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A TALE OF TWO RALLIES

On Saturday 23rd June 2018 two marches and rallies were held in London, one with ordinary decent people of all ages celebrating their EU referendum victory on its second anniversary, the other full of wishy-washy Liberals who, for some strange reason, prefer their country to be governed by a remote, unelected and undemocratic authority based on foreign shores. Sadly, the largest of the two rallies was that of the Brussels loving surrender monkey's.

The BBC loved the surrender monkey event and gave it as much air time as possible in its news bulletins, with shots of pro-EU MPs and interviews with the foolish and gullible, all praising the EU and bemoaning Brexit. These anti-democrats, funded by the billionaire George Soros, openly and unashamedly state they want to wreck Brexit. The media coverage just happened to mention in passing that there had been, with



Pro-Brexit campaigners in London on 23rd June, calling for a clean Brexit.

the emphasis on the words 'much smaller', rally which took place at the same time - that was it.

Lessons have to be learned from this, the Brexit rally was a pick and mix of organisations, many with different agendas, including many free Tommy Robinson campaigners. However, the event should have been Brexit only and Tommy Robinson campaigners should hold their own.

Despite the Brexit rally being much smaller than the surrender rally, Brexit campaigners are still the largest in number. What the media failed to take into account was the Brexit events taking place all over the country, including unreported events in Gloucester, Nottingham and many other places. While the anti-British campaigners gathered en-mass in London, which gave the impression of massive support, the patriotic people were divided over the whole nation instead of one big rally.

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CONVICTION OR CAREER?

BY DEREK BENNETT

It was when my parents looked in horror at me and gasped: "He's a Tory, our son is a Tory", I first became aware of politics. I was around the age of eight at the time and had been expounding my views on something or other in the news during those days of my youth in the mid fifties.

My dad, in his young years had been a member of the Communist Party, he and my mother grew up in the backyard slums of Birmingham, which in those days were not too different to what is shown in the TV series 'Peaky Blinders'. We all came from the area of Birmingham where the series is based, I too was born and lived there until the age of seven when the slum clearances started and my parents took out a mortgage to buy their first home.

Living in a semi detached house in the suburbs as well as running their own business in those days was a strange time for my parents. The life they had created was in contrast to their then socialist principles. They even sent my younger brother and I to a private school as they had bad memories of their school days in the school my brother and I would have had to attend while still living in our backyard house. This too was when Prime Minister Harold Macmillan informed the nation that we "had never had it so good", he was right, they were good days and my parents were being successful in business. By the time he died in 1999 my late father was a true blue Thatcherite.

Despite my early interest in giving my political opinions, followed later by observing politics and religiously voting Tory from the age of 21, active politics was, I thought, never for me and always for others - that was until in 1991 I realised just how badly the party I had always voted for had betrayed us all. When, in 1996, a Referendum Party publication was posted to me and they were looking for active people to be involved I was fully primed and ready to go in the fight to save our British sovereignty and democracy. After going through the RP selection process I was asked by Sir James Goldsmith's party to be the Referendum Party candidate in Walsall North. Those were strange days for me.

Strange in the fact I was no longer a committed Tory voter and was now committed to a party a lot of people had never heard of. I was there because of my conviction that the UK had to leave the EU to survive as a free democratic nation, that is still my conviction and why, since the demise of the Referendum Party, I have been active in UKIP for the last 21 years.

When I joined the Referendum Party I was politically green behind the ears and in my naivety thought, along with my fellow RP candidates and activists, we would be a team all working together for one end, I quickly learned that oversized ego's got in the way of my idealised view of what we were fighting for. A number of people weren't there for the advancement of

the Referendum Party aims or to save our country from the EU, they were there only for their own aims, advancement and ego's as they wanted to be important. I came back to political reality with a bump.

Like me there were a number of people who believed in democracy and were there due to conviction, however, over the years I have also come across many people who are nothing more than political opportunists. To be selected as a Parliamentary candidate for the Conservative or Labour Parties is far from easy, the political opportunist, especially when UKIP was on the rise, would come to us informing us how marvellous they are and the wonderful things they will do, as long as they are selected to be the candidate for the constituency of their choice. If things did not go their way they would vanish as quickly as they appeared, usually popping up in a different and often pro-EU party. So much for conviction!

