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BRUTUS

BULLETIN

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The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal Diplomacy brought to you by John Michalski, Rt 10, Box 526 Q, Moore, Oklahoma 73165, every two weeks for the pittance of \$2 for all issues from now until Dec 1, 1978. BB is dedicated to running a few games FAST and cheap, nothing more. However, contributions of jokes, cartoons, puzzles, letters, and assorted junk of all kinds is solicited and encouraged. This also used to be a pretty darn good press zine, but with black press gone in all but AX, and AX not appearing here often enough to really encourage the wild extremes we've come to expect in 77KS, that aspect of things may be a thing of the past.

LAST ISSUE was a tie with #1 as the shortest issue ever, due mainly to my forgetting to bring home the 78AX gamepage for collating in time. It appears this issue. Also, no Bureaucratic Blunders were available, letters dropped off, and the KS press just barely arrived in time for inclusion. Had #16 been one page shorter, it could have gone first class. It sure is a lot easier to shuffle and staple those small ones, though not as much fun to reread them later. Those myriad publishers hitting you for 35¢ while giving you 2-sheet issues sure have it easy! I hope they appreciate it. (I don't. I expect more than 2 sheets for my 35¢).

THIS ISSUE continues my tradition of tacky covers that don't allow any JOHN'S NOTES on the inside cover, but do add a little variety and prettier covers overall. Also included is a letter exposing Jerry Jones as a 'degenerate'; see why within. (That is another reason 16 was small: Jerry Jones wasn't mentioned once in it). At this writing, I don't yet know what will finally wind up in here, so I'm not going to elaborate. Also, I'm about one week away from moving--yes, after about 15 months of goofing around and nonsense of all sorts, we're finally getting down to the wire. By the time you get this, it should be all over. I'm so proud of that extravagant palace we're moving into that I may just run a picture of it in here when I get them back. For all we have to PAY for the thing, I need to get all the mileage out of it I can! It sure is a welcome relief after the assorted joints I grew up in and the row houses that so sickeningly blot almost every neighborhood in the country these days. It will be hell to maintain 2 3/4 acres, but darn well worth it.

Here's some bottom-of-page filler from John Mirassou's SAYA DASTI...#6:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Most poems rhyme
But this one doesn't

Little miss muppet
sat on a tuffet
eating her curds and whey
along came a spider
who sat down beside her
so she ate that too.

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MAY BECOME A FOUR-PLAYER GAME SOON.

Winter and SPRING, 1908

AUSTRIA (KASSEL): A Rum-UKR; A GAL S A Rum-Ukr; A Sil-War/ann.; A Mun-Ber/d/
 rTyo, Otb; A Tyo-PIE; A VEN-Rom; A TRI-Ven; A Vie-BOH

FRANCE (DITTER): F NTH C A Lon-Hol; A Lon-HOL; A Ruh-MUN; A BUR S A Ruh-Mun;
 F TUN-Ion; F TYN S F Tun-Ion; F GLY S F Tyn; F NAF-Tun;
 A TUS S ITALIAN A Rom

GERMANY (WORKMAN): F HELG-Den
 F Kie r HIG, removes A Ber

ITALY (KELLY): NMR! A ROM H
 NRR;GM removes F Apu

RUSSIA (McELVANEY): F Bal-BER; F KIE S F Bal-Ber; F DEN S F Kie; A War-SIL;
 builds A STP;plays 1 short A PRU S A War-Sil; A Ukr-WAR; A MOS S A Ukr-War;
 A StP-LVN

TURKEY (HUESTON): F NAP S AUSTRIAN A Ven-Rom; F ION S F Nap; F AEG S F Ion;
 builds F SMY F Smy-EAS; F BLA S A Sev; A SEV S AUSTRIAN A Rum-Ukr

Next, apologies to all for the delay. This should have been in your hands a day sooner, except for a mixup and my forgetting half the moves 6:30 Tuesday morning. To make up for it, DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1908, WILL BE MY MAIL RECEIVED HERE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1978. That will give you a better break on your own time for diplomacy, and, tie in nicely with my return from GenCon for next Fall, i.e., the Wednesday after that. When will we get back to Mondays? Probably not for a long time. FOOTBALL season will be here after GenCon, and I want to spend Monday nights at that, not Dippy! Note my new address;

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PRESS FOLLOWS

Winter 1907 press:

BERLIN -- Oh God! Not those perverted RUSSIANS!! NO. Please, no. Did you hear what they did to the twelve-year-olds in Denmark?? To the girls and the boys.

The children will never know the joys can't they have a bit more time. Those aren't buds on the tress already, are they? Oh, no! Please say it isn't spring.

77KS

SMALL FISHES MAKING COMEBACK?

Winter and SPRING, 1907

ENGLAND (HUNT): A Yor-EDI

FRANCE (NEWELL, Jr.): F MAO-Spasc; A MAR-Spa; A Bre-PIC
plays one short

GERMANY (REGES): F GoB-STPsc; F LON-Nth; F DEN & F KIE S F Ber-Bal;
F Swe r GOB; builds F Ber-BAL; A Bur-BEL; A Par-BUR; A MUN S ITALIAN A Tyo/NSU;
F KIE, F BER A WAR-Mos

ITALY (SHAFFER): F Wes-GLY; F NAP S TURKISH A Apu-Rom/NSO/d/r Rom, Tyn, Otb;
removes A Tyo A PIE S GERMAN A Bur-Mar/NSO; A VEN-Tri

RUSSIA (KASSEL): F Nwy-SKA; F Bal-Ber/d/r Pru, Lvn,GoB, Otb; F SWE & F NTH
builds A MOS S F Bal-Den/NSO; A Boh-SIL; A Bud-GAL; A VIE S A Bud-Gal;
A Rum-UKR; A MOS S A Rum-Ukr

TURKEY (KENDTER, Jr): F Ion-NAP; A APU S F Ion-Nap; F ADR S F Aeg-Ion; F Aeg-ION;
A TRI H; A SER S A Tri; F Gre-ALB

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1977 KS PRESS-- Ain't none, about as I'd guessed. There are some questions some of you have raised concerning the use of neutral press. Yes, neutral press (e.g., dateline Iceland, or Utah, or Moon) is still acceptable, as is No-dateline press. Anything coming in with a questionable dateline violating the spirit of the black press ban as I see it, will be run as no-dateline press, or chucked.

