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BIASED AGAINST BREXIT

The newly elected leader of the anti-democratic Liberal Democratic Party, who was crowned without any opposition, Vince Cable, obviously lies in bed at night dreaming of 'political squabbles' wrecking the UK setting itself free from the EU's undemocratic clutches. Despite the fact the anti-British new Lib Dem wishing for this fantasy, he has stated he will work with pro-EU Tory and Labour MPs to block the democratic will of the people and hopes the divisions in those parties could halt Brexit.

Helping him in his quest and doing its best to make Mr Cable's dreams come true, is the BBC which is notorious in its support for all things EU.

To try to stem this bias Liam Fox, the UK Trade Secretary and 'Leave' campaigner, has demanded a meeting with the BBC Director General, Lord Hall. Reported in the Daily Telegraph, 24th July 2017, it said that Dr fox wrote: "I cannot recall a single time in recent times when I have seen good economic news did not describe as 'despite Brexit'".

The Telegraph continues to report that Liam Fox considers there is a "clear pattern of unbalanced reporting of the EU economy". The BBC is proving just how biased it is against Brexit.

THE EURO REALIST BACKS JANE COLLINS FOR UKIP LEADER

At the time of this bulletin being e-mailed out there are 11 candidates running for the leadership of UKIP, the only true anti-EU party. The Euro Realist is backing Jane Collins MEP who is a time served and loyal UKIP member.

LOSING MORE THAN HIS SEAT

It has long been known that the Liberal Democrats are anything but liberal or democratic. Reported in the Daily Mail on Saturday 15th July 2017, Nick Clegg, the ex lib Dem leader, not only called for a second EU referendum (in reality the third as the first was in 1975) and not only that, he wants this unnecessary referendum to abandon the principles of a fair and equal vote.

Taking a leaf out of the far left students voting tactics who voted multiple times in the general election, Nick Clegg is calling for the votes of those under the age of thirty to be weighted so they are worth twice the votes of those over thirty.

This mad undemocratic scheme has been dreamed up by Mr Clegg due to the fact he considers it is the future of our youth that the country would be voting on. Does he not realise the youth will benefit greatly by leaving the EU? Sadly, Nick Clegg has not only lost his Parliamentary seat, he has also lost the plot.

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NEMESIS

BY COLIN BULLEN

Well, I was right. Calling the unnecessary general election was a reckless gamble, which has now rebounded upon the country, in particular by putting any sort of effective Brexit in peril. The hubris of Theresa May, based upon no more than a belief in oft discredited opinion polls, has thrown away her parliamentary majority, which would have enabled her government to implement Brexit, and reduced her from the poster girl of the Conservative press to a pathetic political nonentity, awaiting the inevitable visit from the men in grey suits. From being one who could have been central to achieving the clean break with the EU, for which the British people voted, probably winning another term in 2020 on the strength of that, she will now be no more than a footnote, a Prime Minister who served almost as little time in the post as Sir Alec Douglas-Home, and who stupidly threw away her premiership in the pursuit of political expediency.

We now face a future where a triumphant political establishment will make every effort to ensure that last year's referendum is effectively ignored. The fishermen of Britain will be betrayed, the European Court of Justice will continue to hold sway in the UK, and all those hopes of a global, outward looking Britain will die, as we continue effectively to subjugate ourselves to the dysfunctional, corrupt and undemocratic EU. The blame lies with the Conservative party which, following David Cameron's resignation, should have chosen a leader who truly believed in the campaign to leave, but instead selected a humourless supporter of the Remain campaign, who had already proved her incompetence during her time as Home Secretary. On the night of the referendum, when we were at the count, and it became clear that we had won, I told my colleagues that we had won a battle, but not the war, and so it has proved. The political establishment, whether by deliberate design, or just plain stupidity, have made a clean break with the EU almost impossible now. What seemed like the light of a new dawn now looks like the reflection of the flames devouring British



Colin Bullen: the hubris of Theresa May.

democracy. That dinosaur Heseltine is trumpeting that the UK will not leave the EU, Labour and Lib Dem peers are conspiring to reject Brexit legislation and the idiotic May has even suggested that the Scottish assembly might be able to veto it. These people clearly have no concept of the true meaning of democracy.

