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Racism

A WAVE of racist attacks have been taking place in Camden, North London, on the Summerston and Regent Park estates in particular.

Two weeks ago a Bengali family was firebombed. This comes on top of at least 20 recent racist attacks on these estates.

In response Camden Council called a meeting on Friday 30 June. The fact that the police had been invited to address it meant it was attended by a predominantly white audience.

A small group of hardened racists turned up. Typically they blamed the misery and deprivation on Camden's estates on black people and the council's anti-racist policies.

Anti-racists have been arguing that the Tories are to blame for the conditions that breed racism, that the majority of white workers can be won to anti-racism and that the anti-racist struggle is strongest when black and white people fight back together.

Socialists have produced an anti-racist statement that is being circulated in the local labour movement. It has been signed by local Labour MP Frank Dobson, leading Labour councillors, and stewards from UCATT, NUPE, NALGO and the UCW.

The statement is being used in petition form to win as many people as possible to an anti-racist position. Last weekend Labour councillors, along with Socialist Workers Party members, took the petition round the two estates where the racism is most overt.

The next step is to get more people involved in the petitioning, particularly black and white people from the local community.

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Jailed for fighting back

BRIAN MOORE was set on by a gang of about 15 racists as he walked with two friends through Norwich City Centre.

Brian fought back. For

that he has been sentenced to two years jail.

His appeal opened this week. The court was due to hear how Brian, a TV and radio presenter, and two friends were taunted by about 15 youths who shouted, "Baboons!" and "Black bastards!" before throwing bricks, lumps of concrete and poles from nearby building works.

At first Brian tried to ignore them. But when a lump of debris narrowly missed a younger mother and her child, he chased them and fought back.

Some other white youths joined in the fight against the racists.

Later Brian and his friends went to report the attack to the police. They described what had happened, only to find themselves arrested and charged with violent disorder.

Charged

Only three of the racist gang were charged.

Brian and his mates were tried alongside the racists. The police called witnesses who claimed to have seen Brian kick one of the racists in the head while he was lying injured on the ground. They described Brian as a rasta with dreadlocks and beads in his hair.

Brian has short hair.

Mr Justice Binns admitted that Brian had been "the victim of grievous provocation", but said he was giving him the same sentence as the racists who attacked him "as a deterrent".

■ **THE Metropolitan Police have paid £40,000 damages to Leslie Burnett, a black man arrested outside his north London home in 1988.**

Misery

Leslie says he was beaten up by PC Alan Earl and PC Roy Hedley. Other police officers arriving on the scene joined the attack.

It was like "birds of prey picking at a carcass" said one witness.

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Woman 'forced out of job' because of black boyfriend

Racist staff at a Bradford old people's home, who talked of petrol bombing Asian people as if it was an everyday event, forced a young care assistant to leave her job because her boyfriend was black, a Leeds industrial tribunal heard.

White woman Ms Lucy Harness, said staff at Anchor Housing Association's Highfield House in Bradford regularly used racist words such as "nigger", "wog" and "Paki." One of them even wanted to bomb Asian families during the Gulf War.

The tribunal is hearing complaints under the Race Relations Act against the Anchor Housing Association, against the Highfield House manager Mrs Bernice Rodmell and against another member of staff Mrs Rosalind Coveney.

Miss Harness, a former community studies student at Bradford and Ilkley College, began her job as a care assistant

with Anchor at the end of November last year. Her boyfriend at the time was a 24 year old Afro Caribbean man from Bradford called Paul, the tribunal heard. Other members of staff knew about Paul, because he used to meet her from work.

"There was a racist atmosphere, with words like 'wog', 'nigger', and 'paki' used all the time I was there," Ms Harness told the tribunal. When she wore her hair in dreadlocks, Mrs Rudnell told her: "All you need now is your thick lips, your rubber lips," the tribunal heard. Mrs Coveney talked of training her Alsatian dog to attack Asian people, while another staff member wanted to bomb Bradford's Asian community during the Gulf War, Ms Harness alleged.

"It made me feel uncomfortable working with people with this kind of attitude and then going home to my boyfriend," she told the tribunal. "I used to go home very distressed sometimes."

Asked why she had not complained about these remarks to anyone higher-up in Anchor Housing Association, Ms Harness said: "The manager was racist. I didn't want to work in a situation where I'd gone and grassed on everybody."

The last straw came for her at the beginning of March this year, after she had been off work with an illness. On her return, she was told that some members of staff didn't want to work with her because they thought she had something contagious — implying that she had a sexually transmitted disease. "It's as if I've got AIDS," she said. The next day Lucy Harness handed in a letter of resignation, in tears because of her humiliating experience.

"I think I would have been treated differently if I was having a relationship with a white man," she said.

The tribunal is proceeding.

Right wing infiltration blamed for Conservative anti-European leaflet

The Conservative Party has been urged to hold an immediate inquiry into far-right extremist infiltration following the publication of a rabid anti-European questionnaire by the Yorkshire Monday Club.

The questionnaire, titled 'Don't Let Europe Rule Britannia' was delivered door to door in Bradford by Anthony Murphy and Alan Simes of the Yorkshire Monday Club, described as "a Conservative pressure group". It is written in jingoistic *Sun*-style language and completely flouts Conservative policy on Europe.

Asking questions like "Do you want Britain to sink under a tide of French and Germans?" the Monday Club leaflet which proclaims it is "defending British national identity and culture" offers a free reply service to the business address

of senior Bradford Tory councillor, Jac Beeson.

The questionnaire's author, Anthony Murphy, chairman of the regional Monday Club and a member of the Club's national executive, was expelled by Bradford Conservative Association in 1989 for publishing a racist leaflet which prophesied that immigration would lead to civil war. He was readmitted to Bradford South Conservatives this summer after serving as election agent for the Tories in the Wyke ward.

Labour MP Max Madden, who received a copy of the questionnaire, has called on Conservative chairman Chris Patten to hold an urgent inquiry into infiltration by the extreme right in the heart of Tory Party organisations. He also called on local Tory MPs Marcus Fox and Gary Waller to disassociate themselves from the views expressed by

the regional Monday Club.

"The increasingly strident and racist views of the Monday Club seem to be winning support at all levels in the Bradford Conservative Party," Max Madden said. "Conservative leader, Ronnie Farley should take firm action against his Tory councillors who support the racist views expressed by the Monday Club."

Chris Patten, who this week named Max Madden among 27 Labour MPs who he said were linked to Militant and should be purged, has so far refused to take action against the Monday Club, despite a series of resignations by senior Tories from the Club, disgusted at the racism of its new leadership.

Monday Club leaders like Andrew Murphy, are now aligning themselves with far-right and neo-Nazi organisations. The rise of the Club within Brad-

ford South and its strong association with Conservative Group councillors is likely to embarrass leader Ronnie Farley at a time when there is increased racial strife in the city and attacks by the British National Party on Muslim graveyards.

But Conservative councillor Jac Beeson, whose address is given for replies to the Monday Club questionnaire, denies any responsibility for its contents, saying he was paid for the use of his business reply service by the club. "It is purely a business matter," he said. "I am only doing it for the money, I am not responsible for the contents and I have no comment to make on them." Councillor Beeson claimed he would provide the same service to the Labour Party if paid enough, although he admitted "if something was completely beyond the pale I wouldn't touch it."

1/8/91

Neo-Nazis active as 15 die in fires

Anna Tomforde in Bonn

FIFTEEN people, including eight children aged between one and 11, died in house fires in Germany at the weekend amid suspicion that neo-Nazi arsonists are continuing their deadly crusade against foreigners and the socially weak.

Police in the village of Trippstadt near Kaiserslautern said yesterday that the cause of the fire in which a 35-year-old mother, her eight children and brother-in-law died, was unknown. The unemployed father survived.

The fire started in the attic of a former manor house used as a community-run hostel for socially underprivileged families and asylum seekers. About 20 refugees, mainly from Hungary and Romania, who lived on the ground floor, were able to escape the flames.

The local Protestant priest, Klaus Westrich, said the community was "thoroughly shocked" — the German family that died had been known as "difficult and anti-social", but

local people had been trying to help them.

Elwira Epp-Herklotz, a social worker at the hostel, said she was woken by a neighbour alerting her to the flames just after midnight. She had fought in vain to penetrate the clouds of smoke and reach the children. One of them would have had his sixth birthday yesterday.

The chief of the local fire brigade dismissed initial police statements that an overheated electric oven could have started the fire: "We have found all heating equipment intact during our investigation."

Police say the public prosecutor is investigating and post-mortems will be carried out.

In Bad Kissingen east of Frankfurt, three people died in a discotheque frequented by American soldiers. The fire, which killed the woman lessee and two friends, broke out after it had closed for the night.

Meanwhile, near Hanover, 20 masked skinheads yesterday raided a hostel for the homeless and set fire to an adjacent garden centre after provoking a brawl. No one was injured.

376 arrested in demo riot

POLICE arrested 376 people in central London yesterday after British National party supporters rampaged along Marble Arch and Edgware Road. Shoppers ran for cover and shopkeepers locked their doors. The start of a 1,200-strong Troops Out of Ireland march from Hyde Park was delayed to stop the two groups of demonstrators clashing.

Martin Barnett, spokesman for the 300-strong Marble Arch Retailers' Association, said: "It was a riot. Police had a running battle. Customers wouldn't come out of the shops and some girls were very distressed." Scotland Yard said there were no injuries.

