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JOCKYING FOR POSITION

Round and About - By Judas Iscariot

First day of main conference opened not with a bang but a whimper. No sign of the 4TM “opposition” on the floor, partly because JANICE didn’t call them but largely because their branches had not submitted any motions because none of them could be bothered. The high spot was SEVI YESIDALLI’s failed attempt to split the union, which collapsed first thing Wednesday morning when she realised that she had no support for her crackpot scheme, even in her own group, and withdrew her secessionist motions.

The earlier report of Janice GODRICH taking over from Eddie REILLY was a little adrift. REILLY’S chosen successor for a long time now has been LYNN HENDERSON (the one with the longest job title in the union, something along the lines of research, campaigning, media and political officer). EDDIE has always made it clear that he would never under any circumstances hand over to a Trotskyist - ever, ever, ever. The paucity of talent among his lay congregation stymies his usual channels of selection and promotion.

HENDERSON, partner of the STUC’s DGS, is a member of the Labour Party but a key player in the Campaign for Socialism which thinks it’s the Left driving force in the Labour Party in Scotland. EDDIE has cleared LYNN’s elevation with MAREK - he is said to be keen and impressed. The strategic management review will help her stepping up as it abolishes the senior national officer grade of the post (it would have been a very large jump from assistant negotiating officer level to SNO but far less of a jump to mere national officer level). The single SNO for devolved administrations was never going to be REILLY but a cloak of possibility is being maintained so that EDDIE isn’t seen as a busted flush - he has his ‘dignity’ you know. REILLY wants to go without any real notice so that he maintains his power to the end and there can be very quick manoeuvres to get HENDERSON taking over – no doubt as a temporary promotion to a new national officer post.

HENDERSON was keynote speaker at the Unity in PCS fringe meeting last night, another sign of her acceptance as successor designate.

JEFF EVANS in Wales will be the SNO for devolved administrations but since he’ll report direct to MAREK who will also keep LYNN Henderson close, then there’s nothing for the General Secretary to lose, whereas if JANICE or Mr Janice (Danny WILLIAMSON) was allowed to get REILLY’s job ...

EDDIE is also clearing the way with his non-Trotskyist comrades especially Joy DUNN. The fact that it's "within the rules" will no doubt be rolled out as an excuse here - citing 'secondment' - but Joy DUNN is already working for the union full time in the Edinburgh office and is also an elected NEC member. So, no conflict there then.

Possibly as interesting is the fact that JOY, immediately before her secondment, represented Eddie REILLY in a case of bullying brought against him by one of his staff. REILLY rejected being represented by either of his two GMB shop stewards - Emma WILES (PCS' chief legal eagle) and Kim BURRIDGE – and, instead, opted for DUNN. JOY was, and is, the group president of the Scottish Government group which has EDDIE as its full-time officer. Confused, yet?

Ask ALAN BROWN (ex loverat - <http://tinyurl.com/ps8ywwq>) for his view on JOY's appointment and the air will turn blue. When DANNY got Michael McCANN's job (temporarily) last year he beat BROWN to it. ALAN really doesn't have much luck when it comes to PCS Scotland jobs, Karen FOSTER beat him to the education officer post, Lynn HENDERSON beat him to the research (etc etc) officer post, and Jude LAW was parachuted in from FALCONCREST to keep him out of the organiser post - an impressive 'compassionate transfer' by JUDE. BROWN was strung along with a further promise that he would be first in line for the next available vacancy. But Albie O'NEILL wasn't meant to go off sick the way he did, resulting in an unplanned vacancy, albeit a temporary one. BROWN was just looking forward to his elevation when his JOY turned to sadness once more.

It looks like the public purse and PCS funds are about to take another massive hit with the news that Mark SERWOTKA has put Eddie REILLY in charge of Northern Ireland and the north of England in addition to Scotland. As EDDIE is still recovering from a stroke he uses Access To Work taxis to travel everywhere - the union pays for them but they're heavily subsidised by the DWP. A taxi from Larkhall to Newcastle will be a fair old bit but the fare to Belfast is going to be even bigger - what with it needing to be a water taxi for part of the journey. Eddie was due to appear for his final hurrah this week but in the wake of MPs expenses claims, a taxi to Brighton was deemed to be a step too far. The *Fiddler's Elbow* is contemplating liquidation.



