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Peacekeeping Forces of Urth sets up Headquarters in McLendal

- by Neve Amelia-Thomas

An international organization of peacekeepers called the Peacekeeping Forces of Urth (PK-FU) has founded their headquarters right here in McLendal. Sanctioned by the Furnifold government, the PK-FU seeks to "help countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace," according to their mission charter. Currently seven nations are enrolled in the organization: Furnifold, Kuthernburg, Latianburg, Xargrug, Tretrid, Blueacia, and the Oan Isles. Each nation has supplied varying amounts of units and material to the PK-FU.

In Furnifold's case, it has commissioned the 1st Peacekeeping Regiment into service to the PK-FU. In addition, Furnifold will supply several naval vessels, artillery, and aircraft on an ad-hoc basis. According to figures on their website, Furnifold has paid a total of 9.3 million SHD to this organization.

The PK-FU has been deployed to the country of Latianburg, to provide stabilization for the people of the war-torn region. The mission, called PKFUOL, has supplied a total of 19,050 forces, and many vehicles and ships. The mission has centered around providing humanitarian aid to the people of Osnek and to help develop both economically and socially the devastated region, all while preventing Al-Jaheed from exerting influence again.

Reaction at home has been mixed. According to a recent poll by the New Furnifoldian Times, 61 percent of people disagree with spending resources on the PK-FU, but 70 percent of people believe that Furnifold needs to commit to pursuing peace as a foreign policy objective. Most people agreed that an international organization such as this needs to be monitored for potential abuses though.

Six Frigates Completed in Furnifold

- by F.T. Morison

The Royal Navy of Furnifold, focusing on ramping up naval production, has built six frigates in Ato. Parts were assembled in Kwoleck and then transported to the port city. It will be another month before these frigates will be able to ship out, according to official

estimates. The ships have not been named yet, but they are known as *Moudge*-class frigates, which are on the lighter end of the frigate spectrum. The Royal Navy has been silent on the intended location of these frigates, but according to past archives the most likely recipient of at least four of these ships is the nation of Chianski. Chianski is currently under blockade by the nation of Adumara and the nation of Free Syllvin, so it is unlikely they will be receiving their order while the blockade lasts.

According to the budget estimates put forth by the Magistrate's office, each frigate costs around 222 million SHD to build, and features a complement of 140 sailors, anti-ship missiles, surface-to-air missiles, naval guns, torpedoes, and a helicopter landing pad.

Furnifold buys Land from Spoontuis

- by Adam Bly

Officials in the government have confirmed that Furnifold has bought an 800 km sq plot of land on the continent of Actuaria. The area, called Gronmund Port, is a native Staynish area that will be used as a trade depot stop for Furnifold ships making it to Aurora. Previously ships would need to make it to the nation of Tivot to drop off their wares. It will also be used to store some naval vessels of Furnifold in due time. Gronmund Port will be an autonomous region of Furnifold, only subject to Furnifold import and export fees. The land was purchased for 425 million SHD, and will factor heavily into Furnifold's development as a green-water navy and international trading powerhouse.

A Month of Trading at the Furnifold Commodities Market, here is Where it Stands

- by Uche Markopolos

After one month of trading at the Kuthernburg Trade Center, the Global Furnifold Commodities Market (GCFM) has largely stabilized and a sample size can be ascertained.

Here are the current prices of goods:

Current prices (in SHD):

Corn- 0.54 per bushel (up 14 percent)

Okra- 16.50 per bushel (down 20 percent)

Rice- 11.92 per bushel (down 1 percent)

Soy- 3.54 per bushel (up 22 percent)

Sugar Cane- 6.62 per bushel (up 2 percent)

Index total: 39.12 (down 8 percent)

Non-Index Commodities (in SHD):

Cotton: 0.80 per pound (down 6 percent)

Endemic Fruits: 8.89 per carton (up 11 percent)

Meat: 13.00 per pound (up 19 percent)

Milk: 47.35 per hundredweight (up 20 percent)

Endemic Vegetables: 15.86 per hundredweight (down 14 percent)

Wheat: 5.15 per bushel (down 13 percent)

Every good with the exception of corn and okra have increased since the IPO. In indexed goods, the largest increase came from soy, with a more than 200 percent increase in a month of selling. In the non-indexed goods, the largest increases were from endemic fruits and meat, posting a 450 percent and 700 percent increase, respectively. With the recent discovery of cassiterite in the Branwell Plains and the 385 million SHD selling of the land to Adumara, the trading price of cassiterite has been added to the GCFM. Currently it is at 20,000 SHD per ton.