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Hueston, Workman, McElvaney, Ditter, Kassel, Berch, Guajardo, Schilling, Pilant, Lipscomb, Hayner, Smyth, Agosta, C.Price, Rau, Baumeister, Beamer, or Robinson as of Friday, December 1st.

✓ DIPLOMACY WORLD folding? Tuesday night I got a call from a "David Crocket" in Chicago who told me that he'd sent a check for a sub to DW, only to have it returned with a note from Conrad von Metzke saying DW was folding! Now, I don't know this Crocket, and haven't had time for a response from Conrad von Metzke yet, so I want to emphasize that this is unsubstantiated. But for what it may be worth, there it is. (Even if Conrad were having troubles, AH would get a replacement--unless it's AH pulling out?)

FREE GIFTS IN THIS ISSUE: A sheet of Christmas stationery to write some wargaming friend or GM or anti-gamer. Also another sheet of prayer ads for use to your favorite Dippy enemy.

Bored stiff with the torpid pace of most games? Want experience? FAST? Ever want to play wild, win-big-or-sink-fast? Well, I have 3 openings left in a TEN DAY DEADLINE game right here! NOT (necessarily) a phone game as many say. Just plan ahead with your ally: "One if by land, two if by sea", get the results, send him a card saying "Situation B has occurred, so I'm doing X, expect you to do Y" and send me a set of orders. I will accept phoned orders for this one, but you can get by without using it. All you miss is the waiting! Suggest to your friends that they sign up now. Or your enemies. (A handful of normal 14-day deadline openings are left also. The 10-day Special and Brutus #.5 will be the last game openings until well into next year). \$2+sub, or \$3 without sub.

DIPLOMACY is a game copyrighted by the Avalon Hill Game Company, Baltimore, MD 21214, and originally invented by Alan Calhamer, in case you didn't know...

GAMES THIS ISSUE are almost non-existent, since their deadline hasn't come yet. However, you do get the treat of seeing the first press (who cares about the moves?) in the Special 2-man Brutus Invitational game this issue between the loving couple of Craig Reges and Bill Shaffer. Even if you normally ignore the games, don't miss this one!

John's Notes

## THANKSGIVING IN THE COUNTRY

The papers are always so full of the usual holiday bunk, the cliches worded to try to not sound like cliches, that it's disgusting. That and the jokes about Turkey hash next Tuesday. Turkeys are supposed to be a good buy in per-pound terms, being about the same or less than baloney. However, baloney can be eaten right down to the plastic skin; turkey is much more a treat for the dog than us. My experience has been that 2 adults (the kids don't eat two mouthfuls) will get two meals out of a turkey, and maybe a sandwich or two to take to work. That's it. Maybe it's different with other people who, for instance, eat the legs, back, etc., but by and large, anyone so desperate for food as to chew through the mess of tendon, bone, gunk, and occasional meat of a turkey leg probably couldn't afford the turkey in any case. We eat the breast meat, which is the only place that has any real meat anyhow, and toss the rest out. \$11 plus all that bother and mess is not what I call a bargain buy.

The good part about Thanksgiving is that I get an extra day off, the Friday after. I need it! So far I've washed two loads of dishes, tried to show my daughter (for the umpteenth time) how to make a bed, burned the trash, and cleaned up the AR15 a little. Last Sunday we were out at her dad's farm, which was my first chance in many months to get out there. I bought some 30-round clips (made for the Israeli army originally) that are nylon and work better than those "20"-round metal ones our men had in 'Nam.. The one disadvantage is that it permits you to spend a lot more money on ammunition, in that you can just keep firing...anyhow, I had a good time with it. Claudine's brother(s) and 1 in-law went out squirrel hunting, but I skipped it. I really don't see any joy in going out and shooting up harmless animals. (Maybe if I smoked Marlboro's, hey? ) I did find that the .223 round will shatter one of the many flat, sandstone-like rocks if the piece is just over two fingers thick, but if it exceeds three, the bullet just blows out a small concave spot while sending rock chips all over the place. (One got me in the forehead). My favorite targets are the large ant nests. They are easy to spot, as the ants kill everything in a six foot diameter area or more, then build a two-foot mound in the center. Up in the rocks where I was, the mound wasn't dirt, but rather, rock chips. You'd better believe those little jaws are powerful! The mounds are too strong to be wrecked by a mere AR15, but at least I may have woke a few of them up in there. (I don't like insects). Her brother had a 30.30; I'd never fired one of those, and it was quite a weapon. Lot of kick, a good belch of flame...impressive. More than I'd care to mess with, though, unless I was facing a charging bull or bear or water buffalo. They commented on how little kick the AR15 had, which is true in relative terms. I like it mainly for the high rate of fire myself, but the better control is an asset too. I'm not any great shot, so these qualities are also necessary ones in a weapon for me: their strengths make up for my weak points. The only bad thing is that it takes three boxes of ammunition to fill the two big clips, or about \$10-11 apiece. (/clip)

Today the wife is at work for a half-day--odd to find a working person at home for an offday when a gov't employee has to go in--but like I said at the start, I need the change of pace. She has had two months this year where she had every other Monday off, "celebrating" such things as Columbus Day, Lincoln's birthday, probably Groundhog Day...all I can figure is that someone decided that the country would be better off if the gov't employees weren't in their offices all the time. Maybe they've got a point...

J.M.

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77KN is due December 6. Orders here Friday from A, F, and provisional T.

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78IH is the new name for **BRUTUS 4**, due December 15. My thanks to Dennis & Bernadette Agosta.

## BRUTUS BULLETIN INVITATIONAL

SPECIAL TWO-MAN LOVE MATCH! EFR vs AGT, I in CD, open press.

Spring, 1901

### Orders for Austria

Army Vienna to Galicia

Army Budapest to Rumania

Fleet Trieste to Albania

CENTRAL POWERS,

Craig A. Reges

### Orders for Germany

Fleet Kiel to Denmark

Army Munich to Ruhr

Army Berlin- to Kiel

### Orders for Turkey

Fleet Ankara to Black Sea

Army Smyrna to Armenia

Army Constantinople to Bulgaria

Press: (OH, WHAT FUN!!)

Berlin: Will Fluff play up to form? Will he play at all? Will anybody notice? Well, you know what they say. Oh, you don't? Well, somebody spread the vicious rumor that Bill ate excrement sandwiches. I mean, you know, I straightened that out real quick. I mean, everybody knows that Fluff just can't stand bread!

Kiel: For the uninitiated among you, it should be known that I got involved in this because of certain "events" in 1977KS, in BE, in which Bill took over Italy as a standby in Winter, 1901 (?) or thereabouts and preceded to wipe out Austria, and upon being attacked by Turkey, at this time my biggest rival, turned around and attacked my ally France(!) rather than defending himself. More about this in the end game statements for 1977KS (won't that damn game ever end) where I shall indeed have a fun time venting my spleen and you will read about this there.

Pre-game sentiments from the Centrals: Well, in my estimation, the Southern front ought to be a mop-up for Austria and Turkey and Germany ought to be smeared by any competent player of France and England. This means that My Germany will have 10 centers by the end of Fall, 1902. (Got to keep in mind that key word, competent.)

Vienna: It has come to our attention that the player in this game of Italy will be almost twice as competent as the Italian player in 1977KS

Allied Powers on reverse!

