

BIG NEWS in what might be your last issue of North America's No. 1 Dipzine,

The BRUTUS BULLETIN

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The BIG NEWS is that I'm changing the format of BB entirely! As recent skinny issues have hinted, turning out full BBs is becoming very difficult. Since I have always refused to even consider putting out "just another Dipzine", I am going to change over to a straight warehouse format going to players only. All games, including possible future new ones, will continue to their conclusion here at the schedule promised, but regular issues as such will be rare. I will continue publishing at long intervals in order to retain a zine-of-record base, and even send out filler; however, these will not be bi-weekly affairs, but rather, closer to the not-so-average of one every six weeks. Since this is not what subbers have been led to expect, I am sending with this issue a full sub refund of the current balance to all non-playing subscribers. For while I may have only promised fast adjudications, nothing more, from day #1, I think that a $1\frac{1}{2}$ year record of fat issues two to six times average size can be construed to reasonably imply continued performance at that level. Unfortunately, the personal costs of doing so are too high, and as I refuse to compromise on the quality of BB I have established a reputation for, I will instead refund non-players subs after this issue's charge. I recommend that you NOT resub if you do not wish to play, for a large number of subbers would make me feel a greater obligation to put out heftier and more fast-paced issues. But if you wish to accept the new format, let me know.

PLAYERS will go on as usual, until the lapse of their own sub. Remaining credit may be juggled due to the lesser amount you'll receive aside from the games, but this won't be much, since 60% of what you pay now goes into the stamp on the envelope. I'll let you know. The only problem might be with

STANDBYS. These folks will remain on the list unless they ask off, but for the future, the pool may well be small, as there won't be a 'regular' zine to draw on as a standby pool. I will, however, advertise in other zines to keep some on tap. We'll work something out.

So... in effect, then, BB is partially closing down. But, the main purpose of bringing you fast & cheap games will go on. Let's get at it.

J.M.

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JOHN'S NOTES

Well, having given it a little thought, this will be the new policy: I will accept subscriptions, but only with the strict understanding that publication will be irregular, and only about 8 per year. Don't hold me to that if you should get 13, but, no promises. I will print what I have, which may well be only games, press, and my comments on the world. Fair enough?

New policies: first, TRADES will again be welcomed! Why not, after all? I will now be publishing even less than some 'regular' pubbers out there, so now trades are welcome. Next, PAYMENT for contributions will henceforth be DROPPED. I will provide you with the use of my soapbox, which should be enough. I've never had an article come in anyhow, so no big thing. For something cute, I might give you a free issue--the Steve McLendon type stuff in this issue, e.g.--but basically, I'm returning to the old format.

Next, games. The old phone policy I started with originally will return. That is, no calls with orders unless something really exceptional comes up. In other words, never plan to use it, but in a pinch, I'll accept calls if you can get me. Odd-hour or collect calls will be rejected out of hand, of course. Give orders to no one but me. (This does not apply to the Ten Day Special, in which an 'open' phone policy exists). Also, credit TO standbys will come FROM NMR's sub after 1st miss.

*****Error correction*****

Earlier I'd discussed RATINGS and mentioned Steve McLendon and Bob Hartwig. Somehow or other I'd picked up the latter's name in error. Mr Hartwig has nothing to do with the new DRAGON'S TEETH system. It is Bob SERGEANT of ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON fame who is in colusion with Steve on this. Mr Sergeant's reputation is considerably higher than Hartwig's in many areas, particularly in my own estimation. Be that as it may, I still have to question how long Steve and Bob S. will care to put in all the work involved for so small a reward. Two years alone can be a long time--and if the system is not kept up, it's value, great though it may be intrinsically, will be small indeed if its history is only a 'flash in the pan'. All I can say is, Good Luck.

CONGRATULATIONS to Don Horton (Craw & Fang) on producing his 100th issue, and to LEE KENDTER on his first year of WHY ME?

GM KICKS THE HABIT! Yes, for a long time I've been adicted to Chips Ahoy cookies, but at long last, I've switched. Sunshine brand (I forget what they're called right offhand) are MUCH better. Try them.

PLEASE PARDON the poor repro this issue. Our big machine should soon be replaced.

HEY!

~~Due to weight, the non-player refunds~~
~~AND the leader poll vote cards will~~
~~be sent to you separately!~~

John

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HELPFUL RUSSIAN FLEETS HELP THEMSELVES
IN NORTH, BUT IGNORE BATTLES IN SOUTH.
GERMAN RUMP STATE OPENS NEW FRONT.

SPRING, 1904

AUSTRIA (Christopher): F GRE S A Bul; A Tri-SER; A BUL & A BUD S A Rum; A RUM S
A Gal-Ukr; A Gal-UKR; A VIE-Gal
ENGLAND (Katz): A Den-KIE; A Edi-BEL; F NTH C A Edi-Bel; F HOL & F ENG S A
Edi-Bel; A LON, F BRE H
FRANCE (Frost); A GAS-Mar; A SPA S A Gas-Mar; A PAR-Bur
GERMANY (Shaffer): A Mun-TYO; A BUR-Mun; A Bel H/d/r Pic, Ruh, Otb
ITALY (Kassel): A Tun-APU; F ION C A Tun-Apu; F Eas-AEG; F WES-Spasc; A MAR
S F Wes-Spasc
RUSSIA (Hayner): F SEV H; A Ukr-Rum/d/r Mos, Otb; A WAR-Gal; A SIL-Mun;
F BER S ENGLISH A Den-Kie; F Bal-DEN
TURKEY (Pilant): F BLA-Bulec; F CON S F Bla-Bulec; A SMY H

Press: Moscow: "Turkey" is appropriate.

Paris-Vienna: We hear you, here we come.

FALL, 1904, will be due with my mail received here MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1979, and may be conditional on retreats. When using conditional orders, ALWAYS list one set as "all other cases"!

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DUAL MONARCHY FINDS THERE IS MORE THAN ONE
WAY TO SKIN A CAT. FRANCE STILL FARING POORLY
IN GERMANY, TAKES REVENGE ON NORWEGIANS.

