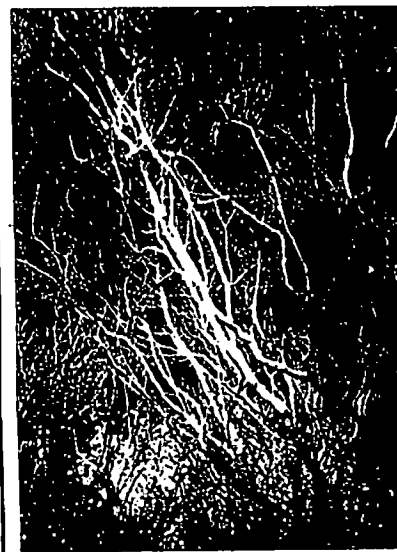


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MYRA'S ASHES LEFT ON MOORS



Sick... Hindley's ashes cover moorland bush

Sun finds them near horror site

By JOHN KAY, Chief Reporter

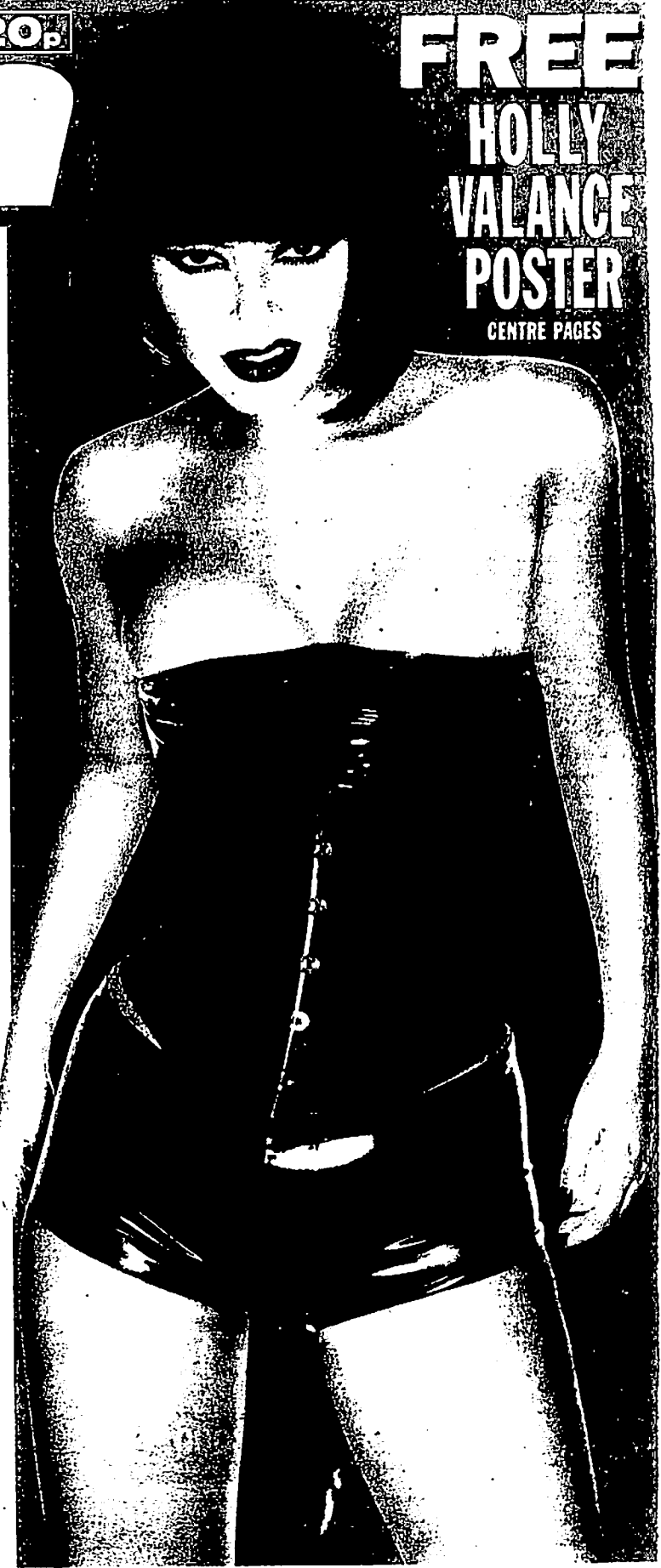
MYRA Hindley's ashes have been scattered on moorland near where her victims were buried, The Sun can reveal.

