The Uggabian Connection

Those who have been paying attention and for those who have travelled to Alqueria for what ever purpose will probably remember that our Village Republic is twinned with the village republic of Uggaby. Uggaby lays in a bend of the River Waveney in the East Anglian area of England. It was noticed on ancient maps that the Waveney actuary splits flowing both north and south of Uggaby. As the River forms a natural boundary between Norfolk and Suffolk, which county the Village was in became somewhat hazy. As Uggaby, like its twin Alqueria is a dysfunctional and troublesome place both counties 'washed their hands' of the village and Uggaby duly declared itself to be a republic.

It was perhaps natural that the two places should form a bond and the time was now considered right for a closer union to be forged. Monetary union, with the Alquerian Raro and the Uggabian Groat being replaced by the Bitcon. Two hours after its launch the Bitcon fell in value and was trading at 10×10^6 Bitcon to the Euro. The share price of the paper mill supplying the paper for the currency rocketed. Both the Alquerian and Uggabian establishments had invested heavily in the mill a day before the currency was launched the respective coffers were filled to overflowing upon the selling of the shares. The original currencies were restored after the sale, the manoeuvre adding a new meaning to the phrase monetary union.

The main purpose was to establish a non-aggression pact however and this was realised with the setting up of PRATNAP , the joint commanders of the spearhead regiment were Loco Paco representing Alqueria and Barmy Barry for Uggaby. NATO were rightly worried by this move believing it could shift the balance of power within Europe and so undermine the peace of the region. The United States began photographing both countries looking for newly built missile sites, something they are quite fond of doing. Russia dispatched an atomic submarine and a hasty meeting of world leaders was arranged, Britain supplied the tea and biscuits.

Remitroot, produced in Alqueria and shipped to Uggaby has many uses including military. The USA and Russia knew that Remitroot weapons were theoretically possible and couldn't rule out the possibility that they were already in the joint arsenals of PRATNAP. Whether a feasible delivery system existed was not known but the chance couldn't be taken. Appeals were made by the world community for restraint as the crisis escalated with the deployment of B52 bombers over Alqueria.

It was however a Spanish political initiative which solved the crisis. A backhand payment from the UN 'slush' did the trick. A simply solution from those well versed in the technique. Strangely after the cash arrived in Alqueria and Uggaby PRATNAP was dissolved and never mentioned again.