

LEWISHAM AND VIOLENCE

Anti-fascists mobilise in Hull

FOUR WEEKS ago the Nazis succeeded in completely disrupting a Socialist Workers Party meeting in Hull. So last Wednesday the local SWP branch organised a meeting in an attempt to build an anti-fascist campaign in the city.

There were rumours that the Nazi Front were pulling in members from all over Yorkshire to 'smash' the meeting.

Hundreds of posters and thousands of leaflets were put out by the SWP advertising the meeting. It was packed out, with 130 people there.

This was the biggest political meeting seen in Hull for years. One supporter was so surprised when he saw the size of the attendance that he said it must be an Elvis Presley Mourning Club.

A couple of cars with Nazis in drove past the meeting, but none dared enter.



Those the press called 'left-wing renegade thugs' on the Lewisham demonstration, and (right) jubilation over the tassles torn from a Nazi banner.

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LET IT BE A RED, WHITE AND BLUE SWASTIKA

JOHN TYNDALL, leader of the Nazi National Front, told last week's Sunday Telegraph:

'The main idea of wearing the uniform is that some of us felt that we needed to capture the imagination of youth. We wanted glamour and excitement.'

'Later Jordan [Colin Jordan is leader of the openly Nazi British Movement] went one step further and decided the symbol on it should be a swastika. I was against that. I was against anything foreign. But his mind was made up.'

'I said let it be a red, white and blue swastika, not a black one.'

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SWP MEMBERS
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IN LONDON

One of the many letters on Lewisham which SW has received: the 'force of argument' shift-meanie like that?

Thirty racists attack one man

KHADIM HUSSAIN, a former textile worker who was disabled by an industrial accident, was attacked by a gang of 30 racists armed with sticks, stones and other offensive weapons last week.

The racists had approached Mr Hussain's house in the Harehills district of Leeds chanting: 'Paki bastard go back home'. Hussain suffered serious internal injuries, a damaged ear drum and a stomach rupture.



Intimidated neighbours called the police. Descriptions of some of the attackers who live in Harehills were given to the restorers of Law and Order. But the police did not charge any of the attackers on the grounds that Hussain's injuries were 'not serious'.

In fact the police refused to call an ambulance, saying that St James Hospital was not far and Mr Hussain could walk the half mile to get treatment.

The Asian community has been harassed daily for the past month.



Nazi daubings near where Khadim Hussain was attacked.

Steward and blind man attacked by Nazis

by ANN ALDEN (NUPE shop steward)
I WAS selling Socialist Worker with a friend, Des Loughney, in an Edinburgh pub last Friday, when two men who said they were in the National Front followed me out. They knocked me to the ground and kicked me.

One stood with his foot in my face while the other urged him to kick me again.

They saw my shop steward's badge on my jacket. Among other threats they shouted: 'Shop stewards and trade unionists are responsible for bringing the country to its knees.'

They also said they would smash us. Then they ran off and, according to observers, jumped into a taxi.

The following evening a blind SWP member, Alan Balfour, was in the toilet of a pub and was punched for belonging to the SWP. He was told: 'There is no place in society for mutants.'

THE National Front have taken a defeat in Dundee this week. Their prospective candidate, Ian Bunce, a Dundee bus driver, has announced in the local press he is standing down.

The reason is the concerted local campaign by the Socialist Workers Party.

When we found out Bunce was standing and that he worked on the buses we immediately produced a leaflet exposing him as a Nazi supporter. We distributed them at the bus depot, where he was described by the busmen as an idiot to whom no one listened anyway.

When we talked to Bunce we discovered that he hated being labelled as a Nazi. This prompted our members to step up the pressure. Last Sunday evening we sprayed the walls of his home with slogans in 2ft high letters, 'Nazis live here' and 'Fuehrer Bunce is a Nazi'.

Statement

The following day he made a statement to the press saying that he did not intend to stand because he was afraid that the scenes of Lewisham and Birmingham might be repeated in Dundee.

He said he did not know whether he would leave the NF altogether, but he thought he might be kicked out.

Racist

We have stopped one man from peddling his racist filth, but the campaign in Dundee and Scotland must go on.

The NF intend to hold a rally and march through Edinburgh. It must be stopped. Trade unionists and socialists must come out in force and stop these Nazis while they are weak.



ABOVE: Centreprise, a left-wing community bookshop in Dalston, East London, was attacked by Nazis last week. Petrol was poured through the letterbox, followed by a lighted match. Extensive damage was done. £300 worth of books were destroyed.



Ulster gang threatens SWP

A SINISTER leaflet was issued in Scotland this week by a man who calls himself 'C McGranaghan Area Commander of the Ulster Defence Association'.

Part of it reads: 'Demonstrations against the Socialist Workers Party

will be taking place shortly. Look what has been happening in the last few weeks; our police have been kicked, stabbed, missiles have been hurled at them and ammonia tossed in their faces, to their severe and sometimes permanent injury.'

The UDA are a bunch of gunmen in Belfast whose main

hobby is to maim and kill as many Catholics as possible. Exactly the kind of allies we would expect for the London-based Nazis.

However, previous attempts to form an alliance between the UDA and the Nazis have come to nothing. Concerted action by anti-racists can keep it that way.

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National Front men smashed windows in 'political' crimes

two National Front officials and a member of the British National Party smashed immigrants' windows in politically-motivated crimes, it was alleged at Bradford Magistrates' Court.

Mr. Harrison said all three men had suffered reprisals and damage to property, and since the offences, Wright, a successful businessman building houses mainly in Lancashire, was chairman of the Yorkshire region of the National Front, but had now resigned office.

DAMAGE
He had suffered damage to property and assault and had decided to take a less active interest in politics. Smith, who was a local official of the National Front, had quit the party because of the British National Party. Windows had been smashed at his home and he had lost his job.

Mr. Harrison said the men had committed the damage early one Friday morning. Mr. Harrison said the men had been or pre-conceived plan to commit the damage. It had happened after a party when their sensibilities might well have been clouded by drink.

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VIOLENCE FLARES AT GRUNWICK PLANT



4,000 march on police station

More than 4,000 demonstrators marched on the police station at Willesden Green, North London, today after violence broke out again at mass picket lines at the Grunwick processing laboratories.

Police and demonstrators clashed and 100 people were arrested outside the station in Chapter Road, Willesden, after a bus had been broken through picket lines. Arrests then sparked an angry march on the police station. Demonstrators blocked off Chapter High Road and motor-cyclists were arrested on key junctions. Demonstrators stood outside the station, blocking the road and chanting: "Free the pickets... drop the Special Patrol and company

CHARGE
A group of the police became violent as a Special Patrol Group was charged to disperse the pickets. Trouble flared as a picket tried to drive a car round the car. The car started, and the pickets charged. The car was dazed-looking and the pickets

A line of police use all their weight in a struggle to push back a crowd of pickets blocking the road outside the Grunwick film processing plant in Willesden, North London, today. There were casualties among police and pickets as violence returned to the factory.

during the Grunwick incidents. The injured were taken to Central Middlesex Hospital. Today's mass picketing coincided with the House of Lords appeal by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service against an Appeal Court ruling on Grunwick's

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BULLDOG BREED

I HAVE been sent some copies of Bulldog, the National Front magazine being distributed among schoolchildren. And a pretty ratty-looking publication it is too. It will never replace the Dandy.

I note that I have been cast in the role of Desperate Dan. Keith Waterhouse and his friends have good reason to be afraid, the kids are told, "because the National Front is growing stronger and stronger every day. In fact, we are so strong that nothing can stop us from taking power. Our time will come, and when it does the blacks are going back home

The tapes of hate

SUNDAY MIRROR REPORTER

A "BLITZKREIG" has been launched to flood Britain with Nazi-style "race hate" propaganda preaching "white power" and anti-Semitism.

It includes tapes of "Germany Calling" — the last broadcast by Lord Haw Haw, traitor William Joyce. A cassette translation of Hitler's final speech to the German people — plus S.S. marching bands — is also on offer. Both have been advertised as "collectors items" in "Christian Vanguard," an American magazine now finding its way into the country.

Haw-Haw's last words are on the market

Another magazine boosting its circulation in Britain by direct-mail methods is "The Thunderbolt" which declares it gives "the white man's viewpoint." It is included in the 15-dollar annual membership of the National States Rights Party, at Marietta, Georgia.

One edition offered a Nazi-style uniform — for party members only. For sale was an S.S.-type shirt and an over-the-shoulder black Sam Browne belt. Party secretary Dr. Edward R. Fields was pictured alongside wealthy Yorkshire builder George Wright and his attractive wife Margaret at a meeting in Dewsbury.

Africa totally oppose my views. "I deny that these magazines are being imported by the Front. They are by private subscription.

"There was a suggestion the Ku Klux Klan are involved in all this stuff from the States. I can say that anyone in the Front pushing those kind of ideas would soon be put down."

Former Tory MP for Belper, Derbyshire, Mr. Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, commented yesterday "A lot of revolting, anti-Semitic and vicious publications never allowed under British law are coming into the country in growing numbers.

"Large sums of money — possibly Arab — could be behind this seemingly grassroots revival.

"It is noticeable, too that their production techniques and around the world links are much better and stronger than before."

Packed

Mr. Wright, 50, polled six per cent of the votes when he stood for the National Front at a Rotherham by-election. At his mansion at Utley near Keighley, Mr. Wright said: "The meeting was organised by the National Front. It was packed with about 200.

"Dr. Fields touted for subscribers at the end. Some people signed up. They are clearly campaigning for members in this country and Europe. I received Thunderbolt. Some of what it prints is acceptable. It is nationalistic.

Councillor walks out over 'Front' issue

Dewsbury councillor... demand for an emergency debate on the letting of public halls to the National Front was rejected... the chairman walked out of a meeting of Kirkstiles Recreation and Amenities Committee.

Afterwards Coun. Colin Wray (Lab.), a committee member for four years, said he was doing so because of the attitude of the Mayor of Kirkstiles, Coun. Jack Brooke (Cons., Liversedge), who considered "illegal acts" alleged by Wray, had taken place at a National Front meeting at Dewsbury Town Hall in the summer and that there had been a contraven-

tion of the Race Relations Act.

He said he was referring to the Klu Klux Klan from America had addressed the meeting, and added: "It would seem that certain sections of the Tory party support the National Front."

Afterwards the mayor said that the matter was not on the official agenda, was not considered urgent and so could not be discussed.

At the start of the meeting, Coun. Mrs. Bessie Sheldon (Lab., Batley), handed the mayor a petition against the letting of Dewsbury Town Hall to the National Front and said there would be many more.

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Ban Front marches in Leeds—students

Leeds University students want to see National Front and British National Party marches in the city banned — as the first step in an anti-racism campaign they have launched.

Signatures are now being collected for a petition which will be forwarded by the union to the Home Secretary, Leeds MP Merlyn Rees.

It states racialism is a "growing evil" and a threat to democracy and adds: "We believe groups such as the National Front and the British National Party foster racial hatred in order to create scapegoats for the problems of society."

"We believe the National Front and other similar organisations should not be allowed to march through Leeds. We call upon the Government to strengthen the Race Relations Act to prohibit demonstrations which service to incite racial hatred."

Students have decided on a "non-violent" campaign which will include a march of their own through Leeds in December.

They hope to have support from trade unionists, anti fascist groups and students from other northern universities.

Bail for 4 accused of affray

Three men accused of an affray near Leeds University Students' Union were allowed bail by Leeds magistrates.

Bail for a fourth man was refused.

The four are Alan David Pease (21), senior sales assistant, Malvern Grove, Beeston, Leeds, Frederick William Charles Harris (23), unemployed, Bowling, G.O. Lane, Bradford, Tom Christopher Hughes (23), unemployed, Stanks, North, Leeds, and Victor Hawkins (17), handy worker, Gamble Chase, Bramley, Leeds.

They are jointly charged with making an affray in former Terrace, Leeds, at about 11.30 p.m. on November 5. Reporting restrictions were not raised.

They were remanded until November 24.

'BRAVE' NAZIS

By Brian Parkin

LEEDS student, 19-year-old John Wilson, is in hospital fighting for his life after being attacked by a gang of Nazis.

He was beaten up after 20 SWP members picketed a meeting of National Party, British Movement, and British National Party members.

The brave Nazi storm-troopers gathered outside the Leeds University Union building later that night.

Forty of them picked on small groups of students and beat them up, chanting NF, BNP, anti-Jewish and anti-Communist slogans.

SWP students in Leeds are calling for the widest possible protest action against the attack.

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DONCASTER: A member of the Nazi master race was fined £50 last week for the litter he caused when tearing down SWP posters in Doncaster. He was said in court to have told the police, "You have caught me red-handed."



Wood Green, April 23: The day the Nazis took a hammering



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Foxing with the racists

THE NATIONAL Front are allowed to use council facilities in Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

Recently there has been some controversy in the local paper since the Front held a meeting and invited Dr Edward Fields of the American Ku Klux Klan to speak.

Among his words of wisdom were these: 'Negroes can mate with apes, say scientists.'



'In South London is it actually possible to smell immigrants from the street.'

And so he went on. At the end of his 'speech' this animal received a standing ovation from Front members. Publicity in the local papers was not favourable to the Front. It was suggested that it might be time for the council to ban them. Then the Community

Relations Officer Mr. Fred Fox, wrote a letter saying this:

'The National Front have the right if they so wish to form a political party. To coin a phrase, ... I may not agree with what they do but I would defend their right to do it.'

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NAZI STOP THE NATIONAL FRONT!

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Call for meeting over Front ban

A demand for an open meeting of Kirklees Council to discuss the banning of the National Front from holding meetings in the Council's buildings has again been made by Batley Councillor Alex Fellowes.

His demand in a letter to the Mayor, Coun. Jack Brooke, follows a meeting in Dewsbury Town Hall earlier in the year when, it was alleged, racist statements were made at a National Front meeting.

Coun. Fellowes, Clough Grove, Birstall, states in his letter that failure to condemn such an occurrence is a slap in the face for the coloured community in the district.

His demand for an open meeting comes after he was

refused permission to raise the incident in both open Council and following a committee meeting.

Turning down the suggestion of a private meeting Coun. Fellowes told the Mayor: "I want an open and public discussion of this dreadful affair not a hushed up private one at which, when people have made sufficient condemnatory noises, they feel satisfied to go home believing they don't have to actually do anything."

"If you and, perhaps more to the point, your group feel in any way concerned about the future of good race relations in our area you should surely ensure that the appalling event which took place last summer at Dewsbury Town Hall does not recur."

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Call to counter extremists

Activities of the National Front and some other extremist groups are damaging to race relations and must be countered, said Mr. David Lane M.P., chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality.

Mr. Lane, speaking at a meeting of the Commission in Leeds said that although the Commission could not force local authorities to take a stand on this issue he hoped they would help to counter the activities of these groups.

He claimed that the Commission had found a high incidence of discrimination in building societies where they refuse mortgages to areas with high ethnic minorities.

Mr. Lane alleged that there had been examples of discrimination against people wanting a mortgage in Chapeltown, which would have been granted had the house been in a different area.

GET A JOB
He said that the strategy of their objective is to bring about racial justice and that all citizens of this country can obtain jobs if they are qualified to do so. He said that a house he had bought to pay for and the education he had absorbed of his race or of this end we should enforce the law and purpose to opportunity.

There are now

field workers who are concentrating in the area of complaints from potential victims of discrimination.

Mr. Lane went on: "People who are likely to be discriminated against are the least likely to feel able to complain."

"We hope to be able to legally represent and advise these people so that they can take advantage of the new legislation."

"We welcome schemes, such as the Detached Youth Workers Scheme run by Leeds Community Relations Council, which aim to provide advice and support within the community itself," he said.

TEACHERS CAME THE 'FRONT'

TEACHERS' leaders yesterday decided to take a tough stand against the National Front's schools campaign.

The National Union of Teachers' executive said in a statement after a meeting that they intended to refer the Front's magazine Bulldog to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Commission for Racial Equality.

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Weapons warning as man is jailed

People who go armed to political meetings in future will face jail sentences whatever their background, said a Crown Court Recorder.

The warning was given by Mr. Colin Muscroft at Bradford Crown Court after he had jailed a 23-year-old National Front sympathiser for 18 months for stabbing a former member of the Socialist Workers' Party. It happened during a Saturday afternoon clash between rival political groups in the city centre.

Charles Michael Appleyard, 23, unemployed, of High House Avenue, Bradford, pleaded guilty to wounding Mr. Gary Whiting on August 1 with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

HEART

Mr. Shawn Spencer, prosecuting, said Mr. Whiting was stabbed six times. One of the wounds pierced his heart and his life was saved only by emergency surgery.

The court was told that the stabbing followed abuse between members of the rival groups, who were selling their literature in the Broadway shopping precinct.

Appleyard invited Mr. Whiting down a side street for "a fair fight," but after a few blows Appleyard pulled his rival's jacket over his head, drew a knife and stabbed him.

DRINKING

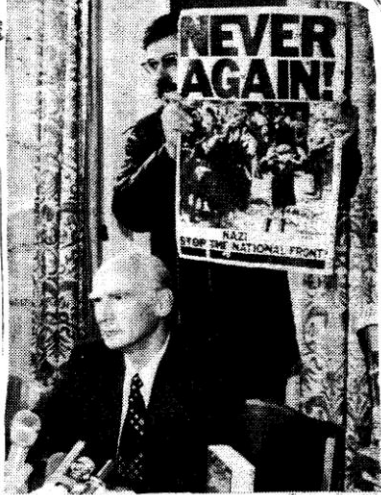
When he was seen later by police, Appleyard claimed that he had been called "a Nazi bastard."

"I am not a member of the National Front and never will be," he said. "I agree with some of their policies but not all of them."

Mr. Michael Meredith, defending, said Appleyard used the knife at work and had not taken it with him intending to use it. He had gone to the precinct after drinking at lunchtime. He was not politically affiliated.

Mr. Meredith said that while he was fighting, Mr. Whiting and some other men arrived carrying knives, and he used his own because he felt threatened.

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PAUL HOLBOROW, secretary of the Anti-Nazi League, welcoming the Nazi Colonel Meyer when he tried to hold a press conference in London last week.

Meyer was a member of the Waffen SS. This was one of the military sections of Hitler's Nazi Party.

Among their other activities the Waffen-SS provided guards for the concentration camps, they led the mass murder of tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto they razed the entire populations of villages in occupied France and Czechoslovakia.

One of these animals was discovered last week staying in the house of Johnathan Guinness. He is a former chairman of the right-wing Monday Club and a Conservative Parliamentary candidate.

Guinness's mother is now married to the former leader of the British fascists, Sir Oswald Mosley.

The Nazi who Guinness was entertaining, like Meyer, was in Britain to publicise a new book that whitewashes the SS and pretends that they were simple soldiers who didn't know what was going on.

Not only did the SS know what was going on, they were responsible for most of the murders.

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DID anybody spot the well-known British Nazi who went to visit the two SS officers at the police station in West London last week?

Eagle-eyed television viewers might have caught a quick glimpse of none other than Martin Webster, king pin in the Nazi Front, nipping into the nick.

THE RED-baiters and Nazi supporters seem to be adopting a new propaganda tactics.

Recently a letter appeared in the Evening News saying that the National Front should be banned. It was signed A. Skornsky Cottons Gardens (SWP headquarters).

So far there have been two letters in reply saying that the SWP should be banned.

Needless to say A. Skornsky does not exist.

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Reading school students drive out the Nazis

by COLIN COLDMAN

WHEN THE National Front were banned from meeting in Reading after a public outcry, they tried in desperation to recruit members from local schools.

A small group of school students had already got together to oppose the Nazis infiltrating our schools. We called ourselves Reading Schools Against Nazis and we leafleted schools about the dangerous policies of the NF and how they affected school students.

The reaction of the school authorities was predictable. Some members were threatened with expulsion and leaflets were banned.

But we refused to be intimidated. Support grew in schools and we received coverage in the local press.

When we heard the Nazis were trying to recruit from the schools we decided to call a meeting for all school students opposed to the Nazis.



We produced another leaflet and again got publicity in the press. We printed membership cards with a subscription of 10p. We put a lot of work into preparing the meeting so we expected it

to be a good one. But the response surprised everyone.

About 25 school students came along and most of them joined at the end. In addition another five people joined since the meeting and the present membership is about 30, representing five schools in the area.

There was tremendous enthusiasm at the meeting. As well as fighting the Nazis everyone decided to fight against the wearing of school uniform, corporal punishment and other oppressive measures used in schools.

We all left the meeting feeling more confident about

fighting the Nazis in schools. The National Front, on the other hand, have been completely demoralised. If there are any Nazis in our schools they are too scared to come out in the open.

The reason Reading Schools Against Nazis has been successful is because it has united all anti-fascists in schools. This is why the Anti-Nazi League has been formed. What we have done in Reading should be taken up all over the country.

The Anti-Nazi League has produced tens of thousands of leaflets for distribution in schools.

Chris Trimby, from Reading Schools Against Nazis, said: 'These leaflets are bloody great. They are just the thing we need to bring home to school students exactly what the Nazi National Front stand for.'

MILLWALL football supporters gave nearly £200 towards the firemen's strike fund in a collection organised outside the grounds last Saturday by the local Socialist Workers' Party.

Fans of all ages contributed. It was one of the lowest gates for some time, just 6,654 people, a result of the television programme which painted Millwall supporters as mad hooligans who support the Nazi National Front.

One fan gave £2 and said it was to 'keep the Front out.'

There was a steady clink of coins, and occasional slaps on the back from the supporters who realised that the warm response was the best reply to the press myth of National Front infiltration.

One solitary voice was raised in support of the Nazi Front, from one of the stars of the BBC programme, a certain Bobby the Wolf - very much a lone wolf on this occasion. He got no support and crept on his key.

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We're failing says Tory

Race relations and inner city policies of both major political parties were fiercely attacked yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, ex-Conservative Cabinet Minister and MP for Worcester (writes George Brock).

He told a symposium on racialism at Birmingham University that a 'dynamic' inner city policy was essential to eliminate black people's grievances. The Government's inner city programme was inadequate, and he added: 'My own party has no programme that is any more adequate. None of the parties has a programme that will stop the deterioration.'

The Prices Secretary, Mr Roy Hattersley, said that the Labour Party had to move on to the offensive against the National Front and other racist groups. 'I do not believe we can continue to pretend that if we ignore them they will go away,' he said. He said that last week's television broadcast attacking the National Front was the first shot in the campaign. 'I have no doubt that we were right in the Labour Party to make that broadcast.'

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Nazis smashed in Bournemouth

THE RESULT of the Bournemouth East by-election shows that the National Front vote can be cut down by a virulent campaign.

Paul Holborow, secretary of the Anti-Nazi League, told Socialist Worker that the National Front vote was down to 3.5 per cent of the poll, half the Front vote in Walsall this

time last year. 'The Front kept up their vote at Stechford and only dropped slightly at Ladywood. This vote is a disaster for them in an area where they would hope to poll well in by-elections.'

'They got less votes even than they got in the general election three years ago.'

The Anti-Nazi League put a

lot of resources into the Bournemouth election. Two public meetings were held; 18,000 'What's Behind the Front?' leaflets distributed and 300 'Never Again' posters displayed.

'What we did in Bournemouth is just a taste of what we'll do in future elections' says Paul Holborow.

BRITAIN'S 'NAZI HORROR'

A BISHOP said yesterday that people would "be awake at night sweating with fear" if they realised the horror the National Front could bring.

Bishop Mark Green said the Front had no difficulty at all in preaching that democ-

racy was not superior, because of nationwide apathy.

He said: "Into this dangerous vacuum it plans to insert 318 candidates at the next General Election."

Bishop Green, 60, of Aston, Birmingham, said the Front, paralleled the

Nazis in its dogma and growth.

"There is a steady planned growth designed to affect the lives of everyone of us," he said.

"The Front is doing well in decayed inner city areas, in a better working class area and in some seaside towns."

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Police escort for marchers in Leeds

Over 1,000 students, trade unionists, members of church organisations and other groups set out from Woodhouse Moor for a mass march against racialism through Leeds city-centre today.

The marchers were

escorted by about 140 uniformed and plain-clothed officers.

Police had special riot gear, including crash helmets, in cars accompanying the parade.

There had been a warning from the British National Party that members and

supporters of the party were planning to halt the march.

The march was organised by Leeds University Students' Union.

A mass meeting was planned in the courtyard of Leeds University where speakers were due to address the crowd.

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Archbishop to meet National Front group

Members of the National Front want to explain their aims to the Archbishop of York, Dr. George Bell.

Dr. Bell today a spokesman for the Archbishop said the Archbishop was prepared to meet a group of four or five members privately at Lambeth Palace — "to hear what they have to say." The request follows a letter made about the National Front by Dr. Bell on October 19. It was read in the Selby District, at an annual meeting in which the number of people in the National Front was "a danger to society".

'ATTACKS'

Archbishop added: "God we may not slip from permissiveness into the kind of situation which prevents

people from thinking at all."

In a letter to Dr. Bell, the assistant secretary of the National Front's York Group, Miss M. White, said the committee had discussed "the spate of attacks on the Front by certain churchmen, and in particular that made by yourself."

Miss White, of Belle Vue Terrace, Heslington Road, York, said in her letter that some of the Archbishop's reported remarks seemed at such variance with the Front's views that the committee doubted whether he had had an opportunity to learn them.

The letter said: "In particular young girl members, feeling at a loss to understand why you consider their membership of this patriotic movement to be a danger to our country and people, have asked me to ask you to meet a small group of younger members with a view to a better understanding of their aims and wishes."

Copies of the letter have been sent to the Lord Mayor of York, Coun. Tom Hibbert, members of the clergy and Guide representatives.

First 'race hatred' cases for courts

by TIM GOPSILL

THE Government is about to bring the first prosecutions under the so far unused incitement to hatred section in the 1976 Race Relations Act.

The outcome of the cases against two members of the right-wing British Movement in Leamington, Warwickshire, may determine the extent to which the Section will be used in the future.

There have been differences within the Government on the use of the Section. The Home Secretary, Mr Merlyn Rees, is known to favour using it, but the Attorney-General, Mr Sam Silkin, told a recent meeting of Labour lawyers that it would be virtually impossible to get the courts to convict under the Section as it stands.

The two Ministers have been holding discussions for the past two months on whether the new provision, which has been in effect for six months, needs strengthening before it can be used. At the same time, workers in the community relations field, including some police, have expressed concern that the Section is virtually a dead letter.

Although the Attorney-General's office had been

flooded with posters, papers and press cuttings containing allegedly racist material, it appeared for a time that no prosecutions would be ordered.

Under Section 70 all prosecutions require the approval of the Attorney-General. Police, particularly in London, have been putting up cases and awaiting the outcome with increasing anxiety.

Mr Silkin's doubts had been based on the fear of losing early cases, which could give carte blanche to say and print anything on racial questions. How, however, the first case is about to be brought.

This weekend summonses are being served on two Leamington men, George Albert Jones and Michael Coles, said to be members of the British Movement.

They are to appear before Warwick magistrates on 9 January charged in relation to remarks alleged to have been uttered during a demonstration in Warwick on 16 June.

In addition, an investigation is under way into the National Front's East London-based newspaper for school children, *Bullseye*. Barking Community Relations Council have been working with officers of the Metropolitan Police 'K' Division on investigating issues of the paper.

Another case in the same area concerns two members of the National Front arrested in October accused of bill-sticking. They are due to appear before Barking magistrates next month.

In the meantime police are seeking to have additional charges under Section 70 laid against them for the contents of the posters. An officer on the case said: "We would certainly be able to go ahead with the prosecution if we get the Attorney-General's consent."

The new provisions were written into the 1976 Act because a loophole in the previous legislation, the 1965 Act, had allowed prosecutions to fall. That Act required intent to be proved, and only 20 prosecutions were brought, the last in 1968, when the Racial Preservation Society were acquitted.

Lionel Morrison, chief Information Officer for the Commission for Racial Equality, said that the Commission had also been referring evidence to the Attorney-General's office. "We have sent concrete evidence on a dozen cases," he said. "If nothing is done about them we would start to become concerned."

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Police protect Nazi slogans

ANTI-RACISTS who gathered on Sunday near Brick Lane in East London to paint over some particularly potent Nazi slogans were amazed to find they were accompanied by eight policemen, plus a Chief Superintendent.

The police agreed that the wall was defaced, but said that any attempt to paint it, even with paint of the same colour, would lead to arrests for defacing the wall.

The police insisted that they were there to protect property.

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The Lost Generation

THE cauldron of race is bubbling away in Britain's inner cities. From time to time an incident—last week the Labour Party's political broadcast from Hoxton, last summer the rioting at Lewisham and Ladywood—reminds the country at large that it has a problem of indefinable proportions, and that this is probably getting worse.

All comment on this subject has to steer between the twin risks of panic and complacency. But when Peter Walker gave warning yesterday that Britain is creating 'a lost generation of under-privileged, semi-literate and unemployed black youngsters,' he was not being sensational. The recession has hit the young blacks more personally than anyone else; in places half of them are out of work. It is disturbing, but not surprising, that some have adopted the 'vicious attitudes' that Mr Walker referred to yesterday, the attitudes that feed racialism.

The principal criticism against the Labour broadcast on the National Front was of the medium, not the message—that by its stridency the broadcast may have been self-defeating. But that ought not to deter Labour, Tories or Liberals from speaking out clearly about the evils of resurgent fascism, which is fattening itself on prejudice against immigrants now as it did on the prejudice against Jews in the thirties. As David Lane, chairman of the Com-

mission for Racial Equality, said recently, the Front will be beaten 'by argument, not aggro.'

There are serious problems connected with immigrants in the inner cities, of which alienation and crime are one. These are the breeding ground for fascism. An OBSERVER MAGAZINE article on the National Front earlier this year reported: 'The people of Hoxton feel betrayed, even conspired against, by the Labour Party, who have taken their votes for granted for too long.' The seeds of the broadcast may have been in that sentence.

To point to its dangers is necessary. In Hackney, of which Hoxton is part, the National Front won 19 per cent of the vote in May's GLC elections. This is not far short of the national vote which gave the Liberals such cheer in February 1974. The Front is still doing badly in by-elections—it loses its deposit with gratifying regularity—but the argument that it can be killed in its own strongholds through lack of publicity is now wearing thin.

But to expose the evil of fascism is not enough. The real social evils—about jobs, schools, houses—must be tackled if the problems of race and crime that flow from them are not to get worse. Even with strenuous effort, it will take a long time to turn this tide, but we must soon take the problem more seriously. It will not go away.

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Police go missing as Nazis attack socialists

TED PARKER

RE THE police in wisham in direct collusion th the Nazi National ont? This kind of assertion is metimes lightly made by cialists. But evidence of lice activity in Lewisham ring the past fortnight

gives the question a chilling urgency. The National Front have not been active in Lewisham since their humiliation on 13 August. But a small group of them gathered with their local leader two Saturdays ago to sell their racist propaganda at the spot by Lewisham Clock Tower where Socialist

Worker has been sold for the past seven years. Both groups of paper sellers shouted abuse at each other. After several minutes it became clear that plain-clothes police officers were nearby.

But last Saturday, when the NF viciously attacked us, the police were missing. Ten NF sellers were at the Clock Tower from soon after 10am.

At 11am nine SW sellers arrived. They were savagely set on by 15 NF heavies who had been hiding in an alley. Two of our comrades were taken to hospital and another badly hurt.

There were no police to be

seen during the whole of this incident.

Even the absence of the police on this occasion could have been a coincidence. But a conversation on Tuesday this week between myself and Chief Superintendent Priest of Lewisham Police Station was totally unambiguous. I related what had occurred and he said: 'That's not what I was told by the other side.'

Asked if the police intended to press charges against those identified as assailants, he said no. He said we could go to a local court for a private summons.

Bid to burn bookshop

AN ATTEMPT was made last Sunday night to set fire to 'rade' Union and Socialist books; the Coventry socialist bookshop. Slates were taken off the outbuilding at the rear of this shop, and paper and timber stuck in and and set

fire. Fortunately no one was in the shop to be hurt and no wholesale destruction resulted. Damage is estimated at £250, a hefty sum for a bookshop run on a shoestring.

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New bid to ban Front in Kirklees

A bid to ban the National Front from hiring Kirklees Council town halls and other buildings will be made at a meeting of the Huddersfield-based authority next week.

The move follows a meeting in Dewsbury Town Hall organised by the Front and addressed by a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Two years ago there was an abortive attempt by a Batley councillor to bar the Front from public buildings. That bid was made by Coun. Alex Fellowes, who is also spearheading the latest move.

Coun. Fellowes, a Bradford teacher, said: "Comments made at the Dewsbury meeting were highly offensive and clearly in breach of the Race Relations Act."

He added: "I and those councillors who are supporting me feel that in the interest of community relations, such views should not be expressed in Kirklees buildings."

FRONT'S BID TO SUE BOY

THE National Front has decided to take a boy to court over a school magazine article.

But the wives of some Front men involved in the decision have threatened to leave them if they go ahead with the action.

David Farrow, 17, a pupil at King's School, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, described the Front in his article as a Nazi organisation.

And he listed alleged criminal records of some of the movement's

leaders. The local branch of the Front voted to take him to court for his views.

A local Front spokesman said: "The wife of another Front member, who has a son at the same school, is liable to leave him if we go ahead with the court action."

At his home in Eye Road, Peterborough, David denied he was a Left-wing activist, as Front members alleged.

"I am a member of the young Liberals."

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY says: STOP THE LEEDS



NAZIS! BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!

do you know.....

- *that within the last six months there have been over 120 racist attacks in Leeds?
- *that the Nazi National Front has paid and organised unemployed kids to attack black people in the Harehills area?
- *that the openly Nazi British National Party invited an ex-Auschwitz guard to their Leeds conference four weeks ago?
- *that more than a dozen socialists or trade unionists have ended up in hospital as a result of Nazi attacks?
- *that veteran Nazi Colin Jordan has moved to Leeds because the disciples of Hitler see Leeds as their ideal area in which to recruit and spread their racist poison?

BUT THE NAZIS CAN BE STOPPED IN THEIR BID TO BUILD A BASE IN LEEDS.

The Leeds district of the Socialist Workers Party has resisted the Nazi advance by leafleting factories, housing estates, schools and dole queues. The SWP believes that there is an alternative to a wasteful system that produces low wages, unemployment, lousy housing, misery and racialism. The SWP believes that working people through their own actions can create a socialist society that offers decency and dignity to all people regardless of colour, nationality, sex or occupation. To build that socialist society we need a socialist party with members in every factory, office, school and shopping centre. Help us to build that party and put an end to the system that breeds the evil of racialism - for good.

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10/12/77

IN London's King's Road one afternoon spoke to three punks from Erith.

All were wearing silver-studded black leather jackets, rousers with zips up the back, and chains.

All three said they were under constant police surveillance whenever they went out in their junk gear.

Jean Mahoney told me: "If I'm out with them (the two boys) we are always getting 'pulled' by the police. If we're in a car it has to be searched.

Weapon

"It's just our clothes. Nothing else. The other day a copper told me my log collar with studs on was an offensive weapon."

Nineteen-year-old Jean is an office worker, but she doesn't wear her gear to work.

Little Doug Stow, a 19-year-old printing worker, said: "I got interested in punk because it was outrageous. It shocked people. It makes you think—something I never got taught at school."

The fights get started by the Teds. The National Front have got well into them and have set the Teds on to us.

"Don't think just because you might see a punk wearing a swastika he supports Hitler. He's

probably wearing it for no reason at all.

"The Teds all hang out at the main line stations late at night, waiting for any punks to show up. Or they go down to our gigs just to smash the place up.

"The black geezers are all right. Got nuffin' against them.

"Punk's really good

BRIAN CLOUGH, manager of Nottingham Forest football team, chose his words well when he described the National Front as 'the scum of the earth' on Monday.

He also hit the nail right on the head when he said to the Daily Mirror: "If you step in something dirty you don't just say 'How nasty!' You wipe away every trace of the dirt! We must fight the Front menace in every way we possibly can."

Two court cases in the last month show how right Clough is. They show what Nazis—including allegedly 'respectable' leaders of the NF—will do, if they get the chance.

Early in October Tony Hirst was driving his car down Micklegate in York with his wife and three of their friends.

Examine

Tony is a totally non political person. So he was staggered when, as he pulled out to avoid people playing around in the middle of the road, he was greeted with V signs and a kick to the side of the car.

He stopped his car to examine the damage. And then, as York Crown Court heard last week, he met with shouts of "We are the National Front, pal. What are you going to do about it?"

The NF thugs then gathered round the car and started shouting obscenities. One of the passengers, Terry Higgins, got out of the car to try and help Tony calm things down. He was struck in the face and knocked to the ground, whereupon he was repeatedly kicked in the face. And this wasn't the end of the affair.

Engage

The NF thugs then ran into a churchyard and picked up heavy boulders and stones. They threw these at the car, shattering the back window, and narrowly missing the middle aged couple sitting in the back seat of the car. These were terrified out of their lives.

S. WALKER
17.12.77

NAZIS' HOTEL UNDER PRESSURE

THE Nazi Front is having difficulty in Hull with its latest meeting place, the Dorchester Hotel.

Some 150 local socialists and trade unionists picketed the hotel on the night of the

Nazi regular monthly meeting. None of the Nazis dared come in.

The local Socialist Workers Party heard that the Nazis were using the

Dorchester. A phone call to the hotel manager from an SWP member pretending to be a Nazi sympathiser brought out an enthusiastic reply that the Nazis were using the hotel.

THE POLICE in Glasgow have found a new way of getting the results they want from identity parades.

When 15-year-old Bassey Duke was put in an identity parade he found that everyone on the parade was white—except for him. Oddly enough, the woman taken by police to the parade picked him out, and he's now standing trial for rape.

S. WALKER
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Part of the growing movement against the Nazis—a demonstration in Sheffield last week, called by the Labour Party, Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party.

record of a Nazi Fuehrer

IN A hard-hitting front page article last Sunday, the News of the World showed that the lives of the top national leaders of the Nazi National Front have been consistently devoted to Nazi violence and thuggery.

Here is the incredible record of NF Fuhrer John Tyndall as set-out in the News of the World.

● OCTOBER, 1966: Six months' jail for having a loaded pistol without licence, and for possessing it within five years of being in prison.

● JUNE, 1966: Fined £20 for possessing, with others, offensive weapons, namely 39 wooden coshes, six metal bars, two metal pins and two saw blades.

He said they were for protection against Jews.

● AUGUST, 1964: Fined £25 under the Public Order Act for insulting words towards Jomo Kenyatta, the Kenyan leader.

● OCTOBER, 1962: Six months' jail under the Public Order Act for his part in organising Spearhead, a British National Socialist body said by the Crown to be 'carrying on the movement Hitler started.'

There was evidence of semi-military exercises and training in unarmed combat. And of a call to Spearhead men to 'march on in the spirit of the stormtrooper in the fight against democracy.'

Members were offered jackboots on special terms. The Nazi salute was the standard greeting. There were cries of 'Sieg Heil,' and uniformed men with daggers and truncheons.

● AUGUST 1962: Six weeks' jail—reduced to a fine of £10 on appeal—for insulting words likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Tyndall's speech referred to Jews as 'poisonous maggots.'

● JULY, 1961: Fined £2 for assaulting a policeman and using insulting behaviour.

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Victory for the slogan scrubbers!

IN MY opinion the bridge looks better now than before it was painted, said a magistrate in East London when he acquitted five socialists arrested for painting out a Nazi slogan on bridge in Bethnal Green.

East London socialists are now winning their campaign to remove racist and fascist daubings, though for two weeks some police have been doing their best to prevent this.

On Sunday last week Chief Superintendent Simpson and eight policemen lined up to stop some

slogans including swastikas, being painted out. They announced that anyone painting them out would be arrested for 'criminal damage'.

So socialists went back, on Monday night. As they were removing the slogans one uniformed policeman and two in plainclothes came up.

When they saw what was happening, one plainclothes policeman said: 'That's a good job you're doing. There ought to be more people like you.'

Chief Superintendent Simpson

and the other police who are supporting the rights of Nazis to keep up offensive racist slogans have tried to recoup from their defeat in the courts. Last Sunday they tried to stop Socialist Worker being sold in Brick Lane Market.

But the local magistrates have made it clear that it is not against the law to remove racist and Nazi slogans from the walls and streets of our cities. So join the movement, get out there and paint out the slogans!

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Police training? Oh, call in a Nazi

The Nazi Front's Martin Webster was recently invited to address a police seminar at Durham.

Chief John Tyndall had invited him. 'Our opponents in the establishment would be frightened if they knew how much sympathy we have for the police' (quoted in the New Magazines, 11 November). It all adds up.

The attitudes of the newly recruited young coppers on the **LONDON WEEKEND** (LWT) gave a good insight to the simplistic, 'buddy' or 'baddie' thinking of many of them.

Typical comments were 'I'm not a believer in discipline' and 'I joined the force for action against who?'

Another, in training at Wetherham of all places, commented 'It's the second generation of blacks who are the trouble.'

Some of these upright, close-minded examples of the best British manhood came out of Grunwick's extremist activities are exploiting the situation. Did he mean the situation?

What about those who have been on the picket line, Shirley Williams, Fred Mulley, and James Howell? Extremists already.

and here's another that got shouted down

Arsenal v Leeds Saturday, a penalty for London was held. The fifth was a black lad. The first for his first at the master crowd shouted National. The lad put

FASCISTS BOAST OF BEATING UP JEWS

THE HALL rocked to the stamp of the jackboot and shouts of Heil Hitler. Uniformed guards, some wearing swastika armbands, clicked their heels and cried Sieg Heil as their leader mounted the platform.

That, according to a News of the World report on Sunday, was what happened recently at a meeting of the Nazi British Movement.

The chairman of the meeting, Richard Middleton, told the audience of some of the movement's exploits: 'We ran into some Jews at Hoxton market and put six of them into hospital.'

A Jew's jaw somehow came into contact with the Leader Guard's boot.

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He threatened: 'When we get power we'll have our own solution to immigrants.' Some of the audience shouted: 'The final solution.'

A delegate boasted that as a result of encountering him and a friend in East London, 'A Pakistani was blinded'. Another told of a fire which gutted a Pakistani restaurant. 'I wonder how it started,' he asked.

The account is horrific. But you might think, aren't the British Movement just a small group of loonies? Can't they just be left alone to fade into insignificance?

But if left alone they will not fade. The trail of beatings-up and fire bombings will continue. Life for many black people and Jews will become intolerable.

What is more, the British Movement are not just a 'small group'. They are part and parcel of a bigger fascist movement, with many of them in the East End of London holding joint membership in the National Front.

They know that the more votes, the more 'respectability' achieved by the Nazi Front, the more they will be able to turn their fantasies of Hitlerite violence into reality.

Remove this Nazi

PUPILS at a comprehensive School in Canterbury are demanding the removal of a Nazi teacher.

The pupils at St Anselms Roman Catholic School discovered that art and crafts teacher Miss Joan White was to be a National Front candidate at the next election.

Not surprisingly, the black students were upset at being taught by someone committed to encouraging racialism and throwing them out of the country.

They soon found support from white students, who circulated a petition against the teacher. The petition was something us white kids thought necessary to assure our coloured friends that we in no way sympathise with her, they explained.

According to the Sunday People, the head of the school has since 'smoothed' the situation down. If that is true, it is disgusting.

Nazi teachers will always claim, as Miss White does, that their 'politics and their teaching would be kept totally apart'. But that will not stop them trying to poison the minds of those they teach, or trying to turn white children against black children.

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It was because of this that some years ago the then head of the Nazi National Socialist Party, Colin Jordan, was sacked from his job as a teacher. It is an example which should be copied in the case of Miss White and every other NF teacher.

The pupils at St Anselms have already made it clear that they don't want Miss White in the school. They have the power to make sure that every time she enters a classroom, every time she tries to open her mouth, she is shouted down and driven out.

Let's hope they use that power.

* S. WORKER 29.12.77

We want rid of this Nazi, say striking electricians

HE WAS an arrogant pig, a right little Hitler. That was how electricians working on the London Transport Underground described the behaviour of foreman Derek Martin last week.

His bullying had finally forced 40 of them to take strike action in the Tube.

Martin is not only a little Hitler. Between harassing trade unionists on London Transport, he is also an organiser for the Nazi National Front.

Working with—or rather under—Martin is predictably not pleasant. Like most authoritarian his main purpose in life seemed to be to pick on people who came under his sway.

He doesn't, it appears, generally go for shop stewards. But he likes to harass and insult young lads who've not quite finished their time. He also picks on black electricians.

Last week the electricians,

members of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, had finally had enough. They demanded an inquiry into Martin's behaviour, and demanded that our boys should be destroyed.

As a result management took the men off the clock and off wages, thus causing the escalation of industrial action to a full strike.

Now that they were on strike, management started talking turkey.

All of a sudden they agreed to the inquiry, the men had been demanding they be agreed to pay the clock off time.

The strikers, understandably, are declining to make comments until the inquiry has met.

But one thing is clear. They're doing the whole trade union movement a service by standing up against those elements who always want to divide workers and set us fighting among ourselves.

The activities of Premier



Some of the 60 strikers picketing in Central London last Friday

'Coon case' judge faces demo

A man was removed, struggling from the public gallery today at the Old Bailey court of Judge McKinnon—the judge at the centre of the "nigger wogs and coons" storm.

There was a storm of protest last Friday after the summoning up by Judge McKinnon in the trial of John Kingsley Read, who was acquitted of making a speech with intent to stir up racial hatred.

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Like Judge Neil McKinnon, the Sunday Mirror is a great believer in free speech. Indeed it is.

Maybe—just maybe—it would have been better if there had been no new laws about race relations and that the common sense and decency of the British people had been relied upon instead.

There are, after all, such good Old Laws as "behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned."

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NO DOUBT justice has been done, which is excellent. But did Judge McKinnon have to go so much out of his way to be quite so nice to Mr Read?

Friendly

Did he really have to round off his gentle homily to Mr Read about expressing himself more moderately in future with such a friendly: "I wish you well?"

Did he really have to tell the

jury that the joke in questionable taste about the Maharaja? (The joke, for those who have missed this priceless contribution, is that when the Maharaja addressed the judge by his old school nickname "Nigger", the judge turned to the Maharaja with the jolly riposte: "Who are you calling Nigger?")

No doubt the Maharaja was a good sport and didn't mind this kind of thing. But it doesn't go down too well with most people who are referred to in these terms by offensive people like Mr Read, especially when it appears in a judge's summing-up.

Nor are references to nursery rhymes like "Ten Little Nigger Boys" and "Catch a Nigger by his Toe" likely to increase respect

for the rule of law among immigrants.

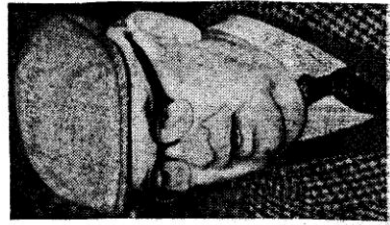
Judge McKinnon said there are people in Britain opposed to the influx of immigrants.

But did he also have to say, "Goodness knows, we have one-and-a-half million unemployed already and all immigrants are going to do is to occupy jobs that are needed by the local population?"

Transport

Judge McKinnon could also have added that without the immigrant population, the entire transport system in London and many other cities would have to close down, and probably halt our hospitals.

VERYLY, IT IS NOT THE LAW IN THIS CASE THAT IS AN ASS



JUDGE NEIL MCKINNON

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'Nigger' McKinnon

He began his speech to the marchers from the back of a lorry: 'I have been told that I cannot refer to coloured immigrants so you will forgive me if I refer to niggers, wogs and coons. . . .'

As for the murder of an Asian youth in Southall last weekend, he said: 'That was terribly unfortunate. One down, one million to go.'

The biggest demonstration of the day was in Southall where about 5,000 whites and Asians joined a march to protest against racial disharmony in Britain. The demonstration passed off peacefully.

THE FORMER chairman of the National Front was acquitted at the Old Bailey last week of making a speech with the intention of stirring up racial hatred. The words quoted above, from an Observer report of 13 June, 1976, were the basis of prosecution.

We hesitated before publishing the report, in case it might be a breach of the Race Relations Act. But we finally decided that, if such words were spoken to several hundred people in the East End of London soon after the murder of an Asian youth, our readers and others were entitled to know about them.

The question which must now arise is whether any successful prosecution of this kind is ever going to be possible under race relations law. It has been said that if Mr Kingsley Read spoke these words today, with an amended Race Relations Act in force, he would be convicted. But is this necessarily so? Not with judges who think that calling a white Australian public schoolboy 'nigger' in the 1920s is the same as using the expression 'niggers, wogs and coons' in a racially mixed area of Britain in the 1970s.

Judge McKinnon apparently thinks the law passed by Parliament is nonsense. As a citizen, he is entitled to that view. As a judge, he is not entitled to act on it. To present Mr Kingsley Read's racist views as the articulation of the concerns of 'ordinary English folk' about the threat to their jobs and homes is a travesty. To wish Mr Read well is a disgrace. The judge ought to resign.

National Front's schools campaign

by COLIN CROSS

THE National Front campaign to recruit schoolchildren and other young people to its new 'Youth National Front' will be launched officially later this month with the distribution of literature—starting a pamphlet entitled 'How to Spot a Gimmie Teacher'. Other pamphlets will be handed out to unemployed youths in dole queues.

Marion Webster, the National Organiser, says: 'How to Spot a Gimmie Teacher' sets out how to spot how Marxist bias in some subjects taught in secondary schools, such as civics and history; 10,000 copies are being prepared for free distribution. Webster added 'We do not want to disrupt schools, we encourage children to tell their teachers guilty of bias. It may well be that some teachers are themselves Marxists but they have been indoctrinated with Marxist ideas.'

She also specifies such a teaching, Mr Webster said. 'For instance,

putting forward the idea that one ought to be ashamed of being white'

It is National Front policy to segregate children of immigrant origin into special schools. Could propaganda of this type addressed to teenagers lead to conflicts within schools?

'We do not want to turn schools into political battlegrounds. It is our opponents who have done that. There have been many cases of anti-National Front posters appearing on school noticeboards.'

Mr Webster said that in setting up a youth organisation, the National Front was doing no more than the main parties had done.

'The pressure has come from young people themselves. They come even from Labour households—we had the 14-year-old son of a Labour councillor offering to work for us during his holidays.'

The subscription for full members of the Youth National Front will be £1.50 a year and for 'associates' 75p. There is to be a 'summer camp' at a secret site.

← Observer 8.1.78 ↑

'Why not...' said Nazi -and club burns down

by FINTAN CULLINAN

JUST before Christmas the Pagnell Street Centre, just off Clifton Rise in Lewisham, South East London, was burnt down in the early hours of the morning.

Police investigating the blaze were able to conclude, in time for the South London Press's deadline six hours after the fire was put out, that it was definitely not a case of arson!

The Pagnell Street Centre housed the Moonshot Club, a black youth centre, as well as other community projects. Most of the accused Lewisham 21 frequented the club and trouble with the police has been common.

The Moonshot Club was open from early morning till late at night, providing a place for the unemployed youth to go, with no bureaucratic mics or commercial exploitation.

Defeat

With it missing, these young people will have to return to hanging out about the streets, providing the police with an excuse to pick them off, under the 'SUS laws'—on suspicion of something or other.

These laws (the Vagrancy Act 1824) allow a police officer to use the charge of 'loitering with intent to commit an arrestable offence'. If you are unemployed and black in Lewisham that's enough in the eyes of the police.

The burning of the Moonshot was anticipated by the London Evening Stan-

dard, which in a feature report on a National Front meeting in Lewisham reported a question asked by one of the audience of leading Nazi Martin Webster: 'Why don't some of the NF boot boys go and bomb the Moonshot?'

Webster's answer was that the NF doesn't have any bootboys, but 'we may well organise a protest march of mugged old ladies.'

Imagine the scene: NF bootboys that don't exist, dressed up as old ladies, at three o'clock in the morning by the Moonshot in the middle of a park, surrounded by 4,000 policemen, with petrol bombs in their handbags!

Fascist shows his colours

EDDIE YOUNG, a fire officer at Woodford Fire Station, is a member of the Fire Officers Association—and of the National Front.

After seeing the pickets at the station, he decided not to try to go in to work. So he is drawing his money at home.

At his local club, the Uplands, however, he has been patting his pockets, claiming he has no money because he's on strike!

Firemen at Woodford made a nice little gravestone for him.

S. Webster 7.1.78



Picket outside the HMV record shop in London's Oxford Street. The shop was trying to sell records of Adolf Hitler's speeches until the demonstrators arrived.

E. WICKEL 7.9.78

S. MILLER
29.1.78



"You won't like this—
you've caught Red Flu."

'Disturbing offences' —£80 fine

A man describing himself as national youth leader of the British National Party was fined £80 after admitting "unusual and disturbing offences" involving the theft of letters from a Leeds-based theatre company.

Stephen Mark Gaunt (21), foundry worker, Cobden Road, Farnley, Leeds, pleaded guilty to two offences of dishonestly receiving letters belonging to Katherine May Howden and the Red Ladder Theatre company, based in Cobden Avenue.

He also admitted fixing posters on premises in nearby Cow Close Road, Farnley, without permission.

He was fined £40 on each of the receiving offences and £1 for the poster offence.

UNUSUAL

Mr. Trevor Beddoe, prosecuting, said the case was unusual and disturbing in that Gaunt told two children, aged 11 and 12, to take letters from the premises in return for gifts.

When interviewed Gaunt said he had not meant the children to get letters but pamphlets being distributed by the theatre company which lied about the British National Party.

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Sometimes photographs speak much louder than words. And this is one of them. The interviews are nothing like as good as the pictures.

The pictures really show you what Lewisham was about. You see in these pictures the *real face* of the Nazis; the *real purpose* of the police, and the *real enthusiasm and energy* of the counterdemonstration. **ROGER HUDDLE.**

Socialist
Worker 7-1-78



Front hits back at Archbishop

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Stuart Blanch, has been accused by the National Front of trying to keep private the Front's reply to remarks he made publicly in October.

Last month, it was announced that the Archbishop would meet a small group of young National Front members in private at Bishopthorpe Palace on a date to be arranged.

Miss M. White, assistant secretary of the National Front's York group, had asked for a meeting so that young members "of this patriotic movement" could explain their views to the Archbishop "following the spate of attacks on the National Front by certain churchmen."

UNACCEPTABLE

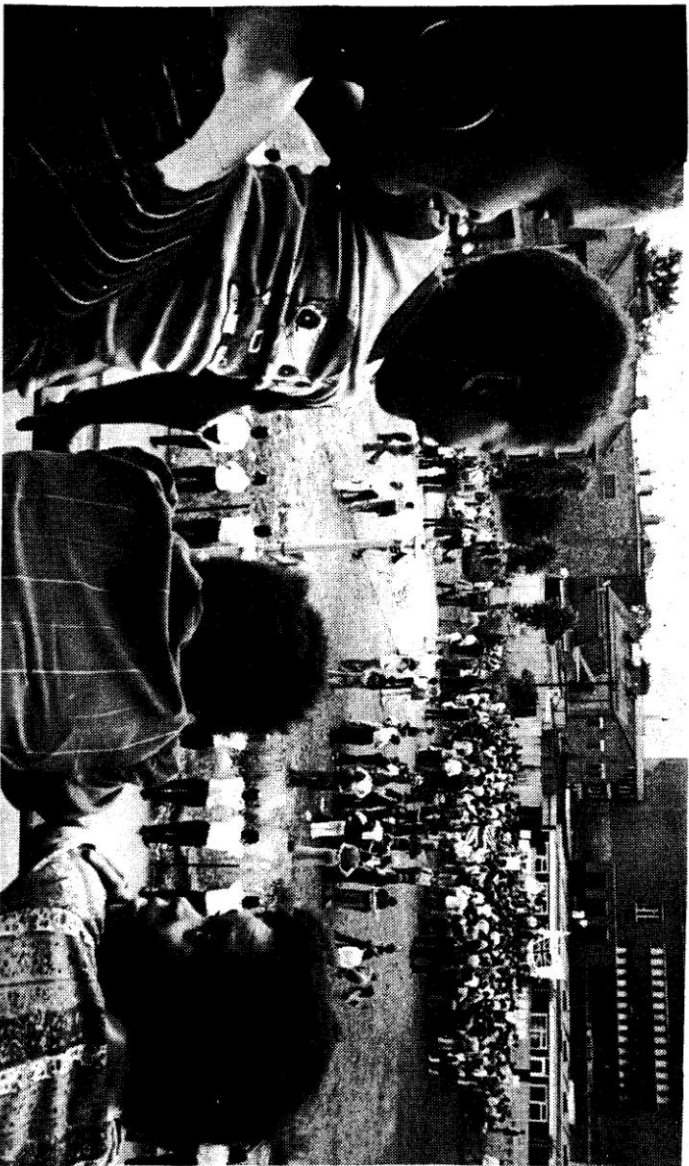
In a letter to the Archbishop, Miss White said the York group committee had rejected as "quite unacceptable" Dr. Blanch's conditions for a meeting and the "confidentiality" restrictions of his letter.

Miss White suggests the meeting should take place "on neutral ground" — preferably on York City Council premises — and there should be no reporting restrictions of any kind.

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**HERE IS A LIST
OF THE
SPONSORS
OF THE ANTI-
NAZI LEAGUE,
SO FAR:**

- Dave Allen, *Comedian*
- Frank Aulian, *MP*
- Doris Reggy, *Author*
- Joe Ashton, *MP*
- Ron Atkins, *MP*
- Bernie Atkinson, *MP*
- John Ballin, *CEU*
- John Barrett, *WIFE*
- Albie Bass, *Actor*
- Marion Bowers, *Publisher*
- Lord Fenner, *Bookway*
- Michael Burt, *Actor*
- Norman Buchan, *MP*
- Roy Buckton, *ASLEF*
- James Cameron
- Bobby Campbell, *Museum*
- Dennis Cavanan, *MP*
- John Cavanan, *Author/Editor*
- Manager
- Brian Clough
- Paula Cook, *Manager*
- Bob Cray, *MP*
- Frances Cuka, *Actress*
- Laurence Daly, *NGO*
- Joe Dean, *MP*
- Jenaham Dumbleby, *TV*
- Bill Dougan, *Futball*
- Manager
- Gwyneth Dunwoody, *MP*
- Diana Egan, *Playwright*
- Alan Fisher, *MP*
- Martin Flanders, *MP*
- Paul Foot, *Journalist*
- Vincent Funn, *SOCA*
- Lord Gilbert
- Alex Glasgow, *Museum*
- Bob Graham, *Journalist*
- John Grieve, *Journalist*
- Denis Griffin, *Comedian*
- Alexis Groves, *Solicitor*
- Kenneth High, *Actor*
- Undersecretary of Office
- Stuart Hall, *Birmingham*
- University
- University
- University
- Mary Holland, *Journalist*
- Stuart Holland, *Journalist*
- Bishop Trevor, *Huddleston*
- Bob Hughes, *MP*
- Roy Jaggs, *MP*
- Merion Jackson, *MP*
- Professor Gustav, *Historia*
- Bill Jones, *GVU, Writers*
- Association (Gbl)



ABOVE: So the judge says Kingsley Read's. One down, a million to go. Nazi remarks weren't addressed to black people... Well, here's the meeting in Stratford, East London, on 12 June 1976, when he made them. The open-air speech was made in the middle of a black area, with loudspeakers at full RIGHT: Judge McKinnon



Sack this racist judge now!

IT IS NOT often nowadays that we can wholeheartedly support what a large body of Labour MPs are doing. This is one time we can and do.

The demand for the sacking of the racist judge McKinnon must be backed by all available means. The usual claptrap is being put out by sections of the press in defence of this man. It is even being claimed that he is some kind of libertarian because he doesn't like the law on the age of consent. One liberal daily called

him the judge without an ounce of malice. He himself claims that he has nothing really against the people who he thinks it's quite reasonable to call 'niggers, wogs and cows'.

Against

Just as the late Adolf Eichmann, convicted mass murderer of Jews, claimed at his trial that he had nothing personally against them, McKinnon openly supports racial incitement to violence against black

people. He told that Nazi Kingsley Read: 'I wish you well'. In the same case he blamed unemployment on the blacks.

In another recent case, the prosecution of 14 pacifists under the infamous conspiracy laws, he told an 18-year-old defendant who said he wanted a world free from war: 'I shall have to get a medical report on you if you're not careful'.

The sacking of this racist is a necessary sanitary operation. What, about the 'democracy' that McKinnon

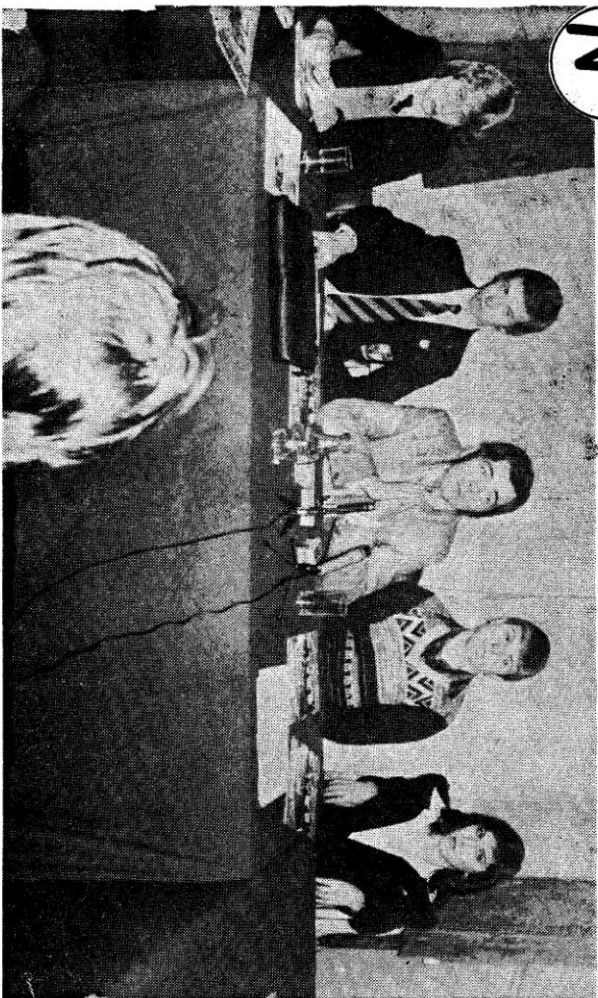
non says would be threatened if he is sacked? That really is an obscene joke. All judges are appointed and appointed from a tiny group of fairly wealthy people. High court judges are appointed for life.

Result

Election and periodic re-election would, no doubt, result in some McKinnons getting in. The present system guarantees that they are all rich Tories with all the prejudices that entails.



Schoolkids the pawns in a sinister game



Members of the Young National Front launch their classroom witch hunt yesterday

TV FILM

DEMO CLASH

LOOMS

By ALASDAIR BUCHAN
FEARS of a violent clash between National Front schoolchildren and anti-Fronters grew last night.

On Saturday the Front kids will picket a TV studio in Battersea, London, where a controversial film was made.

The film "Somebody's Daughter" featuring a white girl made pregnant by her black boyfriend.

Now the youth wing of the Socialist Workers' Party is planning to stop the Front demo.

Abuse

"We are going down there to shout and sing abuse," said Peter Chambers. "If they try to march, we will try to stop them."

The Anti-Nazi League also has a meeting at 7pm tonight. Richard Verrall, of the party's national directorate: "It is up to the police to protect our members."

WITCH HUNT IN CLASS

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Groups combine to combat racialism

An "umbrella" organisation to link the activities of all Leeds groups involved in opposing racialism has been formed in the city.

And it is planning a mass demonstration in spring as one of its first major activities.

The All-Leeds Co-ordinating Committee Against Racialism group held its inaugural meeting at Leeds Trades Club this week and attracted delegates from trade unions, anti-racialism groups, political parties, religious organisations and other bodies.

The statement of aims adopted by the meeting was: "To co-ordinate on a non-sectarian non-exclusive basis all organisations which oppose all manifestations of racialism, and to work to establish racial harmony."

SIX-POINT PLAN

Committee secretary Mr. Gordon Wardman said a six-point plan of action had also been drawn up.

- Set up anti-racialism committees where they do not already exist;
- Co-ordinate information on racist and fascist groups;
- Organise a weekend event on the theme of racial harmony, including a major demonstration;
- Call for the banning of racist and fascist marches, the prosecution of racist and fascist organisations for incitement to racial hatred, and the banning of such groups from using publicly-owned premises;
- Call on Leeds City Council to immediately remove all racist and fascist graffiti from walls and public places;
- Call on political parties to declare an open policy opposing racialism.

Among committee members elected were: Mr. Paul Conlan, president of Leeds University Union; delegates from the Communist and Labour Parties; delegates from Concord, the body which links Jewish, Buddhist and Christian organisations; the Catholic Justice and Peace organisation; the Jewish Social Responsibility Committee; and trades unions including the electricians' union and the higher education teachers' union.

Help us weed out Red teachers, pupils urged

SCHOOLKIDS are being used as pawns in a sinister National Front bid to drive teachers with Left wing sympathies from the classroom.

The ugly campaign is part of a Front recruiting drive on State schools, especially those in urban areas with big immigrant populations.

By CHARLES LYTE

Central to it are two booklets that will be distributed at school gates. They are entitled "How to spoil a Red Teacher" and "How to Combat Red Teachers."

Explain

Details of the campaign were revealed yesterday at a Press conference attended by four teenage members of the Front's youth wing.

Mr. Richard Verrall, of the Front's national directorate, told reporters: "The object is to explain how Red teachers propagandise Left-wing politics through subjects like history and sociology."

He claimed that Marxist and Trotskyist literature circulated in schools.

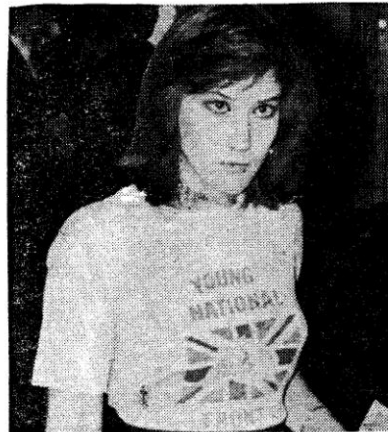
Mr. Verrall said Front schoolkids could detect Marxist teachers by watching out for state-

ments in support of ideas like "international brotherhood" or "multi-racialism."

Children would be asked to report teachers they suspected of being Reds, he added.

If Front school members are not happy with a teacher, the party recommends that they "respectfully" interrupt the lesson and point out the error of the teacher's ways.

If that fails, children



Melanie Dixon showing a bold front for the Front

are expected to "report" the teacher to the headmaster, then to their parents, and then to the education authority.

Warned

Youth wing organiser Joe Pearce, 16, said a left-wing teacher could expect to find his school picketed and his name recorded in Front literature.

Teachers now fear a playground confrontation

And last night the National Union of Teachers warned members to watch out for the Front booklets coming into schools.

In a statement the union said: "These two National Front documents are among the more divisive statements to be put out in recent years."

"Parents throughout the country should do everything in their power to resist their message."

SHOCK BLOW FROM TORIES

A MAJOR campaign against the National Front was dealt a shock blow by the Tories yesterday.

They refused to join a new national organisation being set up to oppose the spread of racialism.

"Their decision certainly won't do race relations any good," said MP Joan Lester, chairman of the Labour Party.

She is also co-chairman of the new Joint Committee Against Racialism which had offered a similar post to the Conservatives.

Now the Tories will be the only major party not represented. Other members include the Liberals, the British Council of Churches, the Jewish Board of Deputies, and all British minority groups.



Pickets outside Durham jail demanding the release of one of the jailed immigrants.

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Trades Council bars Front man from annual meeting

A DELEGATE to Bradford Trades Council was refused admission to last night's annual meeting because he is also a member of the National Front. Mr. David Matson, a committee member of the Bradford branch of the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Copper-Smiths, Heating and Domestic Engineers said afterwards he intended to attend meetings in future and expected the support of his union.

"I intend to take the matter further," said Mr. Matson. "I expect my union to back me up. They voted me in as a delegate."

Mr. Matson, a 31-year-old casement fitter, said he had been chosen as delegate to the Trades Council at his union's annual meeting in October. A lot of the people who voted for him knew he was a member of the National Front.

Elected

"Contrary to what many people think the National Front does believe in the trade union movement. I am a good trade unionist and always have been," he said.

Mr. Matson, who stood as a National Front candidate in local council elections, said he had been a member of a trade union since leaving school. He denied he had gone to the meeting in an attempt to gain publicity for the Front.

"I was a bit apprehensive about going but I had been elected by my union," he said.

At their December meeting the Trades Council passed a motion saying they would be unable to accept any delegate who was a member or sympathiser of the National Front.

Delegate

When he arrived at the meeting at Textile Hall last night Mr. Matson was stopped by the secretary, Coun. Derek Smith, from going into the meeting. Coun. Smith told him he was unacceptable as a delegate. Coun. Smith said later he would be writing to Mr. Matson's union and also to the TUC, which was looking into National Front activities in trade unions.

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Delegate criticises anti-Fascist group

The activities of Bradford Trades Council's anti-Fascist sub-committee were praised and criticised at last night's meeting. The annual report of the council said that much of the anti-Fascist work in the past year had been concerned with the increased activities of the National Front in the area.

It added: "The council was delighted to see the drop in the votes given to the National Front candidates at the local elections in May compared to the previous year, and can take some satisfaction that its anti-Fascist activities contributed to the drop in support."

