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EDITOR'S NOTE

- Thomas Maher

Here we are, back for another issue. We, as a community and continent, have progressed far in the past few weeks, much like I have in the past few months. I first started in micronations around three or four years ago. I was surfing the net, looking at games similar to "Utopia" I think, and I clicked on a link stating "micronations." From that moment on I was intrigued.

Now, the nations I first joined were removed from the center of Micronations.net, and operated through a basis of email. I found it hard to become involved and these nations lacked activity. Needless to say, I left after a month or two. I returned every so often, finding the nations (whose names I do not remember) had died out in the six months that I was gone.

It was a cloudy afternoon, I remember, in mid-December of 2005 that I decided to take a look again. This time it had been around a year since I last looked at micronations. From where I come from (Australia), a cloudy afternoon in December is unusual. It should have been around thirty five degrees Celsius with the sun blaring down on us.

I was bored and the rest of my family were setting up for the annual Christmas celebrations. I sat at the computer and thought "what now?" I remember the distant memory of micronations and typed it in on Google. I spent the next few days looking for a nation. I visited the Grand Commonwealth, Babkha and a few others. Then I finally found the nation I was looking for: Gotzborg. It had everything I wanted, and seemed to suit me right down to the ground.

I started out humbly, as a Superintendent in the Royal Security Police Service. I began developing protocols for the protection of His Royal Majesty and other dignitaries. I soon found myself wandering and I moved on to the Army, adding another position to my repertoire.

I now hold various positions throughout the Kingdom, my highest so far being Minister of State, Home Office. I was lucky getting that job. His Highness Prince Steven was short of time so I was handed the reigns quite quickly.

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I love my time in Gotzborg and in the micronational community in general. The community spirit in Novasolum, so often forgotten in other parts of the micronational world, is astounding. I am thankful for everyday that I get to spend there.

This issue is packed full of information. This time we speak to the highly respected Ambassador Philip James of Paulovia. Joke of the Week is always a high point of the Bulletin. This one has pirates in it. Yay! Pirates!

Arrgh me hearties! Catch you later. ß

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man encounters a pirate in a bar. They strike up a conversation, and the man asks the pirate how he suffered his various injuries.

"Arrgh, I lost me leg fighting over buried treasure in the tropics. I lost me ear in a barroom fight with another pirate -- he bit me ear right off."

The other man points to the pirate's arm and asks, "How'd you get the hook for an arm?"

The pirate replies, "Arrgh, I lost me arm when a winch tore it off in a terrible storm at sea." "And how did you lose your eye?" The pirate says, "Arrgh, I had a terrible itch in me eye." "You lost your sight because of an itch?" The pirate explains: "Aye, it was me first day with the hook."ß

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Correction

Due to the concern of a Alexandrian citizen, *the Novasolum Bulletin* wishes to correct the statement that Alexandria cited the Novasolum Treaty as a legal document for the Circum-Raynor war. The Bulletin sincerely apologises for any hurt or misunderstanding caused.

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People Like Us

His Excellency Ambassador Philip James of Paulovia

Year started in Micronations?

Prior to the establishment of the Principality of Paulovia on 27 July, 2005, I served HRH Prince Paul in various roles from 1998 when Paulovia was an absolute monarchy limited to family members. Although the Paulovian flag and various institutions existed prior to July 2005, my involvement as an intermicronational entity on the internet did not begin until July 2005.

Current occupation (micronationally)?

Currently I am Principal Ambassador to HRH's Royal Government, Deputy First Minister, and Deputy Defence Minister, plus a few other minor roles. I am a first cousin to HRH Prince Paul.

Best thing about Micronations?

Distance is no object to promoting our ego and fantasy with like-minded people. It is great fun and in my short time in the field I have met some very intelligent and likeable people.

Your favourite film?

Cannot condense my filmic jewels into one choice. Films by

Akira Kurisawa and David Lean are strong in my collection, and British post-war to 1965 films (my dissertation for my MA in History was on British films and national identity), plus many foreign (non-English language) films, but not too many from Hollywood.

What's your poison?

