

MARCHING ALTOGETHER

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THE NAZIS ARE STILL AMONG US



TIME TO GO....

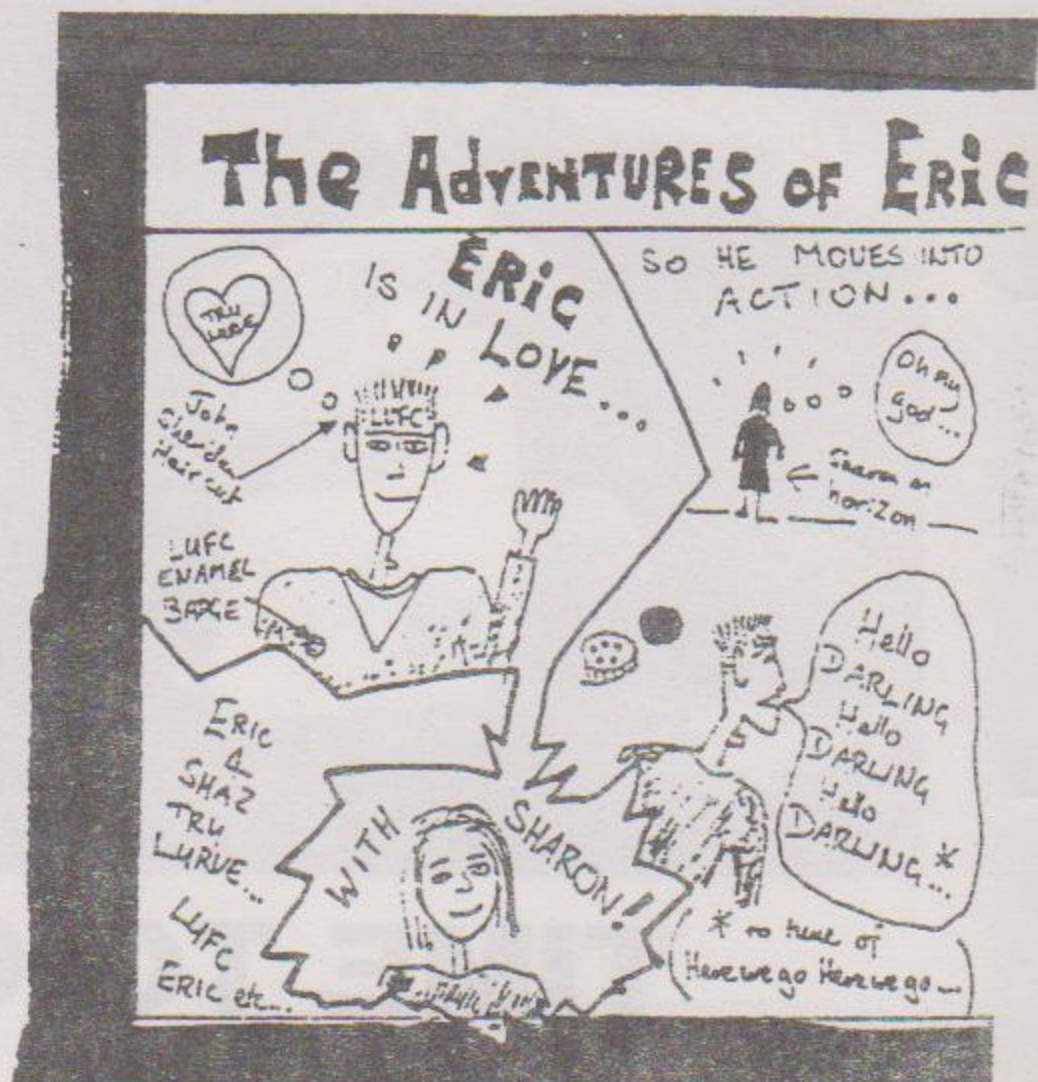
EDITORIAL TIME TO GO....

No-one can deny that Elland Road has become a friendlier place over the past few months. A friend of mine came back from a recent game and said the atmosphere was the best he'd known in 12 years on the terraces. The amount of racist chanting has decreased, and there are more and more black people coming to watch Leeds United.

All this is to be welcomed. But there are still a few idiots trying to spread hatred and start a fight wherever they can. Every home game you see them - the NF and their supporters - standing in a line on the Lowfields Road trying to peddle their pathetic racist papers. Most of the ordinary fans ignore them, but you still see them selling the odd copy of their trash.

