

## Mercosur: South America's attempt at emulating the EU

Orwell's "1984" came out in 1948, less than a decade before the official birth of the European Community. In Orwell's vision, three totalitarian super-states, Oceania, Eurasia and Eastasia, were perpetually at war.

The European Community was – is – merely the latest version of the chimera of a single European state that had been pursued in the nineteenth century by writers such as Victor Hugo, by Continental tyrants such as Napoleon, and, in the twentieth century, by German governments led in 1914 by Bethmann-Hollweg and from 1933 to 1945 by Hitler.

Consciously or not, the European Union was built on similar assumptions: that the post-war world would consist of huge "blocs", competing for resources and markets, and that European states were destined to amalgamate into a single state.

In the Eurocrats' world-view, North America constituted one bloc, Europe another, while to the East, (the Soviet Union, its first candidate, having failed) China would exercise hegemony over the Asian land-mass.

South American countries became in turn infected by the disease of "bloc-ism". As with the European Union, the first step was to institute a "single market/customs union". Mercosur, the contraction of Spanish/Portuguese for "common market of the south", came into being

Mercosur: Member-States 2012 data <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Population m.	GDP US\$ bn <sup>2</sup>	Freedom Rank <sup>3</sup>	Average Import Tariff %
Brazil	198	2,400	114th	7.9
Argentina	41	743	166th	5.6
Venezuela	30	402	175th	8.6
Paraguay	7	41	78th	4.5
Uruguay	3	54	38th	3.8

1. Data in "2014 Index of Economic Freedom", The Heritage Foundation, Washington  
2. At PPP  
3. World ranking in The Heritage Foundation 2014 Index of Economic Freedom

in 1991. Brussels took to invoking Mercosur as proof that "bloc-ism" was the future, and as confirmation – despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary from almost everywhere else in the world – that customs unions actually "worked".

Unfortunately for Brussels, Mercosur hasn't so far managed to implement the key, indispensable feature of a working customs union: a common single external tariff.

Average tariffs in the five current Mercosur states differ widely: Venezuela's is over twice as high as Uruguay's; so is Brazil's. (There is no South American "single currency" either). As for Mercosur's overall competitiveness, its members' "freedom rankings" are still pretty feeble. In the rest of the world, independent nation-states hardly ever rely on customs unions for their international trading arrangements,

preferring the now almost ubiquitous free trade agreements ("FTAs").

It was just about possible, in the early days of the "Common Market", to claim that highly-regulated customs unions provided participants superior economic outcomes compared to the alternatives. By, say, the 1980s, that argument was already looking threadbare. To argue today that customs unions provide superior economic outcomes is just another example of the triumph of hope over experience.

Curiously enough, the EU itself, bowing to geopolitical reality, in its trading relationships with the non-EU world, will very soon have free trade agreements with 139 countries, practically a clean sweep of the 159-country membership of the World Trade Organisation.

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# The Magna Carta and its influence on constitutional matters

Sir Robert Worcester KBE,DL

As President Obama observed in 2011 in a speech to the British Parliament: “our system of justice, customs and values stemmed from our British forefathers”.

“Our relationship is special because of the values and beliefs that have united our people throughout the ages.

“Centuries ago, when kings, emperors and warlords reigned over much of the world, it was the English who first spelled out the rights and liberties on man in the Magna Carta.”

There were many myths about the Magna Carta. That it was only a fight between the barons and the King.

It was the beginning of the spread of modern democracy. Magna Carta (1215) was the overturning for the first time of ‘divine rule’ (King John, and somewhat later, King George III’s power over the American colonialists), the beginning of representative democracy, as Lord Judge, the former Lord Chief Justice of the UK recently quoted: “*Nullum scutagium vel auxilium ponatur in regno nostro, nis per commune consilium regni nostri*”, which roughly translates into ‘No taxation without representation’.

Magna Carta enshrines the Rule of Law. It limited the power of authoritative rule. It paved the way for trial by jury, modified through the ages as the franchise was extended.

The World Justice Project uses a working definition of the rule of law based on four universal principles, derived from internally accepted principles, a system where four universal principles are upheld.

1. The government and its officials and agents as well as individuals and private entities are accountable under the law.

2. The laws are clear, publicised, stable and just, applied evenly and protect fundamental rights including the security of persons and property.

3. The process by which the laws are enacted, administered and enforced is accessible, fair and efficient.

4. Justice is delivered timely by competent, ethical and independent representatives and neutrals who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

The World Justice Project Rule of Law Index measures countries on nine factors:

Constraints on Government Powers, UK 10th

Absence of Corruption, UK 15th

Open Government, UK 9th

Order and Security, UK 15th

Fundamental Rights, UK 23rd

Regulatory Enforcement, UK 10th

Civil Justice, UK 14th

Criminal Justice, UK 14th

Informal Justice, UK 14th

Tests of countries are undertaken annually <sup>1</sup>.

