

### Fight Police Criminilisation Of Anwar

Anwar Qadir is a member of the Asian Youth Movement and a popular figure in Bradford. He is well known, as a result of his energetic commitment towards the Asian community, assisting in a wide capacity particularly in the struggle against both official and unofficial racism.

He has been heavily involved in recent campaigns against the attempted deportations of Asian families: Mumtez Kiani, Jaswinder Kaur and Anwar Dittar. He is currently campaigning along with the Joint Committee against Deportation of 18 Black people.

However, Anwar's political activity is not confined solely to issues relating to the Asian Community and he has been involved in a wide range of work around unemployment and the Trade Unions: Indeed, he is respected as someone who has as extreme distaste for all forms of discrimination.

As a result of Anwar's principled stand against a wide range of inequalities, he has been subject to an ongoing process of harassment by West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police stemming from July of last year, when he was one of many to be arrested as a result of the discovery of Petrol Bombs in Little Horton. Although it was obvious that Anwar had no connection with the petrol bombs he was nonetheless held in police custody for over 30 hours. No charges were brought or indeed could have been brought against him.

On Friday 12 March 1982, a picket at Eastbrook Hall was organised where MP Enoch Powell, well renounced for his verbal assaults on the Black Community, was a guest speaker on the B.B.C. Radio four programme "Any Questions". The picket was well attended and whilst noisy was in no way violent, except for an incident involving an unidentified man at the door who insisted on maintaining a provocative attitude to those present.

As the appointed steward of the picket. Anwar approached the man and asked him to refrain from his unwarranted conduct. The feeling of those present was that the man was likely to be of extreme right-wing sentiments and due to the presence of Powell this was not at all unlikely.

After a brief discussion the man approached Anwar in an extremely aggressive fashion. A minor scuffle occurred between the unidentified man and Anwar at which point Chief Inspector Ellis intervened. No further incident took place, and the picket continued peacefully.

Four or five days later Anwar was charged with criminal damage. His name and address were not taken. He made no statement. There was no arrest.

On the first day of Bradford 12 trial at Leeds Crown Court, Anwar was again arrested following a disturbance outside in which he took no part whatsoever. Those present will testify that he took no part in the disturbance.

Three days after his arrest in Leeds, Anwar received a summons to appear at Bradford Magistrates on a charge relating to the Eastbrook Hall incident.

Bradford Police had no intention of pursuing this absurd charge of criminal damage and only did so after learning of Anwar's arrest in Leeds.

On June 30 1982 at a meeting of friends and relations of Anwar Qadir, it was resolved that charges of:-

1. Criminal Damage brought against him relating to the incident on Friday 12 March 1982.
2. Obstruction and abusive behaviour with intent to cause a breach of the peace, brought against him on Monday 26 April 1982.

are a deliberate attempt by members of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police to criminalise him for his political activity.

We therefore demand that all charges brought against him are dropped immediately.

#### ANWAR QADIR (ZED) DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Donations to be sent to:

14 Southgate  
Bradford 1

#### PUBLIC MEETING

The Scouts Hut, St. Mary's Road, Bradford 8.  
on 23rd August 7.30pm.

#### PICKET

24th August 10.00am  
outside Bradford Magistrates Court.