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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

Special Report

24th day of February 19 81

SUBJECT

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

2. "On Wednesday 11th February 1981, between 8pm and 10pm at the Centerprise Communist Kingsland High Road, N16. the Anti-Nazi League held a meeting which was attended by twenty five persons.

3. During the past year the Hackney ANL has been very inactive, and the purpose of holding the meeting was two-fold; firstly, to regenerate interest in the ANL and secondly, to organise opposition against the increasing number of racist incidents in the Hackney area.

Reference to Papers

4. The persons responsible for organising this initial meeting were Privacy and Privacy, both active members of the Socialist Workers Party. Although they had obtained the ANL contact list from the previous Secretary and had informed as many people as possible about the meeting, the response to their efforts was poor.

Anti-Nazi League

400/79/135

5. The meeting, chaired by Privacy, began with Privacy, also an active SWP member, who spoke about racist incidents in other parts of London, especially Southall and Deptford. Privacy, who had attended a meeting of the 'Deptford Massacre Action Committee' (see attached article), informed the meeting of the proposed 'National Black Peoples' Day of Action' demonstration being called for 2.3.81 by that Committee. He appealed for massive white left-wing support for the demonstration, because as he explained, the mainly African and West Indian members of the Deptford Committee were extremely suspicious of the white 'left', and certain elements in Deptford were calling for an all black demonstration on that date, which in Privacy's opinion would be a retrograde step. He also spoke briefly on the current Nationality Bill and urged people to oppose what he regarded as blatant racist legislation, by supporting the demonstration in London on 5.4.81 organised by the Campaign Against Racist Laws.

6. Present at the meeting were three members of the Revolutionary Communist Tendency (RCT) under the banner of 'East London Workers Against Racism' (ELWAR), who appeared to be somewhat concerned about the re-emergence of the ANL, presumably because it seemed to pose a threat to their efforts in establishing ELWAR as the leading East London anti racist organisation.

7. **Privacy** proposed that a mass East London demonstration against racism be organised and this suggestion received some support. However at the conclusion of the meeting, no definite activities had been arranged, although a small committee was elected to formulate plans for a new ANL campaign in East London."

8. Persons identified as being present:-

Privacy

9. References of the organisations mentioned:-

ELWAR	400/81/28
RCT	400/80/42
SWP	400/80/170

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Socialist Workers Party **HACKNEY DISTRICT**

DEPTFORD COMES TO HACKNEY

The massacre of twelve young blacks in Deptford has been followed in rapid succession by fire and bomb attacks in Southall, and now in Hackney.

The racists of the BM and NF have been waging a vicious war against many Hackney families. Physical assault and harassment of Black and Asian families is now being followed by organised fire-bombings. Two recent attacks were on the De Buevoir Estate and near London Fields.

As more and more people are being put on the dole, and thrown into poverty, the Nazis are turning the frustration of many young people against Blacks, Asians, Jews, Irish, or whoever else they can isolate.

The Nazis only intention is to divide workers and the community in Hackney, and to spread misery and deprivation.

The Black community in Hackney, Deptford, Southall or wherever, must defend itself against such attacks.. Self defence is no offence. P/O



For further details of the SWP write to PO Box 82, London E28DN

White workers and socialists must expose and isolate the Nazis. They are anti working class, and only wish to take the policies of Thatcher to their horrific conclusion.

The police and the Council cannot be allowed to ignore the issue. Those families who need rehousing as a result of firebombing must be rehoused. The campaign in Deptford to force the Police to bring the Nazis to justice must be repeated in Hackney.

The campaign to kick out the Tories can never be won while the racists divide us. An injury to one is an injury to all.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE PUBLIC MEETING.....to organise a campaign against the Hackney Nazis.....Wednesday 11th February 8pm at Centreprise, Kingsland High Street.

New Cross Fire: Massive March Planned



ANDREW W. MARLIS REPORT

Amza Ruddock, Elizabeth Cummings (who lost her son Patrick in the fire), John La Rose and Darcus Howe at last week's conference.

Time Out
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A woman was detained by police last Friday following poison pen letters sent to bereaved relatives of the teenagers who died in last month's New Cross fire. The letters, gloating over the deaths, were received by families of some of the 13 people who died in what is believed by many to have been an attack by a racist group on a black birthday party.

