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The Searchlight Archive – Cataloguing the Extreme

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Searchlight

- 43 Group formed in London by Jewish ex-servicemen to oppose Mosleyite activity – disbanded in 1950
- Members of 43 Group form 62 Committee shortly before Cotswold Declaration in 1962
- 1964: Members of 62 Committee form Searchlight as an anti-fascist information service
- Pamphlets and newspapers put out until 1974. Then launched monthly magazine
- Funded by the trades unions, becomes the dominant magazine and helps spawn duplicate movements in other countries
- 2011 Hope not Hate split off after disagreements over magazine
- Due to re-organisation of Searchlight and pre-existing relationship, Searchlight archive comes to the University in 2012, opening in 2013





Organisation of the Searchlight Collection

- 1. Book Collection
- 2. Searchlight Administration
- 3. Searchlight Investigations
- 4. Anti-Fascist Material
- 5. Far Left and Left Organisations
- 6. Anti-Communist Organisations
- 7. Antisemitism
- 8. Skinheads
- 9. American Right
- 10. South East Asian and Australasian

11. European Far Right
12. International Far Right
13. British Far Right
14. Middle East
15. Moderate Press
16. Searchlight Magazines
17. Conservative Right
18. Anarchists
19. Wotanist



The Archive Development

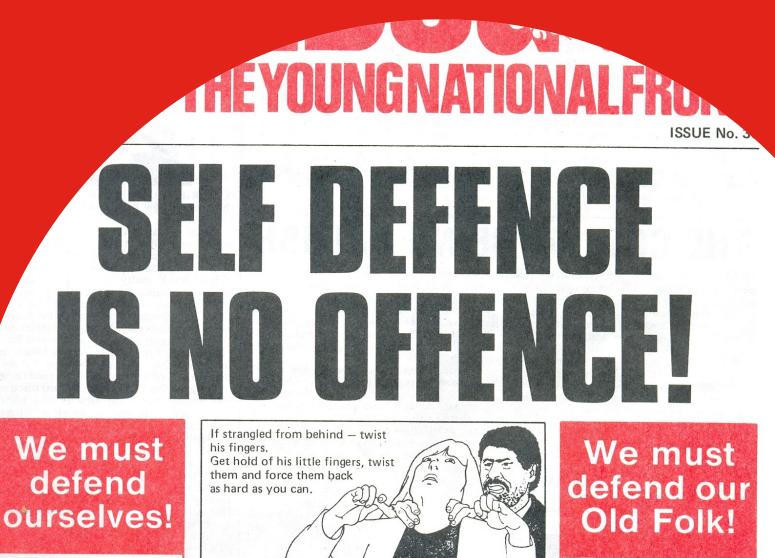
- 450 visits since ~March 2014
- ~500 boxes on catalogue
- More media interest since 2016 killing of Jo Cox and 2017 Charlottesville.
- £20,000 of funding won for research projects
- Part of a primary resource collection with Gale-CENGAGE on political extremism in the 20th Century
- Challenges fall into three categories – Time, sensitivity of the material and sustainability of the archive





Time

- October 2012 June 2013: 200 boxes put on catalogue for launch
- July 2013 May 2019: 300 more boxes put on catalogue
- Why the Slowdown?
- Role and archive expansion play a part – 8 more collections added to archive since opening
- But mostly the expansion in use
- Engagement wider than academia brings with it additional concerns around ethical use of data



Sensitivity

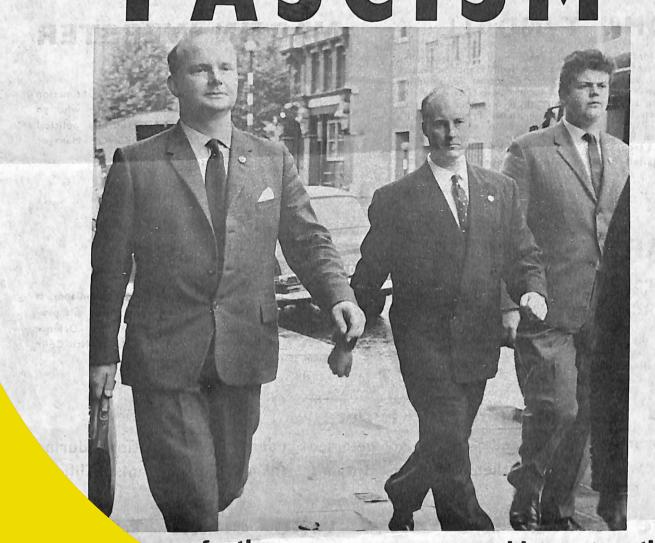
- Some material benign and mainstream, but most offensive in some way
- We do not want to simply repeat, and thus help in the original purpose of, extreme material
- When/If material is put into public realm, provide context and explanation





