

BRING ANWAR'S CHILDREN HOME . . .

Anwar Ditta's family is being destroyed by Britain's immigration controls. Anwar was born in Birmingham and brought up in Rochdale. She married her husband Mr. Shuja Ud Din in Pakistan, where they had three children - Karan (9), Imran (7) and Saima (6). In 1975 Anwar and her husband returned to Rochdale, leaving the children with their grandparents while they found work and a home. They then sent for the children, but they were refused entry on the grounds that 'the couple had not established that they were the parents of the three children.'

So what is the evidence? Anwar has birth certificates, medical records, photographs which show conclusively that the children are her own. Solicitors say that the evidence is so conclusive that it need only be presented at the appeal to prove the case. But if the documents will satisfy the appeal, why was the original application rejected? The reason is simple: the Home Office has refused to admit Anwar's children because they are black.

Compare Anwar's case with that of Mrs. Shirley Webb, who was deserted by her husband in South Africa. She appealed to the Prime Minister, and last July was allowed to enter Britain with her four children. Anwar has also written to Mrs. Thatcher, but all she received was a curt reply: 'Your letter is receiving attention'. And the difference? Mrs. Webb is white, and Anwar is black.

As Anwar says: 'There are plenty of people in Britain who could prove that these are my children, but no-one has asked them.' She has offered to pay the expenses for an investigator to fly to Pakistan, but the Home Office refused. When Anwar suggested that a blood test would establish that she was the mother of the children, the Home Office replied: 'There is no need to go that far.' Yet the Home Office used blood tests in their attempts to deport Abdul Azad. When Anwar recently enquired about the progress of the appeal, she was told to come back in '1980 or 1981'. And that after a five hour interview by an abusive immigration officer at Manchester Airport.

Mr. Ud Din, Anwar's husband, has to work seven days a week to support the two parts of his family. As Anwar says: 'No-one works seven days a week for someone else's children'.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD THE CAMPAIGN TO RE-UNITE THIS FAMILY:

1. Take petitions and collect signatures in support of Anwar
2. Ask your trade union or organisation to send a resolution supporting Anwar to the Home Secretary
3. Ask your organisation to affiliate to the Defence Committee (suggested affiliation fee £5)
4. Write to your M.P. and get him to raise the case with the Home Office
5. Send messages of support and donations to the 'Anwar Ditta Defence Committee'
6. Support the activities organised by the Defence Committee. For further details, write to the address below: