

Unified Earth Federation

Historical Data Primer

A Brief Overview

(2150s – 2320)

The Crisis of the Late 21st Century

By the time 2080 rolled around, combat had become so advanced that for highly developed countries such as the former United States, the former China, and the former Russia, it was barely necessary to send actual people into combat. Robots and various other ‘things’ were used in their stead to achieve what men from the early 20th century had fought long hard hours to do. Of course, this state of being couldn’t sustain itself and a breaking point was reached. A massive energy crisis reared its ugly head in the 2090s, during a time when power consumption was at record highs, what with the civilian sector flooded with a myriad of various technological advances, new personal vehicles, short range personal air and space craft and the military sector guzzling down barrels of gasoline and oil to power its machines. The list could go on. The former United States was the leader in the push for the development of new energies, building harvesters to pull energy from space and transmit it to Earth, sending ship after ship to set up mining operations on the moon, and working to pull out of the nose dive the country was in being thirsty for the rapidly dwindling oil reserves around the world.

Other countries during this time were not so keen on what the former United States was doing. Some needed the new energy too; others needed the massive amounts of wealth being poured down their gullets by the energy-hungry giants, US, China, Russia, Japan, and the UK. A breaking point was reached in 2098 when the former United States officially cut ties with OPEC and all Middle Eastern oil producing countries. This sudden choke of the influx of wealth put many of their elite in precarious situations. No one saw it at the time, but a world war was brewing.

The exact starting point is still debated to this day, but many say it came when an aircraft carrier (*an ancient sky craft bearing sea vessel*) belonging to the former United States was destroyed in the Persian Gulf by elements from a country that ceased to exist shortly thereafter in the region, Iran. It is not quite known if they were the true cause, but such a hype of fear and blame was placed on them that the subsequent invasion was unilaterally supported by many countries, except for China and Russia. As they watched their ally get pounded, they decided they had had enough and launched attacks on US interests near their borders, China even eliciting the aid of North Korea to invade the Southern portion of the small Korean Peninsula during the beginning of the war.

As this is not a specific text dealing solely with World War 3, the details will be spared the reader. The important point to consider is that at some point, the use of Nuclear weapons (*Earth’s “doomsday” weapons of the era*) was ordered. This caused many nations to collapse and the Earth to be plunged into a period of dark ages for nearly a hundred years.

The Dark Age (2099 – 2190)

From what could be recovered of pre WW III history, it was believed by Earth scientists from before the dark times that a nuclear holocaust would veritably wipe out all of humankind and leave large swaths of land unusable for centuries. What the people of the mid-late 1900s did not know was that the technology was already in place before the use of these weapons to aid in the clean up and restructuring of major nations if said events took place.

Humans have an innate propensity to embrace war as if it were a security blanket that they could cuddle up with at night. That alone has driven people to divide into nations, religions, cults, etc. After the events of WW III, many people were tired of the old ways.

One major event that was definitely not foreseen was the period known as the “great migration”. Nearly all of Eurasia was wiped out by the former United States’ thousands of nuclear weapons. The former US took its fair share of damage as well. People from all over the globe all left the burned out hulks of their homes to migrate to the areas of the Southern United States and the Northern parts of a country once called Mexico. It was here that the rebuilding began.

Cultural boundaries were forgotten as humankind united over a period of several decades to begin to reclaim what had been rightfully theirs. There was a renaissance of technological breakthroughs, of advances in medicine, art, astronomy and most importantly (toward the end of the 2100s), in spaceflight. The people of the new “Earth Capital” Centrum – started pouring effort and resources into getting back to space. There were valuable artifacts to be had there, the power generation devices from the former United States, the vehicles left in orbit after WW III, and the thirst for more knowledge of the Universe at large.

In 2183, a man named Terrance Plight created a ship design that would put Earth into the Galactic arena. The “Boundless”, as the small ship was called, was put into high Earth orbit by the government at the time and a test launch was conducted. The “Boundless” was utilizing an old theory about wormholes, forgotten and rediscovered after the Great War. The ship successfully made its first jump, placing it roughly one half of a light year outside the Sol System. Once this test run was complete, the next technological boom began and the United Earth drove forward, seeking to project itself out beyond the boundaries of the moon.

