

BLOG 3
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This website is committed to the principle that Blair, the second most important war criminal and serial killer in the world, should share an exercise yard with Saddam Hussein

ON BEING OLD

I once wrote that one of the advantages of being ancient (and there are not too many advantages) was that I have lived to see most things that this world can provide and I am now seeing it second time round and sometimes even a third time.

This applies to education, which has dominated my life ever since I failed my 11-plus exam in 1930. I lived in London where education expenditure was considerably greater than elsewhere and so I went to Battersea Central School, which I left in 1934 at the age of fifteen. I discovered quite early, that innate intelligence was a fraud although, during the war, I did ponder the conundrum of why Winston Churchill was obviously so superior to me, and decided that it could only be because his environment had been superior to mine. So began a lifetime commitment to education. First, after the war paying to pass University Entrance exams at Regent Street Polytechnic, for which no grants were available. Then I did receive a grant to take a degree at the London School of Economics and subsequently a Post-graduate Certificate in Education and became a teacher.

Subsequent educational progress had only one purpose. This was to assure my pupils that if I could make academic progress, so could they. I never taught a pupil who could not do something better than I could, even if that only involved the advanced mathematical feat of subtracting backwards from 301 at a dartboard!

Yet Blair is ditching the Comprehensive school principle which is the only one where pupils have the inspiration of being taught with more educationally advanced pupils and, just as important, taught by teachers more highly qualified than those they would be taught by if we reverted to a system of Secondary Modern Schools where children are labelled 'failures' at age eleven. Those who follow Blair should be ashamed of themselves.

They include those who closed the first multicultural college in Britain - Bilston Community College.

The first of these was David Blunkett whose infamous phrase, 'I never apologise for mistakes' summed up the matter. Those who continued to support closure when all charges had been shown to be false include

Margaret Hodge and Estelle Morris (so 'umble a person) while the present Minister for Education does not consult ethnic minorities in carrying out Blair's policies.

MY OPEN LETTER TO TREVOR PHILLIPS CHAIR OF THE CRE AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS.

I have had cordial relations with Trevor Phillips ever since his appointment to the chair of the Commission for Racial Equality. He made a vital speech in Manchester recently identifying the ghettoisation taking place in Britain, discussing whether 'being coloured' is a term of abuse and warning of the recent deterioration of race relations in Britain. The speech has divided the ethnic minority communities. My main complaint is that the CRE considers the question of the war in Iraq as outside its remit; also that Trevor has created some problems for himself in failing to insist on an ethnic minority classification of important institutions such as the civil service, firms who provide services to government bodies etc. Locally Trevor closed down the Wolverhampton Race Equality Council, which had admittedly fallen on hard times, but is proving almost impossible to replace.

My letter led to a prompt and courteous reply by Simon Gallagher on behalf of Trevor. This confirmed that the CRE cannot comment on the war in Iraq, which is opposed by virtually every ethnic minority group. This leads to alarming further uncertainties. Perhaps Trevor supports the war in Iraq? Perhaps he is in favour of suspects (most of whom will be Asians and Muslims) being held for 90 days? We have now had the disturbances in Birmingham and the more serious riots in France. The question of the colour line remains the most important issue of this century. We cannot afford to have the main organisation responsible for protecting our ethnic minorities, the CRE, being what I have called pretend anti-racists.

Over to you, Trevor.

THE PAUL FOOT AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND STRICTLY COME DANCING.

There is an innovative TV programme called Strictly Come Dancing, which is always a pleasure to watch for us Oldies but also enables the dancers to question the marks given by the judges. This is what we shall ask of the judges who have now published their winner of the first Paul Foot Award and who apparently will not even acknowledge how many entries they received. In our last BLOG we stated that we had entered Bilston Community College (BCC) for the award, but that both the judges, Private Eye and the Guardian newspaper had been guilty of attempts to close and keep closed BCC. Thus they were faced with the dilemma of granting the award to BCC and being

true to the principles of Paul Foot, or not awarding it to BCC and thus covering up their complicity in the closure of the College. They have chosen the latter course and we now want to know why.

Rather than berating the likes of Richard Ingrams and Ian Hislop as betraying their principles we prefer to believe that they are satirists in the tradition of Swift and Gilray who can appreciate being hoist with their own petard and reply to friendly criticism instead of joining the resort of scoundrels who ignore all criticism made of them. Much the same applies to the Guardian whose editor, Alan Rusbridger must see that his refusal to allow anything concerning BCC to appear in his paper is unmoral and self-defeating.

