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Vox Humana, Geneva, Switzerland,

16th Dec 1990, Dear Vox Humana,

I wish to draw your attention to the enclosed letter to the Welsh M.P., Mr Dafydd Wigley, concerning the refusal of the University of Wales to provide me with tenure. I have much fuller details of this case which I can forward to you. In the context of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, I believe my case is an example of denial of work over a prolonged period of time.

Thank you in anticipation,

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OPEN LETTER TO PLAID CYMRU AND SNP

Mr Dafydd Wigley, M. P., Dear Mr Wigley,

As a prominent Welsh Nationalist I wish to draw your attention to the following, and to ask whether Plaid Cymru and the SNP can take up my case in the English and European Parliament until separate Welsh and Scottish Parliaments are established.

- 1) I am a Welsh speaker and a prominent scientist, a graduate of the University of Wales, holder of its highest degree, the D. Sc., a Royal Society of Chemistry double medallist, and author of three hundred and sixty publications in the international literature in my areas of speciality. This compares well with anyone in the University of Wales.
- 2) I am currently at Cornell University, a US Ivy League University, and at Zurich, a prominent European centre of learning, with two Nobel Laureates.
- 3) I have therefore achieved ample international recognition, my current salary is about 70,000 dollars a year.
- 4) I wish to serve the Welsh people in the University of Wales, and have applied on numerous occasions for tenure. Despite having served the University in my earlier career for fifteen years, earning many international honours, I was never given tenure.
- 5) I have been applying for tenure in the University of Wales for nearly sixteen years, since graduating as a Ph. D. in 1974 from Aberystwyth.
- 6) I have personal experience of the way in which tenure is awarded in the University of Wales. For example:
- i) I was improperly offered the post of lecturer by UC Swansea in 1977. The offer was made by telephone by Prof. J. H. Purnell to my then Ph. D. supervisor, Prof. Mansel Davies. The SAME post was simultaneously advertised in the newspapers. Unknown to the applicants and short listed candidates, therefore, the post had already been offered elsewhere (i.e. to me through a third party over the telephone out of the blue). I refused the position offered, and was ultimately forced to leave the university and the UK. Abroad, I have reestablished my career,

but am not able to benefit Wales. Can you ask for an enquiry

into the Swansea incident, and for a rehabilitation of my career? This will right a grave and on going injustice.

ii) During my career at UCW Aberystwyth, several tenured posts in the chemistry department were offered by Prof. J. M. Thomas without any form of advertisement. The University of Wales is therefore able to offer tenure in this way. While this is not improper, in the narrow sense, it obviously deprives everyone of fair assessment, and involves no external candidature.

iii) I have applied several times to UCNW Bangor, where there is supposed to be a Welsh Language rule, but again have been rejected on many occasions. Posts for which I applied have almost invariably been given to English monoglot candidates, thus gravely diluting the College's ability to offer instruction in science in the Welsh language, and diluting the local culture by unnecessary immigration. This appears to me a neo-colonialist policy.

More generally, the University of Wales is flooded by staff and students from outside Wales, and able potential staff and students from inside Wales are excluded. My case is only one of many. UCNW in the past has even refused to provide comparative figures of staff from inside and outside Wales, but there is assuredly a heavy English monoglot majority, hostile to the Welsh language and heritage.

Finally, during my time in the University, I had personal experience of behavioral impropriety, apparently as a result of my political (nationalist) views. These included deprivation of office space, deprivation of basic facilities such as postage and xerox support, and at Aberystwyth considerable personal abuse from Prof. W. J. Jones, who has subsequently been demoted and transferred elsewhere. As a result of being denied tenure by the University of Wales I have suffered considerable hardship, including exile and periods of unemployment. Prof. W. J. Jones was mainly responsible for my effective dismissal, and I question his judgement in view of my good international record since then (1983). My personal output since 1983 has greatly exceeded that of comparable colleagues in the University of Wales.

The University of Wales still continues to deny me tenure, the latest example being this year at UCNW Bangor. I am therefore still denied the right of serving the People of Wales in Wales. Therefore can Plaid Cymru and the SNP take up my case in the English and European Parliaments?

I will copy this letter to Vox Humana in Geneva, in the context of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, specifically the right of Nations to self determination, and the right to work of individuals of small nations.

Finally I urge Plaid Cymru and SNP Governments pro tempore in Wales and Scotland, in order to deal with affairs independently of Westminster and directly with the European Parliament. The latter must recognise Wales Scotland as Member States. I am prepared to serve as scientific advisor such Governments pro tempore. This in statistics which currently show 80% of all Scots wishing devolution, a third wishing complete independence, a third of all Welsh people wishing independence. The Tory Government has never had a mandate to rule in Wales or Scotland, and is heavily outnumbered in each country by opposition M.P.'s. Tory Government in either country is therefore undemocratic and



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HOUSE OF COMMONS

9 Ebrill, 1990

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Annwyl Dr Evans,

Diolch yn fawr i chwi am eich llythyr dyddiedig 29 Marth 1990 ac rwyf wedi nodi ei gynnwys. Byddaf yn cadw hwn ar ffeil ar gyfer fy ngwybodaeth.