In years to come those now rejoicing that the utter stupidity of the Conservative party may have effectively ended our hopes of leaving the EU in a peaceable fashion may come to bitterly regret the recent election debacle. While these largely middle class people are unlikely to be personally bothered by

the financial costs involved they would benefit by reading the account of the ongoing Greek tragedy, as detailed by the erstwhile finance minister of that country, who recounts in graphic detail how the Greek people have been sacrificed on the altar of European integration, their democracy being destroyed in the process. Worse, as it becomes clear to the rulers of the EU that the only way their empire can be held together is by coercion, we may yet see EU security forces, drawn from non indigenous populations, sent into reluctant member states to enforce obedience to Brussels. One wonders whether even the presence of such on our streets would awaken the apologists for the single European state to what they have done.

No doubt many older people will see the result of the general election in a benign light, with more of the younger generation having their say in the affairs of the country. However such a rose tinted view ignores the fact that many youngsters, particularly at university, have never been obliged to take on the responsibilities of adulthood, including such things as finding a job, a home, a good education for their children, or even a GP. Young people like to think of themselves as idealistic, which is good, but often this is just an excuse to ignore reality and to accept the illusions offered by cunning politicians as being capable of fulfilment. Thanks to the arrogance and stupidity of the Conservative leader the future of this country is now in doubt and, for

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youngsters, as for the rest of us, this may prove to be a disaster. Recent radio interviews with a number of youngsters reveal just how little many of them know of political issues. Most were both supportive of Jeremy Corbyn's socialist policies, and also desperate that the UK should remain within the European Union. These ambitions are mutually exclusive, as anyone from the genuine left, such as George Galloway, Tommy Sheridan or Jeremy Corbyn himself could tell them. The EU is an undemocratic, capitalist club, whose rules would actually prevent the kind of nationalisations which Labour policies now propose, while the desire of the left to extend democracy runs counter to the bureaucratic nature of the organisation. It is all very well to praise the greater involvement of young people in politics, but it needs to be informed involvement, not merely emotional reactions, based on mistaken ideas about the realities of the world.

There are two other truths which this election has brought to life. The first is that, while opinion polls had some chance of being a genuine guide to public opinion in their early days, when most members of the electorate were unused to such things, flattered that their views were being sought, and generally replied truthfully, today's more sophisticated voter is only too aware of the realities, and is much more inclined to lie to pollsters. This is a problem which cannot be overcome, and which renders such exercises pointless and farcical. Secondly the past few years have made it seem likely that Mrs Thatcher was very much a one off, in being a female leader who had the authority and ability to direct the affairs of a major democracy. The arrogance of Hillary Clinton, in acting as if she was entitled to the presidency, the decline in seats experienced by the SNP under the leadership of Nicola Sturgeon, after she reneged on her previous promise that the vote on Scottish independence would not be repeated, and the overwhelming stupidity of Theresa May in throwing away her parliamentary majority, make it almost certain it will be a cold day in hell before any of the major parties in the UK and USA put their faith in a female leader again. Some will point to Mrs Merkel in Germany but of course that nation is not a mature democracy, still harbours authoritarian tendencies, and is not a guide to the actions of the older, truly democratic nations. This may seem unfair to feminists but, unfortunately for them, the proof of the pudding is obvious, and

if women are to make it to the top they will need better champions.

The massive fall in the UKIP vote did not benefit the Conservatives as much as they expected, for the truth is that the anti EU movement is basically one driven by the working class, not comfortable middle class voters, so many more votes went back to Labour than the ignorant media commentators assumed would be the case. Those UKIP voters who, in constituencies where the Conservatives were certain to win, even had a donkey been standing for them, chose to vote for the Tory to keep out a Corbyn supporter, who actually had no chance, have helped to demoralise the only party which really believed in Brexit. They may find that, when it becomes clear the main parties have no intention of pursuing the latter, there is no one available they can turn to to stand up for Britain.

I know that UKIP must try to be optimistic, and that it is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness, but the darkness really is pretty overwhelming now, not least because many branches lack the financial resources to fight another general election in the near future. We face either a future within an EU which will, as I pointed out above, eventually resort to force, or a Neo Marxist government where those of the hard left, who have not changed their aims since the 1920s, are in charge, with all that means for our democracy.

