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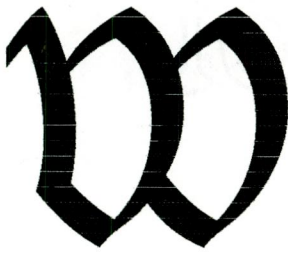
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INTRODUCTION

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While few people to-day would subscribe openly to the ideology of racism, evidence of its existence may be found to a greater or lesser extent, ingrained within the behavioural patterns of all cultures, world-wide. With a balanced individual, the ability to discriminate, to judge according to merit, is fundamental to the notion of free speech. Under certain circumstances, however, discrimination can become prejudice, and within the group situation, may manifest as a racial tendency. In the most extreme form, this tendency can bring about total anomie, the complete breakdown of society, and has resulted in many instances of violence, cruelty and bloodshed being perpetrated by one social grouping upon another.

The purpose of this thesis is to explore historical precedence in an effort to determine the nature of these certain circumstances which have, in the past, and continue to give rise to racism.

Racism can be seen to be a crime against humanity in that it has resulted in widespread bloodshed. The discovery of the mass slaughter of the Jewish people during the German third reich led to the legal conceptualisation of 'genocide' at the 1946 Nuremburg Trials. Although the German anti-Semitic solution was the first genocide to be tried by law, it was certainly not the first to be perpetrated. From the earliest times, throughout the Old Testament, classical Greek and Roman eras, religious crusades, to the times of empire building, and culminating in the world wars of this century, history can be viewed as a chronology of human conflict. A difficulty exists in that history tends to be compiled by the victors of conflict, the more brutal - since extreme brutality often guarantees victory,

glorifying the cruel exploits and ignoring the inhuman suffering of the vanquished. Nevertheless, it quickly became apparent that in the majority of cases, conflict has been triggered by the belief in racial superiority - a chosen people assuming their promised land. Also discernible is that European races are the greatest advocates of conflict and expansion, much to the detriment of other cultures.

The European mindset veers towards intolerance of cultural distinctions - a native savage is simply not human. Claude Levi-Strauss reports in "Race et Histoire" how the natives of the Caribbean Islands pondered on whether to welcome the newly arrived Spaniards as Gods or men, while the Spaniards questioned whether the indigenous people were human or animal. Having been defeated by military campaign and having land annexed in the name of colonial expansion, native culture would be further dispersed by the imposition of the superior European deity. Hence, missionary schools were established to bring the 'good news' of Christian belief, and to help educate the indigenous people (across the globe) to the superior way.

Migration played a key role in the trade of cultures and the meeting of human individuals over thousands of centuries. In the course of this interaction, imagery, beliefs and evaluations about the other have been generated, exaggerated and reproduced amongst all cultures. Those cultures with whom contact was established by European merchant capitalists, represented the European merchants, soldiers and administrators in drawings, paintings and carvings, as well as writings and on a variety of artefacts, stereotyping them in terms of their own physical and cultural norms. European explorers and missionaries reported the fascination and fear expressed by certain groups in Africa and also their fascination with the white skin colour.

The theoretical work begins with the idea of 'race', from which the concept of racism originally came from. We have seen that racism was used to identify the Nazi theory of 'Arian' superiority and Jewish inferiority. The concept of racism has been assumed to refer exclusively to theories of race and race is preconditioned to be identified with racism.

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As an exercise to the underlying reasons for racial extremism, it is necessary to focus study on typical and relevant examples - I have focused mainly on white racism, thus Chapter One deals primarily on definitions and traces the progress of the contemporary 'radical right', from formation at the beginning of the 20th century to present.

Chapter Two examines the most notorious of racial groups, the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan's political and religious belief concerning the segregation of non - white citizens.

Chapter Three deals with 'Nationalism' and the terror people have dealt with in Northern Ireland.

CHAPTER 1:

***Definitions of Racism, Fascism.
Punks and Skins***

CHAPTER 1

What is racism?

Racism, which is the product of fear and ignorance, is about power; the power of control in politics, cultural domination and social and economic power. Hatred is a by-product which helps to sustain the momentum and it initiates violence which sustains the fear of the minority.

Dictionaries are not much help in understanding what is meant by the word. Are whites more privileged by non-contact with racial aggression than non-whites? Most likely. Whites are less affected by harassment due to colour. A dictionary would define race as: *"A class of individuals sprung from a common stock, a breed or stock"* (Virtue English Dictionary, 1952)

Racism is described as culture and behaviour rooted in race. It gets simpler then, that mere colour is a sign for attack. Racism means that not all ethnic or religious stock are equal and should be treated in accordance to their class, colour, gender and creed, whites being the superior because they are in the majority.

If non-whites are equal to whites in bodily functions and appearance, except for colour of skin, why then is there a higher rate of poverty and criminality among them? Since any theory of racial differences has been outlawed, the only reason for non-white depravation is white racism, or is it that we have become used to the state in which black and white people live that is acceptable and we don't want change? Are white people afraid of what can be achieved by black growth? Since we are meant to believe that the only

explanation for non-white failure is white oppression, every time a non-white commits crime or does drugs, it is blamed on white oppression - the black community pushing them to live like this. Who can we blame for white use of drugs and commitment of crime? The non-white community need to blame and hate to justify their situation and why they cannot get out of it. This blame shows the hatred and bigotry on both sides.

