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National Union of Journalists Stitch-up condoned by International Federation of Journalists

Jeremy Dear, NUJ General Secretary and Michele Stanistreet, NUJ Deputy General Secretary coopted Barry Fitzpatrick, NUJ Head of Publishing and FoC NUJ Officials Chapel to file a false and misleading complaint against an NUJ member who exposed their criminal activity. Aidan White, IFJ General Secretary has condoned that activity.

In a staged merry-go-round, Glasgow NUJ Branch officers ambiguously claim that London Central NUJ Branch or NUJ Officials Chapel asked them to undertake investigation of a complaint against a member in accordance with NUJ Rules then bizarrely demanded that the member provide information to aid them in filing the complaint.

The politically expedient complaint retaliates for publication of exposé about fraud and other criminal activity. Dear and Stanistreet have arbitrarily denied: member support; legal representation; and, civil and human rights by using media blackouts, prior restraint, and coercion to harass the member.

In filing a complaint, Fitzpatrick made a series of false and misleading assertions not supported by facts and actionable in law allegedly with malice aforethought. He does not possess solicitor's credentials, and has acted on behalf of NUJ officials in an attempt to quash criminal complaints without due process of law. Any representations he made have now become moot: they have no legal significance.

David Cockburn, Certification Officer, Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations Cockburn effectively supports illegal activities by delaying and denying justice. He has neglected to properly investigate and adjudicate a complaint against Jeremy Dear under both NUJ Rules and Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. By collusion, Cockburn effectively grants Dear and Stanistreet impunity.

Press Complaints Commission has not processed complaints against Jeremy Dear and Timothy R Gopsill, former Editor, Journalist (NUJ magazine) and Mark Thompson, Director-General, BBC relating to an illegal prior restraint.

NUJ officers act totally out of control and concern themselves more with overseas junkets and allegedly illegal involvement in NUJ-Left a political splinter group to the detriment of member services. NUJ showed a loss of £4,000,000.00 during fiscal year 2009.

Dear and Roy M Mincoff, NUJ In-house Solicitor denied member services for four years at a loss to that member of over £1,000,000.00. In a consort with former Labour government ministers, they orchestrated a harassment campaign in which Stanistreet and Fitzpatrick attempt to effect a cover-up.

Dear, Stanistreet, and Fitzpatrick have totally ignored civil and human rights of NUJ members and neglected to mitigate specific circumstances. Instead, they have used an illegal stitch-up to evade addressing the anarchy that pervades within NUJ.

A full and independent public inquiry must now take place before any further action can take place with a view to impeachment of Dear and Stanistreet. This remedy would allow NUJ to return to its basic purpose as a trade union and cease sponsoring non-union political organisations from within a trade union using member funds.

NUJ must only fund support of journalists, regardless of their political persuasion, and stop the sycophantic appointment of NUJ officials by patronage and machination. It must institute compulsory, democratic balloting to elect candidates with integrity, education, skills, and work experience.

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