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CYNICAL SARKOZY

The question many are asking is; how much lower can politics go in France? On the 21st November, 2007, Jacques Chirac, who ceased to be the President of France last May, was placed under official investigation for his part in an alleged fake jobs scam while he was the Mayor of Paris. He has been linked to a string of nefarious goings on, dating back to 1977.

Now that he has lost his immunity from prosecution, which was granted to him in his role as President, he has been questioned by investigating magistrates. After four hours of questioning preliminary charges have been filed against him.

Despite a change of President, things do not get any better in France, the new President, Nicolas Sarkozy, is proving to be an equally slippery character. He may not have some serious fraud cases trailing in his wake, but he is proving to be as blatantly arrogant as any EU fanatical politician.

On the 13th November 2007 he displayed his contempt of the people in true EU approved fashion when he stated that Referendums on the EU Reform (Constitution) Treaty would be "dangerous". He admitted that his fellow countrymen, who it should be his duty to represent, would reject the treaty, he also admitted that it would be lost in the UK too. He said that there was a "cleavage between the people and governments". "A referendum now would bring Europe into danger. There will be no Treaty if we had a referendum

in France, which would again be followed by a referendum in the UK." he confirmed. If he knows how the people feel, and that they are at odds with those who he has a duty to, then it should be asked, why is he not representing their wishes as he was elected to do?

Nigel Farage, the leader of the UK Independence Party, accused Sarkozy and Gordon Brown of following "an utterly cynical political plan". "Not only does he stop his own people from having a say but he is trying to block Britain from having the referendum which our government promised." he warned.

Initially everything hung on the Irish who were the only ones who were going to be allowed a referendum to comply with their constitution, but

now the Danish Prime minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, announced that he was to give the Danes a say - of sorts.

In what can only be described as another serious attack of EU cynicism, rather than offer a referendum on the EU treaty, he is offering a referendum on member-

ship of the EU's currency, the euro, and on various opt-outs which Denmark had previously negotiated - not on the treaty. If he can rig it so that he wins the referendum, the door will then be wide open for Denmark to throw itself wholeheartedly into the EU "Project". He is doing his utmost to fool the people and betray them.



AN ANNUAL EVENT

There is a cycle of events, which take place each year. There is the FA cup final, the Cambridge Oxford boat race, the Grand National, the Queens official birthday and the trooping of the colour, wet bank holidays, the kids return to school and the EU's auditors refusal to sign off its books. This year is the thirteenth time this ritual has taken place.

The simple fact is, the EU can never account for billions of our money which passes through its hands, so much of it is lost and is untraceable the long suffering EU auditors could not account for almost 60 per cent of the 2006 budget.

Olive growers across the EU claim they grow so many olive trees there can be hardly any room for the homes they live in - yet no one checks. Now, thanks to a change in the EU's rules, golf clubs, stables, country clubs and many others can claim EU agricultural aid. The EU is bleeding money all over the place, yet the people are told we can't afford to be out of it!

