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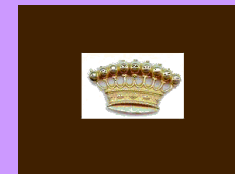
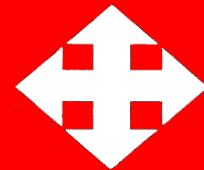
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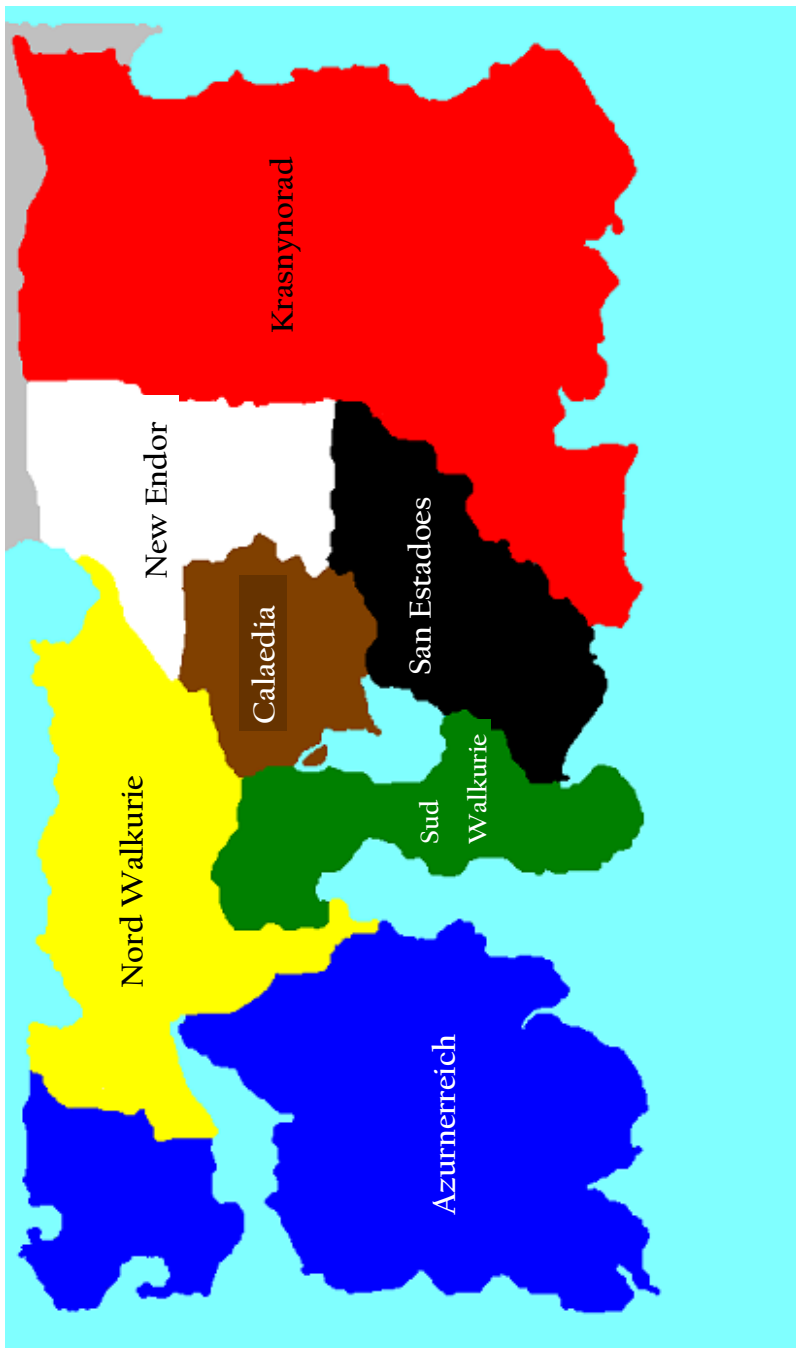


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- Historical background of every country
- Political, economic and demographic analyses
- Biographical sketches of past and current leaders



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Plateau of Pilsner: Southern agricultural region of New Endor, best source of barley and hops on the Continent; home to numerous breweries and distilleries.

Koufax Mountains: Largest Continental range, forms northern Calaedian border. Site of recently-discovered Uranium deposits by the Calaedian Royal Uranium Distribution (CRUD) Corp.

Szekely River Valley: Site of the oldest known Continental civilization, thought to be the birthplace of the Koufaxian tribes. Currently, Endorran-Krassian riverine trade disputes have led to heightened security measures from Szekelygrad to Stoepli.

Vwow (Veedwenny): Nord Walkurian city bestride the Dubs-Adams corridor with a Blautsch-speaking majority. Political center for NUTSI party-sponsored separatist movement.

White Forest: South-central forest of New Endor. Site of the brilliant delaying action by General von Lowbrau that saved Chubar-est and held off the Estadoean Army in the Witz Winter War.

Witz River: The historical Krassian-Estadoean border, crossed only in times of war.

Witz Steppe: Plains that stretch interrupted for miles on both sides of the Witz River, the Steppe still produces an abundance of grain and cattle.

Zandig (Emmonfuhr): Historically a Blautsch city, Emmonfuhr was turned over to Nord Walkurie (and renamed Zandig) after the Armistice of 1927. Currently under martial law after the rioting that followed the NUTSI-party sponsored "Free Zandig" rallies of 1950.

Zocchiwald: Site of the famous defeat of the Black Horde by the Calaedians in 1276. Dense trees and undergrowth around the many rugged tributaries at the headwaters of the River Zocchi still make this area practically impassable.

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Big Clyde: Verdant river valley of southern Krassia, perhaps best known as the region responsible for the historic development of the Clydesbreed warhorse. These awesome animals, now extinct, were six feet high at the rump and were bred by the medieval San Estadoeans as the main shock-force for the Black Horde.

Dubs-Adams Corridor: The historic boundary between the Walkurians and Azurnerreich, continually contested throughout history. Today, 4 million Blautsch-speakers reside in this area under the control of Nord Walkurie, causing constant border disputes in this corridor between the two rivers (the natural east-west invasion route between Nord Walkurie and Azurnerreich)

Dubs-Woodring Protectorate: Claimed by Reichschancellor von Kisbarck after the Koufax War, this area (encompassing all territory from the Woodring south to the mouth of the Dubs) was first established as Blautsch territory by Empress von Kleevage in 1077. It was stripped from Azurnerreich after the Armistice of 1927.

Great Koufax Desert: Arid region between the Nord Sea and Koufax Mountains, characterized by barren tracts and low winter temperatures. Scene of the 1902 Koufax War, since then the area has proven to hold vast oil and bauxite deposits.

