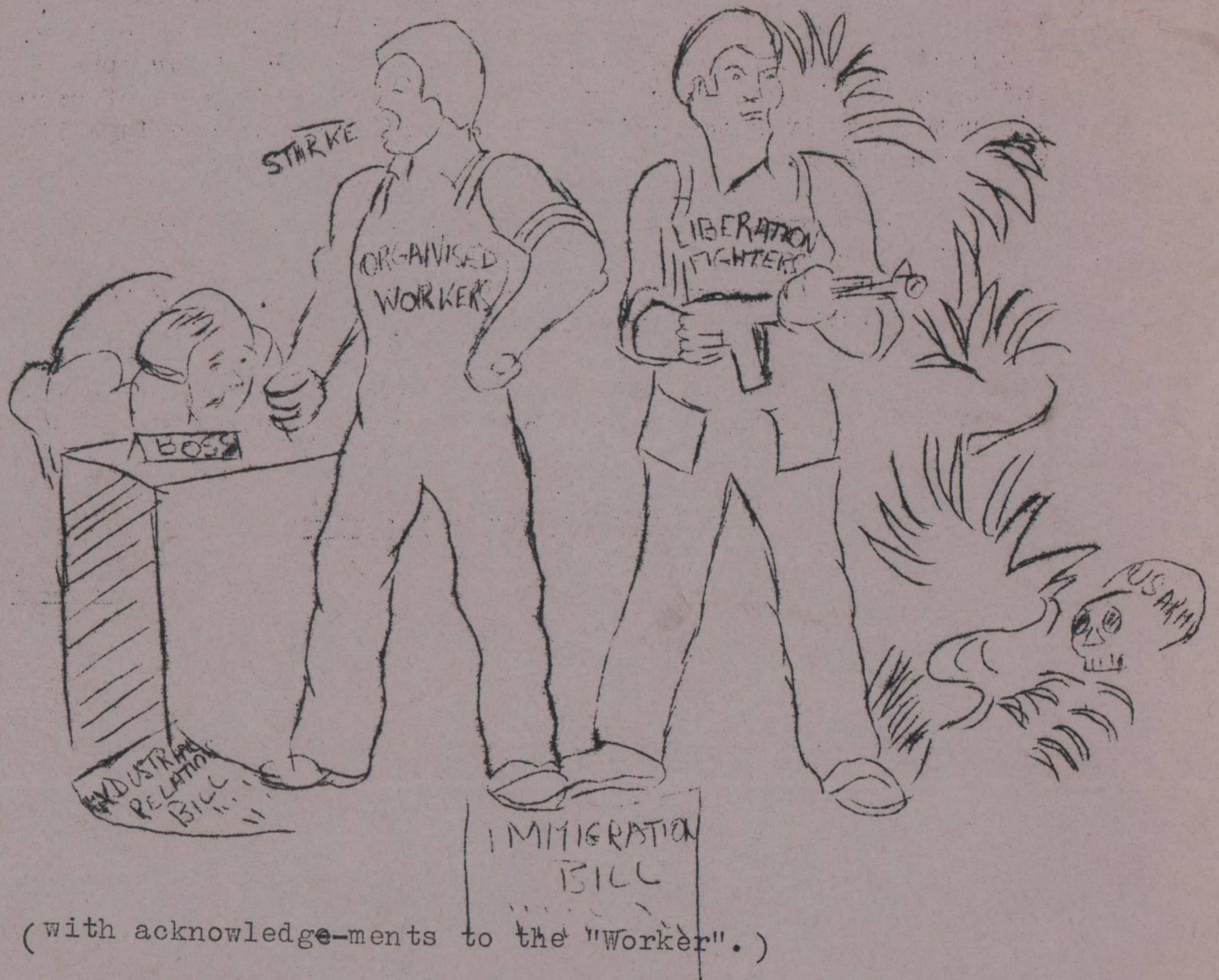


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This news magazine is the first attempt to provide Black People in Bristol and surrounding area with a news service of their own.

