

They shall not pass

It is now fifty years since the Battle of Cable Street. In 1936 hundreds of thousands of Londoners rallied to oppose Mosley's Blackshirts who were terrorising the Jewish community in London's East End. To commemorate the Anniversary of Cable Street and to highlight the fact that racism and fascism have never gone away, Anti-Fascist Action (along with other groups) will be holding a march from Brick Lane to Cable Street. Other anti-fascist groups up and down the country will hold their own meetings on 'Fighting Racism Today'.

Far right thugs attempt to infiltrate the left

Today, the National Front and the British National Party have taken over the mantle of Mosley's Blackshirts. Fascist groups are becoming more violent, linking up with right wing terrorists all over the world, and attempting to work around left-wing issues like housing, unemployment, the miners and printworkers strike.

A group of particularly vicious fascists living in Islington are posing as a security firm and are unwittingly being used by the left. These people are directly responsible for attacks on black people, and groups like the NF have created a climate of fear where racism is deemed respectable.

Racist attacks today

In the West Midlands, Asian taxi-drivers have been the target for ambushes and stabbings. In Redbridge, Essex, since the callous murder of Mrs. Kassam and her three children in an arson attack, attacks in the area have quadrupled. Many brutal attacks go unreported. Who has heard of Lambar Singh Paul, killed in Smethwick by a white teenager who chanted racist abuse and stamped savagely on his head? From Oldham, Liverpool, Scotland, Blackburn come reports of increasing fascist indoctrination of schoolchildren.

Anti-Fascist Action was formed to counter racism both ideologically and physically on the streets by direct action. AFA now has branches in nearly every major city in the country, and have taken to the streets to oppose most fascist mobilisations. 12 anti-fascists were arrested for opposing a BNP rally at John Scurr School, Tower Hamlets where John Tyn-dall directed his members in full view of police to at-



tack anti-fascists. In Bury St Edmunds 9 anti-fascists were initially charged with affray and malicious wounding after their bus was stoned by NF members. Although police were quick to arrest anti-fascists, the more serious charges were later dropped. *The police obviously had no evidence but these serious charges were an attempt to intimidate anti-fascists.*

Join the fight back

AFA is calling on its members to march through the East End on October 4th to commemorate the anniversary of Cable Street. We are also asking supporters to join an anti-fascist contingent that will march to the Cenotaph, London on November 9th. The march is not intended as a patriotic commemoration of the defeat of Nazism, but to highlight the hypocrisy of allowing the NF to march on this day and seek publicity for the victims of racist attacks as well as remember people like Blair Peach who died fighting fascism in Southall '79. Last year, some 2000 NF supporters turned up for the march only to be confronted by anti-fascists who had taken over their meeting place. This year we intend to have our own march to expose this shameful hypocrisy once and for all.

At a time when racism and fascism are on the increase across Western Europe, we need to give the message of Cable Street a live meaning today: 'They shall not pass'.



The Battle of Cable Street.

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Let's right things attempt to infiltrate the left

Today the National Front and the British National Party have taken over the mantle of Mosley's Blackshirts. Leftist groups are becoming more violent, linking up with right wing terrorists all over the world, and attempting to work around left-wing causes like housing, unemployment, the miners and so on.

A group of particularly vicious fascists living in Brighton are posing as a security firm and are unwittingly being used by the left. These people are directly responsible for attacks on black people and groups like the NF have created a climate of fear where racism is deemed respectable.

Racist attacks today

In the West Midlands, Asian taxi-drivers have been the target for harassment and beatings. In Redbridge, Essex, when the captain of a ship was killed in the for three children in an arson attack, attacks in the area have multiplied. Many brutal attacks go unreported. Who has heard of Lamber Singh Paul, killed in 1984 by a white teenager who chanted racist abuse and stamped on his head? From London, Liverpool, Scotland, Blackburn come reports of increasing racist incitement of violence.

Anti-Fascist Action was formed to counter this racist incitement and physically on the streets by direct action. AFA now has branches in many of our major cities in the country and have taken the streets to oppose most racist incitements. It will be a great pleasure to support a march like the one held at Cable Street. I have written about the march in full view of police to see

back and forward. In 1936, thousands of anti-fascists were injured, charged with riotous and malicious wounds. Since then, they are now joined by NF members. Although it is now much to street anti-fascists are more serious charges were later dropped. The police obviously had no evidence but these serious charges were an attempt to intimidate anti-fascists.

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AFA is calling on its members to march through the East End on October 18, to commemorate the Anniversary of Cable Street. We are also asking supporters to join an anti-fascist contingent that will march to the Cenotaph, London on November 9th. The march is not intended as a patriotic commemoration of the defeat of Hitler, but to highlight the hypocrisy of allowing the NF to march on today and Cable Street.

Name
 Organisation
 Address
 Tel no

- I/We would like to join AFA and enclose £2 (individual) £20 (organisations).
- I/We would like to be put in touch with a local anti-fascist group in my area.
- I/We would like to help build support for the march on Remembrance Day by a) publicising it as widely as possible b) booking a coach/minibus from my area and ensuring that as many people as possible attend.

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