Lake Frederick: Inland lakefront of Daskapital; named for mythical founder of first Krassian Kingdom.

Lake Pinsky: Largest Continental lake, forms natural border between Calaedia, Sud Walkurie and San Estadoes; each country has port access and shares fishing rights.

Olsongrad(St Dietersburg): Seized by St Dieter in 1407; largest port in Krasynorad.

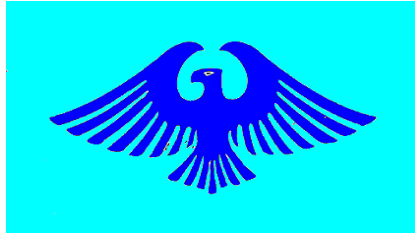
Papal Walkurian States: First Walkurian nation-state, administered solely by Khroman Khatolik popes. Borders stretched from Nord Sea to Sud Gulf until Great Schism of 1329.

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Azurnerreich

The history of Azurnerreich begins with the ancient rivalry between the city-states Seathurdy and Eith Urdythry. These early commercial centers rose to prominence due to the invention of the Blautsch hexagonal sail, allowing both cities to develop trade along the south coast of the Blautsch peninsula. This led to constant strife as both city-states competed for trade supremacy in the Sud Gulf and West Sea. By the 700's, the southern Blautsch economy became stratified into a feudalistic conglomeration of minor kingdoms and principalities, while the north began taking advantage of the new, popular Khroman pro-trade doxology. In 899 the regents of Kysistine allied with Eln-Einteen and Dies Effen to create the Federated Union of Commercial Trade (FUCT). This led to the northern expansion of the Blautsch border to the Dubs and Woodring rivers under the leadership of self-proclaimed Empress Maximila von Kleevage in 1077. This economic union lasted until the horrendous Flubonic Plague of 1188, which spread via tradeships throughout Blautsch trade centers, decimating the populace. Over one-third of the Blautsch died, curtailing all trade and fractionalizing the Blautsch peoples into over thirty minor, petty principalities. By 1200 the Blautsch border had been curtailed to the Adams-Dubs river lines, then curtailed further (to its present location) by the Reformatory Wars that followed in the 1300's. This led to further stagnation until the rise of Reichschancellor Manfred Steppenschitz, who called for Blautsch unification in 1810. The years 1840-1900 saw the flowering of Blautsch intellectual and industrial thought. The Blautsch Krieg Academy was founded in Veeth Urdythry by the Blautsch military philosopher Karl von Blauswitz, revolu-



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Vladimir Cheripopski, Kzsar

(1067-1121): Established Cheripopski dynasty in central Krassia; first acknowledged Kzsar (1100); built Kzsar's Palace in what is now Daskapital. Buried in the center of Red Square, his tomb is an historic landmark visited by hundreds of tourists every year.



Wasolyn, Premier Wiktor

(1827-1890): First Premier of San Estadoes (1860); Charismatic founder of Estadoean Socialist Party; author of *Dialectica Estada* (1849). Served four 7-year terms as premier and institutionalized Estadoean Socialism.



Wienert, President Meyer

(1776-1834): First President of New Endor (1800); established the Continent's first true democracy; founded the Pilsner Agricultural Institute and the Stoepli Metallurgical College; first non-Calaedian to receive a Pinsky Prize (for diplomatically naming Chubarest as the Endorran capital).



Woodring, Cardinal August

(1287-1357): Founder of the Unorthodox Protestant Church of Yuleven (1320); declared Nord Walkurian independence from the Walkurian Papal States and instigated the Reformatory Wars of the 14th century.

Biographies**Steppenschitz, Reichschancellor Manfred**

(1768-1832): Unifier of Azurnerreich and first Reichschancellor; established Blaulin as capital and cultural center. In tribute, the monumental Steppenschitz Arch (built in 1882) soars 1000 feet above and over the Great Dott River in Blaulin.

**Stompem, Feldmarschall Gert von**

(1853-1931): Foremost Blautsch military hero, with victories over Nord Walkurie in the Koufax War and Great War. Maligned for initiating the use of poison gas in the siege of Whoresaw (1926), but his reputation precluded any World Court indictment for war crimes.

**Vassily the Vicious**

(1062-1114): Son of Bronislaw the Brutal, led the Black Horde on forays across the Witz into Krassia, laying waste to Badivostok in 1099, raiding as far east as the Knabe river.

**Vind, Admiral Gustaf**

(1825-1882): Greatest Blautsch naval commander; modernized the Blautsch navy with steam power; pioneered the development of the battleship, amphibious landing craft and combined fleet tactics.

tionizing the entire world's concept of warfare. The eclectic light bulb (Dummas Schmedisson), the telephone (Alyksandyr Graam Klang), and the infernal combustion engine (Baimler Denz) were just some of the Blautsch inventions that fueled the nation's industrial development. The long-neglected fleet was modernized and expanded by Admiral Gustaf Vind, and by 1860, Reichschancellor Heinz von Blueger re-established Blautsch hegemony over the Dubs-Adams corridor, welcoming the historic city of Extusefin back into the Reich. During the Koufax War of 1902, Reichschancellor Otto von Kisbarck ordered Feldmarschall Gert von Stompem's troops into Nord Walkurie to punish the von Gelb regime's invasion of New Endor. Von Stompem's heroic army advanced all the way to the Woodring River, capturing the cities of Yuleven and Veedwenny (Vwow). When the war was over von Kisbarck unilaterally declared a protectorate over the newly-seized lands, much to the chagrin of the World Court. During the Great War, Azurnerreich once again battled Nord Walkurian aggression, and by 1926 laid siege to Whorsaw, the Nord Walkurian capital. Rather than risk his army in bloody frontal assaults, Feldmarschall von Stompem (now over 70 years old) unleashed a new super-weapon, poison gas, upon the hapless defenders. Whorsaw surrendered, but the World Court was aghast. World opinion turned against the brave liberators of Whorsaw. When the Armistice of 1927 was finally enacted by the World Court, the eastern borders of Azurnerreich were pushed back to Reformatory boundaries, and Emmonfuhr (Zandig), Extusefin, Yuleven and Vwow were severed from the Reich, under the vehement protests of Ambassador Rudi von Grossenmouth. This humiliation led to the rise of the National Unified Totalitarian State Party in the 1930's, and by 1940, with the military backing of Panzer general Gerhard Runnover, Count von Mayhem became Reichschancellor, vowing to return glory to Azurnerreich.

