

## **Jean-Claude Juncker Speaks to Practically Empty EU Parliament**

Jean-Claude Juncker delivered a speech in Strasbourg this week, purporting to be how the EU stood in the world currently.

But his version of the state of the EU and reality are poles apart.

Unable to hide his fury when facing an almost empty debating chamber, he was twice rebuked for "a disrespectful attitude" by the Parliament's President (The Speaker) for saying the parliament was "ridiculous" as only about 30 MEPs apparently turned up to hear what he had to say.

Look up the website (Juncker Strasbourg Speech) and see the empty chamber – a sight to behold! The BBC news didn't mention this – I wonder why?

The Speaker pointed out to Mr. Juncker that the EU Commission did not control the Parliament. Parliament should control the Commission. (Of course, it is debatable if either actually happens Ed.).

It did not go down at all well, judging by the "scattered applause" from the few in the chamber.

To be fair, there was no pretence that Mr. Juncker's intention is aimed at more and more integration. At least there was a bit of honesty there.

But what wasn't revealed was the true nature of the condition of the EU after 40 years with its 'One Size Fits All' mind-set where the rules, once established by The Commission, dictate that we are all expected to just Pay & Obey!

No, Mr. Juncker, we won't "live to regret Brexit" as he suggested at Strasbourg. But the continent of Europe will continue to suffer, Italy with its 45% youth unemployment, the hundreds of migrants sitting hopelessly on the shores of the Greek Islands, the Calais 'jungle' and so on. The list is endless.

That's the reality of the EU today – 40 years of failures.

Neither Mr. Juncker nor Mr. Barnier should be so surprised that the majority of the British people said 'Enough is enough. We're off!'

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