The report said that the council was undertaking an inquiry into National Front activities within the city and in the trade union movement. It had issued an invitation to people to volunteer to give evidence.

Mrs. Irene Glenn (Nalco) complained that some of the anti-Fascist activities had resulted in bad publicity for the Trades Council owing to fighting and other trouble.

She added, "I feel like many of the immigrant population that this sub-committee has resulted in a lot of ill-feeling towards the immigrant population arising out of the publicity."

'Unfair'

She continued: "I have fought in the last 15 years for the immigrants. I have their well-being at heart, but I do ask the Trades Council to get people with more commonsense on this anti-Fascist sub-committee and who have genuinely the feelings of the immigrant population at heart."

Mr. Pat Wall, president, said Mrs. Glenn was out of order and described her comments as "grossly unfair". He said they were "an absolute slur" and pointed out that the activities of the anti-Fascist sub-committee had been endorsed by the Trades Council.

A move to have the post of Trades Council secretary subject to annual election was defeated.

The post is a full time one and the holder, according to the present rules, can remain in office so long as he carries out his duties to the council's satisfaction. The present holder, Coun. Derek Smith, has been secretary for the past 25 years.

Mr. Tony Kinder (AUEW), who moved the proposal, said his union felt all officers should be democratically elected at regular intervals.

All quiet on the Anti-Nazi front

A march by a newly-formed "Anti-Nazi League" held in Dewsbury and Batley at the weekend passed "without incident" said police who supervised the event.

It was organised by former Kirkstall Labour councillor, Alex Fellows, in protest against the council's recent decision to continue allowing the National Front to use local town halls for rallies and meetings.

Coloured immigrants, trade unionists and students took part in the march which ended with a meeting at Batley Town Hall.

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National Front supporter jailed

A National Front supporter was jailed for two months by Hendon Magistrates, North West London, after an incident at a motorway service station in August following a

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National Front march in Lewisham.

Keith Valentine (23), unemployed, Oxtow Way, Leeds, pleaded guilty to using threatening behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or whereby a breach of the peace was likely to have occurred, on August 13 at the Scatchwood service area, on the M1 at Mill Hill.

Police Constable Dennaforf said a coach carrying National Front supporters, including the defendant, pulled into the service area. Another coach parked adjacent to them and people began to get off. As a result of actions by National Front supporters the people got back on to their coach and locked themselves in.

The officer said the defendant was identified as having thrown a tin can at one of the windows of an adjacent coach. Two windows were broken, said Police Constable Dennaforf, but not by the defendant. Valentine was bailed to appear at Hendon Court on September 1, but failed to do so.

He was arrested in Leeds and when charged said: "I forgot the date."

Police Constable Dennaforf reported three previous convictions against Valentine, the first in 1971 for causing an affray, one in 1972 for assault causing actual bodily harm and the last on April 21, 1977, at Leeds Crown Court for burglary when Valentine was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Give me a banner...

DO THE 300 or so famous sponsors of the newly formed Anti-Nazi League know exactly what they're going to do about street demonstrations?

The sponsors include 50 or so Labour MPs, not to mention Brian Clough, Jackie Charlton, Tom Stoppard, Dave Allen, Glenda Jackson, Dame Peggy Ashcroft, and many others.

Clearly after last Thursday's demonstration and nine arrests at Hyde town hall in Manchester, this glittering array may have to consider the matter seriously.

The critical issue they may have to consider in the future is whether the tactics of the league include the mounting of competing demonstrations on the streets of Britain. Is Frankie Vaughan, for example, another of the Anti-Nazi League sponsors, likely to find himself beneath a banner across the street from the National Front? No one seems clear.

Peter Hain, the league's press officer, says they have no firm policy on confrontations.

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NEWS FROM THE

YORK. Many leading students have come together to form Students Against the Nazis. At a meeting sponsored by the Anti-Nazi League they agreed to campaign to keep the nazis out of all colleges and campuses.

Among those sponsoring Students Against the Nazis are leading writers who opposed the decision by the National Union of Students conference to drop the long-standing policy of 'No Platform for fascists'.

The campaign among students is producing a special leaflet which is planned to distribute in every college in Britain. The leaflet will describe in detail what the Nazi Front stands for, meetings, including mass meetings of student unions will be organised. Students Against the Nazis also hopes to reverse the NUS conference decision and return to the policy of No Platform for Fascists.

MANCHESTER. When Radio Piccadilly invited a nazi to speak on a phone-in programme, the nazi's supporters had just two days to mobilise a protest picket. More than

Anti Nazi League

**12 Little Newport Street
London W1**

First they came for the Jews and I did not see for the Jews because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Next they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Victim of the Nazis of Germany

RIGHT: Three members of the Anti Nazi League picket Radio Piccadilly, Manchester last weekend.



Picture: John Smith (RFL)

150 people turned up outside to protest at allowing the nazi on the air.

THE latest signatories to the sponsors of the Anti Nazi League include Tony Garnett, the television producer responsible for Come Home Days of Hope and the Big Picture. Other signatories include three writers, Stan Barstow, Frederic Raphael and Angus Wilson, and one

more MP, Christopher Price.

DEMONSTRATE in Dewsbury this Saturday against the pro nazi policies of the Tory council. Assemble 1.30pm in the centre of Saville Town, Dewsbury. The demonstration has been called by the Anti Nazi League. The Socialist Workers Party is calling on all its members in Yorkshire to support the demonstration.

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TRADE union support for the Anti Nazi League is growing. ASLEF executive, Bury District Committee of the Engineering Union, the Manchester Confederation of Ship Building and Engineering unions and Uniroyal shop stewards committees have joined the list of sponsors.

NORTH WEST LONDON. A group of nazis tried to firebomb the home of Rabbi

Hardman, Minister of the Edgware synagogue. They got the wrong house and hit his neighbour's home instead. There's no doubt about who the intended target was. The synagogue had swastikas daubed on its doors.

BOURNEMOUTH. A Malaysian student, Mohammad Mannan, may lose the sight of one eye after a racist attack.

Another Malaysian student, Aboul Hamid, is also still in hospital after the attack late at night in the city centre.

INDIVIDUALS can now join the Anti Nazi League. It costs £1 a year. To join or for details of all activities, contact 12, Little Newport Street, London W1.

Shame them by shouting 'Nazis'—speaker tells schoolchildren

Group plan campaign to embarrass Front

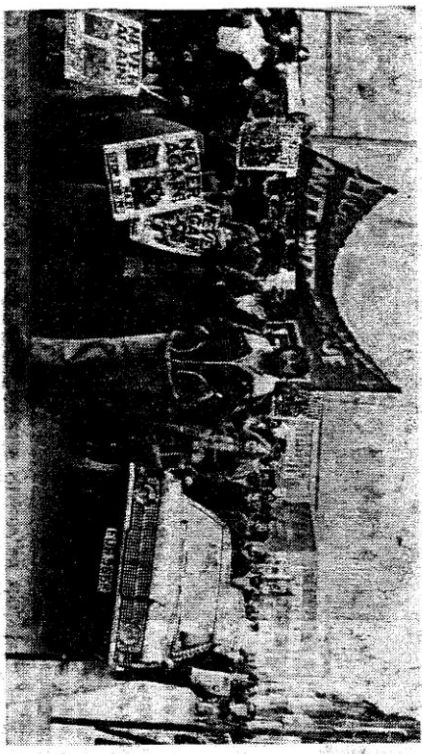
THE National Front is led by about 800 people who are firmly committed to establishing a dictatorship by violence and the destruction of the Labour movement and Jewish people, a meeting at Batley Town Hall was told on Saturday.

The speaker, Mr. Nigel Harris, of the Anti Nazi League National Steering Committee, said these 800 people were leading another 5,000 or 6,000 who were fools, ignorant or frightened.

However, he said, they were embarrassed to be called Nazis and some of them had fought against Hitler in the 1939-45 War. It was essential that these people and others like them be discouraged from supporting the Front. This was what the Anti Nazi League aimed to do.

The League has produced leaflets which include details of National Front leaders of criminal records and openly Nazi past. They also include names of National Front figures including Brian Clough and punk rock star, Johnny Rotten.

Anti National Front marchers passing through Dewsbury town centre on Saturday.



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Violence

Mr. Harris said that since the League was established, in November, 150,000 leaflets had been issued and the League aimed to ensure that nearly everyone in the country received one.

He advised schoolchildren in the audience on how to combat efforts by the National Front to distribute its publications. If National Front supporters gathered outside school gates, a large group of pupils should stand fairly near them and all shout "Nazis". This would be such an embarrassment to them that the National Front supporters would go.

Mr. Harris said that throughout the country National Front supporters had been violent, because they knew that violence was the only way they could establish their domination.

This theme was taken up by Mr. Yusuf Patel, chairman of the Dewsbury and Batley Asian Youth Organisation. Quoting an example of racial violence, he said that two of his friends had been beaten in Dewsbury a few days earlier on their way to work.

Beaten

People were assured the police and politicians condemned such actions, but Mr. Patel said he was doubtful about this condemnation when individual black people were being beaten up in the streets.

Earlier, there had been a demonstration march by the Dewsbury and Batley branch of the Anti Nazi League. It attracted about 350 demonstrators at the start in Dewsbury, but the number had doubled by the time it arrived at Batley Town Hall.

A few people made obscene gestures at the demonstrators, but there was no violence on the demonstration itself.

However, an Asian youth who left the meeting early suffered a cut eye. He claimed to have been attacked outside the hall by two white youths, who ran away.

Warning to union on National Front lock-out plans

Trade unionist caretakers in the Huddersfield-based Kirklees area were warned they would be usurping the powers and responsibilities of councillors if they locked out National Front members who arrived for town hall meetings.

The leader of the Tory-controlled Kirklees Council, Coun. Tom Cliffe, said: "We control the affairs of this council, and that means we decide who should be allowed to use our facilities."

"We, the elected members, are in control and it is not the responsibility of any individual or trade union to say who should or should not be allowed to hold meetings in our public halls."

REFUSE

Kirklees and District Committee of the National Union of Public Employees in asking members to refuse to allow the National Front to hold private meetings in municipal halls. This "ban" was recently moved at a Kirklees council meeting, but decisively rejected.

But the secretary of the Kirklees Committee, Mr. Roy Weavill, said that members looking after town halls were being asked to ignore bookings by the National Front and not unlock doors for meetings.

Mr. Weavill said: "As a trade union we cannot condone this blatant Fascism. The increasing number of private meetings held by the National Front is a serious threat to the racial harmony which at present exists in the Kirklees area between the Asian and white populations."

COUNTER

He thought that the attitude of NUPE was responsible and a counter to the "irresponsible attitude" of the Tory-controlled council.

Mr. Weavill agreed that the request not to open doors would mainly apply to caretakers and added: "If they obey this request and are then victimised we can promise them the full support of the 4,500 members of NUPE in Kirklees."

The National Front issue

Leyland move Front man

THE Leyland worker who started a strike by allegedly strutting around giving Nazi-style salutes, is to be transferred. The 200 men at Leyland's East Works engine assembly plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, who stopped work on Friday, in protest at the behaviour of the National Front sympathiser were back yesterday.

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has been simmering in Kirklees for some time following the news that a recent meeting at Dewsbury Town Hall had been addressed by a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Police arrest Asian pickets —but leave the whites

NINE Asian building workers were arrested by police when standing on a picket line outside the National Westminster Bank site in East London.

Two Asian workers, Kanji Mavji Arjan and Kanji Velji Patel, said that they were standing round their brazier with a lot of other pickets when two police vans drove up.

The police kicked over the brazier, then arrested nine of the pickets, all of them Asians. They arrested none of the white workers.

Elected TGWU steward, Tom Macnamara said that it was his belief that this was blatant racism on the part of the police.

The men were held for six hours, without being given any food or drink; five were packed into one cell, four in another, in cells designed for one person. They were charged with obstructing the highway and with lighting a fire.

One shop steward on the site was told by a policeman that the management rang the police and asked them to come to the picket.

The strike is against attempts to cut back overtime working which means a wage cut and against threats to sack 70 workers in March. Altogether 170 workers are out on strike.

Bar a handful of scabs, the pickets are solid and in good spirits. Electricians and plumbers on the site are still working, but new efforts are being made to get the stoppage total.

Support

Previously, organisation on the site was weak, as the following advert reveals:

T. J. MYLES & Co (Contractors): All types of Labour supplied. Shop Stewards a speciality. Ring 864-8853.

This ad was put together by the lads, because the official steward Danny Mulcahy is a boss's man. The firm refuse to recognise the elected steward, Tom Macnamara. Mulcahy has never been voted in.

S. Walker
28.1.78

Ku Klux Klan raids lead to race riot

from DAVID POTTS in Wolverhampton

FIVE policemen were attacked, Panda cars damaged and shop windows smashed as nearly 200 coloured youths rioted in the centre of Wolverhampton early yesterday.

Police described the affair as 'a serious incident involving both black and white groups.'

The disturbance came soon after police disclosed that a four-man gang of white men, wearing Ku Klux Klan hoods had in the last two months beaten up 10 coloured youths in a series of late-night attacks.

Mr Maurice Buck, Deputy Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said yesterday that the incident had started

after town centre public houses had closed. Racist slogans were shouted between the two groups, there was some scuffling, and then a number of incidents broke out between police and the coloured youths.

Extra police were drafted in to the Wolverhampton town centre as a precaution last night.

Mr Buck said that when fighting started yesterday morning, bricks were thrown and police cars and private cars were damaged. Seven arrests were made. A police officer was stabbed in the face and had to have eight stitches. Four other officers were attacked and were treated for severe bruising.

'We are not directly link-

ing this with reports of the Ku Klux Klan attacks,' said Mr Buck. 'Our main problem is to find out what exactly caused these coloured youths to march on the town centre.'

He said he was planning meetings with community relations leaders to see if they could help. 'Our main consideration is that this does not happen again.'

Mr Buck said there had been problems with the white group, but it dispersed after some scuffling. The big problem involved the coloured youths

The arrested youths face charges of assault on police, possessing an offensive weapon, damage to police property and obstruction

MP urged to reject Front

York members of the Anti-Fascist Alliance were today meeting Mr. Alex Lyon, the city's Labour M.P., to discuss National Front activities in York.

They were hoping to persuade Mr. Lyon to ask the city council not to allow the Front's York branch to hold meetings on council premises at the Guildhall.

A request by the Front for these facilities is to be considered by a council committee next week. In recent weeks, the Front has been banned from premises in York where it had met under other names.

E. Post 4.2.78

Race protest

Three hundred anti-racist demonstrators marched through Wolverhampton yesterday to protest over alleged attacks on black people. They were met by 100 white youths chanting slogans for white supremacy, but police kept the two groups apart.

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Goodbye to a Nazi!

THE most important anti-Nazi action for months is that taken by 200 members at British Leyland East Works engineering assembly last week.

By lighting strike action they forced the management to transfer a Hitler-saluting would-be storm-trooper. They have promised to repeat this if he is allowed to show his face again.

This is a splendid example to all trade unionists. Any section which is asked to accept the villain should follow suit.

ANTI-NAZI JAILED

WHILE the Nazi Kingsley Read walks free from the Old Bailey, 19-year-old Bob Papenthien is in Detention Centre.

Bob was sent down for three months for his part in the Anti-Nazi demonstration in Lewisham last August.

So don't let Bob down now. It's lonely inside.

S. WOLKEL 4.2.78



Bob Papenthien being arrested at Lewisham last summer

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THE NAZIS in Bolton have suddenly received support from an unexpected source—the local Labour Party.

At a recent council meeting permission for the National Front to hold a public meeting was unanimously approved with the full support of the Labour opposition.

They claimed their action was in the interests of free speech—yet last summer the council banned a multi-racial festival arranged by the Trades Council in the town's precinct. They also regularly ban 'undesirable' X-films.

The Labour Party have added insult to injury by suggesting that members do not picket the Front

meeting but instead attend a conveniently arranged distraction—a Community Relations Council public meeting on the same evening!

However, leading workers' organisations in the area have a different idea. The Lancashire National Union of Miners and the local Engineering Union district committee are supporting a mass picket.

The Anti Nazi League has distributed thousands of leaflets throughout the area as well as arranging a public meeting and a special meeting for school students.

THE LOCAL anti-fascist group in Leamington, which supports the Anti-Nazi League, has organised a large public meeting on How to stop the Nazis.

Paul Holborow, secretary of the Anti-Nazi League, Maurice Lumer, editor of Searchlight, and N S Noor, national president of the Indian Workers Association, are speaking at the Spa Centre on Friday 3 February at 7.30pm.

Considering that a 10ft Ku Klux Klan cross nearly burnt down an Asian shop in Coventry last week and that two local nazis are up on trial in Leamington accused of incitement to racial hatred, this will be an important meeting.

TWO HUNDRED and fifty people packed into a hall in Action, West London, including over 30 school students, for a meeting organised by the Anti Nazi League.

The Nazi National Front had threatened to picket the meeting but the six or seven who did turn up had a change of heart as soon as they saw the size of the meeting.

Mrs Jayaben Desai told the constant intimidation by NF members of the Grunwicks picket lines before mass picketing commenced.

£58 was raised for a local campaign, and 40 supporters were signed up for the ANL.

RACIST TERROR AS 39 SHOPS ARE HIT

A TRIAL of racist terror and violence has spread through Edmonton and Enfield in North London over the past three weeks.

Thirty-nine shops, restaurants and a pub, almost all immigrant-owned, have been attacked. Lives have been endangered and over £5000 of damage caused by mystery catapultists who fire missiles as they drive past in a car.

Tories start Witch Hunt '78

'SINISTER and undesirable forces are moving in to fill the vacuum created by the neglect of religious, moral and political education in schools.'

So said Tory education spokesman Norman St John Stevas, at the launching of a new Tory stunt, a nationwide campaign called 'Values '78'.

The Socialist Workers Party was specified by Stevas as one of the 'sinister and undesirable forces' he has in mind but, of course, his target is much broader.

'Values '78' is aimed against left-wing teachers and pupils in general. And it coincides with the Nazi National Front campaign against 'Commie teachers'.

Stevas is not a Nazi. He even included a ritual 'deploring' of the Nazi Front in his speech. But the witch-hunt atmosphere Values '78 is trying to create is grist to the Nazi mill.

One of the primary tasks of the educational system, said Stevas, must be to ensure that every child leaves school with a sense of moral and cultural values generally accepted by society. Today the

barbarian is not outside the city walls but within them.

For 'society' read the capitalist press and TV, the Tory Party, the bankers and big business. For 'barbarian' read socialists and free thinkers.

Values '78 wants to step up brainwashing and headfixing in schools. The morality it wants taught is the morality of capitalism—every man and woman for himself or herself and the devil take the hindmost.

The religion it wants preached is, in the words of the hymn: 'The rich man in his castle, The poor man at his gate, God gave each his station, And ordered his estate.'

The politics it wants to indoctrinate is the politics of the inevitability of capitalism—therefore of mass unemployment, racism, inequality, exploitation and 'freedom' for the rich and powerful to oppress the rest of us.

Witch-hunts get underway when their intended victims temporise, compromise and try to keep their heads down. Witch-hunts are stopped in their tracks when the intended victims stand up and fight.

All progressive teachers and pupils must expose the Tory and Nazi campaigns, and the villains behind them, for what they are.

It is almost certainly the work of the Nazi National Front supporters.

The police say: 'The man firing pebbles is very dangerous. If a missile fired in this manner can pierce a plate-glass window just think what it would do to someone's head.'

A supermarket in Ponders End has had its windows smashed by pebbles three times in less than a fortnight. The third time the shop was also looted.

Mr S. Khan, who comes from Bangladesh, said: 'The attacks were carried out by the NF.' He is bitter about police inaction.

Only after numerous premises within the area reported attacks did the local police commander, Curtis, take any notice. Even now they have been refused protection.

The attacks were made on the windows of grocers J S Chadda. Mrs Chadda, who serves in the shop, told Socialist Worker: 'I am frightened of further attacks. A year ago an air rifle shot pierced the shop's front window. The hole is still there, inches away from where the latest attack has left gaping holes.'

Police

'These are racists doing this. Even though the police keep telling us they're not.'

Showers of broken glass hit customers at the 'Cock' pub in Edmonton, where the racist vandals have struck five times. The pub is very popular in the area and attracts lots of black and white customers. A stone fired through the public bar window showered regulars with glass.

Other attacks occurred when a steel band, which plays every week at the pub, was entertaining a packed, mixed audience.

Manager Alan Cheek is white. He told Socialist Worker: 'They are intimidating our customers into barring blacks. They won't succeed.' His wife Bernadette received a bomb threat phone call. 'She was really shaken,' he said.

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NEWS FROM THE

Anti Nazi League 12 Little Newport Street London W1

First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Next they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.
Pastor Niemöller
Victim of the Nazis of Germany

THE Chelmsford campaign against racial prejudice and organisations got a big boost at its second meeting in Chelmsford's AEU House on Thursday 12 January. Forty delegates, individuals, and observers, from fourteen organisations learnt that NALGO, one of the larger white-collar unions, in Essex, had donated £50.

Speakers from the Anti-Nazi League and the Newham Community Renewal Programme will be invited to address the March meeting of the campaign.

HIGH WYCOMBE: Over thirty school students attended an open meeting to hear Colin Goldman explain how to 'Keep the Nazis out of schools.'

About five schools were represented. Colin Goldman is spokesman for the school-students section of the Anti-Nazi League.

ON FRIDAY Jan 13, a 'victory booze up' was attended by some fifty North West London supporters of the Anti-Nazi League at the Kings Arms pub Colindale. They were celebrating the decision of the Brewers Trumans to ban the National Front from holding further meetings at the pub.

700 DEWSBURY Anti-Nazi League supporters, including 250 young Asians, marched from Dewsbury to Batley in Yorkshire to protest against the refusal of the Tory-controlled Kirklees Council to ban the National Front from public buildings.

Anti-Nazi League picket of a Camden National Front

meeting. Speaker Martin Webster, Monday 30 January. Enterprise pub Chalk Farm near Chalk Farm underground (45th anniversary of Hitler taking power).

Latest Sponsors for the Anti-Nazi League include:

Tom Robinson, rock singer, George Melly, jazz singer, Dave Watson, Manchester City and England footballer, John Schlesinger, film director, T. P. McKenna, actor, Christopher Hampton, playwright and the eminent Labour Historian, E. P. Thompson and Dorothy Thompson, and the Medical Practitioners Union.

STARTING their campaign to poison the minds of school students, the young National Front last Saturday staged a picket outside the ILEA TV studios in Battersea.

They were protesting against the educational race film 'Someone's Daughter' in which a white girl becomes pregnant by her West Indian boyfriend.

The young National Front picket numbered a pathetic fifty and they were heavily outnumbered by some 200 members of various anti-fascist organisations including

London supporters of the Anti-Nazi League and the supporters of School Students against the Nazis from Reading.

CONTRARY to what many people think the National Front does believe in the trade union movement. I am a good trade unionist and always have been.

This nonsense was spouted by David Mason, one of Bradford's most loathed Nazis, who also happens to be a member of the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Copper-Smiths, Heating and Domestic Engineers.

Last week he turned up at a meeting of the Trades Council claiming to be a delegate from his union branch.

Fortunately supporters of the Anti-Nazi League in one of the building unions,



Anti-NF picket at ILEA studios, Battersea

UCATT, found out, and warned other delegates.

When Mason turned up with his entourage of local pressmen the secretary of the Trades Council told him that the was unacceptable as a delegate and the door was closed on him.

NATIONAL Front Nazis sporting their badges last Saturday smashed up the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, a pub in Menington South, London frequented by gays.

Nazi leader John Tyndall is claiming that NF members were not responsible but he's in for a shock. The Anti-Nazi League is preparing a file of photographs of known National Front thugs which will be taken to the pub for identification.



Is this our destiny?

by David Edgar, whose play, *Destiny*, is appearing on BBC1 31 January at 9.25.

I THINK that one of the unique functions of socialist drama (as opposed to pamphlets, newspapers and other forms of propaganda) is that it can provide a political analysis of a phenomenon, and at the same time show how its underlying truths are expressed in recognisable human behaviour.



David Edgar

In *Destiny*, my play about modern British fascism, I wanted to do two things: to show how classic German-style fascism is growing in this

country, and also to demonstrate how it is taking root in the thoughts and feelings of ordinary, familiar and not always unsympathetic people.

Because of this, some people criticised the stage-play for appearing to be 'too far' to the fascists, and I took these criticisms into account in rewriting the play for television.

But I still believe that an overtly agit-prop approach, showing members of groups like the NF and the National

Party strutting about in jackboots, ignores the fact that fascism can attract people who would, initially, run a mile from a swastika.

The process from discontent and frustration (expressed as mild racism) to full-blown nazism is often as imperceptible as it is inexorable.

Destiny tries to map out that road, as authentically as possible, in the belief that an understanding of how fascism works is an essential part of stopping it.

Police appeal on Ku Klux Klan attacks

By Lindsay Mackie

Police in Wolverhampton yesterday asked for evidence of attacks on black people by gangs wearing Ku Klux Klan hoods. Mr Maurice Buck, Deputy Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said that in spite of many rumours about such gangs no formal complaints about specific attacks had been made to the police.

Mr Buck said that the town, where clashes between 150 black youths and police during a riot in the streets after a football match between white and black groups, was subject to a great deal of rumour. There have been so many myths and rumours and they have spread like wildfire. If immigrant leaders can give us the names and addresses of people who have been beaten up, then we will personally investigate the Criminal Investigation Department.

A teacher said yesterday that among his West Indian pupils last week anger with hooded youths was running high because of a report of an attack on a black woman who was allegedly beaten up by hooded men and of her injuries.

He stressed that this was the kind of rumour circulated and that he could not confirm it. The police have no details of any attack which is in any way similar to that believed by sections of the 15,000-strong West Indian community in Wolverhampton last week, but the strength of such rumours is feared by community workers.

Mr Buck said yesterday that falls of these attacks on black people which had occurred in the last week. Two Asian men had been assaulted on the outskirts of Wolverhampton at night, a young West Indian footballer who plays for the Afro Caribbean football club had been attacked and so had a 17-year-old youth called Noel Samuels.

But Mr le Maître strongly condemned the hood rumours as having no basis in reality. "They are fabrications of the vilest type. Neither the police nor the City Council will have anything to do with any KKK graffiti and posters about the town in the past three months. He said that immigrant communities felt under threat from racialist attacks which they believed included fire attacks on their property.

The Wolverhampton Anti-Racist Committee, which has Labour Party, Communist Party and Church representatives among its members said in a statement yesterday that the police and press had not helped to promote an atmosphere of racial understanding after the weekend's events. The statement called upon the police to act against racists and fascists by the community through an open meeting is to be held on Saturday night in Wolverhampton and they will be providing a number of £200 each black youths were arrested after the fighting in the town of Friday night.

Mr A. Wolverhampton supporter wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood attacked a police officer who tried to arrest him during an FA Cup match in London on Saturday. Highbury magistrates were told yesterday. Paul Squitieri, 18, Heath Road, Wolverhampton, who denied a charge of assaulting police at the match, was remanded on bail until February 7.

SABOTEUR LOCKS OUT 'FRONT'

A SABOTEUR failed to prevent the National Front from holding a meeting yesterday.

He had jammed the locks at the Bursall Community Centre, West Yorkshire.

At first the Front were told they would have to stay outside. But after a row a crowd of about 50 windows to let the 50 Right-wingers inside. More than 100 Left-wing demonstrators had been called to the halls after the leaders of the National Union of Public Employees asked their members to refuse.

Sunday Mirror Reporter

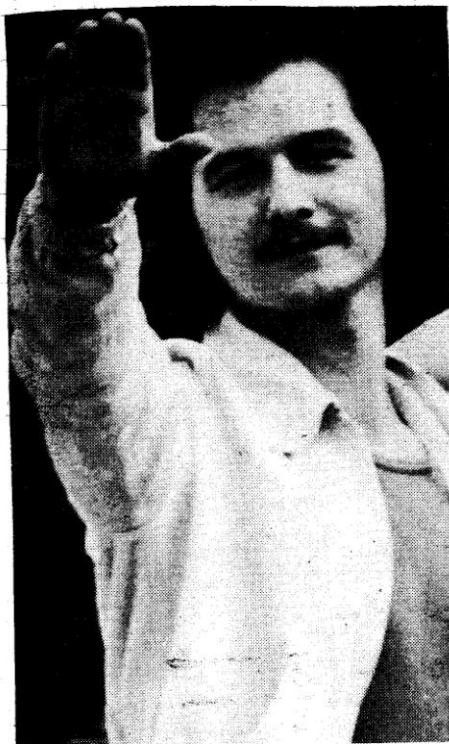
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I'll not lock out NF says woman

Woman caretaker Mrs. Jean Lawley has wrecked the plans of a union to lock out the National Front. "It doesn't worry me whether it is the National Front, Santa Claus or the Pope," says a defiant Mrs. Lawley.

S. WOLFER 4.2.78



She WILL open the doors of Birstall Community Centre tomorrow to allow the Front to have a meeting, despite instructions from Kirklees branch of the National Union of Public Employees to its members.

The union instructions were sent out after Kirklees Council refused to ban the NF from all its public halls.

But Mrs. Lawley, of Shirley Avenue, Gomersal, isn't a union member.

Today she said: "I don't care which organisation is involved. If they have booked the hall I shall do my job properly and open it."

"I am a member of a union," she insisted — "my own." The National Front have had the hall before and never given me any trouble — no organisation has. I don't see why I should not unlock the doors to them."

Asked if a possible demonstration from anti-fascist movements in the area did not concern her, Mrs. Lawley commented: "Why should it? I shall be inside. And as the National Front has made a booking in the proper manner and paid for it I shall allow them in."

It is understood that the National Front have also booked two other halls in the district for tomorrow — the Town Halls at Batley and Dewsbury. But the meeting is likely to be held at Birstall.

DR ASSAULT AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE

This man was identified by staff and customers of the Royal Auxhall Tavern, a gay pub in Kennington South London as a member of a gang which wrecked the place and injured customers on 21 January.

The picture was taken while he was on the Nazi National Front demonstration through Lewisham last year. Can you put a name and an address to his face. If so please contact the Anti Nazi League at 12 Little Newport Street, London, WC2.

E. Post 3.4.78

Residents hit out at National Front

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More than 700 Ilkley residents have hit out at the National Front in a move designed to express their opposition to racist ideas, and particularly the activities of the Front.

During the last 10 days a statement has been circulating in the district, signed by 738 people.

To back up their opposition they have taken a full page advertisement in today's issue of their local weekly paper, giving the names of all who have signed.

'CONCERN'

The statement says: "As residents of the Ilkley district we wish to express our concern at all manifestations of prejudice and discriminations against minority groups in British Society, based mainly on the exploitation of racial difference."

"In particular we deplore those policies and activities of the National Front, which are rooted in Fascist ideas and Nazi dogma, and create or emphasise intolerance, division, hatred and violence."

Leeds Polytechnic lecturer Mr. Colin Hunter, one of the organisers, said: "Churches, political parties and individuals have joined. It has spread to the whole community."

REPUGNANT

He said: "The activities of the National Front are repugnant to many people, other than those extremists who continue to gain adverse publicity through violent opposition. We feel this statement gives an opportunity for local people to show clear, public and positive opposition to the Front without resorting to negative tactics."

In a statement issued today Mr. Hunter says it has been said that an over-indulgent attitude by those who occupied the middle ground in Germany and Italy in the early 1930's facilitated the growth of Nazism and Fascism in those countries.

"In the process of this local exercise there was evidence to suggest similar apathy, ignorance and timidity in British society today," added Mr. Hunter.

The "Ilkley Statement," as it has been called, has been signed by doctors, vicars, social workers and housewives.

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Another racist on the bench

ANOTHER supposedly impartial dispenser of justice has entered the Judge McKinnon stakes and hurled racist abuse at a black defendant.

He is Colonel Ronald Laurence Gardner-Thorpe, a senior magistrate and alderman of the City of London.

During a case against a black defendant for non-payment of a trivial traffic fine, Gardner-Thorpe asked the defendant the following unbelievable question: 'Have you ever thought of going back to Barbados?'

He added: 'I am a member of an organisation which would gladly pay your fare.'

Gardner-Thorpe made this racist outburst on Friday 20 January at the Mansion House court in London. The case was against Barbadian-born Bergson Ward.

Bergson has lived and worked in this country for 20 years, is married to a white woman and has five children all born in Britain.

Gardner-Thorpe started off his 'questioning' of Bergson Ward by saying that he looked as if he was 'the sort of person' who 'was in trouble all the time.'

Effect

Bergson replied that he had only been in court twice in his life: once for the original traffic offence which cost him his licence and a £100 fine, and this second time for non-payment of the fine.

But none of this had any effect on Colonel Gardner-Thorpe. Nor did Bergson's reasonable argument that he was unemployed because his licence had been taken away and therefore he had no hope of paying the fine.

Gardner-Thorpe's unequivocal racist statement caused consternation even in the Mansion House court.

Understandably, for just minutes before dealing with Bergson Ward's trivial case, Colonel Gardner-Thorpe had taken a non-payment of fine case against a white man named Roy Moore.

'Sack this man' call

THE secretary of the Anti Nazi League, Paul Holborow, told Socialist Worker that he was appalled by this new instance of official racism. 'Following on the heels of the remarks by Judge McKinnon and Judge



Gardner-Thorpe in his days as Liberal Party treasurer.

SW EXCLUSIVE by LAURIE FLYNN

Moore had been convicted of obtaining money under false pretences. Not only did he receive no insults from this racist magistrate, but he got £600 of his fine written off!

Bergson, an unemployed man with a wife and children to look after, was ordered to pay his fine at the rate of £2 a week!

This suggests that Gardner-Thorpe does out punishment according to the colour of the defendant's skin.

And what did he mean when he said he was a member of an organisation which would gladly pay Bergson's fare back to Barbados?

Does this mean he is now a member of the Nazi National Front?

Losses

Gardner-Thorpe is a former Liberal Party parliamentary candidate and former treasurer of the Liberal Party.

He became increasingly successful in property speculation. But heavy losses in a Portuguese property development as a

Wilde, the Cambridge racist, people can only wonder how deep the vile seam of legal racism goes,' he said.

'These insults to black people must be stopped. This man should be sacked immediately.'

result of the 1974 revolution there made him even more reactionary.

Gardner-Thorpe, racialist magistrate, is poised for the top. He expects to be Sheriff of London next year. This means he will become an intimate of all the Old Bailey judges.

As Sheriff, Gardner-Thorpe will have his own flat in the Old Bailey. He will treat all the judges to £20,000 worth of junketing, paid for out of City of London Corporation funds.

Racist

Doubtless when playing Mein Host to the judges he will be able to sign a few up for the organisation that pays for the deportation of black people.

Two years after his stint as Sheriff, this racist will become Lord Mayor of London. Then if Labour is still in power, he will be hosting James Callaghan at the Mansion House Lord Mayor's Banquet!

Gardner-Thorpe and the rest of the racist bigots on the bench are able to carry on their vile campaigns because they are elected by and responsible to no one, except of course the public school mafia from which they spring.

Labour government law officers have tried once before to make a few changes to the corrupt and totally self-perpetuating clique that dominate the City of London and its courts. It will be interesting to see whether they will now be forced to have another try.

A good start would be the immediate dismissal of Colonel Ronald Laurence Gardner-Thorpe, City of London magistrate, property speculator and racist.

L.O.P 17.2.78

FRONTS.

The National Front's embryonic York group has been using a variety of bogus names to book meeting rooms in pubs in the city. Investigations by York Anti-Fascist Alliance led to the recent exposure of the 'York City Sporting Club.'

Earlier the Front had been banned from the Friends Meeting House where members posed as a holiday fellowship. Also banned is the so-called 'British Patriots Association', a right wing umbrella organisation attracting NF members and sympathisers.

York Anti-Fascist Alliance

Nazis on the run

by Ramila-Patel and Prain Parmer

THE Nazi NF suffered its most significant defeat since Lewisham on Friday night in Bolton. The Nazis, desperate to build a base in the North West, chose Bolton because of its large immigrant population.

150 Nazis from all over the North West managed to sneak into the Town Hall under the protection of 2,000 police, including 20 on horseback.

In contrast, a conservative police estimate of 3,500 anti-nazis had gathered to express their disgust not only at the NF but also the Tory and Labour councillors who allowed the Nazis the use of the Town Hall.

The anti Nazi campaign began several weeks earlier with the distribution of tens of thousands of Anti Nazi League and Bolton Trades Council leaflets calling for a picket of the meeting.

The leaflets went into hundreds of factories and schools and had a great effect—some headmasters even called special school assemblies to discourage pupils from joining the picket, but to no avail.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers district committee and the local student unions both organised marches which each attracted over 350 demonstrators.

But perhaps of most significant was the fantastic mobilisation of the local Asian community.

Earlier in the day Anti-Nazi League supporters had mounted a vigil on the steps of the Town Hall from 8am onwards, with a 15 foot banner saying 'No Nazis in our Town Hall.'

The police crowd controls included arresting 19 demonstrators. It is vital that money is sent to the defence committee.

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Restaurant workers attacked by racists

by John Bruce, chairman GMWU (London Catering Branch)



Strikers picketing a Garners restaurant.

RACIALISTS attacked and assaulted pickets outside Garners restaurant in Charing Cross Road in London last Sunday. The pickets are mostly Asian, Turkish or Egyptian.

More than 80 Garners workers have been sacked—for taking part in a demonstration to demand that their trade union be recognised.

For the last year 80 per cent of the members have been in the TGWU, but the company refused recognition.

Some of those sacked had been at Garners for more than 10 years, but still their average take-home pay is only around £26 for a 55 to 60 hour week.

They have now formed a strike committee, got official union recognition, and successfully shut down most of the 15 restaurants in London.

The strike committee chairman, Rahman Habib, has appealed to other trade unionists to help man the picket lines, particularly outside the Oxford Street and Charing Cross Road restaurants between 12 and 3.00 and 6 to 10 pm.

Red flag flies in Guildhall

More than 100 anti-Fascist demonstrators waved banners at York's Lord Mayor as he processed behind the city's sword and mace to the city council meeting in the Guildhall.

As soon as Coun. Tom Hibbert stepped out of the Mansion House members of the Anti-Fascist Alliance started chanting "No free speech for Nazis."

The local branch of the National Front is seeking permission to hold meetings in the Guildhall.

The Lord Mayor accepted a leaflet from the demonstrators who followed him into the council meeting and draped a large red banner across the public gallery.

Coun. Hibbert told them: "You have made your protest, but we do not allow banners in the council chamber. Please take it out." The demonstrators carried the banner outside.

NF opens junior section

A "junior arm" of the National Front has been launched in Leeds, it has been announced.

Mrs. Norah Griffiths, a spokesman for the Front, said the response had been magnificent. The Young National Front is open to members aged between 14 and 25.

The YNF was already heavily involved in making plans for meetings and talks.

Mrs. Griffiths said the majority of the members were aged 16 and 17. "It is not a question of getting school children and trying to persuade them to join us. You would be surprised how many ask to join us when we go round selling our paper."

The formation of the junior branch has come in for criticism. But Mrs. Griffiths said: "What is wrong with having a Young National Front. There are Young Conservatives, Young Liberals, Young Communists and so on."

Because of an increase in membership of the adult section in the area, the Leeds branch had been split into three divisions — covering east, south and west Leeds.

Fighting Prejudice in Kirklees



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Yorks Front meeting hit by saboteur



Locked out National Front leaders John Tyndall (left) and Martin Webster ask a policeman to try to get into the community centre.

About 100 National Front members, including the chairman, Mr. John Tyndall, and a national official, Mr. Martin Webster, were stranded in pouring rain at the weekend after a saboteur jammed the

locks on a council hall where they were due to hold a meeting.

The Front members, who had to pass through a picket of more than 50 jeering demonstrators to reach the community centre at Birstall, near Batley, eventually started their meeting three-quarters of an hour late, after a Kirklees Council official smashed a window and climbed through to let them in through a back door.

A line of policemen kept the two heckling groups apart, as council officials and police struggled with the locks.

ARRESTED

One demonstrator was arrested as Front members passed through the picket, which was led by the chairman of the Dewsbury Anti-Nazi League, Coun. Alex Fellowes. Police said later the man had been charged under the Public Order Act.

Coun. Fellowes said: "The Front has been humiliated today. Our demonstration has been a success."

He said the demonstrators had not been responsible for damaging the locks, but said he would be questioning the Council leaders

about authority being given for the hall to be deliberately damaged to allow the meeting to go ahead.

But yesterday, the Tory leader of Kirklees Council, Coun. Tom Cliffe, said: "It is the elected councillors of all persuasions who decide who may use council halls."

DAMAGE

"I deplore damage to council property by any group and if the people who damaged the locks are caught I hope they will be prosecuted. But once the doors were locked against us, the council has no choice but to break in to free them for whoever was using the hall," he said.

Saturday's public meeting was the first test of a National Union of Public Employees ban on opening halls for Front meetings. On Saturday the caretaker, a NUPE member, did not arrive to unlock the doors.

National Front members from all over Yorkshire attended the meeting to discuss election tactics.

Mr. Peter Armitage, a NUPE area official, said: "We have given a pledge that we will not open public halls for these people, and a NALGO official has come to do it. We will be taking it up with his union to try to make sure this does not happen again."



A Kirklees Council official climbs into the community centre through a window before opening a door from the inside.



Confrontation at Birstall Community Centre . . . National Front members in the foreground with Anti-Nazi League followers waiting in the background.

Leeds Group Working For 'Racial Harmony'

Representatives from groups for racial harmony in Armley Woodhouse, Headingley and Burley, and Chapel Town and Harehills were among those at a recent meeting to co-ordinate anti-fascist and anti-racist activity in the city.

The second meeting of the All Leeds Co-ordinating Committee against Racism which was set up by Leeds Trades Council 2 months ago, welcomed what was being done in Leeds but hoped to see work done in areas such as Cliffe and Burnthorpe where the National Front got a large percentage of its votes in the last local elections.

A broad and practical plan of action was adopted unanimously:

- to encourage and assist the setting up of local anti-racist committees where these do not already exist;
- to co-ordinate information on the activities of fascist groups;
- to plan a weekend event, to include a march or procession on the theme of developing racial harmony, possibly in March;
- to call for all racist and fascist marches to be banned

(NOT a blanket ban on marches of all types) for racist and fascist organisations to be prosecuted for incitement to racial hatred, and for racist and fascist organisations to be banned from using Council premises:

- to press Leeds City Council to take immediate action to remove all racist and fascist graffiti and posters from walls, etc. (including interior walls of Council owned buildings) in Leeds;
- urge all political parties and other organisations operating publicly in Leeds to adopt an open position of opposition to racism and to do all in their power to foster racial harmony.

The committee was asked to look at the question of how the Council could be asked to play an active role in displaying propaganda urging racial harmony.

A committee was elected which included representatives from a very broad spectrum of organisations.

Spaces have been left on the committee for representatives of other groups not yet involved and for more representatives from the labour party, the trade unions and black and immigrant groups.

Riot police flood in for NF rally

Police with riot shields at the ready flooded into the afternoon of Birmingham this National Front youth rally. They warned the public that safety's sake keep away from the city centre. About 300 Front supporters.

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ANTI-NAZIS ON THE MARCH

Hundreds of people, including a large contingent from the local Asian community, marched from Dewsbury to Batley on Saturday 21st January. They were all supporters of the newly-created Anti-Nazi League, formed to fight against racist groups like the National Front, and already attracting wide support.

The march was to protest against the decision by Kirkstall council to allow racist groups to use council property (like Batley Town Hall) for their meetings.

The march was loud, the main chant being, 'Black and white unite and fight! Smash the National Front!' The atmosphere for most of the way was good-humoured, though, and many bystanders read the leaflets distributed. A couple of women screamed, 'Up the National Front! Blackie bastards!'

When the march went by Dewsbury market, but they were unheeded.

Apparently sympathetic, some of the shoppers in Batley market seemed bewildered and hostile, quite taken aback at the sight of white and brown people marching together. Several lively street meetings took place spontaneously next to the market stalls, between these people and those who couldn't get into the packed meeting.

Obviously there is plenty of deep-rooted racial prejudice in the area, based on ignorance, of the facts about immigration, and of the truth about human beings of other races. The Anti-Nazi League has got a lot of follow-up work to do to stop the National Front exploiting this prejudice.



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Leeds Based Nazi Group Disbands

The Leeds-based Nazi group, the British National Party, found new depths to plumb before its final recent collapse. Led by Hitler fanatic Edmond Morrison, the party made up for lack of numbers by physical thuggery.

One of the party faithful appeared before Leeds Magistrates Court. Stephen Gaunt, a 21-year-old foundry worker who calls himself "national youth leader" of the B.N.P., was charged with receiving stolen property and with illegally putting up a poster.

But there was more to the case than appeared at first glance - as the prosecution revealed in evidence of what they called the "usual and disturbing" offences.

Red Ladder, the socialist theatre group, is now based in Leeds. Gaunt, who lives in Cobden Road, decided the group was involved in some fictitious Communist plot. He decided to gather evidence by stealing leaflets and documents from their premises.

But this brave Aryan was not prepared to risk his own liberty by undertaking the task personally. So he persuaded two children, aged 11 and 12, to do it for him. He bribed them with offers of gifts.

The children accepted Gaunt's offer. He kept out of the way when they went into action. They returned later with a number of letters stolen from Red Ladder's premises. Predictably, the letters were worthless.

But Gaunt's plan back-fired further. The letters were missed, and Gaunt had been recognised earlier putting up a poster nearby. He was questioned by police. Gaunt is presumably one of Morrison's white super-race (he is reported to be a member of the "Fuehrer's" elite body guard). So he naturally spilled the beans.

He told police he had panicked and thrown the letters away on a bus. He was fined a total of £31.

Apparently one of the reasons for wishing to do

nasty things to Red Ladder was that the group once insulted his "Fuehrer", Edmond Morrison, in one of their productions.

That reason, at least, is understandable. Morrison is easily insulted, particularly when the truth is told about him. Here are a few truths which have already been published, but which are well worth a re-cap.

Morrison, who is in his late 20's, became involved in racist and fascist organisations about 12 years ago. He joined the old British National Party and was deeply involved when the Party merged with the League of Empire Loyalists to form the National Front in 1967. He was one of 119 people from both organisations to attend the Front's founding conference.

He left the Front after a quarrel with its present leader Martin Webster, having for a time been involved with Nazi Colin Jordan's British Movement.

In Leeds he met self-proclaimed Satanist, Devil-worshipper and Hitlerite David Myatt, a man who claimed to indulge in sacrificing animals.

The two were well-matched and formed the National Democratic Freedom Movement. It was never national, certainly never democratic, and had nothing to do with freedom. The only word in its title which it could claim to deserve was "movement" - but only in relation to the emptying of bowels.

The NDFM was not a success. It did, however, recruit youngsters from the football terraces of Elland Road into its ranks. Morrison's and Myatt's proclaimed intention was to channel the youngsters' existing aggression away from opposition football fans, and use it



instead against Jews, Asians, West Indians, Socialists, Communists, trade unionists and anyone else who did not fit in with their Nazi doctrines.

The gang inflicted numerous nast beatings on its opponents. But otherwise, it flopped, and Morrison decided it should disband. The insane Myatt disappeared, but Morrison re-surfaced a few months later at the head of a new British National Party.

The more disciplined of his band of thugs from the NDFM were still with him, and they continued to spew forth the vile racist, anti-Semitic, anti-democratic, Nazi filth which had been their code a few months earlier.

Violence was, and still is, their hall-mark. Assaults on their opponents - have increased. British National Party members and their friends in the National Front have been recognised and identified at the scene of numerous attacks.

The situation became so serious that Leeds Trades Council delegates presented Home Secretary Merlyn Rees - who represents a Leeds constituency - with a list of about 14 unsolved attacks. Mysteriously, the police seemed to have done little about them, but since Rees became involved police activity seems to have increased. Further court cases are pending.

One possible side-benefit of the court cases may be a reduction in the number of nazi candidates able to stand in local elections (people with criminal records cannot stand as Councillors until a set number of years have passed).

GROUP DISBANDED

Now the BNP has disbanded. According to Mr. John Wood, a BNP spokesman, it decided to disband because of considerable pressure and harassment from the Special Branch and "Group 62". He said they are applying for block membership of the National Front. He hopes the BNP will be able to activate and use the Front's "effective political machinery".

Alternative sources suggest that some old BNP are sticking with Morrison and combining with Colin Jordan's British Movement and Kingsley Read's National Party to form a new party: "the National Democratic Party - no doubt as undemocratic as the rest of the nazi parties.

Police attacked at Front rally

from GEORGE BROCK in Birmingham

TEENAGERS, both black and white, stoned a police cordon during a riot outside a National Front meeting in Birmingham yesterday.

Twenty demonstrators were arrested and 10 policemen taken to hospital at the end of a march from Birmingham city centre to outside Digbeth civic hall in protest against a National Front youth rally there.

A breakaway group of marchers confronted the police cordon surrounding the civic hall and stoning began. The front line of police was immediately issued with plastic riot shields.

Crowds watched as youths broke bricks and paving stones to hurl at the police. A police squad moved up the High Street and after several more stoning incidents the demonstrators dispersed.

Half an hour later a group of 50 white youths chanting 'National Front, National Front' were chased towards the city centre shops by demonstrators. The peaceful section of the march gathered opposite the police cordon and listened to speeches condemning the National Front. About 300 National Front supporters were believed to be inside the hall attending the private meeting.

More than 2,000 policemen from six Midlands forces were on duty. A helicopter and closed circuit television monitored movements. Riot shields, special helmets and goggles were available to the police, who were commanded by Mr. John Radley, Assistant Chief Constable of the West Midlands. Last week he warned local people, particularly children, to stay away from the hall.

Special magistrates' courts were prepared to go into immediate session in case of a large number of arrests. The Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Mr. Philip Knights, and his deputy, Mr. Maurice Buck, were both at the scene.

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RACE: THE GUILTY PRESS

by PAUL FOOT

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TOP TV controllers and newspaper barons are piling in behind Margaret Thatcher to keep up the racist momentum of her recent 'blacks out' demands.

Socialist Worker can reveal three cases where press and television have been used deliberately to promote racist and anti-immigrant arguments.

□ **THE DAILY MAIL**, the leader of the pack, greeted Thatcher's speech by unleashing a 'great debate' on immigration. The Mail promised 'fair' coverage in the debate.

But Socialist Worker can reveal that the Mail's mild-mannered Home Affairs correspondent, Harbey Elliott, was taken off coverage of the immigration 'debate'. His contacts with black leaders made him 'too soft' for the real job the Mail wanted to do.

Instead, the Mail editor summoned Malcolm Stuart, an arch-reactionary and witch-hunter of all forms of socialist and radical opinion.

Stuart's first effort in the 'great immigration debate' was so prejudiced and so inaccurate that even the Mail was forced to apologise.

□ **THE BBC** gave the go-ahead to Wednesday's film 'Behind The Front', which has been accurately described as a 40-minute public relations job for the National Front.

Effect

Nazi NF leaders openly blab their racist horror stories without even being challenged by the interviewers.

Yet, in a BBC internal memorandum reproduced in Socialist Worker this week, the man who gave the programme about Aubrey Singer, Controller of BBC2, turned down a programme about nationalism and fascism because it was biased against racism!

□ Not wanting to be left behind, **INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NEWS** jumped on the bandwagon. On Monday evening, its editors gave prime space to a 'story' about the immigration of fiances which was openly racist in character.

Asian youths lead Anti Nazi demo

WE'RE black, angry and ready to fight to stop racialism and the Nazi NF.

by Hanif Masters and Raj Pancholi, members of Bolton Asian Youth Organisation

That was the message of 700 Bolton Asians, who congregated around the AYO banner to picket the Town Hall on Friday night.

Hundreds of youths supported the call of the AYO and joined the march to the town centre.

The night before the picket the Bolton Evening News gave enormous coverage to traditional Asian leaders who stated that 'The most they can

do to us is to smash our windows and cause physical damage.'

'Most of our members don't know about Friday's NF meeting. We just don't care.' Fortunately the Asian community does care. We won't accept unemployment because we're black and we won't accept any racist abuse or attacks from Nazi NF members.

For several weeks Asian youths toured housing estates, factories, pubs and schools, leafletting and arguing that

Asians should support the picket.

On the day of the meeting an AYO car with loudspeakers toured immigrant areas publicising the march and the NF picket.

Despite heavy policing of immigrant areas on the night with road blocks and spot searches, 700 Asians joined many more hundreds of local people to show that Bolton people, black and white, want no more Nazis in our Town Hall.

Several Asian youths were

arrested on the demonstration. However, the demonstration has developed a tremendous feeling of confidence amongst Asian youths and the AYO is determined to organise a vigorous defence campaign in the Asian community.

Tyndall said at the meeting: that the day the NF take power they will have all the immigrants lined up at the docks and airports ready to send them back.

Sorry, Fuehrer Tyndall, the Asian youth knows all about your Nazi plans.

We do care, and, along with thousands of other socialists, we will smash your Nazi scum every time you come out of your sewers.

The fascists' friend

IN THE 1930s, Daily Mail proprietor Lord Rothermere used his newspaper to support the rising fascist movement led by Sir Oswald Mosley. 'Hurrah for the Blackshirts!' said its headline on 13 January 1934.

Wrote Rothermere 'Hundreds of thousands of young British men and women would like to see their own country develop that spirit of patriotic pride and service which has transformed Germany and Italy.'

All through the 1930s, the paper was friendly to Mussolini and Hitler.

Today, Lord Rothermere lives in racist South Africa. The Daily Mail is owned by his son, Vere Harmsworth. The paper's politics have

hardly changed.

One of the Blackshirts' main policies was the deportation of 'aliens'. They wanted Jewish immigrants thrown out of the country.

This week the Mail started a new campaign: for repatriation of black people. The Mail had a public opinion poll which shows that a lot of black people would like £5000 to go back to the West Indies.

And the idea is planted in the minds of five million readers that perhaps it would 'solve' all our problems if the blacks were sent off 'home'.

The only people who gain are the National Front. The Mail allies itself with the racists—just like the 1930s.



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NAZI POISON



IF YOU'RE FIGHTING FASCISM *Socialist Worker* IS YOUR PAPER



SKAN has just been formed. It stands for Schook Kids Against the Nazis. It's the school students' section of the Anti-Nazi League, and it is run entirely by school students.

It's aim is to combat Nazi propaganda in the schools and to organise school students against the Nazis. We've got a paper called SKAN. For five pence students can read in the first issue about how people got together in the schools to fight the Nazis—all the way from Sheffield to Southampton.

In an article about football, Kevin Jackson writes about Brian Clough. Brian was absolutely right when he described the NF as the scum of the earth, says Kevin. We've got photographs, cartoons and jokes—all written and drawn by school students. So get your copy right away, and help us to fight the Nazis in the schools.

S. Webster 18.2.78

11 police injured as bricks fly at rally

POLICE used riot shields at Birmingham yesterday in a clash with Left-wing demonstrators outside a Young National Front meeting.

About 2,000 anti-National Front demonstrators marched towards Digbeth Civic Hall where the National Front rally was taking place. Several breakaway groups from the procession attacked the police cordon by throwing bricks.

Several demonstrators were arrested by police "snatch squads" and a number of people were hurt by flying bricks.

Sunday Mirror Reporter

Eleven policemen were said to have been injured, mostly by flying bricks.

The violence gradually spread to the side streets around the civic hall.

At least one car was overturned and others were damaged. Many windows were smashed, including the front doors of the Time and Place strip joint.

A police spokesman said that a total of 20 arrests had been made by mid-afternoon. Most

were for threatening behaviour or disorderly conduct.

The police operation was being directed from a helicopter.

It guided police "snatch squads" which moved out from behind the police ranks every 30 often to arrest the ringleaders of the violence.

S. HARRIS 18.2.78

FRONT CHIEF QUIZZED

National Front organiser Martin Webster was called to Scotland Yard today to explain his organisation's plans for a major by-election rally at Ilford, Essex, on Saturday.

The move follows a decision by Metropolitan Commissioner, Sir David McNee, that no political processions are to be allowed throughout London for two months.

The ban, imposed with the consent of the Home Secretary, was immediately dubbed a "political decision" by Mr. Webster, who said Sir David had been "bullied" into it by the Government. Mr. Webster warned that up to 1,500 Front supporters would still turn up in Ilford.

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Unite against NF: Councillor

A call for united opposition against the alleged threat posed by National Socialist organisations such as the National Front was made at a public meeting in Leeds.

Racial, political, religious and other differences should be forgotten, and there should be a united movement of people against the threat, said Coun. Ronald Sedler.

He was speaking to a mainly Jewish gathering at Moortown First School, Shadwell Lane, and he called for people to gain a true understanding of what national socialism means.

Organisations such as the

NF, said Mr. Sedler, appealed to people by saying that they would act immediately on key issues, so therefore opposition had to be "dynamic and bold."

Mr. Sedler said that he was speaking as a socialist and a Jew.

National socialists, he went on, would use constitutional means to achieve power, as they had in Germany and Italy in the past, but their main aim once they had achieved power would be to smash the Labour movement.

Mr. Adrian Sugar, secretary of the Leeds branch of the Anti-Nazi League, which was formed three months ago

and numbers 50 M.P.s and many well-known personalities among its supporters, said that the National Front might appear to be a respectable party.

But, he went on, it was not respectable. It was a Nazi organisation with thugs in its ranks.

"Unless we do something we are going to allow this movement to grow in society," he warned.

Mr. Sugar said his organisation was starting a widespread publicity campaign explaining what the National Front and other similar parties stood for, and was aiming to reach those who the NF aimed to reach.

The National Front

A Personal Account — by a young man who was attacked in Harrogate.

"Three friends of mine from the arab world were walking home with me. I was just saying goodbye to them when a young man walked into our circle and said something I couldn't quite catch, he then thumped Mohammed very hard and squarely on the face.

My three friends then ran up the hill like rabbits out of a fired field.

The young man turned to me and said: "You're alright, you're white." It wasn't bravery that left me standing — it was shock that my fellow man could show such outrageous ignorance.

I suppose I could have meekly walked home but that would have given him all the recognition of his power and his authority that he required, so instead I tried to reason with him: "Why?" I asked "did you have to do that?" He's black," was his reply. "Last week my brother got beaten up by sixteen Pakis in Bradford." He then went on to say, "I'm from the national front and we hate Blacks."

I tried to explain that the

people he had just attacked probably weren't even related, either by race or country, to the people who attacked his brother; and, although I didn't condone the actions of those people, surely he could see that the way he was reacting was bound to make a bad situation worse?

The conversation took us over the road to where a crowd of people had assembled. He was joined by a friend. It didn't take me long to discover that I was standing on dangerous ground; he was talking excitedly and expounding the views of the National Front. "But we're living on one earth." I appealed, "We're all part of the human race."

I couldn't believe it — he was hitting me. I tried to make a run for it, but didn't get very far.

They were hitting me very hard so I started lashing out with some vague hope of defending myself. What exactly happened from then on is difficult for me to recollect as it was my head that sustained most of the injuries.

I was told later by a reliable eye-witness that the man was hitting me until I fell to the ground. He then started kicking me in the head, at which point his friend decided to join in. The first man got tired, so the second

man continued kicking me until he also got tired, so he propped me up against the wall and hit me in the face. I ended up on the ground again so it was back to the kicking of the head for both of them.

I remained reasonably conscious to the end and somehow made my way home. I vaguely remember crawling along the pavement, trying to pull myself along by wall and hedge.

Later investigation revealed a broken nose and damage to my jaw and cheekbone. It was thought at one point that permanent damage to my eye could be caused by the healing of my cheekbone. However, I healed up okay and though my eye has some small permanent damage I'm thankful that I can still see clearly.

This attack took place on the night of 16th December 1977, a day after John Tyndall, Chairman of the National Front, spoke to a meeting in Harrogate. He covered a number of racist and political points. In reply to a question about the National Front and soccer hooliganism, he replied that he would rather have a nation of football hooligans than a nation of "puffs".

From Harrogate Ferret.



Attacked in Harrogate - see above.

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CLAIMS by the National Front to have "infiltrated" in a big way the railway trade unions in Leeds, are being treated with scepticism by other railway workers.

Mr. Dennis Skingle, the Front's national secretary, admitted last week to the existence of the "National Front Railwaymen's Association" which intends to use "secret methods of infiltration similar to those used by the communists".

Mr. Skingle claims to have hundreds of members on the

London railways, and scores in Leeds, Bristol and Manchester. "Leeds is our third biggest area. We have many members in the Neville Hill depot and at Leeds City Station," he added.

One Leeds railway worker told Leeds Other Paper that the Front did seem to have "quite a few" members at the local depots. "There is very little official activity on their part", he added. "They seem to be mainly noticeable by the amount of graffiti they put up, especially in the

bogs."

Not that graffiti lasts long without being modified or scrubbed out. "Nazi bastard" is the usual addition. Other comments are unprintable.

So far, when Front members have emerged into the open from their graffiti warfare, they have been given a rough time. "We had one at the Holbeck depot, and he was out of a job inside three weeks," we were told.

Perhaps if the Front are forced to limit their "infiltration" to the toilets they may, in time, flush themselves.

NF power bid in rail union

NUPE locks the fascists out and NALGO lets them in

When the National Front tried to hold a meeting in Birstall, near Batley recently they found no-one to open the doors. The National Union of Public Employees had decided to ban opening halls for Front meetings.

The National Front were further frustrated when it was also discovered that the locks had been jammed. However, a Kirklees Council official belonging to a

different union, NALGO, climbed in through a window and let them in by the back door.

NUPE have complained officially to NALGO over this. Apart from the morality involved, a NALGO member has effectively scabbed on another union's decision. It was not as if NALGO could claim ignorance of the ban. They had sent NUPE a letter of support prior to the Front meeting

WRIGHT OF THE RIGHT

Veteran Leeds right-winger Robert Wright, has been travelling further afield lately, it seems.

York Anti-Fascist Alliance are watching his activities in the city closely after his declared aim to throw his weight behind the National Front in what he sees as a significant Left-Right battle in York.

Although not himself a member of the Front, Wright is known as a strong sympathiser and was a member of Mosley's Black Shirts in the thirties.

Wright's main role in York is reported to be as a sort of agent provocateur. He acts as spokesman for what he calls the British Patrials Association — in his own words "a very nebulous organisation" which issues no membership cards, asking only for allegiance to the ethnic British race.

The so-called Patrials have in the past, canvassed for the National Front at elections in the city. The Anti-Fascist Alliance acted on information that the Patrials were meeting at the

Friends Meeting House in the city under an assumed name. They have since been banned by the Friends, following an Alliance picket.

Now Wright is waging a publicity war, winning many column inches in the press with claims that he is reporting the Friends to the Race Relations Board for alleged discrimination against Whites.

He has sought to intimidate the left by sending what he calls "restraining orders to people who he believes are 'harbouring' York Anti-Fascist Alliance. But these "restraining orders", which are just photocopies of a Race Relations Board complaint form, have been described by the Race Board as worth no more than the paper they are printed on.

Yet, says the Alliance, one York pub has banned all meetings, including Friends of the Earth, York 2000, and the Socialist Workers Party, from meeting there after receiving one of Wright's "restraining orders".

SIR David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, acted wisely in banning the National Front's Ilford march.

So did Merlyn Rees, our sensible Home Secretary, in supporting him too. Predictably, the Communists are furious. Why?

Because the ban is on ALL political processions in London for two months. This means that Communists, Socialist Workers and other Left-Wing extremists will also be debarred from demonstrating in the streets.

Naturally, the Communists and their ilk think they are in some way superior to the National Front.

Yet they are the slavish followers of the Kremlin, which ruthlessly imprisons countless Russians for their political beliefs, and persecutes the Jews.

Sir David McNee could not possibly have banned the National Front's political procession without banning all political processions. The National Front may be a pretty nasty lot, but they are not illegal.

And it is absurd to say that political processions are an essential part of our democracy.

No one is banned from holding public meetings where reasoned arguments and not shouting are the main agenda.

No one is banned from distributing their political propaganda.

A political procession presents no arguments at all. It is intended as a show of strength.

Unfortunately, these shows of strength provoke others to prove that they are even stronger. They tend to come along for a punch-up. Both sides of the punch-up then get publicity, which is what they are looking for.

They do not give a damn that ordinary non-politically-minded citizens are prevented from using the streets.

Before the war there was a famous march from Jarrow to London by the unemployed. That was absolutely legitimate.

It was a demonstration to the richer South that human beings in the North East were having a very rough time.

That sort of demonstration is wholly different from the kind mounted by International Socialists and the National Front.

What Sir David McNee is concerned about is keeping violence off the London streets.

Everyone has the democratic right to go about his business without fear of being hit by a flying stone.

NEXT TIME somebody starts up about the black hordes flooding into Britain, you might do well to remember these figures.

In 1976-7 13,000 more people died than were born in England and Wales. The previous year the difference was 5,000. There was also a net outflow of 41,000 people due to migration in the year ending last June.

FIFTEEN NF Nazis turned up in High Wycombe shopping centre to sell their offensive newspaper. Within an hour the Socialist Workers Party had arranged a counter-demonstration which caused the police to move on the NF for their own safety.

The next week 80 anti-fascists were present to stop the NF selling but the master race had fearlessly moved to Marlow, a small town nearby.

We now have arrangements for a flying picket to make sure they can't sell in High Wycombe or Marlow—or the village cattle farm for that matter!

MARGARET THATCHER has a new admirer, one David Duke, a Louisiana Ku Klux Klan member. He likes her stand on immigration. "I think there are going to be more developments along this line as racialsists get more power", he said. Are you listening out there in Toryland?

'USE OLD LAWS AGAINST FRONT'

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir David McNee was today urged to invoke old and rarely-used Common Law offences of unlawful assembly and rout if the National Front assembles in strength in Ilford tomorrow.

The call came from lawyer Mr. John Ryman, Labour member for Blyth.

The offence of rout is committed when people try to commit an act which would make them rioters if the act was carried out.

Meanwhile, anti-Front demonstrators are being instructed to "cool it" in Ilford.

Mr. Peter Hain, spokesman for the Anti-Nazi League, said today: "We are determined to show that the National Front's racistist poison can be countered in a peaceful, but nevertheless impact-making way."

"We will be instructing our 2,000 plus supporters to co-operate fully with the police at all times and to avoid any punch-up situations."

"Our supporters will first be dispersed in small groups in local streets, and then converge on the meeting for a peaceful demonstration. We will be obeying the terms of the ban."

E. POST 24.2.78

For the Fatherland?

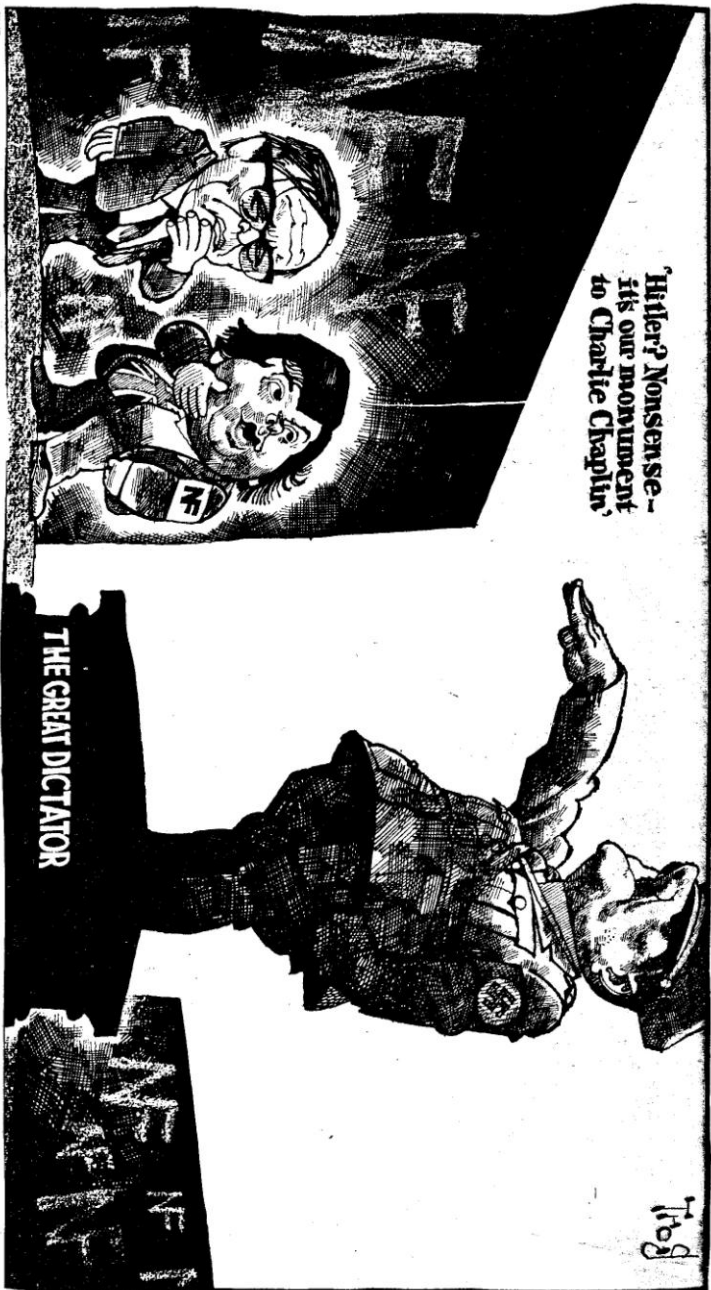
STUDENTS attending a meeting in London on the repression of students in West Germany got an unpleasant surprise on Saturday. The meeting in the Friends House, Euston, which had been threatened several times over

the phone, was visited by three coachloads of Nazi National Front members.

