

The power of the pen...

....or I suppose we should say word processor today!

Correspondence with local papers is one very effective way in which independence campaigners can keep their cause before the public and pressure on the politicians to deliver their promises. Editors like a controversial letters page and, it is said, that this is often the most-read part of the paper.

One of our opponents, a Mr. C.N. Westerman from South Wales, is most industrious in using this method of publicising his views. If you Google, you can see he writes to papers all over the country. This one appeared in the *Derby Telegraph* of February 14th under the heading "EU has the best solution for cleaning up our air".

"In every city on Earth, some citizens are being poisoned by pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide from cars and by particulates from diesel lorries.

Many British voters believe that such problems should be solved by "the market".

Other voters believe that such problems are the province of the Government by means of any necessary punishments to corporations and personally to directors.

Some citizens reckon that , since the expense of dealing with the population's bad health falls upon the taxpayers through the NHS, then the businesses which cause the pollution should contribute to the cost of the NHS.

But the citizens of the 27 other EU countries have a quite different view that vehicle pollution never was either a commercial matter or a national problem.

They possess quite opposing beliefs, that pollution is an international problem to be solved by national governments

uniting into make grants for research in universities to find the best scientific answers so that citizens of all countries can breathe pure air.

The EU idea of social responsibility is quite opposite to the Trump/UKIP populist thinking so common today.

EU citizens are living at a higher level of human thought than Brexit voters. Within the EU the role of all governments is to serve the needs of the world and its peoples."

Now this is a very well written letter but the arrogance is more breathtaking than the air pollution Mr. Westerman complains about! In other letters he has referred to those who do not share his views as "moral degenerates".

So I thought it deserved a response and the *Derby Telegraph* printed this reply the next day .

"The industrious Mr. C.N.Westerman churns out letters in praise of the EU at a great rate. He thinks that the inhabitants of mainland Europe are somehow higher beings than ourselves. He writes "EU citizens are living at a higher level of human thought than Brexit voters"- a sort of Herrenvolk, it seems.

***It is quite true that some Germans sometimes deride us as "Inselaffen" – Island Apes. They have a right to that opinion and I support freedom of speech – theirs as well as mine and Mr. Westerman's. They have rather made monkeys out of us through the agency of the EU.**

He then goes on to say that only the supermen and superwomen of the EU can control vehicle emissions. Well, it seems to have escaped his notice that our government passed a series of Enabling Acts to bypass our Parliament, to give the EU rule over us and we are living with the consequences. It was actually environmental legislation which encouraged the proliferation of diesel cars. Their fuel efficiency reduced

the output of that harmless, beneficent gas carbon dioxide which is also a natural fertiliser. That was the fashionable demon pollutant at the time . They overlooked the diesel's propensity to belch out nitrous oxide and particulates.

In the meantime, Germany is building a new series of very efficient coal-fired power stations. We could do with some too – to make our industry more competitive – but EU rules would not allow it!

We have been commemorating the centenary of the Great War of 1914-18 and should perhaps consider the war aims for which Germany fought. On 9 September 1914, the Imperial Chancellor, Bethmann-Hollweg, wrote: "Russia must be thrust back as far as possible from Germany's Eastern frontier and her domination over non-Russian vassal peoples broken...We must create a Central European Economic Association through common customs treaties to include France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Austria-Hungary and perhaps Italy, Sweden and Norway...

All members will be formally equal but in practice under German leadership and must stabilise Germany's economic dominance over Central Europe".

The EU fits this long-held purpose exactly, which is the reason for the EU's present proxy war in the Ukraine. If Mr. Putin stops the insane eastward expansion of the EU project, the "Drang nach Osten", he will have done us as big a favour as the Red Army did at Stalingrad."

So, campaigners, please do not neglect your local papers!

* They cut the second paragraph with its references to "Inselaffen" and monkeys. No doubt they were worried about being accused of "hate speech". The previous editor had lived some years in Germany and told me that he had occasionally been called an "Inselaffe" (Island Ape). Although I sent a note to this effect, the paragraph was insufficiently PC.

