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# SUPPORT THE SACKED PRINT WORKERS

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## 90 PRINTWORKERS SACKED

### SOGAT AND NGA OFFICIAL DISPUTE

#### THE REAL PRICE OF THIS FREE NEWSPAPER

In the early hours of the morning of 4 December Mr. Lionel Pickering millionaire boss of the Trader Group of free newspapers sent out his henchmen to the homes of the very people who made him a millionaire, each worker was handed a personal letter of instant dismissal, the now notorious SACK-O-GRAM. This act of treachery follows 8 months of non stop threats and broken agreements with the NGA and a total failure to even meet SOGAT or ACAS. The present dispute started in April of this year when in the place of our annual wage negotiations with the company all NGA and SOGAT members were sent letters to their homes in which Mr. Pickering launched a totally unprovoked attack on the NGA and the NGA F.O.C. (shop steward) and announced a 2 year wage freeze threatening redundancies closure or going non-union if the workers dared disagree. After many attempts to reach a negotiated settlement with Mr. Pickering involving our branch and regional officials and finally national officials of the NGA, on the 5 August an agreement was finally reached, but on 25 September we received a letter from Mr. Pickering with a different agreement altogether. The NGA workers unanimously voted to stand by what was mutually agreed on the 5 August. Mr. Pickering broke the agreement and then sacked us. This action by Mr. Pickering was planned long in advance. It has now become clear to all, that Mr. Pickering's ruthless pursuit of profits combined with a fanatical hatred for trade unions in general and the NGA in particular against a background of mass unemployment and armed with Tory anti-union laws has brought Wapping to the Midlands.

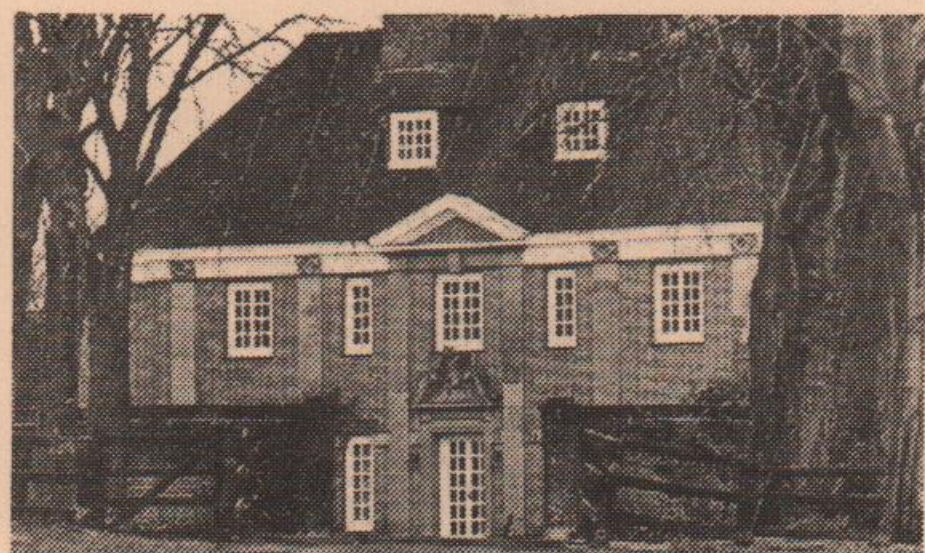
#### SACK THE ORGANISED WORKERS OPEN SAME COMPANY UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES

#### YOU COULD BE NEXT UNLESS YOU SUPPORT US NOW

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**Mr. Pickering**  
Inventor of Sack-O-Gram



**Ednaston Manor**  
House Mr. Pickering Owns

**COMPANIES MR. PICKERING OWNS:**  
Trader Web Offset Ltd. Midlands Publicity Ltd.  
Basepass Ltd.

**NEWSPAPERS MR. PICKERING OWNS:**  
Derby Trader, Long Eaton Trader, Burton Trader,  
Leicester Trader, Ilkeston & Ripley Trader,  
Tamworth Trader, Loughborough & Coalville  
Trader, Nottingham Trader, Hinckley & Bosworth  
Trader, Nuneaton & Bedworth Trader  
also Chase Post, Wolverhampton Ad News,  
Stafford Post, Wednesbury Times, Rugeley Post

**DON'T CROSS PICKET LINES: STOP THE TRADERS: DON'T TRADE WITH THE  
TRADERS: DON'T COMMUNICATE WITH OR WRITE FOR THE TRADER:  
SEND TRADERS BACK**

#### HEAR THE TRUTH

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY:** invite a sacked print worker to speak to your Trade Union Branch, Shop Stewards Committee, Trades Council, Labour Party meeting etc. Organise collections and delegations to picket line at Heanor Gate Industrial Estate, Heanor, Derbyshire. **DONATIONS AND MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO  
TRADER SACKED WORKERS DISPUTE  
c/o 114 Stonehill Road, Derby.**