Imperial Federation of Azurnerreich



Official Language: Blautsch
 Currency: Blausmark
 Population: 61,344,721
 Capital: Blaulin (O29)
 Leader: Reichschancellor Count Hans von Mayhem
 Government: Fascist
 Political Parties: National Unified Totalitarian State Party*
 Suffrage: Universal for all 21-year-olds†
 Ethnic Groups: 95% Blautsch, 5% Walkurian,
 Major Religious Groups: 35% Unorthodox Protestant
 Church, 32% Khroman Katholic, .5 % Laedist, 32.5 non-
 religious
 GNP: 169.75 Billion Blausmarks
 Industries: Iron, steel, coal, chemicals, machinery, vehicles,
 machine tools, food and beverages, textiles, shipbuilding
 Principal exports: Machinery, vehicles, machine tools, food
 and beverages, textiles
 National Holidays: Azurnerreich Remembrance Day (Oct.
 10), Imperial Blueberry Harvest Vigil (Jan 5), Unification
 Day (June 21),
 Major Cities: Seathurdy (C30), Kyusistine (Q16), Eith
 Urdythy (I33), Eln-Einteen (L19), Dies Effen (D7), Jiefuhr
 (G4), Seadwenny (C20), Eswenifife (S25), Veeth Urdythy
 (V33), Idwolf (I12), Jaetwaet (J28)

*All other political parties are outlawed

†Must be NUTSI Party members

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Runnover, Panzergeneral Gerhard

(1896-): Blautsch pioneer of mobile warfare; developed the Ocelot, Manx, and Cheetah panzer designs; chief figure in swaying military support to the NUTSI party of Count von Mayhem.



Runovski, Marshal Tigran

(1838-1901): First Manifesto Expansionista elected in San Estados history; incited border incidents with New Endor that culminated in the Witz Winter War (1890). Ousted from power by the Red Army in 1891, and died penniless in his Brodessa dacha.



Shulaces, President Tyrone

(1911-): Current President of New Endor; immense oil reserves discovered by his Endorx corporation rocketed him to political power. Second wealthiest man on the Continent; firm supporter of civil rights and riverine-maritime shipping interests.



Slobodin, Premier Marshal Yuri

(1883-): Current socialist leader of San Estados placed in power after the Armistice of 1927; political opponents have been clamoring for general elections ever since. Current plans are to hold elections in 1955, after the 1954 Olympic Games in Stancontinople.

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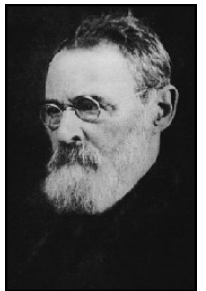
Pfalz, Queen Christina Wilhelmina Anastazia

(1924-): Current Queen of Calaedia; Supreme Justice of the World Court; holds advanced degrees in nuclear physics; voted "most beautiful woman" by Continental Magazine (1951).



Pinsky I, King

(1687-1736): Calaedian Leader and author of the Treaty of Perpetual Neutrality (1715); accepted the Continent's first constitutional parliament; bequeathed his inheritance to the eventual founding of the World Court (1838).



Purgemoff, Comrade Alexander

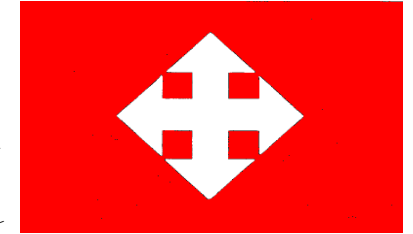
(1882-1937): Successor to Sergei Pushemowtsky (1920); stabilized the Monolithic Party order on Krasnynorad during the Great War; his highly successful Ten-Year-Plan transformed Krasnynorad into a major industrial and military power.



Pushemowtsky, Comrade Sergei

(1867-1920): Founded the Monolithic Party (1901); Led the People's Revolution that toppled Kzsar Klujliss (1906); First Monolithic Leader of Krasnynorad (1906-1920). Abolished serfdom; nationalized industry and labor; built the People's Monolithic Monument (1001 feet high) in Daskapital's Red Square.

Krasnynorad



Legend has it that in ancient times the first Krassian kingdom was formed in the central highlands by Kzsar Fredrick, along the shores of the lake that now bears his name. Whether he existed at all, or was simply a myth created later has frustrated historians ever since. Written Krassian history can be traced back only to the Krassian traders who plied the waters of the Schultz and Knabe rivers. The foundations of the Krassian state as we know it can be pinpointed to 801, when the Cheripopski Dynasty created a small nation-state in the territory that surrounds the current capital, Daskapital. For 300 years the Cheripopski's expanded this empire outward, conquering Rustoff and Keyeff in the 1040's under Kzsar Vladimir I. In the 1100's the Nastibich Dynasty came to power and consolidated their royal absolutism across the southern Krassian territories as far as Badivostok. There followed constant strife along the western borders with the Black Horde of San Estadoes, which did not cease until 1276. In 1405, Kzsarina Ariel Nastibich led the northern expansion of the empire through religious means. Unhappy with her husband Igor Boremtodev, she sought a divorce. When the Khroman Khatolic Church denied her request, she flew into a rage, divorced her husband, and the Khatolics as well. She outlawed the Khroman Church, seized their lands in Krassian territory, and formed the Krassian Fidelity Church (KFC) as the official state religion, which she placed under the authority of her brother Dieter. Saint Dieter, as he is now known, spread the KFC across the Schultz and annexed the city of Olsongrad, which the Kzsarina renamed St. Dietersburg in his honor. The Krassian holiday of St. Dieter's Day com-

memorates this event. Dieter then turned west, founded the University of Moronezh as he took that city, and finally ended up by founding Szekelygrad and establishing the western boundaries of Krasnynorad. The Nastibich rule was consolidated and lasted until the early 1900's. Dissatisfaction with the Kzsarist government reached high levels during the unpopular Witz Winter War of 1890. When the Red Army under General Nikolai Shootemdedsky unilaterally marched into San Estados in support of New Endor, socialist dissidents decried this foreign intervention and launched the career of the greatest patriot of Krasnynorad, Sergei Pushemowtsky. Heavily influenced by the philosophy of Wiktor Wasolyn, Pushemowtsky founded the Monolithic Party in 1901. After a postwar economic downturn and the uncovering of Kzsarist scandals, the Monolithic Party incited the People's Revolution of 1906, deposing Kzsar Clujliss and declaring Comrade Pushemowtsky as Party Head of Krasnynorad. His sweeping reforms freed the peasantry and began the industrialization of the country. Upon his death in 1920, he was succeeded by Comrade Alexander Purgemov, who mobilized Krasnynorad for the Great War with the able assistance of Red Army Chief of Staff General Karel Krakemheds. With the Red Army once again triumphant with victories across the Witz, peace and tranquility for the Motherland was secured by the Armistice of 1927. In the postwar era, Purgemov lived just long enough to see his Ten-Year Plan come to fruition, tripling the industrial capacity of Krasnynorad by the time of his death in 1937. Purgemov's successor, current Party Head Comrade Mikhail Mischievich, came to power due in no small measure to the support of the Red Army, now under General Anatoly Krushem, and to the brilliant media campaign of Alexi Lyarvietch, Minister of Information.

