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Last Remembrance Day, November the 8th, British patriots marched through the centre of London throughout the day. The 2 factions of the National Front were due to march past the Cenotaph at 2:30 pm, so Anti Fascist Action organised a march, planned to miss the fascists altogether to avoid the possibility of action being taken against the scum.

However, at the end of the anti-fascist march, about 200 people marched back to Trafalgar Square to have a go at the fascists and support the 24 hour picket of South Africa House, which had been attacked by fascists last Remembrance Day. Various other anarchists and anti-fascists had been waiting around the Cenotaph for the fascists to appear, unaware of events at Victoria.

The 2 factions of the National Front were at a standstill, staring each other out, after demanding separate marches, and being unable to decide who would go first. After some time the police decided to ban the marches. It was the first time that they hadn't marched for 15 years.

Groups of young thugs began making their way up to Trafalgar Square - the first sign of trouble was a gang of them running at the South African picket.

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They soon turned away after a few of them got a good thumping.

The police, anxious to get in on the act, tried hard to herd a group of anti-fascists into Charing Cross station. They didn't seem to notice when the same crowd re-appeared from one of the underground tunnels.

During a run up to Leicester Square, numbers of fascists were given good hidings - one anti-fascist suffered an injured fist - hurt as a fascist's tooth was dislodged.

Some anti-fascists received blows from the fascists. One anti-fascist had a noxious spray squirted in their face. The worst injury happened to a comrade who was bashed on the head with a lump of wood wielded by a fascist, and received a fractured skull. He and his friends had chased a single fascist who had been taunting them, only to be ambushed by a large gang of fascists.

On the whole, the fascists had a demoralising day - first for not being allowed to march, and then being chased around the city and being beaten up. For once the token effect of a march through the semi-deserted city had been turned into a direct attack on the fascist scum.

In York, the fascist march had been banned, so many fascists did not bother going into the city centre. The few people who did found a number of fascists roaming around. When they were dealt with, the police arrested a number of anti-fascists.