip hop," complains Andy, who claims to be a "purist of ska".

Although he has been a skin all his life, Andy can see the day when he'll change his image. "I'll stop being a skin 'cos I fancy something different, but not because I've given in to racism."

The group are currently organising a benefit for the Dewsbury 59 defence campaign. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact:

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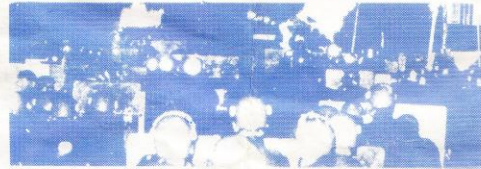
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## Germany

# Nazis make gains

**IN WEST** Germany the Euro election saw a serious growth in support for the far right.

The (Nazi) Republican Party won more than 7 percent of the vote, most of it directly from the centre right government coalition.

Neither the parliamentary socialist SPD nor the Greens picked up significantly despite 18 months of growing discontent with the government. The SPD lost 1 percent while the Green vote rose from 8.3 to 8.6 percent.

Fascist support varied dramatically across the country. In the industrial Ruhr the Republican Party polled under 5 percent but in rural Bavaria, where it was founded, it got more than 15 percent.

Led by former Waffen SS officer Franz Schoenhuber, the Republican Party copied the early election strategy of Le Pen's French National Front.

It posed as a right wing pressure group on the government, avoided street confrontations and denied its fascist nature.

The Republicans were also helped by coverage in the mainstream press which overwhelmingly declared them not to be Nazis.

**They are Nazis.**  
The party was formed in 1983 by Schoenhuber and two MPs who resigned from the right wing conservative party, the CSU. By 1985 the conservatives had resigned in protest at the number of hard core Nazis taking over leading positions in the party.

Since the Republicans made their first breakthrough in regional elections in Berlin



**SCHOENHUBER—ex-SS officer won a worrying 7 percent of the vote for his Nazi party**

earlier this year an anti-fascist movement has grown in Germany.

However, the leaders of the anti-fascist movement—SPD members, trade union leaders and Greens—are effectively arguing against confronting the Nazis on the streets.

They say the way to beat the fascists is to eliminate the roots of racism—bad housing, unemployment and the like.

Such calls are correct but completely abstract. They do nothing to deal with the immediate threat of a rising Nazi organisation.

Indeed they have demobilised the anti-fascist movement in places like Berlin and Frankfurt, which were the first to respond to the Nazi's emergence.

Such calls also raise the question, "Who will do something about bad housing and welfare cuts?" One reason the Social Democrats failed to cash in on the unpopularity of the government is because voters remember the terrible record of the SPD in government in the early 1980s.

## France

# Le Pen still a danger

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**THE LEFT** had a poor result in the Euro elections in France. The ruling Socialist Party polled just 23 percent and the Communist Party a disastrous 7 percent.

Meanwhile the right got 50 percent of the vote. Most worrying was the 11 percent of the vote won by

the fascist National Front.

Last year a wave of strikes seemed to roll back support for the fascists.

Now, with the struggle having receded, the fascists have managed to sustain their support.

Meanwhile the Socialist Party and the CP continue to pay the price for their policies of capitulation to the right.



## Fighting racism

**OVER** 150 people attended a public meeting called by the Oldham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism to protest at the recent racist murder of Tahir Akram, a 14 year old local Asian.

Various speakers spoke of the need to organise against racism.

A debate ensued over whether or not to call a demonstration. Representatives of local Asian youth argued it could cause more trouble. They also raised suspicions of other anti-racist groups.

But others supported the call and welcomed as broad a campaign as possible.

An anti-racist statement to the press is being organised for which sponsorship is needed. Individuals and local organisations should be contacted. Resolutions should be passed through local trade union branches to sponsor the campaign.

## East London

**OVER** 80 people picketed Aylward Street Magistrates court, east London, on Monday. They were demanding that charges against 40 Bangladeshi youth be dropped.

The arrests took place when racists attacked a march protesting against police inaction over a racist murder in nearby Brick Lane last month. Some of those arrested were in their early teens. None of the racists who attacked the march were charged.

A second picket has been called for Friday, 11 August, by Unity Against Racist and Criminal Attacks. Bring union banners.

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West Bowling in the spotlight

# Wrong culture wrong colour

=====**Saeeda Khanum**=====

**ENORMOUS CHANGES** are taking place in the West Bowling area of Bradford

The community has been under the media spotlight for the past few weeks, following a sustained campaign of racial attacks on Asians and their property from white thugs from neighbouring housing estates. This has caused problems but has forced the community to examine and re-evaluate itself.

West Bowling's Asian community is surrounded on all sides by white housing estates.

White youths congregate in large numbers, cutting across the predominantly Asian streets on a weekend pub crawl around the Manchester Road.

The ring road cuts off West Bowling and provides an ideal escape route for fascists disseminating racist ideology and carrying out acts of violence.

Comparisons are being drawn between the present growing unrest and the riots of 10 years ago. The target then was the Black community as a whole. Now, it is the Asians or more specifically the Pakistani Muslims. This latest onslaught is more than just an issue of race; it is a clash of cultures.

The Muslim community has been singled out for specific attention as their recent gains over Halal meat and headmaster Ray Honeyford has been seen by racists as an encroachment on their supremacy.

Fascists have found a new banner under which to champion their cause and ironically pro-Rushdie slogans have been daubed on Asian property. The lead given by the Bradford Council for Mosques serves to alienate some Asians and Afro-Caribbeans from the fight against racism who see the recent violence as a 'Muslim problem'. Sher Azam's recent press comments blaming the violence in West Bowling on the government's refusal to change the blasphemy laws, do little to unify non-Muslims, and the current climate of intense racism often leads to disassociation.

West Bowling is seen as the lynch pin which mirrors the racism in the rest of Brad-

ford city. "It's always there, but it only takes certain incidents to bring it out," say local leaders.

The nature of racist attacks is also changing. Individual incidents are less frequent. Mob rule is the name of the game. Most incidents are sparked off by small scuffles outside schools, which intensify when Asian relatives and friends join in to defend their young.

The debate continues over a BNP or NF orchestration, but the predominant view is that "they don't need to, making capital out of what's happening is enough."

Among the young there is little talk of Rushdie, their concern has moved on to other things. Instead, street corner conversations concentrate on organising tactics to fight off the racist attacks. Elaborate alarm systems are being set up.

"We have our own neighbourhood watch schemes, except we don't shit on people to the police," say the youth. Connections are being made across the country with experienced activists involved previously in the Bradford 12 and Newham 8 campaigns.

The generation gap is evident, Asian youth describe Muslim elders as "being out of touch with the kids on the streets". They add, "Our way of dealing with things is different to theirs". The youngsters are organising themselves and working through the process of self-politicisation. They are questioning and re-defining what it means 'to be British'. Says one 22 year old, "Being British is one big fight".

He adds, "If we live in such a free society, then why are we continually fighting it? Only 'cos we're the wrong culture and colour."

On the streets of West Bowling, Asian youth are learning about British fascism and racism and the nature of policing. They can't believe that defence of their families and community in the face of racist attacks is viewed by some police as criminal. "What else were we supposed to do? They attacked our families and property, we had to defend ourselves." The indifferent attitude of the police towards racial



attacks has led to distrust. "We had faith in the police before, but not now," say several angry young men. An experienced 27 year old activist talks of the lessons learnt from the Miner's strike. "What Miner's strike? asks an eager 14 year old too young to remember.

However, finding ways to deal with a hostile media are going to take much longer. One group coming home from a cricket match, were pictured in the local press as 'Asian Youths rampage with cricket bats'. This story is relayed with humour as is the story of camera crews falling over themselves and filming each other during their recent mass convergence into West Bowling.

Lack of press coverage of racial attacks where Asians are victims fuels anger and firms their resolve. They listen in silence when told of the recent death of 15 year old Tahir Akram, shot dead with an air rifle last week, when out walk-

ing with his grandfather and six year old brother in Oldham

Having no-one to represent their growing numbers, Asian Youth are discovering their own ways of defining themselves and finding their strengths. One way of doing this is by forming local youth groups.

One group recently formed is the West Bowling Youth Association set up by youngsters between 18 and 25 and involving those who work as well as the unemployed.

This is an attempt by young people to give themselves a voice. "We want to make our own mistakes and learn from them," says Ehjazz Gull, chair of the West Bowling Youth Association, who claims the whole of the area's youth is behind the organisation.

The group says having control over their own affairs is an important, new experience for them.

However, they are taking it in their stride - the future is in their hands.



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ANGRY PROTESTERS on Saturday's march

## Police attack march against racists

**POLICE ATTACKED a 3,000 strong march of Bangladeshis, socialists and anti-racists protesting last Saturday about the wave of racist murders and attacks in Tower Hamlets, east London.**

Tower Hamlets' Community Alliance for Police Accountability has details of five racist murders, 382 racially motivated attacks, 412 cases of racial harassment and 258 cases of police harassment in the area last year.

The latest attacks include: ■ Ismot Ali was stabbed to death, his nephew Waris Ali critically injured and his pregnant wife severely beaten by an armed gang who broke into their home last week.

■ In June a Bengali woman was hurled from her bedroom window after a burglary. She was lucky to escape with a broken arm.

■ In the same month Sao Miah was kidnapped from the Chicksand estate in Spitalfields. The burnt remains of his body were found later.

■ Abdul Khalis was strangled three times and hospitalized for three months.

No one has been charged with these crimes.

Derek Noblitt, the community involvement officer at the Brick Lane police station, admits:

"The Bangladeshi Welfare Association [which organised the march] have a credible claim to police inactivity. The Bangladeshi community have been subjected to some horrible attacks."

Even so, there were police in Brick Lane Saturday's march have ever been involved investigating the murder.

They did not stop or attack the march, nor did they arrest any of the racists. Over 40 Bangladeshis, some as young as 12, were detained. Many were charged with riot.

were beaten up in the street. Rajan Jalal Uddin, march organiser, said, "I met for a peaceful demonstration against racial criminal violence."

"What we found is that the police find it easy to arrest Bangladeshis but cannot arrest any of the culprits involved in the week's murder."

As increased racial violence is accompanied by increased police harassment rather than protection, speakers at the earlier march raised the slogan "Self defence is no offence."

Meetings are being held to organise further protests.

## Protest youth in court

A LEEDS youth who was arrested after a disturbance in Bradford was bound over to be of good behaviour for a year by the city's Juvenile Court.

A charge of threatening behaviour, which he denied, was withdrawn. Julie Foy, prosecuting, said the youth was at a protest meeting about Salman Rushdie, the author of *Satanic Verses*. The general mood was hostile with cans, stones and other objects being thrown. There was a crowd of about 200, and several arrests were made.

In mitigation, Mr Mark Gargan said he had been encouraging a general disturbance rather than any actual physical assault.

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THIRTY racists rampaged through the predominantly Asian area of West Bowling, Bradford, last Sunday.

They kicked a nine year old boy to the ground, smashed car windscreens and chanted racist slogans before running off.

The attack was another attempt by fascist groups to cash in on the racism whipped up by the Salman Rushdie affair.

The police took half an hour to arrive. They then sealed off the area and tried to disperse Asian youths.

One local youth said: "The police put it down to hooligan elements, but they were obviously racists."

Police race relations chief interviewed



# PROTECTION

**Nicky Glatter**

"RACIAL tension does seem to be increasing in West Yorkshire", says Chief Inspector David Moore, police race relations officer.

Repeated racist attacks in West Bowling and the British National Party rally in Dewsbury have brought blame on the police for not responding quickly enough to protect Asian people.

The build-up in racial tension since the most recent Rushdie demonstrations is seen by the Council for Mosques in Bradford as the result of the government's refusal to act against *Satanic Verses*. President Sher Azam believes that the state has made it clear there is no protection for Muslims in Britain.

This strikes straight to the heart of David Moore's per-

ception of his job. "No one in the community can put the idea about that they're not protected by the law," he says firmly. It's an idea which denies the police their power — almost as if they were facing a no go zone.

David Moore points out that the anti-Rushdie marches in Bradford and Dewsbury were peaceful events. Perhaps 120 youths were looking for a fight in a Bradford demonstration numbering 3000. At Dewsbury, it was after the demonstration that direct confrontation occurred. Putting racial violence down simply to "young people looking for some aggro" puts the situation firmly in the realm of public order, something the police

know how to control.

But he thinks that tension is inherent, racist attacks on Asian families and fights between generations in ethnic minorities are to be expected. "People don't need a justification or rationale to attack" David Moore says.

"Rushdie has certainly raised people's awareness but it is foolish to think that the whole affair revolves around him. We're not talking about massive disorders. These disturbances are no worse than some football matches."

David Moore is on the receiving end of all the complaints over his force's handling of an increasing number of racist attacks and battles. Maintaining public control alongside good public relations is a tricky job. "At Bradford when young Asians ran into the town centre, we were accused of having too few men, at Dewsbury, too many," the chief inspector complains. "We can only gain support by talking to people and explaining what we're doing." Since the beginning of the West Bowling attacks, the police have responded to pleas for protection by adding two community officers to the area.

