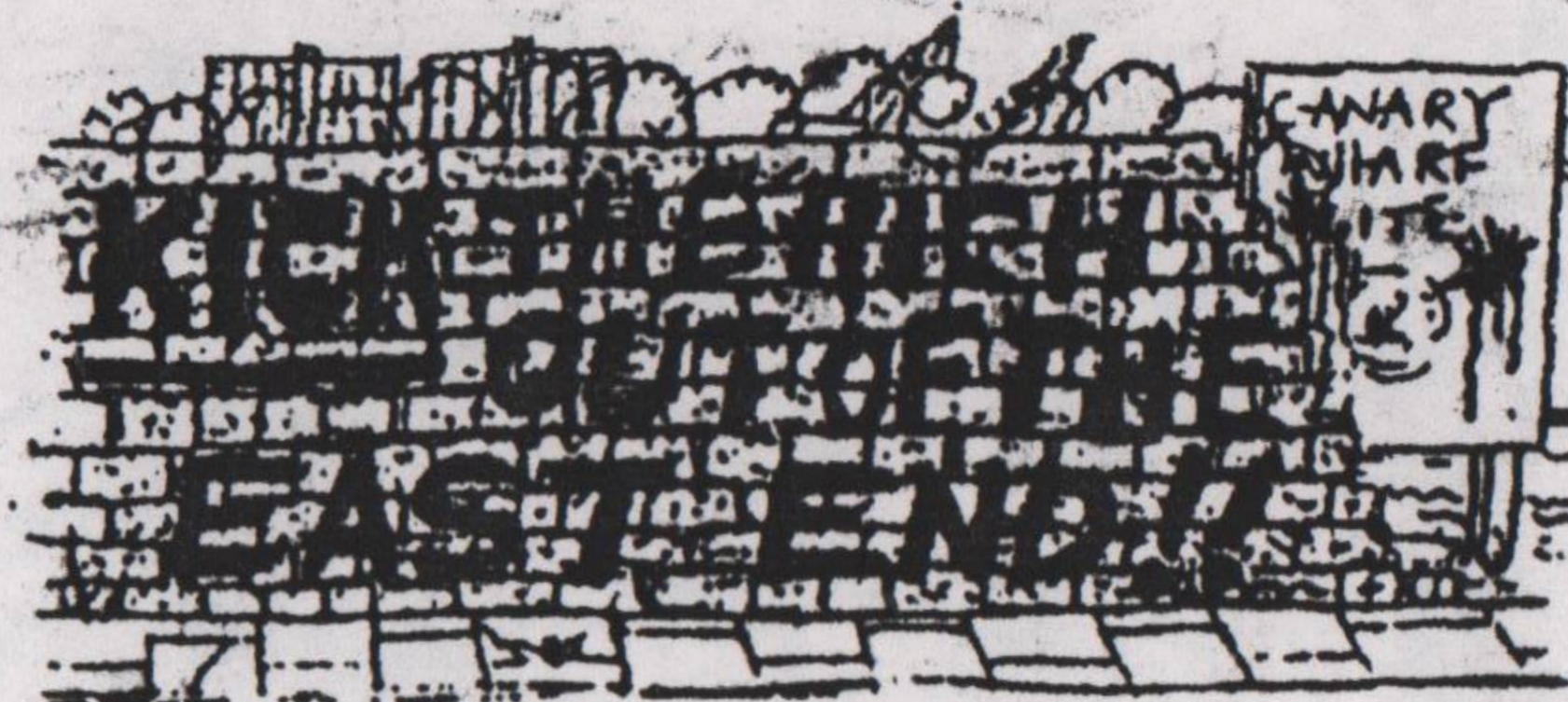


# EastEnders



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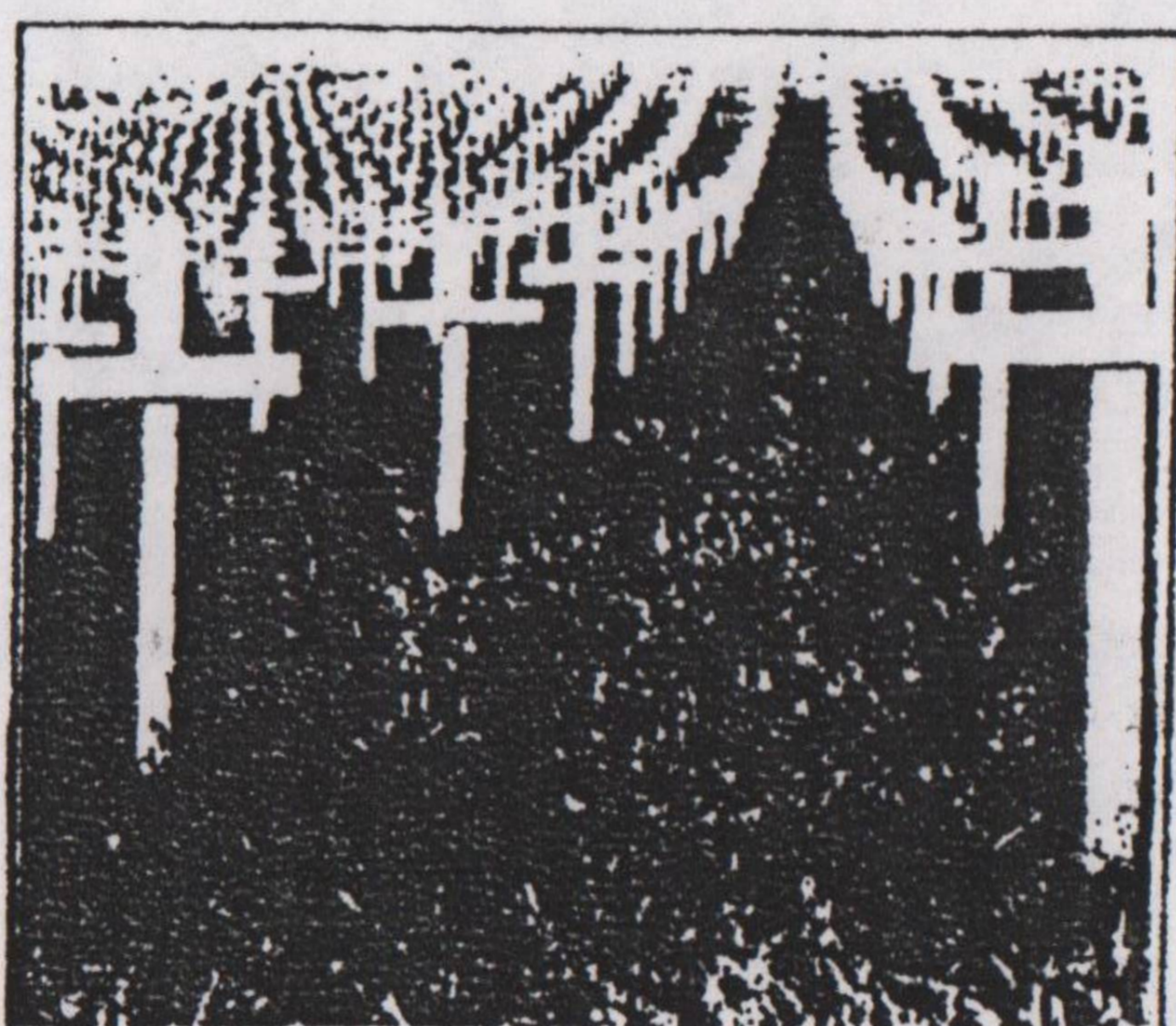
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# FOR THE EASTENDERS

Why have a lot of people in the East End suddenly decided they don't like their new rich neighbours? Surely this isn't the friendly East End spirit? Well as far as the "old East End spirit goes there's not much left anyway! Stories of people being mugged and burgled are commonplace and less and less people even know their neighbours.

