

what's going on...

BNP 1993 AGM.
NOVEMBER 6TH. LONDON

This is the British nazi party's major annual event, which was held last year in a church building, booked by the nazis under false pretences. TWAFa will be supporting the anti-fascist counter demonstration. **In the light of the BNP council election victory, it is important that many people are prepared to stand up against the fascists in London.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.
NOVEMBER 14TH. YORK

TWAFa will be organising transport to support this annual anti-fascist demonstration organised by York University Students' Union . and AFA Northern Network which commemorates the victims of nazism and anti-semitism. The demonstration is the major annual anti-fascist event in the north and has prevented the BNP from marching in the city for several years.

TWAFa LEAFLETING

TWAFa organises regular leafleting sessions, talks, meetings and gigs throughout Tyne and Wear, as well as producing a number of anti-racist and anti-fascist publications. **GET INVOLVED!**

CONTACT TWAFa FOR MORE DETAILS.

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TWAFa NOTICES

NEWSLETTER

We hope you have enjoyed the latest TWAFa newsletter. This newsletter has been delayed as we felt that we had to assess the implications of the BNP Council election victory and other events. The newsletter has been specially expanded to incorporate national developments which have an influence on racist and fascist activity in Tyne and Wear. If you have any comments or suggestions for future articles then please contact us at the address on the front page. **All articles are written in a personal capacity and do not necessarily reflect TWAFa policy.**

SPEAKERS & TRAINING

TWAFa always welcomes invitations to send speakers to address trade unions, party branch meetings, student unions and community organisations. Speakers are able to talk on a number of theoretical, historical and practical issues around effective responses to racism and fascism. TWAFa also has a number of experienced activists who can conduct training sessions on anti-fascism with youth and community workers and other interested groups. TWAFa workers have, for example, recently advised key Newcastle City Council workers on anti-fascism. **Get your trade union, community group, party branch, youth group, students union etc to invite a speaker and affiliate to TWAFa.**

UNITY MAGAZINE

TWAFa are currently planning the next edition of Unity Magazine. Unity is an anti-racist educational magazine produced by young people for young people which is distributed in schools and youth clubs throughout Tyne and Wear. Previous issues have covered a variety of subjects including racism in sport, music and South Africa. **Would you or young people you know like to produce the next issue?** TWAFa would welcome any suggestions, or proposals, especially from young people.

HELP TWAFa.

PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION ON RACIST OR FASCIST ACTIVITY TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FRONT PAGE.

Eg. PRESS CUTTINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, NAMES, ADDRESSES, MEETING PLACES etc

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

TYNE & WEAR ANTI-FASCIST ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER
SUMMER/AUTUMN 1993



NAZI ELECTED AS RACIAL VIOLENCE ESCALATES

The recent victory of a BNP councillor in the Isle of Dogs in London has focused media attention on the rise of racism and fascism in Britain and throughout Europe in the 1990's. The election of BNP candidate, Derek Beackon, at the by-election on the 16th September has provoked widespread condemnation from the media and politicians as well as prompting thousands of people to get involved in anti-racist and anti-fascist campaigns. As a long standing anti-fascist organisation, TWAFa urges everyone in Tyne and Wear to join us in ensuring that this is an isolated 'freak' success and that fascism in the North East remains a dangerous but marginalised phenomenon.

Derek Beackon, who won by a mere seven votes, is the first ever BNP member to be elected to public office and has a long history of involvement with a number of neo-nazi organisations. He was formerly in the notoriously violent British Movement and in his capacity as BNP Chief Steward is believed to have close connections with Combat 1.8..

A number of local factors obviously contributed to Beackon's success. For example, there is a long history of racism and fascism (and anti-fascism) in the East End of London which stretches back to Mosley's British Union of Fascists in the 1930's but the BNP mainly received support because their 'Rights for Whites' campaign managed to exploit social problems such as poor housing and unemployment by blaming the local Asian community. These social problems were exacerbated by the failure of the local mainstream political parties to provide an adequate anti-racist response to the nazis' propaganda, as a result of which, Paddy Ashdown has launched an investigation into the actions of the local Liberal Democrat Party.