But putting more officers on the streets leads to another policing dilemma. David Moore describes the job of the police to protect people and dispel fear. Racial incidents create an atmosphere of fear and excitement. If the police are seen to be absent, people fear a lack of protection, yet police presence also creates an anticipation of attacks. Its difficult to maintain the right balance when you don't know what that balance should be. And the race relations officer is

quick to call for assistance from the whole community to tackle victim culture through improvements in employment and education.

David Moore also warns of the added fear stirred up by a misinterpretation of statistics. Recognizing the rise in tension, he thinks an increase in reported attacks shouldn't lead directly to an indictment of the police. "We encourage people to report minor harassments that dictate the environment where they live." A rise in statistics could mean that people are more willing to report incidents because of trust and confidence in the police.

Accessibility is one of the key aims of the race relations officer. The Chief Constable's stated policy is to create racial harmony in West Yorkshire and that means freedom from the fear of being attacked. West Yorkshire police feel that they have been as even handed as possible during the recent difficulties, but they are committed to constant re-examination of their work. "It is essential for the police to have the confidence of all the community" said David Moore.

Racism must be one of the few areas the police don't want complete responsibility for. David Moore says: "We actually have little effect on peoples lives" It's hard to imagine him saying the same thing about riots or murder. "We are an important part of the equation but racial attacks are a community problem and general issues such as housing and education are beyond our control. We're making sure the police play their part but we're really looking for an improvement right across the board."

## Police ignore racist murder

FOURTEEN year old Tahir Akram was killed last week in Oldham, almost certainly the victim of a racist attack.

Police describe his death as "mysterious" following a blow to the face from which he bled to death. A car full of white youths was reported near the scene of his killing.

Recent weeks have seen rising tension in Oldham, stemming from the increase in racial attacks.

There have been instances of white youths rampaging through Asian areas smashing windows and intimidating the local communities.

Now the police are trying to play the situation down saying, they do not believe Tahir's killing was racially motivated. But local people are convinced it was a racist murder and are not prepared to see it go unchallenged.

When Pakistan's ambassador came to the area after



TAHIR AKRAM

the murder, a call for calm by Muslim leaders was met with anger by Asian youths. Fifty walked out of the ambassador's meeting, returning later to needle him.

More than 100 people met last Sunday to discuss the killing. A committee consisting mainly of young Asians together with anti-racists from Rochdale and Manchester, was elected to organise a public meeting and demonstration.

### Horrific

Members of the local trades council, trade unionists and anti-racists are organising to express sympathy for Tahir's family and show solidarity with the Asian community by issuing a press statement deploring the horrific murder and all racist violence.

Racism is not just a problem for the Asian community. Attempts to scapegoat one group of workers and set others against them divert attention away from the real cause of bad housing, poor social services and so on.

"It has to be fought by all of us", says the statement, "black and white."

## Dewsbury

DEWSBURY Trades Council will back a national anti-racism demonstration in Dewsbury.

That was the promise trades council secretary Glynn Powell made to a public meeting of the Dewsbury Defence Campaign last week.

Dewsbury police were criticised for their action on 24 June in defending British National Party Nazis while attacking anti-racists.

The 150 strong audience, many of them young Asian men from the Batley and Saville Town areas, were angry at the systematic harassment from racist police in their communities.

More young Asians were arrested last week after attempts to organise self defence in response to racist attacks in Batley Park.

Platform speakers demanded the charges against the Dewsbury defendants be dropped and called for pickets of Dewsbury magistrates court on 21-23 and 29-31 August when the cases are to be heard.

Labour councillors from Kirklees and Bradford attacked the Tory press for its racist coverage of recent events in West Yorkshire and pledged support for the campaign.

Atmah Singh, ex-chair of Kirklees Black Workers' Group, rightly argued that we need to involve black and white trade unionists in fighting racism.

*There needs to be pressure put on labour movement leaders to build for a demonstration against racism in Dewsbury.*

Money is also needed for the massive legal bills faced by the Dewsbury defendants.

A start has been made with collection sheets going around NALGO picket lines and money pledged by other unions and organisations at the meeting.

■ Donations and messages of support: Dewsbury Defence Campaign, c/o South Kirklees CRC, Westgate, Huddersfield.

## Leeds man in 'Troops Out' clash

A LEEDS man was among three roused to violence in the ugly clashes between "Troops Out" marchers and anti-Irish demonstrators in London, last week, Marylebone Magistrate in the capital were told.

But all three were given a conditional discharge for a year by the magistrate, who suggested that Britain was one of the most tolerant nations when it came to taking insults.

Labourer Steve Higgins, 23, of Abbott Road, Leeds, admitted threatening behaviour and was given a piece of wood as an offensive weapon.

Engineer Martin Higgins, 21, of Mordley, and forklift driver John O'Sullivan, 27, of Ealing, west London, both admitted threatening behaviour.

Mr Geoffrey Higgins, 21, of Mordley, admitted threatening behaviour and was given a conditional discharge for a year by the magistrate, who suggested that Britain was one of the most tolerant nations when it came to taking insults.

Higgins, arrested after shouting and swearing at the marchers in Marylebone on Saturday, was charged with threatening behaviour. "The reason I was arrested was because I was waving Irish flags and chanting 'Troops Out'."

### A disgrace

"It is a disgrace for this country that there have been allowed to happen a public meeting and a public council who have taken place."

The march, which started from Islington and ended in Marylebone on Saturday, resulted in 60 arrests.

Mr Noel Higgins, 21, of Mordley, admitted threatening behaviour and was given a conditional discharge for a year by the magistrate, who suggested that Britain was one of the most tolerant nations when it came to taking insults.

All three men were ordered to pay

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## action against racism

**WEST YORKSHIRE police are stepping up their attack on the Asian community. There were 59 arrests after the fascist British National Party rally in Dewsbury on 24 June.**

Others have been held after brutal early morning police raids on Asian houses. Savage bail conditions have been imposed, including curfews, confiscation of passports and bans on attending meetings.

Many charges have been altered from public order offences to violent disorder, which carries a five year sentence.

Racist attacks are increasing in the area. Two Asians were attacked last week in a pool hall by racist youths. About 100 police arrived, but they made no attempt to discover or arrest the attackers.

In neighbouring Batley an Asian youth was slashed in the face in an unprovoked racist attack.

Following the campaign by some parents to remove their children from schools which have large numbers of Asian kids and the police success in smashing resistance to the BNP rally in June, open racism is now respectable in parts of Dewsbury. The local paper, the *Dewsbury Reporter*, gives pride of place to racist letters.

### Violence

The local Labour constituency chairperson, Mike Hutchinson, has disgracefully disassociated himself from "either side" in a letter condemning violence, "no matter which social or political group causes it".

The Dewsbury 59 Defence Campaign aims to draw local Labour Party and trade union branches into the fight against racism.

The defendants are planning a picket of the *Dewsbury Reporter* for its appalling record. Many shops are now supporting a boycott of the *Batley News* and the *Dewsbury Reporter*.

## Defend the Dewsbury 59



### POLICE attack anti-racists at BNP rally in June

The best focus for the agitation would be to persuade local and national leaders of labour movement and anti-racist organisations as well as local community leaders to call a national demo against racism in Dewsbury.

Supporters are asked to picket Dewsbury magistrates court from 10am on 21-23 August.

Anyone who witnessed arrests on 24 June or who has information which might help build up a general picture of what happened should contact John Davies, solicitor, 63 Great George Street, Leeds.

Donations and messages of support to the Dewsbury 59 Defence Campaign, c/o South Kirkless CRC, 24 Westgate, Huddersfield.

### Stop the tour

THE "STOP the Tour" campaign organised demonstrations against the South African cricket tour outside Cheltenham cricket festival every day last week. Three of the apartheid tour cricketers were taking part in the festival.

One protester was arrested for handing out leaflets during the week. This did not deter 40 protesters who marched round the outside of the ground on Saturday chanting the names of the three apartheid tour cricketers playing inside—Graveney, Athey and Barnett.

Apartheid is a crime... said one protester. Children are being tortured and Gating and his crew have the audacity to walk in and say... Anyone for cricket?

Further protests planned throughout the country will provide an excellent focus for those opposed to the racist state.

### Islington

**AN ANGRY meeting between local police and the police monitoring committee of Islington council, north London, heard calls last week for a public inquiry into the death of a local black man while in police custody.**

Jamie Stewart, 22, was arrested along with two friends on driving offences. Although he produced documents, he was still detained.

### Ignited

Twenty minutes after being put in a cell he was found dead.

Police have ignited an already sensitive situation by issuing a statement claiming that traces of cocaine were found in Jamie's blood.

### Oldham

**A DEMONSTRATION in Oldham has been called for Saturday 26 August by Oldham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism to protest at the**

racist murder of 14 year old Tahir Akram and against all racist attacks.

The anti-racist statement to be placed in the local paper has already been sponsored by Oldham NALGO, North Manchester Hospital and Manchester Telecom union branches and others.

It is important that it is taken up in union branches and workplaces to ensure that a wide layer of trade unionists, black and white, are mobilised for the demo.

Resolutions and donations to: OLCAFF, c/o 26 Clegg St, Oldham.

### Manchester

**VICTORIA Apetor and her 19 month old son, Stephen, have taken "community sanctuary" at her home in Whalley Range, Manchester, to avoid a Home Office removal order which would send her to Ghana.**

Last week scores of local activists and anti-racists turned out to stop the Home Office implementing its order.

Victoria's union, the ACTSS, has taken up her case and there is a strong potential to build a defence campaign in other unions across the city.

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# t, says landlord of wrecked in race riot

THE landlord of a Dewsbury pub wrecked during race riots in the town in June is leaving the business.

Geoff McGill, landlord of the Scarborough Hotel in Savile Road, says trade slumped by more than half after the riot and claims he has been given a week's notice by Tetley's brewery.

He is unable to confirm rumours that his departure was initiated by a petition calling for his dismissal.

But he says that when the brewery completes the pub's refurbishment he will be replaced by a man said to have strong connections with the Asian population dominant in the area.

A spokeswoman for Tetley denied Mr McGill had been sacked and insisted he had resigned.

"There is no indication on the file that he was given notice or that we have received any petition from surrounding residents" she said.



Mr Geoff McGill — leaving

He had not operated a colour bar or refused to serve anyone, he said.

He felt it would be difficult to make the pub a completely viable house because of the large non-drinking Asian population around it.

"Earlier this month I was told the pub had to be shut down and that I was being given a week's notice."

Mr McGill persisted in the claim even after being told of the Tetley denial.

"I am now looking for alternative accommodation but it won't be in the licensing trade.

"I'm rather disillusioned with the whole business and when I get a fresh home I will probably go back into my old job as an electrician," he said.

## Report

"But it is correct that the tenancy has been accepted by Mr Ronnie Newton who may have a rapport with the Asian community through his previous employment."

Mr McGill has been on a week-to-week contract at the pub for 18 months, taking a share of the profits instead of a salary.

He claims he never had any trouble with the Asian community before the riots which forced him, bar staff and customers to barricade themselves into upper rooms as wreckers caused an estimated £10,000 worth of damage to the building.

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## Tackling racism

ANTI-RACISM posters showing photographs of the Leeds United Team should get financial backing from the City Council, a meeting agreed.

The Council's equal opportunities sub-committee for ethnic minorities decided to ask the Policy and Resources Committee for £400 towards posters, leaflets and publicity to back a campaign by Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism.

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## Why racism is on the rise

**RACISM IN the Dewsbury area hasn't deepened simply because of the events of last June.**

As one local Asian activist said to *Socialist Worker*, "There's always been racism in the area. But several things have happened to give them confidence to start organising."

The first was the campaign two years ago by white parents to take their kids out of a predominantly Asian school. The local council's eventual capitulation to the demand really bolstered the confidence of local racists.

Racial attacks increased by 40 percent in the area in the months after the decision.

The refusal of the local council to supply Halal meat to local schools—the only council in the area which refuses to do so—also gave ammunition to local racists.

On top of the local issues came the Rushdie affair earlier this year.

"Local people are very, very

worried," said the activist. "They don't trust the local Labour council to do anything about the racism."

"Most of them are workers. They've done all sorts of jobs. Now they're being made redundant. Now they're frightened of walking the streets."

"The racism is driving them towards fundamentalism."

One activist told of the rise in the number of Asian women wearing the veil. But the greatest expression of the drive towards fundamentalism is in the schools.

As one local anti-racist said, "The area is one of the most run-down in the country. There's enormous unemployment and poverty. It affects both black and white."

"Schools become the only real escape from the shit-hole. Education is highly political."

Again the policies of the local council have done little to alleviate the tension. On the contrary, it's stoked them up.

As one local activist said, "Rather than campaign against what is fast becoming segregated schools it's virtually promoting them."

Local Asian youths who attended Bailey Boys school told of

the most disgusting racism. "If you go to Bailey Boys you expect to get beaten up," said one.

Another said, "Two years ago I wouldn't have agreed with the Zacharia Girls School [the recently established Muslim school] but now I do."

"The Tories' education policies, the insistence on Christian teaching and so on, means there'll be more Zacharias. They're making us do what we don't want to do. We now prefer Muslim schools. There we don't get pushed into a corner."

As the Asian activist said, "Most Asian parents still send their kids to state schools. But more and more are choosing to send them to predominantly Asian ones."

## Police ignore racists

**TORY POLICIES plus the refusal of the local council and the local Labour Party to take on racism in the area are allowing tensions to rise continually.**



But it's the behaviour of the local police that's creating the biggest problems.

