

Who wants to be a COVID MARSHALL?

Do you get a uniform? Has anybody seen the job description? Is it like being a traffic warden inside a shop?

But let me tell you about Blair and me. Nineteen years ago we were both in hotels in Brighton preparing to make speeches. His was to the TUC. Mine was what they call a keynote for the University of Brighton School of Education. Watching the telly while getting dressed I saw some planes crashing into buildings. Anyway, I gave my chat. There were a lot of schoolteachers in the hall and I tried to wrap humour around serious points. As usual Blair's government provided ample opportunity for mockery. His reaction to what is called 9/11 was to cancel his speech to the TUC, a relief for him I am sure, and to immediately apply for membership of the Justice League of America. He would stand alongside George W fighting Terror. Afghanistan twice offered to arrest Bin Laden if the US would provide some proof that he was involved in 9/11 but either the US could not do that or the urge to drop bombs and pull triggers was just too strong. The war was no blitzkrieg. Nineteen years later it is still going on.

In 1973 Chile had a 9/11. Have we forgotten Allende? Nixon was President of the USA at the time and Allende's approach to the economy was not approved of. He and his supporters had to be killed or imprisoned so that Pinochet could implement the economic ideas of people at the Chicago School of Economics. In effect Chile was to be a trial run of Thatcherism.

We had a Chile night a few years ago at my local community-run cinema. An old man spoke, held up by his granddaughter. He had to keep resting. Although he had lived in the UK for decades and his family was here our then Home Secretary, name of Theresa May, tried to stop him coming back from a trip to Chile. The reason for his infirmity was torture.

The UK, of course, does not do torture. It is against our values. We do Extraordinary Rendition instead. Much bigger words designed to fool you. Some time ago I decided that our government had invented a new school of political science. I called it ANARCHO/FASCISM. In other words, create chaos to bring about dictatorship. Just what Dominator Cummings has been working for. Who wants to be a BREXIT MARSHALL?

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