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# SHEEP OF HYPE

ROUND AND ABOUT

By Judas Iscariot

Monday's chilly dawn summed up the mood of delegates in Brighton this week. The cheery faces of the INDEPENDENT LEFTERS at the DWP and HMRC conferences contrasted sharply with those of the gloomy grandees pondering their next moves following the collapse of all their AGS hopes and dreams. There are, of course, always winners and losers at PCS conference. When you play the game of drones, you win or you die.

In the past, the grandees' DEMOCRACY ALLIANCE was always the winner while TROTSKY's INDEPENDENT TRADERS and the Right Wing rump of the now extinct MODERATES were the perpetual losers. The old right-wing 4TM bloc died from terminal apathy four years ago and the TITs were largely side-lined after they walked out of the BIG TENT claiming the primaries had been rigged against them. It's a different ballgame now.

## PCS AND CIVIL SERVICE PAY – A USER'S GUIDE

Baugh and his supporters are in favour of *selectively* balloting each of the union's sections, where selection is based on their performance in the recent vote. i.e. focus only on those who exceeded the 50% threshold. Trouble with that plan is that the only ones who did pass that threshold were among the smaller sections. None of the big battalions would be involved. The Trot strategy is the classic rolling revolution, one stone starts the avalanche. The real world however finds the advantage really stays with the employer who can easily divide and rule. The whole point of collective bargaining is its scalability. If their strategy was remotely effective, we should find at least one exception to the decades of decline in real term pay and conditions; one super negotiating team that has beaten their employer into compliance with our demands. There ain't one.

This is why Union Policy stretching over those decades and way back before mergers and the like has consistently been in favour of retaining National Pay Bargaining. The activists will need a lot more than wishful thinking to persuade them that Baugh's plan has legs.

The precedents to date are not encouraging. Anyone want to follow in the footsteps of the DWP negotiated "Employee Deal"? We're actually taking those bastards to court over the discriminatory conditions it imposed. And that's because even the biggest group in the union can't muster the collective bargaining muscle to win against the intransigent employer and our only hope is to fall back on the employers' justice system.

The INDEPENDENT LEFT supports the NEC's position that there should be another ballot – but that it should only happen after there has been some serious navel gazing to illuminate the reasons for our failure to win the ballot both last year and this. Then, learning the relevant lessons, implement the changes required to win a 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. We'll take for granted that they recognise we did actually win those previous ballots and that "all" we require is to repeat the process with a higher turnout in order to exceed the 50% target. Which amounts to a statement of the bleedin' obvious. Of course we should find out what impeded the higher turnout and fix it. Doh!

Inconveniently the SWP line is to back 3 horses. As they say on their website, losing the ballot shouldn't be the end of the pay campaign. 1) The best response would be to defy the law and call action anyway. 2) Sections of the union that want to push ahead and strike over their pay claims should be supported. 3) Another national strike ballot shouldn't be ruled out. The WANKERS cannot be accused of lacking ambition. Unfortunately, the inevitable sequestration of Union assets would render our resistance futile in a matter of days or, at best, a few weeks. 'course, we could man the barricades and start the revolution, and, if the weed you're smoking is strong enough, there are days when you can wake up believing that might actually happen.

So, with all that consensus floating around, we should see an interesting pot pourri of more or less controversial EM's on pay today after STANDING ORDERS has slaved through the long night to provide your afternoon entertainment. It is widely anticipated that Mr Jeremy Kyle will observe from the gallery to glean ideas for a new reality television show.

### **News from the Smoke Free rooms**

As dust settles on PCS AGS election, CHRIS BAUGH is blaming everyone but himself for his shock defeat. He even blames FALCONCREST staff. Their audacity in challenging his austerity programme (the attempt to remove the free crappy hot beverage privileges long enjoyed by the PCS staffers) which caused MARK to go ballistic when drawn to his attention, played at least a minor part in fanning the flames of the alleged anti-Boff campaign.

