EVICT YUPPIES, NOT EASTENDERS!

No one would deny that during the last few years the East End has gone through some drastic changes. What was once a solid working elass community is being rapidly destroyed by a combination of 'fast buck' property developers, 'couldn't care' councils of all political colours, and an invasion of 'Big Bang' yuppies into the area. We've seen house and flat prices rocket to such a level that local people would have to win the pools before they could even afford to RENT one. All this has had the effect of forcing us out of our 'territory' ruining our community and opening the flood gates for a yuppie stampede into the East End.

HOTTING UP

Just lately the battle for the control of the East End has been hotting up, with mean property developers showing they have absolutely NO regard whatsoever for anyone or anything.

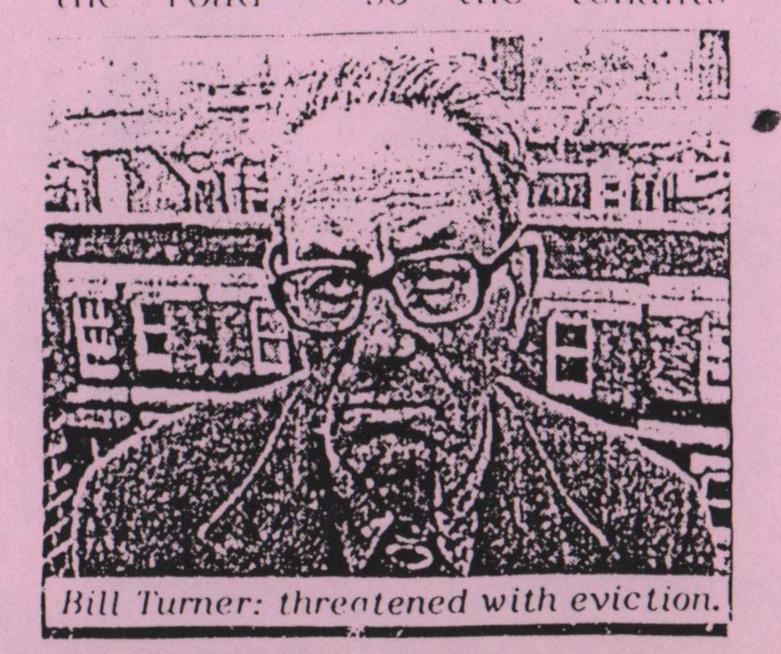
In an area stretching from Bow to Bethnal Green, and from Spitalfields to the Isle of Dogs, people are being slapped with eviction notices and compulsory purchase orders.

LUXURY HOMES

In Bow, a Bingo and social club is going to be mowed down to make way for 'Tredegar Square' style luxury homes, despite the fact that the club is an essential meeting place for many old folk in the area, who have met the demolition plans with a firm commitment of "we didn't move in the war, and we won't move now" GREAT STUFF - they need our support.

EVICTIONS

In Bethnal Green, on the Waterlow Estate, tenants are being evicted for the most disgusting of reasons - NOT because they aren't paying the rent, but because their council flats are blocking the view of the City from the new luxury flats over the road - so the tenants



are getting thrown out, and the flats demolished.
TAKING A LIBERTY OR WHAT?!!!

This is despite the fact that there is a good community spirit, and that many of the tenants have lived there since before the war.

TENANT CONTROL

This is a kick in the teeth to the people on the estate, and they need the support of all working class Eastenders to oppose these evictions and give the tenants full control over their estate, since the councils past and present have shown that they are well prepared to take back-handers off property developers, kiss their boots, and play by the rule of developers first, and locals last.

SHOPPING COMPLEX

In Spitalfields, the local asian and white community is being thrown out to make way for a yuppie shopping complex. This is an attack on the working class right across the board, regardless of race or colour. These dévelopers don't care at all - if there's money to be made by destroying your community, it's O.K. by them.

UP-MARKET

Out at Poplar, the LDDC has served compulsory purchase orders to a load

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to make way for a more 'upmarket' approach to housing, shops and offices. Many of the local people have lived there all their lives and the businesses employ local people.

SPIFFY WINE-BARS

The two pubs that are being mown down will soon be replaced by spiffy wine bars, where pink gin and caviar are all the rage and lager and bitter are swear words. A bingo hall is to be demolished, and Farina's Cafe on the East India Dock Road is to go, despite being the oldest established business in Poplar and doing the best egg and chips in the East End.

JOB LOSSES

Also on the chopping block is a furniture warehouse, a mini-cab office and a hairdressers, which is going to mean more job losses for local people in an area with the highest unemployment level in greater London. These assaults upon the working class community in the East End are all a part of a determined effort by the property developers and the powers that be to wreck our community and its spirit, and ship us out to the 'colonies' in Dagenham etc.

IT. Wherever a community is being threatened by developers, and decides to take a stand, we as working class Eastenders must support them and work by a solid commitment of NO evictions OR development without the consent of local people. Our entire community, as we know it, is under threat here, and unless we take a firm united stand, we can wave the East End. our friends, and our future here goodbye.

COMMUNITY CONTROL

Community control got to be taken out of the hands of the council and siezed by the community itself. WE can run our estates better than they ever could, and it will be our only sure way of knowing they wont fall into the greedy claws of the property developers. We can do this by working DIRECTLY with council workers for quick repairs, and by filling the empty flats on the spot, by each estate organising its own action committees, having its own waiting list, and by dealing with problems there and then.

POSITIVE EFFECT

In the past we've been sold a long line of empty promises regarding

..... or accomment. but THE BUCK STOPS HERE. l'uture developments in the area have got to be firmly in the control of the local people. It's priorities must always be to have a positive effect for LOCAL people and LOCAL businesses. The bottom line has got to be the development for the benefit of the locals, by the locals. Anything else just won't do.

OUR EAST END

From now on we must stand firm alongside fellow East-Enders who are on the recieving end of evictions and compulsory purchase orders. The line has clearly been drawn - on one side there's us, the working class East-Enders, fighting for own future and our community, and on the other side are the property developers, speculators, and all the other parasites who follow in their path.

We will win. The East End is OURS not theirs - it's our livliehoods and communitys at stake, and we won't let it go without

a fight.

RECLAIM THE EAST END!



ANGIE GOBSMACKS YUPPIE!

East Enders ANGIE landed a cracking right hook on some disgusting toffee-nosed Yuppie in WILMOTT-BROWN'S snotty wine bar the DAGMAR. In the next episode DIRTY DEN and ANGIE told WILMOTT-BROWN his sort weren't wanted in the East End because they were pushing up house prices and driving the true East Enders out. Angie followed up by telling Willmott-Brown to stop whining just because the East Enders were starting to fight back.

Let's hope the script is repeated in wine bars all over the East End. Yuppics aren't wanted round here and the sooner they push off back to Hampstead, the better!

PENSIONERS HOMES TO BE DEMOLISHED TOIMPROVE YUPPIES VIEW!!

Old Age Pensioners on the WATERLOW ESTATE in BETHNAL GREEN - many in their 80's - are being evicted by TOWER HAMLETS council so that their flats can be demolished to improve the view of the City for Yuppies in a nearby luxury block. This was agreed in a deal between the then LABOUR and now LIBERAL council and BARRATS the property developers.

A court hearing has been set for Thursday February 18th. We will be picketing the Barretts office on the Waterlow estate at 11a.m. that day. SO COME AND JOIN IN