Returning to my youth, there were some big names and personalities in Parliament, I had the privilege to live early in my life with Winston Churchill as our Prime Minister. There was also Gerald Nabarro ([link](#)), who was a great character while at the same time, the Smethwick Labour MP, Andrew Faulds ([link](#)), was appearing as an actor in films as well as being an MP. There were other larger than life personalities in Parliament who were there on principle rather than like today who are there to further their careers. Of course those were the days before our subjugation to the EU when politicians could think for themselves.

Sadly, these days there are few larger than life principled Members of Parliament, most are political chancers who have no commitment to any particular political views, they are there to further their careers and have no intention of ever opposing their party leaders as it may stop their climb up the 'greasy pole'. In UKIP, despite career political chancers coming and going, those who have been committed members for several years can very often be the awkward squad, they are there for principle and not to advance their political careers, which makes UKIP one of the most difficult parties to lead.

Sadly, over the years I have seen people come and go, only recently in the May 2018 local election I stood against an ex UKIP member who has now gone to the Conservative Party. This person still claims to be a Eurosceptic but I have to ask, what is his commitment

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Derek Bennett: oversized egos in politics.

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to getting the UK out of the EU now he has gone to a party whose leader was a 'Remain' campaigner and is a member of a Tory party that in reality is no different to the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties as all of them are stuffed full of 'Remainers'. Those parties have no commitment to the UK escaping the EU which means there is only one conclusion that can be made - all their

members and MPs are not there for commitment but for their careers.

Like most UKIP candidates in May I did badly in the local elections, but I will not be walking away from UKIP to join another party in the hope of being elected, my commitment to my country and UKIP means I will continue on the same political path, the freedom and democracy of our country comes before career.

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

BY MICHAEL DUNN

It is hardly an exaggeration when I say that I look forward with happy anticipation to each new edition of The Euro Realist Bulletin. So many articles tick most of my boxes, especially those by John Petley and Colin Bullen. And yet

Derek Bennet has laboured faithfully over years to promote our shared beliefs yet when he asked for an individual endorsement to be able to continue free delivery of his Bulletin 'over half of those contacted did not reply'. (June 2018 edition). Why ever not? I replied immediately and I'm not a UKIP member! But I am part of a movement.

(**To avoid** any misunderstandings – Before the Referendum I walked the streets with UKIP members leafleting letterboxes or standing in the market square handing out leaflets. I subscribe by email to Get Britain Out, Leave.EU, Vote Leave, The Taxpayers Alliance, The Bruges Group, The Freedom Association, The Christian Institute (see Bruce Bennett) and before that The Referendum Party. I receive UKIP Daily and I've attended hustings and other meetings to listen to Nigel Farage, Diane James, Ann- Marie Waters, Henry Bolton. And yet).

It seems to me that we're playing against opponents who determine which ground we shall play on and which rules we should follow. Perhaps we have become knee jerk followers when first we should be students. (See the late Jim Rohn – any of his books or videos). And his added caution: "Don't let your learning lead to knowledge. Let your learning lead to action."

Two proverbs come to mind. (1) **The Love of Money** is the root of all evil; and (2) Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. I once asked Ann-Marie Waters why, if she knows (as she does) that our parliamentary system is corrupt and the people in it are corrupt, why she insisted on trying to use the self-same corrupt system to bring her message to the people? She didn't answer me and perhaps didn't understand the question.

As for The Love of Money we need only refer to the words attributed to Amchel Rothschild who allegedly said or wrote: "Give me control of a nation's money supply, and I care not who makes its laws." True or not true? (It's a rhetorical question). The fact is that 'the bankers' from Barclays to the Bank of International

Settlements in Basle, and the IMF, will still be laughing at us (we the people) long after Brexit has fallen off the agenda. The politicians will *still* be open to corruption from corporations and other vested interests, and we will still be chasing each other around like ants who don't understand they are about to be trodden on. Remember that when you cannot obtain cash from an ATM, or when a London bus driver won't take cash as fare payment. You must have an Oyster card or get off the bus. Or when London Underground (Transport for London), in the name of the Mayor of London, charges double the ticket price if you use a non-contactless debit card and spits out a ticket showing the fare as 50% of what you've just paid – it happened to me. That's theft and fraud but I challenged and won.

