

THE PRESS WE DON'T DESERVE

**How The *Guardian* Gives Aid And Comfort
To The World's Master Liars
And Thereby Perpetuates
The Nazi Underground Myth
Yet More *Searchlight*-Inspired Disinformation Exposed**

2nd Edition

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On March 16, 1994, a black Guardian journalist named Gary Younge published an interview with Ray Hill, long time mischief-maker, thug, liar and agent provocateur. The interview/article was called Fighting talk, and allegedly covered Hill's career in the far right and as a Searchlight mole. Hill was plausible, but so was Dennis Nilsen, plausible enough to lure more than a dozen young men back to his flat and murder them, mutilate them and defile their bodies. Younge was obviously impressed with Hill, unless his article is every bit as sincere as his interviewee. But he will be much less impressed when he reads this and learns the truth about Hill's anti-black hatemongering. Hill and plausibility go hand in glove, but Hill and truth parted long ago.

The current writer wrote the letter (Appendix B) to the editor of the Guardian; I also sent some documentation to Mr Younge. I received an acknowledgment from editor Peter Preston; when I phoned Mr Younge I was informed that he was in South Africa. Subsequently I contacted the Press Complaints Commission and forwarded them the letter I had sent to Peter Preston. (1) My complaint was rejected on April 28 because the commission took the view that "a newspaper is entitled to report the statements and views of the subject of an interview". Incredibly, Hill's puppet master Gable was called for a quote by two Guardian journalists on the eve of the local council elections. (2) Gable, like the damned liar he is, claimed that the vicious assault on BNP press officer Mike Newlands was the work of the so-called Nazi hit squad Combat 18. "They feel that the BNP is becoming too soft and respectable," he said. The idea of the BNP being respectable is every bit as ludicrous as this mischief-maker and enemy of democracy being, in the words of former M.I.5. operative Gary Murray, "a reputable veteran journalist."

Incredibly, that is what Gable is considered in most quarters. Since 1975 he and his magazine have "exposed" the following:

Column 88, a mysterious "Nazi underground" group which was said by one hysterical "anti-fascist" publication to have an underground army of three hundred men and women who could strike at random and bring murder and mayhem to anti-fascists and their families. (3)

A gun-running conspiracy in Leicester.

The mythical plot to bomb the Notting Hill carnival.

A massive infiltration of takeover of the Young Conservatives by far right extremists.

A plot to kidnap and murder Gable himself.

A plot by a Czech spy to corrupt a junior civil servant.

A worldwide conspiracy to desecrate Jewish cemeteries. (4)

Combat 18, the alleged Nazi hit squad which - Gable claims - is now targeting the BNP as well as the far left.

Gable's magazine claims to have a worldwide reputation for honesty and integrity. It does, but this reputation is totally undeserved. The above alleged criminal conspiracies resulted in three court cases and one conviction. Two of these cases were libel actions brought by MPs. They were both successful and resulted, in the first case, in a massive payout by the BBC, and in the second, in the magazine Private Eye shelling out substantial damages for repeating the absurd allegations of the Gable murder plot which obviously originated with Searchlight. (5) The conviction was of an acknowledged Searchlight mole - read agent provocateur - for conspiracy to assault the staff of an Indian restaurant. (6)

This is not much of a track record. Actually, Searchlight has been responsible for bringing one thug to justice in its 19 years of existence. Tony Wells aka Lecomber, a senior member of the British National Party, was gaoled after attacking a Jewish schoolteacher. The victim, who may have been a subscriber, picked him out from a Searchlight "mugshot". The teacher would probably have identified him from a police photo too, but credit where credit is due.

