

## V2 Celebrations

The German government has backed down from a planned celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the building of Hitler's "wonder weapon" the V2 rocket which killed and injured thousands of civilians during daily bombings in the war.

The original intention of some government ministers to take part ties in well with today's climate in which nazism is being white-washed and jingoism and race hatred encouraged once again. Hence the trial now taking place in which a man who deserted Hitler's army, refusing to carry out atrocities, now stands charged with treason and murder for killing a high ranking nazi official in a communist POW camp.

## Rumania

Following the recent elections, over a third of Rumania's parliamentary seats are now held by parties preaching open racism, anti-semitism and anti-Gypsy hatred.

## France

In an illegal referendum organised by former Socialist Party member, Joel Wilmotte, mayor of the town of Hautmont in northern France, the population voted that immigrant workers should not have the right to bring their families to France.

## Italy

Wearing Blackshirts and Swastikas, nearly 50,000 supporters of the fascist MSI rallied on the 70th anniversary of Mussolini's infamous March on Rome. They were addressed by his granddaughter Alessandra, whose plans to appear as a star speaker at a meeting at the Tory party conference in Britain were called off after CAFE threatened mass no-platform action. (see article on Western Goals and Tory party).

The MSI (which has existed since the war) is not growing at the rate of other fascist parties in Europe. This may be related to its openly fascist image, unlike the 'respectable' front of parties like the Front National and Republicaner. But the respectable racists of the Northern League in Italy are growing at a fantastic pace, and recent polls suggest their popularity now is almost double that at the time of the April elections, when they gained 9% nationally.

## Bardot & the Fascist

Brigitte Bardot, who recently sued three European magazines for "invasion of privacy" after they published photos of her on board Le Pen's yacht, has finally put her cards on the table. She has revealed her secret marriage to Bernard D'Ormale, local official of Le Pen's FN.

# KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATED ACROSS EUROPE

## GERMANY:

On Monday 9th November nearly 100,000 people throughout Germany took part in ceremonies remembering Kristallnacht, the night in 1938 when Hitler's government sponsored mobs smashed, burnt and murdered their way through the Jewish community in an orgy of violence. In Rostock the commemoration was disrupted when 40 neo-nazis armed with baseball bats attacked the crowd.

## BRITAIN:

### WEEKEND OF ACTION AGAINST RACISM & FASCISM THEY SHALL NOT PASS!

The Rohit Duggal march against racist murders was an event all anti-racist, anti-fascist activists supported, indeed CAFE had produced a special leaflet for this demonstration. 1,000 people marched through South London on Saturday 7th November. However CAFE finds itself strongly at odds with those anti-racist, anti-fascist groups who believed this was the *only* way for British activists to commemorate Kristallnacht.

CAFE believes the best way to commemorate Kristallnacht is to demonstrate a militant fightback. It was for this reason that CAFE was pleased to be the co-ordinators of the "They Shall Not Pass" committee.

### London 8th November

The National Front received a nasty shock this year on their annual march to the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November. They found a 500-strong, angry and militant anti-fascist crowd fighting to get through police lines in order to stop their march. Unfortunately, because the state spent a large amount of money mobilising a massive police presence to protect the fascists, the NF march to the Cenotaph went ahead. However, the brown-trousered fascists had fear written all over their faces when it appeared police lines were going to break. At a number of places the anti-fascist pushed the police lines into the edges of the NF march.

The 'They Shall Not Pass' committee had a very clear 'No Platform' stance, and because it made clear in its publicity that it intended to physically confront the fascists it ensured a militant turnout of fighters. The committee had the support of many other anti-racist, anti-fascist groups and was expecting a turnout of between 1,000 to 1,500 on the day. If this had happened then there can be very little doubt by all those who attended the demonstration that the NF march would not only have been stopped, but the NF would most probably never march again.

The 'They Shall Not Pass Committee'

consisted of CAFE, Islington ARAFA, RIL, LGCARE, YRE, MILITANT, London NUS, and WORKERS POWER. Almost the whole of the anti-racist, anti-fascist movement sponsored the demonstration, but only the above mentioned put their backs into the work. Searchlight and London Anti-Fascist Action were the only ones to not sponsor the demonstration and boycotted the event, however this did not stop sections of London Anti-Fascist Action activists attending the demo and working with the stewards appointed by the committee. It was the failure to mobilise mass forces that was one of the major factors which allowed the NF to march.

Some anti-fascist, anti-racist groups who have a national profile supported the committee *in name* but then failed to mobilise their members. Part of the failure to stop the march lies with those anti-fascist groups who in name supported the committee but in practice refused to mobilise their members. Once again we see it is fascists who gain from the fact that anti-fascist forces are not able to work together in a non-sectarian manner. We must unite our movement if we are to stop the likes of the NF and the BNP.

### York 8th November

Yet another 500 anti-fascists turned up in York on Sunday to protest against the BNP who sometimes show up on this day. The BNP did not turn out this year. Was this because they have yellow bellies?

## ITALY:

In Rome 30,000 people marched on the anniversary of Kristallnacht in protest against racist and anti-semitic attacks in the country today. A recent poll was reported as signifying that 10% of Italians want to see Jewish people expelled from the country. The day after this poll was published, Jewish-owned shops were covered in anti-semitic stickers. A group of Italian Jews reacted swiftly and positively to this provocation. Armed with iron bars, stun gas and smoke bombs, they raided the headquarters of a neo-nazi group known as the Western Political Movement, smashing up the building and beating up its occupants. One anti-fascist explained "If the police will not defend us, we will do it ourselves."

Black people, Jews, refugees and others have learned this bitter lesson time and time again across Europe. But in the face of mass fascist parties, they will not be able to drive back the nazi tide on their own. The general labour movement must join with them actively in the fight against their common and deadly enemy.

