

"an injury to one is an injury to all"

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As can be gleaned from the attached pages, I changed my name to that of 'The Iron Lady's' in the hope of standing for election (in the General Election of 9th June 1983) in her Finchley constituency, and thus focusing attention on issues like CND, unemployment, etc.

However, following an objection by Ms. M. Thatcher's election agent, the Returning Officer barred me from standing - saying I was an 'obvious unreality'. At the same time, within that very constituency candidates from, for example, the 'Loony Party' and 'Ban Every Licensing Law Society Party' have been allowed to stand, without question. On a national level, there are a plethora of organisations that are extremely obscure that have been allowed, unhindered, to field candidates in this election, eg. The Assassins Bullet; Freddie's Alternative Medicine Party; Fancy Dress Party; Jesus and His Cross; Loony Monster Green Chicken Alliance; Nobody Party; Annihilate Bennites and Livingstoneites; Traditional English Food Party; Re-introduction of Hanging and Corporal Punishment Party; Southport back in Lancashire Party, etc. The list is endless. Hence it is obvious that my being barred was a political, as opposed to a judicial decision, on the part of the Returning Officer.

I have attempted to rectify the situation through the courts, but with little success. (See attached press cuttings). There was some dispute as to the jurisdiction of the courts prior to an election. Under PART 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the only way an election can be challenged is by an 'Election Petition'. (See attached copy of the relevant Sections of the said Act). If I am successful with my Election Petition, the election withⁱⁿ the Finchley constituency will be nullified and a re-election held. The consequences of this are obvious, Ms. M. Thatcher personally would have to undergo a re-election, and in the interim, would not be able to be Prime Minister, unless the Tories took the unusual, and highly unlikely step, of making her a 'peer' (a member of the House of Lords).

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The only problem with this course, is that the Representation of the People Act stipulates that a deposit of one thousand pounds is necessary before a Petition can be lodged. This has to be done within twenty-one days of an election, thus URGENCY IS ESSENTIAL.

It is to be noted that one reason given by the Appeal Court for rejecting my application was that I was not a 'genuine candidate', as I had no real intention of entering Parliament. I think this is a dangerous development, and if allowed to go unchallenged, will become an oppressive precedent. It should be left to the electorate, rather than a Returning Officer, or a Judge, to decide who is, or is not, a 'genuine candidate'. If similar criteria were used, for example, on Sinn Fein sympathisers, they would be barred, as they publicly profess that they have no intention of taking up their seats in Westminster if elected. Of course, such criteria can even be applied negatively to Labour Party candidates, who took a stance that opposed conventional politics.

I have been refused 'legal aid', presumably for political reasons, as I have the financial qualification for it, being unemployed. Costs were awarded against me in the High Court. (Ms. M. Thatcher requested to be 'joined' in the action, and was represented by a barrister, who also was granted costs against me). Hence, if this matter is to be pursued (and it would be a great pity to let it slip by), approximately £3,000 would have to be raised within the next three weeks, to cover the costs awarded against me, and the £1,000 deposit stipulated by the above Act.

I would be obliged if you gave this matter your close attention, with a view to making a donation. It is submitted that any action (short of violence) that serves to keep Ms. Margaret Thatcher from office, even for a while, is to be vigourously pursued.

The solicitor in charge of the matter is MR. BEN BIRNBERG AND COMPANY, 103 BOROUGH HIGH STREET, LONDON, SE1.

Thanking you in lieu,

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Margaret Thatcher'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with long, sweeping lines.

MR. MARGARET THATCHER

P.S. Cheques should be made payable to COLIN HANOMAN, at the above address.

VOTE MARGARET THATCHER (The Bearded One)

And don't vote yourself out of a job

Reasons for standing:

1. To make the electoral process more farcical, we believe it is already a frightening farce.

The two parties (The Alliance being two farcical for consideration) make various promises in their election manifestoes but when elected do the opposite. Thatcher promised more jobs but has increased the 'massaged' figures by over 2 million. The 'inveterate peacemonger' Michael Foot and his two-faced ally Dennis Healey served in the cabinet that spent hundreds of millions of pounds on the Chevaline Project upgrading Polaris. Now they proclaim Unilateralism (Well sort of, nudge, nudge, wink, wink.)
2. First past the post elections are unfair - we think proportional representation is more honest.
3. Ownership and control of the media is in the hands of the rich or their lackeys.
4. It is impossible to have democracy in a Capitalist environment (or under State Capitalism in USSR). Some people inherit and live in Buckingham Palace, while others, who have worked all their lives, die of cold because of the pittance of a pension they receive.
5. The election is really a General Galtieri election. The Conservative Party acted as they did in the Malvinas/Falklands to get votes, whereas diplomacy was used in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, because it was not in the elite's interest to use force.
6. Faced with a complex integrated world system, politicians have a myopic view, they think in terms of 5 years and the retention of their own miserable little bit of power, neglecting important global decisions, d.p. control of the wastage of the world's natural resources and the pollution of the seas...

Our aims are: (amongst others)

- I To highlight the utter farce of so-called 'British democracy' and the pernicious nature of capitalism and its offshoots racism and sexism.
- II World ecology and animal rights.
- III To give publicity to CND.

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