



## Spanish Prisoner in the New World

*Excerpt from the journal of Ricardo Martinez Santiago*

I write this with a trembling hand and a heavy heart as I recall my time in the new world I wish not dishonor my fellow brothers with my writing only to honor them in memory. There was a subtle howl in the wind that none of us thought would be our downfall, for it was not the wind, but the Powhatan. The planning and precision of the attack was startling surely we knew our mistake of ever coming to the new world after the first cry of death reached our ears. God was not with us that night for if he had witnessed the horrors that night he would tremble with rage. It all seemed that something wished us death for the Powhatan Indians that night seemed to be faster than men and fought with such vigor and efficiency that if you weren't in arms length of the boat you died where you stood. Only me and 9 others made it out alive. The Powhatan decided to spare us and take us as prisoners to their camp. We live in their jails praying to our god for rescue and safe passage back to Spanish lands and safety. Our prayers were answered later that year when all hope of rescue from the outside erased from thought, that our saviors had come. Fellow Spanish from Florida arrived and in force to rescue us from the vicious and uncivilized Powhatan. My faith for god has never been stronger than after I was free of the Powhatan grasps. I wish to leave the new world and return to Spain to live my days in peace I wish no longer to remain in Powhatan lands living in the forest with fear of capture in my mind. The lack of food and proper water began to catch up with me in the coming weeks as we elude capture so I am unclear of what happens I am just happy to have put it behind me and live my life with my family.

## The Legend of Chemo

*I had the chance to interview a Jamestown historian about the legend of a man named Chemo, a Native Warrior from around 1607. These are his words.*

His father, Hutan, was an archer as a young man, so of course Chemo took his father's place after his untimely passing.

Chemo was a mighty fighter. When he wasn't winning battles, he was hunting big game like deer and bears. One afternoon his chief received news about attacking the French. Like any good warrior, he prepared for battle.

In the dead of night the nearly four hundred natives started to canoe across a river to the French settlement where Chemo was to watch the army's back with a four-man team, so they were the last to join in the water. Before they could get in the water, though, a large whirlpool appeared and killed all of his fellow warriors. Still in shock, Chemo ran thirty miles to the council to inform them of the bad news that had struck all of his brothers. Chemo later went home to spread the word that the gods were not happy.

This legend, true or untrue, has lots of meaning and a very important moral. Though the historian believes that the weather made the canoes crash, the moral of the story is to be true to all: do no harm to those that do no harm.

The legend goes on to say that Chemo never fought again after seeing the might of the gods who he believed would intervene if something were to harm him.

## Resolving the Threat of Bioterrorism in DISEC

*Franni Eulo*

On February 21, 2015, the threat of bioterrorism was addressed in ODUMUNC's first committee, which focuses on Disarmament and International Security (or simply called DISEC). Sponsored by countries including Argentina, Canada, Germany, France, and several others, a potential resolution to combat the devastation caused by bioterrorist attacks was passed.

The proposed suggestions to fight against these threats involved implementing educational programs through the assistance of the W.H.O., which would inform especially vulnerable areas about the impact of bioterrorist attacks; preparing these countries for said attacks; and providing adequate health and sanitation for affected countries to prevent further outbreaks. To simplify further, the preamble of this drafted resolution lists the three components to combat bioterrorism: education, prevention, and response.

The delegating countries clarified their ideas in fuller detail through a six-minute question and answer session from the on-listening General Assembly. Clause 3a, for example, states the delegation's encouragement of implementing E.P.A. water filtration standards to every country around the world; Egypt questioned if this was an infringement upon the rights of bodies where this idea was not favored. However, when properly considering the wording of this clause, it clearly states this idea is only an endorsement, not a mandate. Furthermore, the standards of the E.P.A., according to the delegate's response, are not only sufficient but have been proven to limit terrorist agencies.

