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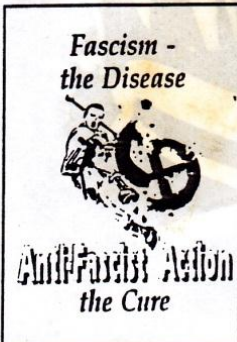
BROADSHEET OF EDINBURGH ANTI-FASCIST ACTION
EDINBURGH A.F.A., P.O. BOX 474, EDINBURGH, EH11 2TQ

NO SELL OUT, NO COMPROMISE

This year saw the addition of Anti Fascist Action to the ranks of anti fascist/racist groups in Edinburgh. Though A.F.A. has existed for many years as a national force, many anti fascists in Edinburgh wanted a group that was active on all fronts, that was independent of any left wing party and most of all, one that was effective.

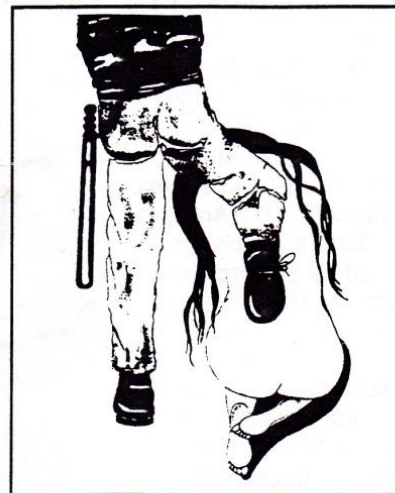
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STOP STRIP SEARCHES

There was a good turnout at a meeting organised to highlight the continuing injustice of the strip search. The meeting was part of a tour which also took in Glasgow and Manchester and focused on the treatment given to female Republican prisoners in Maghaberry, N. Ireland.

Those attending also heard a speaker from the James Connolly Society and a member of Glasgow A.F.A. who spoke on the links between loyalists and fascists in Scotland.

The meeting on Thursday 22 October at the Unemployed Workers Centre in Broughton St had itself been threatened by loyalists, and activists from Edinburgh A.F.A. turned out to give support. The meeting went without incident.

For more info on strip searches write to Soarise Women's Group, P.O. Box 474, Edinburgh, EH11. S.W.G. is a group which campaigns on issues which affect women in Scotland and Ireland

band Skrewdriver.
The Anti-Fascist Action group says it will take any steps necessary to stop the concert — organised by the shadowy group Blood and Honour. Mike Stone, of AFA said: "As far as we are concerned Blood and Honour has only one agenda — the terrorism of anyone opposed to them. We are prepared to meet like with like."

But those who did were met by up to 500 Left-wingers from the Anti-Fascist Action group, chanting: "Nazi scum off our streets."

As the fascists huddled together for safety behind police lines, one black-shirted skinhead had a heart attack and was taken away in an ambulance.

THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

On Saturday September 12, the neo-nazi music organisation Blood & Honour planned to hold a gig in London headlined by fascist rock band Skrewdriver. However, they made the mistake of publicising the re-direction point and fascists turning up at Waterloo Station were met by a crowd of between 1000 and 1500 anti-fascists. As a result, instead of a hoped for 2000 at the gig, only 200 to 300 managed to make it.

We reprint some of the text from A.F.A.'s press release given the day after the event;

"At Waterloo it was a tactical battle between us and the far right; us and the police. Yesterday we won. Once the police were forced to close the station through weight of numbers we knew we were in control.

The battle for Waterloo was a watershed in the struggle between the forces of the left and the right throughout Europe. The media appears to be obsessed with the far right, but the groups behind Anti Fascist Action are also ideologically driven. Its a battle for control of the streets. Militant anti-fascism is a means to an end. We too have long term objectives.

The tactics favoured by the Anti-Nazi League and other liberal anti racist groups have been eclipsed by yesterdays victory. Unlike them we dont believe in token demonstrations or in calling for state bans.

At one point yesterday riot police and fascists actually fought side by side in a pitched battle with anti fascists under the railway bridge, next to the festival hall. Furious phone calls from entrapped fascists to the concert organisers who had remained in Victoria, asking them to provide rescue or venue details, apparently went unheeded. It should be significant to both the fascists and anti fascists that at this crucial juncture, the fascists' leadership is prepared to abandon their own supporters. There are lessons to be learned for the working class youth on both sides.

If the anti fascist movement in Europe had implemented a policy of No Platform for Fascists with the same commitment as we did yesterday, Rostock would still be just a little town in Germany."

