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K. Edmondson

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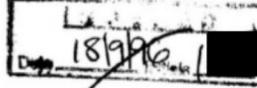
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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT 'CE' SQUAD

EVENT PROFORMA

DATE/TIME Saturday 11 June 1994, 10.00 - 17.30.
PLACE The Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, WC1.
ORGANISATION Anti-Nazi League (ANL)
SPECIAL BRANCH REFERENCE 400/93/124
NATURE OF EVENT Conference
NUMBER PRESENT 320



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM A SECRET AND
RELIABLE SOURCE:

320 Delegates from over 200 separate organisations attended this conference of the ANL which had been called to discuss the way forward following the League's activities during the Tower Hamlets local elections, and following the successful ANL Carnival on 28 May. In reality the event was about raising money, hence the hefty £35 registration fee for each delegate. There was also an appeal at the end of the conference by Privacy for more money to be collected for the ANL.

The conference made it clear that the ANL will continue its work as an anti-fascist group. It became readily apparent that while the ANL Steering Committee is made up of people from several organisations, including the Labour Party and the Indian Workers Association, the organisation is in reality under the complete control of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and its omnipotent Central Committee. The ANL is of great financial benefit to the SWP, the League contributing several thousand pounds a year to the party's coffers for printing alone. The SWP also benefits politically by controlling such a broad based organisation, and numerically by recruiting from the rich pool of potential members offered by the ANL.

Two resolutions were put forward by the Steering Committee, both subsequently passed by large majority votes. Two alternative motions were proposed by members of Manchester UNISON and by Sheffield College Students Union. Both of the alternative resolutions were rejected. Copies of all four are attached. In essence the 'official' resolutions call for action against Nazis comprising organising, demonstrating, and propaganda, whilst the two alternative motions call for more robust confrontation including physically fighting fascists.

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The ANL Steering Committee was appointed and approved
by vote (an old SWP practice). It is made up as follows:

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Peter HAIN	
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INV (Reporting Officer) DCI EDMONDSON

DATE 14.6.94.
(SDS REF: S.0562)



Anti Nazi League Conference - Saturday 11 June

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!



Dear Convenor

Last Saturday's Anti Nazi League Carnival against the Nazis surpassed all expectations. Over 160,000 people packed out Brockwell Park, in what was the largest anti-racist gathering ever held in Britain.

The Carnival was magnificent in itself. However as both the *Observer* and *Guardian* reported it was not simply an enjoyable music festival. Both the march and the Carnival itself displayed a mood of angry and defiant opposition to the Nazis. The march from Kennington Park was 130,000 strong, noisy and dominated by ANL lollipopers. The speeches at Brockwell Park were all enthusiastically received.

The ANL Conference on Saturday 11th June should reflect this mood. The Conference has been deliberately timed for the immediate aftermath of a period of intense and successful activity for the ANL. We don't want to hold a talking shop, but a real working conference in which people discuss concretely how they built the "Don't Vote Nazi" campaign, how they've recruited to local and workplace groups and how they organised for the Carnival. There will also be an opportunity to discuss our work in the future.

We are open to suggestions about what should be discussed at the Conference and if any affiliates or members wish to raise specific resolutions, these must be sent to the ANL office for us to receive them by Wednesday 8th June.

To achieve all this you need to think quite carefully about who should come to the Conference. There is no restriction on the number of delegates you can send, but we do want to encourage trade unions to send delegates and we do want members who have been central to building things locally to attend. The registration fee will be £35. Delegates coming from outside London will be reimbursed with the cost of a return coach fare at the Conference. Unemployed/student/school student delegates will be charged £5, this should be paid for them by their local group.

Raising of the £35 registration fee should not be viewed as an obstacle. The issue of money needs to be raised honestly with people. This is a serious Conference whose aim is to map out strategies for strengthening the fight against the Nazis in every locality. Affiliated unions and union branches can easily find the money to send delegates. Indeed, where members have taken the issue seriously, the registration fees have already begun to come in. Elsewhere, the money can be raised by members collecting among workmates, friends, pub collections and by tapping local mosques, Sikh temples and such like.

