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Our brighter future...

...outside the European Union

Leaving the European Union would open up a wealth of new trading opportunities for Britain with the rising economies of Asia and Africa, according to speakers at an anti-EU rally held on Saturday 2nd April by the cross-party Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIB).



Conservative MP Mark Reckless, lawyer Dele Ogun, economist Ian Milne and newspaper columnist Patrick O'Flynn each expressed strong support for CIB's policy of repealing the European Communities Act 1972 and taking Britain out of the EU. Opening the rally, CIB Chairman George West said: "The government continues its predecessor's refusal to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of Britain's EU membership. They say the benefits of the EU are obvious. We say the disadvantages and horrendous costs of membership are perfectly obvious to the British people. Euro-fanatic

British politicians want us to think of ourselves as Europeans, citizens of the EU, first and foremost. Our clear answer to them is that this is never, ever going to happen – **we want out!**"

Dictator

Dele Ogun said that bureaucrats and international bankers – backed by "dreamers and One-World idealists" – wanted to impose political union on both Europe and Africa, and would stop at nothing to achieve their aims. The African Union (AU), which until recently was headed by Libyan dicta-

tor Muammar Gaddafi, was modeled closely on the EU, Mr Ogun said, with "an African Parliament, an African Central Bank and an African Court of Justice, all administered by an African Commission. Sound familiar?"

Independent

Mark Reckless MP said that the most prosperous and successful economies in Europe were Switzerland and Norway – "both independent self-governing nations outside the EU". These countries were able to trade with the EU but were not subject to the mountain of EU regulations or costs. Belonging to the EU had dragged Britain

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down and even though we had opted out of the single European currency – the Euro – we still had to subsidize the debt-laden Eurozone. “Britain is more than a star on somebody else’s flag”, Mr Reckless told the rally. “Our future prosperity demands that we govern ourselves.”

Failing

Ian Milne, who runs the think-tank Global Britain, said that the EU was “a failing regional bloc” whose “one size fits all” policies would continue to stifle economic growth and innovation. We should look instead to “an organisation of 55 independent, democratic countries that already account for over a third of global GDP and 40% of the world’s labour force – an organisation that Britain formed – the Commonwealth”. The Commonwealth was, he said, “a voluntary association of sovereign independent states – in other words the exact opposite of the EU – and we invented it!”

Greater

The Commonwealth market, Mr Milne explained, was nine times greater than that of the EU, yet successive British governments had neglected it, choosing instead to “fling billions of pounds into the bottomless pit of the European Union”. In fact the annual

cost to the UK of belonging to the EU was 4,000 times more than the cost of belonging to the Commonwealth!

Courageous

Daily Express columnist Patrick O’Flynn praised the CIB as “courageous battlers against the Brussels empire” and said that due to CIB’s tireless work over the past four decades Britain had become “an anti-EU country”, as letters from *Daily Express* readers showed. Almost 400,000 readers had signed up to endorse the newspaper’s “Get Britain out of the EU” campaign – more than the entire membership of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour parties combined.

However, he added, other than the *Express*, anti-EU campaigners were still operating “in an overwhelmingly hostile media environment”. The media, and especially the BBC, were strongly pro-EU and therefore unrepresentative of the British people. David Cameron had promised to “repatriate sovereignty” but this was “nothing more than a fantasy”, Mr O’Flynn said. “There is only one direction that sovereignty goes, and that’s from Britain to Brussels.” He said it was likely that Labour leader Ed Miliband would try to outflank the Conservatives before the next general election by offering the British people a referendum on EU membership.

CIB and the entire anti-EU movement had to start preparing now, so that we are ready if a referendum comes. Mr O’Flynn promised that the *Express*, the first newspaper to explicitly call for British withdrawal from the EU, would stand firm in its policy. “The *Express* is back where it belongs – fighting for an independent Britain.” And, he added, “you can count on us – we’re in this for the long haul.”

He said he was reminded of the Gloria Gaynor song “I will survive”, particularly the chorus which he felt summed up what should be Britain’s attitude to the EU: “Go on now go, walk out the door, just turn around now, ’cos you’re not welcome any more..”

Report by Andy Smith

▼ CIB Chairman George West and lawyer Dele Ogun address the CIB rally.



(Photos by Derek Bennett)

“Britain is more than a star on somebody else’s flag”

– Mark Reckless MP at CIB London rally



New pan-European campaign against Brussels’ latest power grab

A pan-European anti-EU campaign has been launched called “No EU Tax” in response to proposals by Brussels which will, in effect, give direct tax income to the EU.

