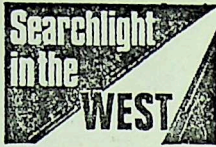


Let light e'er shine on power, lest that power corrupt.



Front and the law

THE NATIONAL Front is entitled to hold public meetings in areas where they have a local election candidate.

That is the law, applying to all political parties.

The National Front is a political party.

It is putting up a candidate for the Bristol District division in an Avon county by-election, and has hired Sefton Park junior school in which to publicise its candidate.

The school is in the heart of a multi-racial area, which is ripe territory for the Front.

It is provocatively anti-racial, and the coloured communities are reacting predictably.

Insensitive

They have protested to Councillor Norman Reece, Avon Education committee's chairman, at the insensitivity of allowing the Front to meet here.

But if Councillor Reece, or anyone else in a position to do so, bans this hall to the Front, they will break the law.

The Front can be refused access to any hall in which it wants to hold a political meeting.

But for election purposes they must have full, free-of-cost use of any suitable room in the premises of a county, or voluntary school situated in the

Ignore it

The Immigrants must recognise that this is the law of the land in which they have chosen to live.

It is a law which must be respected.

The immigrants' best course would be to ignore the National Front.

It is an organisation with more than fascist undertones, seeking to feed today on the publicity it would deny others tomorrow if ever it came into power.

The only way to keep it out of Sefton Park school is its political proscription.

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'Ban Front meeting' bid goes on

Some children were absent from schools in the Montpellier and St Paul's districts of Bristol today as their parents answered a boycott call protesting against tonight's National Front election meeting at Sefton Park Junior School.

About 70 of the 270 pupils at Sefton Park were missing from their classes.

"The majority of them are coloured children," said headmaster Mr W Ashley. "But it impossible to say exactly how many are absent specifically because of the boycott."

Today is a Moslem holy day, which could account for some absenteeism, and headmasters believe some pupils could be taking advantage of the situation by playing truant.

DEPUTATION

More than 50 children were spending the day at the Inkworks project at Hepburn Road, St Paul's, said a spokesman, for the organisers of the boycott; the Black Women Wages for Housework and Montpellier and St Paul's parents' and friends' groups.

This afternoon a deputation were meeting Avon education chairman Cllr Norman Reece in a final bid to ban the meeting.

He has already told the protestors that legally there is nothing he can do as the law requires the Returning Officer to keep a list of public buildings available for use at election times and anybody has the right to use them.

Condemnation of the National Front's policies came from the North Bristol Council of Churches this afternoon. They said their activities "damage" relations built up in multi-racial communities.