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Mayhem, Reichschancellor Count Hans von

(1898-): Founder of National Unified Totalitarian State Party, current leader of Azurnerreich. Born in Eswenifife; educated at Jiefuhr Polytechnic and I'dwolf Engineering Institute; widely traveled; strongly supported by military of Azurnerreich.



Mischievich, Comrade Dmitri

(1902-): Monolithic Party Chief and Leader of Krasnynorad since 1937. Born in Bombsk; educated at Stinsk A&M and Pnepro-Detrovsk University. Currently in the midst of another Ten Year Plan, which includes the expansion of General Krushem's elite KRAP Force.



Nelson the Intransigent, Pope

(1282-1329): Surly and intolerant, Nelson issued the Zoroastrian Exclusion Acts of 1315 that led directly to the Great Schism and Reformatory Wars. One of the worst Popes in history.



Pfalz I, King

(1227-1290): First King of Calaedia; founded the Pfalz Dynasty which is still in power. Secured Calaedian independence (and preserved Continental civilization) with the defeat of the Black Horde in 1276. Often overlooked as one of the greatest military leaders in history. (see Brotweiler Brigade*)

Biographies**Lawrence the Intrepid, Pope**

(835-894): Expansionist leader of Khroman Papal States; founded the Lawrencian Friars who spread Khatholkism with him in the Northern Crusade. Founded Whorsaw; instituted the Walkurian Mercantile League.

**Lowbrau, General Klaus von**

(1857-1921): Blautsch-born militarist in the employ of New Endor; former instructor at the Blautsch Krieg Academy (expelled for excessive dueling); executed the brilliant defense of the White Forest in the Witz Winter War (1891).

**Maari, Haata**

(1245-1281): Calaedian spy who warned King Pfalz of the invasion of the Black Horde through the Zocchiwald in 1276. Beautiful; seductive; heroic; daring; the inspiration for countless Calaedian love songs.

**Malaprop, Premier Raskaly**

(1869-1927): Elected Manifesto Expansionist leader of San Estados (1912); formed secret alliance with Nord Walkurie and instigated the Great War with his Sud Walkurian invasion after a belated assassination attempt. Lynched by the Red Army in Gelbrade in 1927.

**Corporeal State of
Krasnynorad**



Official Language: Krassian

Currency: Bouble

Population: 62,424,328

Capital: Daskapital (GGG45)

Leader: Comrade Dmitri Mischievich

Government: Communist

Political Parties: Monolithic Party*

Suffrage: Universal for all 21-year-olds*

Ethnic Groups: 89% Krassian, 9% Estadoean, 1% Endorran, 1% Koufaxian

Major Religious Groups: 65% Krassian Fidelity Church, 3% Khroman Khatholic, .4 % Laedist, 31.6 % non-religious

GNP: 163.75 Billion Boubles

Industries: Iron, steel, coal, machinery, vehicles, machine tools, food and beverages

Principal exports: Machinery, vehicles, machine tools

National Holidays: St. Dieter's Day (Feb 14), Krasmas (June 21), People's Revolution Day (Oct. 27).

Major Cities: St Dietersburg (GGG45), Sybastypol (BBB54), Badivostok (NN48), Rustoff (RRR54), Pnepro-Detrovsk (III37), Keyeff (JJJ56), Szekelygrad (FFF30), Stinsk (ZZ48), Moronezh (NNN35), Bombsk (BBB33), Pudabest (YY43).

Nord Walkurie



Nord Walkurie was a northern province of the Papal Walkurian States until the Great Schism of 1329. It was then that the Zoroastrian minority sided with the popular protestant movement (against the Khroman Katholic Church) and broke away from the beleaguered amalgamation of petty Walkurian fiefdoms and principalities. Nord Walkurie then descended into a prolonged period of anarchy and unrest, finally unifying in 1650 under the rule of the self-proclaimed Protector of Nord Walkurie, Baron Umlaut von Gelb. Based in the capital city of Whorsaw, the von Gelb dynasty held absolute power in Nord Walkurie for over 250 years, expanding its borders through Machiavellian maneuvering. In 1902 Nord Walkurie invaded New Endor (The Koufax War). The International community denounced this wanton act of aggression and the World Court not only placed economic sanctions on Nord Walkurie, but hastened its downfall by creating an International Coalition that sent humanitarian aid and military assistance to the brave Endorran freedom fighters. By 1903 the von Gelb dynasty was finished. Rather than face international justice, the Nord Walkurian tyrant Helmmut von Gelb fled to the Northern Neutral Country, never to be seen again. Plebiscites were then ordered throughout Nord Walkurie, and free elections were held for the first time in the country's history. In 1904 a republic was proclaimed, but a weak economy, antagonistic policies towards Azurnerreich and a misguided alliance with San Estados fueled the fires of discontent that led to the Great War of 1923. Nord Walkurie's current western boundaries include repatriated territory from Sud Walkurie and Azurnerreich granted by the World Court after the armistice in 1927, territory many Blautsch-speaking people would like to see re-admitted to Azurnerreich.

Biographies



Ignat the Imbiber

(1230-1276): The last leader of the Black Horde, annihilated at the Battle of Zocchiwald in 1276. A monument stands at the headwaters of the Zocchi where his entrails were fed to the Brotweiler Brigade.



Kisbarck, Reichschancellor Otto von

(1849-1914): Azurnerreich leader during Koufax War; unilaterally declared a protectorate over the newly-seized lands between the Dubs-Woodring rivers.



Kleevage, Empress Maximila von

(1030-1095): Self-proclaimed Empress of Azurnerreich; expanded Blautsch borders to the Dubs-Woodring rivers; built the Kyusistine Palace as seat of government, now a perennial tourist attraction.



Klujliss Nastibich, Kzsar

(1849-1906): Last Krassian Kzsar; his unpopular foreign policy and domestic scandals led to The People's Revolution; deposed and decapitated in 1906.



Krushem, General Anatoly

(1895-): Present Red Army Chief of Staff; key supporter of Dmitri Mischievich's rise to power; developer of Krasnynorad Rapid Assault Peacekeeping (KRAP) Force.