Yn gywir iawn,

Dafydd Wigley AS

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(Caernarfon)



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10 Gorffennaf 1990

Llawer o ddiolch i chi am anfon copi o'ch llythyr at Mr Gwyn R Thomas, Cofrestrydd ac Ysgrifennydd Coleg y Brifysgol ym Mangor ataf, ac fe nodaf ei gynnwys.

Diolch i chwi hefyd am adael i mi gael copi o'ch barddoniaeth.

Gyda phob dymuniad da.

Yn gywir iawn

IEUAN WYN JONES

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July 5, 1990,

OPEN LETTER

The Rt. Hon. Mr Alan Williams, M.P., Shadow Secretary of State for Wales, House of Commons, Westminster, London W1A OAA, U.K. of Great Britain, Dear Mr Williams,

The University of Wales has recently been criticised for lack of relevance to people from Wales of an underprivileged background, especially in respect of the large Welsh speaking minority. It is dominated by staff members from outside Wales, a large number of whom are unsympathetic, and at the worst, hostile, to the legitimate aspirations of many of the Welsh people. This is a part of a general trend of uncontrolled immigration which is killing the Welsh language and culture.

I have first hand experience of this hostility, especially in University College of North Wales, Bangor, which still pretends in public to be of "special relevance" to the Welsh speaking MAJORITY of Gwynedd. As a native of the Swansea Valley and a Welsh speaker, and probably among the most prolific of contemporary scientists from Wales, I have been trying for YEARS to obtain a tenured position at this College, the basic recquirement for research and teaching. The blank negativity of response has led me to seek basic livelihood in the United States, where I am currently at one of the premier research Universities of the US, an Ivy League University, Cornell. My output of theoretical work currently compares well with the distinguished staff of this University, among whom are two Nobel laureates.

I have recently become much more sceptical of the claim of UCNW, Bangor to represent the Welsh speaking minority. In a letter of 7th April to the Registrar, Gwyn R. Thomas, I formally applied for a senior position in the chemistry department, following the announcement by Prof. Stirling that he was leaving. I did not receive a reply until 14th June, a delay of over TWO MONTHS. No details of Prof. Stirling's post were sent to me, and in his reply, the Registrar states "Virtually all new

staff in recent years have been engaged only when vacancies have arisen, and at present, THERE ARE NO SUITABLE VACANCIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY APPLY."

In fact, after a telephone call to UCNW two days ago, I discovered that the Chair of Chemistry HAD BEEN ADVERTISED in the British media, and that dates for interviewing of candidates had been set!

To make matters much worse, in his same letter of 14th June, Gwyn Thomas quotes the Welsh language rule, i.e. "...in accordance with our bilingual policy, competence in Welsh also must be considered when "all other things are equal", and in a tour de force of hypocrisy, offered to keep me "informed of suitable vacancies as might arise in future" but, at the same time ".. no matter how distinguished individuals may be who wish to work at Bangor, I am afraid that posts cannot be created simply to accommodate them".

It appears almost impossible for UCNW to avoid the appearance of having resorted to cheap deception in order to prevent me from applying for this post. They have had to admit that I am "distinguished", I have this very word in a letter from Prof. Brown of that College. I have sent them samples of my published poetry in the Welsh language and complete details of my career and scientific publications. Mr Thomas tries his best to explain to me in his letter of 14th June that simple minded "academic excellence" is not enough, not even if I were a Nobel laureate: I also have to be of the right age, a teacher, and to keep my research "in line with declared institutional strategies". I have to wear the right school tie.

It now appears clear to many Welsh people like myself of a minority or underprivileged background that the "declared institutional strategy" of UCNW is to EXCLUDE THEM at every opportunity from a decent education in the Welsh language, or any education at all.

Accordingly I must ask you to write to the Chairman of the Universities Funding Council in an attempt to have the current candidature for the Chair of Chemistry at Bangor properly assessed, giving proper opportunity for qualified Welsh speakers to apply. In reality, the Welsh language at Bangor is treated by many members of staff with pathological hostility, hence the attempts to keep me out. Its Welsh language rule is breached at every opportunity, and is pure hypocrisy.

We need a new University, truly for Wales.

Sincerely, Yn gywir,

(Dr. M. W. Evans)

Myra Evens.

From: Michael Foot MP (Blaenau Gwent)



HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SWIA 0AA

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4th January 1990

Dear Dr. Evans

I have your letter with the enclosure of the letter you have written to the Principal of the Univeristy of Wales. I will have a word with Dafydd Wigley to see what is the situation, but I dc believe these matters are issues for the University to decide and there could well be other applicants for such tenure.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL FOCT

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