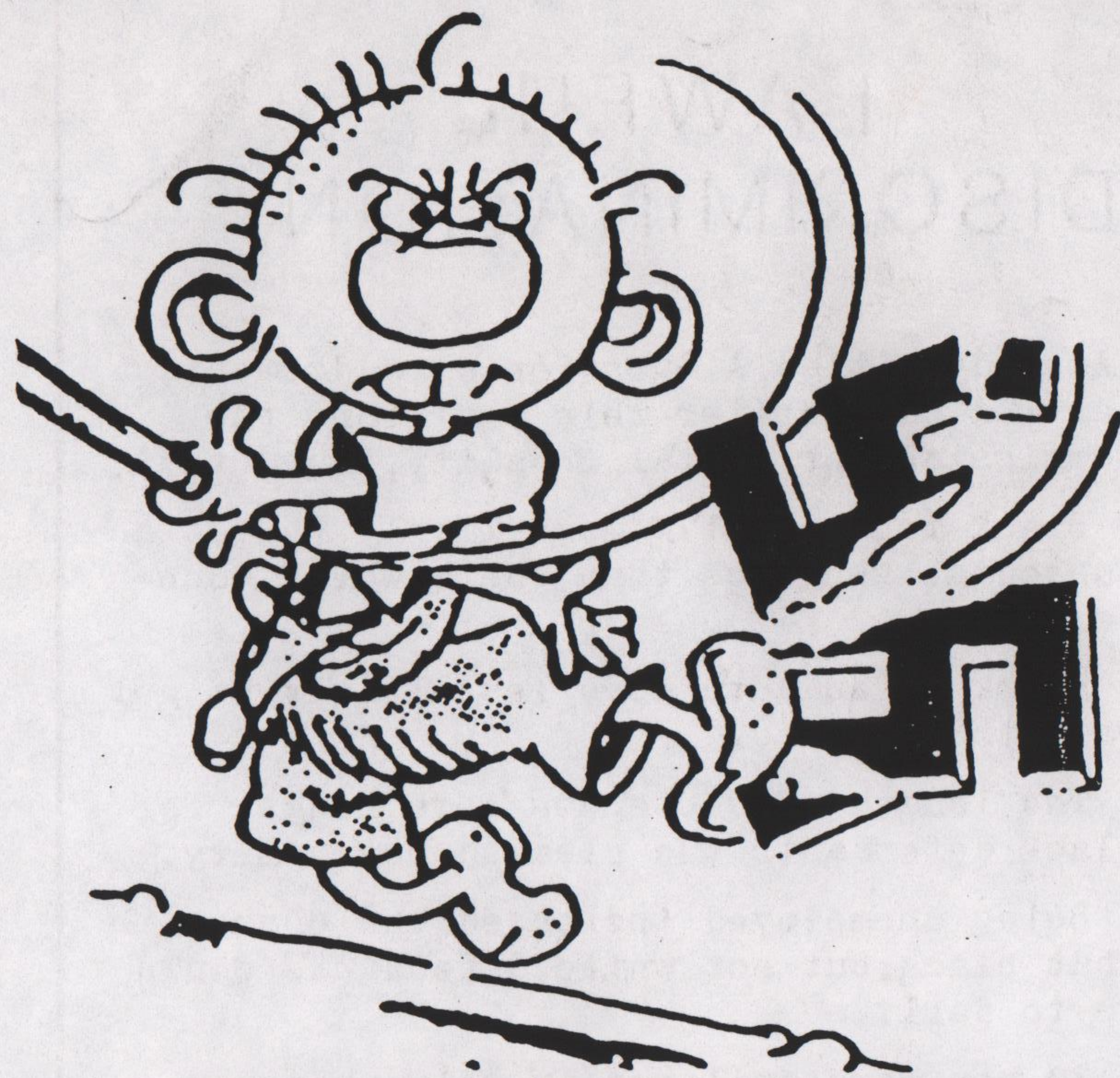


# CLOSE DOWN THE BNP HQ



## SMASH FASCISM! Oct 16: Unity Demo!

### March on the BNP HQ!

Demonstration called by YRE, ANL, IWA & Searchlight

1pm Winns Common, Plumstead, London SE18

Join the NO PLATFORM FOR FASCISTS contingent

MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING TRANSPORT  
FROM LEICESTER, WILL BE IN NEXT  
MONTHS 'THE ANTI RACIST' -  
DON'T MISS IT!!!!

