

# IN THE COURTS - A BAD WEEK FOR THE NAZIS

DETAILED evidence of under-cover Hitlerite activity in Britain came to light last week in a trial which ended with two former National Front members being jailed.

Tape-recordings of conversations between British Nazis operating in the Midlands show, among a number of other things, that a network of contacts existed at an international level.

An offer had been made, for instance, to Belgian Nazis to visit Northern Ireland for 'a working holiday' with the guarantee of 'a kill'.

The trip was to be organised by the Ulster Defence Association with Column 88, a shadowy group of Nazis in this country acting as go-betweens. Other plans included

the setting up of Ku Klux Klan branches in Britain.

The tape-recordings were made by an anti-fascist, David Roberts, who had infiltrated the Nazi groups.

Mr Roberts, to preserve his cover, took part in an attack on an Indian restaurant with two Nazis, David King and John McLaren.

He received a suspended jail sentence at Birmingham Crown Court last week while King and McLaren, both 'expelled' from the National Front for 'extremism', were jailed for two years and a year.

Just how seriously the NF took King's 'expulsion' and 'extremism' can be gauged from the fact that when he organised parties to celebrate Hitler's birthday, many of those present were NF members.



**WONDERFUL, OUR POLICE:** Right to Work Marcher Martin Brownbridge, arrested after the Staples Corner attacks, gave the police his home address in York so as to get bail. York police duly paid a visit and were told by Martin's friends that, yes, he did live there. Back to Martin's cell at Paddington. 'Sorry, they've never heard of you at that address—you'll have to stay inside for the night.

WHILE on the subject of Britain's creeping police state, consider the case of Hoylake rugby club.

They were leading Birkenhead Park 9-0 recently when, in the middle of the match, police arrested their prop forward Kenneth Roberts for not paying a motoring fine.

A senior police spokesman said: 'It was felt best to expedite the warrant at that time.' Stripped of Roberts' services, Hoylake eventually lost 9-10.

Club officials say the law's action was revenge. Hoylake had thrashed a police team 38-12 the previous Saturday.

HAD ANY good free meals lately? Reginald Maudling has. In fact, he had two in one day last week.

Hardly had the bloated Tory finished stuffing himself at a Downing Street luncheon for Russia's Gromyko, than he was scurrying back in the evening for... that's right, a dinner for Russia's Gromyko.

The bill for Maudling's blow-out, which came to more than most workers earn in a week, was paid for out of taxes (that is, what is stolen from most workers in a week).

**SOCIALIST WORKER** has learned to live with phone-tapping. But we're obviously not the only ones with problems.

A reporter on the magazine Street Life arranged for former CIA agent Philip Agee to phone him at 5.30pm one day recently.

Another reporter happened, however, to be using the same phone at that time, speaking to CBS Records. Suddenly there was a pause, a click and then the sound of his conversation being played back to him ten seconds after he had spoken.

Clearly the phone tappers need better equipment.



British Nazis parading at the fascist shrine of Diksmuide in Belgium: it's here that international contacts are made—such as the one to bring Nazis to Northern Ireland 'for a kill'.

## British justice strikes again

**ENGINEERING** worker Larry Joyce had just got home from the factory when, suddenly, two detectives burst in and started firing questions at him.

Did he have any money on him? How much? One cop seized Larry's jacket and turned it upside down, emptying the contents.

He then ransacked the bathroom of Larry's

Huddersfield home, breaking a basket and weighing scales in the process.

Larry, bewildered, was then taken from the house and put in the back of a police car.

There he found his foreman, who told him £200 was missing from the foundry office at Hopkinson's, where they both work.

More questions from the police. What were his

movements that day?

Larry, still confused, was finally released with the words: 'If we come for you again, we'll take you in.'

Larry was the only worker in the foundry to get a police visit, a fact not unconnected with his politics. As an active Republican and a member of the Communist Party, he has been visited by the police several times in the past.

Back to work the next

day. The money, he was told, had been found.

No apology was offered or given by personnel manager Alan Brown. An official union complaint was lodged, but not until 10 February, 12 weeks later, was Larry told of management's reply: a brief, almost insulting, apology.

This is known as British justice.

## WITHOUT COMMENT

Free speech and the right to work are among the rights guaranteed by the law and it's the duty of the police to uphold them. We often find this task extremely difficult.

—Sir Robert Mark, head of the Metropolitan Police, giving the Dimbleby Lecture in 1973.

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CORRECTION IN NEW LEAD SUMMARY 1200 VIA GNS

PLEASE NOTE THAT MR FOOT IS SECRETARY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND NOT UNEMPLOYMENT +

—from a BBC Radio Stoke news bulletin, 23 March

GIVE ME a leaflet and I'll stick it down your gullet.

With those delightful words, John Kingsley-Read—Fuehrer of the National Party—sped for all he was worth down a Manchester street, hotly pursued by anti-fascists.

He had just emerged from court, where an injunction had been placed on him to stop the distribution of racist material.

Kingsley-Read told the hearing, held two weeks ago, that he was one the dole and lived on contributions from his supporters.

To which the judge replied that his supporters would simply have to foot the bill for his £800 costs.

RECENTLY, I heard a bloke from Shelter nattering about housing the homeless.

He threw out—almost as a casual aside—a fascinating fact. Apparently, statistics had shown that most local authorities spend more administering rent collections than they rake in.

This is especially true of rent arrears. Indeed, one London borough, Islington, made a profit when a NALGO strike ground the system to a halt.

In other words, providing council houses free would be cheaper than offering them for rent!

But the root objection to the rent system is that it huthers human dignity.

It thrives on rationing and stigma. Do what we say! Pay what we say! Otherwise out!

Yet it is all unnecessary. By planning our resources properly—putting human need before privilege and profit—we could all have a home, (just one), free.

DAVID BUNCH

**SACRIFICE CORNER:** £1,000 million was spent on advertising in Britain last year, according to J Walter Thompson, an advertising agency.