Summer, 1916: Russian F Kie r HLG

FALL, 1916

AUSTRIA (Kassel): A Vie-BUD; A Gal-WAR; A Ukr-MOS; A Tyo-TRI
FRANCE (Ditter): F Eng-NTH; F Nth-NWY; F NWG S F Nth-Nwy; A RUH S A Mun;
A MUN S A Kie-Ber; A Kie-Ber/ann.; A Tus-PIE;
A Ven S AUSTRIAN A Tyo-Tri/d/r Tyo, Tus, Otb;
A ROM S F Tyn-Nap; F TYN-Nap; F GLYO-Tyn; F TUN
S F GLyo-Tyn;
RUSSIA (Beamer): A Pru-KIE; F BAL C A Pru-Gie; F DEN, F HLG, & A BER S
A Pru-Kie; A SIL-Mun; A Nwy sacrificed (H)/d/r
Swe Fin StP Otb
TURKEY (Hueston): F BLA S A Rum; F GRE S F Ion; F Tri-VEN; F APU S F Tri-Ven;
F NAP-Tyn; F ION S F Nap-Tyn; A Bul-SER; A RUM H;
A Arm-SEV

Press: Paris: We will not stand for a backside entry into Austria by a Turkey.
The smilin' smog frogs will help our red Hun (Bun?) gain his
revenge. Our giant wind fans have finally been manufactured and the
Fontana-French smog is slowly drifting across the Mediterranean,
engulfing all in its path. Give up! To fight it is useless.

1916:

A: Vie Bud Ven Ser TRI WAR MOS	5	Build 1
F: Home Spa Por Lvp Lon Edi Hol		
Bel Tun Mun Ber Rom NWY	14	2 ann., +2
R: StP Mos War Wwy Swe Den Kie BER	5	Remove 2
T: Home Bul Sev Nap Rum Tri		
Gre SER VEN	10	Build 1
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SPRING, 1917, will be due with my mail received here MONDAY, April 16, 1979, and may be conditional on builds, retreats rmovals, etc. Remember to list any conditionals with one set as "all other cases". Pretty interesting for a game going into its seventeenth year, isn't it? You're all making this one of my favorites to watch again.

JM

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ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE AS PROVINCES CHANGE
HANDS ACROSS THE BOARD! ENGLAND EVEN COORDINATES
MOVES WITH OTHERS, A HOBBY FIRST! BUT IS IT CHANCE?

Winter, 1903: Austria builds A VIE; French F Lvp r OTB; German F Nth r ENG, builds A MUN

SPRING, 1904:

AUSTRIA (Frost): A Vie-TYO; A RUM-Sev; A Ser-BUL; F Bulsc-AEG; F GRE & F EAS S
F Bulsc-Aeg; A Mos S GERMAN A Pru-Lvn/NSO/d/r Lvn, Ukr, Otb;
A WAR S A Gal-Lvn/imp.; A GAL-Lvn/imp.

ENGLAND (Shaffer): A STP S TURKISH A Sev-Mos; F NTH-Eng; F NWY-Nth; F BRE-Mid;
A PAR-Bur

FRANCE (Christopher): F MAO S F Spasc; F Spasc S ITALIAN F Por-"Latveria"/NSO/d/
r GLyo, Otb; F Nap-TYN; A MAR S F Spasc; A Bel-PIC

GERMANY (Kador): A Pru-BER; A MUN-Bur; A Lon-YOR; A Hol-BEL; F ENG S A Hol-Bel;
F SKA H; F SWE-Nwy

ITALY (Pilant): A Tun-SPA; F WES C A Tun-Spa; F POR S A Tun-Spa; A PIE-Mar

TURKEY (Baumeister): F CON S F Aeg; F Aeg S FRENCH F Nap-Ion/NSO/d/r Smy, Ion, Otb;
A ARM-Sev; A Sev-MOS

Wow. Lots of action out there; I don't envy you at all. Anyhow, FALL, 1904, will be due with my mail received here next Thursday, April 19, 1979, and may be conditional on the retreats. Remember to send one set of conditional orders as "all other cases". Press follows, typed as close to the original as I could.

J.M.

Press, 79E

Germany to England: We feel bad engaging in a game of wits with you. How unpleasant it is to attack someone so hopelessly unarmed!

Wales: Who do we pay our taxes to?

Game Comments (open to print)

Yes, this game is very interesting. All the players have played relatively well but some have had lapses.

England started out playing...different, but his last few moves have been brilliant. Well played Bill!

France played well during the beginning but once the pressure rose, he choked. He still plays a major part in the game but I don't expect to see him around at the end. The pressure is just too great.

Germany is the highest rated country in this game. He has played well and his center chart shows it. He has picked France as his ally as one can see by his move to Prussia.

Italy has played straight Forward in the west and Russian Roulette in the east. Any day now, Austria will clobber him into peanut butter.

Austria has the most centers but isn't the most powerful. His entire game relies on just overpowering his enemy instead of using good tactics. He will have to be heading north soon or else he will be taken by surprise by the Germans.

Russia hasn't had much time to play. He was everybody's scapegoat from the start and collapsed due to a three Front war.

Turkey had a good start but his start ended when Austria stabbed him. All he can do is try to hold on and wait for Germany to attack Austria.

So far, not a bad game. One complaint though; how come everybody is so undiplomatic?

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LETHARGIC AUSTRIANS STILL PICK UP HALF OF
YEAR'S GAINS IN AN OTHERWISE DULL YEAR.

