

**National Union of Journalists
International Federation of Journalists**

Distribution Proviso

The author and publisher has restricted access to this series of articles to National Union of Journalists (NUJ) and International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) members (also named parties) pending investigation of alleged criminal activity and legal action under: Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992; Solicitors' Code of Conduct 2007; Solicitors Act 1974; Administration of Justice Act 1985; Courts and Legal Services Act 1990; Fraud Act 2006; Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006; Vienna Convention on Consular Relations; and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This proviso in no way restricts NUJ and IFJ members from releasing excerpts (with accreditation) to interested third parties including news media. Separate exposes cover unethical and illegal activities by London Freelance Branch officials in a consort with National Executive Council officers.

Independent investigation by law enforcement agencies involves an alleged pattern or practice of joint and several illegal or criminal activities by: National Union of Journalists (NUJ) executives, lawyers, and staff; National Executive Council (NEC) officers; and London Freelance Branch (LFB) officials.

The author has little personal knowledge of other branches and chapels which do not form part of intended civil and criminal complaints; therefore, he has no opinion on their activities. Adverse comments, all verified and validated to insure accurate reporting, meet legal requirements.

Prepublication Information

All individuals featured in this issue of *Contra Cabal* received notice in accordance with international codes of ethics agreed among journalists. Several of those codes, tested in international courts, have legal precedent.

Prior to publication, all named individuals had an opportunity to mitigate damage and to refute statements that could negatively affect their reputations or cause investigation or prosecution of them for alleged illegal acts. The notice also gave them a chance to respond to charges affecting their ethics or moral character with substantiated evidence. For public accountability, it encouraged them to respond in open exchange before a deadline. Individuals mentioned incidentally received a copy of the notice as a courtesy.

Ethical rules dictate that journalists must report the truth no matter whom they offend and with disregard for the consequences of publication. Accurate reporting predicates a higher purpose and the common good. The notice did not solicit personal opinions and informed the individuals that they should address matters of fact only. It openly declared personal or conflicting interests that related to topics or to opinion, especially when the content drew upon advocacy, experience, conclusion, or interpretation.

The notice advised of a responsibility to gather information and develop public awareness about wrongdoing and violation of codes of conduct. Primarily, the article exposed abuse and wrongdoing by trade union officials and officers also law enforcement authorities which included malfeasance and misuse of public funds.

In this context, the named individuals neglected to adhere to their duty of care. Some maliciously damaged others and their reputations by libel, slander, assault, or other unlawful acts. No person received immunity from investigation. Anything published resulted from investigation, verification, and validation, taking into account violations of law or breach of established rules and ethical practices.

Introduction

Seattle mafiosi threatened the Journalist that if he did not stop exposing their crimes they would take court action with intent to jail him. A mafia lawyer checked the Journalist's credentials with NUJ membership secretary, who authenticated him as in good standing. The lawyer then informed James A Doerty, Washington Superior Court that the press cards had no validity.

The Journalist refused to accept coercion, citing his rights under US First Amendment and EU laws to prevent a negative precedent that affected all journalists. Despite the challenge, the mafiosi suborned perjury in a conspiracy and railroaded him into jail.

Prior to an NUJ National Executive Council (NEC) meeting (26 Oct 01), NUJ duty of care for NUJ member Paul Trummel "the Journalist" complied with NUJ rules and regulations also international human rights conventions. However, as soon as Jeremy Dear took office as General Secretary (01 Feb 02), the negotiations fell apart and have remained that way for nine years.

Instead of complying with Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (the Act), Dear and Claire Susan Kirby, NUJ In-house Solicitor implemented *laissez faire* policies. Primarily an economic doctrine, *laissez faire* opposes government regulation or interference so that administrators can operate according to their own rules in violation of law. It unlawfully grants NUJ officials and officers impunity.

Those policies, for which Dear and Kirby have no excuse, allowed them to neglect to request HM Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to intervene in accordance with Vienna Convention Their continued stonewalling allowed HM Consul (David C Broom) posing as a Consul-General, Seattle, Washington to collude with Judge James A Doerty, Washington Superior Court.

