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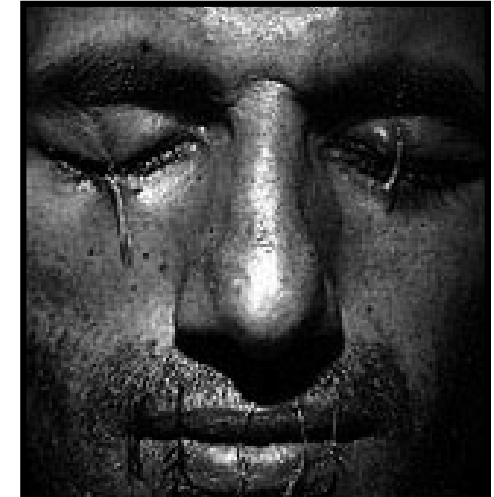
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INTRODUCTION

REVOLUTION DECLARES WAR ON RACISM!

Capitalism causes racism. It uses it to justify slavery and war, to legitimise military occupations and colonialism. Capitalism seeks to create division in the working class, to turn us against each other and waste our energies fighting other workers when we should be uniting and fighting the system as whole. REVOLUTION fights against all the misery and inequalities that capitalism causes.

Racism is a centuries old theory that is used to justify a global system of discrimination against ethnic minorities. It stems from Britain's role as a colonial power - seizing control of Africa and India, and looting them of food, minerals and precious stones. In Africa the British ruling class found a massive supply of free labour waiting to be tapped. 115 million Africans were forcibly removed and taken as slaves to work against their will in America on cotton, tobacco and sugar plantations. At home, the British ruling class attempted to present themselves as democrats and "good Christians". To justify this system of cruel and despicable exploitation, the capitalists developed the theory of modern racism - which systematically discriminates against black people.

Today, US imperialism is the dominant force, but the same racist arguments are used for invading and occupying Iraq and Afghanistan. While justifying imperialism, they also use racism to justify problems on the "home front". Under-funded services, attacks on pay and conditions? Don't blame the rich and powerful - scapegoat ethnic minorities. The latest victims of racism are asylum seekers. All across Europe governments are warning of the "flood" of "economic migrants" and "benefit tourists". We say that those fleeing war, poverty and super exploitation are welcome here.

REVOLUTION understands that racism is what the capitalists use to hold back the class struggle in Britain and across the world. As long as we are divided by our skin colour we cannot unite to smash capitalism. And we believe that it is only when we have smashed capitalism that we will truly free ourselves from all forms of discrimination. The fascists in the BNP use racism to whip up hatred and aggression. The government uses it to create fear and justify reactionary laws and policies. The bosses use it to divide us as workers. This pamphlet is about our campaign against racism, the arguments we will be using, and the ideas we will be fighting for amongst working class youth.

If you agree then get involved, distribute this pamphlet in your schools, colleges, workplaces, or universities. We wage a revolutionary struggle against racism, tough on racism, tough on the causes of racism - the whole capitalist system!

Black and white unite and fight - one solution, REVOLUTION!

The Police are **RACIST!**

The state under capitalism is not neutral, it is there to protect the rule of the Capitalists. Engles (Marx's writing buddy) described it as "bodies of armed men". And that is what the state is today - parliament passes the laws and the thugs on the street (the police) enforce them, backed up by the judges, prosecutors and prisons. Because racism is part of capitalism's rule, the cops and courts reflect and enforce this discrimination. Individual cops may not themselves be racist, but the system is - which is the reason a report into the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry (2001) described the Metropolitan Police as 'institutionally racist'.

The SUS laws criminalise our communities - they give the police the right to stop and search anyone if they are 'suspicious'. The police use them to harass youth driving in cars, going out for the night, or just standing around in our own neighbourhoods! Black people are 8 times more likely to be stopped by the police. They make up the majority of people killed while in police custody. Despite many deaths in custody, not one police officer has ever been convicted of murder. It is the police who are armed and dangerous in our communities.

Labour talked tough about police racism - but instead of repealing the SUS laws it allowed the police to increase the number of searches!! Now Labour's new anti-terrorism legislation has added another 30,000 more searches per year, targeting anyone who looks Muslim (ie "foreign"). This state racism doesn't just affect the Muslim community. These draconian anti-terrorism laws attack all of our civil liberties, and include proposals for everyone in Britain to be fingerprinted and have an ID card! These laws have already been used against anti-war and anti-capitalist protesters, and will be used against striking workers, too.

