

# RACISM IN PRENZLAUER BERG

Dear pedestrians and visitors of the café  
 "An einem Sonntag im August"!



Kastanienallee/Schönhauser: one of the most frequented corners of the so called trendy district of Prenzl' Berg. This part of Berlin enjoys the reputation of being tolerant and diverse. This is why people from Berlin and all over the world meet here in one of the several bars, cafés and clubs to have exciting nights and harmonious sundays ("Sonntag"). Which leads us directly to our point. The café "An einem Sonntag im August" has the advantage of being the first house on the Kastanienallee. But behind the pretty curtains lies a nasty racist attitude of the managers/proprietors. Several guests have already complained about racist statements and treatment in the café.

On the 12. of April this year the discriminating attitude reached its climax. On that day the employees were handed out an instruction with unacceptable content. By referring to problems with supposed Drug-Dealers - that are claimed to belong to a certain "Mauerpark-Gang"- the waiters and waitresses were urged to push through an order to stay away for all black males ("schwarzen Jugendlichen") that might possibly be part of the "Mauerpark-Gang". Employees that did not sign the instruction had to leave the café. Those that did sign it (for what reasons ever, may it be a lack of money or "just" a lack of awareness) are obliged not to show any tolerance and to expel anybody from the café that might fit the racist scheme described in the instruction.

This kind of racist behaviour is part of German everyday life. In Prenzlauer Berg, especially Mauerpark and Weinbergsweg, are People of Color constantly victims of arbitrary police controls. Furthermore this area shortly has been the sight of several racist attacks. But even here the fact of formulating a universally applicable rule that does not allow "schwarzen Jugendlichen" to enter a café is a specific feature of the "Sonntag" in Prenzl' Berg, which is purely generated by the alarming self-confidence of the proprietors in pushing through their racist ideas.

- There are other places where you can get a good cup of coffee!
- The only way to end that kind of racist behaviour is to interfere!
- Tell your friends about the state of affairs in the "Sonntag"!
- Participate in campaigns against racism! Don't hesitate to contact us when you hear about similar incidences!

## ACTIONDAY AGAINST RACISM IN P - BERG!

- **Sunday, 17.7.2005, 10 am - 10 pm**  
**U-Eberswalder Str.**  
 (next to „An einem Sonntag im August“)
- with Percussion, handfood, DJanes and many more
- Organized by Aktionsbündnis „Nie wieder Sonntag“
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### To stay part of the weekly schedule the staff of the café had to sign the following instruction:

12.04.05 Dear colleagues  
 for a current reason some new arrangements have to be fulfilled:

Today we threw three blacks ( probably dealers) out and one white person ( probably buyer ) and ordered them to stay away.  
 From now on we will order everyone belonging to this group of people to stay away from the café.  
 We are also in contact with the police about the problem of these people appearing in our café.  
 This means for you:

1. no tolerance
2. Make sure that the given orders to stay away from the cafe are full filled.
3. Anyone belonging to this group of people mustn't be served and has to be expelled from the café immediately.( You can refer to the following: " We have to do this. It is not our fault. We have instructions from our boss. If you don't leave I have to call the police immediately)
4. If the people don't leave the café immediately after being demanded to do so, call the police right away.

**If you are not sure of who belongs to the group of people:**

- "Gang of dealers" of the Mauerpark
- young black people, not older than 25
- they come in alone or in a group of people, they come in, go out, come in, go out etc., or two of them go to the bathroom together.
- they always want to sit in the back part of the café, behind the platform ( T 27, T 28 etc.)
- they usually come between 2 p.m. and late evening ( and hopefully soon they don't come at all )

**Who doesn't belong to the group:**  
 black students with smart eyes, black tourists, elderly black people, blacks with a girlfriend etc.

**And as before:**  
 If you see anyone consuming cannabis etc. ask them to leave the café

I have taken note of the instruction, signature: Berlin, April 12th 2005