I hope that I am wrong, and you may think I am being unduly pessimistic but, having been proved correct on the results of calling the election, I fear that I might be only too accurate about the future.



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POLITICAL HYPOCRISY

BY DEREK BENNETT



Derek Bennett:
hypocrisy in politics.

Over the years from before and during my active political involvement, I have come to the conclusion that the one overriding qualification all those involved in active politics require is to be a hypocrite, that includes myself as someone who has stood in six Parliamentary elections.

As part of my confession to being a hypocrite I was once an avowed Tory voter. I was one of those sad souls that come what may, in all elections, would have voted for the proverbial donkey wearing a blue rosette. The first general election I could vote in was the 1970 election when that Euro extremist, Ted Heath, won – I confess to my sin, I voted for his party and thus as him as the Prime Minister.

Of course in that election membership of the Common Market was not a priority, it is too far back for me to remember what was said on the issue in the debates. In the 1970 Tory manifesto it warranted just one small section where it vaguely mentioned promoting our interest in Europe. However, as far as Heath was concerned, it was his overriding and most important objective, he was hell bent on making his place in history by getting the UK into the Common Market at whatever cost to the nation and the sacrifice of our sovereignty. That was his hypocrisy as he made out it was little more than a trade agreement – he lied through his teeth while sacrificing our nation.

Sadly, mugs like me took it all in and two years after Heath's betrayal by getting us signed up to the forthcoming EU catastrophe, I impounded my hypocrisy by voting 'Yes' to stay in the Common Market. From then on I continued to vote Tory, come what may, under the impression our Governments were in control and running the country. However, the reality was they were giving control away bit by bit and I was voting for it.

Even Margaret Thatcher, who I greatly admired and considered to be our second greatest Prime Minister of the 20th century along with Winston Churchill, helped to give our freedom

away by signing the Single European Act. This was the Prime Minister who fought for "our money back" and stood up in Parliament and forcibly said: "No, no, no" when refusing Jacques Delors call for more EU integration. She too was a political hypocrite. She also campaigned for us to stay in the Common Market famously wearing that jumper with the flags of the other European nations and signed us up for things she should have not.

Hypocrisy runs through the veins of every politician, they make regrettable decisions and when those badly thought out decisions come back to bite them they then make excuses and either deny or conveniently forget what they or their party did in the past. When attending a hustings meeting for the election of the first West Midlands Metro Mayor, the Labour candidate, Sion Simon, actually stood on stage and without blushing or any other signs of embarrassment, stated how wonderful the 1970's were for the workers and people under the then Labour Government! Sitting in the audience my mouth must have dropped to the floor considering this blatant hypocritical statement. Maybe it was the fact that Sion Simon was only ten years of age at that time. This was when the Labour supported Trade Unions, at that time, were way out of control and destroying industry, maybe that is why he cannot recall just how bad those times were. The nation's economy was so bad and near bankrupt under the then Labour Government the IMF had to come and take over. There were so many strikes it was so bad that rubbish remained uncollected and piled up in great mounds on the streets. Even worse, the dead remained unburied leaving the bereaved in a state of despair. These were dire times and yet Sion Simon, in his bid to be elected into the lucrative position of the Metro Mayor, hypocritically stated how good they were.

When standing in the June 8th general election as the UKIP candidate for Walsall South, I took great pleasure at the hustings reminding people of the fact that despite the Labour Party talking of scrapping the 'terrible' tuition fees which are lumbering students with substantial debt, it was the Labour Party itself who introduced these very same tuition fees under the Premiership of the greatest hypocrite of all time, Tony Blair.

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Today's biggest hypocrites are the politicians and members of the political parties who are doing all they can, at the least to water down Brexit and at worst, prevent it altogether. These people pretend they care about Parliamentary sovereignty and for the right of MPs to vote on the final Brexit deal, yet none of them made even the faintest squeak of protest when masses of EU imposed legislation was flooding onto our statute books and into UK law unchecked and unchallenged – why did they not protest then?

