

BRADFORD ANTI-FASCIST DEFENCE COMMITTEE

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FÜHRER TYNDALL FORCED OUT !

Saturday April 13th 1985, the fascist British National Party are to hold a rally at Hutton Middle school in Bradford. They claim it is a public meeting. They claim they are entitled to this meeting under election law. They are standing a "respectable" candidate, ex-Bradford headteacher Stanley Garnett. Bradford Council gives its permission in contravention of its previous policy of not allowing fascists to meet in public property. This time they say they must because of the Representation of the People Act. Bradford Council however, insist it must be a public meeting. Bradford's Telegraph and Argus report on Friday, April 12th, says admission will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

ANTI-FASCIST PROTEST

The Asian Youth Movement call on the Bradford community to show its opposition to this fascist meeting. The people of Bradford respond. The fascists have booked the school from 1pm to 6pm. By 1pm over 200 protesters queue peacefully to obtain admission to the meeting.

WHY PROTEST ?

Bradford has a history of opposing fascist parties like the National Front. John Tyndall, the ex-chairman of the National Front is now chairman of the British Nationalist Party. It is announced that John Tyndall will attend. The media announce it as an election meeting. What has Tyndall said?



British National Party boss John Tyndall.

"Driving down Carnaby Street, I beheld walking about a species of humanity that I thought only existed in the wider forms of horror fiction, and I resolved there and then that if I ever revisited this neighbourhood in the future, it would be.....at the tiller of a Chieftan tank, preferably with a

flame thrower apparatus attached as an extra, and a large refuse van bringing up the rear."

What More Has Tyndal Said ?

"The day our followers lose their ability to hate will be the day they lose their ability to achieve anything."

"When we get to power, our opponents will be swept aside like flies."

"My first words in the cot were Sieg-Heil."

This is what he says. This is what happens.

Blacks are the first target. 13 died in the New Cross massacre through fascist fire bombing. Between 1980 and 1982, 30 murders occurred at the hands of hate inspired fascists. Bradford 1978: an anti-fascist was stabbed through the heart and only miraculously survived. In 1981, a member of the British Movement murdered Bradford taxi-driver Mohammed Arif. In 1982, twenty-one Sieg Heiling fascists attacked black people in Sir Jaspars wine bar and a black woman had her breast chopped by an axe. There have been countless attacks in the country, in Bradford, by fascists and racists.

We have no choice but to oppose them each and every time they appear. Their 'freedom of speech' denies our freedom to live.

The So-called Public Meeting

Anti-fascists had queued for over 2 hours. Suddenly the police and the Council changed the first come, first served policy, and admitted between 30 and 40 fascists. Then they allowed a similar number of the public inside. The meeting started around 3pm. It became immediately clear inside the meeting who the police took orders from. Tyndall

said, "I want this man out." The police went to take him out. The police took their orders from Tyndall. Tyndall was not even Chairman of the meeting. Persistent heckling enraged him. He marched into the audience and pointed at those he wanted ejected.

Enraged, he threw a chair and a punch. The BNP all picked up their chairs and threw them. Anti-fascists protected themselves. Only one fascist is arrested. The meeting has been stopped.

Police arrested six Asian youths inside the meeting. All those Asians pointed out by Tyndall were arrested. Outside, the police indiscriminately arrested 6 protesters.

THE PEOPLE OF BRADFORD ENSURED NO PLATFORM WAS GIVEN TO FASCISTS.

DROP THE CHARGES

The following facts are established;

1. It was not a public meeting. No starting time was given to the public. It was not an election meeting. Fascists came from London, Norwich, Sunderland and Liverpool. It was a national fascist rally.

2. The police and Bradford Council broke the 'first come, first served' promise.

3. The British National Party started the violence. Only one fascist was arrested.

4. It is no surprise that inside the meeting, though black people constituted only less than 20% of the audience, the only arrests were of six black people. Victims of BNP and police racism.

5. Outside the meeting, the police indiscriminately arrested another six anti-fascists.

THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE DEMANDS THAT ALL CHARGES ARE DROPPED.