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Crusade Reduces Tripoli

Special to the Collegian

TRIPOLI, Outremer, May 10th - The Crusader Army announced today the surrender of Count Raymond of Tripoli. The Count agreed to abandon the city to sail to Armenia with a force of 200 knights and four galleys after the walls of Tripoli were systematically breached at dawn by miner-sappers of the Crusade forces under Prince Carlos of New York. This first big victory, albeit against a Christian Count, underscores the seriousness and capability of the Crusader forces.

Prince Carlos was elected leader of the Crusade after a deal with the Crusade Bishops and Irish and Italian Warlords. In return ENY promised to provision a million men for a year with viable food. This major undertaking has meant to mean turning quite a few bakeries and industrial food prep centers in ENY over to producing hardtack and jerky, but the Empire has the production capability. Night shifts have been run at many restaurants and bakeries to produce hardtack during off hours. The Empire has also been producing low grade steel arrowheads, polearms, and longbows, and these have generally "not shown too much degradation in the Levant."

The project is driven by hopes of oil. The al-Thayyem oilfield in the Kingdom of the Atabeks (modern Syria) is suitable for production by primitive drilling and should produce massively from internal pressure if tapped. It would require an aqueduct 280 miles long to bring the oil to the Jerusalem gate, however the oilfield is at a higher elevation than the gate, so no pumping is required. The longest Roman Aqueduct was the Anio Novus of 59 miles, but there is no significant conceptual barrier other than cost and labor force to a 280 mile long aqueduct. NYPTCO will employ half a million workers to build the Oil Aqueduct. However they will be allowed to affiliate with the Crusade on half-pay as a matter of "personal conscience."

The million man Crusader Army began to cross into Outremer when the January gate opens. Despite promises to the contrary the force immediately exploited disagreements with Count Raymond of Tripoli, an enemy of Queen Melisende of Jerusalem, Prince Carlos's sister-in-law, as an excuse to reduce and seize Tripoli. The surrender was designed to head off a sack of the city; however, Italian and Irish gang lords allowed substantial looting and several fires were reported, though the raping fell

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The USS Renshaw arrives in LA Harbor (Hearst)

Convoy Delivers Fruit, Hope

HNS

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 26 - The arrival of Convoy No. 5 from the Dutch East Indies at Los Angeles was a much heralded event, and prompted a reception by the Deputy Mayor Richard A. Studt, the acting Head of State. Fireboats fired streamers of water and sounded sirens as the first of twenty freighters arrived shepherded by the cruiser USS *Toledo*, and the destroyers USS *Renshaw*, USS *Wallace L. Lind* and USS *Purdy*.

The convoy, which had made periodic mail drops by Directgate had become lost at one point for two days backtracking nearly 1200 nautical miles after missing a thread boundary. Along the way the convoy was attacked by Chinese Pirates in a motorboat who attempted to board the tanker MV *Pontfelt* at night, presumably with the intent of seizing it and steering it away from the convoy.

The convoy was attacked in mid-pacific by a "leviathan"—a tentacled sea animal which was about 330 feet long and was estimated to weigh over 250 tons. The leviathan seriously damaged the superstructure on the MV *General van Der Heijen* while sustaining fire from the four inch guns of USS *Renshaw*. The creature was killed after

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Emperor Akihito Protests JET Violations

The Collegian Staff

STATE COLLEGE, Penn State, May 16 - Rising Sun Ambassadors presented a note from Emperor Akihito of Rising Sun, outlining a series of "polite questions" about the conduct of the multinational Joint Expeditionary Force. The questions particularly hinged around accusations leveled by the Ambassador in NeoTokyo for the Sovereign State of Danzig that members of the JET had carried out deliberate and unprovoked attacks on Danzig soil, stealing property and murdering citizens.

Rising Sun severed just before the end of the Second World War and Ambassadors have noted that the Nation may still be at war with Los Angeles. The letter referred to the Danzig ambassadors as "our honored Axis friends."

