

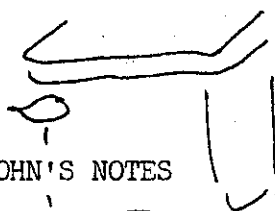
THE BRUTUS BULLETIN

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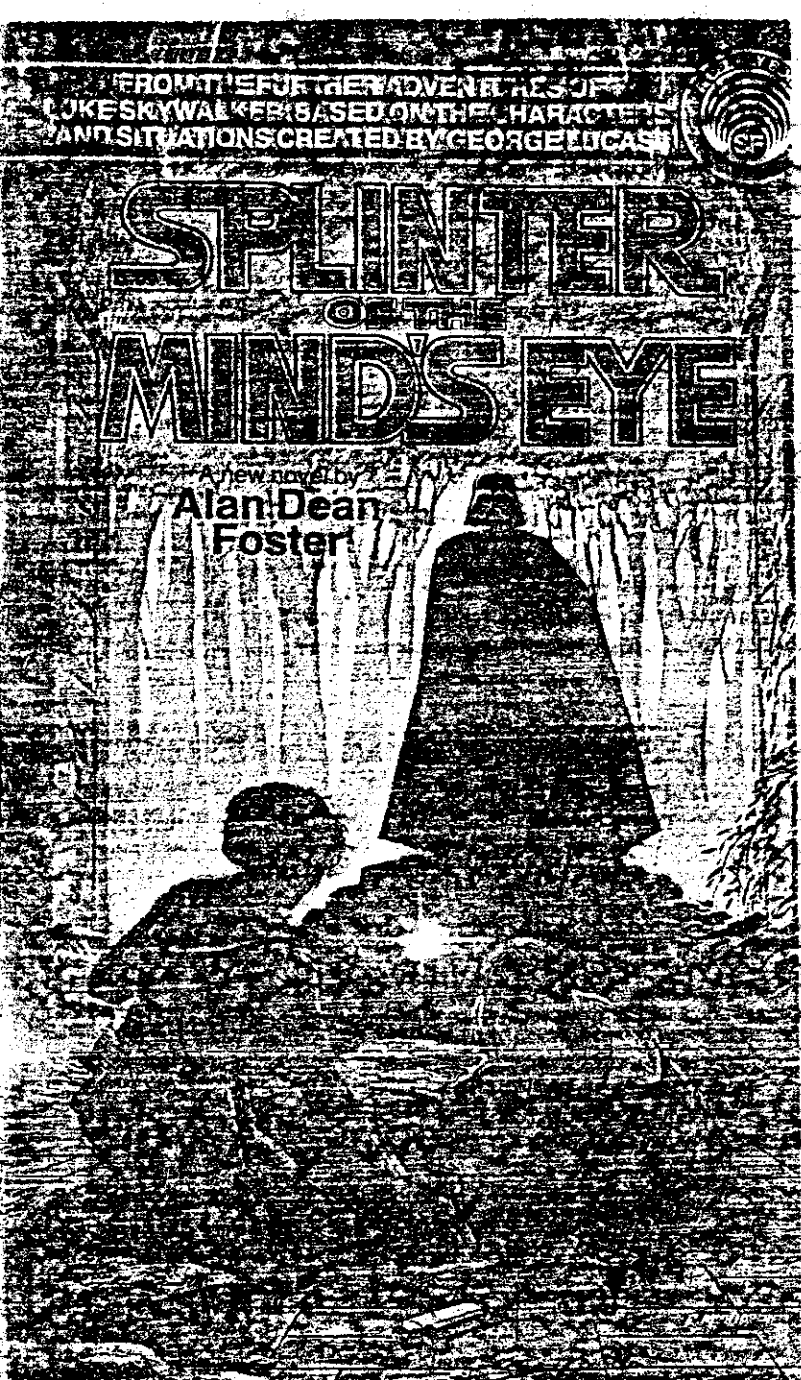
JOHN'S NOTES

This is Issue
ELEVEN
already

("Farewell-to-Dave-Scott" Issue)

WHY have the notes on the cover this issue? Easy: I didn't plan for it to, but late-arriving KS press forced me to throw out the heavier-paper I was GOING to use, as well as skip the TSR flyer I was going to include, all to get in the extra page I had to run at the last minute on top of everything else. So, the Special Offer cover I hinted at to the folks in B3 (now 78AX) will be delayed until issue 12. There may or may not be anything on the reverse of this, as I'm forced to run a whole potload of stuff all at the last minute. KN players should note that Russia gets to build two, not one as on the earlier flyer; all else would be OK. BLACK PRESS has succeeded in being voted out in 77KN now that the number of players is down to six. That's not the game where the really wild black press is anyway. Isn't that the way it always seems to work out?

NEXT ISSUE will feature two of our regular items: a letter from Mark Berch, and Bureaucratic Blunders, reprinted with permission of Conservative Digest, 7777 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. Also, an update on Brutus 3, now 78 AX.



STRANDED ON A JUNGLE PLANET,
LUKE SKYWALKER AND PRINCESS LEIA
FOUND THEMSELVES
DESPERATELY RACING IMPERIAL
STORMTROOPERS TO CLAIM A GEM THAT
HAD MYSTERIOUS POWERS OVER

THE FUTURE

Luke Skywalker expected to find where
he volunteered to follow Princess Leia on her
mission to free prisoners from their Rebel
underground in the battle against the Empire.
But the far more important mission he counted
on an unscheduled landing in the swampy lands
of Mimbar had led him to a world where
things they would find on that strange planet.
Hidden on this planet was the Kaiburr crystal,
a powerful gem that would give him a power
possessed by such powers over the Force that he
could use to defeat the Empire. If he would
find the crystal could be deadly. So Luke
had to find the crystal and find it first.

Accompanied by Artoo, Ewok and See-
thep, he set out to find the crystal and the
Princess, and the journey of the
Force and the crystal would lead them to
the surface of a new world where the most
fearsome villain in the galaxy was.

A THRILLING NEW SPACE ADVENTURE

I DON'T KNOW how well the above will come through on the machine, especially since this issue is not only my biggest ever but also an excellent candidate for the poorest reproduction ever, but...all the more reason to try and run this now and not spoil a later issue! The above is a copy of the covers of SPLINTER OF THE MIND'S EYE, what may be the next STAR WARS movie. The story again is a simple one, with perhaps not quite as much action/changes overall, but still good. The only real fault I find with it is that R2D2 and C3PO seem to be mere excess baggage and have no real place in the story. R2D2 especially is out of place, as his little wheels could hardly permit him to follow the others on a run across the surface of Mimbar. The end, however, was very well handled in view of the forces and problems to be dealt with (i.e., the relative abilities of Luke, Darth Vader, and Leia). Anyhow, this is what the book looks like.

J.M.

77KN

SUMMER, 1905: French A Bur r GAS
German F Nth r HOL
Italian F Alb r ADR

FALL, 1905

"THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND", IF ONLY IN OUR HEARTS. RUSSIAN COLLOSUS KNEE-DEEP IN TULIPS AND TROUBLES.

