

BATTLE OF DETTINGEN, 27th. JUNE 1743.

This was the last time a British monarch led his troops into battle. George II it was. How to link that to Bibi Starmer's efforts to expunge from the Labour Party all traces of socialist values? I have no idea.

What is now very clear is the extent to which the Labour Party was infected by Blair. Reading Gordon Brown's book gave me a sense of a highly capable politician who did detail: who could from time to time remember and recite his socialist catechism; who you might like to watch the footy with; and who, had he got the job when TB got the job would not have embarked upon disastrous illegal foreign adventures. He knows, I think, that as Chancellor of the Exchequer he could and should have put a stop to them. He tells us of his attempt as prime minister to restore cabinet responsibility, to make it more collective. But Blair was the boss for a very long time. The contagion spread far and wide. It did not simply infect the Labour Party but also the Tory Party. And as for the LibDems, after Blair they could not wait to de-Gladstonise themselves. I simply cannot imagine the likes of Des Wilson or the Young Liberals joining Cleggy in that appalling Coalition.

Where is, what is, the Labour Party today? It is led by a self-proclaimed Zionist. Zionists appear to come in all shapes and sizes but what holds them together is a belief that the fantasies of some Europeans, notably Theodore Herzl, must be accepted as factual history. Some fantasies are fun. This one is deadly. Wear the wrong label, one forced upon you, and you can lose your house, your land, your liberty, your life and your true history. Our prime minister also declares himself to be a Zionist. And Blair? What do you think? To help make this work Palestinians, who even Ben-Gurion acknowledged as the descendants of the Jews of ancient times, must now call themselves Arabs while inside official Israel. Nonsense? Yes, but nasty nonsense. Palestinians, by the way, speak a Semitic language. Few Jewish Israelis do, unless you wish to count the language invented by Eliezer Ben-Yehuda as such.

Whose idea was it, which parent or grandparent can we blame, for Giving Starmer the name Keir? I am sure that he is comfortable being the boss of a political party. He is, however, most uncomfortable living among people with socialist values. To reconcile the leader with the led the party must adopt his values. They are anything but the values of the man after whom he was named. Israel used to have a Labour Party. Yes, that was the spelling, emblazoned on its Head Quarters building on Hayarkon Street almost opposite the French Embassy. It is now spelled Labor and been moved to what I was told is a more right wing part of Tel Aviv. Parallels?

A link with the Battle of Dettingen? The General Election of 2019 was the last battle in which Labour was led by a socialist. Most of us were unaware that his enemies were behind him pretending to wave the Red Flag.

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