FERNANDEZ MUST DIE

A WORLD HISTORY OF REVOLUTIONARY FAILURES

UNITED STATES
GEORGE WASHINGTON (1776)
DURING A TEA PARTY IN BOSTON, GEORGE WASHINGTON CHOPPED DOWN A CHERRY TREE IN PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH VAT ON JAM. WAR WAS DECLARED AT ONCE, BUT WASHINGTON LED HIS REBELS TO VICTORY BY REMOVING GEORGE THE THIRD'S TROUSERS. THIS WAS CALLED THE DECLARATION OF UNDERPANTS. WASHINGTON WORE EXTREMELY TASTELESS WIGS, BUT WE MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR THE FACT THAT WITHOUT HIM BARRY MANILOW WOULD BE ENGLISH.

BRITAIN
OLIVER CROMWELL (1653)
CROMWELL REBELLED AGAINST THE KING'S CAR-HIRE BUSINESS, WHICH ONLY RENTED CAVALIERS. HE INVENTED MINIATURE TIN SOLDIERS CALLED THE NEW MODEL ARMY, WHICH WAS LED BY THE DUTCH MERCENARY HERTZ VAN RENTAL. ALTHOUGH HE WORE A TIN HELMET KNOWN AS THE GREAT PROTECTIVE, CROMWELL CAUGHT WARTS ON HIS ROUNDHEADS, AND HIS CAR HIRE BUSINESS FAILED, DUE TO NAFF RUST WARRANTIES.

FRANCE
GILL O'TINE (1789)
THE IRISH BARBER, GILL O'TINE, NEVER REALLY WANTED TO BE A REVOLUTIONARY, BUT CHANGED THE COURSE OF FRENCH HISTORY WHEN HE BEHEADED MARIE ANTOINETTE DURING A SHAMPOO AND BLOW-DRY SESSION. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR NAPOLEON BONAPARTE'S HABIT OF HIDING HIS LEFT HAND INSIDE HIS VEST, A RESULT OF AN OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC MANICURE. AFTER A SEVERE OUTBREAK OF NEOK RASHES, CAUSED BY DIRTY SCISSORS, HE WAS DUBBED THE SCARLET PIMPLE.

DENMARK
HANNA CHRISTIAN ANDERSON (1869)
REBELLING AGAINST THE MORAL RESTRICTIONS OF NINETEENTH CENTURY DANISH PASTRYCOOKS (WHEREBY ALL GINGERBREAD MEN WERE KEPT LOCKED AWAY FROM DOUGHNUTS) HANNA CHRISTIAN ANDERSON INVENTED WOMEN'S LIBERATION BY EATING A BANANA IN CHURCH, DRESSED AS A LITTLE MERMAID. THE FOLLOWING MAY DAY, SHE CHOKED TO DEATH ON AN APPLE WHILE READING THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS, COINING THE PHRASE 'PIPSQUEAK'.

SWITZERLAND
WILLIAM TOBLERONE (1321)
AT THE AGE OF TWELVE, WILLIAM TOBLERONE RAN AWAY TO SEA. BY THE TIME HE WAS EIGHTEEN HE HAD ONLY REACHED ZURICH, THWARTED BY ALPS. SO HE BECAME A REVOLUTIONARY AND STARTED THE SWISS ROLL BY USING A CROSSBOW TO FLICK HOT CHOCOLATE AT A TOASTED ALMOND ON HIS SON'S HEAD. NOBODY NOTICED, AND THE REVOLUTION MELTED AFTER A MINUTE AND A HALF. TOBLERONE WENT ON TO MODEL FOR CUCKOO CLOCKS.

RUSSIA
VLADIMIR ILYICH LENIN-COHEN (1917)
VLADIMIR WAS THE MANAGER OF THE MOSCOW HIPPODROME. A NOTORIOUSLY BAD BUSINESSMAN, HE WAS UNABLE TO PAY ANY OF HIS ARTISTS, INCLUDING JOE STALIN AND HIS DISAPPEARING DOVES, LENNY TROTSKY'S MARCHING BAND, AND THE MARX BROTHERS. THINGS CAME TO A HEAD WHEN A TAP-DANCER CALLED RASPUTIN FAILED TO SHOW ONE NIGHT AND LENIN-COHEN ASKED THE TZAR TO FILL IN WITH A FEW JOKES. AS THEY SAY IN SHOWBIZ, HE STIFFED.

SHOWING TONIGHT
THE FIVE MARX BROS.
with
RASPUTO, GROUCHO, CHICO, HARPO AND KARLO

MEXICO
EMILIO ZAPATA AND HIS TIJUANA BRASS (1918)
AFTER YANKEE FORCES INVADED WITH MECHANISED PIANO, THE POOR PEASANTS OF MEXICO SUFFERED UNDER UNITED STATES OPPRESSION KNOWN AS 'RAGTIME', AND WERE FORCED TO DANCE ON THEIR RAGGED HATS TO THIS HORRIBLE MUSIC. THEY REBELLED BY ENTERING A REVOLUTIONARY ANTHEM FOR THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST CALLED 'VIVA ZAPATA', BUT ONLY SCORED TWO POINTS, DUE TO HERB ALPERT PLAYING THE ENTIRE CHORUS IN AZTEC.