### NEXT IRS MEETNG

The next meeting of Inter-Racial  
Solidarity will be on

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 7:45pm

at

SECULAR HALL, HUMBERSTONE GATE.

Meetings are open to everybody  
interested in fighting racism  
and fascism.

We would especially like to meet  
some of our new members.

Come and find out what IRS is  
currently doing, its plans for the  
future, and discuss with us your  
own ideas etc...

There is ample parking outside  
the hall and easy wheelchair  
access.

### SILENCE FROM JIM

There is a well known expression, 'silence  
is golden.' However, we are disappointed  
that Leicester MP Jim Marshall has failed  
to reply to the question we asked him in  
last months issue.

Thanks to those of you who did write in  
with your ideas of where to relocate the  
BNP HQ, which are as follows in order of  
popularity; Jim Marshalls back garden,  
Jim Marshalls spare bedroom, 10 Downing  
Street, a sewerage plant, Chernobyl, Lost  
city of Atlantis, Siberia, North Pole, the  
moon and Venus. (Plus a view which are  
un-repeatable)

After careful consideration IRS decided  
that Jim wasn't bad enough to deserve such  
a fate, that it would be hard to tell the  
difference if it moved to 10 Downing St,  
particularly if you're a Bosnian or Black  
and that Chernobyl was already over con-

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# The Anti-Racist

Bulletin of Inter Racial Solidarity

SEPT 1993

--FREE--

## MAJOR & CO: MURDEROUS HYPOCRITES!!

WHILE John Major visits flower shows and suns himself on holiday in Portugal, millions of Bosnian's have lost not only their gardens but their homes and everything they possessed. For hundreds of thousands of Bosnians their 'holiday' has been the concentration and extermination camps set up by the Nationalist and Fascist forces Major and his allies support.

Within weeks of recognising Bosnia-Herzegovina as an independent state, the British government and its allies, using the European Community and United Nations as a shield, were plotting the carve up of the newly formed multi-cultural state, with its Serb and Croat aggressors.



SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF  
BOSNIA IS PROCEEDING APACE, WITH HIS BLESSING, AND  
FEELING SAFE IN THE FORTRESS EUROPE HE'S HELPED  
TO CREATE, MAJOR RELAXES WITH HIS WIFE AT THE  
CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW.

Right from the start of the war in former Yugo-  
slavia, the British government and the United  
Nations have been actively encouraging the ex-  
treme nationalism, and fascism, of the Serbian and  
Croatian forces.

Western governments have supported ethnic  
cleansing, rape camps and the continuation and  
escalation of the war.

Their intentions were made clear during the  
earlier war in Croatia. They aided those Serb  
forces who want to secede from Croatia and al-  
lowed the Serbian army to continue to occupy over  
a quarter of Croatian territory.

Then they allowed the Serbian army to remove its  
heavy weapons from Croatia so it could use them  
to destroy Bosnia. At the same time western gov-  
ernments have ensured that the Bosnians receive  
no weapons with which to defend themselves.

The British government and its allies were be-  
hind the United Nations Vance-Owen plan, which attempt-  
ed to divide multicultural Bosnia along ethnic  
lines. In doing this they were  
well aware that this could only  
result in further ethnic clean-  
sing. (continued pg 2)



Far from holding back Milosevic's war against Bosnia, the Vance-Owen plan accepted the fundamental argument of Milosevic that states had to be ethnically 'pure', and so encouraged an increase in Serbian aggression.

Moreover, by promising a large part of Bosnia to Croatia, the Vance-Owen 'peace' plan encouraged Franjo Tudjman to break his alliance with the Bosnian government in order to grab as much Bosnian territory as possible.

Since the beginning of the war in Bosnia the UN 'peace' talks have been nothing more than an excuse to sit around a table with ultra-nationalists and fascists to plot the destruction of Bosnia and share out the spoils. The western governments will extract a heavy 'reward' from the Serbians and Croats for services rendered.

Through its support of the Serb and Croat nationalist forces, the western governments have contributed to over 300,000 deaths, the systematic rape of over 70,000 Muslim women, the setting up of concentration and extermination camps, and the creation of over 3,500,000 (Yes, three and a half million!) refugees, fleeing the horror of war and persecution.

The following does not make pleasant reading but it does give an insight into the horrors Major and his allies have given their consent to through their support for ethnic cleansing, and the destruction of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Bosnia.

