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Forward Battle Group - Thomas Markle

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*UNITY! FREEDOM! SOCIALISM! - ONE CIVIL SERVICE UNION, ONE GLORIOUS DESTINY!*

## **BURNING BRIDGES**

### **Round and About**

by Barrabas et al

The temperature climbed briefly above tepid in Wednesday's session, with CHRIS BAUGH receiving unlikely applause after presenting his Financial Report. Difficult to discern whether it was genuine or ironic. Either way, the fight is definitely on.



Despite an urgent Socialist Party bulletin handed out yesterday morning, pleading for JANICE to paper over the growing rift, by, for starters, combining her deliberately timed (to clash) Fringe meeting with their own pre-arranged one "so there can be an honest and open debate on the AGS position." Fat chance. "Why" they ask, reasonably enough, "is she unable to explain in an open forum...why, just after being re-elected for President, she and Mark have decided to split the left?" Why indeed? (See Monday's communique for our best guess). They went on to make a pretty strong argument and veiled threat: "It's not too late for Janice to pull back and we urge her to do so. This assumes even more importance as the Union prepares for a National Pay Ballot".

The Fringe meetings went their separate ways regardless. Both were quite well attended with a hundred plus bodies on parade.

JANICE did a convincing impression of seething fury, occasionally fighting back a tear when describing the single accusation of self-interest levelled at her through social media. Said miscreant (LAND REG VP DAVE LUNN) has apologized both profusely and repeatedly, and deleted the comment. We won't.

Abuse like this, she argued, would deter much needed female activists from deeper PCS involvement. This implies a belief that the Ladies aren't up to the challenge of a political street fight, which, if true, would raise questions about their role as any kind of representative in the class war. Janice knows full well that it's not true, of course, so she's obviously angling for a sympathy vote.

BOFF, she said, has systematically undermined PCS membership over the last 10 years, with too many examples to mention. Well one would do, for starters. And some mention of why it's

taken 10 years to raise the issue of his alleged incompetence or treachery. But we weren't going to get that level of detail.

Nevertheless, she'd concluded that her own Party, the SP were wrong to support Chris. She knew they'd kick off about it, but the alternative was much worse. Her loyalty to Union trumped Loyalty to Party. And Brutus is an honourable woman.

There was a complex-but-vague reference to HOSPITALGATE (see Tuesday's communique). In short "we can't work with him, he's undermined the leadership over and over" (presumably in between his attacks on the membership). There were no questions from the floor. Room hot sticky and packed.

Although his own Launch meeting was equally packed, hot and sticky, Chris was more relaxed and optimistic to the point of Alfred E Neuman idiocy. His own sympathy plea is founded on the notion that that his hard work has been airbrushed from PCS history. But his forthright 'if she won't change her mind then I hope I win' did not smack of Olive Branches. And he's already set up a fighting fund for his campaign, which will ensure his lawyers don't go hungry. There were a few questions from the floor, on this side of the divide, with priority given to non SP delegates. Which was nice.

Back on the street, dirty tricks are already deployed, either in the form of SERWOTKA sharing false allegations of BOFF bullying with selected NEC members, nudging them to lobby SP against CHRIS; or else in the form of disinformation to that effect, with a view to placing MAREK in jeopardy. BOFF, as we've heard, has a legal team revving up for action.

It hasn't escaped our attention that little has been said, by either side, to remind us of their equal dedication, only a handful of years past, to the cause of dissolving PCS into the bowels of Unite. And someone in charge of the PCS Members FACEBOOK page has been ordered to remove all the posts related to the split and related fringe meetings. Stuff that was available at about 2.30 yesterday afternoon had mysteriously vanished by 9 pm. Hmmm. On the one hand publicising internecine strife is not good for business. On the other, this is how most fascist dictatorships begin ...

Following the passage of relevant International motions, both LICENCE and BAKER have been competing for the Union funded junkets to Yemen and Kazakhstan, apparently oblivious to the probability that these could well be one-way trips. More strategically, JANICE wants to send new NEC member PHIL DICKENS - he's the only non-Democracy Alliance person on the NEC.

Some signs of support for the prospective MOMENTUM brigade. BEV LAIDLAW is bidding to be the compromise candidate for AGS if the new PCS faction is formed. NEC member AUSTIN HARNEY is also sympathetic but hasn't decided whether to risk burning his LU bridges.



Senior PCS Officer PHYLLIS OPUKU-GYIMAH was in line for selection as Labour candidate for Lewisham East but had to withdraw for family reasons. There's a thinly veiled and unattributed suggestion that her withdrawal was also connected with an alleged attack on one of her tweets by right wing Tory internet columnist Guido Fawkes but Google doesn't seem to be aware of it.

Erratum: Newly elected PCS Vice President JACKIE GREEN has informed PFL that SHE is the new leader of PCS Democrats not NEIL LICENCE. Not that it matters.

Even less seriously, CLIVE BIFFA BRYANT was walking through the BRIGHTON CENTRE. Several delegates mistook him for STEVE COMATOSE. Separated at birth?

Rumours that MARK SERWOTKA is seeking a safe Labour seat in Parliament circulate the watering holes of Brighton. But MARK won't leave PCS while BOFF is AGS. SERWOTKA is lining up a compromise LIFT UNITY candidate to take his place once he has successfully burnt his bridges and thoroughly split and marginalised the SOCIALIST PARTY. Step forward PCS Scottish Officer and STUC President LYNNE HENDERSON. Lynne's name, we are advised, will miraculously emerge in the Autumn before LU elections.