In his lie-ridden autobiography The Other Face Of Terror, Ray Hill claims to have witnessed a vicious attack on an Asian man in Leicester, a claim which appears to have some substance. (7) The two men who perpetrated this attack were arrested for it, but without Hill's evidence they walked free. However, it may be that Hill incited the attack in the first place. Keith Thompson, a well known figure on the far right, had this to say about Hill: "I went to speak at one of his meetings in Leicester. As soon as we were in the car he started talking about how he'd smashed Paki's off their bicycles...how he'd done it, how he loved doing it, and how we all ought to do it. This was about the mid-eighties. I've never done anything like that, never heard of that sort of thing before. I thought 'What's this guy's bloody game?'" (8)

This has in fact been the most consistent thing about Searchlight over the years, the criminal activity of its "moles" who all play up to the baby-eater, sex-shop Nazism of publisher Gable's warped imagination. Gable regularly boasts that he runs "moles" in all Britain's far right groups. The reality of course is that the only crimes these "moles" uncover are those they themselves incite. Which brings us back to Mike Newlands.

The vicious assault on Newlands followed the publication of his photograph in Searchlight. (9) By an extraordinary coincidence, a hammer attack on the current writer followed hard on the heels of allegations made against him in the November 1993 issue of the magazine. (10) Another person who has been mentioned frequently in Searchlight has also been the victim of harassment, Green Party member Larry O'Hara. Derek Beackon, the former BNP councillor has also been attacked by unidentified thugs. (11) The modus

operandi of all these attacks is not of the non-existent Combat 18 (12) but of Red Action, a group of pro-IRA thugs who were expelled from the Socialist Workers' Party in 1982. They worked hand in glove with Gable during the Kensington Library invasion in 1991 which led to Gable facing criminal charges. He was acquitted, much to the disgust of the police. (13)

The April 1993 issue of Searchlight contained an alleged massive exposé of Combat 18. The same month a World in Action TV "documentary" (screened the 19th), carried a similar exposé. The key men behind this "conspiracy" were identified as Paul David (Charlie) Sargent and Eddie Whicker. Whicker is a South London dustman, former member of the National Front Directorate, NF Parliamentary Candidate and Ulster "Loyalist". Although he mixes in ugly company and is probably not the sort of person you would invite to tea, he is, politics aside, an ordinary working man. Sargent is a rather more odious character.

According to Searchlight, April 1993, page 8, Sargent has two convictions for drug dealing - in Sweden and Britain - and for political violence. A source close to Sargent (in an undated letter received May 18th, 1994) defended him on the grounds that his drug offence (singular) was "some 15 years ago" and his only other brushes with the law have been for "violent things", which means that "he isn't a crook" !! Leaving aside the political violence, Sargent's commitment to circumventing Britain's draconian anti-drug laws and obvious endorsement of the free market would do him proud in Libertarian circles. But this is not the stuff of good National Socialists.

In the "documentary", Sargent was hassled in the street by the film crew, and was obviously none too polite. Off camera he was given a going over by a bunch of "anti-fascist" thugs. (14) Whatever their antecedents - and Sargent's are appalling - the idea that these two men are major players in a criminal conspiracy of national dimensions is more than a little absurd. Notwithstanding that, Gable and his fellow liars have managed to convince a substantial tranche of the media that this is actually the case.

This is bad enough, but the March 1994 editorial of Gable's lie-ridden magazine claimed that the chief constables of no less than five police forces have been taking Combat 18's alleged "declarations of war" seriously. The same editorial attacked the Home Secretary for his "pathetic performance", ie not dancing to Searchlight's tune. The reality is that the Home Secretary, the Home Office, and most police forces, have far better intelligence than Gable assumes. All the same, it is extraordinary that a man of his known subversive background - a hater and a many times proven liar - should be called upon to give "evidence" to a Home Affairs Committee investigating racial attacks. It is even more extraordinary when one considers that the chairman of this committee, Sir Ivan Lawrence QC MP, represented Gable when he was charged with - and later convicted of - burglary artifice at the home of the historian David Irving, (15) and is therefore au fait to some extent with Gable's real agenda. (16)

Gable has been making a comfortable living out of hatred for the

past thirty years. He and his fellow hatemongers and liars have been leading the media, the "anti-fascist" movement, Jewish organisations and individuals, and academics, up the garden path for almost as long. The Searchlight organisation's real agenda, and Gable's, is the destruction of Western man's democratic institutions, and to that end he, and they, have not stooped to ferment hatred, racial tension, bigotry, and lately, outright terror, under the ingenious guise of combating these very evils.