AUSTRIA (KASSEL): A VEN H; A Alb-TRI; A SER S TURK A Bul-Rum; A VIE-Gal;
A BUD S A Vie-Gal

ENGLAND (SCOTT): F Lon: "Why Me?!"(H)/d/out (Thanks for sticking it out, Dave)

FRANCE (DITTER): F TUN S ITAL F Apu-Ion/NSO; F BEL S RUSS F Nth-Hol; F WAL S A
Yor-Lon; A Yor-LON; A PIC S F Bel; A Gas-BUR

GERMANY (WORKMAN): A Bur-PAR; A RUH S F Hol-Bel; F Hol-Bel/d/r Hel,Kie,Otb;
A Mun-SIL; F DEN-Swe; F BAL S F Den-Swe

ITALY (KELLY): A TUS S F Adr-Ven; F Adr-VEN; A Nap-ROM; F Apu-NAP

RUSSIA (McELVANEY): F Nth-HOL; F NWY-Swe; F SKA S F Nwy-Swe; A Rum S TURK A Bul-Ser/
NSO/ann; A Sev E/d/r Mos, Otb; A UKR-Gal; A WAR S A Ukr-Gal

TURKEY (HUESTON): F Arm-SEV; F BLA S F Arm-Sev; F ION-Tun; A Bul-RUM

1905:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre	5	even
England: Lpx	0	-1, out
France: Fxx , Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Lvp, BEL, LON, TUN	8	build two
Germany: Home, Den, Npx , Bpx , PAR	5	remove one
Italy: Home, Txx	3	remove one
Russia: Home, Rxx , Nwy, Swe, Edi, HOL	8	2 ann., build two
Turkey: Home, Bul, RUM	5	build one
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Winter adjustments, builds, etc., and Spring, 1906 already, will be due with my mail received here Monday, May 15, 1978. Spring orders may be conditional on winter, with the usual warning. Buried in the press is a call for a separation of seasons. This will require three total votes. If you vote FOR it, send orders anyhow, because it may not pass despite what everyone may tell you. NOTE ABOVE that Russia builds two, not one as the preliminary sheet indicated. Also, BLACK PRESS HAS BEEN VOTED OUT IN THIS GAME per earlier flyer. Press for this game is on the reverse side.

SOME QUICKIE NOTICES, PLUGS, WHATNOT..

RURITANIA has had its second issue in under three weeks come out. No openings at the moment, I believe, as a new game is about to begin, but lots of SF stuff. 201 Minnesota St., Las Vegas, NV 89107. Trades STAR WARS cards, too, thank goodness!

BLACK HOLE is due an anniversary issue in which I hope like hell I find I've won 76IK. Doug Reif says he has so much work on it and outside that it will be "a couple of weeks late". Grrrr. 67 Grosvenor Rd, Kenmore, NY 14223.

ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON still has some openings at \$2 plus sub. Monthly, but cheap. Bob Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224

Spring 1283

Merciful Allah, from whom all blessings rain, has granted us with peace. And hopefully the piece will include parts of Russia and Italy. Much honor must be granted by a Merciful Allah to the skillful negotiators who created peace out of acrimonious war. The Austrians are now our allies. The Jihad against the Russian dogs can now move forward.

The winter was passed pleasantly enough. My girls and I entertained some visiting Austrian diplomats, and what a time they had! All possible was done to make their stay memorable. I even lent them the use of several of my choicest bed warmers. Their introduction to the burning heap caused any a humorous incident.

BERLIN: Let's have a separate winter. My conditional orders list is getting too confusing!

Fall 1283

Praise be to Allah, from whom all blessings rain. My promotion has finally come through, I'm now the commander of all forces fighting against the infamous dogs from the frozen north. As a part of my job I traveled to Armenia to investigate the province after the expulsion of the hated dogs. It was not a pretty sight. The poor province was entirely stripped bare except for an astonishingly high number of oddly shaped ducks.

My promotion has brought its own rewards. I am now able to scour all of Turkey for the necessities of life. Many fine additions have been made to my harem and the quality of my combustables has gone up dramatically. And of course wine is always to be had in our European provinces.

When things are going well, expect something to explode, erode, collapse or disappear.

When you've come to the conclusion that things can't possibly get any worse you will be proven wrong.

Your motives for doing whatever good deed you may have in mind will be interpreted differently by somebody.

If you explain something so clearly that nobody could possibly misunderstand, somebody will.

Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it will only make it worse.

When too much emphasis is placed on delegation, responsibility, like sediment, sinks to the bottom.

The length of discussion of any item in a proposed budget will be in inverse proportion to the amount of its cost. (Example: A decision to spend eight million dollars on real estate will be reached within three minutes or less. A \$2,000 difference in the type of wastebaskets will be argued for five hours.)

77KS

SUMMER, 1904
English A Swe r DEN
English F Nth r ENG
German A Tyo r MUN

FALL, 1904

HUNS AND RUSSO-TURKS GROW AGAINST FRAGMENTED OPPOSITION! PRESS OVERWHELMS GM!

AUSTRIA (PRICE): F Adr-~~VEN~~; A BUD-Vie; A TRI S A Bud-Vie; A Alb-SER

ENGLAND (HUNT): F BRE H; F ENG-Iri; F SKA S A Den; A LVP H; A Den H/ann.

FRANCE (GRABAR): A SPA S A Mar; A MAR H; F MAO-Eng; A WAL-Lvp; F IRI S A Wal-Lvp

GERMANY (REGES): F HEL S F Bal-Den; F Bal-DEN; A MUN-Tyo; A Hol-KIE;
A BEL H; F Nth-LON

ITALY (SHAFFER): F LYO S A Pie-Mar; A PIE-Mar; A VIE S A Tyo-Tri; A TYO-Tri;
F ION-Gre

RUSSIA (KASSEL): F NWY S F Swe; F SWE S GERMAN F Bal-Den; A War-GAL; A Sev-UKR

TURKEY (KENDTER, Jr): F Bla-CON; F AEG S A Gre; A GRE H; A Con-BUL; A RUM S
RUSSIAN A War-Gal

1904:

Austria: Bud, Vie , Ser, Tri , VEN, TRI	4	even
England: Lvp , Lvp, Edi, Bre , Ska , BRE	3	1 ann., -1
France: Mar , Par, Mar, Spa, Por	4	-1
Germany: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, LON	7	+1
Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun , Tun, Vie , VIE	4	-1
Russia: Home, NWY, SWE	6	+2
Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum, GRE	6	+1
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Winter adjustments, builds, etc., plus spring 1905 will be due with my mail received here Monday, May 15, 1978. Spring orders may be conditional on winter, with the usual warning. My thanks to Bill Newell for submitting standby orders. 2½ pages of press follows: (Now!)

FRANCE We may be paranoid

KIEL It appears that the English found their pens again last season.

SWITZERLAND It would appear, according to analysts here, that a severe depression can be expected in Brest under English control. Will France wake up?

Turkish Press (UPI) Glorious Italian Allies Are Next to Go, right Czar?

BREST: Peter hums distractedly as he slices mushrooms for breakfast. "This happened once before, when I came to your door--No reply...They said it wasn't you, But I saw you peek through--your window...". His heart is at peace. He is totally fulfilled. He hears the toilet flush, glances at the clock and says with a tinge of irritation "Honestly, dear, you're going to be late again. You promised you'd go back to work...you wouldn't lie to your honeybuns now, would you? You haven't been to the office in days. Aren't you afraid you might have missed something important?" "You no to be worrying about me, baby" said the Breugel Peasant entering the room. He pecks Peter lightly on the cheek and added as an afterthought "You lusty wench". He pauses and decides he must say what is on his mind. "You have made me very happy... At first, when I saw you were not woman, I..." "Now, now, Graby, none of that. This is no time for romance. Breakfast is served, Hun."

GERMANY What does "I don't care if England dies, just as long as we get him" mean?

FRANCE Bill, why do you keep telling me you won't write me?

ITALY We would like to thank Mr. Reges for his interesting moves.

SIZERLING What is the meanig of Italy's letter saying that we own you?

TURKEY The lack of communications from Italy confirms he is hostile, along with his anti-Turkish press. Why are you attacking our country, Bill?

FRANCE Italy, we hope you are wrong about what Germany's intentions are in a game that we call 1977KS.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S ASS: Bill Shaffer will continue his strange playing style.

STABS-ITALY Keep up the good work

BREST--Lee Kendter now tries to deny it. How low can you stoop? First you tell me about the attack of Italy and Germany and then try to deny it.