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# GERMANY

A Turkish woman and her two grand-children were murdered in neo-nazi fire-bomb attacks over the weekend of 21st November in the West German town of Molln.

Several people were seriously injured. At the same time, attacks took place in Shoningen, Rathenow, and other towns. In Berlin an anti-fascist was knifed to death after clashes with nazis.

German police revealed that two skin-heads had confessed to the murder early in the month of a man who they mistakenly thought was Jewish. The man was beaten, kicked, doused with petrol and then set on fire. They later dumped his body in Holland. The situation is now such that the state prosecutor has declared it a threat to "internal security".

Members of the Turkish and Jewish communities are arming themselves in self-defence, despite the disapproval of many community and 'anti-racist' leaders who still trust that the government will crack down on the violence - a government which is daily fanning the flames of hatred against refugees (and which is now joined in this by the chief opposition party, the SPD).

Since the Rostock Report (below) was written Kohl's Government delivered its "solution" to the rioting, the immediate deportation of tens of thousands of Romanian Gypsies.

But even this display of open pandering to the race-hate thugs is unlikely to help the beleaguered Christian Democrats whose support is down by 50% in eastern Germany according to the latest polls. A phone-in poll conducted by the mass circulation daily Bild, returned the shocking result of Franz Schönhuber, former SS man and leader of the "respectable" fascist Republicaner Party, as the most popular choice for Chancellor.

While the final figure may well



Nazis seig-heiling as Rostock hostel burns

have been distorted by fascists making multiple phone calls, nevertheless, the Republicaner have been making steady gains and, according to most prominent pundits, are certain to hold the balance of power in the 1994 general elections, forcing Kohl to form a coalition with the main opposition party, the SPD. This is perhaps an understatement of how fascism can leap forward in the present climate.

Meanwhile the attacks continue. Refugees who want to fight back find themselves isolated and German anti-fascists who came out to defend them have been forced to retreat in the face of huge numbers of local people who came out to support the nazis.

The struggle goes on, but with polls showing 51% in sympathy with the slogan, "Germany for the Germans", chanted by Rostock nazis, it won't be easy.

### Ravensbruck Attack

In the aftermath of Rostock, a series of neo-nazi attacks on concentration camp sites has taken place. In Ravensbruck, where nearly 100,000 women were exterminated during the war, neo-nazis desperate to destroy the evidence, have fire-bombed the crematorium. This complements David Irving's campaign to deny

the atrocities ever happened.

### Leniency for Killers

German courts have handed down absurdly light sentences to a gang of nazi thugs who kicked Angolan, Antonio Amadeu, to death. The convictions were merely from 2 to 4 years. The victim's girlfriend is now in hiding, after her baby's pram was covered with swastikas and later set alight. The state is giving a green light to fascist murder.

### Klarsfelds & Other Anti-Nazis Arrested

In contrast to their slowness in dealing with nazi thugs, the German authorities sprang into action to arrest dozens of French Jewish activists who crossed into Germany. The demonstrators fixed a plaque comparing the violence in Rostock to war-time Nazi attitudes towards the Jews, onto a municipal building. Those arrested included the couple Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, the internationally respected nazi hunters who helped to capture Klaus Barbie.

# ROSTOCK REPORT

From our Berlin correspondent.

Since the Rostock race riots hardly a day goes by without similar attacks against immigrant hostels in towns and villages throughout the north of former East Germany. Whilst some of these attacks, which usually involve throwing bricks and Molotov cocktails at buildings inhabited by refugees and asylum seekers, can be said to be copycat attacks by relatively unorganised groups of right wing youth, the main bulk of them must be seen as part of a concerted fascist campaign of racist violence. This organised neo fascist offensive, and the complicity of the state, are the two elements

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## Thanks CARF

CAFE would like to thank the Campaign Against Racism & Fascism (CARF) for supplying us with information relating to the Stop Irving demonstrations last July and September, which enabled successful actions •

## Czechoslovakia

The ousting of president Vaclav Havel will usher in the break-up of the country into Czech lands and Slovakia, following Slovakian leader Meciar's nationalist campaign. On both sides there has been a rise in xenophobia and right wing extremism.

In Slovakia Meciar's allies in government will include the extreme right Slovak National Party while on the Czech side the racist Republican Party received over 6% of the vote. An independent Slovakia has only ever existed in modern times as the nazi puppet state led by collaborator Father Joseph Tiso •

## Hungary

The rise of racism and the extreme right in Hungary reached new levels as Istvan Csurka, vice president of the largest party in the country's coalition government, accused Jewish people of being part of an international anti-Hungarian conspiracy. In an 8-page report he also made classical nazi demands for "lebensraum" (living space) for ethnic Hungarians and railed against "genetically impure families", finally calling for a violent overthrow of the present government.

Support for the present political leadership has recently fallen from 42% to 15% in Hungary, which like most of Eastern Europe is now plagued with severe economic problems and rising unemployment. Conditions are ripe for the fascist rhetoric of Istvan Csurka to take hold: in September 15,000 of his supporters took to the streets, and an official government celebration of the 1956 uprising was nearly broken up by hundreds of rioting skinheads in nazi uniform.

Despite the attack on his own leadership, the prime minister Josef Antall has refused to condemn Csurka's report or take any action against him. Instead, Antall himself has been playing the nationalist card •

## Liberal Fascists

The Liberal-Democrats in Britain have passed a motion threatening to leave the Liberal International if it does not expel the Austrian 'Freedom Party'.

The 'Freedom Party' is a fascist party run by Nazi heir Jorg Haider. It received 16.4% of the vote in the country's recent presidential vote •

# IRVING STUNG AT 2nd LONDON SEMINAR

On Saturday 19th September, David Irving, world touring revisionist 'historian' and leading active nazi in Britain and Germany, held yet another 'educational' seminar. Due to start at 2pm at a 'secret' London venue, it actually began at 4.30pm, half an hour before it was due to finish. This was because of direct action by the 400 anti-fascists in the Stop Irving Committee, co-ordinated by CAFE.