But as we've observed, SERWOTKA's intervention failed to win the day for his Scottish protégé, HENDERSON. It also gravely undermined the "above factional politics" pose that he adopted soon after his rise to power when he began his somewhat more subtle attempt to loosen the then overwhelming grip of the SOCIALIST PARTY over the union. He stands exposed, so it's no surprise that he's now being openly slagged off in the SP press; a change reflected by the open dissent displayed by some delegates at his first fringe meeting at the Brighton Centre on Monday evening.

While some in the MOLONEY camp are perhaps over-optimistically predicting a new era, the SOCIALIST PARTY is licking its wounds and preparing a fight-back. They've called in the fixer. TERRY ADAMS, veteran MENDICANT guru and former CPSA full-timer, arrived in Brighton on Monday from his Chateau in France to appear smiling alongside BOFFY at the PFL command post. He's here, 2 days earlier than we expected, to rally the troops and prepare for their key-note fringe meeting, to be addressed by their national leader PETER TAAFE on Wednesday. LEON BAUGH remains defiant telling his supporters "I am here to stay, whatever happens". But 2 days early, Terry? This is serious.

Sadly, or not, probationary agent, Mark "the Nark" Baker has lost his place on the NEC. Again. Baker attributes his failure to unfounded (and, so far as we can tell unheard) rumours that he had joined the Brexit Party as a Socialist Party mole. Nothing, he argues, could be further from the truth. Quite. Baker actually admits to joining "Change UK" - as the sole member of the Bristol Branch - on instruction from disgraced former PFL quisling HOWARD FULLERSHIT. And he thinks that's better?

Meanwhile back in the telephone box where PCS DIMOCRATS will be holding their AGM, Vice President JACKIE GREEN is attempting to rally her loyal follower with an offer of a place on the Democracy Alliance ticket next year for every new member. Recently failed LU NEC candidate AUSTIN HARNEY is looking to join as it's the only way he could possibly get back on in 2020.

Tensions mount on the NEC, or at least, one small and occasionally naked part of it, as a trip to Kazakhstan beckons for a lucky NEC member if A41 is carried. Naked Cyclist Neil Licence believes it should be him. Lazy Licence still feels cheated that he didn't go to Moscow on PCS business. Confusingly, we are told that his Moscow interest was based on the belief that the Alexandra palace was in Moscow. What remains unexplained is a) why that might have motivated a trip to Moscow or b) how that failure then rolls over into the desire for a trip to Kazakhstan where we all know there is a similar dearth of Alexandra Palace.



His potential rival for the trip is the "I'll go anywhere on PCS expenses" Vice President and Poet in residence ZITA HOLBOURNE who is running out of fridges for all the magnets she's collected on our behalf. She seems keen to lead the delegation to one of the few countries she has yet to tick off her bucket list.



Serial Elvis impersonator and ageing rocker CHARLIE SLOANE has been identified in the field. He's now a grandfather and reports being more than mildly enthusiastic about being in that state. Tragically, he's only down for the DWP group business because he's not the national delegate. We could tell you why, but then we'd have to kill you.

Disturbingly, we hear that, at the DWP conference two extremely similar motions were debated in adjacent sections of the agenda, one immediately after the other, prompting panic deja vu attacks among some of the less conscious delegates. A10 and A12 both came up on Monday morning. Both motions called for equal pay for those that opted out of "Employee Deal". And both were opposed by the GEC. However, while there was a full debate resulting in a call for remission on A10, after a very close show of hands; with card vote called and blocked. The debate on A12 was perfunctory and moved quickly to another indeterminate show of hands and MS HEATHCOTE blocking the card vote out of hand. The intelligent analysis suggests that the SOC had a brainfart and edited the composite after placing in one section, then forgot that it was also in the other.

