politicians knew about Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe's relationship with Norman Scott for a decade and a half before it became headline news. The three-part BBC drama has been headline news as it covers one of Britain's most notorious scandals. Jeremy Thorpe MP was charged but later acquitted for conspiring to murder his lover. The Thorpe affair revealed such breath-taking deceit and moral bankruptcy that it changed the political landscape in the 1970s. Labour politicians in the UK covered up Jeremy Thorpe's affair with Norman Scott for 15 years because they feared the information would be revealed.