

Totalitarian Measures

The Home Office in their determination to keep black people out of this country, have used any pretext to exclude Reggie. They refused him entry to U.K. on the basis that his presence 'would not be conducive to public good'. This totalitarian measure is now being increasingly used as a 'catch all' device to keep black people out.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1) sign the petition.
- 2) sent a telegram and a letter of support to the Secretary of State Home. @ (sent a copy to the campaign *)
- 3) raise this case in your trade union, local organisation - get them to pass a motion of support, and to affiliate to the campaign.

SUPPORT REGGIE & FELICIA

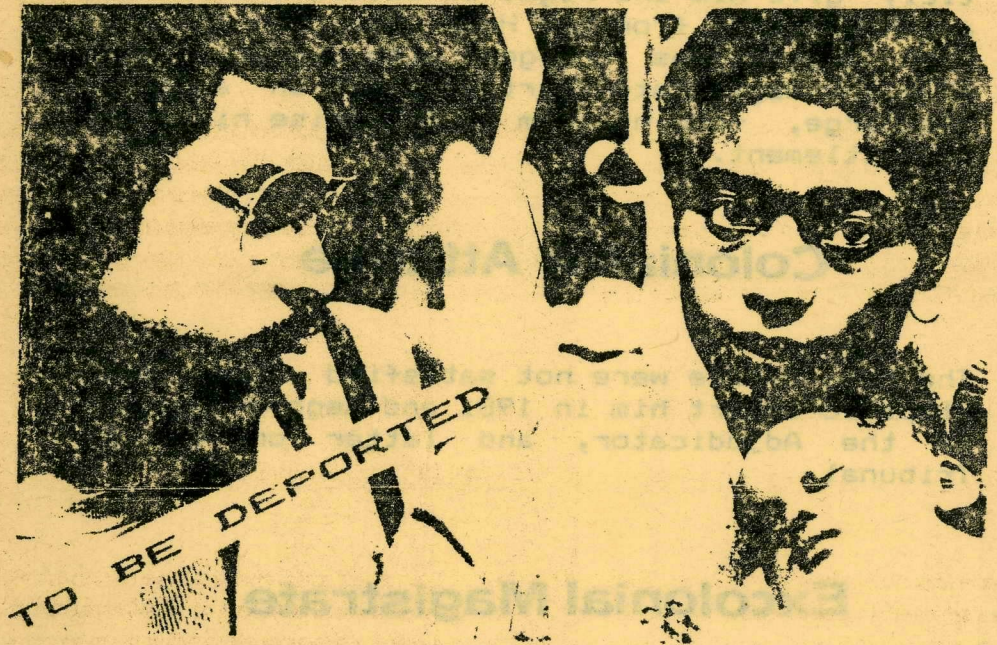
* F and R Campaign @ Home Office Immigration
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SUPPORT:

- † Najat Chafee, 139 Minet Ave. London NW10.
- † Khan Family, 595 Stockport RD, Manchester 13
- † Sultan Mahmood, 27 Gower St., Oldham, Lancs.

Letter of Support.

Reggie Yates Here To Stay



Reggie Is Not Being Allowed To Stay Because:-

- 1) He is BLACK.
- 2) In spite of the fact that his wife, Felicia, is a U.K. citizen, she can't confer him the right of settlement - because she is BLACK.

Harassment By The Home Office

Reggie's ordeal started three years ago. The constant threat of deportation pushed him to the verge of a nervous breakdown. The insistent harassment from the Home Office meant that Felicia suffered two miscarriages.

What Being Black Means

Reggie is a Ghanian. His grandfather was British born. Had Reggie been white, this would automatically give him the right of settlement without any harassment from the Home Office. In fact when Reggie was charged with overstaying in 1979, the Magistrate Court gave him an absolute discharge, forcing them to recognise his right of settlement.

Colonialist Attitude

The Home Office were not satisfied - they took steps to deport him in 1981 and Reggie appealed to the Adjudicator, and latter on to the Tribunal.

Excolonial Magistrate

The chairman of the Tribunal (an excolonial magistrate who served in Ghana) expressed views which expose that the colonialist and racist mentality still rife in the Home Office. He regarded the relationship between white settlers and black women can only be for sexual gratification of white settlers. His attitude is reminiscent of the white slave-owners' treatment of black woman slaves.

The Tribunal refused to accept that his grandparents' marriage was valid, showing the British contempt of custom marriages in black countries. Thus the children of these marriages are denied the right of settlement in Britain.

Criminalisation

Due to intolerable pressure of being treated as a criminal, and to avoid more harassment of his family, Reggie went back to Ghana five months ago before he could be deported.

Felicia gave birth to their first child in Feb 82. Reggie returned to the U.K., to be with Felicia and the child. But he was refused entry into Brittain. It was only after considerable pressure from various quarters, he was given temporary admission. THEY BOTH WANT TO STAY IN THE U.K.

Sexist And Racist Immigration Laws

The immigration rules allow a male British citizen to confer the right of settlement to his wife or fiancée while the reverse is only so if the woman is born here - which discriminates against black woman.

Felicia, being a black woman, can not give the right of settlement to Reggie. This in effect, regards black woman as the property of their husbands, given them no right to decide where and with whom to stay. They are expected to behave as mere property to follow their husbands overseas.