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**Dieter Nastibich, Saint**

(1383-1441): Brother of Kzsarina Ariel; first head of KFC (1405); led the annexation of Olsongrad (St Dietersburg, 1407); founded University of Moronezh (1408); founded the city of Szekelygrad (1410) and formalized Krassian western border.

**Gelb, Baron Umlaut von**

(1616-1671): Self-proclaimed Protector of Nord Walkurie; established the von Gelb dynasty that ruled for over 250 years. Cunning and ruthless, he continually instigated border incidents in order to absorb territory into Nord Walkurie.

**Gelb, Helmmut von**

(1854-1903?): Last of the von Gelbs; used Manifesto Expansionista backing to gain popular support of his New Endor invasion (1902). Fled Nord Walkurie in the face of the International Coalition's forces; rumored to have escaped to the Neutral Country; actual whereabouts unknown.

**Hamerstrom, Consul Slag**

(1898-): Current head of state and leader of Nord Walkurian Republican party; narrowly escaped two no-confidence votes instigated by NUTSI party separatists; instituted "zero-tolerance" policy (1951) in regards to Azurnerreich's revanchist claims to the pro-Blautsch Dubs-Adams corridor.

**Republic of Nord Walkurie**

Official Language: Walkurian

Currency: Klira

Population: 20,985,325

Capital: Whorsaw (EE25)

Leader: Consul Slag Hamerstrom

Government: Republic

Political Parties: Walkurian Republicans, Walkurian Green Party, Manifesto Expansionistas, National Unified Totalitarian State Party (Walkurian League)

Suffrage: Universal for all 18-year-olds

Ethnic Groups: 65% Walkurian, 19% Blautsch, 10% Koufaxian, 3% Endorran, 3% Calaedian

Religious Groups: 56% Unorthodox Protestant Church, 16% Khroman Katholic, 4% Zoroastrian, 1% Laedist, 23% non-religious

GNP: 51.1 Billion Klire

Industries: Fishing, Oil, Bauxite

Principal exports: Oil, Food

National Holidays: Pentacross (Dec 25), Nord Walkurian Independence Day (April 1), Scirocco Festival (August 22-29)

Major Cities: Zandig [previously Emmonfuhr] (M14), Yuleven (U11), Punis (CC15), Vwov [previously Veedwen-ny] (V20), Extusefin (X27)

Sud Walkurie



A verdant and fertile land, Sud Walkurie has always boasted a prosperous economy. This prosperity can be traced to the capitalist dogma of the Khroman Khatholik Church, the oldest organized religion on the Continent, founded in Khroma in 355. Over the next 100 years, Khatholik Popes became religious and governmental leaders, and the Walkurian Papal States became the de facto government as Khatholikism spread up the Walkurian isthmus, establishing trading posts along the coasts of the Sud Gulf and Lake Pinsky. In 866, Pope Lawrence the Intrepid led the famous Northern Crusade and spread Khatholikism as far north as the Koufax Desert, founding the city of Whorsaw on the way. By 1000, most of the nomadic Koufaxian tribes were converted to Khatholikism by Lawrencian friars who spread Walkurian culture all the way to the Nord Sea. The Lawrencians founded Punis in 1121 and it soon became the major port of trade for the entire North Coast. In 1198 the Mercantile League was formed, based on Khroman Khatholik canon law that encouraged trade and industry. This system worked until 1300, when the Khromans began persecuting the Zoroastrian minority. When Pope Nelson the Intransigent enacted the Zoroastrian Exclusion Acts of 1315, a general protest began in the north. Allied with the disenfranchised Zoroastrians, the new Unorthodox Protestant Church (UPC) of Yuleven was founded by Cardinal August Woodring in 1320, and by 1329, declared the sovereignty of the Nord Walkurie. This was the Great Schism, and led directly to the Reformatory Wars which raged sporadically from the Sud Gulf to the Nord Sea for over 150 years. Stability in the region was reached when leaders of both the UPC and Khatholik Church signed the Peace of Extusefin in 1486. Then followed the Diet of Khrapoli, which modernized the Mercantile League of Sud Walkurie, electing a Doge to oversee all governmental and church functions. The great Sud Walkurian visionary, Doge Curry the Magnificent, then set upon the Glorious Rebirth, a renewed effort amongst Sud Walkurians to promote not only industry and free trade, but tolerance and artistic endeavor as well. Doge Curry's vision brought about a cultural phenomenon unparalleled in Continental history. Opera houses, Libraries, Concert halls, Art Galleries, Universities, as well as Cathedrals were built across Sud Walkurie. Modernism was first introduced to the continent by Sud Walkurian writers and philosophers. During the Great War of 1923, Sud Walkurie was savagely attacked simultaneously by Nord Walkurie and San Estadoes. Only timely intervention from Azurnerreich and Krasnynorad turned the tide and preserved Sud Walkurian independence.

Biographies



Boniface, Doge Pius Ghilberto

(1882-) Current leader of Sud Walkurie; first Doge to include Green Party members in his government. Founder of Limano Automobile Manufacturing Enterprises (LAME); richest man on the Continent, with massive holdings in oil, steel, wine, and textiles.



Bronislaw the Brutal

(1040-1092): The Continent's first military genius, creating the Clydesbreed-mounted Black Horde that swept the Witz Steppe and terrorized the San Estadoean populace into submission.



Calae Lama

(1520-1582): Brother of King Pfalz V; founded the Laedist religion (1562) and spread his philosophy of tolerance and non-aggression throughout Calaedia (and beyond); his teachings led indirectly to Calaedia's Treaty of Perpetual Neutrality and the formation of the World Court.



Curry the Magnificent, Doge

(1470-1538): Greatest Sud Walkurian leader; set forth the Glorious Rebirth, responsible for the flowering of arts, letters and modern thought throughout the Continent. Initiated the current Sud Walkurian policy of tolerance and commercial expansion based on Khatholik dogma.

Biographies



Apparatchnik, Premier Badimir

(1836-1913): Socialist party stalwart and heir-apparent to Wiktor Wasolyn but defeated by General Runovski in the 1888 elections. Placed in power after the Witz Winter War debacle, ratified the Pact of Pudabest, but unable to maintain a stable San Estadoean government.



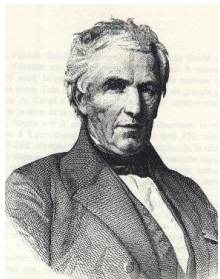
Ariel Nastibich, Kzsarina

(1381-1442): First female Krassian leader; broke away from Khroman Church in order to divorce (non-royal) husband Igor Boremtodev (1405); founded Krassian Fidelity Church as de facto state religion; expanded Krassian border to present day boundaries.



