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A GRATUOUS DISPLAY OF HYPOCRISY

UKIP MEP James Carver says the arrogance of the European Union knows no bounds following news that Brussels has increased the EU budget by €10 billion despite failing yet another audit.

The EU's budget is to be hiked to €155 billion after an agreement was made by the EU Conciliation Committee despite spin and rhetoric from David Cameron over wanting a reduction of the budget.

West Midlands MEP James Carver, who is UKIP's national spokesman on the Commonwealth, said



Jim Carver MEP: arrogance of the EU.

the increase was a major embarrassment to the Prime Minister and was a further demonstration of how our Government was failing to stand up for Britain and its interests.

Mr Carver, said: "UKIP is the only party that is fighting Britain's corner in the EU Parliament. Cameron's so-called renegotiation on our membership of the EU is about spin and satisfying

his own rebelling backbenchers. It's all smoke and mirrors from a Pro-EU Prime Minister.

"The increase to the EU budget, when they preach about austerity and the need to tighten our belts, is a gratuitous display of hypocrisy when they have once again failed to obtain a clean bill of health from the auditors.

"It is time to pull out of the EU and manage our own affairs from Westminster. We need to leave this ever increasingly costly club and stop paying our increasing subs to be members."

JUNKER, BRITAIN LEAVING EU NOT ALLOWED

After stating at a Brussels conference that he had spent three years battling to prevent the Greek's leaving the EU, Jean-Claude Juncker, the unelected President of the EU Commission, said he was not going to allow British departure of the European Union.

On the 19th November 2015 Mr Juncker informed his audience: "There will not be a Brexit, I spent three years of my life to avoid Grexit, I will not spend three years my life to facilitate Brexit."

After hearing this statement the UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, said the EU President had shown "insufferable arrogance". He also pointed out that the British people would decide for themselves and that they would vote for prosperity and freedom by voting to leave the EU. Ever since joining in 1973 many people have spent many more years campaigning to leave, far more than Juncker's three to keep us in.

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NORWAY

BY JOHN PETLEY

Last month, Norway and its relationship with the EU was the talk of the town. David Cameron spoke out against any idea of an independent UK using Norway as a model for a future relationship with the EU. Specially selected Norwegian ministers were quoted by the BBC and some daily newspapers saying how much they recommended the UK staying in the EU and what a raw deal they had from Brussels. Next, some high-profile supporters of UK independence lined up to say that they did not support the so-called “Norway Option” – indeed, a round-robin e-mail from the Arron Banks-fronted leave.eu was quite adamant. “We are not Norwegian” proclaimed the banner headline and if you scrolled down, the text body began “NO WAY TO THE NORWAY” just to make sure everyone got the point.

You may think that all this fuss was much ado about nothing. Does anyone actually recommend Norway and its access of the EEA via EFTA as a model for an independent EU?

The answer, confusingly, is both yes and no. I for one am prepared to stick my neck out and say I do support the Norway Option, but before dismissing me as an irrelevant fool, please bear with me. Like other people who take a similar line, I regard it as nothing more other than a stepping stone to get us out of the EU and the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice within the two-year period specified under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty. It is not a final destination; rather a halfway house – an off-the-shelf, proven risk-free option that would get us through the exit door while allowing us the same full access to the Single Market which we currently enjoy as EU members. I believe that it is the best way to reassure business, having reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that that none of the other options, like the so-called Swiss or WTO options offer a seamless transition to independence.

Like all other advocates of independence, however, I fully acknowledge that we could do better in the long term. The possibilities of a temporary brake on immigration from the EU allowed under the EEA agreement falls a long way short of the desire of many for an end to free movement of people. Furthermore, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein are required to implement EU legislation marked “EEA-relevant” (although see below.) The percentage of the total *acquis* which comes into this category works out at barely 21%, according to Richard North (who contacted the EFTA Secretariat to obtain this figure), far lower than the “approximately three-quarters” quoted in a 2012 Norwegian government report. However, 21% is still too many. Ideally, we do not want any laws forced upon us by a foreign power.

