

BETRAYING BREXIT

When the majority of the people of the UK went to the polls on the 23rd June 2016 and voted to leave the EU, they voted to be shot of everything to do with that expensive, bureaucratic and incompetent political union. They voted to set Britain free and to reclaim our sovereignty, our laws and, of course, our fishing waters so disgracefully given away by stealth by Prime Minister Heath as part of the deal to get us into the EEC in 1973.

On Monday 19th March the EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, along with David Davies negotiating on behalf of the UK, agreed a deal which was hailed by many as a major step forward towards an amicable Brexit deal. Sadly, all EU-sceptics see the deal as a sell out and the UK's fishermen feel betrayed.

On Wednesday 21st March, the popular ex UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, joined other protesters on a trawler on the Thames outside the Houses of Parliament and threw fish into the river as a protest to the UK fishermen being sold down the river. He said: "We were promised when we leave the European Union we would get back control of our borders, it was in the Tory manifesto. I queried the wording at the time, but I was assured it's all going to be good. "We've now been kicked into the long grass for a further 21 months but with absolutely no assurance at all that, even after that period, they are going to do the right thing. "The real fear is that so much of this industry is going bust - not just commercial fishing, Jacob Rees-Mogg and other EU-sceptic Tories were to join the protest but pulled out.

SLAYING DEMOCRACY

Would biblical history be any different had it been revealed that the sling and stone used by David to slay Goliath had been given to him by another anti-Goliath supporter? It is doubtful as the fete was remarkable, just as the David and Goliath battle between the massive forces of 'Remain' and the less well funded 'Leave' campaign, which was also a remarkable fete.

Sadly, the defeated remainers are now so desperate to slay the democratic will of the British people they are stooping to any measures. Due to some previously obscure whistle-blower making a claim that 'Vote Leave' gave funds, against the rules, to 'BeLeave', they are claiming this unfairly skewed the outcome of the referendum. They conveniently forget that the Government sent out a pro-Remain leaflet to all households before the expenses kicked in, or that the BBC, the EU, CBI and many other powerful remain forces vastly outspent the 'Leave' campaign.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon has criticised the Electoral Commission for what he believes is their 'cravenly caving in' to pressure from Remainer MPs and activists over the re-investigation of Vote Leave's funding of 'BeLeave' during the referendum campaign.

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THE LABOUR MYTH BY COLIN BULLEN

I am sure that I am not the only one who, when campaigning at election time, frequently receives the answer "I'm Labour" in response to an appeal to vote for UKIP. Usually the person involved seems to consider this a definitive argument but, if pressed, will say that the Labour party is the party of the working class, of which they are a member. At one time this was an understandable answer, but unfortunately it is no longer true, and is as much of a myth as the one that portrays the Tories as patriotic, and

prepared to defend this country against foreign enemies.

There is no question that the Labour movement grew out of the responses to the dreadful conditions endured by the workers during the industrial revolution, when poverty, lack of education, dangerous workplaces and downright class exploitation made the lives of so many short and miserable. However the party did not, as in so many other nations, spring into existence as a revolutionary movement, dedicated to class warfare, but rather evolved from the culture which had come into being, involving friendly and cooperative societies, working mens' clubs and of course trade unions, As such it sought change through democratic institutions, and this meant that it did not make common cause with the Marxist desire for violent overthrow of the whole system of government.

The Labour Party that came to power in 1945 was led by Clement Attlee, a man who was himself of the middle class, but who had been so affected by what he saw of the conditions of the working class during the depression of the thirties that he was dedicated to major reforms of society, by such means as nationalisation, the NHS, implementing the Education Act and generally putting welfare and public services as the main priority for government. However Attlee was also a patriot, who fought in First World War, a believer in strong defences, as witnessed by his development of the British nuclear deterrent, one who supported the grammar school system as a means of helping bright working class children climb the ladder, and a democrat who saw immediately that the early stirrings of what would



Colin Bullen: Labour no longer the party of the working class.

later become the European Union would lead to the perversion, and eventual destruction of, democracy for any nation which took part.

