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FREE THE BRADFORD 12

DEMONSTRATION

BRADFORD, SATURDAY MARCH 20th

Assemble - 1.00pm Infirmary Fields,
Lumb Lane

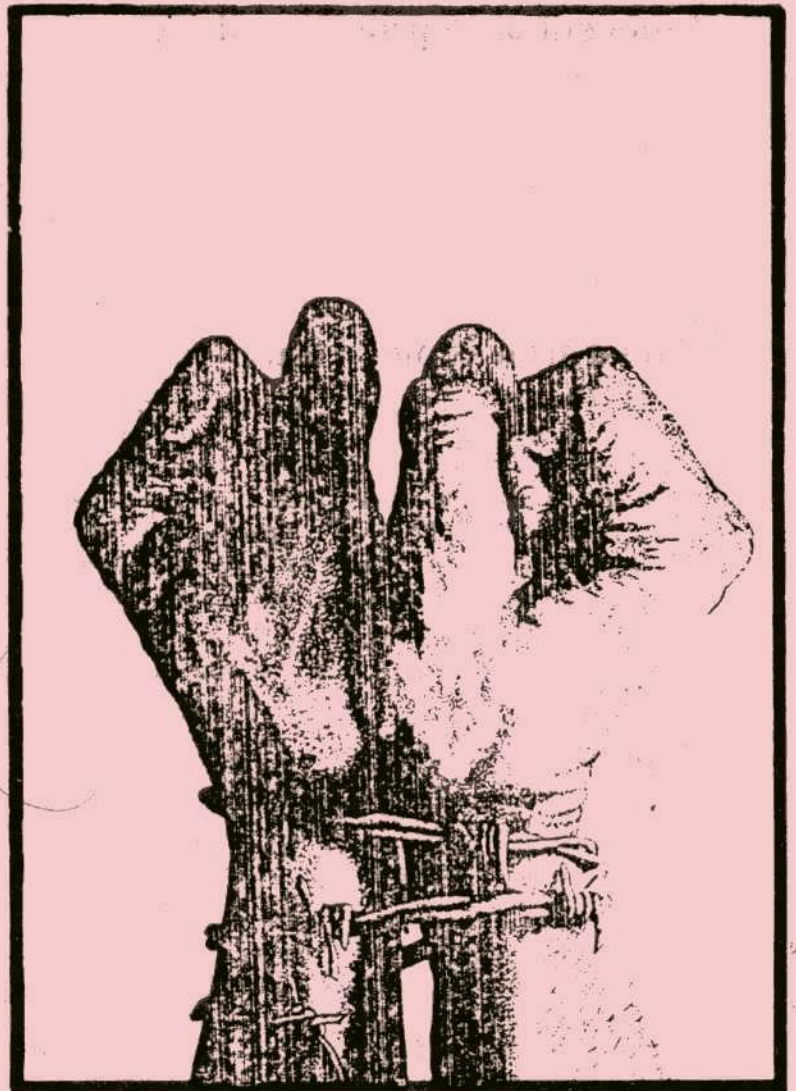
Rally at Queens Hall, 3.00pm

Speakers- Anwar Ditta, Pat Wall,
Amandla Kitson

Social event - live music, 8.00 pm

Until all 12
are free
we are all
imprisoned

JULY 11 th ACTION COMMITTEE



Make March 20th a DAY OF ACTION for the BRADFORD 12

BUILD FOR THE NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION IN LEEDS

SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

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

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 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 country-wide 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 and no petrol bombs were used at any time. None of the twelve were found with petrol or other explosive substances. All of the twelve will plead 'Not Guilty' to the charges.

Innocent until proved guilty ?

In the first two days after their arrest the twelve were subjected to racist abuse by the police. They were harrassed and denied access to solicitors, friends and relatives. The case against them is based on so-called 'voluntary confessions' made during that time and on their previous political activity.

Most of the twelve have already spent three months in prison. Bail was finally granted only on the most stringent conditions. Sureties of up to £20,000 had to be given. Curfews and daily signing on at the police station were imposed.

Racist attacks and the police

Contrast this treatment of the Bradford Twelve with the treatment handed out by the police to white racists. On the 27th January, 2 Asians and a companion were violently attacked in Bradford. One of the Asians suffered a broken finger and fractured ribs. In a separate incident, half an hour later, a lone Asian was attacked on his way home from work. He suffered a fractured skull and was left for dead. The six people accused of committing both these crimes have been charged only with 'causing grievous bodily harm'. Four of them were quickly let out on bail.

Physical attacks, fire-bombings and deportations have become a daily reality for Black people in Britain. These charges against the Bradford Twelve are part and parcel of this violence.

A political trial

As part of their bail conditions the twelve have been prevented from organising politically in their own defence. Yet Conspiracy charges are political charges. The prosecution can use the political views and activities of the defendants against them.

Many of the Bradford Twelve are members of the United Black Youth League, an organisation committed to fighting racism. They are known to the police for their successful record in defending Black people against deportations, fascist violence and police harrassment. They were centrally involved in the successful campaign to reunite Anwar Ditta with her children, and in the campaign against the wrongful conviction of a Black worker, Gary Pemberton.

We are all on trial in the Leeds courtroom

The strengthening of the police shows the determination of the State to crush all forms of opposition. Conspiracy Laws have been used before against organised workers. The 'Shrewsbury 24' building workers, for example, were charged with Conspiracy for organising mass pickets. Soon Norman Tebbit's 'Employment Bill' will make it even harder for working people to organise any resistance to attacks on our rights and living standards.

The leaders of the Indian Independence Movement were jailed for Conspiracy in 1924. Now the State is using this trial to intimidate Black people struggling against oppression. It threatens all of us, Black and White.

JOIN THE RESISTANCE ! JOIN THE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN !

July 11th Action Committee,
c/o 27 Pemberton Drive, Bradford.