

NEWHAM 8 COLIN ROACH



8 Asian youths aged 15-21 arrested for defending themselves and their community from racial attacks have been charged with conspiracy. The youths were arrested on the 24th Sept. 1982, after incidents involving plain clothes police officers. In the week preceeding 24th Sept. there were three major attacks on Asian school children by gangs of racist thugs, in one particular incident 60-70 white youths with iron bars and sticks went on rampage in East Ham and Manor Park areas of Newham.

- ONE STRUGGLE ONE FIGHT

At 11.25pm on the night of 12th Jan. 1983, Colin Roach was shot dead in the entrance to Stoke Newington police station. The police and courts have always claimed that Colin Roach committed suicide, but the Black community's experience of Stoke Newington police and the perculiar circumstances surrounding Colin Roach's death have led us to believe otherwise. Since Colin Roach's death more than a hundred people have been arrested.



PUBLIC MEETING

Burngreave Vestry Hall

SUNDAY 18th SEPT

2:00p.m.

speakers: ★ COLIN ROACH

★ NEWHAM 8

★ POLICE BILL

CAMPAIGN

Newham 8 Support Group
C/O Commonground,
87 The Whicker,
Sheffield.

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1983

RACISM & RACIST ATTACKS

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 basic survival.

THROUGH THE BARBARIC IMMIGRATION LAWS BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO BRITAIN, FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SPLIT UP AND SEPERATED, INTERROGATION AND CUSTODY CENTRES HAVE BEEN SET UP AND BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CRIMINALISED AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THROUGH THE NEW NATIONALITY ACT BLACK COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO CATAGORIES-PASSPORT CHECKS HAVE BEEN ENFORCED IN HOSPITALS, DOLES, HOUSING, EDUCATION-THE RIGHT TO WELFARE BENEFITS HAVE BEEN DENIED TO US. EVERY WEEK 40 BLACK PEOPLE ARE BEING DEPORTED-THIS IS LEGALISED REPATRIATION

Through the process of racist legislation, the state has not only divided the working class and legitimised racial oppression but it has helped to isolate and criminalise the Black community. It has thus given the go ahead to organised racist violence by fascist groups on our communities.

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. IN NEWHAM BLACK FAMILIES ARE LIVING UNDER VIRTUAL SEIGE CONDITIONS, THEIR HOMES BORDED UP AGAINST ARSON ATTACKS BY NATIONAL FRONT MEMBERS.

WITHIN SHEFFIELD THE CATALOGUE OF RACIST VIOLENCE AND POLICE HARASSMENT HAS LED TO A GROWING SPIRIT OF DEFIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE WITNESSED TWO MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST POLICE HARASSMENT AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE ASIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT, MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE SEEN THE DEMAND FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR DISMANTLING OF THE POLICE LIASONS PANEL AND THE SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITORING GROUP.

Irrespective of which party of the rulling class is in parliament, racism is increasing and will increase even further, deportations will increase, racist attacks will increase. This is our reality today and this will be our reality tomorrow, it is not one of our choice, but one which the economic conditions of this country forces upon us. Over the last few years we have bled and fought as a result we have hardened as a community, we have demonstrated that we recognise the need, and our ability, and our right to defend ourselves, be it through campaigns against immigration and nationality laws, or on the streets against racist police and fascists. The racist state is tooling up it's repressive police force and it is ruthless in it's treatment of our people we must be equally ruthless and determined to defend our brothers and sisters by what ever means necessary ! ! !

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SEPTEMBER 24th

Demonstrate!

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

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8.00 am.

FROM : BURNGREAVE VESTRY HALL
BURNGREAVE RD.

FARE : £2.00 UB40 £1.00.

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