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KEEP WARM BURN THE RICH!

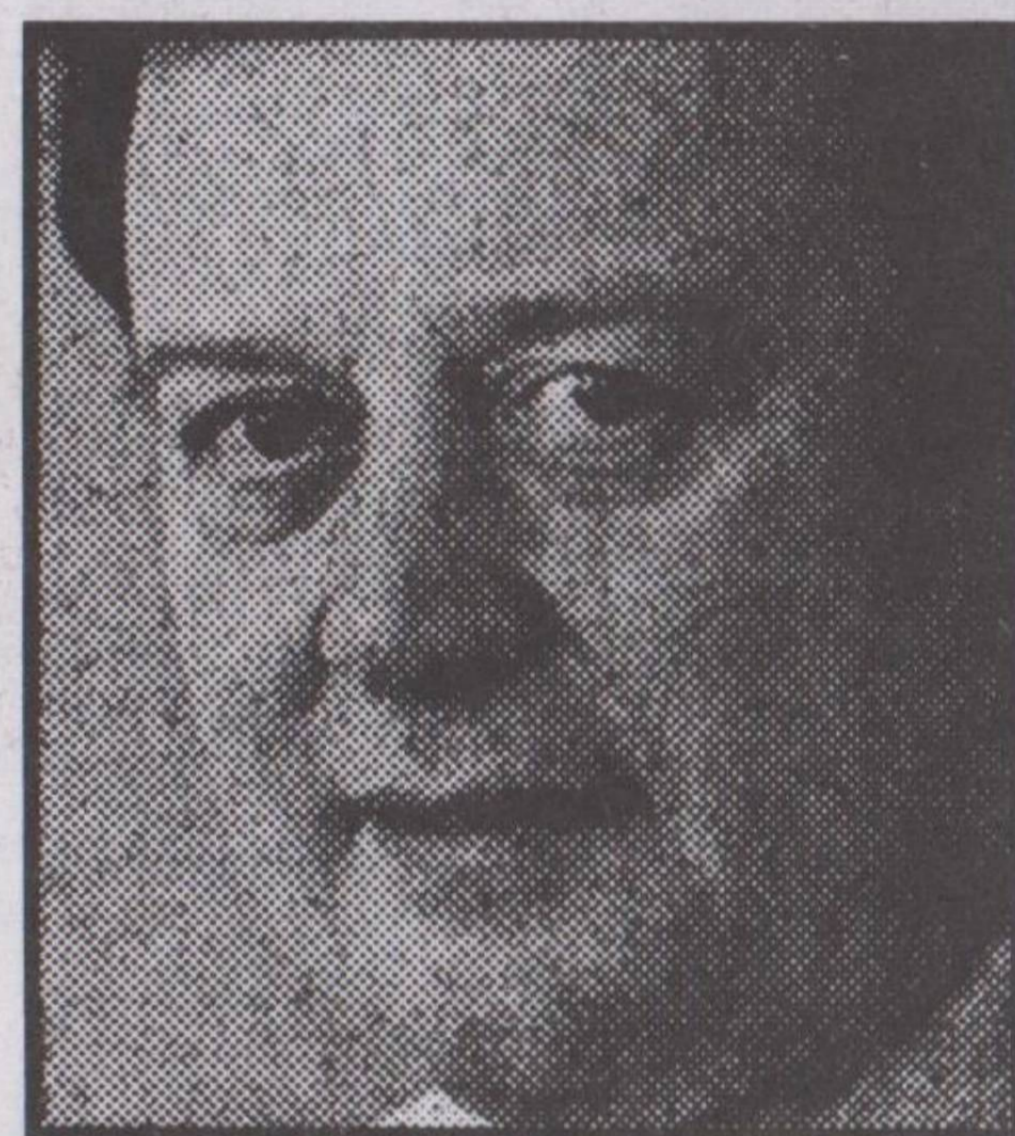
It is reckoned that 2,000 people die every year because they can't afford to keep warm. Most are OAPs. Thousands of others go on to develop chronic health problems.

Yet from this April the government is putting VAT on domestic fuel – 8% this year and the full 17½% next year.

The result will be almost immediate. There will be

an estimated *ten thousand* more deaths every year. And that's not counting the less visible effects. We'll *all* have to cut back on heating, washing, cooking etc – and if we don't, we'll have to cut back on something else to make ends meet.