J.M.

Soviet's 'Unknown War' Will Air on American TV

By MIKE FEINSILBER
United Press International

WASHINGTON — With a new war to cope with, Americans in 1941 were too busy to notice the beginning of an epic 900 day struggle between Stalin and Hitler for the soul of a city.

But the 2.5 million people of Leningrad — suffering famine so severe they peeled wallpaper from walls to eat the glue — endured the ordeal. Meticulous Soviet cameramen recorded the struggle.

Film from Soviet military archives, never before seen outside Russia, forms the heart of a 20-part series to be seen on American television this fall. A preview was shown to reporters recently at the National Archives, which provided some captured Nazi film from the project.

The documentary, "The Unknown War," tells of some of the most colossal encounters of military forces the world has known, including the little-

known battle of Kursk-Orel that engaged 7,000 tanks and was the largest armored conflict in history.

Made by Air Time International in association with Sovinfilm of the U.S.S.R., the series is being sold independently to international and American television stations.

In besieged Leningrad, Soviet cameramen photographed the Russians stoically dragging dead relatives across the frozen streets to graveyards. Hungry people fell in their tracks, first the old men, then the old women, then the middle-aged, then the young.

A girl named Tanya recorded in her diary by date and hour the death of an aunt, a grandmother, an uncle, her mother, a cousin. Finally she died, too.

As many as 1 million died, 600,000 of starvation. The city was isolated behind the Nazi lines. The siege lasted from six months before Pearl Harbor to six months before the allied Normandy invasion of Europe.

((Above contributed by Miles Kehrer))

Why not take a break this summer from all that usual garbage you usually listen to, and instead try something different, something pleasant? The schedule below is dedicated to Cal White (send me my \$2 back, Cal), Bobcat Newell, and of course Lee Kendter, Jr., all of whom, I know, just love C&T's as a style of music.....



MOONLIGHT & MAGNOLIAS FAN CLUB, INC.
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KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Captain and Tennille will begin their 5½-month tour in July appearing at the Circle Star Theatre in San Francisco and ending in December at Harrah's in Reno, Nevada. Several colleges and universities will hear the talented duo and their group including the Cadets of the West Point Academy.

- July 6-9 Circle Star Theatre — San Francisco, Calif.
- July 13-26 MGM Grand Hotel — Las Vegas, Nevada
- Aug. 3-6 Front Row Theatre — Cleveland, Ohio
- Aug. 8 Glenoaks Park — Peoria, Illinois
- Aug. 10-13 Mill Run Playhouse — Niles, Illinois
- Aug. 15-19 Melody Fair — North Tanawanda, New York
- Aug. 27 Minnesota State Fair — Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.
- Aug. 30 State Fair — Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Sept. 2-3 Carrowinds — Charlotte, North Carolina
- Sept. 7 Cincinnati Music Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Sept. 8 Pine Knob — Detroit, Michigan
- Sept. 9 Convention Center — Indianapolis, Indiana
- Sept. 10 Mississippi River Festival — St. Louis, Missouri
- Sept. 13 University of Oklahoma — Norman, Oklahoma
- Sept. 14 West Texas Fair — Abilene, Texas
- Sept. 15 Chaparral Center — Midland, Texas
- Sept. 16 Six Flags — Arlington, Texas
- Sept. 20 Memorial Auditorium — Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Sept. 21 Tennessee State Fair — Nashville, Tennessee
- Sept. 23 Mississippi Coast Coliseum — Biloxi, Mississippi
- Sept. 24 Louisiana State University — Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Sept. 29 Pershing Auditorium — Lincoln, Nebraska
- Sept. 30 Waterloo Cattle Congress — Waterloo, Iowa
- Oct. 12 Brigham Young University — Provo, Utah
- Oct. 13 Weber State College — Ogden, Utah
- Oct. 14 Ricks College — Rexburg, Utah
- Oct. 20-26 Harrah's — Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- Nov. 2 L.C. Walker Sports Arena — Muskegon, Michigan
- Nov. 4 Purdue University — W. Lafayette, Indiana
- Nov. 10 Towson State College — Towson, Maryland
- Nov. 11 University of Scranton — Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Nov. 12 Rensselaer Poly College — Troy, New York
- Nov. 17 Bloom County Arena — Binghamton, New York
- Nov. 18 Eisenhower Hall, West Point Academy — West Point, New York
- Nov. 19 Grand Opera House — Wilmington, Del.
- Nov. 28 Opera House — Seattle, Washington
- Nov. 30 Port Auditorium Theatre — Portland, Oregon
- Dec. 7-13 Harrah's — Reno, Nevada

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✓ TWO NEW YORK ZINES of the three I get arrived the 29th. The surprise was URF DURFAL, #31-32, which said it was about three weeks late. In compensation, it was a double issue, and a fantastic one. Aside from the 2 or 3 variants in it (plus book reviews, letters, humor, games, and a "Cars are Fascist" article elaborating on remarks seen in BB), the whole issue could be carried by the hilarious Lipton spoofing alone. If you don't get UD, send Greg a quarter, or some stamps, or a "bless you" or whatever, and get a sample of 31-2. You'll have to see it to believe it. Thoroughly enjoyable--it's like an oversized DIPLOMACY DIGEST or a triple issue of CLAW & FANG: lots to read and laugh at. Maybe it's good the UDs like this one come out so rarely, or the rest of us publishing would feel like giving up in the face of such competition. I haven't laughed at a Dipzine like this since John Mirassou folded his SAYA DASTIs. All I can say is, get it. (Greg Costikyan, 1675 York Ave, NYC 10028). But See b

PS: The first thing that caught my eye was the UN stamps on it: 15¢. I'd always wondered if NYC people could save by mailing heavy stuff from the UN, since the UN is so slow and indecisive that it couldn't keep up with USPS rate increases. 2 oz/15¢ seem to prove me right.

Oh, and the other zine received was MIXUMAXU GAZETTE. Not much to it.

✓ DAVID SCOTT dropped in for a couple of hours on his way through to the pines of central Tennessee (or wherever Oak Ridge is). It was good to meet some of the ~~staplers~~ people you come across in the gaming world, although he and I both had the bad habit of starting to say something and then wind up getting sidetracked or cut off by something else and never getting the original point finished. Oh, well. He learned a little about AFRICAN CAMPAIGN and saw an RC, while I learned something of Backgammon (I'd thought it was like tennis...) by winning my first game about as well as I was trounced in the second. Also, he verified that people here DO stop at the end of the ramps, for those of you who may not have believed me in the 'Driving in Oklahoma' article last issue.

