

Amsterdam, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for your views on the EU.  
I am not disagreeing with you that <sup>your</sup> vote on  
23<sup>rd</sup> June will hopefully in favour of leaving  
the EU for the simple reason that the  
UK does not want to give up sovereignty  
to an EU federation, in statu nascendi.  
However I strongly object to a number of  
rhetorical arguments to advocate Britain's exit!!  
To compare the EU to the old COMECON bloc is  
rhetoric. All the countries, which make up the  
EU except the six signatories of the Treaty of Rome,  
have applied for joining the EU. To become  
a member state they had to agree with the  
statutory laws of the EU. The highest authority  
of the EU is the Council of Head of States. Every  
single Head of State has a veto right. Whatever  
laws have been passed have also been agreed to  
by the premiers of Britain.

I take also exception against the rhetoric of  
Mr Montgomerie. The slowest growing continent  
(except Antarctica) in the world i.e. the EU has



enough purchasing power to buy more than 50% of British exports, according to the IMF.

In the hypothetical case that the EU stops the British exports to the Continent, my advice is:

Try Antarctica!! It is all ~~Logan~~ - mongering!

I enclose an article from Int. New York Times

with the heading: Myth versus reality before

Brexit vote. I thought it may have your

interest before you cast your vote.

+ one more article: "EU chides Poland over  
shortcoming in rule of law"

Poland is changing gradually in an undemocratic state. It is a great achievement that we have a body in Europe that can oversee that the rule of law is adhered to in the EU countries.

Imagine that anytime in the future Germany endorses a system that government decrees set aside constitutional laws.

The EU has contributed to stability on the Continent and it will continue to do so after Brexit is a fact.

I am bit tired to read everyday about Brexit.

After ending this letter I push on the delete-button

regarding Brexit. Love to Ursula and you  
from both of us Heidi



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Subject: EU etc

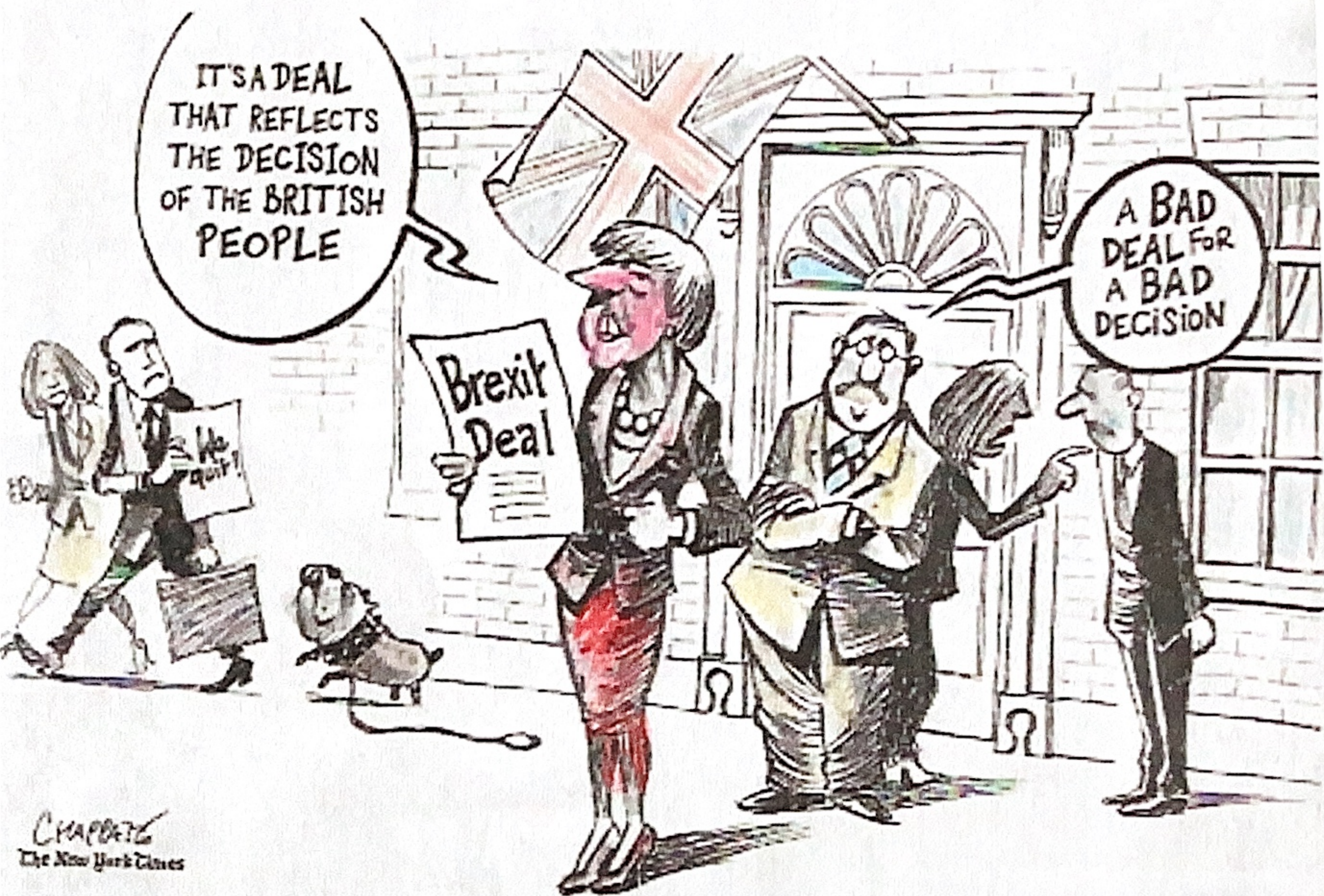
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Dear Adriaan

