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McGarriton - 26 xii 2007: Talossan citizens Danihél Lauriér and Gödafriëu Válcadác'h today announced the formation of a new organization. Viens Talossa (One Talossa) is dedicated to the political as well as the societal reunification of the Republic of Talossa and the Kingdom of Talossa, from which the former split back on 1 June 2004 in the greatest mass-exodus Talossa has ever seen.

From the website is the organization's credo:

Viens Talossa is not an activist movement dedicated to bringing down the monarchy. It is also not a movement dedicated to the eradication of the secret ballot.

Viens Talossa is a community, a people dedicated to the political and societal reunification of the sundered Talossan peoples.

There is one great and urgent task for the two Talossas: become one family and one nation again.

As one, Talossa may yet see another 28 years.

As one, we can move mountains.

As one, we can change the world.

Join us.

The Viens Talossa website may be had at www.vienstalossa.com - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h reporting

Anglatzarâ comments on Independence Day

The Mitchell Building - 26 xii 2007: Today, via Witt X 31464, Republic President Ián Anglatzarâ had this to say on the Kingdom's independence holiday:

Friends, Talossans, countrymen: Rejoice!

On this day in December 1979, at seven o'clock in the evening, this nation was founded. A nation based on the idea that somewhere there must be a country where the reach of American politics does not reach, a country that can

shape itself. Talossa. Originally a Kingdom, Talossa was no better than its monarch, but today as a Democratic nation it is no better or no worse than its people. This means that we all, we the people, are responsible for its well-being.

But in 1979 this was all in the future. Even the notion of Talossa having a people was in the future. The first and only citizen is no longer a Talossan, but the country he founded lives on. On this Foundation Day, I raise my glass and propose a toast to Talossa: The best little country in the world. Long may she live!

Woolley issues Speech from the Throne

Abbavilla - 26 xii 2007: Today, John Woolley issued his first Speech from the Throne in which he praised the now-defunct Conservative Loyalist Party for its leadership role in keeping the Kingdom afloat in the face of Ben Madison's paranoia and continued vitriol in 2004-2005. He then went on to

The Medal of Cincinnatus

In the ancient Roman Republic, a dictator could be appointed to see the nation through times of crisis. Such a person was Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, who was appointed dictator twice (458 BC and 439 BC). A dictator, of course, had absolute power over the people and armies of Rome, and could have used that power to make an attempt, at least, of staying in power indefinitely.

A poor farmer, Cincinnatus was remarkable that he was appointed dictator twice, and chose to return power back to the Senate and people and retire each time. Recently passed into law as 37RZ8 - The Clipper Act, this act of the Kingdom's Cosâ establishes a new decoration, the Medal of Cincinnatus, "awarded by the King in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicity in the face of opposition."".

This act commemorates the way in which the now-defunct Conservative Loyalist Party retired from Talossan politics, though, as implied by the "Whereas" portion of the act, the CLP could have

stayed in power indefinitely as the old Progressive Conservative Party did in days of yore.

For the first time, the King has exercised this right, awarding Medals of Cincinnatus to the CLP leadership: Fritz von Buchholtz, Ian von Metairia, Quedeir Castiglha, Greg Raxalâ, and Samuhel Tecladeir. Whether this has supplanted the traditional and revered *Për la Nazium* remains to be seen.

And now, the rest of the story

The King went on to challenge the people to keep up the good work (as he thought it to be) in immigration reform as well as to address the problems of citizen inactivity.

In a remarkable move, he actually and officially (as official as can be in a Speech from the Throne) publicly recognized the Republic of Talossa as an entity that really exists: "With a wave of goodwill to our friends over in the Talossan Republic..." in his last paragraph.

