

MUHAMMAD IDRISH Defence Campaign



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By now you will no doubt have heard the excellent news that Muhammad Idrish won his final appeal against the Home Office under the 1971 Immigration Act, on 24th October in London. This is a great victory for both the Campaign and NALGO in the fight against the racist immigration laws.

The Campaign would like to thank you for all your support over the past 3 years. It is vital to recognise that the involvement of the labour movement and other progressive organisations was a crucial factor in the success of this campaign. It will no doubt encourage other people to take up this support also.

At the same time it is important to realise (i) that the Home Office could try for a judicial review (although this is considered to be unlikely) and (ii) that although this is a great step forward, there are and will be many more black people facing the same situation until the racist immigration laws are got rid of.

It is therefore extremely important that we build on this victory and continue to put pressure on other Trade Unions and organisations to support this struggle.

There are 2 immediate things we would ask you to do.

- 1) continue to build support for the Shahid Syed Campaign to ensure their victory. He is at the moment waiting to hear if he will be granted naturalisation. Please support a picket of the Home Office on 27th November at Queen Anne's Gate (nearest tube station St. James's Park), between 12 - 2 p.m., organised by the Campaign.
- 2) invite Muhammad Idrish or a Campaign member to speak to your branch/organisation to outline in more detail the significance and lessons of the victory. We shall also be producing a video on the Campaign with accompanying notes for use in such meetings.

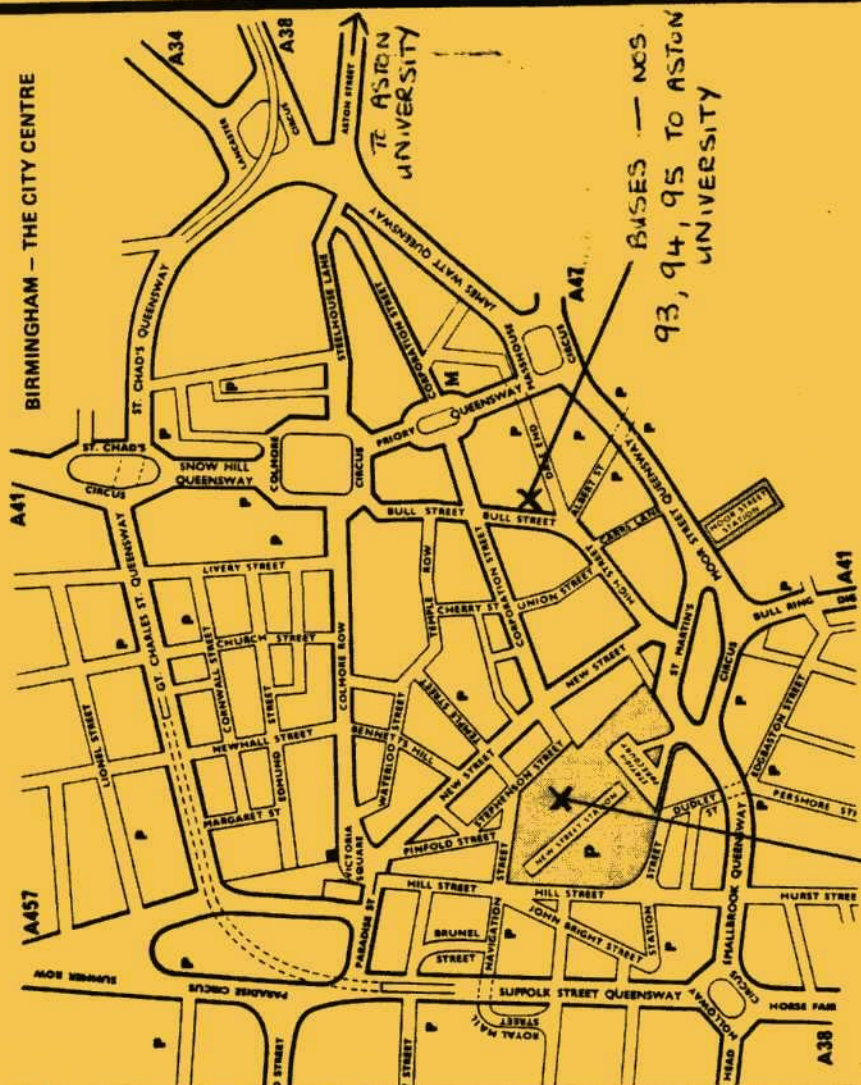
It is only by standing shoulder to shoulder with black people on these issues that we shall make the labour movement accountable to the black community.