(( Will next turn's press be even better? Even lower? Can it? ))  
Stay tuned!

SPECIAL #1

ENGLAND: F EDINBURGH TO NORWEGIAN SEA

F LONDON TO NORTH SEA

A LIVERPOOL TO EDINBURGH.

FRANCE: F BREST TO MIDATLANTIC

A PARIS TO BURGUNDY

A MARSIEELLES SUPPORT PARIS BURGUNDY

RUSSIA: F ST. PETERSBURG TO GULF OF BOTHINIA

A WARSAE TO SILEISA

F SVESTOPOL TO BLACK SEA

A MOSCOW TO UKRAINE

Allied Powers  
William M. Shaffer

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PRESS:

Flash: (Paris UPI) Prime Miniter. takes a Reges and Wipes his Graig.

Flash: (London UPI) Reges' life (such as it is) was saved today. The local people killed a shit eating dog.

Open Letter:

As you can see now, I too can be as low as Craig Reges. This is but a small sample of what is in store. I thought of taking a xerox picture of my ass and having John

run it as the front page, but put it off. As it is people are now seing that most of the press that I was charged with writing in 1977KS was a Bunch of Bull Shit. I, like most people, have to work for a living, but my life doesnot revole around a game like Diplomacy. I play it now as Jihn doesnot have the time for a fast paced game of the Eastern Front. I say fasted paced. Most of you clods here look at a 2 week deadline like it was the end of the earth. Shit, John and I played by mail for over 2 years with a turn-around of 5 days. You say that is not much considering I am now in Edmond Oklahoma. Weell, at the time I was in Hawaii. I signed up for the 10 day dead line. I think even with the U.S. mail DISSERVICE, that I could meet that anywhere in the continental US.

Now that I strayed from my original purpose in writing this I will return to it. As my opponethas commented in a game so far, I am 'illiterate as I never write any letters'." Gee, Craig some of us work for a living. As my regular work week is 75 to 90 hours plus attending college 3/4 time and carrying a 3.4 grade average, I just have oodles and gobbs of time left over.

Just as a preview to the game this is a match up between a player who has played two Diplomacy games a a self acclaimed game master. Who has even BRAGGED that before my elimination of his unit he had Never had one retreat let alone have one eliminated. OH, How can I last. Why this game should be over by 1904. Weell, If I was Craig I would not be placing any bets on it.

Just to get the Record STRIGHT

Bill Shaffer

## VARIOUS NOTES

LAST ISSUE had a letter from Bob Lipton in it in which we exchanged views on his recent handling of a deadline in his MIXUMAXU GAZETTE. In the letter he mentions remembering my end-game comments, but misplacing them; in my response, I chide him on the return of same to me marked "Unclaimed". The apparent contradiction is caused thusly: I sent TWO copies, just as I do orders, one to the General Delivery address he gave, one to his old NYC address he told us not to use. The former was returned (and then forwarded to Mark Berch for other reasons), while the copy Bob eventually did see was the NY copy, somehow forwarded. This explanation should have gone in with the letters last issue, but wasn't.

✓ Another oversight last issue was in the new game announcement. 'Manty' Hayner is really Monty Hayner. And if you're thinking you're missing the page of response to Rod Walker's letter, you're not: I just never had time to properly give one, so I let Rod's statements speak for themselves. And if any of you try to read those reduced newsprint articles, the contrast between the one titled 'US Flight Tests Show Cruise Missile Is Safe From Soviet Weapons' and an article reproduced in the latest DRAGON & THE LAMB is interesting. There the article indicates that the Soviets dropped their range limitation demand on cruise missiles after a Mig 23 shot down a Soviet drone in a test where the drone was flying identically to the pattern of a cruise missile!

✓ THIS ISSUE may be the largest circulation one I'll ever produce. I've got a pleasantly surprising number of new faces signing on, while all the old hats (one year veterans) who haven't resubbed are getting this one final issue. If all hang on for more, I'll have to really up my run; on the other hand, if it turns out that many bail out, it will be a whole lot easier to put BB together. Either way is fine with me. As I enter my second year of publishing, I feel I have already shown that there is a demand for fast-paced games; that a publisher can turn out a good product on a fast pace along with it; and that one need not be afraid to state your mind on various issues or limit yourself to game reviews and Aggie jokes. If nothing else, the gesture of the Leeder poll results proved that. I say 'gesture' because the base vote wasn't as large as we would hope, but at least I can see that dozens of my readers like what I'm doing. That makes it worth it.

BATTLESTAR ABSURDICA continues as a topic of conversation in ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON, with a letter from Eric Verheiden last issue. He and Bob agree that the plots are very poor. Most people would agree. I don't. I think the problem is the time slot. Were BATTLESTAR on at 3:30 each afternoon during the week, or Saturday mornings, the plots would be fine. I don't watch the show anymore unless someone else has it on (my 2 year old likes robots, e.g.), so for further comment here, I'll have to wait on the readership.

RANDOLPH SMYTH, noteworthy publisher in Canada and producer of FOL SI FIE (what does FSF mean, anyhow?), wrote to ask why he received special consideration in his sub not being dropped. The reasons are many. 1, FSF is regular, or as regular as Canadian postal strikes allow 2. It is large by Dipdom standards, running some 7 sheets 3. It contains lots to read aside from games 4. Short of sending cash, personal checks through Canada take a loss, along with which, I don't have enough Canadian readers to do as I do with John Leeder: namely, take incoming Canadian sub checks and endorse them to him to continue my RUNESTONE sub. I'd run out too quick. So in a nutshell, its to avoid hassles and get a quality product. Even though FSF is monthly at 35¢ each I beleive, the 50¢ worth of BBs sent in exchange is a lot less of a "loss" than I would sustain on MOST other trades. In fact, the ONLY zine that chugs out more than FSF that I can think of is Konrad Baumeister's EGGNOG, whose double issue (16/17) had 11 full sheets like a BB, and as Konrad mentioned about his traders, "they've squeezed 5 issues out of me in two months"... The only other contender could be Mark Berch, whose DIPLOMACY DIGEST is small physically, but is jam-packed with pure articles. I recommend these all. DIP DIGEST is 10/ \$2.50 (but most issues are called doubles, it seems, so it really is about 50¢ each. Worth it, though) from Mark at 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304. EGGNOG comes from Konrad for 10/\$3.50, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130. FOL SI FIE comes from Randolph Smyth for 35¢ each, I believe, 249 First Ave, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 2G5, CANADA. FSF carries Dip and wargames and general stuff; EGGNOG, variants & lots of general; DD, pure reading articles.

#### CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We will announce all wargame, wargame related, or sf conventions which are mentioned to us at no charge. Please send your convention announcements to Wargamers Information, care of Flying Buffalo Inc. Give us the Date, the Place, the Address to write for more information, and a short description of what will be taking place.

November 24-26. ~~Science Fiction, Horror, and Fantasy Con. PO Box 69157, Los Angeles, CA 90069. At the Hyatt House Hotel near the Los Angeles International Airport.~~

~~December 1-3. Detroit Wintercon VII Gamefest. At the Oakland Center, Oakland University, Rochester, MI. Write Metro Detroit Gamers, Wintercon VII, PO Box 787, Troy, MI 48099. Rick Loomis of Flying Buffalo will be attending. Duke Seifried of Heritage Models is the special guest. The Metro Detroit Gamers always put on a good, well-organized convention.~~

Jan 5-7. ORCCON. (Third annual Orange County Simulations Convention). At the California State University, Fullerton. Info from Alan Emrich, 2922 Angler Lane, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Rick plans to attend this one also. Special guest will be James Dunnigan, of SPI.