✓ SPACE STATION ULTRA is the name of a variant produced by Lee Kendter Sr and starting in his zine WHY ME? #4 just received. I may run it as a filler piece in here if I get the chance. It looks interesting, as it is perfectly balanced and symmetrical. I was tempted myself, but I'm into two new gamestarts (Claw and Fang, + Ruritania) which is enough for now. 4 games I'm in are either dead or in limbo though too: 76IK, 74HX, 77FJ, & 77HH. Maybe others. But I digress. Lee also has two spots open in a Youngstown, so say you read it here and sign up. The Ultra one should be interesting to watch. Lee is at 4347 Benner St, Philly 19135.

✓ Does anyone know ROD WALKER's address?

✓ JOHN MIRASSOU, just to make a liar out of me, has come out with issue #6 of his zine SAYA DASTI SYA NASTI SYA DAVAK TAV YASKA. So, watch for reprints of the goodies in future BBs, all but the item he reprinted there from here. A pleasant 14-page surprise.

✓ ~~OLD DIPZINES FOR SALE Yes, I've got over another full load to sell someone, and then some. Assorted Dipzines received, '76-'78 (mostly later ones), a stationery boxful postpaid to you for only \$4. Come and get it! Also 4-6 wargame zines, all recent, \$2 postpaid.~~ Sold to Newell

✓ AD: CRAIG REGES, 16 W 761 WhitePines Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106, is now also in the Star Wars trading card business along with me and Tony Watson. Welcome to the club! Anyone wishing to trade/buy/sell, write any or all of us.

WINTER, 1903 Austria: NRR! GM removes F Alb
England: Builds F LVP, F LON
Germany: NRR! GM removes A Bur, A Ruh
Russia: Builds A MOS
Turkey: Builds F SMY, F CON

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The vote for a separation of seasons failed.

In the fall, Randy Christopher DID send in orders; they just arrived late, fortunately for Italy, as it turned out.

SLEEPING DUAL MONARCHY LEFT ALONE BY NEIGHBORS. GERMANY PARTITIONED 4 WAYS.

SPRING, 1904

AUSTRIA (LUKOW): NMR! As BUD, VIE, TRI H

ENGLAND (HUESTON): F Den-KIE; F Lon-ENG; F Lvp-WAL; F Por-Mid/ann.:
F NTH S F Bel-Hol; F Bel-HOL

FRANCE (HUNT): F MAO S A Spa-Por; A Spa-POR; F Eng-BEL; F PIC S F Eng-Bel:
A Hol S F Eng-Bel/d/r Ruh, Otb

GERMANY (CHRISTOPHER): NMR! CD F Kie H/ann

ITALY (KIRCHNER): F ION H (ho, hum); F TYN S F Ion; A BOH S AUSTRIAN A Vie;
A Sil-Ber/ann.: A MUN S ENGLISH F Den-Kie

RUSSIA (KASSEL): F BLA & F SWE H; F Bal-PRU; A GAL & A BER S A War-Sil;
A War-SIL; A Mos-WAR; A RUM S A Gal

TURKEY (WORKMAN): F EAS-Ion; F Smy-AEG; F CON S F Smy-Aeg; F Gre-ALB; A SER S
F Gre-Alb; A BUL S A Ser

COA: David Hunt, to 925 Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915. (517) 489-7015

PRESS: World-Austria: "You can say that again".

SUMMER: French A Hol r RUH

FALL, 1904 AUSTRIA (SERGEANT) A TRI S A Bud-Ser; A BUD-Ser; A VIE-Gal
ENGLAND (HUESTON) F Wal-IRI; F HOL & F ENG S F Nth-Bel; F NTH-Bel;
F KIE S F Hol
FRANCE (HUNT) F MID-Eng; F PIC & A RUH S F Bel; F BEL S F Mid-Eng;
A POR H
ITALY (KIRCHNER) NMR! F ION, TYN, A BOH H; A Mun H/d/r Bur Tyo Otb
RUSSIA (KASSEL) F Swe-NWY; A BER S A Sil-Mun; A Sil-MUN; F PRU S A Ber;
A War-SIL; A GAL-Boh; A RUM-Bud; F BLA-Rum
TURKEY (WORKMAN) F ALB-Tri; A SER S F Alb-Tri; F Aeg-GRE; A BUL S F
Aeg-Gre; F EAS-Ion; F Con-AEG

1904: Austria: Vie Bud Tri 3 even
England: Lvp Edi Lon ~~Por~~ Den ~~Kie~~ HOL 6 1 ann., build one
France: Bre Par Mar Spa ~~Bel~~ POR 6 build one
Germany: ~~Kie~~ 0 out
Italy: Ven Rom Nap Tun ~~Mun~~ 4 1 ann., even
Russia: StP War Mos Sev Rum Nwy Ber Swe MUN 9 build one
Turkey: Ank Con Smy Bul Ser Gae 6 even
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Press:

WARSAW: Do you know how to keep an Aggie in suspense?

COPENHAGEN: Group rape! Unspeakable perversion! Detailed sex! Mutilation deaths!

Senseless mugging of 79-yr-old grandmother! indictive feuds! Personal slander!

Outrageous, vicious gossip! Gosh, I'd settle for anything! What's happened to the press in this game?

***** NOTICE! Italy does NOT have to remove one as shown on preliminary sheets, due to ann.! *****

To make up for lost time, here's the latest on

78AX

WINTER, 1904: England builds F LVP
France builds F BRE
Italy has A Mun r BUR
Russia builds A WAR

SPRING, 1905 ITALY SURPRISES FRANCE. RUSSO-
TURKS FACE A BICKERING BOARD.