Yvonne Washbourne -
Retiring. Never Previously
Mentioned in the PFL

Was the DH perhaps the only Group AGM/Conference that had no speakers from the great and good of HQ? Not even BOFF? No speakers at all; not even from Young Members (it is still the under 45's isn't it?). How is DH Group to rally to the MAREK re-election campaign if he can't even be bothered to show his face after delegates have travelled from North Fylde, Leeds, Southport and London to assemble in the splendour of the Tudor Room (otherwise know as "The Garage") in the fag end of The Old Ship.

Hang on to those 2009 Conference bags. They are going down a storm on eBay: 2 x 16" or 3 x 14" PIZZAS cold catering pouches: £36.12

Chris BOFF has called for an LU enquiry as to why his win over GOLDENBOY BRYSON was so small. He suspects that SWP led by SUE BOND failed to turn out the vote for him. Heads may roll in LU. But the real problem for BOFF is that he hasn't grasped the fact that even a performing dog would have got the BRYSON vote if it had stood against him.

Shocking Filler: Cats have Nine Lives – which makes them ideal experimental subjects

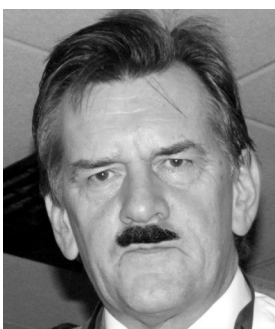
Smirk Filled Rooms – Barrabas

MARK BAKER, unknown Socialist Party NEC member is supporting **No2EU-Yes to Democracy** in the EU elections. BAKER is now a target for criticism by the even more obscure Swindon Nationalists. Both groups will poll next to no votes. Bit like BAKER when he stands for the council elections.

Fatman GARY WINDER was offended at the PFL conjecture that the previously unknown NEIL LICENCE was in charge of PCS Democrats in the absence of QUEEN GLENYS Morris and Ian ALBERT. WINDUP, who engineered the defeat of Mad Dave VINCENT in the MoJ elections, feels it's his turn to be the power behind the throne of the Democracy Alliance. A stand-up row took place at lunchtime today in the Evening Star. LICENCE was forced to buy a round for the first time this week and hand the leadership back to GARY saying he never wanted it in the first place. LICENCE has now returned to completing his Telegraph crossword while conference drones on.

Whilst many delegates legitimately attack MPs and financial sector executives for their expenses claims and payouts, it might be worth ferreting through PCS' Financial Reports for any interesting expenditure. One randomly spotted item is the amount of subsistence paid out for Yorkshire and Humberside RO, some £12,176 in contrast to Scotland's mere £3,146. Given that DWP HQ are in Leeds and Sheffield and every major centre of civil servants is only one sub 90 minute train journey away, this amount does seem anomalous. Presumably someone's looking into it as we speak.

All the bad pennies were in conference yesterday including former MENDICANT PAT BYRNE, a CPSA biggie in the 1970s (before his brief sojourn at Her Majesty's Pleasure), and the usual wrinklies at the Civil Service Pensioners' Association stall on the ground floor. But not MICKEY DUGGAN. The recently appointed GS of the old codgers' club is allegedly snowed under with work, despite claims from JIM HANSON that DUGGAN is once again avoiding his shout at the bar. In fact MICKEY's deputy has broken his leg in a motorbike accident in Vietnam doubling the retired south London bruiser's workload. For some strange reason Falconcrest has issued CSPA's credentials in the name of CPSA. Wishful thinking?