10/2/92

Survey reveals Mitterrand as Fifth Republic's most unpopular president

Cross-party appeal beats National Front in Nice poll

Paul Webster in Paris

A CROSS-PARTY appeal to stop a National Front local by-election victory in Nice narrowly paid off last night when the centrist candidate, Marie-Jeanne Murcia, beat the extremist movement's leader in the Riviera city, Jacques Peyrat.

Hundreds of voters answered the joint appeal from orthodox rightwing and leftwing parties after all other candidates except Ms Murcia were beaten in first round voting a week ago. The result was still a disappointment because 55 per cent of the electorate abstained despite a week of joint protests against the racist party.

Ms Murcia, who represented the Union for French Democracy coalition, won 50.65 per cent of the vote to give her a

departmental, or county council seat. Her rival, a Nice lawyer, who won 36 per cent in the first round, boosted his vote to 49.35 per cent. A week ago, 63 per cent of the electorate abstained.

The by-election would normally have little significance, but the result was being anxiously analysed by all parties last night in the run-up to regional and departmental elections on March 22. The constituency was a working-class area with a high immigrant population and was expected to attract a strong National Front vote.

But this was the first time that all orthodox parties have allied to oppose the National Front whose leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, hopes to win the presidency of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regional assembly next month, in preparation for an attempt to take control of France's fifth biggest city.

Despite the last-minute turnout of anti-extremist voters, the National Front has shown that its own supporters are more reliable and better disciplined than those of their rivals, especially the Gaullist-RPR and socialist parties, which suffered severe setbacks in the first round.

Voting in Nice coincided with an opinion survey which showed François Mitterrand as the most unpopular president of the Fifth Republic. A Journal de Dimanche poll revealed that only 24 per cent of the electorate was satisfied with Mr Mitterrand, a drop of two points in a month. Sixty-three per cent of those questioned said they had lost confidence in Mr Mitterrand.

The president's new fall in popularity was attributed to the consequences of the George Habash affair. Mr Mitterrand apparently gained no benefit

from a television appearance during which he said that he had not been informed of the arrival for medical treatment of the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The newspaper quoted reactions from voters interviewed for the poll in which the general tone was dissatisfaction at the inability of Mr Mitterrand's administration to handle crises. Unfavourable reaction ran through all political parties. A third of socialists questioned said they no longer had confidence in the president, a rise of five points in a month.

But Mr Mitterrand still fared reasonably well on the left when compared to his prime minister, Edith Cresson, who confirmed her place as the most unpopular premier of the fifth republic with only 21 per cent support. Fewer than half of leftwing voters were satisfied with her government.

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Guardian Angels seek to challenge Berlin gangs

Anna Tomforde in Berlin

PLANS by the Guardian Angels to set up a Berlin branch have met with a mixed response in a city increasingly beset by crime, muggings and street violence.

Every day police register 160 incidents of physical assault, robbery and muggings. Crime is concentrated in east Berlin which, under communism, was one of the safest places in western Europe.

Attacks by gangs of youth, mostly skinheads, on public transport users totalled 550 in 1991. They included throwing passengers off trains, beating up old people and raping young women.

The flashpoints were late-night travel on the overhead railway to outlying suburbs or on public transport after foot-

ball matches. Robberies, including on trains, shot up to 4,721 in 1991 from 2,568 in 1990.

Overall, Berlin set a new crime record last year of half a million thefts, robberies, assaults, and incidents of vandalism. Every third crime was committed by children or youngsters, and 5 per cent of suspects were aged below 14.

Understaffing, old-fashioned equipment and an authority damaged by the image of the police under communism hamper effective work.

In the rundown suburbs of east Berlin, vigilante groups are already in existence, eager to join the ranks of the Guardian Angels.

Christian Rohr, co-ordinator for the Guardian Angels in Berlin, said four British Angels had done "test patrols" on the underground and overhead railways. "Our conversations

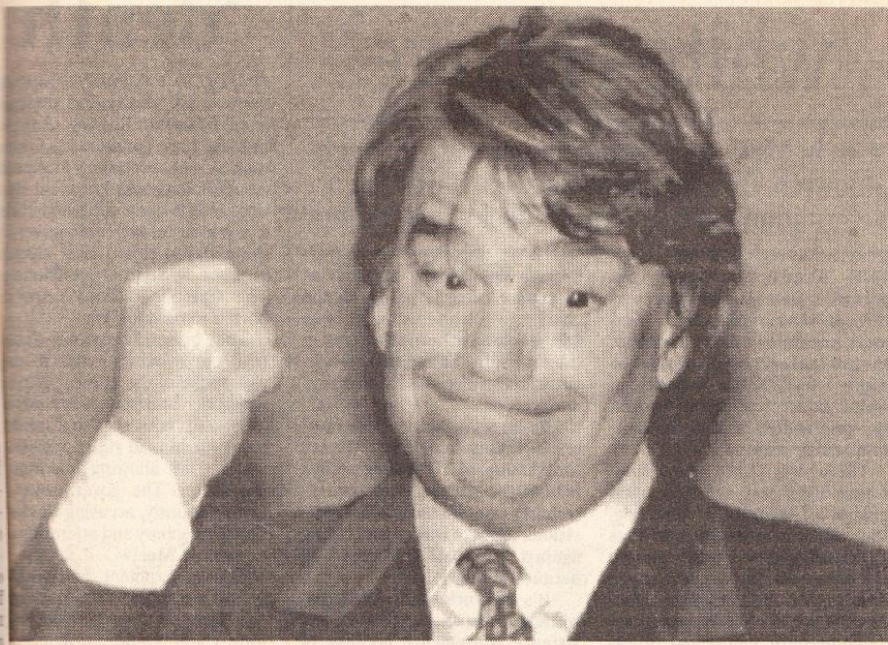
with youth clubs and the travelling public have shown that an unarmed self-defence of citizens is necessary," Mr Rohr said.

The Angels plan to set up a branch of about 60 members in Berlin in six months' time, their first in Germany.

The Berlin Public Transport Company (BVG) maintains, however, that only 2 per cent of the travelling public feel threatened by the new crime wave. It believes that security must remain the sole responsibility of the police and BVG employees. "Anyone could hide behind a group like the Guardian Angels," said Wolfgang Schwenk, BVG spokesman.

The idea of private vigilante groups monitoring public transport reminded him of the final days of the Weimar Republic when left and rightwing parties set up their own self-defence organisations, he said.

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Bernard Tapie, Jean-Marie Le Pen's Socialist opponent, campaigns in Nice Photograph: Eric Gaillard/Reuter

Anti-racists' splits hinder campaign against Le Pen

A DEMONSTRATION against the National Front planned for today has gained little support from anti-discrimination groups, undermining the divisions among the opponents of the far-right party.

The march is timed to precede an election rally in Paris by Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the anti-immigration Front, but some of France's foremost anti-racist groups have said they will not participate. The decision comes after other demonstrations, and refusals to let the Front have halls for rallies, appear to have backfired, giving publicity to a movement condemned by many as racist.

Mr Le Pen's meeting at La Villette in Paris tonight is his last full-scale public appearance before he returns to the south-east for the final days of campaigning for regional elections on Sunday. He is heading his party's list of candidates for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regional council. Yesterday a bomb exploded outside the hall where Mr Le Pen will speak, damaging its doors.

From Julian Nundy
in Paris

The International League against Racism and anti-Semitism (Licra) and SOS-Racisme have said they will not take part in today's protest. A Licra statement complained about "the political recuperation" of the march. One of its organisers was Jean-Christophe Cambadélis, a Socialist deputy for Paris. The Socialist Party has emphasised its determination to make the struggle against the Front its priority. Some other politicians say this has only served to turn the spotlight on Mr Le Pen and increase his following.

Last Saturday in Chartres, counter-demonstrators attacked an anti-Front protest, hurting some participants. Mr Le Pen, who has described the measures against his party as "to democracy what sexual harassment is to love", said in Marseilles on Monday that the trouble was caused by "unknown elements". "I was ex-

pecting, at one moment or another, that an event attributed to our side would be exploited," he said at a meeting of 4,000 people.

In the last opinion polls published at the weekend - publication of poll results is banned in the last week of the campaign - Mr Le Pen was credited with 29.5 per cent of the vote in the Nice area, double the expected national average, just behind 30 per cent for the leading conservative coalition of Gaullists and the centre-right Union for French Democracy.

While Mr Le Pen is unlikely to be elected regional president, his party is sure to gain a high number of council seats under the system of proportional representation.

■ STOCKHOLM - Hundreds of demonstrators chased Robert Faurisson, a right-wing historian from France, from a square yesterday, preventing him from delivering a speech. Mr Faurisson, who has described the Holocaust as a myth, was driven from the scene by demonstrators chanting anti-fascist slogans. **Reuter reports.**

Damages award

AN EXTREME right winger has won £14,000 damages and costs from North Yorkshire police after a raid on his home.

Colin Jordan faced prosecution after prohibited racial literature was allegedly found at his home in Greenhow Hill, near Pateley Bridge.

But the raid was carried out on an outdated warrant.

The prosecution was finally abandoned when the police admitted the raid was illegal and all the literature was returned.

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Riot police armed with tear-gas stand guard in St Ouen-l'Aumone, near Paris, after protesters set fire to cars yesterday to demonstrate

against a National Front rally. The minister of culture, Jack Lang, said he was delighted to see an active street campaign against ex-

tremists. Protesters clashed with police in two other areas of France where the NF was meeting. The incidents were part of a concerted cam-

paign of "democratic harassment" declared by leftwing groups in the run-up to next month's regional polls.

PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERTO CRISTOFOLI

5/3/92

United by racism and riots

LEEDS UNITED Football club came under fire from all sides this week as trouble flared both on and off the terraces.

Full scale rioting after last Saturday's two nil defeat against Chelsea, led to 24 arrests for assault and public order offences. A police spokesperson stated that no Chelsea fans were arrested in the disturbances.

Damage to property in Holbeck and Beeston has been estimated to run into thousands of pounds. Leeds Central MP, Derek Farrett, voiced his concern over the disturbances and about the club in general.

"People in Holbeck and Beeston have suffered too much, too long."

Leeds United Football Club can do more to create a positive image of the club among the people of Leeds. They can begin by meeting the cost of damage to property and by banning all trouble makers from the football ground.

FAITH

"People have lost faith in Leeds United. I can well understand the frustration of the resident who has threatened to take the club to the court of Human Rights to try and stop the havoc caused to the area close to the ground."

He went on to criticise the lack of initiatives taken by the club in other areas — such as fighting racism and fascism at the ground.

Leeds United Football Club were noticeably absent from last Friday's launch of a campaign to combat the stigma of racism that has haunted the

RECLAIM THE GAME!

**Leeds Fans United
Against Racism & Fascism**

club for years. The campaign, called 'Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism', hopes to build on the success of the initiatives already taken last season by Leeds TUC and Leeds Anti-Fascist Action.

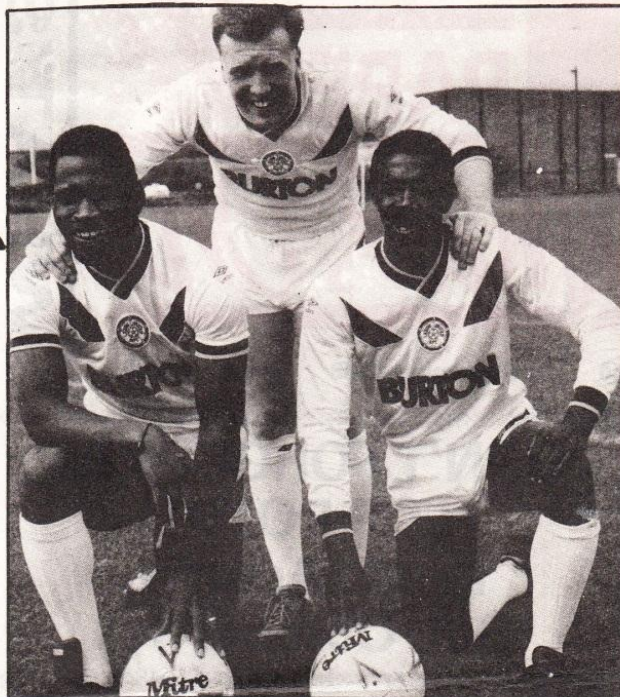
Under the slogan 'Reclaim the Game', the campaign will use charity calendars, leaflets and stickers with anti-racist messages to encourage fans to take up the fight against racism and fascism at the club.

Gordon Lunn, Secretary of Trades Club said, "Campaigning is essential. Football is at its best when it's positive and not burying its head in the sand."

FUN

He added that there is a lot of work to be done before football can be fun again; a view born out this weekend when Gordon Lunn himself came under attack last weekend while leafleting anti-fascist literature outside Elland Road.

Alan Roberts, Administrator for LUFC, refused to comment on the weekend's rioting or on the 'Reclaim the Game Campaign', but was



"Very little trouble this season"

extremely eager to talk about the many schemes the club is introducing. Schemes such as the Family Members Club and the creche facilities provided, aimed at winning back family support. Extra curricular activities such as visits to schools and clubs are also under way to promote a more positive image of football and as well as a "community in the club."

"We understand it's not going to be an easy task — we don't just want families to come to the game but the whole community to be

involved for the rest of the week."

Future plans intend to involve local residents in club activities such as coffee afternoons for senior citizens and bingo and old time dancing

He cites examples where club schemes have been successful in dealing with trouble makers.

Admission to away games can only be allowed on production of New-U photo identity cards at the ground itself. He added, "measures are adequate — as there has been very little trouble this season."

6/4/92

28 *The Guardian* Right makes big gains in German polls

David Gow in Bonn

GERMAN politics last night shifted dramatically to the right as voters in two regional elections plunged the country into a period of instability by withdrawing support from the two main parties, the Christian Democratic Union and the Social Democrats.

In Baden-Württemberg the extreme rightwing Republicans shocked the political establishment by winning an estimated 11 per cent of the vote, twice as much as predicted by opinion polls, as they exploited popular discontent over record numbers of refugees. The party will now enter the state parliament for the first time with an expected 15 seats.

And in Schleswig-Holstein the even more rightwing German People's Union (DVU) unexpectedly repeated its success in last year's Bremen election by winning an estimated 6.3 per cent of the poll — enough to also secure seats in the state parliament.

The results, according to initial computerised predictions, echo similar trends in last month's French regional elections by underlining a growing popular disenchantment with mainstream political parties.

They are a bitter blow for the chancellor, Dr Helmut Kohl, whose CDU, with 40 per cent of the vote, lost its absolute majority in Baden-Württemberg, the last *Land* in the west where it governed alone. It is now not even certain to be able to form a viable coalition with the Liberal Free Democrats there.

The Republicans are set to become the third largest party in the Baden-Württemberg state parliament, behind Björn Engholm's Social Democrats (SPD). The SPD was heading for around 29 per cent, down from

32 per cent in 1988. Meanwhile in Schleswig-Holstein the SPD lost its absolute majority, seeing its support fall from 55 per cent in 1988 to about 47 per cent.

Mainstream politicians admitted that they were partly to blame for the shift to the far-right by failing to deal with the refugee problem.

The government and opposition in Bonn have failed to implement a new procedure for speeding up screening people claiming political asylum, but whom many voters regard as economic refugees aiming to gain access to Germany's generous social security system.

Dr Kohl's CDU, which wants to change the constitution to deny access to many of these people, made this a central issue of its campaign.

The Republicans, who won a similar level of support in West Berlin in early 1989, have campaigned on a populist programme of national economic recovery. But their main slogan, directed at refugees, has been: "The boat is full."

Gerhard Frey, the DVU leader said the bulk of his party's support came from people fed up with the broken promises of the mainstream parties and determined to ensure Germans alone benefited from the country's resources.

The CDU premier in Baden-Württemberg, Erwin Teufel, said last night he was prepared to enter into coalition talks with all parties except the Republicans. Admitting that his party had suffered a grave defeat, he said that this applied to all democratic parties.

The other winners of the day were the Greens who, recovering from their losses in the December 1990 general election, won an estimated 9 per cent in Baden-Württemberg and appeared set to enter the parliament in Schleswig-Holstein.

Anti-fascist editor cleared of violence

Sarah Boseley

THE case against an anti-fascist magazine editor accused of threatening unlawful violence at a far right meeting, collapsed yesterday at Southwark crown court when the prosecution said it would offer no further evidence.

On the fourth day of the trial, Judge Eugene Cotran directed the jury to enter a verdict of not guilty to the charge against Gerry Gable, editor of Searchlight, arising from a meeting in Kensington library in May last year at which Jeffrey Ham, a former follower of the British fascist leader, Oswald Mosley, was to speak.

Gary O'Shea, aged 37, of Wembley, north-west London, was acquitted of the same charge on the judge's direction and of stealing a Union flag.

He agreed to be bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £50 for six months on a charge he did not admit, of kicking a policeman, so that proceedings could be halted. Both defendants were granted costs.

Outside the court, Mr Gable,

aged 55, of Romford, Essex, said the case should never have been brought, and claimed he was being victimised for investigating the security services.

"If somebody out there has got such an elitist view of this world that they think they can silence the work of Searchlight by removing its editor, they are wrong," he said.

The case was brought after Mr Gable attended the meeting as a journalist. It was alleged that around 60 people invaded the meeting without tickets, took over the auditorium and beat up two men who had come to listen.

Stephen Clayton, for the Crown, said it was quite apparent the prosecution had not proved its allegation that Mr Gable had exerted control over those engaged in violent acts.

"Indeed, there has been from more than one prosecution witness a suggestion that Mr Gable . . . moved to stop the violence."

Judge Cotran told the jury they should not think the verdict "condoned in any way any attempt to disrupt by violence meetings of this nature, however repulsive they may be."

24/7/92

Concern as neo-Nazi attacks meet with apathy

Anna Tomforde in Berlin

PUBLIC indifference towards a wave of racist attacks in Germany is prompting concern among police and social workers.

In the first six months of this year, about 1,000 arson attacks and assaults on foreigners were registered officially, twice as many as in the same period last year.

Yet experts have been struck by the public's apparent apathy in the face of neo-Nazi attacks. The president of the Federal Criminal Office, Hans-Ludwig Zachert, spoke of "an extreme degree of passivity" among citizens.

Many attacks take place on public transport in big cities, especially Berlin, where passengers often just look on,

themselves terrified by the brutality of the neo-Nazis.

Assaults on foreigners in eastern Germany are so commonplace that they are given only a fleeting mention in the local press. Random daily attacks include knifings, beatings, and throwing foreigners off moving trams and trains.