Austria (Sergeant)	<u>A Bud-Gal/ann.</u> ; A Tri H; A VIE S A Bud-Gal
England (Hueston)	F Lvp-NAO; <u>F IRI-Mid</u> ; <u>F Eng-Pic/d/r LON</u> ; <u>F HOL-Bel</u> ; <u>F KIE-Hol</u> ; F NTH S F Hol-Bel
France (Hunt)	F Bre-ENG; <u>F MAO</u> & F PIC & <u>F BEL</u> S F Bre-Eng; A RUH S F Bel; A Por-SPA
Italy (Kirchner)	F Ion H/d/r TYN; F Tyn-GLY; A Boh-TYO; A Bur-PAR
Russia (Kassel)	F NWY H; F BLA H; F PRU S A Ber; A BER S A Mun; A MUN S A Sil-Boh; A Sil-BOH; A RUM & A GAL S TURKISH A Ser-Bud; A WAR S A Gal
Turkey (Workman)	<u>F ALB-Tri</u> ; F AEG & F GRE S F Eas-Ion; F Eas-ION; A Ser-BUD; A Bul-SER

Deadline for Fall, 1905, will be my mail received Monday, July 31, 1978, at the following new address:

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Everyone was nice enough to send in retreats, so the above sets the board nice and certain for the Fall. If you'd like to send in conditional (or unconditional) builds/removals, I will print winter too, BUT, only if everyone affected has them in. It's a long shot, but, there may not be all that much happening, what with annihilations and such.

Now, WHERE WAS 78AX LAST ISSUE?? Well, that's entirely my fault. It WAS run and ready, but I forgot that page entirely, leaving it at work, so I had to decide to either delay the issue another day still, or, run it as-is. I opted for the latter. Rest assured that it, and possibly the above, WILL appear in #17 next week. Sorry.

Press:

LUXEMBOURG: If everyone else is too proud, I'll be the one to suggest a two-way French-English draw.

VIENNA: Come on, guys . Work for it.

((That's right. I should mention that, tongue-in-cheek or not, a French-English draw has been proposed. Failure to vote will, in this case, count as a NO vote.))

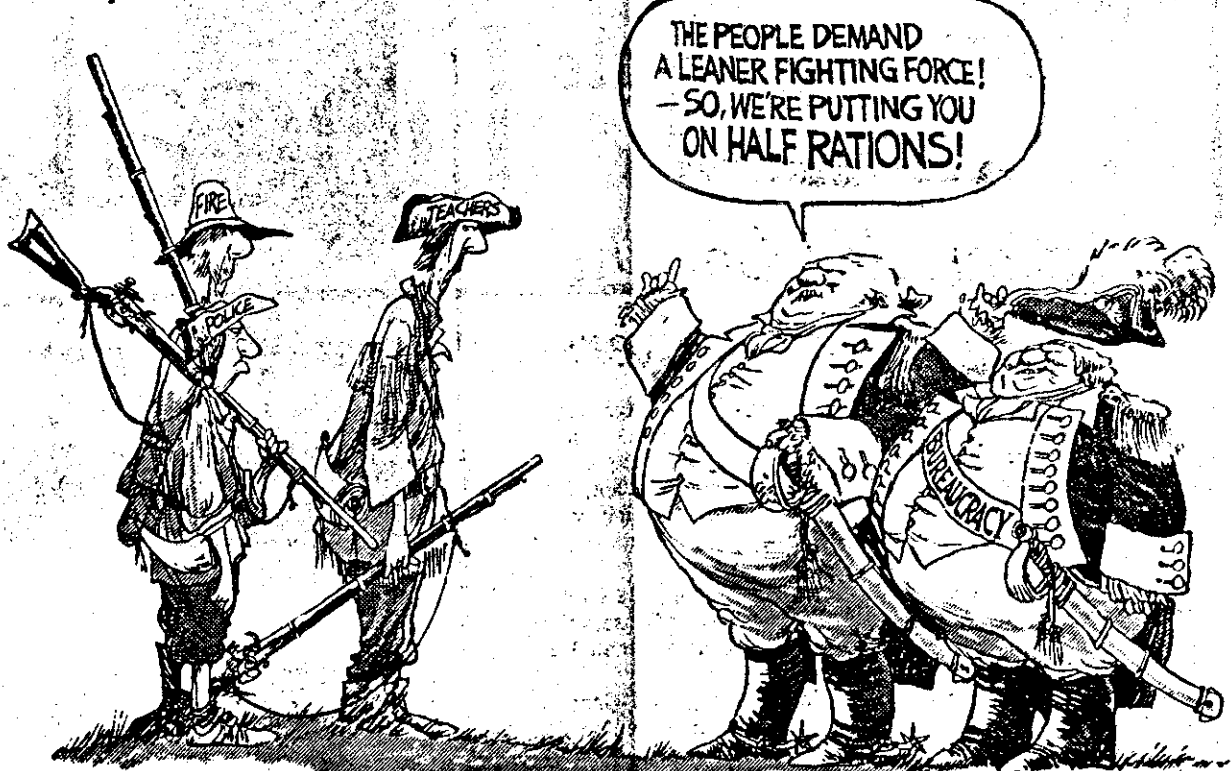


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LETTERS

TONY WATSON

201 Minnesota St, Las Vegas 89107

Hi boy? Que Pasa?

Hmm, that bit of Spanish coupled with the arrival of my report card a couple of weeks back reminds me of something. Your readers were probably left with a rather poor impression of the editor of good old RURITANIA when there was some rather indeiscreet talk concerning a certain Spanish T A that I had the, ah, pleasure of taking a class with last semester.

People probably thought I had deserted any pretense of morality in order to obtain an "A".

Simply not true.

I took that class Pass/Fail (there are some fairly heavy implications there, if one considers them for a moment) which means one can obtain only an "S" for Satisfactory or a "U" for Unsatisfactory.

Thank the gods in heaven, I got an "S". I might have had to take a trip out to that concrete slab called Hoover Dam and put myself out of my misery.

(All this is, of course, irrelevant bullshit, but, as to paraphrase--and misquote-- OBI-WAN, "who is the more foolish, the fool, or the fool who listens to him?")

Got BB #15. Nice.

If anyone is interested, I have a copy of that CIA report citing problems with oil supplies. By 1985 Saudi/OPEC (I list Saudi separate for a number of reasons, mainly their positions within OPEC and ability to quote oil policy) production will not meet daily demand. Saudis will have no incentive to increase production as they already have bucks out the ass and want to husband that critical resource to make it last.

Less energy means economic stagnation, depression in the west and competition among importers for oil. Could be very nasty, as both the USSR and PRC are expected to be net importers by '85. Not a rosy picture.

