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**THE NEXT “ELECTED DICTATOR”**

**TODAY, PROMISES, PROMISES… TOMORROW: MINISTERIAL PROMOTIONS…**

**AND THEN, HALLOWEEN: ‘NO DEAL’?**

Current democratic practice allows for the election of one individual who, if he becomes PM, rules the roost. He chooses the Cabinet. The Cabinet chooses a policy. And if the ruling party has a majority, parliament rubber-stamps. And he continues to rule…

If subsequently a Minister is deemed to be too ‘wet’ – Margaret Thatcher’s term – she can replace him by someone ‘dry’. And she continued to rule…

This polity can be dangerous, as with Blair on Iraq or May on a second referendum. The public demonstrations are only huge, but the PM continues to rule…

…and maybe it will be ‘no deal’!?

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As advocated for conflict zones, a more democratic approach would allow the Parliament, or at least the ruling coalition or party, to choose the Government. The appropriate methodology, a matrix vote, has long since been tried, tested and now computerised:

http://www.deborda.org/home/2016/4/25/2016-5-ireland-let-the-dail-elect-a-govt.html

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| Preferences | Minister of… |
| ***A*** | ***B*** | ***C*** | ***D*** | ***E*** | ***F*** |
| 1st  | Ms K |  |  |  | ✓ |  |  |
| 2nd  | Ms T |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3rd  | Mr B |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 4th  | Ms R | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5th  | Mr U |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ |
| 6th  | Mr G |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  |

In a simple cabinet of just six ministries, the said MPs choose, in order of preference, six colleagues, as in the left-hand column, simultaneously ticking the ministry in which they wish each of their nominees to serve.

A PR election identifies the six most popular MPs; a second analysis converts the preferences into points and appoints the chosen MPs, in descending order of popularity, to the portfolio indicated.

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