Thursday 6 October 2016

Lloyd,

I wrote to you in late August when I obtained, via a Subject Access Request, documents from Compliance Unit which clearly pointed to you having written to the Compliance Unit to offer information that might be useful to the witch hunters. Although your name had been hidden, it wasn't difficult to discover who the informer had been.

You did this in complete defiance of the policy of the DLP, of which you are Chair, to oppose my suspension. You did it in full knowledge that the Compliance Unit has a history of using disciplinary measures against the Left and virtually never against the Right.

The behaviour of the Compliance Unit is not a recent thing but has gone back years. Some parties, as Chakrabarti discovered, in Birmingham had been suspended for over 20 years in what can only be described as institutionalised racism in the Labour Party.

Perhaps the most disgraceful example of this was the suspension and expulsion of the Rochdale seven for bullying Simon Danzuck, who was then the PPC. His complainants alleged that he had beaten up his girlfriend, which as we now know was true amongst his other crimes, but instead of deselecting Danzuk the complainants were disciplined.

I have rarely come across such dishonesty and two facedness as that of yourself. It really is staggering, even on the personal, let alone the political level. In a tweet (attached) which you wrote to people largely unknown to me, but which was passed to me you wrote:

'I am the [unelected] chair of his CLP and can tell you he is an abusive, unpleasant little man. I have told him that to his face. He alienates people who should be his natural supporters and whilst I'm not convinced he should be suspended for anti-Semitism he has gone…'

As you will know, on discovering your role as an informer, I wrote to you thus:

On Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 3:30 PM, Tony Greenstein
<tonygreenstein111@gmail.com> wrote:
Lloyd,

I wrote to you recently about correspondence that I obtained under an SAR from the LP in which you wrote to the national LP and Gregson urging the speeding up of my expulsion etc.

I am in the process of writing a blog post on the article in the Telegraph, the favourite paper for Labour's leakers, saying that the 'anti-Semitism' witch hunt is to be stepped up and 6,000 people are now in the firing line.

I assume that even you can now understand that anti-Semitism has been weaponised by the Labour Right as part of its squalid campaign against the Labour left and Corbyn and has nothing whatsoever to do with anti-Semitism.

Indeed the use of the memory of the murdered millions of Jews for naked party political advantage is in itself anti-Semitic. It traduces their memory and why they died and is contemptible beyond belief.

I am happy not to include your name and graphics with your letter in the post which will be widespread if I have an acknowledgment that you wrote and an apology, which I will keep private, for what you wrote.

If I don't receive a reply or in time I will include the section on you but if I receive the above apology and confirmation I will subsequently delete references to you

Kind regards

Tony Greenstein

You responded to my email offering what you called a 'partial apology' and on that basis I deleted the relevant section of a blog post:

Tony,

I wrote to the regional office on a number of occasions about differnt members. Generally I take and took the view that conflicts should be handled in a clam, friendly and local manor and not escalated to national office.

After the investigation was started and after a number of phone calls with Mr Gregson on your behalf asking him to expedite the process, be open and transparent I wrote to him on the following matters:

1. Abuse of other members
2. Speed of investigation
3. Revelation of accusation/making the case watertight

I believe point 2 is mutually agreeable by all, that any case must be quickly dealt with and I have repeated this call a number of times.

I believe that point 3 is in hindsight poorly worded from myself, but is an attempt to get across that you must be told what you are being accused of and that any case must be clear cut and not smoke a mirrors. I believe that you often try and run rings around people on the political stance, when in essence the complaint it actually about your unpleasant behaviour. In this regard, whist i'm no expert, I think a case based only on anti-semitism would not stand up against you, but your behaviour is something to be desired.

Point 1 is my concerns at your ongoing abuse on social media to our members from yourself. Your are not the only members who I have written to Harry Gregson about

their use of social media, including members of the current executive who I have had to pass on their writings after complaints have been made.

Once a formal complaint has been made to the Party, I pass on all infomation I have on that person to the national office for them to investigate because its effectually taken out of my hands.

