

STOP THE DEPORTATIONS

Josephine Thomas.

Josephine Thomas was born in Grenada - she was born a British Citizen and has lived in this country for nearly 20 years, her 3 children were born here. Josephine returned to Grenada to look after her sick mother. At the same time Grenada became independent and through no fault of her own:- and unknown to her, Josephine lost her British Citizenship. This meant she could stay out of Britain for 2 years only. Josephine stayed with her mother until she died, (2 years and 5 months.) The Home Office says she had no right to return to her home in Huddersfield. Josephine has been fighting for over 4 years for the right to stay with her children in Britain.

Muhammad Idrish.

Muhammad Idrish is a founder member of the Barnados Branch of RALGO and has been threatened with deportation. He came to Britain from Bangladesh in 1976 to study at Bristol University. While there he met a Scottish woman, whom he married two years later. He had originally applied for permission to stay shortly after his marriage.

After two and half years' marriage the couple split up. During that time no decision had been reached by the Home Office on the application for permanent residence. Then, within weeks of separating from his wife, Mohammad was told that his application had been turned down. In 1977 and again last year MPs were assured that 12 months' marriage was reasonable for estimating validity of a marriage. Muhammad was married for 2½ years and is not divorced.

Muhammad has appealed on a number of occasions each time he's lost. The hearing on 9th June was postponed in light of the national demonstration that took place and the planned picket of the Courts. The next hearing of the appeal is to take place in early July.

PUBLIC MEETING

Philadelphia Centre
(west Don St-off Infirmary rd.)

24th June 3:00 pm.

Speakers

**Muhammad Idrish.
Josephine Thomas.
Anwar Ditta.**

BLACK PEOPLE HERE TO STAY-DEPORTATION NO WAY

Since the onset of the crises the racist British state has stepped up and intensified it's systematic offensive against the whole working class, but for the Black Community this offensive has become a question of our very survival in this country.

The reality we face today is a very dangerous one :- All around the country racial violence is increasing to frightening proportions. Our people are being attacked and murdered on the streets, whole communities are being terrorised and our homes and places of worship are petrol bombed (on 3rd June in High Wycombe an arson attack left one member of an Asian family dead and the rest with severe burns) In Newham Black families are living under virtual siege conditions, their homes boarded up against arson attacks, early this month there were 5 vicious attacks in one hour, in one of these attacks an elderly Asian man had his knee-caps smashed by a hammer. In Sheffield, Three Black youths suffered from brutal police attack on 24th March.

Our experience since the 50s has shown that - both the Labour Party and the Tories have jointly drawn up and implemented immigration laws. Today these laws institutionalise and legitimise racism, consequently racist views and racial violence has become a daily part of our lives in Britain.

Through these barbaric immigration laws Black people have been denied entry to Britain, families have been split up and seperated, interrogation and custody centres like the Wormwood Scrubs and Ashford Detention Centre have been set up, on any one day 117 cells in these jails are full of Black people. The immigration laws have criminalised Black people as illegal immigrants, joint raids by police and immigration officers in factories and homes continue daily up and down the country. The latest was in Bradford - 70 people were rounded up in a house-to-house dawn raid. Intimate body searches, virginity tests, pathetic questions, intimidation, harassment await Black people at Heathrow. Through the New Nationality Act the Black Community has been divided into catagories - passport checks have been enforced in hospitals, doles, housing, education - the right to welfare benefits is being denied to us.

These are crucial times for Black people. Last year 2,242 Black people were forcefully deported, presently 16,000 Black people lie under threat if they lose their jobs they will be deported, there are also those who will face deportation if their marriage breaks down. Every month 250 people are thrown out - David Waddington Tory Home Office Minister in charge of immigration has openly declared that he will not tolerate anti-deportation campaigns and he will use everything at his disposal to deport the people concerned.

THIS IS LEGALISED REPATRIATION ! - It is happening before our very eyes. There is no response ! There is marked silence ! Why do community leaders, councillors, and Trade Union officials idely stand-by and allow this to become an accepted part of Black peoples lives in Britain.

The Defence Campaign exists to bring this situation to light. We are opposed to all immigration laws. We call upon all Black organisations, Trade Unions, The Council, the Labour Movement in general to make a stance on this issue, and to affiliate to the Sheffield Defence Campaign. We call upon all groups to take action alongside the Campaign to stop the deportation of Josephine Thomas and Muhammad Idrish and All others! SHEFFIELD MUST BE CLAIMED A DEPORTATION FREE ZONE ALL DEPORTATION ORDERS MUST BE FOUGHT AND STOPPED !

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