Re: SPLINTER OF THE MIND'S EYE:

Your comments are good, though I can't say I was particularly enchanted by Luke's budding sexuality in the heat of the Mimban night. (Hell, that princess belongs to me!)

I still don't like the end, even after re-reading it and looking at your comments. I think Leia's battling with Vader could have been handled better but agree that it was appropriate she was defeated. Lucky they had that stone since Vader made that vile attack and scarred those pretty looks. The loss of the arm and the picking up of it to carry on the battle is a good touch; truly showing Vader's character. I heartily agree that the jewel should have played a part in Vader's disappearance. Personally, I thought a fight to the death more appropriate, though I can see why they didn't. I hope the next novel will be better.

By the way, do you know that Jerry Jones of LDNS fame has never seen STAR WARS? An obvious degenerate.

STAR WARS cards are available: Cordo Ent., 709 Union St, Carg, NC 25511, \$5.50 set;

Graphics Ltd., 765 E Warren Ave, Longwood, FL 32750, \$7.50 set of 66.

Rather high priced if you ask me. I'd rather trade.

Went to DipCon, Maddog and I stayed w/Jerry Jones & DipWidow. Great time. More in RURI.

((Tony publishes RURITANIA, an SF-oriented Dipzine that currently carries your editor in two games. Write for a sample and watch the knives! Tony received a personal reply to much of the above, so I'll just comment on the general parts. Personally, I found that the last lines were the most intriguing, making me look forward to the next RURI more than usual. Is the structure of that sentence correct, or do we have to guess which got to stay with Jerry and which got DipWidow, or am I misreading that? Jerry?

(cont'd)

Reply to Tony Watson, continued

((On the energy matter, the troubles will be primarily in Europe/Japan rather than here, where it is really only a matter of seeing how long we wait to sweep the red tape aside and go to coal and nuclear power. Europe is already into nuclear power in a big way, they having the impenetrable \$1.25/gallon gasoline prices or so to motivate them, plus, perhaps less of this mindless fear of anything "atomic". Why we don't take advantage of the Saudi offer of cheap oil for a pledge/treaty to guarantee the borders of Saudi Arabia against incursions by a land-hungry Israel and that madman in Tehran, I don't know. Fringe elements say it is the Jewish influence in the gov't; I can't swallow that offhand, but frankly, I see no other reasons either. Certainly the security of such a rare thing as a friendly state, Saudi Arabia in this case, should be no less a concern to us than that of a culturally akin state such as Israel, particularly when the gains are so great and the costs so low. But with a government that tolerates and even pushes the goofball notions this one does, who knows? We might be better off if there really WERE some "Zionist conspiracy" in charge, instead of mere incompetents.))

((As editor of a relatively new zine put out by my own humble hands, I take some pride in printing the following letter from what is probably the biggest name in the hobby after only Calhamer himself:))

JOHN BOARDMAN

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Thanks for BRUTUS BULLETIN #6. I think that your running concern with Soviet weaponry is misplaced, but of course it is necessary to promote the proper attitude in the public, and so the concern should be publicly stated. As Homer Lea observed almost 70 years ago, the other virtues are private, but militancy has to be promoted by the government. Under separate cover I am sending you recent issues of my war-gaming zines with the column "Imperial Diary", which points out how America's steady march towards military and political domination of the world is proceeding inexorably. Alan Rowland need not take Pacificism very seriously. They have been clubbed into submission around here, and except for a few ethnic demonstrators who want to keep their groups' presences on campus, the campuses in New York City are quiet. America stands in less danger of peace now than it has in years. It should be recalled that every prospective presidential candidate of either party, from 1960 to today, is on record in favor of the war against Vietnam.

((John's name heads the need-a-game list in every DW as far back as you will find. I don't have a copy here right now, but his publishing record is unblemished, and is something like 14 YEARS long. He might be called the Father of Postal Diplomacy, and thus my pleasure in his noticing my product, even if I have to admit as I do, that I don't even remember #6 anymore.

But, just as Benjamin Spock's qualifications as an expert baby doctor hardly affect the rationality of his foreign policy views or qualify him as the presidential candidate he once was for some left-wing nut group, so John's honored stature in this hobby cannot and do not do anything for the patent absurdity in what he has outlined above. Let's go through it line by line, as there's a lot of bull there to be refuted here. First, it is not necessary or desirable to promote any 'proper' public concerns, except possibly going to church on Sunday for the socially conscious. Militancy, like concern with our sad defenses, is something I believe comes from below at least as often as from above; early this century, Europeans cheered for war and sang as they marched off. They weren't a mob of long-haired flower children being dragged off to induction centers against their will to go fight somewhere they couldn't even spell. I believe that governments act as a tool in reflecting militancy as the will of the people, although in societies as organized

as are ours today, policies once initiated create their own constituency like any other bureaucracy, leading to feedback. While militancy can be promoted by government, it hardly has to be. "Imperial Diary" has yet to arrive, but while I would not question a certain currently "inexorable" march toward American cultural domination of the non-Communist world, to say we are doing so in the military sphere is laughable. I need not even cite items on that point; anyone who could say so is apparently so out of touch with reality as to make any efforts futile. Even as 'state of the art' brings out ever newer toys, we not only not buy updates we need (like the B-1), but fail to adequately obtain even those that are approved. (Tanks in our armored units, e.g.) Still, I look forward to your columns; they should provide some useful/interesting material to present here, in the "here's—what-the-other-side-thinks" vein.

Pacifism need never be taken seriously, except perhaps in Japan for the moment. Pacifists are one of those rare groups like nudists or anarchists: it's fun to be a nudist as long as everyone else wears clothes. It's fine to be an anarchist as long as you live in a land with a strong government to protect your rights to be an anarchist. Likewise it's fine to be a Pacifist as long as you have others to go and fight in your defense of being a Pacifist. Campuses are quiet because the freaks who had their good times protesting are now selling insurance; the 'audience' is bored with such antics anymore, making it passe'; and those on the campuses now are looking to get a spot inside the system rather than eke out the commune life after tearing the old system down. I see it then more as a matter of maturation and realism among collegiates than in their being 'clubbed into submission'. We do agree on the low danger of peace, that's for sure. But while you view this as you do, implying it's failure to 'government militancy', etc., I view the low prospects of peace with fear. Fear of our defeat at the hands of barbaric enemies whom we are ill-prepared to meet due precisely to people like you with your views, not to plotting by military-industrial-complex warmongers in government.