Some wag mentioned earlier, that MAREK, may need a visit to Specsavers (other optometrists are available). At one echoing Section venue he reportedly observed that "you couldn't see an empty seat on the conference floor". He didn't seem to notice that you could see an awful lot of floor. He may be suffering from Inauguration Syndrome.



### On this Conference day in

2007	1997	1987
<p>The whole of Geordieland is rejoicing at the return of KEVIN McWHO to his rightful place on the NEC after ten years of absence while we bid a fond farewell to MATTY McGARRY (HMRC Newcastle) who is taking an early bath in June. A professional Catholic, Fr McGARRY was seen stuffing his pockets with free condoms from the HMRC Young Members stall yesterday. On being questioned he claimed that they were for his sons. This could cause an incident if wife and Big Pope BENNY supporter PAULINE finds out. McGARRY spends his nights at the King &amp; Queen public house on the karaoke. His cover of Purple Haze ranks as a conference must see. Fr McGarry is 58.</p>	<p>Goldfish Award (for the delegate or observer with the shortest attention span) goes to Welsh Officer JEFF EVANS; now well out of pocket. Due to a miscalculation JEFF is staying at the LAGUNA HOTEL -- a long taxi ride from the centre of Bournemouth. He was punishing the LAGER at BARRY'S victory celebration at the HIGHPRICE. When it finally ended he hired a cab to the LAGUNA. When he got there he realised he had left his coat and bag at the HIGHPRICE. He told the cabbie to drive him back. He picked up his coat but forgot his bag. "Sod it," he thought, "I'll pick up the bag in the morning". When he returned to the LAGUNA he realised his keys were in the bag. (Now the Laguna is only a ONE CROWN Hotel. There's no night-porter.) So he had to tell the cabbie to do the round-trip again. Total cost £60.</p>	<p>Thousands of fans were sadly let-down at the failure of the PFL to provoke the sectarian bloodbath, eagerly anticipated by those in the ringside seats in the bogs. The only blood to be seen was RAY ALDERSON's, smacked in the gob by his wife CHRIS KIRK and forced to retire to his corner. Earlier, our leader JOHN ELLIS was forced to brush aside the rabble in order to get served. When this boorishness was related to JONATHAN BRUCE he heroically denied that it happened. On being confronted by the victims he then just shrugged and said 'well, he bought me one'. The news that ELLIS had actually bought anyone a drink left BARRY REAMSBOTTOM'S mates (anyone who'll drink with him) speechless. Our leader's meanness is legendary. On winning the General Secretaryship he refused to hold the customary victory beano, on the grounds that 'it would upset RAYWOOD', He represented our members in Northern Ireland for two years and only bought a round once, The BELFAST TIMES reported it and said that he must have come into a legacy.</p>

## The End Times

*Let the scriptural prophecies guide your democratic hand*

### **A86, 87, 88, 89 ABSTAIN**

We are puzzled by some of our co-religionists' denial of Climate Change. The evidence is solid and it clearly constitutes a major source of the Tribulations. Surely if we want the Second Coming, we must welcome all its preparations, rather than deny them. Of course, there's no point in doing anything about it.

### **A90 ABSTAIN**

Plastic Waste is the classic illustration of how and why the Human Race cannot be trusted to manage our own environment. Time to hand it back to the Expert in Chief

### **A91 &93 ABSTAIN**

And Air Pollution is a similar issue. Brains big enough to figure out how to fly to the moon, decode dna and build ipads, can't figure out how to keep the very Air we breathe clean and safe to continue breathing. Call that intelligence?

### **A92 ABSTAIN**

Positive discrimination and quotas fuel tokenism and are never the right answer. Doesn't matter what colour we're dealing with, Black, White, or, as in this case, Green.

### **A94 ABSTAIN**

Passionate essay in support of Veganism. Bless.

### **A95 SUPPORT**

Why the fuck not?

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## **PFLCPSA NEWS**

Well done comrades. Its another conference in the bag. Has anyone else noticed the bag's are getting younger every year? Or was that Policemen? No matter. You'll awake soon and realise it's all been a dream. This time next year, we'll have fallen off the Brexit cliff. We hope you all have a safe landing.



We relocated the Safe House, last year, to get closer to our traditional printer, **One-Digital** in Rottingdean. Then we forgot to rebook it so we're stuck out here in the 13th century, with its low hanging beams, on which I have managed to avoid the advice in the photo no less than 11 times so far; and a 40 minute drive to collect the copy. Again. And we forgot to warn them we were coming. So, all in all, another triumph of Man over Planning. None of which interrupted their routine excellence. So that's alright.

Sir WOY somehow escaped the credits last year so he deserves two mentions this year. ISLAM snuck off early to pay homage to Marx in China, as you do. APOLLO lies injured awaiting treatment in the dressing room. Only BARABBAS and Sir WOY managed 100% attendance. And still, somehow, the show goes on; thanks primarily to you, our faithful followers, who keep coming back for more.

Our increasingly unwieldy library, documenting the history of major events in our original and successor Unions contains, in many cases, the only evidence that some of these events even happened. Bookmark [www.pflcpsa.com](http://www.pflcpsa.com) and check out the archives. You won't believe some of the stuff you'll find there.

The PFL is not just for Conference. You can keep the secrets coming, throughout the year using [dropbox@pflcpsa.com](mailto:dropbox@pflcpsa.com) like a growning number have this week, and, occasionally, if inspired, we might even post the occasional revelations to web only.

Last call for Dosh. Dosh please. There, that wasn't too painful, was it?

That about wraps it up for 2018. I've seen worse. Go Away.

Bibi Conference. I shall Return and I Shall be Millions - Eva Peron