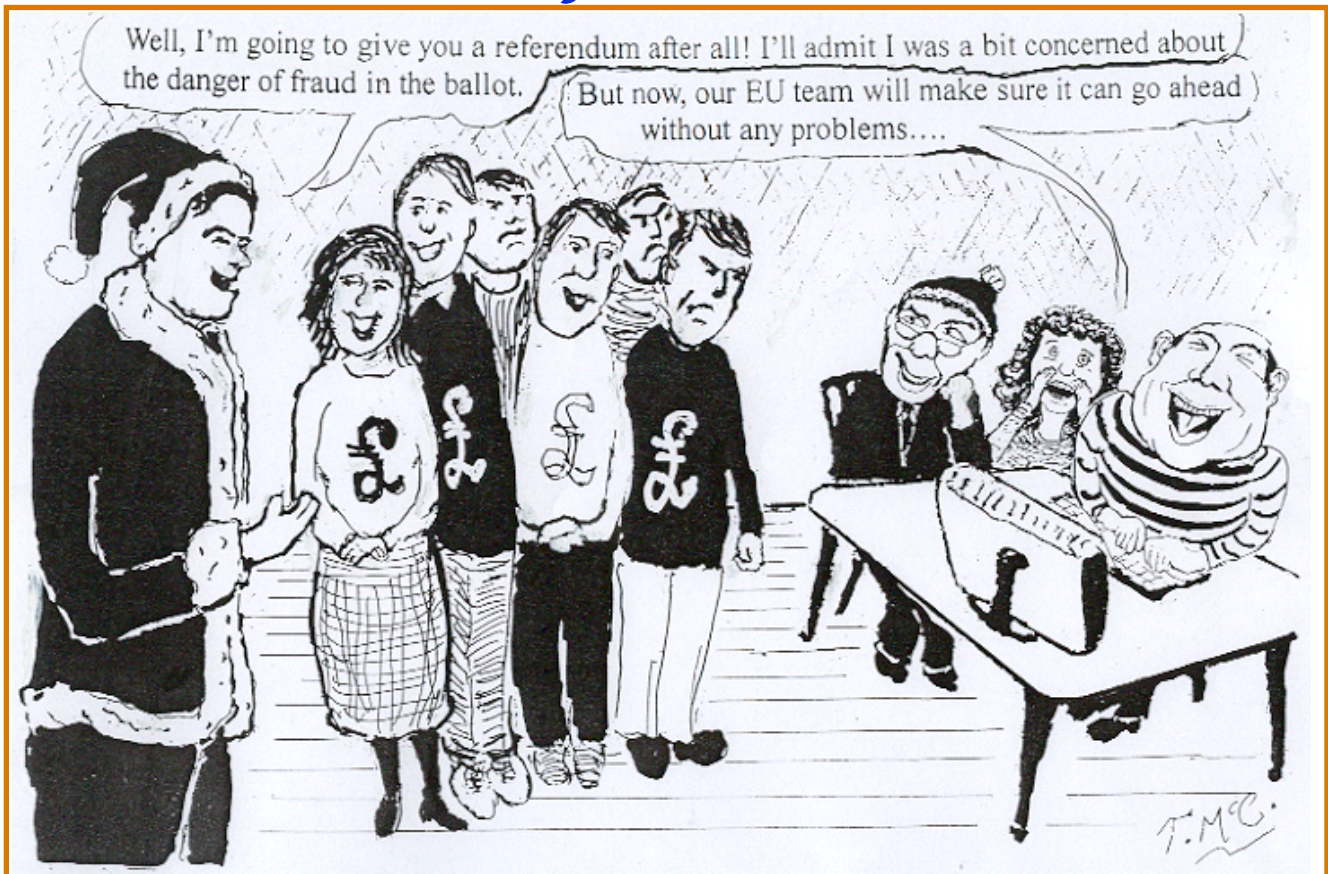
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BEING FRANK ABOUT THE EU ARREST WARRANT

The nightmare EU arrest warrant recently hit one of its ardent supporters right where it hurts, in his constituency. Frank Dobson MP, who voted in favour of allowing foreign courts and police to have the power to order the arrest of any British subject, without any protection for that person, was forced to stand up in Parliament on the 24th October to point out a grave injustice done to one of his constituents who was a victim of the EU arrest warrant.

The irony regarding this is spectacular, but not much fun for Joseph Mendy, the victim in question of this particular EU arrest warrant. It all began when Mr Mendy, aged 19 at the time, did what most young lads do, he went on holiday to the Spanish island of Fuerteventura in the Canaries with his pals. There, he and his chums were arrested by the Spanish police and accused of counterfeiting four 50 euro notes. As the euro is a novel currency with variations across the EU, it is a job to define real from counterfeit. They were accused of passing off this funny money, one note in a bar, another in a local shop and two other forged notes were found, one with his friend and another in their hotel room.

They were taken to court on the two following days then allowed to return home with the warning that they would be contacted by the authorities. In March 2007 Joseph Mendy was served with a European arrest warrant, arrested, held in a Liverpool police cell, taken to London where he faced a court, and despite an appeal on the 18th July he was given over to the Spanish police on British soil at Heathrow and taken to Madrid. There was no protection for this British subject by the British

courts, whose duty it is to protect us all, which was how the system worked when we had our own extradition procedures.

Mendy was denied bail by the Spanish court as they considered he was a flight risk. By then the Spanish judicial holidays were about to commence and he was held in a Spanish prison for two months. It was not until the 15th September that his Spanish lawyer advised him that if he continued to plead innocent he could face another year in jail before facing a trial. He was then told that if he pleaded guilty, as he had no criminal past, he would get a suspended sentence and a small fine. Not wanting to spend a year in prison he pleaded guilty, got a two year suspended sentence and a €600 fine.