In the sprawling high-rise suburb of Marzahn in east Berlin, Tamara Hentschel's office is dominated by a picture draped in black ribbon of Njuyen Van Tu, aged 29, a Vietnamese worker stabbed to death by neo-Nazi skinheads.

"The Vietnamese who live here never use public transport, they never go out alone, and arrange lifts for their wives," said Ms Hentschel, a social worker and director of a hostel for Vietnamese.

When Tu was attacked out-

side a busy supermarket at five in the afternoon, hundreds of Germans stood by. No one even called an ambulance. An improvised memorial put up by Tu's friends was destroyed within 48 hours.

An east German skinhead aged 21 later gave himself up.

In Marzahn, 35 per cent of young people under 20 are extreme rightwingers, opinion polls claim, and most carry weapons. In the eastern city of Magdeburg, an east German, aged 23, was killed when 60 skinheads shouting "Sieg Heil" raided a restaurant.

Other guests said seven policemen were in the vicinity at the time, but did not intervene. "One simply has to understand that even police officers are afraid in such situations," said Johann Lottmann, Magdeburg's police chief.

22/6/92

Neo-Nazi growth worries Bonn

Anna Tomforde in Bonn

THE German government said yesterday it was concerned at the rapid rise of xenophobic attacks and the simultaneous growth of the neo-Nazi movement.

The interior minister, Rudolf Seiters, presenting a report on internal security, said there were 40,000 neo-Nazi activists in Germany in 1991, compared with 32,300 registered members of extreme rightwing organisations in 1990.

Racist attacks on foreigners, mainly refugees from third world countries and from eastern Europe, increased five-fold in 1991, to over 1,300.

Mr Seiters said he was concerned at the "growing brutality" of the neo-Nazi movement. In 1991, three foreigners — all Africans — died in attacks. One was stabbed, the other died in a fire and the third was thrown off a moving tram.

In the first seven months of this year police have recorded 650 racist attacks and seven people have died as a result of xenophobic violence.

Of the 40,000 neo-Nazi activ-

ists, 4,200 were "extremely violent skinheads" said the report.

The report showed that 30 per cent of the almost daily attacks on foreigners took place in the former East Germany.

The statistics — showing a rise in attacks from 270 in 1990 to 1,300 last year — reflect routine reports every weekend of attacks on asylum hostels, discotheques and camping sites.

Last weekend, 11 people were injured in three attacks in eastern Germany which involved skinheads armed with baseball bats, storming hostels, destroying the interior and throwing petrol bombs at inmates.

The report said three people were killed in xenophobic attacks in 1991 and 449 were injured in physical assaults. There were 383 cases of arson caused by petrol bombings and other explosions.

Meanwhile, thousands of neo-Nazis, their number reinforced by rightwing extremists from Britain, France, Holland, Denmark, Greece and South Africa, are expected to march to the Bavarian town of Wunsiedel tomorrow to mark the fifth anniversary of the death of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy.

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Fascists face ban

A FASCIST march through an Asian area of Halifax will be banned by councillors tomorrow.

It comes after Anti-Nazi League supporters vowed to disrupt next week's plans.

Police feared violence if the protest went ahead during the British National Party parade.

Son. Mirror 8/92

Klan racists flee cop raid

POLICE fear a new wave of racism after breaking up a Ku Klux Klan ceremony.

Officers swooped on a field after a passer-by reported seeing hooded figures in white robes dancing round a burning cross at midnight.

The men had already vanished, but they left behind the cross and a placard in the ground with the initials KKK inscribed on it.

Two copies of the

Sunday Mirror Reporter

Klansman newspaper and a National Front sticker, were also found at the scene in Brownhills, Staffs.

Inspector Adrian Harris, who is leading the investigation, said yesterday: "This was a nasty incident and we are treating it seriously."

"The last thing we want is racial hatred stirred up in the area."

Sunday Mirror
9/92

Refugees flee firebombs

RIGHTWING extremists tossed a firebomb into a refugee shelter outside Berlin, sending all 44 residents, mostly women and children from Bulgaria, fleeing for safety, police said yesterday.

The firebombing late on Wednesday night was one of the worst incidents of violence in nearly two weeks of rampages against refugee shelters. Nobody was injured but the wooden house was burned down. Two suspects were detained.

Another refugee home, not far from Chancellor Helmut Kohl's office in Bonn, was also firebombed late on Wednesday night. The attackers escaped.

Sixteen Africans, including eight children, were billeted in the two-floor house in a quiet Bonn neighbourhood at the time of the attack, which shocked officials. "I condemn this cowardly attack on human beings in which, luckily, nobody got hurt," Bonn's mayor, Hans Daniels, said. He urged residents to show solidarity with foreigners. — Agencies.

4/9/92

Anti-fascists plan to halt neo-Nazis' concert

NEO-NAZI groups are hoping to cash in on the upsurge of racist violence in Europe by staging a big British concert as a show of strength, anti-racist campaigners claim.

Up to 2,000 neo-Nazi supporters are expected to try to attend the concert, headlined by the notorious skinhead band

Skrewdriver, according to the group Anti-Fascist Action.

Posters advertising the event have appeared in cities across Britain urging supporters to go to Waterloo station in London on September 12 where they will be redirected to the venue.

However, AFA said yesterday it would take any steps neces-

sary to stop the concert — organised by the neo-Nazi group Blood and Honour.

"Blood and Honour has only one agenda — the terrorism of anyone opposed to them. We are prepared to meet like with like," said Mike Stone of AFA.

Scotland Yard said it had no plans to stop the concert.

4/9/92

Discontent begins to alarm Bonn

David Gow in Bonn

MINISTERS and opposition leaders yesterday signalled a greater readiness to collaborate to overcome Germany's political and economic crisis in the face of widespread popular anger and confusion at their inability to act.

An opinion poll carried out over special telephone lines yesterday by the mass-circulation daily Bild-Zeitung, and due to be published tomorrow, is expected to show that popular discontent is so strong that about half the callers, numbering more than 200,000, would back Franz Schönhuber, leader of the far-right Republikaner, as chancellor.

Although the poll was dismissed by political officials as unscientific and lacking seriousness, early results sent shock waves through Bonn, which has been racked for days by rumours and intrigue.

Senior executives at the newspaper, which sells four million copies a day, said the number of calls had been so overwhelming — about 10 times the level expected — that it had caused severe computer problems.

However, an official said the technical problems would not radically alter the initial result, which showed Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his challenger, Björn Engholm, leader of the opposition Social Democrats, trailing Mr Schönhuber in second and third place respectively with only about 20 per cent of the vote each.

But the latest monthly poll carried out by the respected Alvensbach Institute shows Mr Schönhuber's Republikaner with only 8 per cent in west and 4.4 per cent in east Germany. Bild executives said that it was therefore clear that respondents to their poll did not want

him as chancellor but wanted a change of course in Bonn.

Dr Kohl is due to outline proposals at today's cabinet meeting for the round-table talks he has called next week on a national "solidarity pact" with the opposition, business and unions. His aides dismissed the telephone poll findings as "kid's play" and the polling procedure as widely open to manipulation.

But Karl-Heinz Blessing, SPD general secretary, said that unless the chancellor changed course fundamentally, he was preparing the ground for further growth in rightwing extremism in Germany, which was exploiting the country's popular mood of dissatisfaction at the government's inability to act.

On the last day of the Bundestag's three-day debate on the 1993 budget, Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, and Theo Waigel, the finance minister, both signalled a significant move towards opposition demands in advance of the round-table talks.

Mr Möllemann, calling for a new national consensus, declared: "The warning signals as regards the economic and social development (of our country) cannot be ignored." The economy as a whole had entered a critical phase.

"There is the danger of a persistent overstretching of our economic capacity," he warned deputies, suggesting that tax increases and statutory measures to slash public spending might have to be taken as a last resort.

Wolfgang Roth, shadow economics minister, last night gave the chancellor until Tuesday to come up with concrete proposals for the "solidarity pact" or the round-table talks would not take place. "What he's offered so far is not even worth discussing," he said in an interview.

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Battle front horror

A YORKSHIRE volunteer in the Croatian army told today how he lost his foot in a landmine blast while trying to rescue a wounded comrade.

Stephen Gaunt, a 35-year-old former holiday firm manager from Selby, speaking from a Zagreb military hospital, said he was wounded the same day he was made an officer in the Croatian army after seven months on the front line.

Mr Gaunt was leading a three-man reconnaissance patrol into an abandoned Serb army base near Vinkovci, eastern Croatia, when one of his men stood on a mine.

He and the third soldier began trying to walk their comrade to safety — but a few seconds later they stood on mines themselves.

Mr Gaunt lost his left foot, the wounded man was killed and the third soldier lost his right leg below the knee.

Mortar horror: Page 2

former MP Member from Leeds now living Croatia

22/6/92

Assault charge

TWO men have been arrested following attacks on Anti-Nazi League activists in Leeds city centre.

Kevin Richard Watmough, 31, of Harrogate Road, Bradford, is charged with assault and causing an affray in Lands Lane, Leeds, on March 26.

Anthony James White, 22, of Wyther Park, Bramley, Leeds, was released on police bail pending further inquiries. Both men are unemployed.

14/9/92

Relief as leftwingers save foreigners from neo-Nazis

Anna Tomforde in Quedlinburg

THE bells of Quedlinburg's twin-towered Romanesque basilica rang out yesterday, relaying a sense of relief that the town had survived another night of confrontation outside its refugee hostel — the target of a neo-Nazi onslaught for the past week.