The main advertising for this seminar yet again was done by BNP activists. Yet again we started our day of action outside David Irving's Mayfair residence and HQ. Led by the CAFE banner we then marched en-masse through Oxford Street, Tottenham Court Road, and Euston Road, chanting anti-racist, anti-fascist slogans visible to tens of thousands of Saturday shoppers. At the fascists' main re-direction point at Euston the fascists and anti-fascists were kept separate by large numbers of police whose main concern was to pen-in us, and not the fascists, who were mainly the BNP. We could have done better to stop ourselves being hemmed-in.

Because of our presence the fascists were forced to march off earlier than planned and a fair number of their late arrivals never got to their destination - one little victory. They all went by tube to St James Park, and awaited further orders.

The police kept us hemmed-in, and when we were released, we all went en-masse by tube to the Eccleston Hotel, Victoria Station, where our sources told us the seminar was being held. Hardly any of the fascists knew at this time that the seminar was to be held here - but we did! What we should have done, there and then, when so few police were around, was to have taken the whole demonstration straight into the Eccleston and occupied it. Unfortunately we believed the lie told by the management of the Eccleston Hotel to London Weekend Television reporters and others that the fascist meeting had been cancelled. We therefore left the hotel.

Eventually, two and a half hours late, the fascists, depleted in numbers, marched down Victoria Street, with Union Jacks leading, and into the Eccleston Hotel, where they held a short meeting.

Why did the Hotel tell LWT the meeting was cancelled? Why did they allow the meeting to go on much longer than it had been originally booked for?

The Eccleston has been used as a venue again and again over the years.

Gregory Lauder-Frost, Vice-President of Western Goals (right-wing inside the Tory Party), was a guest speaker. So it seems we have different wings of British fascism com-

ing together in one meeting. Present were Irvings' Focal Point and International Campaign for Real History; League of St George, Hancock of Brighton's mob, Tyndall's British National Party, Western Goals of the Tory Party - all in all a very dangerous mixture in the context of the rapid growth of fascism on the continent.

### DAVID IRVING: CANADA

Our last issue of Nazis Out head-lined Irving as 'Isolated', resulting from CAFE's demonstrations highlighting his fascist nature and close links with the openly fascist British National Party. Irving is now complaining to every pressman he can speak to, that the British press is now ignoring him in relation to his deportation from Canada.

He is ranting on about how the Canadian Government "ambushed" him on a bridge at Niagara Falls, how they forge documents against him, and falsify information - and he wonders why he's ignored! Irving lost \$50,000 speaking fees because the Canadian Government disrupted his tour. Irving's fear, correctly, is that if Canada succeeds without challenge, then a precedent will be set and Irving will be banned from speaking in many countries around the world. This would put paid to Irving's 'International Campaign for Real History', which organises his speaking tours to fascist groups, both open and "respectable", around the world.

His itinerary at present seems to be all December and till 10th January in the USA (CAFE has informed US anti-fascists), Britain on the 11th Jan; Munich on the 13th Jan; then Lisbon (unsure of exact date); London Clarendon Club seminar with the BNP on January 15th; South Africa for a tour on the 20th. CAFE is doing what we can to disrupt this touring raving fascist.

Meanwhile, it seems Irving is getting tired of our mass demonstrations outside his 8-room £1,000 a-week Mayfair flat, and his street continually covered with Stop the Fascist Irving Stickers with his address attached. He is moving to a "secret unmarked location" in the countryside. Don't worry Mr Irving, we'll find you •

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# WESTERN GOALS & THE TORY PARTY

The fascist "Western Goals" (WG), who invited Le Pen to Britain last December, recently announced they had invited Alessandra Mussolini, grand-daughter of the dictator and MP for the Italian neo-fascist MSI to address their fringe meeting at the Tory conference in Brighton.

CAFE immediately warned WG that if Mussolini came she could expect the same "welcome" we gave Le Pen last December, when he had to be smuggled to safety through a back exit. Activists in Brighton and other anti-fascist groups added their voices, promising chaos if she landed.

WG have quietly confided to a few journalists that Mussolini will not now be coming after all. This is even though she told the British press that she would not be "intimidated by coffee" (By that we expect she meant CAFE) However we understand that both she and Le Pen were invited to a London meeting in December.

WG's continuing problems have forced them to cancel even this. They now hope to organise an Euro-fascist meeting in London next year.

The October cancellation was an indication of WGs fear of anti-fascist "no platform" action, a fear they themselves admitted to the press.

### TORIES FORCED TO ISOLATE WG

Further evidence that CAFE's mass demonstrations and campaigning against WG has paid off was provided by Tory chairman Norman Fowler in a letter to the Independent stating the invitation was nothing to do with the Conservative Party, that WG were not a Tory organisation, that none of its members were known by Central Office to be in the party, and that the Tories totally condemned the invitation.

A far cry from Tory statements last year about Le Pen's right as a "democratically elected MEP" to address meetings in Britain.

Yet what Fowler said was false. Most WG members are members of the Conservative Party, and many of them have held positions within their local Tory branches. Their aim is to build links between Conservatives and European fascists and therefore their work is mainly done WITHIN the Tory Party.

Therefore CAFE in conjunction with the Brighton anti-racist anti-fascist movement,

local trades council etc, organised a protest rally at the Tory conference to highlight this link. Fowler's case did not seem very airtight when a WG supporter came out of the building in the interval to greet our rally with a Nazi salute.

It is a great step forward for us in Britain that by direct action we have forced the Tories into a position where they are disowning WG and fiercely condemning the Euro fascists. This situation has only come about as a result of intense anti-fascist pressure through "no platform" demonstrations and other activities.