I believe our solutions lie in our Constitution, which we ignore at our peril. By Constitution I mean Magna Carta 1215 and Common Law Trial by Jury which includes Annulment by Jury. That alone would free our so called courts from being places of business for lawyers and turn them back to places for those in search of justice. And don't believe the fraudster who tells you that Magna Carta 1215 is no longer relevant. It is. It pre-dates parliament and it exists in perpetuity. That's why our polities don't like it quoted to them.

I close with a thought written by an Australian freedom lover 23 years ago: "*Some media personalities like to write off historic theories as conspiracies, but politics and conspiracies are different words with the same meaning - one cannot exist without the other. Pre-selection of candidates is conspiracy, gathering election funds is conspiracy, conspiring to represent a political party instead of the electorate is a conspiracy, plotting the downfall of someone in your own party or the opposition is a conspiracy, making promises that they know they will never keep is a conspiracy and giving allegiance to internal and external brokers of power and money is another conspiracy. And the public is told that conspiracy does not exist – that is another conspiracy.*" – (Ron Owen)

When your sight is deficient you don't know what you cannot see; when your hearing is deficient you don't know what you cannot hear. And when you think you've got it all sorted out - you just don't know what you don't know. Think about it.

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CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR EUROPE?

BY JOHN PETLEY

As I write this article, Italy's months of wrangling to form a government have finally come to an end. A further general election, which would have returned even more Eurosceptic MPs from the Lega and Five Star parties, has been averted. Italy's economic malaise and its growing disillusion with the EU and the Single Currency in particular have been subject to intense analysis from commentators across the political spectrum. A number of them have noticed the enthusiasm of some keen Brexit supporters in this country at the prospect – now highly unlikely in the short or medium term – of Italy leaving the Eurozone or even the EU itself.

The attitude of such people, among which I am happy to include myself, contrasts starkly with the position adopted by Mrs May and her government – including some ministers supportive of Brexit. Their attitude can best be summed up as, “although we are leaving, we wish the EU well and believe that a strong, peaceful, prosperous EU is beneficial for the UK.”

Issues are rarely black and white in politics and while I would dissent from the Government's line, some of the reasons behind its thinking do have some merit. Going back to the period immediately after the Second World War, one strong impetus behind what became the European Economic Community was a desire to avoid further carnage. It was hoped that 1914-18 and 1939-45 would prove to be the last of all too many wars on the European mainland. We may disagree with the sentiment of the plaque in the entrance to the visitor's centre at the European Parliament, which says “*National sovereignty is the root cause of the most crying evils of our times...The only final remedy for this evil is the federal union of the peoples*” but we cannot deny that a desire for peace is a good thing. In 1946, Winston Churchill, although adamant that the UK would not be a member of the proposed superstate, supported its creation in the belief that it would bring “to an end the frightful nationalistic quarrels originated by the Teutonic nations” so that the nations of Europe might “regain the simple joys and hopes which make life worth living.”

More than seventy years later, a vestige of this mindset survives in the shape of Conservative support for EU expansion into the Balkans and indeed, for Turkey to become an EU member state. Prior to the Brexit vote, the UK was one of the strongest supporters of Turkish membership bid. Joining the EU was viewed by successive UK governments as a step forward for these nations and even now, in the case of the Balkan countries, if they do not come under the wing of the EU, there are concerns that they might end up closely allied to

Russia.

Another reason for the UK government being none too keen to see Italy leave the Eurozone is the scale of the likely economic fallout. A sudden collapse of the single currency would be bad news for global trade. The Eurozone accounted for 22% of global GDP in 2017 and this figure would be going down year by year, but it is still big enough to trigger a massive recession if the single currency went belly-up. Given the fragile state of both government finances and the banks (who are the biggest purchasers of government bonds) in the single currency's third largest economy, it is unsurprising that the markets became very jittery at the end of May when it briefly appeared as if new elections were on the horizon in Italy.