What is racism? It is human nature's greed and blame for one's failure to act and strive above violence and destruction, it is ultimately the hate of being human

Racism is an evil thought to be committed foremost by the white race, but black people are hiding behind an excuse to look deprived. "*only white people can be racist*" (Coleman Young - black mayor of Detroit). Also in 1987 the affirmative officer of the state insurance fund of New York issued a company leaflet in which she explained that; "*All whites are racist and that only the whites can be racist*". It does seem to be true that non-whites have been forced into a self-defence mode because of centuries of white oppression, although is it reason enough and forgivable for retaliation to fight back with blame and oppression?

Racism is not just felt by colour, the same is true for religion and gender. In Ireland, there is an ever growing hate and blame that has driven the small but tough country apart and it has been divided long before this century. But it has become an embarrassment when a hand-shake with the opposite side is a reason to argue, when people want peace. It is an excuse to battle and hate. The reason behind the hate doesn't matter any more. Northern Ireland has felt open warfare for year with arbitrary killings, kidnapping, brutality and the

destruction of building and schools. Finally verbal communication may be possible and the hatred may calm down, but will it ever disappear?

What is Fascism?

Fascism has been described as the apparatus to turn the ideals of nationalist and racial superiority into reality. Existing as a totalitarian doctrine on the extreme right of the political spectrum, fascism is dismissive of notions concerning democracy and universal suffrage. *"here is no principle which is as false as parliamentarianism"* (Hitler, 1983, Ch. 9).

Fascism, literally from the Latin - Fascis: a bundle (of rods) - an emblem of authority, presents an image of collective security in the face of adversity; - United we stand, divided we fall. - Authority rests with an absolute ruler, surrounded by the trappings of personality cult and, above all, criticisms. To question the autocrat is dangerous.

Fascists believe that traditional social values based on good moral conduct, good manners and goodwill, impedes the drive towards dominance and power. The new ethos, based upon the principle of survival of the fittest, may be applied to social and political structures in a manner which allows both ruthless military expansion and the crushing of the weak and socially impaired.

In modern times, Fascism emerged in Italy. Even though the former dictatorship in Spain of Primo de Rivero, 1923-1930 was called a Fascist dictatorship, the Fascist movement in Italy was in origin, directed and financed by big capitalist powers of the petty bourgeoisie.

Mussolini, a former Socialist, was a self-made man, arising from this movement. There is a great difference in the dictatorship; Primo de Rivera, was an aristocrat, he was in the high ranks of the military and was chief governor of Catalonia. He accomplished his dictatorship with the aid of state and military force.

The Fascist movement in Germany is owed mostly to that of Italy. There was a large base for Fascism with its petty bourgeoisie of the towns and cities and the peasantry.

Fascism can be called dictatorship, anti-Semitism, the power of capitalist propaganda. It is a social and political phenomenon. Stalinist movements which dominated the left in the 1930's aided Nazism to come to power in Germany. They had a lot to hide when Fascism came to power, and the Germans had not educated themselves enough to understand and analyse Marxism. The Marxist analysis of Fascism was made by Leon Trotsky during the rise of Fascism. He began the analysis after Mussolini's victory in Italy in 1922 and highlighted it in the years preceding Hitler's triumph in Germany in 1933.

Trotsky attempted to highlight the danger of Nazism to the German communist party and the communist international and he wanted to rally a United front against Nazism. The Communist party was still strong when the Nazi movement began to crumble. The Stalinists, every capitalist party was 'Fascist'. Stalin had said that instead of being opposites, Fascism and Social Democracy were: "*twins*".

The Socialists were then dubbed 'Social Fascists' and regarded as an enemy. There could therefore not be a united front with social Fascist organisations.

Stalin had said that a Soviet Germany would emerge and that Hitler would only last a few months. This, of course, dwindled into the past. The defeat suffered by the working class which was at the heart of Fascism, became apparent to all and the threat to the Soviet Union, or a Soviet Germany, became reality. This brought a change in Moscow's line in 1935, and the Communist Parties veered from par to the right.

The military ruin of German and Italian Fascism in World War II convinced people that Fascism was destroyed and would never again have any followers, but events since then have shown new Fascist groups in nearly every Capitalist country throughout the world. The illusion was that World War II was fought to make the world safe from Fascism, so Democracy would reign, but while there is Capitalism, there will be Fascism.

Punks, Skins and Sub-Cultures

In Europe and in every country characterised as civilised, the family is a miniature of the nation. The child will mimic the parents' attitudes and learn by them. It is apparent that the hatred lies in the family environment: *"For the individual, the authority of the State is a reproduction of the authority of the family by which he was shaped in his childhood"* (Fanon, 1967, pg. 143)

It is also true to say that violent attitudes and hate that is inflicted on another human being can be traumatic enough to change the person from normal to racist and hence in groups to fight to channel his/her aggression *"Did the little black child see his father beaten or lynched by the white man? Has there been a real traumatism?"* (Fanon, 1967, pg. 145)

In developed Western societies multiculturalism has been witnessed since the 1980s and programmes have been set up to enhance equality, mainly concerning general places of minorities, to create better social services and resources for ethnic minority organisations. Although there is little evidence that there is progress in local and national aid, in fact some developments have often excluded minorities rather than facilitate their needs with the majority of public society, perhaps because of public policies and political discourses surrounding multiculturalism. It seems that socially and politically people want different cultures to be separate: *"Multiculturalism doesn't simply mean numerical plurality of different cultures, but rather a community which is creating, guaranteeing, encouraging spaces within which different communities are able to grow at their own pace. At the same time, it means creating a public space in which these communities are able to interact-enrich the existing culture and create a new consensual culture in which they recognise reflection of their own identity"* (Routledge 1996, pg. 61)

Segregation seems easier to handle people who don't understand other cultures, so they dismiss them or worse bully them. Violence seems to be emotionally satisfying for the less intelligent. The need for unity against the external enemy gives a feeling of power and fear rather than inferiority and unimportance.

