

TARGET BRIEFING

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TARGET BRIEFING is a new information bulletin provided by the *SEARCHLIGHT VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP*, and is distributed to all groups and individuals concerned at the attempts to erode the democratic political rights of those that the *Searchlight* organization disagree with. *TARGET BRIEFING* is published as a supplement to the *NEW TARGET* bulletin.

As *Searchlight* is a tiny organization it relies heavily on other sympathetic extreme-left groups to provide information and support. Although these groups try to maintain their own separate identity they are often close enough to *Searchlight* to be viewed as a part of the team.

TARGET BRIEFING will, with YOUR HELP, try to identify activists within both the core *Searchlight* organization and their various support groups. It must be stressed that we would not wish any harassment to be directed against those identified as *Searchlight* supporters. Our sole motive is to make them aware that *they too can be exposed!*

The forthcoming local elections gives us a valuable opportunity to gather information on the few groups of *Searchlight* supporters that operate within the democratic system.

The Socialist Workers Party.

The SWP and their puppet group, the *Anti-Nazi League*,

never seem to stand candidates under their own party name but, nevertheless, they will be very active during election time trying to undermine the democratic electoral system by campaigning against legitimate candidates. Their tactics vary from distributing vast amounts of anti-democratic candidate material, to physically opposing any candidates whose policies they do not approve of. This activity has been directed at Tories, Nationalists and Labour candidates alike. Their physical activities often lead to their activists being arrested. The local magistrates courts can often be a useful source of SWP names and addresses after the inevitable clash with the police that the SWP seem to enjoy so much. Car numbers and photographs of SWP activists should be sent direct to us. We will share the information with ALL anti-*Searchlight* groups. The SWP are very close to *Searchlight* and any information will be most useful.

The Independent Working Class Association. IWCA

Despite their grandiose title, the IWCA are neither independent or representative of the British working class. They are in fact a puppet of the IRA support group, *RED ACTION*. To date, the IWCA have never stood any candidates under their own name. In May last year, they fielded Red Action/IRA "dolly", *Debbi Piper* carefully

camouflaged as a "residents candidate" in South Hatfield, Herts, and a few weeks later, AFA "intellectual" Peter Coen used the same disguise to campaign as an "anti-sleaze" candidate in the Panshanger ward. Peter polled a magnificent 94 votes!

IWCA/Red Action will probably spend most of the election harassing legitimate candidates and sticking up silly, illegal stickers. All incidents of this nature should be reported both to the returning officer and the police. It is now an offence to paste stickers and posters on council and private property without prior permission.

The Socialist Labour Party

Whilst the *SLP* cannot strictly be classed as *Searchlight* supporters, evidence suggests that there has been some co-operation between them. Solicitor, Imran Khan, who is heavily involved in the witchhunt against the young men cleared of murdering Stephen Lawrence, is standing in Newham, East London as *SLP* executive member, Carolyn Sikorski.

Any information about these two would be of interest.

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FRINGE GROUPS

Election time seems to drag all types of weird and wonderful groups from under the rocks and out of the sewers where they normally dwell. Many of these are completely harmless and add a lightheartedness to the hustings. Unfortunately elections also attract various parasite groups who dare not present their own political policies to the electorate for fear of condemnation and humiliation. These groups are often the "user friendly face" of some of the most nefarious political grouplets in the country. To know one's enemies is always an advantage and for this purpose we have published a short list of those that are most likely to emerge in the next few weeks.

MEDIA WORKERS AGAINST THE NAZIS. M.W.A.N.

This tiny group is just one of the puppet groups used as the "acceptable face" of the **ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE** themselves "puppets" of the **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY.**

The **M.W.A.N.** is organised and operated from a tiny, grubby flat in East London. The address, 27, St John's Mansions, Clapton Square, London, E.5. is occupied by the editor of *Socialist Review* magazine, Lindsey German and her partner, SWP speaker, John Rees.

YOUTH AGAINST RACISM IN EUROPE. YRE.

The YRE are a "puppet" of the **SOCIALIST PARTY**, formally known as **MILITANT** or the **MILITANT TENDANCY.**

First established as a counter to the SWP's Anti-Nazi League, YRE never really got established on the "racism bandwagon". Complaints were made

internally that **MILITANT**, despite being a very wealthy organisation, never committed enough funding to make the YRE a serious contender to the ANL. **MILITANT/YRE** operate from a fortress type building in Hepscott Road, Hackney, East London.

ANTI FASCIST ACTION. AFA.

Anti Fascist Action were originally an "umbrella" group of several minuscule extreme left groups. Nowadays, they comprise of a few members of *Workers Power*, a few students from North London, and are dominated by the IRA apologists, *Red Action*.

AFA claim to be anti-Searchlight, condemning its activities in their occasional publication, *Fighting Talk*. But, some left of center activists have suggested that there is still a substantial degree of communication and cooperation between the two groups. This despite **AFA's** awareness that *Searchlight* have both directly and indirectly been responsible for the exposure of **AFA** activists to the Security Services.

Such is the close relationship between **AFA-Red Action-IVCA** that in most cases they should be regarded as one and the same when gathering information.

GATHERING INFORMATION

Information about candidates, including their home address and that of their election agent are freely available from your local Town Hall or main Library. Names of their nominators are also provided. Please note that we are only interested in details of extreme-left

candidates and groups that support Searchlight's activities.

ILLEGAL LEAFLETS, STICKERS AND POSTERS.

Once an election has been called it is illegal for any group not entering the democratic process to distribute political leaflets or posters. It is also illegal to put up stickers without permission. All breaches of this legislation, (the Representation of the Peoples Act and the Town & Country planning act) should be reported IN WRITING to both the local Returning Officer who is based at your local Town Hall, and the Police. **Don't be fobbed off, demand action! In the case of the Police ask for a "CAD" number to confirm that the crime has been reported.**

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