The fuel tax is a simple idea. When the rich are in trouble, they want us to bail them out. It's just the latest in a long line of attacks against working class



Kenneth Clarke: first on the bonfire!

people in this country. And as usual it is the young, the old and the sick who are going to be hardest hit

Enough is enough! We're not prepared to die for the likes of Kenneth Clarke and his mates. And we know there's only way to destroy this tax – that's to destroy the system that brought it in. At work, in the streets where we live, and everywhere: *keep warm – make trouble!*

LEEDS PRIEST IN 'NO LOVE CHILD' SCANDAL

The Catholic Church was hit by fresh scandal recently when it was revealed that one priest, referred to only as 'Father X', had fathered no love-children.

The reticent Father admitted to having never made love to any of his parishioners on the altar. The Church is said to be considering withdrawing the portion of Father X's

salary which is meant to provide for illegitimate offspring and paying hush money to single mothers.

When questioned about his failure to 'produce an heir', Father X at first claimed to have had a vasectomy – apparently allowed under the present Pope – but later broke down and confessed to never having



'Failure': Father 'X'

broken his chastity vows.

"Other priests, royalty and cabinet ministers have been occas-

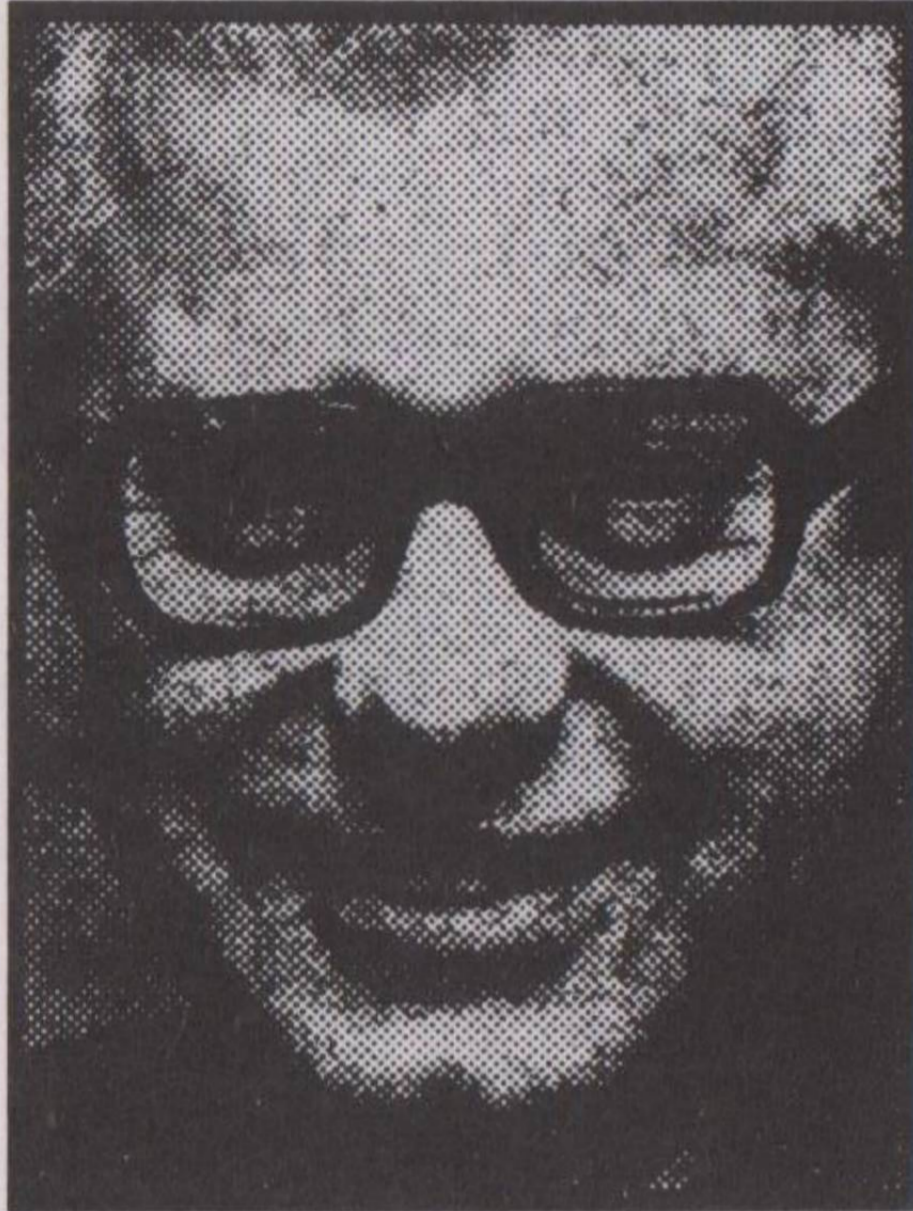
ionally found out for doing something like this as well," he added, "though not very often."

