

Peace and security are not the same thing

It is hard to contain one's outrage at the terrorist attacks on buildings in New York and Washington DC. But it would be a mistake for the US to rush into a military response. For it is important to distinguish between peace and security.

Security is a military concept, something a country can hope to provide for itself. But it does not work and it does not last.

A search for peace, on the other hand, would address the causes of the terrorism and not only its effects. A world where political and economic power are concentrated in so few hands is never going to find peace easily.

International terrorism is a multilateral problem that requires a multilateral solution. In this, it is the same as global warming or maintaining the

health of the global economy. Lasting solutions cannot be found by the powerful imposing on the weak.

Terrorism must be opposed and prevented, but no one country can do this on its own. A unilateral search for security will surely fail. A collective search for peace must be the way forward.

Campaigners needed

Federal Union is building up its campaign throughout the country. The campaign needs **YOUR** support.

Members of Federal Union are asked to:

- Spread the word about federalism in local organisations and communities
- Put the federalist point of view in the media

Campaign materials and briefings are available. Full help and assistance can be provided.

If you want to get involved, please contact Richard Laming at richard@richardlaming.com, or on 020 7928 3899.

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To request more leaflets, please contact Federal Union.

Visit our new website

Federal Union's new website is at www.federalunion.org.uk.

It is a source of information and debate about federalism, and will carry updates on federalist campaigning.

Bookmark it now!

One World Trust

Taming global financial flows: is a global tax the answer?
7 pm, 31 October, London

Baroness Williams, James Robertson, Tony Colman MP, Martin Wolf

International conflict prevention and resolution
2 pm, 29 November, London

General Sir Rupert Smith will give a lecture on the development of a European Rapid Reaction Force.

Both meetings will be held in the Houses of Parliament. For more information, or to reserve a place at either meeting, please contact the One World Trust, owt@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 3825.



World-wide terrorism: a new responsibility for the European Union

Declaration of the Bureau of the Union of European Federalists
chaired by Jo Leinen MEP



The Bureau of the U.E.F:

1. expresses its full and warm-hearted solidarity with the American people following the horrible and cowardly terrorist hijack attacks of which it has been a victim;

2. declares itself strongly concerned with the instability of the current international situation and by the impossibility indicated by the USA, following the collapse of the cold war, to solely control and face up to the intensifying financial and political crises affecting the world in increasing numbers reliant upon its own resources;

3. emphasises that the situations of tension, misery and anarchy which nourish the current widespread aversion against the USA and the consensus enjoyed in many Arab countries by anti-American terrorism cannot be met exclusively by military means, but that they require a multilateral policy capable of assuring a peaceful global governance, aimed at the economic development and promotion of equitable and progressive political solutions in the poorest and most unstable regions of the world;

4. points to the responsibility of the European governments, whose division and impotence leave the USA alone in confronting a task too vast for its capacity, thus submitting the government to unbearable strain. As a consequence the USA has become a target of hate and aggressiveness, which originates

from the situations of dejection and hopelessness resulting from international anarchy;

5. notices that if Europeans were politically united, they would possess the material and human resources necessary to take on important international responsibilities, contribute to the development and pacification of some of the instability in certain world areas, beginning with the Middle East, in order to relieve the USA of a considerable burden it is currently obliged to shoulder and to establish a more stable world order, in which international cooperation could prevail over power conflicts and terrorism could be eradicated;

6. demands that the heads of state and government of the members of the European Union or the most visionary among them, in the face of the tragedy that has shaken the conscience of all civilised men, to renounce their national sovereignties that paralyse the decision-making mechanism of the Union and condemn it to a culpable inertia. The European Federalists ask the EU Member States to unite into a democratic federation, capable of carrying out an effective foreign policy intended to defend and promote the values of liberty, democracy, social justice and tolerance all over the world, therefore guaranteeing the internal and external security of all Europeans.

Brussels, 15 September 2001

UEF Congress: delegates wanted

Federal Union, as the UK section of the Union of European Federalists, is entitled to send 10 delegates to its Congress.

The Congress will be held in Brussels from 12-14 October 2001. The programme of the weekend includes debates on:

After the introduction of the Euro, now a Federal European Constitution

Europe, what for? : social solidarity, sustainable development, employment and consumers' protection

Fortress Europe or open space: Immigration, asylum and cultural diversity in a federal Europe

The Congress will also elect a new Federal Committee to serve for the next three years. Jo Leinen MEP is expected to stand for re-election as president, but there are many opportunities to get involved in the campaign at the international level.

In addition to the elected positions, Federal Union is entitled to nominate three people as members of the Federal Committee. The UEF is looking for young members, and members who will be able to take an active involvement in its campaigns.

If you would like to attend the Congress, or if you would like more information about the UEF, please contact Richard Laming, c/o Federal Union, PO Box 29113, London SW1P 2WF or at richard@richardlaming.com.





UEF: Irish people said "No" to a bad treaty

The only citizens within the EU who have had the chance to take a stand on the draft Treaty of Nice via referendum have overwhelmingly said "No".