Scandinavian countries are ranked higher than the UK, whereas Hong Kong is rated 9th on Absence of Corruption, Japan is 11th and Germany 12th, while the UK is 15th.

While on Fundamental Rights including sub-factors of Right to Life and Security, Due Process, Rights to Privacy, Freedom of Religion, Labour Rights, Freedom of Expression, Equal Treatment and Freedom of Association, the Czech Republic is 11th, Estonia 12th and Slovenia 13th all rated above the UK at 15th.

Magna Carta proclaimed certain religious liberties, “*The English Church shall be free*”

Magna Carta was England’s greatest export, now affecting the lives of nearly two billion people in over 100 countries throughout the world.

For centuries it has influenced constitutional thinking worldwide including in many Commonwealth

countries, and even in France, Germany, Japan, throughout Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Over the past 800 years, denials of Magna Carta’s basic principles have led to a loss of liberties, of human rights and even genocide taking place yesterday, this morning, today and tomorrow.

It is an exceptional document on which all democratic society has been constructed, described by a former German Ambassador as “The Foundation of Democracy”.

Thirty-eight years ago in all its splendour the House of Common’s Speaker and House of Lord’s Speaker, MPs, Peers, Law Lords, Ambassadors, High Commissioners and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, met with the senior members of the American Senate assembled in the 1,000 year old Palace of Westminster’s Westminster Hall to hand over the Lincoln 1215 Magna Carta to the Library of Congress in the Autumn of 2014, to be displayed in the Rotunda of the Congress of the United States.

This time the plan is to have the Supreme Court organised ‘mock trial’ with judges, jury and advocates, mainly from Commonwealth countries, judging barons and bishops in the dock on the charge of treason, telecast and broadcast on BBC World.

This will be on 31st July 2015, the night before the Supreme Court Magna Carta Exhibition opens for August and September.

1) [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org)

Source: This is an extract of a speech delivered at the Freedom Zone in Birmingham during the Conservative conference on 29th October 2014. Sir Robert Worcester is the Chairman of the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Commemoration Committee.

## A dinosaur speaks out

by Derek Stirling

The term dinosaur has been used on many occasions to describe the author Godfrey Bloom, who points out that there is nothing wrong with dinosaurs. They dominated the earth for 120 million years, whereas political correctness has managed only 15 years so far.

He explains that the object of this book is to explain to the layman why their standard of living has stagnated and why their children and grandchildren cannot now expect to automatically enjoy a better life.

Furthermore, why political parties are never brought to account due to a High Court Judgement that a political party manifesto cannot be held in law to be in anyway binding on a subsequently elected administration

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**A Dinosaur's Guide to  
Libertarianism**  
by *Godfrey Bloom*

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and how if that ruling was applied to ordering a car or a meal the reaction of the person paying for it, if they did not receive what they had ordered.

In a witty way he exposes the political system and how it is designed

to control the people it is supposed to be representing by using the fear factor to gain more rules and regulation governing the lives of the ordinary people.

Incorporating the environmental con trick and the financial trickery used to confuse people as well as the way that drivers are unfairly penalised by various forms of taxation. This book will be of interest to all those who believe in democracy and cannot understand why their elected representatives behave the way they do.

The EU is not forgotten, especially the way that the rule of English law and Magna Carta has been undermined and is being slowly removed for the sake of our EU membership.

## Power relationships in the nation state

A well known and trusted author explains the reality of power relationships in the nation state.

In this book he evaluates the term democracy and how it is interpreted by the people the government and the organisations that are supposed to be upholding this ideology.

He argues that the idea that institutions are the substance of democracy and that once put into place democracy will follow is completely wrong as it is only people power that creates true democracy, as democracy should serve the people and not the state.

Furthermore, how inheritance tax has ensured that future generations live in smaller or worse housing conditions than their forebears. Example being that in terms of square metres, sixty years ago British homes had a greater floor space than any other people in Europe, today it is reversed. The reduction in size is also as a result of builders trying to maximise profit for shareholders by making the homes

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**The Democratic Imperative**  
by *Robert Corfe*

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smaller, saving production costs.

He also makes an in-depth analysis of how financial power has come to subjugate democracy.

The effect of cultural differences including birth rates and fertility rates are investigated showing how certain races are prone to over-population which is a result of their culture rather than their race.

