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Why we must invest in rail freight

We welcome the Government's determination to "move fast and fix things" and congratulate the Secretary of State for Transport, Louise Haigh, on her excellent work pushing forward the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill.

We also welcome the Rail and

Urban Transport Review, published on 21st August, which outlines the need for a long-term vision for transport infrastructure, doubling the modal share of rail in a decade, and setting a more ambitious target for rail freight growth.

Because this comes at a challenging time for rail freight. High electricity costs contributed to Royal Mail's decision to scrap their electric rail fleet and have also seen operators running diesel-powered trains under electric wires!

The lack of a proper industrial strategy, and effective growth targets, for rail freight under the previous Tory Government, combined with years of underfunding, means rail freight is at a significant disadvantage in this country. Labour's *Getting Brit-*

by Mick Whelan

General Secretary of ASLEF, the train drivers' union

ain Moving report outlines the need for Great British Railways to manage freight contracts and introduce a statutory duty to promote the use and growth of rail freight.

That's why we are calling on the Government to continue to work with trade unions to develop and deliver a real industrial strategy: to lower track access charges, to make available more rail freight paths; to ensure electricity is affordable for rail freight operators, as part of the plan for an integrated green freight sector; and to set a real and ambitious rail freight growth target.

National Constitutional Committee (CLP Section) ballot 9am-4pm today

Vote:

Rachel Garnham

Emine Ibrahim

Dave Levy

Khaled Moyeed

•Your delegate should have collected your CLP's ballot papers at the Sunday morning briefing meetings. If you missed this, collect them from the "Ballot Area".

Watch out: in past years, right wing delegates have sometimes rushed to get the papers and vote for right wing slates before the delegation can discuss the CLP's vote. Watch out for any similar enthusiasm this year, just in case.

Our Party needs just and impartial processes

I am standing for election to the National Constitutional Committee (NCC) because I believe in the principles of natural justice.

All party members deserve to be treated fairly, and when a member is subject to a complaint, or makes a complaint, the investigatory process that follows needs to be entirely ob-

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jective and impartial.

I also believe that our rules should be interpreted in the context of both UK and human rights law. There should be sanctions against wrongdoing but forceful argument must be

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Oppose the Islamophobia and racism of the far-right riots

The true motivations behind the far-right riots we saw this summer was clear from the start: Islamophobia and racism. Mosques and hotels accommodating asylum seekers were attacked. There was racial and religious violence.

The initial response we heard did not acknowledge the nature of this

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bigotry. Phrases like "criminal violence" and "thuggery" are inadequate. It is necessary to accurately explain who was being attacked and why – Muslims and other black people, based on Islamophobia and

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permitted.
From my experience as a CLP Secretary – and, more importantly, as a trade union representative – I am aware that partisan, authoritarian disciplinary processes run by under-trained and often badly motivated people undermine unity and effectiveness in an organisation. They also wreck lives.

Unity and a reputation for justice is vital for our Party in our many elec-

By Dave Levy

toral battles ahead and in delivering an effective government.

Many members currently have concerns that disciplinary processes lack impartiality. These concerns are echoed in the Forde Report and this is a problem the Party has to address.

Please support me and my running mates, Rachel Garnham, Emine Ibrahim and Khaled Moyeed.

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racism.

It is a task of a democratic socialist party to oppose the Tories, but we must fight the far right and lead from the front on this. With Farage now in Parliament, his toxic concoction of populism and anti-immigrant rhetoric will continue to gain traction, unless we face it down.

We cannot just watch the Tories and Reform scramble for votes pre-

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viously aligned with the Monday Club wing of the Tory Party. Reform poses a threat to the Labour vote too. It would be foolish to abdicate our historic role of being on the frontline of the fight against reactionary populism to the Tories, as they will undoubtedly shift their politics closer to the far right.

Back the unions!

Today, under topic headings “Britain Reconnected”, “Growth” and “Clean Energy Superpower”, we are likely to debate union-backed motions that support jobs, investment, public ownership and a positive agenda for growth.

This could also include a motion prioritised by Women’s Conference on “Women in the Workplace”, which makes important commitments on equal pay and to ban ALL zero-hours contracts. On Saturday we heard powerful testimonies from young women who experienced these contracts.

This route for motions from Women’s Conference is important in ensuring women’s voices are heard.

Delegates should back the union motions for investment not austerity, to keep the winter fuel allowance and to rebuild our economy.

“QUOTE” – “UNQUOTE”

“People do not understand how a Labour Government has decided to pick the pockets of pensioners and, at the same time, leave the richest in our society untouched.”

Sharon Graham, General Secretary, Unite

Campaign Briefing

The latest edition of CLPD’s *Campaign Briefing* magazine, just published, has articles by Diane Abbott MP, Katy Clark MSP, Mick Whelan, Andrew Fisher and others. Download it for free from: www.clpd.org.uk

CLPD Conference Assessment

Tuesday, 24th
September, 6.30pm

Quaker Meeting House,
Liverpool L1 3BT

Fringe Meetings

Monday 23rd September

Today, **Palestine Solidarity Campaign** hosts two panels:

•“**Labour, Palestine & Islamophobia**” at 12.30pm in ACC Room 3B; and

•“**Justice for Palestine: confronting genocide and ending apartheid**” at 6pm in the Hilton Hotel.

The Party removed the words “genocide” & “apartheid” from the Conference Guide listing, a concerning denial of reality.

Labour Friends of Progressive Latin America & others

¡**Viva la solidaridad! Stand with Latin America’s Left**

The Racquet Club Hotel & Ziba Restaurant, 5 Chapel St, L3 9AG
6.30pm



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