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA (Hamill):

NMR! A's VIE, BUD, SER, F BULsc H

ENGLAND (Mitchell):

A NWY-StP; F SKA-Nwy; F NTH S F Ska-Nwy; F ENG
S F RHE

IRANDE (Brown):

A EHE, SAS H; A Tar W/NSU; A SIC (unordered) H;
F Mid-NAT; F Spasc-MAO

GERMANY (Workman):

A DEN-Swe; F KIE-Den; F HLG S F Hol-Roh; F HOL-Nun;
A BEL H; A BOH-Gal

ITALY (Guajardo):

A ALB-Ser; A Apu-TUN; F ION C A Apu-Tun; F EAS S AUSTRIAN
F Bulsc-Aeg/NSO;

RUSSIA (Christopher):

A WAR-Gal; A UKR S A Gal-Rum; A Gal-RUM; A FIN-StP;
F Sev-BLA; F SWE H

TURKEY (Kassel):

F CON-Bulsc; F Smy-SYR; A Ank-SMY

Spring, 1903, and the few winter adjustments, of course, will be due with my mail
received here TUESDAY, April 24, 1979. Press follows 1902's chart.

1902:

A: Bud Vie Ser Gre BUL	5	Build one
E: Home Nwy	4	even
F: Home Spa Por	5	even
G: Home Den Hol Bel	6	even
I: Home Tri TUN	5	Build one
R: Home Rum Swe	6	even
T: Home Bel	3	1 ann., even
Neutral: Tun	0	
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[OOPS! Almost forgot! Would ERIC KIRCHNER, 9036A McConnell St, Laughlin AFB, TX 78840,
please submit standby orders for Austria? Now the press:]

Ankara: If Italy would like his Russian press to be accepted as such, he would be
better off writing in Russian rather than Italian. Arturo, you are rather obvious,
you know!

Paris: A lot of phoney press goin' on. If anyone wishes to contact the REAL French
War Ministry, try (805) 834-8409.

Berlin: Our soul is still up for bribery. These moves reflect no real ideological
commitment.

Moscow: The Tsar announced today he would not rest unt l the English dogs were driven
from Scandanavia.

Working Long Hours?

Count Your Blessings

Some time ago, an old factory building near Edinburgh, Scotland, was demolished. In the office area, workmen found the following listing of work rules issued in 1852.

1. Godliness, cleanliness and punctuality are the necessities of a good business.
2. This firm has reduced the hours of work and the clerical staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
3. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office.
4. Clothing must be of a sober nature. The staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colors.
5. Overshoes and top coats may not be worn in the office, but neck scarves and headwear may be worn in inclement weather.
6. A stove is provided for the benefit of the staff. It is recommended that each member bring four pounds of coal on cold days.
7. No member may leave the room without permission from Mr. Rogers. The calls of nature are permitted and clerical staff may use the garden.
8. No talking is allowed during business hours.
9. The craving of tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness, and as such is forbidden.
10. The partaking of food is allowed between 11:30 a.m. and noon, but work will not on any account cease.
11. Members of the staff will provide their own pens.
12. Mr. Rogers will nominate a senior clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the office. All boys and juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers and will remain after closing hours for similar work.

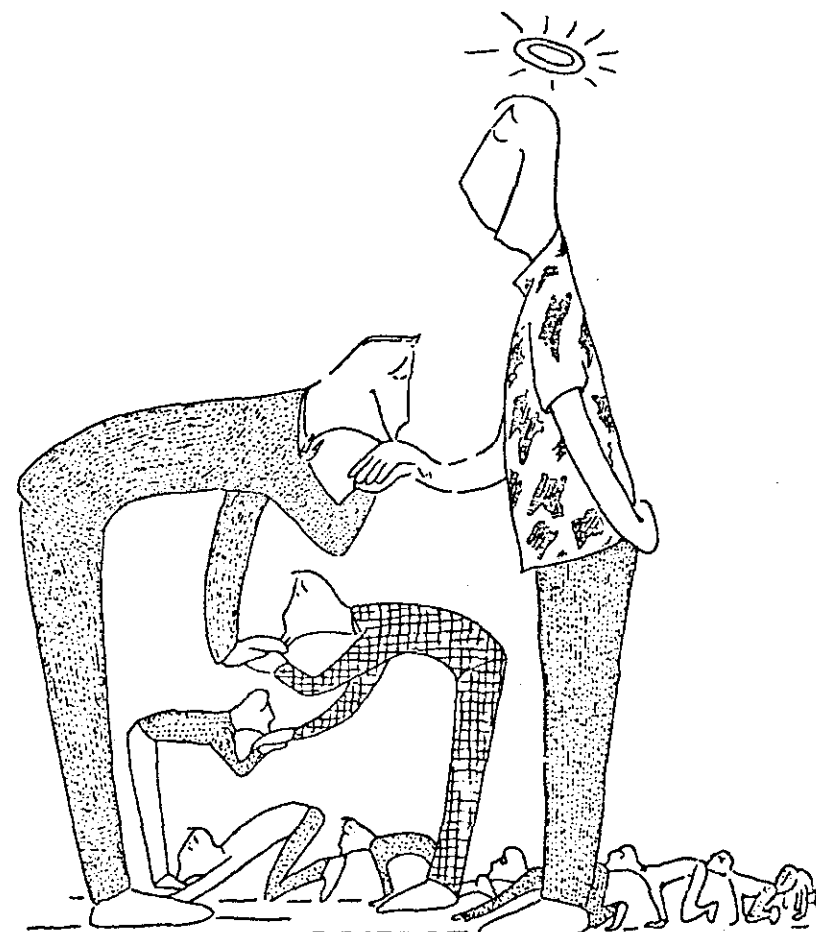
And now.....

The Boss's Birthday

The boss of a medium-sized office had hired a steno who was out of this world. She had looks, personality and clothes. After looking at her for a few weeks, the boss, a married man, decided that he was going to take her out some night. He approached her and asked if he would like to celebrate his birthday with him at some secluded night spot. She said that she would have to think about accepting. The next day she consented to go but offered that they go to her apartment instead of out somewhere. To himself, as any other normal man would, he commented, "better than I planned."