If we ever relax this pressure we will see Britain rapidly go down the road of other countries in Europe where neo-nazis sit in national parliaments cloaked in respectability, representing mass movements who daily force the mainstream parties further to the right •

### REVOLUTIONARY CONSERVATIVE

Meanwhile, Stuart Millson and Johnathan Bowden, who recently led a miniscule split from Western Goals, have produced their own publication: 'Revolutionary Conservative'. Some WG leaders wrongly refer to Bowden as a left-wing agent - whilst Bowden refers to WG's opportunism in their invite to the "liberal" Mussolini.

# STOP GENOCIDE IN THE BALKANS: BUT HOW?

DISCUSSION ARTICLE by Dave Landau

The carnage taking place in what was Yugoslavia presents a terrible dilemma for all those opposed to racism and fascism. Both leaderships of the Croatian and Serbian states are pursuing a deadly policy of extreme nationalism and racism which has more than a faint stench of nazism about it.

The policy pursued by Serbia of "ethnic cleansing", concentration camps, possibly death camps, daily atrocities against non-Serbian peoples, all these have the hallmarks of fascism, with all the real possibilities of outright genocide which goes with it.

What is not so clear from the media is the fascist character of the new Croatian state and leadership. President Franjo Tudjman is an apologist of the Nazi Croatian state set up in the early 1940s. At least 700,000 Serbs and hundreds of thousands of Jews and Gypsies were exterminated by that regime. Le Pen is one of Tudjman's closest international allies. Of Nazi Croatia's most notorious WWII concentration camp Jasenovac, President Tudjman has said "only" 30,000 have died. Fascists from all over Europe have gone to fight for the Croatian state. Croatia, like Serbia has, been involved in carving up Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It is no wonder that Serbs living in Croatia were opposed to the establishment of an independent Croatian state, with its own military apparatus. They have every right to resist this development and call upon the Federal Army for support. Anti-racists and anti-fascists should have supported such resistance at the beginning of the war over Croatian independence. Whether we should have supported federal intervention is less clear, the Milosevic regime had already shown its vicious racist teeth against Albanians in Kosovo and we could anticipate the terrible atrocities that were to occur on both sides in the war of independence.

Today, it is clear, that Serbia is far stronger than its fascist cousin in Croatia and that the

immediate threat of genocide - against the Muslims and Croats and against the Albanians in Kosovo - comes from the Serbian state. However, there is every reason to believe that if the military balance of forces were to be reversed, Croatian fascism would present the same genocidal threat, except that this time Serbs and Muslims would be its primary target.

Clearly anti-fascists must oppose both regimes and should be for the defence of all peoples under threat from them. But how? We would like to see a united front movement of all Balkan races and nationalities against fascism and the war. This illustrates the absolute necessity of building a mass militant movement against racism and fascism throughout Europe. Such an organisation could give practical support, encouragement and solidarity with those forces in the Balkans who want to build such a united front or local campaigns with that orientation. Any movement in that direction should have our support, such as the peace marches in Belgrade.

What about external intervention? Simplistic anti imperialist slogans such as "hands off Serbia" or "hands off Yugoslavia" are inadequate in the face of the threat of genocide. If we thought that external intervention could smash fascism and the threat of genocide in the region we could not oppose it. However, an examination of the situation shows clearly that imperialist intervention will only make matters worse. In the first place imperialism, led by Germany in this instance, has encouraged the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, encouraged ultra nationalist and, in turn, fascist movements to emerge. Having consciously helped to create the situation for its own ends it is doubtful that it has any genuine intention to solve it, only to manipulate it further.

In the second place imperialism is split and the dominant wing, associated with Bush, Major et

al., are opposed to any serious intervention at present, sometimes sounding positively Chamberlainesque in the pursuit of appeasement.

In the third place the interventionists, led by the German government and with supporters in the US (Clinton and the Democrats) and in Britain (Thatcher and Owen) all speak about fighting against Serbian aggression or Serbian atrocities. While they want to smash Serbian might, they are more than happy to give more strength to Tudjman's arm. Indeed, Thatcher called on the west to "send arms to Croatia." As we have pointed out, the consequences of Croatian supremacy may be just as bad or worse than that of Serbia. Intervention on this basis must be opposed, not on the principal of "hands off" but of "no support for either fascist regimes."

What about limited military intervention to secure delivery of food, medicines, clothing etc to Bosnia? It would be a criminal dogmatist who opposed this outright. Nevertheless, we must look at intervention with great circumspection, recognising that it could be used as a cover to escalate into a Thatcher/Owen type war against Serbia with Croatia as number one ally.

Anyone who thinks that imperialism really cares about the Bosnian, or any other Balkan people under threat, will be disillusioned when they look at the treatment of refugees. As thousand upon thousands are turned away at the borders, countries like Britain are falling over themselves to find reasons why they can't come here. It is sickening to hear Lynda Chalker explaining how they would be better off settled peacefully in their own homes (wouldn't all refugees?) and government spokespeople explaining how refugees would have to travel through a safe country before reaching Britain and should seek asylum there. We must shout from the rooftops: **OPEN THE DOORS - REFUGEES WELCOME HERE !!**

# Public Reply by CAFE to slanders by Gerry Gable (editor/boss of Searchlight) and the leaders of Red Action.



When lies, slander, libel, and physical intimidation occur to the extent they now have within the anti-racist and anti-fascist movement, then they have to be answered in full.

The editor of Searchlight, Gerry Gable and also leaders of Red Action/London Anti-Fascist Action (London AFA) have sunk to the lowest of the low when it comes to recent attacks on the Campaign Against Fascism in Europe and one of our main activists, Steve Myers. This has culminated in a grotesque attack on us with a half-page back cover in the October '92 issue of Searchlight, ironically titled, 'Defending the anti-fascist and anti-racist movement'. Red Action haven't gone into print with the allegations, but leaders O'Shea and Jim W. have verbally supported these allegations directly to CAFE members.

