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Still not tough enough, David

LET'S get one thing straight: Not every asylum seeker is a potential terrorist intent on evil. But then very few are fleeing persecution in fear of their lives, either. As we report today, the great bulk are economic migrants, targeting Britain as a land of milk, honey and boundless cash benefits. The reality is we display neither the will nor the capability to control our borders.

Note the wise words of Dr Mohamed Sekkoum, chairman of the Algerian Refugee Councils, when he warns that, without a crackdown on bogus refugees, Britain could face a bloodbath of atrocities. Meanwhile, opposite, Home Secretary David Blunkett claims—yet again—that the government is determined to toughen up asylum laws.

- No doubt he means it. But, for a start, we urge him to implement this five-point plan:
- 1 Stricter vetting at point of entry.
- 2 Process asylum applications within six weeks.
- 3 Deport those rejected at once.
- 4 Handle all applications on arrival.
- 5 Order police to trace and deport all illegal immigrants as a No 1 priority.

We recognise that these tough measures will trigger the predictable human rights hysteria. But for the safety and peace of our nation, we ignore them at our peril.

Time is running out

THE findings of the weapons inspectors in Iraq grow ever more damning. Now little doubt remains: Saddam Hussein DOES possess weapons of mass destruction.

To date, President Bush and the Prime Minister have displayed remarkable patience. We commend them.

On Friday top IJN Inspector Dr Hans Blix gave Tony Blair a briefing. He is convinced he will find the "smoking gun" to bring down Saddam.

Meanwhile, the clock is ticking for the Iraqi tyrant. The inspectors' full report will be unveiled in eight days.

Even so, there is STILL time for Saddam to come clean—or go into exile. Though neither seems likely.

Regardless of the anti-war demos yesterday, Britain is ready.

And when hostilities come, they will not be without bloodshed and sacrifice. That can never be.

But so long as the Butcher of Baghdad reigns, we cannot take a chance.

Odds-on certainty

TODAY a News of the World probe into the scandal of gambling in soccer reveals how four football heroes squandered nearly £1.3 million in casinos.

Never mind. Their clubs can always raise match ticket prices and the cost of kids' replica shirts so they can pay them even more next season. You can bet on that.

200 MORE TERRORISTS



Algerian immigrant leader warns how Britain's become haven for his country's killers

MORE THAN 200 Algerian terrorist murderers may have slipped into Britain, an immigrants' leader warns today.

And the fanatics plan to continue their slaughter here, says Dr Mohamed Sekkoum (pictured above). He blames our sloppy asylum system for allowing them to come and demands tougher controls to keep the madmen out. "These killers have blood on their hands. Yet are given a haven," Dr Sekkoum told the News of the World.

He makes no sense. Many abuse the system by preaching war and inciting terror. It is very dangerous." Dr Sekkoum, chairman of the Algerian Refugee Councils, spoke out after a 27-year-old Algerian was charged with murdering Det Con Stephen Oake in Crumpsall, Manchester on Tuesday.

The case highlighted the overwhelming crisis facing our immigration system—and landed the government with a barrage of criticism for failing to stem the tide.

Gangsters

Today the News of the World can reveal that the number of immigrants seeking asylum in Britain soared again last year—smashing through the 100,000 barrier.

It brings the total for the last decade to around 550,000. Only a very small proportion are ever forced to go home.

And the number who remain takes no account of dependants—or the hordes of illegal immigrants who never seek asylum and just disappear into our society.

Many so-called refugees are crooks, spenglers, pimps, gangsters... and political terrorists.

Now even genuine immigrants—fearful of being treated with the same brusque and callous attitude as the worst asylum system in the civilised world.

It forecasts that another 700,000 people would team here in the next ten years.

It is a vast industry. The asylum crisis has turned into a scam. The vast majority are not terrorists. But last week vividly highlighted the problem is the people who don't have the best interests of Britain at heart and use the obsolete asylum system to get in.

Dr Sekkoum, a 32-year-old vet fled to Britain in 1989 after opposing corruption. He is one of 40,000 Algerians living here.

"The murder of Detective Constable Oake was an outrage," he said. "As well

BY MYDRIM JONES

as killing a brave officer, all the Algerian community in Britain died that night. Sadly, terrorists are in our midst. There could be a hundred, two hundred or more asylum seekers who have killed in Algeria who are well known to the authorities.