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### In Memoriam

We were all saddened to hear of the death last year of RINGO GEBBIE. A great friend of KEVIN McHUGH and a larger than life figure at ADC, RINGO was Branch Organiser for HMRC Benton Park View, one of the biggest branches in PCS. He was sacked for transferring union members data so he could work at home, which he was forced to do following facility time cuts. After a well fought campaign, HMRC backed off and reinstated him with no detriment. He died on 31 August 2018 on holiday whilst swimming in Rhodes. RINGO's wife received a posthumous award and a standing ovation on his behalf at the Northern TUC. He'll be receiving another Award at HMRC Group conference in Brighton today.



Former CPSA activists are also in mourning for the late Jeremy Hardy who died in February. He used to perform at our conferences in the years before he reached national treasure status

### The worlds funniest joke

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed, so his friend calls 911. "My friend is dead! What should I do?" The operator replies, "Calm down, sir. I can help. First make sure that he's dead." There's a silence, then a loud bang. Back on the phone, the guy says, "OK, now what?"

## ALL TRITE

### Rev Alex J

Can't say much about the pay motions because the ones in the book have been overtaken by events, so any debates on Pay will be based on so called Emergency Motions which the cowards haven't published at the time of writing, leaving it, as usual, to the last minute so that no one gets a chance read and respond in proper timeliness. For that reason alone, it's probably a good idea to oppose whatever comes up on the Pay front. First up after that nonsense, though, is a truly insightful recognition of the value of the wealth creating class and its routine out-performance of the public sector.

A7 SUPPORT We need to see more like this. Tell it like it is brother.

But then we head into hostile terrain. BIG Fake News day today folks, with no less than 4 motions attacking the defenders of Liberty with their communistic and liberal propaganda. For years it's been clear that miscegenation is the root of all evil and what's going on around the world today is just rebalancing the terms of debate. This time, We The People get our chance to dictate what happens next. Provided of course that the deep state doesn't go nukuler on our ass.

A14 OPPOSE Direct attack on freedom of speech. Fake news. Shame

A15 OPPOSE More fakery. There were at least half a million on that march.

A16 SUPPORT That first sentence hits the nail smack on the head. Couldn't agree more.

A17 ABSTAIN While we can woop the achievements laid out in part one of the motion, but we didn't anticipate the twist in the second. Recommend remission

A18 OPPOSE The idle parasites who produce this newsletter are never up early enough to see the start of the conference day, so we need to take this opportunity to denounce the first motion you'll hear on Wednesday morning – a blatant attack on men's rights by your NEC

## PFLCPSA NEWS

After yesterday's soporific warmup to the main event, you'll be gagging for it by lunchtime today. It should all kick off with the recriminations over the [moral victory] / [legal defeat] in the pay ballot and the resulting castration of any national campaign. For an hour or so you'll hear noises that might remind you of what a trade union used to sound like. That'll get your juices running.

Regarding Sheep of Hype we were. They didn't know why, but you'll never be able to unthink those words. Enjoy.

dropbox@pflcpsa.com is rapidly becoming the leading channel of communication to yours truly at PFL Field HQ. Good to see so many of you have mastered the technology. Keep up the good work and, in no time at all, you'll be riding without the stabilisers. It's got a major advantage over all the others. Your typed words are unambiguously what you've said. Trying to verbalise same to an ageing codger whose hearing aid batteries are on their last legs, or worse, presenting an Imam with your own illegible scrawl are recipes for garbled confusion and none of us want that. At our debriefings in the OLD SHIT (22.00 hrs precisely ish) you can get both for the price of one.

We've been asked to avoid leaking any spoilers for the final GOT episode. So far, we're still £373 short of the target\* which we've set as a condition for compliance with those requests. Dig deep or we'll blow the gaffe. You have been warned. Those indifferent to the termination of the epic tale are, of course, wights whose soul has long fled. Just remember to feed harry the hat from time to time and we'll call it quits.

*Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart. - Ecclesiastes 7:7 KJV*

\*£373.10

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