Could it have been out of some curious affection for the country where 30 years ago fascism scored its greatest success?

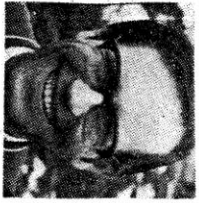
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**'Hitler? Nonsense -
It's our monument
to Charlie Chaplin'**



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Fear and hatred over race — By Yorks Bishop



Bishop Young

Politicians are playing a "dangerous and possibly destructive" game on immigration, a Yorkshire bishop warned today.

There had been a tremendous swing of popular support to the Tory party following Mrs. Thatcher's remarks on immigration a fortnight ago, said the Rt. Rev. David Young (46), Bishop of Ripon.

"We must say to politicians

"You are playing a dangerous game. You are fostering emotions and feelings of prejudice, fear, and hatred which can only be destructive to our society."

"What Mrs. Thatcher said about immigration control was unobjectionable. What she was heard to say was something quite different. Here is a threat. We will help you to resist it," said the bishop.

He told the Ripon Diocesan

Synod. In a presidential address: "In the case of the National Front, there has in the past been a deliberate policy directed towards the arousal of hatred and violent feelings towards immigrants and there is no evidence to show this policy has changed."

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"Whether deliberately or not, politicians are playing with explosive emotions.

They must be warned and we must be warned that what they are doing is dangerous and possibly destructive."

"Immigration control is a peripheral issue. What we need is discussion on the multi-racial society and its opportunities, how to make it work."

Meanwhile, up to 5,000 policemen were on duty in Hford today as the National Front and their left-wing

opponents took to the streets in companions for next week's by-election.

Police were also setting up special charging centres to cater for arrested demonstrators.

Hford was a town living in fear as shopkeepers barricaded themselves in against violence. Hardly a shop was without boarded-up windows, and about half the shops had not opened at all.

E. RST
25.2.78

Police arrests in Ilford clashes

from IAN MATHER, ROBIN LUSTIG and KEVIN O'LONE in Ilford

POLICE made 30 arrests during minor scuffles yesterday near the school at Ilford where the National Front held an election meeting. But there were no major clashes between Left and Right before the meeting began.

Leaders of the Anti-Nazi League accused police of breaking a clear agreement to allow a peaceful picket outside the school.

About 500 demonstrators, supporting the League, were being contained by a police cordon about 150 yards from the school when police asked them to clear the road. As stewards tried to persuade demonstrators to obey, police reinforcements waded into the crowd and forced them to the side of Fremantle Road. It was then the first arrests were made.

Mr Peter Hain, the Anti-Nazi League's press officer, said a formal protest would be made to the Metropolitan Police. 'We had a clear agreement with them, and they broke it,' he said.

The organising secretary of the League, Mr Paul Holborough, said: 'We will not be provoked, neither by the police nor by anyone else.'

A few missiles were thrown but the demonstrators shouted angrily to one another to keep the peace. All roads surrounding the school were blocked off by strong cordons of police two or three deep. Heavy rain forced many of the demonstrators away from the police line.

Police had taken over Ilford County Boys High School shortly after pupils went home on Friday. They set up cameras on the roof of a block of flats overlooking the school and posted men at all the gates.

Some 200 National Front supporters gathered in Elmbridge Road, Hainault, two miles from the school. Groups arrived by coach or on foot and were briefed by Mr Martin Webster, the Front's national activities organiser.

He instructed them to break up into groups of four or five while leafletting houses and to avoid provocation at all costs. 'The Reds are going all out to try to provoke you to get into trouble. If you get shouted at, ignore it. Just bite your lip. You will regard it as a success if you get through the day without being arrested.'

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The area the front chose to canvass is a housing estate with very few coloured people. Labour Party posters were prominent in some windows, but it is known that the Front have been concentrating on this area during the election campaign.

The Front revealed its plans to meet in Elmbridge Road only at 12.30 p.m.

Earlier, more than 1,500 anti-National Front demonstrators fanned out through Ilford distributing leaflets describing the Front as Nazi.

The mass leafletting by the Anti-Nazi League was designed to take the place of a planned march cancelled after the police ban announced last week.

Organiser Paul Holborough told a rally: 'We have no alternative but not to allow those responsible for propagating race hatred and Nazi ideals to infiltrate the streets of Ilford unchallenged.'

Police warned demonstrators that anyone carrying banners would be arrested.

Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, visited Barking-side police station at midday.

Seven candidates are fighting the by-election which will be held on Thursday.

THE RIGHT TO BAN MARCHES

THE marching season has begun early. The temptations of a pre-election year have been too much for the never over-sensitive consciences of the National Front. First the Midlands, yesterday the Ilford by-election, and now we are threatened with the most provocative march imaginable—a promenade down Ladbroke Grove during the Notting Hill Carnival on August Bank Holiday, with the helpful theme of 'stop immigration, start repatriation.'

Mr Martin Webster, the Front's National Organiser, makes no secret of his objective in August—to force the Home Secretary to ban the carnival: 'It is a scandal to ban us while the muggers have had a free hand for the past two years. We want to demonstrate to the Government, the police and community relations people that this banning exercise is very much a two-way weapon. We want to make them see the logic of their position.'

Regretfully, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, supported by Mervyn Rees, was right to ban yesterday's march in Ilford. This show of force in the middle of a by-election in a racially sensitive area, with substantial immigrant and Jewish populations, was intended to stir up trouble.

It is true that the National Front itself would probably not have started the physical violence. Even its chop logic can comprehend the fact that those who kiss the fascies cannot afford to attack policemen. But its aim of provoking a fight between the rowdies of the Socialist Workers' Party and the police is too apparent to be argued about. The veneer of law-and-order to which the National Front, unlike the SWP, subscribes, ought not to deceive anybody: this is an organisation devoted to the subversion of Britain's democratic and liberal order.

The need to ban its most provocative demonstrations does create logical problems. For example, while the Front will pay at least lip-service to a police ban, the SWP in similar circumstances probably would not. If the police had to enforce a ban against the SWP, they might find themselves in the kind of damaging confrontation into which the RUC was enticed in the early years of the Ulster crisis. That might suck English police—particularly in immigrant areas and the East End of London, where anti-police feeling already exists—into the web of arrests, snatch squads, allegations of brutality, imprisonments and mock martyrs that have bedevilled Northern Ireland.

But this is an argument for using the power to ban or control marches flexibly and subtly, not an excuse for abdicating control of the streets to bully-boys of Right and Left, who put ordinary citizens in fear. In doing this, they can still act with manifest reasonableness—not preventing the Front from marching to their heart's content in some isolated place like Hyde Park, for example.

But what of the SWP? Here, as with the Front, a prudent police officer must always be guided by what is most likely to preserve the peace, rather than by any political consideration. Thus, he ought not allow himself to be cornered, when considering a ban, into the kind of artificial balance that is required, for example, by the Independent Broadcasting Authority in vetting political programmes.

Like most people, THE OBSERVER finds the rule of the fist and the boot just as obnoxious when it is exercised by the far Left as when it comes from their kindred spirits on the Right. The sight of hundreds of young Trotskyists, monotonously chanting 'Callaghan, out, out, out' at the dictation of a bull-horn, is not an edifying manifestation of democracy. But it is artificial balance to assume that a demonstration intended to savage the Labour Government's record on unemployment, for example, is as likely to provoke disorder as one in an immigrant area which noisily advocates repatriation.

So the power to ban should be exercised sparingly on both sets of political extremists. The over-riding criterion must be: Will a ban or a re-routing make disorder more or less likely? It is not sensible to impose bans whose enforcement will lead to greater disorder. The police are normally in the best position to judge.



What the press and television didn't show. Police move in to make mass arrests of black youths.

THE BIRMINGHAM BIRCHER SIDES WITH FASCISTS

BIRMINGHAM woke on Monday morning to the hideous cry of the Birmingham Bircher.

Freda Cox, the city's Tory mayor, had said it was time to bring back the birch for the young people who demonstrated against the Young National Front meeting in the city centre.

Perhaps it is Freda Cox who should be birched. Her council gave permission to the young fascists to meet in Digbeth Civic Hall. Her decision cost the ratepayers £75,000.

Enormous convoys of police piled in around Digbeth to protect the fascists. Inside the hall, NF landowner Andrew Fountaine said a youth movement was necessary to 'face the opposition with all necessary force'.

MENACE

That's the *only* reason for the National Front to exist. Like all fascist forces they are organised to increase violence, first against the racial minorities, then against all protest and free speech.

Thousands of black and white young people marched against this menace in their city last weekend. The police used the crowd to test out their

latest riot equipment. The riot shields were drawn and held provocatively *before* any violence took place.

The police made many random arrests, especially of young black people.

The demonstration was worthwhile. The Nazis were forced to crawl in the Digbeth by the back door. There were only about 130 of them, and most of them were old hacks who are trundled from meeting to meeting.

The Front were set back by the demonstration. Next time they appear, they will have to face bigger and stronger resistance.

2. Webster 25.2.78

Thatcher is recruiting for NF — Healey

Tory leader Margaret Thatcher was this afternoon accused of recruiting for the National Front.

In a bitter attack at a news conference for Thursday's Ifford North by-election, Chancellor Denis Healey said Labour was concentrating on uniting the country.

Mrs. Thatcher had recognised she could not hope to fight and win the election on economic issues, and would do her utmost to damage confidence in the country.

"Therefore she is seeking to appeal to some of the baser elements in the human constitution and to arouse emotions of hate and fear which she feels, cleverly exploited, might bring her party gains.

"The general policy she is following is that of a recruiting officer for the National Front.

E. Ross 22.2.78

REES

WARNS FRONT

By DAVID THOMPSON and MARK DOWDNEY
WATCH IT! That was Merlyn Rees' blunt message last night to National Front's Martin Webster.

The Home Secretary made clear in the Commons that the full weight of the law will be used to keep order in the flashpoint London by-election at Lambeth Central.

One in four of the families in Brixton, which is in the constituency, is coloured.

And at the weekend the NF said they planned to mobilise their forces in the campaign.

Mass

Speaking at Ifford on Saturday night — when 5,000 police had turned out to keep the NF and their opponents apart — Mr. Webster said: "If they think this by-election is a hot potato, wait until we put up a candidate in Brixton."

Many MPs, not all of them Labour, fear that if the NF rally their supporters from all over the country there could be a

Poll war feared

serious fight in the constituency.

Speaking in a law-and-order debate last night, Mr. Rees said it was unlikely that the Government would change the Public Order Act, under which the NF march in Ifford was banned.

It was for the police, and not politicians, to decide whether a particular march should be called off.

Then, quoting the remarks by Mr. Webster, the Home Secretary said ordinary people of the area had a right to go about their business.

Mr. Rees went on: "I say to the man." — and

he meant Mr. Webster, "if that is a threat he makes I say on behalf of the Government 'Watch it!'"

"At the end of the day the mass of people will decide that there is going to be peace on the streets and people of that nature are not going to determine what is going to happen."

Liberal leader David Steel later warned voters not to be fooled by the National Front.

Their ultimate aim, he said, was to turn Britain into a totalitarian racist state patterned on Hitler's Third Reich.

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The NF won't like it, said the police

IS THIS sticker inflammatory? Would it make any normal human being attack people selling it on the streets?

Of course not, but the National Front are not normal human beings. They are a Nazi terror group, a danger to freedom in this country.

Who says so? Well, the police for a start.

The British Leprosy Relief Association (LEPRA)



were holding a flag day the same time as the Young NF's rally in Birmingham city centre.

Just before the weekend LEPRA were told by the police that they could not guarantee the safety of the charity's children helpers who would be selling the flags, because the Front might object to a flag which showed a black head!

LEPRA, not surprisingly, called off their flag day. LEPRA won't have a chance to raise funds by such activities for another

year. Socialist Worker hopes that the hatemongers of the NF feel proud of stopping caring men and women trying to help the sufferers of this terribly disease.

We also wonder why the police can spend an estimated £75,000 defending the NF, yet can't afford half a dozen policemen to stop any intimidation of LEPRA members.



Part of the 5000-strong anti-Nazi demonstration in Birmingham—the NF were outnumbered! 30-11

S. WOLFER 28.2.77

STOP THE NAZIS IN ILFORD

REDBRIDGE Council has given the Nazi National Front a huge boost and hurled the most flagrant insult in the face of the town's immigrant community. They have banned an Anti-Nazi League Rally which was due to take place this Thursday in a school in the town.

Incredibly, they are allowing the NF to set off on their most provocative march yet FROM THE VERY SAME

SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE ANTI-RACISTS HAVE BEEN BANNED!

This Saturday, Britain's New Nazis intend to goose-step arrogantly through London's largest Jewish community. Leading their planned insult to the people of Ilford will be Hitler-worshipper John Tyndall.

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees has still not pronounced on whether the Nazis open provocation will be allowed to go ahead. But 50,000 leaflets

and 25,000 posters issued in East London are calling for a massive mobilisation of all anti-fascists to STOP the National Front.

On Saturday morning there will be a protest parade by taxis through the area. Organiser Joe Simmons said 'This is a display of opposition to the fascists by the taxi-drivers ... to those who say we will be causing disruption, I say that we had six years of fascist disruption not so long ago.'

With Enoch Powell and

Margaret Thatcher, and now the local Tory Council aiding the Nazis, it is up to US to spell out the anti-Nazi message. THEY MUST BE STOPPED.

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KU KLUX KLAN boss David Duke slipped unnoticed into Britain yesterday.

Only a fortnight ago, Home Secretary Merlyn Rees said any Klan leader trying to enter the country would be detained.

Duke, Grand Wizard of a break-away sect of the hooded racist Klan, declined to say whether he had arrived by air or sea — but he said his passport had been examined and he had not been questioned.

He plans to tour our big cities

The Home Office said last night that it was investigating Duke's entry into Britain.

He announced his arrival in a telephone call to the Daily Mirror. He said he had come to Britain to organise Ku Klux Klan activities here.

Duke, 27, refused to say where he was except that he was calling from a South London telephone box.

"I had no trouble getting into the country," he said. "In fact it is amazing to think I should have when they let in Communists and allow non-whites to come here — even to live."

"I am after all a descendant of the British."

Duke said he would be visiting "Klaverns" in London, Birmingham, Coventry and Brighton.

He also claimed he was working with the National Front, although the Front said members working with him would be expelled.

Duke said he wanted to correct the Hollywood image of the Klan. "I want to make it clear the Klan does not stand for violence," he said.

"I want to represent it as it really is, with true ideals."

He claimed the Klan had a strong underground membership in Britain, which was working to stop non-white immigration into the country and to repatriate non-whites already here.

British Klansmen, Duke said, had to keep their allegiance secret.

"But our members are organised, dedicated and growing fast," he said.

The Klan even claims to have support among politicians.

"There are a lot in Britain who recognise the truth, but they can't mention it because it would be political suicide, especially at the moment," said Duke.

Ambitious

The Klan, said Duke, was more ambitious than the National Front. "They believe Britain should be first, last and always."

"The Klan thinks more of a world-wide racial viewpoint. All white people should unite and work for their interests, their values and their ideals."

Mr. Rees imposed his ban on Klan leaders entering Britain after protests from MPs about the planned visit of Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson.

Frankie pledges support

International entertainer Frankie Vaughan pledged his support to the newly-formed Leeds Anti-Nazi League and announced that he would be appearing in a big London concert to raise money for the League's national funds.

Mr. Vaughan (pictured right with Mr. Adrian Sugar, secretary of Leeds Anti-Nazi League) said he was "sick" to see people who have committed to racialism and everything that went with it.

Addressing a Press conference held by the Leeds branch, he said: "I have got to speak from my heart and I have got to speak out against it."

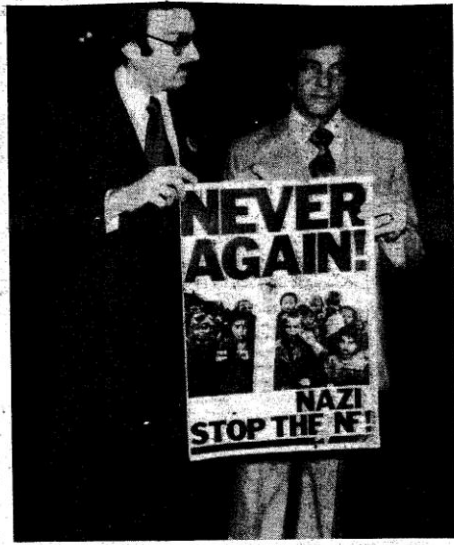
He was disturbed at the young people who were being drawn into racist movements. He believed that in Germany before the last war there were many prominent people, including Jews, who could not believe the predictions about what was going to happen.

Mr. Sugar said they had received pledges of support from many people, including the leaders of the Labour and Liberal groups on Leeds City Council, leading local trade unionists and entertainers with connections in the area.

In his view the National Front was no more respectable than Hitler's Nazis.

Among the events arranged to raise money to combat the literature and voice of the National Front was a concert at the Hammersmith Odeon in London on April 16.

It was hoped in the Leeds area to organise a number of meetings to combat the influence of the National Front. The League would undertake to carry out peaceful demonstrations against any National Front



E. Post 2 3 78

Man stabbed in NF battle

A National Front social evening broke up in disorder early today when several supporters began fighting among themselves. One man is in hospital with a stab wound to the lung and liver and two other men were treated for cuts to faces.

Fighting broke out about

1.20 a.m. at the Oak Tree Inn in Western Avenue, Acton, West London, as the Front's pre-Lford North by-election dance and social evening was at its height.

There was a brisk start to the by-election polling under grey skies and in a fine drizzle. Labour is defending a 77% majority.

Students condemn Front

The Students' Union at a Yorkshire college has condemned the National Front for using a charity week procession as a cover for distributing racist literature.

Gary Pearson, a member of the charity week committee at Ilkley College, said: "The National Front used our procession as a cover for their own activities."

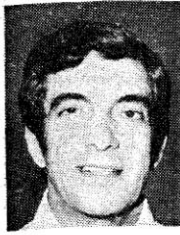
They distributed their leaflets and the National Front newspaper as we marched through the town.

A National Front official said the literature had been handed out in Ilkley because a week earlier a local religious group had collected hundreds of names for a petition against the Front.

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MY GOLDEN GREAT OF HATE BY FRANKIE



Frankie... I will fight

SINGER Frankie Vaughan told yesterday of the shame he feels over his latest pop award.

For his golden disc carries a Union Jack.

And now the flag reminds Frankie only of the National Front.

He said: "It makes me sick when the National Front try to hold up the Union Jack as their emblem.

"When I see the flag now it gives me a feeling of horror."

Frankie won the disc for the success

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By MIRROR REPORTER

of his 100 Golden Greats album.

He said: "I am proud of being British. My tax is such that I would not be living here if I was not proud of the fact.

"But while I am here I am prepared to fight for what I believe in." The high-kicking Jewish singer stamped on the Front when he helped launch a branch of their Anti-Nazi League in Leeds.

Frankie, a member of the League, vowed to fight the Front and race-hate even if it cost him his career.

He said death-threats failed to silence him when he spoke out about the plight of youngsters in Glasgow slums.

Realise

"And on this occasion, when I fully realise it might not do my career any good, the National Front is something I can't sit quiet about."

Frankie is taking part in an all-star show in London next month to raise funds for the Anti-Nazi League.

Klansman Duke—all quiet in Yorks

Police Special Branch officers in Leeds and Bradford today said they had no reason to believe that American Ku Klux Klan "Grand Wizard" David Duke had visited or planned to visit Yorkshire.

Leeds and Bradford are reported to be on a visiting list drawn up for Duke by an extremist Right Wing group because of the high immigrant populations.

Duke (27), flew unnoticed into Britain two days ago, despite a ban on the entry of any Klan leader by Home Secretary and Leeds MP, Mr. Merlyn Rees.

Duke, who is reported to be staying at a Brighton boarding house, has claimed to have presided over two initiation ceremonies of British Klan converts, spoken to eight groups of British Klan sympathisers and addressed pro-Klan students at ultra-Liberal Sussex University, since his arrival here.

On a visit to Rawdon, near Leeds, yesterday, Mr. Rees said that he was not concerned about Duke. "We are on to this man and we shall find out who he is and why he is here, but it is Wilkinson we are interested in," he commented.

Mr. Rees was referring to Bill Wilkinson, the Klan's "Imperial Wizard" and leader of the main body of the KKK in America. He has announced several times that he intends visiting Britain to set up Klan cells.

Duke has claimed to be working in close co-operation with the National Front, but this has been denied, both by national officials, and yesterday by the Yorkshire Area organiser, Mr. Andrew Brons.



David Duke

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Whizz off!

Home Secretary Mr. Merlyn Rees was today urged to hold a top-level inquiry to discover how banned Ku Klux Klan Imperial Grand Wizard Bill Wilkinson apparently managed to slip into Britain unnoticed.

Mr. Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Nelson and Colne, made the demand as anger mounted over the "scandal" that a second Klan chief has entered the country.

The first, David Duke, a rival Klan leader, is planning to fight the deportation order.

Mr. Hoyle said of Wilkinson: "The sooner we get him out the better. The best thing to do with this wizard is to whizz him away."

E. Post 18 3 78

Pity the poor, persecuted Nazis...

by GEOFF PARKER

WHAT HAVE these in common: James Callaghan, Stalin, Clement Attlee, the Special Branch, Denis Healey.

Answer: they are all Jews. At least according to the diseased mind responsible for three National Front leaflets.

They were sent to the Rev Leslie Hardman, a former Jewish chaplain who was one of the first to enter the Belzen concentration camp after the war, and one of those who had to help to bury its 50,000 dead. There was a fire-bomb attempt on his home last year.

The leaflets contain such statements as "Hitler, however, had rid Germany of such deadly Jew control" and "The Jews fabricated the myth that the Germans exterminated six million Jews".

The leaflets call on us to join the NF, but even speak of the

need to 'kick out the Jews who are infiltrating it.'

A devious conspiracy indeed which packs the Nazi NF with Jewish recruits!

John Tyndall and Martin Webster say their Nazi pasts were 'delusions of youth.'

Oh, really?

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Why did the ILEA jump for the Nazis?

A 16-YEAR-OLD member of the Socialist Workers Party slams the racism of a film to be shown in London schools. A picket of three dozen youths is organised.

A wave of publicity then hits the national press.

Headmasters of all Inner London Education Authority schools are warned that the film has had complaints—though it isn't mentioned that the complaint has come from one SWP member.

Incredible? Of course it is. But this is exactly how the press and the ILEA reacted to the Youth National Front's vile campaign against an education film showing the problems of a young couple.

He is black, she is white and pregnant. The film, Somebody's Daughter, was called 'sickening poison' by the National Front.



Webster: Survived

Old folk's dance — three hurt

A PARTY broke up in disorder last week at a pub in Acton, West London. It had been booked in the name of 'The old-folks of East Acton'.

But in fact it was a Nazi National Front social, attended by Martin Webster and John Tyndall. In a touch of the usual Blackshirt boisterousness, two men were slashed in the face and one stabbed in the chest and stomach.

Socialist Worker dismisses as malicious rumour the story that the violence came during the Eric Rohm Memorial Trophy weasel torturing contest.

By the way, wouldn't Martin Webster's assurances that his party is a non-violent, baby-kissing, jovial affair be more plausible if he hadn't been seen running down the road in pursuit of a good scrap?

Better start that diet, Marty baby, you might get there next time.

In the wake of the publicity caused by the young Nazis' objections to the film, Trevor Jagger, staff inspector of secondary education, warned all headmasters to watch the film before showing it to their pupils.

Jagger said there had been complaints—he didn't mention they had come from one loud-mouthed young Nazi!

This appalling lack of guts and conviction by those who run our education service leaves many question marks over Jagger's handling of the case.

Why did Jagger take seriously the 'Voice of British Youth' when it showed no real support? In the event it could only muster about 30 for its picket of the ILEA, outnumbered more than five to one by anti-racists.

Why did he not say the criticisms of the programme had come from one YNF member?

Why did it warn the heads about the content of the film—and not about the YNF's threats to disrupt schools?

THE LAW IS AN ASS — A RACIST ASS!

CAN the law be used against racists? If you think so take a look at these cases.

Five anti-racists are being charged under the Representation of the People Act for handing out leaflets calling on people not to vote National Front.

There is a picket of the court when the five come up, Wednesday 15 March, 10am, Norwich Guild Hall. Donations and messages to Steve Cherry, 14, Edinburgh Road, Norwich.

Danny McNee, secretary of Leeds Right to Work Campaign, is charged under the Public Order Act for organising a leafletting campaign to expose the activities of Edmund Morrison, member of the openly Nazi British National Party.

The leaflets called for

Morrison's removal from his job at the Department of Employment, where he would have had access to the files of the black and Jewish people he hates. The campaign was successful.

Albert Chalmers, a British Movement member who has been photographed in full Nazi uniform in the News of the World, has been acquitted of committing grievous bodily harm. The charge arose from an attack by six Nazis on three socialists outside the Blade Bone pub in East London in November 1976.

The Appeal Court has ruled that an advertisement in the Daily Mail recruiting nurses for a South African hospital with 'all white patients' does not break the Race Relations Act.

SWP candidate chosen

THE Socialist Workers Party will be standing a candidate in the coming parliamentary by-election in Lambeth Central, in South West London. Our candidate will be Tony Bagues, editor of the SWP black workers' paper Flame. Tony came to Britain from Jamaica 18 months ago.

He will be standing as a Flame/SWP candidate on a platform of 'Black self-defence is no offence' and complete opposition to immigration controls. Race and immigration are certain to be the key issue in the election. The Nazi National Front is also planning to stand a candidate.



OH, Mrs. Whitehouse, what shall we do? I wanted to be a socialist but they made me a Nazi too!

An unpleasant creature has crawled out from the slime of a Cornish bog. Its name is Adrian Cooper, the Cornwall secretary of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, and incidentally, chairman of Cornwall National Front.

He told the Sunday People: 'In my case aren't the Viewers Association and the National Front really in the same struggle over many of our aims?'

Quite.

TWO alleged National Front members in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, Simon McAndrew and Stephen Wheatley, have showed once more their party's love of democracy and debate. They formed an Anti-Asian Squad, throwing bricks through windows and staring fires on doorsteps.

MORE THAN 200 schoolkids chased away three Nazi NF supporters who were trying to hand out their filth outside Chanley High School in Ipswich. On the local radio the NF claimed the leafletters 'left because they were cold and the leaflets were torn out of their hands because the kids were eager to read them!'

With an imagination like that who needs science fiction!

THE ANTI-Nazi League is holding a concert at the Hammersmith Odeon on Sunday 16 April from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a sketch by Johnny Speight, writer of the TV series 'Till Death Do Us Part'.

Among the performers giving their services will be: Elkie Brooks, Billy Connolly, Annie Ross, Miriam Karlin, Alexis Korner and Alex Glasgow.

CONGRATULATIONS to Reading Council. They have banned all future NF meetings from council property.

An enthusiastic picket of 25 members of Reading Schoolkids Against the Nazis were outside the meeting demanding the ban.



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'ELLO, 'ello, 'ello, what's going on here then?
Two hundred anti-racists dancing through the streets of High Wycombe against the Nazi National Front a week ago, that's what.

police station, the march was a clear message to the Nazis: Keep out!

That evening a Rock Against Racism concert saw the NF trying to get their revenge. A Hell's Angel jumped on the stage to announce that a group of Nazis were trying to get in. The band, Crisis, immediately announced an interval while the audience of 300 chased off the unwelcome guests!

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Twelve very worried Nazis were persuaded to stop selling their evil literature in the town centre. Despite the police arresting several marchers and beating them up in the

Bookshop Attack

Two broken windows were the Easter presents to one Leeds bookshop, and extreme right wing political elements are thought to be responsible. The bookshop, Corner Bookshop on Woodhouse Lane, sells a wide range of books but specialises in feminist publications.

Between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock on Easter Monday two stones were hurled through two of the shop windows, and a brick appears to have bounced off a third. Police were first to notice what had happened and one of the people who run the shop suggested a right wing organisation was involved. "I wouldn't be surprised if it was," commented the policeman.



A known Leeds fascist has visited the shop recently, where he bought, amongst other things, a copy of the anti-fascist magazine 'Searchlight'.

This is hardly the first attack on bookshops in the area. The Gay Information Centre in Woodhouse Lane has often had its windows smashed. In Bradford, the Fourth Idea bookshop has had all its windows smashed, and in Leeds an working at the Northern Star bookshop had an iron bar put over his head by fascists last year.



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CONTEH JOINS ANL

JOHN CONTEH, light-heavyweight champion of the world, until stripped of the title after a series of clashes with the Boxing authorities (you couldn't wish to meet a nicer bunch of men), has signed up with the Anti-Nazi

League.

It's no surprise that a man who grew up in Liverpool, and who fought racists as a matter of immediate personal protection, should sign up—even if he is a star now.

The surprise came when he

was asked why he spent so long studying the ANL literature.

Apparently he wanted to make sure that there was nothing violent about the organisation.

Festival of Fear — for fascists!

'THIS CARNIVAL will be massively supported by the unemployed, school and college students, trade unionists, black and white alike.

'Through the Carnival, the music and the festival we want to show that if we organise together, the future belongs to us and not the evil racism of the Nazis.'

That was how Paul Holborrow, Organising Secretary of the Anti-Nazi League spoke about the Carnival.

'We want it to be a powerful expression by young people and trade unionists against the Nazis in the very place they are supposed to be strong—London's East End.'

Taking place four days before the local elections, the Carnival is the climax of a nationwide campaign against the Nazis' 1,500 candidates.

Between now and April 30th there is a

Nazi back in the Tory ranks

'AND for every little Nazi gent, Maggie's speech was heaven-sent.'

YES, THE open secret is out. Margaret Thatcher's Stop Immigration speech has been too much to resist for some of Britain's little Hitlers.

The Conservative Association at Wing, Buckinghamshire has an enthusiastic new recruit. He is Bruce Anderson-Lynes, former National Front

father and Gruppenfuhrer in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Anderson-Lynes left the Tory Party in 1972 when he found Ted Heath too left-wing!

Not as though he was welcomed back with open arms, though. To its credit, the Conservative Party in Newcastle rejected his application for membership. And is it any wonder when he was seen in the company of his old Nazi pals at the Fulwell by-election count the night before he was due to join the Tories?

But the crackpot colonels

and yodking squires of the Buckinghamshire countryside were less inhibited about admitting the Nazi from Newcastle. Gad Sir, doesn't he have a double-barrelled name and who likes the coloured chap-pies anyway?

During Anderson-Lynes' reign as Geordieland's very own imitation Goebbels, some very funny things happened, like the night a petrol-bomb was thrown through the window of Tyneside SWP organiser, Jon Cowley's home.



DO THE POLICE want these scenes repeated at this year's Notting Hill Carnival? It certainly looks like it. The Metropolitan Muggers in Blue have sent the Special Patrol Group, the Force's 'Heavy Gang' into the area to 'crack down on mugging'. Every SPG team has one armed officer and their handling of the 1974 Red Lion Square demonstration where student Kevin Gately was killed hardly gives cause for confidence.

Already they have raided the Mangrove Restaurant, a centre for blacks in the area, arresting five people.

But just to show it isn't just blacks they hate they have also raided the Catacombs, a gay cafe. That's the fairness of the British Bobby!



lot to be done.

* A special letter to trade union bodies has been prepared. It must be posted or taken in person to the local Labour Movement.

Already sponsorship of the Anti-Nazi League is growing rapidly. Yorkshire area National Union of Miners have donated £100. Other sponsors include South Wales NUM, Glasgow AUEW District Committee and the Executive of ASLEF and NUPE.

* Schoolkids Against th Nazis and Rock Against Racism have brought out special leaflets to advertise the Carnival, to be given out around youth clubs, discos and schools.

* Specially designed posters and leaflets for the Carnival are available immediately.

* General leaflets are also ready for use in the local elections.

All enquires to: Anti-Nazi League, 12, Little Newport Street, London WC2.

THREE HUNDRED people attended the first public meeting of the Anti-Nazi League in Glasgow.

From the meeting there are now 60 supporters, six trade union branches and Paisley Trades Council sponsoring the League.

TWO MEN giving out leaflets at Chapel Market in Islington, North London, were given a rude shock last Saturday.

Their leaflets were ads for Hackney Market, but a group of local NF heavies turned up to tear the leaflets out of their hands muttering: 'Anti-Nazi League rubbish.'

Are they really that worried about the opposition?

SARAH LINDA KUSAH is the latest victim of Britain's racist immigration laws.

Mrs Kusah came to Britain in 1955 as a child and married a Ghanaian man in 1961. Both their children were born in this country, Letitia in 1962 and Benjamin in 1964.

In 1964 because of marital difficulties Mrs Kusah went back to Sierra Leone where she was born. The children went with her.

In 1973 Mr and Mrs Kusah tried to patch up their marriage and Mrs Kusah and the children came back to this country. The reconciliation failed and Mr Kusah himself left the country after living here 23 years.

Since then the Home Office has been hounding Mrs Kusah and her children. Now Mrs Kusah has been served a deportation order.

This attempt to deport Mrs Kusah is an inhuman decision. Will it make Home Secretary feel any better to split this family or interrupt the children's education?

The order must be revoked. If you want to help Mrs Kusah write to: Black People's Information Centre, 301 Portobello Road, London, W10. Tel: 969 4123/9825.

Meeting called to discuss NF in Leeds

A public meeting will be held in Leeds tonight to discuss a National Front election meeting, being held in the city on Saturday.

The meeting, at Chapeltown Community Centre, in Reginald Terrace, comes 24 hours after a planned Front march through Chapeltown, on St. George's Day, had been banned.

This will be the second public meeting this month to discuss the Front's presence in Leeds for its rally at the City of Leeds High School, Woodhouse Lane, near the Merrion Centre.

One of the main speakers will be the prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for Leeds North-East, Coun. Ronald Sedler, who is also a member of Leeds City Council.

"We shall be discussing what can be done with regard

to the Front being in Leeds, and I think the question for discussion will be precisely that. I am also sure we shall discuss the ban as well.

"But one thing I shall stress, though, is that there must be nothing provocative. However, I must point out that we do not subscribe to the fact that by ignoring the Front they will go away," said Coun. Sedler.

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Youth jailed for race-hate attack

A youth claimed that he was a member of the National Front after an unprovoked attack on an Arab student, a court heard.

The attack by Andrew McDermid (19), unemployed, Walworth Avenue, Harrogate, had racist overtones, said Mr. Peter Charlesworth (prosecuting) at York Crown Court.

McDermid was jailed for a total of 18 months. He pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mr. Jeffrey Sedgwick, and actual bodily harm on Mr. Muhamad Alamari, on December 16.

He also admitted inflicting actual bodily harm on Mr. Kalfan Saeed Kalfan on December 24, unlawfully wounding Mr. Henry Christopher Self and inflicting actual bodily harm on Mr. Jeffrey Donald Barnes on January 12 this year.

The first two attacks took

place in Cheltenham Parade, Harrogate, when Mr. Sedgwick and his Arab friend, Mr. Alamari, stood talking outside a fish and chip shop.

McDermid had walked up to Mr. Alamari and "thumped him full in the face," producing a cut below his left eye, said Mr. Charlesworth. He said later he thought he had been a Pakistani.

McDermid was alleged to have said: "I am from the National Front, I hate blacks."

He later denied that he was a member of the National Front.

McDermid knocked Mr. Sedgwick to the ground and kicked him about the head and body. He had a fractured nose, injuries to his left eye, a tooth was knocked out and there was bruising to his body.

BORSTAL

The third attack took place in the early hours of December 24. Mr. Kalfan, another Arab student, was sitting in his car in Station Parade, Harrogate, when McDermid came up and hit him in the face twice through the open window, said Mr. Charlesworth.

McDermid was later picked up by the police.

While on bail he had committed two more offences. He mocked and abused Mr. Barnes about his white pom-pom hat while they were in the Harrogate Arms on January 12, said Mr. Charlesworth.

McDermid attacked Mr. Barnes, knocked him to the ground and kicked him in the head and body. Later he broke a heavy glass ashtray and swung it into the face of Mr. Self, who had tried to assist his friend, Mr. Barnes.

The court heard that McDermid, who had previous convictions for violence, was released from Borstal last September.

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Anti Nazi League

CARNIVAL!!!

AGAINST THE NAZIS

**SUNDAY APRIL 30/EVE OF MAYDAY *11a.m. RALLY/TRAFALGAR SQUARE
MARCH TO VICTORIA PARK *TOM ROBINSON BAND AND STEEL PULSE**

ORGANISED BY ANTI NAZI LEAGUE, 12 LITTLE NEWPORT STREET, LONDON W1C, TOGETHER WITH ROCK AGAINST RACISM, RACISMY CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM, HAZARDY CRC, AND TOWER SQUARES MOVEMENT AGAINST RACISM & FASCISM

New group's call to ban Front march

A rally aimed at countering any National Front march in Leeds is being organised by a steering committee representing many trade unions, political groups, churches and community organisations in the city.

And the organisers say the rally will go ahead whether or not the National Front tries to march.

The Front has asked West Yorkshire Chief Constable Mr. Ronald Gregory for permission to hold a march in Leeds on St. George's Day, April 23.

The news brought an immediate response from anti-racist and anti-fascist groups in Leeds. More than 150 delegates attended a conference to discuss action against the Front activity, and the steering committee was set up.

PLANS

The steering committee laid its plans at a meeting at Leeds Trades Club last night. Its first move will be an attempt to ban any Front march — and to make sure that no march by any other organisations are included in the ban.

One of the organisers is Leeds City Labour councillor Ron Sedler. He said: "The police can apply for a three-month prohibition on marches, but this could apply to all marches or only to a certain class of marches."

"We are asking for a ban under the second heading, in that we want the ban to apply only to racist marches and processions," said Coun. Sedler.

He said the committee was now writing to West Yorkshire County Council requesting the ban, Leeds M.P.s — including Home Secretary Merlyn Rees — are also being contacted.

Coun. Sedler said: "The decision was made that our organisation — which we are now calling the Action Committee Against the National Front March — will, on the same day, Sunday, April 23, be holding a rally or meeting."

"The place is not yet specified, but the meeting or rally will be held irrespective of whether or not the National Front marches," he said.

West Yorkshire police said today that no decision has yet been made on the Front request for a march.

Relf sells house to Sikh

THE HOUSE owned by Robert Relf, jailed for 45 days in 1976 for offering it for sale 'to an English family,' has finally been sold—to a Sikh family.

"It all came about because the people in our street shunned my wife and myself," Relf, one of our most open anti-immigration campaigners, told me last week.

Relf, briefly a member of the National Front in 1976, went on: "The crunch came at the Jubilee celebrations last year. The locals invited Indian families who don't live here, and ignored us."

"I thought, if they prefer coloured families to us they're going to get them."

Relf's 'For Sale' sign, which was eventually stolen from outside the house, in Leamington, Warwickshire, at one time also included the words 'viewing, to avoid any animosity all round, positively no coloureds.'

"I haven't changed my views at all," he said. "I spent six weeks in prison trying to keep this street white."

A Luton bus driver, he plans to move out of the house, priced at £14,000, in the near future. "We were going to move to a bungalow on the other side of town, but we were gazumped."

"The Sikh family ring every day wanting to know when they can move in. We'll be moving as quickly as possible."

Last September, Relf was fined £10 for riding a motorcycle without a crash helmet. He told the court: "It is a disgrace that a special law should allow immigrant Sikhs to go without crash helmets when an Englishman is prosecuted."

Judge warns on street violence

Unprovoked violence in city streets must be stamped out, said Judge Gosnay when he jailed Keith Valentine (23), unemployed, Oxtow Way, Leeds, for 15 months.

City-centre attack on youth

Police are investigating an attack on a youth distributing anti-racist literature in Leeds city centre.

The attack, on Saturday afternoon, was made on one of a group of supporters of Leeds Anti-Nazi League. Five of them were giving out League material in the pedestrian precinct.

A League spokesman said: "A gang of 15 to 20 men appeared and began abusing them. The gang also abused passers-by. The men were chanting 'we are fascists.' They shouted anti-Semitic slogans at Jewish people in the precinct. One of them attacked a leafleter, tore up his leaflets and threw them away."

A police spokesman said: "At about 3.30 on Saturday afternoon, a youth distributing anti-racist literature was assaulted in the pedestrian precinct and suffered slight injuries which did not require medical attention. A youth was detained and inquiries are continuing."

He said no charges had yet been made.

Valentine pleaded guilty at Leeds Crown Court to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mr. Geoffrey Arthur Ibbotson, Fillingfir Walk, Moor Grange, Leeds.

For the Crown, Mr. Timothy Bubb said Valentine and a number of friends were refused admission to a club in Eastgate.

JUMP

They were still on the pavement at about 11.15 p.m. when Mr. Ibbotson and friends arrived at the club.

For some reason Valentine struck out at Mr. Ibbotson, who was knocked to the ground.

Valentine was then seen to jump on Mr. Ibbotson's right leg, which was fractured near the ankle.

Mr. Alistair McCallum, for Valentine, said his client had no recollection of the incident because he had been drinking heavily.

THAT FRONT MARCH: NOW M.P. STEPS IN

By TONY MITCHELL

MP Parliamentary Correspondent

Sir Donald Kaberry, Conservative MP for Leeds North West, hopes that the police will not allow the National Front to march in Leeds on St. George's Day, April 23.

He states this personal view in a letter to the chairman of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council.

The Council had earlier sent him a telegram begging him to help stop the proposed march.

Sir Donald has replied: "The decision whether or not the march takes place is one exclusively for the Police Authority to decide."

'KEEP AWAY'

"My own view is that I hope they will decide against the march. If they should decide to let it take place I hope you will help to advise all people in Leeds to keep well away from the area of the proposed demonstration."

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Union solidarity 1 NF Nazis 0

A FORMER National Front candidate has left the Nazis because of the trade union solidarity shown to him by Pakistani fellow trade unionists.

Jack Smith, former NF candidate for Keighley in Yorkshire, was in the same car as several other NF members when they went on a window-smashing rampage last year. Although not involved in the actual damage, he

was fined £260 and sacked from his job as a busman.

'I appealed through the union, and the Pakistanis fully supported me and the union,' he said. 'After a couple of appeals I got my job back.'

'I am not standing as a candidate again and not supporting any racist policies. . . Since last September, when I had to find £260 for a fine and lost my job, I might have been dead as far as the National Front was concerned.'

'Any youngsters going into the Front are taking this chance. No one is going to help them.'



EVEN the Tory teacher wore an Anti-Nazi League badge! Reports from the National Union of Teachers Conference all confirm that by far the most successful fringe meeting was that arranged by the Anti Nazi League. Kamlesh Gandhi, chairman of the Grunwicks Strike Committee, Tariq Ali, Dick North of the NUT executive, and Paul Holborow spoke to over 200 teachers.

The meeting will ensure that teachers intervene more effectively in the coming local elections. Hundreds of badges and pamphlets were distributed.

AT THE recent Glasgow Anti-Nazi League rally, the Women's Voice Theatre Group went down a storm. Come on comrades, plays are an instant winner in the fight to change people's minds. So get your acting togs on!

The WV players were left out of last week's report. Oops, red faces all round!



This little badge? Oh, just something I picked up from a patriotic gent.

THE NAZI ARMY?

THE National Front has turned its attention to the British Army, where some officers are sympathetic to their aims and some of the rank and file are classic Front recruits.

Leaflets have been distributed among soldiers serving in Belfast and troops have been regularly seen wearing NF badges on patrol in West Belfast.

These revelations in the Irish paper, Hibernia, are a chilling reminder of the forces at work in Northern Ireland, forces which could in the future pose a deadly threat to the labour movement in both Britain and Ireland. It is evidence such as this that will be presented to the International Tribunal

on Britain's Presence in Ireland.

The Tribunal will take evidence from anyone with direct experience of violations of Human Rights as a result of British rule in Northern Ireland. Witnesses will include internees, relatives and friends of prisoners, doctors and community leaders.

This evidence will be placed before a 'jury', elected on a delegate basis from trade union bodies.

The Tribunal will investigate:

- The role of the British Army and security forces.
- Allegations of torture at interrogation centres.
- Allegations of abuse and assault

on prisoners.

The operation of no-jury courts in Northern Ireland.

The operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Charges of discrimination in many fields.

The question of freedom of speech and the freedom of the press.

The Tribunal already has an impressive list of sponsors, including Jean-Paul Sartre and Herbert Marcuse, Labour MPs and trade union bodies.

The Tribunal can be contacted at: 182 Upper Street, London N1.

Rees runs into trouble on Leeds marches ban

By Tony Mitchell, EP Parliamentary Reporter

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees today ran into trouble with Labour MPs over his ban on political marches in Leeds.

Mr. Rees, who is MP for South Leeds, has approved a fortnight's ban to prevent the National Front marching through the city on Sunday.

But the ban — requested by West Yorkshire chief constable Mr. Ronald

Gregory and Leeds City Council — means there can be no traditional marches in Leeds on May 1 — Labour Day.

When the Yorkshire and Humber Group of Labour MPs met in the Commons they said many of them had received telegrams from local Labour and Trades Union organisa-

tions protesting at the decision.

Mr. Rees is a member of the group, but was not present as Ministers do not attend.

Group chairman, Mr. James Johnson, MP for Hull West, said afterwards: "We are writing to the Minister conveying our

disquiet about the situation.

"Certain Trades Union marches will not now be able to take place.

"We want to congratulate the Government on instituting May Day as a public holiday, but Mr. Rees's decision to ban the National Front march has rebounded upon Trades Unions."



Mr. Merlyn Rees

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THE NAZI BOMBERS

Trade unions under attack

THE NAZIS have launched a terror bomb campaign. It is directed at the heart of the trade union movement.

Three targets have been hit in the past week.

The South London office of NUPE, the big public employees' union, got a letter bomb on Tuesday. The office is in Lambeth Central constituency. The National Front have promised to stir things up in the by-election there.

Why NUPE? Judy Mallaber, the union's press officer, told Socialist Worker: 'Our policy is clear. Disciplinary actions should be taken against anyone discriminating

That's why, we argued, the Front had to be faced down, why their demonstrations had to be forced off the streets, why above all they should not be allowed trade union membership.

We argued that they would use the rights of membership to hound and bully black union members because of the colour of their skins.

Timpot Fuehrer

Now, the leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen, sick to death of the racist badgering of their members, have proscribed the Front. Some leaders of NUPE and the General and Municipal Workers

So did Roger Prouse. The Nazis have hit back the other



Worker: 'Our policy is clear. Disciplinary action should be taken against anyone discriminating against another member on grounds of race.'

That was the reason for the bomb. That was also the reason for the bomb which came within an ace of killing High Wycombe bus driver Roger Prouse last week.

Two weeks earlier Roger had moved at the bus garage Transport Workers Union meeting that Keith Neville, another bus driver who is chairman and election agent of High Wycombe National Front, should be expelled from the union.

Meant to kill

The motion failed, but Neville was ordered by the branch not to voice his racist views at work. Thus a leading Front member was paralysed by trade union action from any effective work in the Wycombe by-election.

The bomb was meant to kill. When Roger opened the parcel a 14th sheet of flame shot up from it—fortunately in the opposite direction.

The third victim was Wally Barnes, aged 62, caretaker at the

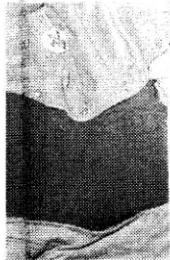


NF election agent Keith Rendle—gagged by the TGWU branch

Communist Party's headquarters in King Street, Central London. Wally opened a package addressed to the Communist Party, and was knocked down by a violent explosion. He was taken to hospital, suffering from shock and burns.

George Matthews, Communist Party spokesman, said: 'It seems reasonable to assume that this despicable thing was done by one of our political opponents, angered by our stand against the racists.'

The Communist Party's paper, the Morning Star, has strongly supported the decision by the railwaymen and other trade unions to expel National Front members. There can be no doubt at all that these killer bombs were all provoked by the trade union decisions to expel



TGWU activist Roger Prouse—he received a parcel bomb

racist and Front members.

The Nazi logic seems to run like this: 'If we can't destroy the unions from inside, we'll destroy them from outside.'

Until now, many people have imagined that the Nazis would always limit their violent attacks to 'extremist' minorities. When black bookshops and the Socialist Workers Party headquarters were burnt down last year, many trade unionists thought to themselves: 'It's just one extremist lot fighting another.'

We argued in reply that the National Front, like all Nazi organisations, intends to strike down all our democratic institutions, especially our trade unions.

the General and Municipal Workers Union have called for a similar ban. So did Roger Prouse.

The Nazis have hit back the only way they know. They hate trade unions. Their aim is a society without trade unions, where workers fawn and grovel before a tinpot Fuehrer.

We must defend our unions against their hatred and their terror. We must drive them out of the unions, and ease all the influence and intelligence at the union's disposal to sniff out the terrorists and stop them.

Listen to Roger Prouse: 'Someone on the right wanted to destroy me, but all they've done is make me more determined to expose them for what they are.... murdering fascists.'

Even better, listen to Roger's wife Ellen: 'If anything had happened to Roger, I'd have been the first out campaigning for the Anti-Nazi League the next day.'

Come to think of it, she was out campaigning anyway.

STEEL PULSE

Q. When you sing in *Ku Klux Klan* (Island Records) that blacks should do unto them (the KKK) as they do unto you, do you mean that literally?

A. The fightback might be physically. If you are picked on and picked on, you have to take a stand. When the papers talk about the British bobby they are getting into our minds. But when black youth turn out for marches against the Front they have to fight two battles—one against the Front and one against the police.

We have to change people's minds wherever we can. We can break up a Nazi meeting but those people will still be around thinking the same about blacks. And that's what we are about. We're making a start to change people's minds.

Q. Is it just the Nazis making it bad for blacks in this country?

A. Thatcher knows she is provoking people. The damage is done now. She has been promoting racism and she knows she's doing that.

Q. Other reggae bands take a fighting stance. Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, what about their philosophy—Rastafarianism?

A. We aren't Rastafarians but it's all talking on behalf of the black man, it's all making the black man more aware of himself. We have great respect for them still.

Q. Was the single *Ku Klux Klan* about this worm David Duke?

A. No, it was done ten months ago. That is a coincidence, though it was just at the right time.

The record is about all racism. The *Ku Klux Klan* is the most extreme image of racism, it is something people know about, something you come in touch with all the time. Everyone knows there is such a movement, and that it hasn't gone away. That is why we sing about it like that, to reach out to a mass of people.

Q. But how do we stop the racists?

A. When there are enough out on the streets to oppose the Front and all that, the police won't be able to guide them through. They will have to crack down on the Nazis and stop them marching.

If 20,000 can come to the Carnival, we want them all there to demonstrate against the Nazis when they march.

Selwyn Brown (Steel Pulse), Tom Robinson (TRB) & David Hinds (Steel Pulse) asking YOU to come to the Carnival Against the Nazis.

'If you want to live your life in mindless bondage, join the National Front. If you want to be yourself, don't bother.' Poly Styrene, singer from X-ray Spex who will also be playing at Carnival.

It will happen here. They will wreck our pubs and clubs, bomb our shops and break our unions. They'll deport you if you're black, put you in a prison if you're a red. And if you're a woman there will be another prison called kids and kitchen and church. And if you're gay they'll pin a pink badge on you and lock you away.

It will happen here. They'll at last strap away their Union Jacks and flaunt their swastikas over our pain and defeat.

IF WE LET IT.

If we don't stop them now when they're still weak. That is why the Carnival is there for you and me and the quiet people who didn't stand up to the loud-mouthed racist on the bus. So we can dance to our music in the streets. Then it won't happen here. If we start now and make this Carnival the beginning of our resistance.

TOM ROBINSON

Q. You've been plugging the Carnival in a big way at your concerts. Why?

A. Rock music as we know it derived from oppressed black music, from say jazz in 1914 onwards. By 1919 a white Dixieland band was already cashing in.

Right from the word go Rock music has been the music of blacks and anyone who suggests that they are any lower than white people is totally wrong. The rights of black people are inseparably bound up with Rock music. Take Presley. He was the fusion of black music and white country music.

All musicians owe a great debt to black music, including Bowie, Clapton and Rod Stewart who have made racist statements. Stewart has said he supports Enoch Powell and 'they' should go back, yet he lives by making cover versions of black soul classics.

Q. OK, so you'll fight racism, but how does that lead on to other issues?

A. If you have an elite, a white elite putting down another group of people, the blacks they will be ready to put down other groups of people: trade unionists, women, gays like myself, whatever.

Nobody should be put down just because they are different. Women are different from men but what they do and are is equally valid. I don't like the word equal. We're not the same. A black guy isn't the same as a white guy. They ought to have the same rights.

Q. You've said you would like to be a nice liberal, to sit on the fence but the situation makes you take sides.

A. Yes, even now I find myself by instinct, by nature, reformist rather than revolutionary. It boils down to a polarisation between two forces.

On the one side there are the conservatives with a small 'e' who attack blacks, attack abortion rights. On the other side there are those who attack property and privilege. Now,

know which would stamp on me, my friends, my music. When I turn up at a gig and see NF spray-canned I don't like it but an SWP slogan gives me a warm feeling, not because I'm in the SWP but because it's a people's party.

Q. Bob Dylan has said he never wanted to change society, he just wanted to express his feelings about what was going on.

A. I know where he's coming from. I can understand what he's saying there. If you start off from wanting to change society, if that's why you form a band, you'll fall flat on your face. Elvis changed society without wanting to, unconsciously. The music did it.

The whole thing about pop music is that it is popular, it's people's music. It can't be elitist.

Q. In your lyrics *Winter of '79* for example, you paint a chilling picture of the future. Do you think the Front are a big threat?

A. At the moment they aren't a threat in terms of taking power, but they are a threat in that they are spreading something very evil around.

Racist murders are on the increase, fuelled by NF statements like the 'One down, one million to go' thing. You can't talk like the press do of two extremes equally as bad. The SWP are not noted for going around stabbing people like the Front are.

Q. But is it just the Nazis? What about the people who come out with equally racist statements?

A. Sure. Maggie Thatcher came out with it. But if we have a good Carnival and get it together the people who've come along won't support Thatcher next time. They'll know it's a load of bullshit.

Who knows what we can do after the rally, let's see what we can do there first.

Q. So you're there putting out the political messages from the platform. But what can the kids do, the people who will be in the audience?

A. Every person who comes along to an Anti-Nazi League meeting, or turns up at a Rock Against Racism gig is nailing a nail in the coffin of the National Front.

And the image in the papers of anti-Nazis throwing bricks at

Lewisham isn't the only action the Anti-Nazi League talks about. We want the Carnival to be a positive, uplifting, uniting, happy march.

The people who are really trying to build up an army, the people who are really into violence are the Front themselves. They want to wear a Union Jack while they are kicking people's heads in. That is why we will be taking the campaign onto the football terraces.

Q. Don't you see a contradiction between fighting the Nazis who are a product of what is wrong with society, and making money for the real villains—big companies like EMI?

A. Nobody needs a piece of black vinyl. They need shoes, food, hospitals and the rest. But they don't need records. I'm part of a consumer industry. The more we become part of that industry, the more we become eroded. When we arrived at Brussels they met us with a limousine. What do you do—turn it away?

Yet we're getting stronger in putting out what we want to say. More people hear us. We are increasingly effective at the same time as the business thing is pulling us in.

It is like we are on a treadmill. We have to keep on running all the time to say what we want before we go down to the big sell-out. Sure, it's a contradiction, you're changing the business and it's changing you. We are trying to make our one big statement before it gets to us.

'2-4-6-8 Motorway' was the first. Then there was the second record—50 per cent political statement. Now the album will be a blockbuster!

Spurs

A GROUP of Anti-Nazi League Spurs supporters leafleted the Spurs/Bolton match last Saturday. The leaflet, advertising the ANL Carnival in Victoria Park on April 30, was so successful that a special Spurs against the Nazis leaflet will be distributed at the last two home games of the season.

The Nazis have had a presence at White Hart Lane for a couple of seasons. The Spurs against the Nazis group will be the first to challenge Nazis inside the grounds rather than in the Sunday papers.

The main emphasis is to prepare for next season, but already a badge has been designed, and there are plans for a Spurs supporters contingent on the April 30 march from Trafalgar Square.

What about your club? If you have a group set up then let us know.

Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables is the latest name in football to sign up with the ANL.

NF rally brings down curtain

Saturday's matinee at Leeds Civic Theatre has been cancelled because of a risk to the safety of children arriving during a National Front rally. Mr. Steve Wildgoose, a stage manager at the theatre, said they had a full-house booked for Saturday's 2 p.m. matinee presentation of "The Stone Cage".

"Acting on advice from the police and Leeds Leisure Services, we have now decided it would be too much of a risk to have coach-loads of young children arriving at the theatre on Saturday," he said. "We are getting in touch with all the school parties, but we want to warn private individuals to stay away."

Open doors at NF meeting—Pledge

An assurance that the controversial election meeting being held at a Leeds school by the National Front tomorrow will be public has been given by the City Council.

The assurance has been given by Mr. James Rawnsley, Leeds Director of Administration, to Leeds branch of the Anti-Nazi League.

BANNED

Mr. Rawnsley told league solicitors the organiser of the

meeting had assured him the meeting would be open to the public.

The league had said if the assurance was not forthcoming it would seek a High Court injunction to have the meeting banned under the Representation of the People Act, 1949.

But the league—and various other organisations—still intend to picket the meeting at City of Leeds High School.



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Bomb hunt for 'Mussolini'

by GEORGE BROCK

FORENSIC scientists have linked three of the recent parcel bombs directed at left-wing targets to a common source.

Detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad now know that the explosive in the first of the three bombs was identical.

The bombs were sent through the post to a Socialist Workers Party bus driver in High Wycombe, the National Union of Public Employees and the Communist Party in London.

The High Wycombe bomb 10 days ago arrived in a Quality Street toffee tin and the other two in medicine bottles. Each was connected to a battery igniter.

Handwriting on the three packages, in green ink, bears a striking resemblance to that of the bomb recipe 'Anarchist Cookbook', a left-wing terrorist manual.

They think the fourth bomb, which arrived in a chocolate box at the home of a Uganda Asian in Essex on Thursday, was not from the same source, although it may have been inspired by the reports of other bombs.

It was the only parcel addressed to a person or organisation — earlier ones were sent to addresses on the New York Street building.

The police young man who tried to identify 'Mussolini' of all the people who have called Scotland Yard, newspapers and radio stations, making claims that they sent the bombs, he is the only one who knew accurately what was about to happen.

Just after 12.30 p.m. last Monday the phone rang in the Communist Party offices in New York Street, Leeds. It was answered by the district secretary, Ms Angela Dewdney.

It was a youngish male voice with a slight Yorkshire accent and he said: "The Communist Party office is 'Mussolini'." "That is Mussolini," she said, "I am looking to get the same in London is getting."

"Then, with voices in the background, he just went into shouts of abuse. The main word was "bastards." I just said: "Thank you, that's smashing" and put the phone down.

"We just thought it was one of the local fascists who ring us quite often and we had a bit of a giggle about it. That same day the letter bombs to NUPPE and the Communist Party in London were posted in York, only 24 miles from Leeds, away's 'figle' from head-quarters at King Street, London, rang the next morning with the news that a 63-year-old caretaker had been severely burnt and cut when a medicine bottle ignited in his face when he opened the mail.

At the same time Leeds police discovered that the New York Street building had been broken into in previous night, but found no explosives.



The Column 88 badge.

'Column 88' had been responsible for the parcel aimed at killing or maiming Mr Ramesh Patel on Thursday was made just five minutes after the first news broadcast mentioned it at five o'clock.

Scotland Yard's switch-board took a call that day claiming responsibility for a group calling itself the 'Provisional Ku Klux Klan'.

One name stands out, apart from 'Column 88', on Wednesday a claim came from the 'Eleventh Hour Brigade', Anti-Semitic and anti-black messages have surfaced under this label before, including one prediction which turned out to be uncannily accurate in the light of last week's bombs.

Last December a communist relations officer in Wales received what she thought at the time was just another abusive note sent to race relations workers.

It was typed in eleven and headed 'Hour Eleven'. It was addressed to all employees and employees in the 'National Union of Public Employees' and stated that they had been tried and found guilty of conspiring against the British race.

It ended with the words: 'Any person employed within the aforementioned industry, whether typist or Member of Parliament, ignoring this warning, can consider him or herself under sentence of death.'

'Executions to begin 1 April 1978. Signed: Eleventh Hour Brigade.'

A police investigation failed to find any clues about the sender.

Last August an arson attack gutted the offices of the Socialist Workers Party in East London, doing damage estimated at £10,000. Soon afterwards party workers received a letter addressed to the 'Chief Rabbi' and signed 'Eleventh Hour' and warning of responsibility and warning of attacks on the 'Hour' title in the 'Eleventh Hour' title because of an failing neo-fascist group calling itself 'The Year Zero'. Both names refer to an ultra-right-wing political faith which holds that at the final hour, or the year zero, a fascist revolution will start a new society.

However, Special Branch officers believe that they may not be faced with a completely new group and that the title may be simply of fanatics who adopt a new name from time to time.

Column 88 came to light who years ago when it was revealed that its members had infiltrated Territorial Force units. Three members of Column 88 men had been tried and sentenced to celebrate Hitler's birthday on 20 April.

An idea of Column 88's prevailing philosophy can be gleaned from an article sent to a Swedish neo-fascist magazine as a 'New Year greeting' in 1970.

The writer tells his readers that National Socialists in England were split by internal feuds during the 1960s.

'Comrade "racists" and I have, however, succeeded in keeping alive National Socialist cells during the ensuing years, he says.

He ends with: 'Our warmest greetings from our Column 88!'

Column 88's name is most often believed to be from HH for Hell Hitler, since H is the eighth letter of the alphabet. But it may be the 'Year Zero' title in the first responsibility and warning of attacks on the 'Hour' title in the 'Eleventh Hour' title because of an failing neo-fascist group calling itself 'The Year Zero'. Both names refer to an ultra-right-wing political faith which holds that at the final hour, or the year zero, a fascist revolution will start a new society.

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Violence Flares at NF rally

by GEORGE BROCK

VIOLENCE erupted at a National Front meeting in a Brighton primary school yesterday when hecklers were thrown out and five arrests were made.

About 5,000 police cordoned off the school to keep out 500 anti-National Front demonstrators, but five black demonstrators were among 20 people arrested for the meeting as 'members of the public.'

The meeting, held at Loughborough Road Primary School, was in support of Mrs Helena Steven, the Front's candidate in Thurday's Lambeth Central by-election.

Trouble came when she was introduced to the audience of hecklers and 150 National Front supporters.

Ms Patricia Thomas, a black teacher in Brighton, said after being thrown out of the meeting: 'We were being applauded. They were shouting things like "Here's a banana", and "You're a monkey".'

Another demonstrator expelled from the meeting, Michael Ball, said the police 'attacked their own members' when they attacked their own stewards, who were trying to keep order.

In addition to the arrests inside the meeting, the police arrested two people among the demonstrators.

APRIL 16 4 8

'All quiet' as 3,000 demo against racism



The banner-waving marchers make their way from Woodhouse Moor towards Leeds city centre.



Bristol NF organiser Ray Dawler (white tie) in action recently—see story below

STUDENTS VOTE AGAINST NAZIS

THE PRESS claim that 'students are moving to the right' received a sharp rebuff last week. The National Union of Students conference in Blackpool showed a real shift to the left.

This was seen most clearly in the debate on racism and fascism. The delegates returned by a clear majority to the policy abandoned under the pressure of the combined forces of the Tories and the Broad Left last conference, and declared that racialists and fascists would not be allowed a platform in the colleges.

A standing ovation was given to Peter Hain, a guest speaker from the Anti Nazi League, and the delegates voted overwhelmingly to affiliate the NUS to the League.

THE LID was taken off the National Front at a recent meeting of the Anti Nazi League in Bristol.

The evidence comes from Mike Thompson, who recently left the Bristol branch of the National Front, disturbed by the love of violence shown by many of its leading members.

'Once I heard a couple of members boasting that the branch was in touch with a member of the British Army's Special Air Services Regiment,' he told the meeting. The organiser, Ray Dawler, said this man was going to let the branch have some explosives to blow up a Pakistani hotel. 'When the SAS man didn't turn up he was disappointed.'

'Another time a member approached Dawler and said there wasn't enough action in the Front and he was going to join Column 88. Dawler said that was fine by him.'

Column 88 is the secret group which has claimed responsibility for the bombings in London last week.

'Dawler was a thug like the hard core of every branch I came in contact with.'

'A lot of very rich people are putting money into the Front. At the annual general meeting, one man put £1,000 in the collection.'

But the NF was not just violent and anti-working class. Mike found there were many instances of its Nazi past, a past which is not disclaimed but revered—at least in private.

NEWS FROM THE ANTI NAZI LEAGUE

DURHAM: As soon as the local Anti Nazi League heard that the local NF had arranged a meeting for contacts in the city, we arranged a mass canvas. We brought 150 people out and, as only one hardliner Nazi and his sidekick turned up it was a great success.

Durham ANL

YORKSHIRE: The Nazis' election campaign has ground to a halt for lack of beer.

When the National Front booked the Wellington Hotel in Bradford, for a meeting to be addressed by deputy Fuehrer Martin Webster, the draymen in the Transport and General Workers Union were approached by the Anti Nazi League. The draymen told the brewery, Websters (I), that they wouldn't get their ale—so the

meeting was cancelled. The Front tried again at the Griffin Hotel in Halifax for a fund-raising social. Again delivery men threatened to black the pub and the meeting was called off!

Now, at the end of their tether, the Nazis have booked the *Temperance Hall* in Keighley for a jumble sale!

KEN APPLEBY

LATEST union bodies to sponsor the Anti Nazi League include:

- The executive of the television and cinema workers' union, ACTT
- Fords Dagenham shop stewards committee
- National Union of Students
- Chrysler Linwood shop stewards committee
- Highlands Fabricators shop stewards committee, Nigg Bay (with a £50 donation)
- Glasgow AUEW district committee
- Leyland Bus and Tractor shop stewards committee

Several Yorkshire lodges of the National Union of Miners have taken orders of up to 3,000 each of the Trade unionists against the Nazis' leaflets.

SWANSEA: 80 people attended the inaugural

meeting of the Swansea Anti Nazi League, which was sponsored by the trades councils in Swansea and Lliw Valley, the hospital workers' union NUPE at Morrision Hospital, the Fire Brigades Union for West Glamorgan, the civil servants union at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre and the students union at Swansea University.

BRYAN REES

SOUTH EAST LONDON: John Lockwood, an SWP member and former executive member of the All Lewisham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, is in his fifth week of a three-month sentence in Pentonville prison. He was arrested and charged with assault on an 'unknown police officer' at the successful march against the Nazis at Lewisham last year.

PUBLIC MEETING: Friday 14 April, 8pm, Deptford Town Hall. Speakers include Dick North (NUT executive), and Faith Foster (Lewisham 21 Defence Campaign).

GENERAL LONDON ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE PUBLIC MEETING: Speakers: Jonathan Dimbleby and Mike Caffoor (NATSOPA). Thursday 20 April, 7pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square.

FRONT BOSS IN PUNCH-UP

NATIONAL FRONT leader Martin Webster was given a thick lip and a black eye when he was attacked by demonstrators yesterday.

He had been speaking at an election meeting in Leeds and was injured as he left a city centre school.

Webster, the Front's national organiser, was punched in the face several times before the police got him to safety.

He then had to have a mounted police escort to the railway station.

Other Front supporters were chased through the streets and brief scuffles broke out.

Police said at least 15 people were arrested during the afternoon.

Last week the city council got the Home Secretary to ban political marches in the city.

SUN MORNING
13.4.78

Who's behind the bombs?

THE NAZIS delivered three more letter bombs last week, bringing the total in their present campaign of terror to five.

Their latest targets were:
 □ Ramesh Patel, a Ugandan Asian who works in Ford Dagenham as a paintersprayer. The parcel was opened by his brother who, seeing a battery, became suspicious and threw it over a garden wall.

□ The Newcastle upon Tyne offices of the Transport and General Workers Union. This bomb was set off by army experts.

□ Socialist Challenge's premises in Islington, North London. An estimated £1,000 worth of damage.

But who sent the bombs? The National Front have hastily protested their innocence. But it

will take more than pious denials to remove suspicion from them.

Two groups have claimed responsibility for the letter bombs. They are Column 88 and the 'Eleventh Hour Brigade'. The Eleventh Hour Brigade was responsible for a number of bombings in autumn last year.

Six premises belonging to black or left wing organisations were then bombed in obvious retaliation for the Nazis' biggest setback to date when a National Front march through Lewisham was stopped by anti-fascists. The 'Eleventh Hour' Brigade sent a letter to the 'Chief Rabbi' at the national office of the SWP, which was gutted in one attack.

The Brigade is commonly believed to be an umbrella organisation grouping the NF and other fascist sects. In December a community relations officer in Wales received a letter from it

threatening 'Executions to begin 1 April 1978'.

