Culture, Community and Activism – Black British History in London

Lesson 1: Publishing Is A Political Act
FIFTH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR OF RADICAL BLACK AND THIRD WORLD BOOKS

BOOK FAIR
Thursday March 6th to Saturday March 8th 1986
Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, Kings Cross, London NW1
11.00am to 5.30pm daily 11.00am to 4.30pm Saturday 16.00 noon to 6.00 noon Thursday March 6th

Tuesday March 4th
International Book Fair

Poetry Session:
Paulo Filgueiras, Edward Glissant (mimeograph), Nancy Morgan (ed.), John Chinoy (ed.)

Brixton Town Hall 7.00pm Admission £1.00

SCHOOL SESSIONS
to meet visiting writers and artists

Thursday March 6th 1.30pm—3.00pm
Friday March 7th 11.00am—1.00pm

Wednesday March 5th
International Book Fair


Robert A. M. Livingstone and others

Brixton Town Hall 7.00pm Admission £5.00

Thursday March 6th

School Session: Camden Town Hall 7.00pm Admission £3.00

Friday March 7th

National Black Workers Union (South Africa and others)

Saturday March 8th

International Book Fair

Small Hall, Camden Centre 1.30pm—4.30pm

School Session: Camden Town Hall 7.00pm Admission £1.00

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International Book Fair

Small Hall, Camden Centre 1.30pm—4.30pm

For further information:
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International Book Fair Committee
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Telephone: 01254 411141

Fifth Fair poster, 1986. LMA/4462/M/03/005/Poster
Cecil Rajendra (left) and Eric Huntley (right), 1996. LMA/4462/C/01/082
BLACK PEOPLE — what are we doing in support of our people fighting and dying to remove the final presence of colonial racism in Southern Africa?

As people of African descent living in Britain we must add our voices ever more strongly to the growing clamour world-wide for justice and democracy in South Africa.

But in doing so we must not merely respond to the current upsurge of protest but ensure our own support comes from a deep rooted concern which links all African people — a link which is as much one of colour, as having shared a common experience.

The efforts of the Pan African Congress in the struggle for African independence and its many stalwarts such as George Padmore, CLR James, Walter Rodney, Kwame Nkrumah, Henry Sylvester Williams, Ras Makonnen, Peter Abrahams and Marcus Garvey are well known and an example to us all.

What is less well known is that during the late 19th century until comparatively recently West Indians have been returning to Africa where they have played a crucial role in politics, medicine, law and education.
Why are so many black children failing in the British school system???

You are invited to attend a

TWO DAY CONFERENCE ON YOUNG BLACK PUPILS TALKING FOR YOUNG BLACK PUPILS
Depicts pupils and teachers. Photography by Melanie Friend. LMA/4463/D/11/05/001/2
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Lesson 2: How Can A Bookshop Change Society?
Family at the bookshop. LMA/4462/F/02/054/4
Walter Rodney bookshop exterior. Photography by S. Saunders. LMA/4462/F/02/036/05
Paul Bogle (left), Toussaint L'Ouverture (right). Not LMA archive images.
Walter Rodney at Huntley's house, 1975. Photography by Lance Watson. LMA/4462/F/03/015/06
Notice announcing the murder of Walter Rodney by the Burnham regime. LMA/4462/C/01/109b
Eric Huntley outside vandalised bookshop. LMA/4462/F/01/03/007
Lucinda Roy (third from right) at the Huntley’s house. Photographer: Carl Kirton. LMA/4462/F/02/031
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Research Material: How Can A Bookshop Change Society?

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Mrs. Rodney, community relations officer, who
led the police to site last week on
the vandalism.

It is alleged that the black community would not
be Together this bookshop and the breach
of trust.

The bookshop's community role is
be the great love story of this nation.

The native community has
been asked to contribute to the
campaign against the destruction
of the bookshop.

Bogle-L’Ouverture
Publications

Unlocking Our Sound Heritage

THE NATIVES RESTLESS?

LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES
PAINT ATTACK IN CAMPAIGN OF HATE

JESSICA HUNLEY is the innocent victim of a hate campaign which has included threatening phone calls, racist graffiti and windows obliterated by smears of paint.

Mrs. Hunley runs a bookshop, the most successful of many bookshops in London, hers has been the target over the past year of vicious racist vandalism. Now a group of ten women have got together and pledged action.

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As an earlier attack, on July 16, left the shop covered with National Front stickers and was followed by an anonymous phone call to Mrs. Hunley warning, "This is a warning. You won't go any further." The first attack came in February when racist signs such as "White Power" and "Gandhi Killer, Crossed Out" were plastered across the shopfront.