These behaviours have been observed in the numerical strength of the growing Nazi Party in Germany of the 1930s. Formed by the less well off socio-economic groups, a group formed out of hate and resentment and they used their aggression against people like the Jews.

The territoriality and culture is also observed in Northern Ireland especially in the poorer urban back streets and emphasis is on unity to reinforce the feeling of ownership. In the North, violence began in response to the unnecessary violence and harassment to peaceful demonstrations for reform. Harassment of the people by the RUC (British Police) which in turn caused many people to get involved to such an extent that even the socially isolated and psychiatrically depressed became involved. *"There was no measurable increase in the rate of admissions to psychiatric hospitals or in the rate of suicide"* (Moonman, 1987, pg. 95).

The German Democratic Republics (GDR) hate and violence sowed the seeds for the growth of sub-cultures that were different to the norm. In the early 1980s, illegal fashions reflected trends in the West European music scene. Clothes seemed outrageous, with wild multicoloured hair styles of the GDR Punks, it mocked the culture of the Punk-Rock scene in England. Other sub-cultural fashions appeared such as Goths, Skinheads, New Wavers, Heavy Metal, New Romantic and Psycho-Billys. Punks were outrageous and wore shocking styles and they were frowned upon, their fashion gave them a feeling of anarchy. The styles echoes through their musical taste and dress, make-up, haircuts, and symbols *"The groups wore mixed styles undefined, and people shifted cliques from week to week. One of the Punks first slogans was simple 'Spass Haben' - have fun"*: (Hackenos, 1993, pg. 72) (see Plate 1 - Punks)

The English Punk Movement responded to an industrial capitalism order whose production processes could not provide them employment. GDR Punks reacted to a

command economy that forced them to work and also criminalised them. They were arrested for looking 'unacceptable'. Their anarchist attitudes were, if society was going to reject them, so be it. They were disillusioned with the way society was. The New Youth Movement enjoyed the concept of creativity in the confines of the Lutheran Churches. Many Punks contributed to the 'verbalen' democracy and environmental movements. Socialism remained their ideal, but a humanistic socialism very much at odds with that in the GDR.

The original GDR Skinheads came from the ranks of early Punks, Goths and other groups. Their dress code mirrored those Skinheads in the West - bulky green/black bomber jackets, shaved heads, jeans rolled up at the ankles and heavy, high top black boots with white shoe laces (See Plate 2 - Skinheads). The British Skinhead movement emerged from the working class districts of East London that had been hit hard by unemployment. They had a reputation as hard-nosed fighters on the streets and at soccer matches. Aggressive as they were, the original London Skins were not right wing, but as Great Britain's Economic Crisis happened, white men rejected the cheap immigrant labour of black and Asian ethnic groups coming in.

In GDR, the split between punks and a right wing strain of skins became apparent. Before fascist ideology had come to the surface, the skinhead sub-culture had distinct fascistic inclinations and the skinhead movement disapproved of punks dress-down attire. The skinhead had a macho aggressiveness which they loved - their slogan was: "*Wo worker nicht helfen, überzeugt die faust*" ("*When words don't help, the fist will*") (Hackenos,

1993)

In former East Germany, a militant neo-fascist movement supported by organised Western radicals, use the streets as it's political stage. Top secret studies which had to be confiscated for independent studies only showed that skinhead offenders were of the 'Socialist Workers State', and that a high percentage of the offenders parents were in some way related to the state officials, i.e. bureaucrats or military personnel.

The state government knew of the on-going numbers of skins rising and of the violent and criminal acts perpetrated by skinhead groups, yet when they apprehended the aggressors, the courts addressed their crimes under 'rowdiness', and the bureaucrats (fathers) would get them off, or get a light sentence.

The cultural emphasis that initially split the underground scene between skins and punks quickly took on a political character. The first openly political dispute was over the Berlin Wall, while the Skins agreed the wall should fall, the punks criticised the system's structural violence. The skins welcomed nationalism rather than communism - "One Germany - the Fatherland".

All the ultra-right and extreme nationalist movements in Eastern Europe have 'fascistic elements to them incorporating all of these diverse actors, from Polish President, Lech Walesa to Neo-Nazi skinheads. Political parties that advocate laws which would empower local authorities to expel 'outsiders' from their communities or to ban the minority political parties, representative of the said 'outsiders'. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims from areas controlled by Serbs and Croats

is clearly fascist.

The ethnically pure nation state is at odds with the premises of a democratic, integrated Europe, and, as a result, we offer up opportunity for conflict and violence in the assortment of multinational arrangement of Eastern Europe.

It's ideology sanctions racism, ethnic hatred and violence. Skinheads echo the Nazi insignia and preach violence against, non-whites and homosexuals. The G.D.R Skins want "One Germany-The Fatherland". They represent the extreme right of the political spectrum and they believe in the principle of survival of the fittest which in turn leads to violence against humanity.

CHAPTER 2:

***History of Ku Klux Klan
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History of the Ku Klux Klan



he Ku Klux Klan originated after the American Civil War in 1865 in Pulaski, Tennessee, near Alabama, and for a while it died out and was reborn in 1915.

