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As a speech writer he may legitimately have visited many prominent politicians, but it is unlikely he would have gone on holiday with Portillo, Brown, Hutt and Co, to cross the 'r's and dot the 'i's on a possible oration.

In his public relations capacity he is a frequent visitor to Conservative Central Office where he meets Alistair Cooke, one of the original right-wing conspirators of the Maurice Cowling days in Cambridge, who has surrounded himself with bright young things, most of whom are frequent visitors to Winchester Street.

But there is more to Derek Laud than this.

### COVER-UP

The story goes on in a disgraceful catalogue of abuse, exploitation and cover-ups on an unprecedented scale. Among all the sad testimonies from the victims, two names emerge that connect the paedophile ring directly with Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and other high ranking Tories. The first is the above-mentioned Derek Laud, who wanders with equanimity in the House of Parliament. The second is Alan Beck, alias Sister Latex, and an old friend of Portillo's from Cambridge.

We have known about Laud for a long time. There was no doubt about his association with Brown. It was an old yarn. The News of The World had run an article on Laud serving tea to Brown in a skimpy frilly pinny six years ago. We also had reason to believe that Laud had screwed Portillo and Lilley on several occasions. But it came as a revelation to learn that Derek Laud was also a practising paedophile.

Stephen Hashim was only 13 when he was introduced to Laud. He was living in care at Greystones Heath children's home in Merseyside. Gary Cook, an associate of Mr X, who is now in prison for child abuse, brought Laud in on the recommendation of Mr X. He gave him Stephen for the night. The child was repeatedly brutally buggered by Laud. He has since stated that the man had such a large penis that it was excruciatingly painful. In fact, the next day Stephen Hashim had to go to hospital and receive treatment for a ruptured anus. He never met Laud

again, but has positively identified him and remembers his name.

### SISTER LATEX

Alan Beck was a source on the Portillo/Lilley story. He called us in mid-February to scotch the rumours about Portillo's homosexuality. He was a set-up and we knew it. He claimed that he was the only homosexual to 'come out' at Peterhouse. This was not true, we have spoken to others who also freely admitted their sexual proclivities at the time. He admitted there was an influential ultra right wing homosexual set at Peterhouse, but denied he was a part of it. This was untrue. We have spoken to other sources at Cambridge who state categorically that Alan Beck was deeply involved with the group of gays under the control of Professor Maurice Cowling. Beck told us on the one hand

of his marriage and suspended from his duties during a later spell at a home in Formby. Langshaw was a close associate of paedophile Steven Norris, who also went on the trip, and has since been convicted for child abuse.

While at the farm in Leicestershire, David Sellers was raped savagely by Beck. The day afterwards, a distraught Sellers told Wrexham police everything that had happened. Beck was questioned at length, but, mysteriously, no prosecution followed. This was almost certainly due to the fact that Supt Angelsea was the man in charge. It is not unreasonable to speculate that Sister Latex called in a few favours from his old Peterhouse chums in order to get himself off the hook.

It remains to be seen whether under the scrutiny of the court, perverts like

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that Peterhouse was a very intimate college with only 120 students, then, mysteriously, could not remember any of their names. However, he did remember Portillo, but denied there was any evidence that he was gay. This was bullshit.

Beck may have been a liar activated by interested parties to feed us disinformation, but, like Laud, we had no reason to suspect he was a paedophile. That is until we were made aware of an incident that happened in 1982 involving another fourteen year old boy, David Sellers.

### BUGGERED

Alan Beck helped organise a farm holiday for the kids at Greystone Heath. The trip was under the stewardship of a newly qualified social worker called Alan Langshaw, who was subsequently divorced after the non-consummation

McAlpine, Derek Laud and Alan Beck will wriggle out of it again.

### SCALLYWAG SAYS

This whole sordid saga does not come as a surprise. Having investigated this and other stories concerning the depraved activities of certain Tory MPs, nothing is surprising any more. There seems to be no end to it.

There can be little doubt that one of Britain's most ambitious and profitable paedophile rings, run by a ruthless pervert, had direct connections with leading Tories; that large sums of public money were misused to fund a network of rent boy brothels; and that politicians involved in the ring, in particular former treasurer Lord McAlpine were fully aware of these funds being misappropriated.

Paul, the boy who claims to have been molested by Lord McAlpine, has never wavered from the statement that he gave to police and the affidavit he swore to journalist Brian Johnson Thomas. There is no reason to doubt his word. Even the police seem happy that Paul is a credible witness for the prosecution and is capable of withstanding cross examination by eminent QCs. Therefore, taking Paul's testimony into account, and the formal warning by Strathclyde police against McAlpine for a similar offence in 1965, the conclusion must be that Lord McAlpine is not only a crook, but a paedophile.

Should Lord McAlpine choose to consult his solicitors over the story we have printed, we would welcome the opportunity of dragging his name through the courts. Should he choose not to take action, then let his silence incriminate him. We shall defend our story assiduously, for no one was there to defend the children continually abused by their rich and powerful overseers.

There is no evidence, as yet, that either Michael Portillo or Peter Lilley was involved directly in the paedophile ring. However, people very close to them were. There have been continual rumours that both ministers indulge in underage rent boys. Derek Laud, a frequent visitor to Parliament and a paedophile, is a strange friend for supposedly reputable ministers. Alan Beck, a rapist and child abuser, is equally suspect. It is implausible that Portillo and Lilley are not aware of the paedophile ring. And it is very likely Laud would have told them. So, if they don't rape little boys themselves, they know a man who does.

Likewise, should Messrs Portillo and Lilley choose to take legal action, as we have heard they might, we would have not the slightest compunction about the eventual outcome. And, by the way, just for the record, the editors of Scallywag absolutely hate satsumas.