EQUAL TREATMENT FOR BLACK&WHITE?

FEW WHITE PEOPLE FACE THE KINDS OF PROBLEMS DESCRIBED BELOW. THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS ARE BIASED IN FAVOUR OF EEC OR "OLD COMMONWEALTH" CITIZENS - PEOPLE WITH A "CLOSE CONNECTION" WITH THE UK WHO OF COURSE ARE MOSTLY WHITE. BLACK PEOPLE SUFFER UNDER THESE LAWS? REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY COME FROM OR WHETHER' OR NOT THEY ARE BRITISH CITIZENS.

REGGIE YATES

Reggie Yates is Ghanaian, is threatened with deportation. He is married to Felicia Yates, a U.K. citizen born in Ghana, but she cannot confer the right of settlement on her husband. The law allows a male U.K. citizen to confer such a right on his wife or fiancee, but the reverse is only true if the woman is born here. If Reggie is deported Felicia has no automatic right of entry into Ghana. Meanwhile their 3 month old daughter is regarded as a U.K. citizen. Reggie's ordeal started three years ago the constant threat of deportation pushed him to the verge of a nervous breakdown, and the harrasment from the Home Office meant that Felicia suffered two miscarriages.

NAJAT CHAFEE

Najat Chafee, a 22 year old Moroccan woman, faces deportation because the Home Office do not recognise her right to live here independent of her husband. She come here in 1979, following her marriage to Hassan Chailan, who had lived here for over 10 years. Her child Mohssim was born in July 1980. Hassan was consistently violent to her and she finally left with her son to live in a Women's Aid refuge. In October 1981, her husband was deported (for reasons which are not clear).

According to immigration rules, Najat con no longer live here - she can either go alone to Morocco leaving her son behind, or take Mohssim with her and risk Hassan using his rights under Moroccan law to take their child away. In Morocco she would face destitution alone, or further violence if she returns to her husband.

ABDUL WAHID

Abdul Wahid has been trying for eight years to bring his four sons to Britain.

PARVEEN KHAN

Parveen Khan, a Pakistani woman from Longsight, is threatened with deportation, refused Supplementary Benefit, and now denied Child Benefit for her British born son' - all because she did not tell the Home Office a fact she did not know.

The law cannot help. Their rights to remain here or gain entry depend entirely on the discretion of the Home Office. The only way to influence that discretion is to campaign. Many campaigns have succeeded in reversing Home Office decisions; Nasira Begum, Nasreen Akhtar, Jaswinder Kaur, Shirley Graham, Cynthia Gordon, Sultan Mahmood, Anwar Ditta, Mumtaz Kiani.

A group of in Sheffield have come together to form the Sheffield Campaign Against Immigration Laws (S.C.A.I.L.). Our aim is to campaign against Immigration and Nationality laws and assist members of our community who are abused or threatened by these laws.

So far we have supported the case of Lim Kok Keong a 3 year old Malaysian , threatened with deportation. We collected a thousand signatures and sent letters to the Home Secretary protesting against the Home Office decision not to allow Keong to stay with relatives in this country for six months.

He was first admitted for 9 days, during which time he was not officially recognised as being resident in the U.K. The campaign has given him two months grace and we are now awaiting the Home Secretary's decision.

Are you interested in joining us or finding out more about us, if so contact us at the address overleaf.

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