The night of his birthday, they went to her apartment and had cocktails, appetizers, dinner and some drinks afterwards. A short while later, she said, "I am going to my bedroom now, and you can come in--in five minutes." After four minutes had gone by the boss started to disrobe. Totally naked by the time 5 minutes were up, he tapped on the door. The voice from behind the door in a sweet tone said, "Come in." A twist of the door knob and the door was open--only to show the rest of the office force singing:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



-SSAM

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Game openings are available in regular Diplomacy, HOLOCAUST, and Youngstown.

Deadline for all games is Saturday, April 21.

BE A Cannibal



TUFTED DUCK

CONSERVE WILDLIFE

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

X Bureaucratic Blunders

A Louisiana prostitute was recently declared eligible for food stamps because she had to kick back most of her illegal earnings to a procurer. And in Texas, a dope dealer was given food stamps—after he told officials his business had slacked off.

"We are only concerned with an applicant's eligibility. We don't care whether or not his activities are illegal," says Mrs. Lesley Wilder, an information officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food stamp program.

(Harold B. Johnson)

Recent abuses by CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) in Maine include: \$357 for Boston Red Sox tickets and \$987 for rooms in Boston the night of the game; \$562 for tickets to a rock concert at the Augusta Civic Center; \$102 for theater tickets; \$250 for transportation and food for an outing at a coastal state park; \$470 for office meals; \$230 for a deep sea fishing trip; \$240 for tickets to a Chuck Berry concert.

(Peter Parisi)

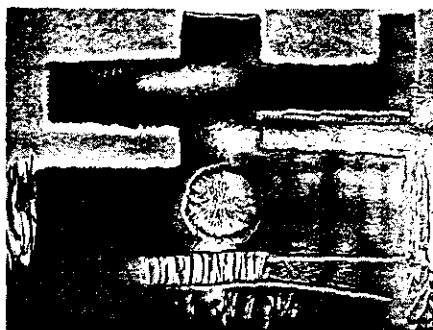
The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) recently spent \$25,000 to find out that most Americans want equal justice and honest public officials.

Jiri Nehnevajsa, professor of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Urban Research, used the grant to analyze some 100 public opinion polls made between 1960 and 1976. Nehnevajsa's conclusions: "Americans believe strongly in equitable law enforcement and feel official dishonesty is a fundamental cause of the demoralization and criminalization of society."

HEW, after learning that more boys than girls got spanked in the Bellevue, Wash., public schools, ordered that the school officials spank the same number

of girls as boys—whether the girls were misbehaving or not. If the school district fails to carry out this order, it could lose \$1 million in federal funds. HEW contends that not spanking an equal number of girls would be sex discrimination.

(Donald E. Burns)



The federal GSA spent \$1,800 of tax money for this painting, which hangs in the San Francisco office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Today Show" host Tom Brokaw, who reportedly earns \$500,000 a year, has been granted a loan amounting to \$345,000 by the Small Business Administration to purchase a radio station in South Dakota, under a special pro-

gram to "aid struggling minority businesses."

(Harold R. Sprout)

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (U.S. Department of the Interior) is spending \$145,000 to install a wave-making machine in a specially designed double Olympic-sized pool in Salt Lake City, Utah. Local officials explain that the 4-foot surf created by the machine "will provide a recreation experience not available in an inland society."

(C. J. Ploss)

The Navy is trying to get back three classified antitorpedo devices it "mistakenly" sold as surplus nearly a year and a half ago. There are reports that a man who bought the devices for about \$200 wants more than \$150,000 to sell them back to the Navy.

(Peter G. Lefkies)

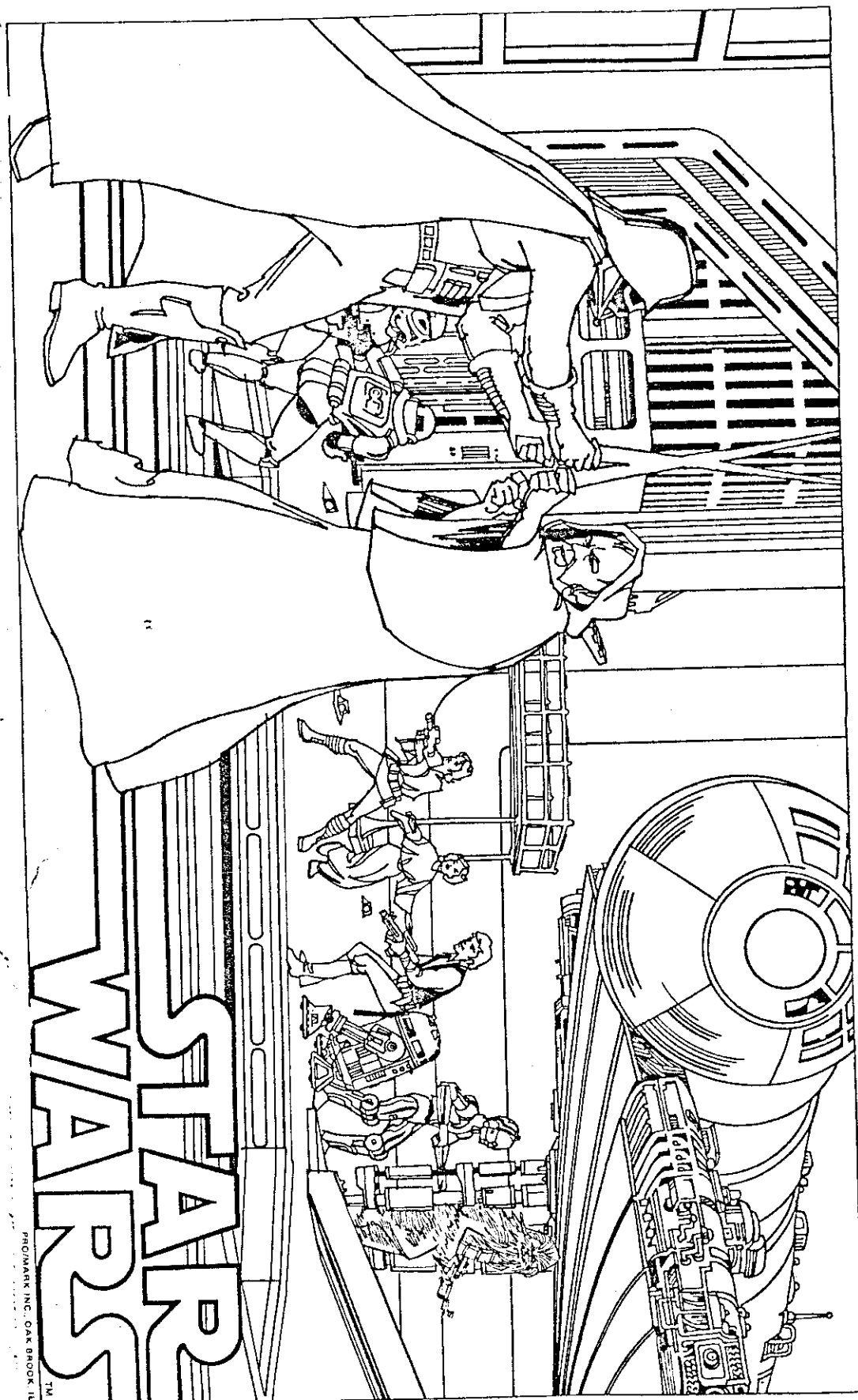
Also in the category of dumb declassifications, the federal government has released, as part of an environmental impact statement, a detailed road map and aerial photos of a maximum security plutonium producing plant—information that pinpoints vital locations for any potential terrorist.