It is possible that this Eleventh Hour Brigade and the other group claiming the bombings, Column 88, are one and the same in practice. Column 88—so named because it is the eighth letter of the alphabet, so 88 stands for HH, Heil Hitler—describes itself as 'an international National Socialist security group'.

Their spokesman, Donald Mudie, is a self-confessed Hitler-worshipper. He was recently expelled from the neo-Nazi British Movement after he tried to wrest its leadership from current fuhrer, Michael McLaughlin.

Many National Front members hold dual membership of one of other of these groups. Evidence of such links and the violent intentions of their members

comes from a bookfair held at London's Conway Hall last February.

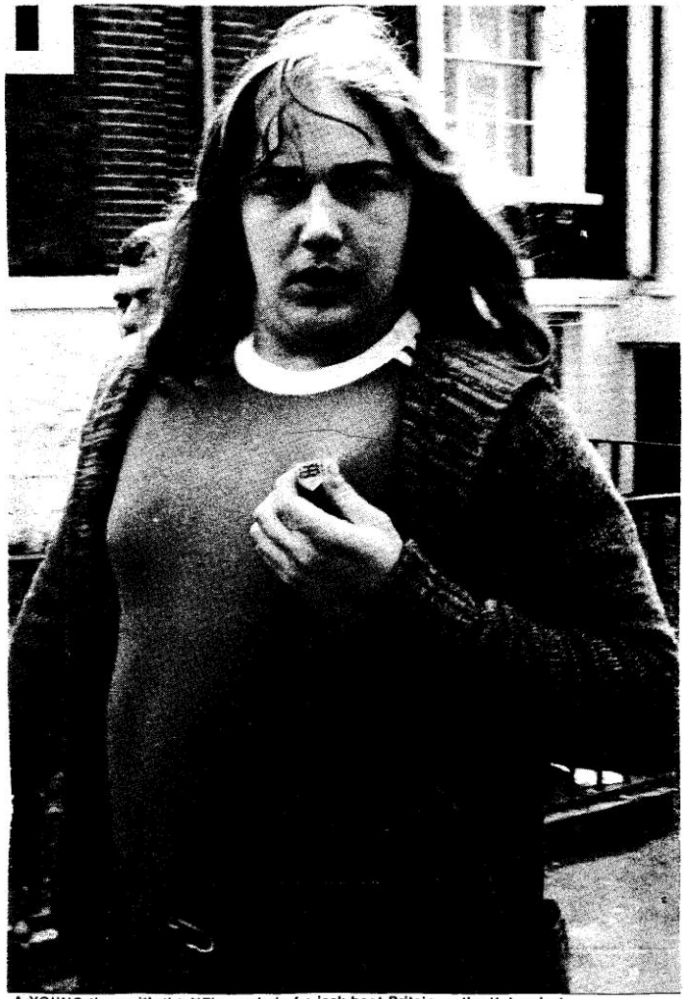
The Beacon Bookfair was sponsored by the National Party of Kingsley 'One down, one million to go' Read and the Racial Preservation Society, which was one of the founding organisations of the NF. On sale were erudite volumes titled 'Booby Traps' and 'Incendiary Devices'.

S. WOLKOFF 15.4.78



THE master race had a hard time in Brixton, South London last week. Six of them were chased off the streets by local anti-Fascists, including the SWP candidate in the coming by-election, Tony Boques. When the fascists took refuge in the Golden Egg (above) snack bar the manager ordered them out. On Saturday they turned up again. 30 of them to find 200 anti-fascists waiting for them—and 600 police!

TIM POTTER



A YOUNG thug with the NF's symbol of a jack boot Britain — the Union Jack

S. CHALLENGE 20.4.78



PAULINE NAIDOO looks at the obscene handiwork of local Nazis, who covered her home in Hornsey, North London, with slogans last Tuesday night. Both Mrs Naidoo, who is the wife of a banned South African lecturer, and downstairs tenant Margaret Dain are anti-racists, and had an Anti Nazi League poster displayed prominently in their front window.

But what the Nazis can do, the Anti Nazi League can undo even more quickly. Hornsey ANL were soon round with brushes and buckets to clean off the slogans. Now you'd never dream the Nazis had been near.

Front march banned but meeting goes on



THE CAMPAIGN to overturn National Front and other racist penetration of football clubs has spread to Brentford in West London.

Two weeks ago Dave Bond, a full-time official in the engineering union's construction section, and his mate Kevin Moody, formed a Brentford Supporters Against the Nazis group. Both are keen Brentford fans who regularly attend both home and away matches.

Brentford club manager Bill Dodgin and club trainer Dan Tana are already sponsors of the Anti Nazi League.

Last Saturday Kevin went to Ealing Broadway Station to join Brentford's special train for Swansea. He took leaflets advertising the Carnival against the Nazis to hand out to supporters boarding the train.

After a few minutes he was insulted by racists and then assaulted. A fight started.

"I held my own though," Kevin told Socialist Worker.

But afterwards the racists told the police it was going to cause trouble on the train. The police told me I could not go on the train with my leaflets. In other words they directly protected the racists among the supporters.

"Anyway as it happens the police did me a favour. Brentford lost to Swansea and I saved a fiver."

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TEACHERS' PRESIDENT SLAMS NF MEETING

President of Leeds Teachers' Association, Mr. Alan Moore, has expressed "deepest concern" over the proposed National Front election meeting at City of Leeds High School tomorrow.

"For such meetings to be held in schools is an insult to pupils, teachers, parents and all involved in the education service," he says.

Schools had long been recognised as places in which all children, regardless of race, colour or creed have been accorded the respect and consideration due to all people.

RECRUIT

He adds that in recent months the National Front had been active in attempting to recruit young people from schools.

It has distributed literature which Mr. Moore says is openly racist in content and inflammatory in style.

"Its leaders have a long history of involvement with theories, ideas and activities that are racist and anti-democratic in nature. Clearly the aims of the National Front are totally opposed to those of the schools and of the teaching profession," says Mr. Moore.

ES 21.4.78

By John Thorpe, Municipal Reporter

National Front municipal election candidates will be allowed to use a Leeds city centre school for an election rally on Saturday, despite the city council's ban on a Front march.

The council is powerless to stop the meeting, although its deputy leader, Coun. Peter Sparling (Chapel-Allerton and Scott Hall) is supporting Education Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Williams's move to investigate the use of schools for such meetings.

National Front supporters are normally not allowed to meet in school buildings in Leeds but in the run-up to an election they are permitted to use them under the Representation of the People Act.

FACTIONS

The rally will be at the City of Leeds High School in Woodhouse Lane, near the Merrion Centre, and a massive police operation will be put into action to keep rival political factions apart.

The Front's march was to have been a prelude to the election rally. But after top-level talks between Mr. Ronald Gregory, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, Assistant Chief Constable Mr. Stanley Boothroyd and the leaders of the three main parties on the city council, the march has been banned, subject to confirmation from Hx Secretary Mr. Merlyn Rees.

The ban includes all but religious or ceremonial processions in the city from 9 a.m. on April 20 to midnight on May 7. It is designed to cover the district council elections — polling day is May 4 — but will also hit May Day processions.

The leader of the council's controlling Tory group, Coun. Irwin Bellow, said after a private meeting with senior police officers, that the council was banning the march on the recommendation of Mr. Gregory.

MARKXISTS

Coun. Bellow said: "We will do all we can to discourage and frustrate the hateful racialist policies of the National Front."

"At the same time, speaking at least for the Conservative group on the council, I take this opportunity to say that we deeply resent the organised violence and disruption which the extremist Left Marxists seek to import into our city."

"We recognise the dangerous threat which their antics also pose to our society."

Now it's official— Rees bans march

By TONY MITCHELL
Parliamentary Correspondent

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees has approved the banning of the National Front march through Chapeltown, Leeds, on Sunday.

The ban was recommended by West Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory and backed by the city council.

But approval had to be given by the Home Secretary.

Mr. Rees, MP for South Leeds, said today: "As Home Secretary I considered the request from the city and have approved it."

DETERMINED

"In general I am determined that, particularly during a local election period, the citizens of the area will have the right to go about their business without any fear of public disorder."

Mr. Rees has approved a fortnight's ban on all marches in the city from tomorrow.

This cuts out the Front's St. George's Day march due on Sunday through the largely immigrant area.

It will also stop marches during the local election campaign and means no marching on May 1 — a bank holiday and traditionally a day for Labour Party demonstrations.

Mr. Stan Cohen (Leeds South East) is MP for Chapel-town. He said today he was delighted that the Front would not be allowed to march.

"I am sorry about Labour Day, although if that is the price we have to pay for preventing the Front marching so be it."

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Lock out Front meetings, union tells caretakers

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Caretakers are being urged by their union to bolt the door to the National Front.

Mr. Don Wanless, an area officer for the National Union of Public Employees, said the hiring of halls by the Front was discussed at a recent meeting of the union's district committee.

It was decided to urge members to exercise their right not to co-operate with letting to the Front.

Hundreds pour in to oppose city Front rally

Hundreds of demonstrators today poured into Leeds from all over the North to protest at the National Front election rally being held at the City of Leeds School in Woodhouse Lane.

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'HAZARDS'

"We are urging our caretakers to refuse these lettings to the Front on the grounds that we feel our members will be placing themselves in a hazardous position beyond what can be reasonably expected of them in their normal duties.

"We have circulated letters to our members urging them not to co-operate with the authority on these lettings.

"We recognise the authority has a problem, because under the Representation of the People act they can be forced to allow the use of these halls by the National Front.

'OBNOXIOUS'

But Mr. Wanless added that the union was not prepared to place its members employed in schools and public halls in a "front-line" position — "especially when we know the obnoxious policies of the Front, which invariably result in violence."

He added that the N.U.P.E. policy was to oppose "four square" the National Front.

The local authority may argue that if they wanted to hire a hall they had no power to prevent them, Mr. Wanless said. "But we are saying we are not having our members involved."

Police sealed off every approach to the school with 3ft. crash barriers and lines of officers.

They were not allowing anyone even to walk down streets running alongside the school and its playground.

The only entrance people were allowed near was in Woodhouse Lane where officers stood every few yards.

EXTRA POLICE

Coach loads of extra police moved into the city as shopkeepers closed and boarded up windows in case of trouble.

The demonstrators are from many Yorkshire groups opposed to the Front.

Appeals have been made by both the Front and its opponents to keep the meeting peaceful.

Over the last few weeks anti-Front organisations have tried unsuccessfully to get the rally cancelled on the grounds that it is racist.

Leeds Civic Theatre cancelled today's children's matinee performance of "The Stone Cage." A spokesman said: "We are worried about the safety of young children who would be near this meeting."



Squads of police arriving before the rally.

A May Day march is to go ahead in Leeds despite a ban. The period of the ban takes in May 1, when trades unionists and labour leaders traditionally march to celebrate May Day. But the organisers — Leeds Trades Council — have decided to ignore the ban. Trades Council secretary Mrs. Betty Hurlinley told the Yorkshire Area Council of the National Union of Mine-workers asking them to give support. They were considering the request today.

The decision by Leeds City Council to apply a temporary ban on marches was approved by the Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison, following fears that the National Front intended to demonstrate on St. George's Day, April 22.

That demonstration was banned — and at the same time all other political marches in Leeds — and at the same time all other political marches in Leeds.

She said that more than 100 union branches affiliated to the Trades Council were being asked to give backing. "We want the National Front banning from march- ing, from meeting in public halls, and from being given any platform," said Mrs. Hurlinley. "But this can be done under law without imposing a blanket ban. A police spokesman said the City Council had requested the Home Secretary to approve their decision to ban marches. He said the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, Mr. Ronald Gregory, had recommended a ban.

May Day march planned in defiance of ban



Picture: Andrew Ward (Report)

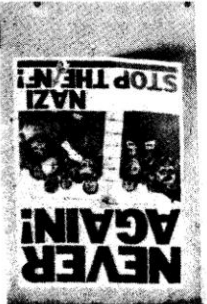
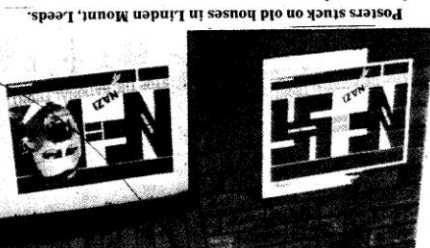
NF Nazi Derek Day threatens some of the anti-racists inside the meeting — Brixton opponents on their moments later set

Posters put up by the Anti-Nazi League in Beeston, Leeds, are illegal, claims the local National Front candidate for the coming council elections. Mrs. Nora Griffiths, London Road, Beeston, who is standing for the East and West Humber Ward, says the posters infringe the Representation of the People Act. "I have taken legal advice and am convinced the posters are illegal," said Mrs. Griffiths. "No group is allowed to put up material concerning the election unless they have a candidate standing."

Mrs. Griffiths said she had already called police to remove a poster which she said contained photographs which had been "touched up" on an NF banner. "They are trying to make out that I am a Nazi, which I am not," said Mrs. Griffiths. Mr. Adam Sugar, secretary of the Anti-Nazi League in Leeds, denied that the posters had been "touched up" or that they were election propaganda.

He said: "Let me make it clear that the Anti-Nazi League has been conducting a campaign for six months. This elections, is going on during Mrs. Griffiths said she had already called police to remove a poster which she said contained photographs which had been "touched up" on an NF banner. "They are trying to make out that I am a Nazi, which I am not," said Mrs. Griffiths. Mr. Adam Sugar, secretary of the Anti-Nazi League in Leeds, denied that the posters had been "touched up" or that they were election propaganda.

Posters are illegal says Front woman



Posters stuck on old houses in Linden Mount, Leeds.

them and will go on after they have finished. "The posters are not an infringement of the Representation of the People's Act. No material refers to voting in this or any other election."

The 4000 lawbreakers...

FOUR THOUSAND people broke the law on Saturday in Brixton, South London. Though there were five hundred witnesses, not one charge was brought!

The offenders were the members of the Metropolitan Police assigned to protect the National Front rally at a local school. They broke the Representation of the People Act.

The meeting had been allowed by the Inner London Education Authority on the grounds that it was an election meeting open to the public. Ashley Brammall, chairman of the ILEA, had given an assurance that if bona fide members of the public were refused admission, he would recommend that the NF should be refused premises in the future.

Yet on Saturday, with the connivance of the police, only those with NF tickets were let in.

When, under pressure of the Anti Nazi League picket, members of the public were admitted, their numbers were limited to 30. Then, again, with the blessing of the police, Front leader Martin Webster vetted the people who wanted to go in.

Once in, the 30 began to heckle. But as soon as Front candidate Helena Steven was introduced they were turned upon. Two, Tony Goss and

Anna Kean of Women Against the Nazis, explained: 'There were about a hundred NF. In the rush to get at us chairs went flying and some of us were punched. We didn't hear the platform say one word to stop the violence.'

Isn't it strange that 4000 police can protect the Nazis but not 30 anti-racists?



Even when the police weren't satisfied with their day's work. As the picket moved off to protest at Brixton police station against the arrest of Lambeth teacher, Dick North, they swooped to arrest three black teenagers. When people who saw the unfounded arrests objected, they too were arrested!

A test of the ILEA's policy will be whether they keep their word and refuse admission to a Shoreditch school at the end of the month.



MEET John Roberts seen here being escorted to his car by the police in High Wycombe recently. He is the publisher and printer of Bulldog, paper of the Young National Front. He has excellent credentials for the post. On 5 January 1970 in Newbury Roberts, real name Jan Sylvester, met his wife off the bus like the loving family man he undoubtedly is. Unfortunately he met her with a knife and tried to stab her!

His arrest didn't prevent him fouling the streets of High Wycombe this Saturday with 100 of his Nazi friends. 150 supporters of the Anti Nazi League mounted a counter-picket but were met by a large number of police, who made many arrests.

The ANL is calling another mass picket of the Nazis this Saturday. Meet at the Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education car park, 1pm.

Jon Flaig

National Front

THE National Front preaches and believes in racial hatred. The proportion of non-white immigrants in Tower Hamlets is higher than in most other parts of the country.

This, primarily, is why the Front has chosen to put up 41 candidates in our borough to promote hatred, discord, enmity. It is also why the East Enders choose to make no further reference to the policies of the National Front during this election campaign.

CONGRATULATIONS to the East London newspaper the East Enders, for its uncompromising stand against the Nazi Front. It has set an example to journalists all over the country on how to treat an organisation which promises to 'Kick its way into the news'.

NEWS FROM THE ANTI NAZI LEAGUE

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SUPPORTERS of the Anti Nazi League in Southall collected over £50 in a morning by going round door to door. We found tremendous interest in the league and a keen willingness to give money. Anti Nazi League supporters should start fund-raising in every immigrant community.

Balwinder Singh

CARDIFF: At the inaugural meeting of the Anti Nazi League 200 people turned up at six days notice! A committee of 14 was elected with representatives from Plaid Cymru, the Labour Party, the Communist Party and the SWP among others.

Our first priority will be to counter the NF in the Ely council by-election. Ely is a vast council estate with a 15,000 electorate.

TERRY JAMES

"We'll keep the swastika flying here..."

Labour Party members found some unpleasant characters frequenting Arnold Labour Club in the north of Nottingham recently. Some 20 members of the Arnold Labour Party were found to be handing out National Front leaflets and wearing NF badges.

Things came to a head with a punch-up between members of the Labour Party and the Nazis. Three of the Nazis have since been expelled by Jack Riley, the local party secretary. One was found to have been a

member for two years!

Last week the club was leafleted by the Anti Nazi League, who are preparing a mass leafletting and demonstration in the area. We are determined to end this infiltration of a working class organisation by the Nazis.

IPSWICH: The Anti Nazi League has taken off here with a meeting of 130 people which asked the council to remove all Nazi slogans from the walls of the town. If they don't, we'll inform the press of a public clean-up by the league itself.

Already the League has a local membership of 60. At the meeting its growing strength in workplaces was shown when a message of support was read out from 24 printworkers who couldn't attend because of shift-work.

STEVE BARKER

Workers at Ford Dagenham are collecting signatures for a Fordworkers Against the Nazis statement, in solidarity with a painter at the plant who was a target of the Nazis' letter-bomb campaign. They are also taking financial donations for a coach to take a contingent of Ford workers to the Carnival Against the Nazis next

Workers who see the Nazis in their workplace and union branch, on their housing estates and pubs will have to take on the real fight. Their message is beginning to be heard: The Nazis are NOT part of the union!

LEAMINGTON: Robert Relf is at it again!

Relf, notorious for his sign For sale to a British Family only—incidentally he is selling his home to a Sikh family—broke his ankle the other week when caught painting slogans on a railway bridge. The martyr of the Master Race now faces criminal charges for his pains.

Relf, who recently rejoined the National Front, played host to Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke during his visit to Britain.

Leamington Anti Racist Committee and Trades Council have called a march and rally against our local fascists. Assemble outside Automotive Products, Tachbrook Road, 2pm, Saturday 29 April.

All SWP Midlands branches to support.

TEACHER John Lockwood may lose his job for fighting racism. John was arrested on a trumped-up charge on the Lewisham anti-fascist march last August and is now serving a three-month sentence in Pentonville jail.

On Friday 60 people attended a meeting of John's defence campaign, with a particularly strong delegation from John's school in Greenwich. Dick North of the teachers' union executive urged a 'no cover' policy to get John reinstated. This is essential as the local NUT officers have refused John union protection on the grounds that the incident occurred before John joined the union.

COURT REFUSES BAN ON 'FRONT' MEN

Five men charged with assaulting two West Indians in Leeds on Saturday night denied being involved with the National Front, at Leeds Magistrates Court.

The magistrates refused to impose a political ban — sought by police — on the men coming into the city centre as a condition of bail.

The accused are: Kenneth Pearce (22), painter, Wiloughby View, Holbeck, Leeds; Brian Mee (21), plant fitter, Deansway, Morley; Graham John Laidlaw (22), hod carrier, Clovelly Row, Dewsbury Road, Leeds; Martyn Harley (21), body builder, Dewsbury Road, Leeds, and Malcolm Thorp (26), road man, Brooklands Crescent, Seacroft, Leeds.

They are all jointly charged with maliciously wounding Ernest Kelly, assault occasioning actual bodily harm to Leonard Claxton and using threatening words or behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might be caused.

They were all remanded until May 19, on unconditional bail.

UNPROVOKED

Mr. Rodney Lester, for Pearce and Mee, lifted reporting restrictions.

Chief Insp. Peter Birdsall said: "About 10.50 p.m. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Claxton were walking in Park Row towards The Headrow, when the accused approached from the opposite direction and blocked the footpath."

"The accused barged the complainants off the footpath into the roadway and then launched an unprovoked attack on both complainants."

He said Mr. Claxton escaped with bruises to the face but Mr. Kelly was knocked to the ground, punched and kicked about the head, face and body. He managed to get to his feet but was attacked again.

SLOGANS

"Three passers-by rescued Mr. Kelly," said Chief Insp. Birdsall. "The accused went off to City Square shouting National Front and other racist slogans. They were followed by one of the rescuers who alerted the police."

Mr. Kelly had been detained in Leeds General Infirmary with facial cuts and severe bruising to the face and body. He would be detained for some days but his condition was "satisfactory."

Chief Insp. Birdsall added: "All the accused are either active National Front members or supporters. It is alleged they had spent the evening drinking in Leeds after the National Front meeting on Saturday. Bail is not opposed, but we seek conditions."

Mr. Michael Lawrence, defending Laidlaw, Harley and Thorp, said: "These defendants are not concerned with the political thugs who rampaged through the city at the weekend."

"They are not members of the National Front or supporters and have nothing to do with it."

Mr. Lester said: "The whole purpose of raising restrictions is to show they are not tarnished with the ideas of the National Front. Neither Pearce nor Mee hold any allegiance to the National Front or support its policies."

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The scene outside the Town Hall with police on horseback keeping the factions apart after the National Front meeting at City of Leeds High School.

Eleven held after National Front clashes in Leeds

Story: Roy Holland
Pictures: Steve Riding

Eleven arrests — two for alleged robbery — were made after clashes following the National Front meeting in Leeds this weekend.

A number of people, including National Front leader Martin Webster, were injured.

Police said there were



National Front leader, Martin Webster feels his cut lip after being attacked following the meeting.

about 1,000 anti-Front demonstrators outside City of Leeds High School. There were no reports of damage to property. Many shopkeepers and publicans in the centre had boarded up doors and windows.

The Front's leader was given a thick lip and a black eye when attacked by half a dozen demonstrators after the meeting. He was punched several times before police could get him to safety. Before and after the meet-

ing, Front members were met with a barrage of shouting, a variety of missiles and several attempts to attack them.

Stones, cans, eggs and various liquids were thrown at Front members who were escorted by police, many of them on horseback.

As police tried to control demonstrators and stop the running fights, a number of Front members were removed in police vehicles. Others were unable to get to the meeting.

Roads round the school in Woodhouse Lane had been cordoned off with crash barriers and police officers.

Many Front members made provocative gestures to the protesters and scuffles broke out.

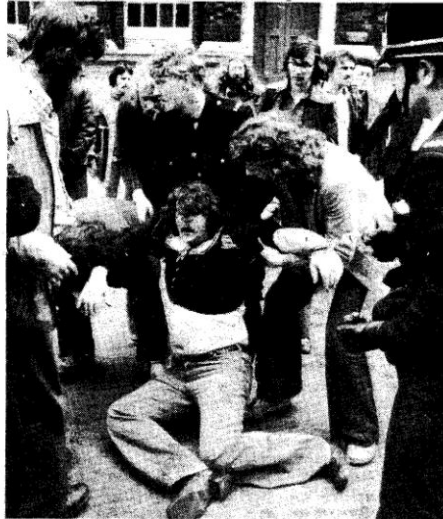
West Yorkshire Chief Constable Mr. Ronald Gregory watched as about 1,000 of his officers battled to keep the two factions apart.

FURTHER ACTION

Today the Action Committee against the National Front March promised further action if the Front returned to Leeds.

Mr. D. Sellers, the Action Committee's convenor, said: "The threat of violence is the sole responsibility of the National Front."

"Any racial provocation in Leeds will be opposed by the Labour and trade union movement, along with anti-Fascist organisations."



A demonstrator is dazed after fighting had broken out

Candidate tried to dupe us, voters allege

The National Front was alleged last night to have deceived voters in Leeds to obtain nominations for its candidates at next month's local elections.

Voters in Scott Hall and Chapel-Allerton ward maintain they were misled into thinking that the National Front was seeking signatures for petitions to improve local conditions.

In one case, it is alleged that the National Front candidate posed as a Labour party candidate to obtain one of the ten signatures needed by everyone standing at a district election.

Of the ten voters supporting the nomination of Mr.

Peter Jackson as National Front candidate for the ward, three have moved away and the remaining seven all claim that they were misled by Mr. Jackson into signing.

Two of the women signatories have half-caste children.

Mr. Jackson (21), a taxi driver commenting on the allegations said: "They were all well aware of who I was and which party I was from."

Asked if he thought it was incredible that women with half-caste children should support an avowedly racist party, he said: "Yes, I suppose it is rather incredible, but they did sign."

IT COULD HAVE BEEN A RIOT...

massive picket confronts fascist meeting in leeds school

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The Anti-Nazi League had lost their appeal for the meeting to be banned because of suspicion that it would not be a real election meeting and would therefore be in breach of the Representation of the People Act, and had only two days to organise their picket.

Adrian Sugar, of the Anti-Nazi League, said: "We were delighted with the turnout. We were given 2 days notice and the turnout was confined to Leeds and surrounding areas. We were particularly pleased with the turnout of Asians and West Indians from Chapeltown."

On Saturday coach loads of police, marching in columns of four and laughing at themselves, cordoned off streets leading to the school from 6 am., and escorted the fascists numbering only about 30 into their meeting. As they passed giving Nazi salutes the crowds shouted 'Nazi scum' and threw soft drink cans.



POLICE ESCORT FOR MARTIN WEBSTER

PUBLIC MEETING?

Although the meeting was supposed to be public, admittance was vetted by the Yorkshire National Front organiser Andrew Brons and national organiser Martin Webster,

and only 8 anti-fascists were allowed in. Many seats were left vacant.

No women were among the 8 and it is believed that the one black person was to protect themselves from action under the Race Relations Act. Scores of people were turned away at the door.

Two people who managed to sneak in later were recognised as not being National Front members, and were roughly escorted out.

By law, election meetings should include election speeches, but no election speeches were made. No reference at all was made to the relevant ward, City and Woodhouse. The meeting included nothing but NF propaganda.

"Over the next few days," stated the Anti-Nazi League, "we are sitting down with our

appointed legal observers and our solicitors in order to assess what approaches to make in relation to 1) the flagrant breaches of the Representation of the People Act, and 2) the cooperation of certain senior police officers with this. We are mindful of decisions made by the Inner London Authority to ban the NF from holding election meetings in London."

Outside of the meeting most of the time little or nothing was happening and the many hundreds of picketers stood or sat around waiting for the end of the meeting.

Front members leaving the meeting were again shouted at and various missiles including police horse dung and cans were thrown by demonstrators who had waited outside the school all afternoon.



ON THE WAY TO THE MEETING

Neo-Nazi groups 'behind attacks'

Lindsay Mackie reports on inner London estates where Asian families are being intimidated

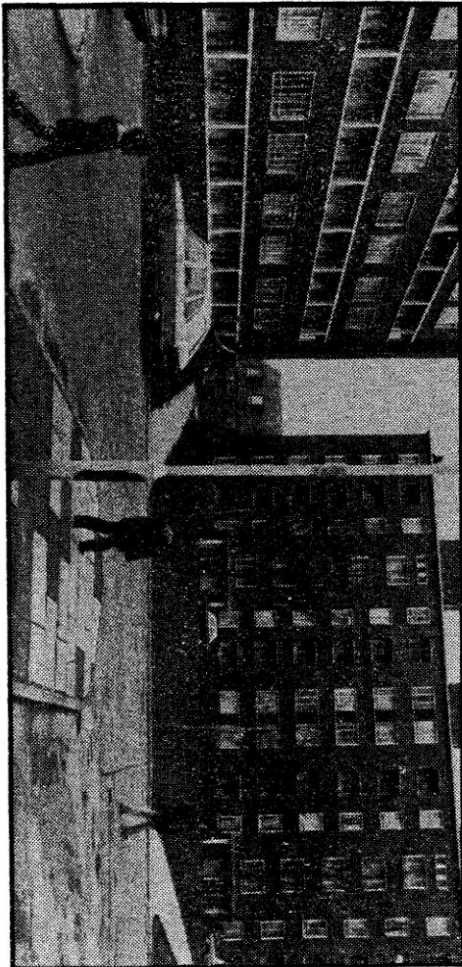
ATTACKS on Asians, including assaults with iron bars, a stabbing, the harassment of schoolchildren, stone-throwing and other forms of intimidation have led to fears on a north London housing estate that neo-Nazi organisations are selecting certain teenagers to local youths against ethnic minorities.

A number of meetings are now being held between police community support officers and residents to address the problem. Identifying the attackers has proved difficult since virtually all that is known is that they are gangs of skin-heads.

Islington Council, concerned about the racial assaults at the York Way Court estate and at the adjoining Naish Court, drew up a list of the racist attacks it knew about in the borough.

The note for the Miah family, who are Bangladeshis living on the York Way Court estate, reads: "Bricks through window on a regular bus. On October 1, 13 panes broken, more damage provoked. The neighbourhood estate manager very concerned. Fears that young children could be seriously injured."

There are notes on another family from Bangladesh, also called Miah, who live on Naish Court. They have had their windows smashed three times in recent months and Mrs Miah said yesterday that he had to pay out £45 on two previous occasions for new windows and had sought council help on the third occasion. Mr Miah fears for his wife and six young children when



The Naish Court estate in London where neo-Nazi organisations are suspected of racial attacks.

they are left alone. The family are trying to get an iron bar at their present one is a sitting target for stone-throwers.

In York Way Court the other Miah family, who also live in a ground floor flat, have often had their windows broken. The latest incident was the most violent. A bottle was thrown through the window on October 19, scattering glass over the children. Mr Miah, who lives on the same estate, ran out to catch the culprit, found a group of about 15 skin-heads outside, throwing bottles, and was then hit on the head with an iron bar.

Mr Rahman, aged 37, has had meetings with local police and councillors. But he says that the problem on the estate must be solved by the residents. "The police are doing their best, what more can they do? We don't want a big meeting or famous speakers who would just go away again. We need the local people, and if they support us those skin-heads won't come back."

The police at King's Cross

Take the problem seriously. The Special Patrol Group has been used on a number of occasions and extra special constables patrol the area.

A local priest, Father Jim Kennedy, says that the community, which has been offered help from Islington Council, the local MP, Mr

George Cunningham, and the police, has to do something for itself. Father Kennedy says that it is widely known that fascist organisations are behind the recent attacks. From talking to local teenagers he believes that "the Nazis' method of operation is to go to an area of high unemployment, pick one or two intelligent boys from perhaps. Right-wing, military families and persuade them of their views and then get them to stir up the kids who are not very articulate, who are intended to form the base of the movement." Unemployment in the area is about 10 per cent. Father Kennedy says that it is a "sink" area which was slowly improving but which is now hit by every cut local and central government make. He believes that fascists have spotted that and want to foment trouble.

Richard Crowson is the newly appointed race relations adviser to Islington Council. His job is to mediate between the council and residents of Naish Court. "The area and saying that this kind of harassment has been going on for two years and why is the council only taking an interest now? So I'm trying to get meetings between the Bangladeshis, the tenants, and the leader of the council and council officers," he said.

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1980 Right Wing Groups Activities and Racism

Taunted airman killed youth

AN AIRMAN who hit and taunted a youth after being threatened with broken bottles by a gang was given a two-year suspended prison sentence yesterday.

Senior aircrewman Lionel Watson, aged 23, denied manslaughter at the Old Bailey. The court heard from senior RAF officers that Mr. Watson, based at RAF Cottesmore, a Squadron and had an exemplary character rating. He was regarded as being suitable for promotion. A petition signed by 50 of Watson's colleagues was presented to the court.

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Front query over fire

Police are investigating a fire which broke out in the London offices of the Rummymede Trust, which researches into race relations and immigration. The letters NF were found scrawled on the wall outside the offices in Chandos Place.

It is believed that a ground-floor window was broken and petrol poured into the offices on Wednesday night. The fire did little damage.

National Front's campaign of hate

By Martin Walker
National Front members in south London have launched a campaign of deliberate harassment against Left-wing, anti-racist and anti-nuclear campaigners. Names, addresses, and private telephone numbers of 14 people, including the Anti-Nazi League spokesman Mr Peter Hain, have been published in an NF magazine.

"We believe that the time has come to launch a war of nerves against the NF members," the magazine South London News, announces on its front page. "Up until now we have held back from using these tactics."

Several of the people on the list, have called the police after receiving threatening mail and telephone calls.

Ms Jane Lowe, a member of a Trotskyite group, who is eight months pregnant, has been sent excrement and swastikas through the post. Mrs Betty Elward, aged 74, a member of the Communist Party, has had fireworks put through her letterbox, and said: "These cowardly things thought they were going to frighten me into a heart attack."

Ms Margaret Winstanley, an anti-apartheid campaigner, received a "Nazi Christmas card" in the post yesterday with "RIP" scrawled across it. She said: "I have nothing to do with the Anti-Nazi League. I am taking this matter to the courts."

Others on the NF list include an Indian teacher who is described as writing anti-racist plays and a woman who was arrested (and whose address was given in court) during the Lewisham anti-NF demonstration two years ago.

Mr Martin Webster, NF spokesman, said: "South London News is provoked by the NF's youth group. You can't expect our 17-year-olds. Aimed at young people, the eight-page magazine contains record reviews, news of punk bands, and lists of local meetings. Its headlines include 'Idle Wogs' and 'Sovereign Hate List', 'London' and 'Box 64, London SW18'.

German in Leeds gives fascist alert

Leo Heinmann was in Leeds from Germany and spoke from personal experience during World War 2 and his knowledge of the development of fascism there today.

Born in 1909 of Jewish parents in Hannover, Leo was 24 years old when Hitler came to power. By 1934 he was exiled to France, already under sentence of death by the laws of January '34 against "subversion."

Leo became a volunteer in the regular French forces and later led commando parties with the partisan forces into Nazi Germany.

In 1942 he endured fourteen days and nights of torture by the SS and ended up in four camps including Buchenwald and Dachau.

He has remained active since the war and is now involved in the Bund der Antifascisten (Anti-fascist League) and the VVN, the League of Victims of Nazi Repression.

Members of the VVN — and Leo Heinmann is one — have sworn an oath never to allow fascism to rise again. They picket annual reunion meetings of Nazis in Frankfurt, and often end up confronting the police in anti-Nazi activities.

At the invitation of the ANL, Leo is on a UK speaking tour, offering his experience and analysis of the way things are today. West Germany has seen an upsurge of fascist violence paralleled by that in Italy; attacks on Jewish synagogues, stabbings of socialists on the streets... the Munich

bombing which killed twelve, and injured 45.

There is also a right-wing drift in Germany's national politics, with state moves against the Italian and Turkish guest workers. Leo criticised the Communists' approach in 1929-33 when they refused to make it a common cause with Labour and Social Democratic Parties against the Nazis.

The lessons are that we must build the broadest possible anti-Nazi movement," he said.

Leeds Anti-Nazi League took up the point discussing their future activities. The ANL will be broadening its support from the local labour movement as well as countering fascist propaganda in Leeds schools and National Front recruitment of young football supporters at Elland Road.

Enquiries to the ANL should be addressed to the ANL Convenor, Leeds Trades Club, Savile Mt., Leeds 7 (telephone 488137).

Police chief refuses to ban Front march

By Paul Johnson.
The Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Sir Philip Knights, yesterday refused to begin the process of banning a National Front march planned for this weekend despite growing pressure from a local authority and several Labour MPs.

Wolverhampton Borough Council has urged the Chief Constable to rule against the march, due to be staged in protest at the authority's decision to develop 284,000 Midlands council houses after a donation of £8,200 towards a Hindu temple.

Members of the Labour-controlled authority say they have been told that anti-racist groups are planning to converge on the town and they fear violence if the march goes ahead. Several Labour MPs in the West Midlands, including Mr David Winnick, of Walsall North, are also against the march taking place.

Under the Public Order Act of 1936, a Chief Constable can ask for an order banning a march if he thinks take place."

that breaches of the peace may be caused. Any such order has to be confirmed by the Home Secretary.

The police take the view that the march and any counter-demonstration, can be adequately controlled. They said yesterday that the Chief Constable did not believe at this stage that any major public disorder was likely.

In August last year five marches planned by the National Front in the Midlands were banned after Mr Griffiths, Chief Constable had said that he considered that they and the threatened counter-demonstrations, would lead to violence.

Mr Winnick, said last night that he had written to the Home Secretary urging him to take action over the planned march.

He said: "I have pointed out that there exists a clear and anomalous racial hatred which is illegal and yet marches of this sort, with no other object but to stir up racial hatred, are allowed to be held."



Nazi images on the march: seen at a British Movement demonstration



Sainsbury Christmas turn?

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Monday, bloody Monday

JAMES SAINSBURY, son of the Tory MP for Hove, has spent much of the past fortnight denying that he made a Nazi salute during the annual dinner of the Oxford University Monday Club. While I do not want to argue unduly about this, I do feel that the above photograph should be taken into consideration and weighed with all the other evidence before we reach a final decision.

But what else could he be doing? Colleagues in the office have helpfully suggested that he might just, as a Christmas turn, be impersonating a resentful constable who has been dragged untimely from his yule log to enact point duty amidst the sullen remnants of broken traffic lights. Alternatively, he might be waving goodbye to a particularly tiresome relative.

Certainly, the face is that of one who has endured Aunt Daphne's presence in the family home from Lent to the summer recess and is at long last seeing her off down the drive as she motors back to Hastings.

But reasonable though they are, neither explanation fully accounts for why Mr Sainsbury has resigned from the Monday Club along with others who joined in similar gesticulations.

If this were a Nazi salute then one could safely state that the family Sainsbury is steadily swinging to the right. His father, Timothy, is an orthodox Tory while his grandfather was a Labour life peer. The choice is yours.

Two are convicted of race hatred conspiracy

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By Paul Johnson

Two high-ranking members of the extreme Right-wing British Movement were found guilty at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday of conspiring to stir up racial hatred.

Roderick Roberts, aged 27, of Longbridge, Birmingham, and Harvey Stock, 40, of Bournville, Birmingham, had denied conspiring to distribute threatening, abusive or insulting written matter. They will be sentenced today.

The court had been told that both men were leading figures in the West Midlands branch

of the British Movement. Police who raided their homes after a fireworks device had been put through the front door of Birmingham Education Department's careers office found thousands of stickers attacking blacks, Jews and Communists.

In some cases the slogans urged the killing of blacks and Asians.

Seven years for racist who hoarded weapons

By Paul Johnson

The court heard that hidden away in a pigsty on Roberts parents' farm in Worcestershire was an arms cache including a .38 Smith and Wesson, an extreme Right-wing British Movement, who had been convicted of conspiring to supply race hatred among arsenal building up a weapons arsenal was yesterday jailed for seven years.

A judge at Birmingham earlier been found guilty of conspiring to stir up race hatred by distributing stickers and magazines attacking blacks, Jews and Communists. He was given a two-year prison sentence suspended for two years.

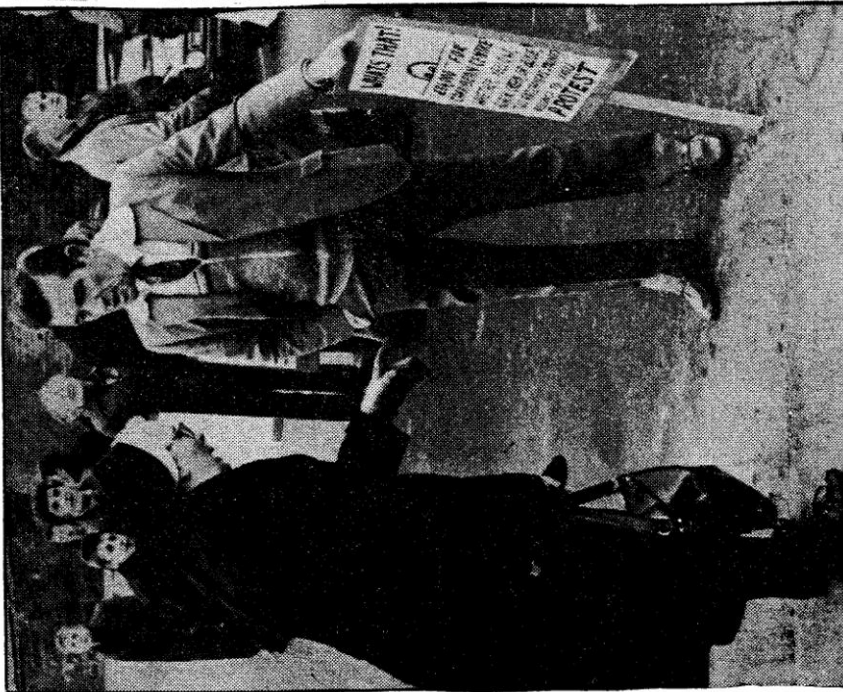
Mr Robert Giles, aged 25, of Bicester, another member of the BM, was found guilty of conspiring to acquire a semi-automatic pistol and admitted possessing a flickknife. He was given an 18-month gaol sentence suspended for two years.

A former member of the National Front and local government candidate, Mr Harold Wines, aged 33, of Tipston, West Midlands, received a two-year sentence after admitting unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition.

A registered arms dealer, Mr Ian Gilmore, aged 28, of Norton Canes, Staffordshire, was given a two-year prison sentence suspended for two years after he admitted possession of a sten gun.

White power fanatics, page 3

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A NUN takes issue with a National Front slogan when the party mustered 40 supporters for a march in Wolverhampton yesterday which was policed by 800 officers. The march, which passed off peacefully, was in protest at a local council decision to develop a cultural centre for blacks
Picture by Denis Thorpe

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Murder charge denied

A member of the fascist British Movement pleaded not guilty this week to murdering a 17 year old youth in Leeds City Centre in August.

Michael Clifford, 23, of The Parade, Saxton Gardens, Leeds, denied murdering John Anthony Clarke. Clifford is said to have told police that he belonged to a right wing movement, and carried a knife for self defence.

Clarke died on August 11th last year, three days after being stabbed in the stomach on Boar Lane. Appearing with Clifford in Leeds Crown Court is Thomas O'Leary, 23, of Ivy Avenue, York Road, who has pleaded not guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm to one of Clarke's companions. Proceeding.

Michael Joseph Clifford, 23, of The Parade, Saxton Gardens, Leeds, was jailed for life for the murder of John Anthony Clarke, 17, of Bismark Street, Beeston, Leeds. Clifford pleaded not guilty but the jury, by a majority of 10-2, convicted him after deliberating for 41 hours, on August 8.

Mr. Justice Rowham, called the case "one of the clearest evidence."

Mr. William Crawford QC, prosecuting, said Mr. Clarke died three days after being stabbed in the stomach at the shelter in Boar Lane on August 8.

Thomas O'Leary, 23, a silk screen printer, of Ivy Avenue, York Road, Leeds, was convicted by unanimous verdict of assisting an offender by hiding a knife and of actual bodily harm to Stephen Mitchell, 17, of Waverley Garth, Beeston, Leeds. O'Leary was jailed for four months.

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Fantasies of white-power fanatics



The quartermaster of the West Midlands branch of the British Movement, Roderick Roberts, was gaoled for seven years yesterday for conspiring to stir up race hatred and having an arsenal of weapons.

Most of those in the Midlands branch of the British Movement, membership of the openly neo-Nazi party provided a political forum for their fantasies.

They met to celebrate Hitler's birthday, exchanged pieces of German militarist extreme Right-wing groups, adopted a uniform featuring their Celtic cross emblem, and spoke proudly of "my

steely anti-black and anti-semitic" views. They saw themselves as revolutionaries which would involve wholesale repression and an assertion of white power.

At first the group combined with overt activities such as marches, demonstrations and taking part in local government elections. It also built up a collection of fascist literature and stickers — some of which urged the killing of

But in the last year, some members began to speak openly of frustration at their inability to sway public opinion on a large scale. They were disappointed that, despite recruitment drives, they had only employed about 20 members, their card-carrying number never reaching more than 35.

With visions of the white revolution preached in their magazines and bulletins, they started to build up an arsenal of weapons. The preferred arms dealer among

their number came in handy. With his contacts and to the degree they were able to buy the flow of illegal weapons circulating in the West Midlands.

The alleged quartermaster of the group, Roderick Roberts, managed to build up a huge, illegal arsenal hidden in a pigsty on his parents' farm in Worcestershire.

Mr Roberts, who has been linked with the Ku Klux Klan and had connections with the extreme Right-wing faction, the League of St George, had a cache that included a sub-machine gun, semi-automatic pistols, revolvers, rifles, a double-barrelled shotgun, an anti-aircraft gun and more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition. At one time he possessed a US Army manual on the manufacture of incendiary devices.

Others in the "clique also possessed firearms, including a "matchbox gun" — a specially-designed weapon, so-

called because it is the size of a matchbox but fires .22 calibre bullets.

They took risks to get their hands on these weapons despite a belief among those who had been on marches and electioneering that they were "marked men" and known to the Special Branch.

That suspicion was borne out by the way West Midlands Police raided members' homes and found the arms dump days after an incendiary device bearing a British Movement sticker was pushed through the front door of Birmingham Education Department's careers office on October 21, 1979.

Although the Police quickly found the line of supply, they were surprised that Right-wing fanatics without underworld links could obtain so many varied lethal weapons with ease.

The British Movement, formed in 1968 by Colin Jordan in succession to a National Socialist Movement,

is now led by a former Lancashire milkman, Michael McLaughlin.

The movement, with its headquarters in Stratford-upon-Avon, is believed to have about 2,500 members in two dozen branches throughout Britain. It is strong in North Wales and East London as well as West Yorkshire.

The British Movement has made strenuous efforts to establish close and personal links with other neo-Nazi groups throughout Europe. Two members of the West Midlands branch, Mr Roberts and Mr Robert Giles, attended a mass rally of European fascists held in 1979 in Dixmude, Belgium.

As in other parts of the country, the British Movement in the West Midlands benefited from internal disputes in the National Front. Most of its members have moved on from the NF and two leading lights, Mr Roberts, a laboratory technician, and Mr Harvey Stock, a

BL welder, were suspended by the Front because of suspicions about links with neo-Nazi groups such as Choum 88 and the entrenching of the Ku Klux Klan leader, Mr David Dukes, when he visited British several years ago.

In interviews with the police, members of the cell spoke of their beliefs and aims. Mr Roberts said it angered him that white men should be unemployed while there were blacks holding down jobs.

He stood as a British Movement candidate for Birmingham City Council, but reached the stage where he was "frustrated that his views were not being taken up by the public."

He told the police: "There are some things about the movement I can tell you and there are some things I can't. But we are on your side, like the soldiers."

The immediate aim of the movement was to see the Race Relation Act repealed. Mr Roberts believed that if that was done the movement would be able to make better use of the thousands of stickers he possessed which carried slogans such as "Nigger scum get out of Britain" and "Hitler was right."

He said that he did not care if his activities, and those of people who shared his views, caused alarm among immigrant groups. "My whole life discriminates between black and white and I want to get others to discriminate against black people."

ATTACK

Mr Crawford said that the two accused indulged in a gratuitous attack at the bus stop on a party of young men, which included Mr Clarke and Mr Mitchell.

Chifford said the court he wanted to help O'Leary when he became involved in a fight. He thought he was going to be attacked and waved his knife to frighten others.

Chifford said: "I caught this lad in the stomach with the knife and it went in. I never intended to stab him. It was an accident."

Mr Crawford said Chifford would police that he carried a knife because: "I am a skinned. I am in the British Movement. We are always getting attacked by blacks and communists."

O'Leary told the court that he battered Mr Mitchell, who was said to have lost a tooth, in that defence. He said that after the fight Chifford told him he (Chifford) might have stabbed someone and asked him to look after his knife.

Mr Justice Boreham said O'Leary had acted out of misplaced loyalty to a man who did not deserve it.

Skinhead gang 'in race riot'

By John Hooper

Two members of an Old Bailey jury panel were yesterday allowed to disqualify themselves on the grounds of political sympathies. They had been chosen to try five men accused of offences arising out of what the prosecution described as a race riot in Woolwich, south-east London, last year.

Before the trial began, Judge John Buzzard told the panel that the defendants were all members or supporters of the ultra-right-wing British Movement. If any prospective juror belonged to, or strongly sympathised with the British Movement, the National Front, the Anti-Nazi League or the

Socialist Workers Party, said the judge, he or she should tell the court that they were not suited.

On being asked to take the oath, two men said they did not think they should serve and were allowed to step down.

After the jury had been sworn, Miss Ann Curnow, prosecuting, told them that the unusual step had been taken with consent of all counsel.

The defendants deny charges of riotous assembly, unlawful fighting, and making an affray on March 28, 1980. They are: Mr Vincent Wendon, aged 18, of Tewson Road, Woolwich; Mr Kevin Wakeling, 18, of Appleby Road, Canning Town;

Mr Shane Spalding, 18, of Tate Road, Canning Town; Mr Martin White, 20, of John Wilson Street, Woolwich; and Mr Kevin Heathfield, 20, of Woodhill, Woolwich. Mr Wakeling alone pleaded not guilty to possessing an offensive weapon on the same date.

A sixth man, Mr Andrew Markcoons, aged 18, of Portway Gardens, Woolwich, had pleaded guilty to riotous assembly. Six days before the incidents at the cinema, his brother was stabbed after being set upon by a crowd of coloured youths. It was this which inspired the skinheads to a revenge attack, said Miss Curnow.

The case continues.

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Minority organisations welcome inquiry into racist groups

By Lindsay Mackie

The Home Secretary's decision to investigate racist organisations in Britain was greeted warmly yesterday by black groups and representatives of ethnic minorities and was given a guarded welcome by the Metropolitan Police.

Details of Mr Whitelaw's proposal that a study should be set up have apparently not yet been worked out. But the Home Office said yesterday that it would almost certainly be carried out by Home Office officials and there might not be a published report at the end of the inquiry.

Mr Whitelaw said in the Commons that chief constables are to be consulted over the investigation.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews said yesterday

that it welcomed the investigation. The Board received constant reports of attacks on Jews and Jewish properties. Some were minor but others involved harassment of Jewish children.

Mr Patrick Kodikara, a Hackney councillor who is a member of the recently established Afro-Asian Caribbean Convention, also expressed approval of the move although the convention last year advised non-cooperation with police liaison committees.

A Scotland Yard statement said that the police welcomed any move which helped to clarify allegations of attacks on members of ethnic minority groups "and thereby replace rumour with evidence." Police would "naturally" give fullest cooperation to any investigation.

When he met the all-party Joint Committee against Racism on Wednesday and announced his intention to set up the investigation, Mr Whitelaw was given details of attacks on racial minority members all over Britain.

The Commission for Racial Equality, which also welcomed the Home Secretary's move, announced yesterday that its chairman, Mr David Lane, will meet the chairman of the Football Association, Sir Harold Thompson, next Friday to discuss the growing problem of racialism among football fans.

The CRE believes that football grounds provide a major recruiting area for extremist groups. National Front insignia and badges with racistist slogans have appeared for sale at some grounds.

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World's fascists get offer of guns

by a Staff Reporter

AN AMERICAN neo-Nazi group has offered 10,000 guns to the international fascist movement, according to an infiltrator in the British League of St George.

The issue arose at a secret summit meeting of international fascists last year at the Cafe Den Anker in Bruges, Belgium.

The offer came from the American National States Rights Party whose leader, Mr J. B. Stoner, has recently been convicted of bombing a black community church.

The League of St George is a secretive British grouping which is believed to have close links with the even more furtive para-military Column 88, an organisation which has caused concern in anti-terrorist circles.

The Special Branch, the Anti-Terrorist Squad, and MI5 have all taken a close interest in the activities of these groups, and one source told THE OBSERVER last week that the league and Column 88 are considered especially worthy of attention by the security forces.

The infiltrator is interviewed on the London Weekend Television programme 'Credo' tonight, but his answers are spoken by an actor to protect the identity of the 'mole.'

The programme's producers will say nothing about the infiltrator, other than that he has a 'position' within the League of St George, but it is understood that he has close associations with the Anti-Nazi League.

The programme says that Hitler's birthday last Monday was celebrated at a party in a house in south-east London. A photographer managed to obtain pictures through a window showing a group of men with swastika armbands in a smoke-filled room.

The infiltrator said that the League of St George often shows films from the Hitler era.

'People in the audience would put their right hand up in a Nazi salute and cheer when anyone on the film said anything against Jews,' he said.

The man claimed that the league has close ties with fascist and terrorist groups around the world and gave an especially warm welcome to visitors who had done 'something like Roeder,' a reference to Manfred Roeder, leader of the German Nazi group Deutsche Burgerinitiative.

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Racists use fire terror

by GEORGE BROCK

'IF YOU don't all move we'll start a fire and kill all of you,' said the voices.

Mr Jarnail Singh says the menacing phone calls began last summer. He had lived in the three-storey council house in Hackney, East London, for almost six years.

The story of what happened to the house after that should make an instructive case for the internal working party which Home Secretary Mr William Whitlaw promised to set up last week.

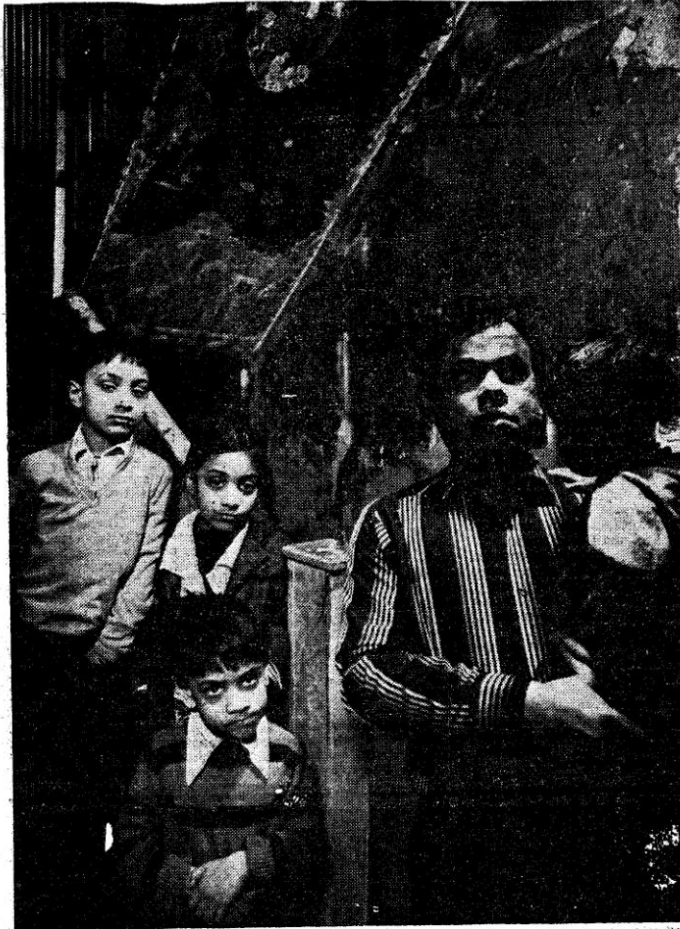
The Singhs and their five children, aged between one and seven, began spending as much time as possible in the basement at night to minimise the risk of being trapped upstairs by fire. On 29 October they all spent the night at a relative's house.

They returned home to find the house boarded up and every room except the kitchen and sitting room blackened and ruined by fire.

Police have since told them that it was started by paraffin poured through the letter box. Any visitor to the house at night now has to conduct a preliminary conversation through the same hatch.

The calls have started again. 'They say they are going to do worse than that,' said Mr Singh. He accompanies his three school-age children to their schools each morning and sits up through many nights. Since last weekend his house has been watched by a 'patrol' from East London Workers against Racism.

ELWAR, whose members do self-defence training, was begun three years ago by the Revolutionary Communist Tendency and offers a protection service to victims of racist attacks. It has been involved in several street battles.



The Singh family: 'If you don't all move we'll kill you.'

Last week Mr Whitlaw told a deputation from the Joint Committee against Racism that an internal Home Office inquiry would be started into about a dozen extreme racist groups and that he hoped to persuade police forces to set up

specialist squads to monitor and prevent attacks. The deputation presented him with a report which said that it knew of at least a thousand attacks on minority communities in the last 18 months.

It said: 'Many Asian communities now live in a state of fear.'

The rise in the number of attacks across the country appeared to be connected to the increased activity of racist groups, which were also desecrating Jewish cemeteries and synagogues.

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Union suspends 'I'm a Nazi' member

The Leeds fascist who was recently turned away from a Trades Council meeting has now been suspended from his union. Paul Birch Garth, a prominent member of the British Movement locally, works at Measwood Park Hospital.

He was a shop steward and became one of the Leeds Hospitals NUPE branch's ten delegates to the Trades Council. He was refused entry to the Trades Council meeting



last month, after being recognised as a fascist. A fortnight ago he was

suspended as a shop steward by the East Leeds Area Branch Shop Stewards Committee. The committee recommended to last week's branch meeting that he be suspended from the union.

The 80 hospital workers present agreed unanimously to suspend him, and to ask the union's Executive Council to expel him. It is likely that the Executive will agree.

Birch Garth told the meeting that he wasn't a fascist, but

a National Socialist (Nazi). As if to prove the point, about 20 members of the British Movement picketed the meeting with union jack flags and 'Seig Heil' salutes.

One member of the branch told LOP: "He has been thrown out because he is a member of a racist and fascist organisation. It was the ordinary members who decided, saying that racism is incompatible with trade unionism."

Skinhead convicted of murdering Asian

A 17-year-old skinhead shouted "Sieg heil," as he was led from the dock at the Old Bailey yesterday after being convicted of the murder of a Pakistani man.

Paul Mullery, who was 16 when he stabbed Mr Akhter Ali Baig to death in an East London street, was ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure by Mr Justice Russell.

As he left the dock, Mullery swore at the judge and jury and shouted: "All for a Pakki," while relatives sobbed in court.

The jury took two and a half hours to find Mullery, of Londsdales Road, East Ham, guilty of murdering Mr Baig, aged 29, who was newly married and lived in Ruskin Avenue, Manor Park, east London.

Mr Kenneth Richardson, prosecuting, told the jury that the only motive for the murder was pure racial hatred.

Mr Baig, whose wife was expecting a baby, was returning from the local library in East Ham on July 17 last year when he was bumped by another skinhead youth—James Parker, aged 17.

During the fight which followed, Mullery plunged a knife six inches into Mr Baig's chest, stabbing him through the heart.

Mr Richardson told the jury there was no evidence that Mr Baig was an aggressive man or had been looking for trouble. Witnesses, including some of the defendants' friends, told police that Mr Baig had done nothing to provoke an attack.

Mr Justice Russell told Mullery he had been rightly convicted of murder. He was given a concurrent six-month sentence for burglary, which he admitted.

Parker, of Milton Close, East Ham, was earlier in the trial formally cleared of murder after the judge said there was insufficient evidence to convict.

He was sent to Borstal for common assault on Mr Baig, to which he had pleaded guilty.

He received a concurrent Borstal sentence for an offence of burglary, to which he also pleaded guilty.

During the trial, Detective Superintendent Thomas Smith said Parker was very calm, bumptious and laughing after the attack and that neither he nor Mullery had shown any remorse or regret.

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FA to examine racial hate drive at grounds

By Lindsay Mackie

The Football Association agreed yesterday to look into the activities of racist groups which try to recruit youngsters at football grounds and to take action against them if necessary.

After a two-hour meeting yesterday between the chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, Mr David Lane, the FA chairman, Sir Harold Thompson and the Association's secretary, Mr Ted Croker, Mr Lane said that the talks had been "very useful and encouraging." The subject of racist activity at football grounds was raised by the Commission which asked for a discussion about the matter with the FA.

In a joint statement, the FA said that it had agreed to make appropriate inquiries and "if desirable, the Football

Association would then take any actions within its power."

The talks appear to have been general and cautious. Mr Lane said afterwards that he and his colleagues had not attempted to tell the FA how football should be organised. It was not the Commission's function to tell clubs how to run themselves and at the talks nothing had been asked of the clubs, Mr Lane said.

Giving examples of the kind of behaviour at football matches which worried the Commission Mr Lane said that Chelsea fans had given Sieg Heil salutes at a match in Cambridge some months ago, and that racist slogans and activities had been noted at grounds in East London. Both the British Movement and the National Front were apparently trying to recruit members at certain football grounds, Mr Lane said.

National fascist demo hits Huddersfield

A derisory 500 National Front members marched through half a mile of deserted Huddersfield streets on Sunday, in a national mobilisation that included coachloads from the South of England.

The twenty minute long march came after bans in Leeds and South Yorkshire. The police say they were given 40 minutes' notice of the venue, and quickly drafted officers into the area to protect the Front.

Anti-fascists who got there in time were pinned against walls by police, and could only shout anti-Front slogans from behind the police cordons. The last-minute decision on the venue cut down the number of anti-fascists present.

Police did their best to stop people reaching there at all. The anti-Nazi coach from Hull was stopped, searched and delayed firstly on its way to

the Leeds assembly point, and then again on its way to Huddersfield.

The Leeds and South Yorks bans come on top of bans in Leicester, London and Wolverhampton. All last for a month, and prevent any marches other than religious ones. The Leeds ban runs until midnight on 18th April, and will hit the anti-Nationality Bill march, plus a torchlight Irish hunger strike procession that was being planned for early April; and may hit the Leeds section of the trans-Pennine peace march. A student march against education cuts planned for this Wednesday was also banned.

Skinheads gaoled for assault plan

TWENTY members of a skinhead gang who were said to have planned to ambush a train carrying coloured youths home from a disco were yesterday given sentences ranging from four years' imprisonment to being bound over.

Judge John Buzzard said the ambush, by supporters of the ultra Right-wing British Movement, did not succeed because they beat up a West Indian man as they marched to Woolwich Arsenal station in south-east London. The man contacted the police, who confronted the skinheads when they arrived at the station.

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TERROR OF HATE-LIST TEACHER

Nazis seek vengeance

STAR EXCLUSIVE by ANTHONY SMITH

NAZI thugs have drawn up a "hit list" of their opponents.

And they've singled out a terrified woman teacher for "punishment."

Her crime ... remonstrating with a 15-year-old pupil who joined the National Front.

Last night she said: "I am very, very frightened.

"The police are watching my home, but they cannot keep a constant vigil."

The 32-year-old woman, who teaches at a school in Wandsworth, London, asked the Daily Star not to name her for fear of reprisals.

Sinister

She's already sealed up her letter box to prevent firebomb attacks.

And she doesn't leave her two young children alone at home.

"It's very sinister and very worrying," she said.

The hate-list was discovered by Anti-Nazi League leader Peter Hain.

His London home has already been attacked by a sloop-throwing gang shouting National Front slogans.

Also on the list were TV reporter Jonathan

Dimbleby and actress Miriam Karlin, star of TV's *The Rag Trade*.

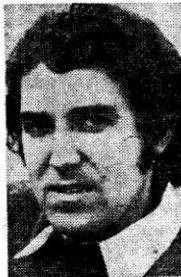
Mr. Hain said: "NF propaganda urged terror tactics."

And he claimed many people on the list had received abusive phone calls.

Some had also had rubbish pushed through their letter boxes.

But Mr. Hain said: "They'll never scare me off."

"This week he is leading a deputation to Scotland Yard urging the prosecution of NF leaders for inciting violence.



Peter Hain: Not scared

18 held in city demo

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Police arrested 18 people involved in a British Movement demonstration when an attempt was made to stage an unauthorised march through the Leeds University campus on Saturday, said a spokesman for West Yorkshire police today.

Those arrested, including eight juveniles, were charged with various alleged breach of the peace, public order and obstruction offences. They were arrested after being stopped by a security officer at the University's Parkinson Building gates when an attempt was made to enter the grounds against police instructions, said the spokesman.

Later they were bailed to appear at Leeds City Magistrates Court.

HESS

Earlier demonstrators had gathered outside the offices of Yorkshire Post Newspapers Ltd., Wellington Street, to call for the release of Hitler's right-hand man, Rudolf Hess, imprisoned in Spandau Prison for war crimes.

After being persuaded from trying to march through the city centre, the demonstrators walked to the BBC studios in Woodhouse Lane. It was then they voiced their intentions of going through the University, added the spokesman.

'I am sorry — I don't like the colour of your skin'

Brutal Leeds attack

Last weekend saw a number of racist attacks on black people in Leeds. A witness of one of the attacks describes what happened.

"At 2.30 last Sunday morning a black youth was assaulted

in the concourse at Leeds Station. "I am sorry — I don't like the colour of your skin" was the preface to the attack.

The youth tried to retaliate, but was beaten up by a crowd

of N.F. style heavies, leaving his eye in need of several stitches. An acquaintance — a white youth — who went to his help, suffered a brutal stabbing requiring 39 stitches in his back.

So far the police enquiries have not met with any success. It was suggested at the police station that maybe the attack was provoked by the victims! Any witnesses — there were several people queuing for taxis at the time — who may be able to recognise the attackers, should contact the police immediately.

Claims for criminal injuries compensation are thought to be forthcoming."

Front's hate book is under attack

by DAVID CLARK

THE Attorney-General is considering whether to institute proceedings against a new booklet entitled 'We Ate National Front' which contains 64 pages of photographs and virulent captions.

It was referred to Sir Michael Havers a week ago by the Commission for Racial Equality.

The booklet is produced by photographer Ian Newport and has an introduction by a member of the NF Directorate, Richard Verrall. The inside front page also contains a 'Warning' by Newport that 'unauthorised copying of these photos and captions could be a health problem for the Commission for Racial Equality. One page contains three pictures of a Jewish tailor 'talking' down one side is written 'YID' and there is a sign on the other.

The captions read: 'Everywhere I go people persecute me. Oh my... I tell you, my boy, I've had a terrible life... I'm a death-camp survivor. I was nearly exterminated five—no, six—million times, on my life.'

Another picture shows a man carrying a banner that reads 'The word is Hitler'. The caption above it says 'Peaches in syrup' and the caption reads: 'One of

has not agreed to any prosecution, believing — in the words of a recent letter to the Campaign — that 'the likelihood of a conviction is too slight to justify proceedings.'

'Inciting racial hatred' was made an offence under the Public Order Act as a result of the 1976 Race Relations Act, but it is an arrestable offence and proceedings may be instituted only by the Attorney General.

For it to be effective, he has to be satisfied that not only is the material abusive, threatening or insulting, but it is also being circulated beyond a group that is already of that frame of mind.

The new pamphlet costs far more to produce than the usual NF small-circulation newspapers, and it contains 'Bulk Rate' buying instructions and a Post Office box number for prospective customers.

If he decides to take the matter any further, Sir Michael will instruct the Director of Public Prosecutions to ask the Director to provide a list of the names of the various Campaign reference being widely sold. In a pre-campaign reference, the police were unable to provide such evidence for the sale of *Young Bulldog*, although it is on sale widely outside football grounds.

But the Attorney General

is my favourite photos. I really wanted to get one of Blair, but I could not open the coffin lid.

A picture of a police line which includes a 'Nigger' officer is captioned: 'Ah, in Brick Lane, 1977... Ah, lollywah.'

The captions are all directed against favourite NF targets — Jews, blacks, Asians, gays, the Left and, a relatively new development, the police.

Lawrence, the Campaign for Racial Equality referred to in the introduction, is a 22 items to the Attorney General, for possible prosecution under Section 5a of the Public Order Act, and 30 in 1979.

Section 5a makes it an offence to publish or distribute written material which is threatening, abusive or insulting, and is likely to be viewed as likely to be directed up against any racial group.

The items included copies of *Young Bulldog*, the NF's youth paper; *Spearhead*, the NF's magazine; *Choice*, a newspaper produced by Lady Birdwood; *Phoenix*, the British Movement's paper; and a number of photocopies of 'unofficial' stickers like 'British Disasters', 'Front Line News', and the news-sheet of the Arnold Leese Institute.

Webster was stopped from speaking in South Africa. At least it required a massive picket.

The Department of Education and Science supported the Front's appeal against a meeting ban at Dormers Wells School. But the local council, having learnt a lesson, having two years ago, said they would still not grant permission for the meeting, and the caretaker said that he would refuse to open the gates in any emergency.

Mr Webster, who told reporters that if necessary he would hold the meeting outside the gates, in less than 12 hours, a committee including the ANL, the Indian Workers Front and the Indian Youth Association mobilised a large contingent of school students. Fascist thugs in cars inspected the scene, but Webster did not appear.

BALWINDER SINGH

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STUART CALLOW

Coventry builds against racists

BY SEAN LEAHY Secretary Coventry Anti-Nazi League

On Saturday May 23 there will be a huge demonstration in the city. And next Friday, May 8, a public funeral will take place at the Temple, Harwell Lane West, Assembly 11am.

A mass anti-racist movement is building up in Coventry after the killing in public of Satnam Singh Gill.

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HUMILIATION for the school continued in NEWHAM. On the same day that their Southall meeting was abandoned they were forced to call off a rally in a local school. This followed the occupation of the school's playground by 150 people, including teachers and parents.