While, however, only a very strange person would not regard stability, peace and prosperity as good things, this in no way implies that expansion or indeed the continued existence of the EU is a good thing. Having been active, on and off, for some 18 years in the battle for our country's freedom, I wouldn't wish EU membership on my worst enemy. If Serbia, the country next in line for EU membership, voted not to join, I would be delighted

for the people of that land.

My reasoning is simple. I hate the EU because the project is dishonest, anti-democratic and ultimately, doomed to failure. Italy and Greece between them amply illustrate all three points. Greece only joined the Single currency by “fiddling the books”, disguising the appalling state of the country's finances. The EU did not question the figures – adding one country to the Eurozone and thus further diminishing its sovereignty was far more important. The EU is more than happy to fiddle its own rules when it is politically advantageous so to do. It is doubtful whether Romania, Bulgaria or Croatia fulfilled all the “Copenhagen Criteria” for accession countries when they joined the EU, but never mind.

I hardly need remind readers of the anti-democratic nature of the EU. Many of us will remember how both Denmark and Ireland had to vote again when they delivered the “wrong” result in the referendums on the Maastricht and Lisbon treaties respectively. Greece and Italy have both suffered interference in their democratic processes when their leaders proposed a course of action inimical to Brussels and, more to the point, Berlin. Twice a Greek government decided to stand up to the austerity measures imposed upon the country by the “Troika” – the IMF, the European

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Commission and the European Central Bank. Twice the Greeks were beaten into submission. Alexis Tsipras and his *Syriza* movement won a resounding victory in 2015 and announced that he would bring an end to the “vicious cycle of austerity”. Instead, he has been forced to implement the diktats of Frankfurt.

One reason why the Greek people have had to suffer so greatly is that they were to be used as a warning to any other countries thinking of violating the ECB’s tough fiscal rules – notably Italy. No surprise, therefore, that the flashpoint which nearly took the country back to the polls was the proposed appointment of Paolo Savona, a strongly Euroseptic economist, as Finance minister. One respected German website suggests that Italy’s President Mattarella was put under strong pressure from Berlin to veto this appointment, which he duly did. Technically, Signor Mattarella was acting within his powers but such a move was hardly within the spirit of a democratic country. His interference, however, does not alter the stark reality that Italian voters have elected a government which is committed to a spending spree in defiance of Eurozone rules.

One reason for the success of the two parties now governing Italy in coalition was their anti-EU and in particular, anti-German rhetoric. In both Greece and Italy, Germans are unpopular. In a 2017 survey, 84% of Greeks had a negative opinion of Angela Merkel. Such dislike of the people of a fellow member state or its leader does not bode well for the future of the EU. Besides the North-South divide, there is also the East-West split which has opened up over immigration, with Hungary’s Viktor Orbán digging his heels in over migrant quotas, much to the chagrin of Brussels.

The EU’s political and economic fault lines are getting bigger. There are no visionaries trying to sell the original vision. The EU is surviving thanks to inertia – in other words, its entrenched bureaucratic structure which acts as a bulwark against radical change.

But for how long? It is impossible at this stage to answer such a question. If, however, we not only wish to see the EU’s demise but believe it is inevitable, an alternative vision for the continent must be floated to avoid the sort of chaos which followed the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Enter the organisation which we, among others, set up as a free trade only alternative to the EU in 1960 – EFTA, the European Free Trade Association. Talk of rejoining EFTA is met with opposition by some Brexit supporters who do not want to see us remain in the EU’s single market. Quite apart from the relationship of EFTA countries to the EEA being frequently misrepresented, there are other good reasons why the UK should rejoin

the organisation it unwisely abandoned in 1973. Firstly, it solves a lot of trade issues with European non-EU countries. Switzerland and Norway do a significant amount of trade with the UK. It could continue seamlessly if we switched back to EFTA membership next March. EFTA has also negotiated free trade agreements with most of the countries which enjoy free trade with the EU, so any possible problems after Brexit with trade with, say South Korea or Mexico (with whom both the EU and EFTA have struck free trade agreements) could be resolved.