Other opinions from all out there are welcome. Please type, though! Jm.))

Now how about some

IDA NEWS

Jerry Jones got his LIES, DECEIT, & NEFARIOUS SCHEMES #17 to me last week with the typical load of goodies, among them a couple of interesting pages on DipCon. But the front page had lots of IDA-type activities on it, and so as a hobby service, I'll pass it along here.

WHATS GOING ON?

All publishers please take note. There is a chance that Diplomacy World may be cancelling the "Need a Game" segment of their magazine. Whether or not this happens the IDA wishes to announce that we are planning to include in Diplomacy Review our own "Need a Game" segment. Also the IDA-NA is beginning the final draft of the novice package and inside this package will be a "Need a Game" segment that will be continuously updated every month or so. Now what I need is to be kept informed of your game openings. Drop me a note or simply make a notation on your zine when you send it to me so that I may be kept abreast of your openings. Who knows, maybe you'll pick up a new subscriber or two.

While we're on the subject of the IDA-NA Bill Young has been officially given the Treasury. Should you wish to join you should send \$2.00 as your dues to Bill Young, PO Box 907 Clearfield, PA 16830.

Speaking of the Boardman Numbers Custodian, I have read that Cal White is wishing to relinquish the BNC. The only name that I have heard mentioned so far has been Dennis Agosta's. I think that Dennis would do a fine job but I think that one of the best BNC's was on the West Coast and I would like to see it here again. Now who do I know that lives on the WC and is crazy enough to start something new? Well there's always me...

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I see that "Bobcat" Bill Newell is coming after me, so if I don't defend myself I'll be taken for a patsy.

With regard to "cloaked errors", I'm afraid that he misunderstands what they are. A good definition comes from the IDA's Publisher's Handbook: "A cloaked error is one that can only be found by one player who then challenges the printout of the report you have published. (E.G. An incorrect build or removal, an incorrect order, etc)" Thus, if the error is in the player's favor, the other person who would "scream bloody murder" won't even know about it. This brings up an interesting ethical. Does a player have an obligation to report a "cloaked error" when it is not in his own interest? How about an obvious error? John?

As for Black press, I'm afraid that you're quite wrong. Because of its distinctive style, it would be a piece of cake to blacken it up. To insert one into 1977KS, all one need do is take a release of yours, or an excerpt therefrom, from another zine (e.g. TMG) and slip in the short black sentence. One sentence in your style would be easy, especially since it would be surrounded by the real thing. I'm not going to take up your offer to do this because I don't believe in such things. But that's how it could be done. However, there is a way to avoid one's press being blackened (contrary to what I said), but it requires the GMS cooperation. In your regular orders, insert a joke order (e.g. A Hamburg sizzles) then key your press to the joke order, e.g. Berlin (via Hamburg), or Berlin: Things were sizzling here.... Then write each of the players, telling them that only such keyed press is authentic. Most GMS will print joke orders if they are short. Also, some game-related press simply will not work by your direct-mail route.

Finally, I should have been more explicit when I pointed out that many of the pubbers who failed to respond to your SASE were in fact having serious troubles with their zine. My point was that their failure to respond was not necessarily a reflection of an antipathy to either newcomers or novices, but rather reflected a difficulty getting the zine out. In other words, you weren't being treated any differently than their own paying subscribers, who if anything have a prior call on the GMS time. You say "These five are all relatively new pubbers, too, so I assume none of them have folded already" Why do you assume this? In fact, younger pubbers have a much higher dropout rate than experienced ones. As for your list of five, Kadlecsek is no newcomer, having begun in 1974, and Parkanyi has indeed folded. Finally, you refer to "people who still advertise in Diplomacy World". Pubbers do not advertise in DW. The lists are compiled by von Metzke and Buchanan, and because of the lag time must be a little obsolete even by the time the zine gets to your mailbox. I do think that advertising these facts is doing the hobby a real service, and hope that it will be an occasional feature of your zine.

Thanks for the reprint of "Council Courier", as there has been no Diplomacy Review in some while. Of course, most of the votes are meaningless since we don't know what the numbers stand for. If the IDA is interested in looking for something worthwhile, it would be hard to do better than just reprinting the IDA Publisher's Handbook, rather than hang around debating whether non-PBM players can be admitted to the IDA

((Maybe no news is good news--at least the IDA isn't sitting around thinking up new nonsensical organizations ala Sacks. Also, while there hasn't been a DR in a while, I'd just as soon see Jerry Jones devote his time to LD&NS first anyhow. I know that Jerry is trying to get a lot of orphans placed at the moment: I got notice of 77FJ & 77HH trying to make a comeback in the pages of LD&NS, altho I doubt he'll get much response. John Mirassou tried, and had three lacking in each. Then Roy Smith of BREW & REEFER tried to adopt them, and only got two each. But, Jerry IS trying, and really, doing something is better than publishing and talking about the problems, whether orphans or whatever. My question is, what is the REST of the IDA crew up to? President Hartwigs PODUNK NEWS comes out only often enough to say he's too busy to give it much attention, unlike Jerry's LD&NS, e.g. So what's he getting done?))

VARIOUS NOTES

MARK BERCH did a nice review/plug of BB in his last issue of DIPLOMACY DIGEST, one which produced at least one new subber to date. My games run on 14 rather than 17 day deadlines, which could either have been a typo, or, Mark may have been going by one of my very early sheets. Also, the mailing process on the games themselves has been slowed a day almost, since I now need to go home Mondays to check them for order changes; if none, preliminary sheets leave with the 6.30 pickup that night, but changes delay them now until 930 the following morning. That possible extra overnight lapse may hold them up for delivery an extra full day, but, at least I haven't dropped to monthly like, say, the MIXUMAXU GAZETTE. Thanks, Mark.

✓ STANDBYS at this time are Frost, Kelly, Kirchner, Price, Reges, in no particular order of call. Anyone wanting on or off, please write.

REPRODUCTION lately has been a lot poorer than I'd like, but the important stuff should be legible, if marginally so. Last issue's games I had no choice with, they just had to go when ready, machine ready or not. The Xerox people are here at least once a week every week; sometimes it does some good, sometimes not. Hang in there. COVERS: do you mind the back of the front cover being a tacky business form, or would you prefer I go back to the sick pink/perforated blue covers? If no one, or few, care, I'll stick with these prettier fronts even with tacky backing, and start carrying JOHN'S NOTES on the inside somewhere.

Editor's STUFF FOR SALE: Pack of half dozen or so current wargame zines, \$2 postpaid. Raphia game, (GDW), \$3. Old dipzines, mostly RUNESTONES, MIXUMAXU GAZETTES, some ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON, other odds and ends, \$2 for about 2 lbs worth or a bit more.

CONVENTIONS The biggees, except for GenCon, are over. Any impressions, comments, snapshots, etc., anyone would care to contribute? I've only seen Origins I and the same year's GenCon, and will attend the latter next month this year. I'm curious to hear about them.

In case I forget to mention it on the cover, SPACE STATION ULTRA, a variant designed by Lee Kendter Sr, will appear in this issue somewhere. Lee is starting one game of it in his WHY ME?, and should be something to watch. It is a five player, perfectly matched (board-wise) game. Lee is at 4347 Benner St, Philadelphia, PA 19135.

An issue or two back, I asked what kind of trading cards they'd come out with next. Well, now I know. ELVIS trading cards! Ghod.....

CONTRIBUTIONS have slacked off along with everything else these summer months. Makes the old GM scrounge up what you find here. Those of you who like letters best will likely have to hold off until September, the way it looks.

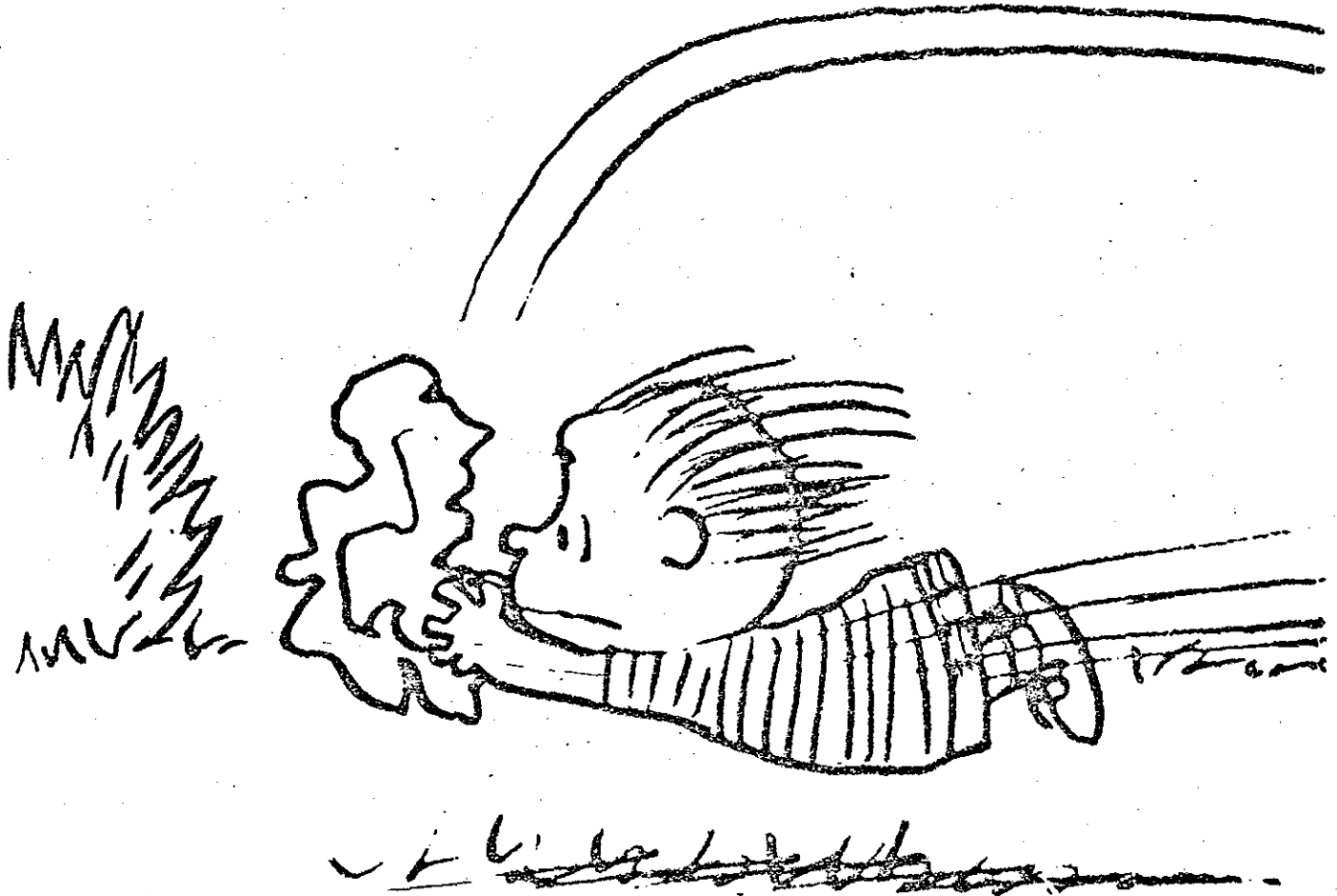
We do have some:

Ads: (Ads are accepted from subbers/traders free. Send 'em and I'll run them)

✓ Trade Star Wars cards. Especially 1 & 2 series needed. Craig Reges, 16W 761 White Pines Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106.

