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RENT RISE SCANDAL!

The Labour yuppies on Hackney Council are planning to put Council rents up £3 a week. They seriously expect us to pay more rent for the totally crap service they provide in return.

- NO more spending on estate improvements;
- NO repairs getting done;
- NO transfers;

And they put the rent up!!!

Meanwhile, to save their own political careers from bankruptcy, they're selling off all the houses they can to property developers to tart up and flog to the incoming yuppies.

They couldn't give a toss for the thousands who are homeless or on the housing waiting list. Instead they conjure up non-existent support for their "stand" against the Government from the council Trade Unions. WHAT A JOKE!

Now's the time to give the boot to these Labour creeps once and for all - we can run Hackney much better for ourselves without them.

SQUATTERS AND TENANTS groups have already begun the fightback: the Labour Council had to use dozens of riot police to evict one woman from the Nightingale Estate after tenants and fellow squatters came to her aid.

The Labour Party Borough Conference was stopped and tenants and squatters held their own two-hour meeting in the Council Chamber to

discuss our real housing needs.

EASTENDER says:

- Don't pay the rent rise;
- Take over empty flats;
- Resist evictions;
- Occupy District Housing Offices and run our estates ourselves;
- Take over the Town Hall!

LET'S GIVE THE LABOUR PARTY THE BOOT AND ABOLISH HACKNEY COUNCIL ALTOGETHER!
ALL IT'S EVER DONE IS BLEED US DRY AND GIVE US NOTHING IN RETURN. NOW'S THE TIME TO BURY IT!

SQUATTERS HALT EVICTIONS

An attempted mass eviction of squatters on the STAMFORD HILL ESTATE on 5th October had to be abandoned when over 100 people turned out to resist the 50 assorted bailiffs, council officials and police.

Only six of the 100-plus squats were evicted.

Later, squatters occupied the Housing Office at Stamford Hill and called upon the workers there to support them.

NEWS...NEWS...

The Council's Housing Services Committee meeting on 30th September had to be abandoned after councillors voted to continue their evictions policy.

Another meeting at the Town Hall on 7th October was also disrupted when squatters barracked Labour MP Diane Abbott.

Fed up with the graffiti on your estate? Then move to Hackney Town Hall!

When locals painted a few home truths about the Council on the walls in was removed - at great expense - in just THREE DAYS!

Meanwhile, our poor, hard-up Housing Department have been spending our rent money like it grows on trees. They have spent over £300,000 on steel doors and windows to secure de-squatted properties. Meanwhile their policy of selling off desirable street houses to property developers continues. Housing the homeless? WHAT A JOKE!

GET ORGANISED NOW!

COUNCIL WAGES WAR ON THE HOMELESS!

'CARING' HACKNEY COUNCIL are planning to drastically increase the number of homeless people in the borough over the next few weeks.

Led by housing chief Brynley Heaven, they have adopted a policy of evicting 1000 or so homeless people from squatted flats in the borough and dumping families currently in bed-&-breakfast accommodation in them. This is despite the fact that many of the flats are well below standard and need major repairs.

Instead of housing the hundreds of 'B & B' families in some of the 5000 empty properties in the borough, and giving the squatters legal licenses - thereby increasing the Council's rent income - they have decided to try to set one group of homeless people against the other.

Meanwhile, after years of trying to stop tenants from buying their council houses, the Labour Party are now planning to sell off empty street houses (the most desirable council properties in the borough) to property developers and yuppies!

However, this sick attack on some of the most underprivileged members of our community is being RESISTED!

- In SEPTEMBER on the NORTHWOLD ESTATE, over 70 people - including members of the Tenants Association - jeered and barracked as Council-hired vandals sledgehammered down doors of squatted flats painted with slogans like "Homes For All!"

- On STAMFORD HILL ESTATE baliffs have twice been prevented from evicting a family with two children.

