

The Future is Good

It will be great motivation for all of us who believe in democracy and freedom if Marine le Pen becomes President of France. Then, the two great countries of Britain and France can slap the EU on the wrists for its arrogance in treating the people of every country on the continent so harshly with their ` One Size Fits All ` mind-set.

But, if we have to put up with Monsieur Macron, we must live with it and lean on him to support us.

Do we have to remind the bureaucrats of Brussels that there is no blueprint, no template, no box ticking form to fill out to leave the clutches of the EU?

We are the first nation to reject the incompetence of the failed European project and its disastrous political currency.

The response from Brussels tells all. You can hear the agonised wail from Mr. Juncker's office – "How dare you not do as you are all told. All you have to do is Pay and Obey, and you awful British have the colossal cheek to question what we say"

Theresa May has not reacted in the rude, overbearing and threatening way adopted by the EU Commission.

President Francois Hollande said "there would inevitably be a price and a cost for the UK" and "Britain will have a weaker position in the future outside Europe than it has today in Europe "

We disagree.

It was very unkind of German Chancellor Angela Merkel to speak scornfully of British " illusions " in the Bundestag last Thursday.

Jean-Claude Juncker, EU President of the European Commission said Mrs May was "in a different galaxy" and "underestimates how complex

the process is". Well, Mr Juncker, it doesn't have to be complex, unless you make it so.

He may like to pause and consider the EU's treatment of the people of Greece, for example.

This is not the language of diplomacy between allies. One expects Kim Jong-un to throw insults around, but not leaders of democratic countries in the continent of Europe.

The whole approach of the EU elite comes over as aggravating. In only four minutes on Saturday, European leaders agreed to their hard-line Brexit and the British Government must follow their timetable. First, a settlement of £50 billion. OK, Mr Juncker, send us an itemised bill, with the appropriate legal enforcement clearly stated, with the date that this was agreed between Britain and Brussels.

The combination of bullying negotiations, techniques and language is no way for friendly neighbouring countries to behave.

European leaders owe so much of their freedom to us. Europe still relies on Britain to a significant degree for its defence. Is this the way to treat an ally? Such aggression from those leaders fails to give us respect. We are not intimidated, although Intransigent Remainers, i.e., the Heseltine / Clegg / Mandelsons of this world would, no doubt, like us to feel so.

But even reasonable people act unreasonably when they feel threatened. The 'pretend' solidarity in Brussels on Saturday suggests that the EU is really worried about its impending break-up and collapse. Some commentators put it at 10 years. Some as early as within 5 years. Thank heavens we will be out of it well before then.

The EU's pretence at being united, confident and buoyant falls flat. It's none of those things. It is in crisis, having lost the support of thousands of ordinary people right across the continent. Take for example Italy, traditionally wedded to the EU but no longer.

Wake up, commissioners, and smell the coffee!

So many of us, very possibly the majority, are sceptical of the EU as the British showed themselves to be in last June's referendum. There is the rising tide of scepticism as a result of the doomed euro project, which has frustrated growth and induced despair among millions of ordinary people.

What we saw in Brussels at the weekend was a creaking institution pretending to be tough and united. It's anything but. This flagging disorganisation is in no state to throttle Britain.

Hold your nerve, Teresa. We're doing fine.

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