The letter asked forty-seven questions about JET operations, mostly dealing with the use of force against citizens of other threads, and acts that violated the territorial sovereignty of organized states.

"This is not a set of questions at all," said Col. William Hart, a Senior PSU Military Analyst. "The Japanese tradition calls for a very polite address. To ask

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Los Angeles Faces Electoral Woes

Leaked Papers Spell Trouble

LOS ANGELES, Calif, May 16 (HNS) - Papers lost by a drug addict may unravel the political fortunes of the established political order in L.A. Hearst News Sources have received and verified a report that was prepared by Darian Olsen for L.A. political boss Marlyn Pearson. Formerly Mayor Reagan's Chief of Staff, Pearson's only official title is "Consultant to the Chief Operating Officer"; however, he more than any other man is widely seen as the "Boss" of L.A.

The 550-page report with appendices details voting fraud since 1950, and shows how gerrymandering and poll challenges have been used to systematically disenfranchise the Latino and black populations of L.A.

Olsen concludes that even with massive expenditures, and massive legal maneuvering, it is doubtful that the Democrats and Republicans together can claim more than 40% of the vote. Until a few weeks ago it seemed likely that each party would run a candidate, however the past few weeks have seen a push for a "Unity" ticket of Ted Lawton, Jr. and Elia Kazan, heading into the two State Party conventions in June.

The increasingly well-funded and credible L.A. opposition parties under the EPIC banner have already nominated Paul Aguirre and Ramon Hernandez. Aguirre is a moderate Socialist and Hernandez a Communist who describes himself as a "pragmatist and learner."

The Report discusses how the inevitability of Reagan's return dissuaded rioting over fraud, and the belief that a substantial distribution of free beer cleared a "majority" of bought votes for the "legitimate" parties. The records show otherwise, even with dismal voter turnout.

The Report goes on to estimate the number of voters that can be challenged or bullied without provoking a riot and cites serious concerns that "the upcoming election can even be made to look legitimate."

Aguirre and EPIC have sent formal notes to the JET Ambassadorial staff, and to various national leaders asking for them to send poll watchers to L.A. The release of the Olsen report increases the pressure on

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JET Deployment to the Ten Nations

Special to the Collegian

Joint Expeditionary Team A will be deploying to the Ten Nations this week, which will be the first time a JET team deploys to what is being described by many witnesses as an active war zone. Hostilities between the Ten Nations and New Celtia go back through recorded history from the time the Celtians first started settling Nova Scotia in the 1600's. Periods of hostilities have been interspersed with periods of relative peace throughout the centuries. Over the last several years there has been a relative peace.

Over the course of the last two years tensions have been building and hostilities have occasion occasionally flared with both sides suffering incursions from the other. According to citizens from both threads, hostilities have grown significantly over the last five months to the point that although there is no overt declaration, both sides are essentially at war.

Official documents from the JET offices reinforce that JET members, particularly those of Ten Nations and New Celtian descent, are being reminded in the strictest of terms that they are not to take part in the conflict, as they represent an uninvolved and neutral scientific community pursuing needs of mutual non-military interest.

During a recent visit to Penn State, Dr. Zachary Devlan of the Technosphere was asked about the wisdom of deploying the team to a live war zone. "I've deployed with all the JET teams at one point or another, and these people are all professionals. Many of them have deployed to threads equally if not more hostile than the current situation in the Ten Nations. Unfortunately we cannot select the time and locations that these gates open, we can only identify them and move from there. The purpose and needs of the combined mission outweigh the risk involved - which is not to say there won't be substantial risk in this deployment. The team will account for this and adjust accordingly."

Allen McFargas, an exchange student from New Celtia having just returned from spring break, thinks that both sides in the conflict may be looking for a way out. There is some hope that the JET deployment might provide neutral facilities for the two parties during their deployment. There is no official word from the JET administration at this time whether such an effort would be supported.

ETIQUETTE

[VIA letter]

Dear Miss Proper-Tea:

With the advent of gates between Shards, and likelihood that inter-Thread travel is fraught with delays, how long must one wait on guests to arrive before you decide to go ahead and eat, or start an event?