It was a man called William J. Simmons who brought alive the KKK of the 20th Century, and the Klan's purpose was to defend their country from aliens, idlers and strike leaders. They became anti-black, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic. By the late 1921 there was a membership of 100,000 people at \$10 a head, and because the Klan was a benevolent society, the money was tax free.

The Klan arose out of resentment from white Southerners who felt resentment for the blacks, having won their freedom after the American Civil War, and vigilante justice became the motivation for many who rode with the KKK.

Origins of the Ku Klux Klan

The organisation was a secret society for years, It was said to be formed by six young confederate veterans in 1865 as a social club in Pulaski, Tennessee, near the Alabama border. They decided to have names as preposterous sounding as possible for fun and to avoid any military or political implications.

Thus the head of the groups was called the 'Grand Cyclopes', his assistant was 'Grand Magi', there was to be a 'Grand Turk' to greet candidates, a 'Grand Scribe' to act as a secretary, 'Night Hawks' for messengers and a 'Lictor' to be the guard, and members

would be called 'Ghouls'. They decided that the society's name would have to be unusual and mysterious. Apparently well educated, they turned to Greek, and one of the men called Richard R. Reed suggested the word 'Kuklos' from which the English word 'circle' and 'cycle' are derived. Another member, Captain John B. Kennedy, added the word 'Clam' and they came up with the 'Ku Klux Klan'. Even the initials were mysterious and sinister -KKK.

Soon after the society was named, the founders disguised themselves in sheets and rode through the streets of Pulaski. The added effect of crude masks and pointed hats added fear and terror. (See Plate 3 - KKK member in robe and pointed hat). Their ceremony consisted of blindfolding the candidate, subjecting him to a series of oaths and rough handling, and finally bringing him before a 'Royal Altar' where he was invested with a 'Royal Crown'. The altar was a mirror and the crown was two large donkeys' ears. The society had a terrorising effect on the black community, it didn't take long for the threats to become violent when the black tried to exercise their new rights of freedom.

The Klan began to grow. The Klan would play tricks initially, riding up to a black home asking for water. After several mugs, which were not actually drank but concealed and poured into a tube. The Klan member would exclaim that he had not drank, since he had died on the battlefield at Shiloh, and ride off into the night like a ghost, or giving that impression anyway. In time, tricks turned to violence with whippings.

By the time the six Klan founders met in December 1865, all eleven of the former rebel states had been rebuilt ex-confederate leaders returned to positions of power. Southern

state legislatures began enacting laws. These laws became known as the "Black Codes" It was practically re-enslavement of blacks

In Louisiana the Democratic Convention resolved that the Government was for white people and for the exclusive benefit of the white race, and the people of African decent could not be considered citizens of the United States. In particular, Mississippi and Florida had vicious Black Codes.

It seemed that the Civil War was fought for nothing and this outraged Northerners. In protest to these harsh laws, Congress refused to seat the new Southern Senators and Representatives when it reconvened in December 1865, and the fledgling Klan in Pulaski was born.

In January 1869, the Ku Klux Klan was disbanded by order of Congress, although the violence did not cease, and Marshall Law was passed in some Klan-dominated counties, and Klan leaders were hunted.

In 1871, Congress passed a tough anti-Klan law; under the new Federal Law, Southerners lost their jurisdiction over the crimes of assault, robbery and murder.

Night riding and the wearing of the mask was outlawed. Klansmen were arrested, but few went to prison.

The Klan was reborn after a surge of immigration of nearly 23 million people from Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Hungary and Russia. Americans protested. Another event which

encouraged the Klan's return was World War II, as blacks had fought in uniform for a new world of opportunity for them.

In the South in the 1890s, an agrarian populist movement tried to build a coalition of blacks and poor whites against the mill owners, large landholders and the elite of the Old South. The white aristocrats response was white supremacy.

William J. Simmons, a Spanish-American war veteran, gave rebirth to the Klan of the 20th century. There was to be other leaders, such as David Duke, a man who gave the Klan more growth in the 1970s, and political growth for the KKK which became the world's oldest and largest civil rights organisations.

David Duke (see Plate 4) was a key instigator of the Klan resurgence in the 1970s. He now heads the National association of the advancement of white People (NAAWP), a Louisiana-based anti-Semitic white supremacist group. He was a history student at Louisiana State University and during his time there he founded the White Youth Alliance, a group affiliated with the Neo-Nazi National Socialist White People's Party of Arlington. Just before he graduated, he began fashioning his own Klan, incorporated in 1975 in Louisiana as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK). As a self-appointed Grand Wizard of the KKK, duke established a clean cut image and through the media, he encouraged Klan growth in the latter half of the 1970s. Since forming the NAAWP, duke continued to propagate racism, although his group's activity has had little impact.

The Message of the Ku Klux Klan Today

The Ku Klux Klan boast of being the world's oldest, largest and most professional whites civil rights organisation. They are a political and voluntary organisation with symbols such as fiery crosses, Southern flags, and white sheets to hide their faces from people they condemn.

The fiery cross represents their idea of Christian civilisation (see Plate 5), a symbol of sacrifice and the fire representing the light of Christ. It is not, as other people would see it, as violent, scary and hateful, because of course, like all legal political movements, they are meant to be non-violent.

The Knight of the Ku Klux Klan have various people appointed, white people as representatives of their Imperial Council; Imperial Wizard, (National Director), Troy Murphy; Imperial Klaliff (Deputy National Director), Christopher Johnson; and Imperial Knight Hawk (National Security Co-ordinator), Dennis Mc Giffen, their titles, sounding like Gods of magic power.

