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Tory student leader in 'racist' party link / Paul Delarie-Staines of FCS attempts to form pact with British National Party in Hull

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A leader of the Federation of Conservative Students wrote to an organiser of the British National Party proposing joint 'direct action' to disrupt the meetings of leftwing students. Secrecy, he emphasised, was essential: 'The Reds would simply go wild if they got to hear of a BNP-FCS link. I would personally be in danger of being expelled from the Conservative Party.'

The author of the letter is Mr Paul Delarie-Staines, the chairman of the federation's 50-strong branch at the Humberside college of Higher Education. Mr Delarie-Staines, who is in his first year of a degree course in business information studies, wrote on May 22 to Mr Ian Walker, a BNP organiser in Hull.

He was, he said, against several of the aims of the BNP, which campaigns for the repatriation of black citizens. Several of its members have been convicted of offences under the Race Relations Act, and others for crimes of violence against ethnic minorities. Its leader, Mr John Tyndall, is a former chairman of the National Front.

Mr Delarie-Staines said he did not share the BNP view on immigration: as a member of the 'libertarian' faction of the FCS he advocated the free movement of labour, albeit with the caveat that 'you come here to work - or starve.'

He went on: 'I share a lot of your objectives.' These included a return to leadership and statesmanship, the abolition of the welfare state, and 'the elimination of Communism in Britain - the mass media, the trade unions, and the schoolroom.'

Mr Delarie-Staines continued: 'Nevertheless, even though we have our differences, I know a lot of BNP people at college do support the FCS (some are members of the FCS). I can certainly envisage some degree of cooperation.'

'For instance, we are moving away from just the normal political debate and towards more direct action - anti-Communist slogans on bridges, disrupting the leftist meetings by posing as leftists and then causing trouble, and also convincing individual leftists of the error of their ways.'

'Perhaps members of the BNP would care to join us in our anti-leftist activities. We can arrange a meeting to discuss possible joint future activities.'

Other examples of Mr Delarie-Staines work reached the Guardian, including a number of songs. One, entitled FCS Bootboys, reads: 'Gas them all, gas them all, the Tribune group trendies and all. Crush Wedgwood Benn and make glue from his bones, Burn the broad left in their middle class homes.'

'Yes we're saying goodbye to the Left, as safe in their graveyards they rest. 'Cos they'll get no further, we'll stop with murder, the bootboys of FCS.'

In a letter to a friend, Mr Delarie-Staines said that he had been on a 'community arts course - well, not exactly community arts, more spraypainting a bridge at 3am. Quite good fun really, ducking out of sight of passing police cars'

Mr Delarie-Staines told the Guardian that he had not meant violence by direct action at leftist meetings, only 'causing as much noise as possible'. He said that he had tried to forge links with the BNP because 'we share their anti-Communist view'.

He added: 'They're not far-right. They're just racists, they believe in one colour.'

Mr John Barrow, the national chairman of FCS and a Lambeth councillor, said that Mr Delarie-Staines was 'a bit silly. I wouldn't hold it against him. I'm sure he'll grow out of it.' After hearing extracts from the letter to the BNP he added: 'He's absolutely right that he's in danger of being thrown out of the Conservative Party.'

Mr James Goodson, the Conservative Central Office official responsible for the FCS, said: 'If the evidence comes my way I will certainly look into it.'