January 19-21. Winter War VI. By the Univ. of Illinois Conflict Simulation Society at the Foreign Language Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801. For more information write Alan B Conrad, 2215 S First #103, Champaign, IL 61820.

Feb 17-19. DunDraCon IV. At the Villa Hotel, 4000 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94403. For information write DunDraCon IV, 386 Alcatraz, Oakland, CA 94618.

Feb 17-19. GenCon South. At the Jacksonville Hilton, 5333 Santa Monica Blvd N., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

If you write any of these people, tell them you heard about them in WARGAMERS INFORMATION. I (Rick) have been to the the Wintercon, Orcccon, and GenConSouth previously, and they are all worth attending if you have any interest in D&D or wargaming. I haven't been to DunDraCon before, but may attend this year. I have to decide between the two going on at the same time, and I have been to GenCon South before but not the DunDraCon. (Also San Mateo is a lot closer than Jacksonville.)

Major conventions which went on this year:

ORIGINS this last summer was run by the Detroit Gamers. I have always said that Origins has been the biggest convention, and the Detroit conventions have been the best-organized. This year we finally had a big, well-organized convention.

GENCON this year was somewhat disappointing. It was after Origins, and fairly close by, which apparently hurt attendance somewhat. In addition, it was at a new location, was not as well publicized as it has been, and it rained on Saturday. The University at Parkside was a good facility, though, and I understand they plan to have GENCON there again next year.

PACIFIC ENCOUNTERS in San Mateo was as big as the other two major conventions this year. The Villa Hotel is a great location, and the organizers did a good job. I fully expect them to make an ORIGINS bid soon, and I hope they get it.

((I had a subscriber write in to say that PACIFIC ENCOUNTERS was quite good; I attended GenCon XI myself, and was quite pleased with it, unlike one some four years back at the GenComm Lake Geneva site. Also, I stumbled into the AFRICAN CAMPAIGN tournament and wound up winning it! I hope to hit GenCon again next year, as I have very good friends in Milwaukee who provide a free flop and good conversation. (I provide the Canadian Club). This page is excerpted from Flying Buffalo's WARGAMER'S INFORMATION, which is like Alan Rowland's WARMONGER: good for the price (low), but, totally irregular, being produced whenever they've got nothing better to do. P O Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252, 25/\$5)) J.M.

## RULES FOR ANCIENT EMPIRES II

Courtesy of  
John Lipscomb  
AEII Author

- 1) Use all regular diplomacy rules except when they conflict with the following rules.
- 2) The major powers and their starting positions are as follows,

CARTHAGE: F ICO: F UTI: A NUM

NEW CARTHAGE: F N.CAR: A SAG: A LUS

ROME.....: F NEA: A ROM: A AQU

MACEDONIA....: F ATH: A EPI: A COR

PTOLEMY.....: F THE: A MEM: A SIN

ANTIGONUS....: F PON: A ANT: A MYS

SELEUCUS.....: A RAYY: A ATR: A SEL

3) Sinai, Mysia, and Arabia function as Constantinople does in the regular game. A fleet in Mysia could move to either the Euxine sea, the Aegean sea, Pontus, Caria, Thrace (either coast). A fleet in Arabia could move to either Seleucia, Sinai, the Red sea, or the Persian gulf. A fleet in Sinai could move to either Thebes, Arabia, the Red sea, Memphis, Judaea, the Levantine sea, or the Egyptian sea. The reverse of any of the above are also possible.

4) Thrace has two coasts. Thrace functions as Bulgaria does in the regular game.

5) A unit ordered to move may not defend its original space and if attacked is dislodged. This would not apply if the attacking unit was coming from the space that the other was ordered to move to.

E.G. ROME...: A AQU-ALPS dislodged

MACEDON: A ILL-AQU: A DAN-ALPS

The standoff in the Alps is unaffected even though the Roman unit is dislodged by the army from Illyria.

6) A single attack against a convoying fleet disrupts the convoy.

7) Victory is achieved by owning 16 centres at the end of any fall turn. Any <sup>other</sup> victory situation may be decided by a unanimous vote of all remaining powers.

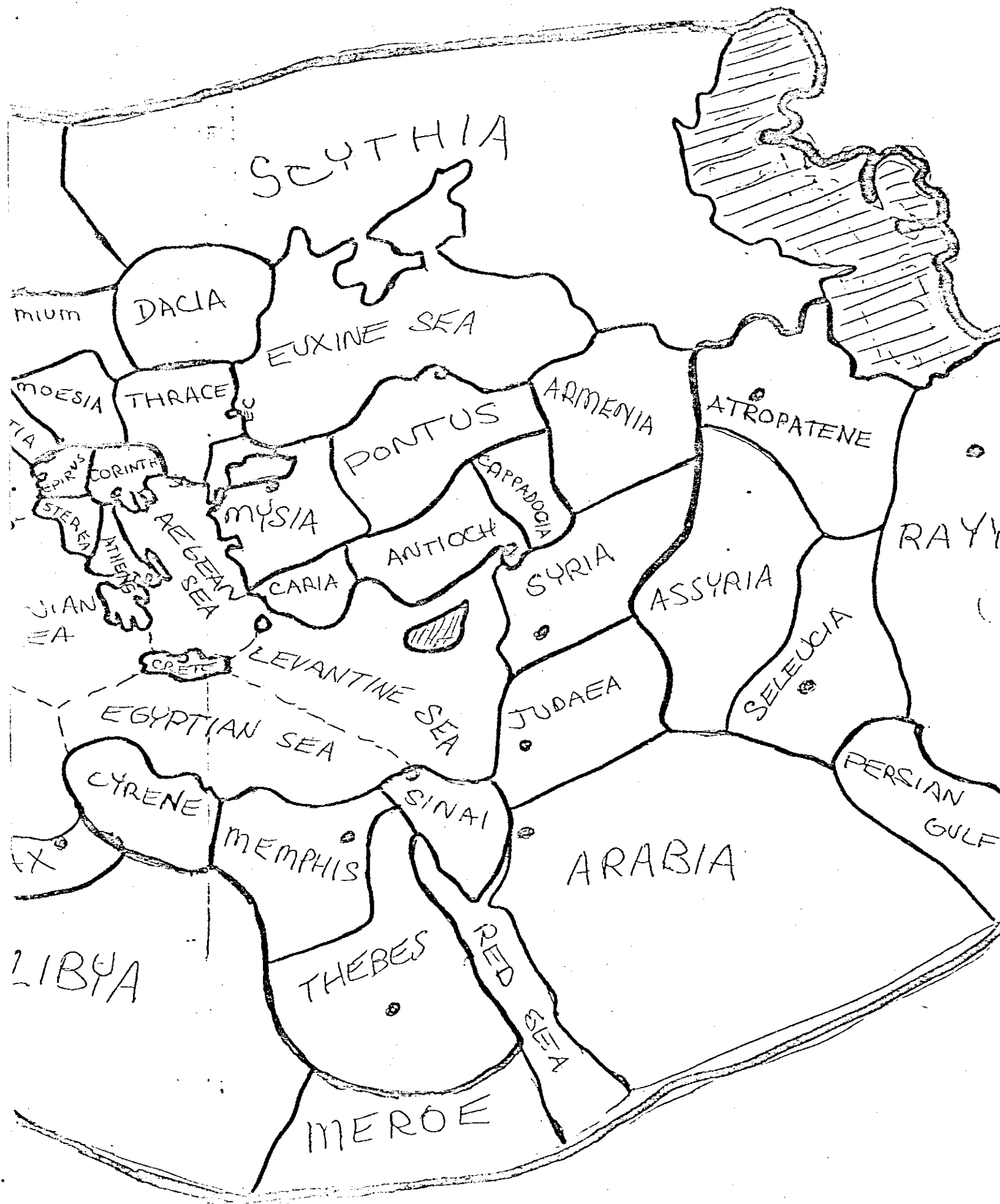
8) Fleets and armies may move directly from Gades to Mauretania, and vice versa. Fleets may still move from the Atlantic ocean to the Iberian sea, and vice versa.