These people aren't football fans - they're just trying to recruit people to their hate-filled cause. They're thugs like Frank Burden, who has a string of convictions as long as your arm for racist attacks, including attacking people with concrete blocks. And nasty pieces of work like Glen Taylor who reckons himself a 'political soldier' and avidly reads books by the likes of Colonel Gaddafi and Hitler.

The mindless hatred preached by these people has come close



to ruining Leeds United. The violence they've caused has brought us the Identity Card Scheme, and Sunday 8am kick-offs every week.

A couple of these Leeds Nazi idiots went to Albania recently for the World Cup game. They turned up with a load of similar idiots from Chelsea, and Sieg-heiled their way through the National Anthem. Then they turned on the rest of the England fans, who'd gone to watch the game, and accused them of not being patriotic because they didn't want to fight. They even chased a load of the real fans through the streets of Tirana.

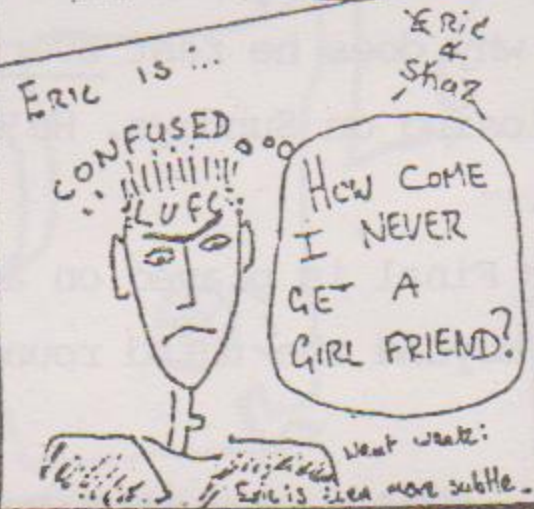
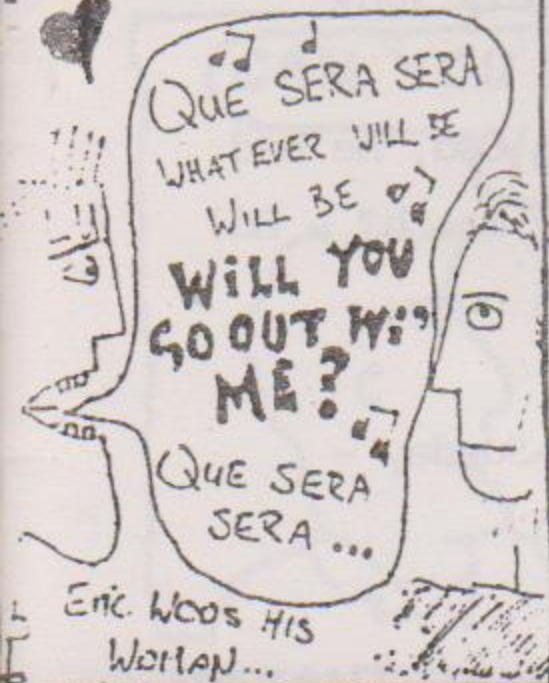
All these people's antics do is give ammunition to the Moynihan and Thatcher with their crazy ID scheme. They attack black people and make loads of Leeds fans think twice about coming to Elland Road. And the rest of us, the vast majority of Leeds fans, get a bad name because of them.

But it's not enough for us, the ordinary fans, to ignore them. We've got to show them what we think, that we don't want them at Elland Road. Write to the Club - tell them what you think - and if you see any of the Nazis and racists on the terraces - tell them that ordinary fans don't want them at Elland Road, ruining the atmosphere and ruining our game.

the FOOTBALL HOOLIGAN - EPISODE 6

IT MUST BE LOVE!

SHARON REPLIES...



20 things you didn't know about....