(No dateline) WHY, WHY,WHY, WHY,..WHY...WHY....WHY,..., is this nonsense
being written called press

PARIS I don't believe it! How could I NMR?

RUSSIA-TURKEY Our peace shall be forever.

WALA WALA Who in the hell is Dave Grabar?

???-TURKEY Stabbing will get you nowhere.

PARIS Congratulations are in order for the English defensive dept. I didn't think you had it in you. How about peace?

SICILY We have once again been attack by his honorer Mr. Schaffer. Proof to this his by what h-e d-i-d t---o u.....

AFRICA Why is Europe at war again? Is it because of Mr. Shaffer's B.O.?

BERLIN It was noted with chagrin here in the capital that the recent French NMR is similar in effect to that of Germany's other ally (former), Italy also NMRed and this causes a drastic change in power structure. It is hoped that such will not occur again.

TRIESTE We will fight to the death.

©)*\$¢#(%)%*# USA Yes, Dave Grabar does his work here.

DENMARK Preparations go on apace here in the German community in preparation of "Meatballs on Parade". The only thing in the way are English Meatheads who are now disposed of.

ANKARA Peace is now definite between Russia and Turkey and we hope this is a definite trend for the future.

(No dateline) Turkey is stranger

(No dateline) -On to France.

RUSSIA-GERMAN? Is it true about England?

MUNICH to TURKEY Black press is great!!!

LAST PAGE OF KS PRESS

MOSCOW (UPI) Now that Scandanavia has been liberated and my northern frontiers secured, I can finally turn my thoughts to REVENGE. The Spring will bring a big surprise for the dog that dared to invade holy Russian soil and then turn around and court my mercy. What kind of fool do you take me for, dog?!

BUDAPEST (AP) The scene here is a sad one indeed. Refugees by the thousands are fleeing north out of the Balkans to seek safety from the Turkish invaders that have already committed untold numbers of atrocities on the peasant population. There is not much safety here though. The army is now making a last-ditch effort to break the Italian occupation of Vienna. The generals have pledged to all that their boys will fight to the last man in order to recapture the city for their beloved Emperor and Empress.

At this time the royal family have taken up temporary residence at their home in Trieste. The governmental ministers have accompanied them and are now organizing an underground partisan army and the means by which the partisans will retain communication with the government-in-exile. Word has it that if Vienna is temporarily freed, the Royal family will go north and seek asylum with their cousins in Germany. If the brave and loyal soldiers fail, however, the family will stow-away on a small boat that will attempt to run thru the Italian fleet and seek asylum in America.

"It annoys me when you scream JEAN PAUL SARTRE when we're making love."

"I don't see why."

"I feel I'm being forced to relate intimately with a whole revolutionary ethic, and failing miserably. It won't fit inside me; I'm too small a person."

"Nonsense."

"Why can't I be intimate with the revolutionary, and leave the ethic to fend for itself?"

"You have to be able to expand your mind as well as your body in order to fully appreciate the physical experience."

"But you don't make love to my mind. Instead you try to bludgeon it to death."

"More nonsense. I am a non-violent person. Your masochistic fantasies are interfering with your objectivity."

"I don't have masochistic fantasies!"

"When was the last time you contemplated suicide?"

"That's not a fantasy. That's real."

(He strokes her thigh, and she squirms.) "You feel alive and well to me. How can suicide be real?"

"The contemplation is real. I may not be able to quantify the thought in terms of so many drops of blood on the floor, but it exists nonetheless. Its real. The act itself may also be real, but a future-real that we have not yet come to identify."

"Suicide cannot be a future-real. Death, at least the death we were each intended for, is a future-real, and suicide is merely a means of circumventing, negating, escaping if you will, that future-real. It is more aptly termed a present-anti-real."

"You're full of it." (She grins.)

"You'll be full of it, too, if you hang around me a little while longer." (They embrace. He kisses her forehead, her nose, and a sensitive spot just beneath the chin. She runs her fingers up and down his chest.)

"Please, couldn't we try to be a little less political this time? I'd like to feel that I can get closer to you. I know you need a release at the special moment, but no more Sartre, OK?"

"All right. I'll think of something." (They smile.)

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"It annoys me when you scream KSD2 when we're making love."

"I don't see why."

"I feel I'm just a machine, incapable of creative thought on my own, merely dependant on your programming me to function as you think best..."

STATE OF MIND

If you think you are beaten,
you are.

If you think you dare not,
you don't.

If you'd like to win but
think you can't,

It's almost a cinch that
you won't.

If you think you'll lose,
you've lost.

-Author Unknown

AN ARTICLE OF SORTS

← THIS LITTLE ITEM appeared on the bulletin board at work, so I take the liberty of reproducing it here. (That board is the source of a lot of little ditties; send in some from yours at work or school!) This one caught my eye because it reminds me of something that I learned myself a long time ago (in addition to it being the only thing on the board today). This can be applied to wargames in particular, where I first came across it.

It seems that a long time ago, I was a cynical young man (as opposed to being the cynical middle-aged man I am today), and reacted accordingly when a close friend of mine observed that a person rolling the die who FELT he was going to lose, invariably did so; and that further, a person on a losing streak who pressed his ill luck, thinking "it's GOT to change", invariably did WORSE, not

better, as time and the game progressed. On the other hand, a person who was confident and in good spirit, despite adverse board situations, could often turn things around with three or four 1/1s or 2/1s. I, being the strict & utilitarian type, rejected his idea out of hand. "Any time you roll that die, your chances of getting any number are one in six". Much playing experience later, I have come around to his view. Too often I've seen just what he said: someone throwing the die over his shoulder, back to the board saying "Why even bother?", is RIGHT. No need to look at the result. It is almost certainly a 6, unless a 6 is good--then it's a 1. A person who FEELS sure he's beaten IS beaten. Sometimes, of course, this is only due to immaturity: a player gets two or three really bad breaks in a row and "gives up". Even with better players though, something like this can be used to advantage, for it seems people are like battleships in combat--an occasional hit accomplishes nothing, but the same number of hits all in a short period of time, overloading the fire control system, will sink it. Thus, a couple of good breaks your way that you really GLOAT effectively over will accomplish much more than simple above-average luck. It could even counteract someone else's consistent above-average luck, if you play it up when your one good spurt comes along. Napoleon said that "the moral is to the physical as three to one", and although "moral impact" had a much more immediate impact on soldiers in HIS kind of war, things don't really change all that much. Read the side effects on both sides when the Germans introduced the first Panthers in large numbers, or the Russians introduced their Katyushas in WWII. In war games, the effects are still there; only the weapons are different. Look how Bobby Fisher handled chess. The action on the board was the smallest part of the struggle. This can be applicable in poker, and, of course, in our own DIPLOMACY. Press and the like can create a momentum for you...possibly at the cost of that other player's eternal enmity, of course, but, that's up to you. I really do believe that a player's morale will have a definite bearing on his play, including that 'objective' die roll.

I'd be interested to hear if any of you agree or not, whether from wargames, gambling, Dippy, or whatever.

I started this out as an anecdote, and it's turned into an article of sorts. Maybe I'll just go ahead and title it that.

J.M

VARIOUS NOTES

✓ ABOUT THIS ISSUE First, let me apologize for the poor reproduction a lot of these suffer from. One of these days it may improve, but for now, we're stuck. Next, what's here? The Hargis letter is a piece of total insanity I received unsolicited, and didn't think you'd believe if you didn't see it. I saw it and could hardly believe it. The reverse is a sample of the detail available in the latest Russian version of the history of WWII (the Great Patriotic War there) sent in by Ron Mazurkiewicz. The inset shows the Novorossisk landings and battles. Why do they show that? Because Brezhnev served there. It may become a famous battle after a while. Krushchev was the Commisar for the Stalingrad front, now renamed Volgograd...