Asians reporting racist attacks are ignored. Local taxi drivers, 90 percent of whom are Asian, complain of receiving no help from the police in combating a rise in racist attacks.

One told *Socialist Worker*, "If any of us are attacked we radio for help. If we don't turn up then one of us gets hurt very badly. But it's Catch 22. For if we turn up to help the police will come and give us trouble. They ignore the racists."

Asian youth around the local snooker club also complained of police inaction.

"Racists came here and caused trouble. We called the police but they never came. It was only

when a community leader phoned that they came, and then they just harassed the Asians."

One youth said, "Things have got a lot worse in the last few months. There used to be more white kids using the club but now there's only a few. We also used to play football with white kids, but that's stopped now."

## Fightback starts now

**LOCAL activists around the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign and the Kirklees Black Workers Group are now demanding a national demonstration against racism in the Dewsbury area.**

As one activist said, "Anything short of a demonstration supported by national labour movement leaders and national Asian leaders won't be enough to alleviate the fears of the local community."

"But we need a demonstration here, not just to knock back the racists but to give support to the

82 facing charges."

An anti-racist statement and call for a national demonstration is now being circulated among local community leaders. The following have so far signed—in a personal capacity—the statement which will be sent out to national bodies in the coming weeks:

■ Jamil Akhtar, Kirklees councillor, Gurdip Singh, local community leader, Khalid Hussain, Kirklees Black Workers Group, A Hussain, Pakistan Muslim Society in Batley, Dr Hasnee, South Kirklees CRC, A J Lumat, President of the Indian Muslim Welfare Society in Batley, Glynn Powell, Secretary of Dewsbury Trades Council, Sue Powell, Dewsbury councillor, M Taj, President Batley Hackney Carriage Association, Mike Greenham, Kirklees NALGO executive and Dewsbury Labour Party and F A Khan.

Trade union support is vital. A model resolution is being prepared for distribution with the anti-racist statement and call for a national demonstration.

■ Please send donations and requests for affiliation to the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign, c/o South Kirklees CRC, 24 Westgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

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**RACIAL TENSION** is still high three months after police viciously attacked an anti-racist protest in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire.

Anti-racists, the majority of them Muslim, were then protesting against a rally being held by the fascist British National Party. Now the National Front is planning a new march.

Anger peaked when rumours spread that the fascists were burning the Koran. Fifty nine anti-racists, the overwhelming majority Asian, were arrested after police attacked without warning.

Local anti-racists have no doubt the police attacked the protest to intimidate Asian youth and smash any organised resistance to racism in the area.

This was proven nine weeks ago when another nine Asian youths were arrested—in dawn raids by police armed with sledgehammers—for offences allegedly committed at the Dewsbury protest.

Asians continue to be arrested. Last week the total reached 80.

The police offensive has been so great that local activists are wary of organising a counter demonstration against a planned National Front march in the area this Saturday.

As one member of the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign said, "The local Asian community is frightened. Its leaders don't want to give the police another excuse to arrest kids and youths. They fear their shops, homes, cars, the Mosque will be attacked."

The planned fascist demonstration coincides with the opening of the Medina Masjid Mosque in nearby Batley by the international Muslim leader, the Imam of Hujam Shrif from Mecca. Several thousand Muslims are expected to attend the event.

As the activist said, "The police will almost certainly join the march, though the fascists will no doubt still lead a rally. There's no way of knowing what the local youth will do if the fascists carry out their threat to burn the Koran."

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## 'Riot' case raises storm

A COURT official has hit back at critics who claimed justice was not being done during hearings concerning alleged participants in the Dewsbury riots in June.

Defence solicitors were outraged that supporters of the youths — charged mainly with threatening behaviour — had been refused entry to Grove Street courthouse at Dewsbury.

A police van partly blocked the entrance and court officials were refusing entry to any of the crowd who failed to prove that they were involved in the cases or relatives of those charged.

Magistrates who had backed the decision to restrict entry, were told by solicitor Mr Simon Purchas: "I think it is outrageous that the public is excluded."

Chief Clerk and policy maker Mr Stuart Baker argued: "We are entitled to make arrangements such as are necessary to ensure the proper conduct of court business and proper control of court atmosphere."

But he did concede the system was not working properly, and it was later changed.

### Warrants

Arrest warrants were issued for two Dewsbury men when they failed to turn up — Zahir Ahmed, 22, of Savile Road, Savile Town, and Khalid Husain, 20, of Waverley Street, Savile Town.

The 18 who did attend pleaded not guilty to various charges and trial dates and adjournments were set for October and November.

Appearing were:  
Iftikhar Ahmed, 25, of Ashdene Crescent, Wakefield; Shafiq Ahmed, 22, of School Street, Ravensthorpe; Mohammed Moham Akbar, 30, of Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe; Arshad Ali, 17, of Broomer Street, Ravensthorpe; Manawar Ali, 23, of Southfield Square, Lumb Lane, Bradford; Mohammed Aslam, 26, of Lee Street, Ravensthorpe; Wali Dad, 27, of Low Road, Dewsbury; Nurul Haque, 21, of Navigation Gardens, Thornhill Lees; Mohammed Ishaq, 23, of Ash Grove, Headingley, Leeds; Ahmed Lorgat, 20, of Woodsome Estate, Batley; Amjad Masood, 28, of Talbot Street, Batley; Ebrahim Mayet, 33, of Hartley Street, Dewsbury; Ashfaq Noor, 17, of Woodfield Avenue, Batley; Mohammed Iqbal Patel, 25, of Orchard Street, Savile Town; Mohammed Iqbal Patel, 27, of Chapel Fold, Staincliffe, Batley; Abid Sadiq, 22, of Northside Terrace, Bradford; Mohammed Ramzan Zaman, 20, of Elford Grove, Leeds, and one juvenile who cannot be named.

## Anti-racist grants may be slashed

GOVERNMENT grants worth £34m to fight racism in Leeds schools may be under threat after a Home Office review of Section 11 funding.

Councillors are urgently reconsidering funding applications to create new jobs in further education after a Home Office Scrutiny Review announced plans to put a cash limit on Section 11 grants.

Up to three quarters of the money needed to create jobs which combat racial discrimination against New Commonwealth citizens is available to councils under Section 11 of the Local Government Act.

Equal Opportunities chair Cllr Fabian Hamilton revealed this week that the majority of Leeds' applications for funding have been unsuccessful.

A top level delegation of Leeds councillors to the Home Office failed to discover why the applications were not getting through.

The Scrutiny Review of Section 11 funding reported in June that there should be cash limits on available grants starting from 1991.

But after the failure of recent applications, councillors feel that unofficial cash limits are already being operated.

There has been only a 4% increase in Section 11 funded posts across the country and in recent years the amount of successful applications for funding have dropped nationally from 77% to 34%.

Ministers have yet to agree the recent Home Office review which advocates cash limits and the widening of Section 11 to cover posts aimed at combatting all racial disadvantage.

A new Section 11 officer has been appointed in Leeds to improve the success rate of funding applications. New co-ordinator Julie Meaken said: "We've had some notable successes with Section 11 funding, particularly in education, but there's a lot of frustration that many posts have been turned down."

Councillor Hamilton said that new applications would have to fill very tight criteria and be specific about the goals they aimed to achieve.

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## Big drop in racial incidents say police

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE have been patting themselves on the back recently following a dramatic drop in the reporting of racially motivated incidents over the past three years, which they say is due to improvements in community relations.

Police say their 'telephone helplines' set up 6 months ago to improve communication between them and the Asian community have proved successful. The helplines were staffed by officers proficient in the five most common Asian dialects.

However, only a total of 45 calls were received in the first five months. Police put the low use of the help lines down to the fact that Asians contacting the police were English speakers.

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NOT EASY being a fascist. It may be why the National Front has gone green. The latest edition of *National Front News*, its newspaper, has a picture of a savaged rainforest on its front page while the back cover has the legend: "It's not easy being a dolphin."

Inside the home-produced newspaper, whose green masthead has replaced the red, white and blue of the Union Jack, the caring nationalist is alerted to the plight of "plants in danger", "the ruin of our rivers", and the decline of Britain's population of wild bats, "a crime against mother nature".

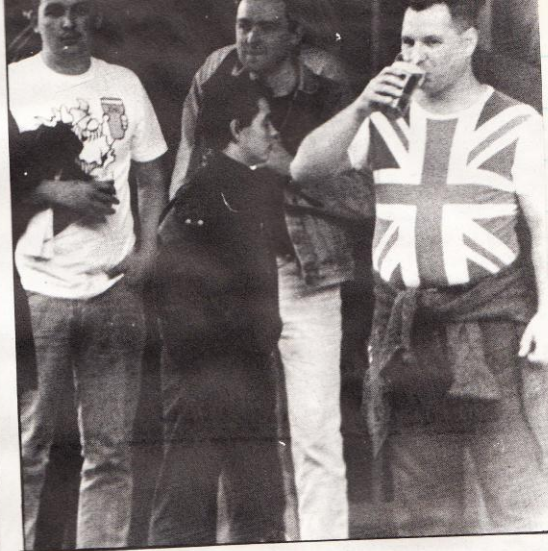
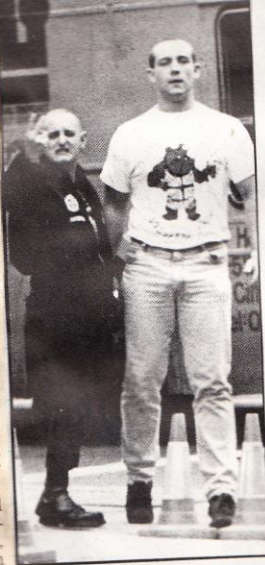
Even the party's official credo now includes "respect for nature" with "racial separation" and "national freedom". The result is that the traditional patriotic fare of scare stories about Jews, blacks and Muslims takes second place to calls to end the fur trade and letters that end "yours, for the green revolution".

Now the stalwarts of the old, environmentally-unfriendly NF have to look to the classifieds for more familiar wares: ads for *White Warriors*, the latest kullhead single, and posters of the Nordic mother and child, captioned "Self-respect, Family Honour and National Pride".

Patrick Harrington, a member of the national directorate of the party, which is thought to number little more than 500, denied that it was turning green with political opportunism: "We have always had people around who are interested in green issues."

He said there was a new kind of NF supporter who cared about the environment and wanted to express his concern. According to Mr Harrington, a vegetarian, this was difficult, since Front members were banned from several conservation groups.

But wildlife-loving NF members are no longer frustrated: they now have Greenwave - described as a "non-profit ecological movement". It contested a council by-election in the London borough of Havering this year, hoping to trade on public sympathy for greenery. Election literature did not state that its candidate, Jackie Cosgree, was an NF member.



## Fascists plot local rally despite weekend humiliation

THE BRITISH National Party say they will go ahead and hold a rally in Bradford on Saturday despite an impending Home Office ban on their march.

Fascists are being told to meet at 1 pm for a rally at the War Memorial Gardens on Moorside Road in Eccleshill.

However, Bradford's Anti-Racist Anti Fascist Action are organising a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 12.30 and are urging supporters to meet in the city centre beforehand.

They are inviting guest politicians and other prominent members of the community to take part in the ceremony to commemorate those who have died fighting racism and

fascism since World War II.

The event will mark the death of Bradford taxi driver Mohammed Riaz, stabbed to death in a racist attack several years ago and the recent death of 15 year old Tahir Akram from Olham, shot dead while out walking with his grandfather and six year old brother.

The BNP rally is timed to cause maximum disruption of the high points of the Bradford Festival, the Lord Mayor's Parade on Saturday and the Asian Mela on Sunday.

All those contacted on Bradford council, in particular Tory councillors, seemed unaware of Saturday's rally and the measure being taken by the council to ensure public order and safety.

West Yorkshire police are said to be massing in large numbers to cope with the disturbances expected in Bradford. Neighbouring police authorities are on stand-by. Police refused to make comments on proposed tactics.

### Cornered in city hotel

FORTY members of the Nazi National Front 'Flag Group' were cornered by police in a Leeds city centre hotel last Saturday, after they had been foiled in plans to hold an anti-

Muslim march and rally.

Abandoning any attempt to march through Dewsbury and Batley, Nazis held a private meeting in the Wellesley Hotel in Leeds, making their way in small groups under surveillance from anti-fascists.

Over a hundred police sealed off the hotel and ordered National Front members to leave in twos, carefully photographed and identified by plain-clothes officers from Special Branch.

Head of operations, Chief Superintendent John Ellis said the police action was taken to prevent the fascists breaching a Home Office ban on marches in Kirkstall and to stop them marching or holding a rally in Leeds. He said: "The operation was a success. They didn't get the opportunity to show their colours at all."

The National Front booked a private room in the Wellesley Hotel under the false name of Panther Print. Guests to two wedding receptions being held in the hotel had to make their way through police lines. Black guests had to take advice from officers on their personal safety.

Manager of the Wellesley, Ms Jane Handford said she had been unable to prevent the fascists entering the hotel even when she realised the booking had been made under a false name. "I thought it was better

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The sorry job

# The sorry yob lurking in the soul of Britain



● ROBERT HARRIS believes we can no longer explain hooliganism by English fans abroad as outbursts from society's victims: it is part of an English sickness, in which violence is linked with decay

A yob is a young, tough, drunk or a hater. The hooligans are out of date. Hooligans is a good definition of a yob is a Briton travelling abroad, usually to watch football. Short, expensive, ideal for a tabloid headline — yob is a very English word. But then, a yob is a very English type of person.