The Campaign Against Fascism in Europe was not set up in competition to the rest of the anti fascist movement in this country, but to complement it. We felt that with the rapid growth of fascism on the continent there was a need to inform people in Britain about the situation, to undertake whatever action we could to hit the Euro-fascists interests here and prevent them from building links in Britain. We are proud of our successes in such a short time in mobilising very wide layers of people for no-platform demonstrations against the likes of Le Pen, Irving, etc, that have been supported by the almost the whole anti-racist anti-fascist movement, excluding Red Action, London AFA and Searchlight, (bar the Stop Le Pen week of action, which they put their names to).

The following lying accusations and attacks have been made against CAFE:

1. Steve Myers of CAFE has been accused by Gable and Red Action leaders of being a police informer/agent provocateur, without a shred of evidence to support this. This co-incides with 'fingering' in the September and October issues of Searchlight, linking the political and personal name of Myers - which put CAFE and Myers to enormous inconvenience and worse, in great danger from fascist attack.

2. Gable's first act was to smear mud around the collection of funds for Stop Irving anti-fascist defendants. Firstly he accuses Myers personally, instead of the broad based Stop Irving Committee and CAFE which set up the fund. Gable libellously writes it is time Myers "stopped improperly soliciting funds" yet he doesn't provide a shred of evidence - nor is there any! He says we had "no authority" to collect money when we had almost day to day contact with Leeds AFA (co-organisers of the Stop Irving Demo in Dewsbury) at the time, who openly state our principled and supportive behaviour over this question. Gable and Red Action leaders are upset because Leeds AFA, like nearly all AFA branches around the country, are not lap-dogs of London AFA/Red Action and have independence.

3. Gable, in a bizarre letter to the Jewish Chronicle (which they refused to publish - so Gable put it in his Searchlight, Oct '92), and speaking on behalf of the 'whole' anti-racist anti-fascist movement, states that CAFE "is universally disapproved of by the anti-fascist movement, both in Britain and Europe." But according to Gable we are so "minuscule" that we are not even known by the majority of groups? And why did London AFA and Searchlight put their names to the Le Pen week of action organised by us last December? If CAFE is so "universally disapproved of", why did Searchlight and London AFA join CAFE, along with other organisations, as the British delegation to a European Anti-Fascist conference last spring in Holland - and why did they travel in the mini-bus organised by CAFE? Why is it that almost the whole body of anti-racist anti-fascist groups in Britain

(except Searchlight and most of London AFA's leaders) support the various no-platform demonstrations we initiate and co-ordinate?

4. Red Action control of London AFA went so far as action to stop 'Stop Irving' leaflets being distributed, and ripping down 'Stop Irving' posters, at the AFA Carnival on 6th September. This culminated in Red Action's physical harassment and violence against CAFE activists, including one pregnant member of ours being pushed around. We left the scene to avoid a big fight, but we were pleased that we had support from almost every organisation present. An AFA steward was also hit by a Red Action member on the same day. The only place in Britain on 6th September that anti-fascist leaflets couldn't be distributed was the so-called 'Unity' AFA Carnival! Fortunately a significant minority of London AFA distanced themselves from this, to the extent that one of the three main groups constituting London AFA, Workers Power, have put out a statement condemning Red Action for its "heavy handed, intimidatory and violent stewarding" and that "Red Action is an organisation which condones violence" (WP 160 - Oct '92). Incredibly, but in character, Searchlight, Oct. '92, turned one half of its brief report on the AFA Carnival into praise for AFA and the other half into attacking the "problems" of an "incident caused by a small group from the so-called Campaign Against Fascism in Europe (CAFE, also known as Bistro)"!!! Not a whisper of what really happened. No demand for an end to violence within our movement.

5. Gable, in another libelous act, has referred twice in Searchlight to an anti-semitic hate leaflet circulated to the national press and fascists in the name of Focal Point (Irving's organisation). Despite its botched attempt to name names and addresses of CAFE, the leaflet was nevertheless clearly intended as an incitement to violence against members of CAFE by fascists. Incredibly Gable has accused CAFE/Myers twice in the last two issues of Searchlight of having forged this anti-semitic hate leaflet ourselves in order to gain publicity!!? Gable should know that the leaflet was distributed inside the July 4th Irving/BNP seminar by the organisers of that seminar!

6. We have been accused of conducting a general campaign to split and wreck the movement, a ridiculous accusation to make against an organisation such as ours, when we are the only ones to have managed to bring such a wide variety of groups out together in a variety of united no-platform actions despite their serious differences, and when we have constantly called for unity of the movement around a principled fighting programme of action.

## WHY DID THEY ATTACK CAFE

But our job is not only to disprove the allegations made. We also have to make sure that all anti-racists/anti-fascists understand why this is all happening and why now. We must ensure that these divisive tactics are stopped once and for all, or at least make sure that next to no one in our movement will believe such allegations in the future from these sources.

The general rise in racist attacks and certain fascist organisations in the last decade, such as Le Pen's Front National, has now spread throughout much of Europe since the more recent collapse of the Berlin Wall and of Stalinism. Rapid rises in racism and fascism are showing yet again the spectre of fascist power in Europe. This first exploded with the near pogrom nature of attacks on immigrants and refugees in Hoyersweda, East Germany, in September '91, and sent a shock-wave throughout the left and amongst anti-racists/anti-fascists Europe-wide.

In Britain, the response was for the anti-racist anti-fascist movement to grow rapidly. The Anti-Racist Alliance was formed, shortly after Hoyersweda, the Campaign Against Fascism in France (CAFF) organised the biggest and most militant no-platform demonstration against fascists seen in this country for a long time during the week of action against Le Pen as activists responded en-masse to fascism in Europe as a whole. The Campaign Against Fascism in Europe evolved out of CAFF after the Stop Le Pen demonstrations. Then the SWP launched the Anti-Nazi League. Earlier this year, Militant launched Youth Against Racism in Europe.