Appendix A: Letter To The Press Complaints Commission

93c Venner Road,
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April 6, 1994,

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to complain about the enclosed article. I wrote a lengthy letter to the editor of the Guardian and received a two line reply. I enclose both. I have also annotated the letter - see the footnotes; this forms the basis of my complaint.

When I phoned the Guardian on Monday I was told that Gary Younge was in South Africa and would be there for five weeks. I would like something done about this article much sooner than that.

I must stress that although you deal primarily with complaints against newspapers, my complaint is not against either the editor of the Guardian or the journalist who wrote the article. I do not dispute for one moment that this article was published in good faith. My complaint is against Ray Hill, who, together with his puppet master Gerry Gable, are the world's master liars.

The worse thing that can be said of the Guardian is that Mr Younge has been naïve. However, Gable and his gang have been hoodwinking the media and to some extent the authorities for the best part of thirty years, so this is not an insult.

I had hoped that Mr Preston would commission an article from me on this organisation, but that was a faint hope. I should also point out that I am currently engaged in litigation with Mr Gable, though not with Mr Hill. I have also filed a complaint against Gable through the NUJ which is currently being processed.

The one thing I should add is that although in this article Hill claims he never really believed in the Jewish conspiracy, this is not what he says in his book, although even then he lies through his teeth, but Hill and truth have long since parted company. Please let me know if you want any further photocopies.

Yours faithfully,
A Baron

copy to Peter Preston

Appendix B: Letter To The Editor Of The Guardian

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22 March 1994,

Dear Mr Preston,

Last Wednesday you published an in-depth interview with former British National Party member Ray Hill. I find this rather strange as late last year I sent you a documented exposé of this arch-liar and his puppet master Gerry Gable. If the Guardian continues to publish trash like this it will soon lose its reputation. Here is a summary of Hill's lies:

Hill was 22 years old in July 1962 (17) when he was jailed for wounding a police officer, so he couldn't have been 28 in 1964.

He didn't join the Anti-Immigration Society in 1964 because it wasn't founded until March 1968. (18) Nor was he living in a squalid flat with his family then because he didn't marry until 1966. (19)

Hill was never a member of the National Socialist Movement; this is a blatant lie. (20) He was a member of the British Movement for a little over a year. He first met Colin Jordan in November 1968. At this meeting Hill assaulted a press photographer - one of your colleagues, take note. The following August he committed a serious assault on a Jewish café owner. Both he and Gable try to play this down; consult the Jewish Chronicle for ten years later - July 13, 1979, page 10 - and you'll see this was a vicious attack.

Hill fled to South Africa to escape a gaol sentence; he was already serving a suspended sentence for the assault on the press man and would certainly have been sent down. In South Africa Hill was employed by wealthy Zionist Jews as an agent provocateur to smear the HNP as anti-Semitic. At an HNP rally in March 1979 he made a virulently anti-Semitic speech which led to the resignation of a top HNP member, (Johannesburg Sunday Express, March 11, 1979, page 10). He was not invited to make a speech but jumped up and seized the microphone. He did not have a change of heart after seeing blacks evicted from their homes; he was one of the organisers of this campaign; (21) the South African National Front was virtually a two man affair: Hill and the late Jack Noble.

Hill is wanted for credit card fraud and embezzlement in South Africa. Here is what he said on two occasions:

"[Larry] O'Hara accuses me of being a convicted fraudster and

arsonist. [In his booklet A Lie Too Far]. I have never been charged with or convicted of either of these offences...", (Searchlight, July 1993, issue 217, page 7).

"In February [1979], a friend had asked me to lend him some money so that he could buy a birthday present for his wife. Not having any cash to hand...I rather foolishly handed him my credit card and told him to get what he wanted...In very little time at all ~~he had run up a bill of more than £3,000, which I was neither willing nor able to pay.~~ The police visited me, and I was charged with credit card fraud..." from pages 65-6 of his fictional autobiography.