The contents of your mail of 20<sup>th</sup> May are a reflection of your better understanding than mine of various important historical steps in the development of the EU story since the whole process started. I have kept broadly abreast of this process but with the knowledge that I lived in the Americas from 1960 to 1987 – as a young man not that interested in the European scene – I have to admit that I did not pay any attention to this whole saga. My life revolved around my work (learning all about domestic banking and trade finance in Peru and Brazil followed by corporate and international finance in the USA) plus, of course, enjoying a fairly active social life during that whole period of 27 years. 1976 to 1981 were spent in the UK prior to the family's transfer in January 1981 to The Netherlands. Once again I have no recollection of thinking at all about the European question presumably because it had no impact on my business life, and even if it had done so my general disinterest in politics would have resulted in my not attempting to follow this topic in the press, specifically matters relating to ongoing developments connected to the final objectives of the Treaty of Rome. It was only when we reached Spain – whose entry into the EU along with Portugal in January of 1986 – that I began to inform myself, at least enough to make me sufficiently knowledgeable on the subject in my position as Country Manager for Lloyds Bank.

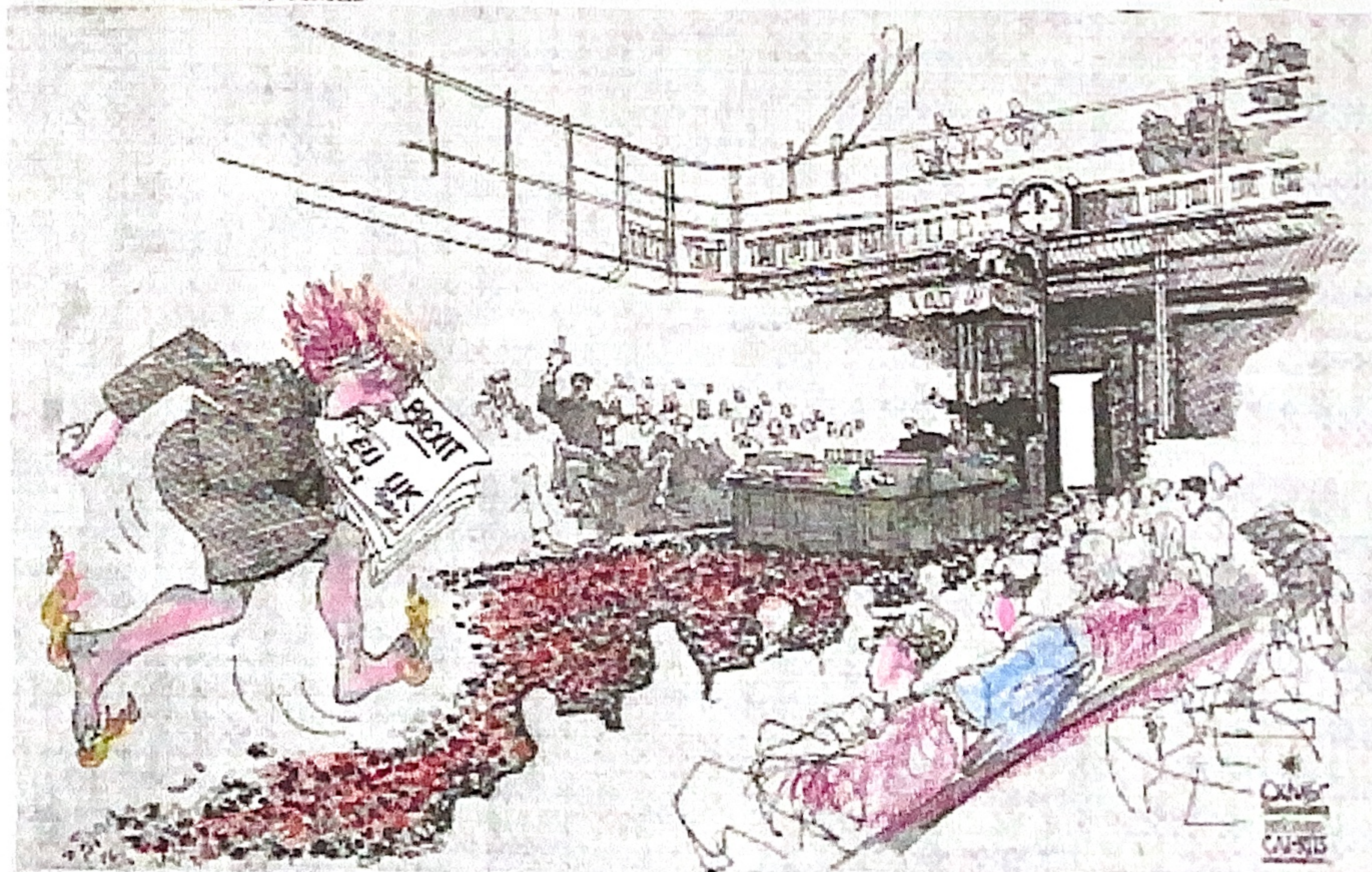
This is the background to my having to admit to you that it is only since we returned to live in the UK at the end of 1987 that I began to take a mild interest in what was happening in Europe to include, of course, prospects for the future of the EU. Things have obviously become much more tense of late and we now face the unenviable task of dealing with the Cameron-inspired referendum and attempting to filter out from all the barrage of "in or out" media coverage, plus a very uncertain world geopolitical situation, should the UK stay or leave. Unlike you, I do not believe that the Europe's interests will be best served by the EU progressing to the last step foreseen in the Treaty of Rome, namely the creation of a federation of all the current member states, controlled by a central government with uniform laws, taxation and judiciary. This objective quite simply looks far too much like the old Comecon bloc (ie: the USSR but just covering a different set of countries, several of which were ironically part of the old USSR), and this is something that, for me, is beyond contemplation. Recent experience suggests that the UK alone will be wholly unable to initiate any changes to the way the European Commission manages the affairs of the EU – there is certainly a group of member countries which sympathise with some if not all of the changes that the UK government





