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STOP THE RACIST MURDERS

Sixteen people have been murdered by the Nazis in Germany this year. Eight have been murdered in Britain. As the crisis deepens the confidence of the Nazis grows. They tell us to blame blacks, Jews, asylum seekers and Gypsies. They want us divided and weak so that they can destroy us. We must be more determined than ever to stop them.

Newsletter of the Anti Nazi League



TERMINA BOMAN

No room for complacency

Surprising though it may seem it is just eleven months since the Anti Nazi League was relaunched. Undoubtedly at that time there were some who wondered whether the Nazi threat in Britain justified this step. Others expected that the spurt of Nazi activity might die down after the election when the attempt to re-emerge as a force in British politics ended in humiliation.

Events in the last six months have however underlined just how necessary the re launch of the ANL has proved to be. Hardly a week goes by which does not require a response from the growing number of Britain's anti-Nazis. Sometimes we have had to react to the tragedies of racially inspired murders of, for example, Ruhullah Aramesh, a refugee from Afghanistan, living in Thornton Heath, Rohit Duggal a 16 year old schoolboy from Eltham or Asiq Hussain, a Birmingham taxi driver.

In other parts of the country Nazis have been active selling papers and leafletting. There has also been a growth in the desecration of Jewish cemeteries, for example in Brent or Cardiff. In West London a pig's head was placed by a memorial for the victims of the Nazi concentration camps. This ties in with the systematic attempt at Holocaust denial by the open admirers of Hitler, like David Irving, aided and abetted by the *Sun-*

day Times. Nazis working in the civil service have been identified. Subsequently one has been suspended and another sacked as a result of local pressure and ANL pickets.

The quickening of Nazi activity has been met with determined and widespread opposition. The key to this has been the absolute commitment by the ANL nationally and locally to involve the widest number of people—councillors and community leaders, MPs and trade unionists, black, Asian and white, Jews and non-Jews. We recognise that, whatever else might divide us, we all have a stake in preventing the rise of the Nazis here. That was the the most important lesson of the ANL last time and is the main reason why the Nazis in Britain are relatively weaker here than in Europe.

But this is no time for complacency. The devastation wrought on people's lives by the ever-deepening economic crisis grows more intense by the week. The events in Germany—of which the brutal murders of the two young Turkish girls and their grandmother is among the latest and most brutal example—serves as a firm reminder to us all of what is at stake if the Nazis are not systematically opposed at every turn. We all need to redouble our efforts and build on the very real gains that have been achieved since our relaunch last January.

A message from the ANL Steering Committee

Anti Nazi League

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Anti Nazi League members sprang into action all over the country over the summer to expose Nazi historian David Irving and the *Sunday Times* for having hired him. The campaign successfully showed Irving to be an apologist for the Holocaust, a fascist sympathiser and a money-grabbing fraudster. He has addressed neo-Nazi groups in Germany and been arrested on a neo-Nazi march. Irving, who denies that 6 million Jews were killed by Hitler, is a 'historian' who changes facts to suit his ugly political views. 'The gas chambers were erected in Poland for tourists,' he maintains, and, 'Auschwitz was not an extermination camp.'

While apologists disclaim any connection between Irving and fascism, Irving himself has no doubts about which side he is on: 'I belong to no political party but you can call me a mild fascist if you like.' The campaign also showed what revolting depths *Sunday Times* editor Andrew Neil will sink to in order to attract readers. Not only did he hire this despised man to write in his rag, but had the cheek

to plaster what looked like Nazi posters all over the country to advertise his 'scoop'. But neither Irving nor Neil had reckoned on the depth of outrage this joint venture would provoke. The ANL and thousands of others showed that we mean business when we say Never Again! All over the country the advertisements were sprayed with anti-Nazi slogans and plastered with ANL posters. In town after town, anti-fascists have organised protests against the paper and Irving.

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IRVING, YOU ARE HISTORY!

WAPPING

Over 100 ANL supporters picketed News International where the *Sunday Times* is printed. The protest was so noisy that the foreign editor was forced to come out and speak to an ANL delegation. He was given

an ANL open letter to Andrew Neil from survivors of the Holocaust and leading Jewish activists.