By the end of June 2011, the European Commission will present its proposals for “own resources” and although the specifics are unknown at present, the purpose of the proposal is simple; in short, the EU wants to bypass its member states by directly funding itself.

This power-grab by the EU is an affront to national sovereignty. The right to directly tax citizens belongs exclusively to sovereign states, something that the EU must never be allowed to become.

Increased scrutiny of the existing EU budget will serve to eliminate wasteful spending and curb the EU’s unwanted demands.

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GADDAFI – THE EU’S MAN IN AFRICA

By Dele Ogun

I have always doubted the claim that God made man in his own image: my suspicion was that it was the other way round! Similarly when it was being proclaimed that Colonel Gaddafi, with a new-found concern for enhancing human life rather than his past record of truncating it, had come up with the idea of making Africa in Europe’s image by turning the continent of many nations into the African Union, I doubted the claim: I rather suspected that it was the other way round.

Knowing what I know of the origins, strategies and tactics of the project for political union in Europe, my suspicion was that it was the control freaks of Europe, as their fathers had done at the Berlin Conference in 1884, who were once more seeking to make Africa in the image of Europe.

As in Europe, the idea of a super-state was not the object of any wet dreams that the people of Africa were having; on the contrary they were content, as they had been before that original European grand re-design of the continent in the 19th Century, been content to talk to their neighbours over the strong fences that divided their lands and to knock politely on each other’s doors whenever they wished to interact more closely. But when did the genuine desires of the people ever matter to the power vampires whose singular obsession is to drain the life-blood of power out of their fellow men to make themselves more powerful. In their grand planning they know that the more of us of different tongues they can herd into a single political cage, the more powerful that they, who are the managers of the complex, will be. Having perfected the design of the cage and the propaganda techniques for herding the flock into it, they were ready to export the model to other megalomaniacs to help them cage the rest of the world to the same ultimate end: their power over us.

Blair – the EU’s sales rep

The candidate specifications for the sales representatives were drawn up in Brussels. The ideal rep for the promotion of this new brand of Made-in-Europe democracy had to be a man of the people; a person with unblemished democratic credentials; a role model for humanity. The selection panel, after careful reflection under the chairmanship of Tony Blair, decided that the man for the job was none other than Libya’s Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. They were particularly impressed by the fact that, since the mishap of the downing of

the passenger airliner over Lockerbie, he had demonstrably become born again: he had after all given up his weapons of mass destruction which the British intelligence services said he had - never mind the small matter that it was the same services that said Saddam had the same terrible weapons which after deadly search were later found to have existed only in their imaginations. And so the European Union sent its most persuasive emissary, the smooth talking Mr Tony Blair, to find the Mad Dog in his desert lair and to beg him to accept the crown of King of Kings of Africa by becoming the champion of the new European design for the continent in the form of the United States of Africa. They presented to him all the templates for the institutions of the European Union to fast-track the implementation of the grand design and they told him that he only needed to substitute the word “African” for the word “European” wherever it appeared in the precedents.

With the aid of his son Saif, with his PhD in plagiarism from the LSE, and a bottle of Tippex, Gaddafi went to work. In no time at all the “European Union” became the “African Union”; the “European Central Bank” became the “African Central Bank”, the “European Union Commission” became the “African Union Commission” and the “European Court of Justice” became the “African Court of Justice”. Having blown the Tippex dry, the young Gaddafi sat back to admire his brainwork before presenting the masterpiece to his father. All was ready.

Father of democracy

Like the big bad wolf that he was, Gaddafi donned some gloves to hide his claws, a gum shield to hide his fangs and snorted some helium to mask his gruffness. Blair applied the finishing touches to the make-up and helped him to fix his wig before unveiling the European Union’s new High Representative in Africa to the people of Africa and to the world. The new father



▲ Tony Blair – the EU’s “sales rep” – greets his new best friend.

of democracy in Africa took his bow to rapturous applause of the rented crowds of African intellectuals and artists and the hired professional scribblers in Europe and America. But then came the high winds of the Arab spring and the flattering wig was suddenly blown off Gaddafi’s head. As the rain began to wash away his elaborate make-up, in panic the wolf lashed out with his steel claws and proceeded to bury his fangs into anyone within reach.

Libya is a small country of a mere six million people but, even so, the absence of any real shared identity (the bonding element of real nations) between the people of Benghazi in the east and Gaddafi and his people in the west became evident as Gaddafi unleashed the full force of his army against his disgruntled countrymen – and now the European handlers are fighting to put the Mad Dog down. The whole bloody saga serves to confirm that the first casualty of any utopian super-state designed by those labouring under the God delusion will be the human connection that is supposed to be the basis of representative politics. How much more connected at the human level would a President of a United States of Africa, or indeed of a United States of Europe be with the diverse millions over whom they would wish to rule?

