

What's the Colour of Money? ST. ALBANS AFA

One of the most important aspects of fighting fascism is the need for ready supply of **fighting funds** to help continue this fight.

The most popular way of raising money comes in the form of organising gigs, which also helps people come together and raises the profile of AFA. It is also not uncommon for raffles and stalls to be organised as well during these gigs.

The money raised goes towards two main categories of need. Firstly, every publication has to be funded - be it a poster, a magazine or a leaflet like this and these can be costly ventures.

Secondly, and perhaps more important, there's the need for funds to be channelled into a 'Fighting Fund'. Its there to help pay for those who are unfortunately arrested while trying to remove the BNP or NF's presence on our streets.

Fund raising is near enough one of the most important activities of AFA (essential to support the tactic of physically confronting fascism) and is vital to the long term growth of a mass movement committed to crushing fascism.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Monitor and report any fascist activity in your area to AFA★Cover Fascist propaganda/graffiti with anti-fascist stickers/posters etc. Paint out fascist graffiti★Join AFA in your area or affiliate your group to AFA★Get your trade union branch/organisations to sponsor the Unity Carnival★Send any donations to AFA to help pay for publicity and to pay fines of anti-fascists. We need every penny★We can be contacted at:

P.O. BOX 245, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

Anti-Fascist Action
presents the
UNITY

CARNIVAL

Hackney Downs
Sun 6th Sept '92

New Model Army

Flowered Up . 25th May

Gilly G . Liberty Cage .

The Blaggers . Attila

We are still looking for sponsors. Organisations, Trade Union Branches, etc. for a minimum of £50. Stalls will be available on the day to organisations for £30. **Cheques should be made payable to 'Anti-Fascist Action', and sent to AFA(Carnival) BM1734, London WC1N 3XX.**

AFA MERCHANDISE

AFA STICKERS - £1 FOR 50

AFA BADGES - 30p each

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Anti-Fascist Bulletin

BNP ON TRIAL



THE ACCUSED....

Kirk Alan Barker
Basingstoke
Anthony Raymond Johnson
Dunstable
Stephen Clifford Jones
Leicester
Spencer James Liggett
Loughborough
Paul Raymond Lincoln
Newbury
Nicholas Jeremy Marsh
Milton Keynes (M.K.)
Paul Donald Parish - M.K.
Neil James Parish - M.K.

Eight members of the pro-Nazi British National Party are due to stand trial for an alleged assault on five Asian restaurant workers in Buntingford, Herts. One of the restaurant workers, after being knocked unconscious, was allegedly the subject of a kidnap attempt. It is alleged that the attack took place late at night during November 1991, and that bottles and baseball bats were among the weapons used, and that the driver of the BNP's van then attempted to run over the victims of the assault. The case has been committed for trial at St. Albans Crown Court; the date has not yet been set...watch this space!

Herts Anti-Fascists are calling upon all anti-racists who are appalled at attacks of this kind to picket St. Albans Crown Court on the first day of the trial. A number of the defendants are well known activists within the BNP and the trial presents an opportunity to demonstrate that vicious attacks of this kind will not be tolerated. Three of the defendants are from Milton Keynes, where the local branch of which they are members was recently accorded considerable local publicity when it claimed to have set up a vigilante group to enforce 'law and order' on the streets. The reality behind such claims is illustrated by the alarming escalation in the number of racist attacks orchestrated and encouraged by openly fascist organisations of which the BNP is currently the most prominent. According to the Runnymede Trust, there were 70,000 racist attacks last year alone.

Herts Anti-Fascist Committee was formed after local anti-fascists successfully routed a National Front elec-

tion meeting in the spring of 1991. We exist as a coalition of various anti-fascist groups including Anti-Fascist Action and the Anti-Nazi League. We have contacts all over Herts, including Hatfield, St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Hertford, Bishops Stortford, Hitchin and Stevenage.

With fascist movements fast gaining numbers and electoral success in Europe, Herts Anti-Fascists believes that the growing fascist menace, organised principally in the British National Party along with the National Front, has to be forcefully combated at every stage and in every form of its existence. If they cannot be stopped now, they will be far harder to stop later.

While it is clear the the fascist parties are still far from electoral power in this country, it should be remembered that the percentage vote for Hitler's Nazi party up to the autumn of 1930 (winning then just 12 seats in the German parliament) was lower than for Le Pen's fascist National Front in French elections last year, and almost identical to the current support for far-right parties in Germany. Less than three years later, in January 1933, Hitler took power. Racist terror attacks were an essential feature of the Nazi party's rise to power.

The policy of Herts Anti-Fascists is that there should be **no platform for racist and fascist** organisations in our communities and that the individuals involved in them should be exposed. All those interested in combating this menace, or those with information on any fascist activity are invited to contact us.

NF STOPPED IN HEMEL..

In response to the rising threat of the National Front both locally and nationally in 1978, a branch of the ANL was formed in Hemel Hempstead and campaigned hard and successfully against the Front's candidate in Hemel at the 1979 General Election. Hemel, being Martin Webster's home town and being considered by the fascists as the ideal sociological mix for their latest campaign, was a definite target for them. However, after lots of counter-demos, marches and anti-fascist manifestations, they were driven down into defeat and their local influence smashed. The people of Hemel Hempstead were very much opposed to them.

