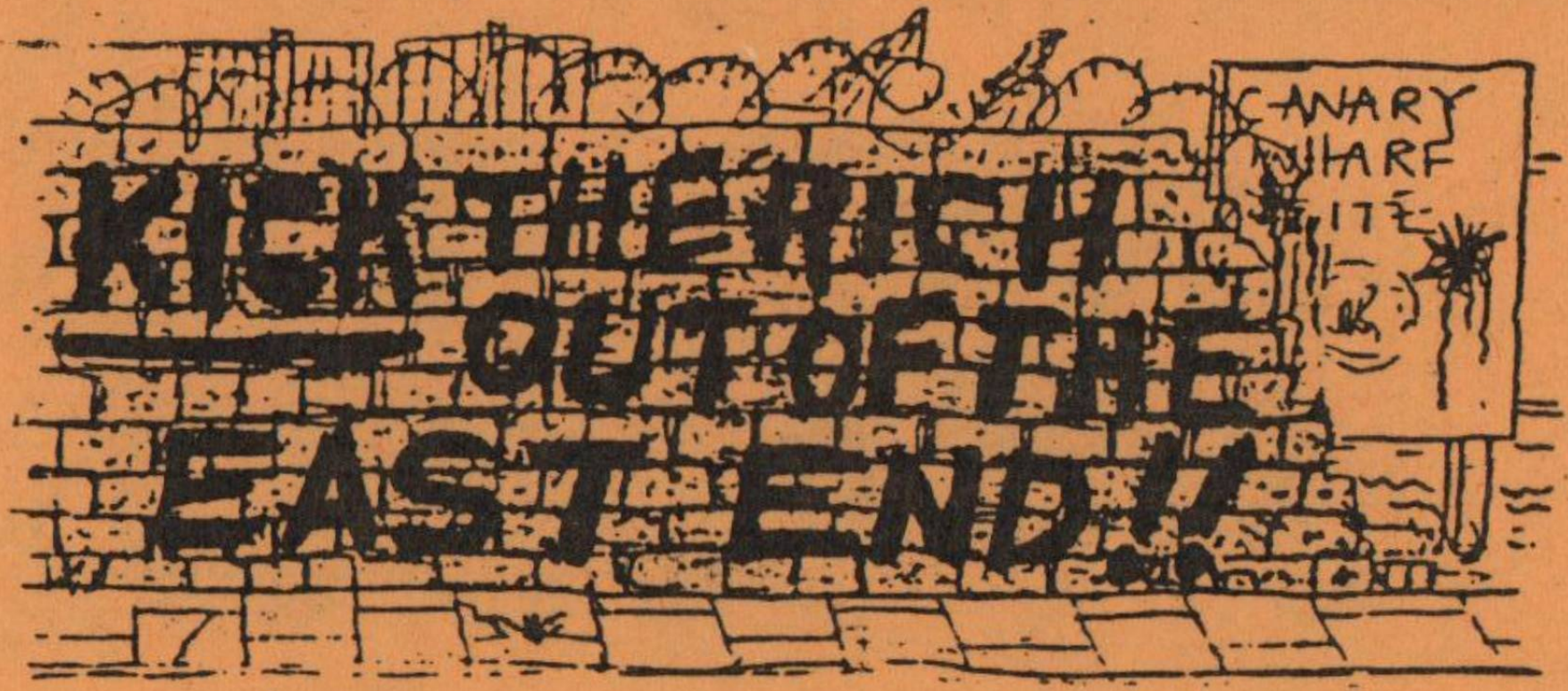


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ANGER OVER MARATHON

ON SUNDAY 10th May, the 'London Marathon' weaved its way through the Isle of Dogs. But instead of following its usual route around the outside of the Island, the LDDC decided it would follow the 'Red Brick Road' through the heart of the Enterprise Zone, to show everyone what a great job they're doing turning derelict docks into booming businesses and horrible homes into posh palaces for the yuppies.

