Immigration

Alqueria's chief and only immigration officer Guillermo Trenca wasn't exactly overworked. The only individual to apply for immigration into Alqueria was one El Chiflado who turned out to be clinically insane and now acts as policy advisor to the Cameron Government.

He did once receive a bulk application but this turned out to be from the Dangerous Sports Club of Lower Wigtwizzle Wiltshire, who were hoping to break new ground. The thought of residing in Alqueria however broke their resolve and the application was withdrawn.

Guillermo spends his time draughting criteria for non-existent immigrants. He covers the more thorny issues, issues which have brought down more than one Home Secretary.

Regarding religion. Alqueria practises religious freedom. They could hardly do anything else. Over ninety percent of the Village's women visit church weekly while only two percent of men believe in any superior being apart of course from Manuela, Alqueria's own 'femme fatale '. The Village priest, Sacerdote del Semblante Lánguido is an Existentialist and therefore an atheist, however this hasn't stopped him tending to the spiritual needs of the villagers.

Guillermo developed the concept of 'Alquerianess', producing a prototype Alquerian as a model for the prospective immigrant.

Alquerian Spanish is a vital part of this model and must be learnt by those wanting to settle in the Pueblo. The local dialect puts fierce emphasis on consonants which makes “¿Cómo estás? ” sound like a declaration of war. While practising this inflection a squeegee should be kept handy to gather excess moisture and spittle.

Regarding race, this was never a contentious issue in Alqueria. The promiscuous behaviour of most of the population has provided a remarkable mixing of races. Individuals of most ethnic groups are represented including several unique to Alqueria alone.

The political persuasion of hopefuls isn't even a moot point. The freedom enjoyed by the anarchic people of Alqueria is contagious and wins over the most ardent political animal. After two weeks in the Pueblo even the most law abiding can be seen hurling bricks at the town hall on a Saturday night.

Guillermo Trenca is the most popular politician in the Republic of Alqueria. If questioned on his immigration policy by the more xenophobic in the Village he simply quotes the immigration figures. Zero. If however questioned by the liberal community he hands them a copy of his Immigration Criteria. His department is held as the most successful in the Alquerian establishment even though it serves none and does absolutely nothing.

Perhaps it is only when politicians start to mess about with the lives of real people that problems start.