The "old" community feeling is still alive and kicking but only in a few isolated places

Well we've had enough! We want a return of community trust and feeling, and end to the fear of walking the streets at night, an end to racist bigotry and an end to the bad housing etc.. Not so much a return to the East End of the past, but forward to true community spirit and local control, so we can, together choose exactly what we want and need and when, without having to settle for more council promises lies and excuses.



**WE HAVE FOUND NEW HOMES FOR THE RICH**

So how do the Yuppies fit in? Well what's causing the erosion of what's left of the East End? The new luxury developments, uprooting the original tenants, who then see their old homes turned into luxury flats. Why is it that we don't get good housing, education and wages? Sure Yuppies work, but so do a lot of other people, and often doing far harder jobs. But the Yuppies have had advantages all the way

along; mostly middle class backgrounds, private education and Daddies help with the bills etc... While we have no real choice over our lives, they, having the money, can choose all they want, for today, freedom is only available if you can afford it.. if you can't ...tough.

Yuppies aren't the cause of all the world's ills, but for the East End today it is they who are the immediate challenge for us.

Yuppies have the freedom to move into the East End and help ruin it for us who live here, like the Tories and council have been trying to do for years.

It is down to us to stop them and claim back the East End, of black and white, of Bangladeshi, English and Jew, that is truly ours.



## LIBERALS CON EAST ENDERS

**BUT WE MUST NOT LET THE LABOUR PARTY OR ANYONE ELSE CON US EITHER!**



## GET THEM OUT!

As the 'Yuppie Invasion' continues and the old East-End disappears amongst a sea of volvos, winebars and trendy art shops, the local working class are going to get the chance to really see how the other half lives

Course we'll be waiting for a bus or plodding along in our escorts, whilst they cruise along smugly in their Range Rovers. We'll be in the N.H.S. queues, whilst they enjoy the pomp and privilege of private health cover. We'll be grafting away, signing on and working our fiddles to help make ends meet, whilst they press a few buttons in the city and a couple of hundred quid pops into their pin-stripped pockets. The working class kids will be slapped with a 3rd rate education and a cramped comprehensive, whilst their kids get a public school education and a one-way ticket to success and fortune handed to them on a silver platter. They think they're safe and cushy in their 200 grand gaffs with their massive paycheques and

everything up-front and paid for-there's no worries here with H.P., dodgy goods or having to scrape together 50p for the lecky meter.

And what has the invasion of property developers and yuppies cost us, the working class East-enders? It has cost us the entire culture of the area. What have the picture-frame shops and windsurfing clubs got to do with the Eastend -nothing!! Our snooker halls and bingo clubs will soon be replaced by croquet and badminton clubs. Our pubs will be turned into spiffy winebars where all they serve is pink gin and pints of Pimms and you've got to pronounce your H's properly before they let you through the door.

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## Don't let the toffs take over our streets!

Meanwhile all our friends and relatives who have lived here for years, have been transported out to the colonies in Basildon and Thamesmead-splitting families and friends forever. Our community is being destroyed by property developers and yuppies.

So what are we going to do about it? Will we just watch passively as our East end disappears before our eyes and our lives with it? No Way!!

We've got to go on the offensive and "escort" the yuppies and property developers out of the Eastend. After all, who are they? What do they know about our problems?-they are just rich outsiders. To get rid of them we'll have to physically oppose estate sales and the new road developments we don't approve of, and put an end to yuppie flat developments so we can get homes for locals, black and white.

We've got to begin taking control of our communities, out of the hands of the rich property developers and giving it to the communities themselves. Then when the abandoned warehouses, crumbling estates and derelict docks are developed, they are done by and for the local working class-not by outsiders like yuppies and property developers.