A cold Belgian or Paulovian lager on a hot day, a bottled English ale in the evening, and malt whisky when in contemplative mood. Red wine with dinner anytime!

Your Major Influence in Micronation(person/orgainsation/belief)?

One can never acknowledge all influences as so many are sub-conscious. However, HRM August Charles of Gotzborg and Liam Sinclair have encouraged me to continue in the hobby through their dynamic and constructive contributions and infectious imagination.

Hopes for the future?

Paulovia is still on the scene this time next year and I have been promoted by HRH! B

PAULOVIAN VISIT A 'MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE'

The Paulovian State Visit to Gotzborg last weekend was heralded as a huge success. The visit was the first such one to Gotzborg in some time and the first visit to Gotzborg by the somewhat reclusive Prince Paul.

His Royal Highness Prince Paul sailed to Gotzborg on the Royal Yacht, RPS Principato with senior Paulovian military and government officials.

His Royal Highness was escorted through Gotzborg national waters by the Escort Squadron 1 of the Royal Fleet of the Royal Gotzborg Navy, commanded personally by Admiral Nicholas McAlpin, Grand Duke of Markham, after the hand off by HRMS Gannet of the Paulovia Squadron.

After arriving safely in Gotzborg, His

Royal Highness spent time in both Lonenburg and Lucerne. *The Novasolum Bulletin* was unable to find out anymore about his visit due to high security concerns. A rumor was circulating that an official function was being held at Lucerne Castle with apparently His Royal Majesty, King August Charles and his wife Queen Caroline attending, on Saturday night.

An official announcement in Paulovia by His Royal Majesty said that the weather was beautiful.

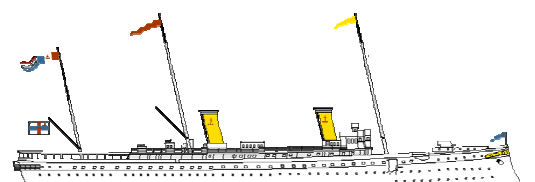
"Weather was wonderful and although the hunt was a bit sparse, it was a beautiful and fresh weekend at Lucerne Castle."

He also hinted at the prospect of a visit to Paulovia. "It is my sincerest hope that we can do it again and pro-

pose to agree to make it an annual arrangement. In turn, I would like to arrange an official state visit to Paulovia to occur most likely either mid July or late August."

This was confirmed by the enthusiastic response of Ambassador Philip James, cousin to Prince Paul, with late August looking to be a likely date for the historic visit.

With the successful visit over, the talks have cemented the emerging friendship and commercial relationship between the two nations. β



AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS ROYAL MAJESTY AUGUST CHARLES II ON THE PAULOVIAN STATE VISIT

Your Majesty, it's good to speak with you. How was the hunting expedition?

It went very well. Prince Paul and myself spent a good day together along the slopes and valleys of the Upper Friedrichsberg range. Late in the afternoon while heading back to Lucerne Castle, I had spotted a magnificent stag up the slope half a kilometer. I hadn't any wish to drag my guest along however Prince Paul was both energetic and enthusiastic in his desire to track down the stag. We did after another hour find it upon a pleasant meadow and providing the Prince with the honour, he put it down soundly. All in all it wasn't as complete a hunt as I had hoped, however the Prince was imminently successful.

As the head of state for an economic powerhouse such as Gotzborg, did the talks focus on trade between Gotzborg and Paulovia?

It was a matter of lengthy and beneficial discussion for us both. We definitely spent a great amount of time exploring a wide variety of opportunities encompassing further joint ventures in all manner of areas. The Gotzborg-Paulovia Company is currently being chartered which we would like to see become the vehicle for further growth and development. In addition, we spoke of getting Paulovian businesses more involved in Gotzborg, which will occur when they are more completely stabilized at home.

Were any national security concerns for the two nations discussed?

The Circum-Raynor was discussed in passing, more as a lead in to the current mission of Gotzborg forces in Paulovia right now. It is my sincerest wish to see the Prince reach his goal of having Paulovia established with a firm, strong and flexible military contingent. So we really just expounded upon that mission and worked upon further details to ensure it reaches its goal to the specifications the Prince wants.