A spokesman for the Anglican Church, which lags behind the Catholics in the 'pro-creation stakes', said: "Choir boys are safer with the C of E, of course, but the reason the Roman Catholic Church Fathers father more bastards is clearly because they aren't allowed to wear rubber jonnies.

"There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that we don't get up to all kinds of sins."



Comment



Since the robbing bastard Maxwell made that last deadline, the power of the newspaper barons has been concentrated into even fewer hands. People such as Rupert Murdoch, and *YEP* owner Lord Stevens (above) don't own newspapers for the 'common good', they make stacks of money out of it.

Ownership of the press is a powerful weapon. Newspapers may claim to be 'Labour' or 'Tory', or even 'independent', but they share one over-riding feature: they all represent the views of one section of society – their owners.

We want to present information in a way that the *YEP* or any other large circulation newspaper, would never do. We will take sides *against* bosses, police and landlords – against anyone who makes our lives miserable.

And we will support working class people, in Leeds and elsewhere, fighting back against the bosses.

'THE LITTLE PET SHOP OF HORRORS'

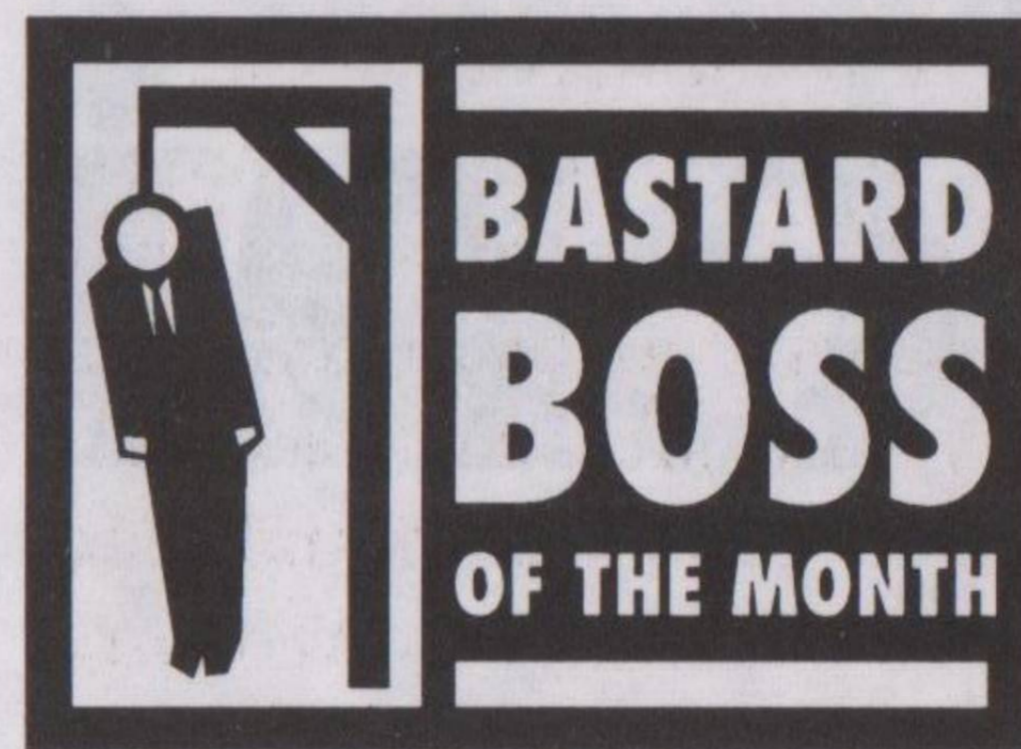
Peter Hemingway, manager of Living World Pet Shop on Armley Road, Leeds, is this issue's biggest bastard boss.