It should be noted that instead of joining A.F.A. in confronting the fascists at Waterloo, the Anti-Nazi League chose to hold a demo in Croydon, miles away from where ordinary people were putting words into action. Fascism will not be

Below: Another battered bastard!
Waterloo 12/10/92



defeated by leaflets and badges alone.

A defence fund has been set up for those arrested at Waterloo, donations should be sent to: WATERLOO DEFENDANTS CAMPAIGN, BM 1734, LONDON, WC1N 3XX.



LOCAL NEWS

The BNP have been spotted doing occasional paper 'sales' on Gorgie Rd beside 'Scotmid' usually between 10am and 12noon. Local anti-fascists including ourselves have been monitoring the situation and the fascists would be wise to note that steps are being taken to rectify the situation. Local anti-fascists should be ready to act.

The below photograph was taken at the General Election count at Meadowbank on April 9th, '92. The Bigoted Nazi Pricks shown here were pictured waiting for the result of fascist candidate David Bruce (Edinburgh West ward). Some information has been collected but more is needed. Names, addresses and photos (if possible) should be sent to our Box number.



A.F.A. IN EDINBURGH

We are involved in a wide range of activities from leafleting and flyposting to putting on gigs, if you want to be involved in any way contact us at the P.O. Box or at one of our public events. If you want to become an Edinburgh area supporter fill out and send us the section below. Rates are: **WAGED - £5/ UNWAGED - £3**. Write for info on stickers and merchandise.

For political organisations, community groups, trade union branch and student union affiliations contact London A.F.A., BM Box 1734, London, WC1N 3XX.

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anti fascist action

STAMP OUT THE NAZIS

WHAT IS AFA?

AFA is a non sectarian DEMOCRATIC organisation dedicated to confronting fascism wherever it rears its ugly head. We are not controlled by or are a part of any political party. AFA consists of people from many political persuasions.

HOW DOES AFA OPERATE ?

We believe in fighting fascism on all fronts, Ideologically and physically. That means that we organise to spread anti-fascist propaganda, be it through leafleting sessions, stalls, organizing clubs and benefits gigs or just talking to people. However it is our dedication to physical confrontation should the fascists try to organise that sets us apart from the majority of middle class left wing groups. AFA has never shirked the fact that violence is a necessary weapon in the fight against fascism. When

thugs of the BNP try to march or hold a meeting they cannot be stopped by "protest" alone. All the loud hailer and banners in the world will not stop fascism if the people behind them are not prepared to step their opposition up from merely showing it to acting it out. It is a political fact that fascism gains strength with every successful action



and that they suffer serious setbacks when faced with militant opposition.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER GROUPS ?

Those left wing groups who denounce other anti-fascists for their militancy or who claim to be non-violent while trying to claim successful militant actions as their own doing are dangerous diversions and should be left well alone.

CLASS ?

Fascism is a threat to all working class people and should be fought from a working class perspective. When fascists have been in power the first victims have always been the working class. Their politics and beliefs are not just racist they are anti-democratic and anti-working class. If their meetings are accepted and allowed to go ahead they gain strength and if they gain

enough strength then we can look forward to a society where the weak and disabled are culled, where leftwing and liberal opinions of any sort will be stamped on, where the welfare state and health service are destroyed and where one man (Adolf Hitler?) controls a military style dictatorship with thick bastards as his foot soldiers.

BEATING THE FASCISTS

EDINBURGH ANTI-FASCIST ACTION

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JOIN AFA

In the fight against fascism in Britain, AFA has a record that is second to none. Our unique combination of physical confrontation and ideological struggle has produced results time and time again.

We say no platform to fascists - no meetings, no paper sales, no leafleting - we mean it, as the fascists know only too well. Our aim is to cause maximum disruption to their activities.

That doesn't only mean that AFA only needs street fighters. Far from it. Everyone has a role to play within AFA, whether they feel comfortable with physical confrontation or not.

Non of our successes in physically confronting the fascists would have been possible without the contribution of non-combatants. From legal observers to scouts, leafleters to people who can speak at meetings. AFA needs people with a whole range of skills. There's lots to do

JOIN ANTI FASCIST ACTION TODAY

WANTED

INFORMATION ON FASCISTS LIVING IN SCOTLAND. NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHOTOS AND WORK PLACES. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY. SEND TO:- AFA, PO. BOX 421, EDINBURGH, EH11 1QD

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