Both the dramatic abstention and the refusal of long-time pro-European Irish people indicate that this project lacks of vision as regards the future of the EU and cannot create citizens' enthusiasm. Despite of the fact that the EP legitimately represents European people, it is not endowed with the power to ratify the Nice Treaty, which it is very critical about. Irish citizens have taken the political responsibility to refuse the intergovernmental future of Europe designed by the draft Treaty of Nice.

The European federalists consider that the EU member states should not try to "win" Irish public opinion back by means of small agreements among governments. The Irish democratic vote must be respected. Moreover, it should force all member states' governments to draw the consequences immediately.

It is high time for heads of state and government of 15 to propose an appealing political project for the future of the EU and to initiate a new method of democratic legitimation of this project with the Laeken declaration (December 2001).

After the Irish refusal, a Convention to draft a European Federal Constitu-

tion before the end of 2003 becomes more necessary than ever, as the only way to win the citizens' support back.

"Governments should give up trying to find an intergovernmental solution to the current crisis of confidence, because it is precisely the intergovernmental method which is at the source of Europe's illness", Jo Leinen declared, MEP and President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF).

For more information, contact Bruno Boissière, UEF Secretary-General, on +32 2 508 3030 or at uef.european.federalists@skynet.be

Blair's reliance on summits is misplaced

*Making decisions when everyone is too tired to think straight is hardly the best way to run the European Union, says **Richard Laming***

Tony Blair's recent comments that next year's EU summit in Barcelona will be "make or break" inspire nothing so much as foreboding. For the record of summits in making anything is not impressive. And all that gets broken are the town centres where the summits are held.

Think back to the Nice summit, for example. Its aim was to produce a treaty that made the EU ready for enlargement, and that would reconnect the institutions with the citizens. And look at the Irish referendum result. The EU is as democratically distant as ever.

Blair conceded at the conclusion of the summit that the working methods had to change. Haggling late at night when everyone is too tired to

think straight is hardly the best way to do business. The Hague summit on climate change broke down in precisely these circumstances. The EU's Amsterdam treaty was ratified with errors that sleep-deprived officials didn't spot.

But conceding that working methods need to change is one thing: actually changing them is another.

Intergovernmental summits, meeting in secret and voting by unanimity, are somewhat less efficient and substantially less accountable than the open workings of democracy. The European single market needed majority voting and parliamentary scrutiny in order to work properly. The European Union as a whole needs the same.

Europe and America: the debate continues

An exchange of opinions between Federal Union members has highlighted one of the perennial issues of dispute among federalists.

John Williams contributed a piece to the Federal Union website to query the continuing military dependence of the EU on the United States.

He suggested that there is a basic incompatibility between European and American security needs. Europe should look after its own interests, he said:

Sir Anthony Meyer's response argued that the Atlantic connection was still valuable, but he agreed that Europe should take more responsibility for its own defence.

Read the full text of the debate at www.federalunion.org.uk/europe.





Dates for your diary

12-14 October, **UEF Congress**, Brussels - more information from Richard Laming (richard@richardlaming.com) or Bruno Boissière (uef.european.federalists@skynet.be or telephone +32 2 508 3030)

31 October **Taming global financial flows: is a global tax the answer?**, London - more information from the One World Trust (owt@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 3825)

2-4 November **Quo Vadis—Europa?** Bad Marienberg (nr Frankfurt), Germany - seminar organised by Europa-Haus Marienberg - more information from Richard Laming (richard@richardlaming.com)

9-10 November **The euro and beyond**, Citizens for Europe conference, Kingston - more information from Nina Fishman (fishman@wmin.ac.uk) or Lee Seaman (lee@claphamcom.com.)

29 November **International conflict prevention and resolution**, London - more information from the One World Trust (owt@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 3825)

Citizens for Europe conference: The euro and beyond

9-10 November 2001

Citizens for Europe is organising its first C4E conference on 9-10 November 2001.

Friday, 9th November:

The conference will begin in the evening, with a debate about Britain's membership of the Euro. The Friday evening session will be in central London - venue to be confirmed.

Saturday 10th November: the conference will take place at King-

ston University, a quick underground train ride from Waterloo station, and very easy road access for those living in the southwest of the London sprawl. The conference starts with a plenary session, at 10.30, and then has a variety of workshops, looking at some of the issues surrounding Britain's involvement in the EU, including enlargement, models of political union, cultural diversity in the EU, and the new EU directive on workplace consultation committees. The day is scheduled to finish with a plenary at 5pm.

Put the conference dates in your diary now! The conference fee will be £10 for the two days, and is inclusive of lunch, tea and coffee on Saturday.

If you are interested in providing an input (speaking at a workshop, contributing a discussion paper, etc.), get in touch with Nina Fishman fishman@wmin.ac.uk or Lee Seaman, our new national co-ordinator lee@claphamcom.com.

Join Federal Union

Federal Union was founded in 1938 to campaign for federalism for the UK, Europe and the world. It has argued since then that democracy and the rule of law are ideas that extend beyond the nation state. It is the UK section of the Union of European Federalists.

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