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1. Submitted herewith is a leaflet published by the Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Council headed "Trade Unionists - Organize Against Fascism & Racism".

2. The leaflet, which was designed by **Privacy** in consultation with members of The Wandsworth Trades Council Anti-Fascist Campaign, is to be distributed outside factories and other places of employment. It attacks the National Front for its fascist and racist policies.

3. **Privacy** is the subject of **Privacy** and

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

The National Front claims to be a working class organisation because it realises that they need to recruit workers as well as retired Colonels. Despite this, the National Front was nowhere to be seen in the Trade Union fight against the Industrial Relations Act, the 'Fair Rents' Act, in support of the Nurses or against Phase 3.

The key to the National Front's current progress lies in its tactic of fastening on to the economic grievances of workers and exploiting them. The grievances which exist today are real enough - poverty, bad housing, insecurity and unemployment, the recurring economic crises - but these existed long before there was any coloured immigration. It is not the black worker nor the white who owns factories and closes them, nor is it black or white workers who control the massive property companies. The 5% of the population that owns 75% of the nation's wealth (government figures) includes no black immigrants - nor are there black speculators in the City of London. It is this 5%, the capitalist class, who create the problems and so have a vested interest in promoting racism and fascism.

The current attempt by the National Front to gain influence in the Trade Union movement by getting National Front members elected as Shop Stewards and branch officers must be firmly opposed by trade unionists. The ability of the Labour movement to defend existing rights and conditions for the working population, let alone advance them, is menaced by racism and the National Front.

1. NO PLACE for fascists and racists in the Unions
2. ORGANISE against fascists and racists in the workplace.
3. ORGANISE against race discrimination by employers.
4. SUPPORT the Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Council Anti-Fascist Committee.

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TRADE UNIONISTS - ORGANISE AGAINST FASCISM + RACISM

THE NATIONAL FRONT recently announced its intention to seek positions in the Trade Unions. Because of this all workers should be aware of what the National Front represents. The declared intention of the National Front is, as it says itself, "to do what the Tories have not done and cannot do, to fight the Left on its own ground in the unions".

In 1967 several fascist and extreme right-wing groups merged and adopted the respectable-sounding 'National Front' title. They now avoid the use of the violently fascist language they formerly used in order to expand their influence as far as possible. The tendency is for those leaders with obvious Nazi backgrounds to keep out of the public eye while still controlling the National Front.

The National Front proclaims that it is a racialist organisation and blames black workers and immigrants for the serious economic ills and worst defects of capitalism. Racialism can only split and wreck workers' unity in local and national struggles to the benefit of the employers. Any split among workers weakens the working class with serious consequences for the Trade Unions.

In the recent strike at Imperial Typewriters in Leicester, where Asian workers came out for equal wages and representation, the National Front incited a section of white workers to split against them for racist reasons, and against union rules. National Front supporters physically attacked and intimidated some of the pickets.