

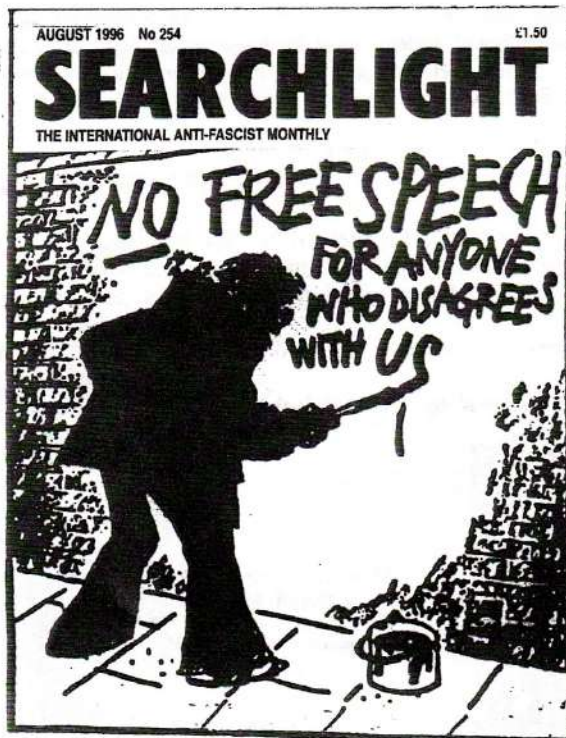


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**AN APPEAL TO THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT TO  
CONDEMN THE SEARCHLIGHT ORGANISATION FOR  
ITS UN-DEMOCRATIC TACTICS OF HARASSMENT,  
VICTIMISATION AND INTIMIDATION.**



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*Dear Colleague,*

As a Trade Union official you will have no doubt been approached by an organisation named *Searchlight*, appealing for your support in their fight against *Racism and Fascism*.

Before you or your organisation give any support, financial or otherwise, to this group, we feel it is vital that you know just who you are dealing with.

*Searchlight* claims to be dedicated to fighting Racism and Fascism. In this, and this alone, they are somewhat truthful but, it is their tactics, motives and own record in this field that cause alarm.

### TACTICS

*Searchlight* boasts of "*exposing and driving out*" nationalists from their workplaces. If the Tories didn't do enough to create unemployment in this country, now we have a group who describe themselves as "left of centre" trying hard to increase the already substantial unemployment figures.

Yes, it is true that *Searchlight* has caused people to lose their jobs, just because *Searchlight* disapproves of their political opinions!

Another favoured tactic is the publishing of political opponents home addresses. This tactic was first developed in the early 1960s by the then editor, Morris Ludmer. The practice was described as "scurrilous" by a Birmingham magistrate, who realised that the objective was to incite violence and harassment to those *Searchlight* had selected as victims. From *Searchlight's* perspective, this tactic has been extremely successful. Political opponents have been subjected to criminal damage to their homes and cars, arson attacks with petrol poured through letter-boxes in the dead of night, with no thought of the risk to wives and children asleep in bed. Homes and cars have been fire-bombed, and even physical attacks of extreme violence on political opponents are not unknown. All incited by *Searchlight!*

### WHAT OTHER REASON WOULD THEY HAVE FOR PRINTING A POLITICAL OPPONENTS HOME ADDRESS?

We use the term "political opponents" reservedly. For not all of *Searchlight's* victims have been racists, fascists or neo-nazi's. Tories, "Greens", Anarchists and Libertarians have all suffered from *Searchlight's* tactics of terror! In fact anybody who opposes *Searchlight* is likely to suffer as a result!

We believe that harassment, and incitement to violence has no place in the Trade Union movement.

Searchlight's tactics should be condemned by Trade Unionists of all political persuasion.



At home with the ~~news~~. Last month we pictured ~~John Galt's~~ rural retreat. This month it's ~~Paul Street's~~ ~~bolton's~~ bolt hole in Harlow, Essex

This photograph was published in the October 1994 issue of Searchlight. Within two weeks of it appearing petrol was pofed through the letter-box and ignited. A woman and two young children narrowly escaped with their lives. Would you, as a Trade Union official, support such attacks?