PLAYING ON SUNDAYS

- (1) Chelsea, Man. City and Millwall can play on Saturdays.
- (2) Only McDonalds is open in Barnsley on a Sunday
- (3) All Leeds Away fixtures next season will be played at 8.30am on Sundays.
- (4) Noel Blake was sent off on a Sunday.
- (5) God can rest on a Sunday - Leeds fans get to go to Plymouth.
- (6) I can't remember the last time we won on a Sunday.
- (7) Ever since Christ arose from the dead on a Sunday, Sunday has been dead.
- (8) You can be arrested on a Sunday, but you can't buy a copy of the Bible.
- (9) Pubs open at 12 noon on a Sunday, which is why we kick off then.
- (10) There is no place in heaven for Chelsea fans.
- (11) Sunday is a day of rest, which is why it takes 3 hours to get to Leeds from Barnsley (21 miles) and only Tony Adams ever scored on ITV's 'The Match'.
- (12) The minute John Sheridan was proclaimed a God, he had to rest on a Sunday (so why does he rest every match? - Ed)
- (13) Billy Bremner kept losing on Sundays. He's now lead singer for Fuzzbox.
- (14) The Littlewood's Cup Final is played on a Sunday - that's why we never get beyond the third round.

(15) Of all the major religions in the world, Leeds United is the only one that loses on a Sunday

(16) While Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, Leeds United have yet to pull back from a two-goal defeat this season, even on a Saturday.

(17) Gary Sprake could well have been born on a Sunday.

(18) 'Marching Altogether's' crossword in Issue No.1 was compiled on a Sunday, and has yet to be solved.

(19) Leeds United directors and officers have done nothing to protest about us being forced to play at obscure hours on a Sunday. Fans should write and protest to the Club, the Football League and West Yorkshire Police Authority.

(20) Leeds fans are the best in the country. Our work around anti-racism has won us national awards and international praise. Cloth-heads in Plymouth, the Football League, the FA, Barnsley, WBA and Bank Holiday Blackburn want to be told that if Chelsea on a Saturday are alright, so are we!.....SO SAY IT LOUD...

