

Motropolia

The **United Federation of Motropolia**, otherwise known simply as **Motropolia**, is a country in Central Europe. It is bordered by Zwischenmeer and Carpathia to the east, the Iberian Union, the Maritime Republic and a tiny bit of Serbia to the south, and Cimbria to the north. It is the primary country of the Collapse of the Modern World Alpha timeline, and it is a successor state of the Greater Netherlands.

History

Benelux and Formation

Instead of the Partition of Belgium, the Netherlands invades the two countries and annexes them both, along with Luxembourg, into Benelux, which remains out of direct conflict for 200 years. In 2054 CE, the country founded the Western European Military Pact with France, Germany and the UK, soon after which Austria and Italy joined. The WEMP would become one of two dominant military alliances in Europe, the other being the Eastern European Military Union (EEMU).

Ultimately, all of the nations of the world were dependent on the United States for sustainability, including Benelux. This caused the Collapse of the Modern World in 2206 CE, which meant the world was back to a clean slate. The now-barbarian Frankish and Saxon populations of Benelux, retroactively called the Motros by future authors, invaded Central Europe on their own power, ransacking important cities for valuable technology and using it against the native populations in Germany, France and the Alpine region.

In 2209 CE, Zürich was re-established as Monometropolia, which, according to its founder, Sebastian the Great, meant "the only major city state". The flag of what is now the national flag was adopted for the city. A shortened version of the city name was adopted for the country established on January 1st, 2210 CE, now 1500 AS. This new nation, the Republic of Motropolia, encompassed, according to Sebastian, "all the lands we have ransacked and killed the natives of, in addition the subjugated peoples of Germany and France."

Republic of Motropolia

Sebastian instated an oligarchic senate of powerful families in Motropolia, most of which were the families of military leaders and were respected by Sebastian for his entire life. He elected himself as the first President of Motropolia, an office which would change every four years, unless he died prematurely. This office was elected by the citizenry from then on.

The brutes of the original Motros tribe were enlisted as "pacifiers", which varied very little in function and only added two new end goals: stabilizing and serving the Republic, and breeding the remaining non-Motrians out of existence. As such, the atrocities committed against the Germans and French during this period are referred to as "The Rape of Europe". Today, declaring allegiance to the Republic is illegal in Motropolia, although Sebastian the Great is still revered.

Revolution and Federation

In 1547 AS, Adrian the Handsome, so-called because of his popularity among Germans and French, declared rebellion against the Republic. He demanded that "the subjugated peoples be left at peace, maybe be elevated to citizenry." This caused the Motropolian Civil War, ending in 1551 with the establishment of the United Federation of Motropolia.

The new Autonomous States of Germania and Francia gained autonomy within the federation and were allowed to keep their national and ethnic identity. The parts of Motropolia that did not become an Autonomous State became the Federal Districts. These were inhabited solely by Motrians in the south, and by Frisians in the north.

Adrian became the first President of this new state, and abolished the senate so it could be replaced with a parliament. This Parliament of Motropolia was partial to the Autonomous States and allowed their representation in Motropolian politics. The Federal Districts would have half of the seats, and the Autonomous States the other half.

Foreign Relations

Adrian sought to improve relations with Motropolia's neighbours, namely Zwischenmeer and Cimbria. When this succeeded, it caused a chain reaction of other nations forming an alliance with Motropolia. The nation was still intimidating to many, though now that it was warming up to foreigners, an alliance with it could prove vital.

To date, Motropolia is allied with Alba, Carpathia, Cimbria, Crimea, Euxinea, the Iberian Union and Zwischenmeer. Motropolia attempted an alliance with the Maritime Republic, but the total genocide of Italians in the Alpine and Po River Valley regions provoked the Republic to its core.

The Maritime Republic campaigned for several centuries against Motropolia, with each war resulting in failure. The border city of Florence, after which the currency of Motropolia was named, changed hands numerous times during this campaign, before eventually becoming permanently Motropolian.

The Republic managed to make a counter-alliance with vassals and several like-minded countries. These were Anatolia, Britain, Scandinavia and Serbia. Together, they plotted to destroy Motropolia, though it has never succeeded.

Present Day

In the Modern Era, Motropolia is a paradise for new technologies, reaching our current (2021) level of technology in the 1900's. It reached the 2200 technology mark in 2000 and, relative to its past development, has been somewhat stagnant since. Citizens are able to travel across universes with very little worries about timeline alteration or paradoxes, and robots are deemed functioning members of society.

Culture

Motropolia has historically been at the center of Neo-European culture, and many of the new Western customs are derived from Motropolian customs. Dominant today is Neo-Vestalpism, a modernized continuation of the Vestalpe culture from the 1600's. This culture thrived among the elite in Monometropolia.

Notable traits of the culture include synthetic materials for clothing, hierarchical polygamy and the glorification of important historical figures. In the present day, these traits have been streamlined for practicality and social equality.

The practice of polygamy dates back to the Motros tribe, when brutes often held multiple German and French women as marital hostages. This carried over into the Republic, with the oligarchs elevating the regular citizenry into the elite by way of lovers. The goal of the practice was to repopulate the Southern Provinces with only Motropolians.

According to tradition up until the 20th century, a husband officially marries an Alpha wife and she bears the children that will inherit the property of their father when he dies. These are then the legal children of the father. The husband can then opt to have lovers, whose children only have their mothers' legitimacy.

A number of reforms were made since then, to make the system more equal for promiscuous women and less attractive for avoiding parental responsibility. A wife could now marry an Alpha husband and have several lovers herself, but all extramarital children are equal to regular children.

Language

Since 2000 AS, the official language of Motropolia is New Motropolian. This is a constructed language, assembled from the various dialects of Motropolian spoken in the country at the time. It was implemented in schools to aid the integration of Francia and Germania into Motropolia, who were not obliged to teach Motropolian before then.

New Motropolian was heavily criticized by linguists for its nonsensical derivation and terrible aesthetic, though it was also defended by its committee and the generation that spoke it. Its repeal as the official language is a common topic in every election, often emphasized by speaking Alpinian, the Monometropolian dialect, instead of New Motropolian.

Administrative Regions

Motropolia has five Federal Districts and twenty-eight provinces in the Autonomous States. To list all the provinces would be excessive, so listed below are the Federal Districts and their Motropolian names:

- Netherlands (Nerland)
- Venice (Vinet)
- Czechia (Tzegi)
- Alponia (Alpon)
- Croatia (Kroati)