

# NOTTS ANTI-FASCIST ALLIANCE

Many of the people who have voted for the British National Party (BNP) did so out of disgust at the main parties. There is enormous anger against New Labour. Much of the BNP's vote comes from people who do not agree with them on many issues but want to punish the establishment and careerist politicians. The BNP present themselves as a radical alternative, but nothing could be further from the truth. Although they are still far from an important national force, the election of BNP candidates is dangerous, encouraging divisions, racial tensions and prejudice.

The (BNP) are desperate to shake off their Nazi thug image. They have struggled to hide their neo-Nazi ideas to gain votes and new members Stephen Belshaw, the BNP's Mansfield candidate in last May's local elections, was convicted in the 1990's for his part in attacking local people petitioning against the closure of Harlow Wood hospital. Tony Lecomber, a BNP director, is a convicted bomber and was jailed for three years after a brutal attack on a Jewish school teacher. Burnley BNP organiser Steve Smith was jailed for six months last year for falsifying election nomination signatures. The BNP say they're against crime but that's blatant hypocrisy, when they use criminal tactics to spread fear and hatred.

Notts Anti-Fascist Alliance actively campaigns against racism and fascism. We want to see a society based on working class unity, and we will continue to expose the BNP and other nazi groups for what they really are.

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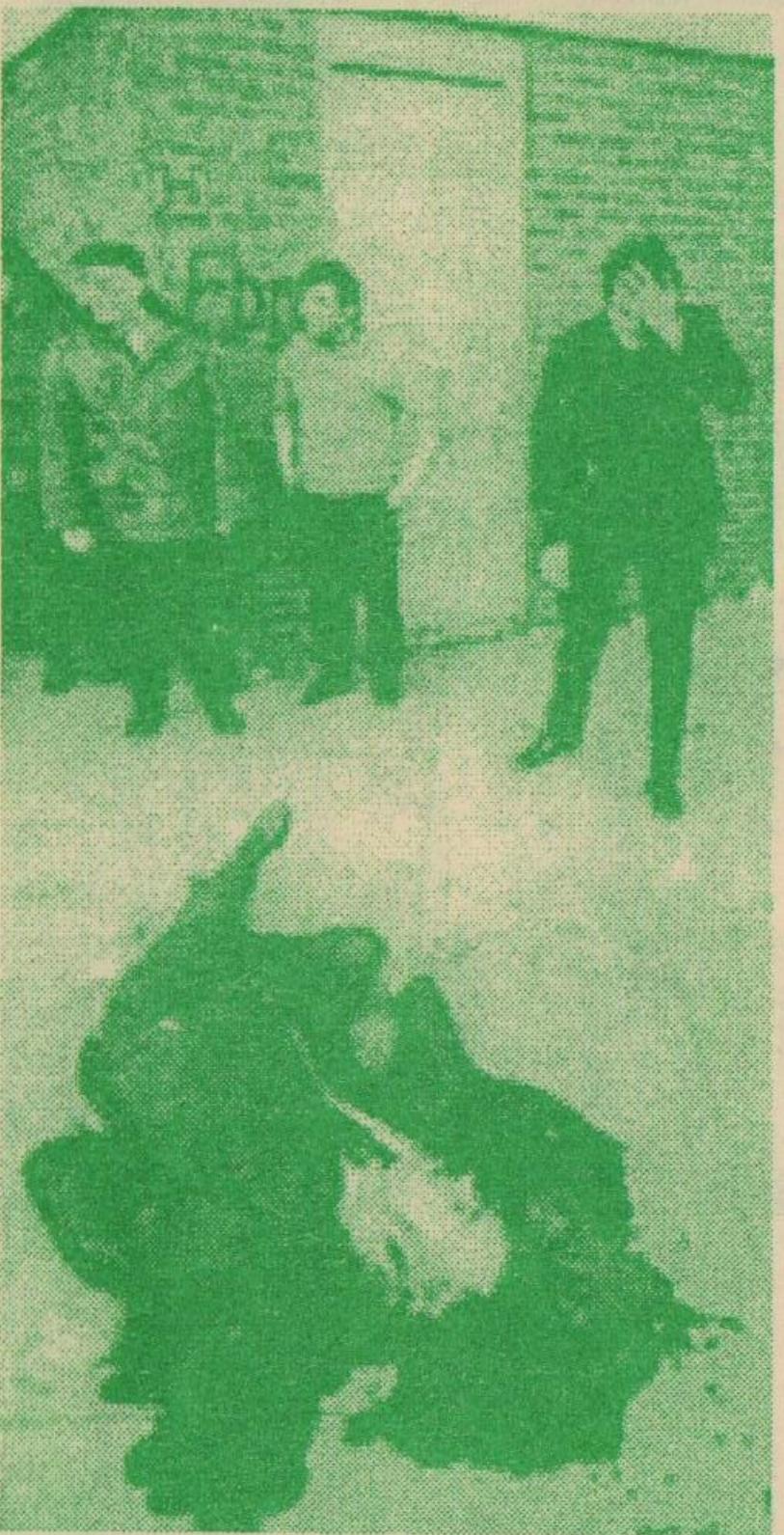
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# NOTTINGHAM Robert Hamill CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER



## Bloody Sunday



On January 30, 1972, soldiers from the British Army's 1st Parachute Regiment opened fire on unarmed and peaceful civilian demonstrators in the Bogside, Derry, Ireland, near the Rossville flats, killing 13 and wounding a number of others. One wounded man later died from illness attributed to that shooting.

The march, which was called to protest against internment, was "illegal" according to British government authorities. Internment without trial was introduced by the British government on August 9, 1971.

The British-government-appointed Widgery Tribunal found soldiers were not guilty of shooting dead the 13 civilians in cold blood.

A new inquiry, the Saville Inquiry has recently been set up after the original inquiry was seen as fundamentally flawed.

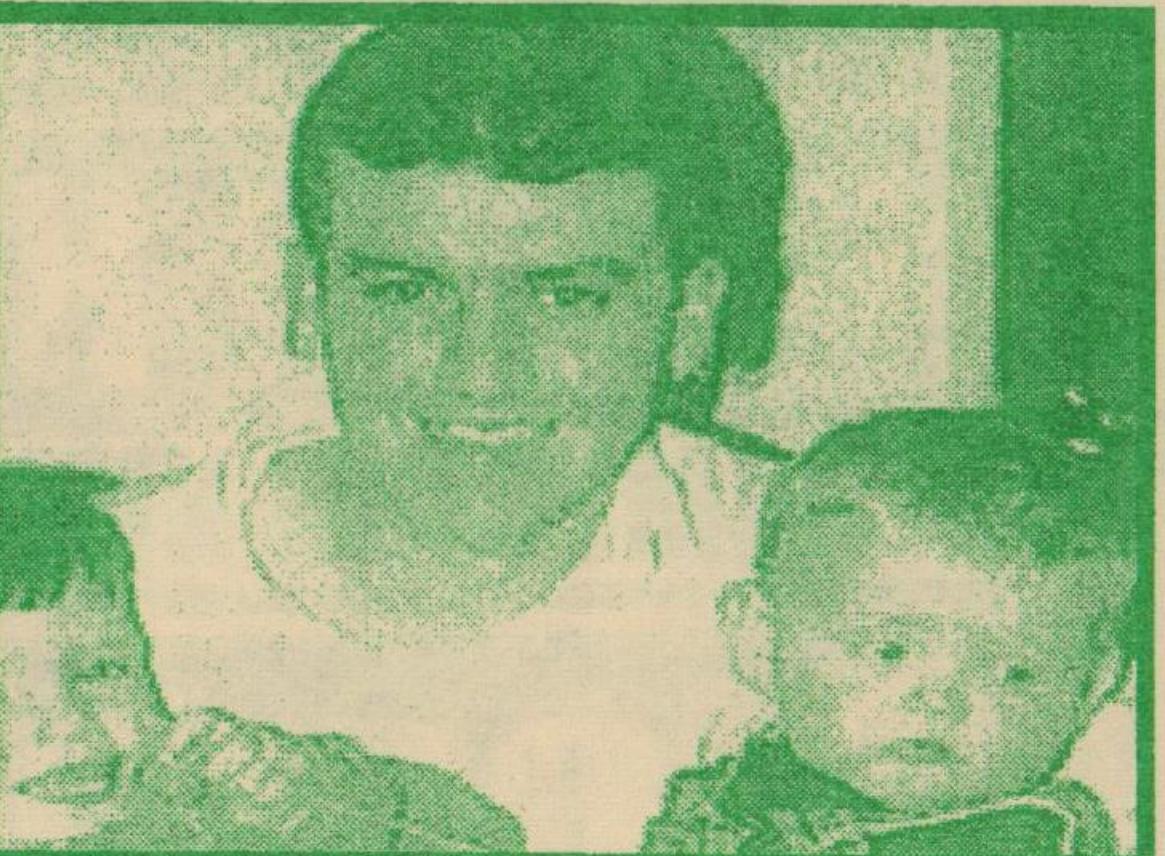
**The next meetings of the Nottingham Robert Hamill Campaign**  
**@International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd**  
**Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st ( All start at 7pm)**

