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ROUND AND ABOUT

By Judas Iscariot

JEREMY CORBYN arrives in Brighton this morning to address a Conference enthusiastically raring to go home. Whether you like the arrangement or not, we believe this is an historic first, not just for us, but for the entire Civil Service Trade Union movement. We can't find – and nor can google - any previous evidence that either a Prime Minister or their Political shadow has ever addressed a Civil Service trade union conference. So be nice and perhaps he



won't bite. Though only the chosen few will get the opportunity to touch the hem of his robe, we will all see and hear him - hopefully - chart our future relationship with the Corbyn Government should Labour return to office under his leadership.

Back in Conference World the movers and shakers of the major factions are preparing for their next challenge – the General Secretary election in the autumn. MARK SERWOTKA declared to yesterday's conference session, that he is running for a fifth term. CHRIS BAUGH has now made it clear that he will also cast his hat into the ring and the odds are reducing on JOHN MOLONEY joining the race.

MAREK and BOFF will - first - have to face each other at the Left Unity primary. SERWOTKA, the grandees' man, is clearly the favourite to win the LUNITY nomination. That's if any of them can be bothered to vote. Though some estimate that there are 1,000-odd individual LUNITY members, little more than a tenth of those ever actually bother to take part in the selection process.

As we've previously discussed, JANICE GODRICH beat LEON BOFF, fair and square, at last year's LEFT UNITY convention, but then retired hurt. Her rapidly recruited replacement "SOCIALIST VIEW" candidate was beaten in turn when they parachuted in STELLA DENNIS to stand against BOFFY in the re-run. So, CHRIS has proved himself a potent challenger. SERWOTKA believes that his personal popularity is sufficient to mobilise enough anti-BOFF sentiment to guarantee victory. BAUGH's Socialist Party certainly needs to mobilise their own followers and recruit plenty more within the next few months if they're going to prove him wrong. Easier said than done, as they've been shedding SP members in droves since CORBYN was elected Labour leader.

Meanwhile MORONEY, whose INDEPENDENT LEFT bloc abandoned LEFT UNITY a long time ago has nothing to lose in joining the race, barring perhaps, his facade of humble credibility. The benefits of participation include a high-profile platform from which to promote the IL alternative programme and win or lose he would still have his newly won AGS post to fall-back on. Whether he does seek nomination remains to be seen. Yesterday some IL wags were arguing that the ideal win-win solution would be for BOFF's supporters to back MORONEY for the GS in return for IL support for CHRIS for the subsequent AGS vacancy if JOHN wins. Though this presents ethical challenges to these rival left sects that's rarely been enough to get in the way of a pragmatic compromise. They did, after all, gang up against the grandees on Tuesday in a failed bid to defeat the NEC's emergency motion on pay. But to work this "deal of the century" would require immense trust between these two factions and sadly there are no signs of that at the moment.

Barabbas Bits & Pieces

MIKE SHAW, (we think) continues to haunt the Conference centre despite having retired from the service many moons past. Down here with his old branch delegation from DWP Doncaster, they formed a spontaneous pub quiz team in the Fiddler's Elbow Tuesday night and entered themselves, at a pound per head, in the weekly competition; just for a bit of a laugh to accompany copious quantities of draft Guinness. They only went and fuckin won, passing through 4 rounds en route to victory and winning a massive £15 prize, which was almost enough to buy half the next round of the black velvet bevvy.

Mike also relates a pithy HALFPENNY response we hadn't previously encountered. He was present when some unidentified activist protested to his mates, about some trivial infraction committed by the Halfpenny group which had caused seconds of irritation; "We can't do (X) because those tossers have committed (Y)". Halfpenny must have overheard and reacted instantly with "NOT Tossers, Wankers, please".

The (other) Old Git wishes to record his appreciation for the Conference Centre security staff who came to his rescue during a catastrophic belt related incident yesterday morning, before he took up his watchdog duties manning the PFL conference desk. After less than 40 years service, his cheap leather belt finally gave up up the struggle to contain his wobbly bits and ripped apart at the seams, leaving him holding up his trousers in a futile attempt to protect his dignity. A couple of the security staff escorted Ser Woy across to Debenhams, where after a frantic search for a big enough belt, a triple XL was found to accommodate his girth. In fact it was a couple of inches too big so the security team hunted around and dug out a suitable tool with which to gouge out a hole in the right place and render trouser height maintenance once again fully functional. While grateful to the working class heroes, Ser Woy was less than impressed by the capitalist exploiters who extorted a full £10 from him. That's the most he has spent on an item of clothing. Ever.

JOHN JAMIESON has allegedly justified, to his colleagues' satisfaction, why he voted for JOHN MALONEY. The latter's elevation to the lofty heights enabled JAMMYSON to creep back onto the NEC in last place.

LIST OF ALTERNATIVE FOODSTUFFS TO THROW AT FAR-RIGHT POLITICIANS

Politicians of all parties are coming together to ban Milkshake projectiles. Though currently targeted at the emerging class of proto-fascists, mainstream politicians fear they might be next. We asked random conference delegates what alternatives they might favour. Here is a selection of the most popular:

1. Heinz Vegetable Soup: Looks like sick. Carrot lumps can get trapped in pockets of Saville Row suit, even after cleaning.

2. Magnum: Unwrap. Slip into target's breast pocket. Pat down.

3. Tarkha Dahl. Smells delicious (except to fascists) but looks like baby shit. Stains well

4. Irn Bru (Original) Most fabrics disintegrate within ten minutes.

5. **Double Cream** - The perfect substitute for milkshake. Massaged well into the target fabric, it can be almost impossible to remove smell from clothing afterwards.