MICKY FENN

GRAVESEND: Five Asian homes and the Labour Party were attacked by a gang of fascists last Saturday evening in Gravesend. They left stickers and leaflets bearing the name of White Peoples Defence Group.

Anti-Nazi News

IN A deliberate attempt of provoke racial tension in Coventry, local Nazi thugs have wounded four Asians in a series of attacks over the past week.

Balwinder Singh (33), Alan Gaffor (40) and Dr Anal Dharry received knife wounds and Surgit Sohdi was hit with a bottle.

Balwinder Singh—a car worker—was stabbed five times and is in a serious condition, while Dr Dharry, a local GP, is still described as being critical in the intensive care unit of the local hospital.

Since the demonstration against racial attacks a couple of weeks ago the fascists have attempted to prevent the growth of the mass movement against them by inciting Asians into retaliatory attacks on white youths.

On Saturday 20 June there is to be an open air festival against racism where the Specials, Hazel O'Connor and other bands are playing.

Gerry Dammers of the Specials says that the bands are refusing to be intimidated by the New National Front who want to march in Coventry.

The festival provides an excellent opportunity to show how little support the fascists have among the youth. Unfortunately so far the official trade union movement has not been very active in opposing the racist attacks.

Both Balwinder Singh and Surgit Aohdi are members of the TGWU and all trade union branches should be passing resolutions in support of the Coventry committee against racism and the anti racist self defence committee.

They should also be organising among their own union members who belong to racist organisations.

Coventry NUT is providing a good example by involving teachers in handing out leaflets for the festival and openly opposing racism in the class room.



NEARLY 2,000 anti-nazis marched through Oxford last week in one of the most militant and good humoured marches the town has ever seen.

Hundreds of black and white youth—including skinheads—united to keep the streets free from the Nazis.

After boasting to the local

press they were going to 'give us a taste of our own medicine' the British Movement found themselves running scared out of Oxford.

About a dozen of the 'master race' turned up in the town to sell their paper but weren't there long before they were chased out by about 30-40 youths.

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March banned after race fears

By Paul Johnson

The Home Secretary, Mr William Whitelaw, yesterday banned a march planned by the New National Front for this weekend in Coventry after local councillors had expressed concern about the possibility of large-scale disturbances.

The ban follows a recent series of racially-motivated revenge attacks and clashes between groups of young blacks and skinheads in the city. An emergency meeting of the council's public works and protection committee yesterday voted unanimously in favour of it.

Steps to prevent the march, under the Public Order Act of 1936, were started by the Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Sir Philip Knights. He said he could not guarantee to keep order if it went ahead.

The ban will run from tomorrow to July 11, and covers all marches except those for religious, festive, educational or ceremonial purposes.

The New National Front's march on June 20 would have coincided with an open-air concert in the city, featuring the Coventry based multi-racial

group, The Specials, which was designed to promote race harmony.

Race tension has been building up in Coventry for several months. Since the murder of an Asian student in the city centre on April 18, community relations officers say they have logged dozens of racially-motivated incidents.

These include serious physical assaults, fire-bombings, obscene telephone calls and threats.

A march last month through the city centre to protest against the attacks resulted in 74 arrests after clashes between young Asians and other demonstrators and skinheads. Last Saturday the annual carnival was marred by outbreaks of fighting between blacks and skinheads which ended in 80 arrests.

Community leaders, the police, representatives from religious groups, and city councillors have had talks and established a forum to discuss the escalating problem. One religious leader has warned Asians not to go out unaccompanied at night because of the continuing tension.

Leeds NF members jailed

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Two members of Leeds National Front were sent to prison at the recent sitting of the Nottingham Crown Court.

They were Steve Gaunt, Leeds organiser of the Young National Front, and Brian 'Bertie' Carr. They had been arrested, together with a third man, Keith Davis from Rotherham, on April 21st last year, after a coach full of Anti-Nazi League supporters from Leeds was attacked by two coachloads of National Front members at Trowell Service Station of the M1.

The attack followed the success of anti-fascists in stopping the National Front from holding their St George's Day march through predominantly immigrant areas of Leicester.

Two members of Leeds Socialist Workers Party had to be taken to hospital following the attack — Norman Doughty with severe eye and head injuries and Tony Hodges with fractured ribs and face and head injuries.

Steve Gaunt was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for affray, assault and actual bodily harm. He also has to serve a six month sentence

suspended from a previous conviction which the judge ordered should be served consecutively. Bertie Carr was given six months for affray and assault.

Keith Davis, who stood as NF parliamentary candidate in Rotherham, was given a six month sentence suspended for two years for affray and was ordered to pay up to £500 legal aid costs.

The defendants were found not guilty of the serious charge of malicious wounding because of the inability of the witnesses to give precise details about which fist or foot was used to assault the victims.

As the judge pointed out, it would have been difficult to note such detail in the melee as it occurred.

Interestingly enough, the defence was in the hands of the well-known Leicester Nazi, Anthony Reed-Herbert, who has recently left the National Front to form the British People's Party. Although a solicitor, Reed-Herbert's support for the NF's Law and Order platform doesn't run very far, having stood by and watched NF members wreck anti-fascists' coaches at Scratchwood Services in 1977.

Anti-fascist flame burns in Yorks



An 'NF Skins' banner is burned by anti-fascist skinheads

PRESSURE is mounting on the authorities at Harrogate College of Further Education to sack lecturer, Andrew Brons. Last week students demonstrated at the college.

Brons is national chairman of the Nazi National Front. Regarded as the Front's "intellectual" his greatest skill so far seems to have been in avoiding the aggro that surrounds other leading Nazi lights.

No firearms found in his bed, no forged election papers, the most notorious public thing he has done was to refuse to recognise the Race Relations Board when a black journalist was refused admission to a Horsforth NF meeting in 1976.

Instead, Brons meets his thug followers behind closed doors, at the back of car parks and tells them what to do — which is to get their hands bloody and leave him whiter than white (sic).

This leader from behind, this clean college lecturer who gets others to do his dirty work obviously considers himself immune from the aggro that flies around later. The students who went to Harrogate last week had other ideas and a member of Leeds Anti Nazi League described what happened.

Last Wednesday over 400 students from all over the country descended on Harrogate calling for the sacking of Andrew Brons. Brons lectures in politics

at Harrogate College of Further Education and is also the Chairman of the National Front. The students at the college have been campaigning

against Brons for some months now and this national demonstration was backed by the National Union of Students and the Anti Nazi League.

Brons claims to keep his extremist politics out of the classroom but he showed his true colours again on Wednesday as about 30 young NF thugs roamed around Harrogate trying to disrupt an otherwise peaceful march.

TEMPERS

The Harrogate police, presumably unused to crowd control work, were ineffective and as tempers rose an "NF Skins" banner was taken from an isolated group of NF supporters. The fact that skinheads aren't all in the National Front and British Movement was graphically demonstrated at the rally when this same banner was burned by a group of black and white skins.

After speeches from students, National Union of Students and Anti Nazi League officials, the staff room where Brons was, was picketed. While Brons was escorted to a car by police, police horses marauded through the crowd causing mayhem and anger. When a young black was arrested and dragged across the road several people went to his aid only to be similarly arrested and literally thrown into police vans. Meanwhile someone had been hit by a car and another trampled by a police horse. It's no wonder that the police became the butt of peoples' anger when they are so needlessly aggressive.

Altogether six demonstrators and one member of the National Front were arrested. They were released that night but only after pressure from the National Union of Students.

NF man sentenced for heckling concert

A National Front member who shouted abuse at people coming out of a "Rock against Racism" concert was sent to a detention centre for six months at Leeds Crown Court.

Kenneth Richard Watmough, 19, unemployed, Melton Terrace, Bradford, had been committed for sentence by Bradford magistrates for an offence of threatening behaviour and a breach of a conditional discharge imposed at Leeds Crown Court in February for possessing an offensive weapon.

Miss Angela Finnerty, prosecuting, said Watmough was seen outside a school at Eccleshill, Bradford, where the concert was being held, shouting abuse and obscenities through a loudhailer.

Watmough was the only member of the National Front present and was arrested.

Mr. John Topham, for Watmough, said the offence was one of a number of relatively minor offences arising from his support, not of the National Front, but the British Movement, a similar organisation.

Outside the concert he used words which are used on television and they wouldn't have shocked anybody. Watmough now dissociated himself from right wing groups.

Mr. Recorder Gordon told Watmough: "You committed this offence in an area where there is a substantial coloured population who are going about their life and their business in a perfectly proper and decent manner. You conducted yourself in such a way as to make that peaceful situation extremely doubtful and liable to burst open."

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Para in terror suspect riddle

TWO suspected terrorists, held in an armed police swoop, had been staying at the home of a former parachute Regiment officer. LAST night the mysterious Ian Souter Clarence, refused to discuss his connection with the two Germans, believed to be members of an outlawed parliamentary organisation.

"You'll get nothing from me," he shouted from behind the closed door of his flat in Parkstone, Dorset, scene of Friday's police raid.

Mr Clarence is director of Wessex Survival Services and describes himself as a consultant on personal survival.

Trips

He wears military uniform a lot and often has young men staying at his flat.

Mr Clarence, who is in his fifties, has been linked with right-wing organisations.

The Germans, named as Walther Kexel and Ulrich Tillman, both 21, are said by authorities to have trained with Palestinians in the Lebanon last year.

Police have asked for them to be extradited in connection with bomb attacks on U.S. troops in Germany last year.

Kexel and Tillman face extradition proceedings at London's Bow Street Court tomorrow.

Bengali wins in private action

by Staff Reporters

TWO white youths were convicted last week of assaulting a middle-aged Bengali woman after their victim brought a private prosecution because the police failed to take action against them.

The woman was attacked by a gang of teenagers in London's East End last August and hit with a metal-studded club.

Police followed the procedure laid down in police orders for "domestic disputes between neighbours" and told the woman first that they witnessed nothing and could therefore not act; next that she must bring private prosecutions for common assault; and finally, after pressure from a community group, claimed they had been refused a summons from a juvenile court.

Those facts emerged last week when a private prosecution was successfully brought by Mrs Sara Bibi, of Stepney, with the assistance of local community activists.

A juvenile court found two of her attackers guilty of what they termed 'a racist attack.' One was convicted of assault causing actual bodily harm and the second of common assault.

Each was sentenced to 24 hours at an attendance centre, and they were ordered to pay Mrs Bibi £20 compensation. The costs to Mrs Bibi of having to bring the case herself, involving a total of six court appearances, were ordered to be paid from public funds.

Scotland Yard agreed last week that police did not take a written statement from Mrs Bibi when she called them at the time of the attack. They also agreed that she 'might have been advised' she must bring private prosecutions; and they agreed that the Community Alliance for Police Accountability (CAPA) had written to the local commander to protest about police inaction.

A spokesman said police had been anxious to help her, but there had been delays in obtaining a doctor's report.

A policeman had accompanied Mrs Bibi to court and applied for a warrant on her behalf to prosecute one of the boys for actual bodily harm, but the magistrates had refused her application, saying it was common assault, which must be prosecuted privately.

That account conflicts with those of Mrs Bibi, her advisers and the clerk of the court himself.

Mrs Bibi says police repeated to her the night before the court appearance that they did not intend to prosecute, although they helped her to prepare 'information' for her to prosecute her assailants herself.

The court clerk, Mr John Collins, said: 'I have no recollection of police making an application which was refused. A policeman was there at the back of the court, apparently playing no part. Mrs Bibi herself applied for, and was granted, a summons alleging actual bodily harm.'

Observer 20.3.83

Police fly to see 'terrorist'

by Staff Reporters

FRENCH police are flying to Britain today to question Walther Kexel, one of two West Germans alleged to be right-wing terrorists, arrested in Dorset on Friday.

They intend to ask him about the massacre last August, at Goldenberg's, a Jewish restaurant in Paris, when gunmen machine-gunned waiters and clients, killing six and wounding 22.

Kexel and Ulrich Tillmann were said by German sources yesterday to be part of a group of six right-wing terrorists sought by West German police for attacks on American military property. Three members of the group were arrested in Frankfurt last Tuesday.

Kexel belonged to the neo-Nazi 'German People's Socialist Movement' (VSBd).

The two Germans were arrested at the home of Ian Souter-Clarence, a war-time Army officer who has links with the ultra-right League of St George.

Observer 6.2.83

London haven for rightists

by DAVID LEIGH and PAUL LASHMAR

LUCIANO PETRONE, the man whom Italian and Spanish police are trying to extradite from Britain on murder and robbery charges has links with refugees allowed to stay in London a year ago despite Italian extradition attempts.

When Petrone appeared in court two weeks ago, a small group of Italian right-wingers accompanied him to court, fought off photographers and escorted his English girl friend, Imogen Lucas-Box, whom they drove away in a car.

Several of the group have been identified. They include Amadeo de Francisci, Marinella Rita and Massimo Morsello.

These three were among seven people held by British police in raids on London houses in 1981. The seven were part of a large group of right-wingers who fled to Britain after the Bologna station bombing in August 1980, fearful of political round-ups by the Italian police.

Petrone is wanted by the Italians for questioning over the murder last year of two Rome policemen, and by the Spanish for suspected involvement in a £9 million bank robbery in the resort of Marbella last Christmas.



Massimo Morsello escorting Miss Lucas-Box from the court.

London is a popular haven with the Italian Right; they are able to live and work freely as EEC citizens, and British extradition laws are tightly drawn.

A year ago Sir Evelyn Russell, then Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, rejected all extradition attempts after the Italian Government claimed the seven right-wingers were implicated in hold-ups and attempted killings in Rome in 1979 and 1980.

The Italian Government had not presented any solid evidence to make a *prima*

facie case for extradition, the court ruled. All seven denied they belonged to a terrorist group, the NAR, with which Petrone is alleged to be connected.

British police round-ups ceased after that ruling and many of the group found work in South London pizza restaurants.

One man who had been living in London, Alessandro Allibrandi, escaped the police raids altogether, but the police shot him dead on the streets of Rome just before Christmas 1981.

LOP 15.4.83

Fascist plans to attack CND meeting

FASCISTS in Leeds and Bradford are mobilising to disrupt a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament meeting due to be held next week in Baildon near Shipley.

The information comes from a reliable inside source within the British National Party which was formed last year by former messiah of the National Front, John Tyndall, and the League of St. George. Leeds BNP members will be taken to the meeting at the fan Clough Hall, by coach on Thursday 21st April.

The area organiser of the BNP West Yorkshire is a chubby-cheeked, respectable looking

business type by the name of John Gibson who was himself once an upstanding member of the National Front. Gibson is very much under the control of Yorkshire organiser, John Woods from Sheffield — a veteran League of St. George Campaigner.

The BNP is openly fascist and seasoned fascist observers feel that it is joining in on the 'Discredit CND' game at the moment being played by every organisation from the Conservative Party rightwards. If the CND is seen to be involved in 'trouble', however uninvited, then the theory runs that its many peace-loving respectable people will desert it.



BRENDAN WILMER :
Too far to the right.

Pretoria expels NF man

by PAUL LASHMAR

A FORMER British leader of the National Front is in the unusual position of being thrown out of South Africa, apparently because his views are too right-wing.

The South African authorities have refused to renew the resident's permit of Brendan Willmer, a 36-year-old Briton who has been leading a campaign to stop Durban's liberal councillors from de-segregating the city's beaches. He has been accused in the South African Parliament of 'naked racism.'

It is not the first time Mr Willmer's extreme views have caused embarrassment since he arrived in South Africa in 1969.

In 1978 he delivered 30 pieces of silver to the office of the British Consul on behalf of the Save Rhodesia Campaign. He is also a founder of the South Africa First Campaign, which he described to *The Observer* as 'supporting the traditional racial policies in South Africa.'

Mr Willmer's involvement with extreme right-wing politics started as a 13-year-old schoolboy when he joined Colin Jordan's National Socialist Movement in 1959. He later became leader of the Movement's youth wing and editor of its magazine *The Bugler*.

He left Britain after a period as the Leicester organiser of the newly formed National Front. He was involved in organising pro-Springbok demonstrations for the National Front.

Mr Willmer's attack on the Durban Council was made as a full-time worker for the Civic Action League, an offshoot of the South Africa First Campaign.

The Mayor of Durban, Sybil Hotz, has welcomed the decision of the South African Government not to renew Mr Willmer's permit. She said: 'If a South African went over to Britain and started stirring up racial hatred there, I wonder how long he would be able to stay? I think he would have been deported long ago.'

I think it is a great pity that someone who is not a South African has been allowed to create such racial hatred.

'Horrific' racial battle in bar

A group of young white men, some armed, launched an horrific affray on West Indian youths in a Bradford wine bar, Leeds Crown Court heard.

But defence counsel told the court that young white men in Bradford had been provoked by the West Indians who had carried out assaults on them.

The 11 men, all from Bradford, were sentenced as follows: Brendan John Joseph Carroll, 22, of Hawkshead Drive — 200 hours community service; Peter Daniel Fox, 21, of Hightborne Avenue, Bradford Moor — nine months imprisonment, suspended for two years; Robert Ward, 20, of Moorhouse Avenue — fined £150; Paul Michael Armitage, 19, of Heaton Grove — 200 hours community service; Darren James Waters, 21, of Hollingwood Lane — fined £150.

John Softley, 19, unemployed, of Olive Grove — fined £150; Paul Richard Milner, 18, of Bracken Edge, Thorp Edge — 200 hours community service; Adrian John Streets, 18, of Ings Way — fined £100; Karl David Williams, 20, of Leafield Terrace — 200 hours community service; Gary Bennett, 20, of Sedbergh House — fined £100; Peter Scullion, 20, of Stonegate Road — 200 hours community service.

They each pleaded guilty to affray. Fox also admitted carrying an offensive weapon, an axe, and

Milner admitted possessing an offensive weapon, a Stanley knife.

Judge Randolph, sitting with two magistrates, told the 11 men: "You all richly deserve a custodial sentence but in the light of what happened to your opponents when they were tried, it would be unjust to send you into custody here and now."

Mr. Gerald Lumley, prosecuting, said the attack took place at the Sir Jasper wine bar, in Barry Street, on the night of December 17. He called it "an horrific affray."

Witnesses spoke of hearing shouts of "Sieg heil" and National Front and Nazi salutes were being given.

Within seconds the wine bar was in pandemonium and large scale fighting occurred with glasses flying.

Mr. Lumley said the incident came to an end when the West Indian youths pushed the fire door open and escaped into the street.

Mr. Gordon Lakin, for Fox, Softley and Milner, said there had been considerable provocation.

Mr. Michael Smith, for Carroll, Waters, Williams and Scullion, said they were carried on a tide of emotion but none was the instigator and none carried weapons.

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Fascists forced out

A DEMONSTRATION by between one and two hundred anti-fascists forced the British National Party to cancel a press conference at Bradford's Norfolk Gardens Hotel last Thursday evening.

The BNP had invited journalists to hear Stanley Garnett, a retired Headteacher, call for apartheid in Bradford schools. There should be racial segregation, with separate schools for blacks and whites, the aptly-named bigot Garnett told a reconvened press conference in an Eccleshill pub.

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Party dodges hotel demo

A Press conference called by the British National party at the Norfolk Gardens Hotel, Bradford, was called off after a protest by about 100 demonstrators.

Reporters were instead taken to a public house in Eccleshill.

There, Mr. Stanley Garnett, of Horsforth, a retired Bradford headmaster, called for separate schools for coloured and white children.

YEP 4.5.83

Anti-Front riot leaves 15 injured

Eight policemen and seven civilians were today nursing injuries after a National Front meeting brought a night of violence to North London.

There were also 35 arrests as the Front went ahead with the school-hall meeting after obtaining High Court injunctions against the local council and caretakers, who had said they would refuse to open the gates.

The trouble started as police escorted about 50 Front supporters from Tottenham Hale tube station to High Cross Lower School about half a mile away.

Lumps of concrete, bricks and stones smashed cars and house windows as police forced hundreds of protesting youths away from the school.

"All hell broke loose", said eyewitness Mrs. Yvonne Stewart, of Fairbanks Road. "Men and children just ran away screaming. I have never been so frightened in my life."

Hundreds of youths running away from police equipped with helmets and shields poured into the busy Tottenham High Road and held up traffic.

One policeman was hit on the head by a brick and another had his hand broken when he was attacked by a gang of youths as he directed traffic in Lansdowne Road, said a police spokesman.

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Fascist vote drops further but Tories attract far-right

LAST month's General Election saw fascist parties perform extremely badly at the polls, but also saw an increasing number of extreme right wingers turning up as Conservative Party candidates.

The trend since 1979 has been for fascists to turn more attention to violent attacks on black people and the left than trying to appeal to voters. Simultaneously, many fascists have joined the Conservative Party, which is turning increasingly rightwards. The election results are likely to accelerate this trend.

The anti-fascist magazine *Searchlight* for the month reports some of the people who are now returning to the Tories after years on the lunatic fringes of right wing extremism. The problem is not confined to a few shady characters with skeletons in

fascist candidates at the election, mainly from the National Front and the British National Party, plus five 'Nationalists' (the rump of the NF Constitutional Movement) and two members of the New British Party.

They polled just 41,000 between them, averaging 354 per seat, or 0.8% of the vote. The NF averaged 451 votes (1.1% of the vote), compared to 627 (1.3%) in 1979, and lowest of the three around 1984.

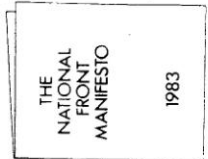
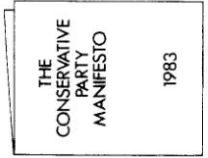
...This sea-change, and the apparently inexorable drift towards it since 1979, is what has made the party once again a pole of attraction for the far-right and incidentally decimated the electoral prospects of the far-right parties. *Searchlight* has analysed the fascists' election performance. There were 117

publicised exposure of candidate Thomas Finnegan as a fascist. He was elected twice in 1974, and was elected to the NF's National Directorate. An interesting comment on Finnegan came from NF leader Martin Webster, who couldn't move quickly enough to stab an old factional rival in the back. He told the Daily Mirror of a meeting during the 1973 West Bromwich by-election attended by Finnegan: "He was wearing a brown leather raincoat, riding boots and carrying a riding crop. We said, 'My God, the Gestapo has arrived.'"

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An election poster produced by See Red Women's Workshop

Police act to cool 'peacocks'

The swift arrival of police snuffed out a possible tense situation in Batley last night, when white and Asian youths goaded each other as they paraded through the Mount Pleasant area of the town.

One youth was reported for being in possession of an offensive weapon, but for the most part the three-hour-long incident had been a case of "peacock strutting," said a police spokesman.

A low key response by police — believed to have been tipped off about a possible confrontation — had kept the gangs of youths, aged between 12 and 16, on the move.

There had been no serious clashes, any reported damage to property or policemen injured, said the police spokesman.

Eye-witnesses said that pieces of wood, metal shackles, a crowbar and a walking-stick had been recovered from bushes and hedges in the area, but they had not seen any of the weapons actually used.

They said the trouble had stemmed from an incident a couple of nights ago when a clash between a white youth and a couple of Asian youths had resulted in a promise that revenge would be extracted.

Last night, they said, four white youths had met head-on with four Asian youths in the Dark Lane area of Mount Pleasant, a point which is virtually the frontier between a largely Asian community and a white-dominated council estate.

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Police move in to stop disturbances in Dewsbury on Saturday.

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Clashes on protest march—Nine held

Nine people were arrested during clashes between Asian protest marchers and white youths in Dewsbury on Saturday.

About 500 Asians marched through Dewsbury town centre to protest about the arrest of three Asians, following an incident in the Savile Town area of the town the previous Sunday.

As the marchers approached the Town Hall between 50 and 100 white youths began chanting. Police and

stewards managed to keep the two groups apart, but then white youths rushed the marchers and fighting broke out.

Today a police spokesman at Dewsbury said the nine youths had been bailed to appear before magistrates at a later date.

The march was organised by Dewsbury Defence Committee, set up following incidents in the Savile Town area during the previous week.

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Fascists claim 'love and respect of Nature'

The kind (and British) way to kill

SUPPORTING animals' rights seems to be a growing pastime among young people today, so it is perhaps not surprising to see the youth wing of a Nazi organisation trying to cash in. Equally unsurprising, the Nazis have introduced a racist twist to the animal libbers' arguments.

In the August issue of 'Combat', youth paper of the National Action Party, there appears a full page entitled 'Animal Welfare' and includes a membership application form for 'Animal Aid'. 'The National Socialists love and respect of Nature has meant that he/she has very definite views on animal welfare,' the article begins. It goes on to denounce the cruelties of fox and stag hunting and animal experiments.

It's nice to know that these fascist characters have such a love of animals. It contrasts sharply with their attitude to humans.

Slaughter

Then comes the sting in the tail, the great ideological argument that the National Action Party hopes will turn the thousands of animal rights campaigners into active fascists: "The slaughter method used by British slaughter houses is quick, painless and effective," begins the final paragraph. (So was Auschwitz!)

"The animal has a bolt fired through its brain which kills it instantly," it continues. "Jews and Muslims,

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ANIMAL WELFARE

The National Socialists love and respect of Nature has meant that he/she has very definite views on animal welfare. Spotted below are some of his/her views on stag hunting and fox hunting. Spotted below are some of his/her views on stag hunting and fox hunting. Spotted below are some of his/her views on stag hunting and fox hunting.

however, indulge in ritual slaughter. In this method of killing the animal is forced into a cramped revolving drum and turned upside down. It then has its throat cut with a knife and is in agony for up to two minutes while its blood drains away. And now comes the piece de resistance: "These racial aliens must leave our lands

and take their evil 'customs' with them. Subtle, aren't they? For the record, the leader of the National Action Party is local boy made bad Eddy Morrison, and West Yorkshire organiser is Kevin Watmough of Bradford. LOP would appreciate more information on Animal Aid.

Guardian June 84

Council ordered to allow National Party meeting

A city council was ordered last Friday a judge upheld that refusal. He ruled that the council was in breach of contract but said that Mr Peacock, who had fought for an injunction ordering the council to allow the meeting, could remedy the situation by seeking cash damages later. Allowing Mr Peacock's appeal against the county court's judgment yesterday, Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, at the Appeal Court in London, said that cash compensation would not be enough. He said there was no way that Mr Peacock could feel adequately compensated if he was later awarded "a few hundred, even a few thousand pounds" in respect of the breach of contract.

At Leicester county court

If you've pink hair you're a puff & pinko

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The skins were in Bradford last weekend, attacking punks outside the West Riding Bar at Forster Square railway station. They promised to return in greater number this coming weekend to hit the "communists and poofs" of degenerate Bradford.

Some were recognised as having been on a British National Party march through Leeds a fortnight earlier. Then they were celebrating St George's day. They came together under the slogan of white workers unite against the Government destruction of the textile industry. It was a National Demonstration, 130 came. Mick Gibson, Leeds organiser, cocked up, 300 were expected. The flags were out. Union Jacks, the Welsh Dragon, the Scottish St. Andrew's Cross plus, of course, surrounded by

the accompanying police, the Ulster Orange nationalist flag. The skins were delighted as John Woods spoke. From Sheffield, a city plagued by a sudden upsurge of vicious racist attacks, he was vehement in his passion. He is both BNP and league of St. George, the eagle have members in each group of the fragmented right. He was followed by former British Movement national organiser, Ray Hill, who put on his other hat, and spoke enthusiastically of his role as a millowner confronted by

Guardian 15.4.83

Fine on works manager for race discrimination

A Birmingham industrial tribunal has ruled that a works manager used his influence on job selection to prevent black people from working in his company.

The tribunal has ordered the manager Mr Keith Blower to pay two black men £50 each from his own pocket as compensation for their hurt feelings at not getting work.

It also ruled that his employer Dyna-Cell Limited of Wolverhampton were responsible for his actions as an employee and has ordered the company to pay the men £900 between them for hurt feelings and possible loss of wages.

Mr Erroll Dacres, aged 27, of Wolverhampton, was awarded a total of £600, including Mr Blower's £50, and Mr Kenrick Dell, aged 48, of Bilston, West Midlands, was given a total of £400.

Both men were described as good workers. Mr Don Calvert, area officer for the Commission for Racial Equality, appearing for both men, said that they had been employed as battery workers for a company which had gone into liquidation when all employees had lost their jobs. Along with other employees, they had applied to get their jobs back when the company was sold, but only whites were taken on.

It was alleged that Mr Blower, a maintenance worker in the old company, had told his workmates in the past that he believed that all Jamaicans should go home and that they should not be employed in Britain.

Mr Blower denied making the remarks and denied discrimination, but the tribunal chairman, Mr Nathan Myers, said: "We regard the allegations as true."

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Pig of the Conference

The remark made at last week's Police Federation conference by Inspector Peter "Nig-Nogs" Johnson won't have come as any great surprise to those drinking with Merseyside Police Federation delegates in the bar of the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, according to The Guardian's Diary column. A hapless constable was informed over the tannoy that his wife wanted to speak to him on the phone. "Your wife's run off

with a nigger," cried a colleague. "That's the good news," riposted another over the roars of laughter. "The bad news is he's a poor nigger." A further indication of the mentality of these highly paid comedians was a 'Pig of the Year' trophy, awarded to the policeman sleeping with the 'ugliest woman' during the course of the conference. Nice people, aren't they?

cheap imports. Much has recently been made about the forgery of Hitler's Diaries. Those on the march had the pleasure of being exposed to John Tyndall — pretending to be British Nazi Fuehrer. In rolling Shoreham accents, the man who boasts his first spoken words, in the cot, were "Sieg heil," complimented his troops on their orderly, soldierly turn out. Tyndall spent most of his speech attacking the homosexuals leading the National Front. "Ten thousand blacks," he thundered, "Ten thousand communists, have done less damage to the Nationalist movement than the homosexual Martin Webster." "The day is coming," Tyndall rolled on, "when the Brit-

ish public will make their choice. On the one side, order, authority, morality, and we all know on which side the British Bobby will stand." Noticeable by their absence were old stalwarts such as the British Movement's Colin Jordan; Eddie Morrison from Leeds and his National Action Party cohorts; and last but not least, the Klu Klux Klan. The lads in white have spent nine months encircling Bradford, first Esholt Woods, then Shipley Woods, then Shipley Glen. The police have dismissed them as pranksters, local vicars dismissed them as a witches coven. Meanwhile, on the streets, during the march, bright-eyed skins enthused over the

high quality actions required of the aspiring Klan initiate — burning down a house, attacks against Asians. Mrs Thatcher's favourite right wing philosophers, are a group from Peterhouse College, Cambridge, who, in their Salisbury Review, talk of the need for repatriation, of Order, Authority, Morality. On the street it is, "black bastards go home." Tyndall says the day is coming, and talks of "our racial cousins" in Germany. Meanwhile the police, vicars and others in West Yorkshire dismiss the Klan as a joke? The Campaign Against Racist Attacks, Bradford will shortly be bringing out a report that documents the racist attacks that occur in Bradford and elsewhere.

TRIBUNAL TOLD OF RACE BIAS

'Whites only' for Leeds job — Story

Businessman Mr. George Steen told a Leeds Careers Service employee to send him only white people for interview for a job vacancy at the Bioscan Medical Centre in Horsforth, Leeds, it was claimed at an industrial tribunal today.

The Commission for Racial Equality says Mr. Steen, having registered a vacancy for a receptionist, told an employee at the Careers Service he wanted only a white person, that a black would not be acceptable, and that only a white should be submitted for interview.

Mr. Robin Lewis, for the CRE, said this was an attempted inducement to break the Race Relations Act, 1976, part of which says it is unlawful for employment agencies to discriminate.

He said that if the employee had carried out Mr. Steen's instructions not to submit black youngsters for interview, Leeds Careers Service would itself have contravened the act.



Mr. George Steen

YEP 6.9.83

QUESTION

Mr. Steen was allowed leave by tribunal chairman, Mr. A. T. Firth, to submit his notice of defence of the allegation, although the forms he had submitted were not complete and out of time.

Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Gotts, an employment assistant with Leeds Careers Service, said she phoned Mr. Steen on December 13 last year to make an appointment for a job interview for a young girl.

Mrs. Gotts said the first question Mr. Steen asked her was "what colour is she?" "It took me by surprise because it was the first question he asked and I just said 'Pardon?'" she said. "He then asked 'Is she white?'"

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Mrs. Gotts said she told him the girl was white and he agreed to see her, but then he said she seemed surprised at him asking the colour of the girl.

"I said I was and then he said 'I don't want anyone who is black,' or he may have said 'coloured'."

WHO'S WHO IN THE BNP

LOP Guide to local lads

They don't hit the headlines like they used to, but lurking away in the background in West Yorkshire are various bunches of fascists doing their own thing.

A curious mixture of the pathological and the pathetic, they have been in the doldrums since the Conservative Party became even more openly racist and took the ground away from them in the late 1970s. History shows that it's as well to keep an eye on them, however.

So this week we take a look at what three local fascists have been up to recently. Watch out for more in the future.

Gerry Robinson is Bradford Organiser for the British National Party. Robinson had the habit in the 70s of invading Bradford's 4th Idea radical bookshop together with Peter Newby and harassing the staff. An eager beaver, Robinson's ideal is that man of steel, John Tyndall.

Unfortunately for Gerry, he doesn't appear to carry his ideals to his family home. He lives at 13, Moorcroft Drive, Bradford 4, with his wife and brother-in-law, Bob Lovett.

Bob has resisted all Gerry's efforts to recruit him into the party. Even more, Bob has become a valuable member of the strike committee at Hindles Engineering. Bob, in other words, is close to becoming a commie. (Not a Socialist: in BNP language, socialists are National Socialists, the rest are commies.)

Bob, together with the other strikers, has been out in dispute since March.

A bit of a funny lad is our Gerry. He's working class, he believes in Aryan supremacy. He used to work as a lorry driver. When that business became too hard he went into his father's painting and decorating business.

Gerry subscribes to the Jewish Chronicle, indeed, he sees the Jews as the Chosen People, refers to them as the Chosen People. Perhaps he's a plant? He even takes his daily bread from them. His father's business works solely for Jews in the Midlands, primarily in Leicester and Loughborough.

If you have any questions about Gerry's Jewish ambiguities or want to know what Bradford BNP have in store, such as this coming Sunday's battle of Britain Day in Bradford, where party word has it that Fuehrer John Tyndall will march, protected by the flanked ranks of the RAF unaware of their protected booty, and lay a wreath on Bradford Cenotaph, then ring Gerry at Bradford 685219. He often is away from Monday to Friday but he can be contacted from Friday night onwards, or some night evenings, try ringing after 7pm.



MIKE GIBSON

Leeds British National Party Organiser is Mike Gibson. All applications for membership should be addressed to him at 58 Hough End Lane, Leeds 13. If you need to know what the BNP's up to, then ring him at Leeds 550855.

There is no guarantee that he can be reached. Mike works on Leeds buses as a conductor. He also has a drink problem. He can't get enough, and this has provided that curious spectacle of party business being concluded by 9pm, otherwise the Party Organiser is confused and disorientated.

He is another afterhours drinker in the Prince of Wales, there confronting his problem, Gerry Robinson. Old Robbo, for all his years of effort, can't get it together to organise a city filled with racists and Asians, so Bradford is under the organisational umbrella of Gibson.

Tyndall is of the belief that his troops are well disciplined and competent. Therefore, when the Bournemouth ex-British Army General, made his donation in June for a duplicator, Tyndall, looking at the map, devising his strategy, had the bright idea of sending the duplicator to Robbo.

Robbo handles paint-brushes, but he hasn't learnt to handle knobs on a duplicator yet, so the duplicator's rusting, and the newsletters are still produced in Leeds.

The area treasurer is Terry Mullery, 90 Lupton Avenue, Leeds 9, who's a busy man trying to avoid the donations and subs made up of counterfeit notes coming out of Bradford. More on him, if subjudice allows, next week, and also the Freedom Association's involvement in the Hindles dispute.



PETE NEWBY

Robinson's loyal sidekick is Peter Kevin Newby, known affectionately amongst his closest mates as, "Gas the blacks, I'm British, Give me the Crowbar, Newby".

Peter has a record as long as a tall man's arm. Thwarted has been his desire to fight for King and Country, or join the police. Instead he fights for the nation on the streets of Bradford. In the

70s, in the 4th Idea bookshop (where the staff learnt to recognise his voice and the stench of his urine on the printed page) he paraded each Saturday afternoon.

After the 4th Idea closed, in between spells at Her Majesty's Pleasure, he took his cleanup campaign onto the football terraces. There, authentic with his stiff arms and his white UnionJacked T-shirt, he soon made his prowess felt.

As Bradford's Telegraph & Argus reported recently, following a Bradford City match last May, a 'football supporter who shouted obscenities and threats at opposition fans and then struggled with police who arrested him, was jailed for three months by Bradford Magistrates.'

Peter so far has only done one week. His appeal against sentence is to be heard. He can be found in that triangle of Bradford city centre pubs - Queens Hotel, Broadway Bar, Unicorn. He can also be spotted, drinking after hours, in the Prince of Wales alongside Leeds Central railway station. There, amidst the pints, he sits and dreams of the day when uniforms are permitted on the streets, and he can march a pace behind his Fuehrer.

On his rare vacations from HM Prison, Armley, he has been known to reside with his long-suffering parents at their holiday home, 15 Dawnye Road, in the salubrious comfort of the Canterbury Estate, Bradford.



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'FASCIST LINKS' REPORT RATTLES THE TORIES

TORY Central Office are working overtime to play down the impact of the Young Conservatives' report on fascist infiltration into the Tory Party.

Monday night's excellent *Panorama* programme also exposed links between Tory MPs and fascist groups.

Party chairman, John Selwyn Gummer, carefully timed the release of the Young Conservatives' report so it was too late for inclusion in Sunday's papers and too early for Monday's.

On *Panorama*, he refused to take action against four MPs, named on the programme; Harvey Proctor, Warren Hawksley, Neil Hamilton and Gerald Howarth. The Tories, he said, don't go in for 'trial by television'.

The *Panorama* programme contained no new facts. *Private Eye* has regularly reported links between Harvey Proctor and far right organisations outside the Tory Party. The anti-fascist magazine *Searchlight* has detailed links between Tory MPs and racist and fascist organisations.

Deportation cases

Gummer's claim that the Tory Party is not racist was particularly feeble. Not only is there a mountain of immigration laws, deportation cases and the like, but Tories thrown off the Party's list of parliamentary candidates in the early 70s for their racist views now hold forth in the House of Commons.

L01 7.4.84

● Close this boozier
 ● ... off Fred Fox

Asian anger over street attacks

TRIALS of Asian youths arrested after racist attacks from whites in the Savile Town area of Dewsbury last July take place this week. Supporters have been picketing the court. Below we reprint a statement from the Dewsbury Defence Committee in support of those on trial. It calls for the resignation of the North Kirklees Community Relations Council Chairman, Fred Fox, and we give the Council's response.

The defence committee also demands an investigation into police behaviour and the closure of the Scarborough hotel in Dewsbury. It is from here, they say, that white racists are welcome to obtain alcoholic sustenance for their attacks.

'DURING recent months the Asian Community in Dewsbury and Batley have witnessed and experienced an ever increasing number of Racist attacks. The Racists rampage through our streets in cars shouting abuse. They attack our shops, homes and places of worship. In such an atmosphere, no longer can we walk the streets alone, day or night.

On Sunday 24th July, 1983 at approximately 3pm four whites in a white Ford Capri rammed two Asian cars and beat up four Asian youths sitting in one of the cars. Later that evening twenty whites emerged from the Scarborough hotel at approximately 8.30pm and viciously assaulted five Asian youths. One youth Umar was admitted to a specialist hospital with a fractured skull. During both occasions the whites were carrying iron bars. At the pub incident they were also armed with pool cues. The Police were immediately informed about the afternoon incident. They were even given the registration number of the car involved and where it was

parked. The Police took NO ACTION. Had they made arrests, Umar would not be in hospital with a fractured skull. After the incident outside the Scarborough Hotel, the Police escorted the whites away in a Black Maria and cleared them. No arrests were made. At 4am on Monday morning the police raided an Asian home. Three brothers were arrested and a door smashed. They have been charged with:

Actual Bodily Harm
 Damage to Police Property
 Breach of the Peace and
 Insulting behaviour.

A further 6 Asian youths have been charged. During recent weeks areas in both Dewsbury and Batley have been faced with more attacks. The extent is such that even Petrol bombs are now being thrown at Asian taxis. Much talk can be heard in the community about Vigilante groups. This is hardly surprising when both the Community Relations Council and Police fail to acknowledge the existence of racist attacks. Such attacks have been present for many years. Press reports in the past have commented that Police-Asian relationships in Dewsbury are amongst the worst in the United Kingdom.

Fred Fox, the Chairman of North Kirklees Community Relations Council for the past 11 years, has called "for a peaceful existence". The Dewsbury Defence Committee feel that it is unfortunate that this person, as head of the Community Relations Council for more than a decade is only capable of formulating a statement. No past nor further considerations are evident of a concise policy to fight racism, from the CRC. On the grounds of his unawareness and incompetence we back the call for immediate resignation."

The CRC reply

MR MALIK, a senior community relations officer and secretary to the North Kirklees Council, responded to the resign call as follows: "Any group has a right to make its views known but the chairman (Fred Fox) is still continuing and will continue until the end of his term of office at the end of September. "Then, he and other officers are eligible for re-election, their names can be put forward for nomination, and the normal democratic process will take place. "We have not had the courtesy of a copy of this press release, only what we have read in the press, and so I would not want to comment further on what it says. Mr Malik said that Fred Fox had been chairman for the past ten years because nobody had opposed him at the annual meeting before. He did not know whether anybody would oppose him this time.

L0P 27.4.84

'Happy birthday dear Adolf'

FASCISTS invaded Leeds pub, The Whip, on Good Friday. About fifty leather-jacketed youths wearing swastika arm bands hung a Nazi flag on the wall of the upstairs room and gave the Nazi salute. They chanted "Sieg Heil" apparently celebrating Hitler's birthday, St. George's Day and Easter all in one obscene go. The fascist's actions caused many people to leave, the pub's management made no attempt to stop the chanting or to eject the miscreants. Alan Haywood, who was attending the pub's rock and roll disco, with friends, said: "We did not want these lunatics spoiling our enjoyment, no one did anything about them, we weren't going to leave". Nobody at Teteys brewery, which owns The Whip, was available for comment when approached by LOP this week.

Asian family attacked

Meanwhile, an Asian family living in Moortown were attacked by about 20 youths last Sunday. Stones were thrown, fences ripped down, and racist chants were heard, shortly after midnight. Three people were arrested. Late on Monday evening, someone set light to the Sikh Temple's ceremonial flag-pole on Tong Road, causing about £150 worth of damage.

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Ticket collector 'spiked by youth' after racial abuse

A black British Rail ticket collector was taunted with racial abuse and died 10 days after a four-foot metal spike was plunged into his eye, the Old Bailey heard yesterday. Mr Peter Burns, aged 59, was taken to hospital from Seven Kings station at Ilford, Essex, where he had been on duty since June 30 last year. But the spike had pierced his left eye and his

brain to the back of his skull. His attacker, James Melloy, aged 24, had been with a gang of youths who had been taunting him after a drinking session, said Mr Alan Green, prosecuting. He said that Mr Burns had picked up a shovel and in a scuffle with Melloy hit him on the head with it, causing a cut. Melloy had then left the station, picked up the metal

spike from a building works and returned to the station. A witness, Mr Gary Smith, had said he saw Melloy holding the spike "like a lance or a bayonet" before charging the length of the station corridor at Mr Burns. Mr Green said Melloy had told police that he had thrust the spike at Mr Burns, but it was deflected by the victim's head. He told the police that

earlier there had been an argument and a bit of a scuffle. He donked me one and I thought 'You bastard.' He hit me with the shovel and I just done my nut. I was holding my head and I could see the blood dripping on to my trousers and shoes." Melloy, of Lawrence Avenue, Manor Park, pleads not guilty to the murder of Mr Burns. The trial continues today.

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Tyndall's mis-spent youth

58 FASCISTS AT LEEDS MEETING

Tyndall reassures BNP faithful 'We're back'

BRITISH National Party Fuhrer John Tyndall was in Leeds last week. The man who believes himself already leader of the nation, answered a question from the floor about the disabled.

"On taking power," Tyndall began, "my first move will be to remove the right to health care from blacks and brownies... The National Health Service is for white Britons only. If blacks are ill, they must pay for private doctors."

"Next, I will stop all overseas aid, all of it. The combined savings of those two actions will release hundreds of millions of pounds to spend on groups like the disabled in Britain."

The third floor of the Wellesley Hotel in Wellington Street had been booked by Leeds BNP organiser, Mike Gibson. A guest at the hotel was alerted to the meeting when he discovered Union Jacks covering the walls and draping the platform of a large room.

He then counted 58 going through the foyer at about 7.45pm. He has sent LOP a tape recording of what was said.

League of St. George Sheffield man, John Woods, opens. He develops the basic selling pitch. Country in a poor state, unemployment, too much importation of foreign goods. In mid-sentence he changes, brings the

audience to their feet as Toyotas and Datsuns become blacks.

History shows that nations deal with the problems of multi-racialism in three ways, Woods continues. Kill the immigrants. Integrate with them and become one nation, which always fails. "Be swamped and taken in by an alien tide."

He quotes Enoch Powell from 1968. "By the end of this century there could be 5 million immigrants in this country... Well, I've

Woods is there to wind the audience up and is followed by Mike Gibson. He tells the flock there's a new Speaker's Corner in Leeds and this coming Saturday the BNP will be there with a megaphone.

"This is where we start to move forward. We'll tell the truth to the people of Leeds. We have enemies but we also have the good news for you, Enoch old son, in 1983 it's already passed 6 mil-

ion." He pauses. "Yes, it's that good old number again." The audience laughs. "We're up to our necks in blacks. The last time a fella had a problem with 6 million aliens he didn't mess about." The cheers go through the roof. "Anyway you all know the lessons of history." people to deal with them. We have been scared for too long. Now we're going public. We are



John Tyndall

back on the streets."

Someone shouts, "I'm British. Show me the niggers. I've got a crowbar." The scene is set for the Fuhrer.

Tyndall is touring the country, having meetings like these. At the election the BNP fielded 55 candidates. Each lost a deposit. The BNP had five minutes television time. From national anti-fascist sources, LOP has learnt that the BNP has received 20-30,000 applications for membership. Two thousand applications came from the Yorkshire/Humberside area.

Tyndall makes it clear he decides who joins. He is the leader. He gives his life story. His life is the story of nationalism. At one point he states he is already acting as the British leader. There will come a revolutionary situation "and the veil shall drop."

FUHRER

He shall then proceed as the Fuhrer Democracy is the weakness. The National Front failed because, Tyndall says, "It was run by committees. It was democratic." The National Front was a microcosm of the nation. The nation was in decline. The Front had to decline.

Throughout his 45 minute speech there are cries and shouts of "leader," "Man of steel." Membership will grow as the Anglo-Saxon realises the situation.

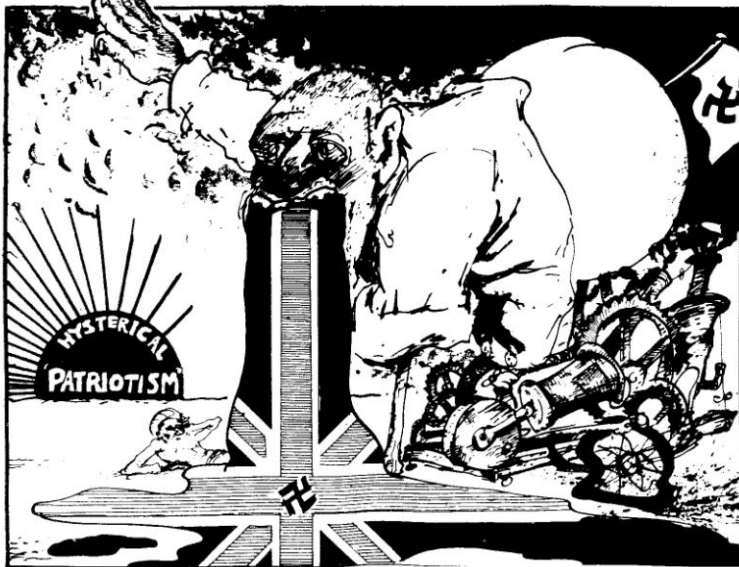
He praises Roy Jenkins of the SDP. Moderation is good in moderate times. "These times are extreme," Tyndall states, "and only an extreme party can solve the situation." Infiltration will be the strategy.

"We shall infiltrate the police, the DHSS, the Armed forces, the hospitals." Tyndall talks of the need for a communication system. Printing presses, videos, these will build up as an alternative media, serving the party.

Tyndall declares himself to be a revolutionary. He makes it explicit that he alone chooses who shall be BNP members, he alone chooses policies.

"...I will dictate... We are not a democratic party and we are not a party which lets anyone in. We are choosy... Only white Anglo-Saxon people indigenous to the British Isles and those Europeans who are closely linked with us. I'm sure you all know what that means."

Thunderous applause and Tyndall comes to the night's meat-





Tyndall the man who would be Fuhrer

* blacks. Tyndall has been busted for possession of firearms twice, never for race hatred. He chooses his words carefully. It is only in the breakdown of the text that the incitement to violence is heard.

"I'm not racist," he declares. "I don't hate blacks. It is entirely illogical and irrational to hate blacks. I see blacks in the same bracket as animals and children."

"If a child or animal is bad you don't hate them for it, you punish them but you don't hate them.

The blame should lie with the family environment which caused the animal to misbehave.

"It is a matter of bad mismanagement in the domestic situation. We can't hate the blacks," and then, almost as an aside, "We can make them want to leave."

"No, the people we must hate, are the traitors in Westminster who invited them here. If I was a Sambo sitting on the beach in the West Indies with a banana in my hand and nothing to my name but the clothes I stood up in, and then someone came and said I could come to England, be given a job, money, health care, of course I would come.

"But you shouldn't hate me for it. You should hate the men who invited me here. You must make these people want to go home, they must be made to go home and every one of us can do something to make them want to go."

Tyndall has much personally to hate in Westminster. His vocabulary has been filched by Thatcher's right. It was Tyndall, writing in the National Front magazine, Spearhead, May 1976, who first used the word "wet" to designate a liberal political line. It was Tyndall who first used the phrase, "swamped by an alien culture." It has always been Tyndall calling for repatriation.

He reaches his conclusion, to shouts of gas them, burn the bastards. "The racial traitors in Westminster are the people to hate. They are the people we do hate. These are the people you will hate. You will hate.

"They are the ones who must pay. They should pay. And my God, when I take power they will pay, they will pay the very dearest price."

YEP 20.5.85

'Black mark' cop quits Federation

Inspector Peter Johnson, the police relations spokesman who used the expression "nig nogs" when talking about coloured people, resigned from the executive of the Police Federation today.

Johnson also resigned his position as chairman of the Inspection Section of the Federation following his remark made in front of a group of people at the Federation conference.



Frank Burden (right) outside Elland Road in 1979

**Ex-Front man fined for concrete attack
Burden of shame**

A FORMER Leeds National Front member has said that an attack which hospitalised him for ten days changed his personality this year.

Frank Burden of Gipton Approach was last week fined £100 for insulting words or behaviour arising from an incident outside a National Front election meeting at Seacroft Youth Centre on June 4th.

Prosecutor Alan Mitcheson told Leeds Magistrates Court that a plain clothes policeman saw two youths shouting and gesticulating towards the centre from across the road.

Frank Burden came out of the centre with another man and responded in a similar way. Burden then picked up a piece of concrete and ran towards one of the youths. Others joined in the melee.

More than a month later, on July 16th, Frank Burden was attacked and knocked unconscious. Head injuries kept him in hospital for ten days.

His solicitor David Ake told Stipendiary Magistrate Loy that Burden's personality had changed and he was not

the same man who was involved in the trouble on June 4th. He had resigned from the National Front, had lost his memory following the attack, and could not remember the June incident. * John Swaine of Seacroft was also fined £100 by Magistrate Loy for insulting words or behaviour. It was Swaine that Burden attacked with the piece of concrete.

LOP 25.11.85

National Front boss fined for race chant

A National Front leader and a supporter who chanted abusive slogans was likely to cause a breach of the peace in the city centre last October, Leeds Stipendiary Magistrate Mr. Ian Boyd, was told.

We Say

Here are two vital questions for all even remotely interested in racial harmony.

- (1) Will a £50 fine — not much more than his day's pay — stop a notorious National Front leader publicly insulting Jewish and coloured people in the middle of our biggest city?
- (2) Do not the governors of Harrogate College of Further Education consider the name of their supposedly prestigious and expensive institution lies in the gutter with Mr. Andrew Brons, one of their staff, and NF chairman when he is convicted of such offence?

Yesterday in Leeds, the college principal and another member of his staff gave evidence in support of Mr. Brons's apolitical attitude within the college.

We say this is a pitiful attempt at a smoke-screen for offences which are indefensible in today's Britain.

We say too that the whole question of contracts of employment for senior educationalists ought to be re-examined by the Department of Education in the light of this case.

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Brons allegedly said: "You are just a coloured immigrant. I'm a lawyer. Don't tell me what to do."

The constable then decided to arrest both men and told the court the two defendants swore at him.

In answer to Mr. Hyland, P-c Raj agreed he was of Malaysian origin and had been in the police force for less than five years, but said: "Public peace is my prior consideration. When I go out wearing the Sovereign's uniform I am very proud."

Brons called Mr. Peter Drake, principal of the Harrogate College of Further Education and a member of the college staff, Mrs. Veronica Davenport, who both said he did not take his politics into the college and he was most considerate and courteous in his professional duties.

Andrew Henry William Brons, 37, a college lecturer, and chairman of the National Front, of Byland Road, Harrogate, and Paul Vessey, 24, a labourer, of Cross Gates Road, Cross Gates, Leeds, had denied the charges but were found guilty and each fined £50.

Brons was defended by Mr. Graham Hyland, QC, and Vessey by his solicitor, Mr. Timothy Harrison.

Miss Kate Heap, prosecuting, said the two defendants were among National Front supporters selling literature in the Lands Lane precinct on Saturday morning, October 8. A shop assistant heard them shouting "National Front" and P-c John Raj said other slogans such as "white power" and "death to Jews" were also heard.

CLENCHED FIST

P-c Raj said he asked the group to disperse because he had seen another group of West Indian youths gathering near the fountain and he feared fighting may break out.

He said members of the National Front were making the clenched fist salute in addition to chanting slogans. He said that elderly shoppers were in fear and some came to speak to him about it.

The officer said Brons was heard to say: "No blacks this way — niggers not wanted." Vessey allegedly shouted Sieg Heil.

P-c Raj told Brons it would be better if they disperse and the defendant replied: "I am aware of my legal rights."

"Inferior beings like yourself probably don't appreciate the principle of free speech."

Vessey was alleged to have said: "Don't mess about black man. Who do you think you are talking to."

The officer warned them again to moderate their language and conduct and heard other National Front supporters ask Brons if he wanted any help with

YEP 1-5-84

Guardian 4-4-84

Dismissal of black halts BL works

All car production at British Leyland's Longbridge factory in Birmingham will be stopped today because of a strike by 300 men who are protesting at the dismissal of a black worker who hit a foreman. The sacked man says he was provoked by racist abuse.

Around 9,000 workers will be laid off as production of Metros, Minis, Itals, and the new Acclaim models are stopped. BL was hoping to build up stocks of the new Acclaim for its relaunch later this month.

The strike could also hit the supply of engines to Longbridge's sister plant at Cowley, near Oxford, affecting production of the Austin Maestro and the newly-launched Montego models by the end of the week.

The strike by 300 drivers, who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, began on May 25, hours before the factory closed for a spring holiday week. Some of the 220 strikers are fork-lift truck drivers who ferry parts to production lines.

The strike started after the sacking of a fork-lift truck driver, Mr Zedekiah Mills, for striking a foreman. Mr Mills said yesterday that he had been provoked, and claimed he had been subjected to racial abuse at the factory.

BL last night denied that there was any racial prejudice at the factory. A spokesman claimed that Mr Mills had twice been suspended in the past and had received a final written warning.

Last night the factory convener, Mr Jack Adams, said that the striking drivers did not intend to meet until Thursday.

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National Front thugs taunt black players on plane

ENGLAND'S SHAME

TWO of England's black footballers were the victims of vicious racial abuse from chanting National Front supporters on their South American tour yesterday.

John Barnes — hero of the victory over Brazil — and Mark Chamberlain sat slyly in a plane as the thugs made obscene noises and shouted: "We don't want Sambos."

'We don't want Sambos in our team'

About 20 Front supporters, some of them notorious Chelsea fans, began to make trouble when the team arrived at Montevideo airport, Uruguay, for today's match for Chile.

They climbed on board, and from the rear seat of the Boeing 707, they abused both the players and FA secretary Ted Croker. As the plane crossed the Andes they burst into an anti-Semitic song.

Two lines directed at Jewish-controlled Tottenham Hotspur, Tottenham's Hitler's going to gas them again."

Referring to England's brilliant win over Brazil last Sunday, they said: "We only won 1-0. Goals by blacks don't count."

When the plane touched down at Santiago, capital of Chile's right-wing military dictatorship, the airport was lined with fascist salutes and posed before a large Union Jack carrying the slogan "Send them back."

Chamberlain, of Stoke City, told me: "I didn't hear a thing... I had my headphones on."



MIKE LANGLEY in Chile sees a sickening demonstration



Barnes... hardened

Le Pen to join National Front march through Maidstone on Bastille Day

By Stephen Cook
Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the National Front, which has just won 10 French seats in the European Parliament, has accepted an invitation to take part in a march and rally in Maidstone, Kent, next month.

Mr. Brown, leader of the SPD-liberal administration on Maidstone Borough Council, has asked the Kent Constabulary to ban the rally on July 14 — Bastille Day.

Mr. Paul Johnson, regional secretary of the NF, said town is going to become the focus of a national rally. Instead of 50 or 60 local people, they'll be coming from all over the country. There'll be counter-demonstrations and an end to Maidstone as a peaceful town.

Mr. Brown is lobbying local MPs to put pressure on the Home Secretary. He has referred the NF's publicity leaflet about the march, which warns of the town becoming a "multiracial jungle" to the "multiracial jungle" to the recorder of Fudge Prosecution as a possible breach of the Race Relations Act.

He said yesterday: "Our Race Relations Act is a change that estimate."



Chamberlain dignified

Curran 26.6.84

Family that lives in fear

ARLEN HARRIS on an East End siege—and a puzzling police delay

A GANG of white youths collected outside the home of the Shah family in Canning Town in London's East End at 11.30 p.m.

They hurled bricks and stones through the windows and shouted insults at five female members of the family who were trapped inside.

Then, as the Shahs, from Mirpur in Pakistan, watched in horror, the youths placed wood and paper outside the front window intending to burn the house down. In desperation Mrs Resham Shah, the 46-year-old mother, rushed up the stairs and threw milk bottles out of the window at them. Eventually the youths retreated.

The attack on the Shah family is the worst of its kind that local community workers can recall for almost two years. What has concerned them almost as much as the violence of the attack is the reaction of the local police.

Although Plaistow police station is only a five-minute walk away, the family had to make several phone calls and wait half an hour before a police car containing one woman police constable arrived to bring an end to the siege, according to the Shahs.

The police said last week that an inquiry was being held. Chief Inspector Peter Smith, of Plaistow police station, said: 'We take these allegations very seriously and are investigating them rigorously.'

Racial attacks in the area are nothing new. Most local community groups acknowledge that the borough of Newham is an area of racial tension. A Home Office report in 1981 found that Asians were almost 50 times more likely to be victims of racial assault than whites. The report argued that the police 'underestimate the significance of racist incidents and activities for those attacked.'

Two years later a Greater London Council report found that 'harassment in London is an increasingly serious problem.'

The incident last weekend was the culmination of a series of attacks on the family lasting more than a year. Zaitoon Shah, the eldest daughter, was hit over the head with an iron bar last year. She spent two days in hospital and two weeks in bed as a result.

She said: 'It was only after the intervention of Naseem Khan, the Asian women's lawyer from the Newham Rights Centre, that the police decided to prosecute.'

leads it is extremely difficult to trace and identify the perpetrators of racial harassment. They say that often, when the attackers are found, they are below the age of criminal responsibility.

The attacks have also aroused concern in the community. The Newham Monitoring Project has complained to the commander of K division about 'the pathetic response of police officers at Plaistow police station to these attacks.'

A despairing Mrs Shah said: 'What use are the police if they arrive after the attacks? They should stay one entire night and catch the culprits. I just do not understand how the police cannot find a gang like this.'

Twelve-year-old Zahida Shah said: 'We don't go out any more. My friends don't come and see me, because they are scared they will get attacked. I am so frightened, I spend all my time inside the house.'

Chief Inspector Smith said: 'This matter has always been of the utmost concern to us in the station. We have taken many steps to trace the people responsible. At the time the siege occurred police were under considerable pressure. It was just after closing time on a Saturday night.'

He admitted that the area where the Shahs live is 'the single biggest problem in our patch.' But added: 'I think of

all the areas I have lived in this is the most racially harmonious. People here live happily side by side. This case is virtually a one-off.'

Mr Unmesh Desai, of the Newham Monitoring Project, sees the problem differently: 'Racial attacks in Newham are on the increase. In the last six months there have been double the number of race attacks compared with last year. The police do little to help the victims of racial attacks.'

Mr Ron Leighton, MP for Newham North East, will raise the issue in the next parliamentary session. He said: 'The police job is to ensure safety in the home and on the streets.'

Observer 12.5.84

Race-hate woman gaoled

A mother who joined her three sons and three lodgers in a campaign of race hate against the coloured community in Harlow, Essex was gaoled for four years yesterday.

June Withers, aged 44, was found guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court of conspiring to commit criminal damage. Her sons and the lodgers admitted conspiring to commit criminal damage.

Anthony Chiassaro and Paul Locke, both aged 17, described as the ringleaders, received four years' youth custody each. Denzil Withers, aged 19, and Steven Bundoek, aged 17, were sentenced to 30 months' youth custody. Alan Withers, aged 18, received six months' cus-

tody, and Graham Withers, aged 15, was sent to a detention centre for four months.

Mr David Radcliffe, prosecuting, said "Harlow Anti-Paki League" attacked the homes of 10 coloured families, causing £3,500 worth of damage.

Mrs Withers was the league's intelligence officer and quartermaster, and its operations centre was her home at Berecroft, Harlow. Chiassaro and Locke, the founders, leaders and most active participants, demonstrated hate towards the Pakistani community.

Mr David Etherington, defending, said the group was not politically motivated and hung its criminal vandalism on a peg of racial dislike.

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Since the latest attack the family have been under siege at night. On Sunday youths paraded outside the house shouting insults. On Wednesday the house was stoned. On Thursday Mrs Shah and her daughter were attacked on their way home by white youths.

Plaistow police have singled out the Shah home for special protection. Despite this they have still not found the attackers. The police argue that although they have some

Polytechnic postpones exams for NF student

By Stephen Cook

The Polytechnic of North London has allowed Mr Patrick Harrington, the student who is a National Front activist, to postpone his examinations until the end of August and provide him with extra teaching in the meantime.

The postponement, requested by his solicitor, was granted on the grounds that demonstrations by other students have several times prevented him going to lectures.

One other student has applied for postponement of some of his exams because of the disruption caused by the Harrington affair, but he has been refused.

Meanwhile the Master of the Rolls, Lord Donaldson, is next week to hear an appeal by 14 lecturers at the polytechnic against last month's High Court ruling that they should reveal the names of students photographed by the National Front infringing a court order banning anti-Harrington demonstrations.

Twenty-four leading academics have written to the Times supporting the lecturers' argument that disclosure would damage the relationship of trust between students and teachers. They include Bernard Crick, professor of politics at Birkbeck College; Basil Bernstein, professor of the sociology of education at the University of London's Institute of Education; Michael Dummett, a fellow of All Souls, Oxford.

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COUNTER DEMO SUCCESS



• PIC: JOHN BUTTRESS

The threatened demonstration by the right-wing BNP did not take place last Saturday because of the good mobilisation for a counter-demo.

About 300 people turned up to protest against the rally organised by the BNP for 'Free speech for Whites'. As a result the anti-racist demo occupied the space that the BNP had proposed to occupy on the Town Hall steps.

The counter demo was organised by Labour Councillor Neil Taggart and mobilisation was done throughout Leeds.

There were large contingents from the University and Park Lane, Labour Party wards and representatives from the Asian, Sikh and black communities.

A varied selection of speakers ranged from Derek Patchett MP to "a representative of the black youth in Chapel Town" and women from the Women's Centre. Marcus Sheff spoke for LUU and ex-university student Gordon Nardell for the LPYS.

Contrary to expectations the demo was relaxed and trouble free with no attempt by the few BNP supporters present to break up the rally.

Speakers stressed that demonstrating was not enough and that both right wing and institutionalised racism need to be opposed.

Deb Lyttelton



NAZI-BASHING: During a meeting of the Swedish Nazi Party (Nordiska Rikspartiet) in Waxjö yesterday, 10 young Nazis were attacked and beaten by some of the 2,000 people who taunted them in the streets. The young Nazis were eventually taken by police to the railway station and locked in for their own protection

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Neo-Nazi murder gang go on spree of hate

A NATIONWIDE manhunt has been launched in the United States for heavily-armed members of a loosely-knit group of neo-Nazi and white supremacist organisations, responsible for a series of shoot-outs, violent robberies, murders, and the forging of banknotes.

Inspired apparently by a racist novel, 'The Turner Diaries,' that describes the overthrow of the American government by a White Supremacist underground, the neo-fascists operate out of closely guarded redoubts scattered throughout the south and west.

Until recently derided by many law enforcement agencies as 'aging juvenile delinquents, prone to wild rhetoric more than wild violence' they have shown they have the capacity to hold their own in gun battles with police, to evade capture, and to carry out sophisticated 'professional' crime to finance their spree of hate-filled violence.

The most violent of the groups, comprised largely of ex-prisoners who had joined Nazi gangs in jail, and known variously as 'the Silent Brotherhood of the White American Bastion' and 'the Aryan Resistance Movement,' has sworn a declaration of war against the American government, which it dubs—'ZOG'—'Zionist Occupation Government.'

Members achieve 'Aryan Warrior status' by winning 'credits' through the murder of 'federal judges, FBI agents, other federal officials... Jewish people, black people.' Federal agents believe that the 'Silent Brotherhood' (often translated into the German *Bruder Schweigen*) has links with at least a dozen other groups, including the Ku-Klux-Klan, American Nazis and violent members of the 'Posse Comitatus,' who recognise no authority above the county level.

Their common bond is membership of 'identity churches,' which hold that blue-eyed Aryans rather than Jews are the genuine descendants of the 'chosen' people of Israel. All other races are considered the 'soulless' descendants of Satan, whom they have a mission to destroy. They are deeply anti-semitic, with a Hitlerian view of Jewish conspiracies lurking in the media, banking and elsewhere.

Their techniques are those espoused by 'survivalist' groups, who forecast a coming showdown between Aryans and others, for which they must be



DATELINE WASHINGTON
Robert Chesshyre

prepared by arming, training, and stock-piling supplies in order to survive a prolonged war, often conceived of as Armageddon.

Its source of doctrinal justification is an organisation based in Idaho, known as 'Aryan Nations,' which claims—some-what dubiously—6,000 members nationwide, and is headed by Richard Butler, a 65-year-old neo-Nazi, who is also minister of an 'identity' church—the Church of Jesus Christ Christian.

In a country where violence is endemic—up to 500 murders a week—it took a dramatic 36-hour siege and gun battle, and the linking of the Silent Brotherhood to the much-publicised killing of an outspoken, liberal, Jewish radio talk show host in Denver, Colorado, earlier this year to propel them into the national news.

Federal authorities say the group have already been responsible for armed robberies, including the theft of \$3.6 million from an armoured car in California, which was held up by a gang of 17, and the systematic

forging of banknotes designed to raise money and to undermine the currency.

One recently captured 'Brother' had the plans of a hydro-electric dam, and sabotage has been talked of. All these techniques are described in 'The Turner Diaries,' along with ways to get arms and explosives.

The trail that led to the gun battle began when FBI agents, disguised as Forest Service workers, visited the remote Idaho home of a 29-year-old ex-prisoner called Gary Yarbrough, who had served as an armed guard to the Aryan Nations group and had later joined the Silent Brotherhood. Firing at the agents, Yarbrough escaped, but left behind a huge cache of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Among these weapons was a .45 calibre MAC-10 sub-machine gun, later found to have been the weapon that killed the Denver radio personality. Yarbrough and another member of the Brotherhood, Robert Mathews, 31, were tracked to a motel in Portland, Oregon, where Yarbrough was captured

and Mathews escaped after shooting an agent twice in the leg.

Mathews was located earlier this month on a small island in Puget Sound, off Seattle, where—after other residents had been evacuated and shipping halted—he staged his last stand in a prolonged siege and fight with the FBI, dying when a police flare set fire to the house he was occupying. Four companions were arrested and large amounts of weapons and money recovered.

Yarbrough and two of the survivors of the Puget Sound siege have been charged with a \$500,000 armed robbery and are suspects in the unsolved \$3.6 million armoured car attack. Inquiries continue into the Denver murder.

Mathews, who was eulogised by Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler as 'a hero,' died in strikingly similar circumstances to Gordon Kahl, a member of Posse Comitatus, who last year killed two federal agents and a sheriff, before being incinerated when police gunfire exploded ammunition during a gun battle.