9) The game begins in 300 B.C.

10) Optional. There are neutral armies representing barbarians in Gaul, Danubia, and Scythia all in civil disorder. If dislodged they are eliminated, but are replaced when the space is vacant. They may of course be supported to hold by other units.







# The risks of 'playing the China card'

By Edward N. Luttwak

In the four Soviet "military districts" bordering on China, and in the Soviet client-state of Outer Mongolia, there are now deployed at least 43 army divisions, out of a grand total of 168 in the Soviet army as a whole; there are also some 100,000 heavily armed border troops, elite forces of the KGB. In all, more than one-quarter of Soviet ground troops, as well as about one-fifth of the Soviet tactical air force, are deployed against China.

The military balance in Europe, such as it is, already depends on the hostility between the Soviet Union and China, which offsets in great part the uneven competition between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Precarious as the equilibrium of forces in Europe undoubtedly is, it would be altogether overturned if the Soviet Union were to diminish its forces on the Chinese border down to the num-

bers of the pre-1989 period, when no more than 15 divisions manned the frontier now guarded by 43.

A prudent strategy would not lightly accept this state of affairs in the free benefit that the Russo-Chinese confrontation confers upon us; there is a great risk. As things now stand, a diplomatic adjustment between Moscow and Peking could quite suddenly undermine the military balance in Europe and beyond, by freeing some of the Soviet forces now held in Asia for redeployment against NATO.

Both Sovietologists and Sinologists assure us that the hostility between Russians and Chinese is deeply rooted and many-faceted, being cultural-historical and also territorial as well as ideological. But there is no need to disagree with the experts in order to fear the worst. We may agree that a reconciliation of souls is entirely improbable. But even the most guarded and tactical of detentes might suffice to bring about a mutual force-reduction agreement on the Russo-Chinese border, and that in turn could easily release Soviet forces sufficiently powerful to undermine the already precarious equilibrium between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Since the processes of decision in both Moscow and Peking are so secretive, and thus eminently well-suited to the diplomacy of surprise, the danger of a sudden accord is always present.

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and we should not dismiss it as lightly as many now do.

But prudence seems to be out of fashion. No calls to reduce our strategic dependence on the Russo-Chinese rivalry are to be heard. Instead, there are insistent voices that argue for a much more active exploitation of this rivalry. From Senator Jack-

son and others in opposition and from some in high office in the current administration, we hear that the United States should play the "China card." The phrase is opaque, but the intended meaning is clear enough.

The premises of the argument are incontestable: the hopes of the Kissingerian detente have now been exposed, as vain; the Soviet Union,

obdurately bent on achieving a broad military superiority, is steadily advancing over the West in one category of forces after another, and is already acting in a seriously disruptive fashion abroad while being more than usually nasty at home. As for the strategic-arms limitation negotiations, they have already failed in substance, whatever the formal out-

come, since even the most ardent advocates of a new SALT treaty now concede that it will not preserve strategic stability — and that of course is the only valid goal of the exercise.

The argument developed from these premises also has an undeniable plausibility. Having tried our

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((This page courtesy of Ron Kelly))

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best to reach a stable accord with the Soviet Union, we must now face the brutal fact that we have failed — perhaps because our well-meaning intent has been mistaken for weakness, or perhaps because our weakness is all too real. Now, the argument continues, we must move to apply real pressure on the Russians, in order to force them into the mutually beneficial accommodation which they so habitually refuse.

This can best be done by strengthening China, the argument continues. To the extent that China's relative power increases vis-a-vis the Soviet Union, the Russians will be forced to divert still more of their power to the East, and will therefore have to moderate their conduct in the West, and also refrain from adventures in Africa and elsewhere. A harder variant of the argument does not merely seek to engineer an improved modus vivendi with the Russians, but rather hopes to achieve a more definite solution, by mobilizing Chinese power to the point where the Russians will be reduced to paralysis on all other fronts.

It seems that after all the years of our troubles with the Soviet Union a transference of purposes has taken place, from the positive of preserving Western security to the negative of opposing the Soviet Union. It is of course true that the Soviet Union remains by far the most powerful of our adversaries, and there is every reason to believe that this will be true in the future also. Nor can one disagree with the contention that it is now a matter of high urgency to muster additional strength to oppose the steady course of power-accumulation which the Soviet Union has followed for 15 years and more.

Finally, one may agree also that the West is in fact losing the military competition, and that a strategic remedy is now needed. But the "China card" is the most unstrategic of remedies, being rather a tactical "quick-fix" writ large. But its unpremeditated consequences will be strategic in import — and exceedingly unfavorable.

There is no point in engaging in a preliminary argument over the willingness of the Chinese to cooperate in the scheme. Until Mao's death it was the position of the Chinese leaders that they needed no technological know-how from the outside world, that they would trade no raw material for industrial imports, and that in weapons China would be strictly self-sufficient. Now Peking's policies appear to have been reversed on all these points. There can be no reliable prediction of what the Chinese might do with an enhancement of their military power, but at present they are certainly willing to receive Western help in industrial and military-industrial technology — though no purchases of actual military equipment appear to have taken place as yet.

As for Peking's willingness to cooperate on a purely diplomatic level, we have now only the promise that after "normalization," much can be expected. It should be noted that others who do have full diplomatic relations, such as the British, privately complain that there is still no real diplomatic intercourse with the Chinese, and that their embassy in Peking transacts very little real business. But one may suppress doubt on all these points and proceed to assume with the advocates that China would in fact be willing to cooperate, since a Chinese refusal would dispose of the whole "China card" argument in any case.

The problems, then, arise from the consequences of the move, and not from its feasibility. It is the essence of strategy to evaluate choices in the knowledge that each move will trigger a reaction, and that the net counting of results must include not only what we do, but also what others will do in order to counter our own actions. The first consequence of our playing the "China card" may be predicted, at least in general terms, with great certainty: If we act, the Soviet Union will react.

How? If the Russians were to decide that the threat of a Sino-American alliance was not merely ominous in its long-term consequences but also dangerous in the short-term, they might be driven to use force against China. It is of course most unlikely that the leaders in the Kremlin would become sufficiently desperate to resort to a nuclear attack or to a full-scale invasion, but the broad military superiority of the Soviet Union in both conventional and nuclear forces, on land, at sea, and in the air offers a whole repertoire of military moves which China could neither defeat nor deter.

