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Writer quits party after prostitute report

By MAUREEN JOHNSON Associated Press Writer

LONDON - Best-selling novelist Jeffrey Archer resigned yesterday as deputy chairman of the governing Conservative Party, saying he erred in offering money to a prostitute so she would not talk to reporters about allegations they were lovers.

Archer, 46, said in a statement that he never met the woman, Mon- part," he said. ica Coghlan, or had an association with any other prostitute

He said he was framed. His resignation came hours after thy" because of Archer's resignathe News of the World weekly news- tion. paper reported that he tried on Friday to pay Coghlan \$2,800 through a middleman.

Archer, a millionaire, was ap-pointed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last year in the latest Mary, a scientist on the Cambridge comeback of his bumpy political

He had been elected to Parliament in 1969 as its youngest mem- have two sons, ages 14 and 12. ber, but was forced to resign five years later because he was bank- as telling Coghlan in a taped telerupt after having invested all his phone conversation: "What I'm money in a company that turned out saying is, would you go abroad if to be a fraud

In his resignation statement, issued from his London apartment, Archer acknowledged that he had lan that he had ever met her. offered Coghlan, 35, money to go abroad.

He said Coghlan had repeatedly telephoned him saying newspapers were asking her for interviews be- Station cause one of her clients had told reporters she and Archer had a relationship. Archer said Coghlan claimed

they had been seen together in London' Mayfair district. "In the belief that this woman

way of the press, and realizing that for my part any publicity of this kind would be extremely harmful to me . . . I offered to pay her money so that she could go abroad for a short period and arranged for this money to be handed over to her," said Archer

that alone I have tendered my re ignation to the prime minister as deputy chairman of the Conserva-

tive Party," he said. "I have never, repeat never, met Monica Coghlan, nor have I ever had any association of any kind with a prostitute," he said. "Foolishly, I now realize, I allowed myself to fall into what I can only call a trap in which a newspaper, in my view, played a reprehensible Thatcher aides who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity said the prime minister felt "sadness and sympa-

Yesterday afternoon, Archer returned to his home in Cambridge where he told dozens of waiting reporters that he felt "very sad." Standing next to him was his wife, University faculty. The couple met as Oxford undergraduates. They have been married for 20 years and News of the World quoted Archer financially taken care of?" The tabloid said Archer denied

during the conversations with Cogh-The story was accompanied by a photo of what the newspaper said were Coghlan and Archer's middleman meeting at London's Victoria

Other newspapers picked up the News of the World story under banner headlines vesterday. The Mail yesterday said Archer had been "appallingly set up" by News of the World and that Coghlan had been trying to sell her claims to national newspapers for six weeks.

thur Brittenden said yesterday. Archer's political career has ri- fraud. valed that of his fictional charac- He turned this experience into his with having his political career

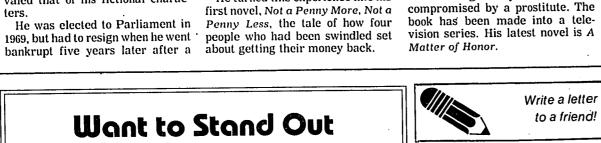
bankrupt five years later after a about getting their money back.



Jeffrey Archer

News of the World spokesman Ar- invested his entire self-made for- Equals, Archer tells the story of tune of \$710,000 turned out to be a four ambitious members of Parlia-

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Student who cheated through high school sues for education

By BARRY SHLACHTER **Associated Press Writer**

voted president of her senior class izes in helping dyslexics. soccer team and won letters in two pare for college. However, Henother sports.

couldn't read. it" is suing her high school in mark tuition during the second

up on learning. "learning disabled" in the ninth grade. But not until the end of her comes "saw" to Morse, whose of Education, which is pending. dyslexia

"I did a lot of taking other kids' Henniker school officials also

year-old college freshman. to read more from my peers than Cynthia Mowles. from my teachers because the

mportant than assure her she wasn't stupid. in society. She was shunted to a corner three She said that not only did Morse was no remedial work at all." Her reading was still extremely enough to get her into college. all of her school activities. A spe- to deal with dyslexics. And the cial tutor was called in to teach legal fight has been a bitter lesson

her six days a week. Although she gave a speech at "I've lost faith in the judicial her class of 1984's graduation, system," she said. "It's not what

diploma or formally graduate so Henniker High School would pay her tuition at the Landmark BOSTON - Karen Morse was School of Beverly, which specialand student council president and After a year at Landmark, the was elected to the National Honor special school recommended she

Society. She captained the girl's spend another year there to preniker's school district, under a But for nine years neither her new superintendent, refused to teachers nor her friends knew she pay for it and mailed Morse her diploma last spring. Now the young woman voted the Her family is suing the school student with the "most school spir- for the \$17,000 they paid in Land-Henniker, N.H., to cover bills at a year, which she completed this special school where she caught summer. Now she's a freshman at Salem State College and works Morse says she was labeled part-time at Landmark coaching lacrosse, soccer and other sports. Ruling in the suit, the New junior year in 1983 was she diag- Hampshire State Court said mailnosed as dyslexic, meaning that her brain jumbled the order of due process and ordered a new words and letters. "Was" be- hearing by the state Department intelligence is unaffected by Morse says the case has turned many in her hometown against her She got as far as the ninth grade family. There has been hate mail only by cheating, she said without and her parents, already finanapology during a visit to Boston cially strapped, are having to sell from her home in suburban Bever- their home in the town of 3,100, she said, partly to pay legal costs.

papers, erasing their names. Just are not happy with the legal battle. cheating mostly. I really didn't "The feeling in town now is that think about it. It was a question of the school board made a gesture survival," said Morse, now a 20- went beyond their obligation, legal or otherwise, and is now being "I was hiding my not being able burned," said Superintendent "We don't cure dyslexia, and we

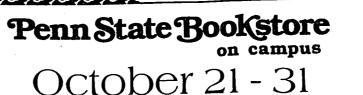
judgment of your friends is more don't cure blind children or deaf children," Mowles said in a tele-After school authorities discov- phone interview. "Our duty is to ered her reading problem, she bring those students up to the point complains, they did little more where they function independently

times a week and sat before a satisfy requirements to graduate workbook, she recalled. "There before she went to Landmark, but her aptitude test scores were good poor, but she made it into the Morse feels she was not suffi-National Honor Society in her se- ciently prepared for college by the nior year because her dyslexia Henniker schools and required was taken into account, along with instruction from teachers trained

in itself Morse agreed not to accept her they taught us in school."



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