

DROP THE CONSPIRACY CHARGES

RELEASE THE BRADFORD 11

On Thursday July 30th and Friday July 31st, police officers carried out a series of raids in Bradford's Asian community, and arrested 11 Asian youths.

Giovanni Singh, 18 yrs.	Pravin Patel, 20 yrs.
Saeed Hussain, 18 yrs.	Tariq Mahmood Ali, 24 yrs.
Ahmed Ebrahim mansoor, 17 yrs.	Massood Malik, 18 yrs.
Sabir hussain, 19 yrs.	Tarlochan Gata-Aura, 25 yrs.
Ishaq Mohammed kazi, 22 yrs.	Jayesh Amin, 24 yrs.
Bahram Noor Khan, 19 yrs.	

They appeared in Bradford Magistrates Court on Sat. 1st Aug. charged with Conspiracy to endanger life and property and Conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm, on or about July 11th 1981. Both charges carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The 11 were remanded in custody to the Bradford police cells until August 5th, when they were further remanded in custody until August 13th and 20th. Four defendants were remanded to Armley prison, Leeds, and the remaining seven to Thorpe Arch detention centre in Wetherby.

The police claim that the charges are based on so called "voluntary statements", yet the fact remains that all 11 defendants are pleading not guilty. It has been proven in the past that the Bradford police obtained so-called "voluntary statements" by force.

In 1978 George Lindo, a Bradford West Indian worker, was convicted on the basis of a so-called "voluntary statement". This conviction was later quashed, when it was revealed that the statement was in fact written by a police officer and signed by George Lindo under duress.

In the same year a young Bradford whiteman, one Geoffrey Elliot, was alleged to have given a detailed "voluntary statement" to the Bradford police admitting to rape. This statement was subsequently discredited when another man admitted to the rape.

It is a fact that the 11 young Asians were subject to prolonged

interrogation and physical harassment. Concerned relatives and friends, as well as solicitors were not allowed to speak to or visit them, until some 48 hours after the initial arrests.

The July 11th Action Committee believes that the treatment of the young Asians and the charges brought against them amount to a political conspiracy against the Black community. It comes at a time of frequent and violent racist attacks on the members and property of the Black community in West Yorkshire and other parts of the country. The police have shown that they are not prepared to protect the Black community against the racists. In this situation the Black community has no choice but to defend itself. Young Blacks up and down the country have shown that they are prepared to do just that. The July 11th Action Committee also believes that the charges brought against the 11 young Asians, are aimed at crushing the resistance of Black youth.

We demand

- 1) That the police Conspiracy charges be dropped.
- 2) The immediate release of all defendants.

We call upon all concerned individuals and organisations to send letters and telegrams of protest to the following officials:

The Director of Public Prosecutions	Ronald Gregory
Sir Thomas Hetherington	Chief Constable of
4/12 Queen Anne's Gate	West Yorkshire,
London S.W.1.	Police Head Quarters,
	Wakefield

THERE WILL BE A NATIONAL PICKET OUTSIDE
BRADFORD MAGISTRATES COURT ON

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST AT 9.30 AM.

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