

Anthony Coughlan wrote on 13 April 2018 to the Ed. Concordanceout.eu

Dear Roger

May I send you for your information below some comments on Ireland and Brexit by a senior Irish civil servant who is close to official thinking here but who privately supports **Brexit** and **Irexit**.

Note in particular his remark on Syria.

I shall write you a fuller letter shortly.

The points made will assist you with the Irish Border problem.

Best regards

Anthony Coughlan.

"The editorial in today's Irish Times* and the article by Stephen Collins are saying - obliquely - what you, Ray Bassett and others have been saying since the Referendum, i.e. that the British and Irish Governments have to sit down and work out a post-Brexit border regime, which requires technical and pragmatic solutions according to Michel Barnier.

Indeed it does, but the European Commission was not saying that at first. It is doing so now, I suspect, because the continental Member States are getting fed up with the Irish Government and the European Commission, along with British Remainers, attempting to use the border to scupper Brexit. The Continentals just want the thing sorted.

I suspect, incidentally, that if the West attacks Syria the British Government might use it as an opportunity to "suspend" Brexit. I have little doubt that the British Foreign Office is working up something along those lines to present to Theresa May**. If there is a really serious war***, i.e. WW3, it won't matter, but a shooting war that is something less than WW3 would suit the Remainers down to the ground.

The latter are well capable of urging an attack on Syria for that purpose. I hope the Brexit community in the UK is alive to this possibility, particularly Tory MPs, some of whom might otherwise be expected to be gung-ho for war over Syria."

- * Assume 12 or 13 April 2018
- ** Please see the articles on Defence in these pages.

Also please see the HUMOUR CARTOONS SECTION herein.

- *** Also, The PM and the Remainers may be using the disastrous state of the UK military in order to unite the UK into the EU military machine [see PESCO and articles herein] as well as agree to the continuance in the UK of the operative provisions of the Treaty of Velsen**** whereby jack-boots may march into the UK and invade an Englishman's castle. [Please read the excellent factual and fictional novel " 2017 War with Russia " by General Sir Richard

Sherriff.]

- **** See Brexit Facts leaflet herein for more information.