✓ This issue does NOT contain any survey results yet, to give me time to go over them all, and to give time enough to permit lots to drift in. Four came the first day's return mail, a good sign. (None the next day...) Alan Rowland used item 7, "type of player you are", "other___" with the funniest answer to date. He wrote in "Nice guy". Now, how much credence can I put in his other answers? He'll have another letter in #12 I think you'll like.

✓ BACK ISSUES are no more. Only current ones are left, meaning 1 copy of 10. That's all, folks.

✓ GALEN WORKMAN provided me a copy of #7. Thanks.

✓ RENNY CHRISTOPHER sent in a Chemical Analysis of Men in reprisal for the earlier-contributed one on women (by someone else). I misplaced her letter with it, though, so it won't appear unless I either find it or she submits a duplicate. My thanks in any case.

✓ ORGANIZATION is one of those frills BB can seldom indulge in. Once again, incoming material forces me to postpone, I believe, an article/letter I was going to run long ago. Just can't seem to squeeze it in. Those of you who receive CAMPAIGN can read it on his pages 37-38 or so of the latest issue. It will appear here SOMEDAY.

✓ THIS NOTE is a dual one from Jerry Jones' LIES, DECEIT, & NEFARIOUS SCHEMES #13: North American Zine and Gamemasters Poll: John Leeder (1211 5th St NW Calgary, Alta, Canada T2M 3B6) is asking ALL Diplomacy players to participate in this poll. All you need to do is this 1) List all the NA zines which you receive giving each one a rating of 1-10 (1 being unspeakably bad and 10 superb). 2) List all of the GM's of games that you are currently playing and rate them the same way. Then just sign the ballot and send it off to John. Do it...the more of you that take the time to do it then we may have quite a good idea of what YOU prefer. Like another publisher who will remain unnamed because my name wasn't in Brutus Bulletin this issue, You may send your ballots to me with your orders and I will transfer them on the way to John. (Don't forget, you spell it LDNS.)

((And BRUTUS is spelled with two Us, not U / I)). J.M.

✓ CAL WHITE apparently did think the cover of that earlier issue was him, as those of you receiving his ELECTRA GLIDE BLUE#17 could tell. An excerpt from EGB 17 appears in this issue, but it was a poor copy to begin with, so don't feel cheated if it is completely illegible. I must have gone through 130 copies to get 30 that were double printed semi-legibly just for the OTHER stuff!

✓ BEN GROSSMAN includes an open letter to Jimmy Carter in his ZIRKAST, THE PREDAWN LEFTIST #30, telling him how evil the neutron bomb is because it kills people. By sparing property, it is doubly evil, for this means property is more important than people. So, shame, shame, on anyone who would like such a meanie nuclear weapon that actually kills people. PDL has lots of such horseshit, and may sound logical to the liberals in the audience tired of BB's conservatism. I think it's disgusting.

(3700 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19174)

Below is an article on role-games filched directly and without permission of course from Stephen Hueston's own new CROSSED SABERS game zine, details of which can be gained from him at 1018 S 242 Street, Kent, WA 98188. I sent him \$1.50 in stamps for a sample of his work, and got the free announcement and issue 1.50 for a dozen stamps, here is:

28031?

INCH HIGH AND THE TROLL: By S.P. Hueston

The other day I was in the library and I heard the childrens librarian telling a story about a beautiful princess, an ugly troll and a hero who stood only one inch high. It seemed that the troll was going to kidnap the princess when Inch High showed up. He threatened to beat up the troll if he didn't leave peacefully. The troll didn't want to and threatened to eat Inch High.

The troll then picked up Inch High and put him in his mouth. Whereupon Inch High began to jab a pin into the trolls tongue. The pain was so terrible that the troll spit Inch High out and ran away. Leaving behind his magical hammer.

The princess picked up the hammer and said that if she made a wish while holding it, the wish would come true. So she wished that Inch High would grow. At this point my business done, I left. Though I didn't hear the ending it must have ended with Inch High being normal in size, married and living happily ever after.

As I was listening to this story it occured to me that it sounded very similar to a D&D adventure. It got me to thinking about the popularity of D&D. Could it be that D&D is nothing more than a vehicle for the child in all of us to relive those fairy tales told to us by our mothers? Could such a thing be true? I'm sure it is!

All conflict simulations are slices of life in which the person takes on some role. In most of these games you play a general of armies, and as such are detached from the blood and gore that are the real results of the actions you take. But in a role game such as D&D you're right there hacking away at the evil beasties yourself. Thus giving you the satisfaction of seeing the blood drip from your sword and of looting the bodies.

To be really interesting there also needs to be an element of danger involved. This is absent from most board and table top games, but is usually present in D&D. This danger heightens your senses and makes it easier for you to step into the role.

There is also a strong connotation of "Good" and "Evil". I'm sure this represents a lot of the appeal of the game. It allows the players to have the satisfaction of ridding the world of one more monster. One more evil thing.

Faced with greater and greater frustration in our dealings with the real world we shall turn ever more readily to role games in which we can smite the forces of oppression and evil with our own right arms. Perhaps it will make it easier to live, I certainly hope so!

BECAUSE YOU ARE MY SPECIAL FRIEND

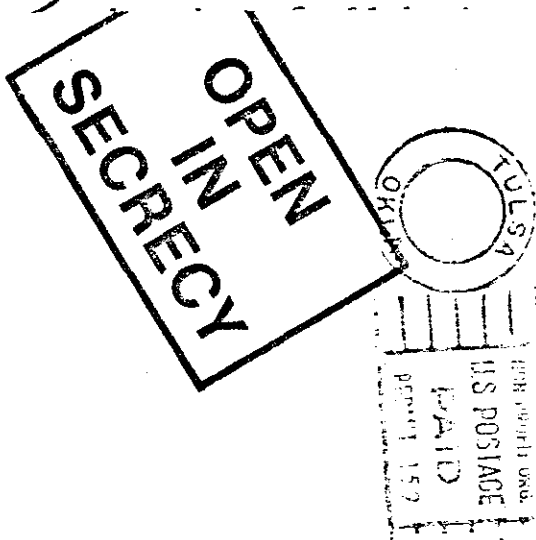
LET ME WARN YOU:

Don't Look Now But The Communists Are
Winning The Fight To Take Over America.

Dear Friend:

Take your phone off the hook, be sure your doors are locked, turn off the radio or TV and for ten seconds close your mind off to all other sounds and picture a communist takeover of America...

((As you know, lots of conservative political stuff will appear in these pages, mostly for curiosity value, but also because I more or less agree with it. That is NOT the case with this. This recently received junk mail is printed as humor--SICK humor, of course, but...it speaks for itself. J.H.)



s country one nation under God.

ed my ministry and you have always word of our Lord.