Please forward the names of delegates, together with registration fees, as soon as possible in order that delegates may be issued with the necessary credentials. Final confirmation of the Conference details will be sent out to you early next week. In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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Anti Nazi League, PO Box 2566, London N4 2HG Tel: 071 924 0333 Fax: 071 924 0313

I/We would like to attend the ANL Conference on Saturday 11th June 1994 and enclose £ registration fee.

Name Organisation

Address

..... Tel No

Please make cheques payable to 'Anti Nazi League' and return with this form to ANL, PO Box 2566, London N4 2HG



**Resolution to ANL Conference
 from the Branch Executive Committee
 passed on Thursday 9th June 1994**

This conference notes the enormous support shown for the ANL Carnival and believes that the mass action of the 28th May 1994 must be turned to destroy the influence, activity and organisation of the BNP and other Nazis. We therefore believe:-

- 1) Local democratic ANL groups should be built in workplaces, local areas, estates, schools and colleges. These groups should meet regularly to decide on priorities, launch initiative and build ANL and other anti-racist/anti-fascist activities. The groups should be open to ANL members and delegates from trade union, labour movement organisations and anti-racist and black organisations. They should link up with other campaigns, youth and community groups, and self-defence associations that already exist, like Youth Connection in Tower Hamlets. They should elect their own accountable representatives to co-ordinate action.
- 2) The ANL should hold an annual conference of delegates from ANL groups and affiliated organisations. The conference should elect a national steering committee.
- 3) The ANL will fight to deny the fascists any platform or any ability to organise. This means:-
 - a) Campaigning for trade unionists to boycott work connected with fascist groups, eg refuse to handle work related to Nazis letters in newspapers, interviews on television/radio, providing the BNP with premises for meetings, delivery of BNP mailshots, etc. The ANL should fight for local trade unions to take protest strike action in the event of any further BNP election victories.
 - b) We should hold no reliance on the state or calls on the state to ban the BNP. No official spokesperson should use the ANL's name to call for such bans. They have always been used against anti-racist and anti-fascist movements.
 - c) The ANL must organise both ideologically and physically to prevent fascist campaigning.
 - d) Continue to use every opportunity to spread anti-fascist propaganda exposing the true violent Nazi nature of the BNP and NF and countering their lies.
- 4) The ANL should organise a national campaign to get speakers into union branches up and down the country to win affiliations and support, to counter the attempts of many union leaders to block support at national union conferences for anti-Nazi action.

UNISON

Motion to ANL conference from Sheffield College Students Union.

Fascists must be confronted everywhere we find them.
Only socialist ideas can undercut the fascist threat.
We must fight fascism with socialism.

1. An anti-fascist organisation must not limit itself to being against the Nazis, it must provide answers to workers with positive solutions on jobs, housing, other social questions, and the working class case for black and white workers unity.
We must provide a working class alternative.
We must educate youth and students to look to the labour movement.
2. We should not present ourselves as being so broad that we include Liberals and Tories, these people limit what we can do and say
3. The Nazis did not just lose in Millwall, Labour won Millwall. Millwall was an important victory for the Labour and Trade Union movement - not just a defeat for the BNP.
The ANL should say "Vote Labour" in elections and work for Labour. This is the positive mass labour movement alternative to the BNP in elections.
Advocating a vote for Liberals, or Tories is out of the question, "Don't Vote Nazi" is just plain wrong.
4. We must be prepared to mobilise on the streets to defeat the fascists.
If there is a choice between a carnival and mass physical confrontation as their was in 1978, when the ANL got it wrong, we should organise on the streets.
5. The question of Nazis, is not the sole or even major issue faced by black people in Britain today.
Questions of racism in education, housing, employment, and attacks by police and other racists, as well as state racism including immigration controls, often form the bulk of the problem.
We should be prepared to fight on all these.
We should have mobilised for the Close Down Campsfield demonstration last Saturday, this would have linked up with a campaign challenging the reality of racism in Britain.
6. Unity. We need a single, united, anti-fascist and anti-racist movement. To be effective that movement must be based on the labour movement.
Clashing demonstrations as happened on the 16th October, and competing with ARA in the most crazy way discredits anti-fascism. There must be a serious approach by the ANL to ARA and other anti-fascist and anti-racist organisations to organise a Unity conference to merge the campaigns.
7. Democracy is necessary within all our organisations. The ANL is not currently democratically constituted. The ANL must be genuinely opened up to rank and file activists and have democratic, accountable and open structures.