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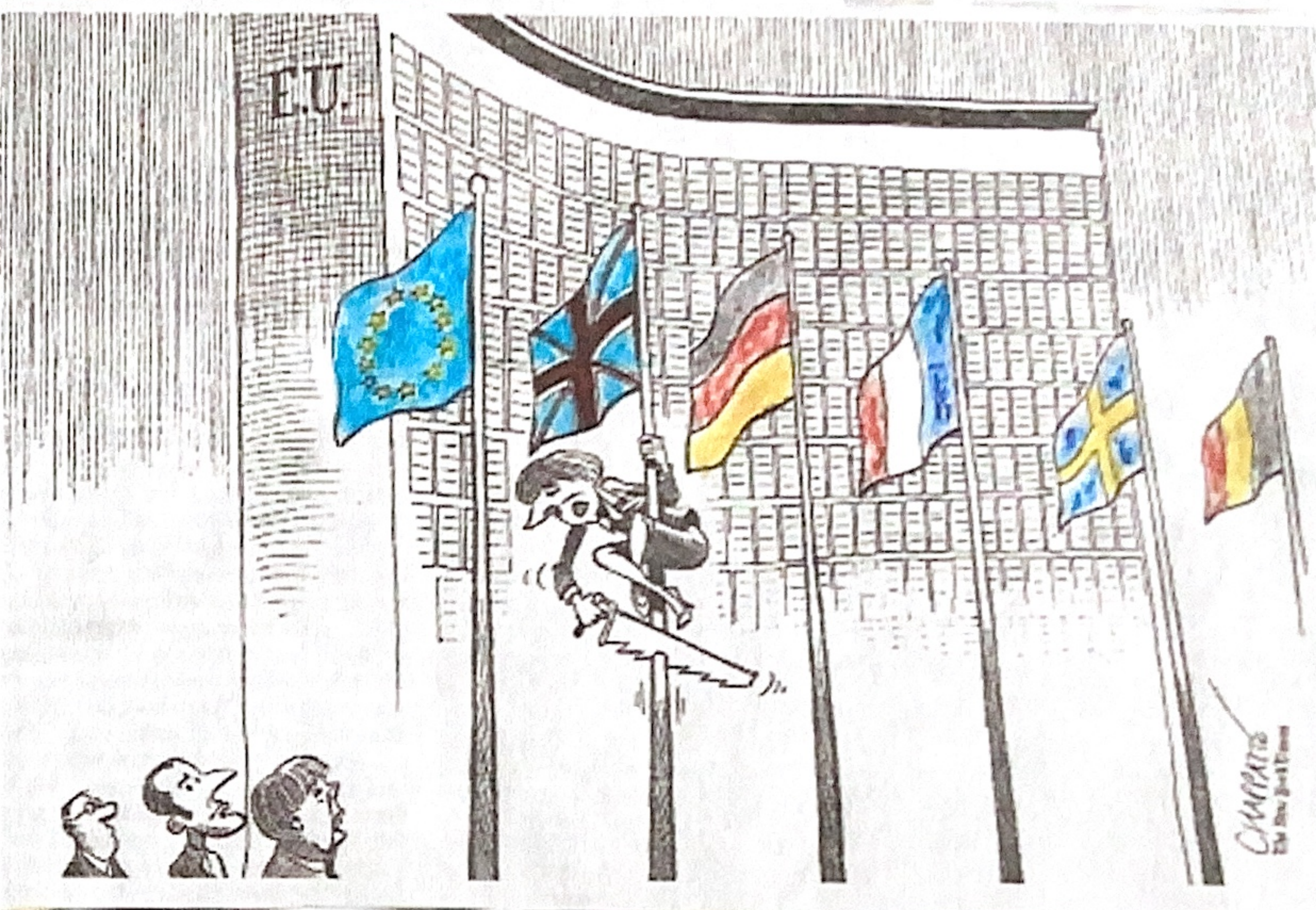