Their ideas and beliefs are descendent from David Dukes, and they have clear cut ideas and a way in which he has organised a very strict regime, where you believe it is an honour to be white rather than just human or alive - it is white power. We laugh at the stupid teenage idea of 'girl power', it's a joke in our society, but 'white power beliefs are deadly. Ben Klassen would have you believe that it is a sin to be black:

Ben Klassen, came to media attention in 1966 when elected a member of the Lower

House of the Florida State Legislature. Later in 1973, he founded the church of the creator in 1973 and published a book entitled "Nature's Eternal Religion", a 511-page anti-Jewish and racist tome promoting white supremacy. In 1981, Klassen published a sequel to "Nature's Eternal Religion" called "The White Man's Bible", it proclaims, among other things, "*Today's Black Plague is spelled NIGGER - we regard them as sub-human or humanoid*" (Klassen, 1981)

To join the KKK you must be white, believe in Christ and you must believe in segregation of races and at no time should you have been in an inter-racial relationship. They also say you are under no bond or indictment to commit any criminal acts. In good Christian manner, the KKK of course would not commit crimes on another human that is to say what they see as being human.

The Media and the KKK

Hollywood has produced films that are based on true stories, of course they will be more shocking and one-sided, but we can still see the reality and brutality of white supremacist groups. The KKK have information telling us that they do not hate black people and that everyone has the right to be proud of their race. Therefore they lead us to believe that anti-white policies should be discarded and that people should be hired and promoted, etc., according to their abilities and not because we feel sorry for them or because they have the 'politically correct' colour of skin.

This differs from historical fact, especially with the shooting dead of such figures as Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. (see Plates 6 and 7). Another figure in black

politics was Meagar Evans who was shot dead in 1963 for his attempt to integrate colleges in Mississippi, etc. The Klan however was not for inter-racial education or shopping with blacks in supermarkets. Although now in our society, many of the white colleges in America must be, by law, integrated, while there are still colleges that are coloured only.

The white supremacists are pushing society to fear law suits simply because coloureds will sue, saying there was racial issues as to why they didn't get promoted. The Klan condemn inter-racial marrying, saying the woman who bares a black child should be ashamed: *"So how I groan, it might have been, had racial pride been mine today, I'd hug a pure white child, call him half divine, I'd lift him up before the world, and praise his father's name, while now, my baby's mongrel face reminds me of my shame"* (www.k-k-k.com).

The Klan are meant to be Christian, they say they do not hate Catholics, they put it that all Christians, regardless of their religious beliefs, need to work in harmony for the future of our children and Western Christian civilisation. The following are some of the KKK beliefs:

- They believe in America first, not Alien immigrants coming into America, e.g. Mexicans, Vietnamese, Somalians, or other Third World Countries.
- American industry should not be owned by foreign ownership, e.g. Japanese, Arabs or Jews.
- Affirmative action programmes should be done away with and people should be

promoted based on ability, not colour of skin (in other words, no sympathy for black skin).

- Drug testing for social welfare recipients - it seems to be mainly coloureds who use drugs, so they should get no money).
- American borders should be closed to illegal aliens.
- Homosexuality and inter-racial marriages have to be outlawed if America is ever to be a great Christian nation once more.

The Klan referred to jobs and promotions to be given to those of superior ability, not because of colour. David Duke however (a well known and founder member of the KKK as we know it today) has sparked up a debate with Gambit Weekly on racial differences in intelligence. He has used scientific data to justify his racially biased views. UNO economics professor, Edward M. Miller, whose letter on the subject appeared in Gambit, argues that scientific studies do indeed bear out the fact that head size is related to intelligence and as a racial group, blacks have smaller heads, although there is no agreement amongst UNO psychologists or anthropologists to support Miller's opinion.

Race Traitor, an organisation not called black supremacists, but anti-white control organisation. They have black and white members, their motto is: "*Treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity*", and they believe they should "*abolish the white race by any means necessary*" meaning their control (www.racetraitor.com)

Race Traitor believe that the white race is historically a domineering race, which consists of those taking privileges of the white skin, and its most ruthless members share a higher

consists of those taking privileges of the white skin, and its most ruthless members share a higher status, whereby the working class status pay for it to support the system which degrades them. However, there is not much difference in any culture and like all societies, one pays involuntarily for the upper class rule. Race Traitor believe the key to solving the social problems is to abolish the white race which, in their eyes the solution is merely abolishing the privileges, because white influence controls every issue, domestic and foreign, in society. It is true to any race, gender or creed, that they depend on the willingness of their particular group to support themselves first to achieve status and respect, e.g. people will employ Catholics only, etc. People unfortunately feel the need for segregation to achieve unity out of fear. It is the same with the materialist, they need support to control their wealth. Ruth Frankenburg notes that: *"Race shapes white women's lives, both through the material conditions of their lives and through their conscious and unconscious identity and worldview"*

The Ku Klux Klan, being the world's oldest, largest and most professional white civil rights organisation, like the Nazi skins of the GDR, believe in ethnic, cleansing of countries a 'Fatherland' as such a country for white Christians to be pure "white power". The Klan wants America ownership of industry, no foreign capital interests, and a drug-free clean white society.

CHAPTER 3:

Nationalism - Northern Ireland

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Nationalism could be seen as man's pride in his own country, colour and creed. Nationalism in Ireland is not a black and white issue, but a combination of issues including ownership of land and ancestry.

