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cc Mr Mower

PETER SHIPLEY AND SEARCHLIGHT

We spoke about Gordon Leak's call about the allegations by Searchlight that I was a member of the National Front. <sup>(to be issued at week in October)</sup>

Firstly, I would deny this altogether; perhaps the following form of words may be useful:

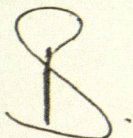
"In the course of many years of research and writing about the extremist movements, Peter Shipley has been in touch with organisations on the far Left and the far Right. These contacts have been solely for the purpose of gathering information and purchasing literature which have formed the basis of his books and articles. He has never been a member of the National Front or any other extremist organisation," *or a supporter*

*(Left or Right)*

Among my publications are:

- "Revolutionaries in Modern Britain" (Bodley Head, 1976)
- Editor, the Guardian Directory of Pressure Groups (1976)
- Editor, the Directory of Pressure Groups, Second Edition (1979)
- "Trotskyism: Entryism and World Revolution" (Institute for the Study of Conflict, 1977)
- "The National Front: Racism and Neo-Fascism" (Institute for the Study of Conflict, 1978)
- "Extremism and the Left" (Conservative Research Department, 1981)

Publications also include articles for the Spectator, Daily Telegraph and New Community (the journal of the Community Relations Executive). I am on record, therefore, both in my ISC pamphlet on the National Front, and through my articles for New Community, as attacking that particular organisation.



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