# What really happened

■ Robert Hamill was kicked to death by a mob of thirty loyalists in Portadown, Northern Ireland. The incident happened in the early hours of 27 April 1997 in full view of an RUC Land Rover, only 200 yards from an RUC station.

4 RUC officers, wearing body armour and armed with machine guns, stayed in the Land Rover until after the attack.

- ◆ They ignored warnings of a potential incident
- ◆ They ignored pleas for them to intervene during the attack
- ◆ They did not fire warning shots to disperse the crowd
- ◆ They did not administer first aid to Robert as he lay dying
- ◆ They did not declare the area as a scene of crime, collect any forensic evidence or take



statements from people present at the scene

- ◆ They detained one person but released him after only a few minutes
- ◆ No arrests were made for two weeks

Robert's family want to know why. They are asking the government to set up an independent inquiry into the incident.

## TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT

### CAMPAIGNING FOR BRITISH WITHDRAWAL IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Nottingham Robert Hamill Group has the support of a number of AMICUS, UNISON, and NAPO trade union branches as well as Nottingham and District Trades Council.



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# BRING THEM HOME FREE THE COLUMBIA 3

Three Irishmen were arrested in Columbia in August 2001. Jim Monaghan, Martin McCauley and Niall Connolly face charges of training left wing FARC rebels in Columbia and of using false documents. The three men were arrested by the notorious 13th brigade, which has been cited by human rights agencies for involvement in torture, kidnapping and unlawful killings over recent years. If they are found guilty they could face up to eight years in prison.

So far the attorney general's office has ignored evidence put forward by the Columbia three's defence team challenging the credibility of the two main prosecution witnesses a civil servant and a 'super grass.' The prosecution has also ignored expert forensic opinion that the men had no contact from explosives and drugs tests carried out by the Colombian authorities (negative) and the US government (positive). Recent investigation by Irish and Columbian lawyers has confirmed that the forensic evidence was carried out in most unsatisfactory circumstances and in a manner which would be totally unacceptable to other normal jurisdictions.

The FARC commander, Paul Reyes, has told ITN television that the men met him for political discussions. Another FARC commander, Marulander, has claimed that the arrests of the men are part of an attempt by the Colombian government to destroy the peace process in that country. The Colombian government has confirmed that one of the stated objectives of the demilitarisation zone was to allow international organisations, governments, and individuals to visit the FARC for political discussions.

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# THE PAT FINUCANE CENTRE

## What is the Pat Finucane Centre

The Pat Finucane Centre is based in Derry, Ireland. The Centre advocates human rights and encourages political development and social change in Ireland. The centre promotes a non-violent ethos and actively works to build alliances with groups and individuals within the radical and progressive wings of Irish politics. The centre believes that the attainment of human, political cultural and economic rights can only be achieved within the context of active self determination involving all the Irish people.

Several independent projects are based at the Centre. These include:

- *The Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign*,
- *Policing and Alternative Justice Project*.

The Centre also acts as a contact address for *Relatives for Justice* and the *Campaign for the Right to Truth*.