ersonally thank you, I will send you
ersonally autographed, first edition
..three books in one...for a gift

today so I can publish and distribute

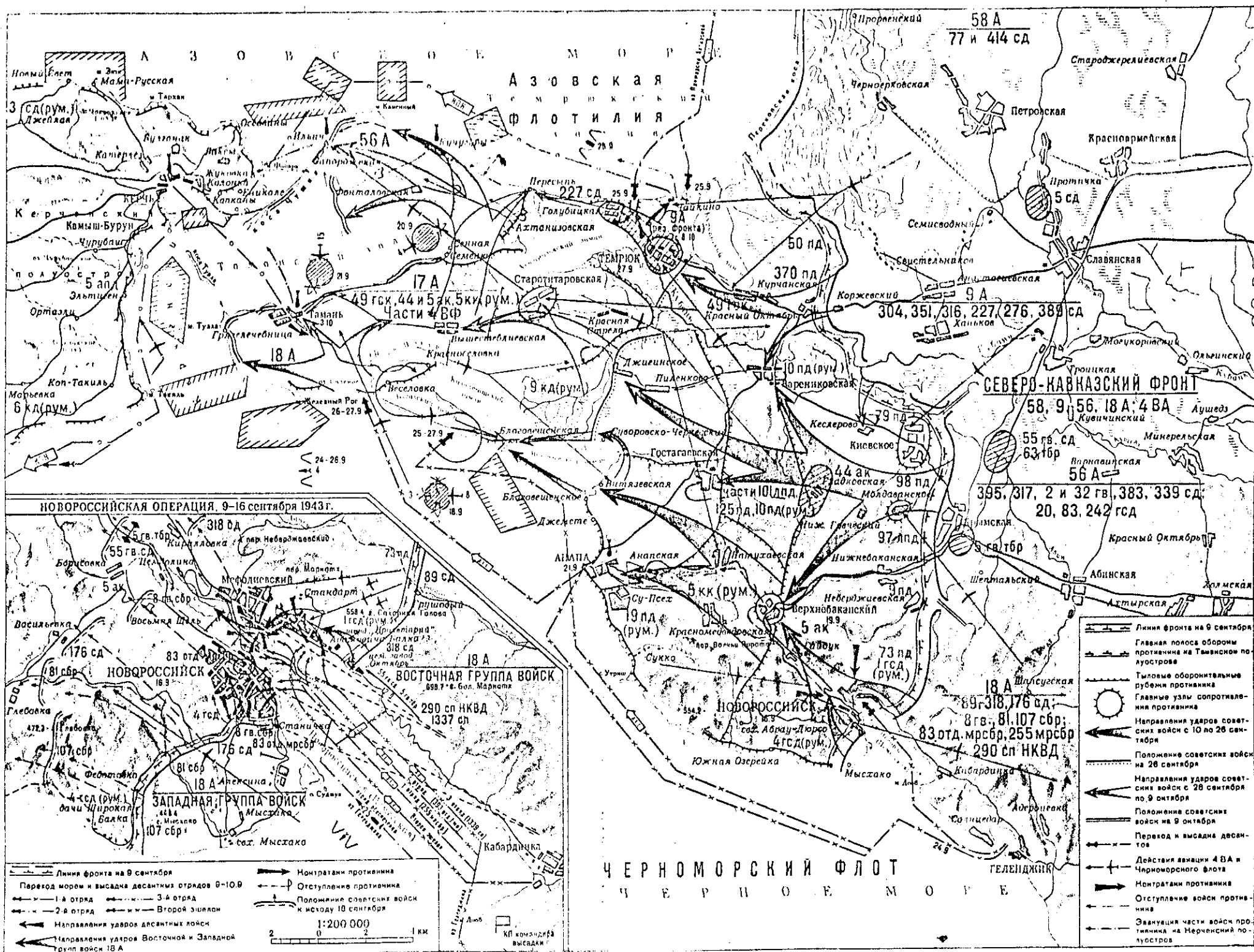
on the line to the American public disaster of all...a communist takeover.

..it's up to you now and may the Lord to keep America free!

In His Service,

Billy James Hargis
Billy James Hargis

P.S. Remember my warning!
DON'T LOOK NOW BUT THE COMMUNISTS ARE
WINNING THE FIGHT TO TAKE OVER AMERICA!
Please send your gift today to stop the
Communist takeover!
AND, REMEMBER FOR \$25 OR MORE, I WILL
SEND YOU YOUR OWN SPECIAL PERSONAL COPY
OF "THE DISASTER FILE."





CONTRIBUTIONS

This issue's cover is so plain and the issue as a whole so typically drab that I thought I'd include this donation from Dave DITTER. He didn't send it as such, but unless the xerox machine messes up (again), this may brighten at least one page with a big smiling face. He sent it with a letter concerning 77IG where his Italy has consistently done a number on any/all of my Russia's expansion plans; now he may be changing his mind. The inclusion of this 'conversation piece' was an impressive piece of cleverness, I thought. Not enough for me to stab the Turk, perhaps, but a nice gesture in any case. I figure if Craig Reges can mention "getting" Lee Kendter Jr and 77KS in his AGAINST THE ODDS, nothing wrong with my touching on IG in BB. (77IG is carried in LIBERTERIAN).

A nice thought is that baseball season is getting under way. I always like to see that, because it means only a few short months until : FOOTBALL!

("..Standby, Don....ready, Howard....go, Frank..")

J.M.

Dodger fan Toni Tennille takes in Friday's home opener

And if you're not sick of surveys and requests for same, here's another one gleaned from ATO7:

The First Annual Cook Awards for the year 1977:

What is the best article you have read in 1977?

What is the best new zine for 1977?

What is the best zine of 1977?

What is the best variant of 1977?

Who made the most outstanding contribution to the hobby in 1977?

Who is the hobby MVP for 1977?

Who is rookie of the year?

Who should be exiled from the hobby?

Send your answers to:

Cook Awards

c/o Andy Cook

807 Crescent Dr.

Alexandria, Va., 22302

((← If you don't have anyone particular in mind, can I suggest the name of Fred C. Winter, "one each"?))

J.M.

LETTERS:

Tony Watson
201 Minnesota
Las Vegas, Nevada
89107

Dear John:

At last I get to get rid of some of this pink paper. Yechh, but I got it for free, Understandably I can't use it for term projects and the like. Quite suitable for bullshit letters however.

BB was nice this time but I hate legal size. Such a pain, especially with three folds in it.

Oh yeah. The ~~xx~~ promised weather report. OK, if anyone is interested. Spring is nice. It usually starts about late Feb when the temp gets to be about 70°. Then we have March and April which are darned windy and that sometimes cools things back down. All the wind really bites, especially when it kicks up all the sand. This ~~xxx~~ things where really rainy as well due to the general downpour that the southwest faced all winter and early spring. Trees started to get all green about two weeks ago, Temperature the last few days has been about 80°.

Summer is hotter than Hell! Summer starts about the end of May and ends about mid September. Late July and August are the worse; the temp hits 110 or 115° daily and never goes below say 90°. I have to work outside, often in an un-air conditioned truck so I really hate summer. I try to spend as much time in the pools of the various people I know just surviving.

Fall's my favorite. Gets cool but there is no wind. Also, it is such a welcome respite after summer. Things are really kind of pretty around here in fall. Fall meshes with winter sometime in December so it is hard to say when ~~x~~ one starts and the other stops. Fall temps are 60° to 45° I guess. Hard to say.

Winter is not especially cold and snow is ~~unusual~~ of. (We got four inches in '74. It fell on New Years Eve and I really thought I was gone. Couldn't believe it). Snow up in the mountains though, about 30 miles away. When the wind blows it does get good. Most of you will be able to appreciate what 20° feels like with a 40mph wind kicking it about.

Yecch. Weather reports are boring.

Sorry I'm going to have to dissappoint you all and not give BB an exclusive on my report "SLEEPING WITH SPANISH TA'S". I'm gonna ~~x~~ save it for my next book. I wrote a letter to a friend about the whole subject and it was pages long so I said "Hell with this: this is already a goddamn book so I might as well ~~xxxx~~ make it into one!!" Thus is born SWSTAs, a real winner eh? I will say this. It is a good way to get an "A" in the class, and you'll usually pick up some espanol in any case, cause ~~you~~ will assuredly do one or more of the following: 1) ~~xx~~ talk about you ~~xxxxxxx~~ with her friends, right in front of you, in espanol 2) criticize (usually your performance) you in Spanish 3) whisper things in your ear ~~and~~ at certain times that you can't understand because they are in Spanish. You'll also have to put up with talk about Spain or some Latin American country because they invariably spent some time in one or more. You'll also have to listen to a lot of poems you can't understand. They are skittish and possessive and suffering of all the problems that plague anyone who is working on their master's. They can, however, be interesting and ~~xx~~ when there is a flame, there is invariably moths.

Enuff! Who could possibly care?