A cool look at the National Dailies would reveal that they exist to maintain the White/Black superiority/inferiority complex, thus all news is slanted and twisted to achieve this aim.

Make no mistake that they exist to serve the rulers of the white community.

The only common thing which both Black and White People get from these papers, is a brain washing to hide the real enemy of the common people, the men who control the money. In this society, these who control the money also control the political and social destiny of the entire people.

The Black People live as semi colonialised people in Britain, we are forced to adopt the status of second class and inferior human beings. This hostile and racist society is the cause and perpetrator of our oppression. We must unite and politicise ourselves to throw away this yoke of oppression and liberate ourselves to achieve a society where human beings live in harmony with each other.

We as Black people must define our own problems and find the solutions as a Unified movement.

If we donot make a move to achieve our freedom , the whites are not going to do any thing to help in our struggle.

FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION IS NOT BEGGED FROM THE OPPRESSOR BUT SNACHED FROM HIM BY THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE, BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

All power to the people.

The Editor.

POLICE BRUTALITY?—A MYTH OR A REALITY?

LONDON

A Brixton home was entered upon by plain clothes men.

A sister Mrs. Watson was beaten up, brother Joshua Francis was beaten up. (22nd November, 1970)

The Result

Brother Francis needed stitches in his forehead, legs and groin.

He was charged with assaulting the police.

LONDON

Club Metro, used by black Youth was busted by an excessive army of men and dogs. (25th May, 1971)

The Result

Twelve people were charged, a brother knocked down by a police van resulting in his legs being broken, another had his arm wrenched from its socket, another had his jaw broken by the MUSCLE BOYS IN BLUE.

CARDIFF

Police raided the house of brother, in the early hours of the morning, severely beat up the brother, his wife and let an Alsatian loose at the brother.

The Result

The brother was badly injured and was charged with assaulting the cops (and perhaps the Alsatian too?)

BRISTOL

A series of complaints received by the organisation against the brutal and callous behaviour of the police,

- (i) An Indian brother locked up in a cell for five hours, even a drink of water was refused despite his pleading of thirst.
- (ii) Two uniformed policemen told a brother GO BACK TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY (five black and white witnesses).
- (iii) He has no rights, referring to a brother being locked up (witness)

COMMON FACTORS

There has been large demonstrations against the police brutality in London, Cardiff, Wolverhampton, Birmingham and various other places. All those had many common complaints, POLICE USED EXCESSIVE NUMBERS? STRENGTH AND INEVITABLY THE DREADED ALSATIANS against the Black people. It is common practice amongst the cops to treat every Black person as a near suspect and potentially dangerous, thus resulting in this reign of terror.

TO THE BRITISH PRESS IT MAY BE A MYTH? BUT TO BLACK PEOPLE THESE ABOVE EXAMPLES ONLY CONFIRM THEIR DAILY EXPERIENCES AND ARE VERY MUCH A REALITY.

POLICE BRUTALITY? A MYTH OR A REALITY?

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Increasing Tension, its Background

Since 1950, our brother and sisters have been arriving in the U.K. in large numbers, mostly attracted by the propaganda of the Businessmen of this country, offering the rewards of the kind which were not open to us in our countries. Of course, we were not told that we were going to be used as cheap labour and exploited in every sector of the life. Most of the brothers were too timid to protest against the conditions they were subjected to and all of them had to swallow the status of second class citizens. There was no effective organisation of the Black people, no leadership among the brothers, no unity or plan for action, and due to this period of confusion amongst the Black people, the British Businessmen enjoyed the so called period of CALM AND PEACE.

The Present and what the Future holds for us.

With growing awareness among Black people in general and the Youth in particular about the racism in society and the exploitation of the Black people, there has come about an increasing militancy among the Blacks. WE are no longer willing to accept the second class status in jobs, in housing, in education and in other fields. WE are no longer willing to be treated as a source of cheap labour. So, black people started to protest, the youth refused to stand for the things their parents did take. SO, THE SYSTEM RUSHED IN WITH ITS TOOLS; THE SKIN HEAD IN THE BLUES. The Black people all over the country were brutalised at will, intimidated, their rights ignored, their protests rejected by the police.

