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TO TWEET OR NOT TO TWEET?

Round and about

By Judas Iscariot

The GODRICH juggernaut moved into action yesterday when she opened main conference with a stirring call to support our five per cent pay demand later echoed by our great and glorious leader in a wide-ranging opening speech that called on all members to close ranks around the pay demand and usefully demonstrated how well their prospective partnership might work. All this was then repeated in two part harmony at the fringe meeting in the Centre at close of conference. While some came for the free tea and biscuits most of the 300 members of the audience were there to hear MARK SERWOTKA repeat the demands they'd already heard and endorsed in Conference earlier in the afternoon. Astonishingly, some three thousand others watched the debate live on Facebook where it remains on record for future campaigning. Godnose what they thought they were tuning in to.

JANE AITCHISON, the doyenne of the SOCIALIST PARTY and one-time Chair of the DWP GEC until they discovered that she had sent her child to a private school, is back in the news again. JANE, now a rising star in the Yorkshire Labour Party, is the prospective parliamentary candidate for the super-marginal Leeds seat held by Conservative Stuart Andrew with a majority of just 331.

During her time at the helm of the DWP, JANE was known for her lack of humour and a primness bordering on hypocrisy that her apologists put down to her Bible-punching upbringing and the fact that her father was a Methodist lay preacher. JAYNE used to upbraid members for their intemperate language. But according to the *Yorkshire Post* "Labour can "kiss goodbye" to one of its top target seats at the next General Election after the selection of a left-wing candidate who called the Royal Family "scroungers" and suggested Waitrose shoppers are "scum", one of the party's Yorkshire MPs



Aitchison - Undecided

said”. “The MP, who did wish to be named, told the *Yorkshire Post* that Pudsey candidate Jane Aitchison was “ultra-left” and would not get the backing of voters in Leeds”.

The paper said: “Ms Aitchison has been forced to apologise for the language she used in a string of controversial Twitter posts, and has retained the backing of the Labour Party.

“The candidate, who was backed by Unite and Momentum as well as key Jeremy Corbyn allies John McDonnell and Jon Trickett, in December 2013 posted a link to an article about a “middle-class revolt” over free coffee at the supermarket Waitrose, adding: “From the comments seems real scum already shop there”.

“In another tweet a month later, she appeared to post an article about fast-food chain McDonald’s creating 2,500 jobs, adding: “S**t food. S**t jobs. This is what they want for us.”

“And in a series of tweets she took aim at the Royal Family. As reported by The Yorkshire Post on Monday, Ms Aitchison deleted a tweet describing Prince Charles as “benefit scrounging scum”.

“Ms Aitchison, who in 2011 left the Socialist Party, formerly the Trotskyist Labour entryist group Militant, praised attendees at the Socialist Workers Party-hosted Marxism Festival of July 2015 as “the best class fighters”.

“Responding to her selection, the unnamed Labour MP said: “We might as well kiss that seat goodbye for Labour. I know the electorate in Pudsey will take a different view to the selectorate in Pudsey Labour Party. I don’t think the party members in Pudsey are representative of the community.” The MP added: “She’s ultra-left, once people know what that means they won’t vote for it.

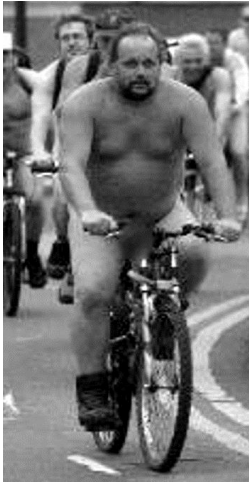
“People from Leeds aren’t radical revolutionary socialists, some of them are Labour, some of them are Conservatives but they’re not revolutionaries and they don’t believe in revolutionary politics.”

Ms Aitchison later apologised, and said: “I recognise that the language used in some tweets I made years ago is unbecoming of a parliamentary candidate and I apologise.

“I’m thrilled to be selected as Labour’s candidate in this important seat and I am putting forward Labour’s positive message of hope and optimism here, with the aim of becoming the MP for the many not the few.”

3.2.1 I click my fingers and she’s back on message.

Good to see the NEC coming off the fence to endorse our full blooded rush into Party Politics (A41, later today). The tide is also turning, elsewhere, for Labour. At the recent local elections WILLIE SAMUEL, a one-time RAMSBLADDER supporter who retired last year, unseated a long-standing Tory in Cullercoats, North Tyneside, by a margin of 41 votes. NICK DIAMANTIS, well-known in these parts and visible, occasionally, on the Conference floor this week, got close to a Labour breakthrough in the London Borough of Sutton, defeated only by a similar small margin.



Naked Cyclist, NEIL LICENCE, is back in Brighton for his annual slumber over the *Telegraph* crossword. In a new first, there has been a rare sighting of the License wallet. Unless he was holding it for a friend.

