

INNOCENT: CLEAR AS BLACK AND WHITE

In February 1992 a robbery took place outside a newsagents in St Anns. The victim described the armed men as 6' tall, in their early 20s, and white. This description was corroborated by a witness who saw the two men in the area at the time of the attack.

In November 1992, Colly Wilson was sentenced to 10 years by Nottingham Crown Court for the robbery. Colly is 5'7", 37 years old and black.

Colly was convicted, despite a statement from the man convicted of being the getaway driver saying that he was definitely not involved.

Yet Colly confessed. How was that? Colly was arrested on the evidence of an informant, who at the time was under suspicion for the crime. The getaway driver said that this man was not only involved, but had actually helped to plan the robbery.

By the time Colly made his confession he had been in police custody for 45 hours, having had a total of only 6 hours sleep.

His solicitor described him as so dejected by what was happening that she feared he might attempt suicide.

A psychiatrist, who interviewed Colly on 21st July, found that he had a history of mental illness, and was liable to make a confession to satisfy the police, who he saw as a threat.

This was put to the judge, with the defence arguing that Colly's vulnerability meant that his confession should not be admitted as evidence. The judge did not accept this. What's more, after the Crown Court Listings Office had failed to contact Colly's original barrister, Colly had only half an hour before the trial to talk through the case with a new barrister.

Colly's appeal has still not been set despite being given leave to appeal earlier this year.

**Colly Wilson was fitted up by the police.
The Court colluded in this action.
He needs our support now!**

**For more information contact:
Conviction (Nottingham), 180, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham.
Write to: Colly Wilson, JJ3012, HMP Gartree,
Market Harborough, Leics.**

ANTI-IRISH RACISM

Notts Anti-Fascist Alliance is planning to hold a meeting before the end of the year on anti-Irish racism. Very little publicity is given to this subject, despite racist attacks and racial harassment against Irish people being an all-too-frequent occurrence. If you are an Irish person living in Britain, or of Irish descent, and have experienced racism because of your ethnic origin, NAFA would like to hear from you.

NAFA Subscriptions are: £2 waged, £1 unwaged, £10 Trade Unions and Organisations.

With yearly membership of NAFA you receive:

a regular newsletter # invites to all NAFA events and meetings # concessions on all NAFA gigs # automatic membership of Beatroot nightclub (where the majority of NAFA gigs take place).

If you wish to join NAFA, fill in the slip below and send to: **NAFA, PO Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ.**

I enclose: ☐ £2 waged ☐ £1 UB40/NUS ☐ £10 T.U./Organisation ☐ Donation

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RACIST TORY OUTED

On 28th August, the Observer ran a story about a **racist Conservative Party member** whose hobby was ringing radio phone-ins under pseudonyms (*"I'm a black social worker in Lambeth and it's the whites I feel sorry for"*). The racist claimed to be a member of **Rushcliffe Constituency Executive**, but had given a pseudonym in the article. NAFA revealed to the press that the culprit was **Dr. Stuart Russell of Ashlockton**, a firework display artist who has run displays for the City Council. The **Conservative Party** said that they did not share the views of the caller and would expel him if found to be a Party member. He is, but denies it. The Tories are saying an enquiry has yet to prove his guilt. However, the **Conservative Party** will not reveal what steps have been taken to pursue the enquiry, e.g. listening to tapes of any of the phone-ins, or contacting the journalist who wrote the story. Does the word whitewash come to mind?

Maybe Dr. Russell is just one of many racists at large in the Tory Party. We think so, and what an enquiry that would involve!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Slightly belated congratulations to **Remi and Spyder**, two black men who were acquitted at Leicester Courts following a racist assault by two white men in Nottingham in September last year.

Still, Spyder was fined £100 for criminal damage to his attacker's car, even though the police didn't examine it at the time. The Court case was lobbied throughout by anti-racists. A good result for Remi and Spyder - looks like all their hard work paid off in the end!

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RONALD THOMAS-SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE?

Or rather, it is according to the police, if you happen to be black and attacked by three white men.

On September 18th 1993, Ronald and his wife, Sharon, decided to celebrate their wedding anniversary quietly, at the Showcase Cinema.

At the end of the film, Ronald was attacked by three white men. Now, as a result of Ronald defending himself and his wife, he has been charged with ABH, GBH, and Affray. Despite his receiving injuries which required hospital treatment, Ronald faces a maximum prison sentence of five years.

Although Ronald made counter allegations, only he was charged and not the other three men involved in the incident.

NAFA, with other anti-racist groups helped launch the Ronald Thomas Defence Campaign in August. The campaign has received fantastic support from local people, with collections and leafleting at the APNA Asian Arts festival and the Nottingham Carnival. It has also attracted numerous local sponsors, with national sponsors including the band Fun-da-mental and the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (CARF).

Also, two public meetings have been held in Nottingham, on 22nd August and 10th October. Both meetings were well attended with the majority being local black people, rather than usual handful of local worthies! Both meetings have been very positive with debate being lively.

