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EUROPE IN CHAOS!



Athens explodes as the euro economic experiment collapses...

How much longer can the Euro – the European Single Currency – survive? And, if the Euro collapses, what will happen to the European Union?

While America and much of the English-speaking world is beginning to climb out of recession, the EU is still in the depths of economic gloom.

The crisis is deepest in Eurozone countries such as Greece and Ireland which, due to the failures of the Single Currency, have had to turn to their EU neighbours for a financial rescue package.

In fact it was cash-strapped Britain that had to bail out the Republic of Ireland and prevent the Irish economy from crashing completely.

With virtually all European governments having to make draconian cuts in public services, and with unemployment rising dramatically across the Eurozone, protests have often turned into full-blown riots.

One size fits all

None of this should be a surprise to anyone. The problem with the Euro is that it is a “one size fits all” solution that puts economic control in the hands of the EU. There is no scope for flexibility to suit the circumstances of different countries.

Single currencies only work in single states. The political leadership of the EU has already taken us a long way down the road to a “United States of Europe” with its Maastricht and Lisbon treaties – but the Eurofederalists’ dream of a single, totalitarian EU State, is just out of their reach.

And will continue to be while the Eurozone – the ultimate expression of European “unity” – flounders.

In the meantime, the economic problems grow. And the crisis is

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Politically and financially bankrupt... will the EU have to use force to keep its citizens in line?

A HOUSE DIVIDED...

The Campaign for an Independent Britain has delivered a copy of its new booklet *A House Divided*, which asked whether Parliament can serve two masters – the Nation and the European Union, to every Member of Parliament and Member of the House of Lords.

It is introduced by Phillip Hollobone MP with foreword by Lord Stoddart of Swindon and contains a brief history of the EU from its inception as the European Coal and Steel Community to the present European Union. It tells of the lies and deceits perpetrated in order to gain public support, the loss of parliamentary sovereignty which has taken place and was delivered to every single member of the House of Commons and House of Lords so that the members were fully aware of the powers that they have lost.

A House Divided makes clear just how much power has already slipped out of the hands of the British people, how much faster the process of EU integration has become since the Lisbon Treaty, and what must be done if we are to save what remains of the UK's sovereignty, democracy and freedom.

***A House Divided* is absolutely essential reading for everyone who cares about democracy and the rights and liberties of the British people.**

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Europe in chaos

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not confined to the poorest Eurozone countries. The more efficient economies, such as Germany, are being dragged into it. And even Britain, in the EU but still outside the Eurozone, is affected.

Having spent millions of pounds on a rescue package for Ireland, we will soon be asked to help shore up the near-bankrupt economies of Portugal and Spain too. What's more, around half of our exports currently go to countries in the Eurozone, and if the economies of the Eurozone decline further, so too will Britain.

Not immune

So, despite making the right decision to keep out of the Single Currency, we are not immune to the Eurozone's developing economic crisis. This is totally unsustainable. But the political leadership of the EU – including our supposedly Eurosceptic Prime Minister David Cameron – will do everything they can to keep the Eurozone afloat and keep the EU together. Their answer is to try to increase Brussels' powers and accelerate the process of "convergence" and unification. This is in spite of Prime Minister Cameron's pledge to block any power-grabs by the EU without a referendum.

So much for politicians' promises!

What then are the inevitable consequences for the Eurozone – and the EU? Soaring unemployment, widespread business failures, and unavoidable political crisis throughout Europe...

mental state will ensure that more young people start taking an interest in the cause of Britain's withdrawal from the European Union.

Georgina Bristol, 25, who is involved with the campaign for an EU referendum, sums up many young people's views perfectly: "Ours is the generation who will be af-

There is, however, an alternative for Britain. Withdrawal from the EU would enable us to escape the crisis, save billions of pounds of taxpayers' money that is currently poured into the bottomless pit of the EU, and regain the trading opportunities in the Commonwealth and the English-speaking world that have been largely closed to us since we joined the "Common Market" in 1973.