Blauswitz, General Karl von

(1813-1871): Foremost Blautsch military theorist; founded Blautsch Krieg Academy in Veeth Urdythry (1853) based on concepts put forward in his literary masterpiece *The Science of War* (1850).



Blueger, Reichschancellor Heinz von

(1812-1885): Responsible for industrial and military expansion of Azurnerreich into a major power; founded Blautsch Naval Academy in Seadwenny; re-established Blautsch hegemony over the Dubs-Adams corridor.

Mercantile League of Sud Walkurie



Official Language: Walkurian

Currency: Klira

Population: 18,596,584

Capital: Khroma (CC39)

Leader: Doge Ghilberto Pius Boniface

Government: Semi-Religious Economic Federation

Political Parties: Katholic Democrats, Walkurian Kapitalists, Dogista Pragmatista, Walkurian Green

Suffrage: Males 21 and over

Ethnic Groups: 88% Walkurian, 6% Blautsch, 5 % Calaedian, 1% Estadoean

Religious Groups: 90% Khroman Katholic 1% Laedist, 9% non-religious

GNP: 63.86 Billion Klire

Industries: Machinery, vehicles, textiles, oil

Principal exports: Machinery, vehicles, wool

National Holidays: Quintacross (Dec 25), Doge Domenica (first Sunday after first full moon after Vernal Equinox), Green Day (May 1)

Major Cities: Nevezia (BB31), Limano (EE34), Khrapoli (AA42)

Calaedia

Not much is known of Calaedian history before medieval times. Shrouded in mysticism and enigmatic quasi-historical legends, few facts are certain before the most important year in Calaedian (and possibly Continental) history, 1276, when the Calaedian Chieftain Calae Pfalz (later King Pfalz the Indomitable) defeated the Black Horde at the Battle of Zocchiwald. In January of 1276 the Estadoean leader Ignat the Imbiber led the Black Horde in an attempt to cross the headwaters of the River Zocchi through the thickly-wooded Zocchiwald. Forewarned of this maneuver by Calaedian spy Haata Maari, Calae Pfalz set up an ambush of the Clydesteed-mounted Black Horde, complete with anti-Clydesteed ditches, booby-trapped logjams, and Calaedian Brotweilers (specially bred and trained contingents of fierce military war dogs). The Black Horde was completely encircled and destroyed, and Ignat's intestines were ceremonially fed to the Brotweiler brigade. King Pfalz then outlawed the breeding/raising of the Clydesteeds, ensuring their extinction. (To this day, all horse racing is still outlawed in Calaedia). Since then the Pfalz dynasty has continually ruled over Caledia for almost 800 years. Inward-looking and non-aggressive, the Calaedian monarchy has constantly promoted peace and diplomacy amongst nations. This led to the development of non-belligerent doxologies and the rise of the Calae Lama (brother of King Pfalz V) and the Laedist pacifist religion in 1562. In 1715, King Pinsky accepted the creation of a constitutional parliament and negotiated the Treat of Perpetual Neutrality, pledging Calaedian neutrality in any future Continental war, a treaty unviolated to this day. In 1838 the World Court was established in Pfalzburg to mediate international disputes, with mixed success. It brought a just and honorable end to the Koufax War of 1902, but left an uneasy peace after the Great War of 1923. Calaedia's seat of government moved to Vienna in 1927 due to the expansion of governmental agencies, but the World Court and Royal Residence still remain ensconced in the heart of the Koufax mountains in the beautiful alpine redoubt of Pfalzburg.



Principal Political Parties

Khatholik Democrats: Left-wing party of the Khroman Khatholik Church of Sud Walkurie; primary platform is the legalization of abortion, gay marriage and marijuana use, plus the denunciation of nuclear power.

Laedist Pacifist Party: Small, far-left Calaedian-based group that has cells throughout the Continent, espousing anti-war policies and loud opposition to the sale of Calaedian Uranium to both Azurnereich and Krasnynorad.

Manifesto Expansionistas: Quixotic left-wing extremist party founded in Drague in 1874, with adherents in San Estadoes and Nord Walkurie, and to a much lesser extent, New Endor. Proclaims a "manifest destiny" that all three countries unite and form a new "superpower" on the Continent. Endorran disenchantment with the Expansionistas led directly to the Witz Winter War, and indirectly to both the Koufax and Great Wars.

Monolithic Party: Founded in Sybastypol by Sergei Pushemowt-sky in 1901, it became the official (and only) state party of Kranynorad after the People's Revolution of 1906. Based on the socialist party, but more efficient due to the outlawing of all opposition.

National Unified Totalitarian State Party: Founded in Jaetwaet in 1933, the NUTSI party became the sole Blautsch political party after the rise to power of Count von Mayhem in 1940. Party goals are to nullify the borders of the 1927 Armistice and to reoccupy the Blautsch-speaking Dubs-Adams corridor.

Walkurian Khapitalist Party: Right-wing party of the Khroman Khatholik Church of Sud Walkurie; primary platform is the outlawing of abortion, gay marriage and marijuana use, as well as the advancement of nuclear power.

Walkurian Republicans: Right-wing anti-Blue regime led by Consul Slag Hamerstrom of Nord Walkurie; demands the expansion of buffer zones around Zandig and Extusefin at the territorial expense of Azurnereich.

Principal Political Parties

Divine Monarchist Party: The leading political party in Calaedia, with over 75% of the population as members. Leaders stand for election in the Caleadian Parliament, but the party primarily serves as a rubber-stamp for the Pfalz royal family.

Dogista Pragmatista Party: Sud Walkurian coalition party that is re-constituted every time a Doge is selected. This then becomes a centrist party that forms the Doge's government. By design, this party always represents centrist views but includes a place for left-and-right-wing opposition parties to participate.

Ebony Reactionary Front: Right-wing extremist/terrorist group of San Estados whose sole mission is to destroy socialism within the country. Politically isolated, this group continually demands free elections through threats of violence, thereby allowing the Socialist government to keep postponing them. Ebony leaders have already threatened the security of the 1954 Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Stancontinople.

Endorran Democrats: The first and foremost political party of New Endor, with strong liberal platforms based on the policies of party founder President Meyer Wienert. All succeeding Presidents have been Democrats, but voter interest has remained high, as evidenced by the 80% turnout in the last election of President Tyrone Shulaces in 1950.