A fellow Posse member revealed something of the neo-Nazi attitude towards the authorities when he commented that 'the Feds sure know how to turn on the juice when a couple of their piggies get blown away.'

A member of the Social Nationalist Aryan People's Party, who murdered two blacks and a man he mistakenly thought was a Jewish professor, said at his trial that his mission had been to kill 'as many blacks and Jews as I could before I got caught. One thousand, one million, the more the better.'

What frightens organisations like the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which monitors these fascist groups, is that the activities of the neo-Nazis increasingly mirror their extremist rhetoric. Many operate from secluded private enclaves, where military training is carried on unmolested by authorities.

Neighbours of some of these groups have been terrified by the constant rattle of gunfire that comes from behind the barbed wire defences.

The Anti-Defamation League, warning that it would be a 'logical error' to underestimate the threat posed by these groups because they are splintered, said: 'Those racist organisations most prone to violence have become pre-eminent in their respective movements. Hate groups seem to regard violent confrontation not merely as acceptable, but as inevitable.'



Gary Yarbrough, in 'full uniform,' with daughter.

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Victory at North London Poly



STUDENTS AT North London Polytechnic are claiming a 90 per cent victory for their campaign to get National Front organiser, Patrick Harrington, out of the college.

The new director of the college, John Beishom, has put forward proposals to the students union which would, if implemented, effectively isolate Harrington from the rest of the students.

Beishom is proposing that the only classes which include Harrington, those in third year philosophy, be moved to a small house in Beowulf Road, where no other classes are held. Since other philosophy students are able to get unofficial lectures and

classes from their teachers this will mean that Harrington will be taught alone for his remaining two terms at the college.

This is a very important step forward for the Harrington Out campaign compared with what was on offer previously. It means Harrington will not, in any way, be able to organise for the NF in the college. It means that other students will be removed from the intimidating effect of his presence. It is a gain which has only been possible

because, last term, students kept up their campaign of pickets against Harrington, despite the use of the courts to ban the pickets and to imprison two students: National Union of Students leadership and the lecturers union, NATFHE, refused to back the pickets, insisting they could not achieve anything.

Despite such opposition, the campaign grew from strength to strength, embarrassing the Inner London Education Authority, which runs the college, and forcing the then-director, MacDowall, to resign.

Concessions

Beishom has been put in to restore order. He wants to do so by making concessions in the hope of isolating the activists in the campaign from the mass of students. Because of the disgusting role of the police and the courts, most students now believe it is impossible to get Harrington fully off campus in the face of continual legal attacks and threats of disciplinary action by the college authorities.

Socialist Workers Students Society members in the college are arguing that activists should not allow

themselves to be isolated in this way.

The important thing now is to force Beishom to implement the concessions he has promised. In this way it is possible to defend the gains the campaign has made so far and to fight against the sort of victimisations which would destroy the militancy built up in the college.

In the immediate future, the college authorities are taking disciplinary proceedings against a number of students for involvement in the Harrington Out campaign. The college was ordered to do so by the courts and charges involve such things as 'being associated with a Harrington Out leader'.

Students have to make it clear that if these proceedings lead to more than token reprimands, there will be all-out resistance. And they also have to make it clear they back 16 students who still have to appear before the High Court on 14 January for defying the Court order against picketing last term.

If a 90 per cent victory against Harrington has been achieved, there is no point in continuing to defy the courts. But there is every point in standing by those whose actions have achieved these gains

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HOW ONE WOMAN SAW RACE AFFRAY IN LEEDS . . .

Terror in Briggate

'as bad as earthquake'

YEP March 12 '85

Describing a major racial incident in Briggate, Leeds, a shop assistant had said she had not been so terrified since being involved in an earthquake, the city's Crown Court was told today.

Mr. Malcolm Swift, prosecuting, said a group of 30 youths were screaming racial obscenities at three West Indian youths and terrified shoppers had to run for cover.

James John Grainger, 20, unemployed, of Temple View Road, Leeds, who pleaded guilty to a charge of affray on July 14 last and a charge of unlawful wounding at Blackpool on April 22, was sentenced to five months youth custody.

SCREAMING GROUP OF 30

Mr. Swift said Grainger had previous convictions including offences of violence.

He was on bail for the Blackpool offence when, with a large number of other young men he was involved in a "major incident of racial violence" in Leeds.

Grainger was in a group of 30 who were seen in Briggate at 5.10 p.m. on July 14 last, and one young woman described a ranting mob coming towards her.

Three West Indian youths were near the woman and the advancing group was screaming racial obscenities and giving Nazi salutes. They were also throwing bottles, cans and packets of soil.

JEWELLER'S ALARM

One young woman was hit with something which knocked her to the ground, another woman was struck by a bottle, and a jeweller was so concerned that he activated his direct alarm to the police.

Mr. Swift said Grainger was not arrested at the time but was interviewed later and told the police: "I was giving it 'get the black bastards' and stuff like that." He admitted throwing a can and a brick.

MONTHS IN CUSTODY

Mr. Swift said several other men had appeared in court last month and had been sentenced.

Mr. Peter Benson, defending, said Grainger accepted that he had been guilty of a piece of disgraceful behaviour in Briggate, but he had not joined in until a late stage.

Since the Briggate offence, he had spent eight months in custody waiting to be dealt with.

Vicious gang attack on Pakistani, 20

A 20-year-old Pakistani restaurant worker was in hospital today with 50 stitches in his face — victim of a vicious gang attack.

Police said he was slashed about the face in a totally unprovoked attack by a gang of about eight skinheads in Burley Street, off Burley Road, near Leeds city centre.

And Det. Chief Insp. John Stone, of Weetwood Division CID, said today he could not rule out the possibility that it was a racial attack.

He added: "The man was with his brother at the time who was also hit but not seriously injured.

"There is no known motive and while we cannot rule out a racial motive our inquiries are not solely following those lines. We are keeping an open mind."

The attack took place shortly before midnight on Sunday and police believe the attackers fled after being disturbed by the occupant of a nearby shop, who was roused by the noise.

He appealed to anyone who witnessed the attack to contact police at Weetwood, adding that the victim — who has not been named — was recovering in Leeds Infirmary.

● Later the attack victim was named as Mohammed Adalat, of Royal Park Avenue, Hyde Park, Leeds. He said he had no idea why the gang had attacked him.

He said he felt much better now, adding that his attackers had used a flick knife on him.

Asian family narrowly escape racist murder bid Fascists burn Harehills shop

A RACIST murder bid on an Asian family in Harehills failed last week, when Sahib Dad and his two young sons fled through an upstairs window. £6,000 worth of damage was done to their shop in the arson attack.

An anonymous telephone caller to the Yorkshire Post claimed that the attack was carried out by 'Column 88' and that further attacks were imminent. Column 88 is a shadowy paramilitary grouping made up of hard-line Nazis.

The attack came on Wednesday night last week, when the Dad family were asleep in their flat above their Harehills Lane food shop.

The attackers attempted to set fire to the shop door, and then threw a brick through the window and set the shop alight. Police say there's no doubt it was arson, and they believe that petrol may have been

used. The smell of smoke woke two year old Matlub, whose screaming awoke his seven year old brother Mahboob and their father. The flat was filled with smoke, but they managed to escape through a back window onto a roof below.

Police told LOP this week that their enquiries into the attack are still continuing.

Last Friday over 20 Asian and West Indian neighbours of Sahib Dad met and formed the Leeds Black People's Joint Action Group. They condemned the "cowardly attack" which they said had been "carried out because the police are



The morning after the fire

not dealing with Asian people's complaints in the proper way."

They have called a public meeting to be held in the area this Saturday, 23rd March.

may not have been carried out by Column 88. What cannot be denied, however, is that fascist groupings in Britain have increasingly turned to violence following their electoral decline in the mid 1970s.

The front cover of the Leeds National Front Bulletin (reproduced thanks to Searchlight) spells it out clearly: "Political terror — it's the only thing they understand."

Conspiracy

Not to be outdone, veteran Leeds fascist Eddie Morrison has been back in West Yorkshire over the past year or two, trying to build up the rival National Action Party. His 'Viking Youth' engages in "hiking, field sports, camping and general fitness". Is that all?

And readers may have noticed the recent National Front flyposting spate in the centre of Leeds, featuring NF posters alongside ones from the Ulster Defence Association. "Hang IRA Reds!" says the subtle NF version. "Ulster is forever British — No surrender!"

The paramilitary UDA, meanwhile, has been addressing the 'British people' with its message that Ulster Loyalists died for us at the Somme and the Falklands, how can we sell them down the river now?

Another UDA leaflet distributed in Leeds recently argues that "a tiny piece of Great Britain is under siege from IRA Communist forces."

With a new twist on the old conspiracy theory, they appeal for public support "to defeat the IRA and their fellow-travellers, backed by the left-wing Communist campaign being led by the 'Troops Out' Movement, Ken Livingstone, Tony Benn, Joan Maynard etc., and sponsored by the Daily Mirror."

Nazi groups call for violence

Although a caller said that Column 88 was responsible for last week's Harehills Lane arson attack, they do not normally claim responsibility for actions.

Column 88 has been going in one guise or another since the end of the Second World War. It's name refers to the eighth letter of the alphabet — H — as in Heil Hitler!

It is a very shadowy grouping, numbering a few dozen

people at most, recruited from very hard-line Nazis. They are rumoured to recruit particularly among those with paramilitary or military training.

They are not a party as such, and they sometimes appear to be inactive for long periods.



The Harehills attack may or

NEW ORDER MEMBERS ONLY!

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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE FEW OF US STILL WILLING TO GET OUR HANDS DIRTY. POLITICAL TERROR

It's the only thing they understand.

FBI to indict 26 neo-Nazis on charges of violent crime

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The FBI's investigation of a violent neo-Nazi organisation, variously known as The Order and Silent Brotherhood, is expected to reach its climax today with the indictment of more than two dozen rightwingers in Seattle.

The neo-Nazis, who are allegedly responsible for murder and several armed robberies, are to be charged under the Racketeering-influenced and Corrupt Organisations Act which in the past has largely been used to bring organised crime figures to justice.

The FBI chose this particular statute after it established in grand jury testimony that a series of alleged violent crimes — going back many years —

can be traced to the leadership of the brotherhood.

The pattern for its activities was apparently set in a novel, The Turner Diaries, written by a white supremacist, Mr William Pierce, of Arlington, Va. Mr Pierce wrote of a group of armed American Nazis, who overthrew the American Government and launched a nuclear attack on Israel.

Among the crimes outlined in the Pierce book were the murder of prominent American Jews and the corruption of the US currency.

The real group is alleged to have had some success in both these areas. It was allegedly responsible for the brutal murder of Mr Alan Berg, a liberal radio broadcaster in Denver,

who was gunned down outside his station in a spray of automatic weapon fire by several of those under indictment.

The group allegedly engaged in counterfeiting with the hope of debasing the US currency. According to the FBI, the group believes that the Federal Reserve Board is under the control of Jews. The Silent Brotherhood is also said to have conducted armed robbery to finance its warfare against American Jews.

Mr William Webster, the FBI director, says that The Order represents the most violent manifestation in modern history of the Racialist, anti-Semitic propaganda put out by organisations such as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party.

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College union president's election to be examined by NUS

NF student leader inquiry

By Andrew Moncur
Education Staff

An investigation has been ordered into the affairs of a college students' union whose president confirmed yesterday that she is a member of the National Front.

The president — Miss Jayne Thistlewhite, who has adopted the name J. J. Buford — is taught politics and law by Mr Andrew Brons, the former National Front chairman, who is a lecturer at her college.

Her election to the post at Harrogate College of Further

Education, North Yorkshire, is to be the subject of an inquiry called yesterday by Mr Phil Woolas, president of the National Union of Students.

The NUS leadership has acted swiftly to deal with the new case involving a student holding NF membership. Last December, the executive was censured over its response to the protest campaign against the National Front activist, Patrick Harrington, a student at the Polytechnic of North London.

One possibility is that the Harrogate college student body could be expelled from the

national union, which has previously unsuccessfully campaigned for the removal of Mr Brons from his teaching job.

Miss Buford, aged 18, yesterday strongly denied that her political views had been influenced in any way by Mr Brons.

She said: "I joined four years ago when I was 14. It has got nothing to do with any teacher in the college.

"The area NUS are annoyed with us because we would not let our union be used for their own political obsessions."

Miss Buford said that there was hardly any political activ-

ity in the college union and there had been no circulation of rightwing or National Front literature.

She was elected last October after a period when the college union had become moribund. The NUS, which has a policy of denying a platform to known racists, wants to know whether she declared her political colours at the time of her election.

Mr Woolas said: "What I will do is try to find out how it is that she came to be president. I don't believe that the students knew she was a National Front member."

WE will no longer tolerate racist attacks and police indifference — that is the message from the recently established Leeds Black People's Action Group.

It has launched a campaign to support Makhan Singh, who claims he has been a constant victim of police harassment. A meeting at the Leeds Islamic Centre in Spencer Place decided last Thursday to picket Leeds Magistrate's Court on 15th April to demonstrate that they do not accept a charge against Mr Singh.

CUSTODY

Makhan Singh has been arrested on various occasions by the Leeds police, and each time the charges against him have been dropped, after Mr Singh has spent up to three

days in police custody without access to a solicitor or friends.

Over the past few months his house in Hunslet Grange, Leeds, was repeatedly attacked by racists. Mr Singh reported this to the council's Housing Manager and to the police.

The Housing Manager admitted that he knew of the racist attitudes of some white neighbours, but was unable to do anything. The police went even further. They arrested Mr Singh and charged him with breaking the windows of the family who had actually broken Mr Singh's windows.

Mr Singh's is only one of many cases known to the Black

People's Action Group. The fascist terrorist group Column 88 claimed responsibility for a fire attack on an Asian shop on Harehills Lane in Leeds on 12th March where the family narrowly escaped.

TRUMPED UP

Speakers at the meeting of the Black People's Action Group from the Asian and West Indian communities in Leeds stressed that racist attacks had to be stopped: "It is clear that the police can not be relied upon to defend black people: each of the official complaints made by Makhan Singh had been dismissed, and on this occasion they have trumped up charges against him, instead of arresting the real criminals.

"Nor were the politicians to

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be relied upon: there were harsh words for the Labour Party councillors who had neither come to the meeting nor sent their apologies," says the campaign's statement.

Mitch Lewis emphasised that this campaign was just the beginning. "There will be further activity until we have achieved our goal" he said.

Mushtaq Hussain welcomed the presence of West Indians at the Islamic Centre and said that the next meeting, on 12th April, would be even better publicised to bring in more West Indians and Asians.

'It is clear that the police cannot be relied upon to defend black people' — Black People's Action Group.

Rastafarian 'has fed prejudice'

A Rastafarian, Everton Samuels, was yesterday accused of feeding race prejudice by the judge whose job offer he spurned last week.

However, Judge Michael Argyle, QC, heard that Samuels, aged 27, had met a seven-day deadline set by the court and found work as a £113-a-week van driver. The judge gave him a nine-month gaol sentence for a drugs offence and suspended it for two years.

He told Samuels at the Old Bailey: "When you appeared before this court last week, you declined an offer of a job in your skilled trade — mainly on the grounds that the distance of eight miles to travel there was too far."

He went on to accuse Samuels, who is a trained electrical engineer, that he was "living in a different world to most of the rest of us."

"A lot of people much older than you who work in this building have served their

country well and travel a great deal more to do their job here, with wages less than you could get in your trained employment."

Samuels had admitted possession of 1.7 grams of cannabis — his second drugs offence. The judge told him: "As a result of publicity, this court has received many letters — a lot from people like you with previous convictions, who are unable to get a job

"It has also received letters from people who have never broken the law who are desperate to get work.

"Your attitude has done your own people no good because the court has received a lot of anonymous letters from fascists, anarchists, and racists which have gone straight into the waste bin."

"Your attitude feeds the prejudice of these people who think anyone who is coloured is automatically unfit to be a member of their society."



Everton Samuels, finds work; and Judge Michael Argyle, suspends sentence



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Law threat to council after fight

By a Correspondent

BRADFORD council may face legal action from the British National Party for halting its election meeting on Saturday after fighting broke out.

The council's acting chief executive, Mr Brian McKee, stopped the meeting at Hutton Middle School, Bradford, after only 15 minutes after violence flared up when Mr John Tyndall, national chairman of the BNP, leapt from the platform and asked police to 'flee' three people for persistently causing disruption.

Demonstrators rushed to the aid of the three young men as police grabbed them. BNP supporters and opponents traded punches and chairs were thrown about the room. Mr Tyndall was kicked on a leg and it took police five minutes to quell the fighting. Thirteen people were arrested and three policemen and some demonstrators were injured.

The BNP organised the meeting in support of Mr Stanley Clayton-Carmel, a former Bradford headmaster who is its candidate in a West Yorkshire County By-election. Voting is on Thursday.

Labour members of Bradford council had tried to veto the booking of the school by the BNP because of the risks of violence.

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Which face for the National Front?

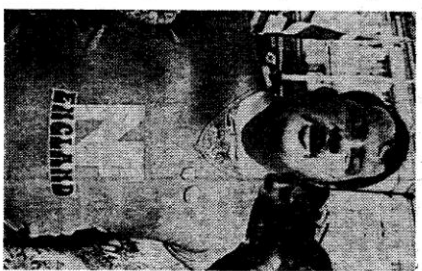
Subtle thought has never been one of the qualities of the National Front. "The Rules", "Wogs Out" and "Kill Niggers" appear to have been the acme of its literary achievement. It comes as a surprise to find in a recent issue of its magazine, *New Nation*, articles on Belloc, Orwell and Tolkien and a request for contributions on Blake, Shelley and D. H. Lawrence.

In the past few months the Front has undergone a change of image. Some is the thuggish figure of Martin Webster, sacked from every official position in the party. Ian Anderson, the new chairman, aged 31, was educated at Merchant Taylors' school and Pembroke College, Oxford. His deputy, Nick Griffin, 26, is a Cambridge law graduate.

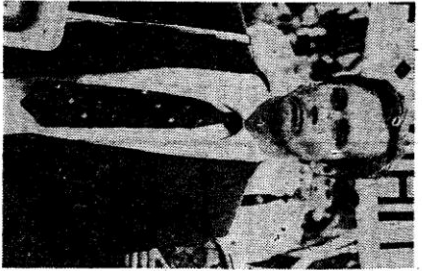
Despite physical resemblances, the short hair, sober suits and ties, Anderson contemptuously dismisses any shared beliefs between the youthful leaders of the National Front and the intense young libertarians of the Confederation of Young Conservatives. "We take our politics far more seriously," he said. "They treat their politics as a bit of a joke and anyway, we could not be further from the Tory right. They are heavily materialistic, believing in laissez faire capitalism, which we do not."

In *New Nation* Nick Griffin calls for a new positivism in the National Front. "Let us rediscover our heritage and show people not just what we are fighting for," these values he lists as nationalism, racial awareness, a thirst for social justice and love of one's native land. Britain has been corrupted, he says, by the alien influences of Marx, Freud and Hollywood, and he calls for a rediscovery of British culture.

The takeover of the Front by the young intellectual right follows its overwhelming defeat in elections and the subsequent splintering of the movement. It did begin in the 1970 elections of the mid-1970s. By 1979 decline was already apparent, in that year's general election it gained 1.3 per cent of the votes cast in the 203 constituencies it fought. In June



Old style: how most people see the national front



New style: Ian Anderson leads a demonstration

1983 it fielded only 60 candidates, who gained 1 per cent of the votes. In the mid-1970s, it is estimated, it had 25,000 members. According to *Scarflight* magazine, the anti-fascist monthly, the total has dropped to 1,000. It has serious financial problems.

While its support was partly drawn from disillusioned Labour voters most of its support came from working-class Tories who thought the Conservative Party had gone soft on race. Their return to the fold followed Mrs Thatcher's assumption of the leadership.

Dr Christopher Husbands, a sociology lecturer at the London School of Economics, puts their change of heart down to race. "They thought she would do something about immigration," he said. "She outflanked the National Front."

Correction

Francisco Spain, referred to in Jack Kurov's article yesterday, did not receive Marshall Aid. It became a political member of Falco after General Franco's death.

The Front has also adopted environmentalist policies and calls for a return to the land to protect it from the depredations of capitalist agri-business. It has also joined the anti-vivisection bandwagon. Its nationalism sets it against American nuclear missile bases in Britain and its advocacy of a self-sufficient Britain led it to back the striking miners.

It all seems far removed from Webster's "We'll kick our way into the headlines" and the gangs of stubble-haired youths in big boots muttering and chanting.

"We have come of age," says Ian Anderson. "We encourage people coming on our marches not to wear jeans, to look smart and be proud of themselves."

The emergence of the new leadership have dubbed them "Strasserite", after the Nazi Strasser brothers, one of whom was engulfed by Hitler after he failed to persuade the Father after he adopted the foreign policies and work through the trade unions. The Front's own attempt to infiltrate the unions has not proved a success.

In spite of its new image, *Scarflight* claims that the National Front has had contact with extremist organizations based in Europe, such as the right-wing Italians whose extradition from Britain was sought by the Italian government in connection with bombing outrages. The magazine has also presented alleged evidence of military training at NF rural retreats.

Despite its new policies, the only hope that the Front has of gaining public support lies in its racism. Anderson admits that it is still a racist party and in favour of repatriation. He and another Front official are facing charges under the Race Relations Act. The party still produces *Blitzkrieg*, a crude newsletter full of racist language and stories about black crime. Throughout the articles in *New Nation* there are attempts to illustrate racial elements in British authors. The National Front remains as ugly as ever.

Richard Dowden

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'Desperate' arson plan

In a desperate attempt to get moved away from an area where she had been beaten up by neighbours, a 32-year-old mother-of-three arranged for her council house to be set on fire.

The fire which caused over £4,000 damage at the Middleton council house followed disputes with neighbours, bricks through the window and National Front slogans being painted on the house. Leeds Crown Court was told.

Elaine Storey, of Low Gipton Crescent, Gipton, Leeds, asked 17-year-old Kevin Millsom to set alight the house in Thorpe Road, Middleton, Leeds.

Storey and Millsom, of Town Street, Middleton, Leeds, pleaded guilty to arson. Storey also pleaded guilty to stealing £8.37.

Storey was sentenced to two years in prison of which 15 months was suspended and 28 days concurrent for theft.

Millsom was sentenced to six months' youth custody.

Mr. Sean Morris, prosecuting, said there had been bitter exchanges between Storey and her neighbours, partly because she was in the habit of bringing young men back to the house late at night.

Neighbours got up a petition to have Storey moved but the council would not re-house her until she cleared rent arrears.

Storey was living with Millsom and things came to a head when three women came round and set upon the couple.

He said Storey asked Millsom to set the house on fire and gave him her lighter, telling him to start a fire in the back of the house so it would not be seen quickly.

Mr. Gerald Lumley, for Storey, said: "Throughout her life this is a woman who has been sadly used and abused by many people who should have been among the first to help her.

"She was an isolated and very desperate woman at the time of this offence. She was desperate to move away



Black student Everal Walsh meets National Front supporter Buford in the Friday File Studio.

RADIO AIRE'S Friday File Programme, presented by James Whale, went ahead on schedule despite threats from students to picket the studios, and petitions against the programme, which included an interview with National Front supporter Jane Buford.

Protestors said racists and fascists should not be allowed to appear on radio.

Buford recently survived an attempt to remove her from office as president of Harrogate College of Further Education Students Union, by 66 votes to 11.

She faced questioning about her extremist views from James Whale and from members of the public. The phone-in programme received a record number of calls.

Also in the studio to confront Buford were Andrew Michaelson, a journalist with Jewish Telegraph and Everal Walsh, a black student from Burley, who defied a boycott of the programme by student and ethnic organisations to take part.

"Racism and fascism are too dangerous to ignore" said Everal, 17, who is at Thomas Danby College.

"I believe it is better to face these issues than to try to sweep them under the carpet."

Buford in the course of

the programme denied that her adopted name is an abbreviation for British Union of Fascists Order and rejected the suggestion that she has been influenced in her political views by National Front Leader Andrew Brons, who lectures at the College.

After the programme, an angry James Whale lashed out at those who had attempted to stop the programme.

"Far from giving Buford a political platform, the programme exposed just how untenable her extremist views are. That's no thanks to so called leaders of Leeds students who refused our invitation to participate in the programme, and tried to put it off the air. I wonder whether our freedom of speech is any safer with them than with the National Front."

Whitehall cool on calls to sack ex-fascist

By Ian Aitken
and David Rose

The Government was urged yesterday to sack a middle rank civil servant on the grounds that he is allegedly a publicly committed fascist now seeking to organise a new extremist rightwing organisation.

The pressure for the dismissal of Mr Denis Pirie, a higher executive officer in the Department of Trade and Industry, came from both sides of the Commons yesterday. Labour shadow ministers insisted that he should be fired, but backbench Tories joined the chorus.

Mr Pirie's fascist past was exposed yesterday by the Daily Mirror, which illustrated its account with photographs showing him in Nazi uniform, performing the Nazi salute and standing under photographs of Hitler.

But Whitehall officials asked whether there was any evidence that Mr Pirie had done anything in his Civil Service role which offended against Whitehall rules.



Mr Denis Pirie:
'views changed'

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The department is, however, expected to make a statement today on Mr Pirie's future.

The principal argument in Whitehall last night was that Mr Pirie's rank in the department was so modest that it scarcely mattered what his political views were. Although one of his duties was to deal with the public there was no necessity for him to be subjected to positive vetting.

But officials at Downing Street clearly recognised the importance of Mr Pirie's personal commitment to Hitler and the Nazis. They declared that the real question was how far he was still an active member of British fascist groups.

No such qualifications influenced the approach of Tory backbenchers and Labour spokesmen. Mr John Smith, shadow spokesman on trade and industry, declared that the exposure of Mr Pirie meant that he should go.

The message from the Tory backbenches was very similar. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Selly Oak, conveyed a strong warning to the Government that there could be no toleration of fascists in Whitehall jobs.

Mr Pirie was a leading member of the British National Socialist movement in the early 1960s. In 1962 he was convicted at the Old Bailey and sentenced to three months' imprisonment under the 1936 Public Order Act for organising the paramilitary Spearhead formation of the Nazi group.

With him in the dock was Colin Jordan, the movement's leader, then married to the French niece of the fashion designer Christian Dior, Françoise Dior, who maintains a close connection with the British extreme right.

He conceded that he had been a member of the National Front until 1976, when he left to form the short-lived National Party. His earlier activities had included production of anti-semitic and racist literature and attending meetings to celebrate Hitler's birthday.

Mr Pirie said that his views had now "matured".

The department said yesterday that the case presented something of a dilemma, because even if allegations that Mr Pirie was still active on the extreme right were proved, there would still be no obvious basis for dismissing him.

Civil Service guidelines, which now give ministers wider powers to suspend officials accused of involvement with "subversive" organisations, could lead to Mr Pirie's temporary or permanent departure.

Civil Service union sources last night said that the case gave rise to fears that the guidelines would be more difficult to contest if action against leftwing officials had been preceded by suspension of an alleged extremist of the right.

Pirie will keep job at Whitehall

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Mr Denis Pirie, a former leading member of the National Front, will keep his £12,000-a-year job in Whitehall as an adviser on export sales, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The department said that under his conditions of service as a temporary higher executive officer, Mr Pirie, who is involved with an extreme rightwing group, is not debarred from membership of political parties. His work does not give him access to classified information.

Mr Pirie would have to obtain permission to engage in political activities, including speaking in public on matters of national political controversy and expressing his views in articles, but he had not sought permission to do so. The department concluded: "On information now available, (it) has no grounds for taking disciplinary action against Mr Pirie."

The department has based its ruling on evidence that Mr Pirie left the National Front, and later the National Party, and the Greater Britain Movement, before he was employed by Whitehall in 1978. His conduct since then had been entirely satisfactory.

But Mr Pirie, who says his past political activity is "very much a long dead episode," is now involved in an extreme rightwing group led by the former National Front leader, Mr Martin Webster.

Mr Pirie, who is aged 45 and lives in Brighton, has taken a week's holiday, and is expected to back at work on Monday.

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Tebbit in 'fascism' dispute

By Alan Travis

MR Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, outraged Labour MPs in the Commons yesterday by linking socialism with fascism.

He told Mr John Smith, the shadow trade and industry secretary, that civil servants should not lose their jobs for expressing unpopular political views in private. "I find the views of extremist socialists, whether National Socialist or any other, extremely displeasing," said Mr Tebbit.

Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, shouted: "You disgusting man. You poison the House of Commons." Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Walton, later demanded an apology from Mr Tebbit and said that thousands of socialists had died fighting fascism. Mr Tebbit refused.

Mr Tebbit had told MPs that there were no grounds for disciplining a departmental official who had private meetings with Mr Martin Webster, a former National Front organiser, to set up a rightwing group.

Mr Winnick had asked whether it was not strange that Mr Denis Pirie, a higher executive officer in the Department of Trade and Industry had been taken on despite his notorious background. A CND sympathiser might be described as subversive by a civil service vetting panel but Mr Pirie was allowed to continue in his job.

Mr Tebbit said that there were only two problems about a civil servant's political views and activities. "One is the question of whether he or she may or may not be subversive — that is, a potential traitor."

"There is another and broader consideration, which is that whatever political views an official may hold he is, within the limits of certain ranks of the Civil Service, debarred from active participation in national politics or intervening publicly into matter of national partisan controversy. This gentleman falls into neither of those categories."

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Anfield chairman puts blame on NF

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Chairman blames NF

By Gareth Farry

THE Liverpool chairman, Mr John Smith, yesterday blamed National Front members from London for starting the fighting in Brussels. He said he had evidence to support his accusation, but the National Front strenuously denied the charge.

Mr Smith said at a news conference: "At the end of the match I was confronted by six so-called supporters who appeared to be proud of what had happened. They identified themselves as National Front and Chelsea fans."

Mr Smith said he had never seen NF banners at Liverpool matches, but there were some in the stadium on Wednesday night. "What concerns me is that some people wearing Liverpool colours had southern accents," he said. "They were in the trouble area, and it just seems to me a little sinister."

Mr Smith, who is the new chairman of the Sports Council, said he would be reporting to Mrs Thatcher.

He believed that the National Front had led Liverpool supporters into something they would not normally become involved in. But he added: "We've got to say it was supporters who supported to represent Liverpool FC who caused the trouble, but possibly provoked by the National Front. They want to disrupt any game. They use football as a platform for violence and social disruption."

Liverpool's chief executive, Mr Peter Robinson, said the area where the tragedy occurred was supposed to be neutral, and tickets for it had been sold by the Belgian Football Association. Ninety per cent of the tickets had been snapped up by Juventus fans, and the remainder had fallen into the hands of Liverpool supporters.

He said that tickets sold by the Belgian FA had also been changing hands on London's black market.

On his return to Lime Street station in Liverpool yesterday, a Liverpool supporter from Leeds said he saw British National Party leaflets being distributed before the match, there were leaflets all over the terraces at the end.

Tommy Fagan, aged 18, and Russell Leckey, aged 20, both from Huyton, Merseyside, said unfamiliar faces were leading the violence. Mr Fagan said: "There were gangs of skin-

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heads with cockney accents wandering around, wearing Union Jacks and big boots. I don't know if they were National Front, but they weren't the usual Liverpool fans."

But Mr Ian Anderson, the NF chairman, denied that the organisation was involved in the violence. He said it openly condemned that sort of behaviour.

The Front has been blamed in the past for trouble at football matches abroad. A dossier produced 18 months ago to help the FA and the police to combat trouble in and around grounds suggested that the trouble-makers were people on "organised military manoeuvres."

Among those who helped to produce the report were a three-man team from Leicester University, backed by the Football Trust, which studied crowd violence for three years. They found evidence linking the NF to trouble caused by British fans abroad. A crowd of NF sympathisers were blamed for baiting black players during a South American tour by England last year.

Abuse, assault, d racist attacker n

TWO children, one aged five months and the other three years, had a lucky escape when a large stone came crashing through their front room window, missing them by inches. But the children and the rest of their family have become accustomed to having their peace disturbed.

Asian man Kasru Miah, a factory worker, told LOP of the troubles he and his family have been through in their home on Ellers Road, between Chapeltown and Harehills. The trouble culminated in his being assaulted and having his windows broken by a white neighbour.

"We've been over five years in this house," says Kasru Miah. There was no trouble at first, apart from one white family in the street making derogatory gestures and faces at the Asian family.

For the past three years, however, Kasru and his family have suffered from very loud

music all through the night and CB radios interfering with the television.

"My children are under the doctor, because they're not getting any sleep," Kasru told LOP.

THREATS

But whenever he complained to the neighbour, all he received was racist abuse and threats. He had to call the police on several occasions, but still the nuisance continued. The neighbour even tried to rip out Kasru's telephone wire.

On Saturday 4th May, he says, the music was blaring out all day and all evening. When

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FIGURING LIFE RACISTS AL WOM

SLINGTON COUNCIL workers have struck in protest at the employment of a known racist in one of the council's new neighbourhood offices.

The woman—Vi Howells—previously worked in the rent accounts section of the housing department, which has a long history of racially harassing black workers. *Socialist Worker* talked to two former employees of the section.

One of them, Linda, was subjected to a campaign of harassment orchestrated by Irene Pledger. Pledger thinks black people are only fit to do 'menial jobs', and said, in Linda's presence, that she would live in South Africa if she had the money.

Sharon Robinson drew the full force of Pledger's racism when she married a black man. Pledger told another worker in the department that any white woman who married a black man should be lynched.

'Every day, Pledger would come out with racist statements', says Linda, but Vi Howells just ignored it. She even told one black worker that she had a problem because she didn't speak to anyone else in the section. When the worker pointed out that it was not her problem but the racist's, Howells replied, 'It's your head in the noose and you will be the one to suffer'.

Linda finally complained to her office manager and was told to 'ignore the comments—despite the fact that the office had been hounded out by Pledger and her friends.

Pledger was the main instigator of the racism but she received backing from others in the depart-

ment. This escalated when the manager finally gave Pledger 'a kicking off'.

Steve Henney, a friend of her son, began reporting any fault he could find in Linda's work to the supervisor, something which he had no authority to do.

After eight months of this harassment the council finally set up a disciplinary committee. It was a joke.

Threatened

The chair of the hearing, Labour councillor Margaret Ogilvy Webb, refused to let witnesses explain the background to the harassment.

Witnesses were intimidated in such a way that many have come to believe that an organised political force, such as the National Front, was behind the racist. Workers were followed home, received threatening phone calls and had acid poured through letter boxes.

One came home from work to find a man sitting outside of her house sharpening knives. He stayed there for seven hours. Others had their cars scratched.

Four racists were found guilty and sent on a race awareness course. As Sharon Robinson says, 'They had been found to be racist and yet the council seemed to think that sending them on a one day course would be enough.'

There are still black workers being harassed in sections of the housing department—an astounding situation in a council which prides itself on being anti-racist.

Yet councillors' actions have been nothing short of disgusting. Of the racists found guilty of harassment, Irene Pledger has been suspended on full pay since April, Steve Henney is back at work and Vi Howells has been moved to a job which effectively means promotion. This is despite her refusal to sign an undertaking not to contravene the council's equal opportunities policy again!

Labour councillor Sally Gilbert—chair of the personnel committee—has condemned NALGO for their industrial action to prevent Howells taking up her new post.

In a letter to branch secretary David Burn, she writes: 'The council does not see any particular danger in allowing members of staff who have been penalised for racial harassment cases to pursue duties involving contact with the public.'

Pressure

Surely the action proposed against Howells and Henney constitutes harassment, albeit harassment of a different sort. The council must, and the trade unions should, condemn harassment or

victimisation of any sort. Keith Venness, one of the councillors who represents the ward in which Howells will now work and a well known left winger, told *Socialist Worker* that anyone who expected all racists to be sacked by the council was not living in the real world. It would mean sacking 4,000 people. Most white working class people are racist.

He blamed the unions and said, 'They should have been rooting out racism long ago. They can't call on the council to solve their problems.' He would not be visiting the picket line, he said, as he found 'the workers demands ludicrous.'

Clearly the workers of Islington, whether black or white, cannot rely on the council for help in clearing racism out of the world.

LATEST: Islington council have conceded Henney and Pledger should not work in offices dealing with the public. The strike against Vi Howells goes on.



ELEVEN OUT of 13 Social Service neighbourhood offices in Islington, North London, have been closed by the strike against the racist Vi Howells.

Howells has refused to sign an undertaking that she will not repeat her previous racist behaviour. On Monday, a large picket deterred her from entering the office.

One striker said, 'Signing a piece of paper means very little, yet she won't even do that. We don't want to work with racists at all.'

There is widespread anger at the council's refusal to take more concrete steps to ensure racists cannot organise in the council.

Field workers and housing advisory workers in Essex Road came out in support, and delegations were organised to other departments.

Clearly there is a need to spread the action. The strike has been called to prevent those found guilty of racial harassment working with the public, but the demand needs to be raised that racists be sacked.

The 'Racists Out' campaign will meet on Tuesday to discuss how best this can be achieved.

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New group to combat race attacks

A NEW organisation to fight racism in Britain has been established in the wake of escalating violence against Asian homes and businesses.

Anti Fascist Action, which claims 4,000 supporters, aims to pool information about race attacks and encourage the formation of self-defence groups among black and Asian communities.

A wave of recent arson attacks, which began in London's East End but is now spreading to other areas, has led to fears of an organised campaign of intimidation against the Asian community.

The latest attack was against an Indian restaurant in central London. It followed a recent pattern in which petrol or some other inflammable liquid has been set alight after being poured through a letter box.

Police say they are considering a racial motive for the fire which started in the hallway of the Tandoor Mahal restaurant. The owner of the restaurant, Mohammed Khalique, raised the alarm when the fire started. Four people were taken to hospital.

Anti Fascist Action, which was established at a conference of community representatives and anti-racist workers in London five weeks ago, is seen as a successor to the Anti Nazi League which successfully combated the actions of the National Front in the late 1970s.

The major force in establishing the movement has been the black and Asian community in London's East End, together with minority groups in Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle.

A spokesman for Anti Fascist Action said: 'In the past three years there has been a steady increase in the number of organised race attacks and we felt there was a need for an organised opposition.'

Danes riot

ELEVEN were arrested in Copenhagen after Danes and Turks rioted late on Wednesday night, police said yesterday. Rocks and stones were thrown at police as they tried to control 300 to 400 "green jackets," a youth gang which has been blamed for attacks on Turkish and other immigrants in the city.

Police say, however, that they are trying to monitor racial attacks more carefully and experiments to improve this process are being carried out in five police districts.

Plaistow police station is part of 'K' district in Newham, where police officers are asked to log each racial incident on a special form. Notes attached to the form instruct officers to 'make special efforts to adopt a sympathetic and understanding approach to victims.'

Inside the police station a map of the area is used to pinpoint the nature and frequency of every racial incident, ranging from verbal abuse to physical attack. Blue, yellow and orange pins indicate the frequency of incidents and whether they took place on the street or at home.

A follow-up scheme means that victims of racial harassment at home get at least two visits from their home beat officer. Chief Inspector Victor Young who is stationed at Plaistow said: 'Neighbours should see this and realise the police are concerned.'



Jasmin Khalique. She escaped restaurant blaze.

'We aim to build a popular movement to fight racism and fascism and we want to attract support from as wide a social base as possible, free of party political involvement.'

In the weeks following its formation, there have been at least four serious arson attacks against Asians:

- The Miah family were rescued from their home in Electric House, Bow, after petrol was poured through their letter box and set alight;
- Mahmood Kayani, his wife Mumtaz and 12 others escaped after petrol was poured through their letter box and set alight;
- Four people had to jump from a first floor window above an Indian restaurant in Bromley, Kent, after a petrol bomb was thrown through the ground floor windows;
- A man was robbed and locked in his home, which was then set alight. Layhan Kerai, of Hendon, north London, was treated in hospital for cuts and bruises.

The most serious attack claimed the lives of a young Asian mother and her children. Mrs Shamira Kassam and her three small children were the victims of another petrol fire that started at their front door in Seven Kings, Ilford.

Concerned Asian community groups are convinced the attacks have been inspired by racial hatred. They say the police have been slow in responding to the violence which may have been organised by members of an extreme right-wing group.

Sunder Kangesan, of the Newham Monitoring Project in east London, said: 'Many attacks have been well planned. The police are not reacting quickly or taking them seriously enough.'

Mr Kangesan has only circumstantial evidence to back up his theory of organised right-wing attacks against the Asian community, but he has come across at least one hitherto unknown organisation — The Exterminators — which is active in the borough.

Searchlight, the anti-Fascist magazine, says death threats signed 'The Exterminators' have been sent to black families in Canning Town, Newham.

According to Commander Lawrence Roach, head of the Metropolitan Police Community Relations Branch, the attacks so far have been 'random' and 'opportunistic'. There is no evidence that they were organised by a new secret organisation.

At a meeting last week with six Labour MPs, Mr Roach said the police alone could not solve the problem of racial attacks. They stemmed from a deeper problem of racial prejudice in society.

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'It's quite a hard environment here. Militant white families sometimes make it difficult for coloured families moving into the area.'

According to Insp Young, racial incidents this year have included arson attacks. 'Ninety-nine per cent are carried out by young children. Hopefully, we can halt this trend. The last thing we want is serious arson.'

But this police approach has been criticised as inadequate by members of Newham Monitoring Project. Mr Kangesan said: 'The whole structure of reporting racial incidents and racial awareness training is an attempt to marginalise basic crimes.'

These sentiments are shared by CAPA, the police monitoring group in the neighbouring borough of Tower Hamlets. A spokesman for the group said: 'The police appear to believe that recording racial incidents is an excuse for not catching the criminals. The problem is one of law and order with the police apparently unwilling to enforce the law when crimes are committed against black people.'

Attacks on Asians living in Tower Hamlets have been at least as frequent as in Newham. According to CAPA there has been a qualitative change for the worse in the attacks. A spokesman said: 'We are now dealing with organised, well planned attacks as experienced by families in Newham.'

Geydun Bibi a Bangladeshi woman, lives with her four children in a council flat on the Lincoln estate in Tower Hamlets. She has stopped going out on her own for fear of being spat at or being taunted with slogans. She has had fire crackers pushed through the letter box and last Christmas a fire was started in the rubbish chute next to the flat.

Asian concern that the police are not doing enough to help vulnerable families has led in some areas to the formation of self-help or 'protection' groups.

In Waltham Forest, North East London, where the Pakistan Welfare Society has logged more than 20 arson attacks in the past four years, neighbours keep a watchful eye on each other at weekends.

'It's quite harmless really,' said Dr Zafar Malik, the GP who heads the society. 'On Fridays and Saturdays usually there are some people available at the end of a telephone. They will come out and show solidarity if someone is being threatened. That frightens off would-be attackers.'

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A man in Frankfurt was killed when a police water cannon vehicle ran over him during a demonstration by leftwingers outside a meeting of a neo-Nazi party. About 5,000 rioters took to the streets again last night, smashing shop windows and looting before police could contain them

Police curb anti-fascist protest

THREE LABOUR Party members were arrested and a Militant supporter was held for questioning by police while taking part in a peaceful demonstration of 40 against a handful of fascists in Brick Lane, East London.

The Militant supporter

was picked up on his way to Brick Lane and was released after questioning at his home so that he could not take part in the demonstration.

Fascists from the NF and the BNP turn up regularly to sell papers in Brick Lane which is a predominately Asian area. Further anti-fascist activities are planned

for the next three Sundays and will start from 10 am onwards. All Labour Party and young socialist members are urged to attend.

8,000 leaflets and 1,000 LPYS posters have been distributed so far in the campaign and have received a good response from young Asians.

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Donations to the campaign are welcome. Please send to: Bow and Poplar LPYS, c/o Labour Party Rooms, East India Dock Road, London E14.

By Dave Farrar

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Behind the cant and hypocrisy of free speech at Drummond middle school



Headmaster Honeyford

THE Ray Honeyford affair at Drummond Middle School in Bradford hit the national headlines this term, with parents and pupils greeting his return with 'Honeyford out' demonstrations at the school gates, and a boycott by more than half the children.

Jenny Woodward of Drummond Parents Action Group told LOP this week that their boycott of the school has been suspended for a fortnight to allow talks between the group and the local authority.

But if there is no progress by the end of next week, the group's protest campaign will be stepped up.

The national media has presented the issue largely as one of 'free speech', with Head-teacher Honeyford coming under attack for criticising the Council's Education policy.

"CACOPHONY"

It is useful at this stage to recall that it was an article in the right wing *Salisbury Review* which sparked off the parents' campaign to remove Honeyford as Head of the 90% Asian school.

The following extracts give a flavour of Honeyford's views:

"'Cultural enrichment' is an approved term for the West Indian's right to create an ear-splitting cacophony for most of the night to the detriment of his neighbour's sanity, or for the Notting Hill Festival whose success or failure is judged by the level of street crime which accompanies it...."

"We in the schools are also enjoined to believe that creole, pidgin and other non-standard variants have the same power, subtlety and capacity for expressing five shades of meaning, and for tolerating uncertainty, ambiguity and irony as standard English...."

Article in right wing rag sparked row

"The hysterical political temperament of the Indian sub-continent... A half-educated and volatile Sikh...."

"Pakistan is a country which cannot cope with democracy.... obstinately backward.... the heroin capital of the world...."

"The roots of black educational failure are, in reality, located in West Indian family structures and values, and the work of misguided radical teachers whose motives are basically political...."

"It is no more than common sense that if a school contains a disproportionate number of children for whom English is a second language (true of all Asian children, even those born here), or children from homes where educational ambition and the values to support it are conspicuously absent (ie the vast majority of West Indian homes — a disproportionate number of which are fatherless) then academic standards are bound to suffer...."

The fundamental issue at stake at Drummond Middle School is not free speech — it is that a majority of parents and pupils at the school do not want someone running their school who thinks of black people in this way.

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Interview with National Front

leader will still go ahead

Extreme left claims bomb attacks on French TV

From Paul Webster in Paris

Despite bombs which damaged the French Broadcasting House and a state television channel's head office yesterday, a proposed television interview of the extreme rightwing National Front leader, Mr Jean Marie Le Pen will go ahead tomorrow night.

Responsibility for the attacks was claimed by the outlawed extreme leftwing movement, Action Directe, which demanded that Mr Le Pen be banned from the broadcasting services where last night he took part in a debate on state radio.

The first bomb destroyed several vehicles when it exploded in the parking area of Broadcasting House at about 5 am. A few minutes later another bomb severely damaged the headquarters of Antenne 2, one of the three state-run TV channels. No one was hurt.

A caller told the French news agency that a letter claiming responsibility for the attack had been left in a telephone box. The letter said that political parties were using Mr Le Pen to test the limits of a "capitalist war" against French and immigrant workers. It described the National Front leader as a "battering ram" being used against the working class which was being divided by racism.

"This provides more favourable conditions for the restructuring of capitalist industry," the letter added.

Mr Le Pen condemned the attacks as "censorship by violence" but they will reawaken a debate on whether the National Front should be treated like an ordinary political party. Opinion polls show that the fascist movement will obtain about 7 per cent of the vote in next year's general elections. In recent local elections, the National Front has won up to 20 per cent of the vote by campaigning for immi-

grants to be sent home and blaming them for unemployment.

Encouragement of Mr Le Pen is seen in part as a tactic by the government to raise his status. The government is trying to divide the rightwing vote that would normally go to Mr Jacques Chirac's Gaullist party, the biggest opposition movement.

Because of the National Front's racist image, Mr Chirac has had to reject accusations that he is preparing an alliance with Mr Le Pen despite the fact that much of the Gaullist electorate supports strong measures against France's four million immigrants.

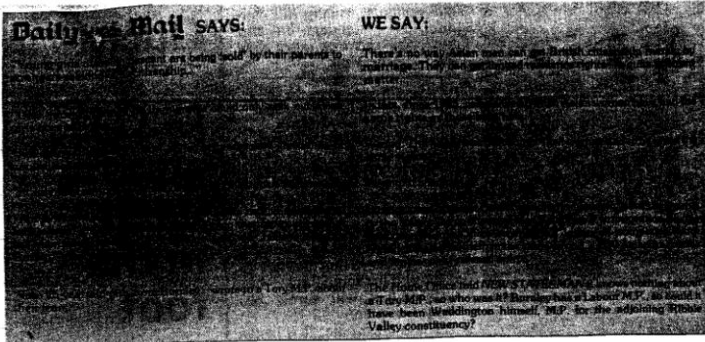
The Antenne 2 TV programme tomorrow, Hour of Truth, is reserved for well established government or opposition politicians who have recently included the Prime Minister, Mr Laurent Fabius. In other TV appearances, Mr Le Pen has successfully played down his more violent style and his appearance will be seen as a new chance to establish himself as a respectable political figure.

Reuter adds from Marseilles: Immigration is threatening French identity and will be a central issue in coming parliamentary elections, a leader of the centre-right UDF party said yesterday.

"When you arrive (in Marseilles) and see this population you have the impression you have entered Algiers," said the UDF parliamentary group leader, Mr Jean-Claude Gaudin, in a radio interview.

"But we are in France. We are in Marseilles. We cannot tolerate this immigration, especially as these immigrants want to keep their cultural identities," he said.

Mr Gaudin, a National Assembly deputy for Marseilles, said immigration and security would be the key issues in next year's elections.



Guardian 3/12/85

NF leaders deny trying to incite race hatred

Two high-ranking members of the National Front had incited racial hatred through the pages of the movement's magazine, Bulldog, Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told yesterday.

The Front's deputy chairman, Ian Anderson, aged 32, and the Young National Front chairman, Joseph Pearce, 24, both involved in the publication of the magazine, had "stepped over the line of the law," in issues of Bulldog, said Mr Andrew Collins, QC, prosecuting.

"Some issues contain material which was likely to stir up hatred against black people, Asians and Jews," he added.

Pearce, of Dagenham, Essex, and Anderson, of Croydon, Surrey, deny publishing written matter which was likely to stir up racial hatred against black people, Asians and Jews between January 1982 and September 1984.

Mr Collins quoted from an article in Bulldog on police attitudes: "Most coppers are racist when they first join; they are normal. The average policeman hates blacks, but he hasn't got the guts to say so. Pearce and Anderson are conducting their own defence and will be advised by their solicitor, Mr Andrew Keenan."

The trial continues today.

Lies, racist lies & The Daily Mail

RACIST, insulting and inaccurate — that's how the Daily Mail reports black people, according to a recently formed group based in Manchester.

The Working Group Against

Daily Mail Racism was formed out of the anger that followed a Daily Mail front page of August 5th this year — "Scandal of the Brides For Sale".

"Young girls of Asian descent are being 'sold' by their parents to strangers seeking UK citizenship and their right

to live in Britain," begins the article.

The Working Group says this "latest example of misleading, provocative and racist reporting" is designed to "support the Home Office in its attack on the right of Asian women to choose who they marry and where they settle."

They go on: "It serves to whip up racist hysteria and hatred. We demand a nationally published apology on the part of the Daily Mail, and the 'right of reply' in a position of equal prominence to that of the original articles."

The group has held several protests outside the Manchester offices of the Daily Mail, has produced an exhibition, and is circulating a petition. It has already won the support of a wide range of black organisations, plus the TV & film union ACTT nationally.

The group can be contacted c/o WFA Media & Cultural Centre, 9 Lucy Street, Manchester M15 4BX. Tel (061) 848-9783.

Militant 5.11.85

NF march opposed

ELEVEN PEOPLE were arrested at a counter-demonstration against fascists who held a march to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. With over 600 fascists present, it was the largest Nazi gathering for some time. However, this

was a joint march by the National Front and the British National Party along with the numerous miniscule Nazi sectlets. Hundreds joined the counter-demonstrations, the first main activity organised by the newly formed, Anti Fascist Action.

Fascists allowed to meet

TORIES AND Liberals on Stockport council this week combined to approve a National Front meeting being held on council property. Before the vote a Jewish Tory councillor made an impassioned speech against fascism, receiving applause from the "packed" public gallery. Yet in the vote this

Tory abstained rather than vote against his fellow members. It will be left to the labour movement to oppose the fascists. A counter-demonstration has been called against the NF meeting, assembling on 16 November at 11am at the Bear Pit, Mersey Square, Stockport.

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Oct 3 '85

Brixton community workers fear future

David Rose reports on the people who are left to pick up the pieces in the aftermath of the police shooting and riot

THE failure to arrest the police inspector who shot Mrs. Cheryl Groves during the riot into the shooting and subsequent riot suggested that "policing by consent" had been abandoned, the leaders of Brixton's community relations council and police consultative group said last night.

Mr. George Greaves, the principal community relations officer, said that he and his colleagues had often been forced into "bailing out the police" but had been unable to give anything to the community in return.

The consultative group was rarely consulted about anything important and it was no wonder that the community was disappointed because "we never deliver the goods."

Mr. Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, had refused an inquiry because he said that it might prejudice a possible prosecution for the shooting. Mr. Greaves said that the defence lawyers had made the same objection about Lord Scarman's inquiry into the 1981 Brixton riot but had rightly been ignored.

Mr. Astel Parkinson, chairman of the police consultative group, said that he saw "little hope" for its future unless Mr. Hurd changed his mind. A stormy meeting on Tuesday evening, at which people had demanded police action on the shooting had shown the depth of feeling in Brixton.

Mr. Greaves said that the onerous duties of the identified by activists later longed to the Revolutionary Communist Party, had not been significant. Brixton people did not need outsiders to tell them how they should feel.

St. Thomas's hospital confirmed yesterday that Mrs. Groves had lost the use of her legs and that fragments of a bullet remain lodged close to her spine. A spokesman said that it could be months before doctors knew whether the injuries were permanent. Mrs. Groves has been told of her condition and was said to have taken the news well.

Mr. Roland Mowle, deputy chairman of the Police Com-

plaints Authority, said yesterday that a public report will be issued at the end of the inquiry into the shooting. "I am confident that there will be no cover-up." The case is being investigated by West Yorkshire's Assistant Chief Constable, Mr. John Domaille.

Scotland Yard refused to comment last night on why people had been prevented from walking freely by night but said that six youths had tried to set fire to a shop in Peckham Hill. Witnesses, including Ms. Jessica Wanamaker, chair of Southwark council's police committee, said that officers sealed all roads leading to the centre of Peckham from about 10 p.m. until at least 2 a.m. They included police-

man with riot equipment from all over the metropolitan area. Ms. Wanamaker said that she met many people who had been stopped from going home or were lost, having been prevented by the road blocks from using their normal routes.

She said that blacks were being stopped more frequently than whites. Two middle-aged black women were told that they could not go into the area to return home. "I can't understand how two tired women were thought to be the types likely to do that," one officer had told her. The area sealed off — possibly as much as four square miles — was being kept "sterile."

Police with riot gear were

stationed on every landing in one housing estate, said Ms. Wanamaker. A Guardian reporter who tried to enter the area was prevented from doing so by police.

Scotland Yard said that Peckham had been sealed off because there were "various sporadic acts of lawlessness" taking place. A spokesman refused to comment on why such a large operation was necessary or why people had been allowed to go home.

A white skinhead told a court yesterday that a wooden club he was carrying in Peckham on Monday night was "needed for the niggers." Michael Walter, aged 21, who admitted possessing an offensive weapon, was remanded in custody for reports.

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Newcastle sees racist attacks escalate

The National Front and British Movement now have firmly established branches in Newcastle, and in recent months attacks on black people and their homes have increased at an alarming rate.

The police response to 95% of the attacks has been 'par for the course'.

Quote: 'What makes you think it's a racist attack? Prove it, show me evidence'.

In the west end of the city several Bengali families have been so terri-

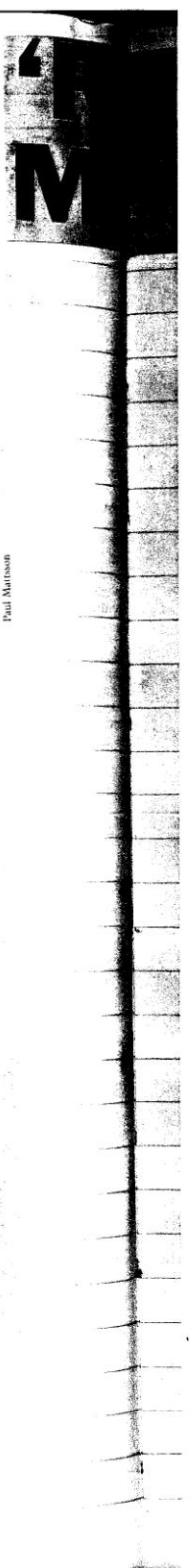
people and groups is now working to try to defeat these fascist forces.

Political parties, churches, and local pressure groups are sitting down together, forgetting their differences on many issues, determined only to make life as normal for the ethnic communities as it is for the rest of us.

As a result of the school it is hoped to involve all tenants' groups and make them aware of the problems if they arise. The most hopeful aspect of these meetings and discussions is the way in which a broad alliance of

Paul Morrison

George Hayton



RACIST' COPS BEAT E UP, COURT TOLD

United fans heed race chant warning

Most Leeds United fans appeared to heed the warning from the club's chairman not to chant racial abuse, and make fascist salutes during the home game with Portsmouth on Saturday.

United's chairman Mr. Leslie Silver broadcast appeals both before and during the game against the Second Division leaders whose side has two black players.



Mr. Silver

TEL 4.11.85

Although there were one or two instances of chants and salutes from some sections of the fans, in general the vast majority were well behaved.

Today Mr. Silver said he was "reasonably pleased" with their behaviour and he felt his appeal, drawing their attention to the fact that it was against the law to shout racial abuse, and asking them to behave themselves had been quite successful.

But, he said, they were still keeping a watch on the situation.

Mr. Silver issued his appeals after a grim warning that Elland Road could be closed by the FA if the racist taunts and fascist salutes that marred Aston Villa's Milk Cup victory last Wednesday were repeated.

FA chairman Mr. Bert Millichip said he was horrified after reading about abuse chanted at Villa's black players, Mark Walters and Tony Daley.

Mr. Silver has already said he will write a letter of apology to Villa and Mark Walters, who suffered the most during the Milk Cup game.

A coloured man suffered a perforated eardrum when he was allegedly kicked and punched by police officers at Millgarth police station, Leeds County Court heard.

Mr. Stephen Wood, 24, of Northbrook Street, Chapeltown, Leeds, is claiming damages against West Yorkshire's Chief Constable, Colin Sampson, for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, and assault.

Mr. Peter Hunt, for Mr. Wood, said that on August 1, 1981, his client was arrested in New Briggate, Leeds, as he tried to speak to his cousin, Fidel Lewis, who was being held in a police van, along with another man, following a fight.

Mr. Wood said he had tried to reason with a P.C. Davis, explaining he was trying to take a message from Lewis, and had offered "passive resistance" when officers tried to get him in the van, placing one foot against the van floor.

Mr. Wood said: "The next minute I felt a punch to the side of my ribs, and I fell down."

CAUGHT AND BITTEN

In the confusion, Lewis and the other man leapt from the van, and as officers pursued them Wood also ran off only to be caught and bitten by a police Alsatian.

Mr. Wood said he had repeatedly called to the dog handler to call the dog off, but the handler, P.C. Hatg, had done this "in his own time", leaving him with his trousers ripped and his leg pouring with blood.

Mr. Wood claimed that on the way to Millgarth station officers in the van had shouted racial abuse at him, and when they arrived he was dragged out on to the floor in the yard with his hands handcuffed behind his back.

Mr. Wood said: "Two officers helped me up, one on either side. Another one in front of me asked me for the names of the lads that had got away. I didn't say anything."

"He grabbed my hair and asked me again. I didn't say anything and he then punched me on the side of my head near the temple," he alleged.

He said he was punched twice more in the same place, and when he fell to the floor he was kicked in the stomach and ribs about six times.

Mr. Hunt said the blows to the right side of Wood's head had "almost certainly caused the perforated ear drum."

Mr. Hunt said: "It was his impression the police officers had lost control of their tempers and judgment."

Under cross-examination, Mr. Wood denied trying to help his cousin escape from the van, using abuse and violence while resisting arrest, or trying to provoke trouble.

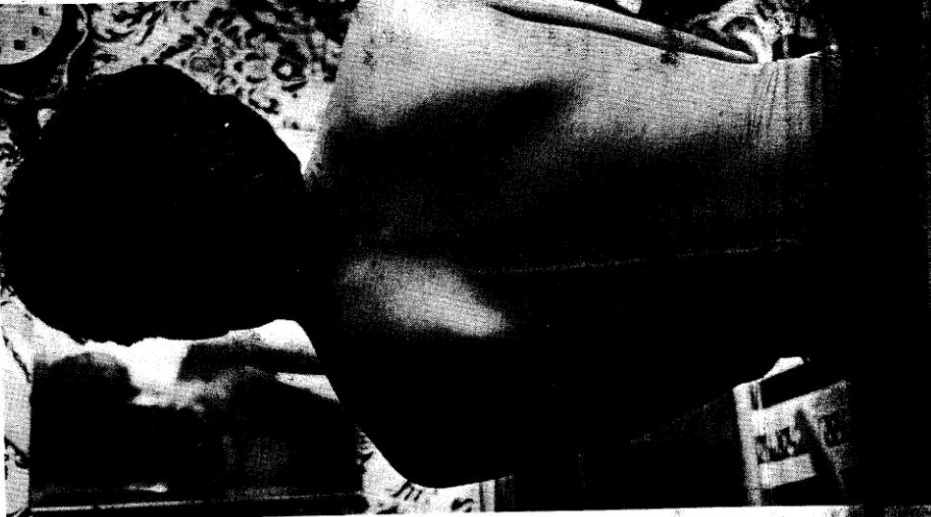
Mr. Wood agreed he had made no complaint of assault to the doctor who treated the dog bites, the desk sergeant at Millgarth Police Station, in his interview and voluntary statement, or at the central charge office in Leeds.

He said the complaint was his mother's idea but he was not reluctant to make it.

Yes 30.10.85

TEACHERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Action against racism



Good policies but no action from ILEA

THE RACISM continues unabated at Daneford school in East London.

Last week the headmaster, who the organised Bengali youth want sacked, tried to be Mr Nice Guy and organised a football match.

It ended in a bloody racial fight with white racists organising attacks on Bengalis and shouting, 'Get the Pakis'.

The four racists who viciously razored a young Bengali, nearly causing him to lose his ear, are still at the school. Teachers and pupils are demanding that they be thrown out.

But the headmaster and the local authority, the Inner London Education Authority, have sat on the fence over the racism at Daneford and other schools.

The left-led ILEA have come in for fierce criticism from teacher activists. They and their leader Francis Morrell, have brilliant anti-racist policies

on paper—but in practice they have given no lead in the fight to get organised racists out of schools.

Chris Mock, a teacher at Daneford school said: 'The situation has gone so far that we're calling for strike action. It's been motivated by the police's action. Last March we demonstrated against a Careers Convention, with the backing of the local Trades Council. The thing was terrible, it didn't look at the needs of local Asians. It was all YTS, the army and the police.'

The police arrested two teachers then, and there has been an escalation of events ever since, ending

with the arrest of 11 teachers when we were demonstrating against what was going on in the school.'

Now the Inner London Teachers Association have called for a half day strike on 22 November. It looks like it could win wide support. At a strike rally of teachers in Islington last week Norma, a teacher from Daneford, was well received and the 430 NUT members voted overwhelmingly to support the strike call.

Teachers from Daneford will be visiting other schools this week to argue for a united and strong day of action.

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White medal winner fined for joining fight in which black was killed

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Mukith Miam was razored by racists last year at Stepney Green School in East London. Fourteen at the time, he was **bleeding** unconscious during his lunch break and needed 28 stitches for the slashes to his back.



Honeyford campaign gets welcome boost

THE CAMPAIGN against Bradford headmaster Ray Honeyford was given a welcome boost when the High Court last week upheld the hung council's right to sack and/or suspend him.

"This has given a shot in the arm to the parents and the support group," said George Pope, a Labour Party school governor.

"We should be back to where we left off when the council suspended him. The council should now sack him, but most people are dubious about whether they'll do that or not. They might just give him a written warning, which is disgusting.

"We're clearly making Honeyford feel more and more uncomfortable. He still refuses to recognise that the parents exist at all or that they represent anything.

"The Labour Group still want to buy him off. My constituency, Bradford West, have condemned them for their change in policy."

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Upbeat teenagers admit their racist views

By Andrew Rawnsley

SALOON, bar stereotypes of the young. They are not a demoralised generation, resigned to unemployment, and young West Indians are not demotivated dope-smokers. Fewer of them have smoked cannabis than their white classmates.

A New Society survey of 2,417 secondary school children and college students published today finds the

That their generation upbeat about themselves if pessimistic about the world around them, intermittently religious, relaxed about drugs, and rather racist.

Only one stereotype — that drinking, smoking and drugtaking are endemic among the young — gets any support, as 85 per cent of under-16s claimed to have drunk alcohol, 60 per cent had smoked cannabis, 9 per cent had tried ecstasy, 7 per cent had tried cannabis,

The survey's author, Mr Michael Williams, said the most alarming finding was the high level of racism.

Among white youngsters, 42 per cent admitted being prejudiced against people of other races, which Mr Williams believes is likely to be

an under-estimate, since people are usually reluctant to admit to prejudice.

Among West Indians, 57 per cent said they were whites, but only a quarter of the Asians surveyed admitted to be.

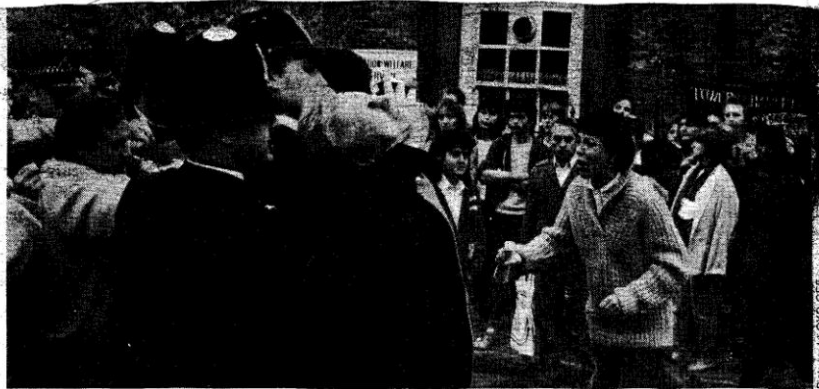
Although only 7 per cent of boys and 9 per cent of girls would say no to pre-marital sex, 57 per cent of boys and 64 per cent of girls disapproved of extra-marital affairs.

Tomorrow's voters have little comfort for any political party: 22 per cent regarded themselves as left wing, 21 per cent as centrist, and 9 per cent as right wing, while 40 per cent said they were not political.

While gloomy about riots, nuclear accidents, and terrorism, only 16 per cent expect a world of seven out next deliver in God, at least of 10 deliver in the time — but surely as many think there's something in horoscopes, too.

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POLICE show what they think of anti-racists at Daneford

Teachers mobilise against racism

'ABOUT 90 percent of the boys in the first three years at the school are Bengali. But there is no provision for translators or interpreters for parents when they come into school,' said one member of the NUT committee.

'Last year the headmaster, Williams, expressed an interest in building links with the community. He organised a careers convention, but the only people there were from the ATS, the police, the army and Barclays Bank.

'We suggested that he might invite more people from the local com-

THIS FRIDAY'S strike against racism at Daneford school is an important issue for every teacher and school student. The arrest of 13 teachers and the attacks on Bengali kids at the school have hit the headlines, but the underlying racism goes way beyond Daneford. Socialist Worker spoke to teachers and kids at the school.

munity. He replied that they didn't represent the community at all. He said they were just "trouble makers".

'So we picketed the convention and there were two arrests.

'We decided we wanted negotiations with the ILEA divisional officer, Gerry Davis, to discuss our demands for better community relations.

Support

'So about 100 people picketed the office entirely peacefully. Then the police waded in. Certain people were picked out. Richard Rieser, who is disabled and president of Hackney Teachers Association, was dragged along backwards until he was unconscious.'

Another teacher added, 'Only three of the arrested teachers weren't significant in the campaign.'

'The ILEA pretends racism is the sort of thing that can be fought just with the right glossy pamphlets.'

Daneford teachers have since sent speakers around to other schools and associations, and got

seven teachers' associations to support the strike call.

One teacher explained how they managed to get so much support. 'We have made it clear that the reason for the arrests is that they were protesting against racism.'

One of the most inspiring aspects at Daneford has been the way the Bengali kids have organised to fight back against the racists.

One lad explained, 'As well as the attacks the racists were constantly taking money off younger kids. There was graffiti all over the place, "NF" and "Pakis Out".'

'We complained to the headmaster about this, but he did nothing. So we had a meeting of all the Asian boys.'

'We decided that at breaks we would group together to defend ourselves against the racists. The NF used to come round, but now they know if they cause any problems, they have had it.'

'About two months ago the police searched all the Asian lads as they were going home. They didn't search anyone else. The

headmaster and the police are in there to take action as soon as there is a fightback.

'Our demands are to get interpreters for the parents and to get rid of Williams, the headmaster. Recently the head closed down Bengali lessons and made French compulsory. Surely it is more important that we learn to speak our mother tongue.'

'Once a white boy came up to a Bengali boy and slapped him across the face, then called him "Paki". The headmaster was standing watching this, but he did nothing. If he took action against this sort of thing the racists would never have been able to attack so much.'