It wasn't in the LDDC's interest to have the Marathon pas such scenic wonders as the Samuda Estate. This wouldn't fit too well into the image they want to present of the Isle of Dogs as a 'Playground for the Rich', where everyone's a windsurfer, lives in a £200,000 flat on the waterfront

and drives around the area in a Range Rover.

HOSTILITY

But if the LDDC and the toffee-nosed snob invaders thought that the locals would take all this cap-in-hand they were very wrong indeed!

Anger and frustration on the Island are at an all-time high, over the total lack of consideration for the original community and their livelihoods.

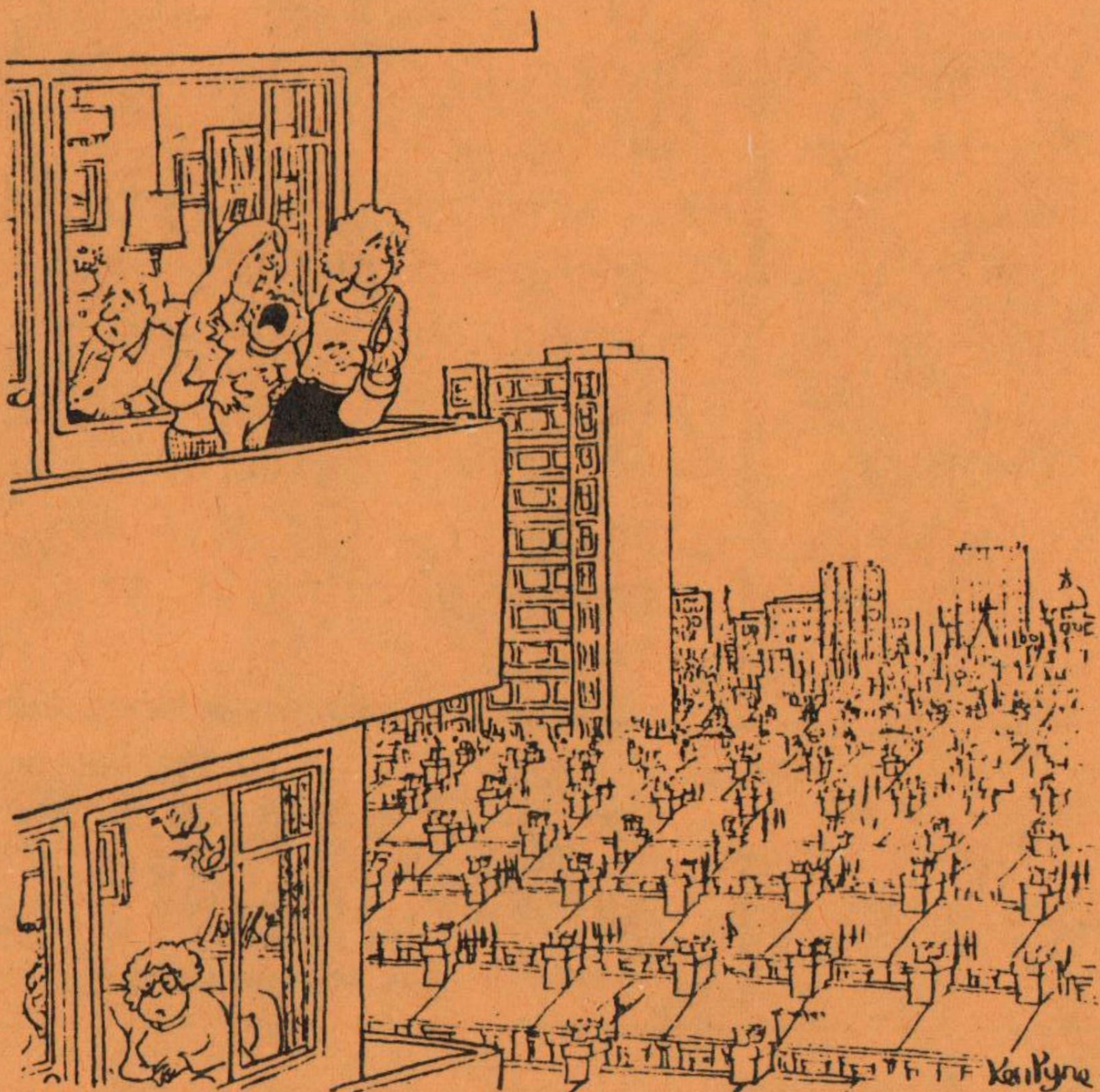
This anger showed itself when LDDC reps tried to distribute leaflets explaining the new route of the Marathon in pubs on the Island. The reps weren't exactly greeted with open arms! They were chased out of the pubs and their leaflets given the 'confetti treatment'!