- *Still waiting in Jeffersonia*

Miss Proper-Tea Advises:

If all manner of possible method to reach tardy guests have returned no reply, it may alleviate your misgivings if you tell them Miss Proper-Tea considers it a kindness to the tardy guests not to have to bear the responsibility for spoiling dinner or another event for the others. She recommends bringing them to the table or ushering them into the festivities when they arrive by saying, "We went ahead because we knew you wouldn't have wanted us to wait." If the tardy guest is a Guest of Honor, and the event is entirely for that person's benefit, you may make the decision to begin in his or her absence, with the hope that they will arrive as soon as possible, or to delay or postpone your event until your guest arrives, at your discretion.

[VIA email]

Dear Miss Proper-Tea:

On the envelope of the holiday card I sent to an acquaintance, I addressed him as "Mr."

Yesterday, I received from him a note that greatly offended me.

Enclosed were a copy of his Doctor of Philosophy degree from an unaccredited educational institution in a remote Shard, with "Doctor" and the (local) year circled, and one of an envelope made out to him as "Dr."

He wrote: "Please note it is standard to use Ph.D. at the end or Dr. in front but not Mr. on the name of a person with a doctorate. You are only one that use Mr. Thank you." Was I in error?

- *Annoyed in Berkeley*

Miss Proper-Tea Advises:

Your poor acquaintance doesn't know that in the higher levels of the academic world, it is taken for granted that one has a PhD and considered pretentious for anyone not in the medical field to use the title of doctor outside of the realm of Academia.

Miss Proper-Tea regrets that your acquaintance's institution of higher learning has granted him a Doctorate (accredited or un-) without regard to his ability towards sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation.

[VIA courier]

Dear Miss Proper-Tea:

I recently attended a state wedding of some political note. During the course of one of the many receptions I attended, I was introduced to a well-dressed, well-groomed... horse. Is this some

kind of joke? Just because Shards have bankrupted some and made others millionaires, are we expected to play along when the pompous muckety-mucks and heads of state commit such absurdities?

- *Horrified in ENY*

Miss Proper-Tea Advises:

Miss Proper-Tea must ask: when you were introduced to this horse, how did the horse respond? If the horse did, indeed, prove capable of conversing with you, it behooves you (as it were) to treat this new acquaintance politely and with respect. If this horse is a representative from a foreign government or an emissary from a sovereign nation, you are entreated to address him or her with the title befitting his or her station. To do otherwise might indicate that your own upbringing could be likened to having been "raised in a barn."

If this horse showed no sign of adept interpersonal communication, Miss Proper-Tea reminds you that regardless of your personal opinions of the mental health your peers, you must keep those opinions private.

[VIA post]

Dear Miss Proper-Tea:

When I eat steak, I like to cut the whole thing into smaller pieces. Then, after doing so, I stab the cut portion of steak with my knife and place it in my mouth. I was recently chastised by my new girlfriend (from another, snobby Shard) for doing so.

I have eaten my steak like this since I was a young boy. I think my girlfriend is wrong, since ain't no one's every told me I'm wrong.

Will you please help me explain to my girlfriend that there is no wrong way to eat a good piece of steak?

- *Omnivorous in Lincoln Co.*

Miss Proper-Tea Advises:

Certainly, there is. Chomping on the cow, for example.

It is possible that you are under the delusion that manners are only for use on formal occasions; indeed, this is not the case (regardless of your girlfriend's Thread of Origin). Miss Proper-Tea requests that you refrain from continuing this habit purely to spite your girlfriend.

It is possible that you are just extremely old-fashioned. Eating from the point of a knife was commonplace until it was roundly condemned several hundred years (in most Shards), when the fork came into widespread use. Cutting up all the meat before it is eaten is done only for small children not yet trusted to wield knives. If dining in a situation where a knife is the only utensil available, you may make do-- as will all others present. However, when in a dining situation with modern utensils, you are expected to use them in a civilized way for their intended uses.

