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SUBJECT

Battersea & Wandsworth Trades Council Anti-Fascist Committee

Reference to Papers

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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:

2. Submitted herewith are copies of a leaflet designed and printed by Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Council Anti-Fascist Committee for circulation amongst schoolchildren. Although a few have been distributed the rest are being held over because the committee is unsure of the law on the subject and does not wish to leave itself open to prosecution.

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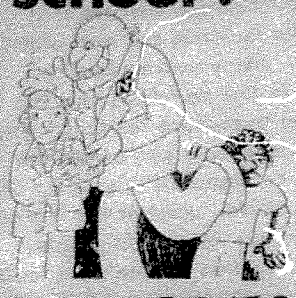
WHAT'S WRONG with your school ?



SOME OF US MIGHT HAVE SEEN a leaflet handed out to school students by a group calling itself the National Front Student Association. These people think that they've found simple answers to the problems of overcrowding, staff shortages, and poor conditions that we have in many of our schools. Their answer is to give us iron discipline and kick our black mates out of the country – just because of the colour of their skin.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHY DO THEY SAY THESE THINGS ?

We all know about the war that was fought against Hitler's Germany. It's commonly believed that Hitler was mad, and that the Germans followed blindly, but this doesn't explain how millions of people much like ourselves, come to believe in him and to sympathise with his murder of innocent Jewish people. It's really important to try and understand what happened in Germany, because when we look around today we can see many of the conditions that gave rise to Hitler returning, but now in this country.

Hitler rose to power because he gave easy answers to unemployment and poverty. Mosley and the 'Blackshirts' tried to do the same in this country. Their methods were the same as the National Front use today – the scapegoating of one section of the community. The people who used these methods in Hitler's time were called 'Fascists' or 'Nazis'.

ONLY ORGANISED SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. There is a shortage of teachers because of LOW PAY. There are bad conditions and overcrowding because the Government DOESN'T WANT TO PAY for decent education. These are the problems we have to fight to change. The proof: these problems exist in schools and areas where there are no black kids.

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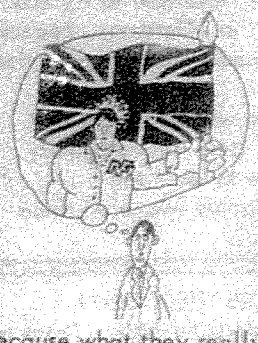
HOW DOES FASCISM START UP ?

In the 1930's people faced with mass unemployment and starvation saw that the rich people who owned the factories and most other things hadn't suffered. Many workers realized that they had nothing to lose by taking over the factories for themselves to produce the things they needed. Obviously, the people who owned the factories weren't much in favour of this. A lot of small businessmen and cranks, upset at the loss of their own prestige, set up a political party in Germany which told people: "You don't need to run the schools and factories yourselves - it isn't our fault, the real cause of your troubles is people living amongst you who want to destroy the Nation."

They did their best to convince desperate people that their troubles weren't caused by an economic system that produced both millionaires and poverty, but by a group they branded as 'foreigners'. They chose one group of Germans, people who were Jewish, and 'scapegoated' them. They were eventually able to stoke up so much hatred towards Jews, that the State murdered 6 million of them. The National Front is now attacking black people the way the Nazis attacked the Jews.



HOW DOES IT AFFECT US ?

School students, to some extent, suffer scapegoating. How often do we hear that 'kids today haven't got respect' and are always thinking about sex' and are scruffy and so on.

The National Front is doing this only in a big way. Individually they are snivelling cowards, but get them together waving Union Jacks and yelling "Put Britain First" (Hitler said, "Put the German Nation first") and they remind us of the Nazis - because what they really mean is, "We want power over you and we will say anything or do anything to get it." They want to create a Fascist society, a copy of the most ugly and violent society the world has ever seen.

School students-organise against racism!

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