

THE GREAT "SEX" DEBATE

The recent debate about sex education took a new step when Haringey councillors in north London voted to support positive images of Lesbians and Gays in Haringey's education service. This will mean that teachers should inform children that being Lesbian or Gay is not "abnormal" as some would have it said.

Haringey, hopefully to be followed by Ealing, has taken a positive approach in its equal opportunities programme. LGSP is supportive of what the two local authorities are doing and gave support by attending the lobby of Haringey's Education Committee at the last full Council meeting. LGSP was part of a 1,000-strong lobby in support of this policy. There were 50 people present, including Tory councillors, who were against.

What won't be reported is that a Tory councillor threw a heavy cushion at a Black Lesbian, another Tory threw missiles at the Labour leader, and a Gay Labour councillor was nearly killed after the meeting by bigots. The car he was in had its windscreen smashed by a crow-bar.

Open Lesbians and Gays in Haringey are being attacked because of the council's policies. This makes us more determined to carry on supporting these policies. We fight on despite the lies from Haringey's opposition parties, right-wing parents groups and the local press. LGSP will be there to support equal opportunities for Lesbians and Gays and will give support to councils like Haringey and Ealing in consulting with teachers, parents and governors to formulate a positive images programme.

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LGSP meets as a group Thursdays at 7.30pm at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67 Cowcross Street, EC1 (01-608 1471). Every Saturday we join the sacked printworkers and their supporters in demonstrating against Wapping. Meet at Tower Hill at 8.30pm: look for the banner.

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE PRINTWORKERS, C/O LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE, 67 COWCROSS STREET, LONDON EC1.

SPEEDO SCABS

Everyone knew that Murdoch's scab lorries and vans, careering around London at dangerous speeds with the blessing of the police, would sooner or later cause damage to ordinary people.

At 1.40am on Wednesday, 1st October one of Murdoch's "white mouse" scab vans hit and critically injured 22 year old Robert Grimwood as he was going home after leaving the London Apprentice - a gay pub in Shoreditch.

Robert was rushed to St Bartholomew's Hospital with severe head injuries. His condition is now stable and improving.

Anyone who witnessed the crash, and who doesn't want to deal with the police, can contact LGSP with information. LGSP sends our warmest best wishes for a full recovery to Robert and his lover Tom.

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Saturday night at Wapping

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT

THE PRINTWORKERS (LGSP)

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LONDON REGION NATIONAL GRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION (1982)

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Proposed by EASTWAY OFFSE.

3. "This region recognises that Lesbians and Gay men suffer from social, cultural and legal discrimination and that there is no legal recognition for workers who have been discriminated against on the grounds of sexuality.

This region resolves to:

Support Lesbian and Gay members who have suffered discrimination in employment.

Campaign amongst members to end all forms of discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men.

To establish an advisory group (which would include Lesbians and Gay members) to assist in the implementation of this policy.

This region further resolves to support any campaigns which call for legal measures to prevent discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men, particularly within employment."

Proposed by TROJAN PRESS

4. "This conference salutes the magnificent struggle of the black workers against the South African apartheid regime.

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FOURTH

REGIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

7th/8th November 1986

The Labour Party voted overwhelmingly in favour of Lesbian and Gay Rights at this year's annual conference in Blackpool. Passing the above Resolution at the London Region NGA would establish a more positive union policy on Lesbian and Gay rights. Support us! The conference is at the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, WC2.



Two of the five Lesbian and Gay Banners on the Cable Street Anniversary March

LGSP - OUT AGAINST FASCISM

October 4th was the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street; the day when working people chased Mosley's fascists out of the East End. The Black-shirts, as they were then known, were trying to blame Jewish people for the chronic failures of the capitalist sys-

tem. Millions were out of work and poverty was in every street in working class neighbourhoods. The Battle of Cable Street is important because the Jewish working people who were in the forefront of this struggle were joined by non-Jewish workers. Together, using bricks, bottles and barricades, they chased the fascists out of East London.

The past ten years have seen a resurgence in racist and fascist ideas. They come increasingly to the fore as the capitalist system slides deeper into recession. Fascist groups today, like the National Front, try to scapegoat Black people for the poverty and unemployment of the white working class. Just as Jewish people led the struggle against racism and fascism in the 1930s so are Black people leading the struggle today, and it is vital for us to support them.

A really positive feature of the anniversary march was the large and visible Lesbian and Gay contingent. The LGSP Banner was part of a group of about 60 people and was the only Printworkers banner present on the march. We saw it as important to participate because as Lesbians and Gays we have a relevant

perspective on fascism; along with Jews, Communists, gypsies and the disabled thousands of Lesbians and Gays died in Hitler's death camps. Secondly, in our work as a Lesbian and Gay Support Group for Printworkers we have tried to challenge divisions in the working class that prevent us from acting together. By fighting homophobic (ie anti-gay) prejudice among printworkers and arguing for the relevance of a Lesbian and Gay perspective down at Wapping we are attempting to break down divisions between Gay and straight workers. Equally we must fight racism among white workers, since as well as brutalising Black people racism is crucial to Thatcher's policies of "divide and rule". The march through East London to commemorate Cable Street was very successful. LGSP will also be participating in the Anti-Fascist Action mobilisation against fascist groups at the Cenotaph on November 9th.

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NEW BANNER FOR PRINTWORKERS

At the LGSP meeting on Thursday, 9th October the group decided to donate £100 to the wife and baby of Bob Tetaur - a sacked Times printer sentenced the previous day to six months in jail for assault. A few of us, using the expertise of a Leicester LEFT OUT member, made a fundraising banner for Bob's colleagues and Chapel members: 5' by 9' of a striking, thick green cotton with "Times Revisers and Copyreaders Chapel" in black at the top, "Defending our Jobs" in red in the centre, and "Bob Tetaur - Six Months in Jail" in white at the base.

The banner was ready - the gloss paint eventually did dry - for the RIRMA (one of Sogat's London Branches) delegate meeting on Saturday, 18th and caused quite a stir. The £100 donation from LGSP had started the ball rolling as far as raising funds and consciousness were concerned, and a staggering amount of money was collected. That night the banner made its first appearance at Wapping and twinned with the LGSP banner on the march from Tower Hill.

The following Monday a surprise picket was called of the old Times building on Gray's Inn Road. At 12.30pm 400 sacked printworkers and supporters gathered opposite the main Sunday Times entrance and heckled the scabs entering and leaving the building. It was good to have the Bob Tetaur banner present. It was the only banner there and acted as a focus for the picket. The weather was foul, with the wind occasionally bending the poles, but spirits were high and it was a very successful picket. Once sufficient numbers had arrived the printers surged into the road completely blocking the main entrance. And it was quite a while before police reinforcements were called up to move people on.

The banner then led a spontaneous march off to the City, to the Old Street roundabout, down City Road and past the new offices of the inaptly named "Independent", to Moorgate and Bank and on to Fleet Street. The march ended up at the Sun building on Bouverie Street. This was a marvellous way of putting the dispute back on the map and secured a lot of good publicity for the fight. And the banner will be down at Tower Hill every Wednesday and Saturday for the 8.30 pm marches.

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Marching up Brick Lane, E1



There was a carnival atmosphere on the March!