

# SUPPORT THE BRADFORD 12

**The trial of the Bradford 12 opens at Leeds Crown Court on 26 April.**

They are charged with:

- making an explosive substance with intent to endanger life or property.
- conspiracy to make explosive substances.

**These charges carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.**

These 12 young Asian men, aged 17-25, were arrested last July in a series of dawn raids across Bradford. They were picked up and charged during the countrywide wave of repression which followed last summer's 'riots'. They face the most serious charges brought as a result of the July uprisings. Yet, in Bradford, there were only minor disturbances; no petrol bombs were used at any time, nor were any ever found in the possession of the 12. All 12 will plead **not guilty** to the charges.

**The Bradford 12 are innocent! Framed because they fought state racism!**

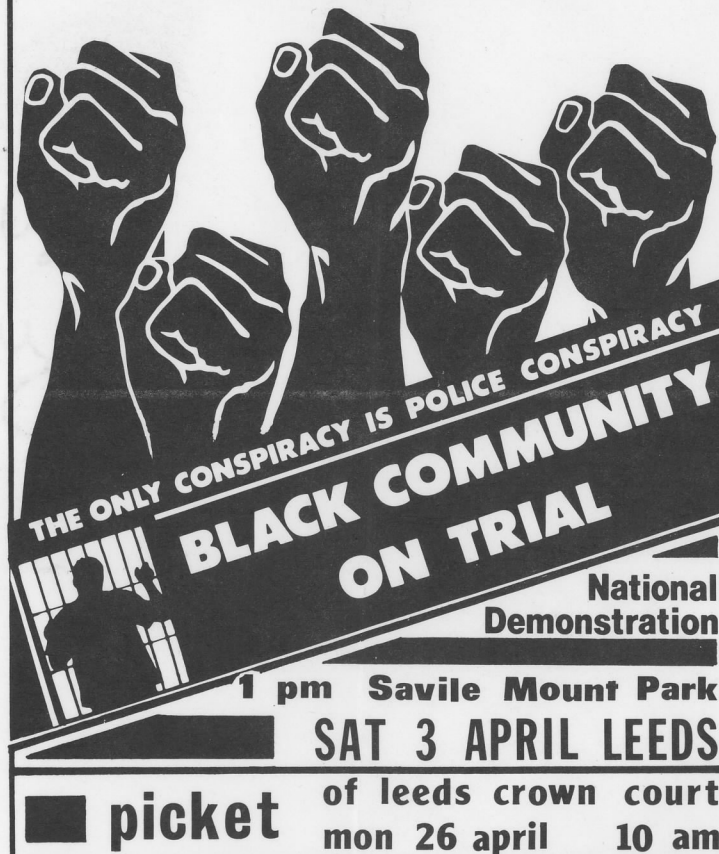
Many of the 12 are members of the United Black Youth League (UBYL), an independent organisation committed to fight racism. They are known to the police for their successful record in defending black people against deportation, fascist violence and police harassment. They were centrally involved in the successful campaigns to reunite Anwar Ditta with her children, and to secure the acquittal of black worker Gary Pemberton on charges trumped up by the Bradford police.

## NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION:

**Saturday 3 April, Leeds  
Assemble: 1pm in  
Savile Mount Park  
(opp. The Trades Club)  
off Chapeltown Rd, Leeds 7**

## FREE THE BRADFORD 12

**12 Asian youths charged with Conspiracy face life imprisonment for fighting Racism.**



**Join the National Demonstration in Leeds on 3 April!**

**Protest outside Leeds Crown Court on 26 April!**

**Until all 12 are free we are all imprisoned!**

## State attacks on black people must stop!

Physical attacks, firebombings and deportations are a daily reality for black people in Britain. The arrest and the trial of the Bradford 12 are part and parcel of this violence, and stand together with the repressive paramilitary attacks launched by the police last summer in black communities from Brixton and Southall to Toxteth, Moss Side and Chapeltown.

## The only conspiracy is police conspiracy!

Conspiracy charges relate more to defendants' political views and activity than to anything else. They have been used before as a political weapon by the British State to repress opposition. They were used in India in 1924 to jail the leaders of its Independence Movement; and in Britain in 1973, the Shrewsbury building workers who organised trade union pickets in defence of their dispute were imprisoned through the same device.

## Black Community on Trial!

The fantasy of the charges brought against the Bradford 12 is an attack on our right as black people to organise politically in defence of our community. This amounts to a major political assault on the black community, the working class as a whole and democratic rights in general. It is a show trial, with wide and serious implications for all of us, black and white.

The campaign to free the Bradford 12 calls on all opponents of racism and oppression to give solidarity and help to make this just struggle a victory for us all.

**MASS PICKET  
OF  
LEEDS CROWN COURT:  
Monday 26 April,  
10 am.**