ORGANISE!

We're not going to get decent homes and jobs for local people unless we physically opposes developments that we don't approve of.

We want an Island and an East End run by local people, providing jobs and recreational activities for local people.

The anger and hostility are great, but if we fail to organise our communities to go on the offensive against the yuppies and the LDDC, we'll lose our community, its original culture and our lives here FOREVER!



"On a clear day you can see the Yuppies decorating the uninhabitable terraced slum we were moved out of"

KICK THE MUGGERS OFF OUR STREETS !

Passers-by ignored a young mother's cries for help as she was robbed of her housing benefit and dole money in London Fields, Hackney, recently. Her 22-month-old son was punched in the face and tipped out of his pushchair to teach his mum "a lesson".

When will people realise that standing around watching someone being relieved of their social security money and then running off to tell the cops is not going to make our streets any safer.

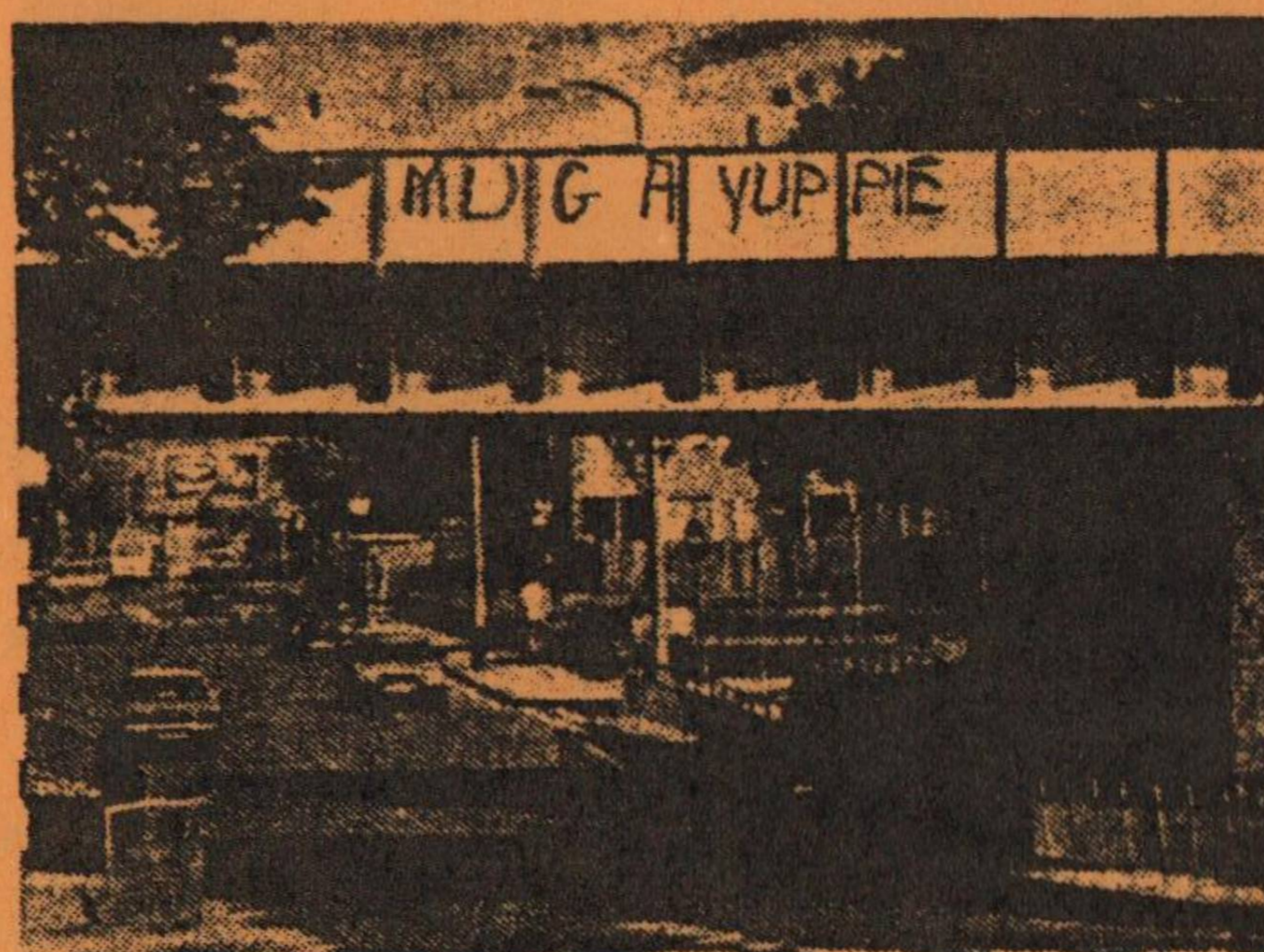
Scum who prey on other working class people need to be dealt with ON THE SPOT by local people: shoppers, motorists and anyone else in the vicinity.