That you were not told this before is unfortunate. But now you know.

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being repeatedly torpedoed by USS *Wallace L. Lind*, but sank before it could be taken in tow. About a ton of meat was salvaged and frozen to be eaten during the voyage.

The convoy also reported being overflown by a jet "of advanced design" during the night. The aircraft was said to move slowly and seemed to hover, suggesting it was some sort of jet helicopter or hover-aircraft. "Some of the men have seen aircars in Maylasia, and of course here, and they are very quiet. This was a jet engine, fairly loud. We couldn't keep it in sight long enough under the weather conditions to get a good fix, and we were in a tech zone where night vision gear was not working well. It may have been having trouble too as it circled once and turned back. Since this was probably an advanced aircraft, and possibly armed we did not fire on it. The policy of our convoys is to fire only if attacked."

The convoy also reported seeing a submarine "of unknown type and make" and encountered two tramp steamers which hove to when signaled and exchanged goodwill gifts. "We aim for our convoys to make the Pacific Route the safest possible crossing, and that means being good to our neighbors." The Pacific crossing involves a negotiation of eleven thread boundaries including one gate that cycles over a course of fourteen days.

The convoy was the first to return substantial cargo to Los Angeles, though previous convoys carried limited cargoes. The goods were purchased with surplus military material, and included oil, fruit, and meats.

"The DEI has tremendous agricultural potential," said UFP spokesman Kenny Ross, "however, much of the arable land isn't under cultivation, because there is no demand, and there are ongoing hostilities. If we can end those hostilities, we can get a much greater return on our investment there. Offset most of our food problems. We need more infrastructure there. Right now we are freezing fruit, but we need to be operating canneries, processing plants, so that we can ship back finished food products."

Admiral Carlos Nitta spoke at the Mayor's reception citing the need for a strong military commitment to the Dutch East Indies. "The DEI is large, arable, and has a sufficient technological level to sustain industry. We need to exploit that. The Government is weak, and threatened on several fronts, and has asked for our help. It is in our best interests to give this help, to prevent our largest potential source of food and oil from falling under the dominion of religious extremists with a nativist agenda. We need to provide military aid and commit whatever is necessary to ensure this resource remains firmly within our sphere of influence. We have the cooperation of the local Government and most of the natives, who are civilized and lead settled productive lives, and are happy to see our presence. We bring much needed machine goods and machinery, tractors and chainsaws, as well as guns and ammunition."

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New York Murders

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ROCHESTER, ENY, May 29 - Imperial State Police held a press conference today in Rochester to address questions about what have come to be termed the "Bogeyman" murders. The questions follow on the heels of Rosalind Carpenter, 48

of Irondequoit, who was found dismembered in the bedroom of her suburban home. The body was discovered by the paperboy after he noticed papers piling up and the back door swinging in the wind. Carpenter, a widow, had been dead for about three days.

Police said they have few leads in the murders, and responded to critical questions about the length of time it has take the Empire's police to identify the existence of a serial killer. Commissioner Contidino stated that "the case has come to the attention of the Emperor, who has asked the State Police to take

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An open letter to the citizens of the world and JET Members:

It has recently come to the attention of the Fort Knox Survival Council that rumors of our involvement in the extermination of the people known as the Hive have surfaced. To address these charges, we respond with yes. We are responsible, for our survival and for the survival of the other worlds that now exist. A race of one billion people lives and grows underground mere miles from our city limits. We ask if any of you would have done differently, to protect your families, your loved ones. For the sake of what remained of humanity in OUR world, the council made a decision to act unilaterally, to drive this threat from our borders while still protecting our people: the innocent men, women and children who have worked for decades to bring a semblance of civility to our lands; running water and sanitation; the peace of going to bed knowing that they were protected, that the Hivers were not going to boil out of the caves like an army of ants and lay waste to everything we have built. We in the council ask all of you, all of humanity, to look in your hearts and respond to this question, if it's "you" or "them", who would YOU choose? It was the same with us.