Way back in November 1992, Pete was found guilty of sacking a woman worker for the 'crime' of getting pregnant.

The tribunal Kathleen Downey had taken him to awarded her £1,500 compensation, to be paid in 28 days unless he wanted to appeal against their decision. No appeal was forthcoming, but then neither was the cash.

Seven months later, Pete was again ordered to pay up within 28 days, after Ms Downey had paid £50 for a bailiff's order to seize goods against the amount of the award. Still nothing!

Hemingway, who drives a Ferrari, and is away on holiday in the Philippines (probably costing a lot more than £1,500), seems



unperturbed. After all, bailiffs might act fast when it's poor people who can't pay their bills, but wealthy businessmen are in another league. In fact, unlike the woman he sacked, he can afford to ignore them altogether.

Even if he is eventually forced to pay (only after Ms Downey has had to pay yet more money to make him), the longer he waits the less the £1,500 will be worth. By now it's 16 months since he was first ordered to pay, so Hemingway has made over £200 in interest on the £1,500, which is now worth only a little over £1,400 com-

pared to its value in 1992.

All bosses are bastards. They all make us work for less than we are worth, but that doesn't make it right. They all hire or fire us when it suits them, but because it happens everywhere is no reason to assume it's natural. None of them really care about our health and safety, but that doesn't make it 'not worth making a fuss about'. It's always worth having a go back at them, either one at a time, like this little article, or all together – say, putting them up against a big wall and letting them have it.

As far as Peter Hemingway is concerned, he treats his workers like the dog shit they have to clean up. He should be made to eat the stuff!

When he's not cruising round the world at his workers' expense, scumbag Hemingway can be contacted at Living World on Leeds 631509.

It's easy to get pissed off and feel helpless when we're kicked from pillar to post, constantly bombarded with bad news and then told that we're to blame for everything that's going wrong...

But every day, in hundreds of different ways, people are having a go back at this shitty system. From refusing to pay our council taxes, to fighting for better wages at work, from trying to stop nursery closures to taking action against anti-social criminals – in loads of ways, big and small, we're screwing up their plans for a mass of obedient workers and consumers.

A different example of people fighting back happened in Leeds recently with a protest against 'Children in Need'. About 60 disabled people, and some non-disabled supporters, stormed the West Yorkshire Playhouse. Chanting "Piss on Pity!" and "Rights not Charity!", they blocked the

entrance to the theatre where the BBC were trying to broadcast.

One of the people involved explained why they were opposed to charity: "it makes out that disabled people are the problem because there is something wrong with us. Charity's answer is to provide services to look after us, or research to find a cure for us.

"Neither of these is what disabled people want. We want to be in control of our own lives."

Moments like this are brilliant, when we give two fingers to the way they want us to live and

start to do what *we* want.

The *Pest* will report the things the mainstream media won't touch. Whether it's something massive, like a long-term campaign against opencast mining, or something small, like stopping your mates or relatives being evicted, we want to know about it.



BOSSES – BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH!

The government-appointed heads of the new United Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust have come up with a new wheeze for raking in the cash at the expense of health care.

They have aimed their sights at student nurses, who are currently housed in student quarters on hospital sites at Chapel Allerton, LGI and Jimmy's. They have sent out mass eviction notices to all nursing and medical students at these sites saying they are turning them out on the street by the end of April.

The old Chapel Allerton site is to be closed completely – the rumour is that the trust has been trying to flog the site to the West Yorks cops – although the Trust management deny that they have finalised a deal with the filth, they have admitted to negotiations with them.

The Trust doesn't give a damn for the welfare or safety of the student nurses, the majority of whom are women and will now have to cope with getting home to private rented housing at all hours of the night and morning, as well as having

the extra hassle of having to deal with the crap housing and dodgy landlords in the private student housing sector.

To add insult to injury, those who remain in Trust housing have been sent (in the same envelope as their eviction notices!) notice that rents are to rise massively from a weekly rate of £18 for a single room with shared facilities, up to £40; and family flats from £38 to £80.

Stuart Ingham, the boss of the Trust, takes home £83,000 a year and doesn't live in a student flat.

