

## **Our Politicians Fail To Keep To Their Word As They Let Us Down Yet Again**

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BRITISH governments have frequently preferred to give large orders to EU companies rather than to UK ones. The Army's biggest ever order for lorries went to MAN Fahrzeuge when there were perfectly suitable British suppliers.

They also bought an Austrian armoured vehicle, the Pinzgauer Vector, supposedly to provide extra protection for troops who were being needlessly killed in the Snatch Land Rover. The Pinzgauer was withdrawn because it was even more dangerous. So Bombardier is in a long line of British companies and workers who have been consistently rejected by British governments in the name of "EU rules". We may well ask, "whose side are they on?"

From the beginning of the very idea of the EU, British politicians were willing to sacrifice British jobs and industry.

"No government dependent on a democratic vote could possibly agree in advance to the sacrifice that any adequate plan must involve.

"The British people must be led slowly and unconsciously into the abandonment of their traditional economic defences...." (Peter Thorneycroft, later Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1947).

Mutual confidence between members of society and their government depends upon good faith. To mark particularly important commitments, people make oaths and solemn declarations – from the Brownies and the Cub Scouts upwards. Policemen and judges swear to uphold the law impartially, jury men and women to deliver a true verdict, witnesses to tell the truth.

Soldiers swear an oath "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen.... and defend her against all enemies and will obey all orders of Her Majesty... and of the generals and other officers set over me."

More than 350 people have recently died, keeping that oath in Afghanistan. An oath is administered to cabinet ministers when they become Privy Counsellors. It starts in a similar way and concludes "You will to your utmost bear faith and allegiance to the Queen's Majesty; and will assist and defend all civil and temporal jurisdictions... granted to Her Majesty and annexed to the Crown.... against all foreign princes, persons, prelates, states or potentates."

Ministers, who took this oath, made the Queen and all of us into subjects of the European Union, bound to obey dictates of its officials whom we did not elect and cannot dismiss. This is the rottenness at the heart of the state which betrayed the workers at Bombardier and many other firms.

The soldiers kept their oaths to defend the sovereignty of the Crown, and so of the country, against all comers. Yet the ministers who give them orders in the Queen's name do not keep theirs.