But really, what does anyone know of the Hive? Do you know that they clone their people? They require genetic materials and are willing to get it in any way possible, including stealing it. How would you feel knowing that there are copies of YOU living in those teeming tunnels and caverns?

The Hive does not ask, they take. They have ways of making people respond to them. They use chemical warfare to bend the emotions of others. Ask yourselves if that may be true in YOUR dealing with them. Did you feel positively in regard to their requests? Do they tell anyone that they have this ability? Of course not.

While they offer technology, one must ask if the cost is worth it. We say no. The Fort Knox Survival Council decided that the cost was not worth it, especially when we learned of the worst of the Hive.

They will spread and take over the land, expanding exponentially; in a decades time, their teeming hordes will threaten everyone of the JET's lands. 1 billion quickly becoming 2 billion, becoming 4 billion, becoming 16 billion. Can any of your worlds support that?

So yes, the RAID project was initiated to develop a solution to the Hive. To exterminate or lessen a threat to ALL of US. To those who rule the lands that comprise the JET, would any of you have done differently? You don't have to, because we did. The Fort Knox Survival Council addressed this threat to all of humanity; we did it at great cost in manpower, labor and risk—a risk we are still under. To the people of the JET, do you demand your government to protect you? Do you demand your government to take care of you? So do we. We did what must be done, because some people must do the dirty, ugly things in the world so that women and children can sleep at night. Know that in this new world, there are some who are still willing to fight for humanity for the innocents, against the greater evil. May prosperity and civility come to you all. Thank you.

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Count Raymond IV de St. Gilles of Toulouse (artist's rendition)

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short of the usual standards of the period.

A peace delegation has been sent to the Prince of Aleppo to ask for him to sell access to the Syrian fields; however, it is understood that there is no intention of success. Offered Draconian terms, the Prince must fight the Crusader force, which outnumber him almost ten to one.

In an interview with HNS Reporters, Queen Melisende was outspoken about her plans for Aleppo. "We have no love for the infidel. When he serves us as does the Emir of Damascus, we will tolerate him in peace. When he refuses to bend his knee to the banners of Christ, as does Zengi of Aleppo, then he must be slain. If he accepts our terms and offers peace, we shall be very much surprised. We did not bring a half a million men here without making well sure that there was someone for them to fight other than us and each other. These men who came to aid in our struggle. They deserve land and riches. From where else shall they take it other than Aleppo?"

General Christopher Stevens, Commander of the Joint Expeditionary Team organized by the Core Threads gave a pragmatic opinion. "These people are living in the Middle Ages. They are not going to practice détente and cold war. Historically, they slaughtered each other. I do not think they are going to stop that. Introducing a half million Irish and Italian gangsters is not making it particularly better, but I don't think they're any less civilized than the crusaders. If anything I think they'll actually show somewhat greater restraint. The draft riots of 1863 were a little tamer than the Albigenian Crusade."

Members of the Ethics Council have accused the Hearst Press of "whitewashing" the expedition. Hearst State College Bureau Chief William Rice said, "There's no whitewashing. They're investing Tripoli and destroying the walls. We've reported that. There were rapes and murders afterwards and some fire. We have engravings of that and writing about it. If there isn't undue outrage, I think it's because our readership recognizes these things are going to happen in the Levant. They were still happening just a few years before the severing."

The first six months of Crusade has been planned largely as a logistics phase, and the siege of Tripoli provided a welcome distraction from the work of building camp cities, making sure supply lines can be ramped up, and trying to teach basic camp sanitation and discipline, with the hope that the army that attacks

Aleppo will be substantially superior in organization to most European armies of the time.

"Sanitation wise, we're so far ahead of the Middle Ages it isn't funny" said Sgt. Tom Reilly of the 53rd Engineers. We have books, charts, ditches, latrines, and a concept of trying to keep clean. So far our dysentery rates have been very good. We've lost a few, but we've had no major disasters."

