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One of the speakers at this conference is a Mr Laurence King, who is said to be a researcher for "the international anti-fascist magazine", *Searchlight*.

Presumably, "anti-fascist" Mr King will be speaking on *Searchlight's* favourite theme, the dire necessity of destroying all our civil liberties in order to prevent an imminent fascist coup. I will not be attending this conference, having better things to waste twelve quid and a Saturday afternoon on than listening to the paid agents of the Secret State spouting their disinformation and misinformation, but as you are attending, there are a few questions you might like to ask Mr King about his editor, the people he associates with, and the quality of *Searchlight's* (and presumably his) research. Here they are:

- 1) Why several times in the '80s did *Searchlight* attempt to smear Libertarian Chris Tame as a Nazi fellow traveller and anti-Semite?
- 2) Why before that did it smear Professor Hans Eysenck as a racial bigot?
- 3) Why at the present moment is it waging a war of unconditional hatred against independent researcher Larry O'Hara branding him a Nazi fellow traveller, an errand boy for "Third Way" boss Patrick Harrington and even a Secret State nark?
- 4) Why, if editor Gable is such a dedicated "anti-fascist", does he share his bed with a woman who, in 1976 wrote, "The enemies of the White Race operate on an international scale and will continue to dictate to us if we fight amongst ourselves." (1) And no, she wasn't a "mole", she never made any secret of her ethnic origins. Like her husband, Sonia Gable nee Hochfelder, is Jewish.
- 5) Why, if Gable is such a dedicated "anti-fascist", does he associate with a man like Ray Hill, a former member of the South African National Front, the British Movement and the British National Party? (2)
- 6) Why, if the *Searchlight* team are such excellent researchers, did they "investigate" Column 88 from 1975-8, the Notting Hill Carnival bomb plot in 1981, and the alleged kidnap/murder plot against Gable himself in 1986, without any success? Not one prosecution nor even one arrest resulted from any of these sensationalist, but disingenuous scams.

Below, Sonia Hochfelder - the future Mrs Sonia Gable - featured here in *Searchlight*, page 11, issue 25.



Sonia Hochfelder

Sonia Hochfelder of the National Party (she has since then joined and left the Front); and there were also a number of National Front members including, according to our information, Ian Souter Clarence and Don Sawyer.

7) Why, if editor Gable is such a dedicated "anti-fascist", did he go on a fishing expedition for Special Branch in 1963.(3)

8) Why, when he was working for London Weekend Television, did he smear a left wing journalist and engage in a two way traffic with the Secret State? (4)

9) Why, if Gable and co are so committed to exposing "fascist-inspired" lies, do they tell so many of their own? To give but one example: in *Searchlight*, issue 217, July 1993, page 7, Ray Hill writes, "[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..."

While in 1988, Hill wrote in his fictional autobiography, "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..." (5)

In fact, O'Hara nowhere in his pamphlet accuses Hill of being either a *convicted* fraudster (6) or any sort of arsonist. This means that not only is Hill a liar, but he has libelled Larry O'Hara, after having the *chutzpah* to accuse O'Hara of libelling him.

10) Why, if Gable is such an expert on the extreme right, did he write in his contribution to the book *Neo-Fascism In Europe*, that John Kingsley Read died in 1984, (7) when Read's obituary had appeared in *Searchlight* the following year? (8) Why did he claim in the same error-prone essay that "The success of the NF had even prompted Mosley to try several times to return to the hustings, with disastrous results." (9) [Mosley had retired from active politics before the National Front was founded]. Why, on the same page, did Gable claim that Roy Bramwell had been a former Parliamentary candidate, when no candidate with the name of Bramwell has stood for Parliament in Britain since World War I, if ever?

I could say a lot more about Mr Gable and his "anti-fascist" magazine, but I won't here. If anyone wants my definitive exposé of the *Searchlight* team's sloppy research, they can send me a cheque for £3.99. It's a mine of information. To the rest of you, I will say only that if you want reliable information about the far right in Britain, or Europe for that matter, you'd be better off reading the *Sunday Sport*. Or you could try Larry O'Hara - with whom I have absolutely no connection. His booklet

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is going down very well in left wing circles.

A Baron
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Notes And References

(1) *No More Wars Between Brothers*, by Sonia Hochfelder, the future Mrs Gable, published in *League Review*, pages 18-19, issue 10, August 12, 1976.

(2) Hill's claim to have "seen the light" really doesn't wash; his was hardly a case of one foolish mistake in his youth: the man was a die-hard racial bigot; and many believe he still is.

(3) See for example page 8, *Islington Gazette*, Friday January 17, 1964. Gable and another man, Manny Carpel, who also later worked for *Searchlight*, bluffed their

way into David Irving's flat to steal his research material and hand it over to Special Branch.

(4) The now notorious *Gable Memorandum* was published in *Destabilising the "decent people"*, by Duncan Campbell, Bruce Page and Nick Anning, *New Statesman*, pages 234-6, February 15th, 1980.

(5) Pages 65-6, *The Other Face Of Terror: Inside Europe's Neo-Nazi Network*, by Ray Hill with Andrew Bell, published by Grafton Books, London, (1988).

(6) When Hill fled to England from South Africa in 1979, he was on bail for the aforementioned deception.

(7) Page 248, *Neo-Fascism in Europe*, Edited by Luciano Cheles, Ronnie Ferguson and Michalina Vaughan, published by Longman, London and New York, (1991). Gable's error-prone contribution is a chapter called *The Far Right In Contemporary Britain*.

(8) Read's death at the young age of 48 was reported on the front page of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* for Thursday, September 19, 1985. A glowing obituary appeared in the November issue of *Searchlight*, (page 7).

(9) Gable, *The Far Right...*, page 246, (ibid).

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