Extracts from one woman's testimony in a report from the Bosnia-Herzegovina centre in London reads;

"...All the rapes took place in front of everybody. Those who resisted had their throats cut or their limbs severed. Some were chopped bit by bit. The whole place became permanently covered in blood. More girls were brought in, and there were finally about a thousand of us. I spent four months in the camp.

" I kept, and still keep, dreaming of the worst of the guards...the cruelest of all. He raped a ten year old girl one night and said it had given him a particular pleasure. Most of the very young girls they raped did not survive. They either had their throats slit afterwards or let them die from bleeding, as they were badly torn inside.

" I feel that I can't live with my memories. I wonder if I shall be able to find

a way that will not lead me to a psychiatric asylum."

In Serbian camps, systematic torture, mass rape and murder of civilians is carried out. The skeletal figures of prisoners bring back memories of the NAZI camps of the second world war, such as Auschwitz.

Last week 750 pages of reports on atrocities carried out during the siege of Sarajevo were delivered to the UN Commission for Human Rights, along with 450 pages on rape, 250 pages on just 12 of the 393 known detention and torture camps and 100 pages on mass graves. This is the tip of the iceberg.

Amongst the evidence in these pages is the following;

In one camp seven pairs of fathers and sons were forced to perform oral sex on each other before being shot.

In other camps fathers have been forced to watch the raping of their daughters and the beating to death of their sons. There are also accounts of men being ordered to castrate each other with their teeth.

During the ethnic cleansing of one village a Muslim woman was beaten and gang raped by Serb soldiers, then had to watch her three month old daughter be thrown against a wall by a former neighbour. The neighbour, a nurse, was forced to throw the baby by the soldiers. Then the Muslim woman's daughter, aged fifteen months, was taken from her. When the baby was returned she was blue and had blood streaming between her legs. She too had been a victim of multiple rape.

Most reports of death by torture and rape come from organised camps with clear lines of military control. Some camps are devoted to interrogation and torture while others used to hold prisoners ready for exchange.

The reports sent to the Commission for Human Rights come mainly from individuals, human rights groups and the press.

It is hoped that they will be used after the war to bring the perpetrators to justice at war trials in the Netherlands. Whether this ever happens or not one thing is certain; Major, Hurd, Owen, Vance, Clinton and all the other 'respectable' politicians who have been crying peace while encouraging war, won't be in the dock.

Yet Major and his western imperialist allies are guilty of aiding and abetting the atrocities listed above and of presiding over the destruction of Bosnia.

## MURDEROUS HYPOCRITES, Continued

The Imperialist powers have not stopped at giving the Serbs and Croats mere political support. With unbelievable hypocrisy they have used the so-called United Nations Protection Force to physically aid and abet in the destruction of Bosnia.

UNPROFOR forces have stood by and allowed 'ethnic cleansing' whilst refusing to help injured civilians. They presided over the fall of Srebrenica and other Bosnian towns into Serbian hands by disarming the defenders. Some units of UN forces, particularly Ukrainians have openly sided with the Serbs. The UN has ensured that the multi-national Bosnian resistance has been unable to get arms while the Serbs and Croats have no such problems.

The commander of the French battalion at Bijeljina has boasted of stopping the few arms the Bosnians were getting.

UN aid agencies have been more concerned with publicity than actually helping the people of Bosnia. Whilst locally organised groups have been able to get aid through to besieged populations, the UN has constantly used the excuse that they are unable to get through Serb or Croat forces.

The priorities of the UN can be seen in the contents of one large convoy that eventually broke through Serb lines. It contained a mere thirty tons of food, sixty tons of camera equipment, and Kate Adie!

Not surprisingly the vast majority of Bosnians now hate the UN. As former Sarajevo TV journalist Jesenko Galidasevic put it;

"The United Nations serve as a shield for aggression."

# IRS SAYS NO! HANDS OFF BOSNIA!

Last month we saw the nauseating spectacle of John Major trying to masquerade as a caring human being.

In what Maggie O'Kane of the Guardian described as 'a triumph of cynicism masquerading as compassion' Major cut through the red tape to allow a few seriously ill and wounded children from Bosnia to come to Britain for treatment.

While we were all rightly pleased for Irma Hadzimuratovic and the dismally small number of other children singled out, the fact is that this was nothing more than a publicity stunt by hypocrite Major in a futile attempt to bolster his non-existent popularity.

