

**THE CONSTITUTION** is under threat from Labour and the Liberal Democrats right now. They have been working hand-in-glove to create pseudo-Parliaments for Scotland, Wales and the English regions. This will encourage the break-up of Britain.

The Liberals also want Labour to introduce Proportional Representation, as their price for another Lib-Lab Pact. This means that no single party would ever win a majority of seats in Parliament. *We would always be ruled by weak coalition governments.*

Both Labour and the Conservatives would then be permanently dependent upon much smaller parties – like the Liberals. They would then blackmail the Government in every area of policy, because *they could bring the Government down at any moment without a General Election.*

Under PR, Governments are formed and destroyed in secret backroom deals after the Election, and not by the voters on Election Day.



*Julian with Waterside MP Michael Colvin at Westminster after being selected to fight the new seat.*



*Some of Julian's supporters rallying at Totton Conservative Club for a mass leaflet delivery.*

**CRIME AND PUNISHMENT** are not Liberal Democrat priorities. Their Party Conferences have voted to "decriminalise" cannabis, and to legalise prostitution, brothels and contraception for children.

A secret document, leaked from their Whips Office last year, admitted that: *"Natural liberal dislike of harsh sentencing and excessive policing, and a certain sympathy for those forced into crime through poverty, makes it difficult for the Lib-Dems to appear 'tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime'. Lib-Dems are soft on refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants."*

By contrast, the Conservatives have declared war on drugs – spending some £500 million annually to fight this evil. New proposals will mean sentences of *at least 3 years* for persistent burglars and *at least 7 years* for hard-drug pushers. Second-time crimes of rape or serious assault will lead to *an automatic life sentence.*

**EDUCATION** is the field where Labour and the Liberal Democrats have been proved wrong time and time again. They were deeply hostile to testing, league tables and more choice for parents.

Like Labour, the Lib-Dems want to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme, which enables bright children from poorer homes to attend the best schools in the country. Like Labour, they want to force Grant-Maintained Schools back under Local Education Authority control.

Their answer to educational problems is to throw money at them – money which they do not have. In fact, the real cause of low standards was the subversion of traditional teaching methods by Left-wing "progressives". This has taken us years to overcome. It still dominates many teacher-training colleges and LEAs, with the support of many Opposition politicians.



*Julian and young campaigners on a training mission in post-communist Czechoslovakia.*



*Julian with Michael Colvin MP visiting the Totton and District Disabled Activities Centre.*

**HEALTH AND WELFARE** have benefited from a substantial reduction in waiting lists over the past decade. There has been a corresponding increase in the number of patients treated every year. Yet, problems still remain.

I have grave reservations about the mass closure of mental hospitals. This denies proper care and supervision for the mentally ill.

My other main concern is the the forced sale of family homes to pay for long-term care for the elderly – especially when those who never bought their own homes get the same care anyway. Schemes to tackle this are urgently being considered, together with our new plans for future funding of pensions.