

Short History of Greece

Ya. Histri Greece gret histri. Got good start wit Termopli, Alekzander, famous Akroplos, Platon, right? Then down hill, all down hill. Silly but tregik. We just get crushed like lemon over an over, but no one jus trow away. First Romans den Vennis nd Ottomen (the Turks). What we do? Grik always do two things when scared: hide in mountains or go hide in other country safe or already taken over by somebody. We safe because small group Griks not got noting tuh take. Only need to wurri bout daughters. Grik men always find work. That what we do: work some place else. Not bad.

Huh! You know Griks want their country. Like Jews we have diaspora. Diaspora Grik word! Most people think it a Jewish word, but it Grik. We have diaspora before we were chase away. Ancient Grik boat people, like Phonissian. We boat people of Agean Grik Sea, Black Sea, huh white sea too and Caspian, Mediterranean 'nd even Atlantic ocean. We trade. We set up colonies where there was noting. Not picky; we just pick up wives when we get there. We even set up Rome well Trojans just another kind of Grik become Turks, like phonoecians, everyone over there become Turks. Couldn't help it.

We want new Greece. Long time ago, Europeans want new Greese like old. Call themselves "Philhellens" ; that like phil- osophy, love of wisdom, but this love of Griks . They all want to rule Greece as philosophers and poets. We go along with this so we can get country back. We know they really want to rule Grik boys, but we go along wit the joke cause we need money and guns. You know who Lord Byron is? Very rich poet. Got lots of money. Used it tuh fix Grik nevvu. We promise if he free us we make him king. He even stops dressing like English. Wears silk clothes like Albanian king. Why he interested in Albanian king? No one understand. Just liked fancy clothes. Come to Lepanto with ships. He choose Lepanto because that where Ottoman lost great sea battle once. Veniz take over then but lose later. Wants to see that day again. Anyway, Byron got sick and die. They say the doctor's leaches suck too much blood. No battle; just leaches! Dumb way to die! But we did get the Turks out of Greece and we did get a king, at least for a while. No more Turks; no more Egyptians. Not one of us, but then we do get king: King Otto. He from Germany.

France, England 'nd Russia insist Griks must have king. Then we throw him and his wife out. They leave by boat they come on. Then France, England Russia "give" us King George. Not George Byron. He dead. So we assassinate "King George" and they " give " us King Constantine First. I guess they hoping for long line of Constantine, like Henry the eight.

Now you see we have two Greece, "New Greece" with Venizalos and "Old Greece" with "King Constantine First". Thessaloniki against the rest of "Greece". When Venizalos parliament was elected, they call it "Lazarous Chamber" so great Greece come back to everyone's ideas, come back to life. They call it 'To Megali Idea' which is Grik for Gret Idea. Alexander, younger brother of Otto, first son of George become king of Greece to make Megali Idea come true. Your president, President Weelson, "gave" everyone in Asia Minor right to, he call it, "self determination". What happen? Turks attack Armenia. All Hell brek loose. Aleksander gret leader. He liked be told that in parade in big black car. He like be called "Alexander de Gret". Europeans create "to megali idea" but then Aleksander died. How? He playing with his pet monkey. Monkey byte him and he die of infection. Greece Fall apart again. First leeches, now monkeys! That Grik history! Go nowhere. No home to go. Grik home everywhere.