Taking information from the British Census published in 2012, he shows that the population of England and Wales increased by 3.7 million

representing a 7% increase between 2001-2011. 70% of this increase was due to migration, and in London only 45% of the population were white English.

The idea of a classless society is looked into showing how this is impossible to achieve. This is because a society forms its own interests and characteristics, or more correctly, it is formed by the socio-economic circumstances over which its subjects have little or no control. Resulting in the emergence of a class - even though it may be the only class in that particular community.

In this book Robert Corfe lays out the reasons why the left/right divide has become a hindrance rather than a help to socio-political and economic progress.

He clearly shows that democracy as an all-inclusive system of government is only workable within the nation state and how this partly explains the crises in the EU and the shortcomings of the United Nations Security Council.

# The mysterious cancellation of Black Arrow

*Extract of a chapter on the mysterious cancellation of Black Arrow in a new book coming out shortly "The EU: A Corporate Racket" by David Barnby*

**W**as Britain's abandonment of its space programme part of the entry price to the EEC?

Black Arrow was a three-stage rocket designed to launch satellites and capable of putting payloads of about 100 kg into low-earth orbit.

It was conceived in 1964 by the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE) and was essentially a modification of the 1950s Black Knight sounding rocket. It was expected that after the cancellation of Blue Streak (a medium range ballistic missile) in 1960, Black Arrow would keep the United Kingdom in space at a modest level of expenditure until costs of a larger rocket capable of launching satellites into synchronous orbit might later be justified.

The small size of Black Arrow indicated there was little will by the Wilson Government for a British space programme in the late 1960s – the small budget of just £9 million left little leeway for trial and error during development. Five Black Arrows were, however, built and four were successfully launched into space at the Woomera test range in Australia, the first in 1968.

When a Conservative Government replaced Labour in 1970, Black Arrow and the space programme became the target of cuts. A Parliamentary Select Committee on the future of the British space effort was due to meet in June 1971, but before the Committee could report, the decision to cancel had been taken precipitously on 24th May 1971, according to a Minute by the Lord Privy Seal's Office dated 27th May 1971.

The official reason given was that the programme was too costly at £1,000 per day. However, the timing of the cancellation, and the fact that negotiations to join the Common Market were in their final delicate

stages, raises the suspicion that Britain's space programme was sacrificed (there was no other British launcher being considered) to please the French.

The interests of the fishing industry had already been threatened in negotiations, by the Government's negotiators agreeing that all Community vessels would have the same right of access to British waters as British vessels. This could only get worse as more nations joined the Community, as proved to be the case when, periodically, British fishing vessels had to be scrapped to safeguard stocks from over-fishing.

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which in effect meant Britain subsidising French farmers, together with common access to fishing grounds, was a high price in itself to buy into membership of the EEC. That Britain should be required to abandon its space programme as well would need to be hushed up for fear that the total package would be unacceptable to Parliament and the public.

As it was, perhaps to the embarrassment of the Heath Government, the last Black Arrow worked perfectly on 28th October 1971 (after cancellation had already been decided and made public), launching 'Prospero', Britain's first satellite into orbit. It was placed into a 50,000 km orbit and will continue to circle the Earth every 100 minutes for years to come. With the correct equipment it is said, the satellite's radio transmitter can be 'heard' transmitting on 137.56 MHz. So what was the sequence of events that led to the untimely demise of Britain's short-lived space programme?

When Heath came to power on the 18th June 1970, Black Arrow was well into its programme of development. However, less than a month after the

election, it looked like the new Conservative Government were less than enthusiastic about 'space'. The first indication of this is a plea from an anxious Colonel R.W. Millo of the Ministry of Technology who seems to have got wind of the threat to Black Arrow.

In a letter addressed to R.A. Neate, Head of Space Administration Branch, dated 15th July 1970, Col. Millo wrote that: '*... the relatively little cost of the space technology programme, has already enabled the UK to attain some notable successes in international contracts and helped to sustain our credibility as a forward looking technological nation*'. His letter records the small amount spent in comparison with France, Germany and Japan.

Several hand-written notes in the file, essentially kick Col. Millo's promotion of Black Arrow 'into the long grass', and the appeal 'falls on deaf ears' and is ignored.

Then Maurice Macmillan MP, son of Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister until his resignation in 1964, in response to the new government's spending review, is recommending cost cutting in technology. In a memorandum to John Davies, Minister of Technology, dated 3rd August 1970, Macmillan writes: '*we should take as our aim a 50% saving in the Technological Support Programme*'. Macmillan, although generally supportive of space projects, reveals that Black Arrow was under review, thus justifying Col. Millo's disquiet.