A Council has been established to work out division of spoils between the foreign Crusaders and the younger Outremer Lords who are able to field significant force. While logic would dictate this is disproportionate, with half a million men from Manhattan, the majority of Cavalry is from Outremer.

In late May, the Crusade will march north. There are a series of objectives. The main object is to secure a large segment of territory before the worst of the summer heat. The Crusade will stand down over the hottest part of summer, begin construction on the aqueduct, and secure territories. A Council will be held presided over by Melisende to divide up spoils.

Engineers project that by the end of summer this time, there will be a good read on the durability of metals made with ENY processes, and a chance to refine the processes to get more durable swords that are less likely to degrade because of Thread-incompatibility. This will also allow ENY to machine metal parts for the hand drills for the oil wells, and for siege machinery to reduce Aleppo.

By fall, the Crusade will be at full strength, combat-seasoned, and have experience in dealing with camp issues like disease. Presuming all has gone well, the Crusade will reduce Aleppo in September or October. A Fall Council will do further divisions of Territories. Carlos will be proclaimed Count of Aleppo, holding the title in fief from Melisende.

The History of Tripoli is a matter of interest. Although one of the richest and most powerful of the crusading Princes, Raymond of Toulouse had failed to acquire any Eastern possessions in the aftermath of the First Crusade. Desperate for a possession in the Holy Land, he decided to take Tripoli by force. In 1103, he began preparing for an attack on the rich port, accompanied by veterans of the 1101 campaign, and carved out a "County" that formed a virtual independent state in the Levant in 1109 after some in-fighting.

King Baldwin I of Jerusalem had been vital in creating the last Crusader state. However, like the Lordship of Galilee, Tripoli remained outside of direct Royal control. The Counts still owed fealty and homage to the monarchy in Jerusalem, but the King "held no direct tenurial, legal or patronage rights over the Count."

There is evidence of an early settlement in Tripoli that dates back as early as 1400 BC. In the 9th century BC, the Phoenicians established a trading station in Tripoli and later, under Persian rule, the city became the center of a confederation of the Phoenician city states of Sidon, Tyre, and Arados Island. Under Hellenistic rule, Tripoli was used as a naval shipyard and the city enjoyed a period of autonomy. It came under Roman rule around 64 BC. In 551, an earthquake and tidal wave destroyed the Byzantine city of Tripoli along with other Mediterranean coastal cities.

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charge of it. We are working around the clock to gather leads and evidence."

Contidino was asked by the Penn State Collegian if the murders were linked to the death of James Papalia, heir to Don Mario Papalia of the Berkshires. "We don't know of any connection at this time. Details on James Papalia's death have not been released by the family or the Imperial office. If there is a connection, and information becomes available, we will investigate it, however we must proceed with respect to Don Papalia's privacy. It is my understanding that the Imperial Secret Service is treating that as a State matter and conducting an independent investigation. If they need our help, they will certainly ask for it."

The Rochester murder follows on three slayings in the past month in Johnson City, Cortland and Syracuse. The first, 13-year-old Courtney Willard of Johnson City was found dismembered in a grove of trees near a middle school. Walter Marsh, a travelling salesman from Albany, was found dead in his rented room at the Ramada Inn in Cortland. In what may have been an unconnected event, Wilbur Morris, described by local police as a "drifter who took odd jobs," was found garroted on a tree. Morris' face had been removed and nailed to the tree, along with his eyes, in what the local coroner described as "the most grisly murder we have ever seen." Morris was discovered by local Boy Scouts practicing orienteering.

Commissioner Contidino made suggestions on safety. "The Empire is a very safe place. In rural areas and small towns people do not lock doors. Clearly we've reached a point where that's necessary. We have reason to suspect the murderer may be a foreigner. The murders progress from the direction of the Penn State gate. We're looking at transit records and working with the Penn State Military Police on this case. We'll investigate every lead."

Maloney restricts Boston travel

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BOSTON - City commissioner Tom Maloney this week approved temporary restrictions enhancing travel and assembly regulations in the area of the Commons during the upcoming Joint Expeditionary Teams deployment to the city. Citizens are reminded that the JET is composed of members from many nations including honored citizens of the Empire of New York.