Apart from expressing support for Ronald and Sharon, another clear theme was that people on the receiving end of racial harassment and attacks often feel that they have nowhere to turn, and that the "official" organisations just don't deliver. This raises the whole question of whether something more is needed - something run by the community for the community, perhaps?

This is not the first time that the need for a campaigning body on the issue of racist attacks has been raised in

LETS ALL PLAY "SPOT THE BONEHEAD"



These Page 1 lovelies were spotted outside Nottm Magistrates Court ~ rumour is that they're regulars!

Nottingham. No doubt, as more anti-racist campaigns such as Ronald's are fought, the debate will continue. The Ronald Thomas Defence Campaign is already working with other black people who have experienced racial harassment. In the meantime, please give whatever support you can to Ronald and Sharon, and do your bit to prevent yet another shameful miscarriage of justice.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN?

The trial is to take place on 12th December 1994, at Nottingham Crown Court, Canal Street. Supporters are asked to attend from 9.00 am onwards. The case was adjourned from 23rd August as the case had only been listed for 2 days which the defence felt was totally inadequate. Please attend the lobby outside the Court and support Ronald from inside the Public Gallery. The trial is expected to last 4 days. Please don't bring banners to the court.

You can sponsor the campaign. You can write offering your support.

You can make a donation to help with legal and other costs to:

"Ronald Thomas Defence Campaign", PO Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- 16/11/94 Jazz/Funk at The Old Angel, Stoney Street.**
Live bands- Flavatasava + Amen-Ra, 8 pm.
£2.50/£2 conc.
- 21/11/94 'Women in Ireland' meeting with Sinn Fein speaker, International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, 7.30 pm.**
- 24/11/94 Are You Loungin'? Beatroot Club, Lace Market.**
Jazz/Rap/Funk/Soul- DJs Pablo, Phat Wax, Love Lee, Two Step, + Eric.
£2.50 advance/£3.50 door/£3 door concessions. Advance tickets available from: Arcade Records, Selectadisc, Danny's Records, and Nottm Uni. box office.
- 26/11/94 Ronald Thomas Defence Campaign benefit at Marcus Garvey Centre (Lenton Blvd). Fashion show, live DJs (Reggae, Soul, Hip-Hop) and comedians from "Up Front" comedy crew/"Real McCoy".**
Door prices to be confirmed.
- 28/11/94 NAFA/APNA Arts Public meeting - Liz Fekete of the Institute of Race Relations and co-author of "Inside Racist Europe" on immigration controls. 7.30 pm at the International Community Centre (as above). All welcome.**
- 5/12/94 "Avez-vous...Trois" at Beatroot Club. Live Cajun band Wholesome Fish, plus DJs Lynda and Mark Spyvey (Indie/House). Tickets/prices as for "Are You Loungin'?" (see above).**
- 9/12/94 Ronald Thomas Defence Campaign public meeting, at 7.30 pm, John Carroll Leisure Centre, Radford.**
- 12/12/94 Day: Ronald Thomas Trial - (new courts). Meet outside courts 9 am to give peaceful support to Ronald and Sharon. (NO loudhailers, please!).**
Evening: 7.30 pm: NAFA/Troops Out Movement public meeting at the International Community Centre on anti-Irish racism. Speaker: Mary Pearson, Birmingham Trades Council.
8 pm: "Angus babysits his younger brother" night, Old Angel, Punk/Grunge- live bands to be confirmed. £2/£1.50 concessions.



LETTER

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Dear Antifascists!

We have heard about your resistance and send you our solidarity from anti-fascist groups here in Essen. We have been trying to organise anti-fascist resistance for some years and have set up an anti-fascist café in a Youth centre.

Here the government is trying to use their laws and power to criminalise the anti-fascist movement and all EU governments want to get these same oppressive laws. We have to fight together against these policies. From December 9th - 11th there is the EU summit here in Essen. We are organising a lot of resistance to this event and want to invite you to come and take part in the demo on the 10th and the alternative summit.

We sent you our solidarity.

Don't give up the fight!

Let's defend our rights together and together we will smash fascism!

Hope to see you next,

People from several groups in Essen.

Ben (Rote Hilfe, Anti-EU-Group), Adolf A, Sven + Dagmar for AntiFascist Action, Essen. Markus (independent antifa activist). Heike Schwammer for Antifa-Refrat of Uni Essen. Ilenka from antifa-café, Claudia, Stephan, Andy.

Pubsitting against the "colour bar" NAFA members remember...

NAFA activities revive memories for anti-racist activists from the 60s in Nottingham. Before the (inadequate) Race Relations legislation, open discrimination in every aspect of black people's lives was commonplace. While employment and housing were huge issues, our numbers and organisation were not adequate for direct action in those areas. So we took on a few of the more blatantly racist pub landlords of St. Anns, one of the few areas of Nottingham where black people could live.

"Mixed race" couples had received a rough reception in The Admiral Rodney on St. Anns Well Road. A group of anti-racists "occupied" the pub with their halves of bitter. Then the "mixed" couples arrived and tried to buy drinks. The refusal and subsequent furore led to police assisting the landlord in ejecting all the "troublemakers".