Note the difference?

Hill's claim that he jumped bail in South Africa because his father-in-law died is a blatant lie. There is no mention of this in his lie-ridden book, but the lies grow with every retelling. On Thursday my colleague made a search at St. Catherine's House for a death in that year of Shapcott - Hill's wife's maiden name - and found nothing relevant.

Hill was never third in command of the BNP; he was not contacted by fascists on his return to England; he joined the National Front, and was admitted to the Leicester branch in spite of reservations from the London leadership. He resigned from the Front about a year later but would have been expelled anyway as he had assaulted another member. (22) He does not write a column for Searchlight, this column is actually written by Gable, who may well have had a hand in writing his inflammatory speeches when Hill was stirring up trouble as an agent provocateur, not a mole.

Hill's book The Other Face of Terror is a tissue of lies from beginning to end, as is the Notting Hill Carnival bomb plot; it never happened, this was a fantasy dreamed up by Hill, and Gable, who is an even bigger liar than he is. If you want confirmation of this, contact Superintendent Ken Day of the Scotland Yard Special Branch; he'll tell you in his own diplomatic way that this "plot" was a total fabrication. (23) In 1988 Hill tried to frame a Jewish businessman for molesting his sons. George Lewis was acquitted by Lincoln Crown Court. (24)

If you want to know how I know all this it is because I have been researching Hill and Searchlight for some time. I am looking for a publisher for my book. To date Gable has made no attempt to refute any of my allegations - for the obvious reason that he can't. In the November and February issues of his magazine he smeared me as an anti-Semite and fascist - a charge he will soon have a chance to prove to both the NUJ and a High Court jury. I should add that in this connection the Wiener Library are aware of Gable's allegations and the smears of his friends at the Jewish Chronicle, and I am still welcome there as a researcher. I was also the victim of a mysterious hammer attack, and a burglary.

I have just published a pamphlet on Gable which proves that he

lied to the Jewish Chronicle out of his own mouth and using his own words. It's £2.99 post free, but if you commission me to write a minutely referenced article on Hill and/or Gable at NUJ rate I'll send you a free copy.

Finally, I would appeal to your sense of public duty: Gable is currently giving "evidence" to a Home Affairs Committee; people like him are not fit to give evidence to any committee, least of all the highest in the land. These liars and hatemongers must be exposed and purged from our media and institutions like the cancer they are.

Yours sincerely,
A Baron

County man cleared of indecency

COUNTY man George Lewis was acquitted of indecency charges involving little boys after claiming there was a vendetta against him.

Lewis (53) had denied five charges of indecent assault and was found not guilty after the Lincoln Crown Court jury had been out overnight.

During the week-long trial it was revealed by prosecuting barrister Richard Ingall that Lewis had once been deported from Rhodesia after being convicted of indecency involving a male person.

Victim

Lewis claimed in the witness box that the fresh allegations were made by a former friend who had found out about his past. He alleged he had become the victim of an attempted blackmail plot.

Lewis claimed the man, the father of two of the children

involved, had become annoyed because he would not go into business with him.

"I was successful in business and he thought he would like to be part of it," said Lewis of Livingstone Avenue, Thorpe Sands, near Mablethorpe.

Shady

He alleged the man and the boys "got their heads together" to "blackguard" him.

"I was unwilling to go into shady business ventures with him such as a betting shop," said the defendant.

That put their friendship under strain and it was further affected, alleged Lewis, when the man realised Lewis's brother was a Jew. "He doesn't particularly like Jews," alleged Lewis.

During the trial, the man, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the children, verbally abused Lewis several times and had to be warned about his conduct by the trial judge, Richard Hutchinson.

Right-wing man sentenced

From a Correspondent

Raymond Hill, aged 39, the former secretary of the right-wing British Movement branch in Leicester, appeared at Leicester Crown Court last week on charges of damage to property and occasioning actual bodily harm to Mr Peter Josephs ten years ago.