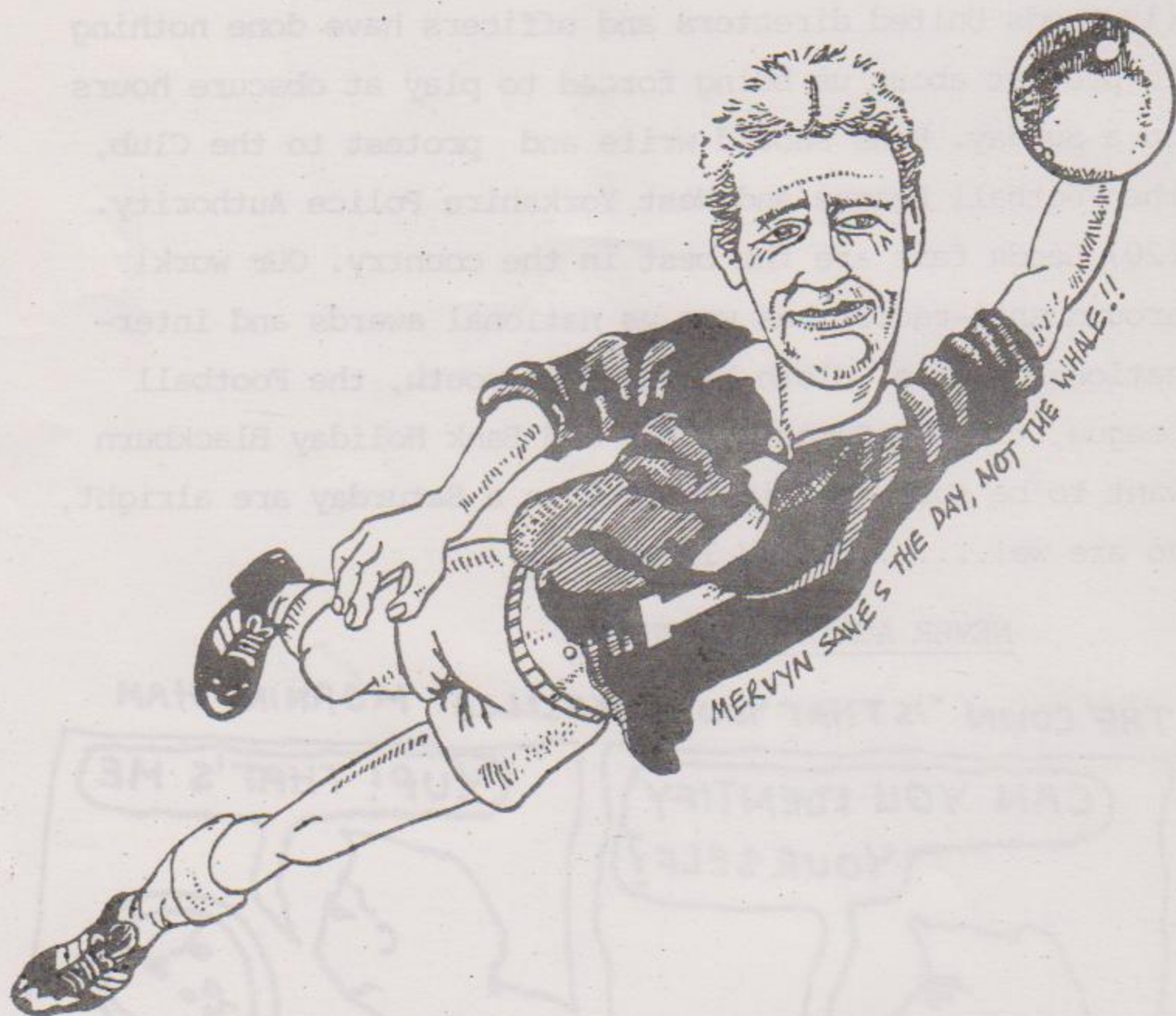
NEVER AGAIN ON A SUNDAY

THE COLIN "IS THAT YOU PAMELLLA" MOANING HAM



INSTANT IDENTIFICATION CARD - JUST WIPE WITH "WINDOWLENE" BEFORE THE MATCH. O.K. YA?

Howard Wilkinson's Barmy Army No. 3 MERVYN DAY

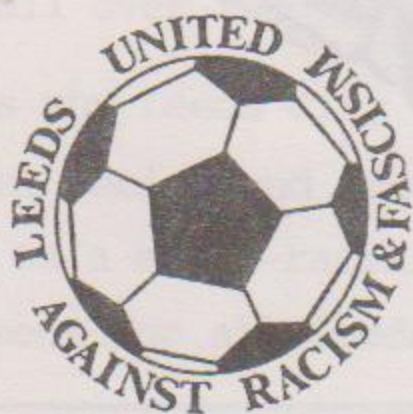


The old man of the LEeds team, Mervyn Day, just keeps on going. And despite being 34 in JUNE, his hair styling and afternoon wear is still one of the trendiest on this or any other park. It's just a touch greyer than everybody else's - though my mate did say once, it looks a bit like the wig Lucy wears in Neighbours. Mind you, he was in a bad mood at the time.

It seems a long time ago that Merv made his name playing for West Ham in the early &70s. With England youth and Under-23s caps, and as the youngest goalkeeper to win a FA Cup medal since 1946, as the West Ham giant in the 1978 FA Cup victory over Fulham, Merv seemed destined for England glory. Suddenly, he was struck by the infamous West Ham goalkeeper's curse a series of very public uncharacteristic errors, eventually forcing West Ham to part with a record amount for a goalkeeper in the shape of Phil Parkes. Merv moved across London in 1979 to Orient, then a Second Division outfit, where he spent four years, before moving in 1983 to Tony Barton's Aston Villa. Merv was glad of the return to the First Division but was delighted to move on to Leeds United in February 1985. "We love the life here, and I don't think we could be happier anywhere else."

Consistency is Mervyn's strong point, and often the fans take it for granted. Last season he played in every United game, and this season has only missed one game. To be honest, his form is consistently exceptional. The recent save at Barnsley was a mind-blower, and his overall performance at Sunderland and the penalty save was a real heart-stopper. While in the background Icelandic goalkeepers come and go, and LFUARAR has heart attacks about United looking to Bobby Mimms(!) as a replacement, Merv's form looks set to keep all-comers at bay for a good few years to come.

On the daft side, Mervyn has started to develop a worrying habit - that of coming yards out of his area and piddling about. While it can get boring with Noel Blake turning everything away in front of you, Mervyn's outfield skills need a bit of polish, though after the Palace performance, there has to be a place for him in the heart of midfield. He certainly deserves a goal. Perhaps there's a chance of him taking the odd penalty kick? Got to be better than Shez's howler against Portsmouth.