Doerty refused to allow the Journalist to file his UK and International press cards with the court as evidence that he held *bona fide* credentials as a journalist, called him a "poseur" and declared the press cards "bogus", then redefined journalistic investigation as surveillance and harassment.

By not responding to the abuse of process, Dear and Kirby left the Journalist (then approaching 70 years of age) to languish in jail for 111 days (27 Feb 02), arguably under the worst conditions in the State of Washington, USA. He suffered torture and solitary confinement during an indeterminate sentence effectively as "political prisoner incommunicado". Dear and Kirby did nothing to relieve the situation.

Doerty then "ratcheted up coercion" by moving the Journalist to 25 days incommunicado solitary confinement among murderers and rapists for no reason other than to coerce him to remove constitutionally protected EU web sites from the Internet. Both NUJ and FCO have since evaded their duty of care and abused process also destroyed relevant documents to cover up their dereliction. [\[Archive\]](#)

The Journalist has written hundreds of articles on harassment of senior citizens and homicide by abuse. He founded *Contra Cabal*, one of the first electronic magazines to appear on the web, for which he develops the site, writes articles, designs pages, and produces graphics. He has published in print since 1944 and on the web since 1992. Published for 66 years, he has not received a single challenge to the authenticity of his investigative reporting.

He has held international press credentials for more than fifty years; spent twenty years as a new media industry CEO and systems designer/consultant; and, twenty years as a post-graduate professor teaching computer industry executives and students of journalism, law, and graphic design working on their masters or doctoral degrees. He has attended hundreds of business, faculty, and trade union committee meetings including national conventions.

The Journalist must now must spend his retirement years trying to mitigate the malicious damage caused by NUJ officials and officers through harassment, dereliction, and a malicious cover-up of criminal activity. In any legal action against NUJ, he will show that he has done everything possible to reduce damage in a way that lessens severity or intensity. That mitigation only proves an effort to contain monetary damages pursuant to law. Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) filings fulfil a mitigative purpose but do not reduce the severity of NUJ neglect to provide a duty of care to its members and its abuse of process.

Dear held the position of General Secretary elect with Claire S Kirby as NUJ Legal Officer and took over as General Secretary (01 Feb 02). He had a four-month transition to work with Kirby (who had held her position as NUJ In-house Solicitor for two years) toward resolution of legal issues that could have prevented the jailing. That issue now rests with Gareth R Thomas MP (Harrow West), former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development to address and make reparations after a public inquiry.

During his term as General Secretary, Dear has supervised two legal officers: Claire Susan Kirby (SRA #21078) 21 Oct 99 through 01 Sep 05 and Roy Martin Mincoff (SRA #112029) 03 Aug 05 through the present time. Both Kirby and Mincoff have allegedly committed gross professional misconduct reported to Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). Although SRA required a resolution procedure, neither Mincoff nor Kirby satisfactorily complied with that mandate.

By filing false and misleading information, Mincoff has consistently abused SRA processes. He issued outrageous statements which Dear parroted and Kirby (now at Thompsons Solicitors, Cardiff Office) has remained incommunicative. Both legal officers have coerced low-echelon proxies (straws) and used email aliases to handle their correspondence in attempts to distance themselves from the issues and evade responsibility for their actions.

Philip Sutcliffe (now London Freelance Branch (LFB), National Executive Council (NEC) officer) received a summary of issues and a list of 14 items (17 Oct 01) that he had requested for presentation to an LFB committee. The committee discussed that information at some length and appointed Sutcliffe as liaison officer. It adopted a broad view that the branch should insure all the support available, appropriate, and feasible (22 Oct 01).

Clarification of that statement emphasized: That the issues related to deprivation of freelance employment, something that any union should address; and that prior restraint impacts upon the global issues of web site content and the employment contracts that relate to all journalists which must have a basis in international law (23 Oct 01).