This sorry matter then fell into the lap of Mendy's MP, Frank Dobson, who had to report to Parliament the flaws in the very system of EU law he had voted for. He had to point out that Mendy had not personally been found in possession of any counterfeit money and various inconsistencies in the procedures of the Spanish authorities. He had to point out that the British judge had sent Mendy to Spain knowing of the Spanish holidays and that he would have to spend two months in prison or suggesting that he should be granted bail. This poor chap has been through hell and has a criminal record for a crime he did not commit.

In response, Parliamentary under-secretary of State for the Home Department, Meg Hillier, said: "We have to have faith in our European partners!"

FORCING A REFERENDUM BY TORQUIL DICK ERIKSON

I think we agree that the situation is pretty dire. At present more and more people are raising their voices to call on Brown to hold a referendum. It is becoming massive, and could turn into a tsunami of public opinion. But Brown is being "resolute" and "steadfast" (we would say "obdurate") as he promised, and saying No. One of these voices calling on Brown to hold a referendum is that of David Cameron, the leader of the official opposition. I think there is a way of forcing Brown to hold a referendum. It could be done by using Cameron as a lever, by pushing Cameron just a little further down the road he is already on, pushing him a little further onwards than he was originally planning to go. In engineering terms, by applying the same pressure to Cameron we will obtain a greater result than by only applying it to Brown. The shouting at Brown must of course continue, but voices must also be raised to call on Cameron to take a pledge. To ask him to pledge, that if Brown ratifies the treaty without a referendum, he, Cameron, as his first act of government, will call a referendum to repeal that treaty.

If he refuses our call to take that pledge, then his own call to Brown to hold a referendum will look very threadbare and lacking in sincerity. He will trip up and fall over. He will no longer be able to ride on the crest of the pro-referendum wave. His popularity ratings will slump badly. Of course the reason why he would be reluctant to take that pledge is that to do so he would have to defy the doctrine of "acquis communautaire". But he would have to say that against the doctrine of *acquis communautaire* must prevail the unalterable bedrock of our British Constitution. This bedrock is the principle that No Parliament Can Bind Its Successors. It would not be necessary for him to say "We must repeal the ECA72 and get out of the EU now." He would only have to say "We are holding a referendum to repeal or to keep this last treaty, and under our British constitution nobody can stop us from doing that". It would be left to the EU to say or to try to say "You cannot repeal any treaty once it has been ratified, if you do you are out of the EU entirely". Brussels could say that, but Brussels would then have to bear the full political responsibility for saying it in the eyes of the British public. I think the numbers voting to get rid of the treaty would actually increase. Any attempt to bully the British simply stiffens our resolve.

The success of this tactic would depend on the strength and number of voices calling on Cameron to take that pledge. I have no confidence in the man as such. He seems to have no principles at all, and tries to follow what he sees as the prevailing wind. The important thing however is that officially he is the official leader of H.M. official op-

position, and so if he were prevailed upon to make a pronouncement as I suggested, it would put Barroso and Merkel and Sarkozy in a quandary. They would realise that with the first change of government in Britain their whole construct could unravel from the foundations. I think that at that point they would start to take active steps to have Britain excluded from the start. Giscard himself is already suggesting something similar. Better for them to have a smaller but more stable edifice than a larger one which might suddenly crumble.

My guess is that at that point Brown's own EU colleagues would start telling him that he had better hold a referendum now, while he controls the government and so can frame the question, decide the rules etc, rather than later when it would be his adversary holding the cards.



Torquil Dick Erikson: how to
force a referendum on the EU
treaty

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MAKING A MESS OF RUBBISH

BY CHRISTOPHER BOOKER

Recently came two further twists to the unending saga of what has become the best-kept secrets of British politics - the real reason behind why we are making such an unholy mess of the way we dispose of our rubbish.

First, following Gordon Brown's apparent U-turn on the Government's plans to introduce a "pay-as-you-throw" charge on emptying our dustbins, came the revelation that his ministers are still planning this new stealth tax in their Climate Change Bill.

Second, by no means unrelated to the first, came the warning by a committee of MPs that we may soon face a staggering £180 million a year fine from Brussels for being in breach of EU rules on the amount of our rubbish we send to landfill.

Scarcely a day has gone by in the past year without some new headline over the chaos which has been engulfing our system for collecting and disposing of waste.

