The victory of the British National Party (BNP) in the Millwall ward of Tower Hamlets on the 18th of September sent squadrons of horror through the mainstream and liberal left press. Accusations flew left, right and centre, inquiries were called for and yellow lollipops were waved.

However, this result should have come as no surprise to anyone, least of all those claiming to be anti-fascist. The BNP have been attempting to build a solid base of support in the East End of London for a number of years now and, not surprisingly, the area has the greatest number of race attacks in Britain. This has been accompanied by organised attacks on left wing paper sellers as the BNP attempt to drive any focus for opposition out of what they see as "their territory".

A week before the election a groups of white racists viciously attacked 17 year old Asian, Quaddus Ali. The following day anti-nazi protesters and young Asians demonstrating against the attack outside the hospital where Quaddus Ali lay in a coma, fought (and beat) the police when they sent snatch squads into the demo and attempted to make arrests. Local Africans obviously know who the real enemy is so why don't many local whites?

The BNP based their election campaign around the issue of the poor housing in the area, taking the blame away from the yuppie property developers who are destroying the East End and putting the blame on local Asian families. While two mainstream parties offering the people of the area bugger all, pandering to and indeed fueling racist sentiments, and all trying to appear respectable-than-thou, for many the BNP were the only party offering what appeared to be a radical solution to the area's problems. In the end the BNP got 34% of the vote beating Labour by only seven votes.

How could a so-called working class area (and remember the East End of London has a proud history of fighting fascism) apparently fall into the hands of fascists so easily? The fault lies squarely at the door of the Left. The British working class has, over the last fifteen years, been subject to the most vicious attacks from the bosses and government since the thirties. The response from the leaders of the 'official' Labour and Trade Union movement to all this has been either to roll over and be walked all over or even to support the Tory attacks in the nation's interests.

Meanwhile the so-called 'Revolutionary Left' has been flogging papers to middle class students and demanding that working class people vote for the Labour Party, a party that in councils has been carrying out all the Tory's attacks on essential services with a gusto. It is no surprise that to ordinary people the 'socialist alternative' is an irrelevant joke.

This criminal capitulation by the Left has provided the fascists with ideal opportunities to build support amongst young, white, working people and to twist their anger away from the real enemy - the government and police, and against the people they should be fighting alongside, their black and Asian neighbours.

As the fascists have grown in numbers and confidence the Left has turned a blind eye to their activities. Until a year and half ago the SWP and their ilk were claiming "the nazis aren't a problem!". Tell that to the tens of thousands of people attacked by racists each year, in fact tell that to the lefty paper sellers attacked by organised nazi gangs. The cynical posturing in the last year by the ANL and ARA has provided no solution whatsoever to the growing problem of fascism, cross-class alliances, petitions and lollypops waving does nothing - the only solution to fascist violence is ideological and physical confrontation.

We must learn the lessons of our past, if not we will be repeating fatal mistakes. In the fight against fascism in London's East End in the 1930s the Labour party and even the TUC told their members not to participate in the demonstration against Mosley's Black Shirts in Cable Street for fear of giving fascism the oxygen of publicity. Thousands of rank and file trade unionists and Labour Party members disobeyed their leaders and joined with East Enders in giving the nazis (and the police) a total hiding in the historic battle of Cable Street.

The beating given to BNP paper sellers the Sunday after the election shows the way forward. AFA has been attacking fascists wherever they raise their ugly heads for the last seven years and we will continue to do so until the final victory is ours.

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Nationally they have managed to terrrcribe liberal Left/anti-racism groups, including the Anti-Racist Alliance they assaulted one of their organisers and managed to secure a list of members' 'why was this man carrying such classified information? C.18 then published this information in their magazine 'Redwatch' resulting in harrassment and minor inconveniences to the unlucky members. The ANL have had a few stalls attacked and a few members seriously injured - they were mentioned on World in Action and a reconstruction of them getting a kick in was shown, presumably to make you think of joining the ANL or scared of C.18 (we're not sure).