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Census: Government will give our data to Brussels

In response to a question asked by independent Labour Peer Lord Stoddart of Swindon, the Government has confirmed that Eurostat, the EU’s statistics department, will be given information from the 2011 national census.

According to the Director General of the Office of National Statistics: “The UK and all other member states are required to make available to Eurostat, by the end of March 2014, a set of standardised statistical outputs derived from a census or comparable statistical sources relating to the year 2011.”

Lord Stoddart believes that successive governments have been responsible for a position where they have been compelled to hand over statistical information about their citizens to an unelected foreign body. Census data can be used for a multitude of reasons other than just to collect data. It can be used to single out one section of the population, look into people’s finances, and look into people’s personal information.

While, at this stage personal details will not be given to the EU, Lord Stoddart says he has “absolutely no confidence that Her Majesty’s Government will not, in the future, cave in and agree that personal information about every British citizen can be given to the other EU nation states and to the European Commission.”

Insane choices

Coalition coughs up for EU while our armed forces are cut to the bone

By David Campbell Bannerman MEP

n that famous phrase: “You couldn’t make it up!” The moment our Coalition Government scraps Ark Royal, the Harriers and other essential military equipment, we need them the most. While we bomb Libya from the UK, the French send a carrier. I have called for Ark Royal and a minimum number of Harriers to be rerieved – just as *Invincible* was rerieved by the Falklands crisis (which did Mrs Thatcher no harm).

The shambolic sight of UK rescue operations in Libya was a national embarrassment. The ridiculous choices of the Coalition Government, to spend more on EU membership (now £48 million a day) and foreign aid (£23 million a day) when we are making dangerous cuts to our own military services speaks volumes. They cut at home to squander money abroad. And we call these politicians our public servants!

Falklands

This piecemeal salami slicing of our self-government has dire consequences indeed. Even if we did have an independent foreign policy, the

Coalition’s outrageous defence cuts leave us almost defenceless. Why else would there have been speculation on loss of the Falklands when the cuts were announced? How can aircraft carriers without any aircraft to carry make sense? The idea should have been laughed out of the room.

We are in the endgame to salvage what independence we have left. This is the culmination of years of EU planning, to subvert the nation state and supplant independence with a federated plan for a Common European interest – the United States of Europe. Any state that cannot make plans to defend itself, cannot call itself free.

Additionally, a nation that cannot speak for itself is not free either. The institutionalization of the European Foreign Service, with its ambassadors pledging allegiance to the EU and not its constituent nations, will only go to gag Britain in international affairs. Bit by bit, independent states are being elbowed aside on the international stage by the EU and our foreign minister Baroness Ashton, a lady who has never been elected to anything in her life. I bet she learned a lot about international diplomacy working for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament!

With the proliferation of these EU embassies, who



▲ David Campbell Bannerman MEP

acts on behalf of British interests now? Who do foreign governments call when they wish to deal with us: the EU or UK ambassadors? No wonder they are closing many British embassies.

Britain’s anti-EU movement is on the rise and our voice is being heard. We want friendly trade and cooperation with European nations, but we want to reassert our

global presence, reclaiming our seat at the WTO, making full use of our UN Security Council seat, establishing a Commonwealth Free Trade Area, and playing a full and active part in NATO. As you can see, there is a world out there. So why just stick in with the overregulated EU and its falling share of world wealth? We’re a global trading nation whose destiny lies outside the EU.

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MEP accuses EU of trying to ‘buy’ UK referendum results

The European Parliament recently debated new regulations that will give European political parties the right to interfere in referendums in Britain, leading UKIP MEP Stuart Agnew to accuse the EU of attempting to “purchase the right result, first time.”

The new regulations will allow European political groups to use their funding to support campaigns in the UK on referenda with an EU dimension, something that parliamentary rules have specifically forbidden until now. This means that any referendum in the UK on transfers of power to the EU or on whether or not to leave the EU would be very seriously biased in favour of the pro-Brussels line.

As the UK Government wishes to hold referenda on future transfers of power to the EU, Mr Agnew said: “You are frightened out of your wits that we may give you a series of wrong answers, so you intend to remove money from our taxpayers’ to indoctrinate them into your own version of the path of true righteousness.

“Never has the EU’s gerrymandering been so clearly displayed alongside its contempt for UK voters.”