

## Campaign for Manjit & Parveen

- \* AS BLACK WOMEN, MANJIT AND PARVEEN ARE HAVING TO FIGHT THE DOUBLE OPPRESSION OF RACISM AND SEXISM IN THE IMMIGRATION LAWS.
- \* THE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN EXISTS TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS DENIED BY THE HOME OFFICE AND DHSS.
- \* THE DHSS DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF HARASSMENT AND PASSPORT CHECKS BUT THESE TWO CASES HAVE EXPOSED ONCE AGAIN THE LINK BETWEEN THE HOME OFFICE AND THE DHSS.
- \* THROUGH SUCH CASES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING THE GROUND FOR LEGITIMIZING A PROGRAMME OF WIDESPREAD REPATRIATION OF BLACK PEOPLE.

## What you can do:—

- (1) Write to Gerald Kaufman MP, House of Commons, London, demanding that Manjit and Parveen should stay and be paid Supplementary and Child Benefits.
- (2) Send copies to your own MP; William Whitelaw, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London; Norman Fowler, DHSS, Alexandra House, Elephant and Castle, London.
- (3) Get your Union Branch, Women's Group, and local party branch to do the same.
- (4) Send Donations to the Khan and Kaur families Defence Campaign so the families can be supported until they win their struggle.

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## THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION BY THE HOME OFFICE AND STARVATION BY THE DHSS

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## DEFEND PARVEEN KHAN AND MANJIT KAUR

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MANJIT KAUR AND PARVEEN KHAN ARE TWO ASIAN WOMEN WHO HAVE BOTH BEEN FIGHTING TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY FOR OVER 12 MONTHS. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BROKEN NO LAWS AND TOLD NO LIES, THE HOME OFFICE HAS SAID THAT THEY ARE 'ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS'.

AT THE SAME TIME THE DHSS IS REFUSING THEM BOTH SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT AND CHILD BENEFIT EVEN THOUGH THE CHILDREN WERE BORN HERE AND ARE BRITISH CITIZENS.

## INTERNAL CONTROLS ~ IMMIGRATION CONTROLS

## Stop these Racist & Sexist controls





**MANJIT KAUR** is one of many black women who are fighting against the racism and sexism of British Immigration Laws.

She was married in India in 1974. She arrived in Britain in 1979 to join her husband Santokh Singh in Birmingham. They lived there for two years and then Santokh decided to move to Manchester in search of a better job. There were many pressures on the marriage, not least of all Santokh's continued unemployment. During this

period Manjit was pregnant and her health was deteriorating. She was admitted to hospital for six weeks and gave birth to a daughter, Palbinder, in 1981.

Marriages break down all the time, and women are forced into destitute positions; however, the consequences for Manjit Kaur and other black women are multiplied. By November 1981 her marriage had broken down and Manjit and Palbinder moved to the Asian Women's Refuge, where she began to build her own life.

#### **DHSS and Passport checks**

Manjit began to receive Supplementary Benefit when she moved into the refuge. She was constantly asked to produce her passport by the Benefit Officers for no apparent reason, except that she is black. She was unable to produce it because it was held by Santokh.

In April 1982 the payment of benefit was stopped and she received a letter from the DHSS stating "they had been in touch with the Home Office and were told that she was an overstayer and therefore no longer entitled to any benefits". Palbinder has been denied Child Benefit even though she is a British Citizen and has a legal right to Child Benefit.

By denying Child Benefit the DHSS has taken upon itself the role of implementing Immigration policy, and the Home Office appears quite happy to see Manjit starved out of the country.

**PARVEEN KHAN** came to Britain as Shaukat Ali Khan's fiancée. The reasons for her situation are directly related to her husband's immigration status in this country. They serve to illustrate the racism of the Immigration Laws and the idiocy of their application.

Shaukat Khan came to Britain in 1972 at the age of 13 in order to stay with his father. However, as he entered on a relative's passport he was technically an illegal entrant. Between 1974 and 1976 an amnesty was granted to many illegal immigrants. Shaukat was eligible for this, but believed it was automatic, whereas he should have applied for resident status. He only discovered this in 1981.

Technically therefore Parveen Khan is also an illegal immigrant because when she entered Britain in 1979 she withheld 'a material fact' — that her husband was an illegal immigrant — a 'fact' she was not to know herself until November 1981.

#### **Deportation Ordered**

In November 1981 the Home Office ordered the removal of Parveen and Shaukat Ali Khan from Britain because they were 'illegal entrants'. Despite the fact that Shaukat was only 13 when he came and not aware of the implications of his entry, and that Parveen was totally ignorant of any problem existing when she entered, the Home Office has refused to listen to any appeals.

'Removal' means that Parveen and Shaukat have no right of appeal to the Immigration Appeals Tribunal.

In January 1982 Shaukat disappeared in order to avoid his imminent removal. The Home Secretary has said he will not deport the rest of the Khan family until he is found.

Like Manjit, Parveen was denied all benefits by the DHSS. Even after winning an Appeal for the payment of her Child Benefit the DHSS have refused to pay because they have appealed against the decision. Meanwhile Parveen is left to starve.



**GIRO CHEQUES NOT PASSPORT CHECKS!**