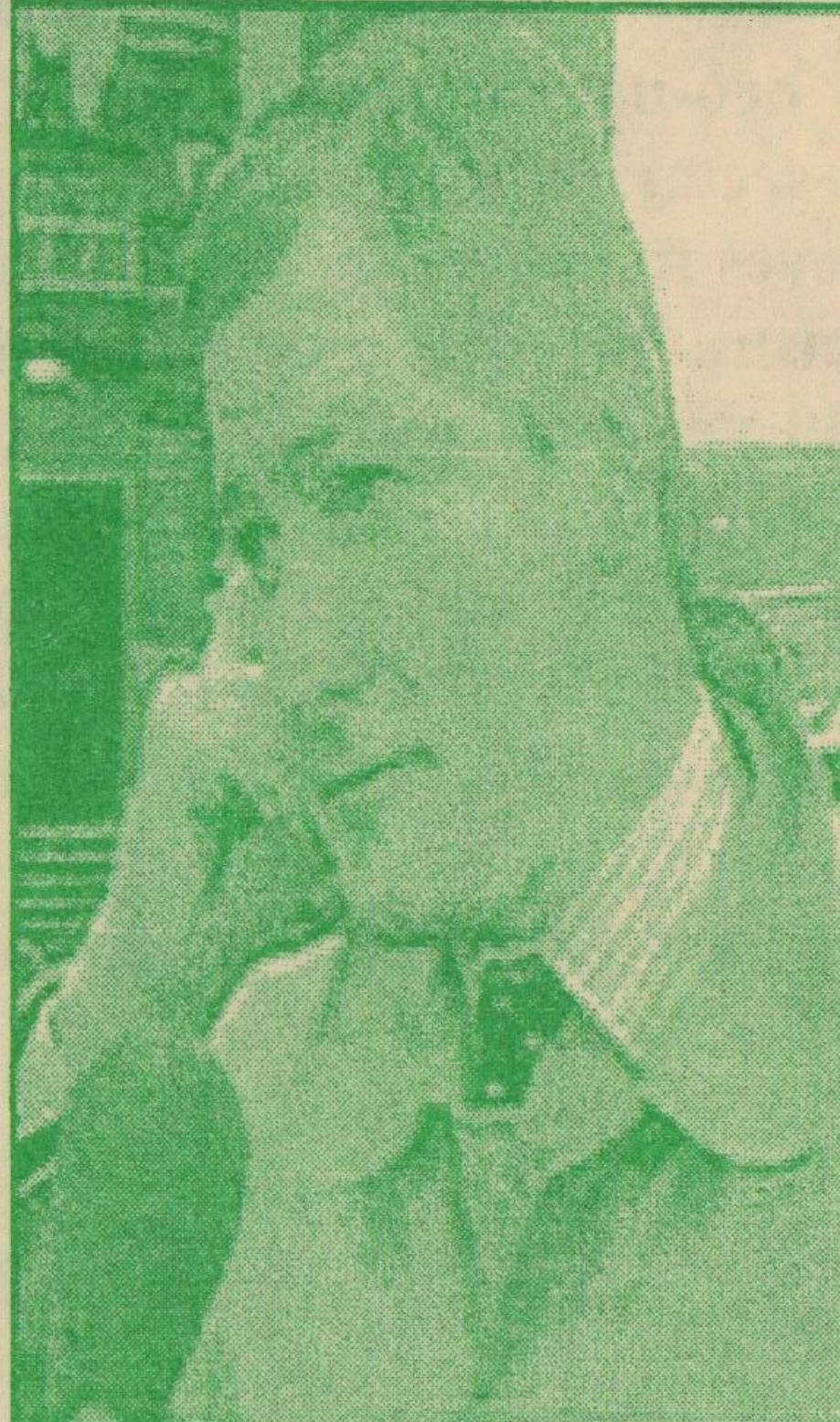
The Centre organises the annual Bloody Sunday commemoration in Derry. It is also involved in promoting activity around a range of important, sometimes controversial issues, such as policing, engagement between Unionists and Nationalists and developing radical and progressive social and economic agenda within community, women's and trade union groups.

