

EastEnd

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NO RENT RISE
NO EVICTIONS

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MASS DEMONSTRATION

AT HACKNEY COUNCIL
MEETING

HACKNEY TOWN HALL

WED. OCT. 28th 6.30pm

CALLING ALL TENANTS, SQUATTERS
AND HOMELESS IN HACKNEY—
LET'S MAKE SURE THE COUNCIL
KNOW WHAT WE THINK OF THEM

**We all know what a mess housing is in Hackney - well, our
'socialist' Labour council has just voted to make it
WORSE with.....**

● **£3 RENT RISE**

● **NO TRANSFERS**

● **NO MORE SPENDING ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS**

● **NO REPAIRS**

● **MASS EVICTIONS**

**WELL WHAT ARE
WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT ?**

At a special meeting on Oct. 12th the Labour group on Hackney council voted through a package of CUTS and RENT RISES after the public gallery had been cleared of protesters by the police. The cuts were praised by the leader of the Tory group as "symbolic of the Yuppification of the Labour party".

The Council couldn't care less about it's tenants or the homeless people of Hackney they're a load of self-satisfied CAREER POLITICIANS making their living off our backs while they piss over the people they re supposedly representing. On Oct. 12th they passed a rent rise of £3 a week, massive cuts in services, the selling off of our council houses and the eviction of 3,000 homeless people who've turned to squatting. They're making these cuts to save their own skins, to save their political careers, and they're following the Tory governments anti-working class policies to the letter.

We can never expect the Hackney council Yuppies to care about us, they never have and they never will. These cuts and evictions are just the start of their plans for Hackney - if we leave it to them, more cuts will fol-

low, more homes will be sold off to private developers, and jobs will be cut. We must kick the Labour council out once and for all - we can run Hackney better for ourselves WITHOUT THEM. We must work together on this - Tenants, squatters and homeless - its the only way we'll get any kind of improvement in our situation.

The fightback has already begun - tenants and squatters are already working together on many estates to resist the cuts and evictions.

The Labour Party Borough Conference was stopped on September 26th when 200 squatters and tenants held a 2 hour meeting to discuss OUR housing needs.

The Council's Housing Services Committee meeting on 30th Sept. was abandoned after they voted to continue the eviction of squatters, due to protests from the public gallery.

On October 12th another Housing Committee meeting was disrupted when the cuts were discussed again. After attempts from people in the public gallery to talk about REAL housing needs, the meeting was adjourned for 25 minutes, and then the "socialist" council called in the police who cleared the 70 tenants

and squatters from the gallery, making sure that the voice of those affected by the cuts was kept from the ears of the Labour Councillors.

Resistance on a wide scale has met attempts to carry out the Council's mass-eviction policy, with groups of 70-100 people resisting evictions on the Northwold and Stamford Hill Estates, and occupation of district Housing Offices.

Eastender Says:

- *Don't pay the rent rises
- *Take over the wasted empty flats
- *Resist evictions
- *Occupy District Housing Offices and run estates ourselves
- *Council workers, refuse to implement the cuts
- *Take over the Town Hall

We can't expect any resistance from inside the Town Hall where the Labour Party rules supreme, until the Town Hall is OCCUPIED by the people of Hackney and until we run our estates ourselves. Their time is up - it's time we kicked them out and ran our own lives without them.

**Angry squatters
disrupt meeting**

During Monday's protests, council leader Andrew Puddephatt and Housing Committee Chair Brynley Heaven were barracked with shouts of "Yuppie Socialists" and "Class Traitors".

The demonstrators were opposing Hackney's plans to evict 1,200 squatters, currently living in council properties, as part of the budget-trimming.

The crowd barracked councillors with cries of "Labour Yuppies" as they tried to debate the recommendations that included a £3 a week rent rise for council tenants.

Eastender believes that the only way to change our situation is by mass working class action - the ordinary people of Hackney getting together to change things ourselves.

People who sneak around in the dark setting fire to things "on behalf" of the people of Hackney can only do us harm and we despise them.

We don't want to burn down district Housing offices, we'd like to see the district offices OCCUPIED by the people who live on the estate, and used to actually solve REAL housing needs, instead of the waste of time that they are now.

The way out of this housing mess involves taking control of OUR homes OURSELVES, not letting some self-important Labour Party council push us around or leaving it to a nutcase in a balaclava. We don't need them - all we need is each other.

THERES ALSO A HOUSING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27th AT 7.30 - BE THERE TOO IF YOU CAN!

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

No.1 Councillor Patrick Kodikara

Kodikara quickly spotted the career opportunities in being a professional anti-racist as Labour Councillors fell over themselves to set up race-relations units in the early 1980's. Still cracking on to be the genuine article angry young black man, he is one of a growing number of Labour Councillors who combine being a Councillor in one borough with a top job in a neighbouring Labour borough. In fact he's now so angry with the establishment that he's on £35,000 as Director of Social Services in Camden. His path has been smoothed by the wishy washy nature of Labour Leftists who feared to do anything to stop this obvious careerist for fear of being labelled 'racist'. Similarly, this gruesome lecher abandoned his wife and children penniless in Sri Lanka many years ago to screw his way through as many Labour Councillors, Union hacks, and guilt-ridden Leftists as possible. Anyone who resisted his advances was accused of being 'racist' before joining a long queue of those dumped and cast aside.

The sooner this sexist creep is given the boot, the better.

