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BROWNS BIG RED LIES

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Those who operate in the world of art have a very convenient line which allows them to get away with artistic murder. Any odd-bod who has no art training - or talent, can pile a load of bricks together, daub a bit of emulsion on a canvas ad hoc or stick a crack in the floor, then declare: 'I am an artist so this is art'! Because of this they can get away with producing any old crap!

Taking a leaf out of the art world's book, the leaders of the EU have tinkered with its failed constitution which was originally thrown out by the French and the Dutch, and which is still well over 90 per cent of the original, then as good as stated: 'We are the EU, so this is not a constitution! This is the EU version of getting away with any old crap.

Ignoring public opinion, the majority of which want a referendum on the treaty, and ignoring his own Labour Party manifesto which promised a referendum on the constitution, Gordon Brown flew out to Lisbon and on the evening of Thursday 18th October 2007, with the other 26 EU leaders, he agreed to what most accept will be the demise of Britain as a free, democratic and sovereign nation. He has undertaken the greatest betrayal in British history at this summit.

Most EU summits go through the deception that there will be a big bust up as the various EU leaders posture in front of their electorates. There are late night discussions and the pretence they may not agree and that the summit will have to be abandoned, then - hey presto - its all sorted and they go home declaring that there was some hard bargaining but they have struck a fantastic deal for their country. This time not even that charade took place, making Gordon Brown's "Red lines" even more meaningless than they are - in reality, considering the confidence trick Brown has pulled on the people of this once democratic nation, they should be re-titled 'Big red lies'!

Calls for a referendum have been growing steadily for some time, not just here in Britain, but across the EU too. According to an FT/Harris poll, an overwhelming majority of people in the UK want a referendum and also in four other large EU nations. 70 per cent of those polled in the UK, France, Germany, Italy and Spain want a referendum. On a

national basis the highest numbers calling for a referendum are: 76 per cent in Germany. 75 per cent in Britain, 72 per cent in Italy, 65 per cent in Spain and 63 per cent in France. Naturally, the EU's leaders remain deaf to their electorates pleas as they want to avoid referendums at all costs - they have bitter recollections of losing them. They talk the talk about democracy, but they don't walk the democratic walk.

There are serious concerns that the EU's Court of Justice could quickly destroy Brown's opt-outs, making his red lines as easily circumvented as the Maginot Line in the Second World War. Brown has also declared that there will be no more treaties

for ten years. He should, in reality, have stated there will probably be no more treaties ever. This treaty has given the EU the power to set in place legislation for itself, thus by-passing the need for treaties. It has also shifted the status of the national leaders in the EU from being representatives of their countries, to being representatives of the EU. Once this treaty is ratified Gordon Brown and every future Prime Minister will no longer hold allegiance to his Monarch, country and people, but to the EU and its principles. This is treason, there is no other or polite way of putting it.

Sadly, the Tories who have opposed this treaty and are demanding a referendum, have little credibility regarding their stance. They still admit that if it came down to leaving the EU as the only option to get rid of the treaty, they would stay in and accept it. If they had real conviction and wanted something to barter against the EU, they would threaten to leave if they couldn't get what they wanted. Sadly, they have proved that they would rather put the EU before the well being of the nation.

Euro-sop MP, David Miliband, became agitated when Labour MPs compared the treaty to the appeasement of the Nazis, but how else can it be described. This treaty will be bulldozed through Parliament and we will all await our fate as Gordon Brown appeases the EU.

This is the EU version of getting away with any old crap

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PICTURE THIS

Although EU-sceptics have little sympathy for the majority of MEPs, few would not be so cruel as to force them to sit through five tedious hours of some of the most appallingly dreary films ever made. However, the European Union is not so sympathetic.

In another of its money wasting crackpot schemes, the EU is outlaying £240,000 of taxpayers earnings. It is building a temporary 90 seater cinema costing £70,000, plus administrative costs of £100,000. Films to be screened will be depressing fare such as: *Auf der anderen Seite*, a German - Turkish film which features an elderly widow and a prostitute and covers the subject of immigration. A Romanian film, *4 luni, 3 saptamini si 2 zile*, a tale of a girl seeking an abortion during the period of the Ceauscu dictatorship, and *Belle Toujours* a film about the fate of a once beautiful Parisian housewife who fulfilled her masochistic daydreams by working in a brothel. Euro Disney this aint!

