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In the Animal Kingdom

Trump-eting the power of America (Italian origin)

America (named after Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci) is now to be made great by the descendant of a Scottish migrant

The opening remarks of President Trump's diatribe at the Capitol Rotunda on the occasion of his installation in office on 20 January 2015.



Did he say, during his rhetoric, that he is the representative of his god on earth?

"The Golden Age of America begins right now. From this day forward, our country will flourish and be respected again all over the world. We will be the envy of every nation, and we will not allow ourselves to be taken advantage of any longer. During every single day of the Trump administration, I will very simply put America first. Our sovereignty will be reclaimed. Our safety will be restored. The scales of justice will be rebalanced. The vicious, violent and unfair weaponization of the Justice Department and our government will end. And our top priority will be to create a nation that is proud, prosperous and free. America will soon be greater, stronger, and far more exceptional than ever before. I return to the presidency confident and optimistic that we are at the start of a thrilling new era of national success, a tide of change is sweeping the country, sunlight is pouring over the entire world, and America has the chance to seize this opportunity like never before. But first, we must be honest about the challenges we face. While they are plentiful, they will be annihilated by this great momentum that the world is now witnessing in the United States of America."

More may follow in next issue

Allegation of a 'Papa-Piti' Scenario



The usual 'mauvaises langues' are alleging that MMM MP Franco Quirin was purposely passed by for the Ministry of Youth & Sports portfolio, which was his due. This was done on the certainty that he would object. His objection has cost him dear, i.e. the position of Vice President of the MMM which has gone to Joana, daughter of the Leader of the party, Paul Bérenger. MP Franco Quirin is on holiday overseas. He is expected to be back on 20 January and to make a statement on his revocation as V.P.

José Ramsaha

I feel mad, sad and overwhelmed, says Mylene from Japan



You may have already guessed the reason behind those feelings.

The cause is the inauguration of the 47th president of the United States of America, Donald John Trump on Monday, January 20, in the year of the snake according to the Chinese Zodiac.

It's not just that he's been labelled a lawbreaker, bully, cheat and a very dangerous politician, nor that despite these shortcomings, he was demo-

cratically elected to the highest office in the land.

It's the surprising shift in stance from other politicians, columnists, celebrities and top business people who seem to have become ardent supporters of Trump.

This has not gone unnoticed.

"Everybody was fighting me in (my) 1st term, now they want to be my friend," Trump said at his first news conference since his leadership victory six weeks ago.

Since that time, Prime Minister Ishiba has made several attempts to schedule an in-person meeting with Trump, but without success.

On the other hand, Akie Abe, the widow of the late former Japanese Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, (who served terms from 2006 - 2007 and 2012 - 2020) was invited to dine at Mar-a-Lago in Florida on December 15, 2024, where she is said to have had a private meeting with Trump.

Indeed, it is true that the two

leaders, Abe and Trump forged a bond over their shared passion for golf during their time in office. They played the game together both in Japan and America, which could explain why Trump frequently refers to Abe as "a great man."

This friendship between the two leaders endured until Shinzo Abe was assassinated on July 8, 2022, in Japan.

Perhaps PM Ishiba should not be concerned about being overlooked. The new President appeared to have him in mind when he gave a book to Akie Abe to pass on to him. Title unknown.

Politics tends to attract fervent supporters from both sides. However, as long

as we are aware we are being manipulated, we can opt for a more lighthearted perspective.

With a touch of humour and fun. I picture the United States of America as Gotham City without Batman in sight. Where could our caped crusader be? Will a new hero rise to defeat the city's villains?



Let's look up at the sky!
It's a bird! It's a plane!

Chagos, Chagos, toujours Chagos

The newspapers speculating on Trump's reaction to the transfer of the Chagos Archipelago by Britain to the jurisdiction of Mauritius say that the President's administration has expressed the view that the British were too much in a hurry in their decision to surrender the Archipelago to its former colony.

