

FIGHT UNJUST IMMIGRATION LAWS

Support Nasira Begum Said Bibi
& Anwara Ditta

HEAR BRITISH-BORN ANWARA DITTA STATE HER CASE

NASIRA BEGUM came to this country from Pakistan in 1976, met and married a British citizen. But after 3 months her husband left her and she was sent to live in Manchester. Now 3 years later, the Home Office say that as her husband will not live with her, they consider the marriage invalid and that she must get out of the country. The Home Office said that she had to go by 12th November, and now she faces being arrested at any time, held in a detention centre, perhaps for many months, and then deported.

SAID BIBI, an 80 year old widow and grand mother, partially blind and deaf, faces the threat of removal from her family in England and forced return to Pakistan, where there is no-one to support her or care for her. She first applied in January 1978 to join her son and family in Rochdale, knowing that she would soon be left alone in Pakistan. In August, Said Bibi came on a visit to her son, accompanying her grandson from Pakistan, and was initially refused even a visitor's visa. On October 4th she was told to leave immediately and she is still in this country only because she is too ill to travel.

ANWAR DITTA was born in Britain in 1954 and has four children aged 9,7,6, and 3. She is living in Rochdale with her husband, but her three eldest children are in Pakistan and have been refused permission to join their mother here. Anwar was sent to Pakistan when she was 9 by her father when her parents separated. She joined her husband in Britain in 1975, leaving her children in Pakistan and planning to set up a secure home for them to come to. Her children applied to join her in 1976, but the Entry Clearance Officer was not satisfied that they were the parents' children so they were refused entry, although Anwar has plenty of evidence that they are her children none of which has been looked at.

These are just three people out of thousands who are suffering under the present, racist immigration laws. The Tory Government has just announced proposals which will make these laws even tougher, and will make it even more difficult for people like Nasira Begum and Said Bibi to stay in this country and the families of people like Anwar Ditta to be re-united.

It is essential that as many people as possible support Nasira Begum, Said Bibi and Anwar Ditta in their fight against the immigration laws.

Rochdale Action Group on Immigration and Nationality

PUBLIC MEETING

Saturday, 8th December 1979
at 6.30 p.m.

Champness Hall, Drake St., Rochdale

Mr. R.A. Hashmi, Senior Counsellor, United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service Manchester, will speak on the Government Immigration proposals.

Mrs. Anwar Ditta will speak about her case

There will also be statements about the cases of Nasira Begum and Said Bibi.

Chairman - Mr. S. Hope, former Community Relations Officer, Rochdale, and Chairman of the Rochdale Action Group on Immigration & Nationality

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