There will be nine screenings and MEPs will be expected to sit through the full five hours of each screening which will then give them the wonderful privilege of voting on this seedy dross to select the winner. And the prize for the winning film? It will be translated into all of the EU's 23 official languages at a cost of £70,000 and the director will be presented with a trophy based on the Tower of Babel - wow! Then the cinema will be demolished and these films, no doubt, forgotten.

MING LOSES HIS DING

They may seem a bit fuzzy round the edges, and their ideas a bit woolly, but the Liberal Democrats have just proven they can be every bit as vicious as any other political party when they turned against their now ex-leader, Menzies Campbell.

The attack came quickly and the poor old duffer must have wondered what had hit him. One minute he was the leader of his political party with everyone around him smiling and telling him what a statesman he was - the next - whilst still smiling at him, they left him with a loaded gun and told him to do the honourable thing. Before he knew it he was on a train back to Scotland and his assassins in London were telling the press and media what a wonderful and honourable man he was.

Ming, the once merciless, now Ming the muddled, has joined the elite club of party leaders, who, like Iain Duncan-Smith, never made it to a general election. That privilege will now go to whoever wins the leadership race. The two favourite contenders to win that dubious honour are Nick Clegg and Chris Huhne.

The manor in which Ming was deposed by his party was described by one Lib Dem as: 'absolutely brutal and cold blooded'. There has been speculation in the press that Gordon Brown could offer Menzies Campbell an advisory roll in Government.

Ming may have rung the Lib Dem's bell once - but he has certainly lost his ding!

BROWN BACKS DOWN

A DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Gordon Brown has today made clear that he will not call a general election this autumn. This means that, if the PM tries to ratify the looming EU Constitution 'revival' treaty in Parliament at his earliest opportunity, referendum campaigners now have around four months to win the battle for the government to honour its promise of a referendum - rather than the four weeks of a snap general election.

Now that the political landscape has been clarified, the Democracy Movement will be pushing forward with the next phase of our referendum campaign.

GREAT START: The campaign has already got off to a tremendous start. More than a quarter of a million 'Gordon, Don't be an EU Cheat' leaflets have already been distributed by DM branches and activists across the country.

In one week alone, just over 28,000 leaflets have been despatched to distributors as far and wide as Pinner, Cheltenham, Halifax, Esher, Louth, Beckenham, Folkestone, Grimsby, Derby, Buckfastleigh and Maidenhead.

Beyond the benefit of hundreds of thousands of people getting information about the treaty and reading the arguments for a referendum, hundreds have returned the registration form included on the leaflet, showing their support for the campaign and in many cases wanting to get more involved.

NEXT STEPS: The DM has also been hard at work creating a sophisticated new referendum campaign website, listing MPs' views on a referendum.

The site will enable visitors to check where their MP stands on a referendum, and what their MP's majority is (ie. how susceptible they may be to pressure) by entering only their own postcode. It will also provide the facility for visitors to e-mail their MP, to congratulate or criticise them on their position. If visitors to the site send us their contact details when invited, the site will automatically follow up their action and e-mail them at a later date to ask them if they received a response from their MP, and what that response was.

This will ensure that supporters chase their MP for a reply, and that our records of MPs' views are kept up-to-date with the latest information.

The site will be supported by a brand new campaign leaflet, focussing on encouraging people to take action and contact their MP. This will be available in the usual large quantities soon

after the EU summit on 18-19 October that is expected to finalise the treaty. At that time, MPs will no longer have any excuse for not making their position clear.



This literature, and our main efforts, will be focussed on a selected number of anti-referendum MPs in marginal seats, chosen for their susceptibility to pressure and in a sufficient number to ensure a pro-referendum majority in Parliament when the treaty is brought forward for ratification.

Phase 2 of our referendum campaign will be launched in the coming weeks, when we will publish our new website, a full list of our key target MPs and accompanying new literature. We look forward to working with you on the pivotal battle for democracy ahead.

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IDENTITY CARDS ABOUT TO COME TO ENGLAND - A CALL TO ARMS! BY JOHN WELFORD

If the government's current plans go ahead unchallenged it is almost certain that during the next twelve months a quarter of the population in England will be issued with identity cards. How do I know this? Because this is precisely what happened in Scotland last year.