We found them covering a bush at a beauty spot overlooking a reservoir.

They were sprinkled there a few days ago at a secret ceremony attended by relatives and close friends of the murderer.

The site in Stalybridge Country Park, Cheshire - chosen by the child killer before she died in November - is just 12 miles from

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WAR ON TERROR

BLOODIED PM SHRUGS OFF WAR REVOLT 122 Labour MPs stage historic rebellion

By GEORGE PASCOE-WATSON Deputy Political Editor

BLOODIED Tony Blair last night shrugged off his biggest ever Commons rebellion as 122 of his own wobbling MPs rejected war.

The PM vowed Britain WILL launch military strikes to topple Saddam Hussein's evil regime despite the massive revolt.

And he defiantly warned France not to block war plans - and pledged to continue his battle for UN backing.

The rebellion made history by being the biggest ever revolt by members of a governing party in Britain.

A total of 122 MPs defied the Government - as 122 of Mr Blair's own backbenchers and ex-ministers forged a powerful alliance with Lib Dems and anti-war Tories.



Blair... in Commons

Rebels backed a Commons amendment that said the case for war was "as yet unproven".

But the PM countered their move by making a personal plea to voters to trust HIS judgment - even if they think he is wrong. He told ITV: "I don't pretend to have a monopoly on wisdom and these situations are the most difficult any Prime Minister takes. But in the end, the only thing you can do is do what you genuinely believe to be right."

Earlier he tried desperately to win over anti-war MPs in the Commons. He said: "When we said last November that this was a final opportunity to Saddam, when we said there had to be full, unconditional and immediate compliance - did we really mean it?"

"Or did we mean that we would come along later and say let's postpone it again? I believe we meant it."

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw warned that if the UN does not act it risks extinction like its predecessor the League Of Nations, which failed to stop Hitler in the 1930s.

Mr Straw said: "At each stage good men and women said, 'Not now, wait, the evil is not big enough to challenge'. Then, before their eyes, the evil became too big to challenge."

But scores of MPs still rallied behind the bid to delay war, tabled by ex-Cabinet minister Chris Smith.

Left-winger George Galloway, who has held talks with Saddam, said "If this Parliament sends the message that the British people are not with this adventure, it will have a decisive impact on US opinion."

Fellow left winger Ann Clwyd told MPs how she had been won over to the pro-war ranks after witnessing human rights horrors inflicted by Saddam while on a trip to Iraq.

She said: "I believe in regime change and I say that without hesitation I support the Government because it's doing a brave thing."

The six hour debate sparked bizarre scenes in the Commons, with the PM winning cheers from Tory MPs, but being heckled by his own troops.

Mr Blair and Mr Straw staged a huge behind the scenes drive to curb the revolt, privately speaking to dozens of anti-war MPs during the day.

But it was all in vain. And even though Labour defeated the rebel amendment by 194 votes, the revolt was a powerful display of opposition.

MPs later backed the Government's own motion which supports UN Security Council resolution 1441 to disarm Iraq by a majority of 310.

The Commons mauling came as Saddam vowed to fight to the death.

The tyrant, interviewed by CBS TV, said: "We will die in this country and we will maintain our honour."

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COMMENTARY BY TREVOR KAVANAGH FINANCIAL EDITOR

DECENT MPs of all parties gave stirring anti war speeches yesterday. Strutting hypocrite George Galloway was not among them.

Galloway promotes himself as the fiery voice of reason and justice. It is a charade.

The "Member for Baghdad Central" would not raise a finger without an ulterior motive. Honourable doubters like Frank Dobson and Tom Duly all speak from the heart, but Galloway is the voice of Saddam.

Galloway, trained in the rough school of Scottish Labour politics, is no gullible dupe. Yet he rolled over like a lovesick puppy when invited by Saddam to his bunker beneath Baghdad.

In a stomach-churning account, Galloway described the "gentle handshake" of the man who personally executes and casually tortures countless helpless victims, including his own family.

Slaughter

He refers to the "nervousness" and "over eagerness" of Saddam's staff, without explaining they live in fear they will be next.

He even admires Saddam's offer of Quality Street chocolates as proof of his love of all things British.