Things were on the up for the British anti-racist anti-fascist movement in January of this year in terms of numbers. But there were serious problems. A sectarian battle for hegemony over the movement erupted between the ARA and ANL, both falsely claiming to represent the movement as a whole.

In this environment Searchlight and the Red Action leaders of AFA made sectarian attacks on the ANL and ARA, refusing to work with either. Instead of welcoming the new large forces into the general movement, they saw them as competitors. Instead of using their experience to win over new forces to more systematic work, newcomers were generally slagged off as Johnny-come lateleys. It was not one sided either as ANL and ARA leaders engaged in much the same. Gable and RA leaders did not find themselves the spear-head of a new mass movement as they may have hoped, but well and truly side-lined. People were stepping on their toes, and their egos.

CAFE did not trust the political perspectives and way of operating of Searchlight or London AFA, even though our founding members did make an attempt during 1991 to transform London AFA itself into a national organisation capable of uniting anti-racist anti-fascist militants, of working in support of organised self-defence alongside those communities under attack. But we were expelled because we argued a different method of fighting racism and fascism. We developed our own organisation and in a short time have been relatively successful for our size.

For years Searchlight has exposed the fascist antics of David Irving. But when it comes to organising a no-platform demo against Irving, as CAFE did successfully on 4th July this year, and another on 19th September, Gable and London AFA refused to back the main demo and Searchlight backed only the peaceful protest by the Board of Deputies, which incidentally, CAFE built for and supported too.

It is our success in beginning an intelligence network (where almost exclusively it used to belong to Searchlight) that Gable cannot handle. We organised some of the best no-platform demonstrations against fascists (previously an AFA activity - except that we included wide layers of other organisations orienting specifically to those oppressed by racists and fascists, the labour movement, etc). We produce regular and effective propaganda against fascism in Europe, educating the movement here. We began intervening in Europe with other anti-racist anti-fascist groups. Yes, Gable and Red Action leaders who feel they are the anti-fascist movement do feel we are stepping on their toes. We will continue our work!

## POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BEHIND SLANDERS

It is our contention that neither Searchlight nor Red Action really understand where fascism comes from, what fascism is, what its essential components are - and therefore in combating it, the wrong perspectives and practice are applied.

Searchlight is totally undemocratic. Gerry Gable is the boss and none of the other full-timers have a single vote, never mind its supporters and readers. Gable operates with schizophrenic politics. On the one hand he spends incredible amounts of time placating the conservative Board of Deputies of British Jews, with a trust in reforming the police and usually relying on the state to protect Jews (what did the British state do for Jews in 1939?). Gable attacks Myers for having previously belonged to Trotskyist groups that were anti-zionist. Yet, on the other hand he awkwardly tries to straddle the ever-widening bridge to the no-platform, anti-zionist Red Action/London AFA! This is why Searchlight appears as an eclectic political mish-mash wavering between two irreconcilable perspectives with no consistent political direction. It is not surprising that the whole world is one of conspiracies and scheming to Gable - its how he operates. Searchlight is financially backed by some who rely on the law and bury their heads in the sand (even when that law facilitates fascist growth) and is backed by those leaders of the Jewish community who consistently discourage no-platform action against the fascists. As such, Gable goes crazy when it comes to a real fact - CAFE is having a considerable impact upon increasingly militant Jewish youth. We have a significantly important layer around us and the strangle-hold previously held over Jewish youth is beginning to slip as we get more and more to each demonstration we organise. This is one important reason for Gable's bizarre attack on us that does not apply at all to Red Action.

Alternatively, London Anti-Fascist Action should be distanced from many AFA branches around the country who behave very differently from London and do work with CAFE), correctly has a paper policy of building a working class united front, of no-platform for fascists, of propaganda against fascism. But it stops there. By almost wholly targeting white working class youth to build a movement and

doing next to no supportive work for the self-defence of those attacked by the fascists - black, Jewish, lesbian & gay people - London AFA ends up in the political crisis it is in. This is not separate from a strong atmosphere around Red Action of sexism, homophobia and a complete insensitivity to black and immigrant people. This makes it impossible for many people to work with them.

The ridiculous London AFA approach that anti-fascist work can be separated from anti-racist work, from supporting those racially harassed, attacked, etc; that a united mass movement can be built this way, is a caricature of the composition of the "working class", and leads to the small-gang mentality dominating, as is the case.

Normally smallish macho-gangs roaming the streets seeking odd fascists, by its very nature excludes the bringing in of wider layers of anti-fascists to no-platform experience and allows no real orientation to labour and the unions, separating experience from inexperience, etc. London AFA's snobbishness at the lack of no-platform experience of new activists, Labour Party members, SWP, etc, who turn up to demo's, does absolutely nothing to bring forward that experience, and worse, does nothing to combat the misleadership of any organisations that do not try to physically stop the fascists. The fact is that London AFA is not even good at organising large scale effective no-platform events - the very thing it brags so much about. This is why it organises anti-political "Unity Carnivals", marches through the East End of London whilst the NF marches to the Cenotaph in central London (November '91), the very criticism it correctly made of the first ANL.

More significantly, London AFA does not seem aware that by far the most effective and wide-scale no-platform against racist attackers and fascists goes on in Britain every day in many black communities organised by those under direct attack. Further, by at all times trying to avoid exposing and confronting the police who protect the fascists, more than points to a complete misunderstanding of the significant connections between the capitalist system, the growth of fascism, and how to defeat it.

The individuals who have made these accusations against us have also used their power as leaders to ensure that neither AFA nor Searchlight gave us any support or cooperation in building the July 4th and September 19th counter-demos against David Irving and the BNP. This situation was imposed against the wishes of many of London AFA's own members, some of whom defied their leadership and came out on the day anyway. They behaved similarly regarding our fight to build the They Shall Not Pass committee to stop the National Front march to the cenotaph on November 8th - but we found even more London AFA members there along with some non London AFA branches.