I am of a firm belief that one should say things publicly which are kind, and if you are unable to say that then one must be quite and say nothing on blogs and social media, esp about members. This is relevant when it comes to other members. I believe that attacking other members for taking (what you might believe is the wrong view) publicly brings the party into disrepute and it is an attempt to intimidate people from not saying anything.

This works both ways and I can assure you I have made complaints and reported abuse on all sides.

You will note that I not once challenged or asserted that you were an anti-semite, in fact the very opposite, I believe that the party shouldn't pursue any political case against you, because it could well fail. I do however believe that your behavior to other comrades (even if you don't consider them comrades) is intolerable and must stop.

I hope that you can accept my limited apoligy for point 3 being poorly worded, and I hope that you will understand that whilst I don't regard you as an anti-semite, I do believe that to style, tone and manor which you comment to be very unpleasant and to have no place in the Labour Party.

On this, I believe that people can change, they can reform and that support for you to understand how human being should talk to each other in professional communications could help you.

Yours

Lloyd

On this basis I deleted part of a blog post about you as you had made what you calleld a ‘limited apology.’ But it seems, like a dog to its vomit you have returned to the fray even more biliously.

I reject the suggestion that I have been abusive. Mention has been made of a 17 yr old Owen Smith supporter. He tweeted me first, not the other way around and yes I called him out for saying he was joining the racist Jewish Labour Movement. The fact that he is partly Jewish is irrelevant. It is his politics which are relevant.

Speaking of unpleasantness, what can be more unpleasant or abusive than referring to someone as an ‘unpleasant, abusive little man.’ What has my size got to do with it or do you suffer from a prejudice against small people? If I referred to him as a lying,

dishonest ginger nut the first two might be relevant but the third, though true is irrelevant .

I know it is a small matter but it was a lie to say you had been unpleasant to my face. Quite the contrary. You are one of those people who are very pleasant and obsequious to someone's face and then when their backs are turned you abuse them . He have all the social graces of an untrained pet.

The Compliance Unit isn't some neutral body that sifts complaints according to some agreed set of rules and procedures. It has suspended thousands of people on the basis of tweets it has gone fishing for. It has suspended Brighton & Hove Labour Party of which you were the Chair. It has annulled the AGM on the basis of false allegations of spitting among other things. It has refused to look at video footage which showed that allegations by the Council leader were a lie, with the head of the 'inquiry, Karen Buckingham declaring that she wouldn't even look at video evidence! Such is the nature of Labour Party investigations and the Compliance Unit in which you place such trust.

I have of course played a minor part in the fight back against the suspension of the Party. My blog posts on the issue gained thousands of hits and shares and my articles on the subject were widely read. You seem to run with the hares and hunt with the hounds like every good opportunist.

Most of the other allegations on these unpleasant and abusive tweets are not worth commenting on. Just one will suffice. Yes, I did compare the JLM taking a 'racism training event' to a wife batterer in charge of a women's refuge. It is entirely appropriate. A party that is affiliated to the World Zionist Organisation, which is actively complicit in funding settlements in the West Bank, an apartheid territory where there are Jewish roads, Jewish only settlements established on stolen Palestinian land, which is complicit in the destruction of 600 Palestinian homes this year alone, is a despicable racist organisation.

The JLM is the British wing of the Israeli Labour Party whose leader Isaac Herzog recently declared that he didn't want to wake up to a Palestinian Prime Minister of Israel. Imagine if someone had said that they didn't want to wake up to a Jewish Prime Minister of Britain. Racist? Of course. The analogy is appropriate. If Sam Wheeler had anything between his ears then his complaint would be that a racist organisation was an affiliate of the Labour Party.

I note that in your email to me you pontificate that 'I am of a firm belief that one should say things publicly which are kind, and if you are unable to say that then one must be quite and say nothing on blogs and social media, esp about members.'

It seems that you have been rather loud and boisterous on social media. Perhaps it would have been better if you had taken your own advice.

Tony Greenstein