

If you liked the wedding...



YOU'LL **HATE...**

The BRUTUS BULLETIN

ET TU, BRUTE

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Anti-climactic indeed. Whew. It's a long climb, folks. Somewhere in the dark mists of 45 months ago, November 1977, I put out my first issue of six or seven sheets. Now, 4 3/4 years and between 100 and 110,000 xerox copies later, we reach #100. There have been about 8 others who got this far, but offhand, the only ones I can name are GRAUSTARK, RUNESTONE, FOL SI FIE, LIBERTERREAN, CLAW & FANG, and...I guess that's it. They are or were put out by John Boardman, John Leeder, Randolph Smyth, Jim Bumpas, and Don Horton. To that list we now get to add BRUTUS BULLETIN, Michalski. (Make that, "mih-HOLL-skee").

TRADITION has never been a big factor in BB, and in so keeping, #100 won't be much different from any of the others of late. I don't care to review the long and tiring history of the zine; I'm too lazy to dig much special out for you, although I do hope to have the issue a little lighter than just letters & games entirely; but as a sop to tradition, I will make the customary review of the state of the hobby as I see it from the bloodshot eyes of this publishing sage: To me, the hobby looks bigger and better than it ever was, and seems to be getting more so. That's it.

THANKS to Scott Hanson for the cover item. I needed something a little different, but what with some health problems in the family lately, I really haven't been in the mood to go and try to create one. The only problem is that it leads me directly into the issue number, which leaves out this famous malquote from C3PO that I had otherwise intended to use:

"But sir, the chances of successfully navigating through 100 issues is approximately 3,720 to one". "Oh, yeah? Watch THIS!"

Clever how I wormed that in there after all, huh? (No?)

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One thing this issue will NOT contain is a look ahead at the NEXT 100 issues. No way. I'd barf all over this master, and I'm almost to the bottom already, so I don't even want to think about it.

At home, the parakeet Claudine bought at the kids' insistence flew off to parts unknown (and a happier life), so we're rid of that. She also took in two kittens off of what she erroneously calls a "friend". No "friend" ever gives kittens to anyone. I can

still remember all the trouble that the last damn cat was. Oh, sure, they're cute little balls of fluff at first; but then they eat, and eat, and eat, and turn into ugly and useless cats that do nothing except bother the dogs and further reduce the songbird population further than the damn English sparrows already are doing. For the moment, the dogs are ahead, insofar as the puppy is having a lot of fun picking them up by the leg or head or whatever and dragging them hither and yon as playthings and chewtoys. The older dog just sniffs at them and eats their food. I don't like seeing the puppy mistreat them, but at the rate those things grow, he had better live it up now; it won't last. Of course with these kittens counting on the kids to feed them, they may be small a long time. It gets so bad that they even meow and run to ME, who they know doesn't want them, because they know too that I'm a soft touch and will give them some scratching and food and water even tho they don't deserve it. It helps to change their litter box when it piles above their belly level also. The last cat got big quick, tore up furniture and drapes (these are outside, Claudine remembering at least that much), and left a small scar on my hand where its damn claw hooked into me one day. I think all cats should be put in camps--oops, that's liberals; I keep getting these useless creatures all mixed up. But what good are they? They don't even bark at strangers and toads like dogs do. How many burglars are scared off by BEWARE OF CAT signs, unless you have a pet lion in the front yard? I think all cats should be treated like the Newfie Aggie farmer who bought 100 chicks, then came back for 100 more a week later. The hatcheryman asked if there was anything wrong with the first batch he'd sold him, and the hick responded "No, it's just that I'm either putting them too deep or too far apart".

The good news is that the pool is up. More or less. It still has some items like the skimmer to be put on (a sort of drain/filter thing to keep the floating crud to a minimum), and some post-top thingy-dos. It is 4' high and 18' diameter, with real attractive ropes tied around it to hold it up in the face of Oklahoma winds. Good thing I ~~find~~ found a roll of phone wire at Harper once; it comes in handy for these jobs, tying trunklids down, etc. I'd put up a little deck or platform beside it, but we just can't afford it now. The VISA is up to the max and they won't take any more, so the lumber will just have to wait. Ditto on the deck I was planning to put out behind the house this summer. That pool is like the fence and the painting and all the rest of the household chores we seem to do: you start, maybe get most of it done, but never get it all completely done. Remember last spring when I talked about how bad the house needed painting? Then last summer we started, and got most of it done. Well, that trim work and a few squares that still need regular painting have YET to be done. "Someday". The fence is up and holding, altho that too should have the tops of the posts cut evenly, and gate or two hung, and some open spots in the back where the neighbor dogs come through closed. I'm not holding my breath though.

Wargames: Here's a rundown of the complete details of all the wargaming I've been able to get in lately:
(Reads like a listing of all the draws and wins I've pulled out in Dip games in recent months, years, whatever...)

It looks like the big colleges are getting ready to go their own way if the NCAA is dumb enough to press the matter over the TV package that NBC is offering the major schools. I hope they do. The NCAA is just like the UN, a conglomeration of the important along with the irrelevant, all on an equal footing. Let it drop to nothing but a group of nothing schools whose members are almost by definition, small potatoes. The College Football Ass'n, or "Coaches Football Association" if you listen to Howard Cossell, will do a better job of representing the major sports powers than the NCAA certainly has.

GOOD RACIST JOKES of the Fluff Shaffer Dept will have to be skipped over this issue. He had a few, but they weren't very funny.

PROBLEMS seem to have cropped up in the Challenge Game (Martin-Byrne, per the billing of it) in LIFE OF MONTY by Don Del Grande--some sort of adjudications challenge. I hope the thing can be ironed out and remain regular, unlike some of the rumors I've heard: I'm France, and I seldom draw good countries anymore like that. Here's hoping it's not as bad as it sounds at first report.

1981 GH (DnD-2...anyone have any suggestions for a name for this one?)

FALL 1902: EVERYBODY WANTS A PIECE OF THE TSAR

AUSTRIA(Steve Cartier,3): F gre S/d/R(Alb,OTB) A ser-BUL, A VIE-bud. Centers: vie,~~h~~d,ser,BUL(3) Even.

ENGLAND(Steve Langley,4): F NWI-stp(nc), F LON-eng, F NTH S A BEL H. Centers: home,nwy,BEL(5) Build 1.

FRANCE(Dave Gariepy,4): A spa-POR, F ENG S & A BUR S A PIC-bel. Centers: home,spa,POR(5) Build 1.

GERMANY(Mark Cummings,5): A HOL S English A bel, A ruh-MUN, F SWE H, A PRU S A sil-WAR. Centers: home,hol,den,SWE,WAR(7) Build 2.

ITALY(Stu Lancaster,5): A TRI-vie, A VEN-tri, F TUN S F ION H, F TYN H. Centers: home,tun,tri(5) Even.

RUSSIA(Bob Forman,5): F FIN-stp(sc), A war H/d/R(Lvn,Mos,Ukr,Gal,OTB), A RUM S F SEV H, A BUD S A rum. Centers: stp,sev,mos,~~war~~,rum,BUD(5) Even.

TURKEY(Peter Robson,4): F BLA S A ARM-sev, F AEG S A bul-GRE. Centers: home,~~BLA~~,GRE(4) Even.

Unless two or more players request a separation, Autumn/Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 are due here on Friday, August 21. Germany's A Hol was typed up last time as F Hol; my fault, not Mark's, but it wouldn't have mattered if it were his. I will always correct and accept an order containing an improperly-labeled unit as long as the unit's position and intended move are unambiguous. So deliberate mislabeling to shaft yer ally doesn't work here. COA: Pete Robson has asked that I announce a change in his ZIP code to 20772. Rest of address unchanged. PRESS:

ENGLISHMAN to FRANCE: You must be blessed by the 5-handed god of luck.

ENGLISHMAN to POPE: France is in the other direction...or did you form a new alliance without telling? Good move if you did: better than the ones you made on the board.

ENGLISHMAN to GERMAN: You understand that we can't keep meeting like this?

ENGLISHMAN to TSAR: Why don't you ever respond? I'd feel much less like attacking you if I heard from you now and then.

ENGLISHMAN to AUSTRIAN: Keep it up! You have them all confused down there.

ENGLISHMAN to SULTAN: Slow but steady wins the race, unless the other guy is trying even harder!

