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## Forthcoming Attractions

### Saturday October 16th.

UNITY DEMONSTRATION. LONDON.  
 CLOSE DOWN THE BNP HQ  
 Leeds AFA will be arranging transport to this demonstration which should be the largest anti-fascist show of strength for over a decade and is being supported by a wide range of anti-racist/anti-fascist organisations and black groups.

### Saturday October 30th.

INTRODUCTION TO LEEDS AFA DAYSCHOOL  
 This will be an informal introduction to AFA's structure, tactics and policies with practical workshops on a number of anti-racist and anti-fascist strategies. The venue is yet to be confirmed, so if you would like to attend please contact us at the address below.

### Sunday November 14th.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. YORK  
 AFA is organising transport to Clifford's Tower, York, (scene of an anti-semitic pogrom) to ensure that the BNP is unable to march in the city, as it has tried but failed to do in the last few years.

*There will also be AFA gigs in the near future, including a night at Back to Basics on 4th December (TBC).*

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS CONTACT LEEDS AFA

## Anti FASCIST ACTION

AFA is committed to physically and ideologically confronting racism and fascism. We are not a protest movement content to shout slogans at fascists from behind police lines. Our aim is to plan activities that will make it as hard as possible for them to operate.

We are a broad-based and non-sectarian campaign, not controlled by or aligned to any political group. We believe that our non-dogmatic approach and ability to use a wide range of tactics has contributed much to our success.

We believe that all communities have the right to and need for self-defence. We offer our support to them and in no way see ourselves as a substitute for community organisation.

## Get Wize! Get Active!

- > come along to our gigs
- > read CARF and Searchlight
- > challenge racist remarks
- > report racist and fascist activity to us
- > distribute stickers and leaflets
- > come and stop nazi marches and paper sales
- > get a speaker for your group
- > Join AFA

Get in touch - we hold regular events. AFA will always kick fascists back into the gutters they crawl out of. But we'd much rather they never crawled out in the first place. It's much easier to stop them when they're still weak. So do it now!

I/we would like to join Leeds AFA and enclose \_\_\_\_\_  
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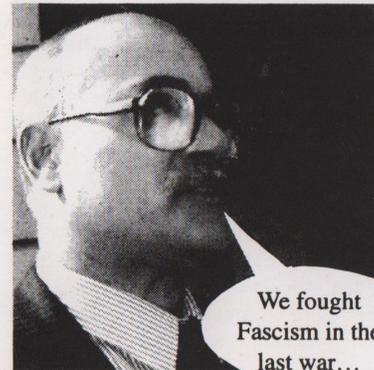
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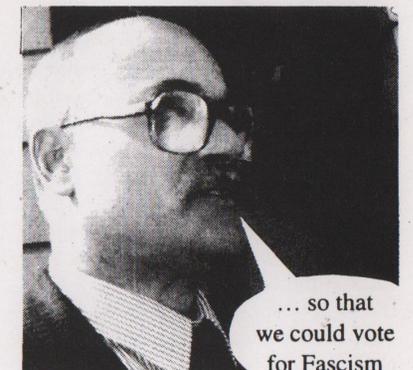
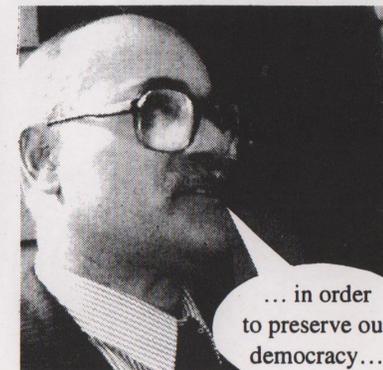
# Attitude

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## BNP: Breaking through or breaking up?



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Thursday 16th September, and the BNP (British National Party) wins its first ever council seat in Millwall, London. A major breakthrough for the fascists in Britain. They won because they convinced enough white people that Bengalis in the area received better treatment when applying for housing. As usual they played on fear and ignorance to create myths. Anyone looking at the figures for housing allocation in Tower Hamlets borough can see that it's just as hard to get a house whether you're black or white

The BNP's offer of 'rights for whites' provides no answer to these problems. They know that people are frustrated at having nowhere to live and use that to try and manipulate people by turning them away from looking for a way to house everybody and towards the dead-end politics of race hate.

What is most disturbing is that the BNP's win has happened against a backdrop of racial violence in the area. One young man is in hospital in a critical condition as a result of a racial attack. This is only the tip of the iceberg - nazi thugs have been rampaging through Brick Lane, race attacks are

increasing and BNP members are often responsible. Indeed Derek Beackon, the candidate was previously involved in the British Movement, well known for their violence. As BNP chief steward he has worked with many racist thugs involved in both the BNP and Combat 18. Racial violence and the BNP have a tendency to follow each other around and the BNP's claim to be the party of 'law and order' is laughable when you consider that their membership is largely a gang of thugs, indeed BNP supporters didn't even wait for the election result but chose to viciously attack the nearest person as they rampaged down the street and attacked Anti-Nazi League supporters with bottles.