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Paulovia National Day Honours Nominations

His Excellency Philip James, Ambassador and Deputy First Minister of Paulovia made a post in the Paulovian forums regarding nominations for awards and honours. These special commendations will be awarded on the 27th of July 2006, marking the first anniversary of the beginning of Paulovian sovereign independence.

The response was not delayed and, taking advantage that anybody was allowed to nominate, His Royal Majesty August Charles II, put forward the name of Mr. James himself. His Excellency, known for his hard work and second to none posting etiquette said "... may I say I am indeed humbled by your act and appreciate your support."

Other names put forward include: August Charles, Liam Sinclair, Yani, Prince Paul himself, Lachlan Powers, John Darcy and others.

To nominate someone please post in the topic "**Paulovia National Day Honours - Nominations**" and state briefly why the person should be awarded.

The awards will apparently be awarded by His Royal Highness Prince Paul at an official function around the time of the 27th of July.

Nominations close: 20th July 2006 β

Letters to the Editor?

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Current Nations of Novasolum

Royal Kingdom of Gotzborg
(King August Charles II)

Republic of Anthelia
(President John Darcy)

Sovereign Natopian Empire
(Sovereign Natopian Emperor Nathan)

Principality of Paulovia
(HRH Prince Paul)

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(Emperor Edgard II)

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BEYOND NOVASOLUM...

Vember pulls out of Gotzburg

Sir Jeremy Vember, CEO of the prestigious private bank 'Vember & Co', has announced today that he will be withdrawing from the Kingdom of Gotzburg and closing down the bank's branch there. He said he was becoming 'increasingly annoyed' by the burden of bureaucracy in the Kingdom and found that investing in a Gotzburg branch was appearing to be more unattractive by the day.

The final straw which pushed Sir Jeremy over the edge was the request by Liam Sinclair, a representative of the Royal Bank of Commerce in Gotzburg, to take out a loan from his bank to cover start-up costs, since the business registration fee of GTh1,000 had apparently failed to come through due to failures with MX2.

Vember & Co has only recently opened a branch in Gotzburg and had not even started advertising for business there. But Sir Jeremy was determined he had made the right decision in pulling out, telling the FNN that offshore banking was the way forward, and a more attractive proposition for both the bank and for consumers, who should benefit from no taxes, no government restrictions, and a wider variety of services:

"The bank is still of course accepting requests for accounts and for loans from all citizens of Gotzburg, but these will have to be conducted in Fergustein. I advise it would be more profitable for both the bank and the consumers for savers to transfer funds over here, where the currency is strengthening and where we can offer the best variety of services without the burden of government involvement.

We will always be happy to facilitate the needs of private investors from all over the world, including Gotzburg.

Offshore banking is the way forward. Tax-free, no restrictions, no bureaucracy - I invite all citizens of Gotzburg to bank in the Principality of Fergustein, with the nation's favourite bank - Vember & Co."

Lord Winsor, Minister for Commerce, said it was unfortunate the move had not worked out, and said he would continue to encourage growth in the banking sector. **Source: Fergustein News Network | Copyright 2006 FNN | This work is not by The Novasolum Bulletin and has not been edited in anyway. β**

A "Cold War"?

From 20/06/06 --STONERDALE CITY--

The Matbaa Affair came to a conclusion today with a letter addressed to the King regarding Matbaa's intentions.

Previously, the Royal Parliament sent a request to Matbaa's government for certain untrue information to be removed from their official web portal. The requests were not carried out and the government of Kemetia has since resolved the affair by clearly stating that Matbaa's affairs are of no concern to the nation at the current point.

However, competition between the two nations seems inevitable. Is this the beginning of a "Cold War"? Most analysts think not since Matbaa is clearly locked in the fantasy world of simulationists. The situation will continue to be monitored, but the future looks bright for Kemetia. **Source: The Kemetia Tribune | Copyright 2006 The Kemetia Tribune | This work is not by the Novasolum Bulletin and has not been edited in anyway. β**

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For the more fashion minded of Novasolum citizens, especially those bored housewives, what did yourself and Queen Caroline wear to the functions?