LONDON

Around 400 anti-Nazis picketed the 'seminar of World War Two historians' that was addressed by

Anti Nazi League pamphlet HOLOCAUST DENIAL: THE NEW NAZI LIE

Get your school, college, organisation or trade union branch to order bulk copies (50p each). Ring 071 924 0333 to order.

David Irving in July. A further 300 demonstrated against another seminar in September.

GLASGOW

ANL supporters made sure that Irving did not turn up for a planned meeting in Glasgow in June. He was due to speak with Kirk Lyons, a defence lawyer for the Ku Klux Klan.

The ANL organised a stall in the city centre before the meeting was due to take place, along with a mass leafletting, to inform local people what Irving was up to.

Over 5,000 leaflets were distributed, and several shoppers stopped to help give the ANL material out. Around 50 people joined and hundreds more left wearing ANL stickers. After 20 minutes of picketing Bargain Books, the store agreed to remove Irving's books and not redisplay them.

DEWSBURY

Around 120 anti-racists got rid of 35 Nazis who had gone to Dewsbury to welcome David Irving. As a result of the protest, there was no meeting — just a bunch of humiliated Nazi thugs.



The ANL's new pamphlet was launched in the House of Commons on 26 November. Among those there to promote it was (from left to right) Holocaust survivor Ester Brunstein, Peter Hain MP, Jewish historian Hyam Macoby, children's writer and poet Michael Rosen.

ACTION SHORTS

Sheffield Victory! Simon Chadwick, the Chesterfield BNP organiser, has been sacked from his job in Sheffield's Job Centre (late November). The ANL, in conjunction with civil servants, held two pickets, and did mass leafletting and collected hundreds of signatures against Nazis being employed in the civil service. A similar campaign was kicked off with a 250 strong picket to demand the sacking of Jim White, a BNP member who works for Customs and Excise. He has since been suspended.

Over 5,000 people joined the anti-racist march in **Glasgow** on Saturday 28 November, where the ANL had a lively contingent. There has been an increase in Nazi activity in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The BNP have been leafletting schools and painting racist slogans on Asian shops and walls. The ANL has been very successful in its activity to stop the Nazis—by counter-leafletting and paint-outs. A small band of Nazi thugs attempted to attack the demonstration as it ended, but were chased off.

Walsall Not content with the ferociousness of British jackboots, some UK Nazis been aping their cross-Atlantic brethren, the Ku Klux Klan. NF stickers were found near a KKK cross burning in Brownhills near Walsall in August timed to coincide with an ANL march on 19 September. The march attracted 450 people.

Attempts by the BNP in **Halifax** to 'claim

Peoples Park for whites' this August were thwarted by a ANL mobilisation of 1,500 black and white locals. On hearing that BNP members were stickering in the town demonstrators chased the Nazis away, then marched on the local mosque to declare victory. BNP members, were reduced to listening to arch-Nazi John Tyndall in a field 15 miles away.

Charlton Mosque in Greenwich was attacked and then firebombed, causing £30,000 of damage in July. The local ANL group leafletted the community, and organised a vigil at the mosque, where they handed over a petition signed by local people, trades union officials and councillors. The area has suffered a dramatic increase in racial harassment. The Sikh temple had its flag burned, and the local black community has suffered an increase in verbal and physical abuse. In late September a gang of white men leapt from a car to attack a black woman.

The local ANL is actively campaigning to have the Bexley BNP 'bookshop' closed down. A recent police raid on the shop produced no changes. A petition will be handed in to the local Tory council. Many trade union reps, members of local anti-racist groups and other prominent local figures had already signed an open letter to Bexley Council condemning the murder of Rohit Duggal in Eltham.

Streatham Nazis leafletted the local dole office, post office, bus garage and British Rail,

saying the attacks on refugee hostels in Rostock, Germany, were the result of too great an influx of refugees. ANL activists counter-leafletted. The best response came from the DSS, where staff not only booted the Nazis out, but established a workplace ANL group, which is still going strong.