At the Mechanics on Alfred St. North, isolated black people had been served, but "large groups" of black people were not tolerated. A similar action took place. White activists "occupied" the pub early, again with halves of bitter. The landlord quickly became uneasy and called the police before the arrival of the group of about six black people, who the police followed through the door. The police had no doubt where their duty lay, and assisted the landlord in ejecting us.

At that time the landlords had broken no laws. The next step was to complain to the breweries and to challenge the renewal of the licenses. Neither produced a clear cut victory, but before long the personnel and policies at these establishments did change.

LA LUTTA CONTINUA!

SHORT CIRCUIT

The aim of this column is to make available information on fascist activity and activists to a wider audience.

BNP UNITS

The following BNP units were identified in a recent copy of British Nationalist;
Northamptonshire, PO Box 45, Wellingborough, NN8 3HE.

Leicester, PO Box 148, Leicester, LE3 2YP.

Nottingham, PO Box 2, Carlton, NG4 3EQ.

Mansfield and Ashfield, PO Box 20, Mansfield, NG19 6HP.

Chesterfield, PO Box 174, Chesterfield, S40 1FP.

Lincoln, PO Box 57, Lincoln, LN5 7RQ.

Other units without PO Boxes are; **Grantham, Derby, and Ilkeston.**



LEICESTERSHIRE

After failing to become British Section Head of the international nazi network, New European Order, **John Peacock** has taken to prayer. The July issue of the British Nationalist carried the following advert for the BNP Christian Fellowship, operating out of PO Box 148, Leicester.

"With the state of the churches today, many Christians have ceased their churchgoing altogether. This is the work of the Holy Spirit within the persons concerned. They need not fear because all that God requires of his people today is that they keep in touch with Him by prayer, read a little of the Bible daily, live by the Ten Commandments, and say the Lord's Prayer once a day."

Is this a road to Damascus job, John? It may help to explain your own recent inactivity (time consuming all this worship), but we hear that AFA rather than the Holy Spirit moved you. Does this mean that your next foreign jaunt will be to Lourdes instead of, say, Diksmude or Fulda? Meanwhile, Blood and Honour have increased their activity in the Coalville area of late. Perhaps a source of this activity may be a nazi skinzine, **Rampage**, PO Box 19, Coalville, LE67 1DS.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Nottingham seems to have two fuhrers at the moment; **Colin (Eddie) Mellors** and **Simon Smith**. Smith formerly ran West Notts BNP from PO Box 5 in Eastwood. Since moving to the City, West Notts has disappeared. **Definition of a BNP unit: 1 member + PO Box = 1 unit?**

Good news. **Gordon Jackson**, Notts BM Leader has left us yet again. This time for six and a half years for firearms and conspiracy to rob offences. We presume **Benny** is getting used to his fuhrer's long absences.

In Mansfield the **Belshaws** continue to plot from their bunker on Sherwood Street, Mansfield Woodhouse. So competent are these two, and the dried out (?) **Michael Brookes**, that they were in court in September on assault charges.

A recent attempted paper sale in Sutton-in-Ashfield was seen off by locals and a BNP organiser's meeting held on 15th September and booked as the **Ramblers Association** at the Mansfield Woodhouse Turner Memorial Hall, was seen off by the local vicar who called the police.

ON THE TERRACE

Rumour has it that **Tim Kociuch** (pronounced Cochu) has been asked by his mates in C18 to take the lads of "**Mansfield Shady Express**" to the City Ground in Nottingham. Kociuch, from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, is the locally renowned "**big knob**" of the Shady Express, whose ambition has been to turn Mansfield FC into the Millwall of the third division. Anyway, the Premier League offers richer pickings, like trips to Europe.

Forest fans, keep your eyes open.

SHORT CIRCUIT requires input. Any information on fascists and their activities is welcome, and will be treated as private and confidential. Please send info to: Short Circuit, c/o NAFA, PO Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ. Mark it private and confidential.

DERBYSHIRE

Derby BNP no longer advertise PO Box 249, but this box is being used by **RID**, a nazi distribution outfit. Is **Chris Hipkin** back in favour? Let us know.

Meanwhile in Chesterfield, **Graham "Hush Puppy" Tasker** walked out of court again being found not guilty of attacking the Chesterfield Unemployed Workers' Centre. He is either very lucky, or very helpful to the state. Which is it?

Tasker and his new play mate **Dave Warner** are active in South Yorkshire helping out the masterrace. Tell anyone shopping at **Void** in Hockley to ask **Tony White**, the owner, why he employed Dave Warner to manage Sheffield Void. In fact, Tony has a few tales to tell about his own British Movement past.

LINCOLNSHIRE

What with **Mr. Cato** taking up residence near Spalding and the revival of Lincoln BNP, Lincolnshire is the latest area to suffer from an outbreak of **violentus nazicus**.

About a dozen boneheads have formed the Lincoln unit, and the city is witnessing an increase in violent racist attacks. A recent gig by reggae band The Business, saw two people stabbed, and the band receiving a police escort out of Lincoln. A recent article in the **Lincolnshire Echo** mentioned a pub used by the BNP without naming it. It's **The Falstaff**. So now you know.

