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REJECT THE GOVERNMENT'S RACE POLICY.

Dear Brothers,

The Indian Workers Association is planning to organize a mass demonstration in Birmingham in opposition to the Government's race policy. We feel that the 2nd. of July is an appropriate date for such an action as it would be the 5th. anniversary of the Racialist Immigration Control Act. There will be March in the afternoon followed by Rally in the Town Hall at 4.15. p.m.

Many people felt at the time of the passing of the Act that it would lead to a worsening of race relations in Britain. They were proved correct and in the following years there was an intensification of racial discrimination. The attempts made to improve race relations were half hearted at best. The Race Relations Act has proved largely ineffective, partly because its machinery is inadequate, and partly because its coverage is so limited particularly in its exclusion of employment and housing. The setting up of the National Committee for Commonwealth Immigrants was an attempt to whitewash the Government's anti-colour policy and has misdirected the activities of many well meaning people. The Government's policy has attempted to pacify the national minorities and their allies resistance to racialism.

We know that you and your organization are thoroughly opposed to racialism in all its forms and we request you to accept the sponsorship of the demonstration on July 2nd. We are of the firm belief that only through joint struggles put up by the national minorities and the radical sections of the British population can we defeat racialism and improve relationships between people of different nationalities and cultures.

We should be grateful if you could let us have your consent for sponsorship and support at the earliest possible moment to enable us to go ahead with the arrangements.

Yours fraternally,

A. S. Joubl

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General Secretary

Over 1200 workers took part in a demonstration held in Birmingham on Sun 2/7/67 in order to protest against the Labour Govt's racialist policy. The demonstrators were chanting slogans of Afro. Asian People's Unity against all Imperialists and their running dogs. The protest march which had been jointly organised by the Indian and Pakistani Workers' Association, some W. Indian organisations, Association of Indian Communists and the Co-ordinating Committee against Racial Discrimination concluded at the Town Hall where a Rally was held. Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung were displayed on various banners. The rally was addressed by

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