CAMDEN LABOUR BRIEFING

CAMDENS BUDGET 1989 - TRICK OR TREAT?

Camden Council is proposing cuts of up to £27 million. The genuine figure to be cut is likely to be around the £17 million mark - presumably Camden Council is circulating the higher figure in order to present £17 million cuts as some sort of victory. On top of last years cuts,this represents a devastating attack on services in Camden. Meanwhile Camden has gone for 'redetermination' of its rate-cap limit,which allows that well-known socialist,the Secretary of State for the Environment to tell Camden what it can spend its money on. It is ironic that so much fuss has (rightly) been made over £5.6 million cuts in Bradford (Tory). It is even more ironic that the Tory mayor who voted for these cuts cited Camden (Labour) as an excuse for these 'relatively small' cuts.

KINGS CROSS - RUNNING OUT OF TIME

The developers London Regeneration Consortium (which includes Rosehaugh - Stanhope) have informed the Railway Lands Community Development Group that they are planning for 10 million square feet of development.This would include not less than 6 MILLION square feet of office space and the rest would be made up of retail and commercial development and luxury housing - The Coucil must be aware of this information.

Research at University College shows that the likey profit out of 10 million square feet of development would be £20 Billion!!!

This development will clearly contravene Camden Council's Borough Plan. On this basis alone,the planning application should be turned down when it is submitted.

However,the Labour Group is under the illusion that they will get planning gain in the form of fair rented housing and cash. Fair rents will no longer exist under the new Housing Bill. And as for cash,they will get peanuts!! (Hackney Council got 2 million from Rosehaugh - Stanhope for the Broadgate development which is 5 million sqare feet). Negotiating for planning gain means negotiating on the developers terms and accepting their plans. If their plans were turned down,the developers would appeal to the DOE ,which would be likely to call a Public Enquiry.

The Public Enquiry would reveal all the details of the developers plans, as well as their strategic impact. This is essential information for Londoners so that a campaign can be mounted against King's Cross being for yuppies and share-holders only.

Please pass the following resolution in your branch and send it the GMC,LGC and Labour Group.
WE CALL ON CAMDEN COUNCIL TO TURN DOWN THE APPLICATION AS IT CONTRAVENES THE BOROUGH PLAN.

FIGHT HEALTH CUTS!

A proposed 'super hospital' in Camden involving the merger of UCH and Middlesex hospitals is threatening the loss of 1000 jobs 400-500 beds,and the closure of 'specialist hospitals',including the EGA Women's hospital.Frank Dobson MP and former Shadow Spokesperson for health spoke against the plans at the GC in October.

We must ensure that Camden Council's nominations to the Bloomsbury Health Authority (Cllrs Robert Latham and Ben Griffith) oppose these plans. At a GC meeting earlier this year, a speaker from the Health Unions complained that they had been supporting the idea.Hopefully they now realise that it means health cuts for Camden and will oppose it vociferously.

*** DEMONSTRATION AGAINST MERGER OF EGA WITH SOHO WOMENS HOSPITAL MEANING A 20% CUT IN SERVICES AND THE END TO THE 'WOMAN FOR WOMAN' PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE HOSPITAL WAS FOUNDED 20TH NOVEMBER 11.30 am TEMPLE TUBE ***

Q: When is a Block Vote not a Block Vote?
A: When it is electing the Labour Party leadership.

Although 40% of MSFs vote, 28% of UCWs and 25% of COHSEs went to Tony Benn in branch ballots at Labour Party conference 100% of all these block votes went to Neil Kinnock.

On the motion on nuclear disarmament,however, (which Kinnock shows no sign of accepting) the TGWU block vote was represented as a travesty of democracy.

Anyone who really believes that Labour lost the last election because the British people believed Russia to be on the brink of invasion,please show.

Democracy ... AEU-style!

Note the AEU executive's strong recommendation, printed on the ballot paper itself. Maybe Thatcher and her cabinet will follow suit ...

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ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE LABOUR PARTY
(held under Rule 41 Clause 6)

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STRONGLY RECOMMEND A VOTE FOR NEIL KINNOCK

BALLOT PAPER

CANDIDATES	OFFICE	AGE	CONSTITUENCY	
1 TONY BENN	Member Labour Party NEC	63	Chesterfield	1
2 NEIL KINNOCK	Leader of Labour Party	46	Ishwyn	2

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IF... Steve Bell

