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April 2010 What a wonderful week for UK Justice. The completion of a major criminal trial without a Jury..... a supporter comments

One of the fundamental pillars of our system of Justice is that we have the right to be tried by a jury of our peers (ordinary folks like ourselves). This simple requirement is there as one of the defences against being imprisoned or otherwise punished by the establishment.

For some time now we have had summary trials (trials without juries). These were introduced to speed up the process for less serious charges and that fairness would be preserved by lay Magistrates who would bring common sense and natural justice to the proceedings. The problem is that, seeing the same faces every day, the Clerks of the Court, Magistrates and Judges (although they should know better) very quickly identify with the prosecution and so increasingly take their side in proceedings. It seems to me to be a version of the Stockholm syndrome where captives start to identify with their kidnappers. While we might understand this syndrome the result of it is the nonsense we see daily in Magistrates' courts up and down the country where any serious pretence of justice and fairness has been left far behind. Such behaviour is absolutely contrary to any concept of justice and in any case breaches Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Recognising this corruption is one thing, getting something done about it is quite another.

With the completion this week of the first major criminal trial held without a jury we saw a further destruction of Justice in UK. I am not interested here in the guilt or innocence of the people who were tried, I am interested here in the preservation of our Justice system. Perhaps it would be better to describe it as the rebuilding of our Justice system.

Ms. Portia whatever her name was went on about Justice being done without a Jury being there. Our forebears fought and died to establish and preserve trial by jury. I wonder if Ms. Portia has given a thought about why that was necessary. It was just about as naïve a statement as I have heard in a long time.

The reason given for the trial being held without a jury was that the jury members could not be protected from intimidation. So because the Police cannot keep us safe we have been delivered into the hands of a legal system we fought and died to end in which all the establishment have total power. Of course it is said that these non-jury trials will only be for exceptional situations. Yes we have heard that sort of thing before and these protestations and promises have all proved to be hollow. Anyone who believes that this will not go the same road to total corruption as the Summary trial process really should get out more.

Of course getting these pesky ordinary sensible people (juries) out of the legal system is exactly what the Government wants. Keeping the power in the "safe hands" of the judiciary who can be reasonably easily controlled is just what folks like Jack the man of Straw want as they condition us to be sold into the EU's Corpus Juris system.

Someone described the Jury system as a shining light of our legal system. The light has just been extinguished.

In another wonderful bit of judicial complicity, the police have now been given carte blanche, with the backing of the courts, to beat up anyone they like. So this 6'2" well built, well armed and protected bloke was frightened of a slim 5'2" girl wielding a mobile phone& a can of drink!