'Cheerful'

'The racism is nothing new. It is only recently that there have been so many Bengali boys in the school. Previously boys would be pushed into the toilets and so on. Usually they just missed a lot of school and used to say nothing about it. Now all the fuss has started because we are fighting back.'

'Things are a lot better. The younger boys are very cheerful. They play around school much more, whereas before they were always too frightened.'

'Two weeks ago a racist teacher pushed me around. I didn't come to school to be pushed around, so I pushed him back.'

MP hits back at Tory race lies

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Angry students react to Tory minister David Waddington's inflammatory views on immigration at a meeting at Manchester University. There must be an organised response by the whole labour movement to defeat racist immigration laws and practices.

LABOUR MP's were outraged by remarks made in parliament by Home Office minister David Waddington. He accused them of "abusing the right to make representations" in cases where visitors to the UK were refused entry by Immigration Officials.

He continued with such inflammatory statements as: "recently, a large number of young men have been arriving at Heathrow from Bangladesh in most suspicious circumstances".

The minister understated his remarks have been much appreciated by the extreme right and the gutter press, yet his own Home Office figures prove that they have absolutely no foundation.

In 1984, out of a total of 24,400 visitors from Bangladesh, 432 were refused entry to the UK. The corresponding figures for visitors from Eastern Europe (including the USSR) is 428 refusals out of 91,300. In other words, a Bangladeshi was four times more likely to be refused entry than a visitor from the Eastern Bloc.

He is a British worker paying hard-earned savings for a holiday in the Far East, and that on arrival at the port of destination be-

ing asked such questions by officials as: "How did you get the money to travel?" "How many of your family back home are unemployed?" "You say that your cousin here is a dockworker, but he tells us he's an engineer, one of you therefore is not telling the truth".

Even with documentary proof that you are holding down a regular job in your home country, and that you have a family to provide for, entry may still be refused.

Reactionary

Waddington also neglected to mention Tory cuts in the Immigration Service staffing levels—which of course enables drug traffickers to abuse the system with greater ease than ordinary workers and peasants from Asia.

There are increasing incidences of visitors having their passports confiscated at the port of entry.

I am currently dealing with a case in which a visitor, who only wanted to stay in this country for a few months was refused leave to enter but granted temporary admission while my representations of his behalf were considered. Due to the backlog of work that had built up, the Home Of-

fice had not yet considered his case before the visitor wanted to return home at the end of the holiday. However, he couldn't leave because the Home Office were still holding his passport.

Had I not made representations in the first place, this person would have been sent back straight on arrival. The fact that he had been refused would have been recorded on his file, and it would have been very difficult for an entry visa on subsequent occasions. As it actually turned out, he was a genuine visitor who was unable to go home when he wanted to because of delays by the Home Office. Who is abusing the system now?

Coming soon after the riots, Waddington's remarks show that the Tories will stoop to the lowest to foster racialism and division within the working class and to justify further repressive measures against foreign workers wishing to visit their relatives in Britain. The Labour Party must expose the racist nature of the immigration laws and guarantee their abolition when next elected to power.

By Dave Nellist MP

harassment continues in riot areas

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Brixton:

WEEKS AFTER the riot in Brixton the police are still indiscriminately arresting and harassing people.

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Local anti-racists should make next Monday a day to remember. Leaflets and posters have gone out, but it still needs individual arguments with people in factories and offices and on the estates to turn out on the day.

Messages of support and donations for Brixton Legal Defence Group and Cherry Grove Support Group, c/o Law Centre, 506 Brixton Road, Brixton, London SW9.

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Bakery workers suffer racial abuse

FOUR bakery workers claimed that they were overlooked for promotion because of their colour, an industrial tribunal in Leeds heard earlier this month.

They also told the tribunal that they suffered from racial abuse, both from the management and the shopfloor of Hagenbachs bakery.

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Mr. Pease, a manager at Hagenbachs, told the tribunal that one of the men, Anwar Khan, was overlooked for promotion because he "is an excitable man under pressure". Mr. Martin acting for the claimants, pointed out the Mr. Khan did not get promotion despite having an attendance record second to none, and had worked for Hagenbachs for over two years longer than the man who got the job.

PROMOTION

Mr. Martin told the hearing that Zafar Iqbal was overlooked for the position of foreman, in favour of someone who was his junior. Under cross examination, Mr. Pease agreed that this was the first time that anyone had been promoted two steps at once. Another man Javid Iqbal had already had 5 months experience as a relief foreman



Mr. Smith, the chief executive of Hagenbachs, said that the reason why the complaints of racial abuse had not been investigated was because they had not been made formally. He also added that he was "not aware of any racial discrimination at Hagenbachs". Since this complaint had been made Mr. Smith initiated courses to educate personnel in aspects of discrimination and promotion problems.

FUEL

In summing up, Hagenbachs said that they felt the complaints of racial abuse were exaggerated to fuel the claim at the tribunal. They also said that the racial abuse over the years cannot have been that bad because the four men carried on working there and did not formally complain earlier. Mr. Martin summed up by asking the question, "When Hagenbachs said that there was no record of racial abuse in the bakery, did they mean that none were made or that they were, simply, not recorded?"

VERDICT

After studying the evidence, the tribunal decided that the applicants complaint of discrimination, under Section 54 of the race relations act, was well founded. Mr. J.M. Morish, chair of the tribunal ordered the respondents to compensate the four applicants to the tune of £700 each.

Sikh-attack youth 'was struck first'

A 16-year-old youth who denied assaulting four Sikhs outside a temple in Tong Road, Armley, told a Leeds Juvenile Court that he retaliated after being struck first.

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But Leeds Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. Ian Boyd, found the case proved — and was then told the youth admitted offences of burglary, taking a Land-Rover without consent, driving while disqualified through age, criminal damage and stealing a speaker from a car.

He was sent to a detention centre for three months, and banned from driving for six months.

Mr. Andrew Moore, prosecuting, said the motive for the assault remained a mystery, but there was a suggestion that there might be racial undertones. Certainly the assault was unprovoked, he alleged.

The Sikhs were leaving the temple about 9.15 p.m. on April 20, when, it was alleged, the youth shouted abuse at them.

PUNCHED

The four complainants were Kesar Singh Sehra, Magit Singh Suman, Mohinder Singh Chana, and Hari Singh Mann.

Mr. Moore said Mr. Sehra was punched on the shoulder by the defendant and then kicked and head-butted.

His colleagues went to his assistance, and were each hit by the youth.

The youth was himself given summary justice, because he was also hit, but not seriously injured, said Mr. Moore.

The youth, defended by Mr. Graham Parkin, said he was passing the temple when a Sikh bumped into him. As he turned, the Sikh swung at him and hit him in the face. He struck back and hit the man twice.

Three other Sikhs began dragging him in the grounds of the temple, towards some toilets, where he claimed he was punched while on the floor.

AGGRIEVED

Mr. Parkin said there was conflicting evidence and variation in stories given by the complainants. From the injuries received by the defendant — a black eye, lumps to his head, scratches and bruises to his neck, back and legs — it would appear he was the person aggrieved rather than the aggressor.

After finding the case proved, Mr. Boyd heard that the defendant was admitting other offences. Mr. Moore said he had taken and driven a Land-Rover, and caused £500 damage when hitting a wall. He had broken into business premises at Armley, stolen a kettle, and shortly afterwards had broken into a car.

The defendant had also broken a club window, causing damage amounting to £24. He had had a row with his girlfriend and had "lashed out."

Mr. Boyd said that crime had been committed and punishment must follow. After imposing the three months detention, he commented: "Let's hope you come out a different boy."

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Estate of siege

AN ATMOSPHERE of 'fear, suspicion and intimidation' has been created by the police on the Broadwater Farm estate, the scene of the Tottenham riots.

So says a damning report on police behaviour after the riot from Haringey Council's Police Research Unit, which has been based on the estate.

The police have sledgehammered down 15 doors, looking for 'suspects'.

Three of these were 'mistakes'—in one case the home of two old age pensioners was sledgehammered only to find they were on holiday. The police guns unit, D11, has also carried out raids.

People attempting to telephone solicitors after such raids have had their phones answered by the police! An office on the estate has often received calls intended for the police.

Scotland Yard refused to comment on the report.

Black-baiting foremen

POLICE LIES AT INQUEST

FORDS MANAGEMENT have been forced to suspend two foremen for five days and then move them to another plant. This followed strikes against them for circulating a racist 'questionnaire'.

Management have also said that Tony Legomber, the Nazi thug who blew himself up a few weeks ago, won't be getting his trainee foreman's job at Fords back.

The two racist foremen circulated their filth over two weeks ago. Under the heading 'Application for Employment (minorities division)' they asked questions like: 'Name of father (if known)—West Indians should list all possibilities on a separate sheet'.

It also asked for 'Hobbies: Mugging, Prostitution; Pimping (tick as applicable). Please tick your staple diet: curry, pet food, potatoes'.

As the questionnaire circulated there were 17 stoppages on the A shift in the Paint, Trim and Assembly plant. Workers were furious at being blatantly insulted by their foremen. Over half of the 4,000 workers in the PTA are black.

As one worker from the PTA in Dagenham told *Socialist Worker*, 'I've worked here for over eight years and I've never seen the like. It's not to say that there isn't racism in the plant. There is. But it's under the surface.'

Apologised

There's really hardly any racism amongst the lineworkers. But amongst the craftsmen—the electricians, engineers—there's a lot. They're mainly white and we're isolated from them.

Bill Hayden, the vice-chair of Fords in Europe, visited the convenors and apologised for the behaviour of the foremen, saying that Fords would do anything to keep the peace. He suggested making more blacks foremen.

There's one foreman for every 25 to 30 workers, with a couple of foremen on each

by JULIE WATERSON

section. In the whole of the PTA there are only 15 to 20 black foremen.

'But who wants black foremen?' said the Fords worker. 'It's not involvement at that level we're bothered about. Black workers, like white workers, will fight given the right issues and the right leadership.'

Victory

'At shop steward level there's an even mix. We've got a black convenor and there's an Asian deputy convenor on the other shift. That's what we want—more trade union activists, black and white.'

The leadership from the local Transport and General Workers Union has been diabolical.

It is rumoured that Steve Hart, the official concerned, wanted to hand the matter to the police and let them deal with it!

But pressure from ordinary workers forced the officials into fighting. Last Thursday night there were more stoppages, and workers were saying they would stop work indefinitely unless the men were thrown out of the plant. Workers from different sections on the following shift said the same.

The lineworker continued, 'It's a victory. This will really please people. I think they didn't want the hassle. But hopefully it will give people the confidence to fight over other issues, like pay.'

'Now we have to find out what plant they sent them to and leaflet it to get them chucked out for good.'

THE POLICE are liars—and that's straight from the horse's mouth.

During the inquest into the death of Cynthia Jarrett, which sparked the Tottenham riots, the police admitted that procedures were broken and lies were told.

Sergeant Mark Parsons admitted lying to Cynthia Jarrett's daughter, Patricia. He told her he had entered the house through an open door. 'I considered it prudent in the circumstances not to try and aggravate the

situation, just to say the door was open. She [Patricia] appeared to accept this explanation,' he said.

In fact Sergeant Parsons, who has two formal complaints made against him for raids he carried out on West Indian homes earlier this year, had taken the keys from Cynthia Jarrett's son, Floyd, who had been arrested earlier in the day.

They were not signed for with the duty officer. The inquiry has also heard that Cynthia Jarrett may have been dead before the police had a search warrant for her home.

The magistrate who issued the search warrant, Peter Gardner, seems to be a little confused over the time. Originally he claimed to have signed at around 6.30pm. Now he claims it was around 5.45pm, 'but I can't be definite'.

But what is definite is that the police on Saturday 5 October followed normal procedure.

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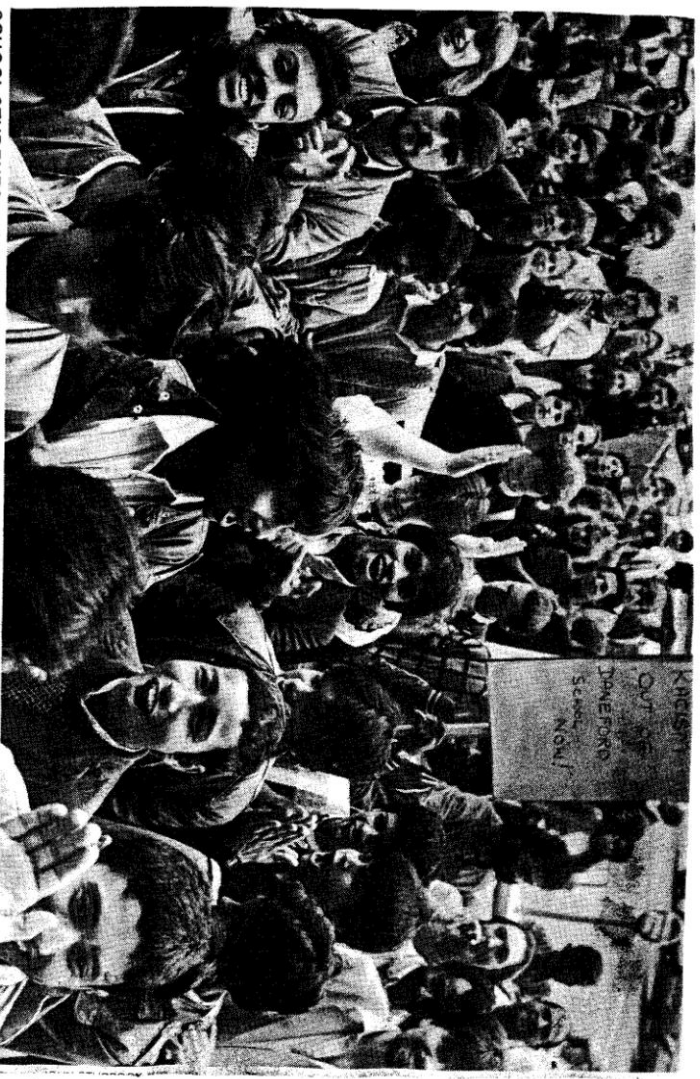
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Second attack on wine shop

A Leeds wine shop last night suffered £1,500 damage when a plate glass window was smashed in the second attack in a week.

Police are investigating the possibility that this attack on Yates Wine shop, Leeds, was connected with the earlier one, which could be the work of National Front sympathisers.

Last week, 70 customers in the wine bar downstairs were forced to flee through a rear exit when a gang of youths burst in brandishing bottles they had taken after breaking into the wine shop upstairs.

Two police officers also came under attack when the gang of about 50 returned and made another attempt to loot the wine shop.

Police later said seven youths had been arrested and charged with various damage and Public Order offences.

voted to support the action.

At the centre of the storm is Daneford School in East London.

A series of racist attacks on Bengali school students, the education authority's insulting attitude towards the local Bengali community and the arrest of 13 teachers have made the school a focus of the fight against racism.

- A Bangladeshi youth had his ear nearly slashed off in a razor attack.
- Younger classes in the school are 90 per cent Bengali but there are virtually no facilities for non-English speaking parents to meet teachers.
- Bengali lessons are available only to fifth-year pupils.

■ Demonstrate:
Friday 22 November, 9am
Highbury Magistrates Court

Racists

The teachers' reward for fighting this racism has been a liberal dose of police brutality.

Last term, two teachers were arrested for protesting against a careers convention featuring the police, the army and Barclays Bank.

On 16 October, a further 11 arrests were made when police waded into a teachers' picket of the divisional education authority.

Pickets were demanding better community relations at the school. The president of Hackney Teachers Association was knocked unconscious by police.

Bengali youth have been searched by police on their way home from school. The racists have been left untouched.

What upsets the police is that the school students at Daneford have organised themselves to fight back.

But one expected ally has done nothing to help them.

The Inner London Education Authority has, on paper, a model anti-racist policy. In practice it means next to nothing.

The ILEA has consistently refused to act. It has ignored demands for proper community relations.

When Daneford teachers and students lobbied the authority on 17 October, ILEA leader Francis Morrell refused to see them.

The students at Daneford have learned the only way to fight the racists is to organise themselves.

And Friday's strike will show that independent activity by teachers is worth a thousand times more than the ILEA's empty paper resolutions and promises.

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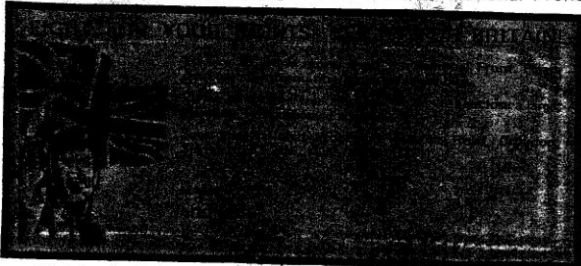
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Strike against racists

FIFTY Bengali pupils walked out of their East London school for two days last week.

They were protesting at the lack of action over racist attacks in and around Morpeth School in Tower Hamlets.

This is the second school in the area to take action. Daneford pupils joined a demonstration last November in support of 13 teachers arrested for fighting racism.

Both schools have condemned the Inner London Education Authority's tokenistic policy on racism in schools. Teachers and students have increasingly had to take matters into their own hands to defend themselves.

NUT members at the school have now organised a mass meeting of teachers and pupils, and are insisting management pressurise the governors into acting quickly to stem the problem.

Patrols have already been organised, and gates strengthened. One student has been expelled, and others are being threatened with the same punishment.

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Racist Murder

EIGHTEEN YEAR old Kalbinder Kaurhayre was mown down and murdered by a racist in a transit van last November.

Her murderer has been charged with manslaughter. Over 80 people picketed the court when he appeared last Monday.

Kalbinder was walking home from Dartford College with two of her friends when the van, which was travelling in the opposite direction, turned around and chased the Asian women.

The driver of the van was a student at Dartford College and a known racist.

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Bradford racial attacks described as 'backlash'

by Roger Ratcliffe

A SPATE of attacks on Pakistanis in the Bradford area is causing grave concern among the police, headmasters and council race relations officers. Some race advisers believe it is part of a backlash to the Ray Honeyford affair.

The attacks have been largely in the schools and tree-lined avenues of Hutton, a comfortable, middle-class suburb where the more prosperous Muslim families have been moving from the inner-city terraces of the Manningham district.

Since December, at least 10 cases of serious damage to homes and cars have been reported, as well as a number of alleged assaults in school playgrounds by groups of white youths. On Friday, headmasters from Bradford's upper schools are to meet to discuss the problem.

Gratham Mahony, the city's race relations officer, said the

60,000 Asians, most of whom live in the inner city.

Last year, Ray Honeyford, the headmaster at Drummond middle school where Asian children made up 90% of the enrolment, was disciplined because he criticised the city council's multicultural education policy. He took early retirement in January.

Richard Knight, the city's director of education, said last week that there had been a "potentially dangerous" increase in racial tension this year and that the Honeyford controversy was one factor that had "caused people to polarise".

The attacks on homes have led to the formation of vigilante groups. Two of them, the Asian Youth Movement and Anti-Fascist Action, are predominantly black. Another, the mainly white Workers Against Racism, an offshoot of the Revolutionary Communist Party, is attempting to organise vigilantes.

Guardian 18.03.80

Le Pen in key role with 33 seats

The extreme rightwing most 23 per cent of the vote in the south-east of France, which includes Marseille, and 33 seats in 25 per cent in Perpignan. But in Paris, the party's share of the vote dropped by 4 per cent, and there was no overall pattern of advance.

Mr. Le Pen, a former rightwing student leader and Jean-Marie Le Pen, failed to win the 10.95 per cent it won in the 1984 European elections. But once again, the National Front confounded the opinion polls, which had predicted a vote of 7 to 8 per cent, and voters, with decent values have been ignored in an increasingly decadent world.

During his election campaign, Mr. Le Pen gave less emphasis to immigration than to law and order. He advocated the return of the death penalty for murderers and his extension to terrorists and drug dealers. He also demanded a policy of tough prison sentences. Much will depend on the National Front's performance in Parliament, where having more than 20 deputies enables it to form a separate group.



POLICE yesterday displayed weapons seized during raids on homes in the south of England. "Operation Own Goal," the culmination of months of police work into soccer hooliganism, also uncovered quantities of National Front literature.

The picture above shows a mace, crossbow, Japanese sword and catapult. Left: WPC Alison Cooper of Fulham police station, the centre of the operation, holds a spiked knuckle-duster. The leader of the police operation, Superintendent Michael Hodge, said police had travelled to football matches all over England to collect information.

Pictures from The Standard

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Police display soccer weapons haul

By David Rose
POLICE said yesterday that they had seized weapons and a quantity of National Front literature in raids on the homes of alleged football hooligans in London and the home counties.

Superintendent Michael Hedges, the leader of Operation Own Goal, said the raids were the culmination of months of intelligence work coordinated at Fulham police station in west London and aimed at organised hooligan gangs. The raids concentrated on Chelsea supporters said to have been involved in a series of planned violent incidents at football grounds. National Front literature was said to have been dis-

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covered in several of the raided homes and a Loyalist flag pinned to the wall in one. The National Front has developed strong links with Protestant organisations in Northern Ireland.

Among the weapons said to have been seized were two crossbows, daggers, a flickknife, a cosh, a spiked knuckle-duster, knives, scalpel blades, and a mace of two spiked balls at the end of a heavy chain.

Superintendent Hedges said that the operation followed "tremendous co-operation" between the police, Chelsea, and other football clubs. Since last November, uniformed officers had travelled to football matches all over England to gather information.

"The improved arrangements for the flow of intelligence between different police forces has been a positive benefit both in this operation and in the curtailment of hooliganism generally this season," he said.

● Last night, seven men were charged with causing an affray within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court between December, 1985 and March, 1986 at Birmingham, Liverpool and London. The seven are due to appear today at west London magistrates' court and were understood last night to be detained in police custody.

Le Pen rallies support in ringing tones

From Campaign 1986

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After praising militants for paying to come to meetings and even buying the posters which they intended to display, Mr Le Pen could not resist a moment of pathos. No politician conquers up little old ladies with emotionally neutral intentions.

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...and security...
...this follows allegations by Alf Dubbs MP that a contract has been taken out on Gable's life by unknown right wingers.

Murder

Gerry Gable is the editor of *Searchlight*, a magazine that campaigns against fascism and extreme right wingers in the Tory Party.

The Tory MP said he was 'introduced' to a 'private eye' and invited him to find out some information on this journalist.

An employee of the private eye's firm told the *Mirror* of what he claimed was going on. He said that the murder had been contracted out from the company to a smaller organisation.

This organisation, he claimed, includes a serving Royal Marine Commando, who has been responsible for carrying out much of the investigation into the journalist.

Guardian 15 May 86

NF attempting to recruit Militant

By Martin Linton

The National Front has sent letters to a number of Militant Tendency supporters in Liverpool in an avowed attempt to recruit them to the national front.

The letters, which carried a crude black and white photograph of the party's leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, were sent to a list of 100 names at random from a list of several hundred Tendency supporters provided by a mole inside Militant. It sent them a free copy of the Front's magazine, *Nationalism Today*, and a letter.

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The Front said it had recruited Militant out for a political rather than political reasons. 'If you look at their demonstrations and the people who turn up at them, they are remarkably similar to our demonstrations.'

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Militant expressed horror at this. 'We have nothing in common with the National Front. Any attempt to link us because of membership is a false. Their membership stems not from the working class but from lumpen elements within it, from the most oppressed layers of it, from foot ball hooligans and so on. There is no similarity at all, said a Militant spokesman.

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Front condemns murder of French Socialist

From our Own Correspondent in Paris

A supporter of the extreme rightwing National Front has apparently admitted stabbing to death a Socialist who was putting up election posters at Croissy-sur-Seine on the outskirts of Paris on Friday evening. The alleged assailant is Regis Devaux, aged 23, an army sergeant.

Political parties quickly condemned the intrusion of violence into the campaign for Sunday's parliamentary elections. Mr Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front, said at first that no party members had been active in the area of the killing at the relevant time, but later condemned the murder. "We are not at war with other militants. French people, even when they are on the left, are nothing but adversaries," he said.

On Saturday, Mr Le Pen commemorated the recent death of a National Front supporter in a quarrel with two North Africans at Beaucaire.

A leading Socialist politician, Mr Michele Rocard who is a mayor and a parliamentary candidate in the area where the Socialist supporter died, yesterday cancelled a trip to Lisbon for the investiture of President Soares. Instead he led a silent demonstration of 2,000 people in memory of the dead man, Mr Philippe Brocard.

The procession included a number of Socialist deputies and candidates from many political parties who walked past the scene of the killing. Flow-

ers were laid in front of the campaign billboard.

Mr Brocard, aged 35, and two other Socialist supporters were removing National Front stickers from an area allotted to the Socialists when 10 men drove up and challenged them.

The Prime Minister, Laurent Fabius, yesterday called for calm in the final week of the election campaign.

"Now that we are in the final straight activists of all convictions must refrain from violence," he said during an electioneering tour of southwest France.

Politicians on the left and right echoed Mr Fabius's call for non-violence and warned against political extremism. Calling the killing a cowardly act that threatened democracy, the Defence Minister, Paul Quilès, said that it was the "expression of an intolerable fanaticism in our country."

Mr Jacques Chirac, the leader of the Gaullist RPR party, said he was "horrified by such methods that destroy the spirit of democracy. Respect for others is the foundation of human relations in civilised countries."

The Communist Party leader, Mr Georges Marchais, also condemned the killing, saying it was a "cowardly unpardonable act."

Meanwhile, the French press has highlighted the final opinion polls for the parliamentary elections. No poll can be published in the final week of the campaign.

The Sofres poll in Le Figaro gives an unchanged total left-wing vote of 43 per cent.

Stopping racism

THREE WHITE racists from George Green's school on the Isle of Dogs, East London, have been forced out of school and are receiving home tuition.

Their exclusion was the result of demands from the teachers at the school following events which started some weeks ago when an Asian student was beaten up by a white fifth former. Teachers in the school demanded the expulsion of the racist. This was done.

But the expulsion fuelled the racism of other white students at the school. This was no surprise in this predominantly white area, renowned for its racism.

The handful of black students at George Green's school are very vulnerable in a school where racism is rampant.

A gang was organised to

attack the Asian student. He appealed to an Asian teacher at the school for protection. As the teacher escorted the Asian student home, the gang struck. But they were stopped by passers by.

Teachers at the school again took a stand. They demanded the expulsion of the three ringleaders. However the school governors, made up of local Labour councillors and small businessmen, claimed the second attack was not racist and said that the boys should return to school.

The teachers were unanimous. They would walk out in the event of the boys returning.

The boys have never returned and continue to receive home tuition.

The teachers were absolutely right to demand the expulsion of the racists.

NF executive seeking to expel leading members

By David Rose

The National Front is in the throes of a deep internal split, with rival factions seeking expulsions and High Court injunctions and indulging in bar-room brawls.

At a meeting on Saturday, the NF's executive council voted to suspend the membership of the party chairman, Mr Martin Wingfield, his predecessor, Mr Ian Anderson, and another former chairman, Mr Andrew Brons.

Mr Patrick Harrington, the NF spokesman, said yesterday that he intended to "prosecute" the three and another senior member at a party tribunal and attempt to expel them. He claimed that they had been disloyal in revealing the contents of meetings of the party leadership.

Last week, the faction led by the now-suspended group attempted to take out an injunction freezing party funds. The roots of the split appear

to lie in the close association between Mr Harrington and his allies and a group of Italian fascists in London wanted for questioning by the Italian police in connection with terrorist bombings. The connection was a matter of embarrassment and concern to the more traditional faction.

There were further disagreements over discussions held with the Ulster Defence Association in the wake of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr Wingfield said he was hurt and surprised. "Three weeks ago the NF bulletin said I was a martyr for going to prison in defiance of the Race Relations Act. Now they claim I'm in the pay of the Jewish Board of Deputies."

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Anti-Nazi demo

by EUGENE DOHERTY

LAST SATURDAY the British National Party (BNP) held a meeting in John Scurr Primary School in Bethnal Green, East London. At short notice over 200 anti-fascists were organised by the East London Teachers Association and various black community organisations to prevent the meeting taking place.

Despite ILEA's anti-racist policy, the High Court ruled that the BNP could use the school for an

election meeting.

Because of the successful picket, which delayed the meeting for two hours, the police had to smash their way into the school. They broke down the back gate to let the Nazis in. They then allowed anti-fascists in the front.

We were counted into the meeting in groups of five but the majority of demonstrators were not allowed in at all.

After ten minutes of slow handclapping, which prevented the Nazis from being heard, John Tyndall instructed his thugs to attack us. The police allowed us to be pushed into the playground and then blocked the

door, protecting the Nazis, who then held a meeting for 30 minutes.

At the end of the meeting, they were escorted to the tube station. Teachers from the school were upset to see that posters and displays in the hall had been torn down.

The police made 20 arrests, including Unmesh Desai of the Newham Monitoring Project and a 15 year old boy.

One BNP member was released uncharged.

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Asian taxi drivers hospitalised

ASIAN people living in and around Bradford are continuing to suffer an onslaught of racist attacks. Last weekend two Asian taxi drivers were hospitalised after vicious attacks.

At about 5am on Sunday morning someone telephoned Preston Street Taxis and asked for a taxi to go to Greenbank Road in the Allerton district of Bradford. When the taxi arrived a white youth slashed the driver across the face with what is believed to be a Stanley knife.

Police told LOP the driver suffered a three inch long cut across his cheek and nose. The attacker then disappeared without saying a word.

A spokesperson for Preston St Taxis told LOP that the driver is "very lucky because if it had been an inch or two lower it would have been his throat and an inch or two higher he could have been blinded."

The assailant is described as white, aged between 20-24 with dark grey hair, wearing a brown or black bomber jacket. Despite a police search of the area and house to house enquiries, he has not yet been found.

The second attack occurred in the Baildon area at about 9.20 on Sunday evening. Three white men hired a taxi from Frizinghall Taxis outside the New Inn on Shipley's Cragg Road.

After travelling to Baildon the men refused to pay and attacked the driver. Two held him while the third struck him with a solid object.

The attackers, who have not been caught, are described as a) white, 25-30 years, 5'8", medium build, short dark hair,

UPSURGE IN RACIST ATTACKS AROUND BRADFORD

moustache, white trousers, smart appearance; b) white, early 20s, 5'7", medium build, dark curly hair, scruffy; c) white, 18-19, 5'6", short hair. All three had local accents.

LOP has received reports of other attacks on Asians last weekend—in Elland and Huddersfield.

The attacks are not isolated occurrences, and they have been gaining momentum in recent weeks. The previous weekend the victims included two Asian taxi drivers who were beaten unconscious and had to be placed in intensive care at hospital.

An Asian taxi driver told LOP this week: "We are just trying to make a living for ourselves and help the public, but some of the drivers who have been attacked are now terrified. We are raising it within the Private Hire Association, and there is talk of going on strike."

Tackle the race-hate fans—Call

Soccer clubs have failed to denounce racial hatred on the terraces and must do so, says a report published today.

The independent Centre for Contemporary Studies says football authorities have "slept too soundly" on the build-up of racist and fascist groups at grounds in the 1970s.

And the report points to racist and political tensions behind last year's Heysel Stadium riot at the European Cup Final in Brussels between Liverpool and Juventus of Italy.

It accuses clubs of behaving "like the proverbial ostrich in the hope and expectation that the police, schools, parents of courts, will dispose of the nuisance

of football hooliganism."

It produces evidence allegedly showing that the National Front and British National Party were active on the terraces at the Heysel Stadium and even tried to recruit members among Liverpool supporters on the cross-Channel ferry.

It says extreme Right-wingers were among leaders of the rioters and that police recovered swastika-covered banners, including one from "Liverpool Edge Hill."

Italian fans were also out to "kill the Red bastards" not because of the team's colours but because Liverpool was seen to be "run by Communists", according to eye-witness evidence produced in the report.

Juventus fans carried flags bearing the insignia of the outlawed "New Order" faction which was responsible for a terror campaign in Italy a few years ago.

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Fascist flop in Bradford

TICKET only provision by Bradford Council for the British National Party's election meeting in the city last Wednesday led to its cancellation.

Unable to rely on the authorities to permit them to pack their meeting with supporters from around the country the fascists bottled out.

The Anti-Fascist Alliance, who had called for a picket of the meeting, however received information that the BNP still

planned to hold some sort of demonstration there and organised leafleting of the Eccleshill area where the meeting was to have been held.

At about eight thirty that evening a small group of fascists entered the grounds of Hutton Middle School watched by three policemen and several leafleters. In the ensuing chaos the BNP supporters ran off, their demonstration was a complete flop, and three anti-fascists were then arrested by the police.

19 May Yorkshire Post

Curbing the racial hatred

THE bullies of the anti-racist industry have much to answer for. The hatred they have stirred up is doing immeasurable harm.

By screaming abuse at Mr. Ray Honeyford they have prepared the ground for the skinned gangs at the opposite end of the political spectrum. They have provoked a climate of anti-immigrant prejudice which I would like to have thought unimaginable.

The real victims are innocent members of the Asian community, who are now being harassed from the left and right. (Left-harassed from the right.)

West Yorkshire's chief constable, Mr. Colin Sampson, one of the wisest police chiefs in Britain, is taking steps to curb attacks on peaceful Asians in some of our cities. It is terrifying and must not be tolerated by anyone who professes to believe in decency and fairness.

Asian homes are daubed with filthy slogans. Asian children are abused. Asian taxi-drivers are assaulted. In one Yorkshire incident, 20 white thugs armed with iron bars and cricket bats beat a driver into insensibility. White thugs roam city centres looking for Asian victims.

As he says, these Asian minorities are responsible, peace-loving people caught in the middle by groups who are attempting to use them. The danger is that they might be manoeuvred by irresponsible any kind cannot flourish.



Colin Sampson

Mr. Sampson's approach and should be emulated by police chiefs elsewhere. But such enlightened police leaders, he deserves success. But they need the backing of the whole population and of every political party and organisation.

Whatever the genuine arguments about multi-racial politics, they must never become an excuse for racial conflict. The climate of reason must be created in which extremists of any kind cannot flourish.

Lewisham Council

Nazi booted out

Various points to be made.

The branch leadership gave verbal support to leading member of the fascist British National Party, following pressure from NALGO members. Skiggs, who was the BNP's national book organiser, had been employed by the council for 24 years. A well-known racist he stood as a parliamentary candidate for the Nazi National Front in the 1979 general election.

It was after a NALGO member in Lewisham had walked out, Skiggs, that the demand to sack him was raised by Socialist Workers Party members, black workers and equal rights groups in the past.

It had dismayingly failed to live up to in the past. The pressure from the basis of activity or the NALGO was not made on the organisation amongst rank and file members. It was successful largely because of pressure brought to bear on newly-elected councillors.

Success on this occasion does not mean the council will meet the demands put on it in future. Nor does it mean that the council is in any position to irradicate fascism or racism.

However, the sacking of Skiggs will mean black workers will be more confident to see the union as a place to raise issues and organise, and it can only serve to increase confidence among those at the receiving end of the fascists' activities.

S. Woolwich 28 June 88

Anti-Nazi demonstration

NAZI BUNKER BESIEGED

Since he has moved into the house opposite Arsenal's football ground it's been turned into a virtual bunker with boarded up windows and close circuit cameras. Racist slogans have been daubed over three local Party wards, community Asian community, Labour Members of the local warren.

Despite their anti-racist policy, Islington's Labour council have yet to take action against this Nazi situation.

The march would inflame the house. This Thursday, 31 July, at 6.30pm there will be a lobby of Islington Council to demand they act to remove these vermin.

On the Friday night before the demonstration a member of the SWP—received a threatening phone call saying that if he went on the march he would be killed.

Crane and a few aging skinheads ogled from the demagogues.

Police have played down these attacks and claimed shops and homes. Nicky Crane who was jailed for four years in 1981 for leading an attack on Woolwich cinema.

The Nazis' ringleader is a group of leading Nazi thugs who have set up base in a house in the area.

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S. Woolwich 2 August 88

Leaflets 'racist'

FOUR MEMBERS of the British National Party were found guilty at Plymouth Crown Court yesterday of distributing racist leaflets to schoolchildren in Liskeard, Saltash, and Devon. The leaflets said there were no black or Asian citizens of the United Kingdom and described World War Two as a "Jews war".

David Walter, aged 31, the NP south-west regional organiser, and Steven Knight, aged both of Plymouth, and Leonard Trehene, aged 27, of Liskeard, Cornwall, were each fined £400. Kevin Rowe, aged 24, of Liskeard, Cornwall, was fined £200. All had denied distributing threatening, abusive or insulting literature in circumstances likely to stir up racial hatred.

Other BNP members, Ian Cullinford, aged 24, of Saltash, and Len Walker, aged 36, of Plymouth, were also found guilty.

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At the Paris branch of W. H. Smith in the Rue de Rivoli, which is becoming the fashionable "rendez-vous de fans des English muffins et des marmalades à l'orange," according to the French newspaper Liberation, has just been duped by the extreme right wing into selling copies of the notorious book, The Hoax of the Twentieth Century, which attempts to deny that the Nazi holocaust ever happened. They sent dozens of customers to ask for the book until the buyer ordered it from Whittaker's book trade catalogue and put it on the history shelves. When the protests poured in W. H. Smith angrily insisted that they did not practise racial discrimination. "We've got no way of censoring books. It's up to the customer to make his own decision," said the manager Stuart Walker. It was not until he discovered that the book has no author and is published from a private flat in Brighton that he took it off the shelves last week. But the message still hasn't got through to W. H. Smith's head office in London. "If a customer comes in and places an order for this specific book, we'll get it for them. We don't act as censors," said press officer Steve Hunt.

Action to oust racist



By Satbinder Sanghera

STUART MILSON is a member of the Essex University Monday Club. He boasts of frequent visits to South Africa and Northern Ireland, meeting up with right-wing unionist forces; and he has only just been thrown out of the Conservative Party.

In the recent student non-sabbatical elections he stood on the ticket, "Students Demand Repatriation" and managed to get 73 votes. Along with James Coakley Boyce (Chair of Essex University Monday Club), suspected ex-member of the BNP, he represents the organised racist ultra right-wing at Essex University. However at the elections, they finally overstepped the mark, by printing a leaflet which could have been easily mistaken for NF trash.

News of the leaflet quickly spread and immediately there was a groundswell of opinion that the racists should be kicked out. The day after the elections a petition demanding the University suspend Milson and Coakley Boyce was sent round, obtaining nearly a third of all students' support within four hours.

All this has occurred at a time when there has been a number of racist attacks in

Cochester and a general increase in NF and BM activity. Anti-Fascist Action has responded with a spray out and leafletting with local YS members.

Already some lecturers in Milson's department have refused to teach him. Currently the union is engaged in talks with the Chancellor.

If the University authorities refuse to take the necessary steps, then it is clear that we have to mobilise students in direct mass action, to achieve our aim. This week SSiN supporters have decided to build for an emergency general meeting of the student union at which it will be demanded that the Executive has to take on much of the work load and get the campaign properly off the ground. Proper posters and stickers need making, every student needs a leaflet explaining what's going on. The campus unions need approaching to try for a joint campaign.

It will be argued that a 24-hour occupation is needed this week to act as a focal point for the campaign and to show the Chancellor that the union is serious. And the University will have to be told that graduation ceremonies will not pass peacefully with these two organised racists still around.

Furthermore, a rent strike for October will be proposed if Coakley Boyce is allowed back to college next year (Milson finishes this year).

With the end of term and exams approaching the campaign will not be too easy, because for the action to be effective and successful, it needs to involve a huge number of students, willing to picket and occupy and at the same time persuading and arguing with other students that this is the right course of actions.

We also need to link up with the campus unions because together our cause would be that much stronger, and we would be involved in a united fight against racism and fascism.

No aid for sacked librarian

MR MALCOLM Skeggs, the librarian who was sacked for allegedly racist behaviour, will not be provided by his union, the National Union of Public Employees, with any legal representation in his appeal against dismissal, writes Martin Linton.

Mr Skeggs joined the local branch of NUPE six weeks ago when he was threatened with dismissal by the Labour council in Lewisham for using the library photocopier to copy a leaflet for the British National Party, a splinter group from the National Front.

The branch at first gave some backing to his appeal but the London divisional officer, Mr Chris Humphreys, said yesterday that there would be no legal assistance for Mr Skeggs. He added: "Those who hold racist views or lend support to racist organisations have no place in NUPE."

Mr Skeggs said yesterday he was disappointed with the union's decision but will seek a solicitor to go ahead with his own appeal to the Industrial Relations Tribunal.

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Denis Campbell on the success of a 12-year fight against racism

Tips that spotlight the Nazi tendency

DURING the 1985 general election campaign the Daily Mirror revealed that the Conservative candidate for Stockton South, Thomas Finnegan, had twice visited Britain's National Front in 1974.

It detailed Finnegan's past as a leading NF activist in the Birmingham area. During the early 1970s he had been the local branch secretary, activities organiser, group chairman and, twice in 1974, the Executive member of the NF.

When Finnegan's background was made public, three Cabinet ministers and two junior ministers withdrew from scheduled activities in the constituency. Mrs Thatcher and party chairman Cecil Parkinson tried to limit the embarrassment to the party by insisting that "it was not their minds".

Under persistent questioning from journalists at morning press conferences it emerged that Finnegan had never publicly repudiated the NF until exposed in the Daily Mirror. And that he had concealed his involvement from the Conservative Campaigns Committee. The Daily Mirror was tipped off about Finnegan by Searchlight, the anti-fascist

Nazi skinheads have been acting as stewards at CND, anti-apartheid and gay events through a company which was on the approved list of the GLC.

Searchlight has been monitoring extreme right-wing organisations since 1963 when it was set up by a team of journalists, politicians, campaigners and trade unionists. The far right's revival in Britain the year before, Fascist groups, some of them openly paramilitary, had started spreading their doctrine of racial hatred.

With Reg Freeson, MP, as editor, five issues of Searchlight in newspaper produced between 1964 and 1968. At the time of the infamous Smethwick election, where a nationally unknown Tory beat the man who would have been Labour's Foreign Secretary after the slogan "if you vote Labour" had been used in his support, Searchlight sold 60,000 copies.

Since then, Freeson and his short-lived successor as editor Joan Lester left to become junior ministers, Searchlight became a news agency and the years 1968-1974 were spent feeding

Searchlight remains the media's first port of call for detailed information about the far right. "People use us on a daily basis for reference," explains Gable. "They see it as a quarter of Searchlight's income. Most of the rest is from sales and subscriptions; circulation is around 7,250."

Over the years Searchlight has received grants and donations from the British and World Council of Churches, the Rowntree Trust, the GLC and several other sources. The GLC were paying for an office manager/researcher, plus some running costs, and Searchlight is hopeful of securing funding from the GLC's successor body.

Several of Searchlight's personnel have been attacked and threatened by right-wing thugs, and security has been provided by the GLC. The GLC paid for a fireproof safe and filing cabinets; pieces in the magazine rarely carry the writer's by-line; and the magazine editor, a television journalist, does not want to be named.

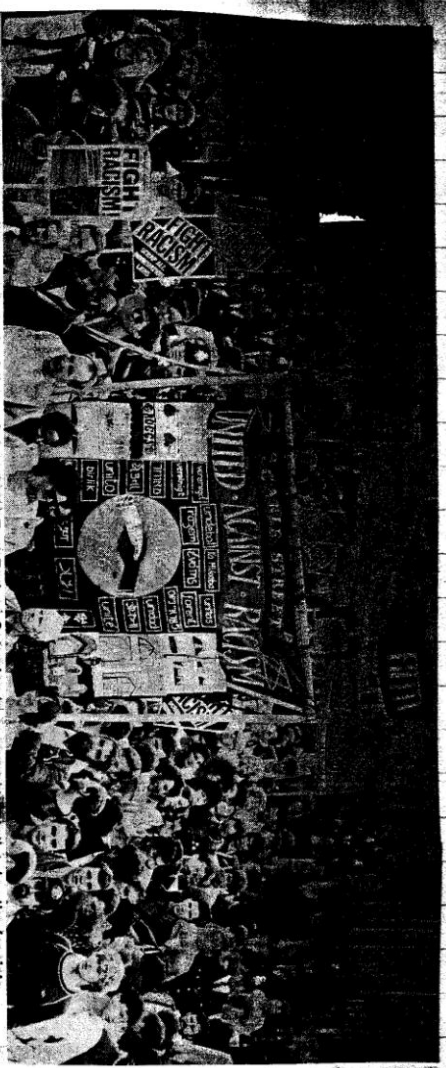
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stories about Nazi activities to the media in Britain and abroad. Searchlight started publishing again in 1974. "We were late, because the Front had already peaked by then — they had 17,500 members and were polling tens of thousands of votes. They set a respectable," recalls Gerry Gable, who joined Searchlight as a researcher in 1964 and is now the magazine's publisher.

Gable co-wrote a pamphlet detailing each area of the NF's activities — the leadership's criminal convictions, links with the Tory, Labour and the Liberal paramilitaries in Northern Ireland, and where their money was coming from. When the original print-run of 7,500 copies sold out in a matter of weeks, Gable knew it was time to start publishing on a regular basis.

The first issue in the magazine format appeared in February, 1975. It was very badly printed, in black and white, with the slogan Fight Fascism. Defend Democracy. Crucially, however, it was packed with information about what the far right were up to that no one else was putting out.

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Two thousand five hundred people marched through London's East End on Saturday to commemorate the day the fascists were unable to march down Cable Street in 1936

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**Ban NF magazines
agreed to call**

A U.C. backed pressure group is calling for a ban on the sale of National Front magazines outside Leeds United's ground at Elland Road. It is backed by Leeds Anti-Fascist Action which became a major force over the past 20 years for far-right groups including the National Front and the British National Party, which has issued a detailed report on NF and BNP activity in Leeds. It is urging Leeds City Council and the police to take action at Elland Road.

Mr. Gordon Lunn, secretary of Leeds T.U.C., said race restrictions laws should be tightened up in view of reports of racial harassment.

He said it was time the city council, which now owned the Elland Road stadium, and the police backed the distribution of far-right literature.

He called for those convicted of racially-linked offences.

Respectable face of fascism

LOCAL fascists in the British National Party are intending to latch on to the 'Save Leeds Market' campaign in a bid to appear as a respectable party concerned with local issues.

Sources within the BNP have told LOP that the fascists, led by their regional organiser David Owens, intend to begin leafleting the market next week.

David Owens, who recently served time in prison for breaking the Race Relations Act, has been speaking of the market campaign as a way of recruiting people into the BNP

by the back door.

Indeed, David Owens has been doing a lot of speaking recently, including on the white youths in West Handsworth estate in Leeds, and holding private meetings with local National Front heavy Frank Burden.

Owens is promoting the BNP's dual policy of attempting to appear respectable,

while at the same time maintaining a violent edge.

He is believed to have close links with John Griffiths, the local Mr Big of the Paramilitary Ulster Defence Association (UDA). A BNP special activities bulletin recently invited local members to a 'survival weekend' next month, organised by local UDA members in conjunction with the newly-formed Ulster Resistance in Belfast.

David Owens has been involved in setting up a group of (mostly skinhead) things

known as the 'direct action group', who were largely responsible for the attack on anti-fascists in York reported in last week's LOP.

Local BNP meetings have been promised that these things will soon sweep the feds from the streets of Leeds.

Sources and SWP paper-sellers in town, an attack is being planned on RCP and on the Anne Frank exhibition at Kitson College.

Meanwhile, helped by the tag of 'race martyr' because of his spell in prison, David Owens is rapidly climbing the BNP's hierarchical ladder nationally.

He has also been selected as the fascists' Parliamentary candidate to fight against Dennis Healey in Leeds East — one of his main campaign planks will be opposition to Healey's meeting with Black South African leader Winnie Mandela!

***Leeds Anti-fascist Action's next meeting is next Thursday, 27th Nov., 8pm at the Trades Club. There will be a discussion on what fascism is and how it can be combated in Leeds.**

Threat to family after race complaint

By Paul Hoyland

Police are investigating death threats against the family of a woman whose allegations of racism led to a council inquiry into a Wolverhampton community sports programme for unemployed and disabled youngsters.

The threats have been made in letters to Mrs Joan Blaney, a former officer in the Action Sport programme, who resigned in protest at alleged discrimination and submitted a report to the town council.

Mr John Bird, Wolverhampton's Labour leader, who led the inquiry, said the Action Sport staff had been exonerated. But Labour supporters in one ward are calling for his resignation because, they claim, he has misled ratepayers.

"People were intimidated into not giving evidence," Mrs Blaney alleged. "They were told that their job prospects would be ruined. The inquiry report does not contain all the evidence that was submitted, and there is no doubt there has been a whitewash."

Mrs Blaney claimed that black instructors were discriminated against by their white supervisors. "The preconceptions and stereotyping of a low-ability black person were difficult if not impossible to challenge," she said.

"We, as a group of black people, turned to the local authority for help. Instead, all we have received is resentment. We have been treated as though we are the perpetrators of the misconduct, not the victims of it."

The report concluded there was an urgent need for Action Sport staff to be trained in racial awareness and anti-racist practice. The staff had denied racist behaviour, but the panel said it could not be confident that there was no fuel for the allegations.

The inquiry also found communication problems which had frustrated black workers, and there was a need for black people to hold jobs with responsibility.

Mr Bird yesterday repeated his pledge that if there was any evidence of misconduct that warranted disciplinary action it would be followed up. He denied misleading the ratepayers and said he had no intention of resigning.

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Tory visas spark attacks

AN ASIAN-owned shop in Hackney, east London was attacked by racists last week immediately after Rupert Murdoch's *Sun* screamed: '3,000 Asians Flood Britain'.

Racist graffiti was daubed across walls. Above, owner Pankaj

Patel compares the scab *Sun's* front page with his defaced shop. 'It must refer to the headline,' he said.

'It's really terrible. I don't really have any enemies here—I've never even had an argument. I can't understand why I've been singled out.'

The racist clamour against visitors from the Indian sub-continent was reminiscent of that whipped up against Malawi Asians coming to Britain in 1976.

Then a whole series of racist murders followed the tabloids' scare-mongering.

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PART of the 3,000 strong march through Sheffield last Saturday, which recalled the state murders of Bloody Sunday and demanded a British withdrawal from Ireland. Two coachloads of people travelled from Leeds for the demonstration, which was organised by the Troops Out Movement, the Irish in Britain Representation Group, the Labour Committee on Ireland, and the Women and Ireland network. Five marchers and 12 fascists were arrested after National Front members attacked the front of the demonstration.

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Racism in school sparks off violence

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A WHITE youth incited another white youth to assault a black pupil at Stainbeck High School last week, in an incident which led to a larger disturbance.

The victim of the attack told LOP that the white pupil approached him on the evening of Sunday 1st February, and "he hit me straight on the mouth."

It transpires that the attacker was told by a friend: "If you punch a Paki I'll buy you a pint." Those involved in the incident are all 15 years old.

THREAT

When school finished on Wednesday of last week, a large group of white pupils chased a number of Asian pupils, threatening them. Asian pupils told LOP: "There were about 100 white kids and

about 15 of us."

LOP tried to talk to Stainbeck headteacher Mr Newton about the incidents, but he told us that he was not allowed to talk to the press. He referred us to the Council Press Office.

A Council spokesperson told LOP: "It was not a racial disturbance as such, in that there were no groups involved. It was two individuals, the parents have been seen, and there has been no repeat."

POLICY

The incident comes at a time when the Council is discussing a policy for Anti-Racist Educa-

tion, which includes guidelines on combatting racist behaviour in schools and colleges.

TOLERATED

A report says there have been "a growing number of racist incidents in schools and colleges in recent years." Such behaviour, the report goes on, "will not be tolerated."

The policy statement, which is now out for consultation, states: "Anti-racist education is not a separate topic that can be grafted to existing practices but it should permeate all aspects of the work of every educational institution. It should form an integral part of an overall education system to provide education for all in such a way that every individual will be able to achieve his/her own educational potential."

The Council is discussing asking every school and college to draw up a policy to combat racist behaviour:

- * To make a firm expression of pupils' rights to the best possible education;

- * To give a clear indication of what is not acceptable and the procedures to deal with any transgressions;

- * To explain how the school/college intends to develop practices which both tackle racism and create educational opportunities for all;

- * To outline how the above will be monitored and evaluated.

Schools and colleges will be encouraged to develop and implement anti-racist policies and practice "through the involvement of all its staff, school governors, pupils and students, parents and the community."

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National Front's 'Remembrance Day'

REMEMBRANCE Sunday commemorations were marked this year when the British National Party marched through York to lay a wreath at the war memorial.

A number of people were injured when some of the BNP members launched an unprovoked attack on a peaceful protest by local anti-fascists. It was discovered that the march was taking place 24 hours before it happened. Even so they managed to organise an effective counter demonstration.

About fifty fascists from all over Yorkshire took part in the BNP march. They were followed the entire way by anti-fascists chanting "Nazis out of York".

Their wreath laying ceremony at York's war memorial was less than dignified as they were locked in a the memorial gardens and surrounded by a large contingent of police. "Al-

One eye witness said: "At-

...an insult to the millions who died fighting Fascism in the last war."

though the British National Party leaders clearly wanted to present a "respectable" face of fascism, they were unable to control some of their more thuggish followers.

"Before their march even started a group of them started attacking the anti-fascist demonstrators.

"The police were there in large numbers but at first stood back while the attack took place."

A spokesperson for North Yorkshire Police said there were seven arrests and seven people have been charged with public order offences. However, he could not say whether that take place as a result."

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In York.. and in London...

WHILE anti-fascists were demonstrating against the British National Party in York, Leeds Anti-Fascist Action were doing the same against the National Front in London.

Leeds AFA were in London as part of a national Anti-Fascist Action demonstration against the National Front's annual march on Remembrance day and its laying of a wreath at the cenotaph.

A member of Leeds AFA gave LOP this account of the day's events:

"About 2,500 anti-fascists gathered in Trafalgar Square and then formed up to march. As we prepared to set off a group of about 50 fascists laid wreaths at the cenotaph to commemorate those victims of Fascism in the past and the vic-

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Manchester racist murder

DETERMINED TO FIGHT BACK

by IRENE DAVIES

OVER 1,000 people, including delegations from local council union branches, attended the funeral of Ahmed Iqbal in Manchester last week.

Ahmed, an Asian school student, was stabbed to death by a white youth in the school grounds of Burnage High School, Longsight, Manchester, on Wednesday 17 September.

The following Labour council group of its anti-racist policies. It responded to the murder by calling for a state of silence in Manchester schools and for the representatives of the community to be more than gestures.

On Sunday a public meeting was held in Longsight to discuss Ahmed's murder. Speakers at the meeting told the 250 people present how the white youth who stabbed Ahmed had boasted that he had killed a 'paki'.

Several speakers, including some Asian students from Burnage High School, spoke about the school's long history of racism.

There was also criticism of the police, who had investigated the murder was racist, and of the media, who had more or less ignored the attack.

The major force behind the campaign is the Asian students from the school who have taken up the issues of self-defence and fighting racism.

They spoke of their anger and how they are not going to take abuse and bullying any more, and of their determination to fight back.

The campaign has called a demonstration at the school. Although the council and unions have refused to allow schools to close for the day, one school has said it will close and it looks likely that many Asian students and some delegations of teachers and other council workers will attend.

The anti-racist policies of the council and the NUT, although commendable, have shown their limitations when faced with this level of grass roots anger.

The campaign for self-defence must be supported and used to take up the issue of racism on the ground, as this is the only real way to challenge it.

STOP PRESS: On Monday 400 people marched through Manchester in an angry protest at Ahmed's racist murder. Representatives from the council, NUPE branch, Moss'ide housing department, two schools and the Indian Workers Association were amongst the marchers.

But Morrison's past record in the National Action Party, The National Front, The National Democratic Freedom Movement and British Movement has been one of political failure accompanied by a lot of violence inflicted on anyone with whom he disagreed. One of his closest associates over the years has been Joe Short, synagogue arsonist, infiltrator into the Liberal Party, friend of bomber Tony East, aka Lecomber, and a leading exponent of the black arts of satanism.

But Morrison's new rag has a bright future ahead of it. The Director of Public Prosecutions is about to receive a copy. Searchlight.

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Fuhrer Eddy is agitated again

EDDY Morrison, the local nazi who has set up and joined more nazi organisations than most of us have had hot dinners, is at it again.

Morrison, a diminutive thug and travel agent now resident in Wakefield has started publishing a new broadsheet.

This tattily duplicated rag bears the imprint of the Imperium Press and operates from Box 40, Wakefield, Yorkshire. The box number belongs to Mr Morrison and K. Boyer at 90, Chantry Road, Lupset, Wakefield.

A short time ago Morrison was fuhrer of his own National Action Party — 30 men and two dogs — before he was expelled for drunkenness. Now, if his other mailouts are anything to go by, he is back with the National Front and is sending out its material as well as his own.

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YTS staff suspended over racism claims

FOLLOWING allegations of racism at the Leeds Council run Rutland Lodge Youth Training Centre, three members of staff have been suspended on full pay. They are now facing disciplinary proceedings.

Black trainees at Rutland Lodge say they have been subjected to racist abuse by certain members of staff, and that they are given the worst jobs to do.

Following an angry public meeting at the Mandela Centre in Chapeltown, Leeds City Council set up an investigation.

Stan Menzies, Head of Continuing Education in the city, told LOP on Monday this week: "Certain actions have been taken, and that's about all I can say because disciplinary proceedings are underway and the matter is sub judice."

Guildford demo

by NEIL FAULKNER

LAST Saturday saw Guildford's biggest labour movement demo for many years.

When news came that the National Front was planning a march, Guildford Socialist Workers called a meeting to discuss opposition.

The five Labour Party branches, Surrey universities, and other activists attended.

Other we built a counter-demo of more than 200 people.

Despite travelling in from as far away as Birmingham, the Nazis were outnumbered two to one. As soon as they appeared, they faced a torrent of abuse.

We showed that we are far stronger than the Nazis. The local labour movement has had a real boost. And there were big sales of Socialist Worker—nine at the organising meeting and 25 on the demo.

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Apology demanded from police over racial attack

A GROUP of black musicians from Bradford were assaulted and then arrested when they went to perform in York in October. This week the Creation Roots Defence Campaign held a public meeting to draw attention to the incident and to demand an apology from the police.

The band, Creation Roots, were booked to play at the York Arts Centre on Micklegate. When they left the venue to get some food, they were verbally abused and then physically attacked by a gang of white people.

After being forced to defend themselves, the black people managed to escape in their minibus. They tried to obtain medical attention for one wounded band member.

All 13 members of the band were subsequently arrested by North Yorkshire Police and detained for 16 hours, during

which time they were fingerprinted and photographed.

Upon being discharged from hospital after three days, the wounded member was also arrested and held for five hours.

As a result of the attack and the arrests, the band were unable to play at York Arts Centre. All visitors from Bradford were given an escort from the city.

The band members have not been charged, but the police have said that charges could still be pressed against all but one of them.

The Creation Roots Defence Campaign this week demanded:

1. That the names of all members and friends of the band are cleared and all charges against them are dropped
2. That the white racists responsible are apprehended and prosecuted.
3. That those policemen responsible be disciplined for failing to act appropriately in respect of the above grievances.
4. That the North Yorkshire Police make a public apology to each of the black people involved.
5. That the adequate police protection be given in future to black people in York, be they residents or visitors to the city.

Leeds Anti-Fascists draw the council to its duty

ANTI-Fascists in Leeds are calling on the Council to use its influence to stamp out racism and fascism at Elland Road Football Ground.

Leeds City Council owns Elland Road, and Leeds Anti-Fascist Action is drawing the Council's attention to its duty under the Race Relations Act to "promote equality of opportunity and good relations between

people of different racial groups."

The Leeds United football ground has a notorious reputation for racist chants, and fascist newspapers are regularly sold outside.

Anti-Fascist Action wants the Council to:

- Require the club's Board of Directors to account and take responsibility for the activities of those who use Elland Road;

- Make a commitment to actively counteract fascist activity, and to make such a commitment a requirement of those who lease the ground;

- Provide anti-fascist adverts and information in programmes and on billboards;

- Refuse admission of known fascists and immediately remove anyone found distributing racist or fascist material.



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Civil rights protest in Georgia

Marchers defy the Ku Klux Klan

From Christopher Thomas, Cumming, Georgia

the accompaniment of klans from white supporters, 20,000 people gathered in an old-fashioned rights demonstration on Saturday in Georgia's all-Forsyth County, one of the forgotten places where segregation survives.

They were protected by 500 National Guardsmen in the rear and by hundreds of police in front. The vast turnout, which nobody had anticipated, demonstrated a deep anger against the resurgence of racial violence in America.

It was also an act of defiance against the Ku Klux Klan. A week earlier had demonstrators with tear gas and bottles as they marched through Cumming, Georgia.

The one-mile march was held from a shopping centre on the outskirts of town. At the time there was complete silence except for police helicopters and the chants of 1,000 demonstrators who were kept in solid lines of guardsmen and state troopers. Such a scene, which boomed out of the horns, is rarely heard today.

The supremacists came in groups with names like the People's Party and the Association for the Advancement of White People. Some wore Nazi swastikas and carried the Confederate battle flag.

The marchers stared defiantly, some raising their hands in a "V" sign. They marched down a narrow dirt road to the steps of the Cumming courthouse, a tiny little town that has a little more than the town hall, the post office and a few churches. They started singing the old hymn, "Ain't Gonna Nobody Turn Me Around" but march leaders urged them to stop. They were not to be provocative.

They were welcomed by civil liberties groups, which reassured them that some things have not changed in Forsyth County since the 1960s. The Chamber of Commerce even placed a sign of greeting in the town square.

The Chamber of Commerce and business groups issued a statement at the end of the week saying:

"There exists a small radical element who would portray Forsyth County as a lawless racist county. This is simply not true."

Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta, speaking from the courthouse steps, said: "The situation is different here in Cumming from what it was in Selma or Montgomery or St Augustine in the 1960s."

"Then we were marching against state-sponsored racism. Here today we are joined by our senators and are protected by our Governor."

Mr Joseph Lowery, one of the march leaders, took the platform to deliver a message to the 38,000 whites who live in Forsyth: "We did not come to scare you to death. We came to challenge you to live a life of decency."

Sixty people were arrested, most of them people who opposed civil rights for blacks, unlike the 1960s when it was the marchers who were bundled into police wagons. At one point half-a-dozen helmeted police and guardsmen burst into a crowd of white supremacists and chased a young man who had spat at them. He was brought down in the mud, his face shoved into a chainlink fence, and was led away with blood streaming from his nose.

No blacks have lived in Forsyth County, one of six all-white counties in Georgia, since they were driven out in 1912 after a white woman was raped.

A black suspect was lynched and left hanging from a pole, his body mutilated. Two others were tried, then hanged, before a crowd of 10,000 whites. By then, black houses and churches had been burnt.

Many of the ousted blacks owned small parcels of land and their descendants today want compensation and an official apology. Forsyth County has not been forthcoming. To this day, blacks feel unsafe there. Only six years ago a black man was shot while he was having a picnic beside a lake.

Like other counties of north Georgia, Forsyth is a different world from the flatlands and



Anti-black protesters with a Confederate flag jeer at civil rights marchers in Georgia.

richer soil of the old cotton and plantation belt to the south.

Historically they have had small black populations and have developed none of the friendly biracial feelings en-

joyed by much of the modern South.

After Saturday's march there was pandemonium as more than 100 buses and thousands of cars tried to get out of the few roads into Cum-

ming. A black man was hurt when a group of whites smashed a concrete block on his car window, but in the main the organizers were delighted that they had made their point with a minimum of trouble.

20 Jan 87 Sunday Times

Dawn raids on United hooligans

Task Force officers and detectives swooped on homes throughout West Yorkshire at dawn today, arresting 17 suspected Leeds United hooligans believed to have been involved in recent match violence

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They were taken to a number of police stations and a decision is expected later on possible charges and court appearances.

Police say the arrested men are from Leeds, Bradford, Morley, Rothwell, Wakefield and Todmorden.

And they revealed that for several months now officers have been working undercover at both home and away games, compiling dossiers on individuals.

The raid was the second major police operation in recent months aimed at combating soccer thugs who follow Leeds United.

On October 9 last year in "Operation Unrooley" 50 West Yorkshire Police officers carried out a similar series of dawn raids following a fire at Odsal Stadium, during the Bradford City-Leeds United game on September 20.

In that operation 13 football fans were arrested and subsequently appeared in court at Bradford.

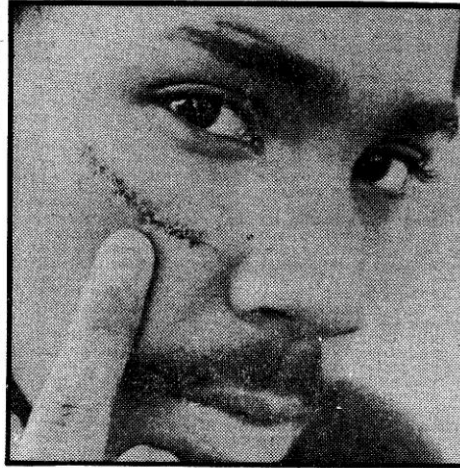
NEW TEAM

It was felt then that the notorious Leeds United "Service Crew" had been replaced on the terraces by an equally vicious band of fans calling themselves the "Very Young Team" and having an allegiance to the National Front.

It is well known that the extreme Right-wing organisation actively recruits members outside the Elland Road stadium and sells its young membership magazine "Bulldog."

DAVID ROSE explores Mitcham's no-go area

Those mean streets



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The worst days of their lives

RACE ATTACKS ON SCHOOLCHILDREN: They are widespread, a Commission for Racial Equality reports
FATIMA SALARIA finds East London Asians who

RACIAL attacks by schoolchildren on each other — most committed by whites on blacks — are far more common than has previously been reported. This will be the main finding in a major report to be published by the Commission for Racial Equality, early in the new year.

The report will also suggest that very few teachers are able to deal with reported attacks either through lack of training or sympathy. Only 30 out of 120 Local Education Authorities have any kind of policy for multi-cultural education; of the 30-odd who do only a few have guidelines on how to deal with racial attacks.

The CRE say that a complete change in attitudes and practices is needed in education. Everyone has to take the whole issue much more seriously and monitor incidents. Many parents are distressed, they say, at the difference between what is said and what is done.

The commission also wants to see more emphasis at teacher training colleges on race in general. Little is done they say, to challenge existing prejudices or racial stereotypes.

Gerry German, from the CRE, who is in charge of the reports, says that schools

should be "communitarian" — that is, they learn self-confidence and co-operation. There are no "relationships," he says.

Schools have to be more democratic. "Education has become modern times; too much of it is unsuitable in circumstances so that it is not secure."

Racial attacks would be less if black kids did not feel that what was happening to them was a minute of their lives. But of what they see as a threat to their lives. This can include common materials used by schools.

What can YOU do?

The first thing is to take action for what they are. Second, look for changes which will get rid of the teacher for help or advice. Enlist their support.

Third, try to get together a programme of action. A council may be the place.

As Gerry German says: "It is about dissipating anger and wisdom. Not being afraid and violence."

One victim — Mukith Miah was slashed

a gang of whites launched a knife attack

30 Sept 86 Guardian

It's that the blacks fear to tread

...youth in London, the knife attack on Sunday... gang of 40 young black... no surprise... the Ves... London Road... took place... regarded as a... area for black... they said... police that... been no... attacks were... thinking... racket disco... all attended... people, the... attacked in... two separate... was slashed... requiring 13... other two... surgery... chest and... of

On hearing that the three injured lived outside the area, Gary, aged 20, smiled grimly in recognition: "They wouldn't have known the area, it's not their man- or You just have to walk through there at the wrong time. If you're black around there, and you aren't known, you're going to get grief. "If one black geezer has an argument, or they just don't like the look of him, they come for him with 100 of the bastards. They don't fight on their own, only in a firm." Mitcham forms part of the London borough of Merton, whose hung council reflects its economic and social divisions. In the west of the borough lies Wimbledon, replete with lawns and semi-detached affluence. Further east, Colliers Wood and Mitcham only just fail to qualify for Urban Aid, the Government's Scarman-inspired programme for the deprived inner cities.

Mitcham itself, the local Community Relations Council confirmed, is predominantly inhabited by poor white people, sandwiched between Tooting and Colliers Wood where many of the borough's 11 per cent black population live. There are signs that some are prepared to go to considerable lengths to preserve their racial enclave. The area includes the Phipps Bridge estate, whose architecture exemplifies many of the worst aspects of 1960s high-rise municipal brutalism. The National Front has been active on the estate, leafletting and adorning the walls of its stairwells and walkways with graffiti. Voluntary organisations in Merton — which in the complete absence of any council officers working full time on racial harassment find themselves shouldering a heavy burden of casework of this nature — said yesterday that the case was all too typical.

On Phipps Bridge, and in Mitcham in general, the incidence of harassment was increasing, while it appeared that attacks were becoming more violent. Saleem Shaikh, the Community Relations Council chairman, said that ironically, the CRC had planned before the weekend's attack to purchase the Vestry Hall for use as a black people's community centre. There had already been warnings that the nature of the district might make this unsuitable. Now, he said, it appeared that it would be safe only if protected by a constant and heavy police presence. Tony, aged 21, repeated the comment that the victims of the attack had been more at risk because of their unfamiliarity with the area. Black people would not dream of going into several Mitcham pubs: "If you do, you're going to get beaten up. And one thing's for sure: the landlord isn't going to help you."

