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MAY'S TWELVE POINT PLAN

In a major speech on Tuesday 17th January 2017, Theresa May, the Prime Minister, gave an outline of the path for freedom from the EU. She announced a 12 point plan, these are:

She aims to give certainty to businesses, the public sector and households, all EU law will be converted to British law.

The UK will be in control of its own laws, the jurisdiction of the ECJ will end.

A stronger Union, she wants to strengthen the ties between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The common travel area with Southern Ireland will be maintained.

Immigration will be controlled and decided by the British Government.

Rights for EU nationals will be given and for British nationals living in the EU.

Workers rights are to be protected.

She will negotiate an ambitious free trade agreement and our substantial EU contributions will end.

Britain will be one of the best places in the world for science and innovation.

Cooperation in the fight against crime will continue with practical arrangements on law enforcement.

Mrs May has promised a smooth and orderly Brexit will take place with changes being phased in.

Paul Nuttall, the UKIP leader currently aiming to take Stoke Central from Labour in the Parliamentary by-election, has given Mrs May 7 out of 10 for her vision on Brexit. However, he gave a warning that the UK could be leaving the EU in "slow motion". He challenges the PM to deliver on time and in full.

BLOCKHEADS FOR BLOXIT

Ever since 1973 our UK Parliament has been overridden by all European laws. Other than a few, mostly ignored EU sceptics, no one showed any concern regarding this sad fact. However, now the majority have voted to leave the EU those who were happy for Parliament to be subservient to their precious EU are now squealing about its sovereignty - what hypocrites!

Using legal technicalities they have gone through the courts to do their worst to block the democratic will of the people, who voted to leave whatever the consequences. By going through the courts they have blocked the Government from having the power to invoke the EU's Article 50 to start the exit process without first giving Parliament a say on this.

This now gives the anti-British MP's and parties the chance to vote against and do their best to put a spanner into a smooth exit from the EU. The handful of Lib Dems along with SDP and Ken Clarke will all vote against - these are blockheads for bloxit.

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IGNORE THE NAY SAYERS

BY COLIN BULLEN

It is no surprise that the losers in the EU referendum should be using every trick in the book in order to undermine the result, including grossly exaggerating the difficulties involved in making our departure. However it is disappointing that someone like Christopher Booker, who speaks sense on such matters as climate change, and the appalling behaviour of social workers and courts concerning the forced removal of children from families, and who has written so eloquently about the iniquities of the EU, should now be obsessed with what he considers the only means available for leaving, namely remaining within the European Economic Area. He also claims that the UK is so tightly tied into current international agreements that we cannot escape from the problems which provoked the vote to leave in the first place.

For the most part politicians think only in the short term, and media commentators follow their lead, yet there are occasions in the life of a nation when a great historical change takes place, reducing much of what in normal times would be considered important to insignificance. One can think of how, as Britain faced up to the Nazis, one of the most evil regimes in history, government minister Sir Howard Kingsley Wood, when asked about bombing the Black Forest said "*Oh you can not do that, that's private property. You'll be asking me to bomb the Ruhr next.*" Wood was actually instrumental in helping to bring Churchill to power in May 1940 yet he could still fail to see just how meaningless such an objection was in the face of the reality.

We are told that whatever we do, we will still be obliged to pay as much as £50 billion to Brussels, while non EU bodies, such as the European Convention on Human Rights, will force us to continue to accept hundreds of thousands of migrants. Are we really to tell those people waiting on trollies in A and E departments, to be treated by an NHS starved of funds, that the money that could save them must go instead to Brussels? Must youngsters in the depressed manufacturing areas, who cannot find a decent job, watch the employment they might have had given to those from abroad, because selfish employers can recruit the latter for wages that



Colin Bullen: leaving EU a historical event.

offer no hope to British workers, and lawyers tell us we can do nothing about it? We constantly hear the refrain that we must give jobs to migrants, as the indigenous population refuse to take them, but it is surprising that this is so? Pay people fairly and they will not refuse to take the jobs.

The decision to leave the EU is as significant a step as was our break with Rome in the 16th Century, the Civil War, the Restoration, the Glorious Revolution or the decisions to oppose Napoleon, the Kaiser or Hitler. It is not some piffling administrative change, to be organised by lawyers, but concerns the Ship of State taking a completely different direction, and it must not be thwarted by legal quibbles, or the servile observance of the terms of agreements made by quislings who had never asked for, or received, the approval of the people as they gave away our right to rule ourselves. Can one imagine Cromwell allowing such considerations to deflect him, when he threw out the corrupt parliament which had betrayed the people, in order to restore England to herself and to create the fundamentals of the country we live in today?