If you print this (this ain't filler John; it's tripe,) retype it huh? The typing and English are horrid.

Tony Watson

SEE BACK

((True, but it's near a deadline, rushed, and need filler))

The IDA now has a few months experience under its collective belt, what with our newly elected set of shining faces in command, but the first few have already begun to have second thoughts. The latest AGAINST THE ODDS reports that DOUG BEYERLEIN, the treasurer, has resigned, probably to be replaced by Bill Young, a defeated candidate for the job earlier. KONRAD BAUMEISTER, "Special Projects chairman", has also resigned, and Craig Reges has applied for that spot. Craig also was defeated for some post or another in the election earlier this year, but I don't recall if it was this post or not. At this rate, EVERYONE who wanted to gain a post will be able to at least try his hand before the year is out, at this rate. Ho, hum.

ODDS & ENDS, UNSOLICITED PLUGS, + GENERAL FILLER

Natural Gas, Propane Reporting Systems Inadequate: GAO

Although the federal government collects reams of information on natural gas and propane supplies, the data is essentially useless, according to the General Accounting Office. There are three basic flaws in the existing information system, GAO said: (1) lengthy processing times outdate the data before it can be acted upon; (2) incomplete submissions lead to faulty conclusions or require extensive follow-up efforts; and (3) much of the information sought serves no purpose.

Time lags in target dates have delayed necessary staff analyses by as much as three months, GAO Energy Division Director Monte Canfield reported. A case in point was the July 1977 deadline for compilation of reports on alternative fuel demand resulting from projected natural gas curtailments last winter: the data processing was not completed until October 1977.

Another example cited occurred during the severely cold heating season of 1976-1977, when a regional FEA administrator stopped processing all requests for propane for industrial use because he had no idea how much fuel was available in his area.

Tardy Report Filings Cited

Canfield said that only about half of the companies surveyed in natural gas and propane reports respond on time, a fact that further delays data processing, and many companies submit incomplete information. The most significant omissions have been in the areas of planned purchases of emergency gas and of gas owned by customers but stored by suppliers, according to the GAO Director.

Probably the most effective method of obtaining information on natural gas and propane supplies and needs during emergency situations has been through telephone contacts. Continuation and expansion of telephone monitoring would not only reduce the potential for reliance on outdated data, it could be used to cut down some of the excess paperwork attendant with the existing reporting system, Canfield said.

In a letter to Department of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, Canfield warned that the present system of gathering and publishing incomplete, superfluous, and outdated information could "lead to either costly fuel inventory buildups and the installation of unneeded alternate fuel capability by industry or an unpreparedness for shortages that could result in factory closings and unemployment."

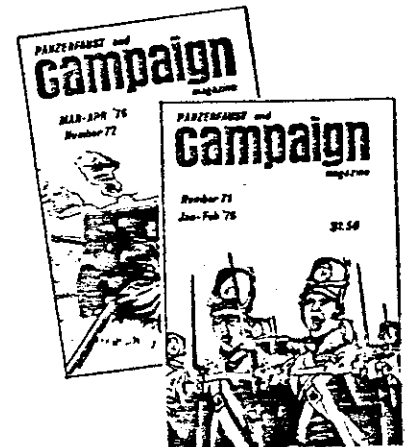
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AVALON HILL-DIPLOMACY WORLD PUZZLE: See the AH ad on the back cover of DW#18 just out? What are those ship counters doing in an ad devoted completely to their SQUAD LEADER?

CRAIG REGES

So you solicit jokes, eh?
Did you hear that Telly Savalas was suffocated last night? Seems King Kong mistook him as a roll-on deodorant.

An Aggie walks into a bar with a frog on his head. The bartender looks and he says, "You know, fella, that's something I've never seen before". And the frog says "Yeah, I know. The damn thing started out as a wart on my ass and look at it now!"

((You must have seen ANNIE HALL. I understand that's what Woody Allen used for humor too)).

RONALD MAZURKIEWICZ

There was an article recently about the Universal Life Church in Newsweek. The character running the "church" has set the operation up solely to make a mockery of the church tax exemption provision. Supposedly the \$20 bills just keep rolling in. He has now expanded his operation in fact. For \$5 you can become a Saint. You get a certificate in the mail proclaiming your sainthood. What I'd have to do now is convert my attic into a chapel, and get my house tax exempt! Now I'm beginning to realize why there are so many inner city storefront churches and preachers around. They aren't so stupid. They have all been living in back or above their "churches" and getting their tax break. Pretty slick.

FMJ means full metal jacket. The only difference for you would be if you are planning to shoot through cars, or APCs some day. Then you would obviously need the metal jacketed bullets. All depends if you are getting ready for The Day. Many conservative characters I am finding out are.

Obviously the best route for you would be to find someone to act as your receiving agent in OKC. I am enclosing a couple of ads on magazines for you. I would invest the extra money for the Israeli 30 round mag. It seems to be a much better magazine than the US issue. I remember we always had to watch putting the full 30 or 20 rounds in our magazines because they'd jam them. And you wouldn't want that, would you?

((Ron, with that obviously non-Southern or -Southwestern name, is the friend from Milwaukee who inquired about that other California group selling Dr. of Divinity degrees that were recognized. Latter paragraphs concern a question I had about some ammunition. I personally am not preparing for The Day, but am in the market for some low cost AR15 ammo, since I'm currently paying \$7 for a box of 20. If my current 5-round clips are replaced by the ones Ron sent me notice of (30 round nylon clips from the Israeli Army), filling two clips will cost over \$10 each. And with an AR15, they don't last long! One of these days I'll do an article on rifles or weapons in general or some such thing. Those of you seeing last Brutus #3 press might expect like me that, if I definitely announce that and ask for comments, maybe Galen Workman will send me a sample hand grenade without a pin....))

ALAN ROWLAND P O Box 2173, College Station, Easton, PA 18042

I enjoyed issue #8 of BB quite a bit. You're getting some decent letters and press which are generally my two favorite features (though in the 'Monger one normally sees about zero press with a variance of zero). Of course, I am more partial to controversial items, heated debates, feuds, and things of a similar ilk.

Even though this is not a bumper sticker, I thought this statement is pretty decent. "Reality is for people who can't handle booze". How true! I remember Craig Reges calling up last night but then I only have occasional recollections of drinking from 8 pm to 4 am.

Sorry for this ((WARMONGER)) being late but the damn xeroxes I use were broken for a week. Aaargh'.

PS While your portrayal of Curtis is accurate, I have been compared to the Anti-Christ, Attila the Hun, and other notables (though in jest, I believe). Perhaps the old man's views are right.

Guest GM
In answer to Alan Rowland's letter on what I hope will be the previous page:
((I'm not so sure. Anyhow, it's always fun to receive WARMONGER, as it is one
of the very few zines that are really, well, "open". That is, gross. I always
get a laugh out of the above type stuff from him, and little tidbits from
within MONGER as the item below. The zine seldom fails on these accounts:

*Please note: I encourage press, and I don't care if it is suggestive,
obscene, or disgusting, but I would prefer it if you did not use racial slurs,
religious or national insults, or other such things. If you want to insult
one person in particular, go ahead, but if you insult someone because of his
race, creed, color, ect. I will edit them out with black magic marker, as I
did above. Alan here - Slurs are all right by me.*

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ERIC KIRCHNER ((Eric, you might ought to memorize Alan's divider above for later use
I was in a strange mood, which may have had something to do with my 053C
bedtime this morning (up again at 630), so...here goes nothing. My first and only
attempt at literary infamy:

There is a new pubber named John,
Whose mind appears totally gone,
He puts out BB,
Games one, two, and three.
That kind of life just can't go on.