The possibilities are many, and there would be no point in examining each. But it is instructive to examine one or two of the alternatives. To take one, large option, the Soviet Union might launch a limited offensive to seize territory in some part of the vast border lands of China where the population is small, non-Chinese, or both. For example, the western province of Sinkiang, already half surrounded by Soviet territory, is as large as one-third of the United States, but its population does not exceed 20 million — half of them being minorities of Turkic stock, and by all accounts extremely unhappy with Peking's rule. A conquest of Sinkiang

would be a straightforward military operation for which the highly mobile Soviet armored forces would be eminently well-suited, and the Russians would have little to fear from guerrillas in a land of deserts which has nestled the jungles nor the men which make Vietnam so irreducible. As for Chinese nuclear retaliation, this would be inhibited by the great imbalance of forces: In a nuclear exchange all Chinese cities of any size would unflinchingly be destroyed. And finally, the Soviet Union could mitigate even the international political costs, by claiming (with merit) that the peoples of the Sinkiang were in need of liberation from Chinese colonial rule. The outcome might then be the creation of a Turkic People's Republic, a client-state on the lines of Outer Mongolia, whose existence already so well serves the interests of Russia while diminishing China.

But the major purpose of a Sinkiang move would be achieved in the process rather than in the actual result: the Peking regime would be undermined internally by the exposure of its military inadequacy, and the American alliance would be shown to be hollow. Indeed, that particular aim could also be achieved (with much less risk) by a far more restrained use of Soviet military forces. Should a pattern of orchestrated border incidents and other threatening moves induce the Chinese to seek urgent help in material, they would then discover that the total number of battle tanks, guns, and anti-aircraft weapons that the United States could promptly supply would not suffice to equip more than one or two of their 130 divisions. In fact, even the total inventory of American ground weapons of the

army and marines, of the active forces and reserves, would not be enough to equip half the Chinese army with modern weapons.

There is no need to evoke every conceivable war scenario, for the same lesson emerges in each case: far from being a substitute for American strength, the "China card" would require a prior augmentation of American military power as the essential precondition of so risky a move. Otherwise, a violent Soviet reaction could not be reliably deterred; nor defeated. This of course makes nonsense of the whole scheme. That the military logic of the "China card" is ultimately self-defeating should not after all come as a surprise: given the present balance of power, the relative strength of the United States can scarcely be expected to increase through an alliance with a China that is altogether more vulnerable to Soviet attack than the United States could ever be.

A warlike Soviet reaction would be highly dangerous, but it is not the only response available to the Russians. Indeed, they might inflict still greater damage upon the West if they were to follow the ways of peace. What would happen if we carried out the scheme, and there was no prompt Russian military reaction? Through the importation of industrial equipment, of military technology, or of actual weapons, the Chinese would eventually become stronger: it is then envisaged that the Russians would allocate more and more of their military power to their eastern frontier. The nations of Western Europe would then, no doubt, diminish their military efforts in the face of a decline in the Soviet forces ranged directly against them, the parliaments of Europe would

hardly refrain from cutting military budgets, and Congress would no doubt follow.

But as the process unfolds, it holds the seeds of its own unmaking. For the incentives to the Soviet Union of reaching a modus vivendi with China would grow in proportion to the rising costs of a continued confrontation. Peking would then be in a position to blackmail the West for still more aid, threatening to go to Moscow if its demands were not met. The Russians in turn would find it profitable to offer still greater inducements in exchange for a detente. At some point, the Chinese might well see an advantage in accepting the Soviet offer: detente and force-reduction agreements would ensue, and the Russians would next be free to transfer to the West a sufficient proportion of their forces in Asia to undermine drastically the European military balance. China, for its part, would be free to use its own military power against Taiwan, and to intimidate any other Western-oriented country in East Asia.

The profound antipathy between Russians and Chinese would not invalidate this scenario. The Russo-Chinese conflict may indeed be organic, and incapable of ultimate resolution. Nevertheless, each side may yet deem it appropriate to reach a temporary accommodation, in order to build up its own strength for the final showdown by conquest and expansion at the expense of the West.

By all means, then, achieve diplomatic relations with Peking — so long as these are obtained in equality, without any imposed diminution of our highly productive relations with Taiwan. Even the supply of military-industrial technology from Europe must be seriously considered, but only in very modest proportions, to reduce specific Chinese vulnerability to Soviet coercion. Beyond that, however, the "China card" should not be played. Instead, we should play the American card, mustering more of our own strength for our own purposes.

MISS. FILLER

## ZINES RECEIVED

This is a column I like to do every few issues, but haven't had time to do in a while. Some of the zines below have even managed to put out two issues in the time frame of this column, a remarkable achievement among the cloud of dipzines which come out 8 to 10 times a year.

EGGNOG, Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130. 10/\$3.50, gamefee \$2, "every three to four weeks, on Thursdays". Konrad has actually put out THREE issues, since the latest one is a double. It is large and interesting enough even though I'm not into variants, which dominates EGGNOG in terms of space (and weight). I covered this pretty well in an item in VARIOUS NOTES, so I'll just mention him here. EGGNOG is a new one, but certainly among the best. Recommended.

DIPLOMACY DIGEST, Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304. 10/\$2.50 (But 'double' issues common), monthly or bi-monthly, "there is no deadline date". Mark runs no games, only articles, so he puts it out when he can. Without games, it is not any big thing. Like DIPLOMACY WORLD, you read it when it arrives. And there's lots to read! Digest-size, photo-offset, center stapled. This is another zine I've covered elsewhere, so I'll just say that I consider it a hobby classic right there behind DW. Quite a compliment for a one-man operation, but its worth it. DD is one of the few Dipzines that you really can't finish off with a quick scan in a few minutes after receipt, as is the case with most. If you get only a few zines, this HAS to be one of them. (That's a recommendation also).

RETARIUS, Ted McDonald, 4711 Tuckerman Street, Riverdale, MD, no zip given (#4). This is a new zine received as a sample. 12 pages, 5 of which are artwork, center-stapled. Carries Dip, Machiavelli, Politics, 12/\$3.25. Seems oriented toward the with-it, mod-leftist crowd. Didn't make much sense to me, but then, this was the only sample I'd seen.

MIXUMAXU GAZETTE 88 & 89. Robert Bryan Lipton, current address last issue. I'd had some usual review-comments to make on these, but the latest issue announced that he's folding it with next issue, so it becomes rather moot. MMG has been a hobby standard for many years; until recently, it came out every three weeks with a regularity to which most of this hobby will never do more than aspire. Pretty SF oriented, with expansive review-commentary on SF books I'd never heard of, but had an interesting style. MMG was a remarkable exception to the other NYC zines in being on time and closer to a "straight" Dipzine, meaning you knew what to expect issue to issue. Published for 5½ years, quite a good record.

WHY ME? # 8 & 9; Lee Kendter, 4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135. 10/\$3.50, \$2 gamefee + \$1 refundable deposit, no openings just now but perhaps after New Year's. This wasn't a double issue; WHY ME? is just one of those that published twice while I was waiting to get to this. A new zine doing a good job of hanging on to the tri-weekly pace that is in such danger of dying out. Carries RegDip, a Youngstown, a Demo game getting ready to start, a couple of his own variant SPACE STATION ULTRA games, and some terrific press in #8 (which was probably the best issue I've seen to date). Regularity and promptness are a strong point, and one of the things I also consider at the top. Recommended.

THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB, Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598, 12/\$4, Gamefee \$1.50+\$2.50 refundable deposit. I think this is a tri-weekly, but can't find it for sure. #25 was dated Nov 1 and the game deadlines

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were Nov 21, so at least the games are tri-weekly. This issue, like MMG #88, was seven sheets (14 pages), which is one sheet over the first class limit for one stamp, but both passed. For D&L this is typical. Carries RegDip, a Demo game in progress (pretty good one), letters, filler, and occasional comments about the NASA programs where the editor works. It is also one of my fellow right-of-center zines in editorial policy. Regularity and quality printing are the highlights of this one. I beleive he has some openings for a short time, due to a number of completions. Recommended.

WARMONGER #32 Alan Rowland, P O Box 2173, College Station, Easton, PA 18042. This was a 12-sheet affair. Alan's zine is getting like the NYC area zines (e.g., LILAF, URF DURFAL): always a good issue, every now and then when it comes out. This issue was dated July 31; one section starts "I won't go into the sordid reasons why this is so late (it is now 8/31"; "Issue 34 should be out on or about October 7". This #32 arrived October 26th. The issue contains a variant, blunt reviews, survey results, gmaes, PennCon commentaries, music reviews, game reviews, Trivia quiz, an "Oaklyn" and Walker letter, lots more; and, of course, Alan's own unique "humor". (Some would call it gross- or boorish-ness, but I find it funny). If you don't mind a quarterly "Quadri-weekly" zine, this is it. At 10/\$2.50, your sub will last a long time! Regular, novice, and Kingmaker openings for those who hibernate between game seasons.

URF DURFAL #36, Greg Costikyan, P O Box 865, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912, "Cishudson Provinces, Free City of New York". Greg adds that in case you don't know his is one of the New York circle of Dipzines. This issue had the usual entertaining features that I wish people would send to me, some terrific letters, and an announcement that he would be going to WEEKLY issues (like RUNESTONE) carrying staggered deadline games, with one 12 page regular issue every 3-4 weeks or so. 7/\$2 for the old system; however that will translate into the new. I'd guess that you'd still get the same, the main issues, unless you were in a game. Carries RegDip and "any variant someone else organizes the players for". Current openings in Dip, Youngstown, Swiss Variant II, and Machiavelli. Interesting and entertaining whenever I get one. Last page is 1/3 address, 2/3 announcement of games delayed (5) due to non-receipt of (enough?) orders.

LIES, DECEIT, AND NEFARIOUS SCHEMES 22, Jerry Jones, PO Box 8529, San Marino, CA 91108, 10/\$4, now monthly. LD&NS used to be one of the best of the new tri-weeklies and one of the wittiest. Lately Jerry has opted to use LD&NS as an orphan games project, so LDNS has gone monthly and suffered in quality accordingly. It is still reliable, and a skimpy LDNS still has more to it than a lot of run-of-the-mill Dipzines. It is also good news if you're in an orphaned game, for you will find a new home in LDNS (as this author is in two). Still, I hated to see LDNS drop to a slower pace and be taken over more with just games. Last issue, Jerry ran a note asking me to submit a personality profile "or I'll write it myself". Good luck, Jerry! According to Claudine, you have your work cut out for you! (She says I don't have a personality!) *I want to do all "personality" after your & Greg Costikyan, but forget. Will note if you ever.*  
CLAW & FANG, Don Horton, 16 Jordan Court, Sacramento, CA 95826. 6/\$2, gamefee \$3, games (almost always) open. That means always open, but I do remember one time when new games were postponed for a bit. C&F is monthly, but on the plus side, it is ALWAYS reliable, has a publishing history of many years, and should reach 100 issues about Feb 79. C&F is famous for having lots of filler, something that I personally think

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is the key to success if you hope to reach more than a few traders and the immediate circle of current game players. C&F has long been one of my favorites. The only problems are the slow monthly game pace, and the fact that the guest GMs Don uses seem to use my name as a player as a signal that it's time for them to drop out of the hobby. I've been in four C&F games that I can recall, and at least two of them have been the very ones that his otherwise good guest GMs have decided to poop out on. I hope Mike Boggs and John Weswig don't continue that tradition. For a good reading Dipzine, C&F, like DD, should be one of your 'core' of automatic subs. (And even if the GGM poops out on you, Don of course will step in and take it over). The articles and game wrap-ups are valuable to the novice, and the amount of material makes it interesting to any general reader. Recommended.

RUNESTONE, John Leeder, 2202 NW Broadview Rd, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3H8 Canada. 1½¢ per page plus postage, WEEKLY. John publishes weekly, but you get those issues that your game is in when they come out, and all issues together once a month. John runs many variants and has all-North-American games, international games, local group games (denizens of the Milky Way and Magellanic Clouds only), etc. Seriously, there is a lot going on in RUNESTONE. If you're not playing, frankly, there often isn't much for YOU, but R is an old established pillar of the hobby and is often a source of news that one won't find elsewhere. He also runs the N.Amer. Zine Poll each year which I won last year (and hope to do a repeat on this coming year). The four issues I just received were #s 221-224 inclusive, so you can see he's been around for a while. All Canadian zines seem to run on a slower pace, but if you don't mind that monthly or 5-week rate, R offers a very reliable forum. Other than that, really, it would be more of interest to publishers who wish to keep up on the news than to the general player looking for something to read. At times, there's a good letters column--I can recall a series of them offering insight into the Quebec issue there, for instance--but lately, it's been running a bit dry. Maybe if the CPO strikes slack off and John gets settled in at his new locale, it will pick up again.

KOLWYNIA Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota St, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Irregular, free to subbers of RURITANIA. K is really a flyer put out when Tony hasn't got time for a full RURITANIA. In this way, the games are kept going, even if the zine is forced to take a break. RURITANIA itself is SF oriented, but frankly, right now Tony has so much going between job and grad school that I expect more KOLWYNIA's for a while. I mention this at all only to show that some publishers do keep their games going even when the going gets rough, while others put it in the closet and say 'screw it' until they're in the mood. I suggest that the latter group either follow Tony's example or get out of publishing.

PASSCHENDALE 3, Francois Guerrier, 603B Stanton Residence, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9A7 Canada. 3/\$1. This is a new one, but looks hopeful. RegDip, letters, humor filler, and chess items. 7 sheets; current openings in Dip for \$2+sub, and an all-GM game starting up soon. Write him for a sample. (Remember, Canadians can't use our stamps unless they collect them and use them to pay for a sub to BRUTUS BULLETIN or some such; mail a dime like me.)

Oh, Gawd, not MORE Zines Received?  
(Yep)

THE PODUNK NEWS #50, Bob Hartwig, 304 Slater Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. 30¢ an issue, no openings. Bob is/was President of the IDA, so I kept PDN as a source of IDA news/gossip, but it has become somewhat irregular, and he even planned to drop out for a while there, so I'm letting my sub lapse. 3 sheets with games, press, some IDA voting records. Last issue he mentioned how he hopes to reduce his circulation, so I'm helping him. Not much to it.