Creation and Expansion of the UEF (2200 – Present)

In 2200, after Earth successfully achieved FTL drives, the first logical steps were in the direction of Proxima Centauri, Barnard's Star and Alpha Centauri. It was discovered upon actually reaching those locations that, yes, we were "not alone." The triangular UFO sightings so popular to culture back in the 1900s was in fact Alpha Centaurian scout vessels conducting research and surveys on Earth. The Alpha Centaurians were more than happy to start a partnership with Earth and aid in the development of technology (science, medical, engines, power, agriculture). It was as if Earth hit a scientific gold mine. The Alpha Centaurians at the time were sympathetic toward Earth and what had occurred as a result of man's folly with his doomsday machines. Many Alpha Centaurian scientists and workers were exchange with human volunteers to come to Earth to help restore her to her former beauty. For nearly 50 years this relationship was a strong bonding point between the two cultures, the Earth people providing a work force in colonial establishments near Alpha Centauri, and the Cents providing Earth with new technology upgrades and scientific advancements.

During their travels and explorations together, the Alpha Centaurians and the Humans encountered both friendly and hostile races. Some of the more hostile races, namely the Reticulans and the Draconians were not so keen on having humans prancing around the Galaxy and decided they were going to take action. Suddenly there was an increase in attacks on supply convoys and civilian shipping between AC and Earth. After the first 10 years of attempting to solve the problem through independent sorties and engagements, the people of Earth and of AC decided to form an alliance to combat the threat presented by the hostile races and by other freelance pirates. The Unified Earth Federation was born.

At its inception in 2250, the UEF consisted of approximately 20 independent solar systems, all with the same purposes in mind, expansion, exploration, protection, and freedom. Literally billions and billions of credits were poured into the development of ships and weaponry to combat the threats, while at the same time, vessels and platforms were developed to explore the Galaxy at large. Finally, toward the end of the 2290s, the UEF was at a strong point. The Star Fleet was nearly 500 ships strong and the faster than light drives developed at the turn of the century were refined to such a point that travel within the UEF was quick and efficient. Trade was at a good rate, the UEF's galactic economy was booming and it seemed all was right in the galaxy.

As anything else goes in the course of history things changed. Earth began to improve on what the Cents and other sister races provided and began to outdo their "benefactors" in areas of technological development. As this started to affect the trade between Earth and AC, it began to put a strain on relations between the two cultures. The Cents were beginning to realize the Earth people were no longer needy of their

help and no longer had to depend upon them for aid.

Once this balance of power shifted, things started to slowly break down. Earth was becoming less and less willing to share their new found technology with the people of Alpha Centauri and was instead funneling it toward the development of military grade technology and new ship designs. The colonists out near Alpha Centauri, while still legitimately just working class citizens were looked upon with disdain by the Cents as accusations arose Earth was using their workers to get spies close to the Cents and their production lines. It was never truly proven if this was the case, but it caused enough of a stir in the Cents' government that they decided to start enacting tough embargos on the colonists and tougher sanctions on the trade routes used between the Cents and Earth.

A point of major concern was the loss of the USS Saratoga and her entire crew out near Alpha Centauri space.

The USS *Saratoga* was a medical ship, *Empathic Class* with a crew of aid workers on board. In the year 2305, the ship was operating out near the edge of Alpha Centaurian space (a stretch of space near the border of UEF space), when they located a dying world, where a once-great civilization had been reduced to several thousand people through diseases and strife. The *Saratoga* picked up the survivors, all in all 6,909 – though some accounts state 7,000 and made a course back toward Earth to help process the refugees and integrate them into the UEF.

The strain on the ship and the fuel consumption to land the craft made it necessary for her to have to put in for a stopover in Alpha Centaurian territory for refuel before her final leg to Earth. Sometime shortly after her last transmission to Earth, she was destroyed on the outskirts of AC.

No one ever claimed responsibility for the tragedy and damage investigation teams were prohibited from accessing the wreckage, which still silently floats out there in the void near AC. The UEF believes the AC had something to do with it, but with no proof, no formal charges could be leveled. To this day, the exact circumstances of the ship's destruction remain a mystery.

During the years between 2310 and 2320, tensions have reached a high note between AC and Earth and ties have been strained almost to the breaking point. Only time will tell what will come of the AC's relationship with Earth.

More to come as the story develops.