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The million members of the Congress of South African Trade Unions have come out clearly against the British government's continual opposition to sanctions against South Africa.

At COSATU's second national conference in Johannesburg, the federation made it clear that comprehensive mandatory functions are the only way forward.

"Comprehensive and mandatory sanctions (are) the only sanctions which are likely to bring effective pressure."

However, even though black workers in South Africa are showing themselves to be clearly in favour of sanctions, a major campaign of disinformation continues in the British media. For instance, on 21 June, the Sunday Times proclaimed:

"South African blacks begin to doubt the effect of sanctions".

This statement was supposedly based on a report purportedly published by COSATU. However, one month later, the COSATU national conference came out clearly for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions.

In recent months, we have seen the struggle of South African miners against apartheid. We must clearly support the South African National Union of Mineworkers as well as COSATU in whatever way we can. Their struggle is our struggle. We must show our solidarity now.

The average wage of a South African National Union of Mineworkers as well as COSATU in whatever way we can. Their struggle is our struggle. We must show our solidarity now.

The average wage of a South African miner is little more than £13 per week. If you feel you can help financially, then money should be sent to:

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St James House,
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JEAN MARIE LE PEN

On October 8th Jean-Marie Le Pen was to speak at a fringe meeting at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool.

Jean Marie Le Pen is the leader of France's Front National (FN). The FN is France's leading party of the extreme right, a party that advocates fascist and discriminatory policies that jeopardise the democracy of its country. The problem is that the FN has become a growing force to be reckoned with in French politics. In the 1986 General Election, the F.N. won 34 seats in the National Assembly.

In their wake they have brought to France an increase in racial antagonism, mostly directed against immigrant workers.

Le Pen states -

"Two million unemployed. That's two million immigrants too many. It's true that we establish a direct link with the presence in France of more than six million immigrants who live at the expense of the French working population".

The rise of Le Pen and the Front National has also led to glib statements trivialising the holocaust. These prove offensive to the relatives of murdered Jews and Gentiles, to the French Jewish, Polish, Slav communities and equally to anti racists across the globe. We feel he would not be "welcome" both in this country or at the Tory party Conference.

Many feel that his decision is a pleasing one - however I can only beg to differ. Le Pen's visit created some media publicity, but in reality few people know of his party, his politics or his offensive speeches.

If Le Pen had attempted to speak, if the anti-racist demo had taken place, if the truth had been allowed to come out the publicity gained would have condemned this man in the eyes of any sane person.

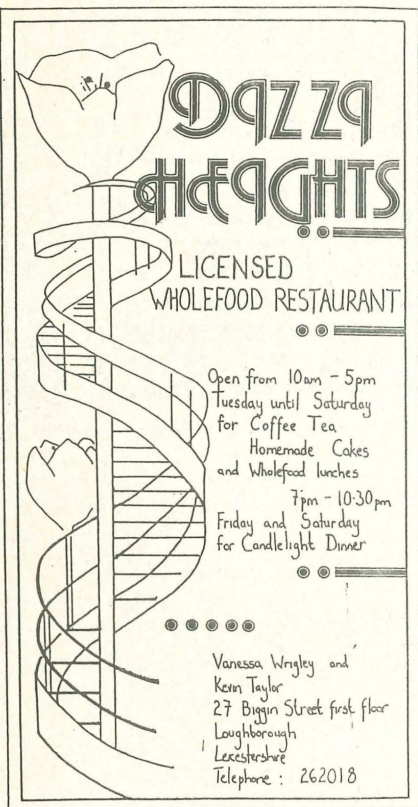
It is important that if men like Le Pen have an open opportunity to air their racist views that we are there to counter them, to publicise such opinions that are evil and unacceptable, to fight racism and fascism, we must not sit back and relax now Le Pen will not visit Blackpool. Racism and Fascism in Britain today are not as obtuse as they were in the late 70's. Their threat is less visible, but the threat remains and unfortunately with the aid of gifted, eloquent speakers such as Le Pen, it grows daily.

Join us in the fight against racism and fascism, support the Union's Anti Apartheid and Anti-Racist group - but most of all now and in the future, publicise and express your distaste of men like Le Pen.

These are personal opinions as an active anti-racist.

Join the Anti Racism Group at the Freshers' Bazaar and join me in the fight against Racism and Fascism in Britain today.

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