

# SUPPORT THE SPRINGBOK NINE!

The 'Springbok 9' are eight City of London Anti-Apartheid Group activists and a freelance photographer. They were arrested during City AA's Stop the Springbok campaign in November 1992. They are falsely charged with 'going equipped to cause criminal damage', which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

The Stop the Springbok Reception Committee was initiated by City AA in opposition to the British tour of the racist South African rugby team in 1992 - the first such tour since they were hounded out of Britain in 1969 by the Stop the Seventies Tour campaign.

The Stop the Springbok Reception Committee campaigned against the tour under the slogan; 'No normal sport in an abnormal society.' The campaign had wide support from wide sections of the liberation movement and non-racial organisations in Azania/South Africa, including the PAC, BCMA and the South African Council on Sport.

Leicester and District Trades Union Council, and others in Leicester, supported City AA's campaign from the start, and agreed to organise a demonstration, jointly with City AA, in Leicester when the South Africans played their first match of the tour at the Tigers ground on Welford Road.

Eight City AA members, accompanied by the photographer, travelled to Leicester on the eve of the demonstration to finalise the arrangements. On arrival in Leicester they were stopped by the police and arrested. The nine, who included a pregnant woman were then held for 37 hours and charged with going equipped with broken glass and tacks with the intention of causing damage to Leicester Rugby Football ground.

In fighting to prove their innocence, the Springbok 9 are also fighting to defend the legitimacy of protesting against the Springbok tour.

Their trial begins on November 8th. For reasons of possible prejudice the courts have decided to hear the case in Nottingham, rather than Leicester.

City AA and campaigners from Leicester will be holding a picket of Nottingham Crown Court from 9:30-11:30 On the first day of the trial. THEY NEED AND DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT.

THEY ALSO DESPERATELY NEED DONATIONS TO PAY THEIR DEFENSE FEES - SEND CHEQUES OR PO'S TO: CITY OF LONDON ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP, LONDON, WC1N 3XX.

**PICKET  
NOTTINGHAM  
CROWN COURT,  
6 CANAL ST.  
MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
9.30 ~ 11.30 AM**

## FASCISTS IN LEICESTER COURT

Four fascists will appear in Leicester Crown Court on December the 13th, in connection with an attack on a Jewish solicitor and anti-fascist in Mansfield. The case has been moved from Nottingham.

After the arrest of the boneheads race hate material was found in their homes. A list of Jewish students in Nottingham was also found.

Anti-fascists and Anti racists will be picketing the court to ensure the fascists have a good reception.

THE PICKET WILL BE  
FROM 8:30 ONWARDS.  
DECEMBER 13th.  
LEICESTER CROWN COURT,  
WELLINGTON STREET.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE  
THERE !