The press does not dare to say that the new President himself has expressed this view. The fact is that as far as the new President is concerned, the Chagos is not worth his worry. C'est le cadet de ses soucis, as the French say. He will express himself as and when it tickles his fancy to do so. Worry yourself as much as you like, he could not give a damn. He is on a mission to build an empire in the style of a Julius Caesar. He is a modern-day Caesar. He wants to control Canada, Panama (Canal), Mexico (borders), Greenland. He is now taking control of Gaza, Palestine. Will he bother to let go the Chagos?

The British may decide to comply with the rulings of the International Court of Justice and the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly to give back the Chagos to Mauritius.



Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam

But when it comes to the question of paying rent to Mauritius for the lease of Diego Garcia for the US military base, that's where the shoe will pinch. The rent will have to be paid by the US. In avoiding to talk about the Chagos all together, the issue is pushed under the carpet and will wait for the good pleasure of Mr Trump to make a move. But where is the hurry as far as he is concerned? He is depriving the poor people of his own country of free healthcare, will he pay millions to Mauritius?

According to his latest statement at the first sitting of Mauritius National Assembly on Tuesday, 4 February, Prime Minister Ramgoolam declared that the 99-year lease of Diego Garcia to the Americans was OK, but he could not agree on the terms for the renewal of lease thereafter for another 40 years. It will be done by the British alone and Mauritius will have no say in this extension. This is the objectionable point, the PM told the National Assembly. But, there is a change in Ramgoolam's approach to the Diego lease of 99 years. Previously, he was saying this was unacceptable.

PM Ramgoolam told the Assembly that the agreement between former PM Pravind Jugnauth and British Premier Sr Keir Starmer was a sell-out, but he could not say what the deal was, which, according to him, was known only to Jugnauth and Starmer. Yet, he said it was a sell-out.

When the Mauritius PM told the people that his government would seek a better deal from the British, it was thought that the better deal would be in terms of the reduction of the lease from 99 years and for a better financial compensation. But now he says that the 99-year is OK but the extension is objectionable. As for the money, he said in the House on 4 February that it was not a question of money but of sovereignty over the whole of the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia. The question of money was not important. So, no one knows if any money will be paid by the British for the sufferings inflicted on the Chagos people from the time they were evicted from their homeland in the 1960s.

The British will simply wash their hands. You can have the Chagos ... but without Diego Garcia. This is what they told former Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth and this is what they tell the now Mauritius PM Navin Ramgoolam. Take it or leave it. Both Jugnauth and Ramgoolam know that Mauritius will do without Diego for a long, long time. Yet, politically, *il y a le peuple mauricien à leurrer!*

This situation is reminiscent of the 1965 scenario when Navin's father, the then Prime Minister Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, went to the UK to negotiate the independence of Mauritius. He was told "you can have independence but without the Chagos. Take it or leave it. SSR took independence.

Suresh Coonjee Beeharry

Year of the Snake



According to the Chinese horoscope, the snake is a symbol of Peace and Prosperity. Unfortunately, the Jews do not know that.

Netanyahu, with the help of Trump, is decimating the Palestinians on their own land, and are driving them out to other countries, like Egypt etc.

It has announced that Emperor Trump will take control of Gaza in his expansion design..

Eliézer François paid Rs50,000 compensation by Government



Eliézer François, leader of the Mouvement Authentique Mauricien (MAM) has been awarded compensation in the sum of Rs50,000 by the Court in response to his legal action for unlawful arrest in February 2018.

He was arrested during a peaceful demonstration at Roche Bois which he organised in protest against the recruitment procedures at the Cargo Handling Authority.

Mr François had originally made a claim for damages for Rs2 million for his tarnished reputation, and for various expenses in connection with the case.

This case has been dragging on for the last six years. This is the speed of justice in Mauritius. At 88, Eliézer François is happy that this matter has been settled in this lifetime.

It's great that they did not wait for him to come back in the next one.