This would seem to confirm that the new regime had an antipathy towards matters technical. In his memorandum, Macmillan added that it was the business of private industry to finance high-tech ventures. The scene was then set to argue that the Black Arrow

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# Cancellation of Black Arrow

programme was too costly, and this led to the decision to cancel, as we have seen earlier, on 24th May 1971.

However, the records show the Government's, and in particular the Foreign Office's, need to conceal the cancellation from the French (or was the real reason to conceal it from the British public) for a few weeks until negotiations to enter the EEC were completed.

In a memorandum by B.T. Gilmore, Private Secretary to the Lord Privy Seal dated 27th May 1971, he refers to the Prime Minister's requests regarding Black arrow:

*'The Prime Minister has seen the minutes of the meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Science and Technology which the Lord Privy Seal [Earl Jellicoe] chaired on 24th May No.2 (71), 1st Meeting. He noted that it was proposed, following the replacement of Black Arrow, that we should rely on the American 'Scout Launcher' and that this should be explained to the French, who have a launcher of their own (the Diamant), before the [general] announcement.'*

*'The Prime Minister has asked that no further action [regards cancellation] should be taken on this, and in particular no approach made to the French until he has had an opportunity to look into this further with the Lord Privy Seal.....'*

What was it that prompted the fear that the French should learn about the cancellation? In retrospect it seems very odd that the French should have coincidentally and unexpectedly, shown interest in Black Arrow just as cancellation had been decided (24th May), an interest which appeared to be unwelcome to the British Government and being described as *'embarrassing'*.

The interest came through a letter dated 25th May 1971 from General Aubiniere, Directeur General of the Centre National D'études Spatiales, sent to a Mr Goodson calling for a joint programme employing their own 'Diamant' launcher in combination with 'Black Arrow'.

The timing of the proposed venture

is interesting, in that the letter was written just 4 days after the conclusion of the famed Heath/Pompidou talks held in Paris on 20th and 21st May.

By July, negotiations in Brussels with the 'Six' on the terms of EEC entry were successfully concluded. This was the cue for the Prime Minister to declare at a 7th July 1971 meeting that concealment of the cancellation of Black Arrow from the French was no longer required

*'Now that Common Market negotiations are over; and relations with the French are more friendly, there is no reason to conceal what we are really thinking .....[cancellation of Black Arrow]'.*

This is revealing. In the same meeting Heath announces that the French have called off their proposed rocket collaboration with Britain: *'... nor have the French any further use for Black Arrow'*. It looks so much like the three events are related – agreement on terms of entry, loss of interest by the French in Black Arrow and the need for concealment of the cancellation from the French, called off.

The Heath meeting minutes irritably add, that Black Arrow is *'... a political embarrassment'*. It is a surprising comment for a Prime Minister to make about a project which was generally considered successful and good value for money that had the potential to pave the way for a home grown space industry. Was the callous remark made as part of an operation to denigrate Black Arrow, and divert minds from a possible alternative reason for its cancellation?

This would leave France, free from British competition, to go on and develop a very successful and profitable series of launchers based on the cancelled (in 1960) British Blue Streak rocket, which design became the basis for France's successful Ariane series of rockets.

While the French 'got into space', Heath received the EU's most coveted award – the Charlemagne Prize and the money that went with it.

In response to a written question by

the Rt. Hon. Frederick Corfield, Minister of State for Trade and Industry: *'.... Plans to launch the X3 satellite on a Black Arrow vehicle later this year have been confirmed. But it has been decided that the Black Arrow launcher programme will be terminated once that launch has taken place.'*

*'We have come to this decision on Black Arrow mainly because the maintenance of a national programme for launchers of a comparatively limited capability both unduly limits the scope of the national space technology programme and absorbs a disproportionate share of the resources available for that programme.....'*

A rather bland statement, considering there was no other rocket launcher planned, and as to the expense, the Black Arrow programme had been implemented on a very tight budget and future government contributions if the project had continued would have been just £1000/day.

Whether or not General Aubiniere himself was a bona fide collaborator, the reader may agree that the evidence presented here leads to the strong possibility that the French collaborate initiative was no more than a diversionary tactic. A tactic invented solely to distract those who might, otherwise have suspected a 'sell out' of Black Arrow which could have jeopardised Heath's quest to merge Britain into a federal Europe.

In 1971 Heath's Government needed to convince a very sceptical public (3 to 1 against entry) to support Britain's entry prior to the first reading in Parliament of the ECA(72) Bill (scheduled for the Autumn). So covering up the real reason for cancellation was vital.

There is no direct evidence supporting the notion that Black Arrow was cancelled to appease the French, but there appears the occasional passage in the documentation, which could be inferred as supporting the theory.

