

# *Bradford Anti-Fascist Defence Committee*

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Dear Sir,

I am writing on the instructions of the Anti-Fascist Defence Committee a group of citizens concerned about the arrests in and around the Hutton Middle School on the 13TH of April

Our first concern is the way the meeting was conducted and the total duplicity of the Police. It was agreed by both the police and the council that the meeting would be on a first come first served basis. On the day of the meeting a large number of members of the public attended the meeting forming an orderly queue. The police then confirmed to both County Councillors and to Max Madden M.P. that the meeting would be first come first served.

When a group of members of the British National Party arrived, they were allowed in on a one for one basis with local members of the public. The police seemed ready for this and formed a cordon across the road.

This raises a number of questions:

- 1) is it the policy of the Chief Constable to lie to County Councillors and Members of Parliament
- 2) Is it the policy of the Chief Constable to conspire with the British National Party, a party committed to violence, to pervert the law and break the Representation of The People Act?
- 3) Does the Chief Constable believe that fascists from London Sunderland and Norwich should not have to queue with local members of the public, but instead be ushered in like Royalty?
- 4) Does he think that Fascists are not subject to the legal obligations as are the rest of the members of the public?
- 5) Does the Chief constable approve of fascists wearing insignia to signify their political associations when attending a public meeting?. Is he aware that this is illegal, if he is, can he explain why the fascists were allowed to do so?

It was pointed out to a police officer that a fascist was carrying a bottle but the officer did not disarm him. Why?

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The people shouting "fascists" at admitted fascists were warned about their behaviour but persons shouting "black bastard" at people who were black, but whose parentage was not questionable did not appear to receive any warning. Why not?

It is clear that the violence in the meeting was started by fascists throwing chairs. Apart from the lunacy of putting people committed to violence into an enclosed space with potential weapons such as chairs, your officers did not arrest them for throwing chairs. The way they threw the chairs it is obvious that they came to the meeting with the intention to cause trouble.

Police foreknowledge that the fascists were to start trouble was obvious from the fact that photographers were ejected from the so called public meeting.

People were ejected and arrested by police on the direct orders of Mr John Tyndall who although Chairman of the British National Party had no authority within the meeting. Is it the policy of the police to cravenly follow the orders of Mr Tyndall? As soon as Mr Tyndall started the trouble and gave the obviously prearranged signal for his cronies to start throwing chairs the police arrested six black members of the audience whose behaviour was no different to others in the hall. Was this perhaps because they had been briefed to arrest blacks?

As seems normal in these matters a number of people were assaulted while being arrested, all of them it seems for merely being there. Is it perhaps now an offence to queue up for a public meeting, or attend one or merely be in the vicinity unless one is a member of the British National Party?

Yours faithfully,



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