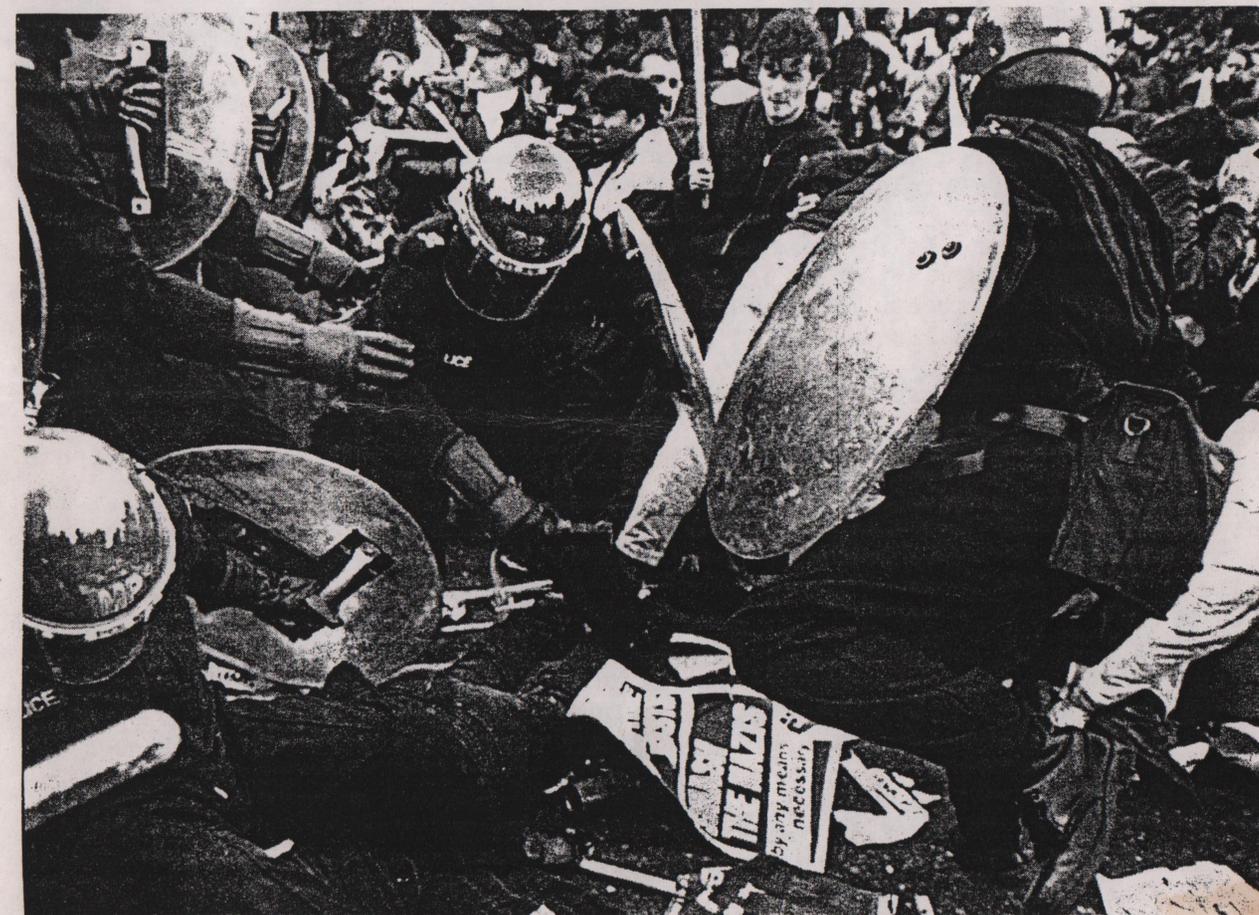
# The Anti-Racist

Bulletin of Inter Racial Solidarity

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## STATE DEPLOYS 7000 THUGS IN



## ATTEMPT TO SMASH ANTI-BNP DEMONSTRATION

100 s OF DEMONSTRATORS INJURED AS MASKED  
AND ARMED MOB ATTACKS UNITY MARCH.

**TO DEMONSTRATE IS NOT A CRIME!**



## NO PLATFORM:- AND NO RETREAT!

Several people have expressed their concern over Inter-Racial Solidarity's principled stand for 'No Platform For Fascists'.

In the July edition of The Anti-Racist an article about the Leicester Anti-Fascist Alliance described a programme of No Platform as

"physically confronting the fascists whenever and wherever they try and meet, leaflet, sell papers,

demonstrate etc."

The same article made clear that IRS supports such a position - AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

Unfortunately a few readers seem to have jumped to a number of wrong conclusions and misunderstood what No Platform For Fascists means in practise. We hope the following points will make our position clear.

\* No Platform For Fascists is NOT about small 'Squads' of macho men roaming the streets in search of violent encounters with fascists. It is not just an excuse for mindless violence.

\* It IS about mobilising in mass numbers to prevent the Fascists operating - for example, occupying their meeting venues so they cannot use them or to clear them of our streets. Obviously the more people who turn out to support such action, the less likelihood of violence.

\* No Platform For Fascists embraces the principle 'Self Defence is No Offence' which involves meeting violence with physical resistance when necessary. It also recognises that the best form of defence is often to go on the offence.

\* No Platform For Fascists means using the minimum amount of force possible but as much as is necessary to rid society of Fascist and Neo-Nazi poison.

While IRS will continue to demand that the state takes decisive action to stamp out racism and fascism, WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT IT WILL EVER DO SO.

The British State is a Racist State. All the major political parties support racist legislation. They all scapegoat black people for the evils THEY have created. The police force and judicial system becomes more openly racist with every day that passes, both in words and in action.

Far from acting against racism and the rising tide of fascism that feeds on it, the government uses state institutions, in alliance with the media, to defend racism and fascists such as the British National Party, while attempting to criminalise anyone who opposes them. Everyone on the Unity Demonstration on the 16th Oct, and who read the subsequent media lies, can be in no doubt of this.

It is futile to look to the state, to plead with racists and fascist sympathisers, to take action against racism and fascism.

The time has come for all those who claim to be against racism and the Fascists to stand up and be counted.