There have been the endless rows over the glaring flaws in the new fortnightly collection system and the bewildering proliferation of different bins into which we now have to sort our various types of rubbish, including on the spot fines for homeowners accused of dropping even a single envelope into the wrong container.

Last year it was reported that no fewer than 40 percent of our binmen had experienced incidents of verbal or physical abuse from angry householders. All this is in the worthy name of promoting more recycling of our waste. And yet it turns out that millions of tons of rubbish supposedly collected for 'recycling' are still being quietly dumped in landfill sites, or shipped out in containers to China and elsewhere, where much of it is not recycled at all.

Not the least scandalous aspect of this shambles, however, is the way our ministers never honestly explain to us why it is all happening.

The story behind what has become our best-kept political secret began 20 years ago when we handed over the right to decide our waste policy to Brussels under a European treaty. In the 1990s, led by countries such as Denmark and Holland, which were running out of space to bury their rubbish, the European Commission began planning a major new waste policy for every country in the EU.

At its centre was the so-called Landfill Directive in 1999, the aim of which was to phase out disposing of rubbish in holes in the ground, switching the emphasis to as much recycling as possible, while incinerating the rest.

In theory, like many ideas emanating from Brussels, it seemed like a laudable aim. But in



Christopher Booker, the campaigning anti-EU journalist: the real reason for bin taxes

practice there was no country in Europe on which the new policy would have greater impact than Britain, because traditionally we had landfilled much more of our rubbish than anyone else.

In fact we had already been developing a pretty efficient recycling system, for items such as paper and glass, relying on the free market. Our system for collecting and recycling old vehicle batteries was the most efficient in Europe.

Furthermore, our reliance on properly-regulated landfill had much to commend it, as a way of reclaiming considerable quantities of otherwise unproductive land, such as abandoned quarries, returning them to beneficial use.

But thanks to the EU we now faced effectively a far greater revolution in our waste disposal system than any other country in this which has now reduced our own once-efficient system to chaos.

An early example of this was the way we were forced by another EU directive to abandon our system for collecting and recycling old car batteries and to replace it with one so much more cumbersome that the proportion of batteries recycled dropped from 97 percent to less than 80 percent.

In the past few years other directives have made it ever more difficult to dispose of all sorts of items, from fridges to old paint cans, predictably leading predictably to an explosion in flytipping.

At the same time, to meet the requirements of the Landfill Directive, our Government has been piling on local authorities and businesses an ever higher tax on every ton of waste dumped in landfill - currently £24 a ton and due to rise by £8 a year until it reaches a prohibitive £60 - with the fast-looming prospect that, after 2010, if we can't meet our strict EU targets, we will face massive yearly fines from Brussels.

With this in mind, last year, co-ordinated by a quango known as WRAP, our local authorities began launching their new collection system, the bewildering array of bins, fortnightly collections and the rest, all in a forlorn bid to avert those EU fines (the MPs' estimate of £180 million may well be an underestimate - Liverpool council alone predicts that its ratepayers will have to pay £30 million a year).

But almost a greatest scandal of all has been how so much of this policy has been based on a colossal act of official humbug. So long as the contents of our bins can be labelled as "waste collected for recycling", they count as a plus towards meeting our EU "recycling" targets - even if millions of tons are then shipped out to the Far East or dis-

creetly landfilled.

Earlier this year an enterprising ITV programme West Eye managed secretly to film hundreds of tons of already composted waste simply being dumped into a Somerset landfill site. Similarly cynical operations are going on in many parts of the country.

The net effect of all this is that, in a desperate effort to comply with EU laws, we have the worst of all worlds. We have exchanged our once efficient home-grown waste disposal system for one that is creating chaos and unpleasantness in all directions (undermining the once friendly relations between bin men and the public).

In our efforts to placate the EU, we are paying ever higher taxes on the rubbish we still landfill, while pretending that much more of our rubbish is being recycled than it actually is – yet still facing the inevitability of those fines from Brussels which before long could be running into billions of pounds.

Meanwhile millions of fridges, TV sets, old cars, batteries, sofas, paint cans and piles of rubble are being chucked over hedges or left in lay bys – with the only response from our politicians being to demand yet more fines for fly tipping.