NEWSFILE

TORY BASTARD OUTRAGE

Leeds Tory councillor Peter 'Ugly Mug' Gruen has admitted being the real father of a Conservative Party worker's five month old daughter. Labour leader Jon Trickett immediately attacked him for failing to take proper precautions. He's been screwing the workers of Leeds for years without ever getting caught.

MOB ATTACKS LEEDS PC

Excellent.

WATER SHOCKER

Surprise, surprise. Yorkshire Water are putting up water charges for domestic users, and cutting rates for business and those unlucky sods who already have water meters. This has got nothing to do with the fact that Sir Gordon Jones, boss of Yorkshire Water, gets over £150,000 a year and wouldn't know real poverty if it came up and belted him with a brick. Worth a try though...

KEBABBED!

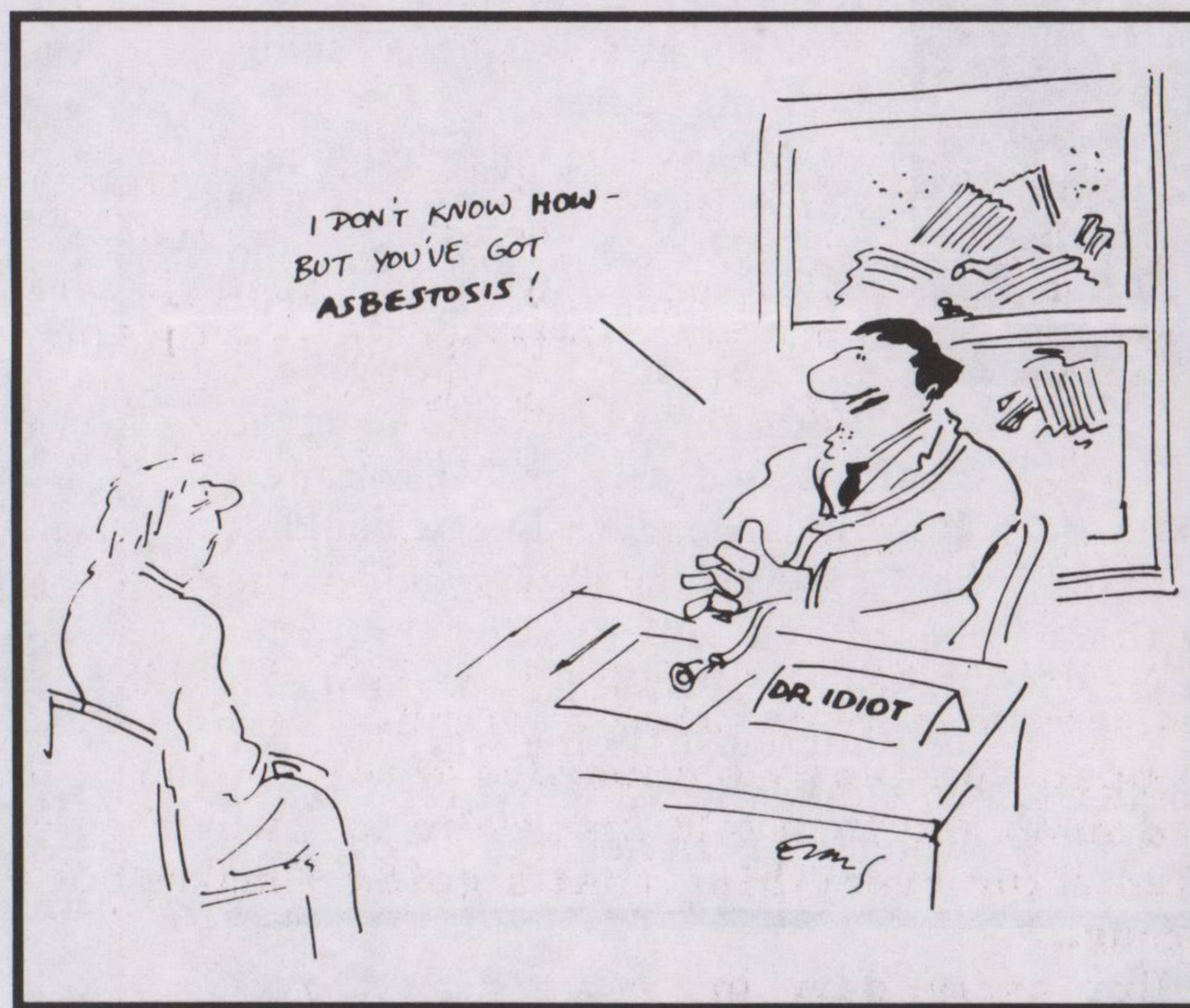
Leeds cops are investigating an assault by an officer on two lads who allegedly threw kebabs at his patrol car. OK, the officer will be acquitted but at least the pair will have learnt their lesson – next time it'll be a brick...