DIPLOMACY REVIEW, official organ of the IDA ("International Diplomacy Association of North America", sometimes IDANA, for you newcomers). No charge, just \$2 membership in the IDA. The IDA has had a less than illustrious history, but this past year has seen it start out under a gang of new (and sometimes changing) faces, and so far they're doing OK. Not outstanding, but OK. Craig Reges got a novice packet put together, and Jerry Jones, publisher of LDNS, has been putting out DR for this last year. That has meant that the job got done, and done pretty well. Really, DR doesn't contain much more than votes of members of the council on less than overwhelming issues, but it is an "ear to the ground" as to what the IDA is at least THINKING it would like to do if it could do much at all. Producing DR is a good barometer of IDAs effectiveness, or lack thereof. This year it has done pretty well. Those who like me, would like to give them the benefit of a doubt or three and follow their progress can get DR and membership for \$2/yr. Send to their treasurer, Bill Young, address inside cover of last issue (or 24?); they're in the midst of new elections, so as an alternative, it would reach its destination via the old President, Bob Hartwig, address above under PODUNK NEWS.

BREW & REEFER, Roy Smith, 64 Addicks Road, Westwood, NJ 07675. Monthly, 1½¢ per page plus postage, or 25-30¢ an issue. Openings in a novice game, regular, expert, Mensa, and something called Mastermind. Games, letters, filler, and a bridge column. Eight issues produced so far; seems to be establishing a record of regularity.

PINK DRAGON, Vol 2, # 21. \$2/year, gamefee \$1. Dan Palter, Box 72, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. This is a supprising little zine in a couple of ways. It is copied in assorted sized pages, wet-copier rather than xerox, is low priced, and though coming from NY state, has a quite strong right-wing editorial policy (like mine). This issue was 9 sheets, single-sided copy, with games, letters, news & editorials, and a reprint of a SALT II article (anti). Also into some game designing projects, apparently. This was only the second sample I've seen, but seems to have been going for a while. Seems to be 3-4 weeks, judging by date vs deadline. Write for a sample.

Since I have some space left on this page, let me offer some holiday gift suggestions. If you'd like to send a gag gift to John Boardman or Robert Lipton, or a serious gift for Konrad Baumeister (or me! V), try sending \$5.25 for 4 bi-monthly issues of SIEGRUNEN, Richard Landwehr, Box 70, Mt Reuben Road, Glendale, Oregon 97442. Siegrunen is subtitled "The Waffen-SS in historical perspective". It is a history zine with editorials, book reviews, and historical articles illustrating the "true glory" of the besmirched Waffen SS, or Armed SS. (This was the combat-soldier side of the SS, not the concentration-camp-types who were often really SD men, SicherheitsDienst, or Security Service). Siegrunen presents the 'other side' to the pure hate literature that is the common fare, and is an excellent source of history concerning the various SS combat units on assorted fronts, small unit histories, etc. Your leftist or Jewish acquaintances would enjoy finding one in the mail, I'm sure!

# Who Lives Next Door to TV's Ideal Woman?

By Brenda  
Stockton-Hess

ADVERTISEMENTS embarrass me. One supposes that if they embarrassed everybody they'd change.

But I still wouldn't admit to my neighbor in the grocery store parking lot that I'm not using toilet paper anymore. I still wouldn't run out and buy a particular brand of soup just to show up my mother-in-law. And I still wouldn't use a certain toothpaste just to get a date. (Besides, Robert doesn't let me date anymore.)

It's really embarrassing to be sitting there gazing at the television and suddenly see a young

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woman inhale and turn to the side so she looks better in her brassiere that's supposed to be alive.

Do you want to reach into your bureau drawer some morning and encounter a breathing bra? Or have a bolt of fruit jump out at your husband? Or experience a little, round dough person popping out of a can of biscuits you were planning to eat?

I think if I encountered a child of mine singing loudly that he wants to be a frankfurter I'd wonder where I went wrong.

THE WOMAN came into my house and started running her white gloves over the furniture I'd thrown her out; and if I saw someone talking to a black man, she'd call the police.

I've come to the conclusion that advertising magnates live in trees. At the very least they swing from one to the other in a most primitive manner. They very likely have brow ridges and have callouses on the backs of their hands where they rub the ground as they swing by.

If they did, you wouldn't see a man walking through the woods singing odes to his coffee cup, and you wouldn't worry about somebody finding out whether your paper towel is paper or fabric. It would never occur to you to sniff around your house like a bloodhound looking for odors and, possibly, the last thing on earth that would occur to you is whether a local car dealer gives away three pieces of chicken with every pickup he sells.

**DO YOU EVER** wonder what it would be like to live next door to a person who is the advertising

medium's "ideal woman?"

The kitchen floor in that house would shine so brightly it would glow in the dark. It would reek of essence of pine. The cupboards would be bursting with the newest, the most improved, the longest-lasting, the best-selling of everything known to humankind.

Her kitchen would abound with mechanical devices that grind, chop, puree, slice, dice, open, seal, whip, trappe, mix, beat, stir, fold, spin and mutilate. She could dispose of garbage through the plumbing or squash it into easy to handle blocks. Her kids could get a glass of ice water out of the refrigerator door and a whole meal could be warmed up in five seconds.

HER SPOUSE would still be in love with her, all because she's got good blood. People would stop her on the street to tell her how great she smells. She'd be so busy she'd keep a box of feminine napkins on the front seat of her car. (I've never figured that one out.)

He'd have a medicine chest full of under arm deodorants (and, he'd have his own), feminine deodorants, douches, hair sprays, colognes, shampoos, depilatories, toothpastes, mouthwashes, powders, creams, lotions and non-aerogels.

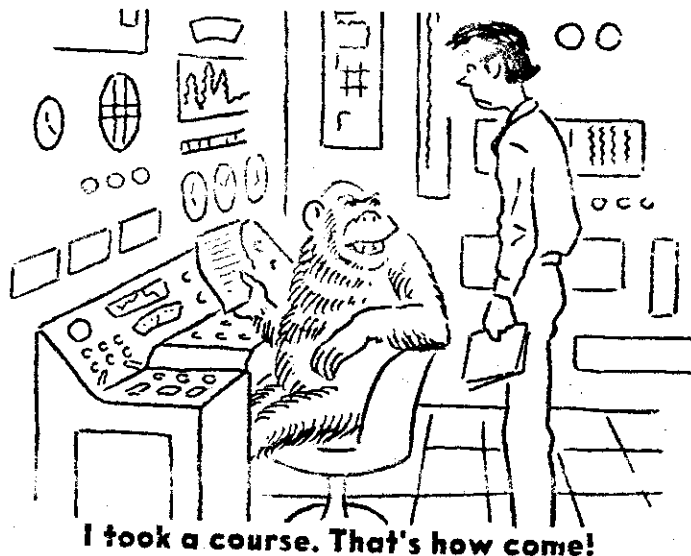
The family's closets, pantry and drawers would certainly be fragrant — bursting with soaps that wake up, soften up, tighten up, clear up, make one look younger, control odor, have pleasant odors, no odors, that last an eternity. After such a bang from a rope, leave a scum, don't leave a scum, contain hand lotion, cold cream, little flakes of color for added protection.

SHE'D GIVE herself home permanents that look professional or her husband would do it for her.

make her own clothes, go shopping in a dress, hose and high-heels. Her hair would be picture perfect and her nails would be exquisitely long and manicured for with polish that never chips, cracks or peels.