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If I may use an analogy, the “Norway Option” would get our country to the same point my wife and I reached on 1st April this year when we finally completed the purchase of our current home. It’s a pleasant house in a pleasant part of the country, but did we put our feet up once we had taken the keys and the removal men had left, saying “job done?” Of course not. Even after the marathon task of unpacking had been completed, we wanted at least to begin the task of addressing the handiwork of one previous owner, whose preferred choice of décor well illustrates why the 1970s is known as “the decade which taste forgot”! It will be years before all those dreadful textured surfaces have finally been removed, probably even longer before we can replace

the flat roof onto which my study currently looks out with a pitched roof and longer still before we can achieve our dream of restoring the interior of the house as near as practically possible to reflect the late Victorian/Edwardian era - the elegant period when it was built. Yet have we loved living here since the day we moved? You bet! We may have a long wish list for the future, but it has felt great to be in our present home and a real step up from where we lived before.

In the same way, while it will take years to undo the damage EU membership has done to our country, the “Norway Option” which will see the UK take the keys of independence from the EU is still a far better deal than the associate membership status within the EU which David Cameron will seek to offer us at the end of his so-called renegotiations - and a definite step up from our current situation. As Cameron will only ever stand a chance of selling his deal - the so-called “British model” - by discounting this intermediate step, he has had to resort to giving full rein to the various myths that have been doing the rounds. We must not fall for these lies. Associate membership status within the EU is a continuation of UK slavery to the EU Commission, the ECJ and its inevitable ever closer political union. It is the real leap into the dark, not the safer, proven EEA/EFTA alternative.

Here are a few home truths about the so-called “Norway Option”:-

1. It is not “government by fax” (a phrase which is rather long in the tooth - who uses faxes now?)
 2. Norway and other EEA/EFTA countries take part in a very thorough consultation process on EU regulation at the early stages where it most matters, even if they don’t have a final vote.
 3. Most trade regulation now is GLOBAL and since 1992 the EU has been LEGALLY BOUND to accept global standards. Our EU membership actually keeps us off the
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global regulatory bodies where Norway has a say and we don't. These are the organisations which tell the EU what to do. Norway chairs the section of Codex Alimentarius which deals with fish and the EU has to do what that body decides.

4. Norway can also decide that a new Directive is unacceptable and simply decline to enforce it. It did so with the Third Postal Directive so Norway kept its publicly run Postal Service whilst our Royal Mail had to be privatised.- a possible selling point with Labour-inclined voters!.

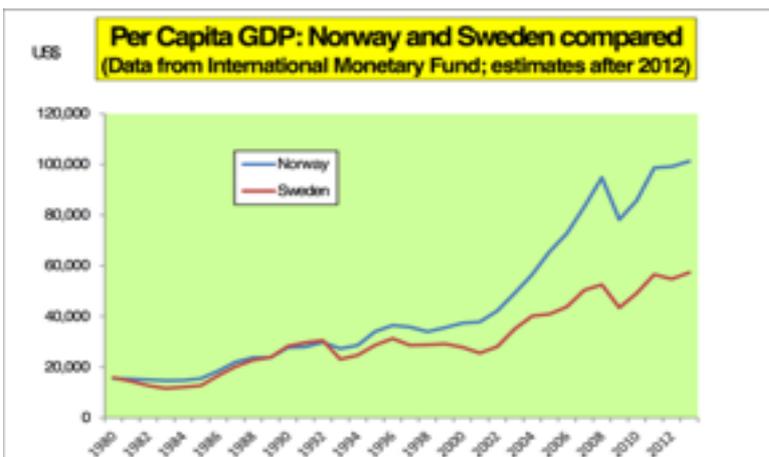
5. Norway is not jointly and severally liable for all the EU's debts. If an EU country or goes bust, many of the debts arising from its membership of the EU fall upon the remaining members, but not Norway. If an EU country defaults, like Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, then some obligations for these debts will fall upon the UK, despite being outside the Eurozone. Norway will not pay a single Øre.