The Speech in full may be had at the end of this issue. - Gödafriëu Válcadác'h reporting

Kingdom election update

As of today at 4:58pm Central, the current Cosâ election result is as follows:

Total Votes Cast for Cosa:

CCCP	4
CRO	1
LRT	7
DPD	4
RUMP	29

Percentage of Votes Cast for Cosa (and yes, it's rounded, not entirely accurate, and no, it's not Official):

CCCP	9%
CRO	2%
LRT	16%
DPD	9%
RUMP	64%

Potential Seats won for the 38th Cosa (and yes, it's rounded, not entirely accurate, and no, it's not Official):

40 Votes Cast, 200 Seats Available. Each Vote = 5 seats

CCCP	20
CRO	5
LRT	35
DPD	20
RUMP	120

Results archived from

<http://www.talossa.proboards32.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thread=1197266657&page=1> on 26 xii 2007 at 10:51pm Central

Oraclâ projects that the RUMP will win another term as the absolute majority party in the Kingdom Cosâ, earning it, perhaps the future distinction of, in the fullness of time, going the way of Cincinnatus?

Oh my - A new issue!

Notes from the Editor

Azul! It's nice to be back in the Oraclâ saddle again, publishing new issues and helping to keep alive the course of Talossan progress. As this publication has a checkered history of fits and starts, I cannot say how long this spate of new Oraclâ issues will last, but hopefully, I will be able to put quite a few out before inactivity in this area of my Talossan life begins again, as it surely must.

As for my last issue, it was No. 63 and was published sometime in August 2005. Looking back at that issue, I can't believe it's been that long (two years!) since my last new Oraclâ, but it's true.

In the next year, you will see a lot going on: a new www.oracla.com free of password protection as well as the loong-delayed results of Oraclâ March Madness 2007 as well as the competitions coming up in 2008.

*- Gödafriëu Válcadác'h
Founder and Editor-in-Chief*

Speech from the Throne
Independence Day / Feast of Saint Stephen Martyr
26 December XXVIII/2007

My dear fellow-citizens, and everyone of good will toward the Kingdom of Talossa throughout the world –

A very eventful (and in some ways very challenging) year has passed over our heads, and the Kingdom of Talossa has come out of it sound, thriving, and moving forward energetically – a happy situation for which I can only congratulate and thank the many citizens whose sacrifices and achievements have made all this possible. Rather than a lot of empty rhetoric – as welcome as that might be to the Talossan heart –, I plan to offer, in this my first Independence Day speech, a few thoughts and suggestions about some problems we face, and the directions in which I think we might look for some solutions.

But first, a point of unfinished business. The 37th Cosa, which just finished its term of office, passed The Clipper Act, inspired by the example of selfless service offered to the nation by the leadership of the (former) Conservative Loyalist Party, an Act which authorises and calls on the King to award the “**Medal of Cincinnatus**” to Talossan citizens “in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicity in the face of opposition”. And so, it is my undiluted and vast pleasure to award the first five Medals of Cincinnatus to five great Talossans, who, when the work was accomplished for which their eminent Party had been formed, had the wisdom, grace, and sheer *class* to disband that Party and allow the reins of power to pass to what had been the Loyal Opposition. My dear countrymen, please join me in offering congratulations and accolades once again to the leadership of the CLP, the first recipients of the Medal of Cincinnatus, whose service to our beloved nation entitles them to be regarded without any exaggeration as the saviours of Talossa: Sir Fritz von Buchholtz, UrN, Cin.; Duke Ian von Metairia, Cin.; Baron Quedeir Castiglha, Cin.; Dr. Greg Rajala, Cin.; and Sir Samuhel Tecladeir, Cin. Three cheers, and many many thanks to these excellent gentlemen from their grateful fellow-citizens!

Now, a few words on some of the challenges we face on the **legislative** and **political** front.

The Kingdom of Talossa is currently engaged in a General Election, an endeavour which, in some countries, tends to bring out the worst in people. How gratifying to see with what civility this Election has hitherto been conducted, with what pleasant whimsy we have all conducted ourselves! What visitor, reading Wittenberg these last few weeks, would not have found himself impressed with our restraint, our courtesy, above all our sense of fair play and good humour? Who, seeing the kindness and deference with which we treat each other, would not want to become part of our little community? Self-congratulation is in order.

And yet, as has been pointed out, there is some measure of danger to the Kingdom in the over-politicisation of the immigration process. The Parties are themselves moving to correct this, and various legislative initiatives have been proposed. This is to the good, and (without endorsing any particular course) I heartily approve of the thought and care going into addressing the difficult questions involved. But may I offer a few words of caution? I would hate to see us make it impossible for newly-arrived citizens, assuming they were ready to do

so, to participate in our national politics. Elections are one of the more exciting things in the cycle of Talossan life, and we should take care not to stifle the enthusiasm of new citizens by entirely excluding them from politics. However we attempt to solve this group of problems, let us remember that Talossa exists largely in order for us, and those who will join with us, to have fun together.