SPORT FOR ALL.

In our last BLOG we raised the question of sports clubs being owned by their supporters and not, as with Manchester United owned by US global corporations such as Glazer. We are pleased to see that the banners are still raised telling Glazer to go home and that the main fanzine Unitedrant opposes US control, although it falls short of drawing the political lesson that Glazer control means George W.Bush control.

But our present concern is with Wolves football club and the likely attitude of Sir Jack Hayward if he were given a £64m bid by a foreign multinational company for the club he loves so dearly and whose fierce patriotism makes him so different from other billionaire owners.

I write also on a day when Manchester United have beaten Chelsea, the club owned by Roman Abramovitch the Russian plutocrat who stole his wealth from the Russian people who may well want it back, and Wigan are second in the Premiership! which may now have been thrown wide open. Our concern too, extends to the three W.Midlands clubs, one of which, Birmingham, is co-owned by the porn baron David Sullivan. This is rarely mentioned these days, but hardly enhances the image of the Beautiful Game, now competing with cricket for this title.

Since my last Blog I have received a reply from Sir Jack Hayward through his spokesperson Rachael Heyhoe Flint that corrected me for stating that Sir Jack was battling to recover from cancer and that he was at odds with his son, Jonathan. For these errors I apologised abjectly. But life moves on and we now learn that Sir Jack has had skin cancer and been successfully treated. Was it voodoo or mere prescience that possessed me? Being at odds with Jonathan has also been raised recently by Graham Taylor, the ex-England and ex-Wolves manager, who, in an article in the Express and Star by Bob Hall of 7 Nov 05 recalls his unhappiness at being sacked by a young Jonathan, whereas if Sir Jack had been present he thinks he might well not have been sacked, especially as he agreed with Sir Jack's expression of

the 'Golden Tit' suggesting that many people were taking advantage of his many millions spent without achieving the aim of a return to the Premiership. Graham Taylor suggests that after a lifetime of being insulted and humiliated he has now reached a state of tranquillity when all can be forgotten if not forgiven. The same thing applies to Dave Jones the long serving Wolves manager, once falsely accused of child abuse, who was sacked by Southampton and replaced by Glenn Hoddle. Dave Jones achieved the golden goal of returning Wolves to the premiership, only to see them relegated the same season. For this Jones had to be sacked and was succeeded by Glenn Hoddle who currently carries the albatross of taking Wolves into the premiership. David Jones is now manager of Cardiff, but he seems to have arrived at a similar state of Nivernah as Graham Taylor.

But to return to the main point. I refuse to believe that Sir Jack Hayward would sell his beloved Wolves down the river to a foreign multinational company. I also believe, that on a much larger stage, that Sir

Jack will play a role in ensuring that Britain's manufacturing industry, beginning with MG Rover will be revived so that we do not end up as a banana republic.

LIVING SOCIALISM

A Socialist is one who takes as much care of the community's money as he does of his own. I take the example of the precision instrument I use to inject my insulin every day. After about four days the tube is emptied of the insulin it contains and the whole thing has to be thrown away. A slight adjustment by an efficient medical engineer, of whom we have many, would ensure that the tube was replaced and the instrument used indefinitely.

Such is a small example of the waste we are subjected to with our NHS. An early example was the case of the vacant land opposite New Cross Hospital. It seems that every time the NHS tried to buy the land the price of it was raised. Today it is the site of the Bentley Bridge cinema and shopping centre and the administrators of New Cross Hospital are left with the impossible task of trying to work on the site of the old New Cross workhouse and have adopted the self defeating philosophy of razing all existing buildings to the ground in order to erect newer buildings 'suited to the needs of the twenty first century'. The worst example of this was a state of the art heart and lung centre which proved almost worthless because present day key hole surgery made the unit redundant from the beginning, and the enormous debt of the NHS Trust makes subsequent efforts to pay off the debt ever more desperate and indeed immoral and even illegal.