One may ask: what does water pollution have to do with bioterrorism? In fact, a question asked by the U.S.A. addressed this exact sentiment. Clearly a comprehensive plan, the delegation reminded the General Assembly that water pollution is, essentially, a form of bioterrorist threat. They reiterated drinking clean water is one of the best ways to prevent disease in developing countries.

The process of purifying water is not as difficult of a task as one might think: the collaborating countries gave several ideas for doing so, including the usage of chlorine tablets, which kill both bacteria and pathogens; cheap yet efficient filtration through activated charcoal or sand; or simply by boiling unclean water to kill pathogens. All through the use of organic compounds, unclean water can be filtered cheaply. The delegate representing Iraq clarified that by purifying water, the threat of bioterrorist organizations is minimized and eventually could cause these groups to crumble; in addition, this notion utilizes very little resources and, in his words, is the best way to prevent bioterrorism.

The simple concept of having clean water readily accessible, though one that is unimaginable to first-world countries, prevents the spread of bioterrorism to susceptible countries. In the event that a bioterrorist action occurs despite these efforts, the delegation suggested measures in great detail in clauses 7 and 8 to increase security measures as well as create protocols for the affected country's appropriate reaction against an attack. Fighting against bioterrorism is not an easy task; however, through the collaboration of countries involved in the United Nations, we can, at the very least, begin to address this devastating phenomenon.

## ODUMUNC in Photos



# United Nations' SOCHUM encroaches on National Sovereignty

*Fox News Correspondent*

On Saturday, the United Nations' Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural) took on a very controversial and contentious topic: Promoting the human rights of migrant workers. Most countries were forced into one of two camps, either pro- or anti-national sovereignty.

On the anti-national sovereignty side, two different groups worked on working papers that, although in different ways, both would directly harm the United States' and other countries' ability to self-govern.

The first group was led by Canada, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, and Sudan, among others. Their resolution was to focus on "equality for nationals," no marginalization, the rights of migrant workers, and even "establishing facilities" for these migrant workers. But what type of standards would be expected for this so-called equality and these facilities? Will the UN want power to enter the United States and check up on their supposed guidelines?

Countries representing the Greater Middle East (Turkey, Iraq, and Kazakhstan) were supposedly looking for the middle ground, but their resolution seemed far from it. While they claimed to not want to "force laws" on individual states,

basic health care was an expectation for the migrant workers. Again, who in the United Nations will be determining exactly what type of health care falls under that umbrella? The United Nations often attempts to grab more power than it already has, and this appears to be yet another attempt at breaking down the barrier of individual governments.

Thankfully, many countries had sense to support the ideals of national sovereignty and self-government. Denmark and France publicly supported national sovereignty and put the focus on making sure that the countries from which migrant workers came from improved economically, instead of wrongfully putting the burden on better nearby governments.

A resolution supported by a highly diverse group including Malawi, Cambodia, Japan, and Switzerland promoted the integral rights of states to make their own laws and control their own economies. While there was no official word from the United States at press time, it will be worth watching how the United States votes on this topic. With criticism surrounding the Obama Administration's foreign policy at an all-time high, this is one battle that can be easily won.

# When Model UN Becomes a Family Reunion...

*Robby Townsend*

The ODU Model UN Society is very much like a family. By that, I mean we spend way too much time together, sometimes experiencing conflict, but always ending up bonding and growing.

However, this year, ODUMUNC showcased more than just our crazy "family" society. We actually had four pairs of staff-delegate siblings:

**Chelsea and Zachary Bligh.** Chelsea Bligh is the esteemed Secretary-Treasurer for two straight years, keeping the conference running behind the scenes. Zachary is in SOCHUM as Egypt, and also has taken some time out to help his sister in the Registration room with her various tasks.

**Valerie and Brenda Sprouse.** Valerie, our former Assistant Director, and Brenda, a senior from Norview High School, teamed up to help the Secretariat with registration of the schools and staff members, and do basically any job needed to make sure things went smoothly.