Brighton A group of about 20 Nazis who tried to attack the Gay Pride Picnic on the beach were driven away by 200 anti-Nazis. In July 200 anti-racists stopped the NF from holding a relaunch meeting in a hotel in Hove. A planned meeting of the Western Goals fringe at this year's Tory Party conference in Brighton had intended to display Jean-Marie Le Pen and Alessandro Mussolini. A 150-strong picket calling on the Tories to break with Western Goals appears to have been immediately successful.

Schools in **Tottenham** were quick off the mark. After racism became a problem in the schools, pupils organised ANL speakers to come to meetings and arranged leafletting.

When the Nazis met their Waterloo!

The Nazi thugs in Blood and Honour were stopped from getting to their redirection point by hundreds of demonstrators who occupied Waterloo train station.

The international network of Nazi bands hoped to attract 'thousands' to their gig, to be held that night Saturday 12 September. Instead the small groups who turned up were escorted away by police. It was a resounding victory for all anti-Nazis. Unfortunately some people were arrested and face serious charges. If you can help in any way, please contact the ANL office on 071 924 0333.

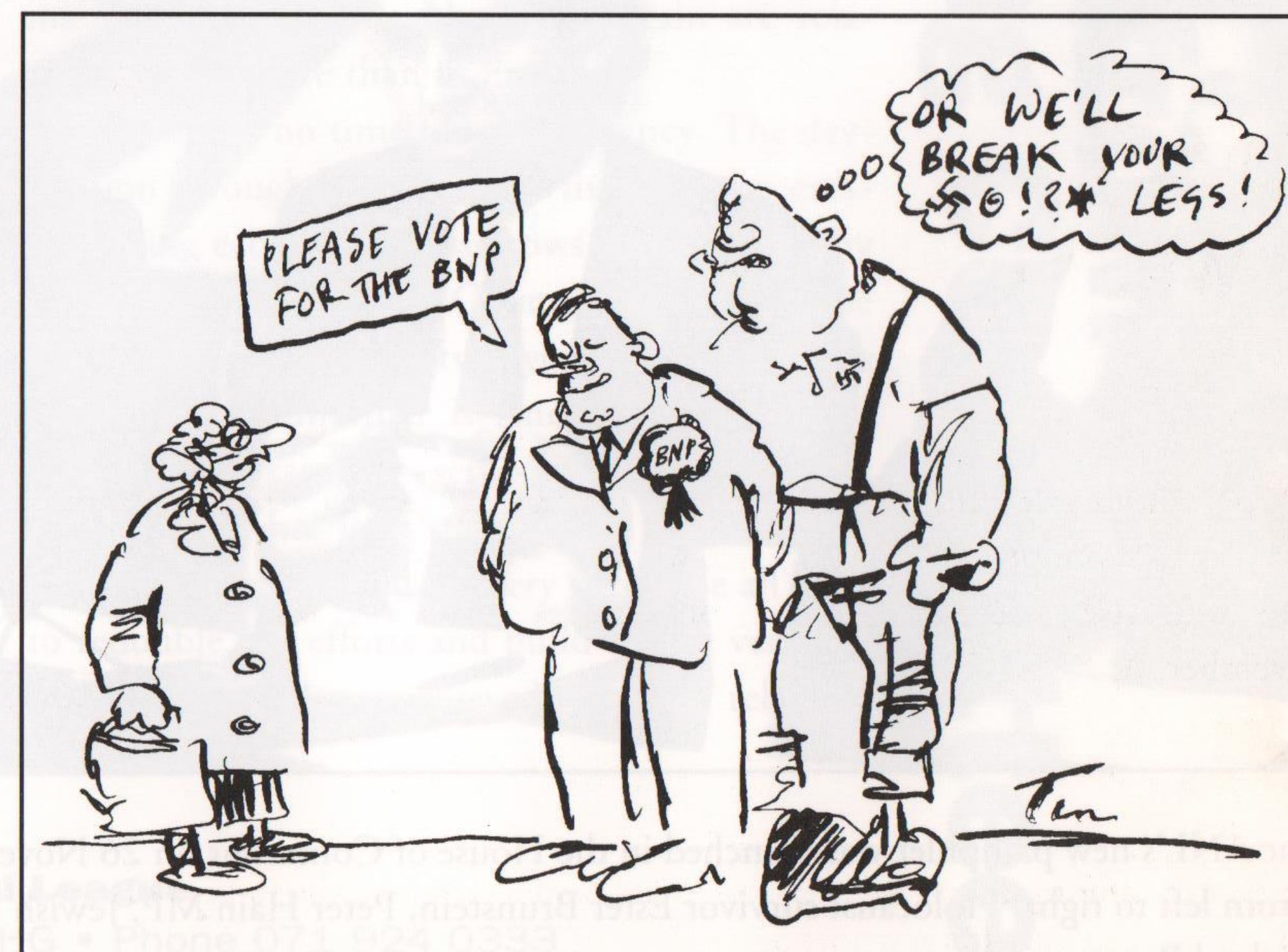
● A few weeks later Blood and Honour announced they would be holding a gig in Folkestone

