

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

One of the most regrettable aspects of the sectarianism which infects most of the Nationalist movement is that it prevents members of one group learning from another. Thus they are often doomed to waste their time, energy, money and morale making the same mistakes. It is all too often common for the rank-and-file activists, as well as the leadership, of an organisation, to believe that their own operation is so important and everybody else's efforts so irrelevant, that they refuse to admit that the successes or problems encountered by a "rival" group are of any importance to them.

This has been the attitude of many Nationalists who are not in the BNP to the attack launched on its national press officer, Mike Newland, in the run-up to the May council elections. The attack was so vicious that even the controlled mass media reported it, so everybody heard that it took place. Even so, from most of those outside the BNP, the usual reaction was to be somewhat shocked, but to see nothing out of the ordinary. After all, Communist thugs have been beating up patriotic Britons for years.

The same tunnel vision accounts for the fact that no Nationalist group at all gave any coverage to the hammer attack on Libertarian freelance journalist Al Baron, the pro-Jewish but anti-Zionist researcher who over the last year has been waging a one man crusade against Gerry Gable, Ray Hill and the rest of the *Searchlight* crew. Baron's well-researched and damning exposes of these creeps have been mailed to journalists, politicians, and police officers all over the country. It is true that, ideologically, Baron is a classical liberal, rather than a Distributist and patriot, but if anything that makes his attacks on *Searchlight* even more effective. Here is someone fighting a vital battle against our highest profile opponent, yet when three thugs turn up on his doorstep and hospitalise him, no-one even thinks it's worth mentioning. There are none so blind.....

"SPECIAL DELIVERY"

In fact, it is absolutely vital that every Nationalist knows exactly what these attacks involved, because once you are aware of the facts, their relevance to us all becomes crystal clear. In Baron's case, three men knocked at his door with a large "special delivery" parcel. He was asked to sign for it, then as he did so, he was grabbed by one of them, whereupon the others produced hammers and gave him a thorough beating. As well as this brutal assault, Baron also suffered a police raid in response to allegations by *Searchlight* and the *Jewish Chronicle* that he was publishing anti-semitic propaganda (nothing could be further from the truth - Baron's pamphlets on the Jewish question are extremely pro-Jewish). During this raid, large numbers of files and his computer were seized by the police (led by a Jewish officer), only being returned after several months.

The action against the BNP's press officer was even more carefully planned and ruthlessly executed. Three men called at his home claiming to be from the council's pest control unit. Although their van bore official-looking council signs and they looked the part, he was suspicious. He refused to let them in unless they produced written authority from the council. The foreman accepted this very reasonably, and the three left. Mike Newland took the precaution of making a note of the van registration number, but took no further action.

Two days later, the same three returned, in the same van, same false number plate and same overalls. This time, they even had a letter from the council on official headed notepaper, so he let them in. Once inside, they seized him, bound and gagged him with tape, sat him on a chair, pulled his jumper over his head and began to beat his head and body with staves and a hammer. They cold-bloodedly broke virtually every bone in his writing hand before leaving him unconscious. On their way out, they took his computer. The beating was so severe that doctors initially feared that he might be paralysed for life. Happily this was not the case and he was back doing political work within a week.

HIGHER STAKES

The lesson to be learnt from these incidents is that the Enemy has raised the stakes. Hit-and-run street attacks by Red Action goon squads with masks and iron bars are still a constant danger for street activists. But the use of small groups of coldly efficient con-men, in all probability hired, to beat and torture people in their own homes, is something new. And while Mike Newland was a very obvious target for all sorts of opposition groups, the type of people with a motive to single out Al Baron for similar treatment are much more select. Perhaps "chosen" is a better word.

It is also surely significant that the anarcho-Green-Trot Larry O'Hara, who has also produced several well-researched pamphlets exposing *Searchlight's* links with the secret police was also the target for a "special delivery", although he managed to avoid it.

You don't have to be in the media limelight to be at risk from this new brand of terrorism. Every effective patriot must be aware of the risk and be extra-suspicious of anything which could be a new version of the kind of trick outlined above. It seems that the qualification for this kind of attack is to be doing something which gets you mentioned in *Searchlight* as a serious threat to the nightmare world planned for us by Gerry Gable and his ilk. If you aren't doing something like that, you should be. And if you are, you have been warned.