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SURRENDER POSTPONED

Round & About

By Judas Iscariot

The Brighton Centre buzzed last night as delegates turned out in droves to celebrate yesterday's historic victory that has hopefully stopped the UNITE takeover in its tracks – *at least for another year*. The overwhelming show of hands against the grandee plot was doubly

humiliating for LEFT UNITY and its PCS DEMOCRAT allies as it was taken in full view of LEN McCLUSKEY'S emissaries in the hall – UNITE AGS STEVE TURNER and the ubiquitous "Chief of Staff" ANDREW SCUMMY. The SOCIALIST PARTY, and the cabal of greedy full-time officers at Falconcrest who'd anticipated getting their snouts into a bigger trough, clearly imagined that the debate would largely revolve around the controversy of Labour Party affiliation. Instead, the central issue of the UNITE rule-book dominated the discussion. The landslide rejection, confirmed by the card vote, was totally unexpected.



Some say that KEVIN McHUGH's chairing was useless. But WOR KEVIN was only following orders when he called almost twice as many speakers for the NEC-backed surrender motion as he called for Opposition. And the selection of what appeared to be the most inept speakers to



make the case for the REJECTION FRONT might have been purely accidental. Others complained that JOHN McINALLY'S monotonous rant was pedestrian and off-beam. But BIG MAC'S real problem was that his position was untenable and his speech was delivered in the manner of a fair-ground barker. Few were impressed, most were incredulous at RICHARD CAPPS attempt at emotional blackmail when he called on Conference to blindly trust our leaders saying: "Do we really think Mark, Janice and the

rest will sell out the soul of the union? Absolutely no chance".

The grandees, who clearly think everyone is as stupid as themselves plainly overestimated their own influence and underestimated the ability of delegates to obtain and digest salient information at short notice. The Web isn't just made of cats. So now blame game begins...

The motion that was passed does not, of course, rule out further talks with UNITE but the preconditions embedded in the resolution make agreement impossible without substantial changes in the UNITE rule-book – and that was never going to happen this year. Nor is it likely to happen in the foreseeable future because UNITE has bigger fish to fry.

In the autumn UNITE will begin its campaign to secure LABOUR's victory in the 2015 general election. UNITE and its rival UNISON will be pouring millions into LABOUR's campaign coffers while their leaders negotiate understandings with ED MILIBAND and ED BALLS on pay policy and the future economic direction of an incoming LABOUR Government. Calling in their favours from LABOUR will likely be the first priority for UNITE in 2015 and 2016 and then the campaign to elect a new general secretary will begin as this is LEN'S last term of office.

The window of opportunity has closed and barring a complete collapse of PCS finances – unlikely in the light of LEON BOFF's assurances regarding our solvency – there is no realistic way in which the grandees can ever get a surrender motion past the first hurdle, which is Conference itself.

Barabbas is on Holiday

But he sent us this a snap of DOREEN PURVES who continues to haunt Conference despite having retired late in the last century. She remained tight lipped about her plans to run for General Secretary in the event of Mark Serwotka's premature retirement.

NEC member and DWP Vice-Chair HELEN FLANAGAN was observed slumming it in WETHERSPOONS on Wednesday lunch-time. Not her usual haunt over the years it has to be said. Whether she was drowning her sorrows over the loss of Motion



A21 or just making an effort to mix with "ordinary" delegates is hard to say. On the other hand CHERYL GEDLING often pops in for an "Owd Roger", or whatever her tipple of choice is.

Ian Pope gave us the inside story on the NEC's fake facebook page set up to push the putsch. Doesn't everybody do that?

J.J. Abrams leads initiative to end suffering caused by midi-chlorians

Star Wars VII director J.J. Abrams is giving one lucky fan the chance to appear in the movie in an initiative aimed at raising money to improve the lives of those affected by midi-chlorians - a small microorganism which lives in the blood.

Nothing was known of the parasitic life forms before 1999, their effects passed off as 'magic' in some superstitious communities. The discovery of midi-chlorians was devastating, causing widespread fear and disillusionment across the world.

A high midi-chlorian count is hereditary, and runs strongly within families. Though the condition can remain dormant for many years, sufferers may find themselves speaking backwards, hearing voices in their head, or failing to recognise their relatives. Though many sufferers are able to live a relatively normal life and contribute to society, others become evil, in which case the only treatment is cutting off their hand or throwing them down a reactor shaft.

In its most aggressive form the micro-organisms entirely consume the sufferer and they become a glowing blue spectre.

On the official movie site, Abrams announced: 'I'm proud to be able to use my position to help combat this appalling disease. With UNICEF and other health organisations, we are creating innovative solutions to help some of the Galaxy's poorest people tackle midi-chlorian related problems.'

'If we work together, we can wipe these abominations from canonical history forever.'

Business News

PCS plc

For a Fighting Company on a Capitalist Programme

Fears - that the Russian economy will probably enter recession by the end of the second guarter, as investment and financial markets continue to react nervously to the Ukrainian crisis - together with other concerns arising from the worst standoff with the West since the Cold War were uppermost in the minds of shareholders who gathered for the Annual General Meeting of PCS plc in Brighton this week. But despite uncertainty the financial in market shareholders rejected a hostile takeover bid from the Unite Group at the Annual General Meeting in Brighton this week while continuing to give full support to the board.