CHINA
DIM SUM DONG (1900)
FED UP WITH WESTERN IMPERIALISTS FORCING THE CHINESE INTO Y-FRONTS, DIM CAUSED MASS RIOTS BY SELLING MAIL-ORDER BOXER-SHORTS EVERY TUESDAY. THIS BECAME KNOWN AS THE BOXER REBELLION. DIM CHANGED HIS NAME TO GENERAL CASH MY CHEQUE. BUT IN 1948, HE WAS OVERWHELMED BY COMMUNIST MOUSE DROPPINGS, KNOWN AS MOUSEY DUNG, AND WAS STIR-FRIED ON HIS OWN SHOP COUNTER. THIS EVENT WAS CALLED THE COUNTER REVOLUTION.

CUBA
FIDEL CASTRO (1959)
NAMED AFTER A NEUTERED DOG, CASTRO OPENED THE CHEZ GUEVARA REVOLUTIONARY BOUTIQUES, TO COMBAT IMPERIALIST DEATH SQUAD RETAILERS (THE DEAD BODY SHOP) AND THE DREADED PANAMA HAT BANDS. HIS INFLUENCE AMONG EUROPEAN STUDENT FASHION OF THE 1960s WAS HUGE, SPEARHEADED BY THE SLOGAN: 'TODAY THE WALL POSTER, TOMORROW THE T-SHIRT.' UNFORTUNATELY CHEZ GUEVARA WAS LIQUIDATED BY FLARED TROUSERS DURING A PERFORMANCE OF 'EVITA'.

KOREA
TWINDEK TOSHIBA (1988)
FED UP WITH DOING ALL THE BORING JOBS, THE WORLD'S FIRST ELECTRONIC REVOLUTIONARY STATE WAS DECLARED BY PRESIDENT TOSHIBA. AFTER ROBOTS (CYBORG AS/MOVUS) REBELLED AGAINST IRRITATING HUMANS (HOMO WALKMANUS), AS THE LAST HUMAN WAS EXPELLED FROM THE NEW REPUBLIC, THE NATIONAL AC/DC CONVERTER WAS ACCIDENTALLY UNPLUGGED, AND THE REVOLUTION FAILED WHEN THE BATTERIES RAN DOWN.

HAITI
EL DIABLO (1986)
FED UP WITH FINDING DEAD CHICKENS NAILED TO THEIR PET ZOMBIES BY THE SINISTER SECRET BOY DETECTIVE KNOWN AS THE TIN-TIN-MACOUTE, PRESIDENT PAPA DOC AND HIS SON 'DONALD' DOC INTRODUCED BATON CHARGES. THIS MEANT THAT WHEN YOU GOT BEATEN UP, YOU HAD TO PAY FOR THE SERVICE. THE TYRANNY WAS OVERTHROWN BY THE VOODOO DOT MATRIX PRINTER, EL DIABLO, WHO HAS INTRODUCED CIVILIAN FREEDOM WHEREBY YOU CAN PAY TO BE TORTURED BY CREDIT CARD.