in Kent. ANL members held daily stalls and leafletted for a counter-mobilisation. The support was widespread and over 300 people turned up to oppose the Nazis on the day. The Nazis didn't show.

You may remember Gregory Lauder-Frost, the Nazi who was payroll manager for Riverside Health Authority. Frost, one of Western Goals' leading members, was sacked in the summer for misappropriation of NHS funds and is now serving a two year prison sentence. It is believed that he may have pilfered

as much as half a million pounds. And there is evidence to show that Mr Lauder-Frost was using this money to fund arms deals for far-right organisations in Europe and Russia.

Thanks to all the health workers in Charing X hospital who campaigned for months for this Nazi's sacking. Well done!



Taking to the estates in South London after attack at Southwark College

Many ANL supporters will have been shocked to hear of the racist BNP inspired attacks on some students at a site of Southwark FE College in Bermondsey in South London.

Local ANL members, dispelling a view that the area is a Nazi stronghold, went out onto the estates and local shopping centre and found widespread hatred of the Nazi attacks. Over 300 signatures were

collected against the BNP, from black and white residents.

The local petition also called for the restoration of the government funding which has been withdrawn from one of Britain's most deprived inner-city areas. Thousands of stickers and posters have been distributed against the Nazis and demanding jobs and services for all.

Support has come from local trade unionists,

including lecturers at the college, and the chair of the Tenants' Association.

The ANL has been invited onto the college action committee. The committee has been pressing the college authorities to be more responsive to the needs of the local community. In this way 'soft' potential supporters have been drawn away from the BNP and the small group of hardcore Nazis are being increasingly isolated.

Anger over Jewish desecrations in west London and Cardiff

A pig's head was left by a memorial to victims of the concentration camps in west London. Also in evidence were swastikas and Nazi graffiti.

The local ANL, with wide support, organised a protest on Sunday 15 November. Around 150 people marched from the memorial to a park where they were addressed by a Holocaust survivor.

In Cardiff, there was public outrage at the desecration of a Jewish cemetery. The ANL organised a protest on Sunday 29 November which attracted over 300 people, among them 10 Jewish ex-Servicemen. Danny Abse and Jools Holland backed the demonstration.

Why I joined

'To defeat the Nazis. To do this we need to build a broad based popular anti-Nazi organisation that can challenge the Nazis ideologically and physically.

To ensure there are no more Holocausts. We need to recognise that the Nazis throughout Europe seek to exploit rising unemployment and poverty for their own ends by scapegoating refugees, Asylum seekers, Jews and blacks.

History has shown us already what Nazism means. As Pastor Niemoeller said: let's speak out for each other.' **PETER ASHAN**, Walthamstow, east London.

'I joined the ANL because I was disgusted by attacks on students by the BNP and their friends. I really wanted to do something

to fight this. Through the ANL would be the most effective way.' **BARRY HILL**, Student at Southwark College, south London.

'Because of my moral principles and because racism is wrong and worth fighting.'

HANNAH BRADBURY, Glasgow, Scotland.