For the first time in Germany's three-week campaign of xenophobic violence leftwing demonstrators, protected by police, had been able to keep stone and firebomb-throwing rightwing extremists away from the hostel where 30 of the original 80 refugees were still holding out.

"I hope we have given a signal and encouraged many other Germans elsewhere to come out and protect the foreigners in our midst," said Rudolf Röhrich, leftwing mayor of this town at the foot of the Harz mountains.

A similar message of solidarity and support with those who had come to protect the foreigners from attack was read yesterday from the pulpits of all churches in nearby Magdeburg, capital of Saxony-Anhalt.

But there were signs that the forced separation of anti-fascist demonstrators and their rightwing foes, which was later followed by minor clashes between the two sides, was little more than a stopgap measure that could not contain the dan-

ger of increased mobilisation.

The confrontation shows that soon not only foreigners but even Germans opposed to xenophobia could be the target of rightwing attacks.

Those sympathising with the anti-foreigner course were not just looking on, but themselves "taking action" by hurling empty beer bottles at supporters of the beleaguered refugees.

"If I earned a decent wage, I would not be bothered by those foreigners there," said a woman. Angrily recalling Chancellor Helmut Kohl's pledge that unification would leave no one in the east worse off, she added: "But as it is, my anger is now directed at them."

Quedlinburg is today, like the rest of eastern Germany, in the grip of economic crisis. Unemployment stands at 19 per cent and reconstruction is hampered by lack of investment and legal disputes over property.

Inside the hostel, the 30 refugees from the former Yugoslavia, Romania, Turkey and Vietnam who have remained spent another night in fear, sitting on their beds fully dressed and staying close to the fire extinguishers.

"We cannot go back to our home because it has been destroyed, and now we live in fear once more," said Alija Music, aged 20, from the former Yugoslavia, who said events had not really permitted him to "be happy" about the birth last week of his first son.

Meanwhile, near Heidelberg two Yugoslav children, aged four and six, suffered severe burns when the blankets under which they were sleeping caught fire in an arson attack early on Saturday.

If the present tide of xenophobia is not contained, either by mass protests or an adequate political and legal response, far-right extremism, hatred against foreigners and nationalism would be "major themes" in the 1990s, a leading expert on extremism predicted yesterday.

Ernst Uhrlau, head of Hamburg's counter-intelligence service, told Spiegel magazine that the "rightwing trail of death has just begun". So far this year, 970 acts of violence had been registered leaving 700 people injured and 10 killed.

Drawing a parallel with the youth dissatisfaction expressed in the 1968 student movement, and pointing to growing support among the young for rightwing causes, Mr Uhrlau warned: "There is a '68 movement from the right that could change German society more fundamentally than the leftwing student movement was ever able to do."

● Unidentified attackers knocked over a dozen tombstones and wrote pro-Nazi graffiti at a Jewish cemetery in Lyon, France, yesterday. "Hitler is our father", "Nazi come back" and "Death to the dirty Jews" were among graffiti daubed on walls.

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IT-FASCIST campaigners last night urged police to cancel a concert in Kent organised by nazi sympathisers amid a repetition of the in London on

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and Honour arriving on their doorstep."

A spokesman for Blood and Honour said: "We will carry on regardless. The communists organise concerts all the time and are left alone. We organise a concert and the Jews, the left wing, and the Government try to stop it — so much for democracy."

Inspector Roy Farley, of Kent police, said he was not aware of the proposed October concert. Police originally thought Saturday's event at the Yorkshire Grey pub in Eltham would take place in Gravesend. "We have contingency plans in place... for all such events," Inspector Farley said.

An estimated 300 Nazi sympathisers, fewer than half the number organisers expected, attended the Eltham concert. Police in riot gear had to escort some skinheads on to Waterloo Bridge and then by Tube and bus to the venue. Many of those attending were from Germany, Holland, and Luxembourg—one group on the concert bill, Duplewinger, named after an SS officer, is based in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The landlord declined to comment but it is believed the pub three months ago under the name Gods of War scooter club.



A skinhead shows his defiance on the way to the Skrewdriver concert at a London public house. Clashes with anti-Fascists led to 30 arrests

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More Austrian letter bombs

By Patrick Blum in Vienna

A letter bomb badly injured a legal clerk yesterday and Austrian police defused three more devices in a wave of attacks against refugees and supporters.

Four people have been injured by the bombs in the past four days, including Mr Helmut Zilk, Vienna's Social Democratic mayor, who lost several fingers in a blast on Sunday night.

The attackers have been labelling the devices with the name of a 17th century hero, according to Mr Franz Loesnack, the interior minister, suggesting the letters might be coming from the country's extreme right.

"We're fighting back. Count Ruediger von Starhemberg" was found on four of 10 letter bombs intercepted by police, he said.

In 1683, Count Ernst Ruediger von Starhemberg success-

fully defended the Austrian capital against a siege by the armies of the Ottoman empire. A later Count Ernst Ruediger Starhemberg took part in the 1923 Munich putsch by Adolf Hitler and went on to become interior minister and vice-chancellor in the fascist Dollfuss regime before the second world war.

The attacks began on Friday injuring a Roman Catholic curate and a Croatian-born television presenter of programmes aimed at immigrants. Most of those targeted since have been active in helping refugees, foreigners or minorities in Austria.

The recent influx of a large number of refugees from the former Communist countries and Yugoslavia has been exploited by right-wing politicians including neo-Nazi groups angered by what they describe as a foreign invasion encouraged by a duplicitous government.

Swing to far right in Hesse

FROM REUTER
IN BONN

FIRST computer projections showed a surge in support for the far-right Republicans in local elections yesterday in the west German state of Hesse.

State television said projections after elections in 33 cities and districts showed the Republicans winning 7.7 per cent of the vote compared with only 0.1 per cent in the last elections in 1989. The projection showed a decline in support for the established parties, with the Christian Democrats of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, slipping 1.9 per cent to 32.4 per cent and the Social Democrats down 7.1 per cent to 37.7 per cent.

Voters stayed away from the election, seeming to confirm the main parties' fears that disillusionment with Germany's political establishment is spreading. Election officials said that by midday, 28.4 per cent of the electorate had voted, some five to six points down on the last vote.

The elections in Hesse, which includes the country's financial capital Frankfurt, are the only ones in Germany this year until December. Next year will be one big campaign with 18 local, state and European polls, followed by national elections in December.

Heinrich Frank, the leading Republican candidate in Frankfurt, said: "We will try to abolish the office for multicultural affairs. We will try to force the city of Frankfurt to stop cash payments to asylum-seekers immediately."

Times
8/3/93

Left heads for victory over Italian far right

Ed Vulliamy in Rome

ITALY'S leftwing alliances — piloted by the former communist Democratic Left Party, or PDS — were preparing to celebrate last night as their candidates looked set to fight off the hard right and win a series of remarkable victories in mayoral elections across the country.

In the early hours of this morning tens of thousands of jubilant Romans carrying red flags took to the streets in huge processions.

Partial results suggested a narrow but consistent PDS victory, with the party likely to take all four of the major cities, beating off a neo-fascist surge in Rome and Naples and checking the advance of the Northern League in Genoa and Venice.

The election, involving 8 million voters, is a crucial barometer of political pressures ahead of Italy's first majority-system general election early next year.

Last night the PDS and its allies were set for victories which, in a general election, would make it by far the biggest political bloc in the country.

The first reaction of the party leader, Achille Occhetto, was that "this is a historic victory for the left, and our next objective is government". Casting himself as leader of the only stable political organisation after 18 months of scandal and disgrace, he said the expected results would "boost confidence abroad and stabilise the financial markets".

He added that "we are witnessing a democratic revolution from the base" and said the defeat of the league in the north had "prevented the splitting of Italy into two. The fight is now back where it belongs: between right and left."

The most resonant but nail-biting of the likely victories was in Rome, after an acrimonious and violent campaign, where

the PDS-backed candidate Francesco Rutelli of the Green Party was leading the neo-fascist leader Gianfranco Fini by 52.5 per cent to 47.5 per cent.

In Naples, the battle between the Duce's granddaughter Alessandra Mussolini and the hard-line marxist Antonio Bassolino was looking to be won by Mr Bassolino, heading for 53.2 per cent. Both neo-fascist candidates insisted that they had won relative victories, since they were backed only by their Italian Social Movement, against wide alliances massed behind the leftwing candidates.

In the north, the Northern League lost the two main contests. In Genoa, Adriano Sansa of the PDS was heading for 57.7 per cent, while in Venice, Massimo Cacciari of the PDS, with 55.5 per cent, was beating the league's Aldo Mariconda.

Under new regulations, the list which backs the winning candidate is entitled to 60 per cent of seats on the local council. Thus although the fascist MSI was the biggest party in the first round of voting in Rome and Naples, control automatically goes to the left.