The identity card in question is not the card as explicitly described in the Identity Cards Act 2006 and scheduled for issue in two or more years time. No, this is entirely different - it is the national multi-purpose entitlement card, popularly referred to as the pensioner's bus pass. But make no mistake, this IS an identity card. It is NOT a card that is SIMILAR to an ID card, or a card that MIGHT BECOME an ID card; it IS technically an ID card. Moreover, with appropriate function creep it is intended that in due course everyone in the population will be required to use these cards for access to their local services (+ devolved services in Scotland). And inevitably at an appropriate stage the card and its functions will be subsumed into the UK ID card scheme. At a stroke this will finally bring into being full transformational government.

Well this at least is the very bad news. The GOOD NEWS is that something can be done about it. For the plan to succeed it obviously requires the consent and active co-operation of the local authorities. Experience in Scotland has shown that local authorities have been kept in the dark about the true nature of these developments - and remain in the dark. A key requirement for English NO2ID groups, therefore, will be to educate their local authorities about what is planned and what remedial action should now be urgently taken.

In the following I go into more detail about what has been happening in Scotland and also my suggestions for the kinds of campaigning actions which I consider should now be taken.

A government announcement by Ruth Kelly was made three weeks ago - and strategically delivered in the middle of the LibDem Conference. It stated that the 'bus pass' entitlement card scheme, having been trialed in Scotland and Wales during the past two years, is now to be extended to England. I have still not seen this reported in any newspapers yet, but came across it in PublicTechnology.net. I have flagged up this news item on the NO2ID Discussion Forum here: <http://tinyurl.com/2a83n3>

In brief, this is my summary of the way in which entitlement cards have been introduced into Scotland:



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1. The new so-called bus pass is in fact a 'Trojan horse' identity card. It conforms to the ITSO 'smartcard' specification, carries an RFID chip, and is, I understand, technically very similar to a London Transport Oyster card.

2. The registration procedure is simple, but it involves the unique numbering of pensioners and disabled people and the creation of a centralised database of people's details, for potential shared use for libraries, health departments, etc. Such an ID card would

not, of course, be permitted in Germany.

3. The application form and surrounding publicity have been hugely deceptive, with all the emphasis placed on 'the bus pass', and the centralised database not referred to as such anywhere.

4. Pretty well everybody has been completely taken in by the card: pensioners, most of the press, local councillors, etc. One of the very few cautionary notes I spotted was by Help the Aged (Scotland), who, taking note of the potential extended uses of the card were wise enough to recommend applicants to "read the small print".

5. As far as I know, out of the million or so people who applied for the card only one person sent it back, demanding a proper bus pass - and that was me! I am still in the process of demanding a proper bus pass and also trying, with some difficulty, to get my story onto the front page of a Scottish national newspaper.

6. The problem with getting my story published in Scotland appears to relate to the anomalous allegiances of the national editions north of the border. While the story could do significant electoral damage to Scottish Labour it also has the potential to give a great boost to 'Braveheart' Alex Salmond and thence to the cause of independence. Now while there are newspapers which might welcome an opportunity to do damage to Labour in Scotland (e.g. the Scotsman and the Scottish Daily Mail), such papers are also pro-Union. Conclusion - I may soon have to give up on the Scottish press and take my story to a London newsdesk.

7. From January of this year school students in Scotland have been invited to apply for a similar kind of 'entitlement card', which offers cheap bus travel. Some schools are choosing to use the cards for access to school meal services - and so the cards are already functioning as multi-purpose ID cards.

8. Early plans are now being made to of-

fer cards to all citizens, for access to council-run services, etc.

This obviously presents a new and vitally important campaigning issue to be confronted by all NO2ID groups, and especially now those in England. But also it should provide a new valuable springboard for getting our larger NO2ID message across. Fortunately, the English groups are in a good position to exploit the knowledge which we have been able to gain north of the border. In Scotland we had no such advanced knowledge.

The following are my initial suggestions for actions which should be taken:

1. EDUCATION.

If you have good contacts on your local council you should seek to enlighten them about what is in the process of happening and what urgent actions councils should be taking. In particular, if your council has adopted an anti-ID card policy you need to point out that the new entitlement cards would be in conflict with this and are in fact a key integral part of Labour's transformational government agenda. Likewise, the same message should be directed to all other councils, but particularly to those which are not Labour run. The fact that 'Trojan Horse' tactics are being brazenly adopted should I think provide a great spur to action!