"They have a taste for blood, and they are not going to stop killing when they get here."

"Many are able to get here because they use bogus names and false papers."

"But we know who's who. The Home Office should work with the Algerian community and leaders of other nationalities. We are in this country and should help look after it."

Many Algerian terrorists are members of the fanatical Groupe Islamique Armee, which wants to topple the country's military regime and install an Islamic state.

Its members are notorious for behaving uncutting the throats of opponents.

The man accused of stabbing 40-year-old DC Oake was remanded in custody under the name of Kaouel Bourgas. But the police do not know if that is his true identity.

Three other men, thought to be Algerians, were arrested during and after the police raid in Crumpsall when DC Oake was killed.

The sweep followed the discovery of a ricin poison factory in north London, and the

arrest of six more Algerian men. At least five of those held are asylum seekers—part of an army of arrivals from all over the world who are costing the British taxpayer more than £2 BILLION a year. Each refugee costs 50,000 a year in food, clothing and shelter—but the true cost per head including legal costs and administration is nearer £18,000.

Last year they poured in at the rate of at least 24,000 a WEEK, with a record 29,100 arriving between July and September.

Nearly 90 per cent are judged to have no genuine case for asylum. But the majority launch appeals which take up to nine years.

About 17 per cent of the total are granted "Exceptional Leave to Remain (ELR)" on humanitarian grounds.

The other 83 per cent simply disappear or split out appeals until they too win ELR.

Only 10 per cent are ordered out. And the actual figure for "removals" in the last three months of 2002 was only 3,565.

In Manchester, the murder of DC Oakes has hardened attitudes.

Burgled

Off-licence manager Nigel Brown, 39, said: "Immigrants should be detained, as in Australia, until they can prove their cases valid. Those already here should be checked out."

Experts agree that a five-point plan could help defuse the asylum crisis.

1. Tougher vetting of arrivals at our airports and seaports. And more resources for protecting our coastline.

2. All appeals to be dealt with in SIX WEEKS—a time many believe is acceptable.

3. Once removal orders are made, the government must ensure the resources exist to DEPORT bogus applicants immediately.

4. Refugees must claim asylum at POINT OF ENTRY, so their movements can be tracked. Currently they can register after they have arrived and have been living here although new rules prevent them from claiming benefits if they failed to register on arrival.

5. The police must actively SEARCH for bogus claimants and illegal immigrants in France and Germany spot checks are carried out to inspect ID papers. Illegal arrivals swiftly removed.

The Baptist Church in Crumpsall, where DC Stephen Oake was a regular worshipper, is to offer memorial services for him today. At the first widow Lesley, 40, and children Christopher, 15, Rebecca, 14, and Corinne, 12, will be joined by family and close friends. At the second service Stephen's mother Christine will be remembered by his colleagues and others who met him professionally.

A SWAMPED SYSTEM: THE SHOCKING FACTS

FACT: There are thought to be at least 400,000 asylum seekers and illegal immigrants in London—one in 20 of the population.

FACT: Only asylum seekers aged over 18 can be deported. Home Office alone cares for 2.5-3.0 million children claiming to be under 18.



STABBED HERO OFF-DUTY: New picture of victim Stephen Oake

GHETTO OF DEATH

THE streets surrounding the scene of hero cop Stephen Oake's death have a haven for asylum seekers. The Ghetto-house in Crumpsall Lane is shown at 1 above. As well as Algerians, many Kosovans and Albanians make their home here. 2 is Bennett Road—home to Frankana, Albanians and Iraqis. 3 is Eaton Road. Many North Africans live here, plus more Iranian

and Albanians. 4 is DeLunnon Road, Kosovans and Pakistanis have found homes here. 5 is Cleveland Road. Kosovans, Iranians and Iraqis live side by side. 6 is Lansdowne Road. Home to Algerians, North Africans, Kosovans and Iraqis. 7 marks Lizard Road, where Kosovans and Pakistanis have settled. And 8 is Brookfield Road, home to

North Africans. But not everyone is happy about the invasion of mainly young, male asylum seekers. One 75-year-old widow who lives 100 yards from the murder scene said of the refugees: "You don't know who is living next door to you these days. It's very frightening. There's good and bad in every group but a lot of them have caused a lot of trouble. It is dreadful."