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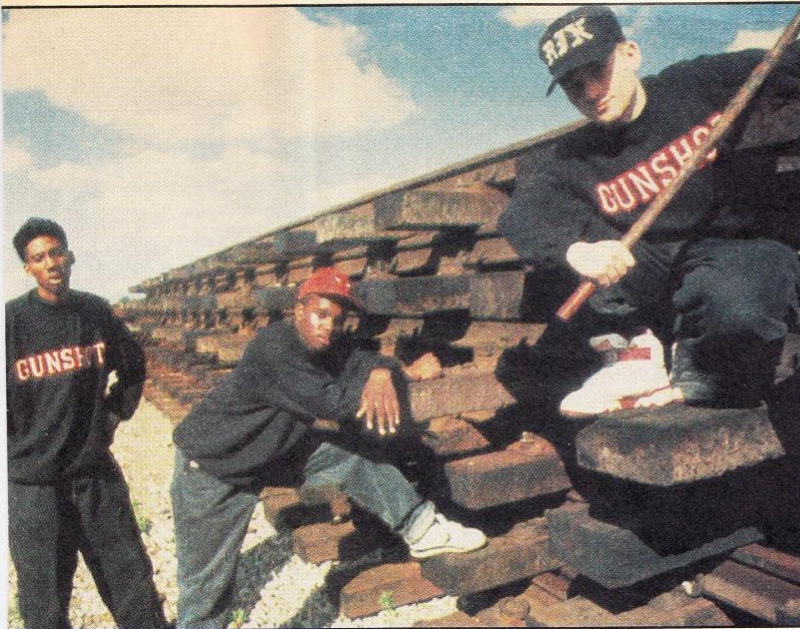


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Spring term 1994

The rise of the BNP last year has provoked a musical backlash. Chris Mugan talks to some of the most prolific anti-Nazi musicians and concludes that enough really is enough.

Gunshot, avoiding the bureaucracy

ENOUGH IS...

Following the BNP's Tower Hamlets victory, racism has inflamed alternative pop. It has given a greater urgency to the music's return to its radical roots, a trend which has become increasingly apparent over the past year.

Queercore and Riot Grrrl have become stock terms; the Levellers champion the England of crusties, squats and travellers. This radicalism also appears in the multi-racial line up of Transglobal Underground, and in Senser a musical fusion of rock and rap. Coincidentally, '93 has seen the rise of artists from Asian origins, including Fun-da-mental and Apache Indian, whose *Arranged Marriage* and *Boom-shak-a-lak* were both mainstream chart hits.

Many artists have written songs following the far right's first election victory in the UK. Apache Indian replied with *Movin' Up*, and in a defiant show of solidarity, Chumbawamba collaborated with Credit To The Nation on *Enough Is Enough*.

Some songs, like Special AKA's *Free Nelson Mandela*, brought injustices to the attention of the British public. *Enough Is Enough* was more of a call to arms. Alice Nutter, Chumbawamba eccentric vocalist, explained why she likes that kind of song.

"Some songs are a way of celebrating your beliefs. Critics say politics are boring, but quite often we get involved because it makes us feel good. We go to crowded events, not because we're sheep, but because we enjoy being together, like at a football match. A song can have the same effect, even if it is naive."

Was *Enough Is Enough* naive?

"It was a blatant song for us," she replied, "a lot of the time we find it insulting when bands shout 'wake up!' but then it was necessary."

Anjali, songwriter of Voodoo Queens, has tackled the issue more personally, writing a song based on her own experiences.

She explained, "I have been the victim of racism

Anti-racism sees a departure from the high profile backslapping that featured in 80's causes

most of my life, from being beaten up at school onwards, so I have a collection of short stories and poems from that time which I have incorporated into a song."

Gunshot, one of Britain's finest rap groups, have not tackled racism explicitly, although it is a dark undercurrent in many of their songs. Now, they are hoping to release a double A-sided single with Senser. However, they claim that the impact of the single on people, whether to educate or agitate, is not important to them.

Mc Mercury, spokesman for the band, explains.

"We want to make a contribution for ourselves and on behalf of UK hardcore rap. British rap is very infantile at the moment, it concentrates on the music but not on the lyrics, so we want to show that we can contribute to the debate"

All these groups have performed benefits for various anti-racist organisations, begging the question - which to choose? The Anti Nazi League and Youth Against Racism in Europe are the best known, but they are criticised for being dominated by the Socialist Workers' Party and Militant respectively.

Anti Racist Action, meanwhile, pursues black unity and parliamentary lobbying under a coloured leadership. Clearly, there are different ways of tackling racism, but the groups came under fire when the ARA held a London demo on the same day as the ANL and YRE joint march on BNP headquarters.

Can artists transcend these divisions? Gunshot, although unsure of the subtle differences, are wary of the pressure groups.

"We haven't decided where the money from the Senser single is going," announced Mercury, "but we would like it to help community projects in Tower Hamlets, so it can avoid the bureaucracy and do as much good as possible."

Chumbawamba have performed benefits for several groups, and allowed them to set up to set up their stalls at their gigs, including ANL and YRE. Alice admits that the politics is irritating but unavoidable.

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"It has always been a problem. During the last fifteen years I have been involved in many protests, like the pit dispute and the print strike. Unfortunately parties like the SWP and Militant always try and hijack them."

Her solution is simply to "put my thoughts behind me and ignore them," but she also offers some advice.

"The worst thing people can do is allow them to be bullied into carrying banners for them. It is best to be involved as part of a community, because then there is no need to get involved in party squabbles."

This is one reason why she praises Anti-Fascist Action, which has a low profile because it is really a network of autonomous local groups. There is no central leadership to speak of, and the constitution prevents any one political group dominating the movement.

Groups also have differing views on the use of violence against the Far Right, AFA is one of the strongest supporters of 'direct confrontation'. In its Fighting Talk magazine, activity reports read like battle actions with 'manoeuvres' and 're-grouping'.

More mainstream groups also have sections involved in violence, such as the YRE's skinheads who infiltrate fascist meetings. The artists publicising these groups agree that direct confrontation is necessary.

In the end, anarchists and the AFA went out three Saturdays in a row and kicked them out of town."

Mercury takes a more cautious view.

"Violence is not the solution but it's sometimes necessary. This is not the time for the softly softly approach. We have to be careful, though, because the media are always looking to criticise the movement. The press would not treat the BNP in the same way because it expects that from them. So the media accused the ANL of inciting violence at the demo, but if you were there you would have seen that the police were heavy handed."

White Child Rix, creator of the Gunshot sound, agrees.

"The police are capable of controlling a situation and turning it into a riot."

Both the ARA and ANL are aiming for a higher profile. Guy, one of ANL's volunteers, was vague about its plans, but revealed, "It will not be unlike Rock Against Racism." With bands like The Shamen, Rage Against The Machine and Pop Will Eat Itself expressing support, one should believe him.

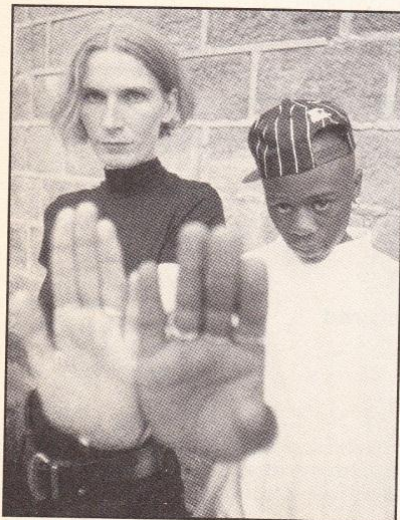
ARA has its own strategy, which Jacob, a young activist, explained. "Some of our people are looking at collaborations with white artists, but our priority is to promote unity amongst blacks". He promised that ARA festivals, which have featured the likes of Don-E and chart-topping

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Alice Nutter believes that the AFA are more realistic because it does advocate violence. Like the rest of the artists, she cites the rise of the Nazi's to support her view.

She explained, "Hitler said that the only way the Nazis could have been stopped was if they were destroyed in 1933. They view non-violence as weakness. Some people believe that if you are nice it will not happen, but fascists are not reasonable, they are lunatics. I've seen one skinhead run into a crowd of thirty people. I'm more frightened by not fighting because then they will pick you off one by one, like when they were fire-bombing houses in Leeds."

"During the mid-80's fascists were leafleting in the city. We campaigned against them, but to no avail.



Chumbawamba- Supporting the cause.

Gabrielle, would get bigger.

Now, the battle has extended to the clubs. Guy Morley and Justin Robertson have organised a loose collective of DJs to hold benefit nights nationwide, which is ironic since dance music is so heavily black-influenced.

Justin claims, "We want people to make a positive decision against racism just by coming to one of these nights."

Artists want to use the publicity to help a cause and activists are glad for the funds and the increase in awareness. Anti-racism sees a departure from the high profile back-slapping and establishment sup-

port that featured in 80's causes beginning with Live Aid. Can the enthusiasm last until the defeat of the Far Right? There seem to be enough principled musicians for the movement to last another five years yet.

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Five to appear in court after skinheads clash with anti-fascists

Paul Myers

FIVE men, including two Belgians and a German, are due to appear in court today following a weekend clash involving police, skinheads, and anti-fascists.

Sixteen people were arrested in east and central London on Saturday as hundreds of neo-Nazis from throughout Europe converged for a rock concert in Becontree, east London.

The concert, at the Piper public house, was cancelled. The scuffles took place as groups of

neo-Nazis were ushered away from east London.

Darren Ross, aged 19, from Southampton, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a woman police officer and violent disorder at a pub in central London. Robin Gray, aged 31, from Staines, is also charged with violent disorder at the pub.

Belgians Steve Cirock, aged 22, and Eddie Vanryckegheyn, aged 28, from Knokke Heist, are charged with public order offences, including possession of an offensive weapon, threatening behaviour, violent dis-

order, and criminal damage. A fifth man, Stefan Johansen from Molln, Germany, is charged with violent disorder, criminal damage, and a public order offence. All will appear at Horseferry Road magistrates court.