((This also applies to your Editor/publisher/GM. Anyone have card 245?))
((Tony Watson too))

✓ OPPONENT WANTED: PBM- Sorcerer, Starship Troopers, Submarine, or Gettysburg '77.
Jack Frost, 647 Fenton, Romeoville, IL 60441

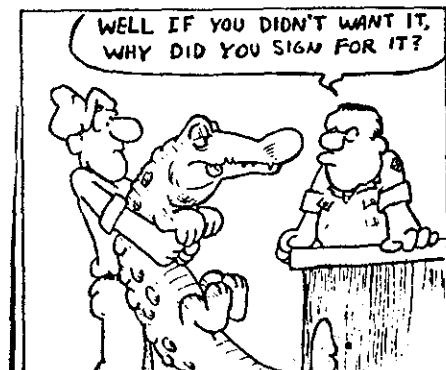


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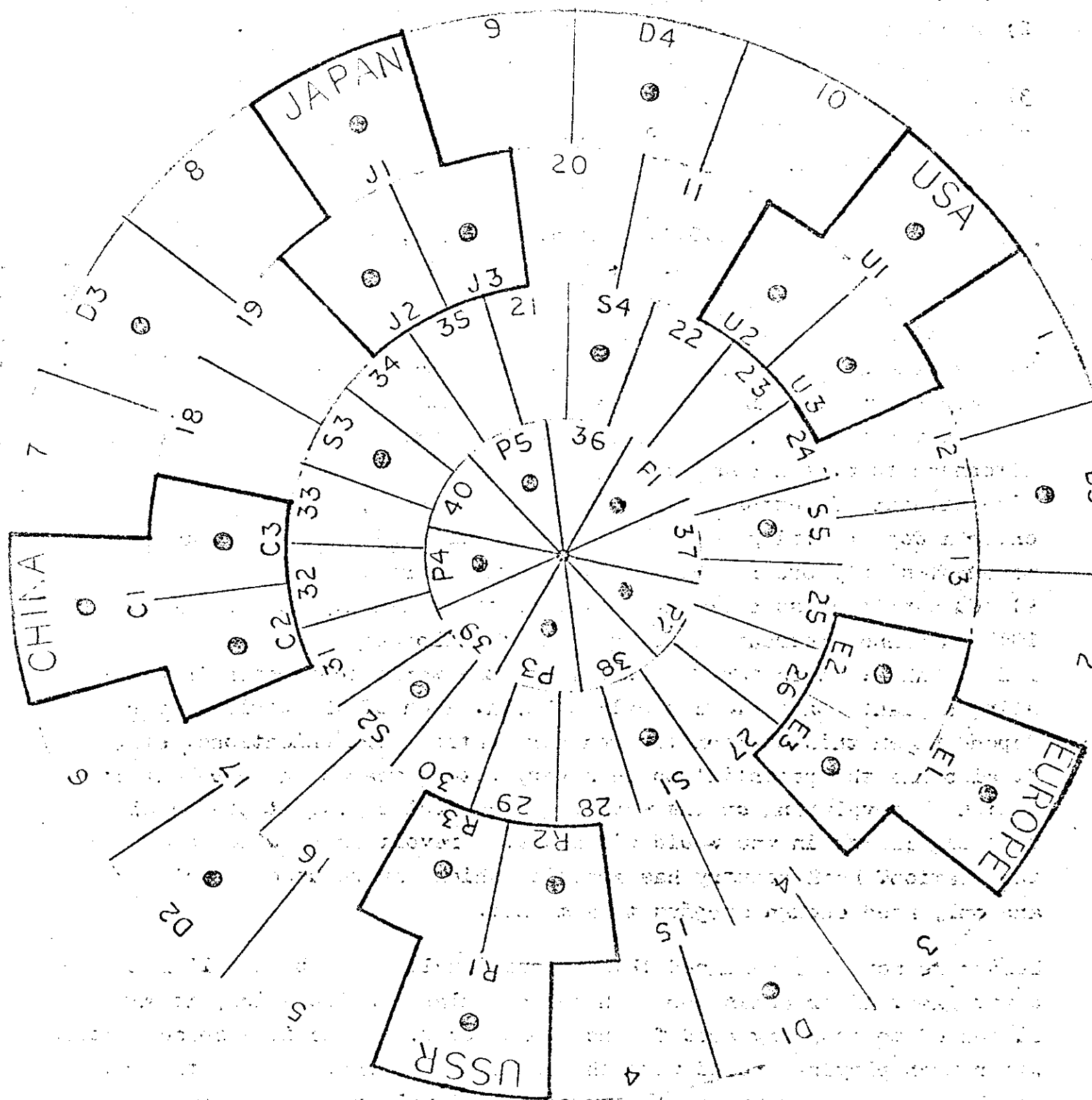


UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Wesley Circle met in the home of Jo Ann Heath for a salad supper and their monthly lesson July 6th. The supper was delicious and there were five guest present; | The lesson was given by Alice Hanson entitled "Women and Hunger". After a good discussion period she gave the benediction. The next meeting will be August 1 at 7:30 p.m.



SPACE STATION-ULTRA



SPACE STATION ULTRA A Diplomacy variant by Leo Kendter

All rules of regular Diplomacy apply except the following

- 1) There are no fleets, or fleet actions. All units are androids (the same as armies in reg dip)
- 2) Supply centers are of several types. D are docking centers, S are storage centers, P are power centers.
- 3) There are 30 centers, and it takes 16 to win.
- 4) Besides controlling 16 to win, a country can win by controlling all the power centers. After all, he could then shut down life support to anywhere on the station.
- 5) The countries are: U.S.A., China, U.S.S.R., United Europe, and Japan. Each has 3 home centers. For Example; Chinas are c1, c2, c3.
- 6) Game turns are Morning (same as spring), Afternoon (same as fall), And Night (same as winter).
- 7) The game starts on day zero. The first move is day one, morning.
- 8) Special rule. A unit could leave the station by any landing dock in a morning turn, and return to ANY OTHER, or the same dock in an afternoon turn. All countries could have ONE unit in space at the same time without affecting the others units. However, if the unit fails to enter a dock by being bounced, this unit is annihilated. To order this movement simply order D1-outside, vice versa.
- 9) You cannot cross over the center of the station. you must go around.
- 10) You cannot retreat out of a dock if dislodged.

THE SCENARIO: It is the year 2025, and the world cooperates in operating a giant space station called ULTRA. Much of the world is very dependant on this station for weather control, communications, etc. It also has the potential to be a very potent weapon. A turbulent situation is developing on the earth, and control of the station could be a big factor in who would win a war. A revolt is brewing to control the station. Each country has androids which can be used as soldiers, and only need enough supplies to arm them.

Designers notes. I designed this to origionally just be a well Balanced dippy game. After coming up with the circular configuration, it was suggested to me, by my good friend, John Boyer, to make it a space station. After much playing around with the origional design, this is the end result. I have thought about many othr optional rules, and have had many suggested to me, but decided to keep it in the simpelist form for now. Perhaps at a later date I will also publish a revised rules sheet with many other ideas to expand on this. I feel it is as even a dippy game as you can get, and will be very tough to win. It will also require tremendous Diplomacy to ~~prxx~~ prevent stalemates.