Mrs. Hunley is one of the few bookshop owners, whose group is called the National Front, to be attacked.

Despite a letter to the Home Secretary in February 1978 and a meeting and interview with the Home Secretary, Mrs. Hunley has had only one reply among the letters she received. Since then there have been more attacks.

The KUKLUX KLAN, a racist organisation which operates in the Southern States of America, and whose activities include the killing of blacks in broad daylight, have said that they are determined to destroy all black establishments in the United Kingdom.

Their first attack since they extended their operations to Britain was against a London bookshop which specialises in books and pamphlets for educational purposes.

The shop Bogle L'Ouverture Publications at 59 Cheapside Place, Ealing, was owned and managed by Jessica Hunley, a black educationist who is the editor of black literature to the United Kingdom.

For a number of years Mrs Hunley has supplied books on black history and culture to various schools, libraries, teacher training colleges and other educational institutions throughout the United Kingdom.

The attack took place two Sundays ago when the bookshop was closed. The vandals identified themselves as the Ku Klux Klan on leaflets which they pushed through the letterbox of the shop. Also on the leaflet is a Califormia address which they claim to be their headquarters, as well as a London telephone number 486 3697 on which they can be contacted.

Determination

In addition, there are racist passages on the leaflet and a warning of their determination to destroy all black businesses and establishments in Britain.

Among the anti-black abuses on the leaflet which is American in tone are:

- Bogle L'Ouverture bookshop in Ealing which was recently vandalised by the Ku Klux Klan.
- "Have they made your hall resemble the Congo?" including reference to "nigger orgies."
- The culprit responsible are the UK members of the National Party of 3201 Dunsmuir, California, 70119.

As can be seen in the picture, the vandals wrote huge signs all over the shop and splashed the upper part of it with paint.

But Mrs Hunley who remains undaunted by the experience says, "I have had more than my share of attacks on other bookshops, and I have had to use the law to help me. I have not regretted further action but being organised and all the victims are meeting the terrorism as a very serious matter of very serious things to be done."

The Sunday Mirror this week reported the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in several areas in the United Kingdom, including Southend, Plymouth, Bournemouth, and now, according to the bookshop's membership list, "We will come out and open in Britain too. We are building membership."
BOGLE ATTACKED

The bogle L'Ouverture bookshop in Ealing was attacked by racist vandals between February 19 and 20, 1977. Below, we reprint extracts from the leaflet left behind by the racists and a press statement issued by the management of the bookshop.

Are the natives restless in your school?
Have they made your halls and schoolyards resemble the Congo? Have the bathroom blackbirds made the restrooms smelly?
What was the last time one of your friends was attacked by the b.beans brigade? When was the last time they tried to expans-

one of your girlfriends?
'The jungle bunnies are organized. As a result, they can exert pressure on the chicke.
less school administrators — and get what they want...'
'The time has come for action — no words! For action — contact the National Party.'

PRESS STATEMENT

Bogle-L'Ouverture Bookshop, at the above address, was vandalised between Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20, 1977, by individuals with racist, antinestors. Obscene racist signs were smeared on the glass windows and doors — NIGGERS OUT — K.K.K — ENOCH and WHITE POWER. A leaflet, dropped through the door, contained a whole range of racist abuse and was signed by the National Party. They left their phone number — 436-6957. A member of the Bogle-L'Ouverture management discovered the act of vandalism at about 1.30 pm on Sunday, February 20, 1977. The bookshop was closed on Saturday, February 19, 1977 at 6.15 pm.

We called the local police who have taken statements, we hope, with a view to prosecuting the offenders.

For over five years, Bogle-L'Ouverture Publications has been providing services to libraries, schools, teacher training colleges, curriculum development centres and teachers resource centres throughout Britain. Local education authorities have been increasingly concerned with the need not only to get books into schools and colleges, but also to seek assistance for teachers to use those books in the classrooms.

Bogle-L'Ouverture Bookshop is one of the few bookshops in the country where the black community can find literature and writings from Africa, Afro-America, Asia and the Caribbean.

The bookshop community should be made aware of this activity on the part of the National Party because of the dangers it represents to the entire society.

It is for these reasons that we have been attacked by the racists.

Issued February 21, 1977.

Bogle-L'Ouverture Bookshop

RACIST DAUBS ON SHOP

NIGGERS WANT WAR ON SHIP

THE NATIVES RESTLESS?
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Lesson 3: The Power Of The Voice
John Agard, Cultural Memorial for Walter Rodney, Kensington, 1980. LMA/4462/R/03/002
Linton Kwesi Johnson. Cultural Memorial for Walter Rodney, Kensington, 1980. LMA/4462/R/03/002