It has been another good week for yobs. On Monday, a North Sea ferry returned to Harwich to offload nearly 300 drugged, drunken, brawling English football fans; one had been lost overboard. On Wednesday, at the World Cup qualifying match in Stockholm, came the rioting and racism we associate with our national game. By Friday, English fans were still being escorted off the Continent, quarantined by police from the local people like carriers of disease. By now, they must be back. Welcome home, boys.

Nobody should delude themselves into accepting the excuses for what happened. Whether English fans "flooded" stores or merely shopped is not the point. Whether two more Swedish than English fans were arrested is not the point either. Our very presence in Stockholm created the problem and the locals armed themselves to resist the invader. As one Swedish police officer put it: "We know what to expect with the British."

Football violence resists all the neat theories offered by left and right. Nobody now believes, as they might have done a decade ago, that hooliganism is confined to the victims of society — the unemployed or the "underclass". To spend a week in Stockholm, one of the most expensive cities in Europe, takes money. Plenty of it. Equally, it is stretching things these days to load the blame on to those Ann Sallices of the night, the permissive society and Shirley Williams. We had better face the fact that the yobs in Stockholm with Union Jacks painted on their faces are the children of our time, authentic products of the 1980s.

and part of the backlash against the 1960s.

Moreover, the behaviour of English football fans abroad is not an aberration on the part of a minority from an otherwise gentle, courteous race. The fans are the elite combat corps of an army, thousands strong, which leaves these shores for foreign holidays each year.

Go to Spain, Corfu or other Greek islands and you find that English is a synonym for yob. It starts at the airport, with drunken gangs of tourists. It picks up on the plane, with large quantities of duty-free liquor. It continues in the local "English pub", or some hapless taverna. And it culminates in fighting, robbery and even — at least once this year — in murder.

Then some miserable junior minister has to fly out and repair relations. The process has become as much a fixture of our summer scene as Wimbledon and the Henley Regatta. It is not even discussed much any more. We have got used to it. Something has gone wrong with the English.

Four weeks ago, The Sunday Telegraph printed an article entitled "Will this be the death of England?" It had nothing to do with football hooligans. It was an attack on "the appeasement of Afro-Caribbean nationalism". It blamed Britain's blacks for destroying "Englishness" with their "drug-trafficking, vicious muggings, rapes, steaming gangs raging through London's Tube stations like Zulu impis, and terrifyingly loud music".

This vile article, far from being an analysis of our problems, was itself symptomatic of them. What starts as a jolly daring think-piece in the safety of the Telegraph offices ends up on the terraces at Stockholm, with Nazi salutes and racist chants.

The black community is not the main threat to the traditional tranquillity of English life: a law-abiding citizen, of whatever colour, is safer at the Notting Hill carnival, or walking through Brixton at night than at any first-division ground on any Saturday in the season. The real threat is aggressively white and it was in Sweden last week,

Widening never actually mind of his troops, "I don't know what they do to the enemy, but by God, they frighten me", but the remark has the ring of truth. Never does it seem more apposite than when applied to the English abroad.

What is wrong with us? Drink must be part of it. On the Continent, families socialise in cafes. In Britain, city pubs remain an essentially male preserve: go in, get as smashed as you can, then go looking for trouble. As Ian Jack observed in an article on the Heysel disaster, Liverpool is one of the few cities in the world in which the answer to the question "Do you go out in the evening?" is "No, I don't drink."

There is, too, a look and feel of brutalisation about Britain not there 20 years ago. Our tabloid press floats in the gutter. Our inner cities get progressively more dilapidated while continental towns grow cleaner. British football encamp-sulates the decay: filthy stadiums in litter-strewn streets, served by broken-down public transport.

Yet there is something in the British character which not only tolerates this, but seems to wallow in it. "Gentrification" is regarded as the worst thing that can happen to an area. "Yuppie" is a term of venomous abuse.

The phrase "English sickness" has had many different meanings on the Continent. In the 19th century, it often meant homosexuality; then it came to mean hypocrisy; recently it has been used to describe economic decline; now it means violence.

In this latter mutation, the sickness is horribly contagious. Young soccer thugs in Europe now ape Britain's, even down to waving the Union Jack on their football terraces. Our flag, it seems, is replacing the swastika as a symbol of aggression. What an appalling achievement. Yob culture, yob tourists, yob football. Yob country.







# National Front may switch rally to Leeds

POLICE were on the alert for a National Front rally in Leeds today, after a Government ban on the ultra-right wing group's planned march in Batley and Dewsbury.

NF chairman Ian Anderson said an indoor meeting elsewhere in West Yorkshire was being planned because of the decision by Home Secretary Mr Douglas Hurd to stop the march.

It is now believed that NF supporters were intending to gather at Leeds City Station this afternoon.

The plan has been attacked by a city MP and council leader Coun Jon Trickett, who said the National Front were a threat to public order and were not welcome.

West Yorkshire police said they

were aware of a possible meeting at Leeds Station.

A spokesman said: "We will have to take action if any breach of the law should occur, such as disorder or a breach of the peace."

A British Rail spokesman said British Transport Police would be alerted to the possibility of a gathering at the station.

"With any large gathering in a station we would want to be aware because of possible problems for passengers catching trains."

Leeds Central MP Mr Derek Fatchett said the NF were not welcome in the city.

"Their behaviour is always designed to cause conflict and heighten tensions," he said.

"If any march does go ahead it raises the question of a need to review the banning powers the Home Secretary can exercise.

"Legally, if they are meeting on private property they have a right to do so, but I would want to know the way in which they proceed from the railway station to the location.

"If they try to march from the station to the meeting place that does raise the questions I am talking about. If they are going as individuals it would probably be too draconian to say they can't do that."

On St George's Day last year a planned march in Leeds by the NF was banned, although they did succeed in walking in groups of

three and four to a rally outside the Town Hall — a move which outraged city councillors.

The march planned for today in Batley and Dewsbury was banned at the request of West Yorkshire Chief Constable Mr Peter Nobes, on the grounds that it could lead to public order problems.

The NF's pretext for the march was to protest at the Moslem community's reaction to Salman Rushdie's novel *Satanic Verses* which they claim is blasphemous.



Ian Anderson, chairman of the National Front negotiates his surrender with Chief Superintendent John Ellis.

under the circumstances to let it go ahead. I think the police controlled the situation very well and there were no problems from my end."

Mount Charlotte Investments, who own the Wellesley, are now under pressure to prevent further use of their premises by fascist groups. The British National Party has previously used the Wellesley for its meetings. Managing director of Mount Charlotte, Mr Robert Peel was unavailable to

comment on any action the hotel chain was planning.

Public statements by Leeds council leader Jon Trickett, calling on police to prevent a National Front rally taking place in the city, have been applauded by the community group Anti Fascist Action who stated: "The reaction of the Chief Constable, local communities and local authorities shows that the National Front is not welcome in West Yorkshire." ■

## Fascists abandon rally in Brum

AROUND 200 protesters rallied against a planned meeting of the British National Party in Birmingham last Saturday.

The 30 fascists were forced to abandon their rally and meet in a backstreet instead.

### Success

Despite a ban the anti-fascists successfully held a meeting, at which a parent with children at Springfield School called for more resources for multicultural education.

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Tyndall addresses the British National Party at Apperley Bridge. Lady Birdwood watches his back

## Police convoy escorts Nazi group to rally

**POLICE** sealed off a major trunk road to allow Nazis to escape confrontation with protestors after a British National Party rally in Bradford.

Sixty members of the British National Party were allowed by police to gather at St George's Fields near Apperley Bridge last Saturday while leader John Tyndall addressed his followers.

A police convoy escorted the London fascist group to the secret rallying point after a Home Office ban on their threatened march in Eccleshill.

Second World War veterans from Bradford Trades Council laid wreaths at the war memorial in Eccleshill when anti-fascists from all over the country occupied the site where the

British National Party had planned to meet.

Police divisions were drafted in from other counties to deal with the rally and a helicopter assisted with co-ordinating a massive show of force. Head of Operations, Chief Superintendent John Ellis said he had used sufficient force to protect the people of Bradford.

The police chief said that he had no power to prevent the British National Party holding a rally and could only determine a location for it away from Eccleshill. He said: "Only in extreme circumstances can we prevent them holding a rally. It's what is allegedly called 'freedom of speech'".

Police had given the fascist group a time limit on their

rally, insisting that it was over by 2.30pm. Due to hold-ups on the motorway, John Tyndall's arrival was delayed by over an hour but police allowed a half hour rally to take place.

Councillor Mohammed Riaz said: "This fascist group came to Bradford to incite racial hatred. I think the police will have to consider whether they should allow these people to hold their rallies at all."

Protestors who discovered the location of the fascist rally were kept back by a police blockade across Apperley Bridge while the British National Party, in a fleet of taxis and hired mini-buses, was run out of town.

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### Camden

**RACIST ATTACKS** are on the increase in Camden, north London.

The number reported in the Regents Park and Somers Town estates has risen from 69 in the whole of 1988 to over 100 so far this year. Police say this is the result of street fights between Asian and white gangs. Yet their own statistics show only 10 percent of the reported attacks are on whites.

In recent incidents black and white anti-racists were attacked by a drunken gang. The police arrested the anti-racists.

A prominent local trade unionist, Jim McFarland, was charged by the police after defending his children from attack by adults hurling racist abuse. Jim has the support of his NUPE branch and the Camden council shop stewards' committee (Jim is white, but his partner and children are black).

The worst affected estates include some of the most run down housing in Camden. The fascist British National Party has not been slow to recognise this potential and has leafleted the area on several occasions.

In response Camden council called a meeting in Somers Town. But without the support of local black and Asian community groups the meeting degenerated into a platform for the racists.

The council is now considering evicting a number of tenants with records of racial harassment. But unless they put more resources into the estates this will not solve the problems.

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### W Yorks

**THE THREATENED demonstration** by the Nazi National Front in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, last Saturday, ended with 70 Nazi thugs forced to meet at a grotty hotel in Leeds, some eight miles away.

The march had been called to coincide with the opening of a new mosque in nearby Batley.

Meanwhile anti-racists in the area distributed anti-racist literature. They are organising a picket of Dewsbury Magistrates Court for this Friday, when those charged for offences allegedly committed during an anti-fascist protest are being tried.

■ Picket from 9.45am onwards. For information and affiliation write to the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign, c/o South Kirklees CRC, 24 Westgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

### London

**MORE THAN 50** anti-racist filled a Stop Police Harassment meeting in Bethnal Green, east London last Wednesday.

The meeting was organised by the local Labour Party Young Socialists. After speakers from the floor called for a demonstration, P. Maxwell, leader of the opposition Labour group on the SLD run Tower Hamlets council, suggested a march at the council meeting due on November

### Manchester

**LAST SATURDAY** 150 people marched in Manchester against the attempted deportation of Victoria Apetor and her son Stephen. The march was live with placards and banners from the TGWU, COHSE and NALGO.

■ Messages of support and donations to Victoria and Stephen Sanctuary, 59 Sedgeborough Road, Moss Side, Manchester



## Action against racial attacks

**MORE CASES** of racial harassment are now being reported in Leeds because of positive action by council officers.

And police are now taking racial attacks more seriously.

A report from the Race Unit of the Housing Department notes these encouraging signs despite 41 cases of harassment referred to them from January to June this year.

Single mothers with mixed race families are still most at risk from racial harassment which includes physical assault, arson and death threats.

As families try to escape harassment, councillors fear that areas of Leeds will become no-go areas for Black or mixed-race residents.

A special liaison committee has been set up in Burley where the highest number of attacks was reported last year. If successful the committee, which brings together residents, councillors and police to tackle racial harassment, could be used as a model for the Little London area of the city which so far tops the table for attacks this year.

To stop the spread of no-go areas, council officers are preparing to take legal action against attackers. Housing race relations officer David Reed said that council tenants con-



## Courthouse protests at Dewsbury riot trials

**PROTESTS** outside Dewsbury Magistrates Court are expected this week, as 22 more defendants charged after the June riots appear in court.

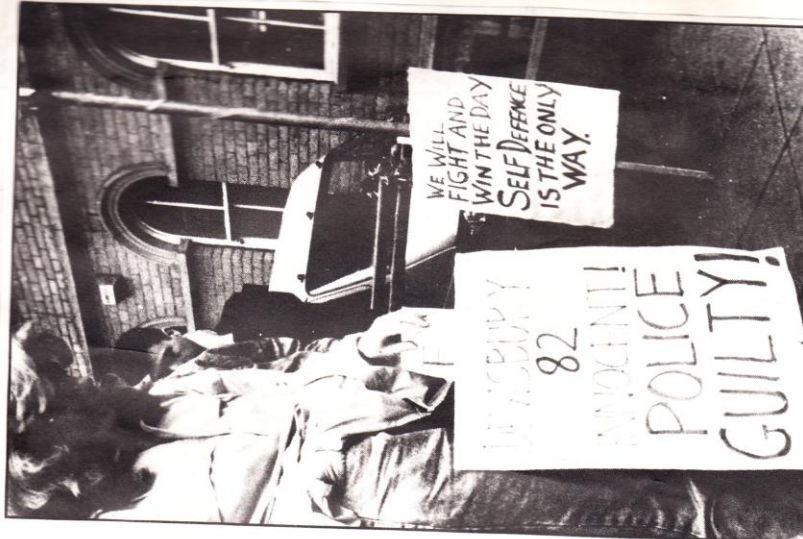
The court is being picketed in protest at bail conditions imposed on some of the defendants.