(Roger Cook)



Homosexuals whoop it up at their annual Beaux Arts Ball in San Francisco. Now the city's Board of Supervisors has asked the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$375,000 to build a community center for homosexuals to party in.

And where else but in your BRUTUS BULLETIN would you find an honest to goodness
COLORING PAGE?



PRO/MARK INC., OAK BROOK, IL.

(Picture postcard of a Costa Rican volcano from)
KONRAD BAUMEISTER ('EGGNOG') & ULI

So we got to Costa Rica. What would you do with BB deadlines if you ever went? The cover photo reminds me of a Dip player that just got stabbed--literally 'blowing his top'! Everything is fine and dandy down here with the exception of tennis, which is hard to do in 40+ mph winds. Still, I can swim, which is more than I can do in Milwaukee!

((Thanks for taking the time to write!)) J.M.

ERIC KIRCHNER

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In BB#33 you made a snide comment about Iranians joining "Cubans and boat-people" on the public dole. Obviously you don't feel very hospitable toward these groups--yet later on you make a comment about refugees "voting with their feet" and seem to approve of that. Would you have the boat people (not to mention Cubans, Mexicans, etc.) "vote", just as long as they don't "vote" for the US, because we don't want to add to our welfare rolls?

Lest I be misconstrued, let me say that I recognize that America has serious problems with both the welfare system and illegal immigration. I would favor less of both, but more legal immigration; I see no reason to shut America's immigration doors. We have plenty of room, both physically and economically. Why not allow the boat people, et. al., to vote with their feet--the PR value alone would be advantageous.

Another thought--if the boat people were white, they might find the American populace more willing to "make a little extra room".

My two cents on China: it seems to me that Carter's move has a) brought us great advantages, and b) in reality changed our relationship with Taiwan very little. Taiwan's likelihood of being taken over is hardly different than before, and trade continues.

Now that I've aggravated you beyond belief... PS While Del Rio isn't much, what there is is pretty nice. Pilot training keeps me busy with 11 hr days and studying at night, but the flying is worth it.

((Perhaps Del Rio looks better when you sleep there at night and just fly over it at 30,000 ft in the daytime? I'd always heard it was a pit, but for your sake, I'm glad you feel otherwise. I wonder how much of the town you really mean, though. I recall when I was at Oscar Rose Jr College in Midwest City here, across the road (just about) from Tinker AFB, the views of the town were strikingly different to the folks living on base vs the blacks living in the town. As the instructor later added, to live behind a patrolled wire fence and have a colonel tell you how wide the flower beds will be kept is a hell of a lot different than really having to cut it out there 'on the street', e.g.

Re China: 1) I see no advantages to us 2) Trade continued between the USSR and Hitler's Germany right up to the last minute too. I remember reading of troops passing Brest Litovsk June 22 passing freight trains going the other way with deliveries to Germany... If so little is "really" changed, why tell an old ally to fend for themselves only to embrace Dung HsaoPing?

"Lots of space"--anyone is California or Oregon or Colorado want to comment? As to whether they were white, the answer is a loud and fast yes. Other whites are readily assimilable; PRs, Cubans, 'boat people', Iranians, Meos, and what-not are nothing but more fodder for the slums and the eternal dole. It is easy to be generous when one is far removed from it; Swedes are very benevolent, since their mono-racial society permits them the luxury. A few token black GI deserters from the Nam era even permit them to brag. However, as the alien population climbs, as it did in jolly old England, for instance, we see a definite change. I opt to learn from others mistakes, not create more chaos here first before I figure it out myself. You do have the advantage of being in the majority, however. Thus, re paragraph 1: yes.))

J.M.

Socialized Medicine Flops in Canada

From *Private Practice*

The U.S. Senate's point man for socialized medicine, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), claims that national health insurance works in Canada, but this is not true. Dr. Raymond Robillard, a Harvard-trained neurosurgeon who is president of the Federation of Medical Specialists of Quebec, says, "In your haste to copy our system, do not bring American medicine down to the Canadian level. Since Medicare was enacted in Canada, we have fallen badly behind in equality, in education and in research. Canadian care may be 'free,' but it is strictly rationed by tight provincial budgets and rampant inflation."

The following excerpt from an article in *Private Practice* by the Canadian doctor William E. Goodman gives further insights into the failure of national health insurance in Canada.

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The bureaucratic system in Canada has produced demoralization and massive disincentives to work on the part of practicing physicians, namely:

1. Inability to see more than a prescribed number of patients per day, on pain of nonpayment for the services above the government-prescribed number, or, worse, on

pain of being disciplined for "seeing too many patients."