That will teach you to open my letters. If I'd known you were going to print my
letter on junk mail, I would have made it a little more organized. By the way, did
you know that the 2.2¢ bulk rate is used by non-profit organizations only, and
that the 7.7¢ rate has strings attached, like the issuing company must sort the bulk
mail by ZIP code and deliver it to the PO himself? Kind of hurts the anti-junk
argument, at least the one about preferential rate structures. Oh, well, I'm still
sending in all those business reply envelopes. It's a nice rebellious move even if
I can't justify it.

Before delivery to P.O. →
((Per limerick, you're right. Between an up-&-down marriage, work, increasing
press work, etc., BB may start being mailed regularly the day AFTER the deadline
instead of the day OF, often as not. On the junk mail -- "non-profit organizations".
I'm an accountant, and I'm not at all impressed anymore with such tricks, except
I do respect their cleverness with the tax dodge. I've seen too many political
groups, labor unions, etc., hiding behind the non-profit facade to have any sympathy
for them. 7.7 has strings? It ought to have enough strings to tie them in a knot!
The strings you mentioned are just requirements of the 1/2 price rate that larger-
volume outfits ALWAYS follow without being required to, just in their own self-
interest. (Large volume mailers often sack and label stuff I saw at the PO, just
to save themselves two days delivery time). READERS DIGEST and the like will use UPS
or someone similar to save time AND money, both on transportation and losses,
to get stuff to the "local" delivery level. Don't kid yourself: "strings" or not,
they're getting a near-free ride at your expense.)) J.M.

BECOME A NATIVE OKLAHOMAN

Talk Their Language How To Talk Oklahoman In One Easy Lesson

Frontier Country has many attractions that could correctly be classified as unique—one of a kind. It has some unusual places and events—you might even say, it has some unusual people living within its boundaries.

We don't know who should receive credit (or blame) for the following Oklahoma "dictionary". It could be used as a handy reference by newcomers to the area, or by folks just passing through. In either case, learning these few definitions could possibly clear up a lot of here-to-fore misunderstood conversations.

Take a holt of the paper, sit on the sofy, lift up your fate and larn sumpin.

Agg—What a hen lays	tree
Aints—He's got aints in his paints.	Chiny—Asian country dishes
Arn—Ma's tard of arnin'	Core—He got hisself a new Ford Core
Bag—He bagged her to marry him	Dinner—What you eat at noon
Bobbed—A bobbed war fance	Dreckly—I'll git it dreckly
Bresh—The woods	Dainz—Satiday night social
Bub—The light bub burned out	Elum—a graceful tree
Cheer—What you set in	Errol—TV or radio antenney
Crick—Small stream	Evenin—Afternoon and before supper
Clum—He shore clum thet	Fance—What's round a

hawg lot	tell the truth
Farred—He got farred from his job	Lymun—A sour fruit
Flar—A rose is a purdy flar	Lag—Most folks got two of 'em
Frash—Them aggs aint frash	Gully Washer—A medium heavy rain
Fraidy Holes—Storm cellers	Lather—What you climb up
Furiners—All non-Okies	Parch—Stoop-It's on the back of the house
Futher—Hit 2 miles further to town	Fate—They're on yore lags
Grain—She was grain with envy	Cyow—Animal on a farm
Hail—Whare bad folks go	Mere—What you see yourself in
Hep—Lend a hepping hand	Malk—What you git from cyows.
Hern—It ain't hern, it's his'n	Misrus—A married woman
Hillbilly—People in the next county	Minners—Live bait
Hog-Jaw—You eat 'em with blackeyed peas on New Years Day	Nar—Opposite of wide
Holler—What betwin the hills	Nack—Yore haid sets on it
Dribbed—He dribbed his milk on his shirt	Nup—No
Hard—I got me a new hard hand	Orrel—Them hinges need orrel
Hydrum—Where you git a drank	Ormy—What the sojers are in
Holt—He grub a holt of the fance	Pank—A light color
Lad—She lad cuz she didn't	Poke—A paper bag or sack
	Poke Salit—A green vegetable
	Peert—Feeling good, not porely
	Petition—What seprates rooms

News from Cal White's Electrified Glue, or rather,

"ELECTRA GLIDE BLUE #17, Volume 1, April 9, 1978, Page 162

Electra Glide Blue is a very discouraged type Diplomacy zine published by Cal White 1 Turnberry Avenue, Toronto, Ontario Canada M6N 1P6. Subscription rate is 3/\$2 and is not going to go up because of the recent postage increase. Aren't you glad? GAMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. Nor is it likely that there ever will be again.

News of the World:

- ✓ 1. Here's that bit of news that I told you all a while back. Sometime this summer, Avalon Hill, makers of Diplomacy, will publish what promises to be the definitive Handbook on Diplomacy. It will be 16 full pages and will resemble the Wargamers Guide to Panzerblitz and the Avalon Hill General. It was being written by Rod Walker, one of the earliest people in this hobby of ours. So for those of you who adore articles on Diplomacy and are continually being disappointed by Electra Glide Blue, this is for you.x
- ✓ 2. The latest issue of Everything is not out yet, due to my being in an extremely depressed state at the moment. It will appear one week from today and will be around 16 pages. It will replace the issue due out in two weeks. Curse you, Doug Beyerlein. Why did I ever take this job? "

Bureaucratic Blunders

The two scientists from the University of California at Irvine who discovered that 14 percent of the female seagulls off the California seacoast are lesbians have been given a \$62,000 National Science Foundation grant to further their studies.

Elizabeth Kraus

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Motorists in the northern Michigan tourist community of Sault Ste. Marie may soon be in the market for cars that go sideways. A new city ordinance designed to cut damages on parking meters makes it illegal to back an automobile into any metered parking space.

The City Commission intended the law to apply only to parking lots, but inadvertently worded it so it also applies to curb parking. Parallel parking, according to traditional driving techniques, almost always requires entering the space in reverse.

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A linguist who spent \$89,000 in public funds to produce a dictionary in Tzotzil, a Mayan dialect, himself admits the project is essentially useless even to the people who speak the language. The author, who obtained a grant from the Smithsonian Institution to produce the reference work, warns in his introduction that the 10,000 Zinacantec tribe members for whom the dictionary was produced may end up using its pages for toilet paper.

Robert Bicknell

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Reorganization of the U.S. Senate has reduced the number of committees from 31 to 25 and subcommittees from 177 to 130. There's only one petty drawback: Committee employees have increased from 1,153 to 1,169.

Joseph Arnaboldi

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The Federal Communications Commission is quietly stifling the millions of voices that jam the Citizens Band radio frequencies. An estimated 9 million licensees—truck drivers, teenagers, housewives, even a former First Lady—now operate more than 20 million CB sets. The airwaves have become so crowded that the CB industry has appealed for more frequencies. These would have to be taken from the ham

radio operators, who add up to no more than 300,000. Yet the commission has favored the few over the many. The 300,000 hams have 100 times more airspace than is available to the 9 million CB enthusiasts. The hams also have a lock on the higher frequencies, which are free from interference.

Jack Anderson

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The federal government has paid off more than \$318 million in loans it guaranteed for a third of a million college students who defaulted.

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A small radio station in New Hampshire recently spent \$26 in postage mailing its paperwork to the FCC during license renewal. And George Dodds, president of radio station WGGH in Marion, Ill., says he spends two months of every year working on federally-required paperwork.

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It takes 24 pounds of forms for a public school system to request continued public support, according to Dr. Jack P. Nix, Georgia state superintendent of schools.

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Even though the Commission on Federal Paperwork legally expired on October 2, 1977, some 30 staff members remained on the payroll for months longer—to prepare 36 voluminous reports for publication.

Harold Sproul

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The federal government recently gave a psychology professor at the University of Michigan \$5,800 to study why Americans have children. Asked how the nation's taxpayers will benefit from her survey, Dr. Lois Hoffman replied, "I don't understand that question."