In reality Major doesn't give a damn for the millions of Bosnian refugees he has helped create. Major has firmly shut the doors to fortress Britain in their faces.

Of the estimated 4,000 Bosnian refugees living in Britain, around two thirds are forced to live as illegal immigrants and all of them face the threat of deportation as not one refugee has been granted asylum rights. The government has already served deportation orders on some of them.

We must act now to prevent the government hypocritically condoning, and assisting, the destruction of Bosnia as a multi-cultural state, while at the same erecting barriers here to prevent escape for the people they dishonestly claim they want to help.

The only cleansing we need is the cleansing of the world from murderous, hypocritical 'leaders' such as Major.

\*NO! To British Government collaboration with Nationalism and Fascism.

\*NO! To British and United Nations troops in Bosnia.

\*NO! To the embargo on arms for Bosnia.

\*NO! To all immigration and asylum laws.

\*NO! To the murderous hypocrite John Major and his Imperialist allies.



# CONVOY SUCCESS!

The Workers Aid Convoy to Tuzla, a multi cultural, multi-ethnic mining region in Bosnia, has now left Britain on the second leg of its journey.

The overwhelming generosity of ordinary working class people throughout the country has ensured the convoy has already surpassed its targets.

Five trucks, a fully equipped ambulance and a coach, all heavily laden with food, medical aid and financial support, left Dover on Sept 7th. In addition to this, had to leave twice the amount of food aid behind in its London warehouse. More trucks are currently being purchased.

In Leicester alone £1600 was donated in cash and this was complimented by an enormous amount of food and clothing. At the reception for the convoy at the City Council offices, Leicester City Council agreed to donate a lorry to the convoy.

Despite an almost total lack of coverage from the local press, Leicester was the highest donating area since the convoy had left Dundee.

Inter-Racial Solidarity has written to the local press asking for an explanation for the lack of coverage. (The Leicester Mercury did manage to print a story -two days after the convoy had left Leicester.)

There was also a shameful lack of support from certain local trade unions. Happily this was offset by the generosity of other trade unionists and the working class of Leicester as a whole.

As the convoy crosses Europe it will be <sup>joined</sup> with trucks of aid from all over the continent. There have also been large donations from the United States and other countries outside Europe.

The international working class can be justly proud of its efforts so far. However, we can't afford to become complacent. Further convoys will be needed with onset of winter, and the campaign needs to be widened and strengthened.

During the coming months Inter-Racial Solidarity will work with the Leicester Convoy Committee and others to build on the success of Workers Aid so far.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WORKERS AID FOR BOSNIA, OR YOU WISH TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT:

LEICESTER CONVOY COMMITTEE,  
C/O HIGHFIELDS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
MELBOURNE ROAD,  
LEICESTER.  
LE2 0DR  
TEL: (0533) 531053

OR:

INTER-RACIAL SOLIDARITY,  
C/O 70 HIGH STREET,  
LEICESTER  
LE1 5YP

## DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!!!!

If you have missed the opportunity to donate to the Convoy so far, don't worry. IT IS NOT TOO LATE. Money and cheques can be wired to the convoy up to September 30th. Send donations to: 'WORKERS AID' PO Box 30, LONDON SE15 5EP.

## PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR WORKERS AID.

- 1) To campaign for the opening of the asylum doors to all victims of ethnic cleansing and those facing political persecution.
- 2) To help provide material assistance to the refugees in Britain
- 3) To take direct action to stop threatened deportations.
- 4) To expose the hypocrisy of the present Conservative Government in their relations to refugees; and of how Western Governments are supporting right wing nationalists (and even fascist) forces in ex-Yugoslavia.
- 5) To urge trade unions at all levels, Labour Parties at all levels, to take a fighting stance on the defence of, and aid to, Bosnians and refugees.
- 6) To forge links with the left-wing, trade union and workers movement in ex-Yugoslavia to assist in our aims. To support democratic forces genuinely fighting for democratic rights against dictatorial rule and imperialist intervention, and to oppose the European partition in Bosnia.
- 7) To build links throughout Europe with those of a similar outlook with a view towards co-ordinated action in an International Workers Aid.
- 8) To support other campaigns to open asylum doors, stop deportations, and to oppose racism and fascism.
- 9) To campaign for the immediate lifting of the British backed United Nations arms embargo against Bosnia and for the withdrawal of UN troops from the area.
- 10) For imperialist hands of the Balkans.