AFA isn't here to offer you the alternatives to solve problems such as housing shortages - we're a broad based group and we've all got different ideas on how to do this. But one thing we all agree on is that the BNP's rhetoric of 'rights for whites' is not only futile but dangerous because in desperate times their simplistic slogans can strike a chord.

The reaction against the BNP election win has been swift and strong. In Brick

Lane the following Sunday, the BNP met with the stiffest opposition they have seen for quite a while. The sieg heiling idiots felt the full force of the anti fascist response. Later in the day, Richard Edmonds and several other knuckleheads apparently attacked passers by at random and are now rotting on remand. Lets hope they stay there.

The media have picked up on this one victory and have rightly branded the BNP as the Nazis they are. Its not all bad news, however. Elsewhere in Britain the BNP have been floundering in the quagmire of defeat: time and again their attempts to gain support flop embarrassingly at the first sign of opposition. As the conflict between the "boot boys" and the "respectable face" hots up, the BNP are barely able to hold themselves together. They must be exposed for what they are. Smash 'em. Join AFA.

Inside...  
**BNP's Burnley nightmare. Candidate says "Don't vote for me"**

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# Criminal Records

"No true skinheads are racist"-Roddy Moreno, founder of SHARP (Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice) in the UK.

Ask most people to describe a modern-day nazi and they'd come up with something along the lines of the standard media image: a white youth with an all-over bonehead cut, DMS and a flying jacket covered in swastikas, union jacks and SS insignia.

Most of the blame lies with the formation in the early 80's of first Rock against Communism, and then the "music" magazine Blood & Honour. Skinhead music (mainly "Oi!") was hijacked by skins who were into Nazi politics and letting their boots do the talking. Of course, Nazi skins would never acknowledge that Skinhead had its origins in a meeting of Ska and Reggae with bored white working class kids back in the late 60s.

Blood & Honour is the most widely circulated (though infrequently printed) Nazi skinzine, bringing together reports and reviews of Nazi skin bands from around Europe and the USA. The magazine has a US edition, *Blood and Honour USA* and is planning a German edition, *Blut und Ehre*. The most notorious Nazi band are Skrewdriver, fronted by Ian Stuart, a man whose criminal record is more notable than his musical talent. Stuart dislikes being referred to as a Neo Nazi: he prefers a plain "Nazi" tag. Blood and Honour reflects his attitude, with a feast of Nazi symbolism and sloganeering ("The magazine that's 100% white" and "For Race and Nation"). Other notables in the hall of infamy include Skullhead (dabblers in pseudo-pagan

"Odinism") and No Remorse (a particularly unwholesome crew who associate themselves closely with the Klan in the US). Most of the bands have predictable names: Brutal Attack, English Rose, Battlezone, Squadron and even, believe it or not, one going by the name of Public Enemy!



Blood & Honour organise concerts from time to time. These are usually clandestine affairs, with followers meeting at a "redirection" point and then sloping off to a venue (usually booked under false pretences). On bigger events, boneheads from around Europe have been known to gather for the "entertainment". The last time Skrewdriver openly advertised a gig in the UK (last September), Anti Fascist Action were there to meet them. Most of their followers met a hail of bricks at Waterloo Station and were reduced to pegging it or being "redirected" to

casualty. The usual Blood and Honour gig resembles a mini-Nuremberg rally accompanied by a pretty dreadful mix of heavy metal, Oi and sub-punk music (played badly).

Recently, the more "respectable" faces of the far right (ie the ones that wear suits) have been desperate to distance themselves from the boot boys, anxious to disguise their own criminal tendencies. People like Kev Scott (Tyne and Wear BNP organiser) seem a bit embarrassed by the shaved heads and SS badges. The point is that the "smart" fascists have just got a little better at disguising their Nazism. This has caused a few rifts within the Blood and honour/BNP crossover, but you'll still find the boneheads on BNP paper sales.

## The Flip-side

The quote at the start of this article comes from the founder of the UK division of SHARP, an avowedly anti-racist, though otherwise a-political, skinhead organisation. In addition to this, there is the tradition of "Red" skinheads (remember The Redskins?), Trojan skins and the vast majority of skins who don't associate being a skin with any political identity. Recent developments include an anti-fascist skinhead demo in Hamburg. Many skins would say that the whole "Skinhead=Nazi" image is the result of the far right adopting a skinhead image, rather than skinheads adopting Nazi politics. With the resurgence of a close crop as a vaguely trendy haircut, there are many more people sporting a baldie who're nothing to do with Blood and Honour, the BNP or other Nazi trash. **Its worth remembering: not all skinheads are nazis, and not all nazis are skinheads.**

## Drive Against Racism Today

AFA recognises that racism and fascism don't just vanish overnight and that stopping Nazi organisations is only part of a wider problem. We have chosen to take on longer term campaign work around football and popular music. Recently in Leeds we have set up an anti-racist project known as DART (Drive Against Racism Today) to take this work to kids.

