African fiddler wins band's territory: or vice versa.

I commented, 'What? We must go on inventing new all the time. We have it, the whites will take it from us, and we have to do it again. It is as though we are being hunted.'

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Like this one mean that it meet and work every day for very long hours, with regular jobs, or with look after, cannot positid in. Nevertheless, some people have been allocated to be free in support when the children are handed out to be addressed, if hour at a time.

Importantly, it seemed the relationships between white and black, between men and women, in the campaign were shattered. The faili- ly these issues is not for the internal work campaign. The problem the dynamics of poli- ment inside the work- whole. If a campaign cannot start trying to re- ths is less chance of the resolved inside the class.

SURE AND PAST

sings of last July are a sten to politics in Thatcher's may well be the re- police, and their new glad the North of mean that any signs of if last July will be so vi- expressed that the wide- continuous rioting will not continue.

have already been in- seven towns, barely re- the press, which indicate good in the inner city is from last summer. It is to recognize that the left will have no political impact dur- those rebellions. Partly

though our failure to recognise these events as essentially political, and partly because — particularly in the white left — we have little experience of political power and have little respect for it. After the court-room, we virtually stood back and watched maybe a thousand working class youth, black and white, go to jail after the events of April and July.

There must be many people who resented the Bradford 12 campaign because of this. For example, five white youths took two to four years for petrol bomb offences in Chapel- town, Leeds, while the defence committee got absolutely no support. So much energy went into the Bradford 12, because they could be fitted into the slot marked 'poli- tics' while so many others went unnoticed.

The crucial issue for the inner city will be what happens among the mass of working class youth, next time they fight. Will the more organised sections of the revolutionary movement, black and white, be there to help? If they are, will they have learned the lessons of the Bradford 12 campaign?

Paul Holt

The Campaign is still in debt. It will be producing a pamphlet about the campaign, jointly with Leeds Other Paper, whose indispensable weekly detailed court reports will be re- printed. Send money, orders for the pamphlet, requests for T-shirts (still on sale) to: Bradford 12 Campaign, Bos: JK, LAP, 59 Cookridge St., Leeds 1.

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Letter

WHY A MEN'S MOVEMENT?

Dear BF,

I was very disturbed by some of the articles by men in BF about anti-sexist practice and the 'men's movement' in the newspaper, and by what seems to be a strong current in some BF men's feelings toward the women's movement and their identification with some groups as 'Emerge'.

One basic disagreement is about the term 'men's movement'. There can't be a 'men's movement' because men in general are not oppressed as a class or race, whereas women or working class men or black people are.

The concept of a 'men's movement' is dangerous because it means that women's autonomy and because it implies a struggle which is separate from all the other men are involved in. You are in danger of compartmentalising people into their different polices, an inward-looking, 'we are all boys together' movement.

Surely, instead of talking about workshops where one third of the men present considered suicide or castration (are we supposed to sympathise with how difficult it is to be an anti- sexist man and put you on the back, playing out the traditional women's role as 'carers'?); you should be talking about ways in which you can help each other.

Further, you should be listening to what women have said, and saying and doing what is your role in the broad socialist movement. Further, you should be listening to what women have said, and saying and doing what you can to help each other.

On the subject of male violence and pornography, although I agree that men should be taking action around these issues, I feel that they should be wary of imposing on or cutting across what women are already doing very efficiently on their own. Why do men always have to be in the limelight? It's not necessary to be seen in public in order to support people in struggle. Men can challenge the use of pornogra- phy by other men in trade unions and the workplace, but for men to help public protests is completely ludicrous.

As for male violence, as far as I understand the situation, men's Aid asked men to become involved in anti-violence work with men. In Britain, the situation is entirely different. Women's Aid have not asked for such a service nor have women in general been asked by the men involved what they think of such initiatives as 'Emerge'. Wendy's letter in last month's newspaper shows quite clearly what women's experience of male violence is and kind of support they have about groups such as 'Emerge'.

The one important decision which seems to be coming out of the Men's Movement conference is the stress placed on childcare provision and support for men's role in childcare. This is a fundamen- mental and crucial area of anti-sexist practice for men, an area which can reverse sex-role conditioning, and promote a practical way in which men can support women, without cutting across the work women are doing in public capacities.

The question worries me most is the way some men in BF abd outside it don't discuss issues like 'Emerge' with women before becoming heavily in- volved and publicly supporting them. It just seems to me like the history of men oppressing women being repeated all over again, with men learning any lessons from the autonomous wom- en's movement, only this time in the more subtle disguise of the 'anti-sexist man'.

Claire, with the support of Hackney BF women