He was succeeded by Hugh Gaitskill, a man of similar stamp, who reversed an attempt to adopt unilateral nuclear disarmament as Labour Party policy, and opposed Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's attempt to lead the UK into the European Common Market, pointing out that joining the European project would lead to the end of a thousand years of British history. The

great tragedy was that he died suddenly in 1963, when he appeared to be on the verge of leading Labour back into power, and becoming the next Prime Minister.

It seems to those such as myself, who was raised as a Labour party supporter in the 1950s, when the Daily Mirror was a serious socialist paper, and the party still had the interests of the working class at heart, that since those days it gradually lost its soul. Despite the efforts of patriotic socialists such as Douglas Jay, Peter Shore, David Stoddart, Tony Benn and, even Michael Foot as leader, the party has been taken over by selfish pseudo liberals, none more damaging than Tony Blair, whose whole career has been devoted to his personal advancement. It is reported that, when at university, he wavered over whether to join the Tories or Labour, the decision seemingly based more on his chances of achieving personal power than any political it appears likely that his principles, while enthusiasm for the EU is based largely on his desire to be the President of Europe. During the years of New Labour in power they did nothing to reverse the anti trade union legislation which had been put in place by the Conservatives, made no effort to renationalise those utilities which had been privatised, and, despite the Blair mantra of education, education, supported the destruction of the grammar school system, which undermined the chances of working class children receiving a quality education, while increasing the numbers going to universities to ridiculous numbers, thereby diluting the usefulness of degrees. It is thanks to the Blairites that

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youngsters from poorer homes now take on vast debts to achieve qualifications, many of which are not worth the paper on which they are written.

Now we have a Labour party run by a man who, despite his lifelong opposition to the EU, brings with him an equally long devotion to the far left, and who is anyway proving unable to of Blairites overcome the mass parliamentary party, whose allegiance lies with their fellow elites in Europe, not to their working class constituency, or to their country. These people are far more interested in promoting the

rights of sexual minorities, and of migrants, than they are in improving the lot of British workers. For instance. we learnt recently that the party appointed has

transgender model, as an advisor on matters relating to sexual minorities, someone who is on record as saying that all white people are racist, and all straight men are homophobes. Of course this is a direct line from those, not all Labour party associates, who some years ago accused all men of being potential rapists, and great swathes of the adult population of being likely paedophiles. Is it possible to imagine the party of Keir Hardie, Clement Attlee, or even Jim Callaghan being so divorced from its founding purposes that it would seek to insult the British people with such nonsense. What is even more frightening is that the policies Jeremy Corbyn espouses would inevitably lead to the effective destruction of our armed forces, the demonisation of allies such as Israel and the USA, and the imposition of an open door policy on immigration. To encourage the

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Euro Realist Bulletin April 2018 lower standards of living has undermined the wages of those who should have been the first priority of the Labour party. Their policy of staying in a customs union is a betrayal of democracy, the country and of the working class, a majority of whom voted to leave the EU.

Tribal politics is strong in Britain, never more so than in the Labour party, but the truth is that the idea that the latter now represents the interest of the true working class is risible. Its leaders have become no more than careerists, supporting EU membership, not because it is good

> for the people of Britain, but because it gives them an enhanced career structure, where they can strut their little hour upon a wider stage. One only has to look at the sneers Lady Nugee,

better known as Emily Thornberry, Shadow Cabinet member, and a leading member of the liberal elite, directed at a voter in Rochester for displaying the flag of St George, to know that these people have only contempt for those who once were their main constituency.

It is a disaster for Britain that the majority of the political class, whether they be Tories, Labour or Liberal Democrats, are devoted to their own welfare, rather than that of the country. That the Labour party refuses to accept the result of the EU referendum and seeks to reverse Brexit, in fact, if not in name, shows that it no longer represents those it was created to serve. It is a myth that it any more exists to advance the interests of working people, and one can only hope that the vast numbers of the workers in erstwhile Labour areas recognize that fact before it is too late.