If the incidents on the other page are anything to go by, these methods are going to be increase in their tempo and pace with the help of the new Aliens Bill (MAKE NO MISTAKE, IT IS AN ANTI BLACK BILL IN PRACTICE).

Conclusions

Faced with this calculated attempt by the system to KEEP THE BLACKS IN THEIR PLACE, we need to organise in to groups to be able to stand in unity and to plan concrete and unified action against racism in general and physical attacks in particular. This organisation exists towards this aim and we all need to take this message to all concerned.

WE MUST REMEMBER? IT IS NOT BY INDIVIDUAL ACTION THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH BUT BY CONCERTED ACTION BY A UNIFIED BLACK MOVEMENT.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

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Curtain rises. On stage a gathering of white men all wearing savage alsation dog masks.

The President

Ladies and gentlemen, we exploit the Black People for centuries and the loot thus amassed we have put in a joint kitty. This committee called Common Market includes myself, was appointed to maintain the inflow of wealth from the Black People, which I am very proud to say, we have achieved very successfully. Look at Africa, Asia and compare them with Europe and you will see we have achieved our task.

The audience of dogs bark in delight. There is a knock at the door and another dog comes in.

New Dog

I come from Britain, I bring you a message as our common aim is the same, that is to exploit and loot Black People, why dont we join forces. We can supply you with new means to achieve this. Look at S. Africa, Rhodesia etc. whom we supply with the means and what a splendind job the white people are doing.

All the dogs begin to consult each other.

The President

what is your record?

New Dog

We exploited Africa, Asia and America, in fact everywhere where Black People lived. We have done a thorough job. Even now, while they call themselves independent states, we are ruling their destinies.

The President

How is that?

New Dog

Five years ago, for every tractor imported from Britain the Africans had to pay one ton of cocoa. Now in 1971, for every tractor the Africans have to pay with five tons of cocoa.

The President

Very interesting. How do you do this?

New Dog

Oh, we just raise our prices, because we control the monopoly they have to but from us. Also, their need is increasing for these everyday things. As we dont supply them with know how, they have to pay us what we demand.

Common Market . . . continued

All dogs roar in delight.

The President But why do you want to join us?

New Dog Quite recently, Blacks have begun to wake up and are stirring up against all of us. So we all must join to keep them in their place.

The President In view of your excellent references, we shall admit you to be a member, subject to an initial fee.

New Dog We can easily do that. We have 2 million Blacks in Britain, whom we have brutalised and denied all social, economic and political rights. They are available as a source of cheapest possible labour and we all can use them.

The President But what about other white working people in your country?

New Dog We have mesmerised them so that they have lost sight that the cake is coming from Black People, they only want a bigger slice of the cake, so long as we keep on bringing bigger and bigger cake from Black people, our working class shall be satisfied.

All dogs roar in delight .

Curtain drops

(Next scene--- All dogs running around on the stage, very panicky)

The President. Gentlemen, please, would you all come to order. This meeting has been called to discuss an urgent situation. As you all may know the blacks have rebelled against our domination all over Africa.

New Dog But Sire, we control Asia and S. Africa and Rhodesia. I am sure Her Majesty Govt. will be willing to supply the Common Market with raw materials as most Uncle Toms in these countries are loyal to us.

(Suddenly there is noise of a big explosion and A group of Black People Burst on to the scene, it includes Indians, Africans and Asians)

The dogs began to run but the Black People HAVE SURROUNDED THEM ALL IN A CIRCLE OF UNITY .

There is a Sound Voice in the background-----

THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE IS STRONGER THAN MAN S TECHNOLOGY.