After the Stop Irving demos Gerry Gable cynically published a long and glowing report of the opposition to Irving in Searchlight, leaving out any mention of the fact that they were both initiated and coordinated by CAFE, whose activists spent many long hours and a lot of their personal money in working to publicise and build for the demo.

It is clear that behaviour such as we have described can only lead to the destruction of our movement. Arbitrary labelling of people as police informers without any evidence by those in positions of leadership and responsibility in our movement, deliberate jeopardising of anti-fascists' security, threats of physical violence (a charge that has been directed time and again at Red Action) - clearly these are things that cannot be tolerated in our movement.

We urge anti-racist and anti-fascist groups and individuals to write to AFA and Searchlight, expressing their disgust at this catalogue of events. In particular we urge activists in or around both groups to confront their mis-leaders over these questions, and call for an immediate retraction of the accusations. Please inform CAFE when you do this.

Politics, not personality, is at the root of the slanders and differences. As we have already proven, Gable and Red Action Leaders do not really understand the nature of fascism, where it comes from and therefore, how to smash it. CAFE, therefore challenges Gable to a public debate in London on the real nature of fascism and how to defeat it. This should keep away from all personal slanders, slurs and lies. Our estimate is that Gable will be scared of being found as the Emperor without any clothes and will turn down the challenge.

Finally, we intend to carry on our fight against the growing menace of fascism in Europe, undeterred by these threats and attacks from those who should be fighting on our side. We call on everyone to support the fight for a fighting unity, solidarity and democracy in our movement.

## Ad-Hoc Committee to STOP THE FASCISTS

CAFE, London NUS, Workers Power, Lesbian & Gay CARF, Islington ARAFA, RIL and Kingston AFAR have launched an ad-hoc committee. The active participants in the 'They Shall Not Pass Committee' (see back page) have transformed themselves into the 'Ad-Hoc Committee to Stop the Fascists'. The aim of Stop the Fascists is to come together for specific actions: not to be a movement in itself. Militant will be joining us in the actions - but haven't put their name to the Committee.

Stop the Fascists agreed basis for action is: *to support self-defence and organised self-defence; to no-platform fascists; not to rely on the state; and to unite labour movement bodies with those specifically attacked by racists and fascists.*

CAFE is pleased that this body is not trying to set up yet another 'anti-racist anti-fascist movement'. This can only be done by uniting the vast majority of active local groups and activists in one national body. That is why our demand for a national delegates conference of local groups is what everyone should be fighting for. We need to break the sectarianism and opportunism at the head of most national groups today.

Monthly information exchange meetings are planned for central London. Organisations and activists are welcome to attend on the above basis. The next is at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th December -

Details: from Dave Allen, CAFE 071-277 0817



## ROSTOCK CONTINUED

which have emerged clearly since the events of Rostock at the end of August and which explode the myth, carefully created by the media, of a "spontaneous" upsurge of popular anger against foreigners.

The events at Rostock were marked by a number of aspects which form part of a broader general pattern: the "spontaneous" outburst was preceded by very high profile fascist activity. In the week before the riot the neo fascist Hamburger Liste fur Auslander-stopp had distributed over 100,000 leaflets in the city calling for "resistance" against the "flood" of foreigners. Similarly a local newspaper made an open call for local residents to take the "problem" of foreigners "into their own hands."

The violence has been met by broad sympathy from a number of leading conservative politicians. Interior Minister Seiters announced at a press conference that he had "a certain amount of understanding" for the neo fascists who almost burnt alive the 150 Vietnamese people trapped in the hostel. Other politicians have been more cautious in their pronouncements, but almost all national politicians from conservative to Social Democrat have joined in the racist chorus calling for tighter immigration controls. (The Social Democrat leadership having recently overturned their parties position of no support for changes to the right of asylum guaranteed in the constitution, although this still has to be ratified by the membership in a special conference.)\*

The actions of the police can be described as somewhere between connivance and containment. In the Rostock riot the softly-softly approach of the riot police and armed border guards meant that the racist attackers were left completely in peace for at least ninety minutes at the height of the rioting - time enough for them to ransack the hostel

and set it alight. The police later claimed this was due to a "change of shift." Similarly police claims of a lack of resources did not stop them from setting up road blocks on the motorways to turn back, or arrest, anti fascist demonstrators on their way into the city. Despite the large numbers of fascists in the city from other parts of the country, including as far away as Berlin and Leipzig, the police seemed to be more concerned with arresting anti-fascists, who were also kept in jail far longer than the fascists. In an attempt to intimidate the 20,000 strong anti-fascist demonstration on the weekend following the riot the police even landed a squadron of helicopter carrying reinforcements right next to the demonstration.\*\*

Germany is currently experiencing the worst period of sustained social unrest since the war. Senior police officers have made public statements about it being "only the beginning" of right wing violence and describing the situation as "a right wing 1968." The combination of viciously monetarist type social policies, producing unemployment levels of up to 50% in some areas, as well as the conscious scapegoating of immigrants and other minorities by the conservative-liberal government has meant that openly fascist organisations are now having a field day in the parts of the country they have targeted. This is coupled with the relative weakness and lack of perspective of the left, who are mainly represented by the Stalinist turned social democrat PDS and the autonomous youth, for whom distance from the organised working class is almost a matter of principle. Neither the ex-Stalinist nor the autonomous left seem capable of offering much in the way of leadership in the current situation which is crying out for a political offensive in favour of a militant united front of the working class and specially oppressed. The trade union rank and file in particular, as well as the organisations of the unemployed, must be

won to a position of the physical defence of immigrant hostels and of "no platform" for racists and fascists. Franz Steinkuhler, leader of the engineering workers union IG Metall, paid lip service to this position after the racist attacks in Hoyaswerda last year, but has so far remained silent (And is probably more afraid of a mobilised rank and file than of fascist violence.) Meanwhile the attacks show no sign of running out of steam of their own accord.....