Well although I don't consider myself much of a fashion aficionado, I must admit I like nothing than paying the honor to our people in the armed services, so I spent the vast majority of time in uniform, with exception of the welcoming dinner at Lonenberg Palace on Friday, the hunt on Saturday and the evening that day. The Queen was as always resplendent all weekend but I think the highlight was her Milocchi of Bellocaparta gold and white gown that she wore for the State Dinner at Lucerne Castle on Saturday. It was simply breathtaking to say the least I can say I was quite impressed.

Do you feel that the visit was successful?

Completely. It did further cement our personal relationship and as well that of both Gotzborg and Paulovia. We both made some realistic and fair commitments with each other in regards to economy and military policy which we already see bearing fruit. I feel that we are both flexible and compromising chaps who will be able to meet the challenges as they arise.

With him being quite reclusive, was it good to finally meet Prince Paul?

Quite actually. Whilst we had spoken in private a few times prior to this trip, finally being able to shake hands and exchange a more personal introduction had given me the feeling that we had finally just met for the first time. Quite an excellent and just fell with no negative traits and someone who spoke with sincerity and emotion very becoming to his position and responsibility. I can only hope I managed the same impression.

Do you feel he took out of the meeting what you did?

Indeed, we spoke of it together before his departure, but I get the impression is was less about all of that and more about a new beginning working from a new base camp, if I can use a mountain climbing analogy. I think he took it as a good vacation, although hurried. You would be better to ask him, but I think he was satisfied.

Should we be looking forward to a era of friendship and cooperation between Gotzborg and Paulovia?

Guaranteed. While both nations come first to their respective Heads, we have definitely agreed to make some priorities with the joint ventures I had mentioned earlier. We both have a strong commitment to the Novasolum Agreement and will be working hard to see it strengthened for our nations, but we will also be working together on common visions in the area of economy and military efforts. This is indeed a new era for both nations, not in exclusion of anything else, but in addition to. I for one am quite excited! β

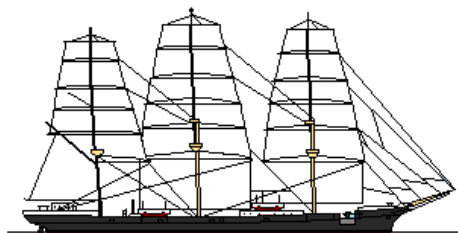
Intermicronational Goodwill Alive and Well

Intermicronational Goodwill is still alive and well between the Novasolum nations, with the Empire of the Alexandrians giving a mighty gift to the Royal Kingdom of Gotzborg.

HIMS *Jagger* a relic cruiser in the Imperial Navy of Alexandria during the 1800's, fought many battles and has now found its way into the hands of the Gotzborg navy.

HRM August Charles II said "This ship shall be lovingly refitted for service in our Royal Navy as a training ship so that new and young generations of sailors and officers may learn from the past in order to build for the future. β

HIMS Jagger



Depression Predicted

Sebastien Alexandre, Minister of Economics of the Empire of the Alexandrians has predicted a economic depression for the Empire, citing the lack of income for the nation and massive spending as a downfall.

His proposal to fix the problem is as follows:

Instate a Budget Act that will allow the armed forces x amount of money monthly, to be circulated among its armed forces

Pass into law a bill saying that any person working in more than one job receiving revenue, will only receive their highest revenue (In my case, I would only get my Minister's salary, not my army salary)

Instate an Economic Simulation ct, which would require, monthly, fees to be deducted for electricity, housing tax, and water.

Instate a state-run real estate agency that would see the sale of land to citizens or private firms to build houses on. Depending upon the grade of house (which would be defined by Law), will determine their house tax

Income tax on salaries, of approximately 5-8%

Lowering of salaries and royalties to a more realistic amount (what on earth are Ministers going to do with 1,000, or the Emperor with

Pete James, the former Minister announced that he had a lot of the proposal planned.