



June 1st, 1975.

Dear Constituent,

EUROPE, IN OR OUT

I am taking this unprecedented step of writing to each one of my constituents about an unprecedented situation - the first Referendum for Britain.

The issue is whether we remain in Europe or not. Parliament has just voted by 396 votes to 170 votes to stay in. The Government, the Opposition, the Liberal Party, believe that the best interests of our country and our children will be served by remaining a part of the European Community which a generation of idealist helped to build and which we first tried to join 14 years ago. Moderate Trades Unions, much of the Civil Service, most of British Industry, almost all the Press, the vast majority of those who have studied its workings, all believe we should be in Europe. So do our fellow member states, as does the Commonwealth.

Calling for us to leave is a motley collection of individuals in the forefront of which is the British Communist Party - and at the opposite pole the National Front. Between these extremes are the Tribune Group of left wing Labour MP's, a few academics and some key Trades Union Officials most of whom are probably in league with Comrade Shelepin. Not an ideal crew with which to abandon ship!

The European Community is a co-operative effort to build a just, peaceful and prosperous world. The Community consists of 250 million people as compared with Russia's 244 million and USA's 207 million.

What does Britain gain? Duty free access to a market of 198m people in return for access to Britain with its 55m; broader horizons for British people who can now take jobs anywhere in the Community; and a chance to exert influence which no single country Britain's size could exert alone.

We must not pretend that merely by voting 'Yes for Europe' prosperity and growth will automatically follow. Only we ourselves can master inflation which has reached unprecedented rates in the UK; we alone can restore order to our working relations. However isolated outside Europe we must inevitably have a poorer future.

May I invite you to follow my lead and vote 'YES FOR EUROPE' on June 5th. The biggest danger is that a minority of activists will out-vote the apathetic majority.

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