ANTI NAZI LEAGUE CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 1

THE NAZIS exploit divisions caused by economic recession and political despair. They offer racism and scapegoating as answers for peoples' problems. They are a threat to all democratic, progressive and trade union organisations and to people of all ethnic origins.

THE ACTIVITIES of the ANL and other anti-racist organisations in Britain has kept the Nazis on the margins of mainstream politics. This stands in stark contrast to countries like Italy where 49 years after Mussolini there are five Nazis in the Cabinet and over 100 Nazi MPs. In Germany, 50 years after Hitler's camps, there are 370 Nazi councillors and 1 MP. Similarly in France, Le Pen has over 1,000 councillors, 1 MP and 12 MEPs. This is the depressing picture from many more European countries.

IN BRITAIN the Nazis may be down, but they're not out. In the local elections the BNP grabbed 33% of the vote in east London and Derek Beackon on the Isle of Dogs increased his vote by 500. Meanwhile, racist attacks and murders continue. According to the Home Office there are over 140,000 racist incidents a year in Britain.

WE CAN'T be complacent. The economic and political crisis is as deep in Britain as elsewhere. The Nazis are a minority - but a dangerous one.

WE NEED to stop them growing and organising. It is the job of the ANL to keep the Nazis in check - to prevent them organising and distributing their racist literature and to keep them outside of mainstream politics and away from any potential supporters.

WE DO THIS by a two-pronged strategy. By organising against them whenever and wherever they raise their ugly heads and by conducting a mass propaganda campaign against them to expose them as Hitler-loving Nazis.

OUR STRENGTH is in what we do. It's activity that counts when fighting the Nazis. We do this by organising meetings in workplaces/estates/colleges/schools, by paint-outs, by lobbying, by campaigning, by counter-demonstrating, by petitioning and leafleting.

IT'S UNITY that defeats the Nazis. If we stick together and build a mass anti-Nazi movement it demoralises and marginalises the Nazis. They do not feel confident to peddle their racist filth if we have argued and campaigned against them.

DEMONSTRATIONS show our strength and unity, like the magnificent 60,000 UNITY march in Welling last October and the amazing 150,000 who attended the march and Carnival in London in May.

WE MUST leave this conference determined to build on the goodwill towards the ANL. We need more local groups, in schools, colleges and estates. We must aim to have a workers' group against the Nazis in every workplace.

IT IS OUR aim to build a wide network against the Nazis. It is our belief that unity can defeat the Nazis.

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ANTI NAZI LEAGUE CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 2

NAZIS WANT to destroy trade unions. They are against democracy. One of Hitler's first acts when he came to power was the banning of trade unions.

THE BNP believe that the NHS stands for everything "evil" about British society. They want to stop people using it regardless of ability to pay and they want rid off all Asian and black workers. Yet the NHS was built by black and white workers, used by black and white people and defended by the unity between black and white.

WHEN PEOPLE take collective action to better their lives - like the school students and Air France workers in France recently - the Nazis do not support them. Local groups, like health workers and teachers, played an important part in the downfall of Derek Beackon on the Isle of Dogs.

THE TUC march through east London earlier this year did wonders for turning the tide against the Nazis by highlighting the real traditions of east enders - not "rights for whites" but working class unity and anti-racism.

