

David Miliband

Possible new EU foreign policy chief – role designed to give 27-nation bloc more influence on world stage



■ **July 15, 1965: David Wright Miliband** born London. Elder son of Polish-Jewish refugees. Father is Marxist-socialist intellectual, mother is a historian. Politicians **Joe Slovo** and **Tony Benn** are family friends

Education and family

■ **1980s:** Gains First in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Becomes Kennedy scholar at MIT

■ **1998:** Marries **Louise Shackelton**, violinist with London Symphony Orchestra. Two sons

Career

■ **1989-94:** Works for think tank, Institute for Public Policy Research

■ **1992-94:** Appointed by Labour leader, **John Smith**, as Secretary of Commission on Social Justice

■ **1994:** **Tony Blair's** head of policy

■ **2001:** MP for South Shields

■ **2002:** Appointed Schools Minister

■ **2006:** Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

■ **2007:** Appointed Foreign Secretary by Prime Minister **Gordon Brown**

■ **Oct 2009:** Emerges as contender to become EU's newly appointed high representative for foreign policy