More important than trade, however, would be the flagging up of EFTA as an alternative future for the whole continent. EFTA countries enjoy good relationships with each other without any diminution of national sovereignty. The model is cooperation rather than federalisation. Supporters of the EU point to the lack of war between any member states but the same also applies to EFTA countries. When was the last time Switzerland attacked Iceland?

One cannot but speculate that the UK government’s strange reluctance to consider the EFTA alternative may be borne out of a fear of offending Brussels. With only four members, EFTA is somewhat off the radar for most people. Our re-joining it would flag it up in a way which might encourage other EU member states to follow us out of the EU exit door – something Brussels desperately wants to avoid. It would also be a far more attractive option for the people of Serbia, but at the moment, I doubt if they are even considering it.

With Mrs May and her team floundering around unable to come up with any solution to the Irish border issue which is acceptable to the EU and with the EU’s team becoming increasingly frustrated about their UK counterparts’ lack of any realistic exit plan, it is possible that EFTA may well come back into play as the only route to Brexit that is viable, given the limited timescale before Brexit Day. Mrs May dare not back down and postpone Brexit and the EFTA route is also the only alternative likely to pass a vote in the House of Commons.

So EFTA may yet prove the saviour of Brexit, but in so doing, there is also the possibility that it will also be the saviour of Europe and as the crisis in Italy has shown, there is no doubt that the Continent will need saving before too long.

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SCENARIOS BY COLIN BULLEN

Given the treatment Italy is receiving at the hands of the EU it is astonishing that anyone in this country can still believe that the UK should remain a member. In the face of the clearly expressed desire of the Italian people, as expressed at the ballot box, to put an end to rule from Brussels, the Italian president Sergio Mattarella, an unelected place man, obeyed the EU and Berlin in overriding the wishes of the electorate in order, as he puts it, *to prevent investors being upset*. The equivalent in this country would be to deny Jeremy Corbyn the premiership, should he win an election, on the grounds that it would upset City financiers. The mindset of Brussels can be seen from the comments by Gunter Oettinger, the German EU commissioner for budget and HR, who said *"The markets will teach the Italians to vote for the right thing"*, a blatant anti democratic statement illustrating the contempt with which the EU, and in particular the Germans, hold the wishes of the people.

Despite all this, and despite the ever increasing resentment, in large parts of the EU, of the diktats emanating from Brussels, it looks ever more certain that the British political elite will override the result of the 2016 referendum, and effectively keep the UK within the EU.

So far the Tory rebels have not yet succeeded, but their mindset is clearly illustrated by the comments of Phillip Lee, MP for Bracknell, a junior minister of whom no one outside the Westminster bubble will have heard, when he resigned. He has explained his decision in the chamber, saying it was a *"matter of deep principle"* and that *"A Government's first responsibility is to protect its citizens. This is usually understood in military terms but I believe it applies more generally. It means that sometimes when a majority of our people want something that is against the good of society, government and parliament has a responsibility to protect us. This was the case with the death penalty, when for decades politicians went against the majority view and refused to reinstate it. Now I believe it needs to be the case with the Brexit process."* Could there have been a more arrogant statement by someone elected to represent the voters? Who is he to say that supporting the death penalty or Brexit are against the good of society?



Colin Bullen: EU
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On the former perhaps he might like to explain to the relatives of the dozens of people murdered on our streets this year why the perpetrators must not suffer the ultimate penalty 'for the good of society', while it is sheer stupidity to claim that remaining in what is in effect a bureaucratic dictatorship is anything other than an affront to freedom and democracy.

In view of this it might be instructive to consider the various scenarios which may play out during the next few years.

What is now the most unlikely scenario was also the best, that the UK achieved a clean Brexit, confounded the nay sayers, turned back to the world and took once again the road it should never have left, of being a truly global, free, democratic, sovereign state. This could have been our future, but those Remainers in both Houses of Parliament, their fellow travellers in the media, and the unelected bureaucrats who worship Brussels have totally undermined these hopes. Probably for the first time in its history the Lords is nothing more than a depository for failed members of the liberal establishment, where the Liberal Democrats, a party which commands almost no support in the country, nevertheless controls hundreds of votes, which they have no hesitation in casting in opposition to the clearly expressed will of the people.

