

Why Gordon Grumbles: The Empire Crumbles

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The news from Scotland this weekend is that the British Empire is crumbling. Today, as in all of William Shakespeare's tragedies, Celtic or others, from the past, the current British Prime Minister, Labour's Gordon Brown, has no greater personal fault for all his present troubles, than that, as it now turns out: first, he was born at the wrong time; second, it was his luck to have been left with command at the point the former captain, Prime Minister Tony Blair, had abandoned the already doomed ship to the unfortunate Gordon's command.

It was poor Gordon's luck to find himself, thus, drowning politically at the fag end of the empire he was called to serve.

There is no conceivable way in which that presently disintegrating British Empire of today can come out of the present catastrophe alive. In that decaying empire's zeal to bring down the United States which President Franklin Roosevelt had led to victory over the plague of fascist regimes which Britain itself had launched upon the hapless post-World War I continent of Europe, it has now turned out, imperial Britain had doomed itself in the fashion of the man who destroyed his intended victim by lashing them both, villain and victim, to the anchor of a sinking British ship of fools.

One wonders: what will come out for the survivors of the sinking of this ship? The news from Scotland seems to suggest an outcome. Britain's *Telegraph* seems to have picked up, a bit wishfully, a trace of the relevant smell. A glance back to the situation at the outset of the Eighteenth Century, under Queen Anne, suggests what might possibly emerge from the rubble of that Anglo-Dutch Liberal tyranny which was imposed upon the British Isles under, chiefly, the long reach of Liberalism's true author, the Venetian scoundrel Paolo Sarpi. What was glued together of those

British Isles under Sarpi's heirs, is now in the process of coming apart.

This does not suggest that the historical parts of the islands' past will return to *status quo ante*; rather, something which combines a reflection on the traditions of centuries past, will blend with the experience under the fallen empire's reign, to produce something new. First, however, the parts will seek to assert their independence, and, then, awakening as if to the weekend's morning after, as is customary in those isles, they think about putting old pieces together in a new way.

In the meantime, if we of the United States manage to shuck off the lunacy which reigns in U.S. governmental and economic circles today, we shall have to

Scottish Voters Sound Death Knell for 300-Year Union

In itself, the outcome of the by-election of July 24 held in Glasgow East, Scotland, was stunning—in that the Scottish National Party (SNP) captured a long-held Labour parliamentary seat. But the significance of the defeat for Labour, was what it portended for the union among Scotland, England, and Wales.

“Glasgow Spells the End of 300-Year Union,” was the headline of the July 27 *Sunday Times* article by Simon Jenkins. “When last year the Scots voted the SNP into office, by the narrowest of margins, it was regarded as a protest against Tony Blair, against the Iraq war, against English centralism, by bloody-minded Scots,” Jenkins wrote. “What nobody in England—or Scottish Labour—was prepared to accept was that the Scots might have voted quite specifically to be more independent of England.

“Glasgow East has done more than deliver a bloody nose to the most Scots of modern Prime Ministers [Gordon Brown is Scottish]. It has accelerated a process that may soon rearrange the political and geographical components of the United Kingdom. This is not just the best. It is for real,” Jenkins concluded.