

www.pflcpsa.com



P.F.L.C.P.S.A.
POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF CPSA

GENERAL COMMAND MAY 2009

Forward Battle Group Muntader Al-Zaidi

COMMUNIQUE # 1411 MONDAY 18th MAY

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

COMING HOME TO ROOST

by Judas Iscariot

From all four corners of the country delegates are pouring into Brighton for a sombre week at Conference overshadowed by the global slump, swine flu and the death of Jade Goody. The Grandees have won another victory. But at what price? A miserable turn-out of less than ten per cent and an anti-full-timer backlash that threatened to unseat LANNING and came within a whisker of toppling CHRIS BAUGH.

On the street the long-suffering public, who put up with the invasion of Iraq, proposed identity cards, abolition of habeas corpus and the fucking up of the economy are now preparing lynch-mobs for the legion of MPs who have squandered the public purse on lavatory seats, chandeliers, dog-food and moats as well the usual flipping of second-homes in London. These include old friends like Labour MPs FRASER KEMP and KALI MOUNTFORD, both former illuminati of CPSA, whose snouts have been at the trough for years.

FRASER KEMP, a member of the CPSA "Clause Four" faction and a founder of the old BL'84, was one of those who voted to keep MPs' expenses secret. It became clear why, this week, when we learned that he made repeat purchases of household items over the space of several weeks and claimed for two flat-screen televisions exactly a year apart. He tried to claim one of them for £1,699 but the fees office turned it down. So, rather than pay for the television himself, KEMP took it back to the store and got a refund. He also charged the taxpayer £105.75 for an engineer to attend to his washing machine when he could not figure out how to operate it. An invoice from F&M Services in May 2005 records that the customer reported that "the selector wheel is not clicking round to drain". After examining the appliance, the engineer wrote: "Machine set on rinse hold. Advised customer". Bit steep for a job a two-year old could have done but KEMP wasn't paying for it. You were.

From the wire: ...MPs "vindicated" as man on fiddle wins Eurovision Song Contest...

...MPs offered new deal on housing; buy one, get one on expenses...

...WHO raise level of MPs expenses pandemic to level 6...

“Kali Mountford (Colne Valley), who is standing down next time around, has a majority of 1,501. She was elected in 1997 and last year claimed £160,015 including £23,083 additional expenses to stay in London near Westminster.”

(<http://tinyurl.com/onuqkd>)

KALI (see PFL passim) posed as a left-wing harpy before she become one of Blair’s “babes” who took their seats after Labour’s landslide victory in 1997. To put the above claims in perspective, 200 nights at the Savoy would only cost £60 grand. Oh, and a large lump of the above is usefully retained within the family as hubby and ex CPSA working class hero, IAN LEEDHAM, trousers his fair share of the £85 grand “Staffing Allowance”. Despite which, Mountford comes in at a fairly shabby 101st position at the “Table of Greed” **Both Mountford and Kemp are standing down at the next election.**

Another who will probably be falling on his sword is the Speaker of the House of Commons, MICHAEL MARTIN. That means that his unpaid aide, one BARRY REAMSBOTTOM, will once again be out of a job. Bang goes RAMSBLADDER’s hopes for a gong in GORDON BROWN’s resignation honours list.

Talking about bunce, STEVE COMER used to top up his meagre salary by cabbing before he made it big-time as a Bristol Council Cabinet member. Currently he spends 50 per cent of his time on the NEC and the rest on the council and no one can ever remember him actually working in HMRC. The one time he had a problem was when HMCE members voted him out as AGS. Falconcrest came up trumps with a flexible part time “Cornwall Learning” post that fitted his requirements exactly. Who says only LU get PCS secondments?

JOHN BALONEY, like ROB BRYSON, bagged the protest vote in the senior officer contests but there was little else for the Independent Left to cheer about. Charlie McDonald got fewer votes for the GEC than the membership of his own branch, despite him bragging in his election address about how his is the best organised branch in the universe. He also secured fewer votes for President than ten of his Independent Left colleagues did for the NEC. This is five candidates worse than Christine Hulme did last year.



Bryson: Also Ran

Nor is there much joy in the 4TM camp, now left with just JAKE WILDE on the NEC. But while the GANG OF ONE poses as the official opposition ROB BRYSON is already planning his next challenge – against MARK SERWOTKA in next year’s General Secretary election. BRYSON will doubtless raise the question of full-time officers’ expenses in his future campaign to tap the mounting membership anger at the expense account high-life of the senior officers – paid for out of members’ subs. Others are demanding transparency; calling for all full-time officer expenses to be published on the PCS website (like the practice of the Scottish parliament) and already drafting motions for Conference 2010.

Barrabas – News from the Smoke filled shelters

MICHAEL ANDERSON of HMRC Waterview Park branch has had a bad start to his first conference. First he overslept, and had to pay £25 out of his own pocket to catch an alternative train, where as soon as he sat down he spilled a steaming hot cup of tea in his lap. Despite quickly applying plenty of cold water in the toilet scalding could not be avoided. Looks like it could now be a very quiet week for Michael as he a) is skint after paying for the taxi, and b) has a sore todger!

Meanwhile back at MOD the recent upsets caused by MOD LU Grandees have resulted in a split within its ranks with at least 6 disillusioned MOD Lunity GEC members keen to form a breakaway left faction. Fed up with the dictatorial antics of the MOD LU hierarchy they no longer feel that they want to be tarred with the same brush as the Trot dominated pack of jackals. Maybe the rebels should exhibit some sympathy for the LU brigade - after all it is the anniversary year of Charles Darwin!