\* Since this report was written the overturn in SPD policy has been ratified.

\*\* In an earlier demonstration at Rostock police arrested 75 out of 200 anti-fascists.

### KOHL'S HYPOCRISY

On Sunday 8th November nearly 350,000 people marched through Berlin in a government sponsored anti-racist rally. The hypocrisy of leaders like Chancellor Kohl declaring their opposition to racist violence after doing everything to fan the flames of hatred by blaming asylum-seekers for the nation's problems proved too much for a group of several hundred anarchists, who threw eggs and paint at the politicians in front of international television cameras.

The anarchist action was met with riot police and government condemnations far stronger than the response to the recent Nazi scenes in Rostock. The establishment media in much of Europe joined in the hype of the anarchist "threat" with Britain's Daily Telegraph distorting everything by claiming that the egg-throwing incident was an attack on the rally by the "very forces of extremism against which it was protesting."

Conspicuous by its absence was the CSU, Kohl's sister party in Bavaria, who refused to take part or send a representative. Bavaria is a neo-Nazi stronghold and the local conservatives obviously felt that pandering to racists was more important than Kohl's mass public relations exercise aimed at improving Germany's international image•

## LONDON LESBIANS & GAYS UNDER ATTACK

Fascists in London are increasingly beginning to turn their attacks on the lesbian and gay community.

Following revelations from fascists to the Channel 4 programme 'Out' that 'Comptons' and 'Village', two gay bars in Soho were to be "hit" by a group of fascists on the 8th August, the Lesbian and Gay Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (LG,CARF) were able to mobilise sixty anti-fascists, mainly lesbian and gay, to defend the two pubs.

The fascists did not make an appearance, so leaflets were distributed and the lesbian and gay community in Soho were made aware of the need for self-defence and of united opposition against the fascists.

On 13th August David O'Reilly died on Pentonville Road after being threatened by a gang of boneheads. As he tried to make his escape he fell under the path of an oncoming lorry and died within minutes.

A further incident took place just two hundred yards from where David O'Reilly died. At 10.50 pm that night a gang threw a CS canister through a window of Central Station, a gay bar. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

The lesbian and gay community needs to take this threat from fascists seriously. All Lesbians and gays wishing to fight back should support their local anti fascist group and join the Lesbian and Gay Campaign against Racism and Fascism (LGCARF.)

\*LGCARF can be contacted by telephoning 071-277 0817 and asking to speak to Dave Allen.

LONDON LESBIANS & GAYS UNDER ATTACK.

## ANTI-FASCIST YOUTH MARCH IN BRUSSELS

Between 20,000 to 50,000 (estimates vary greatly) people marched on an anti-fascist, anti-racist demonstration in Brussels on the 24th October 92. The march was co-ordinated by Youth Against Racism in Europe (YRE), who are sponsored by Militant. They are to be congratulated on their first attempt to organise at a European level.

The march was geared for young people and the majority on the demonstration were under twenty five years of age. The march was followed by an impressive 'gig' which saw groups such as 'The Fundamentals' on stage. The size of the event reminds us of the 'Rock Against

Racism' concerts organised by ANL in the late seventies.

CAFE attended the demo and CAFE's introduction leaflet which presents our programme was warmly received by many people on the march. In the leaflet we argued that what is now needed is co-ordinated European wide no-platform action against the fascists. A mass demonstration in Berlin next year on the 60th anniversary of Hitler's coming to power would be a useful step on the way to creating a European anti-fascist movement. German fascists will no doubt have their own plans to 'celebrate' the anniversary of Hitler's rise to power, a mass European mobilisation to stop such 'celebrations' is one way to turn the tide•

## EUROPE: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

The anti racist movement has long been aware that the "united Europe in which black people, refugees and others would be locked out. However, we must not ignore what is going on in the anti-federalist camp.

The French referendum on Maastricht showed an enormous number of people were against European Union. This result, coming after the Danish "No" now threatens to scupper the entire project, but only one major political party in France (not counting the Communist Party which is on the decline) echoed that vast part of the electorate who voted "NO" - Le Pen's fascist Front National. The conservative and centre right parties were split on the issue with their leaders calling for a Yes vote.

Other major Euro-fascist parties such as the German Republikaner and the Belgian Vlaams Blok are also fiercely anti-Maastricht.

The fascists, as well as racist politicians within more mainstream parties argue against European union on the grounds that the removal of internal border controls will usher in a flood of immigrants from "next door". Also generations of immigrants (who have lived, worked and paid taxes in European countries but have been denied citizenship rights by successive racist governments) will suddenly find themselves (horror of horrors) entitled to vote. Finally, the fascists argue, Maas-

tricht threatens sovereignty of "the Fatherland".

Whilst most conservative leaders like John Major and Jacques Chirac profess support (however mildly) for a United Europe, hard-line Thatcherite right-wingers prophesied doom if the project goes ahead. Knowing that in many countries large sections of public opinion are behind them, how long can the Thatcherites resist the temptation to link up with the only significant block on the right calling loudly and consistently for a "No to Maastricht"-the Fascist right•

### CAFE PUBLIC MEETING

### FASCISM & ANTI-FASCISM IN BELGIUM TODAY

SPEAKER: Marc Van Praet

Anti-Fascistisch Front (AFF) Antwerp

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm

CONWAY HALL  
RED LION SQUARE, LONDON WC1

The largest political party in Antwerp is the fascist Vlaams Blok. On Tuesday 24th November, students at schools, colleges and universities will be going on strike and demonstrating against racism and fascism. This is unprecedented in Antwerp. The Anti-Fascistisch Front (AFF) and Blockbusters (YRE), along with others are helping co-ordinate. Our speaker from AFF will outline the work they have been engaged in with immigrant youth, along with the general situation in Belgium.