"Hello, Mr Major. We'll have 20 more injured children ready for you tomorrow."

## 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, LEICESTER, LE1 5YP.

## 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.



## BLACK SOCCER STARS HEAD CAMPAIGN

Black soccer stars John Fashanu(Wimbledon), Paul Elliott(Chelsea) and the Norwegian Erik Thorsvedt(Spurs) have launched a campaign against racism in football.

Their first move was to ask every league club to print anti-racist messages in their match programmes and on posters around their grounds.

John Fashanu told the Daily Mirror; "I can't remember the last time that I was able to invite my whole family along to a match.

"I don't want my daughter, father or mother listening to that personal abuse, some of it from kids as young as eight. I've stayed away from the touchlines purely because of it."

Paul Elliott agrees;

"My family has gone to some of the games and the abuse has frightened them off.

"Having experienced the racism they're not prepared to go back.

"The rascists are a small minority and there is room for improvement from the police."

Football has always been seen as a good recruiting ground by fascist groups. The National Front, British National Party and other fascist groups sell their poison outside grounds and stir up racial violence amongst supporters. The Combat 18 fascist terror group has been recruited largely from the 'Chelsea Headhunters' who have been behind much of the soccer violence at home and when England, and league clubs, play abroad.

Disgustingly, 17 clubs have refused to join the campaign. The 17 are: Norwich, Southampton, Barnet, Crystal Palace, Mansfield, Stoke City, Wigan, Wolves, Tranmere, Watford, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Brighton, Fulham, Rotherham, Wycombe, Crewe.

Inter-Racial Solidarity intends to raise the issue with these clubs. We hope to establish contact with anti-racist supporters at these clubs to put pressure on the officials and supporters to tackle racism.

\* Foxes Against Racism, formed by Leicester City fans to combat racism at Filbert Street, has now produced the first edition of its fanzine 'Filbo Fever.'

It is available in newsagents, Blackthorne Books, and outside the ground on match days.

An essential read for every City fan!

## SACK FOR "GOLLIWOG" TEACHER

A teacher at Gateacre comprehensive school in Liverpool has been sacked for gross misconduct after calling a black pupil a golliwog in class. Earlier the teacher had been warned for verbally abusing another pupil.

James Evans had difficulty pronouncing 15 year old Alimatou Fofana's name while taking the class register. After trying twice he said: "Never mind. We will just have to call her golliwog."

Alimatou's fellow pupils said Evans smirked as he made the remark, as if he expected the rest of the class to laugh - but nobody else thought it was funny.

This sick specimen then had the nerve to go to an industrial tribunal, claiming unfair dismissal!

At the tribunal head teacher Peter Barnes said: "The children's honesty shone through. They came across as stunned. It was, in their view, totally unacceptable."

The tribunal was adjourned to a later date. (Source; Searchlight. Aug 93)

## ANOTHER FIRST

Last month Leicester City Council made its first ever eviction of council tenants on the grounds of racism.

In another first Waltham Forest LBC has recently evicted a family for persistent racial harassment.

In securing the eviction order the council informed the court of 19 separate incidents of harassment, including violence and threats of violence by Alan Russell and other members of his family. (Municipal Journal No.31)

## WPC FIRED

A black woman police officer has been sacked for not being 'forceful' enough and not making enough arrests.

After training the wpc was stationed in Brixton. When criticised she argued her low arrest rate reflected her insight into the black community. After transfer to Lambeth she again referred to the sensitivity of the public, before being sacked.

She is now taking the Met police to an industrial tribunal for racial discrimination and victimisation.

## LAWFUL DISCRIMINATION

A study titled A Question of Judgement, carried out earlier this year for the Commission for Racial Equality, found that;

\* Black men were 17% more likely to get a custodial sentence than their white counterparts.

\* Black defendants were less likely to get bail than whites.

\* The length of sentences were longer for black defendants who pleaded not guilty.

\* Being unemployed increased the chance that black, but not white, defendants would go to jail.

\* 30 men were employed in Wolverhampton alone, simply because they were black.

Now, far be it for Inter-Racial Solidarity to suggest that the British state is racist - especially with a government headed by that super nice humanitarian Mr Major - but some of our more suspiciously minded members have been wondering whether there is any connection between the reports findings and the following statistics;

While black people account for approximately 5.2% of the population, they represent;

\* 1% of police officers.

\* 2% of magistrates.

\* 2% of solicitors.