LONDON: I nominate "Raiders of the Lost Ark" for hobby movie. If there is no such contest, there should be. Send all nominations to Dirty Dave, who has little else to do but spend time on this sort of nonsense. ((Sure, uh-huh. So little else to do that I deliberately waited until 2:27 a.m. (which it is) to type up your press. "Little else to do"...say, would you like to borrow a kid or two for a few years? As for movie nominations, I'll accept and print 'em if anyone sends any in. There've been dumber contests in this hobby.))

TURKISH EMPIRE to THE ENGLISHMAN: Some players suggest the primary ingredient is mamure. After your press about Armenia, I think I agree. I have more right being in Armenia than you have for being in Norway or Belgium. Take a hint; keep your nose out of that which doesn't concern you.

(Press continued back on page 2 in BB 99)

The zeen, or flyer, below came in the mail the other day, and purports to be Scott Hanson's new independent zeen. In case some of you did not get a copy, and to help get this fellow started off on the right foot, I'm plugging it by way of including the entire first issue here as sort of a guest subzine for this issue, kind of like we did with Ig Lew's BOGEY. Except for the game line-up I'd question, it looks pretty good to me...

DIPSOMANIA

NUMERO UNO
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DIPSOMANIA...is a fancy name for alcoholism and is also a zine published by Scott Hanson, 701 15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414. Subs are available for the fantastically low price of 10/\$6.00. I only said the zine would be cheap, not the price!!!

PUBBING IS GREAT....

and everyone ought to try it sometime. You get to be as big an asshole as you want and don't have to worry about someone sticking their own comments in ((just like this.)) It's not like my subzine, either, because there I had to type up all that stupid press of Tro Sherwood's all the time. I mean I can handle typing most press, but here I really have to hold my nose while I do it. That's one reason why I'm not xeroxing this...so I don't have to print all those gross pictures of Linsey he's always sending in.

Another great thing about pubbing is the bucks. I'm sending this issue out for free, but it's costing me what, a whole three bucks. If I get one of you suckers to send me a sub check, I'll have doubled my investment. Let's see you do that on Wall Street.

Of course, one danger of pubbing is the danger of fakes. It could get to the point when your zine is faked before the first issue has even been sent out. And then they don't even get the name of the zine right. The hobby has been getting really sick and tired of fakes lately, that's why this thing is short and to the point. Kind of like a hip flask of Everclear.

WHY DIPSOMANIA???

This zine is named after my good friend and (now ex-)ally, Kathy "Bloodsucker" Byrne. Living in New York can get to anyone, and good ol' Kathy chooses to get her relief from a bottle of Jack Daniels. It's strange, but this, er, habit of hers actually helps her Diplomacy playing. She has trouble remembering who her allies are in what games, so she just goes and stabs everybody. And you all know how organized "Kathy's Korner" is. And who else but a drunk would be so obsessed by a stupid game like "Dip Shutes and Ladders?" (And misspell Chutes at the same time?)

DICK MARTIN IN HIS ZINE...

"Retalitory Dots" wants me to write another chapter in the saga of "The Betrayal of Princess Julie." I already have, Dick, but another publisher has already got first rights to it. You will see it in the Forum section of either the October or November issue of "Penthouse."

IT'S ALMOST A TRADITION NOW...

to list all the fakes of the Walrus, as he calls himself. We won't Tro away this opportunity. Y'all, Sleepless Knights, Life of Monty, Whitestonia, Brutus

Bulletin, Graustrak, Dipsomania, Voice of Doom, The New York Times, Newsweek, High Times, and The World Book Encyclopedia. We thank you all.

IT'S SAD BUT TRUE

John Michalski, pubber and shit-catcher of "Brutus Bulletin", will be tearing out the John pretty soon. That's right, BB is folding right after issue 99. Seems ol' John boy heard from his astrologist that Oklahoma would sink into the earth the moment no. 100 hit the bottom of the mailbox. You know how Toots is about these things, he's not going to take any chances. Too bad John, We'll miss you. While on the subject, does anybody want a used subzine???

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION...

I bet you all are sick of the answer to this question. After all the only thing I talked about before I left was my trip to Germany, and now that I just got back.. you get to hear about some more. Don't you wish you could afford to go to Europe? Well if you could run a oil company the way I run this zine (see sub rates) then maybe you could be rich like me too. But don't ask me for any money; I'm not sharing.

"Isn't that a long way to get to get laid?" Keith Sherwood once asked. Yes it is, but you have to realize that a normal sex life is rather difficult for a person like me. Oh, sure, having money helps, but face it, my personality is rather, well, irksome. I've never had an American girl that's gone out with me more than twice. There's Frankie, of course, but she's just a dumb foriegner. But if you really want to know what we did; well, we started with a basic missionary, but tried a few other things and ended up with her on top. Less work and more glory, if you know what I mean.

THE GAME....

How can I have a zine without a game?? After all, I ain't no Del Monte so I'm going to start this right away. Noy all these people know about the game, though, but I'm sure they'll get their orders in on time. You all know the addresses already, so I'll just list the names...

AUSTRIA	Keith "Tro" Sherwood, a most ambiguous person
ENGLAND	Dick "Crud" Martin, the hobby's resident stab victim
FRANCE	Scott "Irksome" Hanson, who says I can't play in my own game
GERMANY	Kathy "Bloodsucker" Byrne, in her favorite cuntry
ITALY	Pyllis "Jr." Byrne, like mother like daughter
RUSSIA	Bernie "Buddy" Oaklyn, to make the game interesting
TURKEY	John "Toots" Michalski (mie-CAL-ski), separated from ol' Luscious

Well, that about does it for this time. Next time I'll honor Dipsomaniacs of the Month GARY COUGHLAN and ELSIE. The game will be going, too, and it should be a dandy. Let me remind the players to send in their sub checks right away. You're a select group that's reading this, you know. Make sure you all give me a plug now. I'll end things with a Norwegian joke...A Norwegian made a boo boo in traffic and dented the fender on another car. The driver of that car pulled the Norwegian out of his car and after chalking a circle on the pavement, instructed the Norwegian to stand in the circle and not move. He then proceeded to bash in the Norwegian's car...smashing the headlights, ramming in the fender, etc...and the whole time the Norwegian was happily laughing as he watched. This got the other driver even more angry, and he demanded to know what was so funny. The Norwegian explained. "Vell, when you vasn't vatching...I stepped out of dat circle six times." Thanks for letting me run my mimeo with you. Good night.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
(as featured in the
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ITALY GOOFS, STILL GAINS

Autumn 1911: Russia retreats A Greece to Bulgaria, A St. Petersburg to Moscow

Winter 1911: Austria removes A Budapest; Italy sent no builds, plays two units short; Russia builds A Sevastopol

Spring 1912:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A VIE-Tyo; A BOH S A Vie-Tyo

ENGLAND (Kirchner): A STP H; A FIN S A StP; F ENG H; F WAL S F Eng;
F BOT H; F Hel-KIE; F BER S F Hel-Kie; A Hol-BEL; F NTH &
A RUH S A Hol-Bel

ITALY (Henry): F Rom-Tyn(NSU); F Nap-Ion(NSU); A MUN S A Ven-Tyo;
A VEN-Tyo; A TYO-Boh; F Pic-BRE; F MID S F Pic-Bre; A Alb-SER;
A TRI S A Alb-Ser; A BUR S A Mun; F ADR S A Tri; F AEG-Bul(sc);
F GRE S F Aeg-Bul(sc)

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A War-GAL; A MOS S A Lvn; A LVN S A Mos; A Sev-RUM;
A Arm-SEV; A Ser-Gre/d/r to Bud, Otb; A BUL S A Ser-Gre;
A SMY H

In case there is any question as to my policy on building units, builds must be listed separately from units ordered to move, hold, or whatever. In the case of Italy, Mike listed a separate category for builds, but did not list any units as being built there, or anywhere else. I will not assume you have built a unit simply because you list it in your orders of battle for the next season.

The concession to Italy failed, as did the R/E/I draw, both are reproposed. NVR=yes, with the win taking precedence over the draw. Also, I'll be on vacation for two weeks as of Friday, August 14, so SUMMER/FALL 1912 will be due Monday, August 31, 1981. Press follows.

PRESS

A/H-BOARD: OK, the dago and pollack are gone now, so let's not see any more of that suck-my-dick press. Got that, Mike?

BOARD-BRUX: Turkey agreed with you, and what did it get him?