There are no questions from Galloway about Saddam's horrific record of repression and slaughter.

When they first met in 1984, Galloway told the vile tyrant: "Sir, allow me to salute your courage, power and indefatigability."

But his anti Jewish stance makes him genuinely scary.

Galloway denies he supports Arab terror. But his words on former Dead Sea Shore three years ago are telling: "I used to dream I'd be part of the force that would wash ashore, Kalshnikov in hand, and return it to its rightful owners."

This is the real Galloway mad, bad and dangerous to know.

INSPECTORS NEED TIME



By Chris Smith LABOUR MP WHO LED REBELLION

THERE are times when it is right for a nation to go to war.

I supported the action we took in Kosovo - a clear case of saving an entire people from slaughter.

I supported the action in Afghanistan: the removal of an immediate terrorist threat. On both occasions, our Prime Minister took bold decisions that were difficult and right. And he deserves great credit for this.

But I cannot support going to war, now, with Iraq.

This doesn't mean that the time may not come in due course. But not yet.

And certainly not on the timetable currently being pushed from Washington, aiming for action within the next month.

The weapons inspectors are doing their job well. They have received some co-operation from the Iraqis - though, as always, not enough. But is that sufficient argument for saying that the inspection process can't work?

There are some who say that Saddam Hussein has had twelve years to disarm, and that to talk of more time is therefore unnecessary. They are wrong. During the early 1990s, inspectors found and destroyed large quantities of chemical and biological material. They demonstrated clearly that inspection can work.

We've so far had eleven weeks of the present inspections. Let's give them a chance to work, too.

A war could cost the lives of thousands of innocent people. No one would be happier than I if this evil tyrant was removed from power - but war must be the last choice, not the first.



Roll out the barrels

BATTLE-READY Royal Marines got in some target practice at their HQ in Kuwait yesterday.

A line of troops unleashed machine-gun fire from their Land Rovers as US warplanes blitzed two military command centres in southern Iraq.

The raid, the fourth in two days, destroyed bases which helped control Saddam's air defences.

BLAIR'S ISRAEL PLEA

TONY Blair last night pleaded with Israel to get the Middle East peace process on track.

The PM said the crisis is casting a shadow over the Gulf. He urged Israel to support UN resolutions

by pulling out of Gaza and the West Bank. And he warned Palestinians to stop suicide bombings.

Mr Blair said: "If we want to tackle terrorism we have to bring peace to the Middle East."

'TERROR PROF' TAP

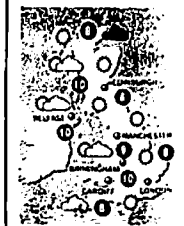
A BRITISH based professor accused of plotting a terror blitz had his phone tapped by US agents for 15 years.

Dr Basheer Musa Mohammed Naff faces extradition to America on

16 charges of organising attacks by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

The Egyptian-born dad of four, who lives with his family at Kingston Blount, near Oxford, denies involvement.

SKYNEWS WEATHER with LISA BURKE



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Closed minds

THE will-we-won't-we-go-to-war debate changes nothing.

The rebellion by so many Labour MPs won't deflect Tony Blair from doing what he knows is right.

Hours of hot air in the Commons - often with the chamber almost empty - produced nothing to justify giving Saddam Hussein more time to obey UN orders.

There were lots of open mouths but even more closed minds.

Jack Straw made yet again a clear case for taking action against Iraq to force it to disarm.

But most of his opponents just didn't want to listen.

Their anti-Israel, anti-America and anti-Blair prejudices blinded them to the obvious.

If the UN allows Saddam to keep on playing his games, it loses all authority and credibility.

Then who will keep world peace?

In the open

ANOTHER famous person is arrested on suspicion of child porn offences.

Massive Attack star Robert Del Naja has his computer seized as part of Operation Ore.

Some will say: "Not another Matthew Kelly."

While it is true that Del Naja is innocent until proved otherwise, The Sun cannot agree with those who say arrested people's identities should be kept secret.

If Del Naja is not charged, The Sun will be happy to tell the world.

But it is our job to ensure that justice is not done in the dark.

Sick gesture

EVEN in death, Myra Hindley retains the capacity to nauseate the nation.

By choosing to have her ashes scattered at a beauty spot so close to the scene of the Moors Murders, Hindley made a wicked gesture of arrogant indifference.

