

# NAZIWATCH

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NORTH WEST ANTI-FASCIST MONITORING NETWORK

This is the first edition of a hopefully regular newsletter that will be looking at Nazi activity in the North West. Its aim is to co-ordinate information amongst anti fascists and help equip them with a greater understanding of the far right in the region. It will remain politically independent and urges anti fascists to get involved in local monitoring.

Rochdale BNP branch has announced that it will stand at least three candidates in the forthcoming local council elections. Newbold, where there has been an upsurge in racist violence is likely to have the Rochdale based North West BNP organiser Ken Henderson standing. Henderson who will be featured later in the newsletter in a BNP "who's who" lives in the area. The other two wards Smallbridge where the BNP has stood previously and Balderstone have also seen increased racial violence in recent months.

Elsewhere in the North West it's odds on that the BNP will be putting up candidates in the Burnley area and possibly Blackburn. A rumour that they will be putting up in Oldham is doing the rounds.

Anti-fascists must be careful of complacency, to say that the Isle of Dogs BNP election victory was a one off is dangerous and this May we must be on our toes in the region.

The situation in Manchester on the whole is quite good. Anti fascists have been on

the ball in Manchester. The setting up of a South Manchester BNP branch last year was a challenge to anti fascists and they were successful in forcing its disbanding. Searchlight and AFA were in the main responsible for early intelligence gathering and although the South Manchester branch is still advertised in British Nationalist, it exists in name only.

Several BNP supporters including two from Timperley and a couple of Stretford based nazis still seem keen to fly the flag but have thrown their hand in with BNP units operating outside the City.

The geriatric Salford BNP led by Alan Payne, a British Rail guard is in terminal decline. Ridiculed by their colleagues after the branch was infiltrated by anti fascists in 1990 the Salford BNP has been unable to rebuild its credibility.

## NAZI VIOLENCE

n Tameside the BNP has apparently set up a thriving unit, claiming to have 20 members. Led by Peter Rushton the Tameside BNP was responsible for launching an attack in Ashton town centre on some ANL supporters. Ken Henderson was in attendance and was overheard praising his comrades at the good work. The BNP succeeded in breaking a womans jaw-hows that for bravery. In the gang that attacked the ANL were several what are called "Oldham irregulars" consisting of skinheads not all under the direct control of

the BNP. It seems that these thugs are called in for special occasions. Ironically Peter Rushton is under suspicion by the terrorist nazi Combat 18 for being a Searchlight spy or Special Branch agent! At the annual International fascist gathering in Dixmuide last year he was beaten up by C18 thugs a similar fate repeated at the BNP A.G.M. a few months later. Whatever C18 think of Rushton he is still one of Hendersons blue eyed boys and the North West BNP have given him their backing. This coincides with the official proscription of C18 by the BNP in January.

## C18/BNP HIT LISTS

Ken Henderson has been responsible for passing information on anti fascists to C18. The intention being that C18 target people for attack. Because of the poor intelligence of the BNP much of the information sent to C18 is out of date. The consequence of this is that innocent "non-combatents" become targetted. Apart from the C18 lists there is a locally circulated list that urges harrassment of political opponents. Members of AFA, ANL and the SWP have been targetted. Although BNP intelligence gathering has hardly been up to scratch there is evidence that the BNP are beefing up this area. They send their people into Frontline Books in Manchester to pick up information. Be careful about what you put up on noticeboards or petition sheets being left around unsupervised. This is a steady source of information for the fascists.

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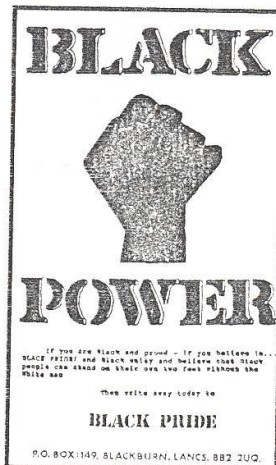
# BNP HIT LIST TRICK EXPOSED

An attempt by a leading North West BNP organiser to gather a hit list of Black people has been exposed. "Black Pride" posters encouraging "blacks to stand on their own two feet without the white man" were distributed in the Alexandra Park area of Moss Side by Austin Stonham a BNP activist from Blackburn. The posters bore the P.O.Box number for the Blackburn BNP. Stonham who had been observed previously by anti-fascists in the area was also responsible for Combat 18 stickers going up in the area a few weeks prior to this incident. Stonham who is well known in the Blackburn area for his BNP activities has a record for criminal damage after daubing BNP slogans outside Blackburn Rovers football ground last year.