Estadoean Socialists: The Continent's first socialist party, founded by Wiktor Wasolyn in 1850, a year after he published his *Dialectica Estada*, which still serves as the party platform. The socialists are chiefly responsible for the modernization (such as it is) of San Estados, but public support continues to dwindle due to the constant delay of promised elections (there has been no general election since the Armistice of 1927).

Green Party: A grass-roots political movement (which began in Limano but has since spread) based on ecological policy. Founded in 1948, it's popularity has grown due to the increased use of fossil fuels and the development of nuclear power.

Kingdom of Calaedia



Official Language: Calaedian

Currency: Clanc

Population: 9,815,486

Capital: Pfalzburg (OO30), Vienna (NN33)*

Leader: Queen Christina Wilhemina Anastasia

Government: Semi-Constitutional Monarchy

Political Parties: Divine Monarchists, Calaedian Green Party, Laedist Pacifists

Suffrage: Males 18 and over

Ethnic Groups: 80% Calaedian, 7% Walkurian, 5% Endorran, 5% Koufaxian, 3% Estadoean

Religious Groups: 25% Laedist, 15% Khroman Khatholic, 14% Unorthodox Protestant, 5% Zoroastrian, 31% non-religious

GNP: 39.3 Billion Clancs

Industries: Steel, uranium, food and beverages, textiles

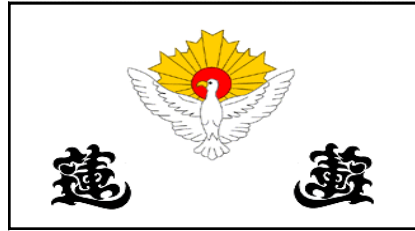
Principal exports: Uranium, textiles

National Holidays: Uhura Mazda Eve (Dec 21), Haata Maari Festival (Jan 21), Laedtha Self-Realization Celebration (Mar 21)

Major Cities: Pinsky (HH31)

New Endor

New Endor is a country divided into four distinctive regions: the Great Koufax Desert to the west; the fertile Szekely River valley in the north; the Plateau of Pilsner to the south; and the Chubarestian central highlands whose mountain passes link the north to the south. Ancient Endorran civilization began in the Szekeley valley and flourished despite occasional incursions from marauding Koufaxian bandits sweeping in from the desert wastes. From humble beginnings, Stoepli became a center of culture as well as commerce, and its leaders encouraged the establishment of overland trade routes through the central highlands to the Plateau of Pilsner, where cattle, beer and whiskey were found in abundance. As Endorran camel caravans continually trekked between the two trading centers, the two city-states became closer in ideology, religion and ethnicity. In 1204, the rulers of both Pilsner and Stoepli signed the Endorran Accords; legal, trade and mutual defense agreements that paved the way for Endorran unification. A period of prosperity followed, and the two city-states drifted toward nationhood. The Endorran Enlightenment of the 1750's brought about advances in science, metallurgy and political thought. Republicanism became a major philosophical issue, and was embraced by the newly-literate society. In 1798, the Endorrans ratified the Constitution of New Endor, creating what is now the modern Free State of New Endor. The constitution was a political breakthrough. It created a republic with a broad electoral base (all working males over age 21), ensured equal taxpayer representation, and included a bill of civil rights. The spirit of compromise and liberty was embodied by the debate over the placement of the nation's capital. Meyer Wienert, one of the leaders of the Constitutional Convention, realizing that the capital could not be placed in one of the two great trading centers without the other becoming envious and distrustful, suggested locating the capital in centrally-located Chubarest. This idea helped propel Wienert to the forefront of Endorran politics, and led to his election as the first President of New Endor in 1800.



Principal Religions

and were instrumental in the formation of the Calaedian Parliament in 1715, encouraging a peaceful transition to the current Calaedian semi-constitutional Monarchy. Laedist sects continue to exist throughout the Continent, but have long since lost any political clout due to the lack of any centralized organization.

Unorthodox Protestant Church (UPC): Created by Cardinal August Woodring after the Great Schism of 1320. Named Prelate of Yuleven in 1305, Woodring, a devout Khatholik, had become infuriated with the distribution of wealth throughout the Walkurian Papal States. He decried the southern flow of church tithes to Khroma with little (if any) compensation returning north, and abhorred the luxury of the southern Walkurian cities as compared to the austerity in the north. His protestations were ignored until the Zoroastrian Exclusion Acts of 1315 stirred up the Walkurian Zoroastrian minority and created an anti-Khroman backlash. Politically astute, Cardinal Woodring saw that the time was ripe for a break with Khroma and created an alliance with the Zoroastrians to sever all Khatholik ties and create an independent state of Nord Walkurie. He became the leader of the UPC, which fanned the flames of the Reformatory Wars that followed. Today the UPC is still a popular Church throughout Nord Walkurie as well as in eastern Azurnereich.

Zoroastrian Religion: The original religion of the native Koufaxians, the desert and mountain nomadic tribes of the north. Founded by the prophet Zoroaster in ancient times, it is based on the worship of Uhura Mazda, also known as The Creator or The God of Light. The prophet Zoroaster supposedly wrote the *Avesta*, the Zoroastraian holy book, directly through communication with Uhura Mazda (ancient copies of the *Avesta* are on display in the historical museums of Pfalzburg, Khroma, Yuleven, Daskapital and Blaulin). Persecuted by the Khatholiks in the 1300's, the Zoroastrians sided with the Protestant movement in Nord Walkurie yet maintain their largest following in Calaedia. However, the Zoroastrians no longer have an organized religious hierarchy, and are a small minority on the Continent.

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Khroman Khatholik Church: The second-oldest organized religion on the Continent, founded in Khroma in 355. Khroman Khanon law (as originally written in the Khorranh scriptures) was the first recorded attempt to combine religious, civil and commercial law into one common body. Due to the fervor with which the Walkurians embraced this pro-capitalist dogma, the Khatholik Church spread like wildfire and became the de-facto Walkurian government under the leadership of the Khroman Popes. Protestant backlash and Krassian/Estadoean persecution have reduced the power (and popularity) of this religion, but it still remains a strong proponent for world peace (the sitting Pope has always been an honorary member of the World Court) and just economic expansion for all.

Krassian Fidelity Church (KFC): The official State religion of Krasnynorad, established by Kzsarina Ariel Nastibich in 1405. Married to the 57-year-old Igor Boremtodev at age 18, the Kzsarina became disillusioned with her infertile husband and sought an annulment from Pope Nestor the Non-Indulgent. The Pope denied this request (eager to assert his power during the disastrous Reformatory Wars), which infuriated the Kzsarina. She broke all ties with Khroma, seized all Khatholik property in Krassian territory, and formed the Krassian Fidelity Church. She placed her brother Dieter in charge of the new Church and gave him free reign to expand its influence throughout Krassia. This he did with zeal, annexing territory and constructing KFC parishes throughout what is now modern Krasnynorad. Made a saint after his death in 1441, St Dieter's Day is still celebrated throughout Krasnynorad as a national holiday.