2. Such a low payment per unit of service that few doctors feel inclined to put forth any extra effort, except in dire emergencies.

3. Since involvement in nonmedical business affairs offers a much greater return per unit of time, some doctors are more and more inclined to reduce their commitment to medical practice in favor of such moonlighting.

4. The treatment of doctors by government as economic units delivering medical care has caused doctors to act more and more like economic animals. We have had labor unions of interns and residents in Canada for some five years, and they have had some very unsuccessful strikes. Unionization of practicing physicians, with attendant "industrial action," is not far off. You can imagine what conversion to a standard 35-hour union week will do to the availability of doctors for the general public.

5. Bureaucratic red tape and harassment have persuaded many other physicians, tired of the battle and unwilling to subsidize the system any further with their dollars and their sweat, to quit practice entirely—to go into retirement sub-

stantially earlier than they originally intended.

6. In addition to the constantly rising emigration of already-practicing doctors, their natural replacements, those now graduating or in postgraduate training, are looking more and more to the U.S. This is particularly true of our more inquiring, entrepreneurial, bright young students.

All of these have resulted in reduction in the number of doctors available to serve the public at any particular time—in other words, less access to medical care.

So much for universal, free, easy access to unlimited medical attention. Not only has the patient been denied such access in many ways, but he has been shortchanged in the quality of such care. Furthermore, since high-income families generally know how to make the system work to their advantage better than low-income groups, the latter have suffered disproportionately in this regard.

Implied in all pro-National Health Insurance arguments is the assumption that, whatever the benefits or faults of the medical free enterprise system, the government can do it better. It just isn't so—as the Canadian experience has proven.

Decaying Dental Care in Britain

Llewellyn H. Rockwell Jr.

Although little discussed in the United States, dentistry was taken over by the British government in 1948 right along with medicine. Aneurin Bevan, the politician most responsible for the National Health Service, promised the best dental care for everyone for nothing. The reality has been an appallingly low level of care, with British dentists—like physicians—overworked and underpaid.

In a series of articles in the London *Daily Telegraph* last December, David Loshak described the toothache of government dentistry.

Through a complicated series of pay boards, the government decides each year just what dentists should earn on average, gross and net, be-

fore taxes. In 1978 the figures were \$42,900 (gross) and \$17,200 (net). Reimbursement levels are then set for each dental service.

Cut-Rate Teeth

To earn the target income, dentists must see many patients very quickly, because the fees are so low: \$3.32 for a filling; \$50.70 for a porcelain crown; \$72.15 for a complete set of false teeth.

Fees are held artificially low to keep the government's expenses down; to keep, as Loshak puts it, "the potentially infinite cost of comprehensively catering for insatiable demand within limits." Care is rationed by complicated paperwork as well. A 15-part form must be

filled out for even the simplest service.

But the major rationing device is lowering the quality of dental care. Providing a complete set of dentures is not economic for the dentist, for example, unless he uses the shoddiest materials available. Even so, he clears only about \$5.85 before taxes, after paying office overhead and a technician's fee.

NHS dentures are known for their cheap plastic teeth, bright pink gums and poor fit. Twenty million sets of these clattering prostheses, looking like the wind-up ones sold in joke stores, are apt symbols of the nationalized care.

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This isn't the best possible issue to mention this in, but, it is once again time for
The Third Annual North American Zine and Gamesmaster Poll:

Simplicity itself. Simply rate each North American dipzine you receive on a scale of 0-10, with 10 being the highest possible rating and 0 the lowest. You may use whatever subjective criteria you wish; just give the zine one overall rating.

Similarly, rate each gamesmaster whose games you are currently playing in or have recently played in. Again, use whatever standards you wish; just give each GM one overall rating.

Mail your votes to me. All will be held in strictest confidence. Votes will be tabulated at the end of June. (Why such a long deadline? Because I've found that it takes that long for news to percolate through the hobby and reach that vast body of readers who don't get RUNESTONE.)

Sign your votes, to avoid duplication. Indicate some way you are part of the hobby (eg. subscriber to ___, player in game ___, publisher of ___, etc.) to avoid ringers.

Please don't vote for non-North American zines or non-Diplomacy zines (although Diplomacy genzines are OK).

Please vote for gamesmasters by name, not by zine, for two reasons: some zines have more than one GM; also there may be zines whose publishers I don't know by name.

Publishers, I leave it to your own conscience as to whether or not you vote for your own zine.

Last year, only 56 ballots were tabulated. The North American hobby can do a lot better! The more people vote, the more realistic a picture we get of the true tastes of North American Diplomacy enthusiasts.

from JOHN LEEDER, 2202 Broadview Rd NW, Calgary, Alberta t2n 3h8 CANADA.

John publishes RUNESTONE, a dip & variant weekly. Last year this BRUTUS BULLETIN you're reading took #1; with my announcement of a drop in publishing schedule per the cover, I seriously question whether I'll make it again or not. Anyhow, do vote. Publishers do pay attention to this, especially if they do real well or very poorly. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE to stop and think about how many zines you SHOULD have received these last few weeks (and Months!) but haven't! Think a while, for you may have forgotten some since they last came out at all. To try and get a reasonable turnout, I AM ENCLOSING A PRE-ADDRESSED POSTCARD TO JOHN, FREE, IN THIS ISSUE. PLEASE USE IT! Turn it vertically and list the zines you get (or Should be getting) and then a number beside it, 10 being good, 0 being bad. Then GMs too, if you want, but do list the ZINES in any case. Your name and such can go in the return address block on the front, should you use the entire card with titles (& GMs?) on the back. You have 2½ months to do it, so do hang onto that card and use it. (I worked a lot to set up those darn labels...) Thanks.

Ads:

FOR SALE, \$2: one stationery boxful of assorted recent (1 yr) Dipzines from all over. Get a heap for the price of ½ a sub to most! Write editor.

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ALSO WANTED: Anybody have a photo of the opening shot from the Captain & Tennille Special recently on TV? Send in plain brown wrapper to editor, work address.....