Though the Board had recommended acceptance of the Unite offer shareholders decisively rejected it once the terms were published. The conversion size of I new share for 10,000 old PCS shares and the lack of any provision for one off payments in lieu of residual fractional shares was a point raised from the floor by many of the opponents of the deal. While the executive had been guaranteed places on the board of the giant conglomerate it was successfully argued that the Unite offer undervalued PCS's portfolio and that the share-swap the proposed transfer under of engagements would have considerably reduced the shareholders investments.

The Annual Report was delivered by M. Christopher Baugh, who was standing in for Mr Marek Serwotka, who is recovering in hospital after a serious operation. Mr Baugh said that the austerity programme was working and he praised the employees for accepting the painful cuts in pay and staffing levels which had enabled PCS to maintain its competitive share of the employment and labour marketing services sector. The Company was nevertheless committed to guaranteeing iob satisfaction and а remunerative wage to all the remaining staff in PLC. Rationalisation and restructuring had enabled over 100 employees to pursue other opportunities while the contracting out the catering services had greatly of enhanced the working environment. That together with the current recovery in property values in London had enabled PCS to declare a dividend for the first time in five years. But Mr Baugh warned of the growing disparity between London and the provinces said the board was and constantly monitoring its investments to safeguard the interests of its shareholders and the workforce.

The 4TM franchise was wound up this week following several years of underperforming. As a consequence Mrs Diane Breen stepped down from the Board, Mr Jake Wilde and Mr William Samuel were relocated back to provincial sales.

The Company's expansion into the French market, under the direction of Mlle Clara Paillard, as well as the development of ethical and eco-friendly products had already secured a significant niche on the high street. The launch of the We're All Badgers Now campaign would allow PCS to explore new, lucrative markets as well as consolidating existing sales to practising Buddhists and the Green community.

meeting congratulated Nick The Mr Finnigan, a former CPSA salesman from Scotland, who was recently appointed the Executive Manager of Edinburgh Castle. There was also unanimous agreement on sending a message expressing wishes for a speedy recovery to Brigadier Stuart Harding, recently retired Donnington Base branch manager, who is in hospital after a serious operation. Congratulations were sent to Ms Rachel Barrowclough, on the occasion of her betrothal. Mr Joe Cox was thanked for his work and presented with a gold model taxi for his services to transport in Newcastle.

Emergency Selection Uxbridge OED

Avalanche: to own a motorboat. Drum and Bass: ancestral seat of clan Drummond Glimmer: more glim than Legend: a foot Rooney: what Japanese people call a person with mental health problems Symphony: a fake phone card Telephone: something that sounds like a TV Testicles: prototype icicles Torpedo: a child molester on top of a hill Trample: small spot on face of homeless person Trappist: an inebriated monk. Warhorse: where a Geordie lives Weasel: small easel Wizard: move quickly but with considerable effort. Xenophobia: fear of Buddhists



PFLCPSA NEWS

Surrender suspended. That was unexpected. By some. By others, planned and well executed...

The upshot is that we will, after all, assemble under these battlements once more, at least, on the Ides of May next year. Absent, that is, some stunning end-run around the requirements of the existing constitution.

Truncated conferences still suck. Just getting into the swing of things and it's time to go home. Well bollocks to that, we're doing it properly and staying till Saturday. We'll let you know what happened in the first post conference bulletin. You didn't know about post conference bulletins? They're the reason <u>www.pflcpsa.com</u> exists. And, as long the webmaster doesn't fuck up and hit the delete key from time to time, it's the place to go to peruse the true record of our glorious history. The entire archive, (less the three years of post-conference bulletins lost, irretrievably, in the recent tsunami) is right there. Alternatively, get a life.

Team Thanking Time

One Digital have done it again. They've been our printers here in Brighton since 2008 and I think you'll agree, they're beginning to get the hang of it. Thanks chaps, chappesses. Contributors via dropbox@pflcpsa.com are also beginning to get the hang of it. Keep it coming.

There are encouraging signs that, after 37 years, the A Team is beginning to get the hang of it too. No change from last year's winning combo, SHAFT, Sir WOY, BARRABAS, ISLAM and APOLLO, all continue in harness and valuable supporting fire was provided by the HALFBRAIN. If you've enjoyed it half as much as we have, I recommend 500mg of ibuprofen and a good night's sleep.

Final high five to you, loyal reader, with your continued support for our project: the ongoing search for meaning in these bizarre annual convocations.

On your way out, feel free to clear the shrapnel out of your pockets in the direction of our collection bucket, and if you see any lonely **T-Shirts** hanging about, consider saving them from certain death by exchanging them for a lonely Tenner. They make excellent pets.

Smokers, arsonists and matchbook collectors will all appreciate our magnificent **Self Immolation** themed matchbooks immortalising **Mohammed Boazizi** whose suicide initiated the rolling wave of revolutions we call the Arab Spring. Nice to see how well that's gone. Just one more pound will secure your rights to one of these fully functioning, yet pleasingly aesthetic, miniature incendiary souvenirs.

Bibi Conference. Now go away. And remember to take all your belongings with you. Why did you bring them here in the first place?