ARMLEY ASBESTOS: BIG BRIBES AND BULLSHIT

Leeds City Council, winners of 'bastard landlord of the month' in the first issue of *Yorkshire Evening Post*, because of their activities in Armley (moving tenants into asbestos-contaminated houses, without telling them about the risks) have been rumbled again!

The Labour group and Labour MP John Battle have been happily slagging off the Tories for taking £75,000 in 'donations' (bribes) from T&N, the company responsible for causing asbestos related death and illness to many Leeds residents.

But what they didn't want to tell us is that the squeaky clean Labour-run



council is also part of a consortium of five authorities in Yorkshire who have invested pension funds in T&N.

The logic is sound – the more people to die early, the less to share in the pension fund profits. Unfortunately, not all the pension fund members see it this way.

For example, Brian Hunt, an ex-council employee and chair of the Armley Asbestos Campaign

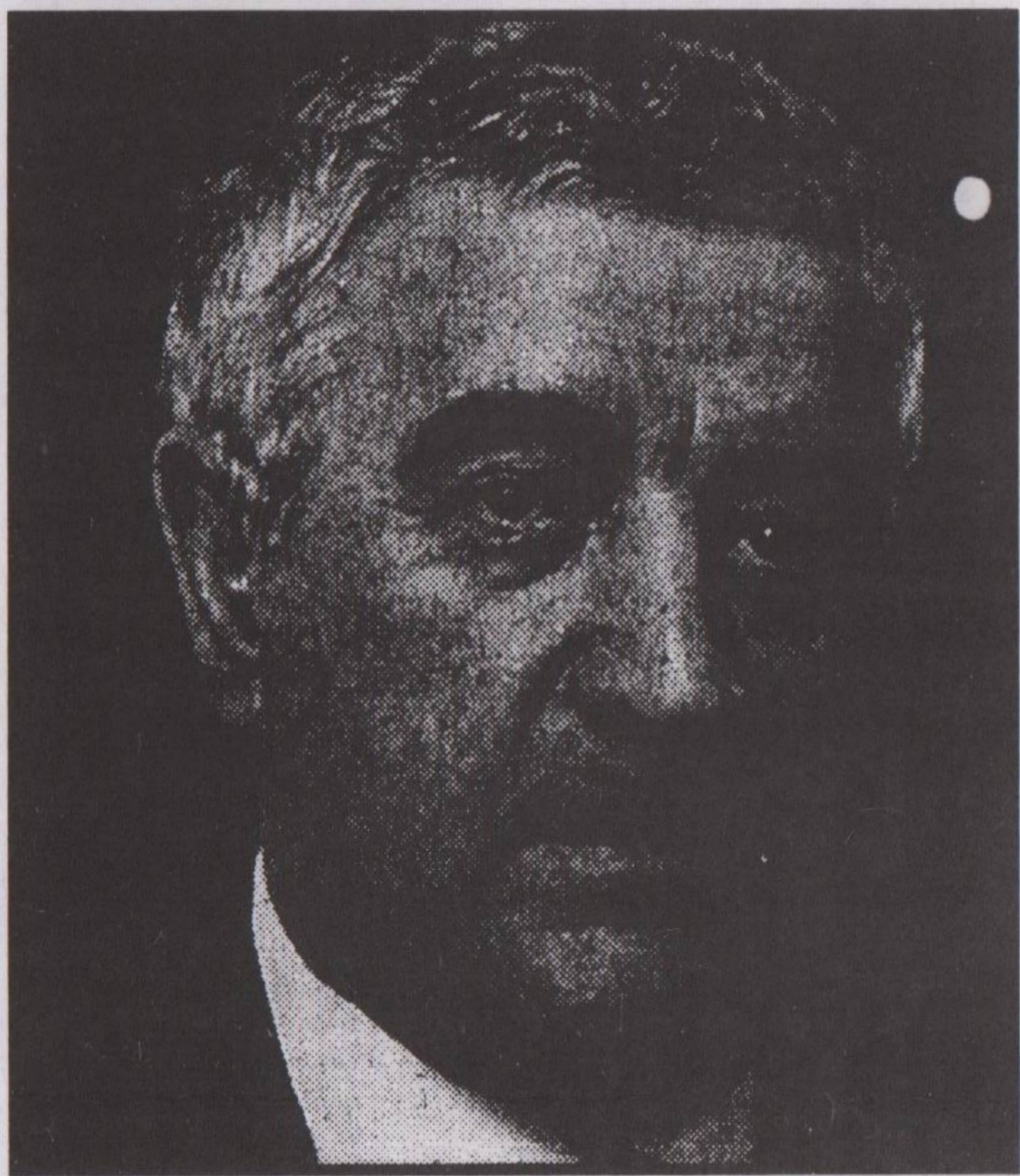
is "Bloody angry about this. To find out the council is investing huge amounts in the company [a share of £4,000,000]... and to realise that... I am a beneficiary of the profits T&N are making... is shocking."

