

NEWSLETTER: JUNE 93

NOTTINGHAM BNP ABANDON SECRET MEETING

Nottingham BNP were forced to abandon their meeting on May 20th when they were chucked out of their pub venue, booked in the name of a cycling club. Customers and staff were suspicious of a very unlikely looking bunch to be cyclists and broke up their meeting when staff noticed Spearhead (the BNP paper) on sale. The speaker at the meeting has been identified as John Peacock from Leicester. A man who fits the description of Colin Mellors (the bloke who runs the Nottingham BNP box number, who claimed to irate fellow Notts. County fans that he had left the BNP, see last newsletter) was also present. In their hurry to leave, one member (thought to be Graham Trasker visiting from Chesterfield) mislaid his notebook which included many details of BNP activities, including the venues of their meetings up to November. The bar staff handed the notebook to the police, NAFA becoming involved later. NAFA is applying pressure on the police to ensure that all the venues listed for future meetings are warned off. For understandable reasons the pub is not prepared to go public on this incident, especially since one of their windows was broken the next day. We have offered them our full support and admire their bravery in taking on the BNP in the way they did. That the BNP are meeting in various pubs under false names makes sense out of the reports we have been getting. At this particular event there were 15 present, none of whom were skinheads and none of whom looking like they would know a bicycle pump from a saddle-bag.

In an unrelated incident some local Asians reported a lot of skinheads gathering at Westdale Tavern in Carlton. It is thought these were people who had been at a nazi gig the previous night in the Heanor area.

WHEN I'M CLEANING WINDOWS...

Paul Hendricks (Hendrix?) the lead singer of local punk band Sic Boy Federation (appropriate name...) seems to have gravitated to the far-right. At their recent performance at the Narrow Boat Pub he seemed to be very chummy with a number of people from the Skrewdriver set up, who had come to see him play, and he has been using the nazi salute. The word is that he is more of a silly merchant banker than a genuine hard-line nazi, but people may be less willing to use his business "Alternative Cleaning Service" unless he desists from his current behaviour. Paul cuts an unmistakable figure round the centre of town and Mansfield Road, six foot, large paunch, dressed in black with white dyed hair - usually carrying a small ladder and a chamois leather...

BNP GIVEN A ROUGH RIDE AT COURT

The four members of the BNP from the Mansfield area duly came to court in Nottingham, as advertised in the last newsletter. They brought with them a small group of Combat 18 colleagues from London and Hertfordshire but

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were given a warm welcome by up to 150 people from NAFA, the ANL and Anti-Fascist Action. A significant number of the demonstrators were Black or Jewish and a delegation came from the CPSA union. Many NAFA members, learning from the previous demonstration at the court turned up very early to secure the court house steps. Indeed, more NAFA members turned up at that event than anything else we've done so far. We were however lacking again in the propaganda area, no placards and to our amazement the joint NAFA/ANL leaflet had been reprinted with NAFA missed off!

The demonstration itself was very successful in making it very clear to the BNP how unwelcome they are in Nottingham, those who went into court with them said that they seemed very subdued and dispirited. They are now bailed to appear at Crown Court for the trial proper at a date to be determined. One anti-fascist was detained briefly, but released without charge. We now have a nice set of photographs of these people, one of which was in Searchlight this month.

ARA LAUNCH

With this newsletter you will find a leaflet advertising the launch meeting of a Nottingham ARA group, which we are encouraging support for. Unfortunately the ARA group were unable to organise coach transport to the London demonstration advertised. If this reaches you before Saturday and you were intending making your own way down to London please note that the venue is now Norbury Park (opposite Norbury BR), 11.30 in Croydon. Some NAFA members are heading north on the same day to the anti-racist festival in Newcastle.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new members and a special thanks to Nottingham City NALGO for their substantial donation. Pats on the back too to those who raised so much money at the recent hip-hop gig.

NEXT MEETINGS

NAFA meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road. Our next meetings are therefore on 14th and 28th of June.

43 GROUP PUBLIC MEETING

We now have a date for our joint public meeting with the Jewish Socialists' Group, with Morris Beckman, the author of the book on the 43 Group. It is October 11th, 7.30 at Friends' Meeting House. We intend organising a number of public meetings in the autumn, suggested speakers welcome.

Finally: NAFA's secretariat has not been working at full strength for the last month, apologies if you've had problems getting action. Normal service has been resumed.

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