Laedist Sect: Calaedian pacifist religion founded by the Calae Lama (youngest brother of King Pfalz V) in 1562. His apostles followed him into the Koufax mountains and recorded his teachings of peace, love and brotherhood in the **Book of Calae**. By 1600, his followers numbered in the thousands and wandered throughout the Continent, preaching tolerance to anyone who would listen. By 1700, Laedist sects had formed in every country,

Free State of New Endor



Official Language: Endorran

Currency: Endrachma

Population: 12,865,455

Capital: Chubarest (WW32)

Leader: President Tyrone Schulaces

Government: Democracy

Political Parties: Endorran Democrats, Manifesto Expansionists, Monolithic Party (Endorran Branch), Laedist Pacifists

Suffrage: Universal for all 18-year-olds

Ethnic Groups: 79 % Endorran, 8% Koufaxian, 6% Krassian, 4% Calaedian, 3% Estadoean

Religious Groups: 21% Khroman Khatholik, 19% Unorthodox Protestant, 12% Zoroastrian, 11% Krassian Fidelity Church, 10% Laedist, 27% non-religious

GNP: 52.7 Billion Endrachmi

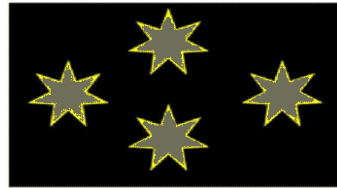
Industries: Oil, beverages, bauxite, chemicals

Principal exports: Oil, beverages, bauxite, chemicals

National Holidays: Endorran Founder's Day Extravaganza (Nov 1-10), High Endorranza (July 3), Skum Kippur (May 9)

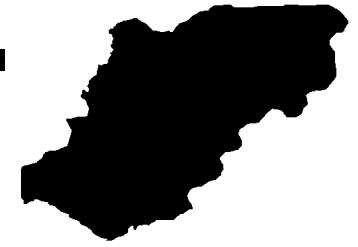
Major Cities: Pilsner (UU37), Stoepli (VV25)

San Estados



Since ancient times, the history of San Estados had been a struggle between the peasants of the steppe against the barbarian clans of the interior. The Witz steppe, between the South St. Lawrence and Big Clyde is ideal for growing grain and raising livestock. The first warlord to create an Estadoean empire was Bronislaw the Brutal, a ruthless military genius. By trading rustled cattle to Khroman black-marketeters, Bronislaw outfit his troops with chainmail and Nevezian sabers. Coupling this with the culmination of his father's horsebreeding program, he launched the Continent's first super-weapon, the Clydesbreed warhorse. These animals were six feet tall at the rump and flourished on the pastures of the steppe. In 1076, Bronislaw led his Clydesbreed-mounted army across the steppe, sweeping away all in his path. His son, Vassily the Vicious, raped and pillaged across the Witz into the Krassian frontier, laying waste to Badivostok in one of the most terrible sieges in history. By 1200 the clans (now known as the Black Horde) turned north. After the conquest of Pilsner by Ignat the Imbiber in 1270 (which was razed after a legendary 3-day rampage of drinking, looting, and raping), the Black Horde invaded Calaedia in 1276 through the dense Zocchiwald. In a brilliant display of heroism, the Calaedians encircled and annihilated the Black Horde. San Estados then returned to its agrarian ways, a loose feudal confederacy that persisted for almost 600 years. In the 1840's a series of famines coupled with the spread of Bad Cow Disease created an acute economic crisis, and the fledging industry of San Estados collapsed before it could set root, leading to the rise of the Socialists in the 1850's. Headed by young and charismatic Wiktor Wasolyn (who published his "Dialectica Estada" in 1849), the Socialists promised to emancipate all serfs, nationalize industry and ensure "equality to all". Elections were finally held in 1860 and Wasolyn won in a landslide. He established Gelbrade as the national capital and was re-elected Premier for four consecutive seven-year terms, stabilizing the socialist infrastructure of the country. Wasolyn declined to run for a fifth term in 1888, but his hand-picked successor, Badimir Apparatchnik, was defeated by the Manifesto Expansionist candidate Marshal Tigran Runovski. Upon taking office, Runovski began a military buildup that increased the foreign debt. He instigated a border dispute with New Endor and sent troops across the frontier in the winter of 1890 (The Witz Winter War). The border battles were indecisive (the out-numbered Endorran army conducted a brilliant defense led by General Klaus von Lowbrau, a Blautsch mercenary), but for all intents and purposes the war ended with the unilateral intervention of the Krasynorad Red Army storming across the frozen Witz, forcing a cease-fire upon the hapless Runovski government before the World Court could convene. Runovski's government collapsed and Apparatchnik assumed power, ratifying the Pact of Pudabest, which set the borders of San Estados in their current configuration. Unfortunately for the socialists, the foreign debt continued to mount. Their solution of high tariffs and restrictions against their historic trading partner, Sud Walkurie, led to heightened tensions and anti-Khatholik feelings amongst the populace. By 1912, the military-backed Manifesto Expansionist Raskaly Malaprop capitalized on this anti-Khatholikism and instituted a sweeping anti-Sud Walkurian campaign, eventually leading to the cataclysmic Great War. After the Armistice in 1927, the socialists were returned to power, as they remain today.

Democratic People's Republic of San Estados



Official Language: Estadoean

Currency: Estadinara

Population: 14,564,327

Capital: Gelbrade (OO40)

Leader: Premier Marshall Yuri Slobodin

Government: Socialist

Political Parties: Estadoean Socialists, Manifesto Expansionists, Ebony Reactionary Front, Estado-Green, Monolithic Party (Estadoes Branch)

Suffrage: Males 25 and over

Ethnic Groups: 67% Estadoean, 26% Krassian, 4% Endorran, 2% Calaedian, 1% Walkurian

Religious Groups: 25% Krassian Fidelity Church, 18% Unorthodox Protestant, 10% Khroman Khatholic, 7% Laedist, 7% Zoroastrian, 38% non-religious

GNP: 49.1 Billion Estadinari

Industries: Cattle, grain, logging

Principal exports: Food, paper

National Holidays: Fifth of May (May 5), Armistice Day (Mar 1), Estadoean Day of the Dead (Dec 31)

Major Cities: Brodessa (JJ38), Stancontinople (JJ46), Drague (VV42)