\* STAND AGAINST STATE RACISM

\* STAND AGAINST THE FASCISTS AND NEO-NAZIS AND ALL THOSE WHO DEFEND THEM

\* SUPPORT NO PLATFORM FOR FASCISTS

\* SUPPORT INTER - RACIAL SOLIDARITY

TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE. SIEZE THE TIME - THE TIME IS NOW!

# BNP ELECTION 'VICTORY'

On September 16th the fascist British National Party gained its first ever election 'Victory'. In what could more accurately be described as a defeat for Labour, BNP candidate Derek Beackon was returned as councillor for Millwall in a local by-election.

Millwall is situated on the Isle of Dogs, in the Liberal Democrat controlled borough of Tower Hamlets, East London. Traditionally the ward is Labour territory, but on this occasion 1480 people voted for the fascist BNP to ouste Labour by 7 votes.



FASCIST 'VICTOR'  
DEREK BEACKON ON  
ELECTION NIGHT,  
BEING GUARDED BY  
MEMBERS OF THE  
SAME GANG THAT  
ATTACKED THE  
UNITY MARCH ON  
OCTOBER 16th.

## WHOSE TO BLAME?

Immediately after the election result was announced the three main parties, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Conservative, began to argue over who was to blame for the election of a fascist. Each tried to blame the other as their leaders feigned outrage and indignation at the BNP's victory.

John Major claimed, "there is no place in our society for these sort of policies."

Paddy Ashdown stated, "this is very bad news for all those who are committed to democratic politics."

The Labour Party hierarchy queued up to accuse the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives of 'pandering to racism'.

In reality all three parties played a part in the BNP 'victory'. All three parties have consistently supported and promoted racist legislation. All three parties have been avidly 'pandering to racism' for years, enacting and support-

ing ever harsher immigration controls against black people.

In 1968 the Labour Party capitulated to a racist minority led by Enoch Powell and introduced the Commonwealth Immigration Act, in an attempt to win racist votes at the polls.

When the National Front was at its peak the Conservatives, led by Margaret Thatcher, ensured the NF's decline not by combatting its nationalist and racist policies, but by promising more stringent immigration legislation, thus winning over the majority of NF voters.

Having capitulated both to racists and their own racism, the major parties try to justify their racist legislation by claiming it is necessary in order to avoid 'racial disharmony'. According to the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties it is black people who are responsible for 'racial disharmony', for the rising tide of violence against black people and their communities;

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# WHO ARE THUGS?

On Saturday 16th October a 50,000 strong peaceful march against the Nazi BNP was savagely attacked by armed thugs.

Armed with batons and tear gas and protected with shields and riot helmets the thugs, dressed in para-military style suits, repeatedly attacked the terrified demonstrators. Many of the attackers were on horseback while others unleashed dogs into the hemmed in crowd.

So who were these armed thugs? Who was responsible for arming this gang of racists and fascist sympathisers? Who was the mastermind behind their brutal assaults?

The following clues may be of help;

\* During the 1984 miners strike members of this gang roamed up and down the country beating up striking miners and their families.

\* Throughout the eighties they were increasingly out on the streets doing the capitalists dirty work. Wherever the working class peacefully assembled to exert their rights to a job and decent wage, in places such as Wapping and Grunswick, this gang was to be seen beating up the workers.

\* The same gang was responsible for attacking the 250,000 strong Anti-Poll Tax demonstration in Trafalgar Square in 1990, in a futile attempt to save prime minister Thatcher.

\* This gang is notorious for its attacks on black people throughout London.

\* It was members of this gang who murdered an innocent black woman, Joyce Gardner, in July this year.

\* This gang is infamous to protecting the British National Party and other fascists. (see photo on pg3)

Yes, you've guessed correctly...

ITS THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE.

THEY ARE ARMED AND EQUIPPED BY THE RACIST BRITISH STATE.

THE LEADER OF THE GANG IS PAUL CONDON,



The day started off in a carnival like atmosphere as over 400 people from Leicester joined tens of thousands of others from all over the country, at the assembly point on Winns Common.

In a magnificent display of unity against racist murders and the neo-Nazi British National Party, the 50,000 demonstrators, both black and white, set off from the common at about 2.30pm. Unknown to them they were marching straight into a police ambush.

Although in a peaceful mood the demonstrators were determined to exercise their democratic right to march past the BNP headquarters. The police had other ideas.