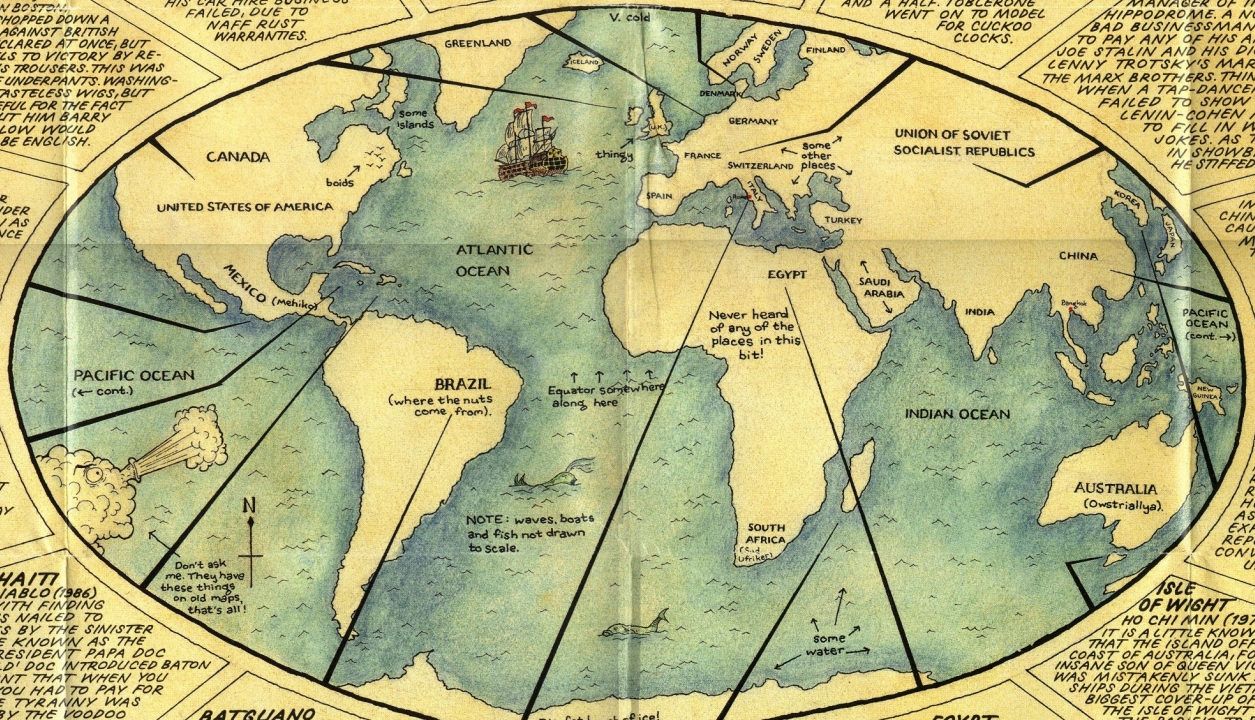
ISLE OF WIGHT
HO CHI MIN (1972)
IT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT THAT THE ISLAND OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA, FOUNDED BY THE INSANE SON OF QUEEN VICTORIA (TASMANIAC) WAS MISTAKENLY SUNK BY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. IN THE BIGGEST COVER-UP OF RECENT YEARS, THE ISLE OF WIGHT WAS TOWED TO THE PACIFIC TO REPLACE IT COMPLETE WITH LITTLE OLD MEN IN PUBS PLAYING INDESCRIBABLY BORING GAMES. THIS IS KNOWN AS 'THE DOMINO EFFECT'.

BATGUANO
FRANCISCO SINATRO FRANCO (1936)
FRANCO WAS A DANCE BAND LEADER, SPECIALISING IN THE GOOSE STEP. DUE TO ANCIENT RECORDING TECHNIQUES, HE ONCE MANAGED 78 REVOLUTIONS A MINUTE, AND BY THE 1950s WAS DOWN TO A MISERABLE THIRTY-THREE-AND-A-THIRD. BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY, A CONTRACT WITH NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS AND THE COMPACT DISC, HE CAN NOW ACHIEVE 120 REVS PER MINUTE, ALL DEFROCKED.

ROME
SPASTICUS (71 B.C.)
THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS RELIANT ON SLAVE LABOUR, FAST-FOOD OUTLETS AND MARKET FORCES. AFTER A NIGHT ON THE PIZZA, SPASTICUS LED ALL THE SLAVES FROM BONDAGE OF THE TYRANNY OF EMPEROR WHOPPA MAXIMUS, BY GIVING AWAY FREE PORTIONS OF FRIES. HE WAS GRANTED HIS FREEDOM AND GIVEN THE VESTAL VIRGIN FRANCHISE, BUT ANGERED THE GODS BY OVERDOING THE RAISH, AND BANISHED TO WASHING UP FOREVER.

MARZIBAR
THE 'AFRICAN QUEEN' (1974)
AFTER THE ISOSCELES TRIANGLE WAS ABOLISHED BY RIGHT-ANGOLAN REBELS, COMMUNITY DANCING WAS MADE COMPULSORY IN THE CONGA AND SOUTH AFRICA BANNED ALL THE BLACK NOTES ON PIANOS, 'SHE', THE LEGENDARY AFRICAN QUEEN, MATERIALISED TO LEAD HER PEOPLE TO FREEDOM. HER WAR OF INDEPENDENCE FAILED, BUT SHE DID GET TO NUMBER ONE IN THE CHARTS WITH A BALLAD, PERFORMED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY DWARF CHARLES AZNAVOUR.

EGYPT
MICKEY MOSES (2042 B.C.)
MOSES INVENTED 'EGYPT' WITH HIS LAST FIVE TILES DURING A GAME OF SCRABBLE, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ENSLAVED BY PHARAOH, WHO WAS ALWAYS A BAD LOSER. MOSES RETALIATED BY SENDING HORRIBLE PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES AGAINST HIS OPPRESSOR, SUCH AS LOCUSTS, FROGS, RIVERS OF BLOOD, FLIES AND COUNTRY 'N' WESTERN MUSIC. MOSES MANAGED TO ESCAPE BY GETTING THE RED SEA TO PART ASUNDER, (WHICH WAS TOUGH ON THE SUNDER!)



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