Intolerance and conflict have been a feature of Northern Irish culture for some 5000 years, a situation further complicated by the occupation of the entire island by Norman/Anglo forces in the 12th century.

This occupation force placed emphasis on cultural differences between the various tribes and clans of Ireland in a manner which kept people divided and the country easier to govern.

Modern 'republicanism' is a natural reaction to this period of colonialism, and most people in Ireland would see themselves as republican, in that they believe in a democratic, altruistic nation state.

While the majority of people are satisfied with the present political system - a sizeable minority, mostly in the North-east, feel greater benefit lies in maintaining links with the English State and holding a position of power over their republican neighbours in a Northern 'Statelet'.

Nationalism is a strong belief in one's right to live in the country of birth with no alien interference or control. Unfortunately, nationalism in Ireland tends to lead to conflict and

violence.

Images of violence and terrorist acts are frequently portrayed in the media, acts of violence against human beings are indiscriminately flashed on our screens, they are shocking but people are used to them. People in Northern Ireland live in terror for their family's lives. People are shot simply because of their religious beliefs, or their attitudes towards the Irish flag or British flag. One aspect of violence, namely Terrorism, provides a vivid example of the negative effects of our society, especially here in Ireland.

In Ireland today, there are fringe groups and fanatics and they still believe strongly in the fight for their land. It has come to the stage however, that they only see blood and not freedom. Very few really understand the Irish situation, it is another example of conditioned hatred, rather than natural hatred, for the British Empire and what it stands for; *"ideologies of terrorism assume that the death and suffering of those who are innocent of any crime are means entirely justified by their political ends"* (Moonman, 1987, pg. 142).

While man's greed for control of land leads to the divide in our community and no matter if peace talks are successful, there will never peace in our community.

There is a sense of alienation from society as a whole and a distrust of the establishment in all its forms because of past and present violence in communities in Northern Ireland. The government can do little with something they do not control, i.e. paramilitary groups, and even if they did, it would have to have financial gain.

The Northern problem is no longer just religious or political, it is discrimination for religious minorities in Northern Ireland. There is also open warfare, arbitrary killings, kidnapping, and brutality by criminals who are fighting for themselves rather than the community, because people would choose peace, not bloodshed.

Hilaire Belloc describes a heavy field gun found on a battle site from some earlier European war, inscribed with the words "*Ultima Ratio Regum*", which can mean 'last reason', or 'last resort' (Moonman, 1987). Military violence, unlike terrorism, is the method that governments use as a last resort to obtain their objectives, because for a country to go to war, can be more damaging financially. Terrorism is non-profitable for the country, and terrorist groups have less to lose, in fact, they seem to think they can gain more rather than using verbal communication. Humans use their hate to attain power.

For the psychologist, the study of human violence must be part of the wider study of aggressive behaviour. Animals use aggression to survive. Species prey on one another to obtain food and protect their young. In humans, females would have that instinct - survival and protection. In man, it seems to be for greed, hate and material gain. We are, of course, animals, but we have evolved to realise that aggression, unless you are in a life-threatening situation, is immoral, but the blood that is shed in Ireland is out of hate of unlawful control of land that does not belong to England. In the wild, male animals use aggression in competition for sexual partners and for leadership of a pack or territory, so perhaps it is natural in man to fight?

Elements of inter-community violence has been seen in race riots, particularly where

damage to property has occurred, caused by ethnic minority groups themselves, usually the damage is connected with looting. Those who incited these events are more criminal than political. It also occurs in barricading for defensive purposes, like in Northern Ireland, against real or imaginary attacks.

A considerable amount of self-directed violence is to be found among prison inmates. The prisoners experience many forms of frustration, particularly male prisoners. Their violence is turned on to staff and other inmates. This in turn does not help to reform the prisoner of his attitudes. The majority of convicted offenders come from less privileged social backgrounds. The average intelligence of the offender population is lower than the average for the general population. Also, their average level of education ability is lower than their own intelligence average. Evidence has shown terrorists and political prisoners do not, however, resemble the offender population IQ (Moonman, 1987). Political prisoners throughout the world tend to be more intelligent and better educated than the general population of convicted criminals. Although those convicted of terrorist acts in Northern Ireland tend to resemble the non-political IQ, because of the impoverished socio-cultural environment and mass unemployment, which they grew up in. They usually have limited education and are below average intelligence.

These people are easy targets for recruitment into paramilitary groups, they are bred to hate because, like Hitler, they had nothing (of what they wanted), and they let loose their frustrations and hate on what they have seen as a fight for their rights. When caught for any offence, particularly in Britain, the republican prisoners would be met with violence

when being interrogated, not just because of their offence, but because they were Irish. The historical treatment of Irish political prisoners in Britain has led to more hatred and violence because people hate the power they have over them and want revenge, no matter the cost: *"The disturbed socio-political situation which contributes to terrorist violence also provides opportunities for the acting out of private conflicts and personal vendettas, under the guise of political cause. Moreover, it is not uncommon for psychiatrically disturbed, or psychopathic personalities, with personal needs for violence to gravitate to the paramilitary gang where they may achieve brief fame and notoriety before their own actions are terminated by violence"* (Moonman, 1987, pg. 88)

In Northern Ireland there has been unnecessary violence carried out by soldiers which fuels the hatred for their presence on the streets. It is seen as though the nationalist peoples' faces are being rubbed in the fact that their land is being controlled.

