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New Embassies open in Furnfold

- by Neve Amelia-Thomas

Following the recent exposure of Furnifold to the international body of Urth, foreign nations have been applying for embassy recognition. As of this reporting, seven nations have applied for diplomatic recognition, and Furnifold has currently accepted six of them. "The hardest part is behind us in terms of diplomatic recognition, and



the embassy construction should serve as a relief for my devoted staff," Jackson Woolf, Foreign Secretary of Furnifold, said in an interview with The Times. "You can expect to see the embassies less than a block from our own Foreign Affairs offices, and with this clustering, I envision a very fruitful relationship with these, and more, nations."

Not everyone is pleased with this development. Muriel Brent, current Mayor of McLendal, spoke candidly to The Times regarding the embassy construction. "I am in favor of this recognition, and bringing Furnifold to the modern world, but development like this all of a sudden is going to take its toll on our city, with traffic, construction, and other logistics of building these embassies so quickly. Perhaps if my office had been consulted in the matter I would not feel this has been thrust upon me and my staff."

The embassies are slated to be constructed over the course of Spring, with a tentative move-in date for the diplomats in June. For now, the foreign diplomats have taken up residencies in Foreign Affairs-sponsored quarters, and will go about their daily affairs in the Foreign Affairs office.

Foreign Affairs Office Announces Trade Deals with Nations

- by Adam Bly

The Foreign Secretary announced a series of trade deals that he says will benefit the growth of Furnifold's economy. Jackson Woolf, Foreign Secretary of Furnifold, has brokered deals with the nations of Kuthernburg, Tivot, and Tuvaltastan. Mr. Woolf offered a very rosy take on the announced deals. "These deals will propel Furnifold into growth that will be almost unimaginable for our people, and I am confident that with our partners, everyone will see drastic improvement in their lives. In addition, all deals include a visa program, so citizens from these nations are allowed entry into our great country, and vice versa for our genial travelers."

The agreement with Tivot: Furnifold will sell agricultural products to the nation, Tivot will in turn of sell the products on the world market. The revenues of the goods will be retained by Tivot. Those goods that do not sell in Tivot's market will be collected by Furnifold refunded. In addition, Furnifold will have priority to bid on contracts in Tivot's marketplace and pursue investment opportunities in Furnifold.

The agreement with Tuvaltastan: Furnifold will send agricultural products to the nation at a bargain, enough to cover shipping costs, and in return, Tuvaltastan will contract mining companies to survey and explore some of the potential lode sites in Furnifold. Upon discovery, companies will receive a five-year claim to the production of that site.

The agreement with Kuthernburg: Furnifold will contact various agricultural producers to set up a "farmers market" of sorts in the nation, to allow the citizens of Kuthernburg to sample the goods Furnifold produces. It will last one week, and upon demand may be expanded. In addition, Furnifold will attempt to find contracts in Kuthernburg to fund military production in Furnifold. The nations also announced a joint agreement to produce 150 V-22 Osprey's in Furnifold, a deal valued at 15 billion over 10 years. These are combat helicopters, primarily used for medivac and transportation events. Kurthernburg is also giving a direct investment of 1 billion into transit for the movement of Furnifoldian industrial goods. Finally, Furnifold has opened up its nation for joint training exercises with the special forces of Kurthernburg, in order to simulate different environmental scenarios these forces may be presented with.

We are still waiting on official estimates on how these agreements will impact the citizens and businesses of Furnifold.

**Produced with additional reporting from the presses of Tivot, Tuvaltastan, and Kuthernberg.*

Brief Look

International Furnifold Commodities Market opens in Kuthernberg

- by Uche Markopolos

Following the opening of the Miyapo World Trade building in Kuthernberg, the spokesperson for Furnifold commodities investment firm Manleh Cousins announced an international expansion of the Furnifold Commodities Market (FCM). The FCM is a nationally-recognized commodity trading market for primary agricultural goods. With headquarters in the market city of Woolf, it is the oldest and largest market in all of Furnifold. Manleh Cousins also announced that the market would be named the Global Furnifold Commodities Market, in order to reflect the evolving scale of operations, and that Manleh Cousins would be the flagship firm to be allowed to do business on the market.

Furnifold Table Tennis Player Internationally Ranked

- by Gwen Scott

Mana-born table tennis player Artemis Gay has recently been ranked in the top 20 of all international table tennis players, according to the World Table Tennis Federation. Gay, 30, is excited to represent Furnifold in the WTTTF Grand Tour. Gay is the highest-ranked player in Furnifold's history, and at number 18, will be in a prime position to receive exposure on the world sporting stage.

Gay rose to the top of Furnifold table tennis rankings in 2005 at the age of 18, the youngest player ever in the nation's history to do so. After competing in the Yasteria Table Tennis Competition in 2009, and losing miserably in the opening round, he took a two-year hiatus from the sport to examine his playing style and passion for the game. In 2011, he returned suddenly to the Furnifold table tennis scene, again his play propelling to the top of Furnifold's rankings.