FACT: Labour have dropped their pledge to deport 30,000 bogus asylum seekers a year—or 2,500 a month. In the last four months the actual figure for "removals" was only 3,565.

FACT: The official backlog of asylum claims awaiting a decision is 37,200—on top of last year's 100,000 new arrivals. But it could be more. No one knows the true figure.

FACT: Britain is Europe's top refuge hub. In July-Sept we took 4,200 illegal immigrants. 1,555 Algerians and 955



THE SUN SAYS Brave Blair

THE SUN does not waver in its support for Tony Blair and George Bush on Iraq.

Their tough stance against Saddam Hussein and the war on terror is based on the strongest moral beliefs.

They are making hard choices and doing what is right.

Blair has rightly moved quickly to reassure the nation that the dire warnings of recent days are necessary.

Some misguided idiots have claimed on TV and radio that the tanks and troops at Heathrow are designed to drum up public support for war on Iraq.

That is an outrageous smear not just on the Government but also the intelligence services, the Army and the police.

The truth is that we DO face a real threat, and it is the Government's duty to keep us in the picture.

Blair is leading this nation with courage and resolve through dangerous days. While other leaders squeal and squirm, he sticks by his principles however tough the going.

At moments like these, the nation should rally behind the Prime Minister.

He does not deserve childish sniping from the sidelines.

We are all in this together.

You wasters

ASYLUM seekers supposedly come to Britain to escape persecution.

You'd think genuine cases would be grateful for any help they get.

But in Birmingham, five Iraqis wreck their rent-free home because they claim it is cramping their sex lives.

What a disgusting abuse of our hospitality.

Some pensioners who fought for this country have had to sell their homes so they can live.

And yet we expend time, effort and money on ungrateful wasters.

Crumbs!

SCIENTISTS say they have discovered the veritable elixir of life.

Amazingly, it's rhubarb. That old favourite in mum's crumble could treat many major diseases.

Of course, we've heard all these bold promises before.

How long before someone announces that rhubarb is bad for you?

On the Dot

A SURVEY asked people what life will be like in 2103.

Most of them reckon EastEnders will still be on TV.

Oh Gawd! Not another hundred years of Dot Cotton moaning.



Q: What's the difference between toast and Frenchmen?

A: You can make soldiers out of toast!



How many Frenchmen does it take to defend Paris?
Nobody knows, they have never tried it.

NOGA VILLALON

The French have just ordered a new national flag. It's a white cross on a white background.

Mi CASSINELLI, Manchester

Why did the French plant trees on the Champs Elysees?
So the Germans could march in the shade.

PAUL MORAN, Goteshead, Lyme & Wear

Where do you find 60million French jokes?
In France.

PAUL JEFFREY, Birmingham

What's the difference between a Wonderbra and the French World Cup squad?
A Wonderbra has decent support - and a cup.

RODDY CLARK, Newcastle upon Tyne

What is the difference between Frenchmen and toast?
You can make soldiers out of toast.

MIKEAL GRIMES

Define confusion.
Father's Day in Paris.

RUSSELL SAXTON

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?
Philippe Flop.

TERRY SEVERN, Inbury, Essex

What is the first thing you are taught when joining the French army?
To say "I surrender" in German.

DAN SHARPE

The French are a joke when it comes to war. Who says so? The Sun's army of readers.

Moves by the country's President Jacques Chirac to block Nato action against Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has turned his government into a laughing stock.

We set the ball rolling yesterday with some gags that caused guffaws against our Gallic neighbours. Your e-mails and faxes flooded in after we asked for your funnies. Here GRANT ROLLINGS chooses a selection.

Why was Jesus not born in France?
Because they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin.

CHRIS DOOLEY, Hants

A British, American and French soldier were offered a wish each by a genie after rubbing a lamp they found while training in the desert.

The British soldier said: "I want to be in the Bahamas with a Page 3 girl." The American

said: "I want to be in Hawaii with a hula dancer and a crate of beer."

After they were whisked off, the French soldier thought for a moment and said: "I wish the Brit and American were here to help me decide."