The latest example is the plan to put on the market the Wolverhampton Eye

Infirmary for £2m for developers to move in. The first thing is that the Eye Infirmery is a listed building in the town centre. The second thing is that New Cross Hospital has a poor record of MHRS and if eyes become infected the consequences are liable to be fatal. As a patient who has had two successful cataract operations at the Eye Infirmery I know that the last place any eye patient should be is at New Cross Hospital. And all this to affect a £37m projected overspend by 2008 even if a £20m recovery plan is made. Almost daily such impossible projects are announced. One was the plan to merge two 'lame ducks', New Cross and Walsall NHS Trust to wipe out Wolverhampton's debts. The latest, announced this week is to close all three-day care centres for people with learning difficulties to save money.

I warn David Loughton, chief executive of Wolverhampton NHS Trust that if people die as a result of these desperate measures he will be guilty of homicide. But the real culprits are those running the NHS nationally who will not allow hospitals to incorporate debt into their financial structure and deal with it over the long term.

LEST WE FORGET

November this month is the 91st anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Already the wearing of the Flanders red poppy seems obligatory to all appearing on TV. Hundreds packed the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on November 6 to pay tribute to the valour of the millions who died in a war often described as one of lions led by donkeys. But we must tread very carefully in the world of Patriotism. Already at this meeting our Mayor linked the occasion with the reception given to the West Midlands regiment of the Territorial Army about to depart for Iraq. But these men go to an illegal war not supported by most of the British people. It is the same with the First World War, the world's working class movements saw this as a war between the rival imperialist powers of Britain with a world wide empire and Germany without colonies but anxious to acquire some. The Second World War was fought against the fascism of Germany, Italy and Japan and clearly was a patriotic war for those of us who live under imperialist governments and wars of liberation for colonial peoples. But British soldiers have died in subsequent wars where imperialist motives were uppermost. The war against the Kikuyu in East Africa, the Korean War, the war in Malaya featured in our BLOG of August showing British soldiers holding up the severed heads of Malayan patriots in 1952 through to the illegal war in Iraq of today.

Particularly disturbing to me is the activities of John Mellor who has now insinuated himself into the organising committee of the present remembrance festival. Mellor has a murky past not yet explained; as an unrepentant supporter of Enoch Powell he is, by my definition a racist; he has received decorations from several fascist regimes in the past and as a vicious opponent of Bilston Community College it was he who reported the College to

the W.Midlands Police Fraud Squad who after an enquiry lasting two years found the College innocent of any financial malpractice. He is not a man to represent ex-service organisations such as SSAFA and the British Legion. I write after being reminded by Lord Greville Janner, secretary of the all-party parliamentary War Crimes Group, of the appalling record of Britain in dealing with the thousands of war criminals who came to Britain notably anti-semitic Poles and Estonian concentration camp guards, only one of whom was ever arrested and imprisoned. These are the sorts of people that Mellor gave sustenance to or is associated with.

Finally I would make the point that honouring us survivors who saved civilisation within a military setting is not appropriate for many of us and I was pleased to note that our Mayor, Phil Bateman, is organising functions in the Mayor's Parlour for ex-service people. Perhaps even more appropriate might be personal visits to those no longer mobile and a guarantee that in their nineties they are not ejected from their old people's homes.

WALTER WOLFGANG

A footnote to the disgusting treatment of Walter Wolfgang being frogmarched from the Labour Party Conference for heckling for which some Labour party members have apologised, but not Tony Blair. For details of Walters loyalty to the Labour Party look no further than the index of Kate Hudson's new Book CND - The Story of a Peace Movement. In 1957 Walter became the organiser of the Labour H-bomb Campaign Committee joined by 35 Labour MPs. The next year Wolfgang representing the same Committee was present at the formation of CND and the epoch making Aldermaston March to the Berkshire Atomic Weapons Establishment which became an annual event. From that day to this, Walter has remained a Labour Party member, loyal to its Socialist origins.

NEWS FROM HUNGARY.

In March of this year I received a letter for Gyula Virag, a historian and research student in Budapest, telling me that he had found documents of the delegates who attended the World Youth Festival in Budapest in 1949 and he had prepared a questionnaire on political and social attitudes of delegates at the time. These ranged from attitudes to the Komsomol, Stalin, and the one Party state; NATO and the Marshall Plan; cosmopolitanism and jazz; anti Clericalism and anti-Colonialism; show-trials, Soviet Gulags and Orwell. I promised that I would fill in his questionnaire and have now finished the task. By the miracle of IT this has now gone to Virag and will appear on my website www.gbpeopleslibrary.co.uk for all to see. I suggest to Virag that his reactions to my answers might begin a new period of peaceful co-operation with Hungary and beyond and also in Britain. Letters to 141

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SOLVING THE SO-CALLED WALSALL ANARCHIST BOMB PLOT MYSTERY.