John Peter Child, aged 31, from Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, will appear at Thames magistrates court on February 14, charged with causing an affray. He was arrested as police surrounded a pub in Bow, east London, to prevent fighting between skinheads and anti-fascists.

Police and anti-fascist demonstrators clashed at Earls Court after 400 were put on to an underground train that took them from Becontree to west London without stopping.

Thirty-two men have been released on police bail after skinheads wearing Nazi armbands and boots wrecked a Greenpeace 'alternative' bookshop in Nottingham on Saturday. Two assistants and a disabled customer were beaten up in the raid, which caused several thousands pounds' worth of damage. Police afterwards stopped a coach and a minibus.

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BNP aims to fight 50 seats in local polls

Stephen Bates
Political Correspondent

THE extreme right-wing British National Party is expected to field more candidates than ever in next month's local government elections.

When nominations closed in England yesterday, the BNP, which has been boosted by its byelection victory in Tower Hamlets in the East End of London last September, was claiming that it would be putting up 50 candidates, including 15 in the capital.

It will focus its efforts in Tower Hamlets, with eight candidates.

But the party will also be contesting a seat as far north as Sunderland.

A letter bomb exploded at the BNP's headquarters in Kent yesterday, slightly injuring a party worker who was opening it.

Opponents suggested that the device could have been a BNP publicity ploy.

Two Liberal Democrats in Tower Hamlets, censured in a party report for pandering to racism in the byelection campaign, announced yesterday that they will stand as independents.

Graham Tope, president of London Liberal Democrats, last night called on Jeremy Shaw

and Betty Wright to reduce their egos and stand down in favour of official candidates.

About 10,000 candidates are expected to be fighting for up to 5,000 seats across the country, with elections taking place in the 32 London boroughs, the nine Scottish regions (where candidates have until next Tuesday to be nominated), three Scottish islands, 36 metropolitan districts, four Welsh districts and 114 English districts.

The elections on May 5 are seen as a referendum on national politics, with John Major already being seen in some Tory quarters as ill-advised to put himself forward to lead the Conservatives' local government campaign which many regard as doomed to humiliation.

One minister said last night: "We are anticipating being wiped out. Expectations are so low that I suppose we might be pleasantly surprised to do better than that."

In the last elections in 1990, the Tories also did badly although, due to a public relations triumph by the then Tory party chairman, Kenneth Baker, highlighting the two flagship councils of Westminster and Wandsworth where the Tories hung on to power, the extent of the party's humiliation was at least partly disguised.

Lone minister revolts as EU admits first neo-fascist

John Palmer and John Carvel in Brussels

IT WAS a day of embarrassment as Giuseppe Tatarella, Italy's telecommunications minister, yesterday became the first neo-fascist to be admitted to the European Union's council of ministers.

The presence of Mr Tatarella, who is also a deputy prime minister in Italy's rightwing government, electrified an otherwise unmemorable meeting on the liberalisation of Europe's telephone and telecommunications market.

The Belgian telecommunications minister, Elio di Rupo — a descendant of Italian anti-fascist immigrants to Belgium — timed his arrival to avoid shaking hands with the former militant of the far-right MSI movement. He issued a declaration deploring that the EU had to admit a neo-fascist to its ranks.

Mr Di Rupo said he would avoid all personal, bilateral contact with Mr Tatarella, one of five neo-fascist-led *Allianza Nazionale* members of the new Italian government.

"This reality is too important to be trivialised," he said. "My personal conscience, my political ethic, forces me to underline it, to deplore it." His short declaration stressed the EU's commitment to the principles of liberty, democracy and respect for others without regard to "nationality, religion or sex".

The ministers endorsed the statement unanimously. Mr Tatarella said he, too, espoused those principles and asked his critics to show pragmatism.

Britain was represented at the telecommunications meeting by a senior Foreign Office official. Meanwhile, Gillian Shephard, the Agriculture Minister, became the first British Cabinet member to do business with an Italian neo-fascist minister when she met Adriana Poli Bortone at the agriculture council.

Mrs Shephard said she saw no problem in dealing with neo-fascists. "They are democratically elected," she said.

BNP disowns 'black' leaflet

Tom Sharratt

A LEAFLET apparently issued by a black organisation inviting supporters to write to a box number used by the British National Party was disowned yesterday by the BNP's national leadership.

The leaflet, circulated in Moss Side, Manchester, at the weekend, is headed *Black Power* and shows a clenched fist.

The text reads: "If you are Black and proud — if you believe in . . . BLACK PRIDE! and Black unity and believe that Black people can stand on their own two feet without the White man Then write away today to BLACK PRIDE."

The address given is PO Box 149, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 2UQ. The same box number appears in the BNP's newspaper as the contact for its Blackburn unit.

The BNP, which won a council byelection in Tower Hamlets, east London, in September, has consistently opposed multi-racialism and has advocated

the repatriation of blacks to their country of origin.

Richard Edmonds, leader of the BNP, said yesterday that he was aware of the Moss Side leaflet, having been told of it by the media, but did not know how it came to be circulated.

Vincent Young, one of three Labour councillors representing Moss Side on Manchester city council, said he thought the BNP was trying to deceive the community into thinking a separatist black organisation had been established.

"I can say there is no such organisation — Black Pride does not exist," he said. "I do not know of any black group that would work with the BNP."

Steve Tilzey, who writes for the anti-fascist magazine, *Searchlight*, said BNP leaflets, posters, and stickers had appeared in the Moss Side, Alexandra Park, and Whalley Range areas of Manchester, where there are strong black communities.

He said he believed the bogus leaflet was an attempt to obtain the names and addresses of black people for targeting by the BNP.

He alleged there were links with *Combat 18*, a shadowy neo-fascist organisation which publishes a bi-monthly newsletter attacking blacks, Jews, and communists from a box number in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Combat 18 uses a swastika-style emblem similar to that used by Eugene Terre-Blanche's neo-fascist *AWB* in South Africa.

In March last year an anti-apartheid meeting at Blackburn ended in violence when it was invaded by BNP members, several of whom displayed the *Combat 18* emblem.

Mr Edmonds denied yesterday that the BNP was attempting to collect the names and addresses of black people for any purpose.

The BNP did not favour a multiracial society, he said, but would approve of black people having pride.



The bogus leaflet using the BNP's Blackburn address

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LEEDS TURNS OUT IN FORCE TO COMBAT NAZI THUGS

United in fight against fascism

BY OLIVER BROOKS

THE fight against fascism was stepped up last week as 5,000 demonstrators marched through Leeds.

The protest, involving a high number of student activists, went ahead despite the threat of reprisals from Combat 18, the Nazi paramilitary group.

Police described the demo as "largely peaceful." However the day saw a total of seven arrests in two isolated incidents. Four marchers were detained and then released without charge.

A member of Combat 18 was spotted giving Nazi salutes at the back of the march. Before police could move him on he was chased by demonstrators, who were then detained by police.

Three more arrests were made after violence among football supporters at Leeds railway station - Combat 18 and the BNP are believed to have been involved.

Brian Richardson, national secretary of the Anti-Nazi League, believed the demo was a success. "The very impressive turnout shows the huge opposition to Nazis in Leeds," he said.

Students were also enthusiastic. "It was a enjoyable and worthwhile experience," said Ben Whiston, a first year student at Leeds University.

Ellie Clement, Administration Secretary at L.U.U. said: "It was a very good demonstration and sent out a positive message."

The march was organised by the Leeds Alliance against Racism and Fascism in response to a recent spate of attacks in Leeds. In the past few months ethnic minorities and trade unionists have been the victims of various assaults, hate campaigns and harassment by far-right groups.

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THE CATALOGUE of right-wing violence in Leeds:

● **Saturday/Sunday July 23/24.** Ian McDonald, secretary, Leeds Trades Union Council. Home in Pudsey attacked by men with sledge-hammers and/or baseball bats. He had earlier received threatening 'phone calls purportedly from C18.

● **August 19.** The Duchess of York pub, Vicar lane, Leeds, threatened over appearance of band Chumbawumba, whose act includes anti-racist material. Two men tried to bluff their way into the pub between midnight and 1am. They were refused entry. Seconds later a brick was hurled through a window. Telephone threats had earlier been made to the pub.

● **Saturday, August 20.** Crossbow bolt fired through flat window in Leeds. The flat was occupied by a young man and child. The man has no political connections. The flat was previously occupied by an anti-fascist activist.

● **Saturday, August 20.** home of anti-fascist attacked with baseball bats in Beeston. Windows smashed about 11 pm. Four men wearing balaclavas seen running from the scene.

● **Saturday, August 27.** Channel Four TV crew threatened by up to 20 men with baseball bats, iron bars, hammers in Leeds city centre. The crew escaped but

was chased by men in balaclavas driving a red car.

● **Sunday, August 28.** Car "torched" in Beeston at about 10 pm outside the home of an anti-fascist activist.

● **Wednesday, August 31.** Evening, house attacked in Chapeltown. Windows smashed. Home of anti-fascist activist.

● **Saturday, September 10.** Car "torched" outside the same house in Chapeltown.

● **Sunday, September 11.** Car belonging to anti-fascist activist "torched" in Harehills.