Within a few weeks, the racist immigration (Aliens) bill will become a law given the present racist euphoria in the govt. This bill is specifically aimed at all Black people, no matter whether we are West Indians, Pakistanies, Indians or Africans and THUS WE ALL MUST KNOW THIS INHUMAN BILL INSIDE OUT SO AS TO ENLIGHTEN OTHER BROTHERS ON IT AS WELL? Briefly the bill requires that Black People coming in to Britain will have to-----

- i) Get a work voucher for a specific job for one year only.
- ii) Be admitted to live in an area chosen by the government.
- iii) Get the permit to work renewed every year by the employer and the govt.
- iv) PRODUCE A WORK PERMIT OR THE PASSPORT TO ANY POLICEMAN ON DEMAND.
- v) Become unable to change jobs without the permission of the authorities.
- vi) No automatic right to citizenship or to bring in their dependents in Britain.
- vii) Any Black Person breaking these or any other conditions will be deported ALONG WITH HIS OR HER FAMILY.

THE CONSEQUENCES FOR BLACK PEOPLE

What does all this mean for a Black Person? Firstly, it is striking at the well established rights of the black worker as to where to sell his labour, who to sell his labour or where to live.

These rights have been fought for and won by the workers over the years x against the profit grabbing employers. It is well established that the modern worker is free to sell his labour to whom he pleases, to change his job without police intervention, to live in an area of his own choosing.

Yet, the clauses of the Immigration Bill (known as Aliens Bill) will stike at all these and ruthlessly voilate every one of these principles.

This bill is using the black worker, the original producer of the wealth of this nation as guinea pigs to perfect and refine the laws which undoubtly will be meated out to entire working class.

THAT THIS BILL AFFECTS ALL BLACK PEOPLE LIVING IN BRITAIN, WE HAVE NO DOUBT. BUT IT IS ON THE BACKS OF THE BLACK WORKER, YOUNG OR OLD, THAT THE BURDEN OF THIS BILL WILL FALL.

THE POLICE.

ALREADY it is clear that the Black Communities living in the Ghettoes are in OPEN CONFRONTATION with the police. Within six months there have been demonstrations against police brutality and corruption in LONDON, Bermingham, Wolverhampton, Cardiff. Above all our daily experiences confirm in our minds as to the racist nature of these brutal policemen, who sling us in cells as and when they please, who deny us our Human Rights, who trample on our dignity as human beings.

TO GIVE THESE RACIST MEN, THE POWER TO STOP US AND DEMAND EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY IN THIS

HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION BORDERS ON INSANITY OR EVEN SUICIDE.

We are told that when our work permit will come for renewal, it will depend on the report of our employers and the REPORT BY THE POLICE. Immediately we can foresee situations in which Black People are worked to bones in deplorable conditions and are afraid to demand their rights from the employers as they would ultimately depend on his report of GOOD BEHAVIOUR. That the police intensify their campaign to put these BLACKS in their place and the Black people would be afraid to organise to Stand Out against those oppressions as their jobs would depend on the report by the police about the so called Good Behaviour, WE WHO KNOW THAT OUR PLACE IS AT THE FLOOR MAT OF THIS NATION SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBTS AS TO WHAT THEY WILL DO IF ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THESE LAWS.

WE, AS BLACK PEOPLE REBEL AGAINST THIS ABSURDITY, WE SHOULD ORGANISE OURSELVES IN TO A UNIFIED BLACK MOVEMENT ON THE LOCAL SCENES AND AN UNIFIED FEDERATION OF SUCH LOCAL MOVEMENTS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

The mentality of the people who framed these laws derives strength from the fact that the Black people shall not oppose these acts. WE MUST RECTIFY THIS MISTAKE ONCE FOR ALL THE MESSAGE WE ALL SHOULD GIVE AND FOLLOW THAT WE SHALL LIBERATE OURSELVES, THAT WE SHALL DEFEND OURSELVES BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

Trade Unions

All the black people should not miss the point that there are many potential allies for the black people EVEN IN THIS RACIST SOCIETY. We must do our utmost to win the alligence of such people as trade unions of BRITAIN as they also recognise that these attacks on the black people are a dress rehearsal for what is to come for the white workers as WE ALL KNOW THAT AN EMPLOYER LOOKS FOR HIS PROFIT NO MATTER WHO DIES FOR IT. But as we are facing these attacks now they should stand in solidarity with the Black People to repel the attacks by the capatalist system which is bent on exploiting the INBUILT RACISM IN THIS SOCIETY.