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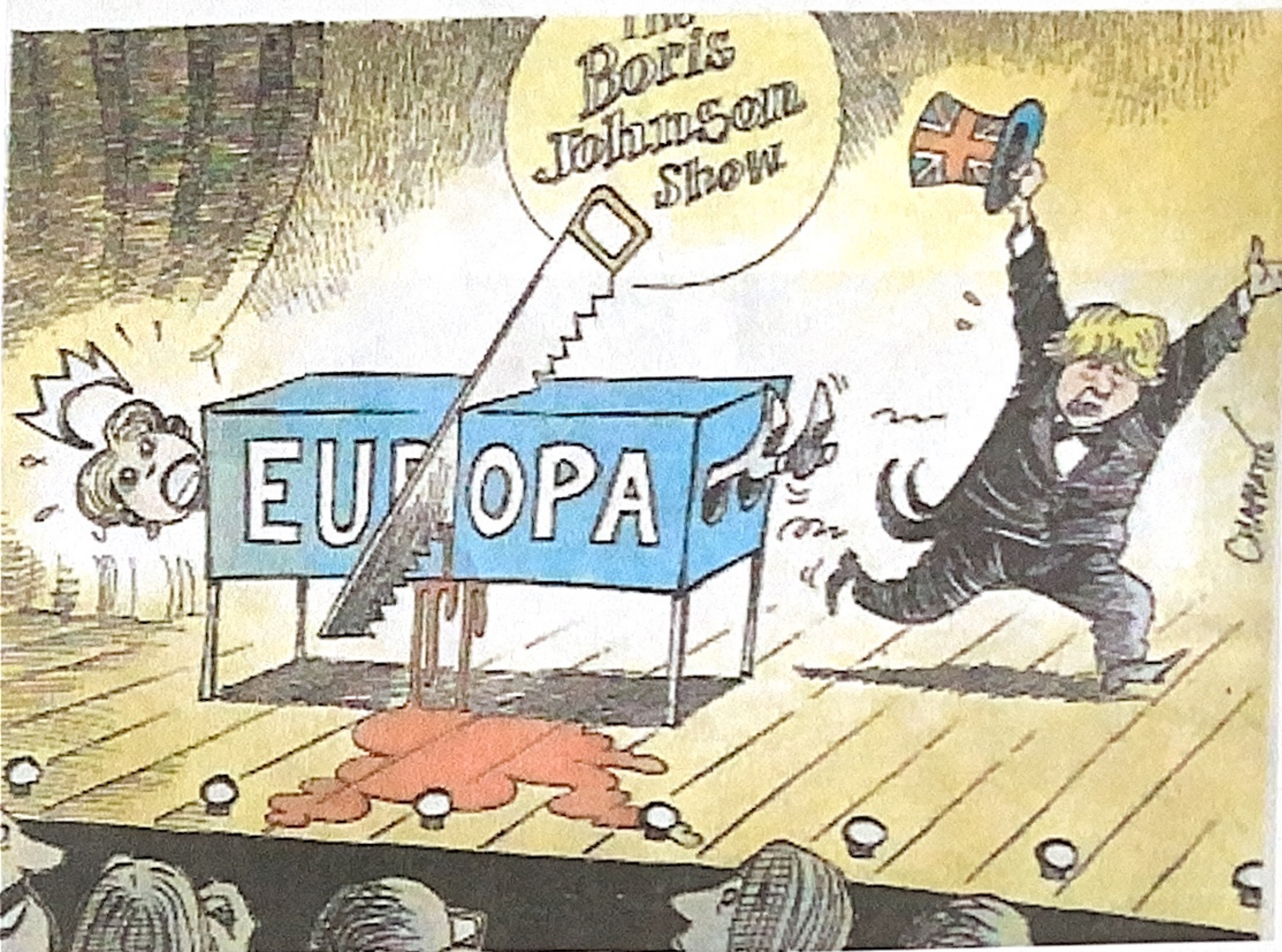