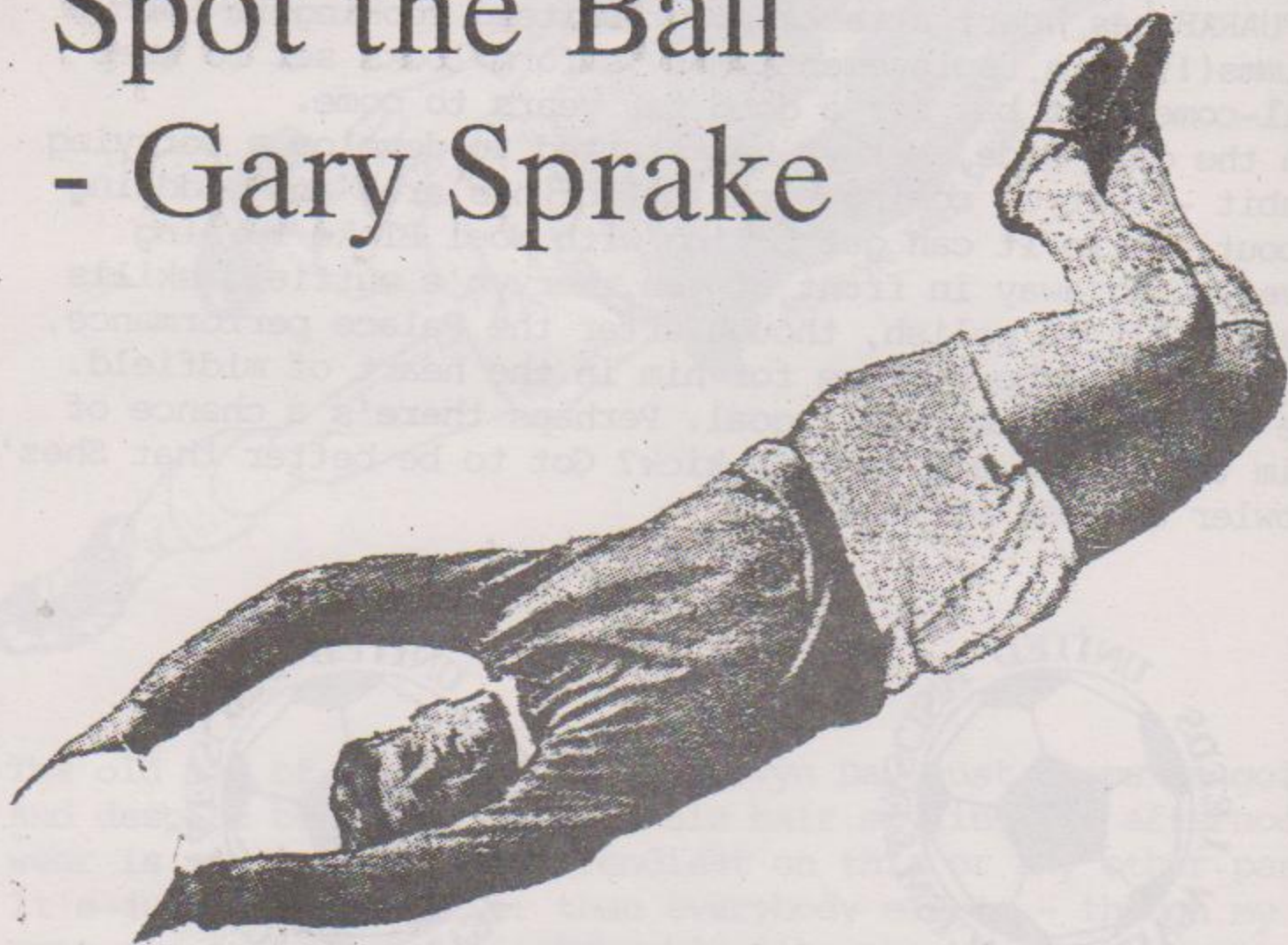


ODE TO GARY SPRAKE

You were loved and famous once, Gary
That was until that video from the BBC
Showed the ball go through your arm, Gary
When you were goalie.

Life's a funny thing, Gary
Jupp der Wall said of his World Champion's West Germany
'Football is easy - der Ball ist rund'
The hole under your arm is runt too, Gary
It made an awful bugger of our history.

Spot the Ball - Gary Sprake



LEEDS IN THE WORLD....

A year ago on Saint George's day, National Front members and supporters marched through Leeds city centre waving banners and chanting racist slogans. Ordinary Leeds people were horrified that this was allowed to go ahead, when we had to listen to these Nazis claim that in five years they would control the police and be able to carry out their murderous policies.

We believe they came to Leeds because they felt threatened by the refusal of ordinary Leeds fans to be taken in by them any longer. They had taken for granted their right to sell Nazi literature at Elland Road, and to claim the streets of Leeds for their own.

