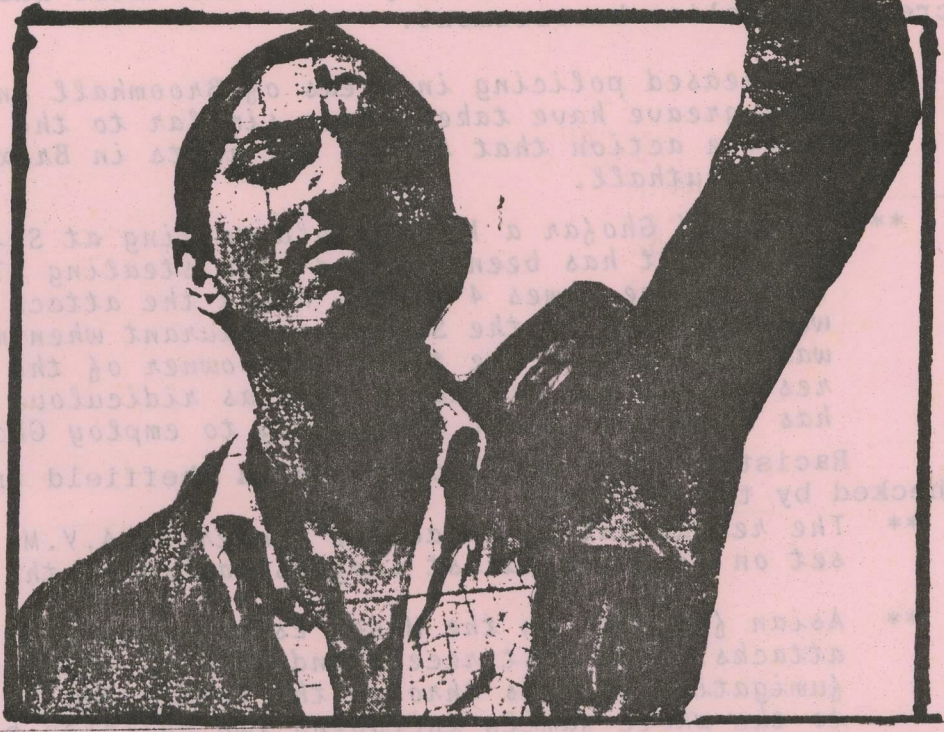


STOP POLICE HARASSMENT



National Demonstration

SHEFFIELD

Sat. Feb. 12TH

STOP POLICE HARRESSMENT

On Saturday, 14th August hundreds of people marched through Sheffield to protest against Ahmed Khan's arrest on serious charges after he had been forced to defend an Asian restaurant under attack from 14 youths.

The black community in Sheffield is fed up with police behaviour in Ahmed Khan's case and many prior to his. The demonstration showed the frustration and resentment that has been built up over a long history of experience with the police. To put an end to this four demands were put forward.

1. A public enquiry into police behaviour.
2. The sacking of all racist police officers.
3. Recognition that self-defence is our right.
4. Adequate training of police officers in minority cultures.

As yet none of the above demands have been met.. This clearly shows that the police are not prepared to respond to the needs of the black community. Instead there has been an increase in police harressment:-

** Increased policing in areas of Broomhall and Burngreave have taken place similar to the police action that led to the riots in Brixton and Southall.

** Mohammed Ghofar a 16 year old working at Shizan restaurant has been charged with stealing £70. This charge comes 4 months after the attack by white youths on the Shizan restaurant when money was stolen from the till. The owner of the restaurant has dismissed this as ridiculous and has no doubts about continuing to employ Ghofar.

Racist attacks still carry on in Sheffield unsolved, unchecked by the police.

** The restaurant of an active member of A.V.M. was set on fire and racist slogans daubed on the walls.

** Asian families on the Manor Estate have suffered many attacks. The most recent and serious being placing fumigation pellets through the letter box. Leading to the whole family including two children being kept in the hospital for 36 hours.

Police action is becoming more and more predictable as the government increases its implementation of the Internal Immigration Control Policy. This means that black people everyday are getting deported, passport raids have taken place. Introduction of race checks at the D.H.S.S. AND N.H.S. offices turning staff into Immigration officers. Making the position of black people in this country very unsure.

For the above mentioned cases which merely highlights the situation in Sheffield, we call on all progressive people to join in a day of solidarity. It is in the interest of all working people to united against the increasing use of police in all areas where people try to defend themselves.

TOGETHER WE WILL WIN

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