No arrests have been made in connection with the fire itself and there is still confusion as to how it happened. The police say that forensic reports point to the fire being started in the middle of a downstairs room by paint stripper. But Amza Ruddock, whose house it was and whose daughter and son were killed, is adamant that the fire did not start in the centre of the room. Last week she said that she was told by two separate policemen at the time of the fire that a petrol bomb had caused it. And Carl Wright, a party-goer, saw a man throw an object into the house.

A separate enquiry is currently being conducted by a special fact-finding commission from the black community. Its preliminary report last week argued that the police should have made a sweep of known racists. One of the members of the Massacre Action Committee, Darcus Howe, said at a special press conference last week that when there was a minor bomb explosion in former Home Secretary Robert Carr's kitchen (one of the Angry Brigade bombs), 'the homes of hundreds of likely suspects were raided'.

Also expressed at the press conference was a frustration that there had been virtually no sound from public figures about the tragedy.

'If a dogs' home had been attacked the press would be asking, "why are animals treated that way?"' said Sybil Phoenix who has worked in youth clubs in South London and is a familiar figure to young blacks in the area. 'No-one in Parliament has said "let's have a minute's silence". Mrs Thatcher—

that great mother—has said nothing... They're burning our children because we have the affront to say we're black Britons.'

John La Rose, the chairman of the Massacre Action Committee, said that the black community were 'enraged by the misrepresentation and confusion that has developed... for an event as serious as Aberfan'.

Ken Williams, who is the co-ordinator of the Fact Finding Commission, said that people had been particularly disturbed because the police had last week suggested to Desmond Brown—whose brother died in the fire—that he had accidentally set the house alight. He was interviewed by police in Rugby. He was very distressed by police suggestions and the incident has heightened the tension once again.

Scotland Yard said this week that interviews are still proceeding but that there had been no new developments, beyond the poison pen inquiry—the woman has now been released but police investigations continue.

While eleven of the youngsters who were killed were being buried last week, Home Secretary Willie Whitelaw announced that he was ordering an inquiry into racist organisations. This follows the presentation of a report from the all party Joint Committee Against Racism which catalogued 'an alarming increase in racist attacks'.

A protest march for Monday March 2 is being co-ordinated by the New Cross Massacre Action Committee. The march will pass Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, New Scotland Yard and 10 Downing Street in protest against press coverage, the course of the police investigation and the lack of response from parliament. (Winston Trew/Duncan Campbell)

(Donations to the New Cross Fire Fund should be sent to: A/C number 91340565, Barclays Bank, 5a Marylebone High Street, London W1.)

NAZIS: NO WAY!



Who are the Nazis?

National Front (NF)

Led by Martin Webster, who sometimes pretends he is not a supporter of Hitler. But he once wrote an article entitled 'Why Hitler' and he has told you 'We are busy forming a well-oiled Nazi machine in this country.'

New National Front (NFF)

Led by John Tyndall, who doesn't like skinheads too much. He says of recent Nazi marches: 'There has been an over prominent display of braces and bowler-boots, and far too much shouting and jesticulation.' He thinks other youth styles are even worse - they are effeminate.

British Movement (BM)

Led by Michael McLaughlin, who says he is proud to be a Nazi. But he has also organised a 'Freedom Day'. Now that is the limit of hypocrisy. In Germany, the Nazis not only exterminated Jews, they violently smashed the working-class movement, murdering active trade unionists, Hitler banned opposition organisations, censored the press and radio, abandoned elections and wiped-out all opponents (including those who were members of the Nazi Party). You can be a Nazi or you can be in favour of freedom - you can't be both!

Don't let Britain be swamped by Nazi lies.

1. The British population in 1979, half a million more people left Britain. But because of immigration, less than 4 people in 100 are black.

2. Unemployment is high unemployment. Unemployment reached 4 million. Black people living here. Black people is four times higher. Blacks under 25, eight times as high.