Hill pleaded "not guilty" but admitted smaller charges of "common assault".

Prosecuting, Mr M. Stokes stated that on August 21, 1969, Mr Josephs was punched several times in the face, by Hill, who was known to have "strong political views". It was also alleged that while committing the offences, in Mr Josephs' coffee-bar, Hill shouted, "Bastard Jew".

Mr Stokes added that Mr Josephs had been subjected to "a deal of difficulty". "Happily," he added, "this antisemitic activity has died."

For the defence, Mr J. Price presented Hill as a changed person since the time of the assault. He claimed that the accused, who had returned from South Africa to face the charges, did not abscond to that country but "emigrated" there. It would be unlikely, he added that Hill would be involved in similar incidents in the future. "He is not now affiliated to any political party and has been doing his best to settle down into family life."

Hill was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment suspended for one year.

When leaving the dock Hill raised his arm in salute to four young men in the public gallery.

In his fictionalised autobiography The Other Face Of Terror, Hill claims that his 1979 conviction for assault ten years earlier on café owner Peter Josephs was just a bit of bother and that his manipulator Gable "blew it up into a vicious attack on a Jewish man". The Jewish Chronicle didn't see it that way though, neither did the Leicester Mercury. The court report from the former is reproduced above right. In 1988, Hill demonstrated his commitment to fighting anti-Semitism in an even more positive manner when he tried to fit up Jewish businessman George Lewis. Hill had known Lewis in South Africa, and, by a remarkable coincidence, turned up in Lincolnshire several years later and tried to muscle in on his business. When Lewis objected, Hill accused him of molesting his sons. The court report from the local press (left) was picked up by the British National Party's theoretical journal, Spearhead. Editor John Tyndall concluded that Hill, who once professed to be a dedicated National Socialist, never really believed in anything. Certainly Hill's wealthy Zionist backers must have had second thoughts when they heard about this. Perhaps Gable will eventually too. Who knows, Gerry, it might be you he stabs in the back next.

Notes And References

[The first edition of this pamphlet contained a number of minor typographical errors. These have now been corrected.]

(1) The original letter was not annotated; the version here (with footnotes) is the copy that was sent to the Press Complaints Commission.

(2) 'Racist rivals' behind attacks on BNP, by Vivek Chaudhary and Owen Bowcott, published in the Guardian, May 5, 1994, page 3.

(3) Forewarned Against Fascism, May 1978, issue 3, page 2. This short lived publication was edited by Daphne Liddle, a photojournalist and Stalinist. A member of the New Communist Party, I have it on good information that she has a portrait of Stalin mounted over her bed! She was the lover of Searchlight agent provocateur Dave Roberts, who, together with then editor Maurice Ludmer, created the Column 88 myth. She also contributes to Searchlight.

(4) See for example, Grave attacks linked, by Richard Holliday, published in the Mail on Sunday, August 5, 1990, page 23. For the full story behind the Brian Gentleman affair see SPY TRIAL BY TELEVISION, by Duncan Campbell, Patrick Forbes and Jolyon Jenkins, published in the New Statesman, July 25, 1986, pages 10-11. For details of the gun-running plot, Notting Hill bomb plot and smears on Gerald Howarth MP et al, the reader is referred to the current writer's documented exposé Editor! Are You Being Fed A Load Of Bullshit?..., published by Anglo-Hebrew Publishing, London, Second Edition, (1994).

(5) This story was published in a wide range of mainstream media including the Daily Mirror and the Morning Star. It was fed to the latter by Graeme Atkinson, Searchlight's European editor who was then employed by the paper. He was later sacked. For Private Eye's coverage see the apologies in the following issues: May 29, 1987, (page 8); December 22, 1989, (page 6); June 7 1991, (page 7).

(6) There were actually three convictions here, Searchlight agent provocateur Richard David Roberts and the two men he was with. Roberts was given a suspended sentence, the other two were gaoled. For the full, documented story of the late Dave Roberts the reader is referred to In Serving The Wicked Expect No Reward, published by Anglo-Hebrew Publishing, London, (1994). See also footnote (3).