Finally, (but by no means least) we would like to invite you to a victory celebration on Saturday 16th November at Aston University, in the Leicester Room on the 6th floor from 6 - 12 p.m.

The struggle goes on.
yours in comradeship,

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By train

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By coach

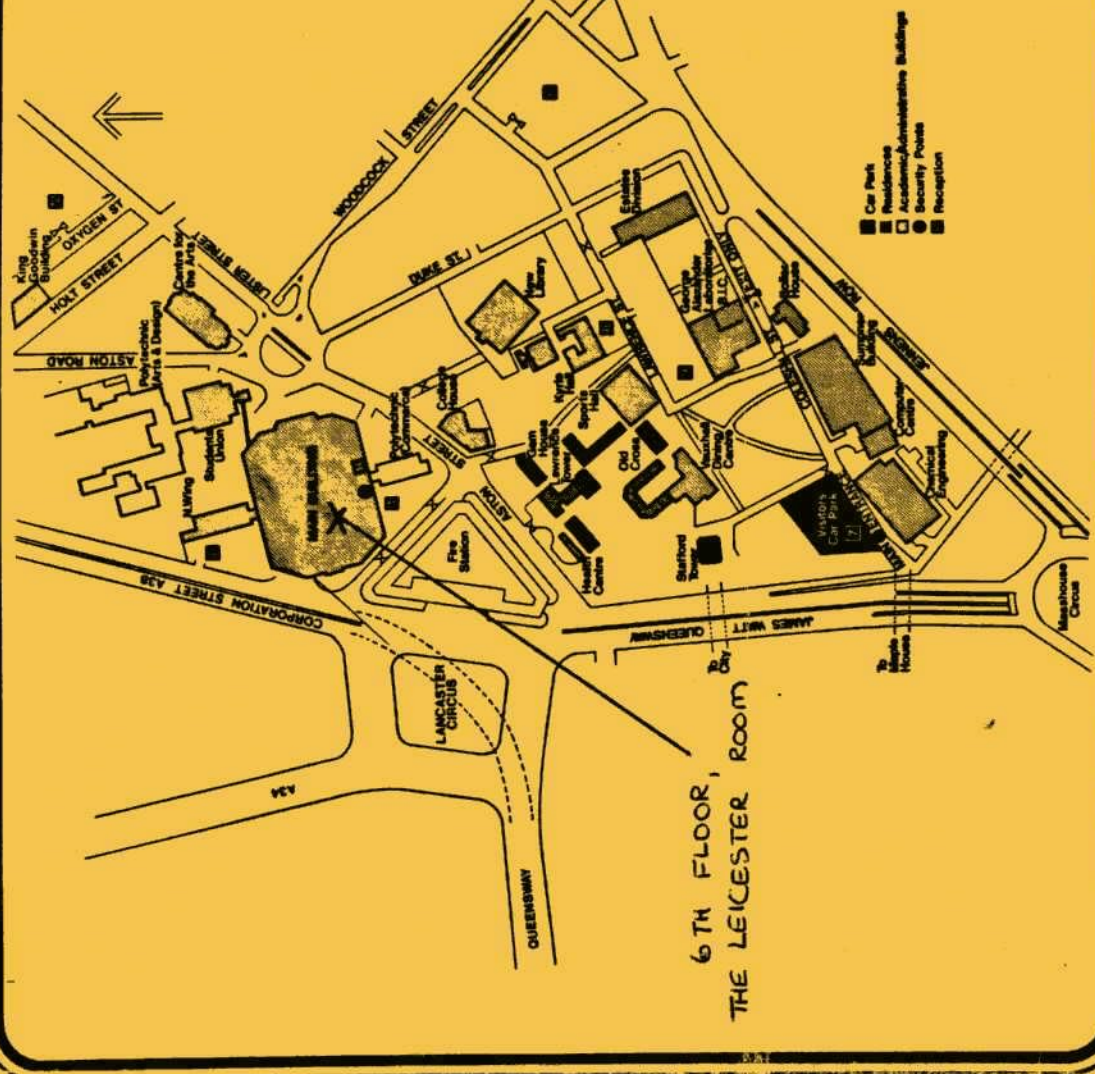
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