6. Norway is not subject to the Common Agricultural Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy, the Common Foreign Policy or many other pieces of EU legislation.

7. Norway is outside of the reach of the European Court of Justice, the EU's supreme court. The ECJ cannot fine it for non-implementation of EU Law.

8. Norway's annual contribution to help finance the single market and thus access it, amounts to a paltry £1.66 per year per head of population, a far cry from the £115 mistakenly claimed by Britain Stronger in Europe who, whether deliberately or accidentally, included the voluntary payments too. By comparison, we in the UK pay £150 per capita and the amount is rising.

9. The financial advantage Norway has enjoyed by remaining outside the European Union can best be



illustrated from the graph below.

The graph compares the economies of Norway and Sweden, measuring the per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – in other words, the total value of goods and services produced by a country divided by the number of inhabitants, which provides a rough guide to average income in a given year. These two countries have much in common - similar climates, low population density, high state spending on welfare and strongly export-driven economies. Norway's main export is oil, whereas

Sweden's is iron ore. Significantly, Norway started becoming richer than its Eastern neighbour in 1995 – the year Sweden joined the EU.

In summary, it's not a bad arrangement, if far from perfect. The bottom line is that Norway has retained independence outside the EU and flourished. It's hardly surprising, therefore, that a recent YouGov poll showed that Norway is even more anti-EU than we are in the UK. Whereas this poll showed the UK evenly divided between staying and leaving, only 17% of Norwegians wished to join the EU, with a whopping 68% opposed (the remaining 15% were either unsure or said they would not vote if a referendum was to be offered)

So why do some vociferous Norwegian politicians tell us what a bad deal they have? The answer is simple. They personally want their country to join the EU – a pretty forlorn hope judging by that poll. They know only too well that Brexit would finally kill their ambitions. When the UK leaves, convinced that life is better on the outside, EU membership would disappear permanently from the agenda for Norway. If we could swallow Cameron's "associate membership"/"British model" fudge and enthusiastically embrace leadership of the EU's second division rather than aspiring to gain promotion to the Premier League of independent nations, maybe, so they think, Norway might be sneaked into the EU via this back door.

Therefore, Brexit would be a bonus not only for our country but for Norway's voters as well. In helping ourselves, we would be burying an irritating distraction for them too.

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THE MODERN FIFTH COLUMN

BY COLIN BULLEN



Colin Bullen: our own fifth columns.

In October 1936, during the hostilities of the Spanish Civil War, the nationalist General Emilio Mola and his supporters besieged Madrid with four columns of troops. Mola claimed he had additional troops within the city and so the term 'fifth column' was born, becoming the name given to infiltrators or collaborators with the enemy, in other words, traitors who lived within a community but whose loyalties lie with those seeking to destroy it.

For many years we have had our own fifth columns in the UK, usually not military, but instead the "useful idiots", a term that was used by the Communists to describe Soviet sympathisers in Western countries. It is thought that Lenin was the first to use the term and it was used by the Soviets for many years to ridicule misguided Westerners who were willing to take the Marxist side against their own country. Today the term is used to describe those who support a malignant cause which they naïvely believe to be a force for good.

In the inter war years we were afflicted by those, often members of the upper classes, who saw the fascist powers of Europe as a bulwark against Communism and worked within our country to advance the cause of Hitler and Mussolini. Thankfully, the British people never accepted their poisonous ideas and many of these imbeciles lived to see the utter crushing of their beloved idols. At the same time, and indeed for a great deal longer, there were those, again often from the privileged classes, who, either openly like George Bernard Shaw, or clandestinely, like the Cambridge spies, defended, or worked for Stalinism.