For the next few years, any NF candidate standing at local or general elections was strongly opposed and had no success. The Hemel Anti-Apartheid Movements group undertook this task, together with other local organisations and residents.

In 1991, the Nazi John McAuley stood for local

election in the Chaulden ward of Hemel. His election meeting in Chaulden Junior School was picketed and a great victory for the anti-fascist cause locally was won: the nazis were attacked, chased and demoralised (although four anti-fascists were arrested and charged.) Again, the people of Hemel showed they had no time for the nazis.

The groups involved in this action were Anti-Fascist Action, Direct Action Movement, Hemel Anti-Apartheid Movement, ANL and local residents.

McAuley stood again as a candidate in the 1992 General Election. Each Saturday before the election for a month, there was a strong anti-fascist presence in Hemel town centre, provided by the ANL, AFA, DAM, AAM, and local residents. Many leaflets were distributed and many local people came forward to support the cause. Street leafletting was also done by AFA, both in the Chaulden area and McAuley's home street. The nazis did not dare to show their faces once and held no election meeting.

This excellent result was due to the hard work and co-operation of all organisations concerned, and proves yet again what a powerful weapon 'Unity in Action' is!

However, despite the National Fronts enforced low profile they still gained 665 votes from the people of West Hertfordshire..... We still have a lot of work to do!

Do you recognise any of these ugly mugs?!....Let us know.....



Richard Fawcus & Neil Parish
BNP & 'Blood & Honour' organisers



About a month ago Anglia Poly SU banned racists and fascists speaking or promoting their views to the anger of those glorious defenders of freedom and democracy, the Conservatives, led by Jason Webb, Eastern Area Conservative students chairman. The motion imposing the ban was carried 35-15.

BEWARE THE NAZI PSYCHOBILLY (EAST HERTS AND BEYOND)

In East Herts/Essex (B.Stortford, Hertford, Harlow etc.), there has been over the last several months an increase in organisation, communication activity and propaganda by radical libertarian and social groups. Along with the formation of Herts AFA in May 1991, and other established groups in other areas of Herts, there are increasing links being made, information and activities being organised between groups and activists in Hertford/Ware, Bishop's Stortford, Harlow, Stansted, Saffron Waldon and Cambridge. During this short time (about 6 months) much propaganda (stickers, leaflets, flyposters) about anti-fascist/class struggle issues have been distributed, Anti-fascist graffiti has been appearing, people have also begun showing interest in AFA by correspondence and further distribution of material.

In Harlow, Essex which despite it's left-wing reputation, was several years ago quite a stomping ground for hardcore fascists. During the early '80's the NF and BM held marches and demos in the town. Local Nazi skinheads were also quite active and prominent in 'Blood and Honour'. We also heard a whisper the remnants of this sub-human filth may hang around 'The Herald' pub. About 18 months ago in the 'Harlow Star' there were reports of incidents of harassment, assaults and attacks on homes, however, the local police seemed reluctant to confirm if these incidents were particularly 'racially motivated' or linked to 'organised fascism.'

At a recent psychobilly gig in Harlow, the Meteors played and a number of obnoxious, fascist scum turned up, boneheads with "Screwdriver" tattoos and psychobillies with 'Klansmen' T-shirts, generally intimidating people and poisoning the whole atmosphere. There has been a steady and significant rise in fascism in the psychobilly scene.

The number of bands, such as Duncan's Drunks, Self-Destruct, and particularly Demented are Go (also known as the Klansmen). This is reflected in the audience where there is an increasing fascist presence even at Psychobilly band with no fascist tendencies (as with the Meteors). Therefore:-

Any forthcoming gigs will likely to have a significant fascist presence and should be reported/picketed/postered/stickered/graffitied/sabotaged or disrupted, whichever is appropriate (e.g. try to stop gigs proceeding when a particularly dodgy band, or large number of fash are liable to turn up and a significant opposition cannot be mobilised.)

It would also be desirable to target the psychobilly scene for campaigning and propaganda, and to build anti-fascist awareness and support. Some comrades may argue 'music is irrelevant to politics' but it is obviously cannot be discarded in the struggle against racism and fascism.

More positively, we've had the Beggars I.T.A. play two gigs at the Harlow Square over the last 6 months, with a loud, powerful and uncompromising anti-fascist message, more literature sold, leaflets and stickers for AFA and others distributed, without so much as a peep from local nazi's and their friends in 'Blood and Honour' despite Ian Stuart's claim that the "Beggars could not play anywhere in the country, or we'd smash their gig up!" The Beggars will be playing at the Harlow Square again in August.

Over in Cambridge, there have been vague signs of fascist activity, such as the usual 'worm and tom' BNP stickers, and the usual sick filth plastered in the public toilets (where they seem to feel most at home). However more recently, a march by the BNP was stopped by an anti-fascist counter demo at the station, as it seemed, the bulk of the march were arriving by train, the nazi's were apparently made to leave by police before even leaving the station! Fascists have also been noted wandering about the Strawberry Fayre, generally polluting the area, last year a total of 7 fascists were seen. It was decided, a couple of weeks before the event this year, that a number of interested and concerned people would monitor the event, and any nazi scum would be confronted and 'persuaded' to leave. Only one definite fascist was spotted - a big BNP skinhead at the AK Press stall. Almost at once, several people went to locate the individual, but there was no sign of him anywhere.