When we first set up UKP we promised that on the day we won a parliamentary majority we would pass a bill revoking the 1972 Act of Accession and inform the masters of the EU, civilly yet firmly, that we had now left. No further payments to EU funds would be made, the MEPs would be called back and made redundant, and we would return to the status quo ante. Any negotiations necessary would be conducted between Brussels and a proud, sovereign nation, not a supplicant province and no rebellious civil servants or parasitical lawyers would be permitted to derail the process.

Instead of procrastination and doubt we should ignore the nay sayers and seize the day, confident in our ability to once again be a free, democratic and independent country, which has left behind what was no more than a temporary aberration, inflicted upon us by pusillanimous politicians, but now consigned to the dustbin of history. We owe it to ourselves, and to those who made this country what it is, to remember that Britain is a great nation and to stand tall once again in the world.

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A DIVIDED NATION? DON'T BLAME THE BREXTEERS!

BY JOHN PETLEY

In a speech delivered at the launch of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Social Integration interim report on integration of immigrants on Thursday 5th January, Chuka Umunna, the former Shadow Business Secretary, claimed that in recent years, this country has become more divided.

He cited, among other things, the tension between the different nations making up the United Kingdom, the lack of interaction between different ethnic groups in some towns in the North of England and the gap between rich and poor. "Our country has been fragmenting," he stated.

To his credit, he did not put the blame on Brexit voters, but others have not hesitated to do so. For instance Atul Hatwal, the director of a think tank called *Migration Matters*, who claimed he had witnessed a rise in racism which, he claimed was a "natural consequence of the divisive nature of the referendum campaign" which had resulted in "quite a different climate in this country."

In late November 2016, Sky Data conducted a poll of 1,638 people. 74% of those surveyed thought that Britain was a more divided country than it was a year ago, with just 7% saying it was more united. Some 57% think Britain is now more racist than it was and 55% think relations between communities will worsen as we leave the EU, with a mere 14% thinking they will improve.

But how realistic is this depressing picture of the UK's future? Looking back on the referendum campaign, it was the remain campaign which poured out doom, gloom and fear. Speaking for myself, I emphasised the opportunities of Brexit – a chance to fix a broken political system and to return power to the people.

Sadly, my message of hope did not always go down well. One debate organised by a Black & Minority Ethnic group stands out in my memory. I tried to tap into the predominant sentiment in the room that these people were not getting a fair deal from the current political system. I pointed out that for many of us in the white majority, the system wasn't working either and that Brexit gave us a great opening to build a more accountable, democratic nation that worked for everyone. Unfortunately, my appeal fell on deaf ears and I lost that particular debate overwhelmingly.

Even after this experience, it was still quite a shock to witness the strength of feeling in one of the pro-EU demonstrations which followed the referendum vote. I could understand a remain voter falling for "Project Fear" and deciding to "hold on to nurse for

fear of something worse." I could also understand those who were concerned about trade and the lack of a clear exit plan by the principal leave groups, but seeing students chanting "EU, we love you" and waving flags with the stars of the EU rearranged into spangled heart shapes was sickening.

After all, my mood at this time – and I am sure many other leave voters felt the same – was so different. On the morning of June 24th, I felt as I had not felt since those amazing events of 1989-91 when the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union came crumbling down. Here was another great deliverance and this time, it was my own country which had been the beneficiary. Why couldn't these people see it?

Mentioning the Soviet Union offers us the best clue as to where the blame for a divided Britain really lies. By 1989, it was obvious that Marxism-Leninism had proved a catastrophic failure. Although Stalin's "five year plans" to turn the USSR into a world leader in agriculture and manufacturing had proved a disaster as far back as the 1930s, this miserable ideology limped on for another half century through sheer inertia before Mikhail Gorbachev finally faced up to the reality of the superiority of Western capitalism. Marxism's planned economy, viewed by many even in the west during the immediate post-war period as the way forward, had been shown through bitter experience to be weighed and found severely wanting.

At the present moment, the EU project has not yet been discredited to anything like the same degree. True, it has taken plenty of knocks - of which Brexit is one of the biggest - but there is nothing like the same consensus that it has been a failure. Unlike the tens of thousands who gathered in Leipzig and Prague in 1989 to protest against the Marxist system, there are no vast crowds demonstrating against the EU and demanding its abolition.