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# PAT FINUCANE



■ On 12th February 1989, armed Loyalists burst into the home of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane. They shot him 14 times in front of his wife and children, killing him and wounding his wife.

Mr Finucane was a well known and successful solicitor in Belfast. He had defended a number of high profile cases involving nationalist clients. Loyalists have alleged that Mr Finucane was active in the IRA. This allegation has been flatly denied by Mr Finucane's family, and police officers in Northern Ireland. At the inquest following his death an RUC officer described Mr Finucane as a law abiding citizen, going about his profession, in a law abiding manner. The RUC unequivocally stated that Patrick Finucane was not a member of the IRA or any other paramilitary organisation.

No one has been convicted of Mr Finucane's murder, but several arrests have been made. The RUC appointed Metropolitan Deputy Police commissioner John Stevens to investigate Mr Finucane's death.

A lack of resolution to the case has prompted Mr Finucane's family to repeat the calls for a full public inquiry into the killing.

## NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

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Allegations that the RUC and British Army (Force Research Unit) colluded with Loyalist gangs to kill suspected IRA members in Northern Ireland have led to numerous calls from Amnesty International and several other human rights groups, lawyers and judges for a public inquiry into Mr Finucane's death.

# **SEARCHLIGHT**

## **FIGHTING FASCISM AND RACISM**

Searchlight's aim is to combat racism, neo-nazism, fascism and all forms of prejudice. Searchlight is a non-sectarian organisation in political, ethnic and religious terms. It believes in achieving the broadest possible unity in the fight against racism, fascism and prejudice. Searchlight has existed for more than 30 years. In summer 1962, in response to a resurgence of open and violent neo-nazi activities, a group of people from a wide variety of political and religious backgrounds met in London to set up the Searchlight Association. Searchlight has appeared as a monthly magazine since 1975. It is now read all over the world. Simon Wiesenthal, the greatest of the post-war nazi-hunters, described Searchlight as the best English language publication of its kind anywhere in the world.

### **Searchlight's Current Work Includes:**

**Assistance to School and University Students:** Searchlight receives information requests almost daily from school and university students carrying out projects or dissertations on subjects related to racism and fascism.

**Advice and Information:** Any organisation with a genuine interest in fighting racism or fascism can come to Searchlight for information about racist organisations and individuals and for advice on how to deal with the problem.

**Work with the Media:** Searchlight continues to work with television, radio and the press to prepare programmes, features and news items about racist and fascist activities.

**Research:** Searchlight carries out continuous research to keep up to date with the activities, strategies and memberships of fascist and racist organisations.

**Campaigning:** Searchlight has caused or helped cause the cancellation of a number of nazi events, such as skinhead gigs and international nazi gatherings, and continues to do so where possible. Searchlight also supports and takes part in some broader anti-racist demonstrations and campaigns.

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# **JEREMY HARDY V. THE ISRAELI ARMY**

**6PM SAT 13TH SEPTEMBER  
3:30PM SUN 14TH SEPTEMBER**

**Leila Sansour, director of Jeremy Hardy v the Israeli army,**

**will introduce both screenings and attend a post screening Q and A.**

**BROADWAY CINEMA  
BROAD STREET  
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## **NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

In recent years a number of families of the victims of injustice have shown a remarkable determination to campaign for truth and accountability. Their experience and confidence form the basis of the National Civil Rights Movement. Inspired by their example, we have come together - families, campaigners, lawyers and community activists - to build a new movement. Our aim is to provide support for the victims of racial injustice, to promote family-based campaigns and to challenge the criminal justice system.

The National Civil Rights Movement is a national-wide network of individuals and families dedicated to the struggle for racial justice and human rights. In particular we are committed to challenging the discriminatory criminal justice system and institutional racism in all forms. We are independent of government and government agencies. It is not acceptable that any individual family or community should be left to face racism in isolation. We pledge to build a grass-roots network capable of providing immediate effective and sustained practical and political support to all victims of racial injustice. We believe that to be effective this struggle must be guided by individuals, families and communities directly affected. It must also seek to include and encourage the participation by a wide and diverse range of people. The NCRM are affiliated to the Robert Hamill Campaign

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