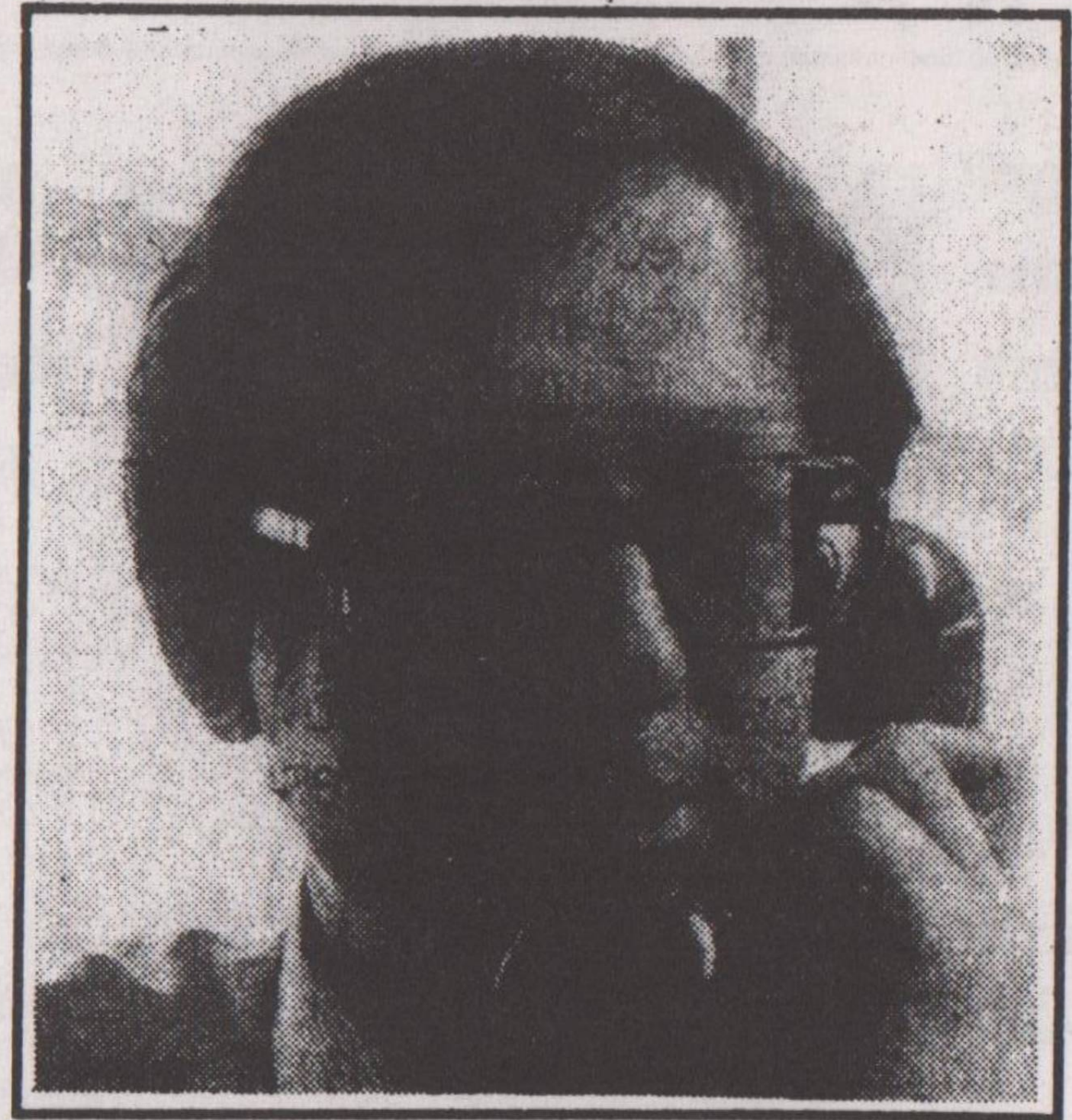
- On SATURDAY 26th SEPT., 150 squatters and tenants invaded the ANNUAL HACKNEY LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE in protest at the evictions and the millions of pounds worth of cuts planned and already taking place.

The Labour Party refused to debate the demands for "NO CUTS! NO EVICTIONS!" and walked out of their own meeting.

The 'invaders' plus some 30 or so Labour Party activists then proceeded to hold a 2-hour-long mass meeting.

Speaker after speaker attacked the Council's policies and argued for further mass resistance. To their credit, three Labour councillors who remained also pledged support!

The Labour Party is always criticising the Tory's cuts yet in Hackney it is the Labour Party who are making the cuts.



BRYNLEY HEAVEN... another Labour Yuppie!!

We cannot expect any resistance to the cuts in our living standards to come from the corridors of the Town Hall, where the Labour Party, union bosses and senior council officers form an unholy alliance which will do whatever it can to obstruct any real fightback.

Resistance can only come from the estates, works depots and other workplaces around the borough.

Homeless people, tenants and Council workers in Hackney cannot afford to compromise. Compromise means more homelessness, rent rises, worse services, redundancies and privatisation. We've been compromising for too long!

Our estate offices and depots can only be properly run by those who live and work on/in them. It's time to boot out the bureaucrats and Labour yuppies and take control ourselves!

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ABOUT RESISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES PLEASE WRITE TO US AND WE'LL PRINT IT.....