But their worst betrayal of all is that they will not explain to us openly why this is all happening. Had we not surrendered the right to decide our waste policy to Brussels in 1987, we would have been free to develop a waste policy suited to Britain's particular needs.

Instead of which we are landed with a disaster entirely of the politicians' own making: one which leaves them so little power to remedy the situation that all that is left to them is to dither over whether or not they dare charge us even higher taxes for a service they can no longer properly provide.

Many thanks are given to Christopher Booker for giving consent for the Euro Realist to use this article.

FROM THE HORSES MOUTH THE TRUTH ABOUT THE EU REFORM TREATY

Gordon Brown has his meaningless 'Red lines', Euro Labour Government EU lackey's repeat the mind numbing mantra that it is not a rehash of the failed EU constitution, but there are some who know much better, and no one will know more than the man who put the EU constitution together in the first place. That man is none other than Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

On Saturday 10th November, 2007, he was interviewed by Ed Stourton, who refers to this haughty French politician as the "Godfather" of the Constitution, below is the full text of the interview.

VGD: Let us be very precise about it. You know, the text in Lisbon was written in a different way than the text called Constitution for Europe. When we wrote it, the Constitution, we wrote it directly, article one, article two, article three and so on. What they did in Lisbon is a different work. They took our text, they started from our text and they tried to introduce the different articles or notions into the existing treaties.

So of course the approach is materially and intellectually different, but the substance, they started taking as a basis our text. It's just another presentation and combination of presentation but the text is word to word the same one. If you attach importance to the fact that they are the existing treaties, that is true. But if you take the substance, the nine or ten proposals that were in our text, they are in exactly in the same wording in the new presentation.

ES: If that is the case, if the substance is the same as the constitution...

VGD: Yes.

ES: The logic of that is surely there should be certainly a referendum in France, which rejected the original constitution, and certainly a referendum in Britain where one was promised if the constitution went ahead

VGD: Well, the question of the way to ratify

a treaty is an open question. In France, normally to ratify a treaty, it's through parliament. And it's up to the president of the republic to decide if he wants or judges that it's better to go through a referendum. So the normal process for France is a parliamentary process. Since the Lisbon treaty is legally a new one, even if the substance is absolutely similar, we can't take the government can't take the process, the parliamentary process, without having legal problems.

ES: Well that may be the technical position but it's politically dishonest, isn't it?

VGD: Well, it's not so clear either. I try to be sincere with you. When the French people voted "no" at the referendum, they did not vote on articles, they did not even vote on our proposals. They voted against the political power in place, the people in charge, at that moment. So you cannot tell, say, strictly speaking that they approved or disapproved certain part of the text. They did not in fact, because they did not vote on the text.

ES: Alright, let's deal with the argument in this country, where perhaps it's a little bit clearer because the British people were promised by the government in their last election manifesto that if the constitution went through there would be a referendum. And the point of that was it felt that the constitution contained a real change in Britain's relationship with Europe. Now you've just told us that in substance that what was the constitution has gone through so the logic must be that there should be a referendum.

VGD: Well, there shouldn't be by my evaluation a debate on wording. The new Lisbon treaty does not present itself as a constitution. [It] is an improvement of the existing treaties. For the thought of mythical case of having a constitution or not is not the problem of today. Because you voted already several treaties like the treaty of Nice, the

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THE RALLY FOR A REFERENDUM A REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY DEREK BENNETT



Protesters outside Parliament

The rally for a referendum on the EU Reform Treaty (Constitutional Treaty by another name) began life as a major event, it was going to equal anything the Countryside Alliance organised. It was proposed that half a million people would march through London to demand a say on the revamped EU treaty, then reality began to kick in and plans were modified.

It is sad to say, when it comes to the issue of the EU although the general public generally agree with the anti-EU campaign, which is mostly due to the fantastic efforts of the people who read this publication and are members of many campaigning organisations such as the CIB, The Democracy Movement, Freedom Association, CAEF and UKIP, the people have awoken to the dangers of EU membership, but for some reason they still put their freedom, democracy and sovereignty towards the bottom of their 'Most important' list and will not get off their derrieres to join the dedicated few who have been fighting against the EU on their behalf.

So, at the end of the day, when the much reduced, and modified, event took place outside the Houses of Parliament on Saturday 27th October, it was left to just a few hundred of the most dedicated to make the protest. If a million or so anti-war protesters could not stop the invasion of Iraq, and half a million Livelihood and Liberty marchers could not stop the ban on foxhunting, what chance does

the pro-referendum lobby have of being listened to? Sadly, the answer is zilch, and zilch was exactly what the protest got from the pro-EU BBC and other media in coverage on the day.