Another area in which we face a brilliant opportunity is the vitalisation of Provincial politics. Only now, with our vastly increased population, have the Provinces – or some of them – reached a sufficient number of citizens that the drafting and adoption of Provincial constitutions and the establishment of organs of Provincial government may be a real possibility. I call on all interested citizens to use this time, these next couple of years, to make each of our seven Provinces into vital, quirky, and entertaining stages on which we can play out the drama of our national life, providing power-hungry and pompous politicians a place to plan and prance and puff. The generations to come will look back on these years as the foundation-years of the Provincial governments; let us build with zeal and creativity!

Furthermore, I call on the Ziu to take immediate action – one might almost call it *emergency* action –, to declare **Brawndo** the National Energy Drink of the Kingdom of Talossa. Turn your eyes to <http://www.brawndo.com/>, to <http://www.energyfiend.com/caffeine-content/brawndo>, to <http://calorielab.com/news/2007/12/14/taking-real-life-brawndo-for-a-test-drive/>, to http://www.pe.com/business/local/stories/PE_Biz_D_cocaine29.25e1582.html, and tell me that this isn't a Talossan drink! It's not beer, but ... dude. It's got electrolytes! Think green!

A serious national challenge

Finally, I would like to ask all the creative minds of the Kingdom of Talossa to try to find solutions (even partial solutions) for what is clearly a serious problem we face – the loss of interest and participation in the Kingdom by some of our citizens. I find particularly frustrating a pattern that we've seen, too many times to want to count – a prospective citizen who seems engaged and interested for a few weeks, long enough anyway to be granted citizenship, but who then simply disappears off the face of the planet. I suspect this is happening for different reasons in different cases, and some of them we probably can't do much about. (Besides which, it's perfectly OK for Talossans to take "time away" from Talossa; but it's very disappointing when their "time away" begins the day after their grant of citizenship and never seems to end.) I have a few suggestions for things we might try to do better, if we can figure out how; and I'd like other people to be thinking along these lines too, possibly suggesting legislation (if the Ziu decides we need it), possibly finding ways by private action to help the problem.

1. We might need a more careful screening process for new citizens, to weed out more of those who don't really intend to participate. I'm not sure at all how to do this; your thoughts are solicited.
2. We might want to implement some form of provisional citizenship, to make it possible to remove from the rolls new citizens who change their minds about Talossa, without having to wait through three election cycles.

3. I think it would be an excellent project for someone to undertake, to try to get in touch with as many as possible of these people and find out whether we made mistakes, at our end of the relationship, that might be correctable. If nothing else, it would be good to know *why* people are leaving us.

4. I think it would help quite a bit, if there were more personal contact between Talossans, off Wittenberg. Email, IM, faceBook, actual physical meetings – all those things will tend to knit the citizenry closer together, and bind us all more tightly to our nation.

5. A project near to my heart would be the establishment of a good national newspaper, to be sent by email (and snail-mail) to everyone. The newspaper wouldn't have to publish regularly, but it should show up often enough to establish a kind of continuity of contact. It could contain Talossans' IM handles, web page URLs, personal news, a "Best of Wittenberg" feature for those without time to wade through it all, occasional articles and editorials, press releases from the Parties and Ministries and private organisations, letters, photographs, and so on. I have ideas, and I'm sure all of you can add to them. Come on, someone – pick up this ball and run with it!

6. I think we need to do better at getting new citizens connected to groups and jobs within Talossa where their interests and abilities can be channeled, challenged, and used; in short, where they can have fun doing cool stuff for the Kingdom.

With a wave of goodwill to our friends over in the Talossan Republic, with a hearty "well-done" to the Government, with reiterated thanks to all of you who are the Kingdom of Talossa, I wish you all a most joyful Independence Day, a great year XXVIII, and prosperity in all your undertakings Talossan and otherwise.

– John R