**Chris and Ethan Steadman.** After taking over the ODUMUNC World War I crisis and winning Best Delegate as a student from Granby two years ago, Chris has taken over crises as an ODU staff member for the past two years. His brother Ethan participated in ODUMUNC for the first time as a member of the Press Corps, playing various roles including a reporter for the North Korean State news agency.

**Felicia and Maya Fisher.** Felicia is the USG of Operations. You've probably seen her popping in and out of your committee, checking in on the dais staff to make sure that there are no issues. Her sister Maya, a student at Menchville, spent the weekend in ECOSOC. Like Ethan, this was her first ODUMUNC experience.

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## Competing Voices: What's Really Going on in North Korea?

### North Korea: The Real Truth

*The following is an excerpt from a letter recovered by Chinese authorities, published by Xinhua. The author is unknown.*

It was a sunny day today. I was happy about that seeing as I was stuck in a Kim camp. Kim camp is a slave prison where guards made us work all day with little food and sleep. I was happy I was sent to a super camp--the horrors i heard from there I don't want to say.

Anyways, I am writing this just in case I can't tell you in person. I want to start from the beginning. It all started when I was crossing the border to North Korea from China. You know, the normal route I have made dozens of times. This times was different. I was given a much larger order of meth --over four pounds. Back then I felt like a pro, so I wanted the challenge.

I made it into N.K. but was captured. I didn't go down without a fight, though. I got rid of all the meth but about a pound. I was immediately charged with drug trafficking and was sentenced to stay at a Kim camp for the rest of my life. I was doomed to barely live as a slave to the "leader" of Korea. I knew I had to leave now or never.

One sunny day, I was on farming duties when a fight broke out between guards and inmates. I saw my chance to escape, so I took it. I ran for miles and miles not looking back, hoping not to be shot. Fear kept me going--the fear of not seeing my family or friends, the fear of not living. See, I don't fear much but death. I found a road and followed it until a semi truck appeared. I was grateful but scared because rewards are giving if someone turns in a prisoner. I had no choice but to kill the driver and steal his truck. I still see the look in his face. I can barely live with myself.

I hope to see you soon. If I don't, take care. I'm sorry I left you, and I wish I could change time. I love you.

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### An Interview with a North Korean Citizen

*Ethan Steadman, KCNA*

Hello, today I'm here with a local North Korean citizen here to answer a few questions about our glorious country.

*Interviewer:* As you live your day-to-day life, how would you describe the living conditions of this great country?

*Interviewee:* The living conditions of these Kim camps my family lives in are remarkable with plenty of food and comfortable living arrangement, with easy access to education for my children.

*Interviewer:* And how did you end up going to these Kim camps?

*Interviewee:* I live in a Kim camp because of my failure to see the true glory of our great leader Kim Jong Un, attempting to flee and exit the country. North Korea's most gracious leaders allowed me to remain in the country and live a comfortable life along side my family and friends.

*Interviewer:* If these conditions are so nice now why did you attempt to flee in the first place?

*Interviewee:* I was corrupted by the Western media and their cruel ways making me have negative thoughts.

*Interviewer:* There have been reports of a drug problem coming from Chinese smugglers, are these true?

*Interviewee:* I see no problem here, with very healthy drug free civilians living very nourishing and comfortable lives. Any attempt made by the Chinese smugglers have been stopped at the border before they can taint the people of North Korea.

*Interviewer:* There is word of a great party later this fine day and a nuclear launch accompanying it, is there anything you can tell us about that?

*Interviewee:* Today marks a day that will bring North Korea to new heights. With a grand feast with our closest allies followed by a marvelous showing of our true power and ability to advance where others can't.

*Interviewer:* Why does North Korea need such nuclear power?

*Interviewee:* North Korea is doing only what it is forced to by the Western world. They hang a cloud over our head, stopping us from coming to our real power, fearing what a new power will bring to there petty politics and cruel ways. With this nuclear test, we can finally have the strength to emerge as we so plan.

Thank you for your time it was very pleasant to hear a raw a true account of the country that is so falsely accused to be cruel and evil to its people.