

Facts that Jeremy Dear and NUJ Lawyers do not want NUJ Members to know.**Distribution Proviso**

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A major problem of the elderly relates to pensions and benefits. Although the income of retired people amounts to about half that of working people, many of them manage to maintain themselves independently. One in five elderly people (with a majority of women) in UK live below the poverty line.

Seniors often actively engage in campaigns to change that situation yet commentators generally treat them only as a nuisance and financial burden. In other industrialized nations, more extensive systems of social welfare have increased the amount of adequate senior housing, transport, and social services. However, Britain's basic pensions amount to 16% of average male earnings compared with 60% in other European countries.

In the author's case, a *quid pro quo* between Jeremy Dear, NUJ General Secretary, his lawyers, and Gareth Thomas MP, (Harrow West) Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development (the authors MP) have covered up the loss of the author's home, his illegal jailing in Seattle, and most of his pension.

Neglect by HM Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has allowed them to impose an absolute media blackout and gag orders which have affected his livelihood and pension to a point where

it now totals £35.37 per week without any other benefits. The recent changes in the bank rate wiped out additional income derived from interest on a national savings account.

Gareth Thomas has for five years done nothing about the pension issues except to restart a merry-go-round as he has done with the FCO issues. This coincides with an NUJ media cover up of illegal imprisonment and torture confirmed as illegal by nine supreme court judges in Washington state decision (30 Mar 06).

The author has tried to contact Thomas at his taxpayer-funded West Harrow clinic over a period of five years without success. He had an inconsequential meeting with Thomas at the House of Commons (26 Jan 07) for 90 minutes at which Thomas practiced dumb insolence.

A pensions officer cancelled two scheduled meetings to discuss the issues with pensioners in Harrow (15 May 05 and 22 May 05) and did not reschedule them. This put several seniors to considerable time and expense by preparing documents and employing accountants to make their case, all to no avail.

A visit to Harrow pensions office resulted in waiting several hours and a referral by an assistant to a telephone help line which started another electronic merry-go-round to three different locations in the UK without an answer. No meeting with an officer ever occurred and none of them returned telephone calls.

Since, correspondence sent to Thomas has resulted in another cover-up by using a time-warp stratagem: stopping and starting the clock which wipes out everything that occurred over a five-year period with commensurate loss of accrued pension payments and benefits.

NUJ members should ask about the advantage of NUJ starting another layer of non-effective administration that admits that it has public relations motives when long-standing members have to exist without a pension towards which they have paid for many years.

To heighten the NUJ irony, *Journalist* magazine recently claimed:

The NUJ is to set up a new pensioners body that will be open to all members over 60. The organisation - as yet unnamed - will campaign on the issues that affect the quality of life for pensioners. . . . The organisation will meet for the first time at this year's annual conference at Southport in November [2009]. . . . The new organization will be a research, PR, and writing volunteer force and will be led by the union's Pensioners Committee - a six-strong group elected at the annual conference to attend the UK's Pensioners Parliament.¹

The author received an invitation to the annual conference for that purpose. He asked for details of the existing six members to try to resolve any conflicts of interest that could exist. However, David Ayrton, Research and Information Assistant Organiser (the NUJ official who services the senior project) did not reply to correspondence forwarded to him.

Credibly, the most qualified candidate by virtue of experience and education: sixty years union experience; fifty years working for civil and human rights; twenty years challenging agism and racism; and, two earned doctorates in rhetoric and communication (ABD); the NUJ Pensioner's Committee probably assumed that they could not manipulate him for political expedience, arguably the first correct assumption that NUJ has made in a long time.

A letter to Pat Healy, Vice President, NUJ Pensioners Committee, thanked her for her initial response and informed her of a possible conflict of interest with participation in NUJ Pensioners Committee activities. It stated that conflicts lend themselves to resolution through compromise among reasonable people and asked for resolution of any perceived conflict. Healy has not responded to repeated requests and, by that, arguably committed an act of age discrimination.

Ayrton and Healy, given several opportunities to comment on documents describing serious discrimination and derogation by NUJ officials, adopted an attitude of willful blindness. In law, the term "willful blindness" means contrived ignorance. Officials seek to evade civil or criminal liability by feigning ignorance of facts that involve personal liability. They had six months to address the issues. Their inaction exemplifies the hypocrisy extant among NUJ officials. Arguably, the neglect to act on several issues makes them accessories after the fact to criminal activity.

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1. *The Journalist*, January/February 2009, p 22.

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