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P R E S S R E L E A S E

We the Asian Youth Movement are somewhat concerned at some of the points the Council of Mosques have made regarding the "Honeyford Affair":-

1 The Council of Mosques has asked "parents and supporters to cool calm down and have patience for the time being", we see this in effect as a defeatest attitude.

2 They have asked for parents and supporters to "withdraw the picketing and demonstration outside the school". This would allow Honeyford to feel comfortable in the belief of the fact that there would be no-one to oppose him.

We the Asian Youth Movement believe that no particular community organisation represents all the community. The views the Council of Mosques have made known are not those supported by the Asian Youth Movement.

Recently a Committee was set up to support the Drummond Parents Action Committee, whose aims are clear and those being, that Honeyford must be removed and that no compromise or "backdoor dealings" be accepted on this matter.

We would stress that Mr Pickles deal with this matter immediately, or he may find that his "potential parliamentary seat" in the South of England, may not be as safe as he may presume.

We have recently seen a laughing stock made of democracy by the fact that Mrs Iqbal, a person who attempted to run children over with her car on the night of the elections, being elected as a community governor of that very school. We interpret this action as a non-existent concern for those children she governs. She is also an adamant supporter of Ray Honeyford.

We have once again witnessed bad eggs of the Labour Party hatching, this particular egg coming in the form of Mr Thomas Brown who seems to be having a political identity crisis. He is the person who has been nominated by the right wing coalition of the board of governors and this fact should be a matter of grave concern for the labour movement.

Mr Mohammed Azhar Hayat who as Mrs Iqbal seems to have an identity crisis was also elected as a community governor, seems to find it very difficult to contemplate that what Mr Honeyford has said was an absolute attack on the black and white community and also single parents.

If democracy had been successful on the night of the elections (15/10/85) then it would have in the form of parents electing community representatives. But as that did not take place the results were somewhat of a predictable nature. We the Asian Youth Movement do not see this as a defeat for the parents and a victory for Honeyford, but in actual fact we see the whole situation as being quite the reverse. It has now been proven that the whole election rig-marole was a show and a demonstration of Honeyford's character.

We would say to all the churches in this city that a member of the cloth was also rejected in favour of three shady characters.

The Black youth in this city are familiar with the "Honeyfords" in Bradford and the teachers who support the likes of Honeyford as proven on the night of the elections when a teachers representative voted in favour of Mrs Thatcher's and Sir Keith Joseph's good friend Ray.

Our message has remained quite clear and that is:-

WE ARE HERE TO STAY HERE TO FIGHT