# Cameron's Government confirms its £50 billion spend on EU membership

In response to a written question from the independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, the Government has confirmed that by the end of the current financial year, it will have spent more than £50 billion (net) on contributions to the EU budget, since David Cameron came to power.

Commenting on the Government's response, Lord Stoddart said: "As ever with EU costs, the figures are colossal. We must put this enormous figure against the austere background of the last 4-5 years, in which we have seen public services cut to the bone and standards of living fall as people have lost their jobs or faced long term pay freezes.

"We also have to put it against a background of a Government that is always telling us it wants to cut the cost of the EU. The reality is that the

costs are constantly rising and the EU is ever greedy for more, as we have seen with its outrageous recent demand for an extra £1.7 billion.

£50 billion on belonging to the EU, an organisation whose objectives are inimical to our long term interests and which does so much damage to our Parliamentary democracy and economic future is simply not sustainable."

## EU Budget: Contributions

**Lord Stoddart of Swindon:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the total amount of the United Kingdom net contributions paid to the European Union budget in the years 2010–13 inclusive; what is the estimated total for 2014; and how those contributions are financed.

## The Commercial Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Deighton) (Con):

The United Kingdom's net contributions to the EU Budget over the period 2009-10 to 2013-14 were £41.1 billion. The current forecast for 2014-15 by the Office for Budget Responsibility is £9.1 billion.

All data can be found in Table C.1 of HM Treasury's Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses of July 2014<sup>1</sup>.

Contributions to the EU Budget are financed from Traditional Own Resources (mainly customs duties and sugar levies), contributions based on a hypothetical harmonised VAT base, and Gross National Income based contributions (*Hansard 17/11/2014*).

1) <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-expenditure-statistical-analyses-2014>.

## Italian mafia and the hidden side of immigration

It has been announced that the Italian Police have recently arrested 37 people relating to a mafia network in Rome that is said to have targeted immigrants in Roma. By using Rome's programmes to help the city's most vulnerable, it is alleged that they have made millions of euros.

A statement issued by the chief prosecutor said,

"We have identified the criminal organisation that we call Mafia Capitale, which is Roman, without links to other southern mafias, but uses mafia methods".

The Italian news agency *Ansa* has also reported that the scam has reached the highest levels of local government.

The mob group spearheaded by

Massimo Carminati, a former member of the far-right terror group NAR is said to be involved.

In a 2013 wire-tapped recording Salvatore Buzzi (Carminati's deputy) is said to have overheard saying, "Do you have any idea how much I make on these immigrants?"

"We closed this year with a turnover of €40 million but ... our profits all came from the gypsies [Roma people], on the housing emergency and on the immigrants".

He is said to have added that "Drug trafficking is not as profitable," adding that they didn't make any money in other sectors.

Rome's former centre-right mayor Gianni Alemanno until June last year is

among the 100 or so under investigation, Alemanno has denied the charges, but he is thought to have received some €40,000 in kick-backs from Carminati's mob group.

Magistrates have so far seized some €200 million in assets in a racket that largely targeted immigrant and refugee reception centres.

Ignazio Marino Rome's current mayor appointed Politano to the post of corruption tsar, but it now appears that he may also have been involved.

In a further report, *Ansa* has suggested that a cabinet secretary under the former centre-left mayor Walter Veltroni coordinated the immigration scheme with the mob group.

# A forecast fulfilled

Anthony Scholefield

Speaking in Berlin on the 13th November about the costs of immigration, John Major said he noticed the downward effect on the wages of the lowest British wage earners, and the effects of crowding in more people with no capital.

*“But the sheer scale of the influx has put strains on our health, housing and education services that we struggle to meet – and has held down wages.”*

*“But I do recognise, reluctantly, that one small island cannot absorb the present and projected numbers at the current speed. It is not physically or politically possible without huge public disquiet.”*

He is, therefore, fulfilling the forecast I made in 2007 following the warning of Professor Borjas, the Harvard professor and expert on immigration.

As Professor Borjas, the famous US writer on immigration, concludes in his discussion of the US situation:

*The dangers also arise because there are powerful interest groups that gain substantially from current immigration policy. And these groups seem unable – or are unwilling – to see the cost the immigration imposes on other segments of society, and have considerable financial incentives and resources to influence the course of*

*debate and to ensure that the current policy remains in place.*

*The adverse effects of the second Great Migration will not go away simply because some people do not wish to see them. They will continue to accumulate. In the short run, these interest groups will likely succeed in delaying the day of reckoning. In the long run, their impact is much more perilous.*

[George J. Borjas, *Heaven’s Door*; Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999, p.212]

The effects of immigration on wages are, therefore, not likely to trouble the elite and the political classes, because they are insulated from them.

