

AFTER THE MARCH LIFE RETURNS TO NORMAL...



Time to make changes not headlines

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Up until recently the conventional left wing view was that the fascists were "a few isolated fanatics." After a sustained campaign of violence by the fascists against the left this situation changed with the launching of organisations like the ANL and YRE.

However these groups approached the growth of the far right in the same way they would approach any other campaign - with stickers, pickets, and marches. What they fail to understand is that we are now facing a situation similar to France or Germany, where the far right is challenging the traditional left for the support of sections of the working class. So this will not be a 6 month campaign - but a long war.

With the failure of their methods to stem the growth of fascism and the racist gangs they encourage, these groups have increasingly turned to the state to solve the problem. While there may be some short term publicity gains for them in this, in the long term it is disastrous. The so called 'radical alternative' - the left - is seen to be working in hand with the Establishment. This is what allows the fascists, who are in fact ultra-conservatives, to pretend to be 'radicals'.

Opposing fascism from a moral point of view is not enough. It is equally hypocritical for anti-fascist groups to denounce the violence of the BNP on the one hand and then claim they are going to "smash the nazis off the streets."

What is the point of repeating "the Tories are the real enemy" in areas where no-one votes Tory anyway. It is the betrayal of the Labour Party in these areas, where votes have been taken for granted, and the failure of a left-wing alternative that needs addressing if we are going to win the fight against fascism.

It must not be forgotten that the rise of fascism is not the cause of the lefts failure but the consequence of their failure. Until this is understood, it is inevitable that any strategy to counter fascism that emerges from this quarter will ultimately be nothing more than a blend of previous blunders; and a compound failure!

RACIST ATTACKS IN GREENWICH JANUARY TO JULY 1993

323	RACIST ABUSE
243	SMASHED WINDOWS
28	THREATS WITH KNIVES
6	SERIOUS STABBINGS
1	DEATH
23	ARSON ATTACKS
8	INCIDENTS WITH FIREARMS

(3 C-18 calling cards left after attacks)

Statistics compiled G.C.A.R.A. - Home Office estimate that only 1 in 20 incidents are reported



Ian Dell, leading BNP activist lives and works as a caretaker in two areas with the highest concentration of racist attacks.

In South East London, anti-fascism is now "The Big Issue". To date there have been six major demonstrations against the BNP headquarters in Welling, as well as 27 lobbies of the council. In the three years since the campaign began it has had not the slightest impact on the BNP or their supporters. In appealing to Bexley Council, to John Major and to the police to challenge the BNP's right to operate in South East London, the anti-fascist movement has done no more than deliver up proof of its own impotence.

Meanwhile, fascist influence in the area has grown. The ability of fascists to operate anonymously and to build bases of support on estates in South East London outside the immediate periphery of the bookshop demonstrates both the relative strength of the BNP and the total failure of the would-be anti-fascists.

prominent BNP activists are also those where racist attacks are most frequent and most savage.

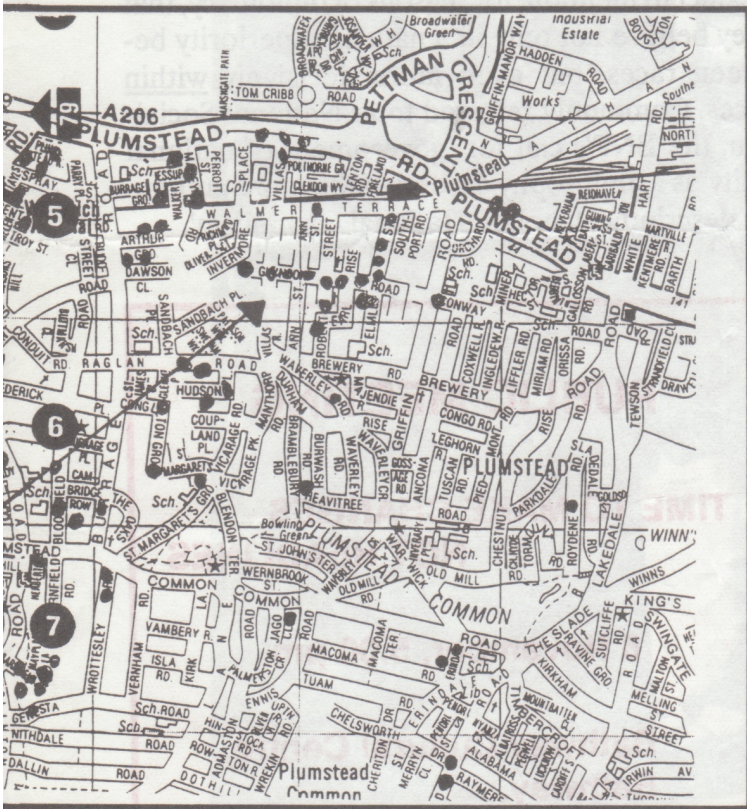
The Glendon Estate in Woolwich is particularly notorious. On the 26th September Greenwich Council discovered that a caretaker on the estate - Ian Dell - shared the same address as a high profile BNP member of the same name. He had been working there for 18 months (coincidentally starting around the time that the racist attacks spiralled). He has since been suspended.