The BNP's victory came against a backdrop of serious racial violence in London and across the country. A 17 year old Asian youth Quaddas Ali was brutally beaten



Cllr Beackon and friends

by a gang of white racists in Shadwell, London on September 8th and remains in a critical condition. BNP thugs rampaged through Brick Lane in the run up to the election, smashing windows and terrorising the local Bengali community and were also seen attacking anti-racists on election night. On the 18th September a local Asian group Youth Connection and other anti-fascists were involved in clashes with the BNP during which the nazis were driven off the streets. Later in the day, four BNP supporters including deputy-fuhrer Richard Edmonds were arrested and are currently on remand following an alleged assault on a black man and his white girlfriend.

INSIDE -
CARNIVAL PHOTOS
TWAFa 'MOLE'

4. The Club Market, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1EA. TEL: 091-232-4406.

TWAFa INFILTRATES LOCAL NAZI MOVEMENT

TWAFa has always maintained that accurate information on racist and fascist groups is essential if their activities are to be successfully opposed. In this exclusive report, we are publishing for the first time, extracts from a number of sources including some INSIDE the Tyne and Wear British National Party. TWAFa has now managed to build up an extremely detailed picture of regional fascist activity, which has also had implications for the nazi movement nationally and internationally. TWAFa has not published any of this material before, as there are a number of leads that are still being followed up. In future newsletters, we hope to reveal the results of this investigative work.

NF PARANOIA

Anti-fascists have been closely monitoring fascist activity for a number of years. For example, in the paranoid letter below from Harry Readman (then NF North-East Regional Agent) to John Tyndall in 1978, Readman states that "information is being passed to the lefties by the bucketful". The letter names a number of NF activists from the 1970's, some of whom TWAFa

HARRY DONKIN. North Tyne against Bill Owen. Claim Owen was a member. For 14 the branch, until I thred done. When the Regional as Security Officer inst paranoid, ranted and ran Bruce Anderson-Lyness went out of his way to n branch moving again. but future. I wish to find out

BRUCE ANDERSON-LYNESS. S the N/F as an advertising he dominated meetings to a word. Only his wishes because of his overbearing

believes are still actively involved in extreme right-wing politics. TWAFa would welcome any information on 2 of the people mentioned in the document - **H. (Harry?) Donkin and Frank Johnson**

'GUN-RUNNING'

Readman's letter particularly attacks Bruce Anderson-Lyness (Sunderland Organiser at the time) who eventually resigned from the NF and went to South Africa. Anderson-Lyness then became involved with the chiefly Zulu Inkatha organisation in the Eighties and was recently in the news concerning allegations of gun-running and (ironically) the visa problems of his Zulu partner.

LEAGUE OF ST. GEORGE

The NF has now collapsed in Tyne and Wear but several of its 1980's NF Bulletin former members and contacts have since either joined the BNP or are involved 'behind the scenes' in other nazi groups, such as the highly secretive umbrella organisation, The League of St. George.

INSIDE THE BNP

As well as NF documents, TWAFa has also received a number of significant BNP internal documents. Some of these have given us an important insight into local BNP activity, while others have had a national significance eg TWAFa was able to discover the redirection point for a BNP rally in Halifax which meant that the assorted nazis were photographed and monitored by anti-fascists.

Other material received has allowed anti-fascists to establish the internal structure of the BNP regionally and helped identify many of their potential supporters or members.

BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY

P.O. Box 117, Welling, Kent DA16 3DW
(Telephone enquiries to 01 316 4721)

Advanced notice of major activity
mont.s :

Saturday, 18th. July, a march in
West Midlands.

Saturday, -either the 15th. or
is planned for Halifax, Yorkshi

All units re expected to support the events, asked to sp these dates free. Both these are by "warm-up" campaigns - leafletting sessions by the regions concerned.

In both towns, race-relations are fraught. Bo experienced mob attacks of, principally, Asians molesting Whites, including women. In both to support for us; in both towns we have been as public and political activities to support th

Looking forward to your support,

Signed : Richard Edmonds
National Activities Org
dated - June 1992.

'Secret' notification of National BNP Rallies

Dear [redacted]
Here, as requested is the list of possible fascist sympathisers in the North-East. I hope it is of some use.