Ads free to subbers!

J.M.

A Guest Column

ABSUM LAPIDUM HUMIDUM

or

'ZINES RECEIVED

TORONTO TELEGRAPH Bill LaFosse, 2 Swift Dr. Apt. 304, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2A2. Sub. \$4.00, gamefee \$2.00. This is a new 'zine with issues #1 & #2 in hand. There are "plenty of openings". Regular Dippy and an interesting "economic stock market game". The Dippy format is readable, but takes a bit of puzzling out. TT sure could use a new heading, the current one is a smeary stencil that does no do justice to the contents.

RUNE STONE John Leeder, 2202 BROADWAY Rd. NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3H8. Sub. 1¢/page plus postage. Gamefee \$2.50 + sub. old standby, issues 233 thru 237 in hand. mimeo. Games are pretty easy to read and follow, interesting filler on occasions. Neat Canadian stamps.

THE NINTH CIRCLE David J. Bunke (editor in chief), 5512 Julmar Dr., Cinti. Ohio 45238. Subs. \$5.00 for 10 issues. gamefee \$3.00 plus \$2.00 refundable deposit. Digest size, pro print format. Dippy, En Garde, Kingmaker, Stellar Conquest, and more. Very clear readable format. Interesting just to browse through. Not much filler, but good quality when there.

DIPLOMACY DIGEST Subs: 10 for \$2.50. Mark L. Berch, 492 Naylor Place Alexandria, Va. 22304. Digest size, readable. Articles only, no games. Full of info. Issue in hand covers all one might want to know about Austria. Interesting.

THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB Steve McLendon, Box 57066 Webster, Texas. 77598. Sub. 12 issues for \$4.00, gamefee \$1.50, \$2.50 deposit. Digest size. Readable. Dippy, variants, articles etc. Neat artwork on cover.

LIBERTERREAN Jim Bumpas, 948 Loraine Ave., Los Altos, Ca. 94022. Subs. 11/\$4. Dippy, Variants, "Other Multi-player games." 8½ x 11 "magazine format". Reproduction varies, spots are frankly illegible. Game format is hard for dumb ol me to follow, as two columns are attempted in a newspaper style. Type is larger than newspaper, however. Artwork, too ambitious for repro system used.

AGAINST THE ODDS Craig A. Reges, 1501 Higgins Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb Il. 61455. Subs. \$3.50, gamefee \$2, \$2 refundable deposit. Commentary, Nasty things about fluff's mother, dippy, etc.

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BROUHAHA Bob Beardsley, 17 Moryan Rd. , Edison, N.J. 08817
Sub. \$3 for 10 issues, \$2 gamefee. Game openings. Filler,
Dippy. Editor wants to get APBA baseball started.

PASSCHENDAELE Francois Cuerrier, Stanton Residence, Room 603B,
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 9A7. Sub. ?? Hard to
read, print fades in and out, plus there is a "bleeding"
problem. Articles, Dippy. Article looked interesting, but
light at my desk not strong enough to read them. Perhaps
at noon in the back yard?

EGG NOG Konrad H. Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Cor-
ners, WI. 53130. sub. 10 for \$3.50. Old favorite, Dippy,
variants, repro troubles. Atticles are OK.

THE WARMONGER Alan Rowland, 52 Eighth Ave.. Westwood N.J.
07675. \$3 for 12. Dppy, Risque, and KINGMAKER. Readable
stuff, Ok game format though data is a bit crowded. Filler,
nothing outstanding.

BREW AND REEFER Roy Smith, 64 Addicks Rd., Westwood, N.J. 07675
Games, clear readable, good format. No frills, just Dippy,
ma'am.

FOL SI FIE Randolph Smyth, 275 3rd St. S.E. #314, Medicine
Hat, Alta. T1A 0G4. Dippy Variants. Worst Repro of lot.

LILAF Subs 7 for \$2. Thomas Phillip Gould, 40 West 77th St.
New York, New York 10024. Dippy and Conquistador. Readable,
Games format OK. A goldmine of filler, articles and Miscellamy.
SF, all kinds of stuff, and nonsense. Nice to leave by the
John.

CLAW AND FANG Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, Clf.
95826. sub \$5/year. Game openings, Gamefee \$3. Readable,
game format OK. Full of goodies, crossword, etc.

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON Robert Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Dr,
Indianapolis, Ind. 46224. 10 issues for \$2.50. Dippy and
variants. Readable, clear game format , novel and clever
art. articles scarce, but worthwhile. Looks good.

URF DUFAL (Grandson of Pouch) Greg Costikian, P.O. Box 865,
Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. Subs 7/\$2. Dippy
variants. Articles, filler, repro. OK, smudgy, but readable.
Game format OK.

Now, that's done. John asked me to do this section for him and I was glad to oblige. I must admit that I have used a different outlook for "'zines received" than most. The usual stuff is plug oriented, and doesn't get down to the basics that someone like me is interested in. What I want to know, "what do I get?" I've done my best to call 'em like I see (or don't) see 'em. When I enter a game, or shell out \$ for a 'zine, I want one that I can at least read and ~~make~~ make sense out of.

Anyone who thinks that I have been a bit harsh can write me, Nathan Mitchell, at 426 E. Ferrill, Norman, Ok 73071. Send anything that you would like me to comment upon to the same address.

((I'd like to thank Nathan for this column; he got it in just in time, too. Under the old system, I'd owe him about \$1.25 in credit, but now... Seriously, I do think the change of pace is good. I would have called some differently--WARMONGER, a quarterly at best, comes out better than FOL SI FIE, for instance, in the above reviews---but then, Nathan is just taking a first passing look, which is what a newcomer would do as well, so, like I told him, let the chips fall where they may. Nathan, you'll just get complimentary copies of the New Brutus Bulletin, OK? Also, I'd like to invite any of you who choose to stick with the new BB (or are forced to as a player) to try your own hand at this type of thing. YOUR views, no matter how nutty you may think them to be or not be, have equal weight as anyone else's, darn near. Speak your piece!)) J.M.