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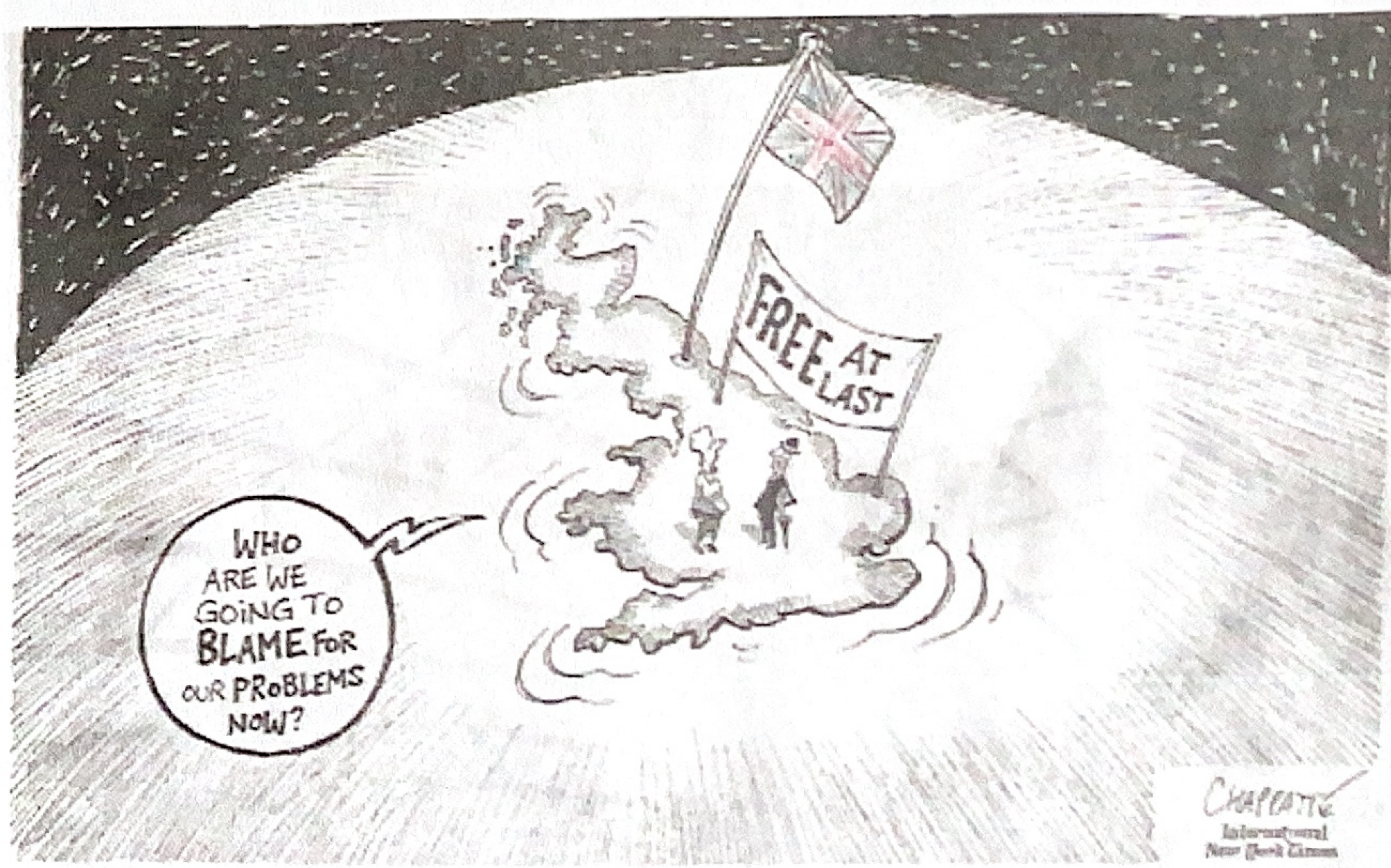
