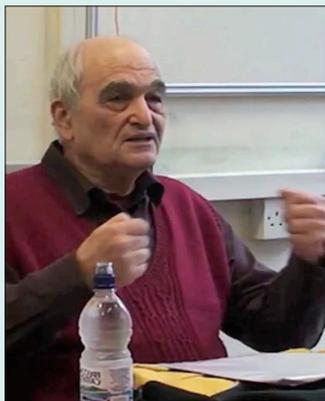


Labour against the witch hunt

Jeremy Corbyn was elected leader of the Labour Party in September 2015. Thousands of new members joined, lapsed ones returned, a radical new manifesto was issued, and the party abandoned Blairism and moved leftwards.

The purge begins . . .

Since then, many hundreds of Party members and applicants have been expelled, suspended or excluded by the Party's unelected officers and 'Compliance Unit'. This is a clear, determined attack on the left by a powerful section of the Party, including its paid officers, which is determined to oppose Corbyn and the manifesto policies. Its undemocratic ruthlessness is the reason we set up LAW—Labour Against the Witchhunt.



LAW Hon President, Prof Moshé Machover, lifelong Israeli socialist, anti-racist, anti-imperialist, anti-zionist, was expelled by Labour's Compliance Unit for alleged anti-semitism and supporting another party. He was only readmitted after national and international protests, and is now engaged with LAW in fighting the witch hunt.

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Who does it target?

- Party members who, it alleges, support organisations it considers incompatible with Labour membership—even to the level of signing a Green Party petition for equal access to TV debates.
- Anti-zionists. It condemns criticism of Israel's brutal oppression of the Palestinians by labelling it anti-semitism. Even Jewish anti-zionists have not escaped the accusation of anti-semitism.
- Any member who the purgists find—after trawling through her/his social media posts—to have used words they consider incompatible with membership: 'traitor', for example. Such Orwellian fervour seems only to be applied to the left; the right can post what it likes with impunity.
- Unsurprisingly, the list of those suspended or expelled for such 'offences' includes many members with the longest and most active records of fighting racism, zionism, and injustice in general. The purge is an echo of McCarthyism and signifies a war against the left and, ultimately, against Corbyn and the manifesto.

LAW calls for

- 1 Implementation of the Chakrabarti Report, which recommends that anyone charged with offences has the right to a fair and prompt hearing. Compliance Unit victims often learn their fate only via the media, and may not even be told what the charges are.
- 2 An end to extended suspensions without a hearing; an end to serving hundreds of pages of 'evidence' and leaving the 'defendant' no time to read it all and prepare a defence.
- 3 Abolition of the Compliance Unit. For accusations against Party members to be dealt with by an elected body.

Of course there will sometimes be legitimate cases of unacceptable behaviour which must be dealt with appropriately; but LAW is opposed to the outrageous cull of left wing Party members on fake charges, often 'auto-excluded' with no right of appeal. We need to be building the Party, not purging it of many of its strongest activists.

- We urge you to support us: join LAW, and encourage others to do so.
- Put a motion to your union or Labour Party organisation asking for it to affiliate to LAW (see model resolution on our website).