In Northern Ireland, there are flags and large murals stating clearly which territory you are in. They may depict the plight of republican prisoners with associated slogans of defiance in the nationalist green districts (see Plate 8 - Nationalist Mural), or the opposite side might have William of Orange on the side of gables (see Plate 9 - Loyalist Mural), they might have simple slogans like 'IRA' (Irish Republican Army), 'UVF' (Ulster Volunteer Force), 'Brits Out', 'No Pope Here'. Etc. Many of the slogans would be seen in less well off communities which does not mean less support in upper class areas, but in more impoverished communities, the violence would be more rampant: *"The literature of the world after all is replete with the expression of violent feelings, satire, lampoon, and*

diatribe. Man's superior brain can be utilised for aggressive expression, obviating the need for physical violence which would have been more species-destructive" (Moonman, 1987, pg. 93).

Terrorism is a special kind of violence and frequently terrorists are prepared to engage in the indiscriminate murder of civilians. In the North of Ireland and England, the bombings killed men, women, and children because of their religion, and fact that they are seen to pledge allegiance to the British flag.

International terrorism is terrorism exported across international frontiers. There is no case of purely dogmatic terrorism, but the campaigns in which political violence is concentrated in a single national territory, e.g. Irish Republican Army and the Basque and Corsican terrorists. These terrorists have a specific hate for individuals who have invaded their lands for greed and the hate is so strong, be it in their own country or a neighbouring country, they will never be friends, or even be seen as equals in our society.

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The idea of 'race' as a biological reality was given legal status in treaties and legislation. I have dealt with violence and racial hatred at home and abroad, with racism and nationalism. Racism has not only appeared in a number of different forms, but also has a varying articulation with economic and political relations in capitalist and non-capitalist social formations.

The way people interpret things can lead to conflict. Racism and nationalism is a negative way of dealing with life and the earth, for the survival of the fittest does not mean segregation and mass genocide of ethnic minorities and whoever is left, wins. Man is not hating other, he is hating and killing himself.

Racism is human nature's greed and blame for one's failure to get and strive above violence and destruction. It is not just a white phenomenon but white racism is in the majority and it is what I have dealt with. Racism, the product of ignorance and fear, is about power of control in politics, culture and social and economic power. Fascism is also about power, it is the apparatus to turn the ideals of nationalist and racial superiority into reality, it is the extreme right of the political spectrum. Fascism is dictatorship, and while there is Capitalism there will be Fascism. Nazi Skinheads echo fascist beliefs with their 'one nation - the Fatherland'. The Capitalist will use cheap non-white labour but they have their rules. In turn, white jobs are taken and hate grows. Nationalism is a Racist/Fascist ideal of 'one land', 'our country'. The strong believe in independence of

one's nation according to their ethnic or national origins. Nationalists believe that their culture differs from others, and it is superior to that of, e.g. French, English, ignoring the fact that all societies share the same fundamental values.

Today in Northern Ireland, Terrorism has been a common factor in all communities. People want the bloodshed to stop. British rule is a sore in the Nationalist side and each side attacks the other with whatever power and control they have, whether it is bomb, kidnapping, or police beaters, it is a no-win situation of racism. It is Fascist control forced by Capitalism and controlled by power of fear.

Each country has experienced Fascism and in Ireland, the skinhead is the Nationalist and Loyalist. America have the Ku Klux Klan and the White Supremacist Group whose intent is to have a white country for white people with white jobs. It is all Nationalism. They believe that all cultures cannot live together in a multicultural society because we are all different. Freud's prediction that in time everyone will be made neurotic by civilisation's power to deny fulfilment is beginning to look like reality in the future. These days Fascism/Nationalism is no longer a joke. Throughout the world, it is becoming the reigning ideology, perhaps the biggest obstacle of the birth of a new world and it is all down to **power, capitalism and control.**

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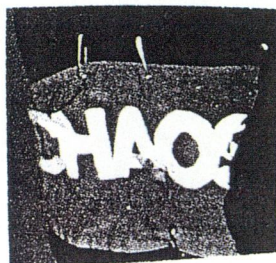