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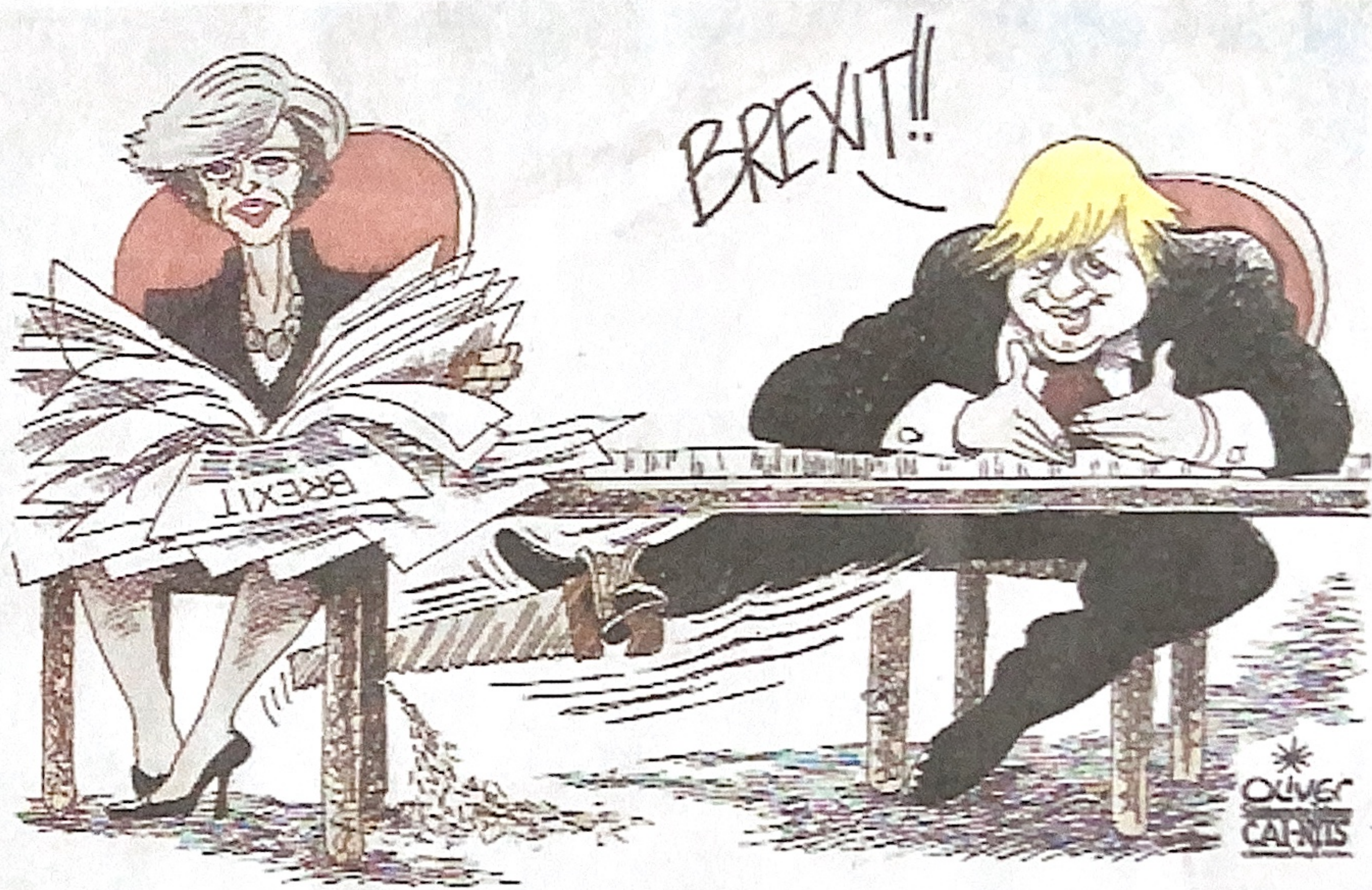




