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GETTING OVER THE HUMP

Round & About

By Judas Iscariot

*Men at some time are masters of their fates. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.*

National Conference kicked off yesterday with MARK SERWOTKA repeating a variation of the pep-talk he delivered to the main Group conferences and Fringe meeting the previous day. This time, largely for the benefit of the national media. The rest of us have heard it all before and were glumly singing along. The hacks included KEVIN MAGUIRE, the famed British political journalist, who came down in person to report our less than auspicious event for the readers of the *Daily Mirror*. But all that had emerged from him before we went to bed were these Tweets to his dozens of followers.



Delegates are looking puzzled. At the grandees fringe meeting on Monday our great and glorious leader told us that the reason the elections were cancelled was because the NEC took the decision that the union would rather do that than be in hock to the banks. Yet the auditors' report – reporting on precisely the period in which this decision was taken - says *“the union is in discussions with its principal bankers, Unity Trust plc, over the provision of an overdraft facility and a short-term debt facility to fund*

the VSER programme”. (our emphasis) In other words, at the time the NEC could not face selling our souls to the Bank, and thus felt compelled to cancel the elections, they were in fact negotiating the sales of those souls.

There's more. The independent auditor's report can be found on page 14 of the Financial Report, but, interestingly, *not in the four page summary issued to delegates earlier in the week*. And what it says is serious - bordering on sinister. *"The Officers are confident that all necessary funds will be made available by Unity Trust Bank plc, however given the status of these discussions the provision of sufficient loan finance cannot be guaranteed"*. That's a form of words which borders on saying that the "officers' confidence" borders on reckless.

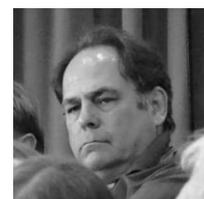
They hint at the gravity of the risk with these dry conclusions:

"These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Union's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Union was unable to continue as a going concern". This looks, to seasoned observers, like auditors covering their own arses and disclosing that they've identified a threat for which there is no sign of the plan B a prudent NEC ought to have. Auditors have no sense of humour.



Heathcote

DWP Chair FRAN HEATHCOTE paid her annual visit to Weatherspoon's yesterday to wag chins with such LEFT UNITY stooges such as their DTUS Secretary, MARTYN JENKINS and his lickspittles. FRAN was reported to be in possession of at least one strangely tango coloured leg which terminated in a dangerously white foot and ankle, the result of either a serious walking holiday in the tropics or a bit



Jynkyns

of a rush job with the spray-on tan.

Apologies to the Defence Sector Conference who in the end managed to hear three motions rather than the two we anticipated yesterday (a full 50% over target). The Group did, however, manage to stretch their conference out until lunch with the help of tedious contributions from our own bionic general secretary, some bloke from a US IT firm's union and three pointless workshop exercises.

DONNY McINTYRE, one of the old JOCKOCRACY enforcers, left the service soon after the fall of RAMSBLADDER to pursue a more lucrative career in the private sector including acting as one of ALEX SALMOND's bodyguards. He's now running a contract service to provide concierges and security for hotels north of the border.

And while we're in the area, we are indebted to Scottish readers who have directed us to yet another news item about the ex-hon. MICHAEL McCann which they felt deserves a wider audience – this time from the *Daily Record* of 8th May.

EAST Kilbride Labour candidate Michael McCann appeared to have a severe case of sour grapes on Thursday after deleting his Twitter account.

The politician who has been an MP for five years, took down his profile before the crushing defeat to the SNP was announced.

After refusing to speak to the East Kilbride News on arrival at John Wright Sports Centre for the count, the ousted politician also reportedly told a BBC reporter: "I don't need to talk to you. I'm not a politician anymore."

Michael McCann, who had 3,252 followers, appeared to be active on Twitter in the lead up to the poll results according to Google's cache of his account. However, the politician does now 'not exist' on the social media site.

The former civil servant was MP for East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow since 2010. SNP candidate Dr Lisa Cameron was celebrating in the early hours of Friday morning after winning a massive 16,527 majority over Labour to take the seat.

The newly elected MP said: "Most of all I would like to thank the people of the East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow constituency for placing their faith in me... for their faith in the message of our First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, and for their faith in the Scottish National Party.

"Whether you voted SNP or not today and whatever your views on Scotland's future, I will seek to represent everybody in this constituency to the very best of my ability."

The *Daily Record* online poll asked: Was Mr McCann's removal of his Twitter account a case of sour grapes? 92 per cent said YES and 8 per cent said NO.



Licence

Sadly NEIL LICENSE will not be joining the fun and games in Brighton this week as he's having treatment for a boil on the bum, which may or may not be a consequence of his former life-style choices.

What their papers say

By Dick HalfBrain

A small band of comrades braved the icy winds to leaflet the opening of Main Conference yesterday afternoon while their wimpier brethren huddled inside the Conference complex to avoid the weather and belligerent Greater Black Back Gulls who patrolled outside the Centre looking to steal fish and chips from hands of passing visitors.