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**NEO-NAZIS IN PUBLIC POSITIONS**

- **An expose of local fascists**

Many of our local BNP activists seem to be employed in public positions, surprisingly enough this includes Combat 18 (see page one) members - Anti Fascist Action has given the situation much thought over recent months about what should be done. Other anti-nazi groups know of the situation yet still nothing has been done to remove these people from damaging positions; including a hospital worker and Scottish Office employee.

AFA hopes to change this situation, if we can't remove these people, then at least their work-mates will be informed of their political persuasions and night-time activities. The three beauties on page one are known to have carried out an attack on a local anti-racist, leaving a C.18 sticker at the scene of the incident. The victim was unsathed and alarmed only by the gentleness of the attack. Have C.18 been washing their hands in Fairy Washing Liquid?

Joking apart it is a serious situation when those who stand up against fascists are attacked by 'respectable' day workers like Gavin Robertson (see photo far right page one) employed by the Scottish Office. We wonder what his employers would think of Gavin, the office errand boy, if they realised he was running errands for paramilitaries.

AFA will soon find out. A campaign is soon to be launched exposing scum like Robertson to the light.

For groups and individuals who wish to sponsor and/or be involved in this campaign - contact the PO Box.

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**THE 43 GROUP**

"The Untold Story of the Fight Against Fascism" by Morris Beckman. Foreword by Vidal Sassoon. Published by Centreprise Publications. Price £9.50.

With as many as twenty fascist public meetings a week taking place in post-war London alone, many young Jewish ex-sovietisn began to look for ways of fighting back. The most militant amongst them came together to form the 43 Group, dedicated to physically opposing and disrupting the fascists wherever they showed their face. Morris Beckman is no "impartial" historian; he was a founder member of the 43 Group, and every page of the lively book reflects the passion of his anti-fascism.

The 43 Group had a simple philosophy: they sought to violently disrupt the fascists by any means necessary. They saw that the fascists were hiding behind a veil of legality, and so the 43 Group did not hesitate to break the law whenever they needed to. There is a wealth of detail in this book and a store of practical lessons for anti-fascists today. They approached the questions of how to defeat the fascists in the most practical manner possible; they decided what had to be done and then did it. Not for them the stupid arguments about "aquilism" that the left is in the 1990s keep repeating. They knew that without squads, the fascists could not be stopped. There was no idle posturing for the 43 Group. There are strong similarities between this approach and our own, however it would be wrong to ignore the very real danger between the two. The 43 Group did not have a working class perspective, even though many of their members were working class Jews, indeed the absence of such a perspective is the major political weakness of this book. Nonetheless, this book demands to be read. It shows what can be achieved and it shows what needs to be done. Buy it.

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**IN BRIEF**

NF AGM Sept 12th. Birmingham New Street Station was the re-direction point for the NF AGM. Both AFA and ANL turned up on the day in an attempt to confront the fascists. Unfortunately a fairly heavy police presence made it difficult for the anti-fascists to vent their anger, and on the day only a few fascists were luckily enough to run into groups of AFA activists. On the whole however it was a not successful day as most of the NF passed through the re-direction point unharmed. AFA were unable to locate the venue for the AGM. On a more positive note it was heartening to see how poor the NF's support was with only around 20 to 30.

Fascists in Gorgie. Despite the belief by many that Gorgie is now a "nazi free zone", AFA believes there is much work to be done. The Green Tree, on Gorgie Road, was closed down recently, this pub was used by Hearts casuals and BNP supporters. The management assured the press that the pub would be re-opened as a "family pub" and that the "BNP would not be welcome" there. Much to our surprise they employed Bernie as the doorman. This character is known in the area as a well known fascist (his arms are covered in large KKK tattoos) and is constantly harassing local Asiasin, AFA monitoring Gorgie continually for BNP activity. BNP graffiti and stickers are constantly appearing.

Residents int he Gorgie area should contact AFA with info on fascist activity.

David Irving is set to hold a public meeting in London on October 9th. Irving the Nazi revisionist historian contra his speeches around holocaust denial, he is banned from many European countries for his blatant nazi politics. C.18 provide security in Britain. Details from Searchlight magazine.