We dealt quite fully with the Plot on BLOG 2 Third week of July.

Its real significance is to what extent was the government involved in the plot and to what extent is the present government now prepared to use police spies in the so-called war on terror. Further summarising is in order. While the three foreign anarchists living in Walsall, Battolla, Cailles and Charles were serving their ten year sentences and Joseph Deakin the local member of the Socialist League was serving his 5 years, attention was on Auguste Coulon who was not even arrested but had initiated the Plot and was widely believed to have been an agent-provocateur employed by Inspector William Melville of the London CID.

A new book by Andrew Cook - 'MI5's First Spymaster' seems to settle the matter. Special Branch 'special accounts' show that Coulon received his first payment from Melville in July 1890. From 1891 he was on the payroll under the alias of Pyatt. He got extra money in the spring of 1892 during the Walsall case and briefly in April 1894. After that he received a regular income until his final payoff of £10 in 1904. (Cook p.93 quoting from Lindsay Clutterbuck of Special Branch Ph.D dissertation The Methodology of Police Operations p.167). Whether such references are entirely authoritative may be questioned but there seems little doubt of the detail of Coulon's payment for spying. It seems that the present government is prepared to authorise spies to infiltrate the Muslim community in Britain. Incidentally Dame Stella Rimington, former Director-General of MI5 is prepared to endorse Cook's book as a brilliantly researched biography of the real 'M' but no one is prepared to admit that the real criminals in the 'war on terror' are Blair and Bush, who illegally made war on Iraq.

What remains is the interesting matter of what became of the Walsall bomb, which is illustrated in Cook's book. This I am leaving to Joe Davies, my mate who lives down the road, an ex-copper and devotee of Dianne Princess of Wales, because we know that the bomb was placed in a local Police Museum, but which one and where it is now we do not at present know.

STAN NEWENS

Stan has been an MP, an MEP, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Co-operative Union. In

1998 he republished a book called Pathfinders (To unpathed waters, undreamed shores' - Shakespeare, Winter's tale) by W.Henry Brown, a Co-operator recording 'Brief Records of Seventy-Four Adventurers, in clearing the way for Free Public Opinion whose names are inscribed on the Reformers' Memorial in Kensal Green, London. This still stands in Kensall Green Cemetery next to the Robert Owen Obelisk. Brown not only produced Pathfinders but within it a portrait of most of the 74 providing a book unique in the annals of the working class movement. Stan Newens achievement in his 1997 edition was to extend the list by another 11 names, which subsequently appeared on the Monument. Pathfinders should not be allowed to go out of print.

BOOKS

The function of the Working Class Library is to stock books relevant to the working class movement. Books are less important than they once were and you will note that the GB library is abreast of the 'google-isation' that provides almost limitless information these days. The first task the library set itself was to seek from librarians of schools, colleges and the University in Wolverhampton information regarding what ethnic-minority books were stocked and what use was made of them. This received quite enthusiastic support and is far from complete but is still vital to pursue.

Extremely important is the Mary Pointon Multicultural Library and it's Domiciliary Service, which now provides books for me. Black History Month has been another great spur to the study of African and Asian history as is BEME the almost unique Wolverhampton centre of study and demonstrations originating from the original West Indian descent on Britain on the good ship Windrush. It has not been within my scanty resources to buy all the books I would want. But I append herewith a list of those I have bought in the past year, together with comments on some of them:

Cook, Andrew MI5s first Spymaster (Tempus)

A further chapter to the so-called Walsall Anarchist Bomb Plot

Hudson, Kate CND Now More than Ever, the Story of a Peace Movement
(Verso)

Pilger, John The New Rulers of the World (Verso)

Connolly, Cressida The Rare and the Beautiful, the Lives of the Garmans
(Fourth Estate)

Children of the Wednesbury Officer of Health who scandalised the world. Kathleen married Jacob Epstein and left one of the most important art collections in the world to the new Walsall Art Gallery.

Rubin, Gerry R Murder, Mutiny and the Military, British Court Martial Cases 1940-1966

Present day attention is concentrated on rehabilitating those who were shot during World War One. Equally important is later cases.