THIS YEAR WE WILL PROVE THEM WRONG.

Leeds is a multi-racial city - people have come here from all over the world and we are proud of it. WHERE WOULD LEEDS UNITED BE IF THE FAMILIES OF EXCELLENT PLAYERS LIKE NOEL BLAKE, CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH AND VINCE HILLAIRE HAD NOT DECIDED TO MAKE THEIR HOME IN BRITAIN? In Leeds, you can go out and eat Indian, Chinese, Italian, Mexican food; you can go to the brilliant carnival in Chapeltown in August; you can hear music from all over the world - the list is endless.

That's why Leeds City Council, Leeds TUC and Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism have joined together to celebrate Leeds as a multi-racial city and say no to racism - fair treatment for all Leeds people. JOIN US ON APRIL 22nd/23rd.

LEEDS IN THE WORLD THE WORLD IN LEEDS

SATURDAY APRIL 22nd
ANTI RACIST FESTIVAL

12noon 'til 7pm

The Headrow, Leeds (in front of library)

featuring.....

NEW MODEL ARMY

CREATION ROOTS

BANGRHA BAND

JOOLZ

ATILLA THE STOCKBROKER

AND ON HIS 'RETURN FROM ALBANIA' TOUR...

STEVE PREUITT

Supported by the Equal Opportunities Unit of Leeds City Council,
Leeds Trades Union Council, Leeds Anti-Fascist Action
and Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism.

ORLD....
EEDS

Saturday April 22nd
7.30pm Council Chamber, Civic Hall
PUBLIC MEETING

with
LENNY ZESKIND
(Centre for Democratic Renewal, USA)
MARTIN BECKER
(Berlin Anti Fascist Movement)
**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL &
ANTI FASCIST ACTION**
ALL WELCOME

Sunday April 23rd
**VIGIL & WREATH LAYING
CEREMONY**

In remembrance of
the victims of racism and fascism
Speakers include Paul Boateng MP
Outside the Art Gallery 12noon - 4pm

THE WORLD IN LEEDS

THE MUSIC

The bands were chosen to reflect the many types of music in our city.

NEW MODEL ARMY need no introduction and are popular with young people all over the world.

CREATION ROOTS are a Bradford reggae band who have played in Leeds many times. Last year members of the band were attacked by racists in York and they have shown great courage in agreeing to play at the gig.

BHANGRA is a mixture of rock with traditional music from the Indian sub-continent and is extremely popular in Leeds.

ATTILA THE STOCKBROKER will be playing many songs and reading poetry including his classic 'Viva Albania' specially written for the When Saturday Comes fanzine trip to the World Cup game.

JOOLZ, Bradford poet, and STEVE DREWITT, will also be among the supporting acts.

SATURDAY EVENING

In the evening, there'll be a chance to hear two international speakers who have been active in fighting racism in the USA and in West Germany. Council Chambers 7.30pm

THE SUNDAY

On Sunday, it will be one year exactly since the NF marched through Leeds, and we will be holding a vigil for all the victims of racism and fascism in racial attacks, murder and genocide - from the millions murdered by the Nazis to those burned to death, attacked in their homes and on the streets by present-day fascists and racists.

We will be laying wreaths to remember them by. It is also ten years since teacher, Blair Peach, was killed by the police in Southall when people from London tried to protect their community against attack by the National Front. On the same day, thousands of people in Southall will also be commemorating his death.

Did Pamela Boreds show Colin her ID card?

We all know that the football ID scheme is the smelliest pile of dross anybody could dream up. And the excuses Moynihan, Pamela and co are coming up with are getting loopier and loopier. When the House of Lords tried to get women excluded from the scheme on the grounds that there are almost no cases of hooliganism by women, what did they say? You've guessed it....thugs would be going into the grounds in drag!

Since the last issue of 'Marching Altogether', there has been a lot of action on the ID card front. Across the country, tens of thousands of people have signed petitions and lobbied MPs. Leeds United has finally come out against the scheme. But they didn't exactly fall over themselves to help us when we at LFUARAF started collecting signatures on the Football Supporters' Association petition.

We've got a few thousand signatures now - and hope to be presenting them to some MPs on the pitch this afternoon. If you haven't signed the petition - there's just time to do so. But the bill will be going through parliament very soon, so the time to act is now.

So sign the petition, write to your MP (list below) at The House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA, and send off the FSA postcards too.