2. WHAT COUNCILS CAN BE DOING NOW. In short, engage in some local democracy! Councils do not need to withdraw entirely from the entitlement card scheme (it would probably, in fact, be financially disadvantageous to do so). On the contrary, at a minimum all they need to do is to commit themselves to issuing their cards merely and quite explicitly for single-purpose bus pass use. The cards will probably not be issued until early next year (and ready for use on 1 April), and so there may still be time to arrange for the cards to carry an appropriate title: 'bus pass', 'concessionary travel' or similar. Note that in Scotland the cards are customised for each local authority. Thus, there is an Edinburgh card, a Glasgow card, etc. So a similar scheme in England should allow scope for any 'rebel' authority to choose to have its cards marked up, say, as bus passes. Ironically, Scottish entitlement cards are completely titleless, with no indication of what they actually are! See: <http://www.jwelford.demon.co.uk/snec/snec.jpg>

The Scottish application forms contain a section: "Part 3: Request for consent to share data". In effect, this is requesting applicants to sign away their statutory rights as laid down in current Data Protection legislation. This request would obviously be redundant for those rebel authorities issuing single-purpose bus passes, and so this section of the form, together with the final page of the form containing explanatory information on 'data sharing and data protection', should, if possible, be blanked out or otherwise cancelled. (Note that registrations have already started in some places, with cards being issued in the run up to 1 April 2008.)

Since the cards are issued centrally it seems inevitable that a pensioner's details are going to end up on the central national database. There is an opt out offered, but whether this will amount to anything in practice remains doubtful. However, the information is very basic, and so long as the card itself is functioning solely as a single-purpose bus pass this should, I think, present a relatively minor problem.

To conclude. If just a few English councils can be persuaded to opt out of the card's data sharing agenda this could, I think, be highly embarrassing for the government and could generate significant publicity. And this would, of course, be paralleling whatever we are able to achieve in Scotland, both in national press coverage and by Alex Salmond's government.

3. REFUSENIKS.

For any council which is determined to co-operate with the government's ID card agenda, you could still encourage a few pensioners to become refuseniks - to apply for a card, send it back and then demand a proper bus pass. But note that for regular bus users this can be a costly option (for example, it's costing me an estimated £300 per year). However, for any pensioner who makes little or no use of buses this does provide a useful, low cost campaigning opportunity.

Finally, you can catch up on the government's plans "to provide a common infrastructure for secure electronic interaction between local government, central government and citizens" by going to the 'Government Connect' website here: <http://www.govconnect.gov.uk/>

Two additional concluding points about the Scottish perspective. You can keep in touch with our campaign north of the border here: (<http://www.jwelford.demon.co.uk/snec.html>). And for an in-depth look at the entitlement card you can download my 12 page report (pdf format, 548Kb), entitled 'The Scottish National Entitlement Card: an exercise in wholesale systematic deception' here: <http://www.jwelford.demon.co.uk/snec/report.pdf>

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OBITUARY, VIC HESTER BY DEREK BENNETT

You always knew when Vic Hester was amused, he had a lovely little chuckle that was so infectious you could not help but smile. Sadly, Vic and his chuckle are no longer with us - he passed away at the beginning of October a victim of C.DIFF which is currently rampaging through our NHS.

Vic, who had suffered from heart problems in recent years, was admitted to hospital for treatment in relation to his heart condition and tragically contracted the deadly virus.

Vic ran a successful and long established coach company in the area Darlaston area of Walsall where he lived. In fact his home was his business as he lived in the same building where he had his shop front and office. Come every election time his shop window was always plastered with Vote UKIP posters in support of my election campaigns in Walsall South. He also ensured, in the days before Walsall MBC banned election posters on lamp posts, that the Darlaston area was covered in "Vote Derek Bennett" posters.

Like many who became disillusioned with the so-called mainstream political parties, Vic had been a member of the Labour Party but quit for UKIP several years ago. Before he began helping my campaigns he used to help the sitting Labour MP, Bruce George. Many often used to joke about the similarity in looks between Vic and Bruce George. However, unlike Vic who had the common sense to know he had been betrayed, Bruce George remains with the Labour Party which Vic used to moan had done so much harm to Britain over the last Ten years since it took control.