No British analysis of the distribution of the depressing effects of immigration on different categories of income earners or wealth holders has been attempted. It is, however, harder for the elites to insulate themselves from the impact of immigration on wealth. One can, therefore, forecast that there will be a response from the elites to crowding-in – from which they cannot insulate themselves. Areas that could trigger a change in sentiment would include public transport, crowding, road congestion, water shortages, overcrowding in housing, the impact of new housing on the

environment, and the appropriation by the state of higher taxes to fund more schools, hospitals, etc.

Even if the elites are not personally too affected, the impact on wealth is spread much more widely among voters than is the effect of wage depression, so this is likely to produce more reaction from politicians.

[Anthony Scholefield, *Warning: Immigration can seriously damage your wealth*, The Social Affairs Unit, pp.9/10 - available from the June Press £6 each]

John Mayor has accepted the basic accounting and economic truths of immigration, even if he ‘hates’ to do so. Immigration drives down the wages of competing labour to the benefit of capitalists and complementary labour and it also has enormous capital costs which are paid for by natives.

To fully equip one average immigrant with his appropriate share of assets – as at 2004 values - to operate in Britain requires the savings of that immigrant for the next 150 years (exclusive of interest effects). But, of course, in those 150 years natives will dramatically increase their assets per head so immigrants can never catch up.

This is all extremely basic accounting. Why did it take Major so long to recognise reality?

## Power supply

National Grid has warned that its capacity to supply electricity this winter will be at a seven-year low due to generator closures and breakdowns.

According to National Grid, spare electrical capacity which was 17%

only three years ago, ran at about 5% over last winter but will be nearer 4% this year.

However, they have a contingency plan in place to manage supply, this plan will include paying big firms to

switch off on cold winter evenings.

The cost to UK business is not mentioned, let alone the ever increasing EU restrictions as to why so many electrical supply plants are no longer available for use in the UK.

## Renegotiation almost

It appears from a recent survey that most British businesses want the UK to renegotiate its relationship with the EU.

The survey carried out by the British Chamber of Commerce (BCC) said that 60% of the 3,200 firms polled

believed in returning some powers back to Britain would help the economy.

However, there is a down side, in that most said they wanted to stay in the EU, with a majority saying leaving would damage UK business prospects.

The survey did not say how many members were only trading in the EU.

In other words just like David Cameron who wants to stay in the EU, they want to negotiate with their hands tied. Meanwhile, Labour and Lib-Dems just want to stay in.

# The French (*La Grande Nation*) and the United Kingdom

It appears that the French ruling class has already “integrated” Brexit (*British exit from the EU*), into its geopolitical assumptions

One of the good things about living in Britain is that another wonderful country is just on our doorstep: France.

France’s economic and political travails are well known. They will pass. Meanwhile, the real France, visible in so many ways, continues. Here, in no particular order, are just a few examples:-

Local democracy - Every town, village and hamlet in France has a mayor and councillors directly elected by residents. This may be why most French towns, villages and hamlets are so well run. (At regional and national levels one can argue there’s too much democracy, but that’s another story.) Vigorous local democracy may also help to explain French citizens’ confidence in and support, despite its many defects, for their state: “*l’Etat*”.

Television and Radio - French television (both the state and private channels) - is going through a golden age: zippy, adventurous, informative, enquiring, funny, serious, irreverent. Current affairs/politics are treated at length and in depth, “*C’est dans l’air*” on TV5 and documentaries on LCP and the Franco-German channel Arte being notable examples. Radio, on both the state and private stations, is similarly impressive. The same can be said of partially-subsidised French cinema, which, in the context of the current EU negotiations on the Trans-Atlantic Trade & Investment Treaty, France is rightly determined to protect.

Provincial museums - Dozens of provincial museums (in Aix-en-

Provence and Rouen to mention just two) have extraordinary collections of paintings and sculpture – and you don’t have to queue to get in. Hundreds more, specialising in clocks or porcelain or sea-shells or whatever, are sprinkled liberally throughout the Hexagon.

Health service - Quite simply superb, as any Brit who has had to use it knows.

Road network - Impressive: not just the motorways but the *routes nationales* and *routes départementales* as well.

Mathematicians - French ones are second only to Americans as winners of the Fields Prize, the equivalent of the Nobel for that discipline.

Urbanisme - The French meaning goes beyond that of “town planning” to include street furniture, road signs, flower displays, restored buildings and facades, trams and buses, lighting, pedestrian precincts, markets etc etc – everything that makes their cities a pleasure to be in.