Even in the UK, there is no shortage of vocal remainers who think that Brexit was a gigantic mistake. But those of us who have understood the nature of the beast and threw ourselves heart and soul into the campaign last year, have no doubts whatever that we did the right thing. If your country is being sold a lie – and a very destructive lie at that – you have to fight, even if it means being accused of fermenting division by the likes of Mr Hatwal.

At this point, I must make it clear that I'm not going to bang on about the alleged "EUSSR" and

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want to make it clear that there are huge differences between the EU and the former Soviet Union. EU citizens are not locked behind any Iron Curtain and can travel freely round the world. Christians and other dissidents do not face the prospect of being incarcerated in labour camps. The state does not control the means of production – indeed its links with big multinationals is the biggest gripe among left-of-centre Eurosceptics.

Yet there is more than a grain of truth in the statement by the former Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky that he had lived in our future and it didn't work.

In the Soviet era, one of the biggest jokes was a broadsheet called *Pravda*. It is still operating today and may now perhaps be living up to its name, which translates as "Truth", but you wouldn't have read much unbiased truth in its pages 30 years ago. It was a propaganda organ for the Soviet authorities pure and simple. The EU does not control the press to anything like the same degree, but it invests heavily in more subtle forms of propaganda. For instance, in 2014, it published a book called *The Mystery of the Golden Stars*, a sickeningly banal story aimed at schoolchildren and dripping with praise for the EU.

As I argued several times during the referendum campaign, if the EU is such a good idea, why does it need to spend so much money telling us all how good it is?

Furthermore, are our official media outlets such as the BBC any more truthful than the old *Pravda*? Those of us of a certain age will remember the name Jack de Manio, who presented the *Today* programme from 1958 until 1971 and who was twice voted British Radio Personality of the Year. He was also strongly Eurosceptic. Geoffrey Tucker, who was closely linked to Edward Heath and who organised breakfasts for supporters of the Common Market, lobbied for his removal. The following year, the programme was reorganised to feature two presenters. De Manio was not happy with the new arrangement and resigned. A coincidence perhaps – or not?

In more recent times, Andrew Marr said that "The BBC is "a publicly-funded urban organisation with an abnormally large proportion of younger people, of people in ethnic minorities and almost certainly of gay people, compared with the population at large". All this, he said, "creates an innate liberal bias inside the BBC" which, we might add, means that many of its staff are likely to support EU membership. It is hardly surprising that alternative on-line news sites are the main source of current affairs information for many internet users. What was once a

national institution and a source of pride has been nobbled and it was the EU which started the rot.

Going back to the Soviet Union, although it was a totalitarian organisation, it did go through the motions of democracy. The Supreme Soviet was an elected body but until the 1950s, little more than a rubber-stamping organisation. Real power was held by the Politburo, a body appointed by members of the Communist Party. The parallels with the European Union are obvious. For Supreme Soviet, read European Parliament. For Politburo, read Commission. While the EU isn't a repressive horror show like the Soviet

Union, the unaccountability of the Commission has been acknowledged as a problem even by supporters of the EU.

To quote an example, in Autumn 2015, the Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström, agreed to meet with John Hilary, the executive Director of the anti-poverty group War on Want. Mr Hilary expressed grave concern about the proposed EU-US free trade agreement, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and mentioned that over three million people had signed a petition calling for it to be abandoned. Challenged as to how she could continue with the deal in the face of such massive public opposition, her response was, "I do not take my mandate from the European people." After the meeting, Hilary commented, "In reality...Malmström receives her orders directly from the corporate lobbyists that swarm around Brussels."

EU supporters point out that the Commission can only initiate legislation and cannot put anything onto the statute books, but the very fact that the original title for this unelected body was the "High Authority" says it all. This was the body which was to be the real motor of EU integration and you and I, the voters, were not given any say as to its composition.

One of the most disturbing parallels between the EU and the Soviet Union is the massive movement of peoples from their homelands. Following the incorporation of Latvia into the USSR in 1940, thousands of Latvians were deported to Siberia and hundreds of thousands of Russians were moved to Latvia. In fact, under Stalin, large numbers of ethnic Russians were moved to a number of Soviet republics. Meanwhile the Tatars of Crimea were deported *en masse* to what is now Uzbekistan. Bulgarians, Greeks, Romanians and Armenians were evicted from the Black Sea coastal regions. Stalin deliberately sought to alter the ethnic balance of the other Soviet republics to reduce opposition to his rule.