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The National Science Foundation has spent \$60,000 to find out why Southerners talk with a Southern accent, and another \$136,100 to study the effect of CB radios on people.



A \$2.28 ashtray, sent as a birthday present to a Philadelphia resident by his cousin who lives in Salisbury, Rhodesia, violates the UN trade sanctions against Rhodesia, claims the U.S. Postal Service and the Customs Service. The Philadelphian was notified he would have to apply for a re-exportation license to return the undelivered package to his Salisbury cousin.

M. G. Kreckow

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One division in the Iowa Department of Environmental Quality ordered the city of Hampton to cover its landfill with one foot of dirt to prevent contamination of the city's water supply. When city officials started to comply by excavating dirt along a nearby stream, another environmental bureaucrat blocked city bulldozers, claiming that the work could affect the water flow of the stream, governed by a different statute.

Steven Grant

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The Michigan Civil Service Department has sent out questionnaires to handicapped state employees, asking questions such as: "Have you ever encountered difficulties because of your handicap in being considered for promotion or transfer?" The questionnaire assures in bold, capital letters that all answers will be treated confidentially and used only for statistical and affirmative action purposes. Then comes the kicker: "Please complete and return to your supervisor."

Richard Perich

American Scene

Replying to an Environmental Protection Agency query whether Iowa's Department of Environmental Quality has power to regulate ocean dumping, the state's assistant attorney general replied, "Iowa has not established ocean discharge criteria, since the last area ocean receded from the state about two million years ago." Iowa is 1,000 miles from the nearest ocean.

James C. Coomer

Feminist leader Gloria Steinem, a 1978 Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., explains that she hopes while at the center to write a book "of interrelated essays on Nationalism and Property, Definitions of Work, Organizational Forms, the Question of Ends and Means, Childhood and Community, Assumptions of Duality, and Religion and the Sense of Time. This is intended to be one feminist's contribution to the history of ideas, and to explain why feminism is more likely to be transforming than integrationist or imitative."

A federal judge has ruled that excessive exposure to rock 'n' roll music constituted cruel and unusual punishment for a Virginia prison inmate.

Clifton Tydings, an inmate at the Bland Correctional Center, argued that the center's policy of allowing prisoners to play radios, tape recorders and record players without earphones aggravated his nervous condition. The suit, filed against Supt. W. D. Blankenship, asked for damages of \$10,000.

U.S. District Court Judge Glen M. Williams awarded Tydings \$1,000 in damages and \$1,000 in attorney's fees and directed center officials to return to a previous policy of requiring earphones for listening to music. "No one should inflict their rock 'n' roll music on someone who doesn't want to hear it," he said.

Harry Zimmerman Jr.

In Garden City, Kans., the law says you can't drink from the public drinking fountains.

A number of American cities have installed poetry posters, financed in part by the taxpayer-funded National Endowment for the Arts, on their buses. One poem making the bus rounds:

Small brown frogs
frozen in river mud all winter,

are pushing their bellies up to where the moon is in April. They use their elastic bodies to move the mud beneath them; squeezing their eyes out into the air.

The hundreds of "peeping" sounds you hear are the brown voice of the mud gently giving up little pieces of itself.

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San Francisco prohibits elephants from strolling down Market Street unless they are on a leash.

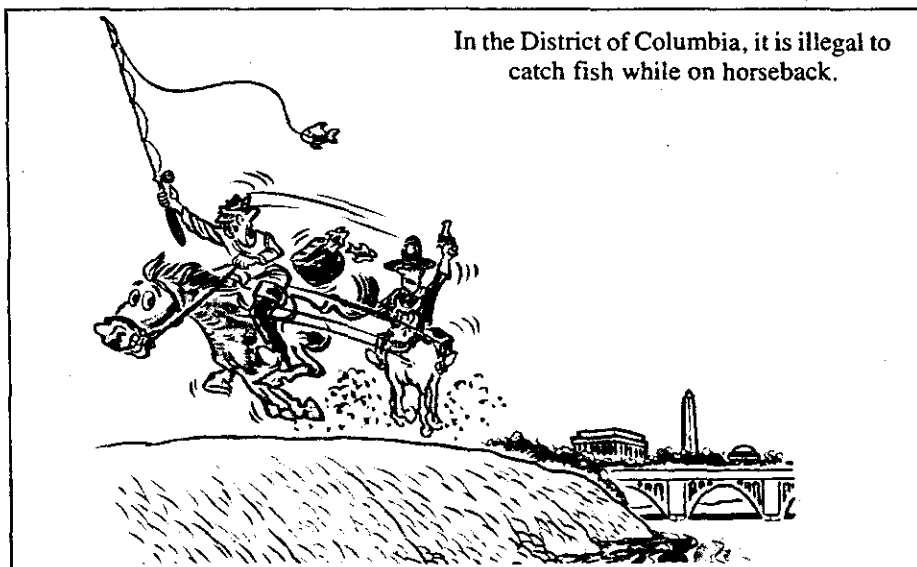
The United States appears to be the only country in the world which asks its teenagers what to do about world affairs and tells its senior citizens to go out and play.

Paul Johnson

In 1835 Alexis de Tocqueville wrote the following comparison of America and Russia in his classic *Democracy in America*: "There are, at the present time, two great nations in the world, which seem to tend toward the same end, although they started from different points; I allude to the Russians and the Americans . . . The American struggles against the natural obstacles which oppose him; the adversaries of the Russian are men. The former combats the wilderness and savage life; the latter, civilization with all its weapons and its arts. The conquests of the one are therefore gained by the ploughshare; those of the other, by the sword.

"The Anglo-American relies upon personal interest to accomplish his ends, and gives free scope to the unguided exertions and common sense of the citizens; the Russian centres all the authority of society in a single arm. The principal instrument of the former is freedom; of the latter, servitude. Their starting-point is different; and their courses are not the same; yet each of them seems to be marked out by the will of Heaven to sway the destinies of half the globe."

In the District of Columbia, it is illegal to catch fish while on horseback.



April 7, 1978

((I'm too lazy to type all this over properly, so I'll run it as a whole page as is and let Dave speak for himself. I'm too esoteric today...))

Dear John,

77 KN
ENGLAND

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S 05 F LON - ~~W~~ ENG

David

John, since I am about to be snuffed from KN, I'd better start contributing stuff so you'll keep me on the mailing list. Since I'm ~~being~~ a mathematician you're stuck with puzzles. ((Beats the hell out of Full-Cost Accounting, which is one of the things I can write about as filler!! If I do, you may decide to let the sub lapse gladly!))

Try this

$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \sqrt{\begin{array}{cccc} ** & ** & ** & ** \end{array}} \\
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 \end{array}$$

Believe it or not, there's only one way to replace all the stars so that everything is correct for the square root.

If you feel it should be included, on the back is a description of how to take square roots although this may be too esoteric for your rag.

Taking Square-Roots Longhand

~~Divide~~ Example 235,225

Step 1 Break number into two digit groups
(from decimal point)

23 52 25

Step 2 find largest square smaller than left most group (16). Write square root on top, square below, and subtract and bring down next group.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \sqrt{23 \ 52 \ 25} \\ 16 \\ \hline 7 \ 52 \end{array}$$

Now do 3, 4, 5 until done

~~3 Multiply~~ ~~current number on top by 20 to get~~

~~2 Find s~~

3 let x be 20 times the number on top

4 let a be the largest integer such that $(x+a)a$ is smaller than the number on the bottom.

5 Write a on top, $(x+a)a$ on the bottom, subtract and bring down next group

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \ 8 \ 5 \\ \sqrt{23 \ 52 \ 25} \\ 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(88)8 = \begin{array}{r} 752 \\ 704 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \ 25 \\ 48 \ 25 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

PS 1 is the only number that works all others still have alternate solutions.

((Item in this box is the answer to his puzzle question posed in issue 9))