Lawyers acting for the defence contest the conditions imposed on their clients, most of whom were charged with public order offences after resistance to a fascist rally in the city.

Some defendants have been ordered not to attend any "public meeting, rally or demonstration", while others have been prevented from attending any "meeting or rally". A spokesman said the conditions were extremely harsh and "smacked of the banning conditions under South African law".

Last week there was uproar when supporters of 18 defendants were refused entry to the Grove Street courthouse. The entrance to the courthouse was blocked by a police van and officials refused entry to anyone who failed to prove they were friends or relatives of those charged. Each defendant was allowed one observer in the public gallery. In the confusion, one defendant had difficulty getting into the courtroom because he possessed no identification.

Lawyers for the defence say these restrictions are unprecedented in a magistrates court and are an infringement of public rights. They will be challenging the decision to restrict access to the public gallery and if necessary take their case to the Lord Chancellor.



defended the action: "We are entitled to make arrangements such as are necessary to ensure proper conduct of court business and proper control of court atmosphere". Lawyers for the defence say these restrictions

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## Passports seized from among Dewsbury eighty two

HALF OF the 82 Asian youths arrested during and after an anti-fascist demonstration in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, last June have had their passports confiscated by local magistrates.

The 40, the first to appear on remand hearings, have also had their bail conditions extended.

### Barred

All are barred from attending any public meeting in Dewsbury. Some are barred from going into the town at all.

The police are clearly determined to try to smash any organised resistance to racism in the area and to press ahead with intimidating Asian youth.

Those arrested look set to face serious charges, possibly of riot. Magistrates are refusing to take each case separately.

Defence solicitors have still not been allowed to see film taken from a police helicopter during the events.

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**AROUND 150 people** picketed the opening of the trial of 39 Bangladeshis on Tuesday in east London.

Seventy children marched out of local schools to join the protest with delegations from several local union branches.

Those on trial face fines of up to £1,000 and in some cases imprisonment if found guilty. Their only crime is self defence.

The 39 were arrested on a 2,500 strong demonstration against racism in the east London borough of Tower Hamlets in July.

When the march was attacked by white racists the police protected the racists and attacked and arrested those marchers who tried to defend themselves.

Over 60 Bangladeshis were arrested—but only two of the racists. Several of those arrested were

badly beaten—one 13 year old boy had to spend three days in hospital.

The march was a response to police inaction over a string of assaults and robberies—brought to a head by the murder of Esmath Ali on 9 July. No one has yet been arrested or charged.

Alongside this the police have stepped up harassment of Bangladeshi youth—constant stopping and searching and several

cases of alleged beatings by police.

The behaviour of the local Liberal run council has also fuelled the climate in which the racists feel more confident about carrying out their attacks.

The council was condemned for racist housing policies by the Commission for Racial Equality earlier this year. In building this week's picket schools were leafleted calling on school

students to join the protest. Local trade union branches—such as the London Hospital and Tower Hamlets NALGO—have backed the campaign along with the local Labour Party opposition on the council.

The campaign now plans to picket the court every time the cases come back up.

More information, speakers from "Unity against racial and criminal attacks", c/o The BWA, 39 Fournier Street, E1

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# Fascists plan meeting in Dewsbury

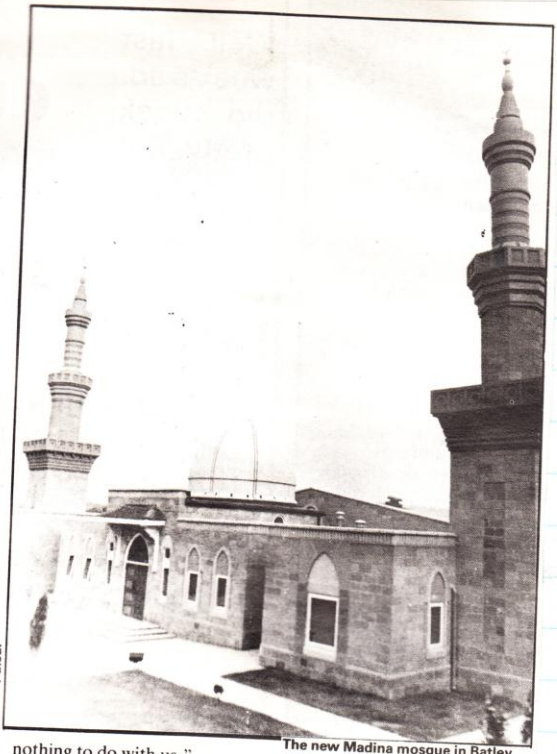
THE CHIEF Constable of West Yorkshire has recommended a ban on one of the two fascist marches taking place in the region this month.

The first of these, organised by the National Front, is scheduled to take place this Saturday in Batley and Kirkstall. The Council has applied to the Home Secretary for a banning order. The second, organised by the BNP, is planned for Saturday 23rd in Bradford and as yet no decision has been made.

Despite the proposed ban on a march the National Front now says it plans to hold a meeting. Confusion reigns in the Kirkstall area as to where the meeting will take place and at what time. NF leaflets urge everyone to meet at Leeds Railway Station at 1.30pm.

The theme of the meeting is 'No muslim wars on Britain's shores', and is in protest at the recent "scenes of mob rule on our streets, book burning and death threats against all those who offend Islam."

The inflammatory leaflet then goes on to contradict itself by saying "Mr Rushdie, his books and the howling hordes of Islamics should be shipped back from whence they came."  
"Let Asians fight over an Asian religion in Asia, it is



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nothing to do with us."

Investigations by Leeds Other Paper have revealed that the leaflet is misleading and that interested fascists are being told to meet at Dewsbury Railway Station at midday on Saturday, regardless of what is said on the leaflet.

The proposed meeting will coincide with Friday's opening of a new mosque in Batley. 5,000 Muslim visitors are expected to converge on the

The new Madina mosque in Batley town for the opening ceremony.

The mosque at Purlwell Lane, Mount Pleasant will be officially opened by the Chief Imam of the Holy Mosque of Mecca. Celebrations are expected to last all weekend.

Khalid Hussein from the Kirkstall Black Workers Group said his organisation would never allow right-wing groups an unopposed platform in the area.

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# AIDS/HIV Incarceration Plan by Tory 'Fringe' Group

An extreme right wing organisation which held a fringe meeting at last week's Conservative Party conference and whose patrons include a former Conservative MP has published a sickening front page attack on the gay community and people with HIV and AIDS in the latest edition of its magazine.

Western Goals UK, in its "fringe" magazine *European Dawn*, launched a tirade against gay people who it described as the "scum of European society". Under the symbol of a pagan cross, much used by neo-fascist groups, *Western Goals* described support by Western governments which, it argued, "dare not voice one word of criticism of these pervers". The article called for the re-criminalisation of homosexuality and for the round-up of people with HIV and AIDS in a virtual pogrom.

The Terrence Higgins Trust is described as a "homosexual propaganda machine" and the Government are attacked for endorsing "their sordid lifestyle" in the AIDS health campaign, "with the lie that homosexuals and heterosexuals were equally at risk".

The article praises other European far right groups as the "true voices of sanity". It reports that Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of France's National Front, has called for AIDS victims to be isolated in reservations, and that Germany's Republican Party have proposed that carriers of the virus should have their genitals tattooed and their passports stamped with a red letter "A".

Last Thursday, *Western Goals UK* held a well-attended fringe meeting at the Tory Party conference. The meeting, which was advertised in the conference diary, was addressed by Pierre Cayrac, a French National Front member of the European Parliament.

During the meeting there

were clashes over attitudes to homosexuality between rival factions of the far right. Mr Gregory Lauder-Frost of the Monday Club accused the "socialist" European Community of forcing countries to legalise homosexuality. When challenged by rival right-wingers he accused them of "sympathising with sodomites".

According to its own literature, the organisation campaigns within the Conservative Party to "combat the insidious menace of liberalism and Communism within all sectors of British society".

*Western Goals'* patrons include Sir Patrick Wall, former Conservative MP for Beverley, ex-NATO forces chief General Sir Walter Walker, who in the 1970s was linked to attempts to build anti-trade union private armies in Britain and the World Anti-Communist League boss, ex-US General John K. Singlaub.

The Conservative Party Central Office told the *Pink Paper* that it had never heard of *Western Goals UK* and that the fact that it was holding a fringe meeting at its conference had nothing to do with the official party. When asked

## EUROPEAN DAWN

The paper for the new Europe

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# AIDS crisis deepens

The threat of AIDS looms over the nations of Europe. Likened to the Black Death, this deadly disease - for which no cure exists - has already claimed more than one thousand victims in Britain alone. However, the people of Europe are not being told the truth about the epidemic. There is a conspiracy of disinformation and downright lying on the part of the political establishment throughout the continent.

The central truth about AIDS, deliberately ignored in all official propaganda, is that it is, in the main, confined to the scum of European society, namely sodomites and drug addicts. Homosexuals, who are primarily responsible for the spread of the virus, are a privileged minority. Western governments, permeated by liberalism and degeneracy, dare not voice one word of criticism of these pervers. To do so would be to question all the 'enlightened' law reforms of the post-war period which have legalized buggery and thus given approval to the homosexual way of life.

### Advertising

In Britain, the Government proclaims that "AIDS does not discriminate." But AIDS manifestly *does* discriminate, and patronizing and insulting advertising aimed at homosexuals looks no one. The



Le Pen: "AIDS is a plague acquired through the plague of homosexuality and its perpetrators should be isolated in special sanatoria."

### Habsburg strengthens Hungary links

STRAZBURG - Otto von Habsburg, the Bavarian MEP noted for his strong anti-communist views, has been put in charge of the European Parliament's relations with Hungary.

The veteran conservative is working to develop links between the EEC countries and Hungary as it attempts to Westernize and break free from the Soviet sphere of influence.

Habsburg, whose father was the last Emperor of Austria-Hungary before the collapse of the empire after the Great War, has visited Hungary several times this year and on each occasion has been greeted with wild enthusiasm by Hungarian nationalists. He also takes an active interest in developments in Croatia and Slovenia, former parts of the Habsburg empire, where anti-Marxist protests are growing.

An EEC spokesman told *European Dawn*: "We welcome Otto von Habsburg's role in building bridges with Hungary at this important time."

Habsburg also heads the conservative Pan-European Union, a Europe-wide movement dedicated to preserving Europe's cultural identity and promoting friendship between European peoples.

(See Page 10 special feature on Hungary)

Front page attack by *Western Goals UK* in their latest magazine

about the reference to the group's meeting in the conference diary the spokesperson said that the entry did not indicate official approval.

Lesbians and gays have regularly been abused in campaigns by extremists but the *European Dawn* front page article, under the headline "AIDS Crisis Deepens", outlines one of the most 'nazi-style' plans yet drawn up by the far right.

Western Goals UK calls for: "Compulsory testing of all European adults followed by the suppression and isolation of groups infected by HIV and AIDS. This will lead to a number of 'anti-homosexual measures'.

"Repeal of all laws permitting homosexuals acts. No longer allowing the media to present homosexuality as acceptable.

"All homosexuals found to be

'AIDS carriers' would be placed in quarantine. Intravenous drug users would also be quarantined. "Homosexuals would pay for their own medical treatment, as has been caught as a result of their own perverted lifestyle".

Tim Barnett of the Stonewall Trust said the article was "insidious and sinister". Barnett called for legal protection from such "obnoxious material which incited hatred of lesbians and gays". Maureen Oliver of OLGA said this was part of a growing rise in neo-fascist material which uses AIDS as a weapon. "It echoes the more respectable right wing press in its line of attack by isolating, targeting and attacking lesbians and gays" she said. Maureen Oliver asked for people not to dismiss the threat and danger of such neo-fascist groups.

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# Move to ban extremists Elland Road bid to beat the racists



Coun Jon Trickett

LEGAL officers are urgently examining ways of banning extreme political groups from peddling literature outside Leeds United's Elland Road ground, it was revealed today.

The move follows repeated complaints over the activity — the latest of which came yesterday from an incensed fan.

By ANGELA BARNES

As reported in the *Yorkshire Evening Post*, the soccer supporter has written to United chairman Mr Leslie Silver and to team manager Howard Wilkinson asking the club to rid its grounds of such groups.

Although the club has a policy of ejecting anyone selling or distributing such literature inside the ground, staff are limited in what action they can take outside.

Chief Supt David Clarkson, head of the Holbeck division, which covers Elland Road said: "There should be no politics at football grounds, just sport. But as long as these groups don't cause an obstruction or break the law then there is nothing we can do."

He added that the National Front's literature — the subject of the latest complaint — was a registered newspaper and as long as contents were not inflammatory, then sellers had the same rights as anyone else.

## Effort

However Coun Jon Trickett, leader of Leeds Council said many ordinary citizens found some of the material peddled outside the ground deeply offensive.