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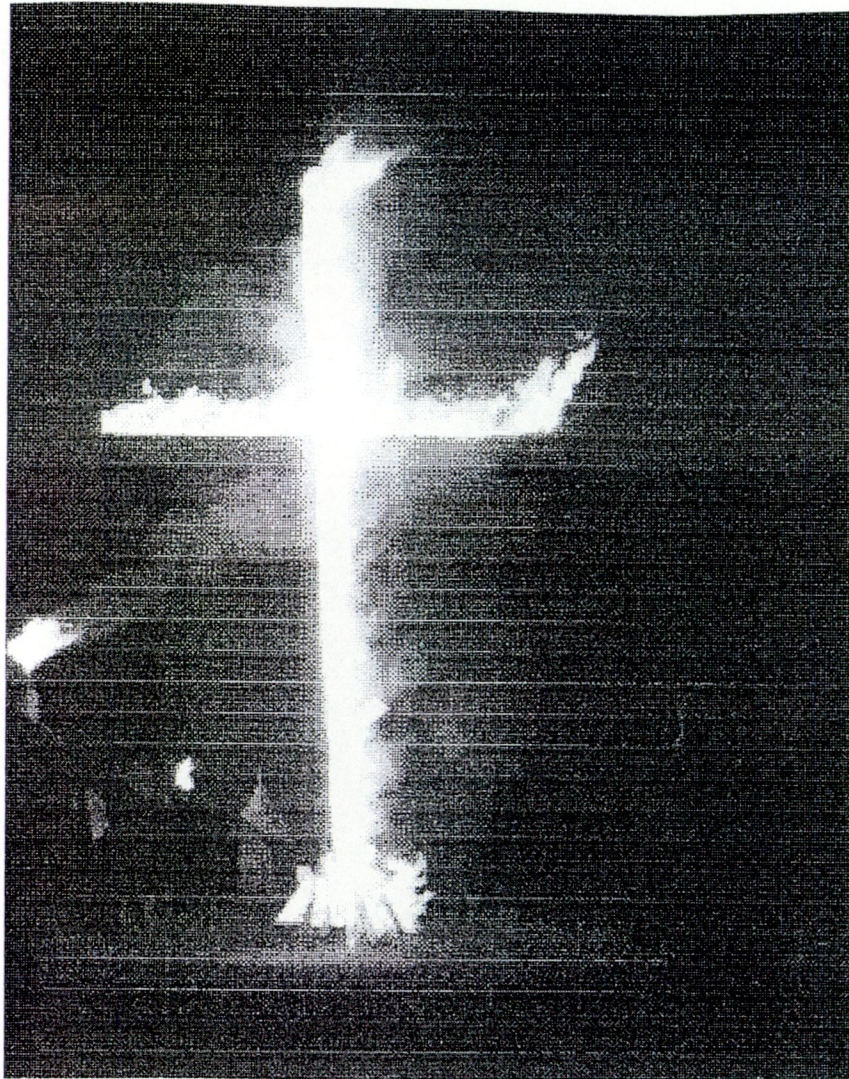


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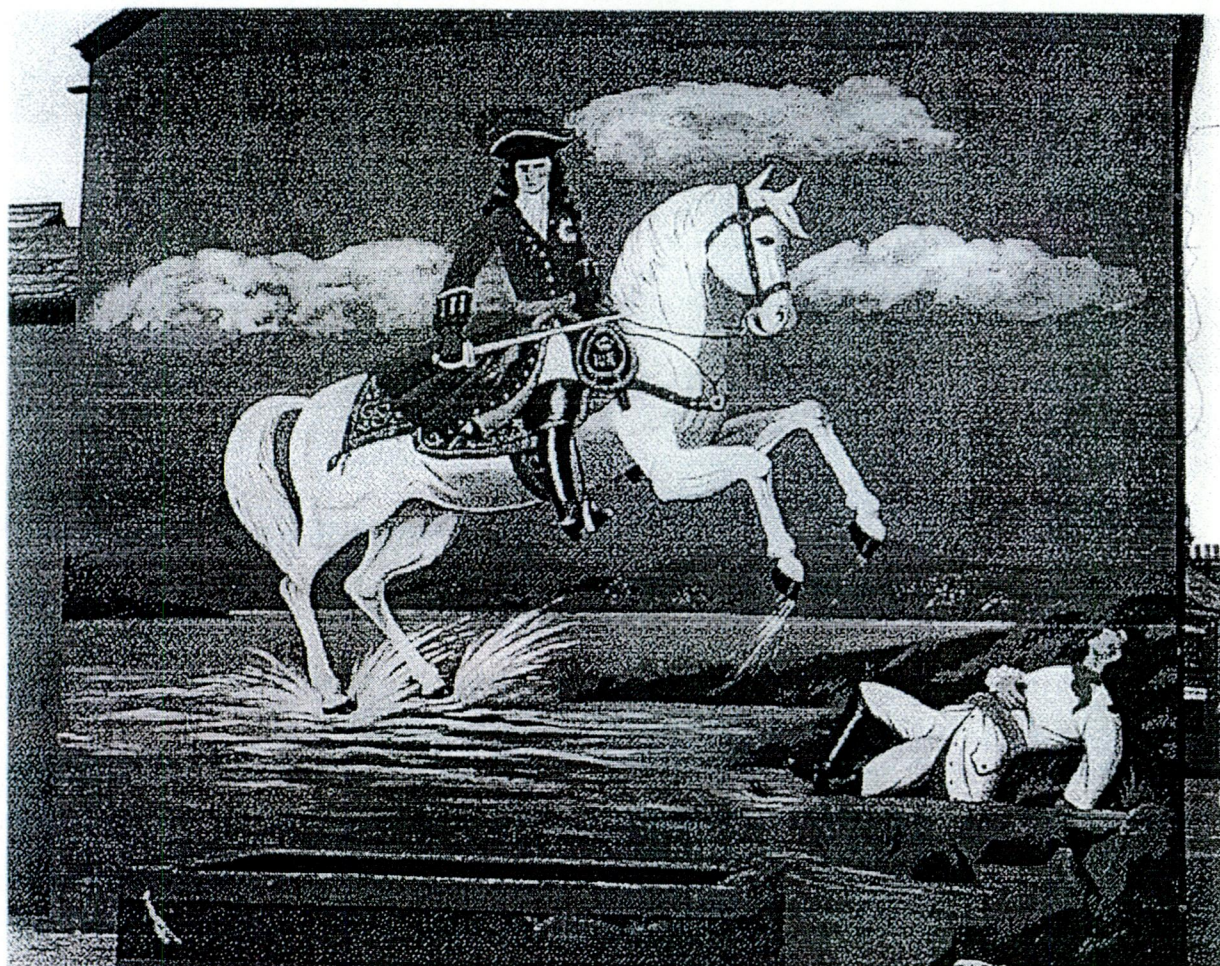


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