A letter from our Chairman – the “Ever closer union” juggernaut.

This letter from our Chairman, Edward Spalton, was printed in the Derby Telegraph on 28th April.

Sir,

Over decades, the way in which the EU project works has become apparent for anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear. It never stands still and moves inexorably on its way to “ever closer union” between the states of Europe. It is an authoritarian political project with economic effects, moving inexorably to a single country called Europe. It was set up in this way from the start so that nothing so vulgar as democracy could stop it. When democracy becomes a hindrance, it is called “populism”.

Senhor Barroso, President of the EU Commission, said the EU was “an Empire”. That puts all EU peoples in the position of colonials with ever diminishing power over how their own countries are to be run.

So anyone who wants to “stay in the EU” is volunteering not for today’s EU but for membership of an ever increasingly centralised country, foreign to all its member states and responsible to none.

Apart from avoiding them completely whenever it can , the EU has two responses to unfavourable votes and referendum results. One is to demand that people vote again and again until they get the “right” result. Whilst “wrong” votes against the EU are counted as non-binding and temporary, “right” votes in favour are final and permanent.

The other method is to ignore the results altogether. When he was prime minister of Luxembourg, M. Juncker was asked his opinion on the forthcoming referendums in France and the Netherlands on the proposed European constitution. “If it’s a Yes” he said “We say “On we go”. If it’s a No, we say “We continue””, he replied.

When these two founder EU countries voted “No”, the EU simply ignored the result and changed the EU Constitution into the Lisbon Treaty which included around 98% of the same provisions. This, they said, was only a “reform treaty” , so no referendums were necessary!

Neither General De Gaulle nor Mrs. Thatcher, two of the strongest political personalities in Europe, were able to stop the progress of this political juggernaut – although they slowed it for a while. So, for anyone who values any sort of responsible, democratic government at all, the only way is out. The others – the Remainers – prefer Aldous Huxley’s “Brave New World” “ in which the all-powerful political bosses… control a population of slaves who do not have to be coerced because they love their servitude”.

Yours faithfully

Edward Spalton