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REBOOTING, NOT ABOLISHING THE NATION STATE **PART 1: BY JOHN PETLEY**

The third factor behind the disillusion with

the nation state is our old friend cultural

My attention was recently drawn to a fascinating article by William S. Lind, entitled The New Separatism, published in the February 2018 edition of The American Conservative entitled The New Separatism. The author analysed the growing number of people dissatisfied with their current identity and seeking a new one. "Instead of Spaniards, they will be Catalans. Instead of Italians, they will again become Venetians, Lombards, and Sicilians." He claimed that even in the USA, "the Left Coast states of California, Oregon, and Washington host growing movements to separate from the conservative heartland they despise."

He identified three reasons for this phenomenon. Firstly, there is a widespread perception that leaders of the nation states are not doing their job properly. In many cases, they have been elected to their post but show scant regard for the concerns of the people who voted them into office. Secondly, he claims that many leaders of the nation states, along

with their allies in big business and the media no longer have any loyalty to their country anyway. How can you make a good job running a country when you don't believe in the

concept of nations and your sympathies lie with big global organisations like the UN or the EU?

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The third factor behind the disillusion with the nation state is our old friend cultural Marxism, which comes wrapped up in packages such as "political correctness" or "multiculturalism." People who swallow this dangerous rubbish end up hating virtually every building block of western civilisation – our culture, the Christian faith, monogamous heterosexual marriage as well as the nation state, Unfortunately, left-of-centre political parties are saturated with this ideology and the response of the centre-right, including the Conservative Party in this country, has largely been one of appeasement rather than opposition. It is appalling that Amanda Spielman, the current head of Ofsted, has been allowed to remain in her position by a Tory government following a speech on "extremist ideology" in schools where she singled out, among others, the Christian Institute, a very sensible campaigning group whose "extremist" belief is its support for the traditional family.

Unfortunately, all too many Tory MPs either agree with her or else are too lily-livered to make a stand and demand her sacking. The honourable exceptions to this subservience to cultural Marxism, such Jacob Rees-Mogg, have found themselves subject to ridicule, abuse and no-platforming.

We in the West find ourselves in the strange situation where the élite who hold the reins of power are out of step ideologically with many of their fellowcountrymen Plenty of people still love their country, dislike the trashing of our historic values and unsurprisingly do not want to cast their vote for anyone supporting a system of government which has made them feel unwanted and despised in their own land. This sense of alienation propelled Donald Trump to the White House and has resulted in the near-collapse of support for traditional centre-left parties in a number of countries across continental Europe. It Italy, the Five Star movement, a protest party pure and simple which has little in the way of a coherent ideology, nonetheless managed to win over 30% of all votes cast in March's general election.

Some would argue that the Brexit vote was another manifestation of the same phenomenon - and with a degree of justification. It came as a shock to

> many people when they realised for the first time our MPs

have contracted out much of the duty to which they were elected – in other words, to govern us - to a group of

unelected bureaucrats in another country. "Vote Leave -Take control" may have been a rather over-simplistic soundbyte during the Referendum campaign two years ago but it made the valid point that the country was not being run by the right people.

The big challenge for those of us who view Brexit as an opportunity to reform our political system is to come up with a strategy to lever the people out of power who should not be there - within the limits of the democratic process. Protest votes alone won't get us very far. Change is in the air, but we don't want it to fizzle out in disillusion and tyranny like the "Arab Spring".

The separatist movements cited by Mr Lind offer us very little help. It seems so ironic that the Catalans, Flemings and even the Scots seek to break free from a larger nation state but not from Brussels. What real freedom is that? It is certainly not "taking back control" in any meaningful sense. If we look at the way the Scottish government has used its somewhat limited power since devolution, what stands out is the far greater authoritarianism compared with south of the border. The state determines the minimum price of alcohol, parents are not allowed to smack their children and only after a fierce battle was the sinister "named persons scheme," which sought a role for a representative of the state into the upbringing of Continued on page 7.....

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children, shunted into a siding.

