

Resistance

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The shock waves caused by the Irish 'No' vote will be felt long into 2009.

With concerns over the economy this autumn, many could be excused for taking their minds off 'Europe' short term. However, 2009 will be a year when it will be difficult not to talk about the EU, including events abroad.

✚ Not knowing where to stop, the federalists will try to push the Irish into holding another referendum. Irish Taoiseach Brian Cowen has foot-dragged over committing to a date – preferring to talk in terms of when he can win the vote. 70% of the public oppose a re-run; 2/3 would vote No.

✚ The EU will be even less popular in the Republic, particularly in view of sanctions for breaching deficit rules. Irish finance minister Lenihan blamed the Euro for the recession.¹

The Irish have already had to change their guarantee on savers' bank deposits to please the EU.



When Irish 'Noes' are smiling – former MEP Patricia McKenna hears the result. EU promises to 'respect' it proved hollow...

✚ Although Europhiles are trying to soft-soap those concerned about 'militarism' with meaningless declarations, the EU is pushing ahead with 'common defence' initiatives.

✚ Another factor is likely to be calls for greater international military spending from President-elect Obama – assuming he survives the court challenge on his citizenship, 18 Nov.

✚ In 2009, the EU Presidency will be held by the troublesome Czechs, who have already dropped hints. The Poles say that they won't ratify the Treaty of Lisbon before the Irish, which means that the issue will fester....

✚ The Libertas campaign behind the 'No' vote hopes to use the June 2009 European Parliament elections as a proxy for a referendum in maybe eight or more other countries who have been denied a vote.

Europhiles dropped rumours of Declan Ganley, Libertas' founder, being some kind of front for the CIA, implying that he was trying to turn the Irish away from a European destiny.

This is ironic, as Douglas Evans' 'While Britain Slept' (mainly based on Europhile research) rumoured that the 1975 'Yes' camp received a large 'anonymous' donation from the CIA.

It was never proved, but the CIA was known to have subsidised the journal *Encounter* promoting British EEC membership.



For those who defend the EU as some sort of 'counterweight' to US power, the *Statewatch* report '*The Shape of things to come*' (2008) might come as a rude awakening. This documents how the EU has just caved into the Bush administration's demands; in the words of the author, Tony Bunyan: "*The exceptional and draconian become the norm*".

The report is also worthwhile reading for tracking moves towards an 'EU Surveillance State' – "...every object an individual uses, every transaction they make and everywhere they go will create a detailed digital record".



✚ The first UK ID cards (apart from the special cards for asylum seekers) will be given to "non-EU students" on 25 November. There will be no UK or other national flags, just a bull – as found on other ID cards within the EU.

✚ In Britain, in 2004, LibDem and Labour candidates used the European Parliament elections to talk about pensions, domestic violence – in fact, anything but Europe. It is interesting that the government has moved May 2009 local government elections back a month - probably in the hope of keeping the issue out of sight....

✚ The 'X factor' this time might be power cuts, particularly if the winter is bad. There is growing media coverage and realisation that the UK's power generation capacity is due to fall by 30-40% over the next 6 years, and National Grid effectively admit that demand in London is 'at capacity'.²

Independent energy consultants, McKinnon & Clarke, called on the government to build new power stations to reinforce supply. But the government can't do this without breaking EU state aid rules.³

✚ There has also been resentment at the prices charged by mainly foreign owned power companies, when they have not increased bills on the continent to the same degree.

✚ One claim made to whitewash the EU is 'energy security' (the Treaty of Lisbon would give powers). However, the recent Georgia crisis showed the EU as talking tough with Russia rather than wielding clout in practice. The Russians have energy's ace cards.



David Porter⁴ of the Association of Electricity Producers, said that a proposed Directive could force coal-fired power stations to shut down earlier than planned. (Ironically, this might force us to depend more on gas imports from unreliable countries like Algeria and Russia).

✚ The EU obsession with carbon emissions and (unproven) global warming led to a 'permits system' – the ETS. However governments have given out permits freely, leading to calls to ration then auction them.⁵ This can only increase energy costs.

✚ Even Europhiles are complaining about the EU's energy policy – biofuels and the cost of introducing unreliable wind power. Governments are begging for exemptions from emissions cuts for their industries.

✚ The Tories will have to talk about the EU – and face a backlash from some of their activists revolted at the way CCO managed MEP selections.⁶



The Battle for Britain

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

This vital energy issue has been under-exploited; it is critical to homes and the economy, and could bring the UK into conflict with the EU.