3. It is not humane. Black people whether or not they are friends of yours are being campaigned for 'repatriation', but for responsible for the extermination of

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5. They say they stand for law and order. But Britain's nazi leaders Webster, have all spent time in prison for offences of violence. Anyway, increased spending on more police, harassing more young people; and more money available for providing jobs, housing, youth centres. They also want young people to be FORCED to join the forces when they leave school.

STOP THEM NOW

UNITE & FIGHT!

The nazis don't fight against our real enemies—the government, the bosses, police harassment, vicious teachers. Instead their racism only divides school students and workers who are fighting for their rights. In that way the nazis help our enemies.

Don't be taken in by Britain's nazis. Hitler managed to con some school students to form his notorious Hitler Youth Movement. That's what Britain's nazis want. But they are not going to get away with it.

BLACK AND WHITE UNITE AND FIGHT—FOR JOBS, FOR FREEDOM

SUPPORT THE ANL—JOIN NUSS

Jerry Dammers of the Specials says: 'You can tell anyone you like the NF and the BM are not welcome at our gigs. We just don't want them there.'

Brian Clough says: 'Nazism is just as much a disease as cholera, leprosy or smallpox and it must be treated to stop it spreading ... I will play my part whatever way I can.'

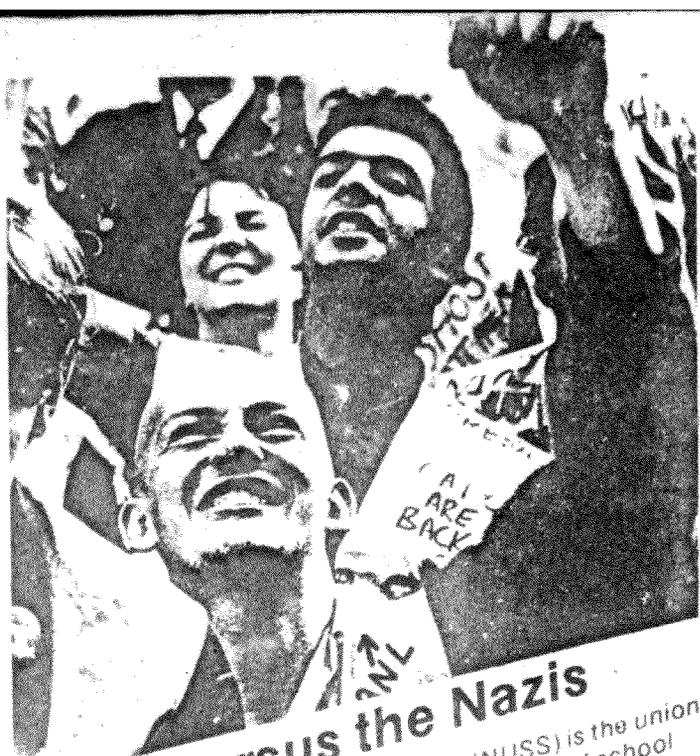
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Please send me information about the ANL

I want to join the NUSS

Return to PO Box 51 London SW10
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NUSS versus the Nazis

The National Union of School Students (NUSS) is the union for all school students. It sticks up for the rights of school students, and is organised by school students for school students. It is hated by the BM and the NF.

Schools—the nazis want harsher discipline. The NUSS has organised successful petitions, demonstrations and occupations against compulsory school uniforms and corporal punishment.

Gigs—the nazis try to smash up the gigs they don't like... and even some they do like. Many clubs and colleges don't have gigs for young people anymore, because of the violence. NUSS organises gigs for school students together with Rock Against Racism. The nazis are hypocrites! Many of the bands they support have black members—they would be 'repatriated' if the nazis got the chance.

Cuts and unemployment—the nazis blame the blacks and Jews for high unemployment and the cuts. This leads to racist attacks—it does nothing to fight unemployment. The NUSS recognises that it is the bosses and the government who are responsible. They help organise marches of the unemployed and support workers who are fighting to save their jobs.



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2. High unemployment. Unemployment reached 4 million, 2 million of whom are black people living here. The unemployment rate for black people is four times higher than for white people under 25, eight times as high.

3. Inhumane. It is not humane to deport black people whether or not they are friends of yours. The National Front has campaigned for 'repatriation'; but for the extermination of the Jews. In power they would deport 6 million Jews.

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