In signing the legislation, Commissioner Mahoney emphasized his pride in the people of Boston and his expectation that everyone would do their part in helping the city put its best face forward in wel-

coming these important and influential guests.

During the deployment the JET base camp will be off limits to those not having proper identification and credentials. Commuters using streets bordering the Commons are encouraged to seek alternative routes as there are expected to be sudden and intermittent closures that are likely to cause delays. These streets will also be closed to non-official vehicular traffic between the hours of 7:00 pm and 9:00 am.

In a related note the Department of Public Works is preparing routes for the upcoming championship games six and seven should they come to pass. The coincidence of the games with the JET deployment is unfortunate but could not be avoided. Those going to the games are strongly encouraged to follow the designated routes into and out of the ballpark.



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the L.A. City Government to accept poll watchers to certify an otherwise very suspect election.

Collegian Political Analyst Dr. David Hines commented on the situation. "The report spells out the problems in L.A. While it is unlikely that the citizens of the Empire of New York, which is essentially a progressive corporate state, care about the fairness of elections in L.A., to run an incredible election is for L.A. to forever relinquish the one distinction it enjoys: a pretense to the mantle of the old United States."

L.A. government officials said that the report contained "errors" and represented a "partisan view."



New Celtia Ambassadors Lodge Protests

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ALBANY, New York, May 29 - Brian McFarlane, Senior Attache for the Sovereign State of New Celtia circulated a note today to ten diplomatic legations and to the Secretary of State Antonio Libertore, protesting "war crimes by the Ten Nations Council," and asking foreign legations to pressure the Ten Nations with sanctions and "diplomatic action."

The note demanded the surrender of Nicholas Wolfwood, Captain of the well known "Jackalope" Security consulting concern, a freelance consultant to the Ten Nations military, and Captain Anne Aticity, Commander of Bravo Company of the Ten Nations armed forces.

The note states that the two were key players in a prisoner massacre outside Phoenix Arizona, in which fifteen unarmed soldiers were killed, including Commander Pdraig Shaunessey, who according to the note was begging for mercy. Both states are signatory to the Geneva Conventions, which outlaw the killing of prisoners and mandate specific terms for treatment.

The note named other crimes as

well, and concluded. "Even in the prevalence of hostilities, the actions of these Officers go beyond the bounds of acceptable warfare. The burning of entire towns, including women and children, the torture of combatants, and acts of terrorism such as the attack on the New Celtian embassy in Los Angeles, should not be tolerated by any civilized state. We have evidence that Captain Aticity has been a responsible or authorizing party in all these incidents. It should be clear that the surrender of Capt. Wolfwood and Capt. Aticity is a base requirement for any truce or diplomatic settlement to the current hostilities."

The Ten Nations Ambassador in Albany said that the charges were "largely groundless propaganda, designed to deflect attention from New Celtia's own conduct."

The Secretary of State stated that "the charges are certainly of interest to us, and we will investigate them through diplomatic channels, and if our conduct towards either state requires modification we will modify it." Analysts saw the note as a further stumbling block to peace talks in the conflict between the two states.

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questions in this way is making a very strong statement that Akihito is unhappy with these actions. He isn't asking for answers, this is a polite way of saying that he has a problem with these things. And he's not the only one. The JET is not an autonomous political body and a lot of people are concerned that it is acting that way. On the other hand there is no real evidence Akihito has any love for Danzig, or is doing anything other than using them as an excuse to lodge what borders on a diplomatic protest. They're a convenience, and of course he's going to address them politely."

President Jensen of Penn State called for a review of the JET's authority and a meeting of the Board of Trustees to review acts of "wildcatting" by members of the multinational body. The JET is accountable to the Trustees and the international governments.

Jensen said, in a brief formal statement, "The JET is not a political entity. It does not have opinions, or policies. It is a scientific organization, sponsored by the various core threads that pay for its upkeep, equipment, salaries, and facilities. Various members of the JET are representatives of governments, ethics bodies, et cetera. But these organizations having opinions should not be confused with this multinational scientific body having opinions. The function of the JET is to collect data and report it completely and equitably to all of its sponsoring governments."