The MOD GEC election results reveal some interesting developments with MOD LU leaders DOUGIE BROWNOSE and 'Unlucky' JIM WILLIAMSON both failing to grab Group Officer posts. Despite a dirty tricks campaign against them, both ANDY GILBERTSON and ROBERT JACK got elected, however the third element of 'The Axis Of Evil', CALUM CAMPBELL was an unfortunate casualty. Whilst retaining overall control, MOD LU have suffered some embarrassing defeats which goes to prove that members and decent activists do not like the underhand tactics employed by LU throughout the election campaign. It is rumoured that MOD LU are now hell bent on revenge against GILBERTSON, JACK, CAMPBELL and their campaign manager, COLONEL HARDING, however none of them are bothered as they don't suffer from COULOPHOBIA (fear of clowns)

PAUL 'Wookie' DEVINE (DWP Shropshire) is being pressurised by SIAN RUDDICK (DWP Midlands Regional Chair) to get a senior citizens railcard in order to save money on his Regional Secretary travel expenses. DEVINE is resisting this pressure as he has convinced himself that he has discovered the fountain of everlasting youth. He is actually 64 this year.



Wookie

Yet again, this may not be the last time we meet in the decrepit Brighton Centre but it soon will be. The Centre is likely to come down in 2011. It's falling to bits and plans for a contingency temporary venue on the outskirts of Brighton have fallen through. London, Birmingham and Manchester are ruled out on cost grounds and Bournemouth's new centre is too small. So Falconcrest believes the only practical alternatives are Glasgow, Liverpool, or Rhyll. Glasgow and Liverpool are shit-holes so the smart money is on Rhyll, largely because Serwotka's Welsh.

For every cloud, however, there's a silver lining and at Chateau Falconcrest the first has been the departure of NIGEL VENES, the ageing Lothario who's not only ponced off to the NUT but has been posted to Geneva which will give him a real chance to use the 'french' he used to vent at organisers and other lesser mortals. Venal VENES, a former MENDICANT, has left the 'Socialist Party' which got him the Falconcrest job in the first place. Needless to say there was no whip round when he went. VENES's exit means that po-faced kiwi JODI EVANS will be leaving PCS too (no doubt not until she exhausts the generous maternity pay/leave she's been claiming) citing she can't work for BOFF 'cos he drove her man out'.

Even More from the Smirk Filled Rooms...

Our great and glorious leader, JANICE GOODRICH, has instructed 2 LU comrades to leave Brighton on the Tuesday and report to Jeff Evans that evening to attend Wales TUC instead of pestering her to speak in Brighton, Steve Ryan HMRC who is back in LU after leaving in a fit of pique last year cos he didn't like the protocol agreement as the bosses are always out to get us and we shouldn't compromise ever. His former big mate DAVE BEAN is of course prepared to do anything to survive. He lusts after Janice's job before he retires and of course the gorgeous, pouting full-timer Cathy Cross.

Internally the PCS drive against union organisation at FALCONCREST (represented by the dismal GMB team led by the right-winger JEREMY MARCUS GAUTREY) drones on against the admin staff. FATBOY NIGEL PIERCE, the HR Supremo and chief toad, dares not take on officer staff face to face as they usually tell him to just 'fuck off' like the stalwart in the commercial sector did recently, or so PIEMAN says, whining "no witness or I'd have them". But two GMB members have been suspended on pay; one for holding a collection for a breast cancer charity and the other (the shame of it) for leaving a desk without permission, eating at a desk and other louche behaviours apparently including daring to ask whether they might be better employed than running errands for them.

SIAN BASSET is believed the next to join the stampede to the NUT while others are hoping to defect to the warmer climes of Unison. EMMA WYLES, KIM BURRIDGE and PAT CAMPBELL are also believed to be sharpening their CVs.

And what does Carl Banks do? Is it because he holds the cards on BOFFS treatment of ROSIE that he wanders from dept. to dept? Or is he PIEMAN's 'ears on the ground'? You can ask PIERCE yourself, the FAT WASTER is down here for the week and will certainly be feeding his face at the Thompson's bash later in the week.

PFLCPSA NEWS

Let's get this straight, right from the start. The credit crunch is obviously good for a laugh but it will not be accepted as an excuse for failing to keep up your entirely voluntary contributions to our ongoing struggle to keep reality as far away from the conference hall as is humanly possible. You've seen how it's done. Bung in a couple of dodgy receipts, trouser half of it if you must but trickle the rest through to us in the usual small denominations and unmarked bills.

In return, we'll reward anyone who donates more than a tenner, in one go, with one of this year's **glorious technicolour t-shirts**; available in all delegate sizes up to and including the full Spagnol. And, of course, we'll keep you fully informed of all matters vaguely related to the reason we're all down here for the week. Providing, of course, that you continue your long ingrained habit of keeping us fully informed in the first place. The imams will treat your disclosures in the strictest of confidence. For a small consideration.

Final News please by close of Bar in the Ship. Late breaking news can be despatched through the secret channels on our web site and our highly prized private phone number. Don't waste your time trying to contact us on the Mobiles as we are surrounded by a Faraday cage which will no doubt come in handy if we're subjected to attack by EMP Opening hours, the crack of 10ish through till we fall asleep. We want to see a good clean fight, no kicking, biting or exchange of bodily fluids.