Short, Clare An Honourable Deception? New Labour, Iraq and the Misuse of Power (Free Press)

Snow, Jon Shooting History, A Personal Journey (Harper Collins)

Zephaniah, Benjamin Gangsta Rap (Bloomsbury Press)

Rose, David Guantanamo, America's War on Human Rights. (Faber and Faber)

Beckett, Francis and Henke, David The Blairs and their Court (Aurum Press)

Benn, Tony Dare to be a Daniel (Hutchinson)

Frank, Thomas What's the Matter with America? The Resistable Rise of the US Right.

Sampson, Anthony Who Runs this Place? The Anatomy of Britain in the 21st Century (John Muray)

Ed. Oram, Gerard Conflict and Legality, Policing Mid Twentieth Century Europe (Francis Boutle)

McCrum, Robert Wodehouse, A Life (Viking)

The greatest humourist of the twentieth century. My favourite humourist. Humour is absolutely integral to a Stroke Unit. Some one should open a Fund to see that the works of Jeeves and Bertie Wooster go to every Stroke Unit In the country.

Foolish to collaborate with the Nazis during the War he is our neighbour in Shropshire and very astute. His 'Yes Men' of Hollywood, brought in when everything else had failed were the prototype of those who closed Bilston Community College when all reason for doing so had been demolished.

Freedland, Jonathan Jacob's Gift, A Journey into the Heart of Belonging (Hamish Hamilton)

Benn, Tony Free at Last, Diaries 1991-2001 (Hutchinson)

Oborne, Peter Basil D'Oliveira; Cricket and Conspiracy, The Untold Story (Little, Brown)

Prebble, Stuart Grumpy Old Men (BBC)

Medvedev, Zhores, Andropov (Basil Blackwell)

Wilson, Ben The Laughter of Triumph, William Hone and the Fight for the Free Press (FF)

Spence, Thomas Pigs Meat, Selected Writings.

London, Jack War of the Classes (Star Rover House, California)

This little book was given to me by my son William after his visit to the Jack London State Historic Park Museum.

Mander, Charles Nicholas, Varnished Leaves, A Biography of the Mander Family of W'ton 1750-1950 (Owlpen Press)

This majestic volume appears at the very moment when the last Mander factory in Wolverhampton is to be sold and the name vanishes from W'ton forever.

Meers, Hilda Acts of Love

Hilda is the Birmingham Communist who on the death of her husband, Fred, retired to remotest Scotland where she discovered in a local library materials to write about resistance to Germans in concentration camps including that of Jehovah's Witness. Her prose is almost pure poetry.

THE CONTRADICTIONS OF THE EXPRESS AND STAR.

Tory rag? Bitterly anti-trade union but now forced to tolerate them by anti-discrimination laws. Openly boycotting any material by George Barnsby or Friends of Bilston Community College. Threatened to sue me for calling the paper racist, whereas in fact I called it Institutionally Racist, a very different thing. A monopoly newspaper brooking no opposition. All this is true, but it must be read daily by progressive people if they are to know

what goes on in Wolverhampton and district. Nor has it always been reactionary. Its origins lie in the radical philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie the British born US steel baron who set up a chain of newspapers in Britain. Can the paper be returned to its liberal origins? The contradiction of the paper is that its policy now is against Blair's war in Iraq. More than this, the paper has done what radical TV reporters such as Jon Snow and Jeremy Paxman refuse to do and recognise that the terrorist is Blair and if the war were brought to an end and troops came home 'terrorism' in Britain would virtually disappear. Which paper will we see tomorrow, opponent of Blair and supporter of our civil liberties? Tory rag? Or perhaps even acceptance of the principles of its founding father, Andrew Carnegie, possibly the richest man in the world who gave away all his wealth, and believed that contentment could only be achieved by devoting one's wealth to the community.

THE VOICE, AFRO-CARIBBEAN FRIENDS, AND MUSLIMS

Radical and opposed to Blair's war in Iraq, the VOICE is the indispensable major weekly newspaper of the African-Caribbean community. It has sponsored radical policies such as sending West Indian boys to Jamaica to be educated. It is opposed to the gun culture liable to be taken up as the black prison population continues to grow. It has been totally opposed to all racisms. However, it has found it necessary to defend its own people over the rumoured rape of a West Indian girl by a Muslim gang. Whether the VOICE is correct in this stance only time will tell. What I want to do is to compare this power to defend the black community with the powerlessness of the Muslim community.

