Regions and Devolution – the EU angle by Edward Spalton

George Morland (4 June 2012) is understandably angry about the effects of devolution. In the run-up to EEC membership, the Foreign Office was planning for this in 1971, as the following paper shows (Ref FCO/1048). "The transfer of major executive responsibilities to the bureaucratic Commission in Brussels will exacerbate popular feelings of alienation from government. To counter this feeling, strengthened local and regional democratic processes within member states and effective Community economic and social policies will be essential… There would be a major responsibility on HM Government and on all political parties not to exacerbate public concern by attributing unpopular policies to the remote and unmanageable workings of the Community" (now the EU).

So you now can see the inherent fraud from the beginning although it was top secret at the time. Supposedly "democratic" bodies would be set up but they would enforce "Community" (i.e. EU) policies. In the UK this was deliberately done in an "asymetric" (i.e. unfair) manner to give rise to the sort of grievances of which Mr Morland complains, thus setting people in different parts of the country against each other.

Since it was founded in 1707 the weakening or dissolution of the UK has been the aim of every would-be dominant European power. The difference is that this time, the project is assisted by our own collaborationist governments of all main parties. The process is called "perforated sovereignty".

Almost everybody in the country is fed up with "Westminster sub Brussels" so it is not surprising that some people in Scotland should feel they could do better for themselves. However, Mr Salmond is offering "Independence in Europe" which

will be entirely illusory.

Slovakia, of fairly similar population to Scotland, is one of the poorest EU members and kept all the rules of the Euro currency. Yet it has been made to contribute towards the Euro bail-out fund for much richer countries which cheated. For about four days they held out against this but were quickly dragooned into line.

The English Regional Assemblies were part of this project, thoroughly discredited by the referendum in the North East which produced a massive majority against an elected regional assembly. The London referendum for an assembly just squeaked through.

Many EU grants can only be applied for at regional level, so the regions were set up to compete with each other to be the most “European” and hence the most favoured. £500 million was spent on useless and unused regional fire control centres to give regional government something to do. Whilst the regional bodies now lie a’mouldering in the grave, their soul and functions go marching on in even more obscure forms because the EU treaty obligations have not altered. “Localism” is another fraud to cover this up.

Sir Peter Housden was John Prescott’s top civil servant for the English regional project. He is now Alec Salmond’s top civil servant and has been heavily criticised for his extreme partiality to the cause of Scottish independence.

So the people of this kingdom are being manipulated and deliberately set against each other by outside influences, assisted by home-grown collaborators. Anger is understandable in the circumstances. The authorities want us to feel angry with each other but the anger should be directed at the manipulators, not the manipulated.