While Chris Baugh and Janice Goodrich fight over the Socialist Party succession, rumours reach us of the formation of a new Labour Party PCS faction. JOHN ‘No Money’ MOLONEY and BEV LAIDLAW of TROTSKY’S INDEPENDENT TRADERS were seen in deep discussion with PCS Democrats NEIL LICENSE and IAN ALBERT. NO MONEY has suggested the provocative name “PCS Momentum”. ALBERT is less than keen but he leaves the NEC on Thursday when LICENSE hopes to take over as Democrats supremo. LICENCE is a man of principle, who will agree to anything if it keeps him on NEC until retirement.

*****A Walk-On Part in the Class War*****

Unfortunately, many of you are old enough to remember the Miners' Strike of 1984–85, the last major attempt by an industrial union to challenge a pillar of the National Economy, with their attempt to shut down the British coal industry in an effort to prevent colliery closures. Led by ARTHUR SCARGILL of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) against a National Coal Board under direction of the THATCHER government. The right-wing NUM leadership in the Midlands refused to take part on the grounds that no national strike ballot has been called. Though there was considerable sympathy for the striking miners within the labour movement little or no practical solidarity was given by the major trade unions whose leaders, along with Labour leader NEIL KINNOCK, loathed SCARGILL and his brand of militancy, and used the absence of a ballot as an excuse to sit on their hands. Thatcher famously dubbed the strikers "THE ENEMY WITHIN". NUM’s funds were sequestered, and she ordered the police to violently disperse the mass pickets and break the strike. It ended, after a year, in a defeat for the miners and closures of most of Britain’s collieries.



CPSA played a bit part in the proceedings. And, in a PFL EXCLUSIVE, evidence of Downing Street consideration of this contribution was passed to us only in the past few weeks. While the struggle was going on, CPSA’s left leadership, with a working majority on the NEC, decided to respond to a TUC call for assistance. The NEC agreed to donate £25,000 to the miners’ relief fund. But the



right-wing general secretary, a cynical careerist called ALISTAIR GRAHAM (yes, he of the Committee on Standards in Public Life), tried to block it by calling for a national members’consultation to endorse the payment. He announced this in the October 1984 edition of *Red Tape*, CPSA’s house magazine.

This was spotted by junior Tory minister PETER BOTTOMLEY who felt that GRAHAM’S “brave” decision deserved a pat on the head. It failed to convince the IRON LADY whose representative on Earth, Cabinet Secretary ANDREW TURNBULL, replied that it hadn’t been “brave enough to say the miners’ case is unreasonable and to condemn violence by which strike is being pursued”.

THE END TIMES

Let the scriptural prophecies guide your democratic hand

A16 ABSTAIN

The clear and informative wording of this otherwise excellent motion makes it abundantly clear that this is a field requiring considerable expertise, not a bunch of well-meaning amateurs.

A17 ABSTAIN

Of course, there is more sexual harassment going on the HMRC (and everywhere else) than the authorities will ever admit. No need for yet another survey, move straight to action. The Stocks, Castration and Public Flogging all ripe for a return to the Public square.

A18 ABSTAIN

Some say that politically correct support for gender bending is one of the principle ways we got into this mess

A23 ABSTAIN

The notion that all meaningful propositions can only be expressed in the affirmative is philosophically illiterate. But the idea of curbing the excessive verbosity of the proponents is highly commendable.

A24 ABSTAIN

Gerrymandering while Rome burns

A25 ABSTAIN

"If but for this rule, fewer than one..." The Mesopotamians invented the concept of "Zero" in 3 BC. It can come in handy in situations like this. The rest of the motion reads like a Monty Python instruction related to haircuts, brother's clothes, lower pegs, notes, scripture prep, greeting visitors and getting your chit signed Or so I'm told.

A34 ABSTAIN

Laudable objectives. Wishful thinking, Unnecessary distraction

A35 ABSTAIN

Another mark of the beast.

A36 ABSTAIN

Good luck finding "sympathetic politicians"

A41 ABSTAIN

A commendably honest but futile bid for full partisanship in relation to National Politics. As though it mattered.

A44 ABSTAIN

Women would be better advised to tear down the hierarchy, rather than fight for their place in it.

PFLCPSA NEWS

A Team's getting thin on the ground. ISLAM's bugging off on a Chinese junket. APOLLO's working from his sick bed with his leg up and BARRABAS is increasingly distracted. But we soldier on. Dropbox@pflcpsa.com received twice as many contributions yesterday compared to Monday. And we've used both of them.

Haven't mentioned Dosh for 48 hours. Some of It's that funny metal stuff that makes an ugly rattling noise in your pockets, some of it is that suspiciously smooth plastic rubbish that even survives the wash if you're stupid enough to leave it in your trouser pocket and some of it is that good honest folding crinkly stuff that just has the feel of real money. We're not proud. We'll accept it in any form, including bitcoin and negotiable bonds. We've sold the last of the Bridges. Getting some more in tomorrow.

MOTHER SAYS THE MOON RISES TONIGHT OVER THE FIELD OF INIQUITY. (finger 3, 9 and 7) (this message will auto destruct 12 seconds after you set fire to the page)

Other DC Agents can call the A Team with breaking news up till stupid o'clock and if any transient Agents or bored punters would like to share a dollop of gossip with us in the Old Ship around Ten, mine's a large Tomato Juice with no ice and plenty of Tabasco.

'And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.' Revelation 13:17 King James