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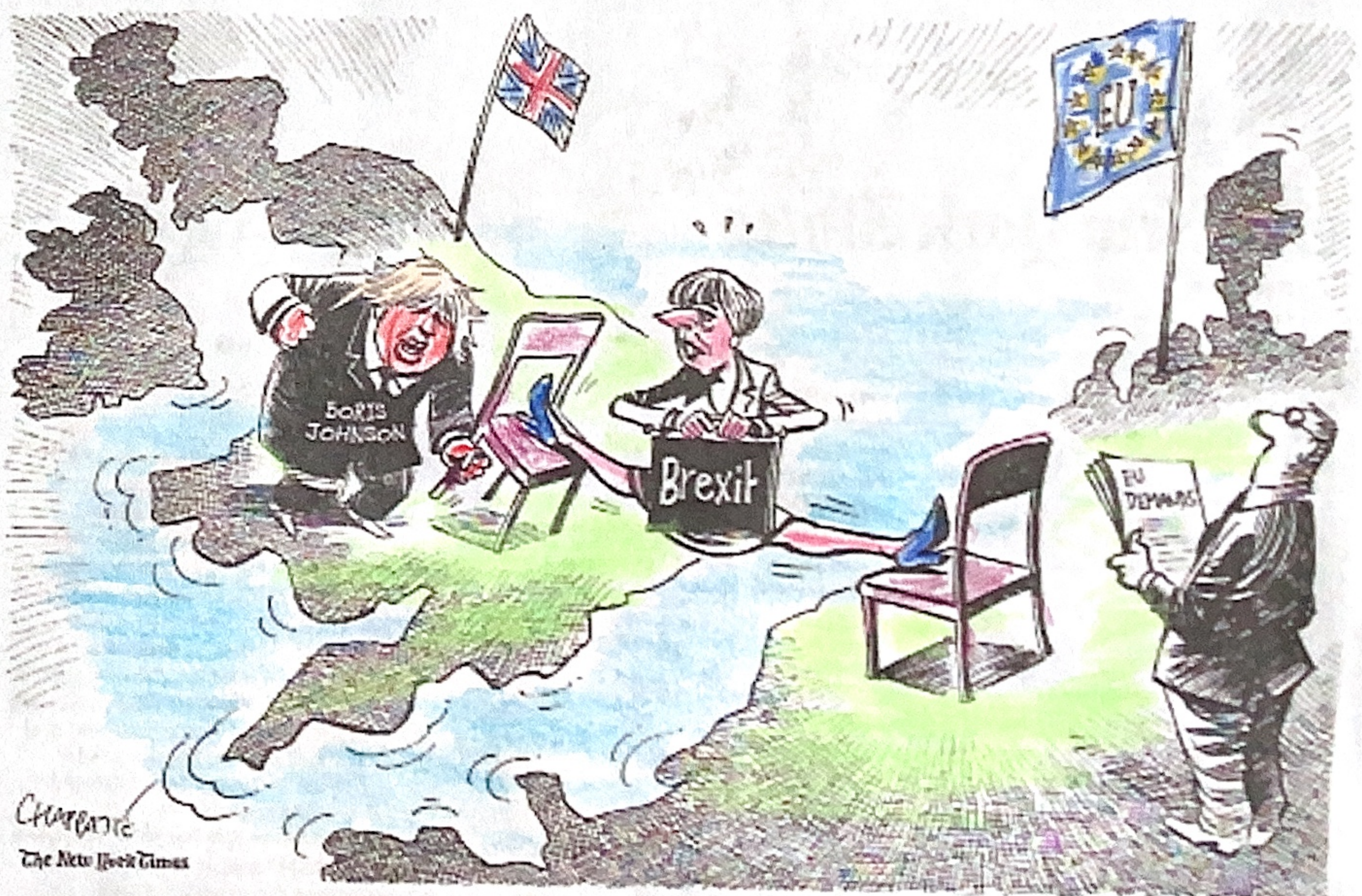




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