REVO campaigns against the SUS laws, deaths in police custody and the legal system that discriminates against Black and Asian people. We say disarm the police, repeal the racist laws, and organise community self-defence against the police and racist gangs.



cops doing what they love - arresting a black man!

Stop the BNP, Smash Fascism!

mass fascist party and to wage a race war in Britain. We are organising with radical youth in the communities to stop the BNP and other fascist organisations' reign of terror!

The BNP are not like other right wing, racist parties like the Conservatives. They may seem respectable in their suits and talking about 'solutions' to community problems - distancing themselves from overtly fascist activity - but meanwhile they aim to divide us along race lines. Their goal to get a massive vote based on racism and then crush any democratic elements within our society, smashing the workers' movement and destroying our communities. The BNP supports the ethnic cleansing of Mussolini and Hitler - many of them even denying that the Holocaust happened!

REVOLUTION stands for:

✦ No Platform for fascists, to break up their stalls and meetings. We do this because they use terror and intimidation against us and our movement - but also because their aim is to smash the socialists and progressive forces in the UK. Our slogan is 'Smash the BNP, drive them off the streets!' Basic liberties like freedom of speech do not apply to a party who want to wage a civil war against the working class. Their goal is to obliterate the rights of anyone of colour and smash the working class organisations.

✦ Self-defence to defend ourselves from these skinhead thugs. We fight to organise the whole of the community against racism and fascism - it is not just a battle on the streets but a battle for hearts and minds as well. When the BNP try and answer the problems in society by blaming Muslims or asylum seekers, we will point out who is really to blame for failing public services, crumbling schools and rising taxes - the capitalist billionaires!

REVOLUTION also organises anti-fascist leafleting in areas targeted by the fascists. We seek to inform people of the real nature of BNP's anti-working class politics. But we will not simply desperately beg people to vote for any other party - we offer a real solution - REVOLUTION!

The last few years have seen the rise of the BNP in Britain. These fascist thugs now hold 17 Council seats and are making a big push to get a European MP. The BNP's policies are racist, homophobic, sexist and anti-working class. Their aim is to create a



Daddy, what did you do to stop the BNP?

Campaign against the Capitalist media lies!

Ever get sick of the racist crap they print in the press about 'Britain is being flooded by bogus asylum seekers'? Well so is REVOLUTION, which is why part of the ROAR campaign will be to take action against the media - press, TV and radio - that spreads racist lies about refugees and asylum seekers.

REVOLUTION will target racist rags like the Sun and the Daily Express. These papers feed us racist lies. They scapegoat asylum seekers, blaming them for the failings of the capitalist system that is run for profit not for people. It is not the inadequate benefits given to asylum seekers that are pulling money away from public spending - it is the rich media barons who live abroad in tax exile. This is why REVOLUTION will mobilise people into direct action against the racist media

We will use street theatre, direct action and stunts to highlight the racist bias of the media. We will put demands on the National Union of Journalists and the printers union, PMU, to refuse to write, print, or distribute papers that print racist headlines. We encourage young activists to subvertise papers, to print and distribute their own media that tells the truth about refugees and asylum seekers.

REVO publishes its own paper which we want to distribute to everyone who wants to hear the truth. Join us in action!

who owns the press?

Rupert Murdoch: owner of the Sun, News of the World and The Times – personal fortune £4 billion...Now lives in the US to avoid paying tax in the UK.

Richard Desmond: owner of the Express, Sunday Express and Daily Star – personal fortune £550 million...Always campaigning for lower taxes...and lying about asylum seekers.

Lord Rothermere: owner of The Mail, Mail on Sunday, Evening Standard – personal fortune £840 million... The Rothermere family's publishing empire has been peddling lies about refugees for decades, since it campaigned against Jews fleeing Nazi Germany in the 1930's. He died in Paris to evade UK taxes.