A/H-RUSSIA: Great tactics. Don't support Greece, a supply center, because you're going after Albania. Albania is so important in the fall. I concede to Italy or vote for the E/I draw.

ROM-LON: So be it. We fight it out for the win.

ENG-ITA: "Power-crazed" is right. I vote no.

RUSSIA-ITALY: I'm not so sure about allying with you vs. the Texan. He may stink as bad as you say, but the perfume on your letters is getting me funny looks from wife and postman alike.

A/H-GM: If they didn't make it that far, bend over and let's see how far I can get it.

A/H-GM: Maybe my orders are in the back seat of my car. I'll check.

EDINBURGH: I'm tired of PERILS and Kerry's press. Let's go with a EIR draw, or transfer this to someplace more reliable. How about BORN TO DIP?

BRUX-CX: OK, you gang of jockjugglers, if you have any real bitches, send 'em to Martin or Boardman or me (but Caruso can keep his), not the press.

GERMANY: I did not NMR out. I ordered my retreated A Munich to agree with Brux.GRAUSTARK-P((What the hell am I doing?))

GRAUSTARK-PAULINA: Since you let a renowned liar and scoundrel like Ames-Linsey-Birch write press, I ban you from the hobby. I would like to thank Bruce Schneier for printing this press release for me while mine is busy forging Y'ALL #4.

PRESS CONTINUES, next page

THE ULTSENT SPEAKS: Its gd tt Ger is gon, & B'meistr 2. They R a wolf Race.

A/H-ENG: Now, Kirchner, now!

VIE: Knock off the shit, guys. Don't you realize there are IMPORTANT things going on in this hobby? Here we sit, calling names and playing this stupid game and wasting postage on the likes of Grabar and Henry, when the vital hobby matters are ignored. How can you go on like this, when Don Sigwalt is having a rough time with his girlfriend? Huh?

This item originally appeared in BRUTUS BULLETIN #4:

Dear Abby,

I am a sailor in the U. S. Navy, my mother and father live in Albany, New York, and I have a brother who is a bookie. My father has epilepsy and my mother has palsy, so neither can work. Both of my parents are totally dependent on my sisters who are prostitutes in Louisville, Kentucky. My brother is serving a life sentence in Sing-Sing for rape and murder.

I am in love with a colored prostitute who solicits business outside our base. She knows all about my family background, but she still loves me. We intend to get married as soon as she settles her bigamy case, which is now in court. My being white doesn't bother her at all.

When I get out of the Navy, I plan to open a house of prostitution in Chatanooga, Tennessee, and use my sisters and wife to help so that we can keep the money in the family. My problem is this: In view of the fact that I intend to make this girl my wife and bring her into the family, should I tell her about my brother-in-law, who works for an oil company?

Sincerely yours,

A few days ago I wrote a bunch of stuff and figured to send it to you whenever the next BB came; it's here but I can't find the stuff. Oh darn.

I'd take a 2-way draw before a win ANY time I have an ally (I think) I can trust. Wins are simple, just take dots until you have 18, I can get plenty of those in any game, but a 2-way draw really takes something because either player could screw it up at any time (usually because he thinks the other will) especially with DIAS. 17-17 draws are without a doubt more of an accomplishment than a win.

Doesn't like standby spots?? That's the way to go. The ONLY trouble I've had with them is getting them in too many zeens and going broke keeping subs up. I think my chances of survival (defined to me as draw, win, or game goes on forever) ("surviving" if someone else wins doesn't mean shit) are better with a standby spot than an opening, because there's usually a few powers already knocked out (unless the GM is a sadist and gives out one-center spots). Cheaper too.

I like PBM Dip better than FTF Dip too. In fact, I like life PBM rather than FTF. Well, not quite, but...

Maybe being a soldier HSOULD be a duty but it isn't now. Unless I've overlooked something, there's nowhere anything saying you have to serve in order to live here or something. Like I told Brucie once, if it WAS a duty, I'd rather go to some other country where it's not, even though that means sacrificing some of the benefits (like standard of living). A draft would make it a duty, but as things stand, it's not, regardless of what you think it should be.

If no amount of pay is worth risking your life, explain all the policemen, firemen, miners (I hear miners have the worse risk), etc. Apparently it is to some people (though not to me).

I wish politicians would get right down to things and nitpick like you and Berch do in BB, instead of the BS you hear in their speeches, "stands on the issues", etc. (or maybe they do and I don't know it. I don't pay much attention, come to think of it). I'd vote for Mark Berch, in case anyone cares.

To Bruxus: My last page on VD 46 (with Del Grande's article) got managled in USPS. Please send another?

That's an oldie from me, there. If I'm "assorted subzs)" is Konrad B. "(Assorted ex-zs)"?

I think B.O. plays in TSS under that name too.

I'll try again: 907-243-4659. I knew my 0s look like 9s, but not 4s & 6s.

On that game opening, I think I already told you, but again: I have since realized I don't have access to copy except at outrageous library price, so I've decided I'll use carbon paper for as many as my typer can make legible and make the rest at the library. Accordingly, the price has gone down to \$3 + \$1 NMR fee which should cover my costs (I hope). Who knows? Maybe I'll even make money (esp. if someone drops out). For all you readers listening out there, we've got three players interested including Fluff Shaffer, though nobody's sent any bux yet. Old timers preferred, but no more than two Okies please (I want my games regular).

EMP is back up here too but I can't afford (even at \$2 it adds up after a few (like 12) shots).

I think four people (no, three: Wells, Berch, you) spell hypocrisy as "hypocracy". Get it right, guys.

What's wrong with abortion; I don't even object to infanticide. Up to about 5 years. Say, I wouldn't want to be the one to do it though. I heard somewhere that some toddlers get jealous of the attention a newborn gets and murder them via knocking over cribs, etc. Apparently it happens a lot, but they always write it up as accident. Even when I can remember what they are, my sources aren't always reliable, so maybe some Psych major will elaborate (Drck?) ((That's what it looks like to me, "d-r-c-k")) J.M.

To Wells: No, Allen, you never ask John to publish anything, you publicize it in your letter and he just prints. I already have though. You might consider everyone writing Calhamer and see if he can convince AH. I doubt it'd make a difference, but why not?

In a recent DW, I saw something about there used to be a zeen called DIPSOMANIA.

Lew, conclusion

Listening, Irk? Get a new name.

I was close, a lot of me in 97. Give me more to respond to, since I'm the most interesting, right?

PS Okay, compromise: Mark Berch for president.

PSS I'm a bit wary of bringing it up but...Back when I was saying ansty things about Masters in BB, he made some accusations of me in his zeen EAST OF EDEN. I sent two letters to Jack in my defense (I didn't tell anyone to give BF a 0 in the Leeder Poll) for him to print. Does anybody get EOE who can tell me if they ever showed up? I hate to think a bunch of folks think I'm one of the bad boys. (By the way, I haven't heard much about BF lately, have any come out lately? The last I got was NAVEL ORANGE, I think).

((There have been a few, but not at the weekly pace of old. I don't get EOE regularly, just a couple of complimentaries, or I may see one at Pilant's now and then. "PSS" should be "PPS" by the way. I don't know about MOST interesting, but Brux thinks so, so that's something. (I won't say what though). YOU can get about 5 copies via thin paper and carbon, but toward the end, it gets pretty hazy. I used to use old Harper Oil forms with carbon and could get 6, setting the typer for "5-8 copies" setting, but the last two copies went to the 1-center players, and you could tell they were the last copies. Normal weight paper would make the third copy look pretty bad. Careful handwork would be OK for results; press, which often makes a dull game worthwhile, is where the hurt would come. The late BORN TO DIP and Palter's intermittent PINK DRAGON often had/have handwritten parts. With luck, twice over, 4 each time, would get a full 7 players plus file/reference copy. Tell people to submit 6 or 7 copies of their press, how about that?

Mining is the most dangerous. However, it, like the other professions you name, are just dangerous; no one, except for some cop jobs, faces another group that is out there specifically TRYING to kill you, and even the cops will retreat until they have the overwhelming weight advantage. Soldiers lack that ability. A cop or fireman can quit on the spot; a soldier who deserts under fire can be shot, and often will be right then and there.

I appreciate your honesty re serving/duty/etc. Even a reactionary like me would still permit you tht option of bugging out if you chose. However, you'd spend a long time in an unpleasant place if you snuck BACK, but... The duty aspect is why it should be a Universal male draft: to make it as fair as can be, and to minimize the resentment th~~at~~ Berch brought up. If "everybody" was doing it, it might not even seem so bad to you. That's a risky speculation, though.