At school, he said, he and his friends had frequently been the subject of racially motivated attacks. Once on Phipps Bridge, a friend had been hurled through the window of a chip shop. "Round there, they're very prejudiced, call you black bastard, all that; for the Indian people it's even worse. The white kids used to hang about this corner they called 'the bandstand.' That was a place to avoid. "But now I don't get trouble if I walk straight past. I know them, see — I was at school with them. So if they do me, they're going to get caught." The police, at least, appear to be taking the weekend attack very seriously: with 15 officers assigned to the case and an incident room it was being handled "exactly like a murder inquiry," according to the officer in charge, Det. Inspector Graham Gooch.

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The vicious side of East Enders

LAST Christmas, the gates of Daneford school in London's East End were plastered with NF stickers and posters. A few weeks earlier at the same school a 12-year-old Asian, Minar Ali, was slashed by four white youths with a razor blade. The trouble at Daneford, in which three-quarters of the pupils are of Asian origin, worsened in 1985. Once, about 20 white students at a football match spilled over into the school shouting "Kill the Pakis, stab the bastards." Norma Hundleby, one of Daneford's teachers, remembers: "Boys were coming out of all the classrooms to join them. It was totally out of control." Daneford is not the only school in the East End to witness this kind of violence. Little Ilford school in Newham, is witnessing violence directed towards young Asians, by young white children, who are only seven or eight. A recent attack on an Asian schoolboy of 13, Ahmed Iqbal, has led to growing tension in the Asian community in Newham. Ahmed was attacked by a gang of white youths last week as he was going home after a games lesson. He needed 30 stitches to his face after being slashed with a Stanley knife. Kumar Murshid, Chairperson of the Campaign Against Racism in Schools (CARS), says that only "the dedication of the anti-racist teachers and pupils who have organised themselves against these attacks," has helped to ease the tension at Daneford. The Asian community, faced with a lack of response from the police and authorities, are having to help defend their children themselves. Sajid, 18, from Newham, sums up the feeling: "If we can't go to school peacefully and study in safety, then we have to fight back. We have as much right as any white kid to go to school."

Stopping racism—without helping the right wing

ENOCH POWELL, Ray Honeyford and the South African ambassador are being hawked around the colleges by the Federation of Conservative Students in an attempt to spread racism.

The tour coincides with a debate on a clause in the Education Bill designed to smash the National Union of Students policy of 'no platform for organised racists and fascists'.

The FCS hopes to provoke anti-racist students into smashing up its meetings and thereby discrediting the 'no platform' policy.

Its organisation has slumped over the past few years. It hopes to disorganise the left, get left wingers expelled and rebuild its own influence.

'No platform' was introduced into the colleges in the mid-1970s after a spate of attacks on black students.

At the time the Nazis were gaining ground, beating the Liberals into fourth place in some local council elections. The need to mobilise large numbers of students against a very narrow group of organised racists and fascists was recognised by all sections of the left.

The activities of the Anti Nazi League, RAR and the campaign around 'no platform' led to the isolation of the racists. There have been few attempts by racists to organise since.

Students have recognised the need to stop the racists from organising, as the campaign against the Nazi organiser Harrington at North London Poly showed.

However, the FCS has not given up. It believes the left has been weakened and confusion over the issue of free speech will make it more difficult to build a campaign against racism.

The FCS has invited a series of speakers who are anathema to anti-racists but who are not considered organised racists or an immediate threat to black students by the majority of students.

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Powell, for example, is often seen as a harmless old man who rants about M16 killing Airey Neave. The effect of his speeches in 1968 and 1976 is not understood by students who were toddlers at the time.

The FCS also feels that last year's retreat by the NUS executive over defending victimised students, will mean little opposition to the racist tour this term.

The response of the left must be to expose the FCS as racist and defend union policy. This means we must be clear that the people we prevent from gaining a platform are the fascists and those individuals who use any right to speak to whip up a climate where racist attacks occur.

We have to clearly explain to students that it is not a denial of free speech, but the means by which the union protects its black members.

Unless we are able to win the battle of ideas, we will find it difficult to involve large numbers of students in opposition to the FCS meetings.

At Bristol, as the report (below) shows, SWSS was able to build a very effective picket of the meeting, involving several hundred students.

Posture

But a small group of anarchists played into the FCS's hands by breaking through the picket and smashing up the meeting in a way that did nothing to convince the 500 students who went to hear Powell.

It is important that the left does not become isolated by the Tories' attempts to posture as the defenders of free speech. We have to fight to expose the racism behind the facade of the FCS tour.

If that is done successfully then the FCS will be unable to pull large numbers of students to their meetings and will remain isolated. It will also mean we can mobilise large numbers of students to defend the policy of 'no platform' if the Nazis try and organise in the future.

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Mendis guard stabbed by gang

By Michael Morris

A GANG stabbed a man in the head in an attempt to snatch Mr Viraj Mendis, the Sri Lankan, who has taken refuge in a Manchester church to avoid arrest and deportation.

A supporter of Mr Mendis, who was guarding the door, was struck in the back of the head when six men got into the Church of the Ascension in Hulme. He was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Members of the gang shouted their anger over Manchester City Council's decision to appoint Mr Mendis to the £10,000-a-year post of immigration and nationality officer.

Mr Mendis was unhurt, but property was damaged in the incident on Monday night. Police later detained six men, who were released pending further inquiries.

A spokesman for the Mendis defence campaign claimed there had been several incidents at the church.



Viraj Mendis: escaped snatch attempt

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ANTI-FASCIST ACTION are a bunch of Red wimps!
British National Party,
PO Box BR10 Leeds 13.

Manchester

Over 200 students of the University union demonstrated against David Howell, notorious Tory MP and former Unionist.

The demonstration had been agreed the previous week at a union general meeting. The union president, David Gottlieb, successfully opposed a SWSS motion which argued for a vigorous protest and the banning of facilities to the Tory students until they withdrew their invitation to Howell.

Gottlieb argued that there should be a peaceful demonstration, but made no clear plan for how it could be held.

Although the demonstration was a success, with lots of shouting and placards, the event was ruined by a group of anarchists.

It was supported by some Labour Club members and argued for a demonstration that would help to build an anti-racist movement in the college, and that students in the college have to be won over to anti-racism by argument.

Failing to understand that the Tories were trying to provoke a violent confrontation, the anarchists played into their hands and broke the students' picket and demonstration, smashing the SWSS system.

EDWINA CURRIE paid a visit to Manchester University last Wednesday night.

This was part of a concerted series of provocative visits by Tory politicians to 'troublesome' colleges in the run up to the passing of Fred Sylvester's 'freedom of speech in colleges' bill through parliament.

SWSS had argued that a militant but peaceful demonstration should be held, displaying students' hatred of the Tory government in general and of Currie's recent comment in particular.

The demo was large—over 1,000 attended—angry and vocal and passed off well. The left's intervention was excellent, with skilful heckling and well aimed questions which unbalanced Currie and showed her up for the reactionary idiot she is.

She refused to answer questions on Stephen Shaw, a Manchester student harassed and beaten up by police, and on South Africa and the new immigration laws.

The Tory chairperson walked out after her disgusting reply to a question on AIDS. At no stage, in spite of the anger, was she prevented from speaking.

The whole affair was a propaganda victory for the left.

Ruskin

SUPPORT FOR Ruskin College student union's stand against scab tutor David Selbourne came from the Oxford University Student Union Council.

The council, composed of representatives from the college student unions, voted for a motion of support proposed by Socialist Worker Student Society members.

The RSU boycotted Selbourne's lectures and agreed with college authorities' alternative teaching for students who didn't want to work with Selbourne after he wrote an article in the *Times* attacking the left in general and *Militant* supporters in Liverpool in particular.

Now Selbourne has launched a campaign through the *Guardian* to discredit Ruskin.

Hugo Young, the *Guardian's* political correspondent, and Christopher Huhne, *Guardian* journalist and SDP candidate for Oxford West and Abingdon, have both called for government action to preserve Selbourne's 'academic freedom'.

The Alliance has put in a motion of condemnation of Ruskin for the university student union general meeting due to be held this Wednesday. SWSS and Labour Club members are mobilising opposition to it.

Ruling soon on Proctor

By David Hencke, Westminster Correspondent

A decision on whether to prosecute Mr Harvey Proctor, Conservative MP for Billericay, who is alleged to have been involved in spanking sessions with young male prostitutes, is expected to be made this week by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Thomas Hetherington.

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that a report from their serious crimes squad will be going to Sir Thomas this week.

The report follows a six-month investigation into the alleged incidents at his flat in Fulham, west London, which were reported in a Sunday newspaper.

Mr Proctor, aged 40, has always denied the allegations. They caused considerable concern in his constituency party, and a row over them and his views on race issues led to resignations from the party

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THE National Front has never been noted for compassion, still less for forgiveness. But the current issue of its official newspaper, *The Flag*, is not just unforgiving about the troubles of Mr Harvey Proctor. It sails dangerously close to pronouncing him guilty before he has faced trial on his indecency charges.

The *Flag's* leading article begins: "What on earth has our old mate Harvey Proctor been up to? You know, Harvey Proctor, sometime friend of the National Front with his once-every-three-years anti-immigration speech at the Tory conference."

If the popular press is to be believed, it says, "Harvey's been pursuing other interest lately than his part-time defence of Britain from swarms of coloured immigrants." In a phrase which must surely come close to contempt of court, the article adds: "There's no smoke without fire..."

The paper's editor, Martin Wingfield, argues that Mr Proctor's fate should be a warning to all National Front members to behave themselves.

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SHARP-EYED LOP readers may have noticed the appearance of stickers supporting the 'National Workers Party' in the city centre recently.

Another left-wing alternative to Kinnoek? No, it's just the latest incarnation of local Nazi psychopath, Eddie Morrison. Eddie is renowned for setting up new 'mass parties' — the usual reality is of one Nazi and his dog.

This latest 'group' hopes to sweep to power on such slogans as 'Nominate Rudolf Hess for LEEDS Anti-Fascist Action

recently produced a report on the violent activities of local fascists. The report is entitled '20 Years of Violence and Intimidation' and it shows the real violent face of the fascist parties. Copies of the report are available from Leeds A.F.A., Box 29, 46 The Calls, Leeds 2. Please send cheques or P.O.s for 75p plus A4 sale.

the Nobel Peace Prize!

One Nazi and his dog

AROUND 50 people mounted a noisy picket of West Ham police station, east London, last Thursday.

The picket followed the murder of a young Asian man, Saranjit Singh Atwal, who was stabbed to death in Newham on 11 October.

At the rally a speaker from the Newham Monitoring Project said that pressure must be kept up to force the police to take action over this murder and that more pickets would be organised.



Picture: DAVID HOFFMAN

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TWO MEMBERS of the Nazi National Front were barred from a talk-in programme on Manchester's Picailly Radio—just days after the attacks on Viraj Mendis supporters.

The IBA was forced to stop the Nazis appearing on Picailly after the programme was blocked by unions at the station.

After hearing of the planned appearance 150 people turned out to picket Picailly at one day's notice. Then members of the broadcasting unions BETA and NUJ threatened to walk out if the programme went ahead.

NUJ FOC Stewart Finders said, "It is unacceptable for people with known racist views who have been responsible in the past for racist attacks to be able to freely put across their views on the radio."

Nazis silenced by radio staff

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ANTI-DEPORTATION ACTIVIST STABBED IN THE HEAD



VIRAJ MENDIS

Result of racist propaganda



THE carved up hand of one of Viraj's supporters

TWICE LAST week members of the Viraj anti-deportation campaign in Manchester were viciously attacked.

On 8 March a gang of six thugs attempted to smash Viraj out of his church sanctuary. A campaign member was stabbed in the head and had to be taken to hospital.

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...chanters are already faced with tough new laws
... that can mean jail and a fine.

YEP 24 March 87

Violence flared in a Leeds shopping precinct today when a "squad" of bovver-booted hooligans mounted an attack on a handful of people selling a Left-wing newspaper.

Shoppers scattered in fright when between 20 and 30 youths surrounded the sellers at the junction of Lands Lane and Commercial Street.

An eye-witness Mr. Nick Lewis, 27, of Headingley, Leeds, said the attack took place after a command had been given to the hooligans.

"They laid into the sellers with fists and boots, pushing them across the street and scattering bystanders. It was just disgusting," said Mr. Lewis a social welfare officer in the city.

Mr. Lewis said that it was clear that the attack had been carefully planned.

FOUR QUESTIONED

After the assault, which lasted about 30 seconds, the attackers walked away, leaving the sellers lying on the ground.

Mr. Lewis said he was shocked and numbed by the ferocity of the incident.

Police said later that four people were being questioned in connection with the incident. It was likely that charges would be preferred later.

A West Yorkshire police spokesman said one person had been injured.

Mr. Lewis said that he and other shoppers had been taken by surprise and were powerless to intervene against the attack.

One young man, who was respectably dressed and did not appear to be one of the gang, is reported to have gone into a nearby shop with an injured hand after being caught up in the violence.

Precinct 'attacks'

Four people have been reported for alleged assault and public order offences after a group of young men selling the Right-wing "British Nationalist" newspaper in the Lands Lane shopping precinct in Leeds on Saturday morning were said to have been attacked, police said today.

23 March 87 YEP

Racist crimes go up

Police figures released today show an increase in the number of racist crimes recorded in West Yorkshire.

A total of 255 race-related incidents were recorded in the county from January to May this year, compared with 224 in the same period last year.

The figures were up in all three Leeds police divisions, according to a report presented today to the Community Affairs Committee of West Yorkshire Police Authority.

In Leeds North the number of incidents rose from 14 to 24, in Leeds East from 9 to 21 and in Leeds South from 27 to 50.

In Wakefield the figures increased from 5 to 26, and in Calderdale from 17 to 20.

However, Kirklees recorded a fall from 62 to 45 and incidents were down from 26 to 18 in Bradford South and from 64 to 51 in Bradford North.

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Beating the NF at their own game

A LEAFLET distributed at Elland Road last Saturday called for an end to racist chanting and violence.

It condemned the behaviour of a minority of supporters which has gained Leeds United a reputation of hostility and abuse to black players and fans.

The 7,000 leaflets and stickers that were handed out had

been put together by Leeds TUC and Leeds Anti Fascist Action in response to paper sales by the National Front outside the ground.

Gordon Lunn, Secretary of Leeds TUC said, "from the terrific response of the crowd we know that the ordinary fan is sickened by the stupidity of these racists."



LOP 30 Oct 87

Mitterrand wins head start as the right feuds

By Brian Moynahan
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The rattled right has been wheeling out its excuses. Mitterrand benefits from a serenity factor, dignified by his office and removed from the flak and toil that beset Chirac's conservative government. Chirac will benefit from his coming visit to Moscow. There is time for recovery.

But there is also time for those on the right to do more harm to each other than to their enemy. The right is paying heavily for the failure to settle for a single candidate.

Three of the four are party leaders in their own right. Two of them, Le Pen with the National Front and Chirac with the RPR, have largely created their own parties. Barre makes a virtue of being party-free and independent. None suffers from altruism.

Leotard and Le Pen have only a spoiling role. Both are certain to be eliminated in the first round. But they will have a decisive influence on whether Barre or Chirac survives to the second.

Both are able and canny enough to deech votes from the front runners. Le Pen has been teasing towards respectability. A dinner-jacketed National Front soirée was held in the Bois de Boulogne to show, in the words of an aide, that he was not a xenophobe "with a baguette and a litre of red wine".

He recently returned from a successful trip to black Africa, not at first sight propitious territory. And National Front conduct in parliament has been less hysterical and violent than predicted. So Le Pen may be able to seduce some support from Chirac.

Yesterday Jacques Chaban-Delmas, a former conservative premier, criticised the "childishness" that was developing on the right because of the surfeit of candidates.

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NF linked to Welsh arson campaign

by JOHN MERRITT and TONY HEATH

DETECTIVES investigating the latest Welsh Nationalist arson campaign are concerned by the activists.

As police from six counties joined forces against the extended firebombing campaign last week, a major concern was the unusual degree of organisation, absent from previous attacks.

Mr David Owen, Chief Constable for North Wales, describes the bombers as intelligent and careful planners, adding: 'They can be described as terrorists.'

Responsibility for the recent attacks against estate agents in England involved with Welsh property deals has been claimed by a clandestine organisation calling itself Meibion Glyndwr (Sons of Glendower). But the biggest blitz so far — nine incendiaries planted at offices 160 miles apart, from the Bristol Channel to Mer-

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The fact that the latest targets have been widely dispersed — Gloucestershire, Worcester, Bristol, Shropshire, West Kirby and the Wirral — suggests that more than one team of bombers is now operating. The Sons, whose name is hijacked from the fourteenth century prince who fought against the English, has frequently claimed responsibility for fire-raising during the past six years.

In recent weeks, the National Front (NF) has carefully raised its profile in Wales — while secretly strengthening its paramilitary training grounds in the backwoods and remote rural areas. It has deliberately tar-

geted areas of high youth unemployment in the traditional communist strongholds of the valleys, presenting a public face of youth concern, while digging into nationalist movements and forging links with violent extremists.

Leaflets printed in both English and Welsh have been distributed by NF activists calling on Welsh youth to 'join the national revolution', which is 'neither Left nor Right — but a third way for Wales.' A 'spiritual rebirth' is promised which 'genuinely struggles for the benefit of the Welsh people.'

Last month's issue of *National Front News* went further with front page billing given to the Meibion Glyndwr firebombers. The official NF organ states in glowing tribute: 'A group of genuine Welsh Nationalists have reacted to (Plaid Cymru's) total failure to stand up against the mass purchase of over 20,000 second homes by wealthy English buyers.'

Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Plaid Cymru leader, has consistently claimed that police are 'looking in the wrong direction,' and is convinced the responsibility for the attacks lies with 'right-wing extremists'.

Police are now following leads provided by one of last week's incendiary devices in Worcester, the constituency of Welsh Secretary, Mr Peter Walker. The device failed to ignite and was recovered intact.

Following attacks, anonymous telephone calls are made to journalists and The Samaritans, usually by a well-spoken Welshman claiming responsibility for the Sons. The caller once added: 'Wales will become another Ireland if the English continue to treat Wales as a colony.'

Police have received little help so far from the general public, despite constant appeals. Local people in the rural North and West, where £200 a week is a princely wage and where most of the 20,000-odd second homes are concentrated, find themselves unable to put a foot on the housing ladder.

The 'sold' stickers proliferating in estate agents' offices are gummed in place with English cash. Selling a house in the affluent South-east for £150,000 and buying in Wales for £50,000 has become a tempting way out of the rat race.

no march had taken place, merely that the Front had congregated in the city before walking in small groups to the rally. However the police are currently examining reports as to what took place on Saturday, with a view to taking legal proceedings.

The council have been inundated with calls for a full inquiry, notably from the community relations council, and have called for a full explanation from the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police.

Meanwhile, Leeds University, which operates a no platform policy on National Front speakers, is planning an anti-racist initiative, to be launched on Wednesday, May 11, with a new anti-racism pack, videos and a new support centre.

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They walked in groups of three or four, and although they claimed that this did not constitute a march, the group began to walk on the road chanting racist slogans at passers by on the Headrow.

The group gathered on the steps of the town hall, in defiance of a council order banning Front supporters from council property.

After the half hour rally, in which racist slogans were again chanted and

support racist views, there is a huge problem ahead. Leeds is a centre for NF activity, and we must fight against them," said Johnny Mendelson of the anti-racist committee.

The National Front supporters met in the Whip public house in Leeds city centre. They gathered from all over the country, some from as far away as Brighton.

Between 100 and 150 Front members are estimated to have left the Whip at 1.30pm and walked to a rally at Leeds Town Hall.



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Memory of Struggle

Fighting the nazis on the streets of Leeds

FROM Mosley to the Burley Riots, a Leeds memory of angry resistance to fascism, has been rediscovered at last.

For the first three years after the '39-'45 war, Oswald Mosley concerned himself mainly with writing whilst the other fascist leaders attempted to rebuild the organisations that had collapsed during their wartime internment. Much of this activity centred around a series of 'book-clubs' that met to discuss nationalist and pro-Mosley literature. Throughout 1947, Mosley toured the country, visiting these clubs

HOTEL

Anti-fascist moles leaked the details of the Leeds meeting, however, and some 200 or so protesters met up outside the Metropole Hotel just after a large contingent of police had entered the building under the command of a senior officer. The anti-fascists — mainly members of the Communist party — entered the hotel to try and disrupt the meeting. The hotel reception denied all knowledge of a fascist meeting, but were more than happy to point the way to the book club.

The anti-fascists pushed past the minders on the door and announced "There's no fascist meeting here tonight". Most of the assembled Mosleyites fled immediately, but a few stayed to fight it out. One anti-fascist had to have his tie cut off, it had been pulled so tight round his neck in an attempt to strangle him. But it was all over in a matter of minutes and two briefcases containing membership lists were liberated from the fascists.

written by Anti-Fascist Action

Of Mosley himself, there was no sign — presumably the police had kept him well clear of the trouble. As they left the Metropole, the fascists were tailed by a well-organised system of scouts. It was a long night for the fascists who still had hopes of holding a meeting, though eight of them did finally manage a gathering in a house in North Leeds.

The 1950s were quiet years for British Fascism and Leeds was no exception although the British National party of Colin Jordan and John Tyndall had 40 or so members in the area by 1960. In the Summer of that year the fascists hit the pages of the local press after Charles Pannell, Labour MP for Leeds West had complained in Parliament about anti-semitic BNP stickers on phone boxes in the city. Colin Jordan sent him an abusive and threatening letter, which was followed by further hate-mail as the matter went before the House of Commons Committee of Privilege.

Jorden's next entry onto the Leeds scene was in 1963, as the National Socialist movement sought to hold a rally in the Town Hall to celebrate his release from prison. The Council didn't take long to refuse the NSM permission and save Leeds from a planned 90 minute speech by Jorden on 'Democracy's Ban on Free Speech'.

More serious though was the fracas in Albion Street the following year as Tyndall attempted to set up a paper sale in the city centre. Six members of the NSM (though not Tyndall who had disappeared on the journey from the station) were quickly surrounded by 250-300 angry passers-by when they attempted to sell copies of 'Spearhead'. Three nazis, all members of the Stone family, were arrested and Philip Stone convicted for an attack using a sharp metal comb.

BURLEY RIOTS

The same Philip Stone was the perennial fascist candidate in local elections — flitting to the British National Party (another incarnation) and then, in 1967, to the National Front. Members of the NF began to gain a reputation as the thugs guarding 'Pro Rhodesia' meetings, and by 1969 well known Leeds fascist, Eddie Morrison, had hit the scene, also writing a regular column in Spearhead. In the same year, Leeds NF received national publicity for their involvement in The Burley Riots.

Early on Sunday 27th July, 1969, a white youth died in the Burley Lodge area from stab wounds received in a fight. Three Indians were charged with offences connected with the incident.

That night, a crowd of 1,200 whites marched around the area chanting "Sieg Heil" "Get the Wogs" and "Enoch Powell". Pakistani-owned shops



John Tyndall

and houses were attacked and a car burnt out. Many black people fled the area, but the following night the racist mobs were out in force again, egged on by local BNP and NF members. British Movement leaflets circulated through the crowds. The national Democratic party advertised in the local press ('Coloured Immigration: Do you agree with Enoch Powell's views?').

Thirty five whites arrested and six imprisoned, but just two weeks later an Asian run cafe at the junction of Hyde Park Road and Woodsley Road was burnt out in an arson attack.

The NF, of course, denied all involvement in the Burley Riots. But for months previously they had been leafletting the area, fascists from Sheffield distributing leaflets entitled 'Racial hatred'. Leeds fascists' story of violence and hatred had begun again.

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Former nazi gives right turn to Tory youth

"GREAT ADMIRER" of Enoch Powell and ex-member of the extremist British National Party, Ken Henderson has been put in control of Todmorden Young Conservatives.

Also a former National Front member and BNP council candidate in 1983, Mr Henderson has been credited with re-launching Todmorden's Young Tories group.

He believes, apparently, that the Tory party has moved to the left. "I do not think a multi-racial society works, and I'm out on a limb in the party," he told members.

"I was very young and naive when I was a member of the National Front and British National Party, said Mr Henderson, who has recently returned from working in South Africa.

Storm over city 'march' by NF



Flag-wavers pictured at the National Front rally outside Leeds Town Hall on Saturday.

April 25 '88 TSP

MP calls on police chief for action

By DAVID BRUCE

LABOUR MP Derek Fatchett was today calling on the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire for a full report on a National Front event in Leeds city centre at the weekend.

Controversy mounted today over whether the National Front had held a march — and defied a Home Office ban — or had simply had a rally in front of the Town Hall.

Mr Fatchett, the member for Leeds Central, said he was writing to the Chief Constable expressing his concern that it appeared there had been a violation of the Home Office order — and that the National Front had been able to undermine the authority of the police.

Mr Fatchett said: "From what I have been told by observers the National Front held a march and then held a meeting. I want to know, if that is the case, why individuals were not arrested because clearly there was a breach of the law. It puts the police in West Yorkshire in a very difficult position, because if there has been this breach, how can they say in the future that they are going to ban any march, any demonstration."

"The Home Secretary granted an order banning any march from taking place on Saturday. In fact, I understand a circus planned a march but it did not take place because of the banning order. If the National Front march did take place, clearly it was illegal. It appears the police have been taken for a ride."

Mr Ian Anderson, national activities organiser for the National Front, today denied that any march took place, however.

Mr Anderson said they were aware of the Home Office ban and members gathered in a city centre pub and then walked in twos and threes to the rally site, in front of Leeds Town Hall. After the rally members and supporters again walked in twos and threes to an indoor and private meeting at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds. He said on two occasions, the twos and threes bunched up into a larger group. A police officer came up and explained what was happening and immediately they split up.

No inquiry into police handling of NF march

"The police need policing"

REACTIONS to the announcement that there is to be no further inquiry into police handling of the National Front march in Leeds city centre last April have been angry and concerned.

West Yorkshire Police Force say that a report "surrounding the activities of the National Front in Leeds on April 23rd has been considered by the Crown Prosecution Service whose advice is that there is no evidence to justify any prosecution.

"No further action is to be taken."

"It's disgraceful", said Councillor Garth Franklin, Leeds Chapel Allerton, "Labour councillors should re-think what role they play on the Police Authority, or they might as well not bother. The police acted in contradiction to the wishes of Leeds City Council and the Government ban in letting the NF march. The police need policing."

Leeds Anti-Fascist Action (AFA) has also called the decision "absolutely outrageous". "How can the Crown Prosecution Service ignore the fact that the NF marched in direct contravention of the Home Secretary's ban?" said one member of AFA.

CONCERNED

"The police were instrumental in allowing this breach to take place. It just goes to prove how concerned the police are for the security of that section of the public most threatened by the NF."

Councillor Garth Frankland criticised Chief Constable Colin Sampson's "murky role"

in dealing with the whole operation. "First Superintendent Ellis is promoted and now this, what next?" he said.

"The Stalker affair, Superintendent Ellis and the police handling of the NF earlier this year are all inextricably linked," he said, "and this is the West Yorkshire Police Force who are praised so liberally".

Both Bradford and Leeds councillors have spoken out what was called "a conspiracy of silence" on the part of the police force. Coun. Tommy Flanagan told LOP last May that police handling of the NF march had, "set the relationship between the police authority and the chief constable back years. It could also set back a number of initiatives in race relations."

Fabian Hamilton, Chair of

the council's ethnic minorities subcommittee said he was "appalled" by the decision. "Leeds City Council is one hundred per cent opposed to the NF and any form of racial hatred and the fact that the NF marched in Leeds is totally against our policy."

"The fact there is to be no inquiry," he said, "is of no comfort to people from ethnic minorities, we'd like to see further action."

HARASSMENT

"We liaise with the police authority and senior police officers quite closely and we don't always feel that racial harassment is treated with the seriousness it deserves or that it is recognised as such by the police. We'd like to see the police paying more attention to racial harassment."



Members of the NF on Leeds Town Hall steps last April

Astoria bomb arrest

MERSEYSIDE police have arrested a Leeds University student in connection with the bomb found outside the Astoria Ballroom in March.

Matthew Williams, a 19 year old resident of Oxton near Birkenhead in Merseyside, was arrested on July 27th after neighbours complained about crossbow bolts being fired at their houses.

He was charged with further offences after police found

dangerous chemicals in his house, which he shared with his mother and brother. The further charges include theft and charges relating to explosions in Leeds and Liverpool.

Mersyside police press officer Insp. Dugdale said

police were investigating a fire at Leeds University last year, said to have caused £100,000 worth of damage.

WARNED

Leeds lesbian and gay community warned by police to be extra careful in early March

after a sophisticated incendiary device was found outside the Astoria. The bomb had been planted just prior to an anti-Clause 28 benefit.

Insp. Dugdale said police had ruled out any connection between the benefit and the sitting of the bomb. A trial date has yet to be fixed for Mr Williams, currently on remand in Birkenhead.

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Part of the NF rally on Leeds Town Hall steps last Saturday

Outcry over fascist march

THE National Front marched and rallied in the streets of Leeds last Saturday in direct contravention of banning orders from the Home Secretary and the City Council. The police stand accused of complicity with the National Front, and community groups and councillors are calling for a full inquiry.

Despite successfully getting a banning order, Leeds police allowed nearly 100 National Front supporters to walk in a procession, with flags waving, through Leeds city centre to the Town Hall. The Front held a rally there, attended by over 120 people, lasting for nearly half an hour, against the wishes of Leeds City Council.

Leeds Anti-Fascist Action said that the march was the "worst display of racism and intimidation this city has seen for many years". Gordon Lunn, Secretary of Leeds Trades Council, said that police "heads should roll" for co-operating with the National Front.

INQUIRY

The police are "debriefing" the officers involved in Saturday's operation and Chief Constable Colin Sampson, who is responsible for police operations in West Yorkshire, said on Monday that an inquiry is being conducted.

Senior officers from Leeds East Division are conducting an internal inquiry using police videos and photographs. The results will be passed to the Crown Prosecutor in the near future, said a police spokesperson, if "deemed necessary". He would not comment on possible prosecutions of police officers for breaching the Home Secretary's ban.

A National Front application for permission to march through Leeds was rejected by police in early March, apparently without political consultation. But recent National Front insistence on holding a march and rally in the city

resulted in the Chief Constable seeking Council approval for a ban from the Home Secretary on Wednesday April 20th.

The Council's request was forwarded to Douglas Hurd on Thursday and permission granted on Friday 22nd. Assistant Chief Constable Dennis O'Toole told LOP on Friday that "a ban has been imposed in respect of the N.F. march. There won't be a march."

In a press statement he said considerations of police resources and other commitments made the police seek the ban under the Public Order Act. "This effectively prohibits all political marches taking place between midnight tonight and midnight on Sunday". A police spokesperson added that police expected the N.F. to "withdraw their plans".

LOP spoke to shop workers on Boar Lane who saw the Front leave "The Whip" pub just after 2 p.m. escorted by police officers, who were under the command of Chief Inspector Hall.

They said the Front assembled in The Whip's courtyard

with unfurled Union Jacks and banners, chanting slogans and sounding drums. Police officers broke up the assembly and the N.F. were escorted out onto Boar Lane in small groups.

As they passed along Boar Lane, however, the National Front bunched up into two or three groups and walked on the pavement and road carrying Union Jacks in military style, with the butts of the flag poles resting on their hips.

UNRULY

Shop workers said the procession prevented pedestrians from using the pavement and commented that the police presence seemed low. "It looked like an unruly mob", said one woman. "If you're talking about 40 or 50 people, with flags, shouting and that, you've got to call it a march," said another worker.

On the steps of the Town Hall on the Headrow, the National Front gathered for a rally, despite a request to police placed on Friday by senior council officers banning the N.F. from all council property. A Leeds councillor attempted to intervene but his protestations were ignored by police.

After the rally the National Front were escorted by police to the Griffin Hotel on Boar Lane, where they held a two hour meeting before being filtered out by police through a rear exit.

Councillor Neil Taggart said council legal officers confirmed that the rally breached the council's ban. The council are waiting to see if police officers will be prosecuted for allowing the National Front to march, rally and shout racist abuse in direct contravention of the banning orders and the Public Order Act.

"There's no question about it," he said, "It was a procession."

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Anti-Fascist Action said that "Leeds was given over to a gang of thugs who subjected the people of Leeds to racism, intimidation and foul abuse. The actions of police were dangerous and negligent, and for 45 minutes the safety of citizens could not be guaranteed."

Leeds T.U.C. Secretary Gordon Lunn said "we call on all sections of the community to join in the outcry against police complicity in an event that has shamed the city of Leeds."



Some of the 'political soldiers' in Leeds on Saturday.

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NEO-NAZI ROCK BANDS LINK WITH EURO-FASCISTS AND KU KLUX K



Ian Stuart, convicted for street assault, at his London bedsit. 'If people want to call our music racist, I suppose it is' BEN

FASCIST rock bands, formed around a break-away skinhead faction of the National Front, are emerging from the shadows of secret underground concerts and winning new converts to their cause of racial hatred.

A neo-Nazi musical organisation known as Blood and Honour, which already has close ties with far-Right European political parties, is also developing strong links with the Ku Klux Klan and South Africa's extreme nationalist Afrikaans Resistance Movement.

Led by Ian Stuart, who was jailed for 12 months in 1986 for a street attack on a Nigerian in the King's Cross area of London, Blood and Honour is planning to tour Holland, Belgium, France, Sweden and the United States later this year.

Stuart, aged 30, born in Poulton-le-Fyde, near Blackpool, was the NF's Central London organiser and a member of the party's directorate until he was ousted in a bitter dispute over alleged impropriety soon after his release from Wayland Prison in Norfolk.

Racists rock to a beat of hate

by DAVID BROWNE

This year, in a marked escalation of their activities, Stuart's band Skrewdriver and other groups, which boast names such as No Remorse, Brutal Attack and Sudden Impact, have played in several pubs in London, Stoke-on-Trent and other English and Scottish cities.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said yesterday: 'We are aware of this group and the fact that they attract a right-wing skinhead element. We are aware of their activities and they are being monitored.'

Speaking at his bedsit in Argyle Square, King's Cross, surrounded by pictures of Nazi luminaries and fascist memorabilia, Stuart said last week: 'Our music is for white people. If people want

to call it racist then I suppose it is. We sing about pride in your race and nation, pride for fighting for what you believe in.'

Blood and Honour was in close contact with the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan and Californian extremist Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance, he said.

'The Klan find our lyrics appealing because they concern pride in one's race, which is what they believe in. They have used our lyrics in their papers as a way of getting their message across to young people.'

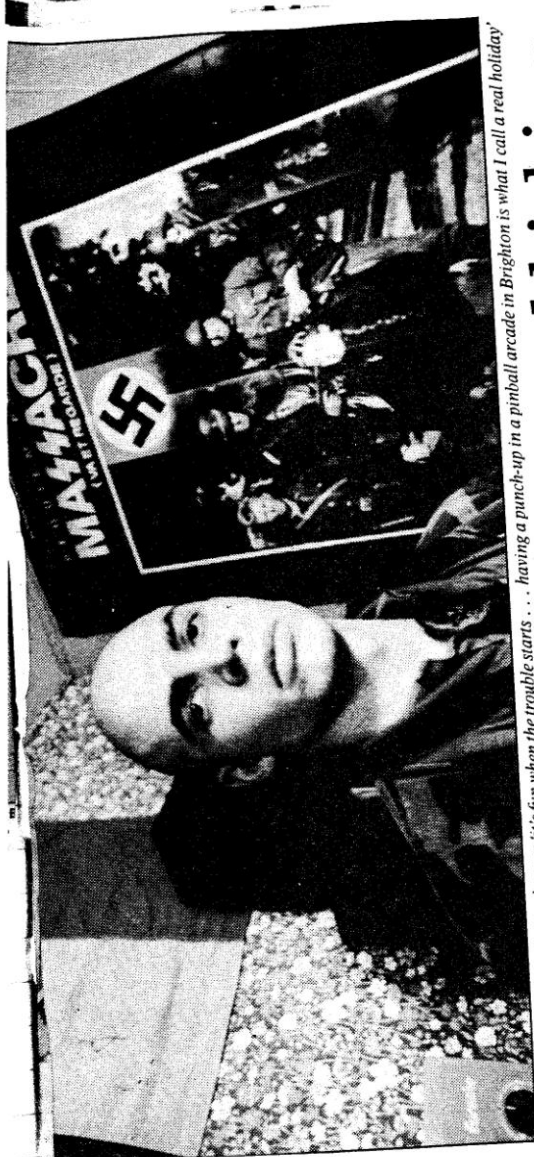
A squat, powerfully-built man with a Mussolini-style bonehead haircut and a taste for paramilitary clothes, he added: 'People come to our gigs because they like our music. Our songs are about things we believe in. But we are not a political party.'

A recent concert at The Star public house in London Road, West Croydon, was attended by more than 200 skinheads.

Racist insults, denouncing blacks and Jews, were hurled across the dance floor, and vendors did a brisk trade selling fascist literature, badges and records.

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Bad Skin: Nazi skinhead Christophe says 'it's fun when the trouble starts . . . having a punch-up in a pinball arcade in Brighton is what I call a real holiday'

French skinheads alive and kicking

by Brian Moynahan
Paris

FRENCH skinheads have most things in common with their British cousins, including a taste for violence. To the latest murder of a tramp, kicked to death in Lille city centre, they added a night of savage street fighting in Paris and Nice last weekend that left a dozen passers-by and police injured. Police estimate that there are now at least 2,000 skinheads in cities throughout France.

The British influence is strong. French skinheads wear Doc Martens boots, and braces and bomber jackets bought from a Paris shop called London Style. They call their girlfriends "birds" and their newsletter "O". Union Jacks share pride of place with swastikas on their walls. "It's not easy getting accepted by the English skins, but it's worth it," said Chris-

tophe, a 20-year-old known to his peers in Paris as Bad Skin. "I've been to Chelmsford, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight. Having a punch-up in a pinball arcade in Brighton — that's what I call a real holiday."

Christophe has a fractured skull and a slashed lip as mementos of fights. "I reckon to get in at least a couple of dust-ups a week, on the Metro, in railway stations," he said. "We skins, we are the superior race. We hate anything that's communist or coloured." He said the Lille murder, for which a skinhead has been arrested, was an aberration. "You don't beat up pathetic clowns," he said, "particularly if they are white."

Like most French skinheads he is a self-proclaimed Nazi, with SS and death's head tattoos on his arms. "I am not a fascist," he said. "Let's be precise. I'm a Nazi. Hitler only got one thing wrong. You don't have to be blond and blue-eyed to be a Nazi. You can have brown eyes, like me." There are few links with the extreme right-wing French National Front. Christophe said its leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, was "the worst, a talker who does nothing".

Skinheads are often attacked by other groups. Black gangs include the Vicious Sharks, Zulus, Black Panthers, and the Ducky Boys who assaulted Christophe and his girlfriend with iron bars at St. Lazare Station. The Barbans are a Jewish gang and leftwingers join the Red Skins. The skinheads are less

gang-conscious than their rivals. "It's better to be on your own," says Christophe. "When you're in a gang, nobody dares attack you." Few skinheads are unemployed. He works as a skilled electrician, studying at night when he is not roaming the streets. And they say they do not take drugs — "dope is an invention of the communists and Arabs to send Europe to sleep so that they can invade us" — but drink rough white wine mixed with Coca-Cola.

Although it is claimed that many skinheads are Foreign Legionnaires, the movement is less nationalistic than in Britain. Contacts are kept up with skinheads throughout Europe in the "skinzine" news sheets. Skinheads in Italy call themselves the Viking Korps and Wild Chaos; in Holland

the Boys of the Hague. There are thought to be more in West Germany than there are in France.

West German music bands such as Dolly Terror are as popular in France as their own Bunker 84 and Brutal Combat or the classic British groups, Cock Sparrer, Skrewdriver, Lust Resort. The leading Spanish group calls itself rather charmingly, Decibelius.

The French hold Rock Against Communism (RAC) concerts that attract many foreign skinheads, and Arab-owned cafes in Brest were wrecked when a concert was banned by the authorities earlier this year. A big RAC is planned in Brest for 1992 to mark European integration. "I'm racist," said Christophe. "So I'm for Europe."

It's not quite the celebration that Brussels has in mind.

Black youths 'attacked by, bully jailers'

By CARMEL FITZSIMONS

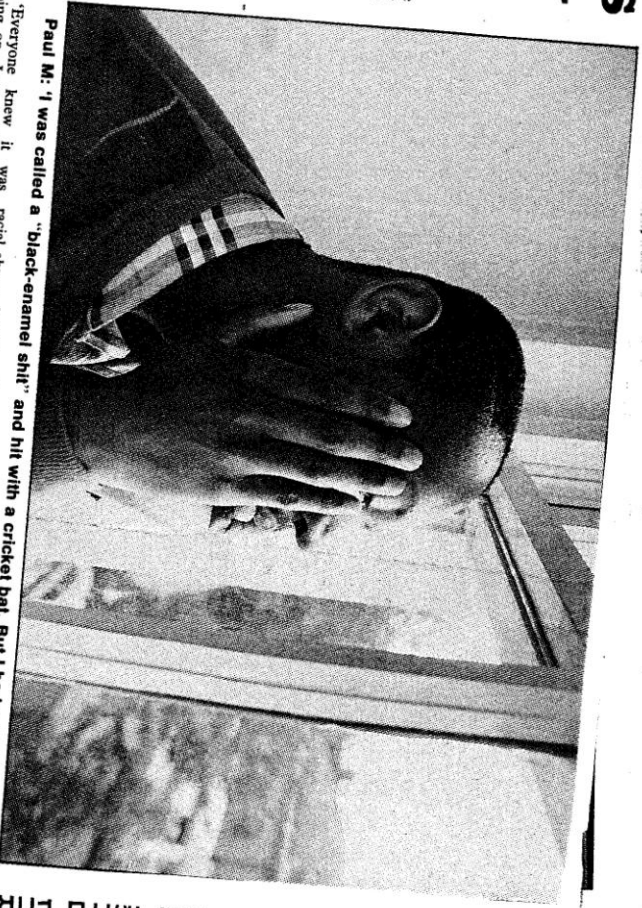
YOUNG offenders who claim to have been treated brutally by officers in detention centres are asking the Home Office to change the complaints procedure. They claim that fear of reprisals stopped them from reporting ill-treatment. They are supported by the Children's Legal Centre, the charity campaigning for a complaints system in which offenders can make grievances known to someone other than a prison officer, perhaps a prison Ombudsman.

Three black youths have complained that the regime at Holesley Bay detention centre in Suffolk was racist, and that black offenders were singled out for brutal treatment. Paul M, who served an eight-week sentence at Holesley Bay (now known as a 'Young Offender Institution'), has sent the Home Office detailed claims of treatment meted out to him there. Although he wrote to the Children's Legal Centre immediately after the first incident, he says he was too intimidated to take any action until after he left detention.

On his third day at the centre, during exercise he was backed out. When he came round he says he was assaulted with a cricket bat and forced to carry on. 'I was called a "black bastard" and a "black enamel shirt"', Paul said. 'An officer then hit me hard on the back with the cricket bat. I was in agony but all he did was throw a bucket of cold water over me.'

He said: 'I thought I must have some rights. I had just been attacked. I asked to see the governor and had to explain to a prison officer what it was about. When I said I had been alone with three officers when it happened, he said I should realise that if I was found guilty of lying I would lose my remission. He pointed out I had no witnesses. When I walked out of the room I felt gutted.'

Paul, who is now training to be a dietitian, said he had decided to take up the matter with the Home Office because he had been appalled to find he had no safe method of complaining. 'I know that I was being punished by being sent there. But there is no reason why you should get abused in that way.'



Paul M: 'I was called a "black-enamel shirt" and hit with a cricket bat. But I had no witnesses.'

'Everyone knew it was going on. I want things to change so that someone who goes to a centre now knows what rights he has, and can complain without fear of more abuse.'

The two other young offenders whose complaints have been sent to the Home Office report instances of physical abuse they witnessed at Holesley Bay. One alleges that inmates were kicked in the stomach and the groin and subjected to

racial abuse. Another alleges that he saw other inmates being beaten up in a recreation room.

He says he saw officers hitting offenders and subjecting Asian boys to racial abuse. Ms Jenny Kuper, of the Children's Legal Centre, said: 'In the past we have dealt with complaints from a number of detention centres and there is a real worry that these kinds of abuses are possibly occurring in a number of other establishments.'

'The problem is that young offenders do not have a channel through which they can prove their allegations. They find it difficult because they have a record. This means that ill-treatment can go on unchecked.'

'Young people in custody do in fact have rights of complaint, but they are frequently unaware of them. Primarily they have the right to see the governor on a private matter. We are asking the Home Office to investigate the allegations these young men have made, but in the wider context we want to see a situation whereby they can complain at the time — preferably to someone such as a prison Ombudsman.'

The Home Office has said it is examining the allegations, but is unable to comment at present.

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March against violence!

LESBIANS and gay men joined the 300-strong anti-fascist march through King's Cross on Thursday evening to protest against the increasing number of attacks in the area and the activity by members of the far right National Front.

They marched to the Kings Head pub in Swinton Street where members of the Front are believed to meet. Demonstrators delivered a letter to the landlord demanding that he ban fascists from the pub.

A group of people on the pavement jeered the marchers and one made a Nazi salute.

The march was organised by the Islington Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Action (ARAFA) with the help of the Organisation for Lesbian and Gay Action to protest about the increase in violent racial attacks and attacks on lesbians and gay men in the area.

Dave Landau of ARAFA said: "The increase in violence against lesbians, gay men and black people can be linked to the increase in fascist activity in the area. The group at the Kings Head call themselves White Heat.

Later that evening a small Hindu Temple in Kentish Town was firebombed.



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White bombers in Black Front

POLICE HAVE finally admitted that white fascists could be behind the recent bombing campaigns in inner city areas blamed on black groups.

The wave of terror currently being waged in Wolverhampton and the West Midlands, is said to have been conducted by a group calling itself the Black Liberation Front (BLF).

Black organisations have claimed that the series of threats and bombs are the work of right wing groups intent on stirring up racial hatred.

A spokesperson for the real Black Liberation Front said recently "we view this as a deliberate smear campaign aimed at discrediting our organisation."

Head of Wolverhampton Community Relations Council, Earlston Warner told Leeds Other Paper "the black

by Saeeda Khanum

community has reacted with anger and disgust."

The so-called BLF group were set up to avenge the death of a young black Wolverhampton man Clinton McCurbin in February 1987.

McCurbin died of asphyxiation while being arrested by two constables on suspicion of credit card fraud.

Calls for a full murder inquest were refused and a verdict of misadventure recorded.

Car and letter bomb attacks on Police, civic buildings and personnel followed McCurbin's death.

A number of local Labour Councillors, including one black officer, have suffered attacks on their homes including broken windows.

similar activities in the West Midlands in 1966 when right wing groups planted bombs to give the impression that black militants had declared war on the white population and on one of the hard-line parliamentary representatives.

In doing so they attempted to cause maximum disturbance and destabilisation of the community.

The first bomb exploded in the doorway of the Tory MP for Smethwick, Peter Griffiths, who had been declared a 'parliamentary leper' by some of his fellow MPs.

He had been elected in a bitter campaign in which Tories had been accused of using the slogan "If you want a nigger for a neighbour, vote Labour". Griffiths was away from home at the time and was uninjured.

The second bomb was placed on electricity pylons carrying the main supply to the Longbridge Motorworks in Birmingham.

The charge failed to cut the power supply and work continued as usual.

Those responsible for the bombs, Column 88, had intended to kill Griffiths, cause maximum disruption and blame black militants.

Earlston Warner complains that local police have done little to find those responsible. But he says the media has been giving the story far too much coverage, at the expense of black people. He adds that local councillors in Wolverhampton have given the whole incident a 'wide berth'. "No-one has condemned these fascists as that would mean losing precious votes."

Bob Morris, an official at Police Headquarters in Birmingham said the police "still don't have a strong lead".

He said that security in the area is being stepped up, particularly in view of the deadlines of 15th March. This is when the BLF have threatened to cause mass destruction unless the West Midlands Police Chief Geoffrey Dear resigns.

Extreme right-wing organisations have for years been known to use terror bombing campaigns as a cover for their own cause. The National Front is believed to have been organising along these lines recently.

The sophisticated explosives used in the Wolverhampton bombings suggest that far from being linked to the survivalist culture and the Central Handbook of the CIA or 'The Poor Man's James Bond', they are associated with recent attempts by members of the armed forces to supply right wing groups with military equipment.

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Powell preaches to converted racists

THE GOVERNMENT is withholding statistics on ethnic minority population growth according to former Tory Minister and Ulster Unionist M.P. — Enoch Powell.

Speaking to a meeting of the Conservative Yorkshire Monday Club in Ilkley, Powell said that accurate predictions of the future size of Britain's black community had been made by various Government departments. However Powell observed that these predictions had been "obstinately concealed". He said they should now be made public so that there could be an open debate on the implications between government and people. "When the Government discloses those facts then responsibility passes back to the people. They can decide if that is the sort of country they wish to live in" Powell concluded.

Around 150 people attended the meeting chaired by the controversial Anthony Murphy. Murphy has been expelled from the Conservatives in Bradford but claims continued Tory Party membership in Billericay — Harvey Proctor's old Essex constituency.

In the main speech Powell attacked British membership of the EEC and restated his opposition to nuclear weapons.

However race was the subject which excited the meeting and it was in response to questions from the floor that Powell made his explicit demand for "the facts".

Afterwards a Monday Club member from London who had raised the ethnic minority question in the meeting denied being a racist or fascist. Yet he compared black people in Britain to "leeches, slugs and cockroaches, sucking off the blood of the country without sharing the Teutonic traditions of the British nation."

A new link between the Yorkshire Monday Club and a far right faction also emerged at Ilkley. Leaflets from Lady Jane Birdwood's recently founded 'English Solidarity Movement' were made available at the door.

Birdwood is a former executive member of the Monday Club and had links with the National Front and the British National Party. She regards racial integration as impossible, an outlook illustrated by recent statements like "the intention of Muslims is to overthrow Christendom".

Lady Birdwood was involved in Parents' Alliance for Choice in Education (PACE), the group who advised the white parents in the Dewsbury schools row.

The English Solidarity Movement has been set up to oppose multiracialism. Founded after Mrs Thatcher returned from Poland praising their Solidarity trade union, it is the latest in a series of fringe ventures for Lady Birdwood like the anti-union 'Self Help' group, and the anti-communist 'British League of Rights'.



of neo-Nazi groups in America is in their belief in 'British Israelism'. They believe that the population of the British Isles, Northern Europe and by implication the US, are the lost tribes of Israel and that the Queen is a direct descendant of King David. Under this ideology black people are referred to as 'beasts of the field' and Jews are the result of a mating between Eve and Satan. They believe that Armageddon will be a race war fought on American soil, which is seen as the Promised Land.

The second form of recruitment is on an economic basis, where the white poor and disfranchised are enlisted on the basis that blacks and Jews are responsible for their misfortune.

Another strategy is the electoral approach. "However," says Lenny "this is not absolutely necessary as the right are well served by the fact that most people in the Republican party are said to be members or ex-members of the Klan".

As in Nazi Germany, the US fascists are increasingly promoting their views through television advertising, legally or illegally. Similarly, computer technology is used to transmit racist propaganda efficiently around the world.

The fourth and most damaging form of recruitment to the fascist cause is the growing paramilitary organisations

which self-consciously use terror to gain power. "Their sophisticated weaponry, such as anti-tank missiles, show that they are not planning to go to war with the left, but with the government itself," says Lenny.

Anti-fascist activity in the US has concentrated on mobilising young people in particular to deal with each strategy head on. Lenny admits that little can be done to fight or match the fire power of the paramilitaries, except the increasing use of self-defence.

Self-defence groups are becoming more popular in Europe, says Martin Becker from the Berlin anti-fascist action group. The immigrant Turkish community has now become the new scapegoat for the same violent and racist propaganda aimed at Jews under Hitler.

Anti-fascist groups across Europe employ similar tactics in fighting fascism: preventing fascists from assembling and holding meetings, as well as keeping detailed documents on well known activists and passing them onto the authorities. They campaign to educate people, especially the young, about the horrors of fascism.

"Our job is made harder by the fact that 50% of the police force support or are members of the right wing German Republican Party" says Martin.

Fascist religion exposed

LEEDS city's contribution to European week against racism and fascism was hailed as a great success.

It was marred only by half a dozen arrests. All those arrested were later released without charge.

An estimated 6,000 people attended the Saturday concert which featured New Model Army outside the central library.

Councillor Fabian Hamilton hoped the weekends activities would do much to reclaim St. George's Day as a celebration of unity, peace and harmony.

Saturdays activities ended in a public meeting addressed by anti-fascist speakers from America and Berlin. Leeny Zeekind from the USA,

leading member of the Campaign for Democratic Renewal (CDR), spoke first about the

similarities and differences between America, Britain and their dealings with fascist activity.

The CDR was initially set up to deal with southern Ku Klux Klan activity but has since come to represent an effective resistance against the more broad based 'White Supremacists' movement. The Klan now forms only a minority of the white fascist movement in America.

The White Supremacists are concentrating their recruitment in four main areas. Their religious ideology appeals to those in need of spiritual comfort. The religious justification

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■ WHEN A small group of fascists from the British National Party tried to march in east London last week they found themselves confronted by an angry picket of nearly 200 local people. The fascists managed to march just 50 yards before the police herded them back into the station.

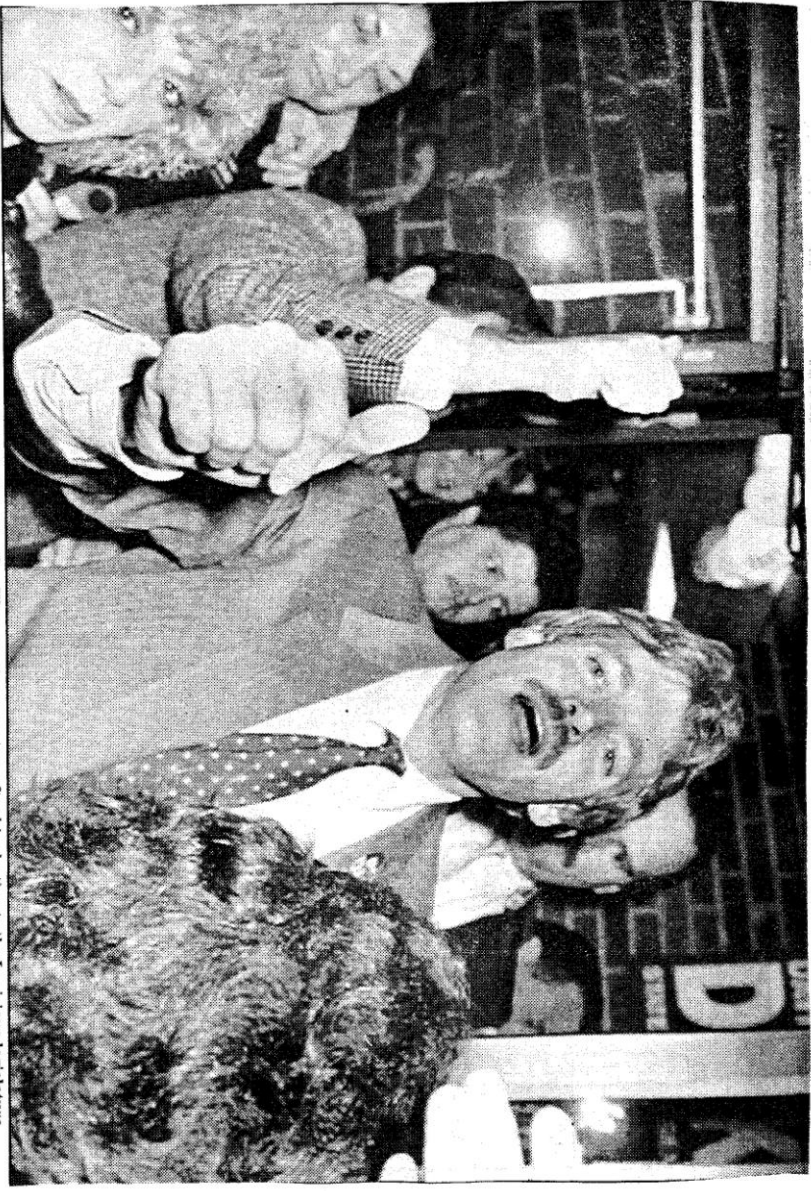
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Extreme right gains ground

Anna Tomforde in Bonn

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats suffered heavy losses yesterday in municipal elections in the West German state of Hesse, where the extreme right made significant advances. The success of the National Democratic Party of Germany, which took 6.9 per cent of the vote in Frankfurt and gained seven seats, comes after another late-right party, the Republicans, gained seats in the West Berlin legislature in January. Both parties want to sharply reduce the number of foreigners in the state. The CDU also suffered heavy losses in other municipalities in Hesse state.

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Celebration of racism . . . Mr David Duke, ex-grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, greets supporters after his election to the Louisiana legislature

Newly polite racist takes New Orleans suburb

Alex Strummer in New Orleans

THE Republican Party yesterday moved formally to censure and rebuke the former mayor, Mayor David Duke, for his racist remarks. Despite a smooth, elegant speech, the former mayor, who was elected to a second term in the November election, said he would continue to lead the party in the direction of a "white revolution".

organisation he can try to legitimise his views of racial and religious bigotry and intolerance." Mr Alwater said. Duke, a smooth, elegant speaker, said he would continue to lead the party in the direction of a "white revolution". He said he would continue to lead the party in the direction of a "white revolution".

headquarters on a quiet suburban street in Old Metairie — a white flight district with only 46 black residents — Mr Duke touched all the trade names of the party. He said he would continue to lead the party in the direction of a "white revolution".

Shatters a Yorkshire town Terror mob goes on the rampage

SEVENTY-FOUR people were arrested and two policemen injured as a mob went on the rampage in Dewsbury, bringing terror to the town.

Report: SIMON SHEARD
Pictures: MARK BICKERDIKE

What began as well-policed streets of two rival political groups — the anti-racist Kirklees Black Workers' Party and the far-right British National Party — turned into scenes of the worst violence Dewsbury has seen.

At 11.30 pm, a mob of hundreds of Asians — many believed to be from outside the area — brought chaos to Savile Town.

Customers and staff barricaded themselves in an upstairs room as the Scarborough pub in Savile Road came under attack. Tables and chairs were hurled through windows and doors hammered as the mob tore its way through the building.

A telephone was ripped from the wall, a gaming machine overturned and bar area smashed in a senseless attack. Cars parked behind the pub were also wrecked.

Neighbourhood councillor Mr Geoff McGill said: "I have had Asian lads in my house five times a week. There was a reason for the pub's being closed out."

A teenage Asian said the building had been pinpointed because drunks from the pub attacked an Asian man outside about seven years ago.

The ugly scenes came within half an hour of the end of the BNP rally behind Dewsbury Town Hall.

Earlier, the Kirklees Black Workers' Group meeting behind Dewsbury Library, off Wellington Road, had gone off with little incident. One Asian man was arrested for possessing an imitation gun.

But hundreds of Asians were still in the town when the BNP met in the afternoon. The town centre was paralysed as roads became blocked. Police hemmed in a huge group of Asians outside Dewsbury Sports Centre in Longcauseway.

As the BNP meeting broke up and about 150 people attending were dispersed by police in small groups, trouble flared in front of the sports centre where the Asians were taunted by crowds of whites being held back by police across the road.

Flowers were ripped up and missiles thrown as waves of police moved in to restore order. The

crowd scattered across Dewsbury Parish Church yard towards Savile Town, a predominantly Asian area.

Road blocks were set up preventing traffic leaving Dewsbury for Savile Town. A bus full of passengers was turned back for safety. Savile Town was sealed off and at least 100 riot police, some on horseback, formed a line at Savile Bridge and swept up Savile Road.

Road signs were torn down by the Asian mob and street barricades set up outside the Scarborough pub to stop the advancing riot vans. A smoke bomb was set off.

One woman who witnessed the pub attack said: "There must have been about 200 Asians surrounding the pub. One lad was hammering at the windows and others were throwing big boulders. Tables and chairs came flying out of the windows into the street. I feared for the safety of the people inside."

Another said: "It was just like the Brixton riots. I couldn't believe what I was witnessing. They smashed up a car with the driver still inside."

Leeds councillor Neil Taggart, who witnessed the scenes as chairman of the West Yorkshire Police Authority, said that shortly after the pub attack, at 3.30 pm, mounted police charged on a crowd of Asians which had fled to the Savile Mosque in South Street.

"The police tactics there were wrong," he claimed. "There was no need for their actions."

The trouble was not limited to the Savile Road area. There were reports of violence breaking out all over the town.

The *Yorkshire Evening Post* was told of a market trader being hit by stone-throwing youths while a mother was terrorised in her car as stones were hurled through the windows, showering her baby with glass.

The police authority's vice-chairman, Kirklees Labour councillor Ken Smith, was partly critical of the policing. He will be reporting back to the authority, but told the *YEP*: "The original tactic of keeping the two groups apart was correct and well done. When the BNP was starting to disperse that was not done terribly well and from there things went from bad to worse."

"Tactics of following crowds around are never effective and this group was pushed over Savile Bridge with the police following them."

"The thing that went wrong was not being able to get one faction out of town. It was once the BNP dispersed that the problems began."

West Yorkshire Assistant Chief Constable Dennis O'Toole said the arrests were split evenly between Asians and whites. Nineteen properties were damaged.

He revealed that 750 police were on duty, some from South Yorkshire, Humberside and Lancashire forces.

Back-up officers from Greater Manchester were not needed.

He said he was "very pleased" with the police operation, adding that trouble had been less than expected.

Mr O'Toole praised Asian leaders for the way they calmed "hot-heads."

Shop staff locked in

TERIFIED staff at the Shoestop store in Northgate locked themselves in to escape violence outside.

Manageress Mrs Mary Walker said: "It was terrifying. There were Asians and whites locked together fighting, with some trying to break them up."

They were throwing stones at each other, at the police and at shop windows. When they all seemed to charge down the street, Mrs Walker said that by 3 pm about 100 Asians had congregated on one side of the town hall as the BNP rally went on the other side.

Her fears that takings would be down during Dewsbury traders came true.

John Anthony, of NSS Newsagent in Corporation Street, said business had been dreadful.

"Takings are less than half of what they would be. We had to close our other shop on Daisy Hill on police advice."



Asian youths taunt the police

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was the police who were responsible for most of the violence. In town, shops were shut early some white bystanders were cheering—but not all. One white woman said, "Asian people live in my street and not these people. They come here to cause trouble and aren't welcome."

By this time many of the 800 strong counter-rally, particularly the large contingent of Asian young men, had made their way down to the BNP rally.

They stood behind the police cordons shouting, "Black and white unite and fight" and "Fascists out of Dewsbury", despite the earlier entreaties of the mosque leaders for them not to shout political slogans.

Taunting

Then some of the fascists started marching towards the Asian youth taunting "Rushdie, Rushdie". At the same time a section of the police weighed into the Asian youths. They were cheered and applauded by the fascists and by the other police officers.

I saw one Asian boy arrested, held to the ground by five police and handcuffed. The others laughed. It was as though they were out to get the young

Asians and were enjoying it. One said to me, "The police told us yesterday that they'd get us today and that our lads are marked." It certainly looked that way.

Then the police started driving us towards Saville Town, where most of the town's Asian population live. They cordoned off a bridge and about 15 police vans gathered. Police in riot gear stormed out of them.

Outside of the Scarborough pub a group of white people were shouting, "Black bastards", and other racist abuse. The Scarborough is thought of by those on the demonstration as a racist and fascist pub.

Fighting broke out as young Asians attacked the pub and hurled stones at the police.

Random arrests were made of black and white anti-racists, about 80 in all. Even when black traders in the market were harassed by the BNP, the police did nothing to protect them.

Roots of the conflict

THE RESULTS of the fascist rally and the police attack on anti-racists in Dewsbury were quickly felt.

That night an Asian restaurant was firebombed. White youths in a car indiscriminately threw bottles and other missiles at Asians walking along the road.

A white youth shouted "Sieg heil" at a group of Asians. They scared him off, but he returned later with a gun.

There is a long history of racism and racial conflict in this part of Yorkshire.

In the 1960s large numbers of Asians, in particular from Pakistan, came to the area to work

In the textile factories.

But the industry has shrivelled since then. The result has been high levels of unemployment, particularly among those from Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Unemployment

According to the government's latest Social Trends survey, white unemployment stood at 11 percent between 1985 and 1987 compared to 21 percent among those of West Indian origin, 16 percent of the Indian population and 29 percent of those of Pakistani or Bangladeshi origin.

The poverty and frustration produced by high levels of unemployment

ment have fuelled racism among some of the white population and deep resentment among Asians.

In the 1970s the fascist National Front did particularly well in the Yorkshire textile towns as living standards fell and disillusion with the then Labour government mounted.

This process has been compounded by the local council's failure to deal with the racism. For many years it did nothing to prevent the emergence of effectively segregated schools in Dewsbury.

When it did try to act 18 months ago, racist parents organised a boycott of a school where 80 percent of pupils were of Asian origin.

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removals by the police. It provoked a demonstration against Rushdie in Bradford. A few weeks before they had done the same in London.

It's not surprising that many young Asians have responded strongly to the provocation. They live in a racist society and suffer frequent police harassment.

In these circumstances it's easy for them to make a link between the fight against the racists and the banning of Rushdie's book.

It appears as if those who defend Rushdie are those who defend the BNP's right to spread racist propaganda and encourage racial assaults.

Danger

One young demonstrator on Saturday put it this way:

"The BNP and the police love Salman Rushdie. They defend him so he must be the same as them. This is a response to racism but nevertheless it is wrong."

Rushdie is not a racist nor is he a friend of those who defend the entrenched racism of British society. He is one of the sharpest critics of it.

Indeed, the Dewsbury demonstration was clearly focused against racism although many there also opposed Rushdie.

Censoring his work will only strengthen those who revel in the divisions racism creates.

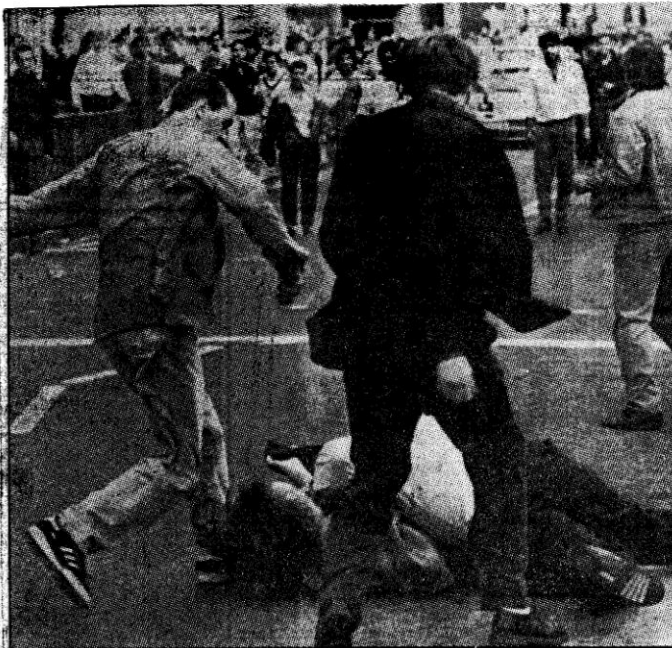
Confronting racism head on by uniting as many people as possible, black and white, against it is the only way to isolate the racists and marginalise their ideas.

It's on that basis that we can win the argument that those who want to smash the racists should also reject the demands for the suppression of *The Satanic Verses*.



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Street struggle: violence breaks out at a black workers' group anti-racism rally in Yorkshire

40 held in race protest

POLICE arrested more than 40 young Asians in Dewsbury as race violence flared for the second successive Saturday in Yorkshire.

The trouble began after a rally by a black workers' group ended and demonstrators began fighting with white youths and police. Young Asians pelted officers, who were not wearing riot gear, with stones and planks of wood. Some officers suffered minor injuries.

One group of youths ransacked a pub while others threw stones at passing motorists. One witness reported seeing youths setting fire to a hastily-erected barricade.

Further fighting broke out as hundreds of Asians marched towards a nearby meeting of the right-wing British National party.

According to one onlooker,

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young Asians began heckling whites in the street and banging on shop windows. Police, who mounted one of the biggest operations in the county, moved in to make arrests and some grappled on the floor with youths.

Mounted officers were on standby and a helicopter hovered overhead throughout.

About 500 supporters of the Kirklees Black Workers' Association turned out for the rally against racism, despite a ban imposed on Friday by the home secretary.

Violence broke out shortly before 3pm as police moved in to clear a group of about 300 Asians who had spent the afternoon chanting anti-racist slogans.

As fighting began, pubs locked their doors and staff retreated into their shops behind metal shutters.

Meanwhile, half a mile away, the BNP rally, attended by about 300, was coming to an end. Minutes after the meeting broke up, scores of police moved in to disperse the Asians. They came under attack from missiles and more arrests were made.

Ann Taylor, the town's Labour MP who witnessed the events, blamed the BNP for the violence.

She said: "Their intention was to provoke confrontation and their supporters have done their best to do that."

A week ago 54 people were arrested after a mob ran riot in Bradford after an anti-Salman Rushdie demonstration.

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