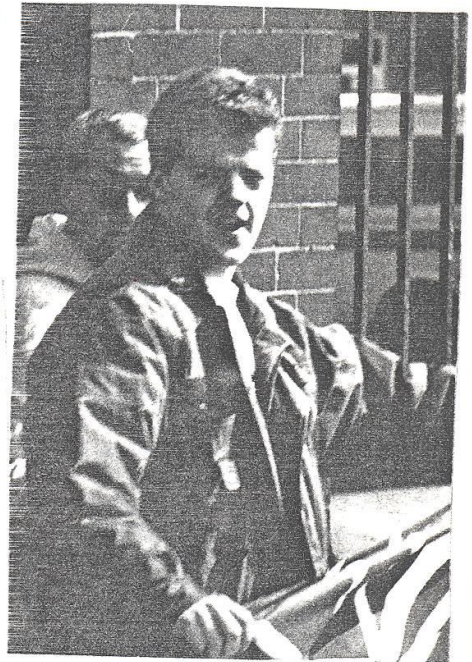
## MEETING ATTACKED

In an incident in 1992 Stonham led an attack on an anti-apartheid meeting in Blackburn library. BNP thugs smashed up the meeting, beating several people up and damaged hundreds of pounds worth of equipment. The Police failed to charge any fascists though several were identified by people at the meeting. Stonham even took pictures of the attack

Stonham is allegedly a pornography freak and has a large collection of various material at his home. He is also alleged to be visiting Manchester to use prostitutes or to use prostitutes possibly rent boys. This fits in with several sightings of Stonham in red light areas of the City including the town centre. So not only content with putting up racist filth this man is also leading a secret life as a pervert. Stonham likes to make out he is a bit of a hard man but recent events show him to be a deeply disturbed and pathetic person. We are not however in the pity game and anti-fascists should be on their guard. Last week he was spotted in Frontline Books.



above, the Black Pride poster put out by Stonham



above, at BNP Rochdale rally 1992  
below, a report on BNP attack at library



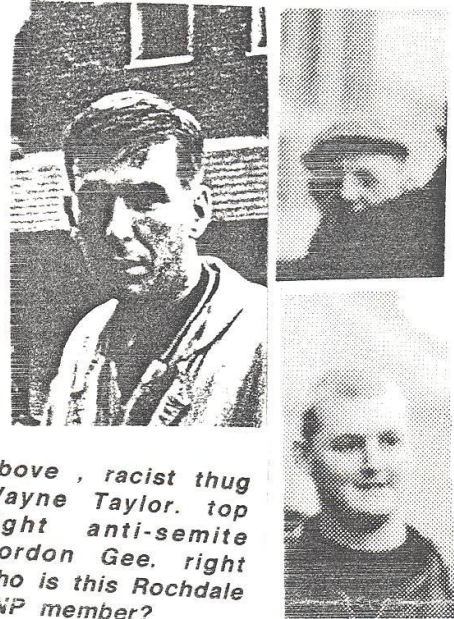
If anyone has any information on BNP activity in Blackburn we would be extremely interested. It was in Blackburn that 2 fascists were elected in the 1970's and there has always been a fascist presence in the town. We do not believe however that the BNP has many supporters in Blackburn and they would be hard pushed to mount a sustained campaign without having to pull members in from outside

# White Wolves set up shop in North West

A sinister new race hate organisation is recruiting in the North West. The self styled White Wolves are setting up cells whose activities include arson and murder. In an 18 page document that includes a guide to making explosive devices, the White Wolves advocate the principle of leaderless resistance, a strategy popular with nazi groups in the USA. The documents are being passed around at BNP meetings and readers are urged to pass them on to like minded Nationalists

## RACIAL TERRORISM

There is evidence that this strategy is being employed in parts of West Yorkshire and more frighteningly in parts of East London. The racial terrorists of the BNP would find this new group a convenient cover name for their ongoing racist attacks and the BNP will no doubt be unwilling to jettison their violent image wholesale just because they have had a councillor elected in Millwall.



above , racist thug Wayne Taylor. top right anti-semite Gordon Gee. right who is this Rochdale BNP member?

## THE AIMS OF THE MONITORING NETWORK

*The Monitoring Network is aimed at providing an information exchange amongst anti fascists and encourages activists to write in with details of activity in their area. It also aims to provide an intelligence service wherever possible to bona fide anti fascist groups and offer them help in setting up monitoring campaigns. Security is of the utmost importance as the BNP/C18 are picking up the vast majority of their intelligence from the left/anti-fascist movement.*

*To keep one step ahead of them it is vital that anti-fascists are aware of the dangers of infiltration. The network can provide anti-fascists with photographs and other information so that BNP activists can be identified. It also has an extensive cuttings library and has access to specialist monitoring equipment.*

*The Network seeks to assist already established anti-fascist /anti-racist groups without preference and assist local groups wherever necessary. If you would like to get involved please contact the address shown in the newsletter.*

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