BUT DO IT QUICKLY. OUR GAME IS AT STAKE, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT LONG TO SAVE IT.

Batley and Spen Mrs. E.J.Peacock Bradford North C.P.Wall
Bradford South G.R.Cryer Bradford West M.F.Madden
Calder Valley D.Thompson Colne Valley G.E.G.Riddick
Dewsbury Mrs. W.A.Taylor Halifax Mrs. A.Mahon

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LFUARF goes to.....(II)

ALBANIA

"We are fascists - we hate you commie bastards!"

Travelling by coach for England's International in Albania last month (organised by independent fanzine When Saturday Comes), I had imagined things would be unusual, and had prepared myself for the worst. However, being hassled and threatened by a group of so-called 'fellow' fans was something I wasn't ready for. On the day before the International proper, the English contingent were grouped together in the main stand for the Under-21 International in SHkodier. Our problems began when a small group (about 10) gave the Nazi salute during the National Anthem. Our party told them loudly and in no uncertain terms to stop. I wonder if in the past any other England fans have chosen to ignore this behaviour as they seemed surprised. Whenever our paths crossed in the next few days, anyone they recognised from our group was a target for threats and insults.

However, we knew that they couldn't spoil our trip. We had already suffered two breakdowns on the way, having to negotiate a replacement coach with a Yugoslav coach operator (who demanded English money up-front) followed shortly after by the realisation by one of our number that his passport had been left on the other coach - 40 miles behind. By now we were running about 12 hours behind schedule but still people rallied round and kept their good humour. So by the time we finally arrived we all knew we would stick together and not be intimidated.

It was strange to see these other 'real' England fans, who had gone to the trouble and expense of getting into Albania, leave both the Under-21 and full Internationals after 10 minutes to find the nearest bar!

That incident aside, my time in Albania is something I will always remember. Tourists are a rarity, and everywhere we went. we were greeted with unreserved warmth. When our

coach passed we were waved at, and given scoreline predictions. Whenever we stopped, people wanted to meet and talk to us, to make us feel welcome. They show an obvious pride in their country and seem to support the communist regime.

To describe Albania is not easy. As you cross the border from 'westernised' Yugoslavia, you feel as if you are stepping back in time. For example, no Albanian road is wider than two lanes, and all are full of potholes. Ownership of private cars is forbidden and the main means of transport is via horse and cart, or bicycle. Around the coach the scenery was spectacular and mountainous, but even here, the peasants are reminded of Albanian politics. Slogans engraved ten feet high on hillsides proclaim '45 years of Albanian socialism' and 'Always vigilant'. This is a reminder that in the event of war, all Albanians would be issued with weapons. In every field, on every hillside are groups of concrete bunkers, looking like overgrown mushrooms from where peasants would snipe at invaders.

For centuries the country was underdeveloped and the devastation of the Second World War left the new communist government with a massive rebuilding task. The objective of turning an agricultural backwater into a modern industrial state is slowly being achieved. The country is self-sufficient in electricity and has no foreign debts whatsoever. It has no links with the rest of the Eastern bloc, and considers itself the only 'true' communist country in the world.

UEMI ARDHUR NGA
LEEDS

So what about the football!

Well, England won both matches coming from a goal down in the Under 21 game thanks to an Albanian own goal, and Middlesborough's Stuart Ripley. This game was watched by a capacity crowd of 20 000, with tickets costing 1 lek each (a lek is worth about 8p!). In the capital, Tirana, we, of

MAD DOG



MAD DOG IN CHARABANC CHAOS!!

'We're on the road to nowhere..' - Mad Dog can see the headline now: CANINE CONDEMNS P2 CHAOS. No, your intrepid news-hound is not about to name the killer of 'God's banker', Robert Calvi. In fact, Councillor Mudie and Mad Dog were at a circle dancing class that evening. In fact, I'm not referring to that P2 masonic lodge at all.

