

# **GALOP**

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE USE

AS A DIRECT AND DELIBERATE RESULT OF TORY GOVERNMENT POLICIES GALOP'S SERVICES TO GAY MEN WILL BE CUT FROM MARCH 31st 1986. GALOP ITSELF WILL CONTINUE IN A DIFFERENT FORM, BUT THIS WEEK BOTH MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS ATTACKED THE TORIES ACTIONS.

THE CUTS MEAN THAT

(1) GALOP WILL NO LONGER HAVE WORKERS OR A PERMANENT OFFICE (UNLESS THE GLC WIN THEIR LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST WESTMINSTER: IF SO, "TOMBSTONE FUNDING" MAY PAY FOR WORKERS FOR 12 MONTHS, PROVIDED THAT THEY NEITHER DEAL WITH PERSONAL CASES OR CAMPAIGNING).

(2) THE GROUP WILL SURVIVE USING VOLUNTEERS. INFORMATION ABOUT POLICE TREATMENT OF GAY MEN WILL BE COLLECTED. ADVICE SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. HOWEVER THE PERSONAL SERVICE WILL CEASE.

(3) INFORMATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED AND GALOP WILL SUPPORT CAMPAIGNS ON POLICE ISSUES. GALOP WILL NOT HAVE RESOURCES TO PUBLISH MUCH NOR TO ORGANISE CAMPAIGNS.

(4) THE EXISTENCE OF GALOP'S PROJECT ON BLACK ISSUES IS THREATENED.

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GALOP WILL LEAVE IT'S PRESENT ADDRESS BY 30th JUNE (UNLESS THE GLC WIN THEIR CASE) BUT CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE SENT TO:

C/O 5, CALEDONIAN ROAD. LONDON N1 9DX.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 01 278 6215 WILL BE CONTINUED.

DAVID WILSON-CARR, GALOP CAMPAIGN AND RESEARCH WORKER FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS SAID:

"THE SERVICES GALOP HAVE OFFERED ARE BEING CUT BECAUSE THE TORIES KNOW GALOP HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. GAY MEN HAVE <sup>BEEN</sup> HARASSED AND ABUSED FOR YEARS. GALOP'S WORK HAS HELPED GAY MEN FIGHT THIS HARASSMENT AND ABUSE. THE POLICE AT PRESENT ARE ANSWERABLE TO NO-ONE BUT THEMSELVES, CAMPAIGNING TO CHANGE THIS IS POLITICAL - GALOP HAS ALWAYS KNOWN THIS , SO HAVE THE TORIES. THE TORIES ATTEMPTS TO STOP GALOP'S WORK ARE ALSO UNDENIABLY POLITICAL".

DAVID JAMES, CONVENOR OF GALOP'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SAID:

"THE SKILLS AND COMMITMENTS OF GALOP'S WORKERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF POLICING OF GAY MEN AMONGST BOTH OURSELVES AND THE STRAIGHT PUBLIC. THEY WILL NOW BE LOST. BUT GALOP IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE CREATED AS A BASE FOR EFFECTIVE POLITICAL ACTION IN THE FUTURE".

END.