Armed & Special Forces - Gaullist traditions of national independence tend to inform the deployment of French forces. Their recent success (against jihadists in Mali, and rebels in the Central African Republic), and the decision not to join Blair & Bush in invading Iraq, are two examples. The jury is still out on their (and the UK’s) role in Afghanistan and Libya.

Emergency Services - Outstanding, a mixture of full-time professionals and volunteers.

French people - Contrary and contradictory: brilliant, inventive, courteous, highly-educated, hard-working, creative, diligent, wayward,

disciplined, adventurous, cussed, intellectual, not afraid of *grands projets*.

## France & Europe: the Future

Supra-national European union may have looked like a good idea to many in France in the fifties and sixties (though not to General de Gaulle). Then, France was still recovering, psychologically and materially, from the Second World War, modernising its economy and grappling with painful de-colonisation. More than half a century on, French governments and the French electorate are disenchanted with the EU. France will not put up with Brussels for ever.

The French ruling class has already “integrated” Brexit into its geopolitical assumptions. When the rest of the EU breaks up, France, by virtue of her history, her geography, her idea of herself, will be the central, indispensable core of whatever new “Europe” emerges. Once the EU goes, another type of European framework or structure or arrangement will come into being – looser than that of the EU. No other large country – not Italy, not Spain, not Poland – can re-invent a credible Continental successor grouping to the EU, not even, for well-known historical reasons, Germany. *La Grande Nation* is the only one that can undertake that task - with, one hopes, the wholehearted support – and participation – of the British.

Source: *Global Britain briefing note “La Grand Nation” No 94, 12th September 2014.*  
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## Euro stagnation

According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation (OECD) the euro may be stuck in persistent stagnation.

Furthermore, they have said that insufficient policy stimulus could be undermining potential growth, and risks deflation in the eurozone.

Meanwhile, the economy group has said that the US and the UK are expected to grow more strongly in comparison.



# Moldova – German Europe buys another election in Eastern Europe

Rodney Atkinson

German Foreign Policy reports that, after national elections in Moldova (another area of traditional Russian influence, 5% Russian and 8% Ukrainian, whose 75% Moldovan population speak Romanian) three parties – each supported and ideologically influenced by German “political foundations” – achieved a majority so that the country will move further towards takeover by the ever expanding European Union – or “German Europe” as I have long called it. Certainly the overwhelming recent German manipulations in Ukraine, Romania and Moldova now prove it without doubt!

This comes a few weeks after neighbouring Romania was similarly blessed by the electoral victory of a German backed political party.

The Moldovan election was seriously manipulated when one of the parties which opposed moves towards the EU and of course was NOT aided by German “support” but was pro Russian and heading for some 18% of the vote, was excluded from the election and some voting papers were excluded from the count. One political party suddenly arose from nowhere using similar logos and names to

another party and taking votes from the opposition (but staying under the percentage required to get into parliament). Thus they helped the EU friendly coalition in to power!

The three extremely well funded German Foundations are each attached to the three main German Parties – the Christian Democrats (the Konrad Adenauer Foundation) the Social Democrat Party (the Friedrich Ebert Foundation) and the Free Democratic Party (the Friedrich Naumann Foundation). They are active throughout Europe and indeed throughout the world, funded by the German State and promoting the political and economic beliefs of their respective parties. The Friedrich Naumann foundation supports a Moldovan Party which supports joining Romania, even though only some 15 % of Moldovans support such a move.

Moldova, like other “Eastern Partnership” countries which are being tempted by EU funds (including substantial monies from the UK’s £18 billion/pa EU contribution!) away from their traditional association with Russia, has received over €150m since 2009 – for a tiny population of 3.5

million! Despite initial support for EU membership Moldovan support for Berlin/Brussels has now fallen by a half to only 35% while 43% want to turn to Moscow.

Moreover, the above gross manipulations of the democratic process excluded any prospect of the people’s will being reflected in the parties elected to parliament! What a taste of ‘democracy’ these poor benighted eastern Europeans are getting!!

As in Ukraine the ubiquitous Oligarchs – individuals controlling vast areas of post communist privatised industries – are everywhere influencing the political process and fitting so well into the corporatist supranational power play of Washington and Berlin.

A spokeswoman for the German Greens even had the nerve to say that “The vote shows that the Moldovans want the rule of law, the removal of corruption and modernisation”. Well it is certainly European “modernity” – no respect for nationhood, contemptuous of democracy, pushing EU hegemony ever further to the East and a ruthless belief that the EU imperialist end justifies the corporatist fascist means!

## Cost of the Single Market

Many rigorous cost-benefit analyses of the net cost to the UK economy of EU membership have been carried out between 2000 and 2013. These are the conclusions of ten such analyses.