(7) THE OTHER FACE OF TERROR: Inside Europe's Neo-Nazi Network, by Ray Hill with Andrew Bell, published by Grafton Books, London, (1988). See pages 152-3.

(8) Keith Thompson interview April 26, 1994. Thompson was himself the victim of a Searchlight smear. When Gable stood trial in relation to the Kensington Library incident referred to shortly, he would accuse Thompson of selling information to Searchlight, a claim he repeated in the April 1993 issue, (page 6). Needless to say, this is yet more of Gable's lies. Any information Gable obtained from Thompson probably came either from burgling his home or from foraging through his dustbin like the rat he is.

- (9) Newlands, not a young man, is a student at City University. His photograph appeared on pages 12-3 in the April 1994 issue.
- (10) This matter is currently sub judice.
- (11) Private information from a far right source.
- (12) It is not quite true that Combat 18 does not exist, but it had no formal membership and was/is simply a group of far right thugs who came together to give "anti-fascists" the occasional good hiding, more out of frustration than ideology. The name has been exploited by Gable and his fellow hatemongers to build it into a massive underground conspiracy à la Column 88. American "Nazi" Harold Covington has some input into the group, as far as it does exist, (he operates out of a US box number), but the phrase has become a generic term and a convenient scapegoat for any political, and lately, racial, attack.
- (13) See for example, Gerry Gable is acquitted, published in the Journalist, August/September, 1992, page 3.
- (14) Private information.
- (15) 'RAID ON WAR BOOK AUTHOR'S HOME HAD POLITICAL ASPECT', published in the Evening Standard, (WEST END FINAL CLOSING PRICES), November 28, 1963, page 21. Gable was represented by (then) Mr Ivan Lawrence QC. For details of his conviction see I AM NOT A FASCIST says author who was tricked by anti-Nazis, published in the Islington Gazette, January 17, 1964, page 8. In 1968, Lawrence defended a slightly less disreputable criminal, the gangster Ronnie Kray.
- (16) This burglary artifice had a political rather than a financial motive. Seventeen years later, Manny Cappel, who was convicted along with Gable, was gaoled for two and a half years for a politically motivated arson. At the time of this offence he was a "researcher" for Searchlight.
- (17) Birmingham Post & Birmingham Gazette, (LATE NIGHT FINAL) July 28, 1962, page 3.
- (18) BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION RESULTS 1950-1973, Compiled and edited by F.W.S. Craig, Second Edition, (1983), page 186.
- (19) The Other Face of Terror, page 27. This is confirmed by the marriage register at St. Catherine's House.
- (20) Personal correspondence with the NSM's and British Movement's founder, Colin Jordan. In his book, Hill also claims to have entered far right politics through AIMS, though later he forgets himself and claims (page 265) that he knew François Dior personally from her time in the NSM. The December 10, 1968 issue of the Leicester Mercury, page 11, published a story about Hill's assault on a press photographer; Hill was said to have told the court that he was not a supporter of Colin Jordan and had gone along to the meeting where he assaulted the photographer out of curiosity.
- (21) Beware the snooping NF: RACISTS' COMPLAINTS FORCED RESIDENTS TO LEAVE, by Jean Le May, published in the (Johannesburg) Sunday Express, March 4, 1979, pages 6-7.
- (22) Hill's resignation letter is reproduced in the National Front pamphlet The Other Face of Searchlight, page 25. In this letter he denies assaulting National Front member Derek Holland; in his book (page 253), he boasts of assaulting Mr Holland.

(23) At the same time, Hill and his manipulators claimed to have uncovered a plot to smuggle arms in Leicester. As with the Notting Hill "plot", the police showed profound disinterest. If any crimes were committed in either Notting Hill or Leicester, they were incited by the Searchlight team.

(24) County man cleared of indecency, published in the Lincolnshire Echo, March 26, 1988, page 5.

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