STOP SELLING OFF OUR HOMES

EVER SINCE council tenants got the 'right to buy' their own council houses in 1980, the Labour Party in the Town Hall have been trying their hardest to make it as difficult and unattractive as possible. Swamping prospective buyers with red-tape and slapping on massive maintenance charges.

They claimed, quite rightly, that it would be desirable council houses as opposed to flats that would be snapped up, depriving people stuck in tower block of the chance of getting a place with a garden for their kids.

However, it now seems that Hackney Council are only against selling council houses to working class people, as they have just agreed to sell off empty street houses to property developers to get them out of their financial crisis.

The property developers will tart up the houses - which is more than the council has ever done! - and sell them off, at sky high prices, to the incoming yuppies (and the odd Labour councillor too, no doubt!).

This policy is a real kick in the teeth for the hundreds of families that the council has dumped in bed & breakfast, who are now being forced to take sub-standard flats on threat of being wiped off the council housing list.

And what of the people stuck at the top of one of Hackney's numerous tower blocks who's dream of one day being transferred to a nice street house with a garden for their kids, has been the only thing that's kept them sane?

But of course, the middle class idiots that run the council couldn't give a toss about them. As far as they're concerned council tenants aren't meant to live in houses, are they? They might get ideas above their station!

It now seems that the only way working class people can get a chance of finding decent accommodation for themselves and their families is to move out of the borough, and probably right out of London altogether to the backwaters of Essex, effectively light years away from their friends, relatives and the area they know as their home.

Just who do these Labour yuppies think they are!?

What right do they have to sell off properties that rightly belong to US, the people of Hackney?

It's time these middle class do-gooders were told what to do with their bloody housing policy!

HOWEVER, we must be realistic. Mere anger is not going to stop these houses being sold. We must organise ourselves and not let the Council get away with it yet again.

Empty council houses must be occupied before they can be sold off, and any property developers that come poking about should be pointed in the general direction of the River Lea!

THE YUPPIES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN OVER TOO MUCH OF HACKNEY, DON'T LET THEM GET THEIR HANDS ON THE REST! EASTENDER says:

- OCCUPY EMPTY COUNCIL HOUSES!
- KICK OUT THE PROPERTY DEVELOPERS!
- ABOLISH HACKNEY COUNCIL!

MORE CUTS

At the council meeting on October 12th they also decided to ban overtime for council workers - which means our services get worse even WORSE and the workers pay goes down. Eastender calls on all council workers to join the demonstration on Oct 28th to let the council know that we won't take their shit anymore.

Brynley Heaven

BRYNLEY HEAVEN-LABOUR YUPPY!



GO TO HELL!

Councillor Brynley Heaven is the person spearheading the attack on the Tenants and homeless of Hackney.

But apart from these credentials just who is he?

He admits to being "Battersea Grammar School and Hull University" educated. Nothing wrong with a bit of learning you may say, but does that qualify him to come into Hackney and mess around with our lives?

He claims he lives in a dilapidated house. Who is he kidding? The 3 storey terrace house in John Campbell Road, on the edge of the Islington/Stoke Newington YUPPYLAND, he shares with another Labour Party trendy, is worth £150,000!

But in August in an exclusive interview he gave away his class sympathies. Quote...."People i.e. Yuppies who buy houses in Hackney, expensive housing, are teachers, social workers, journalists and left-wing lawyers and doctors. Many of whom are LIKE MYSELF BASICALLY MIDDLE CLASS who hold sincerely socialist views ...rather than sneering at Yuppies, they will be our allies."

Say no more! The man is a true Yuppy - sincere socia-

-list mind you! He's got about as much sus of working class socialism -i.e. community power and tenant & workers control, as an estate tenant has got a chance of buying a house in Hackney!

It is now clear that it is the Yuppies who will be benefit from Hackney council's new policies.

Making cuts, compromising and hanging on in charge means a few more years of over-paid jobs for the boys (whoops! and the girls-but only if they're in the Labour Party!) and a few more years of grants to trendy lefty co-ops and projects but what good does it do us?

Selling general properties which the council has already begun to do, means more houses going to the Yuppies and Labour trendies who control many of the housing co-ops, and it means theres even LESS chance of getting a council home.

The deterioration of services to tenants and the rumoured SELLING OFF of estates to Housing Associations will drive more Hackney people from the borough.

Cllr Heavens policies are clearly disgusting and anti-working class. His only solution to our housing crisis is to drive the "problem" - the poorest and the homeless - out of Hackney to make room for his Yuppy friends.

"But," he whined in the interview with typical middle class lefty guilt, "I can't take all the cares and burdens of the world on my shoulders."

Well why don't you just fuck off then Brynley, and let the ordinary people of Hackney, black and white, get on and sort out our problems properly, ourselves.

P.S. Do you really think that we, the tenants, would run our estates worse than the council fools?

squatting news

Since the council started its ridiculous mass eviction policy hardly any of its targetted squats have been evicted, due to mass resistance by squatters and tenants on the estates.

Those flats that HAVE been evicted have remained empty and untouched -evidence that the council isn't interested in housing B&B families, they're just using squatters as scape-goats for the councils own bad policies.

When there are 4000 empty council properties in Hackney and only 1200 of these have been squatted, its obvious that the council doesn't need to evict anybody to find homes for 800 B&B families, as theres plenty of empty places to go around without making more people homeless.

We need to keep up the resistance of evictions -we need MORE squatters and MORE tenants to join in -we musn't let the council play off one set of homeless people against another. We're all in this together and if we fight together we will WIN!