## Searchlight's "OTHER" face.

Whilst *Searchlight* hides behind an carefully constructed cloak of respectability, mixing with Labour MP's, prominent members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and even senior police officers, there is strong evidence of *Searchlight's* close connections with terrorist organisations and convicted criminals.

Indeed, while *Searchlight* speakers address fringe meetings of the TUC and the Labour Party on *their* perception of the "neo-nazi threat in Britain and Europe" *Searchlight* supporters are busy conducting a campaign of harassment, criminal damage and physical assault on all that dare hold a different political opinion from that permitted by this nefarious organisation

Recent incidents of *Searchlight* inspired violence include:

- \* Campaigns of harassment against victims at their places of work.
- \* Demonstrations outside the homes of victims, and attacks on their property.
- \* An arson attack on the home of a political opponent whilst his wife and two children were asleep in bed.
- \* A petrol bomb thrown at the front door of another victim.
- \* A campaign of terror against a victim and his young family was so intense that they were forced to move home for their own safety.

Even then, *Searchlight* revealed their new location so as to continue the harassment

All of these incidents were the direct result of *Searchlight's* policy of "exposing" those they perceive as "political opponents".



This man is a former member of the Socialist Workers Party and in the 70's was active in the left-wing *Big Flame* organisation. Today his politics continue to be "left of centre", and he is active both within his trade union and the *Green Anarchist Movement*.

When he voiced his opinion that *Searchlight* were not sympathetic to the left, but were instead exploiting workers for their own prestige and financial gain he became a victim of *Searchlight's* revenge.

A photograph was taken at the school where he works and details of his work-place were published.

**THIS IS HOW SEARCHLIGHT SEEKS TO IMPOSE IT'S OWN FORM OF CENSORSHIP ON ITS CRITICS!**

**How would YOU feel if YOUR personal details were published by political extremists?**

## "you are best judged by the friends that you keep"

This old proverb is very appropriate when you closely examine the "track record" of some of *Searchlight's* "friends" and staff.

- \* The magazine's current editor, Gerry Gable, was convicted in 1964 of an offence under the theft act!
- \* In an internal memo issued on May 2nd 1977, Gerry Gable admitted having links with the state security services. Yes, the same people who tried to disrupt the miners strike.
- \* In 1974, *Searchlight* named a Miss Sonia Hochfelder, as being a member of the National Front. In 1994, she is described as the "Executive Director of the *Searchlight Educational Trust*"!
- \* In every issue of *Searchlight* over a two year period, a large part of the magazine's back page carried advertisements, including contact addresses, for "Anti-Fascist Action", a group who advocate and practice "extreme physical violence" against political opponents of both the right and the left!
- \* Speakers from *Searchlight* have also shared platforms with members of "Red Action" a group which openly supports the IRA and, currently has three members serving long prison terms for terrorist bombings in London.

### nice friends!

#### FIGHTING RACISM

*Searchlight's* position on racism is very strange. In the January 1997 issue *Searchlight* claimed "low pay is one of the important issues facing black workers". To a genuine trade unionist, "low pay is an important issue for ALL workers, irrespective of COLOUR OR CREED"!



*Searchlight's* policies of intolerance and intimidation have no place in the trade union movement.

#### **Trade Union Friends of *Searchlight***

*What you can do:*

- Get your branch to send us information on racist and fascist activity in your area;
- Invite a *Searchlight* speaker to address your branch or committee meeting;
- Encourage your union to take practical action against racism and fascism.

We urge readers to get their union branches to become TUFs members. Details and application forms from *Searchlight*, 37B New Cavendish St, London W1M 8JR.

#### THE TRADE UNIONS AND DEMOCRACY.

Since its conception, the trade union movement has always been to the forefront of the battle to establish and maintain democracy in Britain. But to *Searchlight*, democracy is just a slogan to hide behind. Neither they nor the small group of extreme-left Stalinists that surround them have ever submitted their policies to the ballot box. Instead of debating, and if possible, educating those whose political beliefs are different, *Searchlight* prefers to harass and intimidate.

British trade unions have always defended workers rights. Rights to freedom of thought, and freedom of opinion. They have advocated tolerance and defended workers from harassment and intimidation by unscrupulous employers and unscrupulous governments.

**DON'T LET SEARCHLIGHT NOW BETRAY THIS GREAT IDEAL!**

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