Wallace Wears	Mr Robson
Jimmy Gardiner	Mr Smith
George Bainbridge	Mr Shaw

Howard Bacon	David Rumney
David Lowery	Paul Charlton
Scott Kennedy	Alan Grey

Brief excerpts from information sent to TWAFa with a comprehensive list of suspected fascists from across the north east

Dear Mr Bill Owen,

Firstly, I must apologise for not replying sooner! Thanks for the literature that has been sent, it has been very interesting to read.
Please find postal orders for £12 for membership for the first year.
As I am only 19 years old and stuck on a Y.T.S. Scheme, I am still living at my parents house at the above address. So if it isn't a problem, could all material be sent directly to me please. Cheers!
I am usually busy in my sparetime, but I'll try to attend any meetings you may have in the future.

Yours faithfully,
Howard Bacon

New recruit joins the BNP

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NOT

BNP BULLETIN MAY 1989.

DARLINGTON RALLY:
Interest is growing in the coming BNP rally in Darlington on June 10th, thanks to a number of bias reports in the local press. Apparently the local Labour Party is horrified that the BNP has booked a hall in Darlington sports complex - The Dolphin Centre. The latest reports are that the Borough Solicitor is now having second thoughts as to whether the rally should go ahead or not.

SO MUCH FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH !!
The rally will go ahead on June 10th, at an alternative venue if necessary. A paper-sale will precede the rally.

ampaign workers by stressing the gains that and the further gains which will result from gain has constituted. In any fighting army, a 1970s, the nationalist movement in Britain recover, and this was due in large part to pointment and disillusionment when results happen this time. We must be ambitious in its of the presently attainable. But we must still a very tiny movement when compared air supporting media. We are involved in a possible', and we should not forget it. hose who in this campaign have been active time to make the campaign as effective as and stronger for what we have been doing.

Yours sincerely

JOHN TYNDALL

Example of BNP regional Newsletter

BNP Bulletin signed by the 'Fuhrer' himself

ALRIGHT - BILLY

JIMMY HERE! I'VE ENCLOSED A POSTAL ORDER FOR £2.75, SO PLEASE COULD YOU SEND ME 5-6 COPIES OF AUGUST BN NEWS FOR ME AND THE FOLKS HERE, THANKS A LOT BILLY.

JIMMY.

P.S. IF POSSIBLE COULD YOU SEND ME A COPY OF SPEARHEAD. THANKS

Local nazi orders his reading matter

Dear [redacted]
Thank you for the enquiry about the B.N.P. Sunderland have a very active branch. I will let you know when the next paper sale is on. Race & Nation
Bill Owen
Tyneside Area

The late Bill Owen writes to new recruit in Sunderland. The letter ends with a greeting of "Race & Nation".

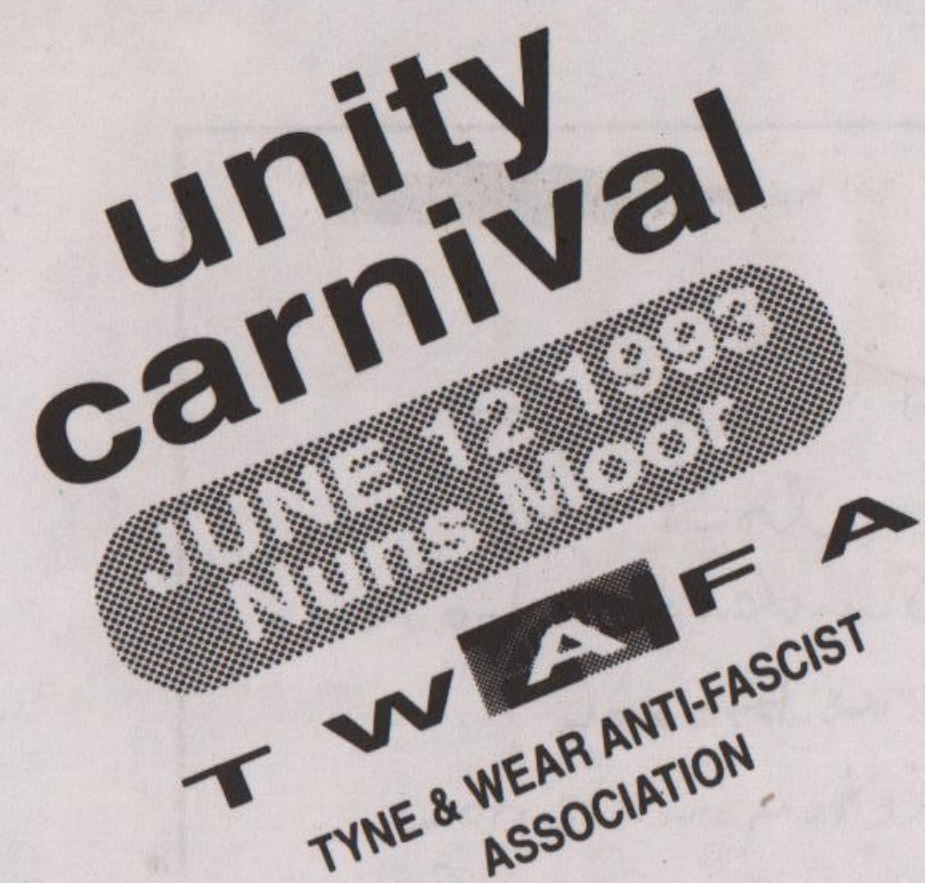
Dear [redacted]
Branch meeting this Wednesday at 7.30 in same place
Rpm.

