Monday April 11th 2016

To: Ben Soffa
Secretary
Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Dear Ben,

For some months now the Zionist movement and the Labour Right have been using the false label of 'anti-Semitism' intimidate their opponents.

It first began last summer with allegations that Jeremy Corbyn had associated with holocaust deniers. When he was elected leader there was a concerted attack on the new leadership of the Labour Party for tolerating anti-Semitism. Using isolated examples of anti-Semitism, a full scale war has been launched on all manifestations of support for the Palestinians associated with the Labour Party.

You cannot but be aware of the attacks on Oxford University Labour Club for supporting Israel Apartheid Week and the attacks on York University Palestine Society for showing '7 Jewish Children'.

I was suspended 3 weeks ago from the Labour Party because of comments I was alleged to have made. I have not yet been given any information as to the nature of these comments but they were leaked to the *Daily Telegraph.* It would appear that the complaint originates from Jeremy Newmark of the so-called Jewish Labour Movement i.e. the British branch of the Israeli Labour Party.

You will also be aware that Jews for Jeremy organised a letter from 52 Jewish members of the LP, which was sent to Labour's National Executive, protesting my suspension. Because you work for the LP you were unable to sign it, as you had a conflict of interest. Whilst I can understand your own personal dilemma, it appears that this conflict of interest extends to PSC as a whole.

Despite initiatives from a number of Jewish groups such as Jews for Jeremy to stem the attacks from the Board of Deputies, the BBC and the Guardian in particular, there has been complete silence from PSC. PSC prides itself on being the largest solidarity organisation in Britain. The Executive boasted in its Annual Report that it had contacted 1,042 candidates at the General Election, yet it hasn't seen fit to contact any Labour parliamentarians to speak up against the attacks of the Zionists and the Labour Right in the form of MPs like John Mann, Louise Ellman and Chris Bryant.

Why haven't you for example organised a large public meeting on the issue with say Ken Livingstone and a sympathetic MP as speakers or issued press releases, produced leaflets, called press conferences, pressed for articles in the Opinion columns of the quality press etc? **I know that PSC is renowned for its caution and timidity but there must be some limits to this.** We saw this at the last Labour Party conference when leaflets opposing G4S were suddenly removed from the stall.

PSC has resources that other groups do not. It has paid staff, media contacts, contacts with MPs etc. It is inexcusable that it has done absolutely nothing to respond to the

Zionists daily attacks. I organised a joint letter from Jewish groups to the Guardian and Independent when these attacks started again. I organised complaints about Andrew Neil's Sunday Politics programme which interviewed John Mann at length. Other people have done similar things yet PSC has sat on the sidelines.

If you personally feel there is a conflict of interest between being active over the Zionists' false anti-Semitism campaign and your job, you are under a duty to resign. Part of the problem is undoubtedly the political weakness of PSC, which supports the Palestinians whilst not opposing Zionism. Historically PSC has prefered to act as a campaigning group around human rights whilst avoiding thorny issues such as Zionism and anti-Semitism.

The ceaseless political attack by the Zionists on support for the Palestinians in the LP cannot simply be ignored. They will not go away because their campaign is linked with the determination of the Right in the LP to remove Corbyn. 'Anti-Semitism' is their weapon of choice.

Since you are close to Corbyn's inner circle then permit me to offer some advice. Until Jeremy Corbyn firmly rebuts his critics he will continue to come under attack. Appeasement rarely works. It is no use Corbyn saying that he opposes anti-Semitism because what he means by anti-Semitism and the Zionists mean by it are two different things. Their 'anti-Semitism' is, as they freely admit, anti-Zionism. Until Corbyn speaks out saying that yes he opposes anti-Semitism but yes he supports the Palestinians, including the Boycott of Israel, giving chapter and verse on why Israel is a racist and apartheid state, then the attacks will continue.

In solidarity,

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