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Letters

FASCISTS IN THE YCs

Following your article, 'Democrat - the Evidence', in the last 'DREADNOUGHT' I have to confess that not only do I remember 'Democrat' but actually have several in my possession. Fired with archaeological fervour by your article, I conducted a thorough search of my bedroom cupboard, from which a foul stench of decay has emanated for several years. Imagine my horror, when, amidst the unwashed socks and discarded footy boots I discovered not only the expected 'Democrats' (issues 2,3 and 6) but an entire November 1979 National YC mailing, including appropriate 'YC News', 'Democrat' order form and first (and last?) edition of a publication called 'The European' which was apparently the product of the Young European Democrats.



Once assured by the Bomb Squad that such discoveries were inert and had, indeed, never been active in the first place, I proceeded to examine these interesting relics of the past. I was struck particularly by the total absence of politics from the issues of 'Democrat' (an exception being

the centre-page spread on Czech dissidents in issue 2). Given the political colouration of the YC's this is not only to be expected but is probably just as well. More disturbingly, evidence of Fascistic leanings amongst the National YC leadership of the day was all too apparent: the mast-head on the 'Democrat' logo for example was 'One People - One Nation' - highly reminiscent of the repugnant 'Ein Reich Ein Volk, Ein Führer' propaganda of the Nazis. Equally, the choice of the name 'The European' for the YED was a significant one given that this was the title of Mosley's paper in the 1950s and has since been adopted by a group called the National Socialist Action Party: the format of the latter's publication is strikingly similar to that of the YED and a thorough investigation should be carried out to determine whether any of these nauseous Fascists are still members of the Conservative Party.

The issue of 'YC News' included a summary of the YC's activities at the 1979 Party Conference, gleefully reproducing the coverage that these antics had received in the 'Guardian'. It seems that the YCs had produced a daily news-sheet called the 'Daily Con' (how apt) which featured a mock poll of Mrs Thatcher's "worst cabinet" including Julian Amery as Foreign Secretary. Julian Amery, in add-

ition to being a war-hero of the highest calibre, knows more about foreign affairs than any YC and to attack him in this fashion indicates that past YCs were no less contemptible than those we have to put up with today. They also attacked the conference debate on immigration - without quoting the result - presumably they lost - in which YC Chairman Bob Hughes and none other than Ms. Martine Kushner were booed for putting forward a view on immigration that, as the 'Guardian' put it, few Labour or Liberal speakers would have been ashamed of. Is this the first time that Kushner ventured out from under her flat stone to face the light of day, one wonders?

This whole fetid mess was badly mildewed - undoubtedly its inherent wetness contributed to this - so I am sending the whole lot to you in a sealed, airtight bag before it goes off.

Yours faithfully,
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Cheers - fumigation of our office is now nearly finished. The assorted relics will shortly be going on display at our Museum of Discredited Fascist Literature.

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THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Dear Stuart,

If this letter had a title it would be 'In Defence of Pat Harrington.' I do not share his political beliefs, as a libertarian Conservative Nationalist, I regard the NF's policies as idiotic; frankly if they ever came to power and put their economic views into practice I think we'd envy the repatriated! However, that's not the point; Harrington has a right to his beliefs and the right to an education.

What we are living through at the moment is McCarthyism in reverse. Then it was Right wingers getting paranoid about 'Communists' now it's Left wingers getting paranoid

about 'racists' - with less justification: after all, the Americans were at war with the Communists during the early '50s. Furthermore, the whole affair of Pat Harrington is exposing the Left in its true colours. I might instance Harriet Harman, formerly of the National Council for Civil Liberties, failing to stand up for Pat Harrington's right to an education on "Question Time."

As for the allegation that his presence at North London Poly is a threat to the freedom of Left wingers, Blacks, Women (or rather feminists; there's one hell of a difference!) how on earth can one

HOME DEFENCE

Dear Sir,

The latest suggestion that a Home Defence Volunteer force be set up to assist in the defence of this country against invasion has been greeted with the inevitable derision of the Left-wing and liberal press. The 'Guardian' for example, covered the story under the predictable "Dad's Army" headline.

I believe that such contempt represents a veiled attempt by liberals and Marxists to sabotage the defence of the United Kingdom. We see much the same response from Leftist councils who refuse to co-operate with civil defence pre-

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