Notification of BNP Branch Meeting

NAZI REALITY

As the examples given here suggest, anti-fascists have completely breached the supposed security of the nazi movement in the north east. Such an abundant amount of precise information on local racist and nazi activity is a major success for the anti-fascist movement and is essential if the often violent activity of such people is to be stopped. TWAFa is currently investigating the workplaces of some of the local nazis as we believe that some of them are in positions where their racist views are entirely unacceptable and give them access to information and power which could be of danger to the wider community.

There are a number of important conclusions to be drawn from TWAFa's investigation so far. Firstly, the handful of goons who turn out on fascist paper sales are only the visible face of the nazi movement in the north east. There are a number of people, who are not activists seen on the streets, but still share identical nazi convictions and support the movement financially or by subscribing to fascist publications. Secondly, there is an overlap between BNP and Blood and Honour support but TWAFa knows of a number of B&H subscribers who are not in the BNP. Thirdly, TWAFa would urge all anti-racists, anti-fascists and prominent black and Jewish activists to be very careful about their own personal security.



Thousands Rock Against Racism

On Saturday 12th June in Newcastle, nearly 10,000 people united against racism and fascism at the Unity Carnival organised by Tyne and Wear Anti-Fascist Association in conjunction with Anti-Fascist Action Northern Network. The Carnival which was the largest ever anti-racist and anti-fascist event in the north east, was a tremendously enjoyable show of solidarity and a fitting tribute to TWAFAs ten years of educational and campaigning work in the region and across Britain. In this special report, we recreate that marvellous day.



(Text by Ray Bell)

Despite lousy weather, thousands of people came to Nuns Moor in Newcastle's west end to have a good time and to show their opposition to racism and fascism. The Carnival had a whole host of different attractions to appeal to all the community, young or old, black or white. On the main stage, an impressive array of musical talent thrilled the crowd throughout the day. Sunderland band and active TWAFAs supporters, AOS 3 opened the set with their stirring fusion of dub, folk and politics and were followed by crowd pleasers Credit to the Nation whose inspiring anti-racist and anti-sexist raps earned them thousands of new fans. Agit-popsters, The 25th of May also gave a great set before Asian rappers Fun-Da-Mental hammered home the anti-racist message in their own unique way. Outspoken and committed anti-fascist band, Beggars I*T*A* followed with an astonishing display of energy, passion and accomplished stage-diving! Finally, eagerly anticipated headline band The Shamen delivered a fantastic hits package despite some technical problems with their sound. All of the bands played for expenses only and never lost sight of the anti-racist and community nature of the event.

DESPITE THE UNITY CARNIVAL'S UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS, THE EVENT MADE A LOSS. WE CALL ON ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS TO HELP US TO CLEAR THIS DEBT. PLEASE SEND DONATIONS (MADE PAYABLE TO TWAFAs CARNIVAL) TO THE USUAL ADDRESS.

UNITY IN ACTION

PERFORMANCE TENT

The Carnival had many other attractions on offer, as well as the Main Stage. The packed Performance Tent organised by west end music collective, Rhythm + and Newcastle Free Festival Organisers featured a wide variety of local artists. These included poets such as Keith Armstrong, Sean O'Brien and Ghayas Qureshi, dancers from Danse Franchise, comedians from the Big Fun Club, as well as drama from local schoolchildren. The tent also featured local bands, such as Dig, Rhythm + and the Black Arts Network's own Urban City Quake. Because of its strong local input, the Performance Tent was a great success and very popular with the west end community.



