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Saturday is WAPPING day!



Join us every week at 8pm by Tower Hill tube.

SUPPORT for the sacked printworkers is growing. Miners, electricians, firefighters, Wapping residents, teachers and Labour Party branches are just some of those whose banners have appeared on the Saturday night mass pickets.

The LGSP banner has attracted much attention on the picket line. Cheers greeted the Lesbian Printers banner on its first outing on March [8, International Women's Day

Hundreds, if not thousands, of those who have already been on the picket line at Wapping are lesbia s and gay men. Many more will have been to Wapping with their unions before the strike is won.

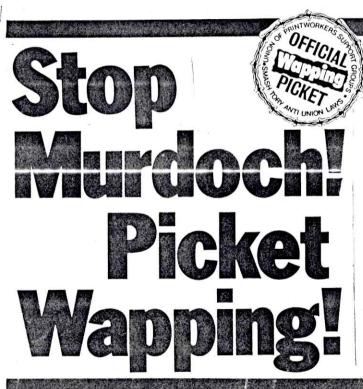
We have a long way to go before prejudice and discrimination is a thing of the past. In order to achieve equality we need allies, and the way to win allies is to fight alongside others struggling for their rights. The trade unions and the labour movement can be powerful forces for change. If we want support for un rights, we must support the fight for jobs and be crights.

But words aren't enough. Words won't pp Murdoch and the Tories trampling the printworker into the ground. Shutting down Wapping will.

If a few thousand - sometimes a few hundred - can hold up Murdoch's muck till three in the morning, a few thousand more will keep the papers in deall day. Unlike coal, you can't stockpile new papers - yesterdays news is no good to anyone.

All the signs are that the boycott campa in is having a dramatic effect on sales of Murdon stitles. Sun and News of the World sales are falling faster than England's chances of winning a Test match.

If the printworkers are defeated, the Tories will be cock-a-hoop. The clock will be turned back another decade or two towards the 19th century, and let noone fool themselves that lesbians and gays won't be among the first to feel the effects.



LGSP, c/o 274 Upper Street, London Nl. 737 2495 Donations welcome - all money to Fleet Street Hardship Fund. Cheques/PO's payable to LGSP.



SOLDARITY

UNION OF PRINTWORKERS SUPPORT GROUPS



THE UNION of Printworkers Support Groups has been set up to act as a co-ordinating body for the mushrooming number of support groups springing up - now one in almost every London borough. 'Support groups have a crucial role to play in this fight' | sacked SOGAT member Larry Hyett told the first UPSG meeting. 'Mass picketing of Wapping is extremely important.' Now there are plans to launch a Rank and File Printworkers Movement, sponsored by the UPSG, to organise and defend Wapping pickets. UPSG produces badges (see left), posters and leaflets, available for a donation to cover costs. 102 Cromer St., WC1. Tel 435 5652.

RESIGNED

MORALE at Wapping is plunging. Workers on the presses are said to be working double shifts as routine. Reporters deprived of their enormous daily alcohol intake are sunk in gloom despondancy and despair.

Senior journalists are bailing out as fast as they can. Sunday Times literary editor Claire Tomalin told her boss Andrew Neil in her resignation letter: 'You have become a mouthpiece for a ruthless and bullying management which regards all its employees as cattle.'

Sunday Times Spectrum editor and gay activist Harry Coen also resigned his job recently. He's now taken up employment on Eddie Shah's profoundly boring anti-union rag Today, dubbed Today by cynics less than impressed with the paper's school-magazine journalism and revolting layout.

VICTORIAN VALUES

AMERICAN-style union-busting is becoming a big hit with print bosses. Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group, Express Newspapers and freesheet magnate Eddie Shah all hope to see an industry where their rapacity can be given free rein.

No right to strike, no redundancy pay, no say in working conditions, no union representation, instant dismissal at the bosses' whim - even industrial injury in the course of making obscene profits for these parasites is to be rewarded with the sack

The majority of printworkers are in jobs like engineering, are cleaners, secretaries, warehouse staff clerks and security guards. Many of them are now in desperate straits due to being flung out on the street with no compensation.

So next time you're asked for a donation for the strikers, give as generously as you can. Your job could be next.

CRIME WAVE



HOT LINE

NEWS INTERNATIONAL aren't too keen on publicising their phone numbers. If you have any hot news for Murdoch's scabs, give them a ring on one of the numbers below

They'll be especially pleased to hear freyou between 4 and 6,30pm on Saturda when those boring sports results are coming through...

Wapping Switchboard: 481 4100 Bouverie St 353 3030

Sunday Times 822 9900 The Times (Wapping) 481 4000

JOIN LGSP on the Wapping picket line every Saturday night. Meet Tower Hill tube 8pm. Bring coffee, sandwiches anstay as long as possible-every hour the papers are delayed costs Murdoch a packet.

LGSP MEETS every Thursday 7pm at the London Lesbian & Gay Centre, Cowcross St. All supporters welcome.



SUNDAY 6th APRIL 1986
IN SUPPORT OF PRINTWORKERS
IN DISPUTE WITH MURDOCH

Rally at Trafalgar Square 3-pm
Speakers will include Brenda DeanTony Dubbins-T.U. and Labour leaders
Followed by a MARCH to WAPPING
led by 6,000 SACKED PRINTWORKERS
TRADE UNIONISTS & SUPPORTERS AFFOOTEICALLY
** requested to give MAXIMUM support **

