

# Hard-right appointee gives lie to BNP claim to have deserted its nazi past

The British National Party's new ideological enforcer is a Holocaust denier with impeccable current nazi connections. David Williams investigates.

**A**rthur Kemp, the man who earlier in his political career handed the "hit list" to Gaye Derby-Lewis, which led ultimately to the murder of the prominent ANC leader Chris Hani in April 1993, is now the right-hand man of Nick Griffin, the BNP leader.

Kemp's emerging role within the party is of pivotal importance. Last year the BNP leadership decided to restrict participation in the party's annual general meetings to Voting Members. This is a means of ensuring that the upper echelons of the BNP continue to

be controlled by the hardliners and that the party's ideological purity is not diluted by new "populist" members who are attracted to the party's anti-Islam platform but perhaps not by its antisemitism and national socialism.

One of the qualifications for becoming a Voting Member is to undergo ideological training. The crucial role of managing this training has been entrusted to Kemp, whom Griffin describes as "a highly skilled and very welcome addition to our central team". At the BNP's twice postponed summer training weekend on 15-16 September, for which the party had trouble filling all the places, Kemp supervised proceedings somewhat inappropriately attired, in dark suit and tie, for the Nottinghamshire field where it was held.

Kemp, who has already played an important role in the "modernisation" of BNP ideology in the past few years, has also been appointed to work alongside Nicholla Ritchie, the BNP's Falkirk organiser, to oversee the day-to-day operation of the party's Excalibur merchandising arm, through which activists are encouraged to acquaint themselves with extremist literature on a number of subjects including race and eugenics.

## Out of South Africa

Kemp was born in 1963 in what was then white-ruled Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, to a Dutch mother and a British father whose family came from Gillingham, Kent. Brought up in South Africa, he gained a degree from Cape Town University and served four years in the South African military. He has been a journalist and has links with the South African intelligence service both pre and post apartheid.

As detailed in the July edition of *Searchlight* Kemp was a sergeant in the

feared South African Security Police. He supplied the hit list to Mrs Derby-Lewis, wife of the senior South African Conservative Party MP Clive Derby-Lewis, as part of a plot to disrupt the negotiations that were to end apartheid, although Kemp claims he gave it to her purely for "research" purposes. Hani's was the third name on the list, after Nelson Mandela and Joe Slovo, a former General-Secretary of the South African Communist Party. Kemp was arrested in connection with Hani's murder but never charged.

Kemp who has consistently lamented the decline of white supremacist rule in South Africa, wrote a sympathetic history of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), the white supremacist terrorist organisation which tried to keep this dream alive. *Victory or Violence: The Story of the AWB of South Africa* opened many doors for him in the white supremacist underworld.

Kemp regards himself as something of an expert on race and is famed in white supremacist circles as the author of *March of the Titans*, the latest version of which runs to 586 pages. It took him 17 years to hone this monumental tome, which charts the rise and fall of civilisations according to their racial makeup, arguing that only where there are large numbers of whites is there "civilisation". This civilisation collapses, Kemp contends, when "swamped" by "racial aliens". Kemp sees *March of the Titans* as the "germination of a new world view" designed – and this was his "primary motivation" in writing it – to present "an academic front to the racial world view and thereby spread the understanding of the importance of race as a deciding factor in history".

As Kemp admits, the book was informed by a number of sources, including *The Racial Elements of European History* by the Nazis' chief racial scientist Hans F K Günther, though his "best resource" was a series of articles entitled "Who We Are" by



Arthur Kemp (left in suit), Nick Griffin's new ideological enforcer, oversees registration at the BNP's latest training school



William Pearce, leader of the neo-Nazi National Alliance in the now defunct *Attack* and in *National Vanguard*. Kemp regarded the articles as "by far the best racial historical review written". Pearce, who was an old friend of the BNP's founder John Tyndall, was similarly impressed with the use Kemp made of his research and his National Vanguard Books stocked *March of the Titans*.