Your game views seem pretty decent--is there something wrong with me? Seriously, it might be interesting to compare your stance with that elaborated once in an old DW article by some big name (von Metski, Beyerlein, something like that) who wrote that your goals in any game should be "1. survive 2. draw, 3. win" in that order. I find the simple "gathering in of dots" to be difficult myself, especially in these damn slow monthlies. I enjoy the excitement and wide-ranging options of the early game best myself. I'd like to play a bunch of games just up to 04-06 as a 7-center or out, and then resign perhaps. Trouble is, then you get entangled. That 7 becomes 10, then maybe an 11, and then just when you think you've got it, the OTHER guy resigns, drops out, zine folds, whatever, and someone else wins, or you're stabbed and sink, or you watch Kathy get another CP or something like that. '01-'03 are best, and in a FAST game; none of this Linsey 10-week stuff. I guess I'm more of a Panzer man than a footslogger in the muck of detail.)) *Jm.*

BILL BECKER

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Thanks to Columbo Conlon, I know it's time to re-up. I'd hate to miss #100.

My real reason for writing is this DIAS business. Personally, I never heard of him until your mention of him just a few issues back. I expect MY BB to retain the high standards of the pre-90 issues and thus consider anymore space given to MR. DIAS as an insult to Bob Osuch's intelligence. Frankly, John, I'm shocked you let that wetback use

Becker, continued

the ostensible BB as a forum. To paraphrase the infamous, associate with Crud, Smell like Crud.

In a personal aside to Mark Lew, "HEY! You write like an old woman with hemorrhoids. Could you? Naw! Well perhaps? If you're running a real game, I would consider joining if the moves come typed and the press written in your immutable style, or vice versa. Just exactly what is the relationship between you and Curt Gibson? It doesn't take much to be an old time BB'er except \$, as I've received 60 issues in 2 years. I wonder if issues 1-38 were any good? I'm looking forward to the reappearance of BOGEY and my victory statement. Be sure to get a BN.

Air controllers NUKE D.C. and Massachussetts while Congress debates gun control. You probably read it here first.

((HMMMMMM. Well, is #100 worth it?)) *jm*

ANONYMOUS GUEST FEATURE:

Da Sleaze is back, folks. By popler demand, I will once again dazzle yous all wit my wit and my wisdom.

First off, let us reinflect on the Caruso/Linsey crapola. Da Sleaze has done a 180 here. Linseed 'ust goes too far. Da Hebe got no credibility left. Sure, his HR's hit up on everone wit equal shit, but he don't do da same wit his slanders.....escuse me, attacks. Poor Bernie Oakland. Poor Bobby Arnutt. And somebody done taght John-boy how too rite, er, right, good English. Yea for the good guys, Johnny and Byrnie,

Oh, yes. And the best reason to nay say gun control is one you forgot, o great paragon of Oklahoma. Some bleedin' hart might be so depressed about the state of the world one fine mornin' that he up and decides to off his own liberal self. But if there was gun control, he couldn't do it! I bet your kickin' your own ass for not thinkin' a that one, Uncle John.

And about them dykes, god help me, I still love 'em. But that's the sad part a all this. No matter how much a feller loves his dykey friends, they just ain't never gonna love him back. Learn and live, love and forgive.

As for the other half of the JDL, allows me to quote a pudgy pal a mine: "This 'part of the solution/part of the problem' crap makes me want to barf--a classic logical fallacy which Berch habitually uses. An imbecile level slogan from the Sixties when it was used to whip the drug-sodden hordes into brainless action." Dat says it best, folks. It ain't that da Sleaze is anti-semetic, it's just dat if I want to go conjugal in Isreal, I'll go there myself, instead a inna Dippy Digest fancy. And I'll be sure an take a bazooka, too.

Ronny seems to be doin' pretty good--that guy really knows how to take a bullet. Bet your real proud, John. After all, dats the only true test a manhood. Dats why everone should join da army. We should start a war somewheres so we's can make some real men. But let's not fight commies dis time, cause dat don't seem to work to well. We could always round up the Japs again, turn a bunch loose in Yeller Stoned, and send our boys in after dem.

Well, dats all for now, folks. Be sure an let John know if ya wants more.

~~The Sleaze~~

I think this may be the first time I have ever written to you that I did not enclose a sub check. Now you know that I appreciate you even when money isn't around! I continue to enjoy BB and it was one of my top five in the Marco Poll.

I am mainly writing about some comments you made about Mitterrand's election in France in an earlier BB. I have been corresponding with Michel Liesnard who runs Belgium's Chantecler and since he writes in English (his zine is in French) we are able to talk about several things. He wrote in an earlier letter to me:

"As for as political opinions are concerned, I am a left-wing socialist (thus probably not a Malmberger...), and still trying to recover from the joy brought upon me by François Mitterrand's splendid victory. I sincerely hope he'll take communist ministers in his government."

Well to make a long story short, I sent him a xerox copy of your comments and told him what our TV reporters were telling about what the French election results really meant etc. I told him about BB's wide open letter column too.

Anyway, he wrote back his comments about what you said and what I said and that is enclosed on a xerox for you. You see he mentioned BB; he would like your response. I will xerox the BB sheet and send it to him since I know you have cut your foreign trades. Does this mean that Ron Brown of Snafu has an ideological ally, gasp, gasp??!!

I thought you might be interested in this since this is a real European whose perspective is vastly different than ours.

I did have fun at GenCon playing in games with Kathy and John C, as well as Mike Mills. Virtually no one looked like I had pictured them but it was nice after all to see the real person.

One last thing on Liesnard: He works at the Iranian embassy in Belgium and he sends me propaganda postcards of Khomeini. That is so funny considering he and they are at exact opposite ends of the political spectrum! I'll enclose the back side of one of these postcards for you. Well til later.

((Those cards, if you had a handful of them, could come in handy sometime. Say you are playing in a new dipgame with someone despicable. Well, just use those Khomeini cards AS postcards and write a nonchalant note to Mr Disreputable's neighbors over "his" name... wouldn't that be cute?

Seriously, it is more typical than funny that Liesnard would be there. He is so much an obviously dedicated Leftist that his crowd shares with the Ayatollah's goons the attribute of seeing the world in the same terms: us here, all others way out there. He lists specific steps that not only stop all progress for French society, but indeed, by way of bigger handouts and such, lead France right down the sewer of all those other socialist disaster-states he rattles off. England is a long swim away, Poland no further than New Mexico to California, and yet he can sit there and cheer Communists coming to power in the French government. That being the case, I seriously doubt the point of debating on any sort of rational level. Let them sink into the socialist ideal and the hell with them.

In the interests of fairness, I add the original text below:

MITTERRAND: I must say America's reaction to his (democratic) election astonishes me a little. After all, there have been Socialist governments in Britain, the Netherlands or Portugal before, and NATO didn't fell apart. Socialists are in power in Belgium, Norway, Denmark and even - yes - West Germany today... So what? Communist ministers? But could MITTERRAND mortgage the French hopes and let the powerful communist trade unions in the opposition? Together with 10 million socialist votes, 4.5 million communist votes (plus 500,000 from the extreme left) have led him to power. Should he have allied with those whose disastrous and scandalous administration had been repudiated by a majority of French? And, after all, are the first measure he's taken so disgustingly appalling (a 10% rise in the lower incomes, the reinforcement of social welfare, stopping the deporting of immigrants, abolishing death penalty or freeing 10,000 enjailed)?

After reading issues 95 and 96 of BB, I have a number of comments for you, and for your contributors.

I rather agree with your opinion that the protests against the WWII internment of Japanese Americans should have taken place thirty years ago. However, I feel that some good may come out of the current round of protests. Using the WWII incident as an example, the focus of the protests should be the prevention of further internments of that nature. If we recognize that what happened 40 years ago was a gross injustice (and presumption of guilt without specific proof IS ALWAYS unjust), it will be a great step forward for the USA.

David Marshall concluded that John Lennon's music was "good", and his politics "bad." What politics are you referring to, Dave? Are you opposed to "giving peace a chance?" Or perhaps you don't like John's decision that, for all its faults, America is a better place to live than is Britain?

I am not familiar with the Robert Sacks/Rod Walker conflict over Miller Numbers and orphan games, so I won't comment on that specific topic. However, Bruce Linsey's query as to "...what connection Sacks has with DIPLOMACY..." prompts a bit of discussion.