Sensitivity – Part 2

- Access requires approval
- For academics this is easy as they have ethics oversight
- Media often want more than we can provide – we don't own copyright, so can't provide commercial license (though can facilitate in some circumstances)
- More difficult for public facing work.
- Principle is always for greatest possible access but sometimes there are exceptions



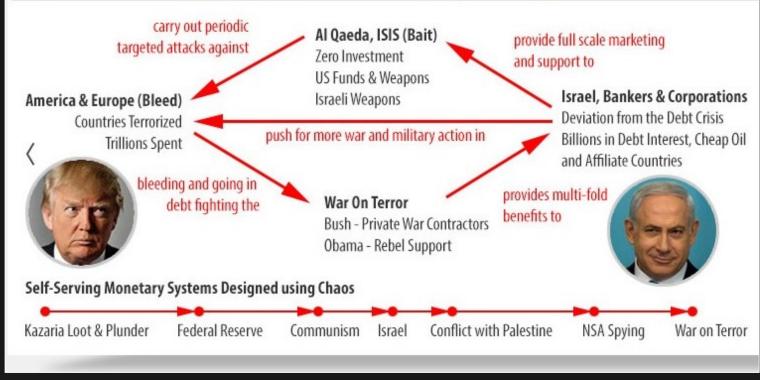
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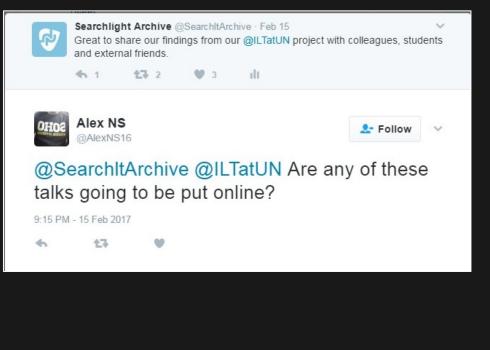
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Contact from the Far Right

War on Terror is a "Bait and Bleed" Military Strategy





Sustainability

- Not everyone loves an archive space intensive
- Support from Vice Chancellor and University to grow collection
- Still need to prove value for money – proven by projects, impact, income and expansion
- More collections coming in as \odot reputation grows – anti-fascist oral history, experiences of racism oral history, Kent Anti-Fascist Action Committee material, **Exeter AFA material, Andy Bell** collection on Panorama/World in Action, Andy Bell collection on anti-fascism and campaigning in **Oxford**, several others.

Christian Vanguard Official Publication of the **NEW CHRISTIAN CRUSADE CHURCH** A Publication Compiled For The Elect

Issue No. 69 HE WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH AND DOES NOT SPEAK OUT, IS A MISERABLE CREATURE

JESUS WAS NOTAJE

by Rev. Oren F. Potito

Do the above headlines shock you? We certainly hope the; do!...for it is about time that the Christian people awaken to the fact that they have been brain washed by the Jews with the "big lie technique" to the falsehood that Jesus was a Jew. We ask you now to set aside all prejudice in the matter and as God states in the Bible, "Come let us reason together." There re two ways that a person can a Jew - Racially or Religiouslet us now see whether fits either of these es. Ninety-nine percent ple that we know as tre mongrels: that product of the many races. Jews are stock. ts of

well for you to note here that being God's Chosen People, my speech?... it is because you Jesus Christ instructed Jesus further blames these they are SATAN'S CHILDREN! cannot hear My Words" (Read His followers to do. To be a Jews for all the deaths of Let us turn for proof of this, to carefully the 44th verse) Jesus true Christian is more than righteous people from the be- the eighth chapter of John the said to the Jews, "You are of refraining from smoking or ginning of time right down to 42nd verse. The Jews have just your father the devil and the drinking. Yes, it entails far this day. This is not a state- said to Jesus, we are God's lusis of your father you will do, more than that. One of the ment of man but of our saviour, Chosen People, God is our He was a murderer from the worst crimes that a minsister of the Lord JESUS CHRIST who Father. Jesus did not answer beginning and abode not in the God can commit is to omit never lied and spoke only the the Jews the way ninety-nine truth because there is no truth certain sections and statements truth. Every word contained in percent of our preachers do in him. When he speaks a lie, contained in the Bible, the

words of Jesus Christ, to satisfy the Jews and escape persecution.

Anyone who would say after they have learned these facts that Jesus Christ was a Jew racially is guilty of nothing less than blasphemy. In order to be a Jew religiously, one must embrace Judaism which requires the study, acceptance and shedience of the laws of th Babylonian Talmud, or what was known in Jesus's time as the tradition of the elders. Talmudic Judaism is the religion practiced by the modern Jews and is entirely different from the religion we find in th Old Testament.

For further proof, J to the 15th Chapt verses 1-9, " came



Public Engagement – The Mains

- School engagement School experience days at University
- Far Right Aware CPD Prevent practitioners XRW development conferences/courses
- The Media Interviews with British Forces Broadcasting, Canadian Broadcasting Company radio, and others.
- Also working with media to help them research around Mair, Paedophile Grooming, Stieg Larsson