He stressed that an all-out effort was being made by a council, police, club and supporters' representative partnership to "free Elland Road from the scourge of racism."

He said: "The council's legal officers are urgently examining if any additional legal powers can be acquired to restrain the sale of such material from outside the ground as well as from inside."

## Race assault jailings

TWO racists were jailed at Leeds Crown court last week for taunting and attacking two Asians having a quiet drink in a village pub in Clayton, Bradford.

Builder, David Todd 21, who changed his surname from 'Plonka' by deed poll admitted affray and wounding last October and was jailed for a total of 18 months. Butcher, Colin Richardson 20, admitted threatening behaviour and was sentenced three months in a young offenders' institution.

Having consumed twelve pints of lager, Todd approached Bahader Singh 27 and Ravinder Singh 28 in the Fleece and asked them what they were doing in the pub and told them to get out before cutting Bahader Singh's face with a glass.

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# Anti-fascist success

by Steve Ball  
**P**olice, under direct orders from the Home Office, mounted a massive operation in York on Remembrance Sunday and stopped the British National Party from marching. One person was arrested for allegedly carrying an offensive weapon.

## Demonstrate

At the same time over three hundred anti-fascist demonstrators gathered at Clifford's tower in York in case the BNP did manage to demonstrate.

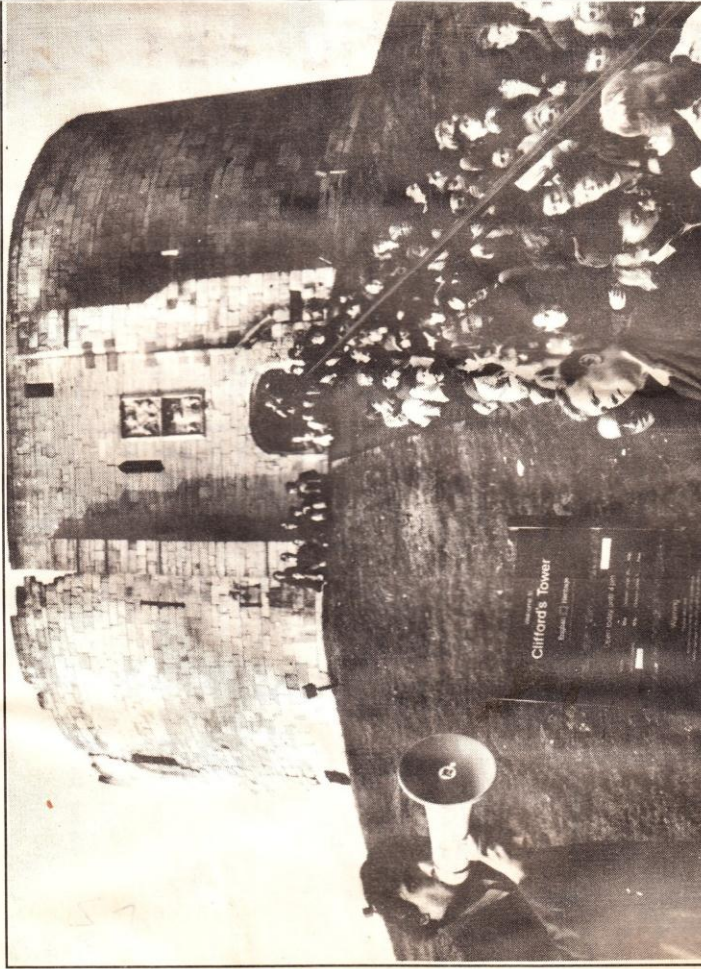
The police were enforcing a Home Office directive banning any political marches in the city last Sunday. Police stopped cars and minibuses at the outskirts of the city and turned back almost all the BNP supporters.

About ten made it through the cordon and tried to hold a march. The police immediately moved in to disperse the group.

## Banned

The anti-fascist demonstration was also, by definition, banned by the Home Office order but the police made no attempt to break up the gathering.

One police officer said, "They don't really need to



● Speaking Out . . . Anti-fascist demonstrators gather at Clifford's Tower where 150 Jews were massacred in the middle ages. Pic by Baz 'n' Andy

be here, we wouldn't let the BNP march anyway." A spokesperson for the National Front and set up the BNP, accused the police of using "Wild West" tactics to break up a "peaceful" demonstration. The anti-fascist groups laid wreaths in a ceremony at Clifford's Tower, where 150 Jewish people were massacred in the Middle Ages. There was also a minute's silence to remember all the people, men, women and children, who have died as a result of war.

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## Anti-racism

# B'ham teachers and parents speak out

OVER 100 Asian teachers and parents met at a school in Birmingham last Sunday to discuss the racism running through the 'Tories' new national curriculum.

Speakers, including Gus John, co-author of the Burge report, provided the background for a discussion about events at Springfield School.

A statement on the issue was agreed by virtually the whole meeting, which included two teachers from Springfield.

The statement reads, "This meeting organised by the Asian Teachers Association supports the parents at Springfield in their demands for a school home liaison teacher who can communicate to them in their own language.

"This meeting condemns the racism whipped up by the local media and the recent racist statements of Tory minister Patten and those of local councillors and the

head of Birmingham education committee.

"This meeting believes this situation has come about as a result of the Labour council's implementation of Tory cuts and supports the following demands. 1) That the council immediately provides a school home liaison teacher who can communicate to parents in their own language. 2) That Wendy Barrie should not be made victim of the council's failings but should be offered a post at the same grade at the same school."

## Action shows the way

THE THREAT of strike action by NUT members at Sir William Collins School in Somerstown, north London, has stopped management disbanding a unit which provided bilingual support for the high proportion of Asian children in the school.

The management backed down only after the threat of action to defend the five teachers working in the unit supported by Camden NUT, children in the school and local community groups.

The school is in an area which has seen a series of racist attacks recently. Camden NUT argued that a cut in the multi-cultural education provision would encourage further attacks.

By forcing NUT to maintain its commitment to multi-cultural education Camden NUT has shown the most effective way to counter Tory edu-

# No-go zones for Asians in taxi fight

selves as they waited for police to arrive. One taxi suffered over £300 worth of damage. Taxi firms are being forced to take extreme measures to ensure the safety of drivers. The indefinite boycott of Gocal is the latest in a series of actions designed to discourage drivers leaving the companies.

Last August all eight taxi firms staged a four hour strike on a Saturday night after complaints that police had done little to provide protection against violent assaults or to deal adequately with complaints. For a while relations between the police and taxi drivers improved after police promises to prevent attacks.

This relationship now seems under threat. However, local police are playing down the weekend's events claiming that Huddersfield drivers suffer from the same level of violence experienced elsewhere in the region. "Last Saturday's disturbances were the result of drink and lunatic behaviour," says Inspector Graham Tansey from Huddersfield Police Station.

PARTS OF Huddersfield are becoming no-go zones for Asian taxi drivers who face continuing violence from passengers.

Following an assault on a driver by two youths on Saturday, the eight Huddersfield taxi firms voted unanimously to withdraw all services from the Gocal area of the town.

The driver picked up the two which youths in the city centre and dropped them off at the Rose and Crown pub in Knowl Road, Gocal. He was assaulted and his car damaged after he requested payment for fares. The driver had to be detained overnight in hospital. By the time police arrived at the car park outside the pub, a number of taxi drivers were involved in fights with drunken youths pouring out of the Rose and Crown. Sticks and stones were used and four people, including two drivers were arrested. They were all later released on bail pending further enquiries. Police say more arrests will be made in the next few days.

Yusaf Ali, head of Huddersfield Taxis claims drivers were forced to defend them-

# National Front makes French poll comeback

Paul Webster in Paris

FRANCE'S extreme right-wing National Front made a parliamentary comeback yesterday when its candidate, Mrs Marie-France Stirbois, easily won the byelection at Dreux, west of Paris, after a switch of votes from both right and left.

Early counting in a byelection at Marseilles also showed a marked swing to the National Front.

Mrs Stirbois, widow of the party's former deputy leader, polled 61 per cent of the votes, the first-time the party had won a seat in a majority vote. In 1986, it won 33 National Assembly seats under proportional representation but lost all save one last year when the traditional two-round poll was restored.

Mrs Stirbois, who fought on an anti-immigration campaign and praised the values of the wartime pro-Nazi Vichy National Front MP. Last year its only representative resigned in protest at the authoritarian attitude and anti-semitic remarks of its leader, Mr Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Last night Mr Le Pen called Mrs Stirbois' victory a political event of the first importance, a comment reinforced by the swift reaction of the Prime Minister, Mr Michel Rocard, who

announced more restrictions on illegal immigrants and the right of asylum, as well as new policies on integration.

It was at Dreux, a former Socialist stronghold, that the National Front made its first breakthrough in 1983, after an alliance with a new Gaullist-led municipal council.

The byelection served as a test case after national controversies about the wearing of headscarves in class by Muslim girls and the building of mosques in Lyons and Marseilles. Dreux has 11,000 North Africans and Turks in a population of 35,000.

Mrs Stirbois, who polled 42 per cent in the first round a week ago, profited from a big switch by Gaullists, Socialists and Communists. An exit poll showed that one out of four voters who backed Mr François Mitterrand in the presidential election last year had switched to her.

Half of those who voted for the defeated Gaullist presidential candidate, Mr Jacques Chirac, gave their support to Mrs Stirbois, although her only rival in the run-off represented the Gaullist-RPR.

Dreux's special problems of housing and welfare for its immigrant population were the main issues, but voters said they backed the front because of a lack of official action on the influence of France's three million Muslims.

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The fight to open Cumberland Market play centre...  
The council, which is implementing Tory cuts, saw Cumberland Market as an easy target and closed the centre, leaving the largest estate in Camden with virtually no play or youth facilities.

### Birmingham

THE FASCIST British National Party has organised a rally 'to defend white rights' this Saturday in Birmingham.

The move comes in the wake of Birmingham council's refusal to meet demands by Asian parents at Springfield School for an Urdu speaking community liaison teacher.

A meeting organised last Sunday to build a counter-rally to support the parents was attended by the Pakistan Workers Association, Anti-Apartheid Association, and local trade unions.

The meeting decided on a campaign of leafletting to build the rally in the local community to prove the parents have the support of black and white workers throughout Birmingham.

### Bradford

A BRITISH National Party rally due to take place in the Ecclestone area of Bradford last Saturday was stopped when 250 anti-racists occupied the meeting place.

Last Saturday's mobilisation of anti-racists shows there are many prepared to fight back against racism in West Yorkshire.

The best focus for the fightback is the campaign for a national demonstration against racism in the area.

For more details contact Dewdney, 82 Denecre Cammidge, c/o South Kirkstede CRU, 24 Westgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

# Behaviour of train gang condemned

ROWDY behaviour by 11 Leeds men on a bank holiday train was condemned as "disgraceful" at Harrogate magistrates court.

Nazi salutes, chants of "we are Leeds", obscenities and drunkenness were alleged by Mr James Towler, prosecuting.

The events were said to have happened before and after the train left Knaresborough on Easter Monday.

The group admitted conduct likely to breach the peace and agreed to be bound for a year.

The defendants were: James Joseph Murphy, 24, accountant, of Whimston Court, Leeds; Ian John Crow, 24, computer operator, of Gipton Wood Place, Oakwood; John Packer, 24,

labourer, of Foundry Place; James Edward Jordan, 21, postal driver, of Red Lodge Close; David Anthony Wood, 24, warehouse packer, of Red Hall Green; Geoffrey Richard Lee, 24, sales representative, of Windsor Avenue; Mark David Approach, 20, clerk, of Foundry Approach; Darren Bentley, 24, bricklayer, of Foundry Avenue; Andrew Stephen Williamson, 18, YTS travel agent, of Moss Gardens; Alwoodley; Carl Anthony Smith, 20, apprentice joiner, of Blackstone Grove; and Michael Roberts, 23, warehouse operative, of West View.

Mr Towler said it was a case of 25 to 30 young men who, having been drinking, caused distress and alarm to the public.

Mr Richard Reed, for Murphy, Crow, Packer, Jordan, Wood, Lee, Hallam and Bentley, said though they accepted their conduct had been rowdy and boisterous they denied specific allegations of swearing or making Nazi salutes.

Some 300 anti-fascists, representing most local Labour, trade union and black community organisations, marched in protest against the British National Party in Welling, south London, last Saturday.

The Bexley and Greenwich Campaign Against Fascism, which organised the march, will now build for a mass lobby of Bexley council in the new year.

## Anti-fascists march

300 PEOPLE marched through Welling in South-East London, where the Nazi British National Party opened a national HQ eight months ago.

Local people cheered as the march, with banners from the Indian Workers' Association and health union Cbe, passed the Nazi HQ where around 40 fascists huddled together outside. Their shouts of Sieg Heil cleared up any doubt as to what they stand for.

Thousands have signed a petition to get the BNP thrown out of Welling. Racist attacks have increased since the HQ opened and the overwhelming feeling among local people is that they are not wanted.

By a Militant reporter.

## Taximen clash with youths

POLICE are investigating an incident which turned a quiet village street into a battle ground.

At one time between 50 and 100 people are estimated to have been involved as Asian taxi drivers fought with local youths in Knowl Road, Golcar, near Huddersfield. Stones and baseball bats were used as weapons.

The fighting was stopped by a large number of police officers shortly before midnight on Saturday.