Emperor Akihito (Hearst)

for a joint task force including the Police Department and the Department of Recreation indicated that the resources required to oversee another event of this significance at the same time would overtax the city's resources and degrade security in all three venues. Mother Victoria expressed regret but understanding through her representatives indicating she looks forward to meeting with the faithful of Boston as soon as alternative schedules can be arranged.

Although tensions between the Catholic Church of ENY and the New Catholic Church of Boston do exist, Mother Victoria is seen by many to be a force for compassion and understanding being considered by many on the street to be the 'lone face of reason' from the Empire. Her meeting with authorities of the church are expected to include a one-on-one meeting with Archbishop Sean Murphy. The Archbishop had previously been reluctant towards meeting with delegations from the ENY church but sees the meeting with Mother Victoria as an opportunity to open civil discourse between the two religious orders.

Many parishioners in Boston look favorably towards Mother Victoria as their lone voice of support in the Empire and some analysts see the Archbishop's decision to meet with the Carmelite Nun as a pragmatic concession to the hopes of his followers. The possibility that the two churches could actually mend the very real differences that lie between them remains far-fetched with church officials on both sides playing down any such hopes. "This is simply a meeting of two representatives taking the first steps toward improving and cementing the good relations between our Christian communities."

Victoria's visit postponed

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BOSTON, May 31 - Mother Victoria's planned visit to Boston this week was postponed due in part to the needs of the of the upcoming Joint Expeditionary Team deployment and the city's potential hosting of games six and seven of the World Series. James McSweeney, speaking

IN FOCUS

METROPOLIS OR MANHATTAN?

MANHATTAN, Manhattan Republic, May 14th (HNS) - Like an image from Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*, the giant arcology that J.P. Morgan built hangs over the north of Manhattan.

Not even those who remember the days before the turn of the century terrorist attacks that leveled the Twin Towers of Manhattan, have ever seen a greater structure on the New York Skyline. 200 stories tall, the Morgan Arcology is the tallest and most massive building ever constructed by human hands.

It is a work of necessity and inspiration. With nowhere to expand but up, Morgan dreamed of expanding the size of Manhattan six hundredfold. Not digging down like the Hive, but building up. Reading anything from any other Thread avidly, Morgan pioneered the use of Public Library material from the Empire of New York to prospect for coal in Jeffersonia.

Reading literature from the 1970s on Arcologies, Morgan saw a solution to the crushing overpopulation and food shortages of Manhattan. At great expense he has bought eight blocks, razed them, and is building the massive foundation for a 200-story tower.

John Pierpont Morgan, Jr. (September 7, 1867 - present) is an American financier. He was born in New York City and graduated from Harvard in 1886, where he was a member of Delta Phi. Upon



100 acres are under cultivation already, with 600 acres under cultivation within two years, providing food for 2400. The larger arcologies will feed five or ten thousand people and rise 600 stories. This vast building is

merely proof of concept. How well does it work? A multinational team of engineers toured the partially completed building. Professor Spencer Browning, Dean of Agriculture and Resources, PSU Federal Government gave his report on the massive structure.

"It is ambitious and well executed. You or I might not think it is an ideal farm or living environment next to a farm in the Hills. But compared to a dingy brownstone, it is well-lit and ventilated, and far more suitable for human occupation. The machinery is imperfect, but works well enough and this is after all a working model. Where there are occasional breakdowns human labor easily suffices, but for the most part the systems work and work well. The stability and general excellence of design are comparable to the Empire State Building or the Chrysler building. This is an ambitious project, handled with considerable foresight and excellence. The design will no doubt be improved, but the basic model is quite compelling."



Captain Anne Aticity, Commander of the Ten Nations' Bravo Company (artist's rendition)



Nick Wolfwood, Captain of Jackalope Security Services (artist's rendition)

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