I was one of the victims of the disappearing act of (the Reverend) Daniel Gorham and The Fighter's Home back in 74-75. I joined a game there (1974 CX), only to find it abandoned after only ONE SEASON! For almost a full year, Gorham promised to resume pubbing our game, but he never did.

1974 CX was rescued by Robert Sacks, at the request of John Beshara and the International Diplomacy Association. Sacks GMed our orphan on a xeroxed sheet entitled THE FLYING ORPHAN. After six months, the game was incorporated into Ray Heuer's FALLOVIA, still under Sacks as guest GM. When FALLOVIA folded, Sacks shepherded our game to Robert Lipton's MIXUMAXU GAZZETTE, where it finally was played to its conclusion. Sacks has been in the hobby longer than I have (8 years), has guest-GMed numerous games in various 'zines, and has successfully rescued at least one orphan game.

It appears that Bruce Linsey and Bernie Oaklyn are in agreement concerning their attitude towards Boardman Numbers. Brux says that "... the institution is one of the most overrated in the hobby...", while Bernie says that HE doesn't need "...any reason—to split from the Boardman numbering system." He adds that "I, for one, don't need that numbering system. So why am I to be taxed by those who do need numbering system (sic)? Huh!"

For my part, having one common thread running through an otherwise wonderfully anarchistic hobby is a welcome convenience. My game notes, letters, and innermost thoughts are all labelled with Boardman Numbers.

((Shucks; after your first letter, I thought I'd get some good "capitalist-swine" stuff, and here you go sending me a rational and thought-out letter. What's this zine coming to?)) *J.M.*

JIM MEINEL

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If you and Linsey didn't put out the two best zines around, I wouldn't put up with all the shit you guys publish. Another sub check already? Oh, well, here's one for you, should last until the end of August, I suppose.

((Oh, I don't know. I'd think 12 issues ought to go at least until the pre-Halloween issue...)) *J.M.*

DAVID MANUEL (The Chamber)

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All I do is get ONE letter from Lew in 80HS, and then I get all these "nasty" comments

that he can't say through me. If it wasn't for Jack (Masters), I wouldn't even looked at your letter Mark. But, the feud over?!?! BULLSHIT!!! I bet Masters is going to find a way to get back at you. Where does that leave you? huh? I didn't say I had nothing to say...Maybe not to you, but I can't recall saying that! And NO!, I'm not going senile at fourteen!

Why do I publish?....to run a few games, have a few laughs and criticize SELECTED people. Only Shaddix and Linsey have been so far. I don't carry petty-quarrels in TC.

Who subs to TC. These are the last names of my mailing list. Lischett, Pearson, Coughlan, Masters, Duke, Michalski, Clements, Kraft, Schneier, Myers, Carter, Morton, Gray, Arnett, Bates(?), Sigwalt, Fleming, Sherwood, Roman, McClendon, McCreadie, Wells, Daly, Cookerly, Linsey, Nicholson, Christie, Carlson, Schilling, Reed, Hugh, Langley, Beck, Rodriguez, Del Grande, Gorham, Trosko, Ditter, Peery, Shaddix, and Hail. Those people are on my mailing list. So nah!!!

"The more Lew opens his yap, the more I realise how right Masters was!"

((Hmmm. Did you give me that mailing list so I'd have some filler, or are you hoping for somebody to fake TC?

Enjoy Missouri. It's a beautiful place, especially after sickly looking California. I hope you left that infected fruit home though.)) ((Northern CA may not be so bad, if Bellflower is there. Southern California sucks though))

SCOTT HANSON (Irkosome)

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Aren't you glad I take care of all that top line bullshit for you? I knew you would be. I hope you can use the "Chuck & Di" cover.

My my, you were busy while I was gone. Five issues in my mailbox when I got here, and a sixth arrived the next day. Did you have a contest with Linsey or what?? And let me thank you again for doing my games for me. I knew my ~~1001~~ players would be in good hands.

I know it sounds strange for me to agree with Mr. Robinson from NY, but I must agree that all classical music does not suck. I'm no big fan of it, but I enjoy listening to the music on public radio once in a while. I like the older stuff, like Bach or Handel, and some of the modern music is good too. A few years ago I wanted to major in music when I got to school, and even was in the University Band here for a few months. I loved it, but it took too much time. Know what my favorite music was to play? Military marches, especially the more obscure ones. Strange coming from a pacifist like me. By the way, J C got the question on Walter Heller right, but forgot to mention that he designed the tax cut of 1964 that Reagan keeps referring to as an example of what tax cuts can do.

Whoever sent the letter on Marion Bates is sick. Here Kathy Byrne wrote me all the way in Germany to tell me he had died. Sick sick sick.

One thing I found in Germany is that people there really hate Reagan's guts. They seem to believe the stereotype of the senile paranoid who's going to start the next world war. Then they see his economic package and think he's starving the poor so the rich can invest. Even I don't think he's completely evil! But his focusing on Communism is a mistake. At the same time he says "Communism is dying" and "Communism is the #1 problem in the world." Some contradiction!! I'd say the first is more true--especially internationally. If you look at lists of countries influenced by the US and the USSR, you'll see there is no comparison. The USSR now influences about 20 countries, and not one of them would be important by themselves. They've lost nearly half their countries--including all the big ones like Egypt and India--mostly because the Soviets are stingy with economic aid. That's a vacuum the US could fill, but guess what ol' Ronnie is cutting. But that's enough of the beginning Poly Sci lesson for today....

Despite my comments on classical music above, nothing beats listening to the Ramones at full volume!! It's good to be home.

One last thing on the Vermont vs. Mass. debate. I saw the slogan "Make it in Mass." on a postmark and thought it had nothing to do with manufacturing.

Reply to Hanson

((Classical, or "elevator" music, is all there is. The rest is graffiti on the bathroom walls of music.

So cutting handouts to leeches like India is a mistake? Hell, Russia probably got tired of feeding them and then taking their badmouthing just like we did, only they learned sooner. Let these bums fend for themselves or croak. Communism is the #1 problem in the world, unless maybe you consider Western lack of will. Communism may be weakening, but is weakening more slowly than we are. Only Communism as a philosophy is getting threadbare, witness Poland. From dumb letters in EE, I can see your observations about the German's conception of Reagan is correct. Too bad.

"A pacifist like me", shit. We all know you and Frauke were organizing Bund activities and preparing to start recruiting here this winter. That's what all that talk about "missionary" positions meant, wasn't it?)) J.M.

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Sorry I have to disappoint you John but "suite 100" was more than just a let down. I spent two months looking forward to my rendezvous with Kathy. What happens, suite 100 becomes the central gathering place for diplomacy players.

First Caruso rambled in, showing Kathy some baseball game he just bought. Barno and Swider followed trying to start a backgammon tournament. Dick Martin and Tom Mainardi stumbled in with movie camaras, tripods and who knows what else. I suppose they were setting up to film "an educational experience". After two hours of such confusion and frustration I decided to abandon suite 100 (which now had more people than its room number).

Atlantic City was about an hour away and I decided to hit a casino and try my luck at blackjack. Before I reached the casino doors who do I see? None other than Mary Beck walking on air (Caruso claims she is the closest thing to God).

Mary immediately ran over to me flung her arms around me shouting, "Steve I almost broke the bank". Apparently she could have but because Mary has a heart of gold she passed the dice to the next player, after she held them for 121 minutes without throwing craps! Needless to say the casino was thrilled by Mary's gesture and gave her a suite for the weekend, all the imported champagne she wanted and complimentary passes to the best restaurants Atlantic City had to offer. In fact I think they would have given her anything to keep her out of the casino.

Yes, suite 100 was a let down but being able to share in Mary's good fortune more than made up for it. Thanks Again Mary!

PS If Byrne told another Suite 100 story, don't believe it, she's jealous of Mary Beck.

This driver was unsafe at any speed

By Steve Hannah
of The Journal Staff

Marshfield, Wis. — Fifty-five is a safe speed indeed. Particularly when you're driving in place.

Wood County Deputy Sheriff Mark Gosh was patrolling Highway 13 just south of this central Wisconsin city two weeks ago when he came upon a van parked along the shoulder of the road. It was 3 a.m., the lights were on and the motor was running. Gosh decided to investigate.

He walked up to the driver's window and saw a motionless man draped over the steering wheel.