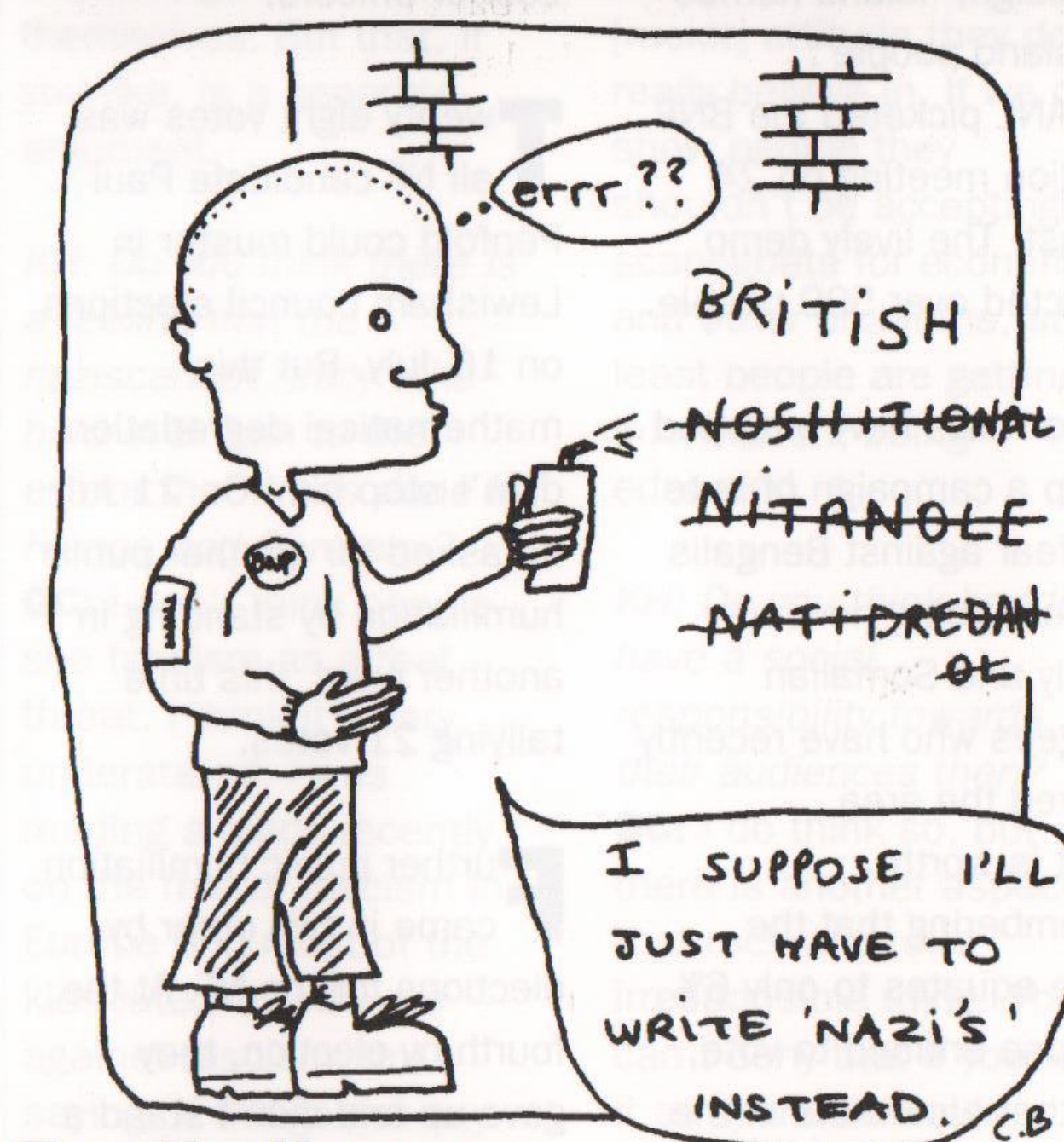
'I had many friends in Germany who I visited after the last war, so I saw the aftermath of the Holocaust.

My friends described the dreadful atmosphere that Jews had lived in before the war.

I find it very frightening that events could repeat themselves.

That's why we need to build the opposition to the Nazis now.'

KATIE, Croydon, south West London.



Football crazy

The NF's vow to follow the Pakistani cricket team was rendered meaningless by the successful distribution of 'Bowl out the Nazis' leaflets this summer. But football club fanzines and the ANL office have been inundated with letters from fans worried about racism on the terraces. The ANL has therefore produced 'Nazis off the terraces' leaflets, available at £5 for 100 from the ANL office.