Close down the BNP. (16th October). The second march this year to shut the nazi HQ down. Nobdy owns a bulldozer? Anyway it is set to be big, and with the BNP's recent result in Millwall and the level of racist attacks in the area it's now more important than ever. Will the BNP protect their castle, we don't think but we can always hope.

Buses leave from Edinburgh.

Le Pig in Edinburgh. Not too much to say, he never showed in the end, however it did show that many groups get side differences and worked together to achieve a solid No Platform basis ensuring Le Pig would have received a hostile reception.

St Andrew's Day March. Scotland's annual anti-fascist/fascist march will be held on the 27th Nov in Glasgow. This year, like the years before, will result in an appearance by the BNP who attempt to spoil an otherwise enjoyable day out. If you wish to join with Scottish AFA to ensure the march is enjoyed by all then contact us. Last year they got borted and they will this year too.

And Finally... A stall at the Venue by Edinburgh AFA was harrassed to such an extent that the situation nearly exploded into violence. The Anti Nazi League found it amusing in harrassing and attempting to intimidate the AFA members present. It must be pointed out to anti-racists and anti-fascists individually and within organisations that this form of behaviour spits the movement further and gives the BNP their good chuckle.

AFA in Edinburgh has tolerated this sort of behaviour by so-called anti-nazis before and no doubt will again. Those involved find it amusing to callout all our method of fighting fascism. Anti-fascist who are attracted to AFA find that our methods are generally more effective than a membership card, a lollipop and a piggy bank.
ANOTHER JOURNEY BY TRAIN
When Edinburgh AFA were told of a film featuring Steven Cartwright (BNP local) and other fascists was to be shown at this year’s Edinburgh Film Festival, we were interested. Our interest grew when we heard that Cartwright and crew were going to be holding some sort of picket at the cinema. Apparently he had been complaining that the documentary made them look like halfwits - really!?

The film "Another Journey By Train" showed Cartwright and three other European fascists being filmed going to rallies, meetings etc around Europe and finally being taken to Auschwitz-Barkenau where they meet and argue with death camp survivor Kitty Mair. Naturally on hearing that Cartwright and chums were going to be making a personal appearance at the Filmhouse where the documentary was to be premiered, Edinburgh AFA members and other anti-racists were aghast.

Originally the film was to be shown on the 26th August and AFA organised for that day, but then in an effort to avoid any trouble the house switched the date to the 25th Augest. Despite having little time to reorganise, we managed to gather a sizeable crew of activists in a nearby pub. In addition to this AFA scouts were inside and outside the cinema.

Despite the threats and menacing phone calls the BNP had been making to the film-makers and the Filmhouse all week, they failed to show. Once again proving that when fascists are faced with the prospect of a good kick in the pants of militant anti-fascists they know it is wise to stay away.

VIOLENCE IN LONDON
The run up to the recent election in the East End saw clashes between anti-fascists and neo-nazis and the police on a scale rarely seen. The stabbing of Quadrucci Ali sparked much of this violence, as police attacked an anti-fascist demonstration with around 30 arrests. Some of those arrested are now being charged not under the Public Order Act 1986.

ON THE FOOTBALL FRONT
Fascism has always seen the football terraces as a potential hotbed for racist ideology. Problems with English clubs have on the whole been to foster with few of the anti-fascist groups receiving support from the board. There have been successes, Leeds football supporters ran the fascists from the ground with a solid campaign involving leafleting, stickering, graffiti and of course physical confrontation. Fascism however has always channelled much energy onto the terraces attempting to turn the white working class youth ‘laid loyal to “national pride” and fascism.

In Scotland the situation is similar. Football terraces are no go zones for the bulk of the liberal left/anti-racist groups who seem to favour the comfort of the Students Union. AFA with support from ICF (Rangers casuals).

There has been no serious attempt to stop this; fans must organise with militant anti-fascists to see the scum off the terraces. Hearts FC is also a potential problem with close connections between BNP/Loyalists and CSF (Hearts casuals). In Edinburgh SCARF was set up in an attempt to halt fascist growth. Details of their campaign from PO Box 474 EH11 or our own box. Celtic also has a strong militant anti-fascist group c/o PO Box 797 G15 JF.