MAUREEN GRAY

Jacques Chirac walked into a bar with a parrot on his head and the landlord said: "How did that happen?"

The parrot said: "It all

started as a little pimple on my bottom."

JOHN NARBIDGE, Miley, West Yorks

Why don't the French like the fireworks at Disneyland Paris?

Because every time they go off, people start trying to surrender.

ROSS CHIPPERFIELD, Chelmsford, Essex

Why do the French eat snails?

It gives them speedier reactions.

JAMES JOHNSON, Plymouth

When East and West Germany got back together there were talks to relocate the capital city...

...back to Paris.

BOB USREY

What's the difference between a Frenchwoman and a werewolf?

The Frenchwoman is not quite as hairy but the werewolf smells better.

CHRIS BIGGS

In a rare show of bravery, a French soldier answered an order from his commanding officer and ran out on to the field of battle...

...to retrieve a despatch case from a dead soldier and dashed back to his HQ.

The officer said: "I'm recommending you for a medal for risking your life to save the details of the locations of our secret warehouses."

"Warehouses?" said the soldier. "Sacré bleu! I thought you said whorehouses."

PETER BALL, Nottingham

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD ESTABLISHED 1843

Prime reason to battle on

THE Prime Minister confronted the peace demonstrators yesterday with Churchillian mastery. And he turned their case on its head. Sentence by passionate sentence, Tony Blair ramed home his message. For unlike protesters here, without overthrowing Iraq's brutal regime, Saddam's people have no right to protest there.

Indeed, since he seized power the treacherous Iraqi leader has killed hundreds of thousands of his own citizens. Crucially, the PM reminded Stop the War marchers that even if the rallies drew a million, that was still fewer than the number killed in wars started by Saddam. Yet there is never a march for the despot's silent victims. Though the march numbered many sincere protesters, the "stars" said it all. Kneer-prk rant-a-mob agitators like Tony Benin and Ken Livingstone, along with creaking CND campaigner Michael Foot—a ragbag of second-rate no-hopers.

Brutality

Most of the well-meaning protesters, including Lib Dem leader Charles Kennedy, do not seem to appreciate the nature of the UN resolution against Iraq. As America's Colin Powell has explained, it is not about inspections. It is about Iraq's refusal to disarm.

Nor do they accept that Saddam is a later-day Hitler who threatens the Middle East and the world beyond. And neither do they grasp the extent of Iraq's grotesque internal brutality. The Iraqi president is a tyrant. Ever ready to murder even close relatives. At home, he controls a ruthless police state where merely to whisper against him or his party can lead to torture and death of whole families.

In the region, his weapons of mass destruction and nuclear ambitions threaten his neighbours, putting the whole world at risk.

To back off now would be to invite grave international conflict in the future. And to betray the millions of innocent Iraqi citizens who dwell in fear.

Preening

With or without the UN's blessing, Britain and the US MUST stand firm. Along with courageous allies such as Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey and Australia.

Yesterday, we witnessed Tony Blair the statesman. Despite the protests—and the faintheartedness in his party—this was one of his finest hours.

Even those who disagree with his stance must accept that this was a true leader's speech, in contrast to preening poseurs Jacques Chirac and Gerhard Schröder. It was not a performance motivated by vanity or self-interest. It was simply the right thing to do.

Now the message to Saddam is clear: Your 12 years of playing for time are coming to an end.

The Iraqi president should make no mistake. He may enjoy pictures of the peace demos on his Baghdad television, but his relief will be short-lived if he fails to disarm.

Removing Saddam would be an act of humanity, argues Blair. It was leaving him there, which was inhumane. Surely that says it all.

If 500,000 march, that's less than Saddam has killed..if one million march, that's less than those who died in his wars

—PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR SPEAKING YESTERDAY



PASSION: Mr Blair giving his warning yesterday TONY BLAIR told 750,000 anti-war marchers yesterday that if their protest kept Saddam Hussein in power the people of Iraq would pay a terrible price... in blood.

The Prime Minister hit out as huge crowds gathered in London for Britain's biggest ever political demonstration.

He said Iraq MUST be liberated from Saddam's murderous regime—if necessary by force.