"I didn't know what was wrong with the guy," said Gosh, 29, who grew up near 70th St. and Hampton Ave. in Milwaukee. "First I knocked on

the window with my fist to try and get his attention. Then I rapped on it with my flashlight. He didn't budge."

Gosh said he walked around to the back of the van and, peering through a rear window, saw another figure sprawled on the floor. Then he checked all the doors. They were locked.

Gosh, who stands 6 feet 4 and weighs 225, returned to the driver's side. He put his hands on top of the van and began to rock it back and forth.

He recalled: "The van was moving enough so that the guy slipped off the wheel to his right. Just before he hit the front seat, the guy sat bolt up-

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((OK))

J.M.

THE NEW BILL OF RIGHTS

from Steve McLendon's latest
DRAGON AND THE LAMB

1. Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of rifle ranges, pistol clubs, shooting societies, gun clubs, or any other such organization; or prohibiting the free use of guns; or abridging the freedom to shoot or to hunt; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble firearms collections, and to redress their grievances with guns.

2. A comfortable and well-regulated populace being necessary to the security of a responsible state, the levy by any individual, group, partnership, company, or governmental entity of any impost, toll, or tariff of any kind upon the use by the people of sanitary facilities in the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction is hereby forbidden.

3. Congress shall make no law prohibiting prayers in schools, or any other place, or abridging the freedom of reasonable speech or a responsible press; but speech shall be taken to mean sounds that come out of the people's mouths or, if provoked, their guns, and not strange and unnatural dress or hair, or cohabitation with persons of the same sex, or offensive or perverted gestures or behavior, or other things that cannot be heard and have to be seen to be believed, nor shall disrespectful silence or the display of badges, buttons, or slogans be held to be speech; but nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or abridging the right of the people to affix to the bumpers of their vehicles such signs and declarations as they may choose; and the press shall be held responsible for any smut or nasty things; nor shall any publisher insert any card in any periodical which shall fall upon the people's lap when it is opened.

4. Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speed by setting arbitrary limits thereon; or prohibiting turns to the right on a red light after a full stop; or preventing the removal of any buzzer or alarm in any vehicle or the installation of any device, electronic or otherwise, therein; or requiring any person to wear a belt, harness, helmet, or other encumbrance while in motion of any kind; or restricting the right of the people to assemble at the scene of an accident or disaster to acquaint themselves with the results; or depriving any person of leisure, mobility, or a license to drive, without due process of law.

5. No person who has been granted lawful entrance to an establishment which has on its premises an hors d'oeuvre table, salad bar, or other assembly of comestibles shall be prevented from filling his plate therefrom as often as he shall choose, nor be made subject to any additional charge therefor, providing only that he shall have agreed to pay the full cost of an entrée.

6. No person receiving public monies of any kind for support or aid shall be quartered in a hotel or any other such lodging, with or without the consent of the owner.

7. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, garages, cars, trailers, recreational vehicles, leisure homes, condominiums, papers, effects, belongings, and gun collections shall not be violated; nor shall they be required to seek permits to make additions or improvements upon their basements or attics or any place; nor shall any person enter therein for the purposes of inspection or assessment without their consent; nor shall they be required to enumerate their flush toilets or closets or any other thing therein, save only its occupants; and if anyone shall enter in or upon their property or vehicles without their consent they may in the first instance shoot, and then make inquiries.

8. After one year from the ratification of this article, the sale of containers with tops which require more than one motion to remove is hereby prohibited within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

9. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless a police officer shall say that he did it; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life and limb, except if his sentence be excessively lenient or his acquittal be due to a technicality or be otherwise ridiculous; nor shall he be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself and he shall be informed of his right to remain in confinement until he consents to do so; and if he shall be a witness against himself, he shall have the right to confront and cross-examine himself.

10. In all criminal prosecutions, the criminal shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by a jury of not less than one person, whose verdict must be unanimous in all capital cases, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation and of the lesser charge to which he may plead guilty, as well as of the maximum sentence he could receive should he be found guilty of the original charge, and to have compulsory process to obtain copies of his confession; and to have present at his trial a courtroom artist.

11. No bail in excess of one hundred million dollars shall be required; nor any sentence longer than six thousand years imposed; and any cruel or unusual punishment inflicted must be televised.

12. In commerce with other nations, where the value of goods to be sold shall exceed twenty dollars, the duly elected officers of any company incorporated in the United States shall not be hindered from granting such emoluments as they may choose to foreign princes, citizens, or subjects to ensure the speedy success of their enterprises; and if they shall be questioned for it in any other place the right of perjury shall be preserved.

13. No person shall be fined or otherwise held to account for stationing his vehicle at a broken inoperative meter; nor shall any vehicle be towed more than two hundred feet without its owner's consent; nor shall any fine be imposed for discarding litter in a public place which is more than ten times the value of the discarded litter.

14. No person shall be compelled for any reason or in any place to acquaint another with his mother's maiden name.

15. No pregnancy may be terminated without the written consent of the fetus; nor may any person under the age of consent be struck or otherwise disciplined, except by his parents or with parental consent, or by a police officer having possible cause, or a teacher during regular school hours, or by an officer or employee of any institution into whose care or under whose control he has been given or placed, or a person or employee thereof onto whose property he has placed himself, or by a lawful rider on public or private transport, or by a citizen acting under provocation or having a particular purpose.



A perilous trip

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right and grabbed the wheel for dear life with both hands.

"He was looking straight ahead, obviously trying to focus on the road. When he finally noticed me staring at him through the window, his eyes got bigger than silver dollars."

Now, Gosh said, our man got a firm grip on the wheel with his right hand and, ever so gently so as not to lose his concentration on the highway, he cranked the window down with his left hand.

How fast

"I was laughing out loud at this point," said Gosh. "The guy kept looking at me, then back at the road again. Finally, I said, 'How fast are you going?'"

Gosh said the man looked down at the speedometer and then, with a touch of indignation in his voice, replied:

"Fifty-five!"

Gosh said that, at this point, he was fighting to

keep from being convulsed with laughter. He told the man to pull over and the guy began to furiously turn the wheel to the right.

"Maybe he figured I was standing on the running board, holding on to the sides of the cab," the sheriff's deputy said. "Maybe he didn't figure at all."

Gosh said he asked the would-be driver just who was stretched out on the floor of the van and the fellow looked dumbfounded. He assured Gosh that he was all by his lonesome. Gosh begged to differ.

"He turned around and saw the body — another guy sleeping it off, no doubt — and he scratched his head," Gosh said. "Then he said, 'Where the hell did he come from?'"

The driver was intoxicated?

"You could say that," said Gosh.

The deputy said he decided not to arrest the man because he apparently had enough sense to pull off the road — even if he didn't remember he'd done so.

"I told him to sleep it off right where he was parked," said Gosh. "When I finished my shift at 7 a.m., he was still there."

"He had quite a night."

SHERMAN MADE GEORGIA HOWL, BLOODSUCKER HITS MICHIGAN

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"How I Played Diplomacy With Three of the 'Calhamer Sisters' and Lived to Write About It"

I was sitting home Saturday night watching the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills attempt to play football on the tube, when the phone rang. It was Jeri Overby asking where I was, wasn't I going to play Diplomacy with them? I explained that I knew nothing about this, but I'd be there in about 45 minutes. When I arrived, I discovered that my opposition included John Caruso and the Bloodsucker herself, Kathy Byrne. When the game got started, the lineup was:

Austria: Jeri Overby & Jean Carlson

England: Rick Carlson

France: Kathy Byrne

Germany: Deb Osborne

Italy: Glenn Overby

Russia: John Caruso

Turkey: me

The game started out with Italy and Austria going at it fairly hot and heavy, with quite a bit of yelling and screaming. Unfortunately, Glenn had to go to work after a couple of game years, but the set-up allowed him to negotiate by phone. This didn't work too well. In the West, Germany and Russia eliminated England with France getting a piece of the action at the end. England and France managed to help Germany and Russia by ordering Fleet "Mid-Atlantic" to Liverpool with supports. In the East, I was getting it from Italy and Russia. Just as I was wiped out, France grabbed half of Italy's centers. This led to an argument about whether or not France could win the game. It was finally decided that the game was a draw between France and Russia. It was then about 3:30 am.

The next afternoon, I got another call from Glenn Overby this time. Marion Bates was going to be down from Kalkaska about eight o'clock; could I come and play a game of gunboat then? Being a masochist, I said I would be there.