We're not calling for the formation of some sort of vigilante group that goes around beating up every young or black person they come across, just for ordinary people to be ready to

step in and deal with muggers PHYSICALLY, on the spot

We must show these parasites that we're not going to sit back any longer and let them - or the yuppies - control our streets!

We are not against people having a go at the rich yuppies who are invading our area - far from it. But stealing from those who already have next to nothing is totally out-of-order and anyone who indulges in such anti-working class behaviour deserves all they get!



Grove Road railway bridge, Bow.

ANGER ON THE ISLE

For years the tenants of the West Ferry Road Estate on the Isle of Dogs have tried to get the local council to spend money on essential repairs and structural works, without success.

Now, all of a sudden, the London Docklands Development Corporation has decided to spend £300,000 on the estate - ON PLANTING TREES!

And why?... So that the rich yuppies living in the luxury housing developments

nearby won't have to look out over the council-run slums that real Eastenders are forced to live in.

As one tenant, Kate Bushway puts it, "They want to plant trees so the yuppies can't see the yobbos!"

Well the "yobbos" are getting pretty sick of watching the East End being handed to the yuppies on a plate, and pretty soon those trees might end up stuffed down some yuppie's throat!

"DON'T MUG ME - MUG A YUPPIE !"

Reads the graffiti in Lamb Lane, Hackney, only yards from the spot where a young mother was recently robbed of her family allowance and dole money.

There is a popular myth in the East End that in the 'old days' you could "leave your door unlocked and walk the streets without fear of being attacked".

It is true that although the area has a tradition of crime, the victims in the past were more likely to be the rich rather than ordinary Eastenders, if only because most ordinary Eastenders had little or nothing worth stealing!

The local villains usually went out of their neighbourhoods to burgle houses in the wealthier parts of London, or would lie in wait for the toffs who strayed into the East End looking for a bit of extra marital pleasures of the flesh from the local prostitutes.

Nowadays, however, the 'anti-social' elements in our communities are just as likely to prey on their underprivileged neighbours as the rich.

Perhaps the fact that the 'richer pickings' are now moving into the East End will encourage the muggers and other criminals to look to their past history, and stop ripping off their own class!

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