Part of the problem has been of our own making, but things have been (and will be) aggravated by the EU.

More on the penetrating website - eureferendum.blogspot.com – and note the Bruges Group conference on 22.11.08 has two speakers on energy (info: www.brugesgroup.com)



Some of the less sharp Tories mutter about 'how the EU must be substantially reformed'. They should read October's European Journal.

A European Court decision held⁷ that complying with a UN agreement was trumped by the existing EU treaty – even though the treaty explicitly upholds prior UN commitments!

By the same chalk, this undermines the UN Charter that upholds national self-determination. Maybe they should ask David Cameron (member of the 'All -Party Parliamentary United Nations Group' that exists to support the UN) to comment?

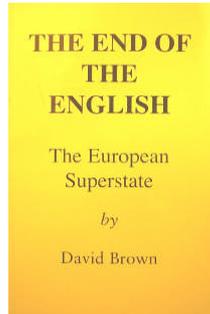
Media stories of problems with EU (like the ones we reproduce) are useful **only** in alerting the public as to the need for **Life After EU**.

Our main lobbying activity has been putting the case to columnists like Melanie Phillips and opinion formers like Stuart Wheeler as to why the EU **cannot be reformed**. They do listen.

Commenting on popular 'blogs' (online discussions) like Conservative Home, and even the Conservative Party website (where they survived editing); national and local newspaper forums is also fair game. The internet was key in the Irish 'No' campaign and Barack Obama winning support, and may be key to **winning back our country**. Advertising works through repetition.

LIGHT RELIEF? Russian astrologer Pavel Globa has often been spot-on. Predictions that came true include: the collapse of the USSR, the rise of Putin and Medvedev, the 9/11 terrorist acts, the decline of Fidel Castro. He claims:

"The [economic] crisis will last for ten years and will end by 2020. The EU will fall apart, and so will NATO". Several blocs will be formed instead: S.European, N.European... Germany will be in alliance with France...



David Brown's EU demolition handles facts clearly and is recommended to all the UK. It would be a good Christmas stocking filler or addition to a local library. Price £6.99 UK post-free, from the June Press, www.junepress.com

EU 'Block Exemption' plans that would restrict the supply of parts to independent garages could threaten up to 20,000 garages, lead to motor repair costs rising by 40%, with drivers having to travel further for service. The AA believes the changes, planned for 2010, will hit up to 20m motorists.⁹

With economic matters prominent, the effects of a controversial EU pesticides ban on food prices (and supply) could be substantial. (Biofuels policy has already hit food prices).

However some commentators believe that the ban is in place, whereas it is only as yet a European Parliament committee decision, and will resurface for detailed negotiation in January.

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CRÉDIT CRUNCHED EUROPE

The 'Seventies' oil crisis saw EEC countries act in their own interests; nothing changed in 2008! In fact, the so-called 'Common Position' reflected deep disunity!



"Large French companies can't be allowed to fall into foreign hands" said French (and EU) President Sarkozy.¹¹

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard¹⁰ of the Telegraph blamed the European Central Bank - which raised interest rates in July – for its 'destructive role'. The Euro's rise set off an 'oil commodity shock', which raised headline inflation even higher.

German Chancellor Merkel vetoed French efforts for a 'pan-EU rescue package', suspecting that German taxpayers might have to stump up.

The Gordon Brown/EU plans for changes to the failing international finance system have not been thought through, says Brett Schaefer of the USA-based Heritage Foundation.¹²

Pointing to the IMF and World Bank as saviours offers false hope, not least as these 'global institutions' lack expertise, national knowledge and funds. Although they might sound reassuring at home, the proposals might worsen financial instability.

Although some Scandinavians have been scared into considering joining the Euro, the BBC reports 'widespread opposition' to the prospect in Poland.



Other countries want their national currencies back.

If Iceland tried to join the EU/Euro, it might be forced to 'revalue' the Krona, as Italy was – to prevent advantage.

Previously under pressure, the threat of a Eurozone break-up would lead to a choice between 'political and monetary union' or neither. With the instability of S. European economies, and Austria and Germany's exposure through loans to E. Europe, there may be even more drama ahead.¹³

Mandy's return coincided with a Brown public charm offensive on petrol prices, tax, immigration and the right to 'sell in Imperial'. Read beyond the headlines and check for actual **substance**



January may see a jury throw out charges against Metric Martyr Janet Devers, giving 'EU' a higher profile.

This issue was delayed first by protracted work to fix property damaged by a neighbour's building works then by the need to study complex economic crisis detail.