WE BELIEVE that Nazis have no place in our trade unions - the very organisations they want to decimate. Nazis do not belong in our workplaces either. It is here that people of all races mix. It is also where Nazis can gather information on their opponents, like active anti-racists and trade unionists.

THIS IS WHY the ANL has conducted campaigns to remove Nazis from jobs and from our trade unions. Simon Chadwick, C18 thug, was sacked from his job in Sheffield Job Centre after a successful campaign by the ANL. Active Nazis Jim White and Kathy Murphy were civil servants until our campaign to get rid of them. There is currently a campaign to get John Morse, editor of the Nazi rag British Nationalist, sacked from his job on the buses and for his expulsion from the RMT.

MANY UNIONS have backed the ANL. Among those nationally affiliated are the RMT, NUT, UCW, Natfhe, NUJ and the FBU. Many hundreds of local branches and districts are affiliated. Where unions have not affiliated we must keep up the pressure.

WE NEED to widen ANL support by visiting all trade union branches locally and asking them to affiliate.

THE KEY to building resistance is with your immediate work mates. No Nazi will dare organise if there are active groups surrounding them. We need to get workplace groups set up where none exist and also widen the base of those that do.

THERE ARE many workplace groups against the Nazis - there could be hundreds more, if we use our imagination.

USE THE PETITIONS to get initial support. Ask everyone to sign, you don't have to be a union member to hate the Nazis. Sign people up - it's only £1. Then get them involved in any local activities, whether it's visiting other workplaces or doing a paint-out.

ANL Steering Committee

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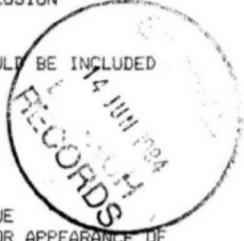
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EVENTREP

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THE AREA COMMANDER (OPS) FOR THE APPROPRIATE AREA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CIRCULATION



- 1. AREA/DIVISION :TD
- 2. DATE :3.6.94
- 3. TIME START - TIME END :0900 - 1100
- 4. LOCATION :TF COURT
- 5. ORGANISATION OR EVENT :ANTI NAZI LEAGUE
- 6. PURPOSE OR OBJECT OF EVENT :PICKET COURT FOR APPEARANCE OF [redacted] BNP MEMBER CHARGED WITH ABH ON AN ANL MEMBER & AFFRAY
- 7. CHAIRMAN :NA
- 8. SPEAKERS :NA
- 9. NUMBERS PRESENT :23
- 10. POLICE ARRANGEMENTS :1/0/7 TD plus 1/3/21 STSG
- 11. ANNOUNCED FUTURE EVENTS :1.7.94 FURTHER "PICKET" FOR NEXT APPEARANCE which will be a committal to Isleworth cc
- 12. ORIGIN OF INFORMATION ABOUT EVENT :LEAFLETS FOUND
- 13. CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH DISORDER AROSE (IF APPLICABLE) :NA
- 14. NUMBERS INVOLVED :NA
- 15. EXTENT OF DISORDER :NA
- 16. DEPLOYMENT OF RESERVES :NA
- 17 (A) TRUNCHEONS DRAWN OR USED :NA
- (B) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SHIELDS USED :NA
- 18. DEPLOYMENT OF MOUNTED BRANCH :NA
- 19. NUMBER OF ARRESTS :NIL
- 20. NUMBER OF INJURIES - POLICE :NIL
- PRISONERS :NIL
- PUBLIC :NIL
- 21. PROPERTY DAMAGED/LOST - POLICE :NIL
- OTHER :NIL
- 22. OFFICER COMPILING WRITTEN REPORT (IF APPLICABLE) - NAME : [redacted]
- TELEPHONE NO : [redacted]
- 23. REMARKS :APOLOGIES FOR LATE MSS

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A FULL WRITTEN REPORT IN CONFIRMATION OF THIS MESSAGE WILL BE REQUIRED