Four people were arrested and released on bail without charge, but a police spokesman said: "It is expected they will be charged later and that many more arrests will be made in the next few days."

The trouble is thought to have started following a incident involving a taxi driver and a group of youths.

The driver, radiored for help. One resident said: "Before long taxis and cars were rolling up.

Scores of people poured out of the Rose and Crown Pub along the road and fighting broke out.

Most of the people in the cars were Asian. Stones were then thrown at their cars and all of them appeared to be seriously hurt. It was a very nasty incident."

### NALGO

AROUND 45 black members of NALGO from the London area attended the annual conference of the union's metropolitan district black workers group last Saturday.

The main issue was the refusal by the National Executive Committee of NALGO to fund the national black workers conference due to be held in December.

The NEC is going against the union's conference decision and is providing money for the women's group, the lesbian and gay group, and the disabilities groups, but not for the black workers group.

NALGO members throughout the country should pass resolutions in their branch meetings condemning the NEC.

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ANTI-BNP RALLY in Edinburgh this month

# Forcing fascists off the streets

**ON SATURDAY** Edinburgh saw a mass mobilisation of socialists and anti-racists to prevent John Tyndall addressing a British National Party meeting.

Following the recent racist murder of an African student there were many hundreds determined to stop the growth of fascists here.

That anger needed organising, and it was an initiative by a small group of revolutionary socialists that made this happen.

Within a few days an im-

pressive list of bodies had agreed to come in behind an anti-fascist rally and mass leafleting of the local football ground where there were signs of fascists trying to raise their heads.

## Support

Support was given by a wide range of people from MPs, the regional and district councils, black and Asian organisations, to the trades council, students unions, anti poll tax federation and even The Proclaimers.

This level of support ensured that we did not see a stunt but a serious mobilisation of many hundreds from right across the labour movement.

Three hundred and fifty demonstrators who left the rally to hand out leaflets bumped into Tyndall at the station and prevented him meeting his supporters. On the day the fascists were prevented from holding their rally or any public activity in Edinburgh.

□ **DONNY GLUCKSTEIN,**  
Edinburgh

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# Chorus of abuse that adds salt to the wounds

**E**ARLY MORNING in a ward of a big London hospital, and a middle-aged black nurse is shimmering with anger. An elderly patient, it turns out, has been making racial remarks to her during the night.

"She was talking about 'you lot coming here and taking everything over', saying she was surprised I could speak English, that sort of thing."

"There are about two patients a week like that, and some of the men call the black nurses 'whores and monkeys. I tell you, I'd walk out of the job tomorrow if I could afford it."

This is no isolated story. A former nurse saw a man refusing treatment by an Asian nurse, and heard a patient call a black nurse "jungle bunny".

A Nuffield official heard a chorus of abuse from white patients in a ward where a black nurse was slow to answer a call.

Prospects of ending such behaviour look bleak. Efforts are just beginning to tackle employment discrimination in the health service, where black people tend to be confined to the worse jobs, and discrimination by the "customer" is even more problematic.

But the King's Fund Centre, an independent research body, is thinking of recommending that hospital authorities use information booklets and posters to tell patients they're in a multi-racial place where discrimination is not acceptable.

Ms Barbara Ellis, head of the KFC's Equal Opportunities Task Force, which is partly fi-

nanced by the Department of Health, says: "Some way must be found of making it clear that racially abusive behaviour is wrong and spoils the vital relationship between patients and care staff. Unfortunately, many white managers are simply not aware of the problem, or choose to ignore it because it's so difficult."

"A senior member of staff should make it clear to patients where there is an evident complaint that such behaviour can't be tolerated. But any sanctions would be difficult — you can't refuse service, as in a shop, and there may be cases where patients can't be held responsible for their actions."

The last point is echoed by Ms Barbara Ellis, head of the Task Force, which is partly fi-

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whose glasses were broken and face cut by a punch from a patient who insulted her racially. "She complained to the management, who just said, 'Oh, the patient must have been confused'. She ended up paying for new glasses herself, and she's got a scar on her face as well. Administration's always on the side of the patient, and you're just a nurse."

A spokesman for the Royal College of Nursing says: "The public has this view that nurses are wonderful, but for some people you have to add 'except when they're black', and that's appalling. We have nurses reporting to us what's going on, but unfortunately it's the sort of issue that gets buried."

"It's a problem for society in general, and you'd think people

would be more charitable when they're in a vulnerable situation, as a patient. But maybe people's prejudices become sharper when they're in a vulnerable state.

"Managers may think that nurses who complain are over-reacting. They might be in some cases, but that shouldn't be used as an excuse not to look into every case on its merits. You could have posters and put a message in patient booklets, but you'd have to make sure they didn't sound like an apology for having black nurses."

Peter Rookes, chief nursing officer at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, said he had heard of incidents of racial abuse over the years but didn't think they were a significant problem. "If a patient is

stressed and wants to hit out and the nurse is of a different ethnic group, then the abuse may involve some reference to that. But it's not frequent or serious, and the average nurse would be aware of the patient's stress and be able to deal with it adequately through their ward sister or manager. My feeling on booklets and posters is that they would not be necessary in this hospital.

"I've come across a few occasions where it's been the other way round — a patient from an ethnic minority feels discriminated against by staff. It's often difficult to decide whether there really is a racial basis to a conflict or dispute, and in one case it turned out to be a misunderstanding about the patient's clinical treatment."

## Multi-cultural

### education under attack

**MULTICULTURAL education is under attack in Labour controlled Waltham Forest, east London.**

A racist backlash has begun amongst some parents against the council's policy of giving school holidays to celebrate Diwali, a Hindu festival, Guru Nanak, a Sikh festival, and Eid-ul-Str, a

## Muslim festival.

Waltham Forest has the largest Pakistani community of any London borough.

On the first day of the holidays some parents hobbled the council with racist slogans. On the second day around 100 parents marched on the town hall with slogans like "British holidays only".

Hugo Sumneron, Tory MP for Walthamstow, ad-

## dressed the march promising to 'tell Maggie about this'.

A counter-lobby organised by local socialists was supported by NALGO and local teachers.

Ron Haycock, president of the local NUT, pointed out the march was "obviously organised by racists and the Tory party".

Eddie Playfair, chair of Education on Waltham Forest council, said in wel-

## coming the counter-lobby, "It is necessary to not let racists go unchallenged."

Part of the blame for the reaction must lie with the council itself and its implementation of the holidays in a totally bureaucratic manner.

It gave the Hindu holiday of Diwali on the wrong day—the festival had been the week before. It provided no provision whatever for child care for working parents on

## the holidays.

On top of this, no real attempt was made to explain to parents what the council was trying to do.

Although the holidays were agreed by the NUT, local association teachers at school level were not involved in the decision. It remains to be seen if the council will invest the necessary provision in making multicultural education in Waltham Forest effective.

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# Vigilante warning by Asians 'in uproar'

DEWSBURY Asians have threatened to set up vigilante groups after recent attacks which they believe to be the work of right-wing extremists.

Community watchdogs today described Moslems as "in uproar" following the attack last month on

## Police step in to cool off march

POLICE took prompt action as violence threatened to erupt during a march in Leeds by supporters of 16 Asian youths who went on trial today on charges following the Dewsbury race riots in June last year.

The atmosphere was tense as more than 1,000 people marched from Chapeltown to the city centre for an anti-racist rally organised by the Dewsbury 82 defence campaign.

Marchers received support from people in Chapeltown but hecklers in the city centre caused flashpoints forcing quick action by the police. Bemused Saturday afternoon shoppers stood by as the march turned into The Headrow with the West Yorkshire Police helicopter clattering overhead.

A man in a Leeds United shirt exchanged angry words with marchers and a small group of right-wing supporters hurled insults from the doorway of the Three Legs pub.

Marchers stopped and turned towards the pub, but police moved in to seal it off and keep the two sides apart. March stewards appealed for calm and urged the protesters to move on.

Outside the City Art Gallery a series of anti-racist speakers expressed support for the 16 defendants who face public order charges relating to a disturbance in Dewsbury.

The defendants at Leeds Crown Court are: Idris Patel, 18, of North View, Dewsbury; Nisar Shah, 18, of Sefton Rise, Dewsbury; Aurrangzeb Azam, 20, of Savile Road, Dewsbury; Sajid Masood, 23, of Hodgson Terrace, Dewsbury; Tasnu Ditta, 18, of South Street, Dewsbury; Parvase Mohammed, 21, of Stonefield Street, Dewsbury; Mohammed Sajjad, 25, of Savile Road, Dewsbury; Tahir Ayub, 20, of Headfield Road, Dewsbury; Taswir Hussain, 18, of Stonefield Street, Dewsbury; Asif Patel, 16, of South Street, Dewsbury; Amir Jan, 25, of Taylor Street, Batley; Mohammed Reasat, 17, of Warwick Road, Batley; Mohammed Arif, 20, of Lady Ann Road, Batley; All Raza, 25, of Lady Ann Road, Batley; Ejaz Fiaz, 20, of Stratford Street, Leeds; Shaikat Hussain, 19, of Little Horton Lane, Bradford, and a 16-year-old from Dewsbury.

By DAVID RADDINGS

the Westtown Mosque, currently under construction.

Racist graffiti was daubed on the outside walls and an estimated £4,000 damage caused inside in what has been termed "a desecration" of the mosque.

Hard on the heels of that, the only Asian family living in a Westtown street was singled out for a petrol bomb attack which left them shocked but unhurt.

Today race relations watchdogs, the Kirklees Racial Equality Council, said something must be done to stop Moslems being constant targets of racism before the trouble escalated further.

### Police blamed

A statement released by the KREC following a meeting of Westtown Asians put the blame for the recent attacks firmly at the door of the police for allowing the situation to worsen.

The KREC statement said: "Members of the community stressed that things had been allowed to get out of hand by the ineffective responses to earlier incidents by the law-enforcing authorities and made it quite clear that the situation had escalated to an extent where people's lives were at risk.

"Obviously, this cannot be tolerated. The general feeling at the meeting was that if the law-enforcing authorities did not protect the Asian community, then the community would be forced to defend itself."

A four-point plan to stem "the scourge of racism" was put forward. It included:

- The police should maintain an increased vigilance against racist attacks;
- The politicians should "respond positively" to the community, ensure good race relations and make certain that families do not live in fear;
- The community should report all racial incidents to the police and organise itself to assure "adequate support to victims of racism";
- Judges should come down heavily on racists.

Many incidents went unrecorded because Asians were not confident about reporting racist attacks to the police, said the KREC statement, which listed 25 examples of allegedly racially motivated incidents over the past decade.

Meanwhile it was disclosed that two men had been arrested in connection with vandalism at the Westtown Mosque and were due to appear in court soon.

Insp Vernon Clegg, of the Community Involvement Unit said: "There is no need for anyone to take the law into their own hands. The police deal with all incidents that are reported."

## Stop the racists

THE FAR right in France and Belgium have used the "affair of the scarf" to mobilise. The NF were able to get 8,000 to demonstrate against an anti-racist meeting—outnumbering the left.

In both countries the Socialist parties have made concessions to racism. In France Prime Minister Rocard has promised to increase immigration controls.

In Belgium one of the Socialist ministers in the coalition government prevented a Muslim school from being built in Brussels and banned Muslim girls wearing scarves at school.

The response of many on the revolutionary left has been weak.

We should learn from this experience.

The Tory government is whipping up racism in its treatment of Vietnamese refugees and its refusal to give the Hong Kong Chinese the right to stay in Britain.

Any failure to clearly oppose that racism leaves the door open to the fascists.

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# Self defence is no offence

Photo: Sev Carrell

West Yorkshire police this week granted official permission for a rally in support of 21 people facing charges connected with last year's Dewsbury riots. **JOHN FARREN** reports on efforts to prevent the hearing turning into an Asian riot show trial.



MAJOR demonstration being organised by the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign has this week received the official go ahead. The Defence Campaign is a group set up to defend the 82 anti-racists detained by police following violence after a British National Party rally last June. The march from Leeds Trades Club to the Town Hall will be held on Saturday 1st September. The 21 defendants go to trial at Leeds Crown Court the following Monday in what the Defence Campaign has described as a "show trial". The charges brought will relate to violent scenes of disorder following a rally by the British National Party and a counter demonstration by Kirklees Black Workers Group. For the B.N.P. the events of June 24th 1989 were and remain a source of great satisfaction.

Last July's copy of the group's news sheet 'British Nationalist' referred smugly to "hitting the headlines with a big outdoor public meeting in Dewsbury which made national publicity." Anti-racists were understandably less pleased with the day's events. Police tactics aroused suspicion and anger at the time. One onlooker called the events "an artificial situation created by ridiculous policing".

Accusations have been levelled in some quarters of active police collusion with the fascist group, in order to provoke a riot which would allow police intervention "to teach the Asians a lesson". A further source of suspicion to the Defence Campaign has been the way the disturbances have been presented as "an Asian riot" rather than anti-fascist action. A contributory factor to this has been the way the small number of white protestors arrested have been split off from the main body of predominantly Asian youths charged.