As our merry little band from Walsall whizzed down the M1 to the event that Saturday, there was lots of news coverage of the anti-abortion rally which was to take place on the same spot after the rally for a referendum - but sod-all on our event. There was a strange irony regarding this. As an avid reader of the Times of Malta, which covers the news in that wonderful tiny Mediterranean island which is devoutly Roman Catholic, where abortion was completely illegal, I could not get over the fact that Malta, a new EU member, just

like Eire was forced to, is having to amend its anti-abortion laws to comply with EU laws, which many Christians, and Muslims, see as immoral. If those anti-abortion campaigners had really wanted some influence on this emotive matter, they would have found it more constructive to have joined the rally for a referendum. Only by leaving the EU will any British, or other national government, be able to take full control of this issue again.

Although this article may sound a little disparaging, it is not aimed against those who organised the event, in fact they should be applauded for their efforts, the day itself went well. The speeches were excellent. It is always good to meet up with campaigning friends from around the country again, but the lack of interest from the general public who cannot be bothered to motivate themselves on the most important issue since the last war is frustrating. Don't they care who governs them? If this treaty goes through they will discover they will not be able to shift their new, all powerful unelected leaders - but then it will be too late.



Bob Spink MP: Chairman of the event



Nigel Farage MEP: Leader of UKIP

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NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

We seem to think of England as a Parliamentary democracy, dependent on its MPs, but this is not the case.

Historically speaking, back to 1104 B.C., when the Trojan king Brutus landed at Totnes, their Common Law is the same as ours today, and has never been altered. This is to say, that each subject has the same rights and privileges as those of the Monarch and he can no more be deprived of his home and family, and tools of his trade, than could the Crown and palace of the King be taken away.

It is these fundamental rights that we owe Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights. Parliament has nothing to do with it. We have bequeathed these rights to the MPs but they have behaved like common usurpers, and the monarchs have given in.

Lord Chief Justice Coke says in his "Origin of the Common Law of England" that the fact is that our Common Law comes from King Brutus, "and cannot be altered by any Act of the Crown". Of course, in this case, a lot depends on the Sovereign, and they should stand up for their rights and privileges, (without of course becoming dictators), otherwise the people will lose theirs, which is what we are witnessing today. We are even having our nationality taken away. from us.

When Caesar invaded England, the then King Cymbeline, as recounted in Shakespeare's play of that name, told the Romans that the British would go on fighting without end unless they kept their Common Law, which they did, and which we have adhered to until these sad times, but we do not need to surrender, Parliament or no Parliament, we can just say NO and never mind the MPs.

William Pitt said: "Instead of the arbitrary power of a King we must submit to the arbitrary power of the House of Commons. If this be true, what benefit do we derive from the exchange? But, my Lords, this is not the fact, this is not the Constitution". "The keystone of our constitution is the separation of the legislative and executive authorities, so that how, what we call Parliamentary Government, is in fact, Party Government."

Sir Ivor Jennings, in his "Law and Constitution, sums the situation up as follows:- 'Most of the Conventions' relate to the operation of the "Party" system, which is merely an aspect of Cabinet government. The principles governing the working of that system have never been formally recognised by Parliament or the Courts. So far as the Courts are concerned they developed too late. The principles of Constitutional law established by the Courts recognise the Constitution of the Revolution Settlement: Institutions and practises which have grown up since that time have not received formal recognition in the Courts, and the rules relating to them are not part of the Common Law.

Accordingly, the rules relating to the foundation and operation of the Cabinet, the relations between the Government and Opposition, between the Prime Minister and other Ministers, and

many more are not in legislation, nor in Common Law, nor in the law and customs of Parliament.

The Party system is merely composed of private organisations that are under no legal or public control and by means of of the conventions it has destroyed all constitutional constraints. There is nothing constitutional or democratic about it!

Catherine Straker
East Sussex.

TAKING FULL CONTROL

Whether you are interested or not in your future with the European Federal State, the EU, the future well-being and lives of your children and grand children will depend on what you do now.

