

UN Column By Laura Parks

Recently Dr. Edward Fields, the American racist, quietly slipped in and out of Britain unhindered to talk with his friends in the nazi oriented British National Front. Dr. Fields is the Secretary of the National States Rights Party and in the August edition of the Party's journal, Thunderbolt, which he edited in the past, he outlined how he came to Britain following the mass rally of fascists and racists at Diksmuide in July.

The rally which also attracts other notables as David Dukes of the Klu Klux Klan, is an annual get-to-gether for the doctor. But following this year's affair and another conference of "White Patriotic groups" in Belgium (a nation in which certain powerful business groups have not reconciled themselves to the loss of the vast Congo riches), Dr. Fields visited Britain at the invitation of the National Front.

It is at least the second time Dr. Fields has visited Britain and with other U.S. contacts confirms rapidly developing ties between the rising British and European right wing and racist groups and their American friends.

And such was his popularity with his National Front audience, he received a standing ovation at his first organized meeting in the London borough of Hackney. His message was White supremacy and "The dire consequences of mongrelization."

Following his meeting at Hackney he also visited the National Front's branch in East London and his supporters in Manchester and Dewsbury. Describing his visit in London the Doctor says:

"We were taken down one street and told that it was actually possible to smell the immigrants in their apartments. To our surprise we could. The stench was revolting." He found his visit "electrifying" and his audience, "determined that Great Britain shall not be destroyed through mongrelization of their race."

Thunderbolt, which goes in for headlines like "Negroes can mate with Apes" and which carries ads for literature in praise of nazi culture and "The Jewish conspiracy," carries photos of Dr. Fields and his British racist friends.

Describing Britain he says, "hordes of mongrels are obviously hell bent on capturing, seducing and raping white women in England."

Evidence of international cooperation between racists groups appear in photos printed in Thunderbolt. These show members of the French fascist Front Internationals selling British National Front News in London's east end.

But the clearest Front links with international nazism comes from the American right wing magazine Christian Vanguard, the paper of the New Christian Crusade Church which is an ardent supporter of nazi Germany, violently anti-semitic and anti-black. It also has close links with organizations such as the Klu Klux Klan and the United Klans of America.

It is this paper which reproduced a copy of Der Strumer, an anti-semitic paper of nazi Germany and edited by Julius Streicher who was later executed for war crimes following his conviction at Nuremberg.

It is this paper that the National Front is now recruiting readers in America for its own paper Spearhead. Christian Vanguard also carries a full page ad from another right wing group, The Sons of Liberty, for tapes of songs and marches of the Hitler Youth, National Front organizer, Martin Webster said in October 1962, "We are busy forming a well-organized nazi machine in Britain." Others are busy at the same task in other nations, not least of all, in the United States.

NEW DAY BEGUN by Benjamin L. Hooks



No one really knows the full extent of the damage that has been done to the old civil rights coalition by the conflict over Allan Bakke's challenge to the University of California minority admissions program at the Davis Medical School.

The NAACP led in organizing this grouping of civil rights, labor, religious and social organizations in the late 40s around the common goal of ending segregation in the south and other inhuman manifestations of racism.

This goal was clearly achieved, and the passage of the Civil Rights Acts continues to be the best evidence of the effectiveness of such a coalition. Benefiting from the protection of these laws have been not only blacks, but Hispanics, Chicanos and other minorities, women, the elderly, and many other groups.

A key feature of one of these measures was Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1974, which provides for the affirmative action programs. This section certainly could not have been included in the act without the unified support of coalition members. But, because it has proved so effective in attacking discrimination not only in the south, but also in the north, it is now under strong attack.

Faced with the intransigent but subtle forms of racism that still retard black economic and social progress, the NAACP has recognized the clear need for new coalitions. Our programs and alliances must be fashioned with the realization that blacks have no permanent friends, only permanent interests. But there was still a lingering hope that much of the old coalition would continue intact.

The misguided, self-serving ideological attacks that many of our traditional allies have launched on the very concept of affirmative action itself, however, have created serious divisions within this coalition. The basic question at issue is whether college admissions and employment programs that attempt to take into consideration the effects of past racial discrimination against are violative of other people's rights. Should the Davis Medical School, for example, provide special admissions programs for minorities to help ensure that health services will be carried into areas of society not routinely serviced by white doctors?

For the NAACP, this is the basic question at issue. Yet, Allan Bakke is challenging the School's special admissions program on the basis that it is a quota that is used to keep him out because he is white. Bakke's supporters also attempt to confuse the issues by maintaining that they support affirmative action but oppose programs that supposedly admit minorities at the expense of "qualified" whites because they constitute "reverse discrimination."

For the NAACP, however, affirmative action is no more a "quota" or "reverse discrimination" than Zionism is racism. The full impact of the confusion that has been deliberately fostered by our opponents will be realized when we look at the facts in the Bakke case.

First, Bakke was not only rejected by Davis but by his alma mater, the University of Minnesota and 11 other medical schools. University records show that Davis also had not selected 15 white students with higher scores than Bakke and 20 whites with comparable scores.

Second, some of the 16 special minority admissions students had higher grade point averages than Bakke. Particularly disturbing about the case is that 36 white students who were admitted to the Davis Medical School had lower grade point averages than Bakke. But Bakke, is not challenging these admissions. He and his supporters are only attacking the minority admissions programs.

The effects of these well-planned broadsides were revealed on Friday, October 21, when the University of California regents voted 13-12 to restrict minority admissions on the pretext that they were tightening up standards. Similar attacks have been launched as a result of the Bakke and other cases on programs involving employment and the award of federal contracts. The stakes at issue in the pending Supreme Court's decision on the Bakke case are enormous for blacks and other minorities. If past constitutional wrongs are not to be corrected through such means as affirmative action programs, then what are the alternatives?

So, to our traditional allies, we are saying that we have a bottom line position. That is, it bothers us in these days that all over the country well-meaning friends, so-called, are wringing their hands and admitting that there has been past discrimination. They admit that the effects of that discrimination are still with us and say piously that it must be changed.

But their intention alludes us. So we call on them in the name of simple justice, if you recognize there has been discrimination, if you admit that the vestiges of those discriminatory practices exist in our nation today, then it becomes necessary that something be done to eliminate them. And we have begun to wonder who our friends are, when every plan that we propose and move forward with is attacked.

If there is a wrong and it must be corrected, there must be a way to do it. So we would call upon our traditional allies who now seem to be marching to the tune of a different drummer to show us how we can do it better, if what we are doing in the way of affirmative action programs is wrong.

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