WE, AS BLACK PEOPLE ON THE OTHER HAND MUST REMEMBER THAT UNLESS BLACK PEOPLE ORGANISE THEMSELVES TO FIGHT THE RACIST SYSTEM, THE WHITE PEOPLE WILL NOT MAKE A MOVE.

Conclusions.

- i) We as black people should organise our selves as a UNIFIED movement to repel, oppose and defeat the racist nature of this society.
- ii) We as black workers should, after organising ourselves, press and demand a principaled stand from the white workers over the IMMIGRATION BILL, some thing more than the token verbal stand.
- iii) THE FINAL MESSAGE SHOULD GO THAT WE SHALL DEFEND OURSELVES BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, THAT VOILENCE IS A TWO WAY STREET.

call power to the people. *****

ON Thursday, 8th July, 1971 about twenty Black Youths of our community got together for a meeting which was to be addressed by Black Panthers from London, but the Panthers could not turn up. So the evening was spent on discussion of the problems facing the Black Youth in Bristol. Through the discussion we started to define for ourselves the kind of life we want which is being Denied us. Our average age was eighteen years. We grew up in Britain, received our education here and now feel united against racism in Britain, the racism which compels us to inferior status.

Our demands

What are we concerned about? What are we trying to achieve?
What are our demands?

First of all we want an immediate end to police brutality, most of us found that we have been manhandled, denied our rights by police at one time or another. Because the young refuse to be oppressed, the police concentrate on brutalising us. Every evening, near the cafes we are at, the police come and watch us as if we are criminals doing our daily exercise in gaols. We are picked up off streets, searched at the whim of any officers and locked up in cells for as long as police have been able to hide the fact that they are holding us.

Unemployment

Over 80% of the school leavers have been unable to find any jobs. The common experience was,

I went for a job, but the youth employment exchange sent another five white kids too, so the moment the employer looked at my black face, he said there was no job. I know that two days after me a white fellow got the very same job.

These kinds of humiliating experiences were common among those present.

Youth Centre

Over 90% of the membership of Baptist Mills Youth Centre is Black but it is run by a white youth officer with dictatorial powers to expel or suspend anyone. There is no representation of Black People in running of their own youth centre or in any say in who to expel or suspend.

There was a growing militancy about these acts of injustice. We finalised a demand, We want a Youth Centre designed by ourselves, run by ourselves and not by white officers imposed from outside.

A group of five members of the organisation went to see the white Youth Officer Mr. Edward-----.

A YOUTH SPEAKS OUT . . . continued

The complete harrowing conversation we had with him is recorded on a tape. He admitted that he had the ultimate power to expel and suspend members. He admitted that there is no consultation with the members about the running of the place, about the decision making apparatus. He admitted having expelled the Brothers we were talking about. He admitted that he personally disliked the brothers expelled.

He ordered us all out of his office for bringing these complaints. We are forced to conclude that Black Community and Youth must have their own Youth Centre run by themselves alone, if we want to save our children from the humiliation of having to put up with the kind of arrogant and highminded attitude of totally unsuitable Youth Officers like Mr. Edwards --

.Conclusions.

- i) Our young brothers are forced to take to streets as the contemptuous conversation with the above officer proves (WE HAVE IT ALL ON A TAPE-).
- II. While forced to go on the roads, these brothers face the RACIST Cops, are left to be brutalised and beaten up.

IN THE EYES OF COPS EVERY BLACK FACE IS POTENTIALLY CRIMINAL.

- III. The only way this problem can be solved is to remember the people behind the scene who are paying the above mentioned youth officer and the cops.