Prior to Dear taking office, John Foster, then NUJ General Secretary and John Toner, National Freelance Organiser, discussed the issues and Aidan White, General Secretary, International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) (visiting London at the time) agreed to look into the threatened jailing of the Journalist (26 Oct 01).

Philip Sutcliffe met with White that same evening who asked him to forward details which Sutcliffe claims that he sent. Sutcliffe reported that Foster/Toner/White had not yet made a decision but that he felt that they had given the issues serious consideration (29 Oct 01).

Jeremy Dear attended the NUJ National Executive Council (NEC) meeting (26 Oct 01) at which NEC announced his election as General Secretary (01 Feb 02). Constituents returned 6,402 papers out of 24,872 issued and Dear received 3,427 votes. NUJ reelected Dear in 2006 unopposed for an additional five-year term: the first time that unopposed reelection occurred in over a century. Dear will remain as General Secretary until (31 Jan 12) unless impeached in the meantime.

After the jailing, Sutcliffe who had a duty of care to the Journalist as his branch officer did not follow union rules and legal procedures or Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Instead, in an unofficial "cry for mercy" he tried to intervene with the Seattle mafia that had jailed the Journalist. By that, Sutcliffe exacerbated the situation and added strength to the mafiosi argument which allowed them to send him to solitary confinement without advice of counsel or consular support.

Friends in Seattle contacted the UK Seattle consulate in an attempt to persuade him to intervene. Members of the National Writers Union attended court, filed supportive affidavits, and visited the Journalist in jail; however, the judge would not allow them to give evidence. Aidan White (IFJ General Secretary) and Jonathan Tasini (NWU President) mounted media campaigns in solidarity. Dear and Kirby did absolutely nothing.

That cover-up of his dereliction and abrogation of his duty of care imposed an absolute NUJ media blackout and did nothing to address the issues. That blackout prevented NUJ members from knowing about dire circumstances affecting the Journalist in Seattle which precluded them from offering their solidarity - union of interests, purposes, and sympathies.

The media blackout has lasted for the entire nine years of Dear's tenure as General Secretary and continues at this writing (30 Sep 10). A reasonable person can only classify his inaction as blatant discrimination when one considers the age of the Journalist and the derogation that NUJ elected officers and officials have since heaped upon him to evade their responsibility to mitigate the illegal acts by NUJ officials and officers.

Dear has received a string of informal and formal opportunities that requested him to reply with a reasoned proposal that addressed the issues. He replied with a parroted version of a general

denial that Mincoff wrote to SRA. Ongoing independent investigations by law enforcement agencies involve unethical and illegal activities by NUJ officials and officers.

Dear claimed that he is not "...in a constitutional position to instruct lay members (branch officials) to provide information" despite provisions in the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 to the contrary. By that, Dear started a merry-go-round that effectively transferred his executive responsibilities back to branch officials who have since either harassed the Journalist to try to silence him or referred the issues back to Dear.

Despite his ultimate responsibility for everything that occurs in NUJ, Dear has effectively abdicated. Moreover, he has instructed his staff to withhold member documents, obstructed his attendance at an annual delegate meeting and arbitrarily removed his international press card.

Washington Supreme Court

The Journalist instructed his own legal counsel who pursued the case through the courts to Washington State Supreme Court. Nine supreme court judges unanimously reversed trial court decisions that imposed prior restraint on the Journalist and jailed him in King County Jail, Seattle for an indeterminate sentence without legal counsel or due process of law contrary to Vienna Convention. As a Washington State Delegate, National Writers Union (NWU) and member of National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the Journalist had challenged court decisions that violated constitutional and journalism rights.

Washington Supreme Court (30 Mar 06) handed down a unanimous reversal of Superior Court findings by Judge James A Doerty (WSBA #4937) and Washington Court of Appeals Judge Mary Kay Becker (WSBA #13027) *et al.* Seattle Municipal Court dismissed frivolous criminal charges filed by Seattle mafia and Seattle City Attorney Thomas A Carr (WSBA #19845). After four years of litigation, the reversals and dismissals completely vindicated the Journalist of any wrongdoing. During that four years Dear did nothing to support the Journalist although he falsely claimed to have contacted FCO.