Kemp, who regularly contributes to *Identity*, the BNP house journal, is by all accounts a powerful and popular speaker. He is currently spreading his racial gospel at BNP branch meetings across the country and put in an appearance at the BNP's Red, White and Blue festival in Derbyshire in August. This role is likely to grow following the departure of Jonathan Bowden, the BNP's cultural officer, who regularly graced the podium at party meetings.

### Hands across the ocean

*March of the Titans* is also vehemently antisemitic. Kemp recycles the usual canards, that Judaism is synonymous with communism and thus "played a massive role in justifying anti-Jewish sentiment in Europe prior to, and with, the rise of Adolf Hitler". Having absolved Hitler of responsibility for his murderous antisemitism, which by this twisted reasoning is the fault of the Jews themselves, Kemp argues that "the Jewish factor" was "a primary reason" for the outbreak of the Second World War. It is unsurprising then to find an entire chapter of Kemp's book devoted to an apologia for Hitler and the Third Reich.

With regard to the Holocaust, the Nazi genocide of the Jews, Kemp claims there is "considerable confusion" about the number of deaths and that an "increasing number of historical dissidents [Holocaust deniers] are challenging the claim of mass exterminations of Jews and others by the Nazis during World War Two".

Kemp clearly agrees, stating that the

outlawing of "revisionism" in a number of countries is in itself "cause to question the allegations" that the Holocaust is a verifiable, historical fact. Although he states that further discussion of the subject "is outside the scope and purpose of this book", the Holocaust is clearly an obsession with this man, whom an article on the BNP website recently described as "very intelligent".

Kemp is close to leading figures in the Holocaust denial movement in the United States including the veteran antisemite Willis Carto and has contributed to *The Barnes Review*, the 72-page bimonthly Holocaust denial journal that Carto has published since September 1994.

Kemp has attended Carto's functions in the United States including a three-day conference in Washington DC on 1-3 September 2006 organised under the aegis of *The Barnes Review* and Carto's other Holocaust denial journal, *American Free Press*. This conference gathered the *crème-de-la-crème* of international Holocaust denial. Its participants included the veteran antisemite and Klansman James K Warner, the Holocaust denier and Mosley fan Dr Edward Fields, the antisemitic conspiracy theorist Eustace Mullins, the former FBI bureau chief Ted Gunderson, the German Holocaust denier Udo Walendy, Dr Ingrid Rimland-Zündel, wife of the imprisoned German Holocaust denier Ernst Zündel, and the Canadian antisemite Paul Fromm. From Australia came the antisemitic Fred Toben, recently returned from the Iranian Holocaust denial conference which he attended with David Irving's

chief cheerleader Lady Michele Renouf, who also addressed the Washington conference.

Another speaker was Alex G Hassinger, formerly of *Aryan Loyalist*, who now runs a website by the name of Nordwave, "the voice of national socialism", from Lake Worth, Florida. Hassinger, who is of German-Polish descent, celebrated the destruction of the "Jude Trade Centre" on 11 September 2001 and stated of the hijackers: "I only wish our movement had such courageous and dedicated men, as they were". He also organises the annual Nazi "Folkfest".

Kemp has also contributed to Pearce's *National Vanguard*, and this was not in the dim and distant past, his latest article appearing in the January/February 2007 edition. The National Alliance News website, which bills itself as "news for white people, by white people", advertised Kemp's appearance as a speaker at the 2007 International Holocaust Revisionist Conference held at the National Alliance compound in Hillsboro, West Virginia. In the event neither Kemp nor Rimland-Zündel, also listed to speak, attended.

Kemp did, however, address a meeting in St Louis, Missouri, in April 2006, where the audience included a number of National Alliance members.

*The Barnes Review* and *National Vanguard* are among the most hardline racist and antisemitic publications to come out of America in recent years. It will be interesting to see in what direction Kemp will help Griffin to steer the BNP. Don't hold your breath that it will be towards truth, decency or moderation. ◀