KIDS' ENTERTAINMENTS

The Carnival was aimed at young people and so there was special provision made to ensure that all age-ranges had a great time. A creche truck entertained Under-5's while older children had fun activities laid on for them at the Nuns Moor Playcentre, such as face-painting, parachute games, inflatables, adventure trails, badge-making etc. The Council playworkers did an



excellent job of ensuring that the youngsters had a marvellous time and were also introduced to the anti-racist message. 5-a-side football kept other youngsters busy, giving their parents chance to sample the beer tent or see the wide variety of stalls and street entertainers.

POSITIVE PUBLICITY

The Carnival was not just about fun, however. The west end of Newcastle has a long history of racist violence and it was important that an event like the Unity Carnival could be organised as a focus of TWAFAs anti-racist educational work in the area and to highlight the problem of racist violence across Britain. The Carnival was also a great opportunity to advertise TWAFAs ten years of fighting racism and fascism and TWAFAs has received scores of new members, as a result of the very positive publicity which the Carnival generated. TWAFAs has also consolidated its base in the local community and demonstrated that it is able to organise large scale events successfully.



TWAFAs would like to thank all those who helped to ensure that the Unity Carnival was such a great success. In particular, the Unity Carnival Committee, TWAFAs members, Anti-Fascist Action Northern Network, numerous departments of Newcastle City Council, City Challenge, Newcastle University Students Union.

LOCAL NEWS

NAZI HATE CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIES

Racist and virulently anti-semitic hate mail was sent to homes in South Shields and elsewhere in Tyne and Wear at the end of September. The leaflets are produced by the National Socialist United Workers Party (UK) and feature an anti-semitic caricature of a Jewish man who has been hanged and nazi slogans, such as "Adolf Hitler was right" and an appeal for people to "battle for white racial survival".

"FILTH"

The leaflets appear to have been sent randomly to residents and were addressed to the Occupier and posted second class from Leeds. A local resident told *The Shields Gazette* "I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened the envelope and read this filth". Local councillor Joan Jackson said "I am appalled to learn this filth is being peddled around the town. South Shields has a good record for race relations. It is disgusting that this xenophobic claptrap designed to incite racial hatred is being put through people's letter boxes."

The NSUWP (UK) was formed by ex-SS men in Ireland in the sixties and has strong links with American nazi group New Order which operates from a postbox in Lincoln, Nebraska and has a history of racist violence.

ANTI-SEMITIC HOAX

In a separate incident, anti-semitic hoax letters have been sent from the North East to Jewish residents in North London. The letters are a more sophisticated form of racial hatred and claim to be from 'The Society for the Promulgation of the Talmud' which is described as a Jewish Evangelical movement with a mission to convert gentiles and place "our people[Jews]" in positions of power. The letter quotes false references from the Jewish religious text, The Talmud and is the latest example of anti-semitic hate mail, which has increased considerably during the past year.

TWAFa is regularly targeted with nazi mail intending to intimidate and offend us. In recent months we have been sent anti-semitic material which attacks a Jewish religious printer in Gateshead and crude and vicious Holocaust Revisionist material similar to Julius Streicher's *Der Sturmer* (an anti-semitic hate sheet in Hitler's Germany). **TWAFa urges anyone receiving such hate material to contact us immediately.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Local nazis attend European rally

TWAFa intelligence has learned that two BNP members from Tyne and Wear were part of the BNP and C18 contingent who attended the international gathering of neo-nazis at Diksmuide, Belgium in September. Wallace Wears, from North Tyneside and Tom Graham from Newcastle, well known to TWAFa (see RECAP in our Spring Newsletter) as veteran nazis and anti-semites, also attended last year's Rudolf Hess march in Germany. It was not a pleasant holiday for the two pensioners however, as Wallace Wears was apparently punched to the floor by C18 thug Robert Jarvis after a disagreement. Having chosen low-life like C18 as their travelling companions, Wears and Graham can hardly be surprised at their treatment. Perhaps Wallace has now realised that C18 is not the "media myth" that Kevin Scott claims.

