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The spokesman said: 'The BA officials are paid to pass

only for them to be sent back again.'

The Foreign Office maintained that the immigration officers had 'gone to get a feel for things prior to visa issuing'. A spokesman said: 'It was all a misunderstanding. A left-hand, right-hand situation, which was sorted incredibly quickly.'

He added that the

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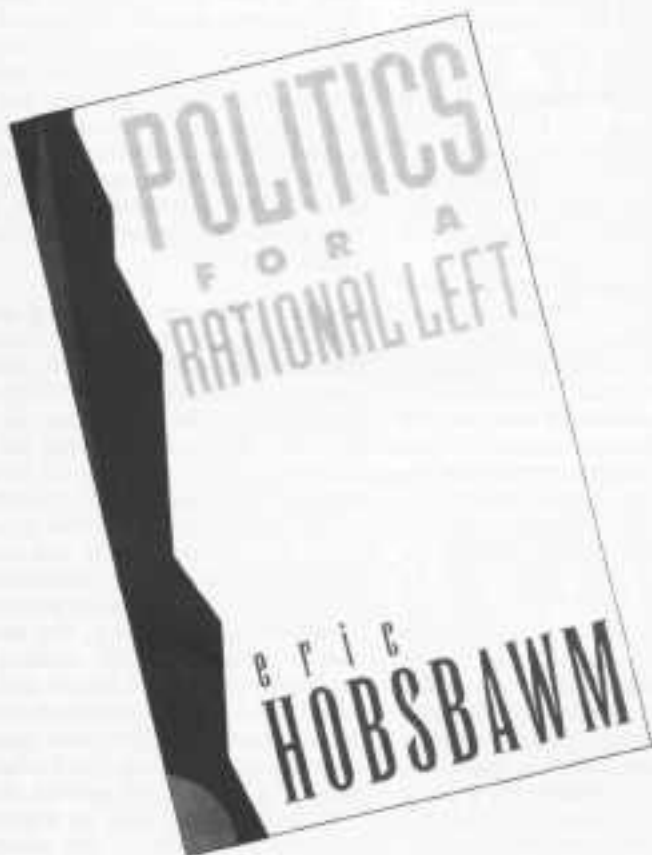
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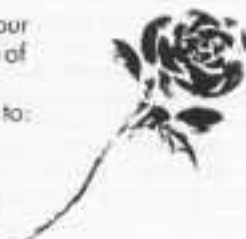
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