The lineup was:

Austria: Kathy Byrne

England: Alan ??

France: Jeri Overby

Germany: John Caruso

Italy: me

Russia: Glenn Overby

Turkey: Marion Bates

Kathy immediately grabbed Munich for three centers gained in 1901. Unfortunately for her, that was where she stayed through 06 or 07. I grabbed Tunis in 01 and attempted to head East. Jeri had the same idea and I had to head back west to push her out of Italy. England went out early, holding on in Spain for a couple of years. My support of F SPanc with F WES was challenged but allowed to stand without too much argument. In the east, Austria and Turkey attacked Russia from the south while Germany and England attacked from the north. This allowed Russia's Army St Petersburg to hold on as a beleaguered garrison for three years. By this time, I was being attacked by both France and Turkey. Germany came in from the north and I was gone. I would probably have lasted a bit longer, but Austria ordered Army Apulia to Trieste, with support, which allowed Germany to grab the intended target, Venice. About this time I had to leave, as it was then about eleven and I had to be at work at seven on Monday, so I don't know who won.

As a point of interest, we played on the English board, with plastic pieces. On this board, Russia is dark purple, France dark blue and England sort of pink. Neutral areas are orange. Additionally, there isn't a "supply center" in the North Atlantic, but instead an extra one in St Petersburg.

((?))

((Thanks for the fine report))

JM.

((This originally appeared in BB #4))

SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY

St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Just received your letter in regards to the bill which I owe you. You say that you thought the bill should have been payed a long time ago and you couldn't see why it wasn't paid.

Well, I'll enlighten you. In 1927 I bought a sawmill on credit. In 1928 an ox team, two ponies, a breech-loading gun, swine tester, a \$25.00 Colt Revolver and two fine razorback hogs, all on credit. In 1929 the mill burned down; one of the ponies died; and I loaned the other one to a son-of-a-bitch who starved it to death. In 1930 my father died and my brother was hanged for stealing horses; a railroader knocked up my daughter and I had to pay \$25.00 to keep the bastard from being a relative of mine. In 1931 my son got the mumps and they went down on him; the doctor had to castrate him. Later in the year I went fishing and the boat turned over and I lost the biggest catfish I have ever seen and two of my sons drowned, neither being the castrated one.

In 1935 my wife ran away with a big fat Nigger and left me twins for a souvenir. I married the hired girl to keep down the expenses but I had trouble getting her to go off. I went to the doctor and he told me to create some excitement about the time she'd get ready, so I stuck the breech-loading gun out the window and fired. My wife shit in the bed; I ruptured myself; and killed the best damned cow I ever owned.

In 1939 I was burned out and took to drinking; I didn't stop till I had nothing left but a Waterbury watch and kidney trouble — then all I did was wind my watch and run to piss. The next year I decided to try again, so I bought a manure spreader, a binder, and a threshing machine — all on credit. The big cyclone came along and blew it into the next county. My wife caught the clapp from a traveling man; my boy wiped his ass on a corn cob and got rat poisoning from it; and some bastard natted my best bull.

Now, at present if it cost a nickel to shit, I would have to vomit. — yet you say you can cause me trouble!

Trying to get money out of me would be worse than trying to poke butter up a wildcat's ass with a hot stick but, brother, you're welcome to try.

Yours for More Credit

ELMER DRIZZLEBOTTOM

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Response to BB 98/99. I agree with John Caruso that there has been enough of Robert Sacks' feud with me. If John had bothered to think about it, he would have noticed that my only public statements on the whole thing have been in response to attacks in print by Sacks. I am not interested in pursuing a feud with Sacks...that is entirely up to him. By the same token, however, I am not going to allow myself to be manipulated to cooperating with his desire to make nearly everything in the hobby a political football. Sacks is probably the most political person in the hobby and has tried repeatedly to overorganize parts of it. My opposition to Sacks' foolish and political plans constitute the entirety of my "feud" with him. His personal attacks on me, rumor-mongering, lies (the USOS "threat" being the latest), &c. constitute a very real feud he is conducting with me. If Robert would ever learn to comport himself in a rational and gentlemanly manner, things would be a lot easier on everybody.

As to the transfer of DW, if Caruso wants to believe Sacks' highly distorted version of it, more fool he. Obviously he must be concerned more with getting off on expressions of hostility than in getting his facts straight. He has not contacted any of the principals (Jerry Jones, Walt Buchanan, Mark Berch, nor myself) in order to find out exactly what did happen. For the record, I was asked to take over DW; I did not ask for it. I was in fact exploring the possibility of getting DW transferred to another party whom Mark Berch had highly recommended. If anybody is still interested by then, I will have a "Rod Walker Tells All" session at DipCon XV (Baltimore, 23-25 July) and will give all the pertinent details. (Assuming I make it to the Con, which I currently plan to do.) In the meantime, I would appreciate it if the growing chorus of nastiness regarding DW would quiet down and give me a chance to put out a couple of issues. I believe I am owed a fair chance, right?

As to Don Ditter. And yet more useless ugliness. Let me say flatly now that any attempt to replace Don Ditter will meet with my opposition. Until and unless anybody can prove he has done something grossly wrong as BNC (not some mistake but really a malfeasance), Don has my complete support as BNC. I find it inconceivably foolish that he should be attacked merely for being casually associated with Bernie Tretick aka "Oaklyn". He seems to be a reasonable, efficient, and honest person. If anybody has a doubt at this point, would it not be fairer to give him the benefit of the doubt? Let's have the BNC do his job without all these silly hassles.

I have already told Don he has my support. There is only one legitimate line of BNCs, the line Boardman-Wells-Koning-Walker-vonMetzke-Beyerlein-White-Kendter-Ditter. It is impossible to appoint another BNC except by legitimate succession. If Don tried to use his office for Tretick's private benefit, that would be another matter. A BNC who misuses his office (or who does not perform his function) might be said to have forfeited his position. There are precedents for this. But to remove Ditter from his post because you don't like something he does as a private person is assinine.

Why don't you guys lay off and let people do their work? The hobby has enough problems with assholes (such as Tretick and Sacks) without otherwise intelligent and reasonable people pinch-hitting for them.

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I just saw a news short that could act as an ad for the NRA. In Woodland, a near-by small town (25,000?) there is a class being given to teach women to handle and use firearms. The class is sponsored by the NRA. The class covers a range of subjects: care of the weapon; dry practice with a coach; range practice; legal position, in case you might shoot someone... There were four interviews, the first with the director of the project. He stated the NRA position on the right to own a weapon and weapon registration in

Langley, continued

simple, well-stated terms. Then three with three students, two older ladies and one young girl. The older ladies were 1. alone most of the time, and not a fool! She didn't want to become a news story. 2. Victim of a previous crime. The girl was a nurse who worked odd hours. All three were very positive, as people are who are learning something new. Then- a short anchorman editorial about the rise of violent crime and how some people are preparing to meet it.

The experiment isn't over. The survival of the fittest is still the natural order. I rather expect that Woodland will have less violent crime than the average, for its population density.

I read today, but I think in yesterday's paper, of the murder of the town bully in ---the Midwest? Anyway, one man had treed a town. He had been arrested on various charges, but currently was out on bail. He was also known to beat most of the arrest raps in court by refusal of witnesses to testify. He was shot in the head while surrounded by a large group of angry townsfolk who were staring him down. His wife says she saw his killer, but no one else in the story would corroborate her story.

It's getting wierd out.

Townsfolk are quoted as saying that they had tired to use law, but the law had let them down. The town constable had resigned last November, out of fear of the bully. His latest arrest, for which he was out on bail, was the result of his shooting a local grocer with a shotgun.

The story treated the townsfolk with a lot of sympathy. Other than the barest statement of the killing, the death wasn't mentioned. The story was about Ken Rex, 47 years old, 200+ pounds, local pig rustler and farmer, and mean!

Both of those were media propaganda toward the virtue of self care. What is going on?