BNP 'venture' into Newcastle

The BNP held their first papersale in Newcastle for several months on Saturday October 16th. A handful of nazis were present with the usual fascist accoutrements - Union flags etc and stayed at the Monument for around 20 minutes being ignored by the general public. The BNP had cowardly chosen that particular day as they knew that most anti-fascists from the region would be attending the Unity demonstration in London. The last time the BNP tried selling in Newcastle, the 'master race' ended up cowering in a cafe at the Haymarket while local fuhrer Kevin Scott hurled plates at amused anti-fascists and bemused by-standers.

TWAFa book

TWAFa is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of a book on the history of anti-fascism in Tyne and Wear in the 1930's. Written by local historian and councillor Nigel Todd, the book provides a vivid account of street battles with Mosley's Blackshirts and the actions of TWAFa's forerunner, the Anti-Fascist League. The book contains much original research and previously unpublished material, as well as first-hand accounts from veteran anti-fascists. **ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!**

Neo-nazi ideal homes

An article in *The Independent on Sunday* on October 17th featured photographs of Blood & Honour nazis at 'work, rest and play'. TWAFa researchers were intrigued to note a picture of Skullhead singer Kev Turner tattooing fellow nazi thug Gary Mitchell (former Sunderland BNP Organiser) at his Sunderland flat in front of a huge swastika and picture of Hitler.

NATIONAL NEWS

PUBLIC ANGER AT NAZI BUNKER

The arrest of Richard Edmonds is a huge blow to the BNP, as he was recently appointed British contact for the New European Order, an international neo-nazi network set up by former SS men and war criminals like Leon Degrelle. As national organiser, Edmonds also runs the BNP on a daily basis from the bunker in Welling, as well as being their chief spokesman and Holocaust Denial propagandist. The media focus on the BNP has highlighted the link between their Welling headquarters and the huge increase in racial attacks and murders in London and elsewhere. Whilst actual BNP members are not always involved in these racial assaults, it is obvious to many experts that their active presence in the area has contributed significantly to the rise in racial tension and created an atmosphere of hatred and terror for many ethnic minorities.



BNP National Organiser Richard Edmonds

The anger that many people feel at the existence of the headquarters of an organisation which denies the Holocaust and promotes a creed of white supremacy has spilled over into violence on a number of occasions recently. At the recent Unity demonstration on October 16th, the police re-routed the march less than a week before the demo so that protesters could not march past the nazi bunker. This incensed many people, especially when the riot police on the day blocked the march completely so that demonstrators had absolutely nowhere to go even along the agreed re-routing. The ensuing clashes with the heavily armoured riot police detracted from the more important aspects of the day, which were that over 30,000 people from all over the country were prepared to show their opposition to the BNP. The crowd represented a broad range of organisations including the families of the victims of racist murder, the Indian Workers' Association (GB) and a large number of local and national anti-racist organisations. There was a large contingent from the North East organised by TWAFa, YRE and the ANL.

BLOOD & HONOUR: DEAD END STREET

Ian Stuart Donaldson, lead singer of infamous nazi band Skrewdriver, booked his place in Valhalla when he was killed in a road accident in the East Midlands in September, aged 35. Ian Stuart who had a number of convictions for racist violence was a cultural icon to nazis all over the world and was the unofficial leader of the nazi skinhead movement internationally.



Ian Stuart in happier times with Kev Turner

DISASTERS

His death will be a huge blow to Blood and Honour, which is already reeling after a series of disasters this year. In February, Roy and Kevin Johnson who ran the mail order distribution network, Skrewdriver Services were found guilty of inciting racial hatred and sentenced to six months. Several leading members of B&H were jailed in July for their part in a vicious racist attack on five Bengali restaurant workers in Hertfordshire while B&H's planned 'Aryan Festival' in the Midlands on the final weekend in July was stopped by the police as a result of information obtained by *Searchlight*. Nazis from all over Europe had travelled to the event which lost thousands of pounds and seriously ruined the credibility of British Blood and Honour, which has recently set up branches in Germany and the USA. It is rumoured that Combat 18 mainman Charlie Sargent has now taken over B&H amid accusations that former top dogs - the Parrish brothers were stealing money from 'fellow nationalists'.

IRONIC

Stuart's death was unwittingly ironic for a number of reasons. In an interview this year with nazi skinzine *Last Chance*, Stuart had said that in five years time he would either be "in prison... or dead". Secondly, 3 members of nazi band Violent Storm were also killed in a car crash last year. Perhaps nazi skins should read *The Highway Code* instead of *Mein Kampf*!