The supreme court findings prohibited future censorship, prior restraint, and Internet denial-of-service attacks upon printed and electronic publications. However, NUJ officials and officers continue to harass the Journalist. They bring malicious claims of violation of NUJ rules; interfere with his rights as a journalist; file false and misleading criminal charges; and commit Internet denial-of-service attacks. Meanwhile, the prior restraint and media blackouts continue.

The supreme court action cost NUJ nothing. NUJ did not participate or provide any legal, moral, or ethical support. The Journalist arranged for *pro bono* lawyers in US to handle five *amici curiae* filings. Both NUJ and IFJ received plaudits as a result. More important, the supreme court reversed legal findings that restricted traditional and new media journalists from publishing their work by unlawful censorship and prior restraint: precisely the course followed by NUJ officials and officers since that finding.

Despite those findings, Seattle mafia and its associates have extended their Internet harassment by destruction of web sites and computer applications causing losses of more than

£500,000.00 during the first half of 2008 which Dear and Mincoff effectively condoned through *laissez faire*. That amount does not include inestimable collateral damage through subscriber and newsletter losses that resulted from Internet denial-of-service attacks and other computer crimes now under investigation by law enforcement agencies.

Dear, Kirby, and Mincoff received notice of those events but evaded their responsibility to act; instead, they put into effect a series of unlawful delaying tactics and prior restraint now subject to SRA complaints which involve both NUJ and Thompsons Solicitors.

Dear, Kirby, and Mincoff, aware of all the maneuvers by Seattle mafia, UK Consul (Seattle), and FCO, have done nothing about them over a nine-year period. They neglected to act in accordance with Vienna Convention and other international laws. Reginald (Tim) Gopsill, Editor, Journalist (NUJ magazine) orchestrated a UK media blackout to cover up their neglect which prevented NUJ members from knowing about the case and providing support.

Dear and Mincoff covered up FCO dereliction by negotiating a £262,000.00 *quid pro quo* between NUJ and Gareth R Thomas MP (Harrow West), former Minister of State in a distinct conflict of interest.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Dereliction

FCO appointed David C Broom, Consul, British Consulate, Seattle during December 1999 and removed him during July 2004 prior to the consulate closing (30 Sep 05) when it transferred all documents to British Consulate-General, San Francisco.

During early 2002, Judge James A. Doerty, Washington Superior Court and former Seattle British Consul David C Broom conspired to increase the coercion of the Journalist, a British national jailed without benefit of legal counsel. Doerty moved him to incommunicado solitary confinement among murderers and rapists in King County Jail, Seattle where guards tortured him.

The generic term "consul" defines a diplomat or official representative of a government in one state who resides in the territory of another. Most nations maintain consulates in major foreign cities with the primary purpose of safeguarding their resident and traveling citizens while on foreign soil. A secondary duty relates to maintaining commercial interests.

Broom claimed in *Seattle Times*: "Britain and Washington state are major trading partners; as British consul general, I am vested in the state's recovery and continued competitiveness and economic success". In several other articles he also signed himself "Consul General"; however, Robin Newmann, Vice Consul Political, Press and Public Affairs, British Consulate-General, San Francisco refutes Broom's claim to that title.

Heads of British consulates classify as consuls not consuls general. The British government reserves the term "consul general" for heads of consulates-general and does not permit people of lower rank to use it. This misnomer represents only one of a series of misrepresentations and lies propagated by Broom during his term in Seattle. A diplomatic source who worked with

Broom during a previous foreign assignment verified repugnant, undiplomatic behavior by Broom.

During Broom's tenure, Judge James A. Doerty committed judicial misconduct, perverted the course of justice, and violated constitutional and human rights of a British subject. Doerty issued a series of contempt orders effectively to silence investigative reporting. He misapplied law by granting a restraining order which deprived the journalist of his constitutional rights to free speech and liberty then imprisoned him indefinitely.