\* 3% probation officers.

\* Less than 1% of prison officers.

\* There are NO black justices clerks.

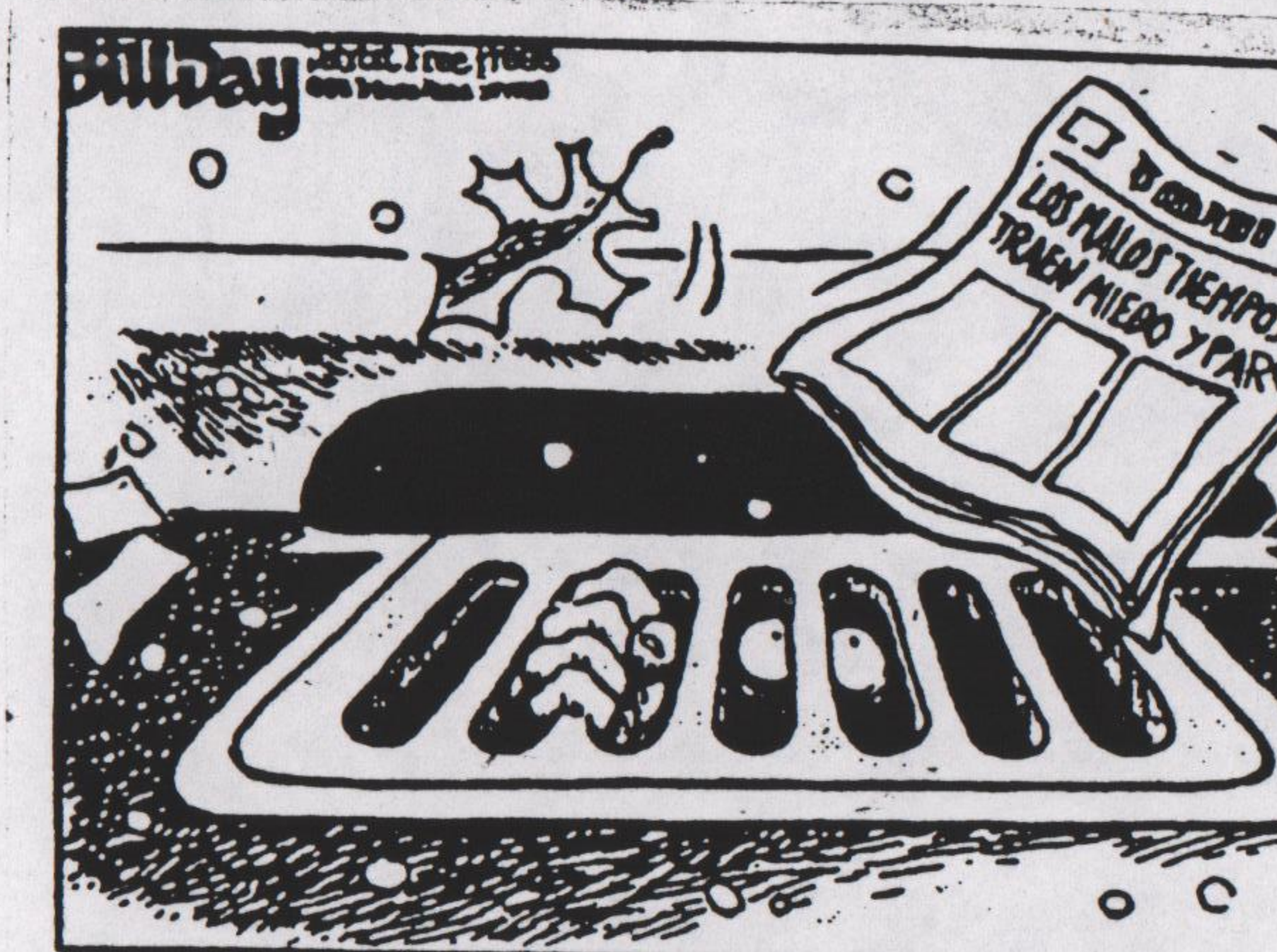
\* The country has the staggeringly large total of 3 black judges.

What do you think - a teeny weeny connection maybe?