The Prime Minister's so called 'Red Lines' that are supposed to protect us from the more severe doctrines of the EU are: absolutely useless, totally ineffective, meaningless munbo-jumbo and hide the fact that the Reform treaty, the renamed EU constitution, is nothing more than a Trojan horse.

The format and bulk of of the constitution has been presented to us in a manner that has put off all those, except the most dedicated, from reading it never mind trying to understand it.

So, lets have a look at some of its most contentious Articles: Section 3 of Article 69 gives the EU the power to force Britain to adopt identity cards without Parliament being able to reject them. 1a of Article 69 states: "The EU shall ensure the absence of any controls on persons, whatever their nationality, when crossing internal borders". The implication of this is for the free reign for mass economic migration. 1c states: "the EU shall introduce an integrated system for external borders". The EU will also take control over the UK's borders by awarding more power to Frontex, the EU agency for the management of operational cooperation at the EU's external borders.

The EU further states that 'Mobility Partnerships will take control over migration and will make it easier for people to enter Britain and the EU, and that it desires that migrants to the UK should receive the same benefits as UEU citizens. The EU Charter of Fundamental rights overrule any 'Red Lines' in the case of asylum.

Article 69b gives the EU full control over Britain's immigration policy. Asylum seekers that have been in Britain for five years will automatically be allowed to stay indefinitely, whether or not it is safe for them to return to their country of origin. Asylum seekers within the 27 federal member states granted asylum will be free to enter Britain and claim full benefits.

Not one 'Red Line' will prevent your children from being conscripted into the Federal State Army. It's all there, over 500 pages of indisputable facts. So the big question is: Why is Downing Street, our Parliament, and the media keeping these facts from us?

Frank Leeming
Derby

From the Horses Mouth continued:

treaty of Amsterdam. They were changing the old treaties and that is what the Lisbon treaty will do. So the question if it's sort of obligation to go to referendum doesn't seem to be obvious. You have a choice and of course it's a political choice. And this political choice belongs to the British authorities and people.

ES: Well, I suspect, you'll forgive me if I say this, but I suspect a lot of people listening to what you've just said will regard it is typical of the kind of dishonesty they see in the way that Europe's political leaders operate because you conceded that in political terms, in terms of substance, what we have before us is what you originally designed. But you've taken refuge in the technicalities of it to escape the possibility that the British people, or the French people come to that, should be able to pass judgement on it.

VGD: You cannot argue with me about it because that is not my proposal. My proposal was the former text. The Lisbon text is the product of government. It's not the product of the European convention. We produced the former Constitutional treaty. And then the government conference. The governments decided that they preferred to take the substance out of this treaty and to send it back to the existing treaties. It is their choice and so they have to answer themselves to the question you press. It's not to me to answer that.

Now ask: is this still not a constitution?

FLYING PIGS

Gwyneth Dunwoody, that fearsome Old Labour MP, tore into the useless and pointless Galileo satellite project which is proving to be extremely expensive.

Giving reasons why her Transport Committee gave it a scathing report on the BBC Radio Four programme on Monday, 12th November, 2007, she said:

"**This is not** one pig flying in orbit, this is a herd of pigs with gold trotters, platinum tails and diamond eyes and we ought to be asking ourselves, where is our common sense. Are we really saying that we are so frightened of the Americans that we must fling gold bars at something that we don't even know is going to work?"

One of the main reasons for the proposals to introduce the extremely expensive and unwanted road pricing schemes, is to pay for the Galileo satellite system. The EU can keep its flying pigs.

A LIFE OF MAYHEM, MONEY AND UNINTENTIONAL TREASON

Recently released is a new book by J Brian Heywood

This novel is a fascinating story full of wonderful characters, intrigue and corruption.

In 1937 a fifteen year old Alan Booth joins the RAF Apprentice scheme as a trainee mechanic, but by 1940 he is flying fighter planes in the Battle of Britain and completes the war as a bomber pilot. In the final moments of the war a strange discovery makes him a wealthy man. He marries the daughter of a relatively poor aristocratic family and they use the proceeds of the discovery to start a business.

The business succeeds beyond their wildest dreams, however, the guilt as to the origin of their wealth increases. To counter this guilt they invest millions of pounds in a charity dedicated to preventing wars. Accidently Alan discovers they have not been investing in the peace movement - they have been funding a new style Soviet Union. In attempting to expose the situation they soon discover that their enemy controls everything and everybody.

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QUOTING CHURCHILL

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