The country park that is now home to her remains is a favourite with families.

When parents take their children for walks they will know the ground has been tainted.

The Sun thought Hindley's death would draw a veil over four decades of misery.

But she mocks us still from Hell.

Just typical

THE police are right to crack down on car tax dodgers.

But when they swooped in south London, a vehicle the police were using didn't have a valid disc.

Are they fining themselves? Did they clamp their vehicle?

Of course not. It's one law for them and another for the rest of us.

I was MP's assistant by day... and rent boy by night

By MICHAEL LEA and DUNCAN LARGOMBE

A RENT boy told yesterday how he worked as his MP lover's Commons assistant by day and a male prostitute by night.

Brazilian Jose Gasparo, 23, was taken on as a researcher by Labour's Clive Betts, 53, just weeks after they got together.

Gasparo even answered the phone to Deputy PM John Prescott in Betts' office one day.

Hours later he was selling sex for a gay escort agency where he says he first met the MP for Sheffield Attercliffe.

Gasparo told The Sun: "Mr Prescott wanted to make an appointment with Clive. Later that day I was working with prostitutes in a brothel."

"It was weird - like different worlds juggling the two jobs was driving me crazy."

Gasparo's job as researcher earned him 16 an hour. But he pocketed up to 1100 an hour with the Villa Gianni agency in Earl's Court, West London.

In a statement on Tuesday, a spokesman for the MP insisted Betts met Gasparo at a social function and did not know he was a gay escort at the time.

But yesterday the Brazilian told The Sun he first met bachelor Betts at Villa Gianni at Christmas. He claimed the MP stood behind a two-way mirror and chose from a line-up of boys. Gasparo said: "We did not know each other. We went upstairs and he paid me £70 for full sex."

He went on: "Villa Gianni is dark and it smells and the people are not nice. There is a



The boy from Brazil... Gasparo kisses Betts at the MP's flat

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really posh sitting room and then a corridor with a glass door and a mirror.

"Behind the door the lights go on and we stand by the door and you're picked."

"They advertise it by saying they offer massage. But every one goes there for sex - and sex is what's offered. It's always the same clients."

Hotel

Gasparo said that after their first sex session Betts asked to meet him in a hotel. He later gave the MP his phone number.

The rent boy said Betts stunned him in early January by admitting he was an MP.

And he claimed Betts offered him the Commons job to stop him doing escort work.

But Gasparo said the wages were not enough to cover his

rent - so he juggled his Westminster job with nights of vice.

Meanwhile, Betts sparked a security alert by trying to get his lover a Commons pass to give him unfettered access to the corridors of power.

Experts fear Gasparo could pass on secrets picked up at Westminster to his other clients - just like hooker Christine Koeler did in 1983 when she bedded War Minister John Profumo AND a Russian spy.

Gasparo told The Sun that he used to work at the Commons till lunch.

Then he went to a language class at college in the afternoon before peddling vice at Villa Gianni in the evening.

But he complained he was exhausted by Betts' demands for sex.

And he told friends he did not enjoy being with him

Gasparo said "I felt ashamed because I wasn't going with him because I liked him."

"He's completely patronous with me because of Parliament. He's crazy about politics and his career and he's afraid of being caught out."

The pair spent last week together in Venice as The Sun revealed yesterday.

But Gasparo said "I told Clive I didn't fancy him and a Venice nothing happened."

"Clive was always pushing going to kiss me, trying to have sex with me and holding me."

"But I said it was a holiday for me too and I didn't want to have sex with an older man."

Gasparo added: "All he wanted was to be with me as a friend - but a friend who wanted sex once a week. What kind of friendship is that?"

Polite

He recalled the time John Prescott phoned when he was working at the Commons.

Gasparo said: "At the time I didn't know who John Prescott was. Afterwards I said 'he's really polite who is he?'"

"They said after Tony Blair he's the Prime Minister."

"It was just amazing to walk around the House of Commons I never thought I could end up inside the Houses of Parliament."

"I don't have words to say because I had always wanted to go inside."

Gasparo is not the first Commons researcher to land an MP in hot water.

Pamela Bards worked for Tory David Shaw in 1989 but moonlighted as a hooker, earning up to £2,000 a weekend.

And Labour left-winger Jeremy Corbyn came under bitter attack when he once employed a known associate of the IRA.