What I am on about is the P2 'Football Special' (ho!ho!) buses. A more inappropriate name cannot be imagined. The only thing special about them is that the sodding things are never there when you most need them, at the end of the match. When you catch it from Pig-gate pre-match, there are garage-loads of the things loitering, doing sod all. However, even though 'Yorkshire Miser' know exactly what the match attendance is, and exactly how many people they carried down there, there are never enough buses to take everyone home. You either leave 5 minutes early and risk missing a last-minute Sheridan penalty (on second thoughts, remember Watford and leave early) or you stand in the cold for 20 minutes waiting for a bus. It makes you wonder what the '3500 caring owners' care about, carrying passengers or playing 3 card brag in the canteen. The most humiliating part of the whole experience is being treated like a sheep ready for shearing and dipping. Why do

Mad Dog and Sgt. Wilko's Barmy Army have to go through a sheep pen just to catch a bus? In spite of what Thatcher thinks, we are human (or canine in certain cases). No wonder everyone goes 'Baah, Baah' as they go through! Seriously though, these unnecessary pens (why do they have roofs?) just encourage a few stupid prats to start pushing. It's a Heysel stadium scenario just waiting to happen. So, speed those buses up and take the sodding pens away - we're paying customers not sheep. BAAH! BAAH!

The Hanging Sheep (apologies to the fanzine)

ALBANIA CONTINUED

course, won 2-0 thanks to Barnes and Bryan Robson. The crowd for this match, admission a hefty 6 leks, was officially 25 000. However, the stand where we were was chaotic with many more people squeezed in the seats.

As the match showed, the Albanians are capable of playing skilful football, and against England's creaking defence it seemed at one stage only a matter of time before they broke through. Enthusiasm is high for players and spectators alike, but until recently Albania has struggled to compete. Their only real bright spot came in a World Cup qualifying game in December 1984 when Belgium, who went on to reach the 1986 Semi-finals were beaten 2-0.

Club sides are no longer a pushover in Europe though. In 1987-8, Flamurtari Vlore reached the third round of the UEFA cup (a record for an Albanian team), only going out against Barcelona on away goals!

I, for one now view Albania in a new light. Despite lurid warnings from the tabloid press, the food was excellent, the beer drinkable, and everywhere the locals friendly and open. There was inly one unpleasant part of the holiday - and the English, not the Albanians were to blame for that. If you're looking for a unique holiday to impress your friends, you won't be disappointed.....

LETTERS



Many thanks for all the brill letters that keep rolling in. And especial thanks to Brian Fellows for the great tape of Pompey fans singing "we love you Blakey, we do!" Brian is writing a book about football songs - if you've got any favourites or know any rarities, you could send them to him at 26 Westbourne Avenue, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7QU

Here's a few of the other letters we've received:

Dear Marching Altogether,

A few points:

*Well done that bloke who sells 'Socialist Worker' on Lowfields Road only a few yards from the thugs selling NF garbage

*Well done Merv. for stopping that pen. against slumberland

*Welcome to those black supporters who are beginning to watch the game on Lowfields

*My favourite Leeds only chant....

"Car park, Car park, Give us a song!!"

*Is Peter Haddock related to 'Billy the Fish'?

Good Luck,

Jez

Dear LFUARAF,

I came across your fanzine at the Sunderland match and I think what you are doing is tremendous. It's great to see a mag that has the interests of LUFC and their fans at heart and points out that the only place racists and fascists who infest Elland Road belong is the rubbish dump...

The other thing I like about the mag is the good humour
Any chance of increasing the size of the mag and charging for
it to cover costs?...

Pat

Many thanks for the copy of Marching Altogether which I
enjoyed enormously. It is great to know there are people like
yourselves actively combatting racism in football and outside,
which is more than can be said for the puppet Moynihan and his
ridiculous puppet-master Ecology Ridley.

I am delighted to affiliate to your campaign. I was going to
buy my favourite team Meadowbank Thistle a new striker but as
they've managed so far without one, they can wait a little
longer.

As I said in my last letter, I have a life-long hatred of
racism and sexism and any other 'ism' which devalues
people's worth as a human being, so good luck to you.

Amandla and best wishes,

John

Good Luck with the campaign!

Isn't there anything which can be done to stop the selling
of racist and fascist propaganda around the stadium on
matchdays? It amazes me that stuff like The Flag (or whatever
it's called) isn't illegal. Can't Leslie Silver or the
Police do anything? I know IT's supposed to be a free society
but that's ridiculous!

A.D.

Names of MPs (continued from page 13)

Hemsworth G.S.Buckley Huddersfield B.J.Sheerman
Leeds Central D.J.Fatchett Leeds East D.W.Healey
Leeds North-East T.J.R.Kirkhope Leeds North-West K.Hampson
Leeds South and Morley M.Rees Leeds West J.D.Battle
Normanton W.O'Brien Pontefract and Castleford G.Lofthouse
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Shipley Sir Marcus Fox

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