In Ancien Drive, half a dozen families have been driven from their homes in the last couple of months. In the proximity of Ancien Drive is the Abbey Mead Social Club, a haunt of well known members of both the BNP and British National Socialist Movement.

The arson attack on the Charlton mosque coincides with BNP leafletting of Charlton Athletic FC home games, and BNP 'faces' are known to drink in the Horse and Groom near the ground. The same combination produces replica results through out the borough.

The race attackers and fascists within the community must be flushed out, identified and isolated, or they will continue to identify, isolate and murder us. The left make headlines, the job for militant anti-fascists is to make change.

It is for this reason we are backing the call for the setting up of an anti-fascist/anti-racist organisation of a new type. An organisation of active resistance. An organisation whose tactics and strategy, will be designed to make a difference, rather than just headlines.



Research in the area has shown that racist attacks, which run at about 16,000 a year, and which vary from being spat on in the street to being stabbed in the throat, happen in cluster. Because of this, the high risk areas - those with the highest concentration of race attacks - define themselves. The neighbourhoods which play host to



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BNP - RADICAL OR CONSERVATIVE?



Derek Beackon, Millwall Councillor, (who in a Guardian interview admitted finding Mein Kampf 'a little difficult'), spells out the same BNP agenda for south east London.

In the recent Isle of Dogs by-election won by the BNP, the Tories only got 134 votes. In the absence of any genuinely radical alternative, the BNP were able to present themselves as the voice of the dispossessed (whites). The reality is very different. The BNP in fact are ultra-conservatives.

The Tories have replaced elected local bodies with 'more efficient' unelected ones - the BNP would use the Tory model for local government as their model for national government.

Since 1979 the Tory slogan has been the right of management to manage. So began a systematic and sustained attack on concessions won through the hard struggle by previous generations. The BNP want to go further. They insist they want "harmony within industry and also harmony between the political and the economic sphere, so that the cause of the employer, the worker, and the nation are one." Their remedy is to extend the right of management to manage from the economic sphere to the political sphere.

"It is absurd to build up economic life on the conceptions of the value of personality, while in the political sphere you deny this authority and thrust in its place the law of the greater number - democracy." (Adolf Hitler, 1932).

The solution for the fascists is simple: rather than extend democracy so that the majority have more control, harmony is achieved by abolishing democracy in favour of dictatorship, so that the working class have no control.

Who is this dictatorship to be run by and in who's interests? Adolf Hitler again explains, "...a picked number of human beings from the new ruling classes ... not troubled by humanitarian feelings, but who are convinced that they have the right to rule as being a superior race ... The capitalists have worked their way to the top, ... which again only proves them the higher race, they have a right to lead." So when the far right speak of racism they neglect to mention, for reasons of diplomacy, that they believe not only in a natural superiority between races, but even more decisively within races. Commonly referred to as National Socialism, the BNP's call for "government of national unity" is a philosophy deserving the more authentic descriptive label of 'National Capitalism'.

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6 November, 5.00 pm

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