Council leader Jon Trickster promised an immediate inquiry and said, "whoever is responsible will be laughing all the way to the bank." [Surely, "will be sacked before their feet touch the ground!"]? Ed.]

FUEL TAX: IT'S VERY  BEATABLE!

Sport

SILVER IN THE TROPHY ROOM



Leslie 'Rich Tosser' Silver

After the recent Cup exit to Oxford Utd the only 'Silver' that Leeds Utd will be displaying this summer is the greedy rich tosser of a Chairman, Leslie Silver.

You can be sure that if any of the team develop any flair or great

potential then they'll be flogged to our rivals – witness the departures of Cantona, Batty, and 'Rocky' Rocastle. No prizes for guessing who's lining their pockets with the money from these sales.

And what a great idea it was to sell Cantona to Scum for £1.2 million and buy Deano for £2.9 million. He might have been a regular goalscorer for a crap team like Sheffield Utd but at Leeds he is rapidly becoming a flop.

Meanwhile, managing director Bill Fotherby has had problems selling his £265,000 luxury home in Roundhay. The house isn't big enough for Fotherby who wants to move near his rich pals in 'Millionaire's Row' in Alwoodley. But he couldn't find a buyer. So all of a sudden the board at Leeds decided that what the club really needs is... a mansion in Roundhay! By the way, I've got an old knackered telly I can't sell. I wonder if I can flog it to Leeds Utd!

