The Alquerian System

If the reader has been paying attention it will be remembered that Alqueria is an independent Republic within the borders of Spain and in a valley below the Sierra Alhamilla of Almería province. The reasons for Alqueria becoming an independent democratic country are on record and may be reiterated in a later report. The establishment of Alqueria will be discussed here.

The Alquerian Parliament is based roughly on the Westminster model but unlike Westminster it has been updated to suit the needs of the twenty-first century. Alqueria has only one constitutional house however as decisions are made by referendum. Having the people vote on every issue alleviates the necessity for members of parliament to think for themselves, a very shrewd move. The lower and only chamber is called the 'Berko' and the constitution, which is written on the back of a cigarette packet, is called the 'Berkscharta'. There are ten MPs elected with universal suffrage. The largest party is Manuela's B O.N.K. (Bona-fide Organisation for National Karma) with Rodriquez's V.I.L.E. party (Vested Interests of Libellous Entrepreneurs) in opposition. The smallest party is the Democratic Alliance of Fellow Twits or D.A.F.T. and is led by the dynamic but clinically insane Loco Paco.

Manuela is the Republic's Prime Minister. She uses her position to better the people of Alqueria and also her own self interests which mainly involve the male portion of the electorate. Rodriquez, on the other hand is totally unscrupulous and would syphon off the entire gross national product of Alqueria if a close eye isn't kept on him. Some people are born leaders and look as if they were made for government, Rodriquez however wouldn't look out of place in a silage pit. Loco Paco, who unfortunately holds the balance of power is 'away playing with the fairies' most of the time. His grasp on reality is similar to an estate agent's grasp of the truth which has led to some interesting decisions being made.

The latest debate concerned whether or not Carmen, the barmaid at the Bar La Casa Devante had natural or fake breasts. The result was a stalemate with Loco Paco failing to score. It was however decided not to put the matter out to referendum, one of the wiser decisions of the Alquerian Parliament.

In short Alquerian MPs are a mix of sexual deviants, shameless self promoters, the corrupt and the insane. These qualifications of course mean that the politicians of Alqueria could rightfully take their place in any government of any nation on the face of the globe.