The total absence of any organised presence from the remnants of 4TM meant that the literary feast largely reflected the views of the Assorted Trots and Reds within the BIG TENT. They revealed the following:

National Galleries Strike leaflet: While we all knew the main speakers – KEN LOACH and MARK SERWOTKA, it might have been helpful to point out that the unfamiliar names weren't non-entities but representatives of the striking workers. Say "Solidarity Siblings" to BOB and ROBERTA, KATE SMURTHWAITE or MEGAN DOBNEY.

INDEPENDENT LEFT: Good quality paper. Usual rant. Pity they couldn't be arsed to include the time of their Wednesday rally. If they let us know, we'll update you tomorrow morning.

INTERNATIONAL MARXIST TENDENCY: Usual guff from the former MENDICANTS still in the LABOUR PARTY. Gamely trying to get a few PCS Scots along to their meeting on *Scotland and the Class Struggle in Britain*. Their choice of venue, the CAMRA-listed *Victory* pub should draw at least a few attendees more interested in the beer than what they might hear from the boring panel headed by ROB SEWELL, editor of *Socialist Appeal*. But it doesn't matter why they come. The question is, can you keep them there? Legally.

PCS SUPPORT YOUR MEMBERS: Quite rightly highlights the disgraceful lack of support - for the unfairly dismissed JOHN PEARSON - from our own Cyborg GS and illustrious president for life. He subsequently won his ET appeal without any backing from Falconcrest (see motion A37 and PFLs passim – which reveal that he hasn't had too much joy attracting support from previous class allies either)

LEFT UNITY: Predictable rant against the Tories and smug self-congratulatory humbug from the grandees.

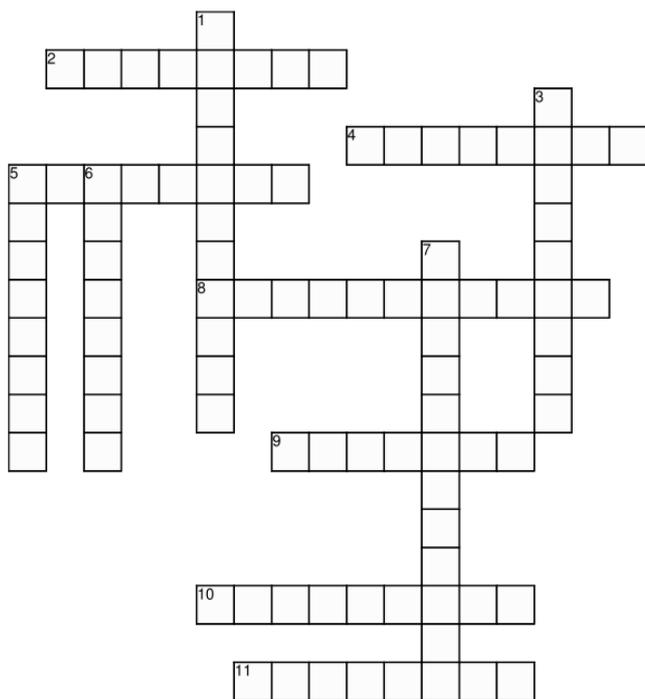
UNITY: Predictable rant against the Tories and smug self-congratulatory humbug from the Secret Left high-castes.

SOCIALIST PARTY: More of the same from the controlling faction within the grandees.

RED SCARE: Nothing new in this glossy, colour puff for the Commissars and the *Morning Star*.

SUSSEX LABOUR REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE: Nice job from MP JOHN McDONNELL's own faction. Not exactly flavour of the week amongst his Labour Party brethren, which makes him particularly welcome down here.

The back page



PFL HALF ASSED CROSSTIC

(all solutions PFL or Conference Related)

Across

2. Sounds like old raincoat in a narrow lane
4. Bucket of Fat on the NEC
5. Sounds like the Enterprising Navigator-Engineer used to finance the Union
8. Takes the piss out of a male sheep
9. Divine, Wealthy and in Charge
10. What rank half a liver donor?
11. Scabs look for Gold? They...

Down

1. Bird of Prey at the highest point. Worth a few bob to us
3. Monetary Value of the ex leader of the Yorkshire Soviet
5. Bit of a humourist making a choice (4,4)
6. We didn't have one this year, but everybody else did

7. Easily performed over many hours, but we don't get as much of it as we once did (8,4)

1st correct solution wins a polite round of applause and selfie with any PFL Staff hanging around

Errata: MAHONEY, not MAHANEY. And it was Bournemouth not Brighton where the NEC tried to expunge him.

PFLCPSA NEWS

Welcome to the middle of the Show. This is where the going gets tough and the tough get going. Other clichés are available. Only the committed are still here, and most of them should be.

About 24 hours to go before the sentence expires and we can all go home. Nothing serious to report. Please pay no attention to the Audit Shaped Elephant standing on the Cancelled Election in the middle of the Conference.

The information flow is thin and slow. In times past, it was thick and fast. See what you can do.

Sorry about the T-Shirts. The system is not firing on all cylinders and the missing cylinders contain the precious artwork. The same issue is delaying online publication. OhGodOhGodOhGod. No. I'm fine now. The executions have already been carried out.

Read the news, Feed the hat. Book of matches 50p. OLD SHIP 22.00.

Any questions?

And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.
Joshua 10:25. King Brian Authorised