Racist and fascist ideas can develop through interactions between the individual and the world around them. Parents, friends and the media all have a profound effect upon the way in which we perceive things.

First created in Manchester in 1989, the project now running in Leeds visits junior schools in the area and discusses, through the use of plays, games and informal discussions, the ideas of similarity and difference, as well as stereotyping, and victimisation. The children involved are at present between the ages of 7 and 11, but new projects are planned for secondary schools, sixth forms and youth groups.

The project consists of a play about suspicion which stems from isolation and ignorance, extolling the virtues of sharing and co-operation. Other ideas which emerge from the project are

those of similarity and difference and the irrational fears which emerge from difference, as well as the false sense of security which emerges from similarity.

At present, because the project centres on school children, and therefore runs during the daytime, most of the people involved in DART are students. With the advent of the project for youth groups however, hopefully this will mean even more people can get involved. **If you are interested and enthusiastic, or want DART to get involved with your youth group, please contact us for further details.**

## NAZIwatch

A regular column featuring the exploits of local fascists. We are grateful for all information we receive about these characters. All info is used with caution and treated in the strictest of confidence.



Nazi goon (1) John Rhodes.

## Useless Prats

BNP thugs in Leeds have been quite active in recent months. They've managed to crawl out of the Ostler's Arms and the Ship to carry out 'daring' raids on anywhere that has links with AFA.

Nail Records, which sells our T-shirts has had its windows daubed and 'Death to AFA' painted up. Northern Star magazine has had its windows smashed. Other outlets have received threats as well. They have all declared that they will not

be intimidated by these cowardly threats from nazi headcases who seemed to have been encouraged by the return of Dave Appleyard and John Rhodes (see photos).

Tony Mac, a BNP member was responsible for leading an attempted attack on AFA supporters in Leeds in July. He drooled so much, that our biggest concern was where his next rusk was coming from.

Interestingly, someone from the BNP keeps ringing up and apologising for the actions of these idiots. They're

clearly embarrassed by the problem of hating us and yet wanting to give the BNP a respectable image. Come on you drips, make your minds up!

They can't hold regular paper sales because they are too cowardly to face the ridicule and rejection they will encounter from the general public. They'd rather live in their fantasy world of wanna-be stormtroopers only creeping out at night and dreaming of being the 'master race'.



Nazi goon (2) Dave Appleyard.

Together we'll crack 'em

## "Don't Vote For Me"

On the surface, Burnley appears to be the ideal stompin' ground for the BNP, high unemployment, large white working class population, mostly concentrated into large council estates such as Stoope, the scene of a riot in '92, and a small Asian community. But no ... this time the BNP had got it seriously wrong, as they so often do. They were to stand two local candidates, one Scott O'Sullivan and one David McNee, the latter saying that "we (the BNP) see Burnley as having great potential in terms of support". The BNP called a march in support of their candidates. Anti fascists swung into action.

The headline in the Burnley Express on the 27th August this year was "Police reject plea to ban BNP march 'for sake of town'". The ANL had called a counter demo, to be held three hours before the proposed BNP rally - at exactly the same spot. The town was full of Saturday shoppers and the Clarets were playing at home. The ANL demo was swelled by AFA who pulled out hundreds. The police set up a line

between AFA and a few rabid boneheads who snapped at the demo. And still no sign of the BNP march.

After the Burnley match most of the crowds had dispersed leaving a bewildered police force and a very irate (but tiny) selection of Burnley racists. But where had the BNP gone? They were supposed to march through the town centre at 3pm and it was 5pm and not so much as a copy of British Nationalist. They were sat in their selection of battered transits and creaky cars on Exit 8 on the M65 and were told to go home by the boys in blue.

But worse was to come. On the Monday after the demo David McNee (the candidate) accused the BNP of being nothing more than a drinking club and stated publicly that he did not want anyone to vote for him. But he did get the staggering number of 32 votes on the count of Thursday ... and the "serious" candidate? Well, what was a bad day for the BNP became catastrophic. The serious candidate got 9 (yes NINE) votes, and considering you need ten people to nominate you the final outcome was a clear three points for AFA with the BNP not even getting to the playoffs.

DEFEND RIGHTS FOR WHITES  
VOTE BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY  
VOTE  
SCOTT O'SULLIVAN

WHAT WE SAY...  
[Small text block containing various statements and a small portrait of a man.]

BNP election leaflet from earlier disastrous campaign.

AFA quite often get slapped with the label of troublemakers. This time, however, the police got a slating, the postbag in the local press attacked the BNP, praising the counter demo and even the editorial comment blamed the trouble on the police. The local Trades Council has publicly praised AFA. However, the final word must go to the BNP's spokesman (sic) in Burnley "There's no doubt this is quite damaging for the Burnley BNP unit but we operate like a war machine and unfortunately you get some casualties".

AFA stopped the BNP marching in Burnley and wrecked their election hopes.