A plausible conservative estimate from these indicates a net cost to the UK economy arising from its EU membership of around 10% of UK GDP.

UK GDP at current prices in 2012 was £1,562 billion. Ten per cent of that is £156 billion - the estimated net cost to the UK economy of EU membership

in that year alone.

The logic of the assertion by business supporters of EU membership - that the UK is in the EU to “get access” to the Single Market - is that such access costs the British economy, net £156 billion a year.

The value of goods and services exports to the EU in 2012 was £150 billion.

Following through the inexorable logic of the assertion that the UK is in the EU to “get access” to the Single Market, one pounds worth of UK goods exported to the EU involves a

cost (borne by the UK economy) of £1.04. An unsustainable export tariff of (156/150) 104% .

[If the definition of “exports” is expanded to include exports of goods and service plus receipts of income, the corresponding UK figure in 2012 would be £269 billion instead of £156 billion. The export tariff becomes (156/269) 58%..

*Source: Global Britain Briefing Note No 98, 26th September 2014, “The Hidden Cost of Exporting to the EU”.*

# LETTERS

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## Communism in a new cloak

Dear Sir,

Much has been made of the celebrations concerning the destruction of the wall dividing East and West Germany. The inference of these celebrations is that communism was defeated by the destruction of the wall and East Germans were freed from the Honeker communist totalitarianism. Significantly, it was Gorbachev who allowed the removal of the wall and is seen as the prime mover of detente between East and West.

It should be remembered however, that it was Gorbachev, whilst in power, who assured the Soviet Praesidium that the world was moving towards a new world, the world of communism. He likened Perestroika to the French revolution. Lenin defined the march of global communism as phases of hot water and cold water, both being of relentless progress towards world communism.

Vladimir Bukovsky, the former political prisoner of the cold war in Russia, wrote in 2004, ...“For anyone remotely familiar with the Soviet system, its similarity with the developing structures of the European Union with its endemic corruption, bureaucracy and total democratic deficit, is indeed striking. Once again we see with growing horror, the emergence of a Leviathan, a monster which destroys scores of nations, impoverishes millions and devastates generations. Is the human race bent upon self-destruction? The EU is simply a clone of the USSR imposed upon reluctant nations of Europe by the same political forces which created the first one”..

It seems incontrovertible that with the destruction of the Berlin wall, East

Germany merely escaped from one prison camp to a larger prison camp, the EU, and a camp which now encompasses twenty eight captive nations. The continuing charade of a parliament wherein Commission's diktats always win the day, the unaccountable expenditure of vast amounts of money which have evaded the auditors' approval for nineteen years and the supremacy of highly politicised European law over national law, all resemble the totalitarianism of the old USSR exactly. There is of course, the added obscenity of Britain's daily contribution to its enslavement of £55 million per day!

M.M. Henderson  
Glasgow

## Article 50: Good or Bad?

Dear Sir,

Ken Worthy's letter in the last issue is based on what he THINKS as opposed to what Richard North KNOWS and I know who I would rather believe!

Article 50 is NOT a trap but offers the legitimate and responsible way to negotiate our way out of the EU. On the other had Ken Worthy advocates the irresponsible 'nuclear option', of repealing the ECA 1972, the 'fall out' from which would bring so much uncertainty in so many areas of our lives it is madness to even consider this course of action.

Leaving the EU is not about 'thinking' but about 'knowing' what is required. We will need cool calm heads to negotiate our new relationship with the EU. This will not be a time for any macho muscle flexing as there are far too many things which will need to be resolved if we are not to disrupt our domestic and business lives as we seek

to free ourselves from 40 years of integration into the EU.

NIALL WARRY  
Somerset

## Pay and politicians

Dear Sir,

In an article in the *New York Times*, Tony Blair, the war mongerer has suggested that politicians are under paid compared with other professions.

Perhaps it is the other professions that are overpaid compared with the ordinary people!

SAMANTHA KENNEDY  
London

## Lights out!

Dear Sir,

These days we hear lots of comments today about energy supply and the cost to the environment.

We should remember that if the lights go out in the UK then this will be a direct result of EU membership and not as a result of the effects on the environment.

The EU appears to think that it runs the world the reality is that the EU is a tiny almost unimportant sector of the world.

Saving the planet is the cry but in truth the planet can easily accommodate change and has done so for millions of years, if it had not changed we would not be able to live on it.

We hear a lot about the dangers of rising sea levels and the damage it causes, but we forget that the sea has been much higher than it is now.

A few years ago it was the dangers of drought, when will we learn?

RUSSELL DAVIES  
Liverpool

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