((I think I saw the story on TV myself. I agree that it was a surprise to see such action not deplored by the CBS/ACLU types that usually dominate, but a pleasant surprise. My only question about the town incident was, why the hell did they wait so long? Why not have blown the bastard away long ago? The sad thing today is that people need to be so stepped down into the dirt to respond. Can't people see for themselves, or learn from experiences of others, and solve such problems right away? The answer shows the extent to which the liberalist types have frightened decent people away from any kind of positive action. Only the criminals and lunatics have received all the positive reinforcement to act at will. I hope that will change, but I'm not optimistic. Last night's news reported on a panel that had suggested some mild efforts to put some justice back into our judicial processing, and already with the release of their report, the ACLU cocksuckers are already out there with their OWN statements denouncing it, saying it would take away some of the democracy around here. Democracy for the criminals again. That's why the only thing worse than the repeat criminals on the streets are these very bastards who defend them and their license to practice, yet who is willing to put them in their place today?))

LATE NOTES

An issue or two back, someone wrote and asked why Fred Davis wasn't listed as "established" in my notes to the Known Game Openings list. Fred is very established, but he is also running only variant openings at the moment, and I only comment on Diplomacy openings.

PM MAGAZINE is something that I had always thought was a nice new local program to fill in some of that dull time between the nightly news and the prime time, an impression that the show apparently tries to foster as well. However, I see from the news that it is really a national show, just put forward as a local-looking show. I imagine a lot of you have seen it locally as well.

Finishing up this issue, I see I have a pretty hefty output of features this time. It came out as a nice blend of games, letters, humor, and feature-type stuff. Once I get some recycled old company return envelopes prepared, out this one will go. Hopefully now that school is only a few short weeks (or days) away, the letter deluge will drop off. That's not to discourage you, of course, but is to encourage me. Also, the nonsense pool is again empty. Please send in whatever you can find. Issue 101 awaits !

J.M.

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h the increased interest in self defense/gun control, it looks like it's time to add two cents again. Having owned/shot everything from a 22 to 44 mag, I feel reasonably qualified.

1. ANY gun is better than none. Merely flashing one will scare most creeps off. But 't bet your life on it.
 2. Langley is right. A small bore--22,25, 32 and most 38s--will KILL but it won't P an opponent. A 22 may clip the aorta and the creep may well bleed to death in 3 utes, but the 22 won't knock him down or incapacitate him. Three minutes can be a long e when he's trying to stuff that pistol up your ass.
 3. Big John's also right--4ls, 44s and some 357s will go right thru, without anding, and drill two or three walls. As a class, they are hard to control, difficult shoot well, and not suited to urban use.
 4. What's left? Top-end 38 Special, 9mm Lugar, mid-load 357 and 45 auto and 45 Colt. and 38s are at the bottom and 45s (hollow point!!) are at the top. 357s should use -146 grain hollow points and are just as good as a 45 but more difficult to shoot.
 5. Forget the head (not you, Kathy!). Go for the upper torso, just below the breast It offers the largest target. For practice, use an empty (or full, for dramatics) milk carton. Stand 10-15 feet away with the pistol in BOTH hands, arms hanging n front of you. Bring the pistol up to eye level WITHOUT USING THE SIGHTS, point, e two shots. Within an afternoon you should be able to hit it both times.
- What did I forget? Snubbies- avoid them. Their good points are small size, ight, and they're easy to hide/carry. Bad points are small size, light weight, are an absolute BITCH to shoot. A 16 ounce 38 snubnose is only marginally smaller ounce 4" S&W model 19 .357 and kicks MORE. Actually, if you intend to carry a 4" S&W 19 in .357 or a Colt 45 auto are your best bets.

((Thanks Dave)) Jm

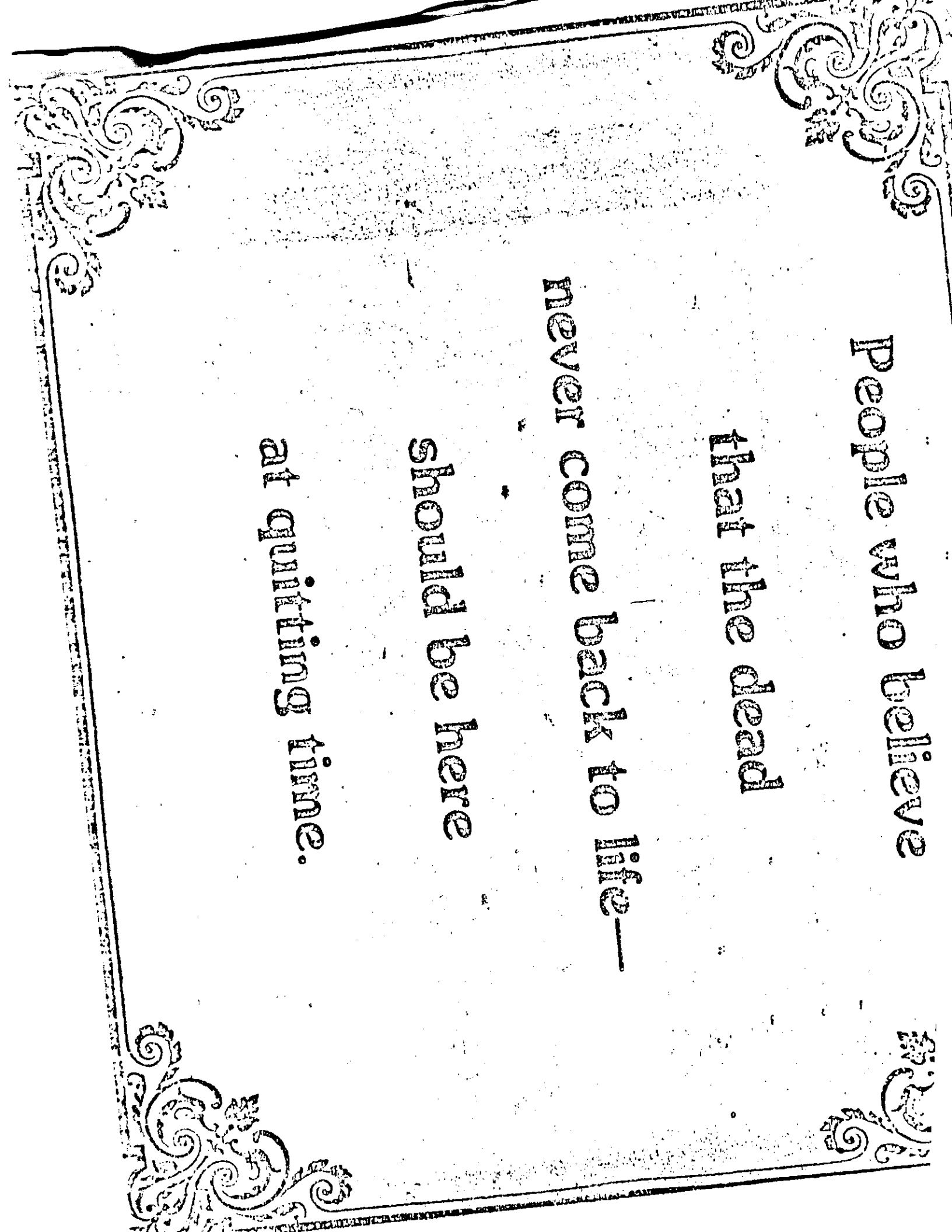
EVERYTHING #49 ANALYSIS

, zeen of the Boardman Number Custodian, has appeared. Below is an analysis ults reported in this issue, using the Calhamer point system whereby a win i three-way draw =.33, etc. For comparison purposes, each COUNTRY is treated player. Twentyeight games were reported this issue. If each country did h country would have won or drawn 1/7 of all wins and draws, and thus lated 4.0 points (28÷7). Actual results, and the % by which the results

0 "average" result, are:

%; England, 2.78, -30%; France, 4.87, +22%; Germany, 7.12, +78%; ussia, 3.78, -6%; Turkey, 2.54, -37%. Overall, Germany maintains the t has made in all but one of the recent EVERYTHINGS, pulling in almost as one would expect. Austria does very well this time, with Russia ally above-average showing, Turkey and England somewhat off the mark, - its usually dismal showing. France comes through just above average lly comes out.

wins, we have Austria 4 (high), England 1 (low), France 2, Ger- ly 0, Russia 2 (low), Turkey 1, (low). Overall, there were 15 54%. This is down from recent results, where about 2/3s of the uning as outright wins. That has been an above-average run, though. r of games in which a country either drew or won compared to the ws/wins, we get Austria finishing in 9 games to the average 5, or off by 18%; France 10, +37%; Germany 11, +51%; Italy 2, 6, -18%. There were 51 times countries either drew or won, used here.



People who believe
that the dead
never come back to life—
should be here
at quitting time.