Britain has been an outward-looking trading nation for hundreds of years. But this began to change in the 1970s when we entered the Common Market – and turned out backs on the Commonwealth. Today, it is the straitjacket of the EU that prevents us from taking advantage of our longstanding relationship with countries such as Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The Eurofederalists dismiss groups like the Campaign for an Independent Britain – opponents of the EU – as "Little Englanders", implying that we have no interest in the world outside the British Isles.

In reality, the federalists are the insular ones – Little Europeans – whose worldview is narrow and whose minds are closed. What CIB wants is for Britain to opt out of the failing EU and instead become a major independent trading nation once more, in charge of our laws, government and trade.

The choice facing Britain is simple: stay in the EU and go down with the sinking ship of the Eurozone, or sail away to a brighter, more prosperous future.

Andy Smith

fectured by all this after all the crusty old politicians who oppose a referendum are long gone."

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The Angry Generation

By Alex Ellis-Roswell

Young people. Those two words conjure up images of angry mobs running loose around Whitehall chanting anarchic slogans and then rushing off home before their bed time. However, there is a different side to the younger generation in this country. It is still an angry side and still a politically motivated side, but it is a side I am sure most readers would be quite keen on. For Euroscepticism is no longer the exclusive pastime of the older generation; the young are getting involved too.

Every political movement needs figureheads, rally cryers, and a leader to take them into battle, and the young Eurosceptic movement of Britain has its fair share. Zac Goldsmith, Nigel Farage and Dan Hannan are all seen and talked about by the under-30s. Goldsmith's style, Farage's passion and Hannan's knowledge are all things that attract support from Young Britons. Farage is a particularly good example. He has utilised the power of online social networking and especially the online video sharing programme YouTube to showcase his

passionate exchanges in the European Parliament to the generally younger users of YouTube. It was Nigel Farage's selection of online videos that first brought me into the Eurosceptic movement when I was 16. His passion for what he talks about attracts and impresses young people en-masse.

Polarised

The young in Britain today are a polarised and divided generation. There are those strongly in favour of the Government's plans on education, and those strongly

against. There are those who seek a more liberal and free society, and those who support a stronger collectivist and socialist agenda. Likewise there are massive polarisations in opinion when it comes to the European Union. Surveys and reports have shown though that the Eurosceptic movement is winning overall. Why? Because young people are outward-looking, global in approach, and generally don't like being told what to do. This combination of passionate politicians, global thinking and the shadow of an ever-expanding conti-



▲ On parade with the Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteers Corps of Drums.

Celebrating the Commonwealth of Nations

On Saturday 22nd January 2011, representatives of the Campaign for an Independent Britain and the Freedom Association took part in the annual Australia/New Zealand Festival in the City of London, organised by Dennis Delderfield, Chairman of the pro-Commonwealth organisation New Britain.

Held in the run-up to Australia Day (26th January) and New Zealand's Waitangi Day (6th February), the Festival started in Watling Street, in the heart of the City, at the memorial to Admiral Arthur Phillip, who was the first Governor of Australia and founder of Sydney. At the memorial, soprano Cheryl Enever sang the Australian national anthem, and wreaths were laid by Campaign for an Independent

Britain vice-chairman Edward Spalton and Freedom Association director Simon Richards – the latter in memory of Lord De Lisle VC, a former Governor-General of Australia and a founder of the Freedom Association.

In a brief speech on the shared heritage of Britain and Australia, CIB's Edward Spalton said that while Australia – a relatively young nation – was now a truly inde-

pendent country, Britain in the meantime had become in effect a colony or province of the EU empire! He looked forward, he said, to the day when Britain and Australia could “travel the road ahead together in equal friendship and fellowship”.

After the ceremony at the memorial, the procession was led off through the City streets by the Corps of Drums of the Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteers, followed by flag-bearers with the Australian and New Zealand flags, and standard-bearers of the Royal British Legion with the Union Flag and the standards of several Legion branches. They were also accompanied by those traditional icons of London – the Pearly Kings and Queens themselves.

