

FIGHTING EDINBURGH TALK

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"I dont accept any nonviolent liberals. This dosent mean that you've got to be violent, but it does mean that you cant be non violent..."

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A NEW YEARS MESSAGE TO FASCISTS IN SCOTLAND:

NO ROOM HERE

The now annual St. Andrews day march and rally against racism and fascism in Scotland took place on Nov 28 and as usual the BNP were forced to flee with their tails between their legs.

Like last year when the fascists unwisely tried to hold a rally the following day and were forced to flee from their pub through an underground passage, like rats in a sewer, complete with their loyal police escort - Nov '92 again saw the BNP being given a painful lesson in militant anti-fascism.

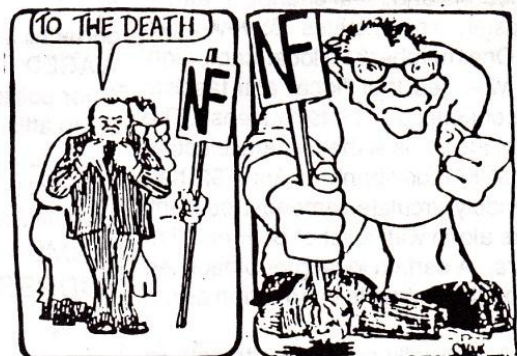
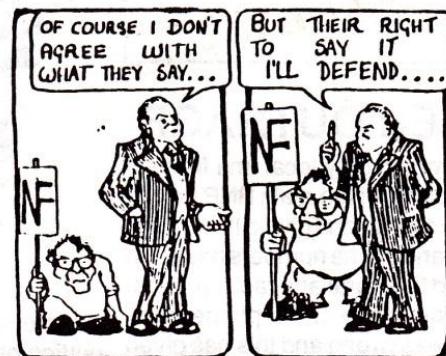
This year Edinburgh and Glasgow A.F.A. took heed of events in previous years when fascists have tried to attack the march and instead of going on the march and being able to do nothing, organised to attempt to stop them before they stopped us. Here is our version of events.

BEFORE the march, a sizeable crew of militant anti-fascists patrolled the area around St. Enoch's square, where the fascists were rumoured to be meeting. Unfortunately there was no sign of them until shortly before the march was due to start, when two nazi boneheads complete with nazi T-shirts and patches unwittingly walked into several A.F.A. supporters. The two Aryan wonderboys were forced to eat pavement and left to consider the wisdom of publicly displaying offensive fascist regalia and doing the dirty work for those middle and upper class fuhrers in the fascist parties.

DURING the march, which had an excellent turnout of over 2000, the police let around 25 nazis to hold a "counter-demonstration". Many of the marchers were understandably angered by this and attempted to take the words they were chanting one step further by physically removing this pile of shit from the streets of Glasgow. The police though were well prepared and together with the N.U.S. stewards not only

prevented the marchers from doing anything but helped to usher the fascists to safety. The fascists then attempted to attack the march at the rallying point but were forced to run as marchers attempted to break through police lines to get at them. The police at first seemed to have been taken by surprise but with the help of mounted cops, undercover pigs with A.N.L. stickers and a helicopter arrested many of the marchers.

AFTER all the fuss had died down the fascists disappeared while large gangs of anti fascists roamed the streets looking for them. Unfortunately most of the anti fascists were noticeable a mile off, not only to the fascists but to the police and stood out like sore thumbs. However, a further five members of the Battered Nazi Posse were forced to join their comrades in tasting the Glasgow streets. We hear the casualties included a BNP organiser from Cumbernauld and three large fascists up from Newcastle who sampled double helpings of Scottish hospitality, A.F.A. style!



"BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY"

COMMENT

The St. Andrews day march had an excellent turnout, and more importantly showed the fighting spirit of a large number of Scottish anti-fascists. However, there is always room for criticism. Ours is that the BNP were allowed to organise a "counter demonstration". Too many "Anti Nazi" groups are content to march and hold rallies before going home and declaring that Glasgow(or wherever) is a "Nazi-free zone". Fascists should NEVER be allowed to organise on the streets and its up to US to ensure that it dosent happen. Its no good relying on the police.

As the march showed, its not the principle of physically stopping the nazis that differs A.F.A. from other groups. That was obvious when many of the marchers attempted to get at the nazis, only to be stopped by barriers and mounted police. Whearas, A.F.A. though unfortunately unable to prevent most of the fascists from meeting, were free to move about reletively unhindered by the state police. Its no use organising thousands of people if they are unable to do anything.

We're not condemning people for marching, its important that fascism is attacked from all directions, but what we are saying is that even if 5 to 10% of those marchers had organised effectively before the march, the fascists would never have attacked it in the first place.

POSTER OUTRAGE

A poster produced by local anti fascists showing a photo of the main BNP organisers in Edinburgh and giving their home addresses and phone numbers has been condemned by liberal anti racist groups.

Unfortunately one of the phone numbers given was wrong and this has given leftie liberals and ideal chance to attack the poster. The motives however are clear. One member of a local 'campaign' group whinged that "local anti fascists werent consulted". This is nonsense. The photo of the nazis at the General election count at Meadowbank in April '92 had been widely circulated amongst local anti fascists along with a list of BNP election sponors. A certain local group declined to act on this valuable information as did others.

A.F.A. naturally supports attempts to expose the fascists as it is part of our struggle to destroy organised fascism. It

seems that some people would rather the fascists remained some sort of invisible mystical force.

Wake up! The fascists are not invincible but if we ignore them in favour of endless whining and whinging about 'state racism' they will grow and grow, like in Germany, until they really are a force to be reckoned with. **THE STREETS BELONG TO US.**

IN THE AREA

A.F.A. exists to fight fascism on ALL fronts. Some events we have planned for the new year include:

A.F.A. BENEFIT GIG

SATURDAY, JAN 23 - Local band **SUBLIME** plus local DJ's, licensed bar and stalls. Doors open 9pm, admission £2 - at the **UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE, 103 Broughton St.**

PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY, FEB 4

"Fighting the Rise of Fascism in Scotland". With guest speakers. 7.30pm at the Unemployed Workers Centre.



UNITED COLOURS

BLAGGERS I.T.A., ska/punk ravers and longtime activists in A.F.A. are currently touring England to promote their new LP 'United Colours of...' on Words of Warning. A.F.A. are hoping to bring them to Edinburgh and Glasgow soon. Their last gig in Edinburgh last September was cancelled due to the national mobilisation against the nazi Skrewdriver gig in London.



A.F.A. T-SHIRTS

Edinburgh A.F.A. have produced some top quality double sided T-shirts (see above). Sizes are XL only and colours are white unbleached cotton and red. Shirts cost only £6 at A.F.A. events or £7 inc. P&P.

A.F.A. have been busy leafletting recently at local gigs and clubs including Consolidated's gig and ragga/house club Sativa. Any clubs or bands who can benefit or have an A.F.A. stall should contact us. Cheers!

A.F.A. IN EDINBURGH

We are involved in a wide range of activities from leafletting 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.

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