Asked whether he believed that the revolution had "attracted degenerate types", Shaw replied: "On the contrary it has attracted superior types all the world over to an extraordinary extent wherever it has been understood." He continued: "But the top of the ladder is a very trying place for old revolutionists who have had no administrative experience, who have had no financial experience, who have been trained as penniless hunted fugitives with Karl Marx on the brain and not as statesmen. They often have to be pushed off the ladder with a rope around their necks," thereby justifying Stalin's execution of many of those who had led the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. The traitors like Philby were responsible for the deaths of many good people and most never accepted that the cause for which they betrayed their country had proved to be evil.

Now of course the enemy has changed but still we

find the same phenomenon, those who actually take action against us from within, and those who defend and excuse the ideology behind such actions. We know of the home grown terrorists, some of whom blew up the London tube trains, killed a British soldier on the streets of Woolwich or who have gone to the Middle East in order to take part in the killing of innocent Westerners, and others, in the name of a twisted religious belief. These people must be dealt with but, just as pernicious, are the Western liberals, who seek to justify their foul crimes by blaming our own foreign policy, or an imagined Islamophobia, for the fact that terrorists are trying to destroy us.

One can be certain that the idiocy of the EU's open borders, the Schengen agreement and the promotion of a so called multicultural society, are all factors in creating a situation where innocent civilians in London, Paris or any other Western European city, are exposed to attacks from the thugs of Daesh. The utter stupidity of the German Chancellor, in inviting unlimited, and unchecked hordes of migrants into Europe, has exacerbated the situation, to the point where we now see a major capital, Brussels, in almost total lockdown because of the fear of terrorism.

We are fortunate that, in being an island, we can defend ourselves from infiltration much more effectively than can the nations of continental Europe. We must ignore the siren voices of the liberal left and take all necessary steps to prevent our country becoming a battleground. To do so we must of course withdraw from the EU, closing our borders to any we do not wish to enter, while at the same time ensuring that it is made clear to those who have come here from abroad to live that we expect them to integrate into our society, accepting that they must accept the values of the indigenous population and that, should they not wish to do so, to leave.

None of these steps are based on any hatred for, or disrespect to, others but are common sense measures to preserve our democracy and our way of life. The idiots of the Guardian reading liberal left will squeal but, as always, they are totally misguided and should be ignored.

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MERKEL CLOBBERS CAMERON'S HOPE FOR AN EARLY REFERENDUM

Although David Cameron has never been serious about regaining powers from the European Union, in order for him to win his promised referendum and keep Britain shackled to this undemocratic embryo superstate, he wanted to give the false impression he would achieve some worthwhile agreements from the EU.

On the 3rd December, showing where the real power lies in the EU, the German Chancellor Angela Merkel, informed David Cameron she would not rescue his plans to curb migrant benefits. This means our Prime Minister, elected into high office by the people of Great Britain, is not able to govern as Prime Minister and has to kow-tow to the instruction made by those no British person has elected, or ever voted for.

Cameron was hoping to secure a deal at the Brussels summit on migrant benefits. Had he done so he could give the misleading impression that he has clout in the EU and then call a referendum in June and misinform the people that he can get his way and have influence. However, Merkel has clobbered that one as Dave will now look weak. Denying migrants benefits is seen as discrimination under EU treaties. The only way for Dave to get his way is to leave the EU.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas



Derek Bennett, the editor of the Euro Realist Bulletin, sends his best wishes to all who read this publication for a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

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Generations Betrayed Cutting the Roots of our National Identity by Chris McGovern, £2.00. This booklet draws attention to the ignorance among the younger generations about vital parts of British history. It also shows how the educational establishment believes that the teaching of history is too Anglo-centric and this, no doubt arises from their desire to promote the idea that nation states are out of date and that Britain's future is within the embraces of the EU and governance by unelected oligarchy.

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