There is one political party that tops the list for hypocrisy, it is so hypocritical its name is really an oxymoron. I am, of course, talking of

the Liberal Democratic Party which is neither liberal or democratic. Even its ex-leader, Tim Farron, fell foul of the anti-liberal stance of this party when he felt he had no option but to quit as its leader due to the fact his party was not liberal enough to allow him the democratic freedom to express his strongly held religious beliefs. If, as expected, this anti-liberal and anti-democratic party chose Vince Cable as its leader, he will then do his best to destroy the will of the people and prevent Brexit, he is already behaving like a fully qualified hypocrite by denying Brexit will happen.

Hypocrisy is alive and kicking in modern British politics, it is a growing monster being fed by political ego's and lies by prominent politicians.

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF**BY JOHN PETLEY**

A few months ago, hardly anyone had heard of the 1964 London Fisheries Convention. Unlike the EU's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), which was well known to be the reason our fishing industry has been devastated, no one ever mentioned this important piece of legislation which pre-dated our membership of the EU during the referendum campaign, not even John Ashworth, the veteran fisheries campaigner who led Save Britain's Fish in the 1990s.

I first met John in London a couple of months before David Cameron announced the date for the referendum. It has been my privilege to work with him in the production of two booklets, *The Betrayal of Britain's Fishing* and *Seizing the Moment*, which can still be obtained from the Campaign for an Independent Britain. John has been involved in the commercial fishing industry since 1963. He has seen for himself just how bad the effects of the CFP have been and has campaigned tirelessly against it for twenty four years.

For John – and indeed for the many fishermen who have supported his campaign – the referendum result was very welcome as it creates the chance for us to leave the CFP and replace it with something much better. However, it soon became apparent that this opportunity could be squandered simply because of the complexity of disentangling ourselves from the EU within the two-year timeframe stipulated by Article 50.

The easy option, involving – at least in theory - the minimum disruption and the minimum effort, is to take over all legislation derived from the EU onto the UK statute books lock stock and barrel, so that it gains its authority after Brexit not from the EU

treaties, which cease to apply on Independence Day, but from the UK Parliament. This is the gist of what the Great Repeal Bill, or the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill as it is more correctly called, seeks to do.

As a general principle, this is the sensible thing to do. If every piece of EU-inspired legislation ceased to apply on Independence Day, we would find ourselves with no regulation at all in certain

areas. When Ireland became independent of the UK in 1922, it adopted a similar policy, as did India in 1947. When things settled down in these newly-independent countries, they then started to review the laws and amend or repeal those which were not deemed suitable or relevant.

By and large, we can do the same. To take one example, let us consider the Landfill Directive 1999/31/EC, which has been blamed for some councils ending their weekly bin collections. This was introduced because Denmark and Holland, two small, fairly flat EU member states, have run out of holes in which to bury rubbish. It is not an issue in the UK, where the quarrying and gravel extraction industries create more than enough suitable holes in which to bury waste. As an independent country, we will hopefully most likely repeal or revise it, but the world will not come to an end if it remains on our statute books for a few years while more critical issues are addressed.

Unlike waste disposal, which is principally a domestic issue, fisheries involves an interface with other countries. To illustrate the point, the principal

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piece of legislation through which the CFP is currently managed, Regulation 1380/2013, uses the phrase “Union Waters”. So what happens if this regulation is transposed unamended onto our statute books? After all, once we leave, the definition of “Union Waters” will change, as the UK’s waters will not be included.

This, in a nutshell, has been why John and a new fisheries group in which he is involved, Fishing for Leave, has argued for the CFP legislation to be excluded from the Great Repeal Bill. Considerable re-working of Regulation 1380/2013 would be required to reflect the new situation after Brexit and why put all this effort into something that is so flawed? Why not prepare a new fisheries policy giving us control of our waters and replacing the failed “quota” system, which results in massive discarding, with something along the lines of the much better “days at sea” system used in the Faeroe Islands? This proposal is set out in more detail in our *Seizing the Moment* booklet.