Vic & Liz Hester: UKIP stalwarts

took control.

Although Vic was always a genial man, he never really got over the grief of losing his grandson who was killed in a tragic motoring accident, he carried this sadness to his grave.

This year has been a period of great loss for the Walsall - Wolverhampton campaigners, Vic's death follows those of: Dave Edwards, Derek Doogan and Bill Newman. Tributes to them all are posted on the Walsall - Wolverhampton web-site, go to: www.ukipwalsall-wolverhampton.co.uk

BROWN BOTTLES IT

What a merry dance the new Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has been forcing the press, the media and the public to follow during September and into the beginning of October.

Speculation began to gather that he would call a snap election, he was well ahead in the polls, and the media worked itself into a frenzy trying to guess the date - Gordon was going to walk it.

So what happened? The election was, without doubt on and set for November 1st. This is not conjecture, a trusted source close to the editor of the Euro Realist has stated that schools, community centres and church halls were instructed to be ready for November 1st and to expect delivery of polling booths and other election equipment - Gordon Brown was going for it.

The question is - why did he bottle it? What made him press the panic button and call it off? Some have speculated that it was down to David Cameron's Blackpool speech,

he certainly has a knack of pulling things out of the bag at Tory conferences in front of the Conservative faithful. Others think it may be connected to the mire he is in with the not the EU constitution, and many think he is just too cautious. Whatever the answer - it certainly looks as if he lost his nerve - possibly the thought of being the shortest serving Prime Minister in history had something to do with it.

As the old saying goes, those who fail to learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them. James Callaghan was in the same position in 1978, he teased the public with an election, the unions became even more bolshy than usual for the time and he lost the following general election - Gordon Brown has put himself in the same position. If he did not want an election he should have killed the speculation at birth.

Now the nation waits. The Tories are beginning to make gains in the polls, UKIP is getting ready to challenge the EU treaty and the public feel they have a week and feeble Prime Minister. Browns ale has turned pale!



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THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

There is one quality, perhaps above all others, which is essential if a state is to be democratic and that is accountability. Indeed, if corruption is to be avoided and efficient and effective management to survive, this quality is vital in any organisation. Yet increasingly the managerial and political classes have found ways to undermine this principle in order that they personally may benefit and, by so doing, are destroying the foundations upon which our society has been built. In the European Union they have found the perfect mechanism to finally eradicate any vestiges of true democracy in our political system.

There are those who believe that the current mania for out sourcing, off shoring and the breaking up of organisations such as the Civil Service and the railways is intended to somehow make for greater efficiency at less cost but in fact the real desire is to enable incompetent managements or governments to evade responsibility by pointing the finger of blame at the bodies to which they have transferred tasks properly belonging to them. How often do those who have a genuine grievance now find that they constantly receive the answer: "It's not us, you need to speak to them" and are left on a merry go round talking to managers who deny that they are accountable for the problem.

This device is used by the politicians at Westminster, both within the country, when they refer the aggrieved citizens to devolved agencies, and at the European level, where they can now claim that laws and decisions for which they could previously be held to account are now the responsibility of the EU and that the problem must be referred to Brussels. Of course, if one were to attempt to follow this advice one would find that the European Commission and its army of arrogant bureaucrats are actually accountable to no one but a toothless European Parliament whose members are very well paid but whose actual power to change anything is virtually non-existent. If this had been the position in the past it would have meant that the permanent secretaries of the British Civil Service would have been able to create laws without fear of scrutiny or control by Parliament. Is it any surprise that the European Commissioners see themselves as the real rulers of the European Union - they are right, they are.

The massive corruption which pervades the EU, and has led to the auditors refusing to sign off the accounts for eleven years in a row, is a result of bureaucrats being freed from accountability, and able to behave as they please, knowing that there is nothing the people can do to stop them.

Without accountability then democracy itself will die. We have seen this so often in the totalitarian dictatorships of the last century, and of this. Unless we withdraw from this undemocratic organisation then soon elections will be nothing but a hollow sham and we will be unable to control those in power.

**Colin Bullen
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GERMAN SHEPHERD

In his discussions with the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, David Miliband was accompanied by a German advisor. Can anyone explain what this man is for?