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Of course, the EU's principle of free movement of people is voluntary with no coercion or mass deportation involved but it shares the Stalinist objective of marginalising troublesome ethnic groups. The most disturbing evidence for this comes from Peter Sutherland, a former European Commissioner who told the House of Lords home affairs select committee in 2012 that the European Union should be doing its best to undermine the sense of homogeneity in countries like the UK.

Although we will shortly be on the way out of the EU, thank goodness, a huge amount of damage has been done in this area. Indeed, it is the problem created by large-scale immigration from both within and without the EU which will be the biggest challenge future governments will have to face. We only have to look around the world at the size of the problem which mass migration can cause.

Going back to Latvia, over a quarter of a century since the Soviet Union collapsed, Stalin's legacy can still be felt, with tensions between ethnic Latvians and Russians not helped by Vladimir Putin's claim to be the protector of ethnic Russians living in neighbouring countries. In the USA, a country with which we share many values, a number of recent police shootings involving young black men act as a reminder that over 150 years after the abolition of slavery, that country still has not succeeded in fully laying its legacy to rest.

Of course, in some circles, even flagging up immigration as a problem will result in accusations of exacerbating already existing divisions - or even of racism. But when a recent study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that it was a major concern for 1 in 3 voters, it is very clear that failure to reduce migration drastically - which requires withdrawal from the EU - is only going to add to the sense of alienation and division in the country.

It will also take time for the raw emotions of the young remainiacs to subside. In actual fact, the motives of many remain voters turn out to be anything other than a belief in the EU project. One colleague, speaking to a number of remain supporters at a pre-Christmas party found that their reasons were either money-related (fear for the economy) or quite trivial, such as enjoying taking holidays on the Continent. Some remainers, of course, are fully signed up to the EU project but the devious behaviour of the more well-known remainiacs such as Tony Blair, Bob Geldof and Richard Branson, who would love to derail Brexit, is doing nothing to heal divisions at a time when many remain voters have accepted the outcome of the referendum.

Which takes me back to my opening

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comment. Right from Edward Heath's deceit in the 1960s, it is the supporters of the EU project who have been responsible for exacerbating the divisions in this country.

I am not claiming that this country would have been Utopia if we had never joined and nor will it be once we leave. Nevertheless, those hard months of campaigning which led to the vote to leave on June 23rd will hopefully lay the foundations for a future which may not quite meet Mrs May's goal of turning the UK into a "country which works for everyone" but will enable us to rebuild something of that sense of cohesion and communal trust which our EU membership has done so much to undermine.

..... **BRILLIANT BREXIT**

The pro-EU doom mongers, who have no confidence in the UK being able to govern itself, are consistently being proven wrong and are having to change their tune. Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England included.

Britain's economy is now doing better than most of the rest of Europe and confidence in the business sector growing. Reported in the Daily Telegraph on Monday 16th January was news that the regional purchasing managers index (PMI) data from Lloyds Bank for December reported a "strong underlying demand and companies adding staff".

Mark Carney was forced to admit that despite his pre-referendum warnings, Brexit is no longer the biggest domestic risk to the economy. He voiced his opinion that he was "surprised" that the economic slowdown he forecast has not materialised.

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PROSECCO BY ANOTHER NAME

An entrepreneurial couple, Caroline and Steven Roberts who invested their life savings in a business venture, have been scuppered by a nit picking EU regulation.

After purchasing a "Prosecco van" which can be used at events to serve the wine on tap, EU officials have told them they are not allowed to call it "Prosecco" as they serve it from a tap rather than a bottle, even though the drink is exactly the same.

If they refuse to comply they will be fined £17,000, they now have to call the drink "Frizzante 1754".

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The Dark Side of European Integration by Dr Alina Polyakova, £22.99. Polyakova studies the rise of the far right in the EU, Europe and beyond. Concludes that member states may abandon the EU in the interest of national protection, or a new European identity will integrate Europe. This is the intended but still unrealised outcome of European integration.

Britain's Referendum Decision and its Effects by Stephen Bush, £8.99. Fact based and clearly written for now and the future, this book will help you to make an informed decision about EU membership.

The Road to Freedom by Gerard Batten MEP, £8.99. In this updated book, following the 2016 Brexit Referendum result, Batten with well argued points explains how Article 50 for leaving the EU is a trap and that joining the EFTA or the EEA will not give the UK true independence. He shows why the only true way to leave the EU is for parliament to repeal the European Economic Communities act 1972.

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