Where these regional separatists have gone wrong is in trying to shrink the geographical extent of the state but not its power. It is time fundamentally to reconsider the role of the state. In the last 100 years it has grown and grown. Rousseau's doctrine of the "common good" and the rise of socialism in the 19th century created an ideological climate favourable to a massive expansion of the role of government. Advocates for this development could be found even in the most unlikely quarters, such as the *Girls Own* annuals, which were strongly tinged with Christian morality and hardly in the vanguard of radical leftwing thought. In 1919, however, an article by Lily Watson declared that, "It is through the action of the

State that the task of neighbourly responsibility must be taken up....It has for some time been recognised that these matters (i.e. health care and housing) are the business of the State."

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But are they? A century later, this confidence has proved misplaced; the expansion of the reach and scope of the state has placed excessive power in the hands of leaders, many of whom have abused it. The most extreme examples include the genocide in the Soviet Union under Stalin and in Communist China under Mao, but Amanda Spielman's unfortunate choice of language, the harassment of Christian street preachers and the promotion of the LGBTQ agenda are proof that even in a western democracy, hand in hand with a bigger state comes restrictions on our freedom, including our freedom to act in accordance with our beliefs. Ronald Reagan once said "Man is not free unless government is limited....as government expands, liberty contracts." How right he was!

It may astonish many readers just how limited the scope of government was, even just over 100 years ago. At the start of World War I, the standard rate of income tax was only 6% and the poor paid no tax at all. VAT was unknown. As AJP Taylor famously said "Until August 1914 a sensible, law-abiding Englishman could pass through life and hardly notice the existence of the state, beyond the post office and the policeman. He could live where he liked and as he liked."

Is it possible to shrink the state to its pre-World War 1 size? Maybe not, but the smaller it can be shrunk within sensible limits, the better the long-term prospects for civilisation and freedom. It will take a long time to win round our countrymen, especially those younger members who have suffered years of left-wing brainwashing at schools. It will require a well-funded campaign involving some of the best brains on the centre-right. After all, even in America, which has far more pro-small-state think tanks than our country, the battle is not making a great deal of progress. However, we cannot afford to give up.

Next month, I hope to consider at some specific ways in which we can start to attack the bloated state, but for now, I will conclude by asking a fundamental question to which we must have a coherent answer if we are to prevail:- which tasks should and can only be undertaken by the state? The 17th century English political theorist John Locke saw the role of the state as restricted to the preservation of "life, liberty and estate". In practical terms, this means that the state must be the guarantor of our safety from foreign invaders and must maintain a fair and equitable

justice system based on separation of powers (the executive, the legislature and the judiciary), It therefore follows that we need armed forces, judges and police and some political leaders. This in

turn raises another question - how many politicians and how many layers of government do we actually need?

Admittedly, for some of a more anarchist or libertarian persuasion, the answer is zero. The word "anarchy", after all, means absence of government but if we consider the country has come the nearest to being without effective government in recent years, Somalia, it seems that the anarchist vision of society is likely to be as much a blind alley as the bloated state against which so many are rebelling in the west. However, if we take as read the need for some sort of government to preserve the life, liberty, health and property of its citizens, what else (if anything) in our more complex 21st century cannot be delegated to any other organisation and also, to whose control should the many functions usurped by the state be returned?

I will offer you my own thoughts on this subject in next month's edition.



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NO FLY O"LEARY Since the EU referendum victory for the leavers, people have got used to the sore loser remainers making some ludicrous statements, not least the Lib Dem leader, Vince Cable's mad outburst that older leavers voted for nostalgia. Joining in the remainers anti-Brexit outbursts on the 6th March was the boss of Ryanair.

Michael O'Leary, who likes to treat his airline customers with utter contempt on the basis his flights are allegedly cheap, as long as you don't want to take luggage with you on holiday or use the toilets on his planes, stated at a meeting in Brussels that he would ground flights to thwart Brexit.

The very unpleasant Ryanair boss, who happily abandoned passengers in airports across the globe due to bad planning, falsely claimed that the voters had been lied to regarding the benefits of Brexit. He conveniently forgot to mention the many lies given on the remain side.



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