This racist system is forcing us to live in these conditions, paying these people to suppress the Blacks. We must press for AN IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF THE YOUTH OFFICER OF THE BAPTIST MILLS YOUTH CENTRE,

WE MUST IMMEDIATELY BE GIVEN THE FULL SAY AND CONTROL IN THE RUNNING OF THIS CENTRE.

BROTHERS, we must inform all Black People in the community about our case.

We must raise support among all the brothers and sisters who make use of the youth centre.

WE MUST ORGANISE OURSELVES TO BOYCOTT THE YOUTH CENTRE UNTIL OUR DEMANDS ARE MET IN THE FULL

ART AND CULTURE.

For Black People, art for art's sake has no meaning, in fact that is true for any oppressed people. Individualism is a term which again is irrelevant to oppressed people. It is irrelevant because it is a luxury which can not be possible for us as we have not got the price it requires. We, as Black people are systematically suppressed and exploited by a capitalist society which is accidentally white. Because the society which is standing at our backs is accidentally white, we are confronted with a society, we ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE COLLECTIVE WILL OF THE SOCIETY. So our innovation in the fields of art and culture has to be for revolutionary purpose, to expose the oppressor and ultimately to arouse the consciousness of our oppressed people so that they liberate themselves, we liberate ourselves, so that enslavement of man by man may cease for ever.

The same words will go out to our brothers who are being educated in the schools, colleges and universities of the oppressor that take care or else you may join the ranks opposite to the interests of your own people. We must understand that as black people our destiny lies with the black people.

LET US NOT CARRY INNOCENCE TO THE POINT OF BELIEVING THAT APPEALS TO REASON OR TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY CAN ALTER REALITY.

So, art and culture for all oppressed people have only one reality, they are a tool to be used for the only purpose to arouse the consciousness of the oppressed to the level of revolutionary awareness.

We end the article with an example of the kind of art we need-----

The white man killed my father
 because my father was proud
 The white man raped my mother
 because my mother was beautiful
 The white man wore out my brother in the hot sun
 of the roads
 because my brother was strong
 Then the white man came to me
 His hands red with blood
 Spat his contempt into my face
 Out of his tyrant's voice,
 Hey boy, a basin, a towel, water.

A poem by David Diop, Le temps du martyre.

Either you are the part of the solution or THE PROBLEM.

Eldridge Cleaver.

A TELESCOPIC VIEW OF THE BLACK WORLD

PAKISTAN AND BANGLA DESH

Seven million people made refugees, many thousands murdered, women raped, children and old people indiscriminately murdered to silence the cry for freedom by the people of Bangla Desh. The monstrous crime of the rulers of West Pakistan lays exposed and the collaboration of Britain and the U.S. shames the progressive people of these countries. Our hearts go out to those innocent people in Bangla Desh who are suffering in the might of combined forces of Imperialism.

The Lesson

For Black people the lesson is obvious.

- (i) When big business in one country is threatened, it is always helped by U.S. and Britain. Thus we are faced with an enemy on an International scale and thus our opposition to it should be on an international scale too.
- (ii) The Bengla Desh people have paid the price for not having a strong foresighted leadership, their leaders should have foreseen the need of organising the people into armed and trained units for these eventualities.

THUS WE PRES THE NEED FOR HAVING A STRONG AND UNIFIED MOVEMENT OF THE BLACK PEOPLE WHICH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROGRESSIVE SECTIONS OF WHITE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO OPPOSE THIS INTERNATIONAL EXPLOITER. THE BIG BUSINESS OF THE WORLD.

INDIA AND BANGLA DESH

Although on the surface the Indian Government is pretending to help the refugees and with words supporting the struggle for freedom of the people of Bangla Desh, it is suppressing its own people in West Bengal, Kashmir and many other cities. Big business of India is dependent upon Britain and U.S. just as much as the West Pakistanis and therefore the Indian Government is not likely to do anything other than make loud noises to somehow get the refugees back to the murderers of the West Pakistan Government. From our experiences in Britain we can see how little the ordinary people in the West Pakistan can do. Our common enemy is the System and not the People

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