Leeds Class War wants to know what you think. So if you've got any dirt on your boss or any of the other people who run Leeds, or if you've got a story of how people in Leeds are fighting back, drop us a line and we'll publish it. And if you like what you read here, get in touch and we'll make sure you get a regular copy.
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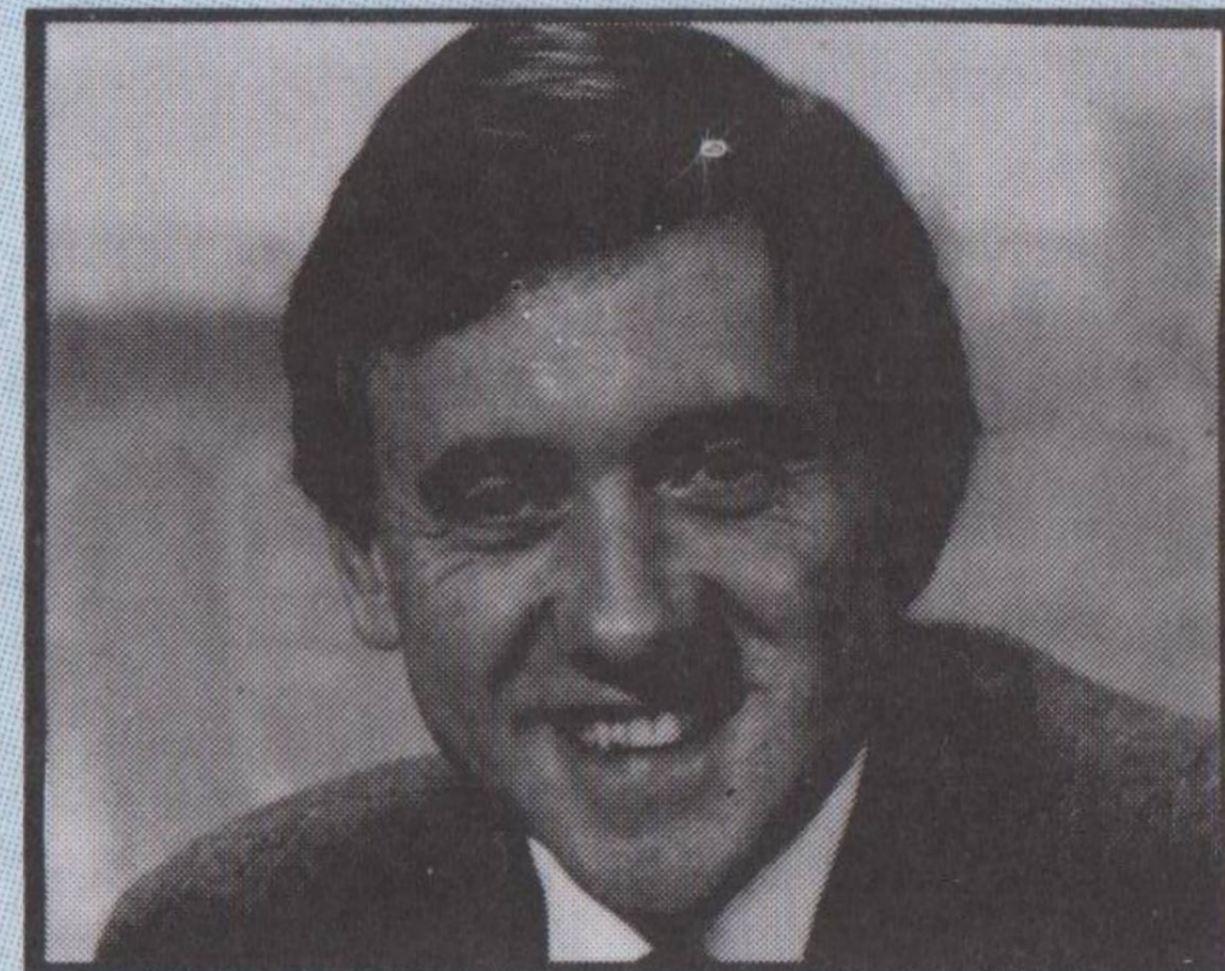
Pests you certainly are. If this is the voice of Leeds Class War, then it's time to end free speech – a generous helping of left wing bile, and personal insults you wouldn't dare make to people's faces. Don't bother handing me one in future.

R Whiteley
Wigton Lane
Alwoodley

Dear YEP,
More of it please! It's about time someone had a go at those Tory scum at the council and the bastard bosses.

A supporter
(name and address supplied)

Harry Gration Looks North with Leeds Class War



Those of you who watch *Look North* will know by now that I've decided to drop out of the programme in order to put more time into writing for Leeds Class War. I wouldn't say that there was any ill feeling between me and my old bosses at the BBC, though they did get a bit fed up when I tried to give the producer a goodbye 'Barnsley Kiss'.

I won't miss walking up Woodhouse Lane through thousands of students every weekday, having to restrain Judith sticking one on some prize prat warbling about the new 'Dry Dock' student bar, made out of an old barge and stuck in the middle of the road opposite the Poly, sorry the Leeds Metropolitan University. Someone was taken for a ride there, I think.

Not that all students are bad, but let's face it, most of them are 'Merchant Bankers', if you know what I mean.

Most people I've talked to about my decision have asked one question: "What about Judith Stamper?" Well I've tried recruiting her to the Class War group but two weeks ago she became obsessed with the 'Father X' case and is busy looking for rich old vicars to con out of their savings.

So I said to her, "But Judith you hate Churchmen, surely?" "Yes, but Harry, I don't have to sleep with them, just convince the gullible old gits that I've borne their lovechild and need money for his education. Let's face it, they believe in enough fairy stories, one more shouldn't take much convincing," was her reply.

"Most of them drink so much Communion Wine they don't know what they've been up to by Sunday evening anyway", she added.