At approximately 3pm the head of the march reached a crossroads. To the left was Lodge Hill while to the right was Upper Wickham Lane, where the BNP HQ is situated. Straight ahead was a small residential street of no consequence to either the police or demonstrators.

The organisers of the demonstration had originally planned to turn right at this point and march past the Nazi's bunker. However, on the eve of the demonstration the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police banned the march from going past the BNP HQ and instead prescribed a route left down Lodge Hill.

It was at this crossroads the police planned their cowardly attack. When the head of the march reached the crossroads all three exits were blocked off by riot police. Not only had they blocked the way to the BNP HQ, but also the road to the left which they had insisted the march should go down. The third exit, straight ahead, was also blocked. The demonstrators were hemmed in, flanked in on either side by high walls and railings. There was no escape.

At this point a delegation of demonstrators approached the police to argue for their democratic right to march past the BNP HQ. Among the delegation was the Chief Steward Julie Waterson, Leon Greenman, a Holocaust survivor and Richard Adams whose son Roland was murdered by racists. In front of TV cameras the delegation attempted to persuade the police to allow the march through to the BNP. However the police were adamantly against this and it was reluctantly agreed that the march would proceed down Lodge Hill.

While the delegation attempted to negotiate with the police demonstrators sat down in a peaceful protest.

Suddenly, without warning, the police attacked. Hundreds of riot police charged into the demonstrators, smashing heads with their batons in an orgy of police violence unparalleled since their attack on poll tax demonstrators in Trafalgar Square in 1990. One of the first victims was the chief steward who was viciously attacked from behind. She subsequently needed seven stitches in a head wound.



Wave after wave of attacks followed. Over 80 mounted riot police followed up the first attack, charging their horses into the demonstrators.

The march stewards linked arms and faced the repeated attacks in a brave attempt to protect demonstrators.

Meanwhile the terrified and angry demonstrators, hemmed in with nowhere to escape the police onslaught, were crushed against the high wall surrounding Plumstead cemetery. Luckily part of the wall collapsed under the strain, thus saving demonstrators from being crushed to death. Demonstrators, helped by a few of the more sane police officers broke down more of the wall to provide an escape route into the cemetery from the continuing police attacks.

In desperation and fear some demonstrators fought back in self defence.

Eventually an uneasy peace prevailed, and with the march stewards linking arms and facing the police to defend the demonstrators from further attacks, they proceeded down Lodge Hill Rd where the demonstration was scheduled to end with a final rally in Clam Field Recreation Ground.

While proceeding down Lodge Hill the march came under further attacks from the police although these were on a



much smaller scale.

On entering the Recreation Ground, however, the demonstrators fell victim to another ambush.

Hundreds of riot police again attacked the crowd, felling people indiscriminately. Men, women, children were savagely attacked, as they tried to make their way back to their coaches.

In one corner of the field police were seen laughing and joking with a small group of fascists and BNP supporters as they watched the assault.



There should be absolutely no doubt that the decision to deploy 7000 police officers to defend the fascist BNP and attack the Unity march, at the cost of over £500,000 was a political decision.

It was a clear attempt to discourage and criminalise any non-parliamentary opposition to racism. A futile attempt to prevent the working class, particularly black and white youth, uniting not only against the racists murderers and fascists of the BNP, but also against the main political parties that create the conditions the fascists seek to exploit.

Inter-Racial Solidarity has already started work on a special edition of the Anti-Racist in response to the lies propagated by the police, media and politicians and exposing what was really behind the events of October 16th.

# BNP ELECTION 'VICTORY' (continued from pg 3)

supposedly they bring it upon themselves by being here.

But not only are black people blamed for the racism and racist attacks they endure daily, they are also scapegoated for the evils of capitalism; for unemployment, homelessness, sub standard housing, falling wages and cuts in benefit to name but a few.

The government and main opposition parties, having no answers to the crisis they preside over, use the media, police, courts and every other means at their disposal to attack black people.

By this scapegoating the government, the main opposition parties and the capitalist parasites they serve, hope to divert the anger of the white working class from themselves, and channel it towards black people - a policy that badly misfired in Millwall, and ended with the election of a Fascist.

## WORKING CLASS ATTACKED:

The Isle of Dogs has been devastated by years of attacks by the Conservative government. Thousands of working class homes and jobs have been destroyed to make way for capitalist 'white elephants' such as the Canary Wharf development.