Perhaps his name is a clue. He is a Herr Schaefer which translates as shepherd. So Mr Miliband needs a German shepherd to keep him in Frau Merkel's euro-fold. Even Chamberlain didn't feel the need for an advisor from Herr Ribbentrop.

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A PROMISED REFERENDUM

BY Dr BOB SPINK MP

Since the Treaty of Rome and European Communities Act 1972, Britain ceased to be a legally independent nation. Majority voting in the EU Council of Ministers automatically applies to Crown, courts, Parliament and people “without further enactment” (see Clause 2 – 1 ECA 1972)

Successive Treaties have extended the powers of the original Treaty. Now a larger overall Treaty has been proposed under German Presidency, likely to be signed in a final version before the end of this year under the Portuguese Presidency.

On 7th June Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett appeared before the Commons European Scrutiny Committee to be questioned about the forthcoming Council of EU Ministers meeting planned for 21/22 June. The ESC meeting had been specifically planned to ascertain the proposals by the German Presidency for the forthcoming conference so that our government and people would have some knowledge of the treaty. They were stunned to hear that no draft proposals for the new treaty had been received from the German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

On the evening 19th June, the British Representative in Brussels was handed the draft proposal from the German Presidency (Document 11177/07) for the European Council to issue a “mandate” or instruction for the imminent Intergovernmental Conference of the representatives of EU member states as to how they should go about establishing a “reform” treaty. This document, effectively a German diktat, of 31 pages and two small print detailed annexes was accepted en bloc at the EU Council meeting attended by Tony Blair on 21/22 June without any record of debate. This then became what is now called the “mandate” from the Council to the Intergovernmental Conference for its detailed work of putting together a Treaty incorporating what is already in force together with many controversial additions. Subsequent questions have revealed that the government had not received any prior draft of the proposals from the Germans before 19th June.

Minutes of meetings by Select Committees of the House of Commons reveal that the terms of this Reform Treaty agreed on 21/22 June last, had not only been drafted in Brussels under the then President Merkel, Chancellor of Germany assisted by officials of the European Commission but were accepted en bloc by heads of EU Governments, less than two days after their publication. This left no time for national governments to consult their colleagues and still less their departments of State since the proposals were only given to them at most two days prior to the meeting. It would appear that this text was produced by officials of the German for-

eign office assisted by those from the European Parliament and EU Commission.

On Monday 25th June Tony Blair gave a verbal report to Parliament neglecting to mention that a copy of the so-called “mandate” had been lodged in Parliament’s Vote Office and available to MPs from the morning of 25 June, so most MPs and all the public were entirely ignorant of the commitment by HMG and Governments of all member states. It had become accepted as a mandate or instruction from the European Council. The Intergovernmental Conference IGC, itself is the body which, in the rules and organisation of the EU is responsible for its own agenda. The European Council has no formal powers to instruct it. Very soon afterwards Tony Blair tendered his resignation to the Queen and a couple of days later both he and Margaret Beckett surrendered their seals of office and responsibility and were no longer directly accountable to Parliament and people for one of the biggest surrenders in British history. Tony Blair left office to the ringing applause of MPs whom he had recently agreed to disempower permanently from the control of many areas of this nation’s life

When questioned during a meeting of the European Scrutiny Committee, Minister for Europe Jim Murphy confirmed that the mandate is complete, closed and will not be reopened. The obligations entered into cannot be changed, He stated that the process now is for the “reform” treaty to be translated into legal language into the principal and many other languages of member states, covering some 300 articles and declarations.

In spite of this major and largely unknown departure from established practice, Angela Merkel got her way. The procedures of proposals into the new treaty illustrate central power which could hardly be seen as compatible with any democratic principle. Objections from the Czech Republic and Poland were ruthlessly rejected. Without support from one large member country, they were powerless to resist. Nations of Europe and beyond, opposed the building of a Eurostate by force of arms between 1939 and 1945. The democratic voices of the peoples of Europe must now be heard and acted upon by all peaceful means to reject this EU Constitution/ Reform Treaty.

The European Scrutiny Committee of the House of Commons published a report on 9th October (Ref HC 1014). This concluded that the provisions of the proposed “reform” treaty were, for all practical purposes, the same as the EU Constitution, rejected by the French and Dutch peoples and upon which almost all sitting MPs had, in their election manifestos, promised their electors a referendum.

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