Procession

The procession went on to the Church of St Sepulchre, opposite the Old Bailey, for the Australian/New Zealand Festival church service. Here, special messages were read out from the High Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand, and speeches were made by Bishop David Farer, the former Bishop of Wangaratta, Australia, and CIB vice-president Sir Teddy Taylor. Alderman Andrew Pearson, an internationally acclaimed organist, played the famous Toccata by Widor.

Two weekends later, Sunday 6th February, as Free Brit-



▼ CIB vice-president Sir Teddy Taylor with Pearly king and queen.

First crack in the dam?

In December 2010 the *Daily Express* became the first national newspaper to join our campaign and openly call for British withdrawal from the European Union. Will others newspapers follow this lead?

▼ The front page of the *Express* “Get Britain Out of the EU” special supplement, published in January 2011.



▼ CIB vice-chairman Edward Spalton and Freedom Association director Simon Richards at the start of the ceremony.

▼ Simon Richards of the Freedom Association lays a wreath.



ain went to press, a similar event was due to take place at the statue of Captain James Cook in The Mall, to mark New Zealand's national day, with wreaths being laid and prayers being said for New Zealand. Activities such as these are vital in rebuilding strong international links between Britain and the Commonwealth. For too long the Commonwealth has been neglected.

Campaign for an Independent Britain is keen to support and promote events that celebrate Britain's Commonwealth connections. The Old Dominions of the Commonwealth – including Australia, New Zealand and Canada – are a vital part of Britain's past. But by strengthening our ties with the Commonwealth, these countries can be a vitally important part of our future too.



SCANDAL!

A never-flown Nimrod surveillance aircraft is broken up because the Coalition cannot be bothered to resource Britain's defences properly. But they can find BILLIONS to bail our Ireland and hike the European Union's budget!

CAMPAIGN FOR AN INDEPENDENT BRITAIN

Campaign for an Independent Britain is a non-party political campaigning organization, supported by membership subscriptions and public donations. We uphold freedom of speech for all people of goodwill from all countries, races, and creeds who share our objectives and values. Our members are people from all walks of life who recognize that continuing British membership of the European Union poses grave threats to our liberties, independence, and economic prosperity.

If YOU believe that Britain should leave the corrupt, undemocratic, obsolete and fraud-ridden European Union – *why not join us?*

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd February: The Fourth Annual Goldsmith Lecture at the Sir David Davies Lecture Theatre, University College London 6.30pm for 7.00pm. This year's lecture will be given by Professor Tim Congdon CBE – economist, businessman and anti-EU campaigner – on "The State of our Nation". CIB Chairman George West will be in the chair. The Goldsmith Lecture is organised by New Britain in memory of Sir James Goldsmith. Previous Goldsmith lecturers have included The Rt Hon Lord Tebbit, Lord Pearson of Rannoch, and Simon Heffer. Tickets are £5 each on the door (free to under-18s).

Saturday 2nd April: Campaign for an Independent Britain AGM and Rally at the Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, Euston (opposite Euston station). AGM 11.30am to 1.00pm, Rally 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Speakers at the rally include Mark Reckless MP and Patrick O'Flynn of the Daily Express. Admission free.

Saturday 23rd April (St George's Day): Gala Concert for St George – A Festival of English music and prose at the Church of St Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct (opposite the Old Bailey) Starts at 2.00pm (doors open 1.30pm) Including poems and prose by William Shakespeare, William Wordsworth and Rupert Brooke, plus songs from Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operas and concluding with *Rule Britannia, I vow to thee my country*, and *Land of Hope and Glory*. Tickets £5 from: New Britain, 10 College East, Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RL.

Campaign for an Independent Britain PUBLIC RALLY LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION

Saturday 2nd April 2011

Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, Euston, LONDON NW1 2BJ (across the road from the rail and coach stations)

2.30pm to 5.00pm

ADMISSION FREE

Speakers:

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