The next most unlikely is that we are wrong, that the EU will resolve its problems, that the single currency will be a success, that the democratic deficit will be addressed, that the apparatchiks of Brussels will be reined in, and made the servants, rather than the masters of the people, and that Europe will enjoy a prosperous future. One only has to list these requirements to recognize that there is an almost zero chance of such an outcome, as it would need an almost total reversal of the situation that now exists, and a sea change in attitude by the governing elites. Stupidity, selfishness, apathy and inertia will ensure that it just doesn't happen.

Perhaps the most likely future will be one where the contradictions and failures of the single currency will pull it apart, that the dysfunctional system for dealing with migration will anger many smaller states, particularly in the former Eastern

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bloc, so that they will choose to put country before support for the creation of a single European state, that Germany will finally decide that the fact that it would have to commit to take on the sort of immense financial liabilities necessary to save the economic union is unsupportable, and that electorates everywhere will increasingly turn to parties who are fundamentally opposed to the creation of a United States of Europe. These trends would then create a perfect storm, which would eventually see the demise of the whole project, although no doubt some of the original core members might decide to try to carry on.

Unfortunately this process would take a long time, as the fanatics who put a belief in the survival of the EU before anything else will not give in easily, and it could be several decades before the inevitable collapse. The damage done to the UK if it is still trapped in the EU, and to the other member states, would be tremendous and long lasting and, what is worse, unnecessary. One can only hope that all those Remainers who will have brought it upon us will then receive their due punishment for their actions.

The last scenario, and the one truly to be feared, is that the destruction of the EU, as detailed above, will be met by force, as the dictators of Brussels abandon any pretence of creating a democratic organisation, and resort to the kind of

methods all too familiar in Europe. This they probably could not do at present but, should they proceed down the same road they have followed for decades, we shall see unified police and defence forces, whose loyalty would be owed to Brussels, and the unelected apparatchiks who rule the EU, and which would then be called upon to suppress all efforts by nations to break away from their control. This would be met with fury and eventually armed resistance, and we should see Europe once again torn apart by conflict. The EU would lose in the end, but many would die before that happened. What a legacy the morons who conceived the whole vile project would have left for humanity.

The architects and rulers of the EU operate within the same paradigm as Lenin and his Bolshevik party, where practical realities were not allowed to change the course they had set, no matter how many people had to suffer in order for the project to continue. The argument that the ends justifies the means led to the horrors of the Stalinist purges, and now the determination of the apparatchiks of Brussels to create a single European state is sacrificing the people of Greece, Italy and other Southern European states on the altar of the Euro and will, if unchecked destroy democracy itself.

Brexit is our means of escaping this fate and we should grasp it with both hands.

POPULISM UNPOPULAR IN EU

There is a strange paradox among the left wing BBC and sneering EU elites, they refer to successful political parties they dislike disparagingly as 'populist'. Ironically, the most popular parties are those that get the most votes in elections which include the Labour and Conservative parties - they too on this basis should be referred to as 'populist'.

The EU is unhappy that parties in Italy and Slovenia, which it identifies as 'populist', have won elections and are beginning to oppose the EU, its immigration and other policies.

In Italy the winning coalition between the League and the Five Star parties decided to appoint a euro opposing finance minister, which the EU supporting President then vetoed and instead appointed Carlo Cottarelli, a euro supporter, instead. However, Italy under its new government is on a collision course with the EU.

In Slovenia, on the 3rd June 2018, the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), which is

opposed to immigration, gained the most votes with 24.4 per cent of the vote. The country, after it sacrificed its own economic freedom when replacing its sovereign currency to be replaced by the EU's euro, came extremely close to needing a Greek style bailout in 2013.

Slovenia was hit hard when its neighbouring country, Hungary, closed its borders to a huge flow of migrants forcing around 500,000 to pass through the tiny nation of just two million people.

The leader of the SDS, Janez Janša, has allied himself with the Hungarian prime minister, Viktor Orban, who many describe as a 'firebrand' leader. Mr Janša has declared he will put the interests of Slovenia first.

The US ambassador, Woody Johnson, has said the UK should take inspiration from Donald Trump, who the left and EU alike loath but is popular in the US, and cease its defeatism on Brexit. Such populism is unpopular in the EU.

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