Previous attacks attributed to Combat 18 include a break-in at the offices of the now-defunct alternative magazine Northern Star in Leeds. A stolen address book from the magazine's office is believed to have been used in the compilation of a "hit-list" which appeared later, identifying 100 people, including Labour MPs and councillors, as potential targets.

Three attacks have also been mounted on Nail Records shop in the city. The shop's merchandise includes music by anti-racist bands, and items such as tee-shirts carrying anti-racist logos.

The shop's windows have been smashed, and its walls daubed with nazi graffiti.

Individuals have been attacked in Leeds city centre during street sales of left-wing newspapers.

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33 held after anti-racist clashes

Vivek Chaudhary

THIRTY-three people were arrested yesterday after clashes between supporters of the extreme rightwing British National Party and protesters.

Fighting broke out as BNP supporters tried to sell copies of their newspaper and distribute leaflets in Brick Lane, east London. Dozens of protesters, many from the Anti-Nazi League, broke through a police cordon, charging towards BNP supporters with sticks and pelting them with missiles. Mounted police and up to 100 officers carrying riot shields moved in to quell the violence.

Other skirmishes broke out in areas adjoining Brick Lane, which is leafleted every Sunday by the BNP. Eight of those arrested were BNP supporters. All were released, but some face charges on public order offences.

The clashes followed last Thursday's victory of BNP candidate Derek Beackon in Tower

Hamlets, and a number of racist attacks in the area.

After yesterday's violence the Youth Against Racism in Europe organisation said it had planned the protest to "drive the fascists off the streets". A spokesman said: "We will not allow them to increase in strength or size."

The Tory MP Winston Churchill was criticised yesterday for claiming the rise in support for the far right was inevitable because of illegal immigration.

Speaking on BBC TV's Breakfast With Frost programme he said: "One has to have regard particularly to the very large scale of illegal immigration, which according to senior immigration officers exceeds by a large measure those allowed in legally. This adds to the pressure in these communities and provokes reactions."

Mr Churchill, MP for Davyhulme, added: "No one is seeking to justify those reactions, far from it, but they are inevitable, so it's very important we stop adding to the pressures in our society and have a much

stronger policy in dealing with illegal immigration."

Piara Khabra, Labour MP for Ealing-Southall, accused Mr Churchill of "stoking up the racial fire. He is taking this unnecessary opportunity to rake up the mud, again, as he has done before." Illegal immigration was not part of the election in Tower Hamlets, he said.

Labour inner cities spokesman Keith Vaz called on John Major to ask Mr Churchill to withdraw his comments or leave the Conservative Party.

"Winston Churchill has made statements about illegal immigration before, and never has any evidence to back up what he says," Mr Vaz also said he was writing to the Environment Secretary John Gummer to seek clarification about the constitutional position of BNP councillor Derek Beackon. He also called on the Attorney General to review the Liberal Democrat campaign literature used in the byelection.

The shadow home affairs minister Joan Ruddock, speaking at a meeting organised by

the Bangladesh Welfare Association in Tower Hamlets yesterday, accused the Conservatives of providing the "breeding ground for racism".

"Tory ministers' expressions of dismay over the election of a BNP councillor are nothing but hypocrisy. They have forced people into greater and greater competition for fewer jobs,

scarce housing and school places. We must tackle the root causes of racism."

Ms Ruddock called for a law making racially motivated violence a specific criminal offence. She demanded a Home Office investigation into the links between the activities of extremist organisations and racial violence.



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Echoes of the Thirties as 100,000 join carnival march against fascists



SIXTEEN years on, the uniform was more grunge than punk, but the spirit was the same. Yesterday's Anti-Nazi League carnival in Brockwell Park, south London, evoked strong memories of the first carnival, held in May 1978, writes Roger Tredre.

Then, 80,000 young people marched to Victoria Park, Hackney, in the biggest anti-fascist demonstration in Britain since the Thirties. This

time the crowds were even bigger — well over 100,000, according to organisers. They gathered in Kennington Park at 11am to hear speeches and marched off waving ANL banners.

Sixteen years on, the ANL is still accused of being a front for the Socialist Workers' Party. Their enemy remains the same, although now they are called the British National Party rather than the National Front.

The ANL pointed out yesterday that, although the Millwall BNP councillor Derek Beackon lost his seat in this month's local elections, BNP candidates in East London polled more than 10,000 votes.

Many of the crowd had come for the music, but young people are genuinely worried about racism. Anya Turner, 19, came to London in a convoy of coaches from Cardiff. 'You see

a lot of swastikas on walls and bridges these days. It's getting frightening.'

Among the musicians playing yesterday was Billy Bragg. 'These things never go away. It doesn't matter how many marches we go on, we still have to keep on confronting the racists.'

In recent months, pop stars, DJs and style magazines have joined the campaign against racism.

Photograph: Dod Miller

Racial tension grows

FURTHER DISTURBANCES between Asian and white youth in the West Bowling area of Bradford have forced police to try and establish better links with the Asian community.

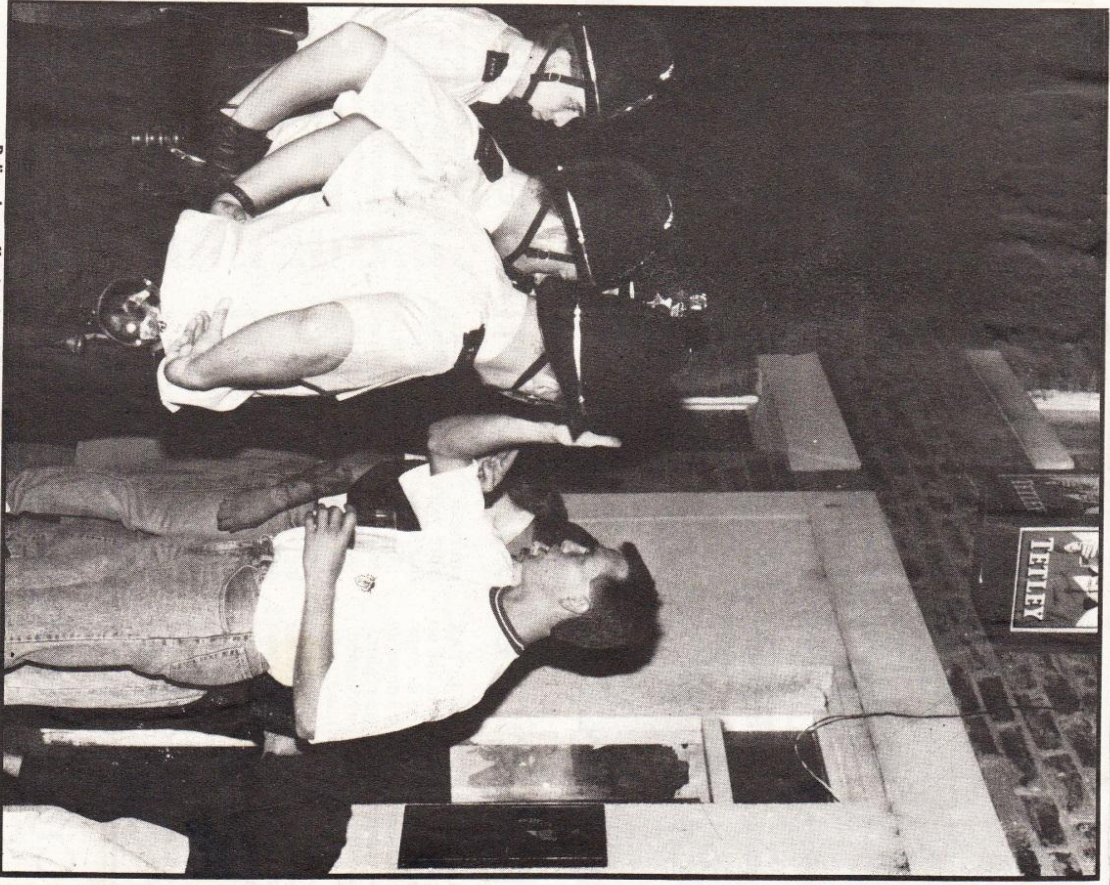
Two new community policemen have been assigned to join the existing officers. The appointments follow criticism that police have done little to defend Asians against attacks from gangs of fascists who are believed to come from the surrounding white areas.

Police continue to deny allegations that the violence is orchestrated by the National Front and the British National Party, but instead say the incidents are the result of "frustration and youthful exuberance".

President of the Council for Mosques, Sher Azam, has blamed the violence on the government's refusal to change the blasphemy laws, "this has clearly given the green light to the racist elements who see there is no protection for the Muslims in law."

However, Bradford Labour Councillor, Mohammed Riaz said the unrest was due to unemployment and lack of facilities for young people, but blamed right wing groups for the violence.

He argued that young Asians' values are very different from those of the older Asians and said: "The Salman Rushdie affair has served to uncover other problems which need a response."



Pic:Sev Carrell

Police close off pubs along Manchester Rd, Bradford, to prevent racial clashes

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Kurdish refugees



Credit: STEVE KING

They're welcome here

OVER 4,000 people marched through Hackney, east London, last Saturday to protest at the deportation and ill treatment of Kurdish refugees from Turkey.

The protest involved Turkish workers, Kurdish refugees and local trade unionists.

They chanted, "Right to work,

right to settle" and "Kurdish workers welcome here".

The march halted outside Hackney Town Hall to show solidarity with hunger strikers protesting at political repression in Turkey, before moving on to a rally at London Fields.