'Let's go to our constituencies and prepare for government'

Far from defending the working class, both black and white, from the Tory onslaught the Liberal Democrats have exploited the xenophobia and racism encouraged by the government and main opposition parties.

In Tower Hamlets the Liberal democrats have only blamed the black population, particularly the Bangladeshies for the lack of housing etc.

They have backed up their attacks on the black population with racist pol-

icies such as the devisive 'sons and daughters' housing policy.

Having blamed the Bangladeshi's for taking homes from the white 'Islanders', the Liberals have tried to con votes from the white population through the introduction a 'whites only' housing policy.

While the local Labour Party has constantly accused the Liberals of being racist, these hypocrites have adopted the same tactics in a more covert way.

They have come up with slogans such as 'Island Homes for Island People' in an attempt to win racist votes, while at the same time purporting to protect the rights of ethnic minorities.

## BREEDING GROUND FOR FASCISM:

Fascism feeds and breeds on the misery created by capitalism. It exploits the fears, misery and anger created by unemployment and poverty. It exploits the fears and prejudices created by the racist lies and policies of the Tory government, supported by the main opposition parties.

Nowhere is this more apparent than on the Isle of Dogs and surrounding area.

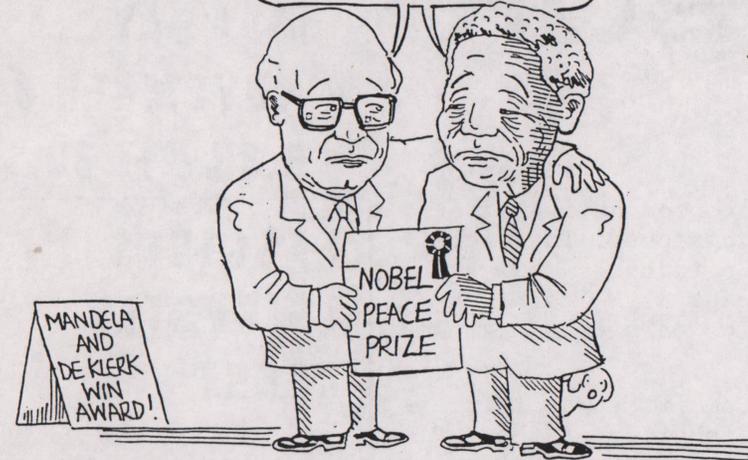
Fed a daily diet of racist lies and propaganda and forced to live in ever increasing deprivation by the capitalist system, while offered no solution to their misery by the main political parties that preside over such a system, it should come as no surprise that the Fascists have found fertile ground for their poison amongst the white working class on the Island.

However that does not mean that the 1480 people that voted fascist can be excused. No amount of racist propaganda and social deprivation can be used to justify voting for Fascism.

Next month the Anti-Racist will be examining what needs to be done to turn back the tide of racism and fascism and discuss the response of the Labour and anti-racist movement to the crisis facing the working class.

GAZ

DAMN! NOW WE'LL REALLY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!



WE THOUGHT OF INCLUDING OF INCLUDING AN ARTICLE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AZANIA/SOUTH AFRICA BUT DECIDED THIS CARTOON SUMMED THINGS UP PRETTY WELL.

( TAKEN FROM 'VOICE', OCTOBER 19th)

## WHO WE ARE

THE ANTI-RACIST is produced by Leicesters longest running anti-racist organisation; INTER-RACIAL SOLIDARITY

Formed in 1968, IRS is committed to fighting all forms of racism, racial discrimination and fascism.

We would like YOU to contribute to future issues of The Anti-Racist. Letters, articles, newspaper cuttings, information on racist and fascist activity will be gratefully received - as of course will be news of anti-racist activities.

We also need you to join, and get involved, in IRS. You can join us by returning the application form with this issue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, DETAILS OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ETC, CONTACT: IRS, C/O 70 HIGH ST, LIECESTER, LE1 5YP

**NEXT MEETING — NOV 11, 7:30  
SECULAR HALL, HUMBERSTONE GATE.**

## Aims and Objectives of I.R.S.

1. oppose all organisations spreading racial hatred.
2. Demonstrate how a multicultural society enriches us all.
3. Counter positively all racist myths.
4. Oppose all racist laws and institutional racism.
5. Demand the strengthening of the Race Relations Act.
6. Oppose racism and fascism wherever they appear, locally, nationally or internationally.
7. Seek cooperation with all antiracist organisations.



# INTER-RACIAL SOLIDARITY

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LE1 5YP



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 REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS...£10.00  
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