In one of the most important and passionate speeches of his time, Mr Blair had a chilling warning for the anti-war movement. He said:

6 If the result of peace is Saddam staying in power, not disarmed, then I tell you there are consequences paid in blood for that decision. But these victims will never be seen. They will never feature on TV screens or inspire millions to take to the streets.

But they will exist nonetheless. There will be no march for the victims of Saddam.

And referring to the march about to take place in London, Mr Blair said: "If there are 500,000 on that march, that is still less than the number of people whose deaths Saddam has been responsible for."

"If there are one million, that is still less than the number of people who died in the wars he started."

Pulling no punches as millions more marchers gathered around the world, Mr Blair insisted: "Ridding the world of Saddam would be an act of humanity. It is leaving him there that is, in truth, inhumane."

Blind

In his 51 minute address to Labour Party members in Glasgow, he told how Cambridge University student Rania Kashi had a muted him to voice her fears that the protesters had got it wrong.

Rania's family fled Iraq 23 years ago after SEVENTEEN relatives disappeared. Many were later shot by Saddam's thugs. Mr Blair said her message was aimed at the anti-war movement.

Rania wrote: "You the marchers may feel that America is trying to blind you from seeing the truth about their real reasons for an invasion. I must argue that in fact you are blind to the bigger truths in Iraq."

"Saddam has murdered more than a million Iraqis over the past 30 years. Are you willing to allow him to kill another million Iraqis?"

And last night Rania told the News of the World the people of Iraq would feel "betrayed" when they



WARNING: Rania says Saddam must be forced out



PROTEST: Bush and Blair mocked in London BY ROBERT KELLAWAY, KEITH GLADDIS & MELANIE SWAN

saw the size of yesterday's protest. She added: "The Iraqis know it is only by force that Saddam will go. If the Americans don't come in by force and kick him out he will stay in power."

In his speech Mr Blair continued: "I still believe in the United Nations. I continue to want to solve the issue of Iraq and weapons of mass destruction through the UN."

He promised that weapons inspector Hans Blix and his team would get more time to try to find Saddam's arms. But he said: "The time needed is not the time that it takes the inspectors to discover the weapons. They are not a detective agency."

"The time is the time necessary to make a judgment. Is Saddam prepared to co-operate or not? If he is not, if this is a repeat of the 1990s, and I fear that it is, let us be under no doubt about what is at stake."

Shattered

Mr Blair insisted that without the threat of force the UN "would not be within a thousand miles of Baghdad." He said Saddam had to be removed according to the UN mandate.

But it could be done with a "clear conscience" because of the moral case against the Iraqi leader.

Mr Blair warned that the UN's authority would be shattered if Iraq was not disarmed soon, peacefully or by force. He said: "I do not seek unpopularity as a badge of honour. But sometimes it is the price of leadership. And the cost of conviction."

Labour Party officials feared that Mr Blair would get a stormy reception. But the delegates heard him out in silence—then gave him a standing ovation.

The London march was one of 100 held around the world by people who fear that US President George Bush and Mr Blair will launch a war on Iraq before all the avenues for a peaceful solution are exhausted.

The marchers were officially estimated at 750,000—though some protesters claimed greater figures with one as high as 1.5 million. They revolved to Hyde Park from all over Britain by coach and train.

Among speakers were US civil rights campaigner Jesse Jackson and London Mayor Ken Livingstone. Ms Dynamite hammered out three songs.

About 30 protesters had started out at dawn from Mr Blair's constituency in Seaford, Co. Durham.

Meanwhile Lawrence Fancourt from Swansea was marching for the first time at the age of 73. He said: "I've never been on a protest march before but that again, I have never felt this way before."

ADDITIONAL REPORTING: Barry Keelins, Rachel Good and Neil Mitchell



UNITED: Jesse Jackson and Ms Dynamite in Hyde Park



WHY I DIDN'T MARCH: PAGE

THE SUN SAYS
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, 25, was taken on as a researcher by Labour's Clive Betts, 59, 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 £6 an hour. But he pocketed up to £100 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

EXCLUSIVE

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

Behind the door the light goes 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 the corridors of power.

Experts fear Gasparo could pass on secrets picked up at Westminster to his other clients — just like hooker Christine Keeler did in 1963 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 paranoid 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 in 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 Dordos 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.