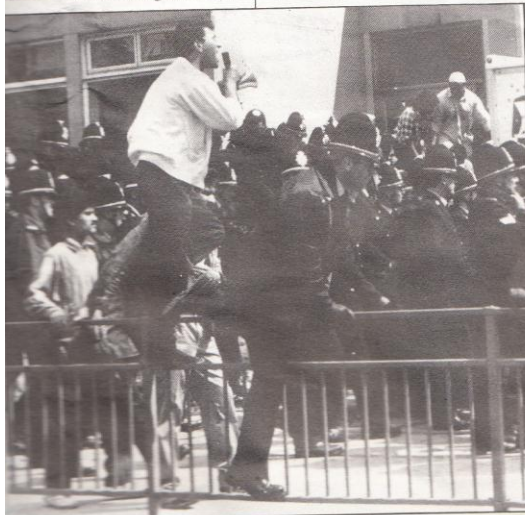
Last month Peter Jackson, a white anti-fascist, was found guilty of violent disorder and was sentenced to 140 hours community service plus £200 costs. Despite his conviction, he is sure that he has had preferential treatment because he is white. Mr Jackson points out that Asian defendants have suffered from unusually harsh bail restrictions - many have been banned from attending public meetings, placed under curfew and had passports confiscated. As a white man he also received a trial by his peers.

while the jury at Leeds Crown Court for the other defendants is unlikely to be composed mainly of Asian or Black people. "I'd like to have been with the rest of them," Mr Jackson said. "But the state's not daft. They want people to see this as an Asian riot." A spokesperson for the Defence Campaign confirmed that they expect the prosecution to play on racial fears to obtain convictions. Mr Jackson is unrepentant. "I believe we're innocent. I stand by everything we did to defend ourselves against the fascists."

Rallying itself around the slogan "Self Defence Is No Offence" the Dewsbury 82 Defence Campaign is hoping to mobilise public support in the run-up to the trial.

Campaign organiser Khalid Hussain has received widespread support from anti-fascist and anti-racist groups across the country.

"Locally we're getting a lot of publicity," he adds. "Lots of organisations and individuals are giving their support. We're asking anyone who's concerned about fascism in this country to lend their support at the rally on September 1st." ■



Fascists massed opposite gathered Asian Youth, police charge to disperse Asians outside sports hall and push them back into Saviletown. Arrests follow.

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# Cheltenham Tory says it all again

Alan Travis  
Political Correspondent

**T**HE Cheltenham Conservative who racially abused the Tory party's first black parliamentary candidate in a winnable seat was unrepentant yesterday despite being publicly told by Prime Minister John Major there was no place for such sentiments in the party.

Mr Bill Galbraith, who was involved in attempts last weekend to overturn the decision to select John Taylor as the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham, claimed yesterday his remarks had been said in private, amongst friends and had been misquoted. However he added: "I did say we would not let bloody niggers into this town. I am fed up with this carry-on and I am tired of so much publicity."

Mr Galbraith, a cousin of junior Scottish Office minister, Lord Strathclyde, went on: "If they want my resignation they can have it. I can always go and vote for another Tory party. I do not intend to resign from Cheltenham unless they call for my expulsion which I very much doubt." Later he told BBC Radio Bristol: "Why was it we had to select a nigger from Birmingham?"

In the Commons, the Prime Minister said: "Let me say the reported remarks, which I

understand have been denied, are not sentiments which have any place in our party."

The candidate himself, John Taylor, a barrister and former Home Office political adviser, yesterday brushed aside the controversy saying he was not worried by it: "I have a job to do, it is a very enjoyable job and that is getting to know the people of Cheltenham," he said adding that John Major's condemnation of racism was "a very important message to make."

"You will always get people in society whose vision does not extend beyond the end of their noses. Frankly I feel sorry for people like that." Mr Taylor, who was selected from 250 candidates, strongly denied allegations that he had been foisted on the Cheltenham Conservatives.

Sir Charles Irving, the retiring Conservative MP for Cheltenham, who had a majority of 4,896, yesterday demanded that Mr Galbraith write a "total and unqualified apology for his disgusting remarks". The Conservative Party chairman, Chris Patten, moving to limit the damage of the controversy: "There are people embracing every political creed who have views on race that make Alf Garnett seem like a screaming liberal."

"John Major and I have made it clear there can be no barricades because of someone's

background or race. We have got to be an open party where the only thing that counts is merit."

The Conservative Party has no mechanism to expel individual members and it was unclear yesterday if the constitution of the Cheltenham Association has any mechanism for expulsions. The controversy within Cheltenham over the adoption of Mr Taylor has ensured that there is now no question of his candidacy being overturned.

Last night the shadow home secretary, Roy Hattersley, wrote to Mr Major asking him to remove all ambiguity about his Commons answer: "There is no longer any doubt about what Mr Galbraith said. Inevitably the answer you gave this afternoon will encourage the belief that you chose not to be categorical about your attitude to what Mr Galbraith said." He demanded that the Prime Minister expel Mr Galbraith from the Conservative Party and denounce his sentiments "not just in party terms but on behalf of the whole nation".

Mr Taylor has been sent sympathy by a black Labour prospective candidate in an almost exclusively white constituency, Dr Ashok Kumar, who is hoping to fight the Teesside seat of Langbaugh. Dr Kumar, a 34-year-old research scientist with British Steel, said: "It must be dreadful to be rejected by bigots in your own party."

# Market rioters escape jail terms

SIX teenagers accused of violent disorder on the day of the Dewsbury riot escaped jail sentences at Leeds Crown Court.

The court heard that the youths were part of a mob which rampaged through Dewsbury market, sending shoppers scattering and insulting Asian stallholders.

The mob knocked over shoppers, jumped across stalls, raised Nazi salutes and attacked an Asian market trader, stealing jeans from his stall.

But Judge Bennett told the defendants that, after reading transcripts from hearings involving other rioters, he had decided that their cases were not serious enough to warrant imprisonment.

## Shame

The incident happened as a result of clashes between supporters of rival rallies organised by the right wing British National Party and the anti-racist Kirklees Black Workers' Group.

The events have been dubbed 'Dewsbury's day of shame.'

Defence barristers told the judge that their clients had not been involved in the attack on the market trader and only one of the defendants had stolen any of the £200 to £400 of jeans taken from his stall.

Judge Bennett said: "However minor your individual contributions were, the total result was a serious disturbance to public order."

## Orders

All the defendants received community service orders.

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Christopher John Wood, 17, of Mandeville Crescent, Buttershaw, Bradford, pleaded guilty and got 120 hours; Mark Bryn-ton Haigh, 19, of Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, pleaded guilty and got 100 hours; Leon Michael Hollingworth, 16, of Thornfield Avenue, Odsal, Bradford, pleaded guilty and got 100 hours. Simon Anthony Taylor, 18, of Plum Street, Kings Cross, Halifax, pleaded guilty and got 120 hours; Michael John Dolecki, 16, of Collingham Avenue, Buttershaw, Bradford, was found guilty after trial and got 120 hours; and Harry Allen, 19, of Syke Avenue, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, pleaded guilty to violent disorder, theft of a pair of jeans and possession of a controlled drug and received 160 hours community service.

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# Axes are sharpened for off-course map-maker

## Wednesday People

Dennis Barker

**C**HELLENHAM Conservative and small publisher of maps, Bill Galbraith, who opposed the new prospective Conservative candidate, John Taylor, as a "bloody nigger", said yesterday he had not reconsidered his attitude but now intended to "let sleeping dogs lie". Whether they will, for him, will be decided next week.

Bill Galbraith: intends to "let sleeping dogs lie..."

I might have made were in private. There was a meeting for the Conservative Association in the sanctuary of the Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham, and any remarks I happened, shall we say, to let off, came after the meeting in a bar in the Queen's Hotel. They were not remotely premeditated remarks," said the 54-year-old cousin of Lord Strathclyde, a junior minister at the Scottish Office, who joined the Conservative Party in Glasgow, his birthplace, when he was 17 and says he has been a "stalwart" since.

Mr Galbraith, a man with steely grey hair and a patrician look who for the past

three years has been publishing and selling maps of areas within a 50-mile radius of Cheltenham, has lived in a Regency-style detached house in smart London Road for the past seven years. He was educated at Loreto School, Northburgh — Charcellor, Norman Lamont's old school — and has worked as a salesman, in a warehouse and in insurance. He did his National Service as an officer in the Scottish Rifles. His only hobbies are golf and his Labrador dog.

He said he did not see his cousin often. Will all this embarrass him? "I think Mr Major might know who he is now — I don't it before."

Galbraith insisted that being a local man — John Taylor is a barrister from Birmingham — was the essential requirement in the Conservative candidate for Cheltenham. "I just feel that this is a very closely-knit community and I can't see a reason to let somebody who comes from outside the town be the prospective MP. It is not a matter of white, yellow or black. I want a local person — it must be the answer to our problem."

He said he had in the last two days received 50 telephone calls supporting the attempt to block Mr Taylor's selection, and none hostile. Asked about suggestions that

he might be asked to resign from the party, he said: "If they want my resignation, they can have it. I can go and vote for another Tory party elsewhere. I don't intend to resign from Cheltenham as a member of the party unless my expulsion is called for."

He will know early next week when the executive of Cheltenham association, at its regular monthly meeting, will consider the matter. Chairwoman Monica Drinkwater said yesterday she "absolutely deplored" his remarks. Mr Galbraith was not an active member "nor a true representative of the Conservative Party in Cheltenham or in the country".

**TWELVE** of the 16 young Asians charged with rioting in Dewsbury were starting life behind bars today, with sentences ranging from three months to three years.

Leeds Crown Court Judge Vivian Hurwitz told the men from Batley, Dewsbury and Heckmondwike that there was no justification for terrifying innocent citizens and pelting police with stones and bricks after two rival rallies had met in the town on June 24, 1989.

But he added that the ring-leaders of the Dewsbury riot were still probably at large and described the 12 jailed men as victims and cannon fodder.

They had to be imprisoned for their part in the rioting which had left the Scarborough Hotel, in Savile Town, wrecked and innocent bystanders in fear of their lives. Otherwise anarchy would reign, he said.

He told the court: "Whatever the provocation and however deep the feelings that are aroused, to turn the streets of a town into a battlefield can never be excused and most certainly cannot be tolerated."

"Although those generally responsible may be carried along with the crowd, they all have minds of their own."

A massive police presence on the day had "largely successfully" kept the anti-racist Kirklees Black Workers Group supporters and the ultra-right wing British

National Party apart, said the judge.

He believed that the police actions in dispersing a large group of Asians had been correct and added that it was no mean achievement of the police that nobody had been seriously injured on the day.

Of the more than 90 people arrested as a result of the day's events, these were the first to be sent to prison or young offenders institutions. Others, on lesser charges, had been fined or given community service orders.

Next week another eight defendants are appearing at Leeds Crown Court to answer charges relating to the June 24 riots.

The defendants sentenced yesterday were:

Idris Patel, 18, of North View, Savile Town, Dewsbury, given 15 months youth custody; Amir Jan, 25, of Taylor Street, Batley, jailed for 12 months; Gulnar Afzar, 21, of Snowden Street, Batley, jailed for three years after pleading guilty to affray and criminal damage at two other rallies as well as the Dewsbury offences.

Mohammed Akbar Reesat, 17, no fixed address, 21 months youth custody after also admitting arson at his former council flat; Nadeem Shazad, 17, of Headfield Road, Savile Town, 15 months youth custody after also pleading guilty to a joint robbery charge.

Nisar Ahmed Shah, 19, of Sefton Rise, Thornhill Lees, 12 months youth custody; Aurangetz Azam, 20, of Savile Road, Dewsbury, nine months youth custody; Attiq Hussain Rasool, 23, of South View, Savile Town, jailed for nine months; Sajid Masood, 23, of Hodgson Terrace, Savile Town, jailed for nine months; Tariq Mahmood Ditta, 20, of South Street, Savile Town, 18 months youth custody; Mohammed Sajjad, 25, of Savile Road, Savile Town, jailed for nine months; Tahir Ayub, 20, of Headfield Road, Savile Town, three months youth custody.

Asif Patel, 16, of South Street, Savile Town, ordered to complete 120 hours community service.

Fayaz Adam Patel, 20, of Chapel Street, Savile Town, Pavase Mohammed, 22, of Stonefield Street, Savile Town, and Ishiq Azam Bashir, 20, of Barley Road, Heckmondwike, were all ordered to complete 140 hours community service.

## Cleared of market mayhem

ONE youth was convicted and another acquitted at Leeds Crown Court on a charge of violent disorder in Dewsbury Market in the summer of 1989.

Michael John Dolecki, 16, of Collingham Avenue, Buttershaw, Bradford, was convicted of violent disorder. He will be sentenced at the end of the month along with others who pleaded guilty.

Paul Howorth, 18, of Burniston Gardens, Buttershaw, was acquitted and he was discharged.

Mr Christopher Attwooll, prosecuting, said that there had been a British National Party rally and a Kirklees Black Workers Group meeting in Dewsbury on that day and there was a large police presence in the town.

After the meetings ended 30 to 40 white youths rampaged through the market place shouting abuse at Asian stall holders.

Howorth said he went to the British National Party rally out of interest not because he supported what the party stood for.

He denied being involved in any violence. After the meeting he ended up in the market place but he denied that he was one of the trouble makers.

Dolecki said he was not a supporter of the British National Party. He said he was arrested although he had not caused any trouble. He denied that he had knocked over an elderly woman shopper.



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