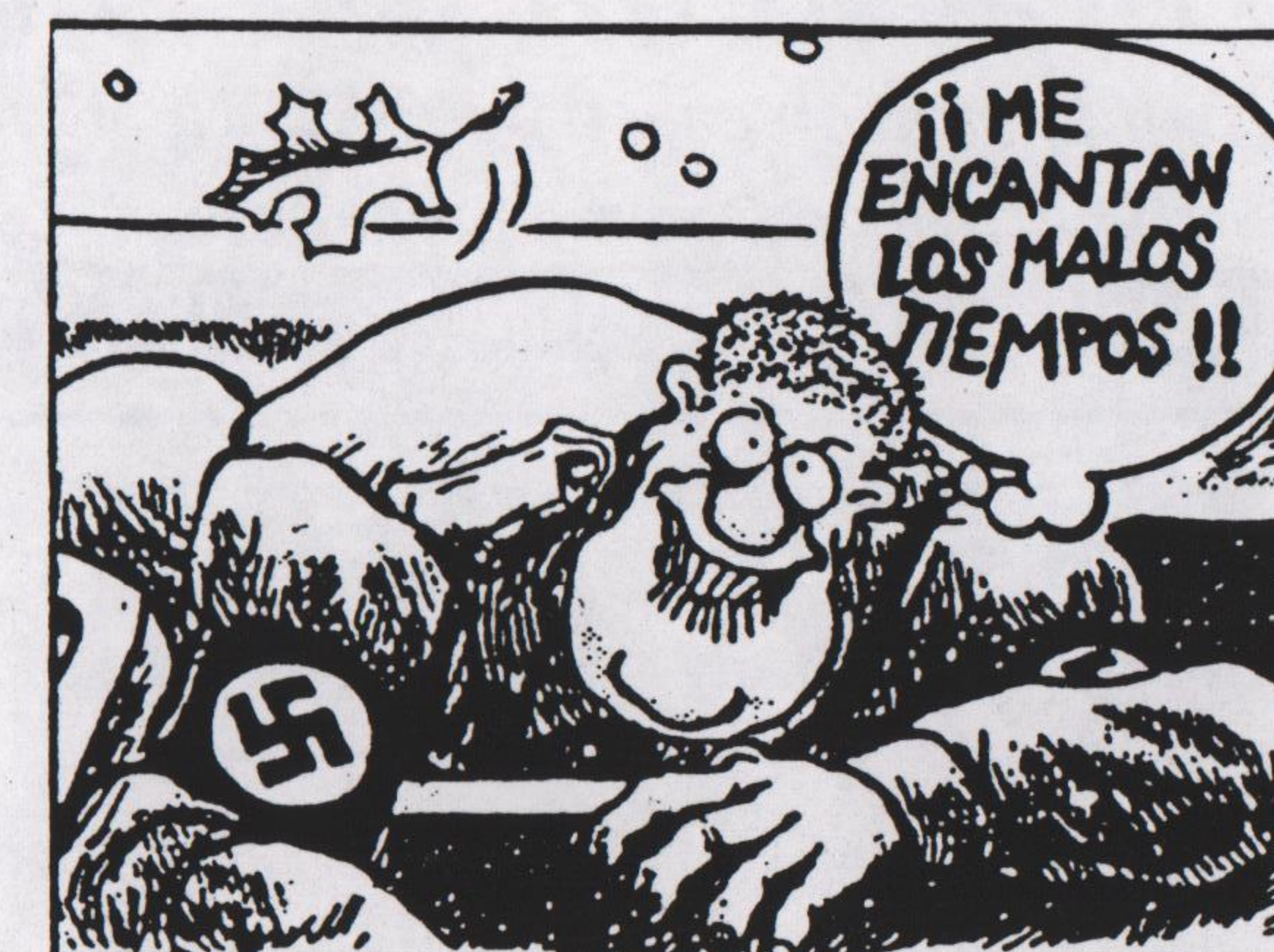
MORE STATS....

From April 1992 to March 1993, a total of 4302 immigration appeals were allowed by adjudicators - 22,272 were dismissed.

In 1992, 24,000 people entered the UK as working holiday makers; of these 400 were NOT from Australia, Canada and New Zealand.



THE RECESSION BRINGS FEAR AND UNEMPLOYMENT.



I LOVE RECESSIONS!!

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taminated. In fact we decided there was nowhere on this planet, or any other, fit for Fascist habitation.

The only solution to this vermin is total ERADICATION.







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### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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WAGED.....£4.00

### AFFILIATION FEES:

LOCAL GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS.....£7.00  
REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS...£10.00  
COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS.....£15.00

#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

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