NEED A GAME

This list of current game openings is published about the first of each month by: Lee Kendter, 4347 Benner St., Phila., PA 19135
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Toronto Telegram, Bill LaFosse, 2 Swift Dr. #304, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4A 2A2. Sub 10/\$4.00, Gamefee \$2.00. (a new zine)

Copies of this list are available for a 15¢ SSAE. All publishers who are interested in being on this list are urged to contact me. I will not keep you on this list unless you request it. I'd like to thank Steve McLendon, John Michalski, and Bob Sergeant for their sincere cooperation in both promoting and publishing this list for me. You all made a lot easier for me to get this thing started.

From Urf Durfel 40, Greg Costikyan, PO Box 865, Brown Univ.,
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FREE THE CITY OF NEW YORK!

—Jim for it! J. M.

*Presently, citizens of the City of New York pay 50% more in taxes to the state government than it returned by the state; New Yorkers (including corporations with headquarters in New York) pay more than twice as much in taxes to the federal government than is returned to the city.

*New York has lost its preeminence as an East Coast port because of the federal government's policy of favoritism to Connecticut ports, Boston, and Newport News.

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*New York has its own national identity, misunderstood and despised by Americans. New Yorkers are dynamic; Americans are lethargic. While America has sunk into decadence, New York has transcended decadence and become, if anything, a more vital city than ever before. With its Latin heritage, New York has become totally unlike Anglo-Saxon small-town America; we have a separate national identity, and demand a separate nation!

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Join the New York Independance Party Now! Send your name and address to Greg Costikyan, 1675 York Avenue, New York, NY, 10028 (Your address must be within the city of New York, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester counties or North Jersey).

FREE THE CITY OF NEW YORK!

LIBRE NEUVA YORK!

At the moment, this is mostly a joke. However, perhaps sometime this summer I'll have a press release from the New York Independance Party printed up and mail it to the major papers. You need 15,000 signatures to get a mayoral candidate on the ballot, and between the Conspiracy and (should we be able to persuade them) the Yippies, we can probably get that pretty easily. Next mayoral election is in 1981; watch your local newspapers.

If you're interested in receiving any further information about the New York Independance Party, send me your name and address, and I'll keep a file. Perhaps I'll start a newsletter over the summer.

Dinosaur Nest Provides First Evidence of Social Life

New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — The skeletons of 15 baby duckbilled dinosaurs have been found in Montana, huddled together in a mud nest where some unknown catastrophe befell them more than 70 million years ago — in the era that dinosaurs became extinct.

Paleontologists say the find — the first discovery of a nest of hatched dinosaurs — is evidence that the ancient reptiles exercised some degree of parental behavior. Because the little dinosaurs were at least a month or two old and had worn-down teeth, scientists suspect they left the nest to feed and then returned, perhaps each evening, in the care of a parent. Heretofore, almost nothing has been known of the social behavior of dinosaurs.

The nest is a hollowed-out bowl, about six feet across and three feet deep, in what had been the mud of a riverbank. The little dinosaurs appear to have been about three feet long.

THE SKULL OF an adult was found nearby. Its size suggests that the entire adult was about 30 feet long.

According to the geologist who discovered the fossils, John Horner, assistant curator of Princeton University's Museum of Natural History, the dinosaur is of a previously unknown species, although it is clearly related to the family of duck-billed dinosaurs.

The fossils, comprising hundreds of bones, were excavated last August and moved, many still encased in

limestone, to the museum. The bones of one of the babies were reassembled, and Horner said he thinks he has complete skeletons of at least 10 more.

He said the new species resembled a cross between a European iguanodon and an American hadrosaur. It lived during the late Cretaceous period, between 70 million and 75 million years ago, when dinosaurs became extinct.

HORNER ESTIMATED that the little dinosaurs' bones had developed sufficiently for the babies to have been capable of leaving the nest. The fact that the teeth already show considerable wear suggests that they had been chewing either coarse vegetable matter or aquatic plants with gritty mud from the river bottom.

"I tend to think of these animals as behaving somewhat like big ducks," Horner said. The bill-like shape of the mouth and other anatomical features have led to the assumption that these dinosaurs were amphibious, feeding among aquatic plants.

"I kind of have a picture of the mother taking the little ones out of the nest to feed for the day and then bringing them back at night," Horner said. "Whatever the behavior, the nest situation strongly suggests some kind of parental care."

Horner said it was unclear what happened to kill all the dinosaurs at once. There is some volcanic ash in and around the nest, he noted, but it might have fallen after the babies died.

The Boss's Birthday

The boss of a medium-sized office had hired a steno who was out of this world. She had looks, personality and clothes. After looking at her for a few weeks, the boss, a married man, decided that he was going to take her out some night. He approached her and asked if he would like to celebrate his birthday with him at some secluded night spot. She said that she would have to think about accepting. The next day she consented to go but offered that they go to her apartment instead of out somewhere. To himself, as any other normal man would, he commented, "better than I planned."

The night of his birthday, they went to her apartment and had cocktails, appetizers, dinner and some drinks afterwards. A short while later, she said, "I am going to my bedroom now, and you can come in--in five minutes." After four minutes had gone by the boss started to disrobe. Totally naked by the time 5 minutes were up, he tapped on the door. The voice from behind the door in a sweet tone said, "Come in." A twist of the door knob and the door was open--only to show the rest of the office force singing:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

MISC FILL —
← Kelly (Kessel?) →
Steve McLendon,
PRAGON + THE LAMB
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77598
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THE BAKKE "reverse discrimination" case is still causing reverberations: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has ruled that it's illegal for the University of North Carolina student council to mandate that minorities be represented on the campus governing council. The rule requires there be at least two blacks and two women among the 18 members, and empowered the council president to make appointments to attain that goal. But the federal court, basing its ruling on the Supreme Court's Bakke decision, outlawed the rule, saying its effect was to establish a racial classification. *3/10 Democratic Chronicle*

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