By-election roundup

Nazi BNP and NF attempted their local election offensive. The Isle of Dogs on Tower Hamlets produced the most disturbing result — 657 votes, or 20% of the votes cast.

These votes were gained on the basis of social issues—housing, education and health. We think these facts speak for themselves.

- 38% of Isle of Dogs housing budget (£7m) is paid to the banks for interest payments.
 - The government, through the London Docklands Development Corporation, gave nearly £5 billion to Canary Wharf.
 - There are 981 empty private homes on the Isle of Dogs.
 - A local estate, St Vincent's, is being demolished for an expensive motorway.
 - The local council (Liberal controlled) runs a campaign, 'Island homes for Island people'.
- The ANL picketed the BNP election meeting on 24 August. The lively demo attracted over 500 people.

The Nazis have whipped up a campaign of hate and fear against Bengalis who are being housed locally and Somali refugees who have recently entered the area.

But it is worth remembering that the figure equates to only 6% of those entitled to vote, and that elsewhere in the country both NF and BNP candidates have been trampled on. Dudley, Netherton Woodside

by-election in north west Britain produced a pathetically small 38 votes. And outlined below are a couple of examples to cheer the heart of every anti-racist.

The good news on Tyneside is the farcical nature of the BNP's South Shields by-election performance. It was unable to hold a rally, or have an effective presence on the streets, one candidate dropped dead and the other, Dave Rumney, scraped together a humiliating twenty votes!

ANL leafletters, active in the town centre for five weeks running up to the election, collected 1,200 signatures to a petition asking the council to deny facilities to nazi groups. Encounters with Nazis were restricted to the occasional 'sighting'.

The election, on 24 September, returned Labour officers.

Twenty eight votes was all NF candidate Paul Penfold could muster in Lewisham council elections on 16 July. But this mathematical degradation didn't stop him. On 21 July he asked for another public humiliation by standing in another ward, this time tallying 21 votes.

Further public humiliation came in two other by-elections for the NF. At the fourth by-election, they gave up and didn't stand a candidate. This gave the opportunity for Lewisham ANL to celebrate with a successful victory gig.

Racist murderers, we are serving notice

Eight horrific racist murders this year alone. Sahitharan, Aramesh, Miah, Duggal, Sarwar, Sadiq, Dada and Hussain. In every area where these murders have taken place attempts have been made by the BNP and other racists to whip up a climate of fear and intimidation.

Ruhullah Aramesh was an Afghan refugee who had survived seven years of war. He was murdered soon after he received 'sanctuary' in Britain. His home had BNP stickers plastered over it the day after he was murdered by a pack of 15 white thugs. The police admitted there was, 'No other motive for the attack than racism'.

The ANL moved into action quickly. Locally it gathered more than 2,500 signatures demanding the local council act to deter further horrific attacks. Jointly with the Croydon Council for Racial Equality a march was organised which attracted 500 people. 'There was a sigh of relief as we reclaimed the streets from its atmosphere of fear', said Weyman Bennett for the ANL.

In Manchester there was a demo of 2,000 when

This letter was received by the ANL from the uncle of Asiq Hussain, the taxi driver murdered by racists.

Dear Anti Nazi League, We, the family of Asiq Hussain would like to thank the Anti Nazi League for all their support,

local anti-racists responded to the murders of Saddick Dada and Mohammed Sarwar. Another 2,000 responded when Pandchdcharam Sahithara was murdered in East London. In South London 1,500 took to the streets when Rohit Duggal was remembered after his racist murder. And 500 protested in Birmingham when the ANL and the Ashiq Hussain family

organised a march. Anti-racists and anti-Nazis should ensure that wherever a racist attack takes place it will be met by determined opposition. Both black and white will serve notice to the Nazis that their racist ideas have no place and will be fought. Never again should a family have to grieve for a relative or a friend murdered at the hands of racists.



This was the message read out by Ruhullah's family to the protest march against his murder. The demonstration on 12th September was organised jointly by the Croydon Race Equality Council and the Anti Nazi League.

