Tourists, East Germans And Yes Theory

Saturday, 18 July 2020 XLIII brought both a hot day and an unusual group of visitors for our July tourist visit. Arriving early to visit our nation were Ammar Kandil, Thomas Brag and Bryce Perry from the YouTube channel Yes Theory. Yes Theory makes films about unique experiences and stories from around the world, with the belief that life's greatest moments and deepest connections exist outside your comfort zone. Here to do a story about Molossia, the Yes Theory team immediately ingratiated themselves with The President by bringing a giant cooler full of no less than 25 tubes of chocolate chip cookie dough! As you know, chocolate chip cookie dough is the standard upon which our currency, the Valora, is based, so the arrival of all that cookie dough was literally money in the bank - the Bank of Molossia, that is. Shortly after this startling and generous gift arrived so did the tourists for the day's visit and with them another surprise, a group of East Germans! Claiming to represent the government of our eternal enemy, the East German contingent petitioned His Excellency to end the endless war with their nation. Upon consideration, The President emphatically declined, preferring to continue the war for a variety of reasons, among them the fact that the ongoing bloodless conflict has become a part of our culture now, and it would be disappointing and sad to give it up after all these years. The East Germans seemed to accept this decision and thence contented themselves with enjoying their visit to Molossia. After these initial surprises the tour otherwise went well, the First Family hosting our largest tour group of the year, 23 tourists, in spite of the hot day. At the end, The President concluded with an interview with Yes Theory, the chronicle of their visit to come out soon on their YouTube channel. It was a great - and unusual - tourist day, here in the Republic of Molossia!
Visit To Berlin

On Sunday, 12 July 2020 XLIII the First Family traveled to Berlin. The heart of the Communist German Democratic Republic, aka East Germany, turned out to be surprisingly close to Molossia, just a two and a half hour drive across the Nevada desert. The headquarters of our eternal enemy, the East Germans, was hardly impressive and nothing like the pictures of the capital of a worker's paradise that are distributed by the communist propaganda machine. At the end of a long dirt road, The President, First Lady and Chief Constable crossed the heavily demarcated border into a realm of weathered, battered shacks, with rubble and debris scattered everywhere. It was almost as if no effort was made by the totalitarian government to repair the damage of World War II, in spite of that conflict ending 75 years ago. A surprising lack of security was noted, as the First Family wandered freely through the nearly deserted buildings of the communist capital. Indeed, just three Berlin citizens were seen during the visit to the town, although all were uniformed, as is common in Soviet satellite nations. Nevertheless the oppression of the regime was felt by the travelers, and it was with great pleasure that they departed Berlin after a couple of hours, happy to return to our free dictatorship, Molossia!

(The now-ghost town of Berlin sprang up in 1896 when substantial gold veins were discovered nearby. In total, the Berlin Mine produced 42,000 troy ounces (46,080 oz; 1,306.346 kg) of gold, all removed from tunnels by hard rock mining techniques. The mine became unprofitable by 1911, and the town of Berlin became uninhabited shortly thereafter. Today, the ore mill still stands, and the stamps and mercury float tables can be viewed. Other buildings still standing include homes, blacksmith shop, stage coach shop and stable, machine shop, and assay office. Some buildings are open to enter, while others offer interior views of their contents through the windows. There are also headworks on some of the mine shafts.)
Molossia’s Stamps

Like most nations, Molossia has its own postal system, Molossia Post, and of course its own stamps. Here is a selection of some of the over 80 different stamps issued by Molossia Post!

Rocket Mail!

His Excellency, The President

One of our first stamps, Harmony Province

The iconic Emperor Norton

Don Quixote, on his 400th anniversary

Esperanto, our second language

Molossia’s 43rd anniversary

Around Molossia...

His Excellency, The President celebrating his 58th birthday!

The Molossian Flag on a stormy day.

The Molossian Navy

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Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

Saturday, 15 August 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
Saturday, 19 September 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST
Saturday, 10 October 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)
Hello all! Summer is in full effect and even though it’s hot, this summer feels different than ones before. We have been social distancing and taking precautions but we have still been holding tours, going on Naval Missions, touring the State of Nevada via road trips and staying fairly busy. However, there is still some gloom and doom hovering over our heads as the US decides how they will handle schools reopening and the flux of the virus impacting local businesses, including several Molossian’s places of employment. People are still getting sick and by now, most people know someone that has been affected by C-19. Is hope lost? No! Many other countries have had their virus numbers drop immensely, and have returned to their normal life. We have not had any cases here in Molossia but we do know people that have tested positive. Since Molossia is landlocked by the USA, we are very much interested in how they run their country. Not only do I want to make sure that people are safe and healthy, I know we would all feel better if we were able to feel some peace, some sense of it’s almost over. I know that we all are trying to do our part by wearing our masks and social distancing, but how are we taking care of ourselves mentally? What are some ways that you are keeping busy? Besides the activities listed above, we have taken up reading, crafting, gardening, and anything else that can keep our mind clear. We also try to find a balance between keeping informed about the news but not obsessing about conspiracy theories. Please do your best to take a mental break and keep your head up. We are all in this together and even if you feel fine today, there are moments when you may find yourself feeling a little off. I think this whole experience has affected us in ways we will never quite realize and because of that I’m thinking of my fellow Molossians and all of you.

Thank you all and until next time, Stay safe and keep your hands and mind busy. Take a walk outside and let the sun warm your shoulders and heart. ~Adrianne