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Freedom Bookshop and the Morning Star Offices have also been attacked as well as some squats in central London.

One thing we would like to say to the anti-fascists is that the police will not be there to protect you, as they are to protect fascist events/individuals, so anti-fascist organisations have to take the steps necessary to ensure they are safe. AFA has always known this and has never been scared to confront the fascists physically.

So where do C.18 stand in Edinburgh they are here but not that organises occasional graffiti, harassment of shop keepers restaurants etc but very little physical activity. Anti Fascist Action public meetings have never come under attack are they too scared to attack those who they know will defend themselves.

What we do know is that some of them work in public positions (see page two) including the photo taken at a local beauty contest (see page one) - the General Election 1992. Gavin Robertson (far right), Douglas Mitchel (left) and David Elders (centre) who is even writing for Furher John Tyndall's "intellectual" magazine "Spearhead".

Anti-fascists know that paramilitary organisations like C.18 who live by the balaclava may also die by it. C.16 stickers in Edinburgh with "C.16 Whatever It Takes" give militant anti-fascists much amusement. If anyone has any information on more of these people send to the PO Box.

- OBITUARY -
Following the Violent Storm car crash in 1992, when the band were wiped out, Ian Stuart has now cashed his last Giro, in another car crash.

Stuart, Blood and Honour and Skinhead markiatt met his end on 24th September 1993. He had a string of convictions for which his lengthy Nazi career is now over. Enjoy Valhalla.

Edinburgh AFA has launched a "Buy your local fascist a car" campaign, donations to the PO Box.

The following weekend the BNP went on the rampage in Brick Lane attacking shops and restaurants, hassasing and assaulting Asians. Anti-fascists were attacked by neo-nazis who were given the run of the streets by the cops. Richard Edmonds was shown on News at Ten chanting, "Rights for whites!")

Following these two incidents and many more isolated attacks, the BNP took the election seat. ANL demonstrators were seen on national TV trading insults with the fascists. The victorious BNP then went on the rampage attacking indiscriminately; a man was shown on TV being kicked unconscious, the police denied seeing the incident even though they were shown twenty times.

The weekend after, militant anti-fascists went on the offensive. Organised squads attacked the BNP "victory party sale" in Brick Lane. Some of you will have seen the coverage but it is no exaggeration in saying the BNP got kicked to fuck.

This form of physical confrontation serves two purposes; stops the BNP from spreading their filth and shows locals that militant anti-fascists will stand up to neo-nazis (it’s also enjoyable seeing them run). That day was a victory for militant anti-fascism but much needs to be done to keep them off the streets.

The police’s role in the election win and the resulting chaos comes as no surprise to AFA. Derek Beacon with round the clock police protection; will he be given this permanently or will he get a panic button like his chums. Will the police continue to allow racist attacks by fascist gangs? Yes they will, we shall have to protect ourselves.

MERCHANDISE
New designs available (on left) Petrol Bomb T-Shirts (£5.00), Hooded tops (£15.00).
FIGHTING TALK (National AFA mag) £1.00, SEARCHLIGHT (International monthly anti-fascist mag) £1.50.
BLANKETS ITA - United Colours of... - £6.00
STICKERS - £5.00 - 200, £3.00 - 75 (various designs)
ALL CHEQUES PAID "EDINBURGH AFA"

CABLE STREET BEAT
The yearly AFA Unity Carnival was in Newcastle, over 10,000 attended. Rick Keayfu, Fundamental Credit To The Nation, Blackflag ITA, ACOSS and 20th of May made it an enjoyable day for all. Thanks to Revolution for the recent AFA benefit. The club’s next date is on 13th October at the Colston Studios 10 ’til late £3 (£2) - first floor Punk, Ska and Reggae - second floor Hip Hop and Jazz Funk.

Thanks also to Static Age, Next dates: Woe Red Bar, Edinburgh College of Art - November 6th Saturday 10 ’til 4 and December 4th Saturday 10 ’til 4. Punk, Hardcore and Psychobilly.

