

1 GREAT VICTORIES FOR BLACK PEOPLE

2 MAJOR DEFEATS FOR STATE RACISM



JASWINDER KAUR heard on June 26th that she would be allowed to stay here permanently. After living under the threat of deportation for 12 months and losing her appeal she chose to campaign in public for her rights. 6 months of hectic activity gained huge support from black organisations, womens groups, trade unions and many more. The pressures grew so much that the Home Office had to give way.

There is little doubt that without the campaign Jaswinder, and her British born son, Manjit, would have been quietly deported.

NASIRA BEGUM had to defeat 2 attempts by the Home Office to deport her. They cast slurs on her marriage and argued without a shred of evidence that her husband was a bigamist. A Home Office appointed adjudicator and a tribunal threw out their case. Nasira, and her friends are convinced that only the widespread support and publicity enabled her to win against a Home Office dedicated to deporting black people.

OTHER BLACK PEOPLE HAVE WON

SAID RAHMAN was to be deported because he was a militant trade unionist. After being active in a fight against redundancy he was reported to the Home Office. Only a militant campaign kept him here.

ABDUL AZAD defeated a vicious attack when, after his mother was murdered, the police spent more time trying to disprove his identity than in trying to find the murderer.

ANWAR DITTA got her 3 children from Pakistan after 6 years of fighting. Her victory publically shamed successive governments for their racism.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- * Help organise a meeting for one or all the women to speak
- * Get a resolution through your TU supporting these women
- * Sign the petition
- * SEND US MONEY, we can't do anything without it.
- * COME ON THE DEMONSTRATION

Organisations already sponsoring the demonstration besides the 4 defence campaigns
 Indian Workers Assoc. (GB)
 Bangladesh Workers Assoc.
 Race Today Alliance
 Bradford Asian Youth Movement
 Manchester AYM
 M/cr Black Parents Organisation
 Kashmiri Workers Association
 plus many more

STOP DEPORTATIONS of black people



national demonstration
 14th november
 12 o'clock Manchester

ASSEMBLE - opposite MOSS SIDE SHOPPING CENTRE
 corner of MOSS LANE EAST and PRINCESS ROAD

JASWINDER AND NASIRA ARE HERE TO STAY
 BUT CYNTHIA AND NASREEN MUST FIGHT ON

HARASSMENT OF BLACK PEOPLE IS INCREASING

Racist attacks by fascist/right wing gangs are common and usually unpunished. Police harassment of black communities is increasing. Laws are more openly racist, and are used more and more harshly.

When the communities respond, as in the recent riots, the police become even more aggressive. Kangaroo courts ensure high convictions so that even the appearance of justice is being stripped away.

NO BLACK PERSON IS COMPLETELY SAFE

A black person may only be politically active, or commit a minor crime, or have made an innocent mistake in an application to come here, and deportation could result.

FORCED REPATRIATION IS HAPPENING

The scale of deportations amounts to forced repatriation of black people. Often there is no chance of even challenging the decision. Families are split and children put into care. Those who can appeal find that normal legal procedures do not apply. They have to prove their 'innocence' whereas even criminals have to be proven guilty. Adjudicators pry into their private lives and slander their culture by, for example, questioning the validity of arranged marriages.

Please write for more information, or send donations, to :- 'Stop The Deportations' Committee, Box STD, 59 Cookridge St, Leeds 2.

Cynthia Gordon

Cynthia is one of thousands of black people caught out by the complications of the Immigration Laws. These laws are now so complex that it is easy to stop people coming in or to throw them out simply by not telling them the rules and then pouncing on any mistake, however innocently made.

After living here for 12 years and having 2 children born here, she had to return to Jamaica to care for her mother in the years before she died. BUT during this time the 1971 Immigration Act became law, and she was never told that she must return to Britain every 2 years or risk her resident status. Nor was she told that there are provisions in law to cover cases such as hers. She was advised to return as a visitor but now finds she cannot change her status.

She is determined to stay and her daughters who cannot be deported, are determined not to lose their mother. The right to a normal family life is accepted by the European Commission on Human Rights. We must not let it be denied just because Cynthia is black.



BLACK PEOPLE ARE BEING MADE SCAPEGOATS

This government, like previous ones, has used immigration to serve the needs of the British economy. In boom times black people were encouraged to come. Now, with rising unemployment we get deportations. The economic crisis was obviously not caused by black people, and black people must not be forced to pay for it.

On the contrary, Britain has exploited and oppressed much of Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Their economies have been destroyed, forcing many to emigrate. Britain has a responsibility to these people, we must struggle to make governments accept this and stop the persecution.

But it is not simply that unemployment means less working people are needed. In crises employers and governments want to stop us fighting back against cuts, redundancies, closures and so on. Divide and rule has been used for centuries, and we are seeing it again today. But there will be a time when they cannot control the resistance by such methods. The recent riots show how they will react, with CS gas, rubber bullets, water cannons and deportations. It is certain that this will increase and will be directed against all people who resist. Black people are being hit the hardest and so are leading the resistance. But the fight is the fight of all oppressed people. We must all stand together.

ALL BLACK PEOPLE SETTLED HERE HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY WITHOUT CONDITIONS

LAWS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN

4 women, Jaswinder Kaur, Nasira Begum, Cynthia Gordon and Nasreen Akhtar have all taken up the fight and are refusing to be kicked out. 3 of the cases show one of the worst aspects of the Immigration laws, that women are often only seen as dependant on men. So that if a woman's marriage breaks up, or even if the husband dies, the wife often has no independent right to stay and deportation quickly follows.

WOMEN ARE NOT EASY VICTIMS

But this sexist view of women also means they see women as easy targets. Their wholesale attack on Filipino migrant workers shows this. It is not coincidental that these 4 campaigns are for women. Women are being hit hardest but they are not weak and submissive as the Home Office expects. **THEY ARE FIGHTING BACK.**

They are not relying on the 'legal' processes. They are relying on getting enough support from people who think their struggle is just, to force the Home Office into reconsidering.

Their fight deserves support from all people against racism and sexism.

Nasreen Akhtar

In 1974 Nasreen's sister arranged for her to marry a Rochdale man and the ceremony took place by telephone, a common and legitimate way in Islamic law. But when she arrived in Britain the Home Office said it wasn't valid and insisted they 'regularise' it under British law. The registry office held up the remarriage for almost a year by which time the marriage had broken up. The Home Office decided to use this as a pretext to deport Nasreen. She appealed and, as with all appeals against deportation, the case went before an adjudicator appointed by the Home Office. The adjudicator made no secret of the fact that the Immigration laws are a way of keeping out and repatriating black people who are not considered useful to the British economy. He alleged that Nasreen was 'resolved to live here on Social Security for so long as she can'.

Nasreen's appeal against the adjudicator's decision will come up on 19th October. Only a strong protest will keep her and her 3 children in this country.