Her marriage and her husband's career would

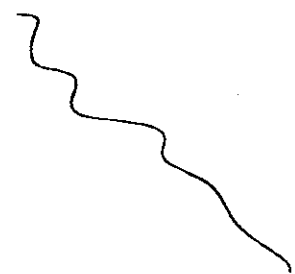
Sounds rather like "Stepford Wives," doesn't it?



THIRD RING MINISTERS is the name of a new Dipzine that is also something of an IDA novus project. It is available from Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Place, Bakersfield, California 93304. It is \$4/12 issues with a \$3 gamefee for both regular and novice-only Dip games, plus others. LIBERTEREAN reported that Ron would accept half price subs and gamefees to the first fifteen who signed up, and so far only one game is going, so maybe \$3.50 would still get you in + 12 issues like me. I must say, his game is the first one in a long time where I ~~am~~ really have to be writing everyone! Give him a try--new pubbers are always glad to get sample requests too!

J. 24.

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An Open Letter To John Boardman

November 17, 1978  
1501 Higgins Hall, WIU  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear John,

I read your letter to John Michalski with vast amazement in Brutus Bulletin #25. You are strongly opposed to the ecology movement because of its capacity to make you unemployable. I think that your head must be examining the bottom of your spine.

Look at a very good example, PCBs (polychlorinated bi-phenyls). In the early '70s, an industrial accident put PCBs into cattle feed in Michigan. The cattle were sent to market to be sold as meat, the milk from the cows was sold, people in Michigan ate this stuff and developed all sorts of symptoms. You should also know that PCBs are very persistent in the environment and have been used in the millions of tons. An auto dealership in Waukegan, Ill., used oil to lubricate cars and the old oil found its way to the Lake. The oil contained PCBs. The dealer didn't know about it and the harbor in Waukegan, a big one, is covered with sludge containing PCBs. It cannot be removed without stirring it up to such an extent that it would spread all over Lake Michigan. The stuff is also used in large electrical transformer, as an example. Those farmers in Michigan had their cattle all killed by a company that made these things, many lost their livelihood. Oops, I forgot, you don't care, do you?

The Russian and Japanese are slaughtering whales, for no good purpose since the products that are gathered are just as easily available artificially. Soon there may be no blue whales left. Rats, forgot again, you wouldn't care about natural beauty unless it affected you and since it doesn't directly affect you, so what right?

Do you use an aerosol can ever? Do you care that the fluoro-carbons produced may eventually deplete the ozone layer? And ozone produced down on the earth by auto exhausts, do you care if they hurt and irritate some old person's lungs, and could even kill him? Does this matter to you? Do you care if Carbon dioxide levels rise in the atmosphere and raise the temperature of the earth. Of course, the effects would probably not hit until the year 2000 and so that shouldn't bother you I suppose.

The control of pests by the use of pesticides is of vital stature to your "benefits of modern technology." I quote from the Policy Statement On Pesticides, American Public Health Association.

"Three major factors contribute to this concern (for the hazards of Pesticide usage): (1) the ability of some pesticides to appear far from the place of initial application; (2) the ability of some pesticides to persist for long periods of time with cumulative effects; and (3) general ignorance of the potential risks both to man and his environment in the continued use of pesticides."

And, later: "Research in all areas pertaining to pesticides must be stepped up by government, medical centers, industry, and others in order to increase understanding of how pesticides can be safely and effectively used.....The search for better pest control measures, safer pesticides, and alternative measures, including biological control and development of pest-resistant varieties of crops, should also be pursued."

Research, John, means jobs. JOBS! All of the problems that are stated above, as well as hundreds of others, need people to solve them. The vast majority of "ecologists" are interested in making industry think of the long-term effects and industry's cooperation, as well as the general populace, will just make the world a better place to live, and isn't that what it's all about?





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# Sad consequences of ignoring the political role of military might

When critics of a new SALT agreement say that by 1983 new Soviet missile systems will be able to destroy 90 per cent of our land-based missile force, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has an answer.

First, he says, no one knows how the launching of hundreds of missiles with thousands of warheads would actually work. One might explode in flight, blowing up others. No massive tests have ever been conducted. In the real world, things don't work as they do on paper.

Second, he says, the president of the United States will have up to 30 minutes of advance warning after the Soviet attack is launched. Will he sit still or press the button before the damage is done?

But if things don't work as they do on paper, many problems arise. Suppose the president's warning allows him only 12 minutes, instead of 30. Suppose, in all conscience, he needs to verify the first warning before he acts. Suppose that his own command equipment has a malfunction — perhaps through sabotage.

Worse still, imagine that the president, recognizing that the Soviet first strike is on its way and that a second, aimed at U.S. cities, will be launched the moment he launches U.S. missiles at Soviet cities, decides to have no part in such destruction.

In this grisly business, as in chess, every supposition must be thought through before irreversible moves are made. But the main point to observe on the strategic chessboard today is that the Soviets have massive superiority in conventional forces (troops, tanks, planes, artillery). Now they have parity — and perhaps incipient superiority — in

nuclear forces, as well. On balance, in strictly military calculations, theirs is the growing force, ours the declining.

The Soviet military budget has been going upwards since the beginning of "detente." That of the United States, particularly in constant dollars, has been going down.

Nations trying to calculate who will be the superior force over the next decades already are becoming kinder to the U.S.S.R. Who can blame them?

A basic principle needs to be stressed: The reason for unquestionable strategic superiority is not military. It is political. The more forceful side acquires political gains. It inspires long-range confidence. It does so among leaders of smaller nations who are ambitious and calculating, and also among those who wish to act reasonably in the face of overwhelming strength.

It is the political meaning of the SALT agreements that is most overlooked by Americans on the left. Many on the left have grown up in political struggles in which they had to oppose the anticommunism of the right (in the 1950s), to oppose the Vietnam "war machine," and to concentrate on the "human needs" of Americans. Their bias is deeply set against strategic thinking. They want to forget, or to minimize, the importance of military power for political purposes. They are not grateful for the power that protects them now.

The Soviets, by contrast, know from their long history that great military power pays off handsomely in political power. They know that international political decisions are not based on friendship, love, niceness or moral feeling. They are

based on respect for power. Even dissidents at home must trim their sails to power.

Against Soviet power, the United States has not replied with increases in American power. We lack the leadership. We lack the will. We lack an aroused liberal conscience. Instead, our leaders are attempting to "play the China card" — that is, to use Chinese power as a counterbalance to Soviet power.

Every move in chess is followed by the opponent's move. As Edward N. Luttwak argues brilliantly in the recent *Commentary* magazine, the Soviets can play the China card, too. There are any number of incidents they may now provoke which would force the Chinese to side with them. The Soviets might, for example, encourage North Korea to attack South Korea. The Chinese would have to enter that war, against the United States, if only to keep the Soviets out of North Korea.

The Soviets are intelligent. They perceive the weakness and cowardice of the West at least as clearly as Solzhenitsyn does. U.S. military strength is too thin to reply effectively to Soviet provocations. Many on the left are so eager to "keep us out of war" that they are making war supremely tempting, as it was in 1938.

The next five or six years loom as times of deep tension between the Soviet Union and the United States. Since 1945, the trajectory of political power around the world has gone up for the Soviets, down for the United States. The Olympics in Moscow in 1980 will focus the whole world's attention upon Soviet-supremacy, in sports as in reality. The Twentieth is turning out to be "the Soviet Century."

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