30th October Halloween, Gin Goblins/Minister Urge at the Gas Rock Cafe.

Cable Street Beat needs bands, clubs and DJs to do benefits for Anti Fascist Action, Get in touch. We will continue to promote your club/brand etc.
LOYALISM AND FASCISM
The Strengthening of Existing Links

The BNP and C.18 are strengthening their links between themselves and Loyalist organisations including those who engage in so called "ethnic cleansing". The purpose of this article is to highlight some of the mounting evidence showing entwined leadership between the fascist and Loyalist groups.

On a national level Eddy Whicker, former NF parliamentaray candidate and now one of the main organisers in C.18 (see page one) was charged with gun-running for the recently outlawed Ulster Defence Association (UDA). Whicker's involvement in fundraising and organising for the UDA in Britain goes back years; after abandoning the NF he turned his attention to the BNP. Whicker along with fellow C.18 organiser Charlie Sargeant used their influence in Loyalist circles to organise against the Bloody Sunday commemoration in London this January.

Over six hundred fascists and Loyalist supporters descended on central London to attend the march. The BNP and NF had been leafletting football grounds and a local army barracks in preparation. The police arrested over three hundred fascists while the march was held up for two hours. Most of the arrested fascists were released later that day enabling them to pick off marchers, while in the evening the two Irishmen were stabbed.

In Scotland the links between Loyalists and fascists are visibly stronger. In 1991 when the James Connolly Society (JCS) marched in the Grassmarket they met with fascist opposition. The photograph above was taken showing BNP activists hand in hand with Loyalists. In March 1993 the BNP and local Loyalists demonstrated outside a JCS exhibition in the City Chambers. The April edition of the British Nationalist boasted a front page article how the BNP and Loyalist comrades had, "run the Republicans out of the building". In fact the Day School went ahead without any incident. The collection of fascists and Loyalists outside seemed content enough to sing Rule Britannia.

In June of this year the council banned Republicans from holding a march on advice from Loyalist and Borders police; the police feared that violence would break out if Loyalists/fascists attempted to halt the march. The council bowed down to fascist intimidation and banned the commemoration of Connolly's birth in Edinburgh 125 years ago. Connolly fought for worker's rights and led the Dublin uprising in 1916, Connolly the Socialist and Republican could not even be remembered in his home town without the threat of fascist/Loyalist violence.

The march went ahead despite the ban. Two weeks before Loyalists were handing out leaflets at Tynecastle (Hearts FC ground) entitled "Remember Warrington - Britons Unite". Interestingly enough this so-called Loyalist leaflet inciting attack on a peaceful commemoration shared the same PO Box as the local BNP - is this conclusive? An Unemployed Workers' Centre was used by those who attended the march as a meeting place, the next day a C.18 sticker appeared on the door with "Whatever It Takes" printed on it.

On June the 19th the Independent Orange Order marched along Princes Street. The Independents were expelled from the mainstream Lodge for supporting UVF/UFF prisoners, in other words expelled for supporting "ethnic cleansing" in Ulster. This year was the second consecutive year that saw counter demonstrating by anti-fascists, including AFA and ANL. Anti-fascists were outraged at the council allowing UVF paramilitaries to walk hand in hand with the local BNP. Needless to say anti-fascists were arrested, donations payable "Edinburgh AFA".

JOIN AFA
In the fight against fascism in Britain, Anti Fascist Action has a record that is second to none. Our unique combination of physical confrontation and ideological struggle has produced results time and time again.

We say no platform for the fascists - no meetings, no marches, no paper sales, no leafleting - and we mean it as the fascists know only too well. Our aim is to cause maximum disruption to fascist activities. But that doesn't mean that AFA only needs streetfighters. Far from it. Everyone has a role to play in AFA, whether they feel confident in physical confrontations or not. None of our successes in physically confronting the fascists would have been possible without the contribution of non-combatants. From legal observers to scouts, from leafleaters to people who can write article or speak at meetings, AFA needs people with a whole range of skills if it is to continue to succeed.

There's a lot to do, so don't wait around. Join today.

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