Broom claimed to represent UK government and British interests in Washington state and promised to provide services to British nationals. Requested several times to visit the Journalist in jail by his friends and colleagues, Broom neglected to do so. Instead, he accepted at face value the perjured testimony that Doerty sent to him attached to a letter after two unlawful *ex parte* (in secret with bias) discussions. Doerty recorded those conversations and the documents that he sent to him in both a letter and in his court findings.

Although aware of the circumstances, Broom did nothing to relieve the situation. Instead, he consorted with the judge apparently to protect commercial interests allied to Seattle mafia for whom Doerty acted as straw judge. Broom lied in writing about his *ex parte* involvement with Doerty and withheld official documents. Consulate-General, San Francisco has admitted to destroying those records probably in an attempt to cover up Broom's dereliction. Like any fox that hears the sound of barking, Broom has since gone to ground in Seattle.

Now, a cover-up allows a powerful political and criminal element in Seattle to harass the journalist whenever he enters the US despite a the Washington supreme court finding in his favor. That unanimous finding by nine judges reversed Doerty's decisions made in consort with straw judges, city officials, and Broom posing as a British Consul-General.

Conclusion

Seattle mafiosi forged documents to try to force the Journalist to take down his web site which exposed their criminal activities. They knew that the content contained truthful statements and that they could not claim defamation or libel so they claimed harassment. They stretched anti-harassment definitions to claim that news gathering constituted "surveillance" and reporting crimes defined as "harassment".

NUJ prior restraint and a media blackout has lasted for more than nine years due to procrastination by judges in an *ex parte* consort which allowed Seattle mafia and others outside the ambit, anonymously to commit perjury, subornation, and racism on a grand scale challenged in a plethora of law suits not connected with the Journalist. That litigation showed a pattern or practice of malicious criminal intent, ostensibly to cover up crimes and racism, identical to, and in parallel with, the Journalist's experience.

Washington supreme court found that constitutionally protected content did not by any stretch of imagination warrant Draconian measures that included eviction and indeterminate imprisonment of journalists with solitary confinement. Those findings vindicated the Journalist for publishing newsletters and web sites. Seattle Municipal Court dismissed six frivolous criminal charges (21 Apr 06) filed by Seattle mafia in a consort with Seattle Police Department

and Thomas A Carr, Seattle City Attorney. Carr prosecuted them with malicious intent to send the Journalist back to jail to preempt the supreme court decision.

Dear has spent the last three years since the supreme court finding harassing the Journalist to prevent him obtaining reparations from Seattle mafia and for gross neglect by NUJ officials and officers. That cover-up has resulted in the filing of a frivolous and vexatious disciplinary complaint by Jeremy Dear, NUJ General Security and Michelle Stanistreet against the Journalist which now effectively classifies as *sub judice*. The NUJ complaint retaliated for the Journalist demanding his member and human rights.

Referrals to several UK police divisions presently await investigation of Dear, Stanistreet and other NUJ employees for criminal activity. Dear and Stanistreet exacerbated the situation by trying to preempt criminal proceedings. They have orchestrated a string of sycophants who have convened a National Executive Council committee hearing using jurisdictional arbitrage in violation of NUJ rules and UK laws. [[A Patent Stitch-up](#)] [[NUJ Abuse of Process](#)]

They have unlawfully used international arbitrage in an abuse of process by ignoring the fact that the issues effectively became *sub judice* after police referral. Those referrals will now involve investigation by Independent Police Complaints Commission (UK) and Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (Scotland) due to dereliction by, and alleged collusion among, NUJ officials and UK police officers. [[Law Enforcement Railroadng](#)]

© Copyright 2010 by Paul Trummel
All Rights Reserved: 29 Sep 09/07:33
Edition: #880-36-22/10-0930-0939
Feedback: Webspinner@ContraCabal.eu