

INDIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (G.B.)

(Hindustani Mazdoor Sabha)

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RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AND PASSED AT THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (G.B.) HELD AT THE POLYTECHNIC, WOLVERHAMPTON, ON SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST, 1980.

1. This Conference is alarmed at the denial of Human Rights to the workers of Britain in general and to the ethnic minorities in particular.

Throughout Britain, the coloured ethnic minorities' right to live with dignity, to live free from fear, to wear a turban at school, to maintain their mother tongue and valuable cultures, the right to equality of justice and employment are at stake. As a result the ethnic minorities have been dehumanised.

The Conference deplores the large scale forcible repatriation of the Asians (under one pretext or the other) legally settled in Great Britain, but who have to go to the Indian sub-continent off and on to visit and to look after the families divided by the racist immigration laws.

The Conference urges the British Government to take necessary measures forthwith to restore the ethnic minorities' human rights by :

- i) declaring the National Front and their racist activity unlawful;
- ii) repealing the despicable SUS Act of 1924 and the Binding over Act (of witnesses) of 1361 and all the racist immigration laws on the statute book;
- iii) stopping Police harassment caused by blanket raids and witch-hunt at the work places of the so called illegal immigrants;
- iv) stopping forthwith the forcible repatriation of the legal residents of Britain;
- v) providing with urgency skill learning and job opportunities to the coloured youth who are frustrated and alienated due to disproportionate unemployment among them.

2. This Conference pledge once more their solidarity with the Labour and Trade Union movement of Britain fighting against the Tory Government's brutal attack on the Trade Unions, against inflation, unemployment and the ever eroding dignity and standard of living of the workers.

The Conference deplores the death of democracy on picketing rules dictated by the Police directed by the Tory Government.

Derek Robinson's sacking and character assassination by the anti-working-class media and the blood thirsty bosses is an indicator of what the Tory Government has in store for the working class. Workers of Britain must fight back to survive.

3. This Conference is alarmed at the cold blooded racial murder of Akhtar Ali Beg, 29 year old Chartered Accountant in High Street North, London East on 17th July, 1980. In the interest of justice and better community relations in Britain the Police are urged to bring the criminals to justice at the earliest.
4. This Conference condemns the racial attack on Rajinder Singh (a Sikh boy of 15) of Wolverhampton on 15th August, 1980, at the hands of two racist



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thugs who robbed Rajinder of £14 and contemptuously lopped his long hair (top knot). The Conference urges the local Police to take cognizance of the inhuman attack on the religion of an innocent citizen and a malicious attack on the dignity of all ethnic minorities in Great Britain. The Police are urged to bring the criminals to justice before it is too late and to provide better protection against any such attacks in future.

5. This Conference whole-heartedly support our National President N.S. Noor's consistent fight against racism in all walks of life in Britain. The Conference are proud of his record on human rights for the ethnic minorities in Britain. In particular this Conference appreciates Mr. Noor's effort to safeguard the rights of a sikh boy who was denied his right to wear a turban in a Wolverhampton in April 1979. The Conference wish Mr. Noor every success in his future fight for equality, justice and human rights and in the libel cases against him in relation to the above struggle.
6. This Conference urges the Indian High Commission in London to take a very serious notice of the denial of human rights to the Indian nationals and other ethnic minorities in Britain. The Conference further urges the High Commission to take forthwith necessary measures to ensure the restoration of these rights e.g. to wear a turban at school, to maintain their mother tongue and the home culture and to live free from fear. The Commission is also urged to ensure that better treatment is meted out to the Indian nationals visiting India at the hands of the airport customs officials in India.
7. This Conference is alarmed at the lack of sensitivity on the part of the Commission for Racial Equality in relation to the denial of human rights to the ethnic minorities in Britain.
  - The meeting urges the Commission for Racial Equality to be alive to the situation in general and in particular to commit themselves to defending Mr. N. Noor who is under a libel case for protecting the right of a sikh boy who was told not to wear a turban in a Wolverhampton school.
8. This Conference urges the Education Secretary of Britain to ensure speedy implementation of the long overdue E.E.C. Directive of 1977 requiring all member states including Britain to ensure inclusion of the teaching of Mother Tongue and culture of ethnic minority children in the normal curriculum of schools.
9. This Conference fully supports the survey on Asian Parents' Views and Attitudes on Education conducted by N.S. Noor and S.S. Khalsa in 1978. The Conference urges the Wolverhampton Education Authority to accept the findings of the survey and to take forthwith necessary measures to ensure proper respect for all ethnic minority languages and cultures in the normal school curriculum.
10. This Conference is alarmed at the utter failure of the Indian Government to control prices, feudal high handedness, Police brutality (specially on the Blind as well as the depressed and the deprived sections of the community), torture of hairjans, nepotism, moral and material corruption & malicious sexual attacks on women and communal riots ignited by the rightist elements like the Jan Sangh. The Government is urged to bring under control the situation forthwith and not to use the present sad state of affairs as an excuse to reimpose the state of emergency already proven to be a fatal blow to democracy in India.

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