Speaking of JIM "Basil" HANSON, he's been staying at the RAMADA hotel along with the Commercial Sector delegates. BILL TAYLOR from EDS fancies himself as a bit of a ladies man and noticed a pretty delegate in the bar late one night. He sauntered over for a closer look, and JIM offered to get him a chair. BASIL wobbled around for a while trying to place the chair correctly, but heroically failed. TAYLOR sat down, but the chair was not where he expected it to be. Alcohol flew through the air as TAYLOR measured his length. "You did that on purpose!" he shrieked at a nonplussed HANSON and proceeded to chase him around the bar until bar staff took

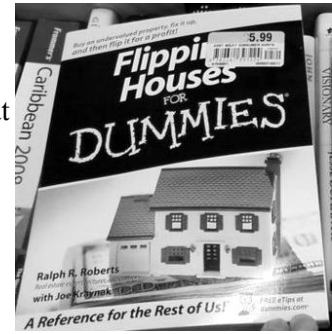
control and HANSON limped off complaining of his old war wound...

KEVIN RODDY, another MENDICANT hero of the 70s, has recently retired. The RED turncoat who took his 30 pieces of silver a long time ago to climb the greasy pole, spent his last day of duty taking the minutes for a senior managers' meeting. At the end of the session, on being asked if he had any queries, RODENT threw the papers in the air and walked out. He then picked up his bag and walked off site into oblivion.

*******Last Minute Advice:** If you're being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then on to a little see-saw, then jump through a hoop of fire. They're trained for that.

The Libertarian Writes: **For Life, Liberty and Property**

In a world where Governments can will into being unspecified Trillions of dollars literally from thin air without the citizens raising an eyebrow, it is not surprising that those same citizens swallow all the other fictions that comprise the collectivist social narrative. Hence, the widespread belief, for example, that political parties represent different interests or that we live in “free” societies and manage our own affairs. Some people still believe that the Americans landed on the moon and that a bunch of half trained terrorists caused the collapse of the twin towers. There is no limit to human credulity. But this conference gets close. So here, for what they are worth are our thoughts on today's business:



Motion A46: Remit

Even when we'd like to agree with our deluded collectivist colleagues they snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Libertarians, too, demand legal and constitutional equality. But we oppose sloppy wording. “X-Proofing” something means protecting it from X (think fire, water and bomb) As worded, this motion seeks to protect members from Equality. Perhaps that's what they mean, but I doubt it.

Motion 54 – Oppose

In a week when we're seeing the gradual disintegration of the remaining authority of the Mother of Parliaments, entirely as a result of an over generous under-accountable expenses regime, it is truly astonishing that we should see our own little piglets queuing at the same trough!

Motion 56 – Oppose

Someone help me understand. Some healthier than average union reps already use bicycles to travel on union related business. Presumably they do this because it's cheaper than the alternatives, healthier than the alternatives and, in heavy traffic areas can actually be quicker than the alternatives. And for this they need further financial inducement?

Motion 66 – Oppose

Education, like any other service, is best provided by the free market, achieving greater quality and efficiency with more diversity of choice. Trusts and Academies are by no means perfect but by removing the heavy hand of the State and permitting local control, they are clearly a step in the right direction.

From the wires:

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: It needed to nationalise a couple of banks on the other side. Nationalise in name only, obviously. There'd be no seat on the board or anything crazy like that. It's only a fucking chicken.

A dog goes into a hardware store and says: "I'd like a job please".

The hardware store owner says: "We don't hire dogs, why don't you go join the circus?" The dog replies: "What would the circus want with a plumber".

PFLCPSA NEWS

News and donations still urgently needed if we're to reach the end of the week in one piece. **T-Shirts still available for a measly Tenner**. Orders taken for special sizes (the ones we haven't got in stock). Delivery overnight by private courier.

Too late, we've decided, to organize any flash mobs this year, but if you want to sign up for next year, send us your preferred pseudonym and mobile number so we can communicate instantly next year. Feel free to make suggestions on how best to deploy this new weapon. Mexican Waves during the Presidential Address? Mass swarming of the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign Stall? For this and all other vital communications (including the all important News) use pflcpsa@btinternet.com Failing that, try turning up at **10.30 in the Old Ship for final debriefing**.

Dig (into your pockets) for Victory and Donate your way to the promised land.

Folly is close to the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15 NAB)