

Britain protested, pelting the theatre with eggs and smashing windows. A group managed to get inside, storm the stage, and stop the show. The theatre had to be evacuated, and rioters injured three policemen.

Sikh leaders refused to apologize for the violence, insisting that the theatre incited the riot. They were joined by the Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, Vincent Nichols, who said, "In recent weeks the Sikh community has acted in a reasonable and measured way in representing their deep concerns to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. I regret that the Repertory Theatre, in the interests of the common good, has not been more responsive." Two days after the riot, the theatre's executive director, Stuart Rogers, reluctantly canceled the play, pointing out that because Sikhs would



A Sikh "bobby."

not promise to stay away, he could not guarantee the safety of the audience. Sikhs were delighted.

Tony Blair's Labour government, which is courting the Sikh vote, explained away the violence. Home Office Minister for Race Equality, Fiona MacTaggart, said the protestors were just exercising their right of free speech, "which is so much part of the British tradition" and "as important as the free speech of the artist." The incident came just as Parliament is considering a bill that would make incitement of religious hatred a crime punishable by seven years in prison. If the bill passes, it may be illegal to put on a play like *Behzti*. [Nick Britten, *Sikhs Storm Theatre in Protest Over Play*, Telegraph (London), Dec. 20, 2004. Nick Britten, *Violent Sikh Demo Forces Theatre to Cancel Play*, Telegraph

(London), Dec. 21, 2004. Government Should Denounce Protest, Observer (London), Dec. 22, 2004.]

## Browning of Britain

During the 10 years between 1991 and 2001, the number of non-whites in Britain grew from 3 million to 4.6 million—accounting for 73 percent of population growth—and now makes up more than eight percent of the British population. Anne Power, professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics, says the non-white population is increasing rapidly because of mass immigration of young adults and high birth rates.

The number of African blacks living in Britain increased by 120 percent, to 485,000, about the same as the number of Caribbean blacks. Bangladeshis were up by 73 percent to 283,000; Pakistanis increased 57 percent to 747,000, and the number of Indians living in Britain increased by 25 percent to just over a million, making them the single largest non-white group. In contrast, the number of whites increased by 600,000, or just 1.2 percent. Non-whites like to live in London. More than 78 percent of Africans live there, along with 60 percent of Afro-Caribbeans, 54 percent of Bangladeshis, and 42 percent of Indians.

How are white Britons reacting? Just like Americans—they are clearing out. Prof. Power found that areas with the largest influx of non-whites saw the largest exodus of whites. Also like America, Britain has fewer all-white areas to which whites can flee, now that non-whites are spreading out across the country. "We are getting polarization and a growing racial divide at one level but dispersal at another," says Prof. Power. [Richard Ford, *Race Divide in Big Cities Widens as Whites Move Out*, The Times (London), Dec. 8, 2004, p. 5.]

## Bad Tipppers

The media love to run stories accusing cab drivers of racism because they don't like to pick up young black men. There are good reasons for this—fear of being robbed being the most obvious—but according to a study in New Haven, Connecticut, by a group of economists, blacks are also bad tipppers. The study found that 40 percent of blacks do not tip at all, compared to just 10 percent of whites. Drivers who serve black passen-

gers can expect 8.6 percent less income than those who serve whites.

The study also found that black drivers are stiffed more often than whites—80 percent more often—and that they get



only about two-thirds as much in tips as whites, which leave them with 6.6 percent less income than whites. (The study said nothing about whether black drivers were more likely to have black passengers.) [Ian Ayres and Barry Nalebuff, *Race, Tips, and Economics*, Forbes, Nov. 1, 2004, p. 136.]

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