Muslims feel powerless because they have few friends. No national newspaper such as the VOICE. Impoverished educationally and culturally they now face the threat of their organisations being infiltrated by government spies. Who will help defend the Muslim community?

Consider the situation locally. I recently published my 'Friendly Note to Muslim Leaders Faced with the Fact that some of their Young People are Known as Terrorists'. I stated that unless the war in Iraq was brought to an end 'there will be many more young men foolish, misguided or brave enough to support their fellow Muslims abroad.' Has any one else followed suit? What about the Inter-faith Group with its cantankerous secretary. Has it issued any statements? How about Tony Kinch and his Methodists? They are usually progressive with a substantial congregation of black people. Have they issued any significant statement of support for Muslims? The most obvious source of support would be the local Race Equality Council, but ours has been closed down and the current organisation to promote a new Race Equality Unit in Wolverhampton has not, as far as I know, thought fit

to speak out. The City Council might also be expected to speak out in favour of its Muslim people. Perhaps, like Trevor Phillips of the CRE, Roger Lawrence the leader of the Council might feel that this is not 'in his remit'. The common factor in all this shyness in coming forward is, of course Blair's illegal war in Iraq, which I suggest 99% of Muslims are opposed to and the majority of white people too. So if that nettle is not grasped we will be engulfed in civil and ethnic war like the French.

SHORTER NOTICES

1. Thanks to the Falls Service in Wolverhampton for their four week course telling us what to do if we fall over and introducing me to Ted Creed, kindred soul and Blair hater who, like so many, lives alone in sheltered accommodation with an incredible tale to tell of life in Australia and teaching at the Royal Wolverhampton School. Also neighbours of Ken Evans Communist and many times candidate for the local council. Wounded during the Italian campaign, Ken has suffered pain every day since, and his daughter is now looking for a nursing home where he can be cared for full time. Truly one of those heroes who helped win the war against fascism and a lifetime man of Peace.

2. Two events for those who can get to London. VOICES FROM OCCUPIED IRAQ. An international teach-in organised by Iraq Occupation Focus Saturday 26 November at University of London Union, Malet St. London WC1 7HY. Cost £7/£3.

Second is a Major International Conference on Iraq, Saturday 10 December in London, venue not yet arranged. Speakers will include leaders of the STOP THE WAR COALITION such as Tony Benn, Ken Livingstone and John Pilger, also peace voices from Iraq, and Cindy Sheehan whose son Carey was killed in Iraq who has led the campaign against the war in Iraq in the US.. Consult our web-site for later details.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The campaign to end the war in Iraq proceeds apace. Blunkett has gone, Blair has suffered his first defeat in Parliament, Legal luminaries (including his wife, Cherie) protest at the loss of civil rights, and the former Ambassador to the US exposes the flabbiness of Blair and his ministers when dealing with Bush But the main fact is that significant opposition now comes from the US itself where Bush and Cheney are in mortal peril of facing impeachment in Congress for lying about the war. Further a field and of huge significance is the revolt in South America where the likes of Chavez, Lula and the indigenous native populations lead a continent wide revolt against imperialist control by the US. Add opposition in India and China and also the Common Market and it can be seen that Bush and Blair's days are numbered.

My final remark concerns this BLOG. It will cost about £1 to produce each copy plus a second-class stamp. This is well within the resources of my pension to produce from the Free Communist Bookshop. Some sympathisers will assist by printing a number of copies for me, others send me the £1-50 and others, more affluent, send me donations, and increasing numbers now download our material. But my time and resources would be better used if Karen Cross and her Committee responsible for the New Race Agency in Wolverhampton would circularise all those concerned with the project on the two fold grounds that as an elderly and infirm person not able to attend conferences where key decisions are made, my views, and the views of anyone else in my position should be put in writing thus avoiding discrimination.

Secondly that as the author of the only regular, radical publication on race relations to appear in Wolverhampton it smacks of the pretend-antiracism referred to in this BLOG if Karen Cross and her committee fail to circularise it.

Wolverhampton town raised by its own efforts from the Racist capital of England in the years of Enoch Powell (1950-1974) to Premier University City and Anti-War centre since 2003