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free mario bango!

www.freemario.org

Mario Bango is a Roma anti-fascist activist and Revolution member from the Slovak Republic, imprisoned since March 2001 for the "crime" of defending his younger brother when they were brutally attacked by a Neo-Nazi skinhead. On November 20th, 2003, Mario was sentenced to 12 years in prison for attempted murder. His youth is being stolen from him!

The Nazi who attacked Mario and his brother died from his wounds later in hospital. Mario's family - like many other Roma in the Slovak Republic - has suffered repeated racist abuse and physical attacks by neo-Nazi skinheads. His brother spent two weeks in hospital after such an attack. The Nazis use knives and other weapons in their attacks - Mario, like other Roma, carried a knife in self-defence and was forced to use it.

The Roma people are a terribly oppressed minority in Central Europe. As many as a million and a half were murdered in the Holocaust. Since 1989 they have been subject to a wave of racist attacks in the Slovak and Czech Republic - around 20 have been murdered. Nationalist politicians, the press, and the growing fascist movement have targeted the Roma people with deadly results - where racist talk breeds racist attack. Now Mario's case has been turned into a racist cause célèbre against the Roma, with a media campaign against the "gypsy" Mario and sympathising with the deceased "patriotic and honourable citizen" - in the Slovakian parliament there was even a minute of silence for the dead Nazi!

Mario's only "crime" was defending himself and his family. REVOLUTION believes that self-defence is no offence! We organise young people to defend themselves against racist attacks on the streets - and are fighting to secure his release.

Mario's case is one of legitimate self-defence - we must defend him. But his case has larger dimensions: we must turn it into a campaign to expose the rising tide of anti-Roma racism in Britain and in Central Europe. On the 1st of May, the Slovak Republic will join the EU and REVOLUTION will use this as an opportunity to highlight the injustice of Mario's case. We demand:

- ✦ Release him immediately from prison with compensation and a full apology.
- ✦ Stop the discrimination and persecution against the Roma people in the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic
- ✦ Open the doors to Roma refugees!

SEND LETTERS OF PROTEST TO:

Slovakian Embassy

25 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QY.
Tel: 020 7313 6470/ 020 7243 0803 - Fax: 020 7313 6481

What is the truth about Asylum?

The media is full of lies about asylum seekers. From the corporate papers owned by millionaires to the state-owned BBC, everywhere we are fed a diet of racism. Asylum seekers get blamed for everything that is wrong with capitalism today. Blunkett states that they are 'swamping our schools', 'overloading our healthcare' and 'taking our houses.' The real problem is the lack of governmental funding in our public services.

The racist rags preach about welfare-scrounging asylum seekers - people who in reality are not even allowed to work whilst their claim is being processed; they live in the worst housing, on two-thirds of benefits, and in complete poverty. British capitalism is part of the reason for the terrible poverty, wars and dictatorships in the Third World that these people are fleeing.

REVOLUTION says that they are our brothers and sisters and welcome here. We will not let the victims of capitalism be scapegoated by the capitalists to explain away all the problems of their system. We oppose nationalist solutions and excuses for racism. - the workers have no country because we are an international class!

REVO is going to launch a massive fight back amongst youth in the UK to counteract the lies and misinformation. REVO has a revolutionary response to the right wing lies of capitalism - we say open the borders! All immigration controls and anti-immigrant laws are inherently racist and must be smashed by a mass movement of workers and youth that make it impossible for the government to enforce their policies.

What are the facts?

- ✦ Less than 2% of the World's refugees are in the UK. Within the EU, the UK ranks 12th in terms of numbers of asylum applications as a proportion of the national population. The overwhelming majority of asylum seekers come from countries racked by war and/or members of persecuted ethnic groups. Most refugees are taken in by impoverished Third World countries like Pakistan and Iran.
- ✦ There is no such thing as a 'bogus asylum seeker' - everyone has the right to claim asylum anywhere in the world. As most asylum seekers come from countries we have either bombed (Afghanistan, Iraq) or economically destroyed through neo liberal capitalist policies (eastern Europe, Africa), doesn't it make sense that Britain has to take some responsibility for its actions?
- ✦ Our answer? Tax the rich to pay for more housing and services. Stop privatisation!

These websites have loads of facts about Asylum Seekers:

<http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/factsheets.asp>
<http://www.defend-asylum.org/>
<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/>
<http://www.noborder.org/>