On behalf of the Aramesh family I would like to thank each and every one of you attending this demonstration in honour of my nephew today and to protest against his murder at the hands of racists. We share our grief

with you but realise that Ruhullah's murder is not an isolated incident. Mosques, synagogues, temples and homes have been attacked in Britain over the last few weeks. And only a few days ago we learnt of the brutal murder of Ashiq Hussain, a taxi driver in Birmingham. This latest tragedy follows a number of other murders this year. We know that the Nazis are taking heart from the harassment and firebombings of immigrant families in Germany. In Thorton Heath there are

swastikas, racist graffiti, together with incidents of racial assault and harassment. The synagogue in Croydon was also defaced. This demonstration today is not only of great comfort to my family but it is the clearest expression by the people of the London Borough of Croydon that they will have nothing to do with the racist ideas and activities of the Nazis and that they represent a tiny minority. If this message comes across loud and clear then Ruhullah's death will not have been in vain.

Pop 'n' politics

Bop till you drop

Music-loving anti-nazis celebrated the release of the ANL album Never Again! on 30 September. A packed Marquee bopped the evening away to a musical variety from nine of the bands on the album. The live music, ranging from traditional reggae, to indy style, folk rock, two-tone and punk, was received with warmth and enthusiasm. Thanks go to Better Ways, Friends of Harry, Majijam, Pool O Life, Sharp Teeth, Steppin Stone, Fun-da-Mental, the Nutty Boys and Sham 69. The album, which also features the Shamen, Pele, Flowered Up, Pop Will Eat Itself, Soho, Bomb the Bass, Tom Robinson and the Proclaimers, is already selling well in shops. And don't forget, Christmas is coming up; treat your friends to a musical present! The CD and cassette are available from the ANL office—see back page.

KH: Were you surprised when you were asked to donate a track for the album?

GC: Well, yeah, I was, because when I first got into music in the late 1970s I was watching people like the Specials and a lot of two-tone. There were lots of ANL benefits, and a lot of racial tension in Brum, where I come from. I think it's a lot less these days, but that is not to say a small amount is acceptable.

KH: What characterised the late 1970s as a period for you?

GC: I knew I hated fascism and that the fascists were my enemy. But how politically astute that was, I don't know. It was a very aggressive time.

KH: There seem on the surface to be some resemblances musically and socially between the late 1970s and the current period. What



Here, giving voice to musicians' ideas about how to fight the Nazis, Kim Hunter talks to **Graham Crab** of Indy band Pop Will Eat Itself, which has donated a track to the ANL album

parallels would you draw?

GC: I think that's why fascism is rising to the fore now. We're in another recession, people become unemployed, think 'What's going wrong?' and start looking for the easiest scapegoat. That is

something you could argue against capitalism (if you wanted to get political about it), that you are going to end up with a rich and a poor and the poor will have to look after themselves, and end up divided against themselves. But that, if you like, is a separate argument.

KH: Do you think there is a feeling that the naziscannot really take hold in Britain to the extent that it has done in France and Germany?

GC: I don't think people see fascism as a real threat. I think it's very understated. I was reading a piece recently on the rise of fascism in Europe and most of the kids interviewed were against fascism, but saying 'If things get any worse I'm going somewhere else', which is very negative; it's a disturbing trend.

KH: How do you think we can break through that mood?

GC: The main thing has

got to be lots of education and information. You can get a message across in music, but if you're too dull about it you can turn a lot of people off.

KH: Has your music been politically influenced? For instance, what inspired the track you donated to the album?

GC: 88 seconds and counting was inspired by a BBC documentary on a Ku Klux Klan rally in North Carolina, where some anti-Klan protestors were shot by Klan members. It was all captured on video tape, but then dismissed in court. It's a direct parallel to the Rodney King case — it's not surprising when things [protests and riots] spring out of that.

KH: What kind of positive effect can initiatives like the ANL album and gigs have?

GC: The worst thing that can happen is that people continue to be swept along with a general [racist] attitude they don't really believe in. If we can show people they shouldn't be accepting scapegoats for economic and other problems, at least people are getting information, being educated.

KH: Do you think bands have a social responsibility towards their audiences then?

GC: I do think so, but there is another aspect — that rock and roll irresponsible thing. You can't deny that if you took it away music would suddenly be full of the Stings and Peter Gabriels of this world, which is ultimately dull for the future of rock and roll.