6. HP Sauce - Brown and messy with just the right amount of relevance to politics and shit.

8. Somerset Brie. British but sounds French and it stinks. Actually, ANY blue cheese will do.

9. 50kg sack of King Edward potatoes. Use a trebuchet for extra range and impact.

10 . Prawn cocktail - just for starters.

^{7.} Twenty eight hard boiled Gauloise chicken eggs. Use a catapult for extra range and impact.

^{11.} A large anvil. not (strictly) a foodstuff but you know it makes sense.

FINANCIAL REPORT

PCS – For the Many Not the Few

Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of PCS plc gave another resounding vote of confidence in the current Board and the team of directors led by Ms Fran Heathcote.

Managing Director Marek Serwotka reported that PCS plc continued to show a trading profit for the past financial year boosted by a £3 million windfall from HM Treasury for a mis-sold check-off policy issued to us by their agents DW&P. The balance sheet was equally healthy showing that the company was able to maintain satisfactory liquid assets guaranteeing the ability of PCS plc to continue trading despite the uncertainty over Brexit, the possible of an early general election and the worrying rise in milk-related injuries.

However, PCS plc had overcome greater challenges in the past and it was well placed to deal with the problems posed by a volatile labour market, Brexit related violence, climate change and the entire extinction of life on earth.

Mark Serwotka paid tribute to Mrs Janice Godrich, who retired to a sanitorium last Christmas on medical advice. He also noted the sterling work of Mr Chris Baugh who has been recently promoted to Head of Department for Fidget Spinners and Klackers Research after successfully reallocating surplus office space at Falconcrest to achieve greater return on the capital invested at the company's prime site in south Chelsea. Letting the other half of the building together with the closure of the staff canteen and other redundant facilities has created a dynamic and challenging environment for the remaining staff at Falconcrest.

He welcomed Mr John Maloney, who takes up his seat on the board for the first time and praised the work of his personal assistant, Ms Lynn Henderson, who did not.

Prospects for the immediate future include transfer of subscription services and balloting to the block-chain environment in order to assist compliance with our GDPR obligations.

Mr Dave Vincent and Mr Ian Albert received their gold watches for their life-time of service to the company along with a number of other former employees.

MINORITY REPORT – UPDATE

In our speculative analysis of the card vote on Pay yesterday, we guessed at the number of abstentions, but were not a long way off. Here's the real deal, working from the actual figures: **Card Vote:**

For:	062676
Against:	060991
Abstentions:	005686
Total:	129353

The For and Against total is 123667 out of a total card vote of 129353 which reveals a 77% turnout (by branch vote - 167996) and confirms the minority result in favour of the motion was 49.5%

I didn't know this was a fucking contest.





ALL TRITE

Rev Alex J

Such a prillevege to be given this platform for a few days, here in the heart of Collectivism. I hope you've gained some comfort and clarity from my excellent wisdom. Here are my final few recommendations to keep you straight and narrow.

A78 ABSTAIN

Used to be a real issue but the attack on men's rights are now the growing threat

A79 SUPPORT

The obvious solution is to arm them. Nobody bad-mouths the man with the gun.

A80 SUPPORT

The collapse in Mental Health Provision was an inevitable consequence of your Socialist "Care in the Community" arrangements. Once they get to a certain state, locking them up is the kindest thing we can do. Bring back the asylum.

A81 ABSTAIN

Non Issue. Once you're free of the European yoke, they'll be streaming across that border to join the land of the free.

PFLCPSA NEWS

Still 'ere? Presumably you're sticking around for a rousing chorus of "O Jeremy Corbyn" and a chance to rub shoulders or other bits with him (short of frottage, natch). Must confess we're impressed and puzzled to see the People's Prince taking the time and trouble to visit I'il ole PCS down here in the boondocks. Snot like we've got anything to offer him in return. Still Brighton is glorious in the May Sunshine. What more reason does one need?

Fingers burnt last year, so I daren't predict what will have happened by the time we next assemble in these parts. There's a good chance Brexit will still be the dominant pain, whoever takes over from the plywood Prime Minister, be it Jeremy or Boris. You can, it seems, lead a nation to the edge of the cliff but getting 'em to jump off is more of a challenge. We do our best.

And if you think Brexit's a mess, just contemplate the emerging consequences of the decades of denial and neglect which have allowed Climate Change to morph into the Climate Crisis. OK, it won't be next year or the ten after that, but there is now a non-zero probability that in the lifetimes of a handful of delegates who are reading these words, "these parts" will simply cease being available for us to assemble within. Have you any idea what that could mean? It could force us to hold Conference in places like Birmingham.

Messages trickle in daily to <u>dropbox@pflcpsa.com</u>. No traffic yet to <u>pflcpsa@protonmail.com</u> but it's early days yet and it can take years for a deep cover agent to gather sufficient evidence to warrant the secure channel. Imams will hear your confessions, of course, whether here in conference-world or back in the real one. Just remember to speak loudly and slowly.

The field command team all achieved 100% attendance this year. Well nearly. Ser Woy always sneaks off early on the last day, to get a train back to London before the hoi polloi can bully him out of a seat. But APOLLO, ISLAM and BARABBAS held their positions until the bitter end. Usual excellent service from our Printers (ONE-DIGITAL.COM) despite losing our mate, STEVE WHITE, to retirement during the year. Thanks for the seamless hand-over comrades.

Last chance to relieve yourselves of all that shrapnel rattling around in your pockets and, in doing so, help keep the PFL Flag flying. Don't be shy.

Haven't you got homes to go to? We need to be alone.