It was during the course of researching all the steps needed to replace the CFP with something much better that John suddenly found himself confronted with the 1964 London Fisheries Convention. This granted historic rights to several Western European nations, allowing them fish in certain areas within a zone between 6 and 12 nautical miles from the UK coastline. If the EU treaties cease to apply when we leave the EU, the legislation which pre-dates our accession will regain its force, including the 1964 Convention, which has been subsumed into CFP legislation and therefore almost forgotten – until now.

There is one slight ambiguity, however. The 1964 Convention is vessel-specific and given the advances in technology in the last half century, it is highly unlikely that any of the boats it named are still in commercial use now. However, there is no doubt that a skipper from one of the countries granted historic rights would have tested it out. This happened once before when a delay in signing off new CFP legislation created a 26 day gap in our derogation which preserved exclusive rights for UK fishermen within the first six nautical miles from the shore and partial rights between six and twelve nautical miles. A Danish fisherman, Kent Kirk, deliberately fished in this zone to test the law. He was arrested and fined, but the verdict was overturned in a European court eighteen months later.

If, as John and many others in the fishing industry so desire, the UK is to regain total control over **ALL** its waters, right up to 200 nautical miles from the shoreline (or the median point where we are separated from another country’s coast by less than

400 nautical miles), then nothing must be left to chance. However obscure the 1964 convention may seem, it must be denounced - or repealed, in other words – to avoid any new historic rights being established that might be tested in a court of law.

At first, Fishing for Leave met with little more than fine words from the MPs, ministers and Civil Servants with whom they met. We in the Campaign for an Independent Britain publicised this issue on our website and encouraged our supporters to lobby MPs. During the General Election campaign, fisheries did not loom large, but once the dust began to settle after the inconclusive result, the appointment of Michael Gove as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs suggested that the new man responsible for fisheries may prove a sympathetic ear, given that his adoptive father worked in the fishing industry.

Finally, on 3rd July, notice was served under the terms of the Convention that we will be withdrawing from the 1964 Convention. The notice period is two years, which takes us past Independence Day, but for our fishermen, this was still a very important and welcome development. As Fishing for Leave’s website put it, the government has passed its first Brexit test.

There is still a long way to go before we can be confident that UK fishermen will gain the full benefit of Brexit, but we must not despise the day of small things – a step in the right direction has been taken and it came about as a result of campaigning by people who knew what they wanted and knew their subject inside out. No group has been so persistent and persuasive in its campaign as our fishermen and there are lessons to be learnt from their success.

The 2017 General Election did not turn out as Mrs May had hoped. The Conservatives lost their overall majority are dependent on the small Democratic Unionist Party for support. They are aware of their vulnerability and know that any unsatisfactory features in the final Brexit deal could cost them dearly.

Fishing for Leave’s success with the 1964 London Convention should therefore offer encouragement to campaigners looking to address other areas where a sub-standard Brexit may be the default outcome without considerable lobbying.

Take the European Arrest Warrant, to which Amber Rudd, the Home Secretary, wishes an independent UK to remain a signatory. Its shortcomings have been highlighted by the Campaign for an Independent Britain and individuals like Christopher Gill and Torquil Dick-Erikson of UKIP. Just google “Andrew Symeou” or “Edmond Arapi” if

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you want to find out more about this iniquitous piece of legislation. Totally opposed to the spirit of the UK's legal system, it has resulted in a number of UK citizens being held in prison without any *prima facie* evidence, accused of crimes they did not commit.

Another cause for concern is our future relationship with the EU's military – the European Defence Union. Our foreign policy objectives will inevitably diverge from those of the EU on independence. We will not – or at least, should not – be interested in supporting its empire-building in the Balkans and among some former Soviet republics. We should therefore seek to untangle ourselves from any common defence procurement policy or any contribution to the EU's military fund. Unfortunately, there is no evidence that Michael Fallon, the Defence Secretary, intends to go down this route. Co-operation under the aegis of NATO is acceptable, but that should be all.

People ask me why I am still working for the Campaign for an Independent Britain now the referendum is over. The answer is obvious – winning the referendum was only the first stage in securing our independence. With the general Election delivering a government unable to bulldoze its Brexit strategy through, campaign groups like ours have more potential to bring about the best possible outcome where the Government desires otherwise. Fishing for Leave has shown us how to do it – know your subject, be very persistent and don't give up. Such an approach will pay off.

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