

# BRUTUS BULLETIN

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LETTERS this issue have forced me to go almost without a cover! My count came up a bit too high, but I can't often get myself to leave out a thing, so I'm putting the 'cover' and note on the back of one of Jack Frost's CANAL DREGS. That way all I will have to leave out of this issue will be Lid/Nid and a couple of odd filler items that can wait. Nid, the second Blind Madman game, is hard to print up, since the madman units are gone and there is usually no press, so I have nothing to publish except deadlines! It is in endgame though, and it's entire history will be coming out in a couple of issues, I'm guessing. 79Lid, the first blind madman game, is further along in time, but still has a fairly fluid situation: no one has a lock on it yet, though there are contenders. With my luck, they'll both end at the same time... And speaking of the variant games, this issue sees the first publication of a two man game between Brux Linsey and George Leritte, who are playing FRT vs EGI with A in CD. They pretty much arranged it between themselves and are just using my GMing services. Originally, Bruce was to play Curtis Gibson, but there was no agreement on the rules of play, so that fell through. George Leritte stepped in, and 80Lji shows 1901 inside.

BIG ISSUES are spreading, and may do so further as the idea of sending them at 20¢ third class as I do spreads. Ron Brown's MURDRIN MINISTERS #19 was a double weight one (1528 El Sereno, Bakersfield, CA 93304), and Michael Mills' latest EMHAIN MACHA used light paper aside from the cover to run an 8 sheet issue that got by for 15¢. Last night the latest EGGNOG came in, another double for the third straight issue (47-48 I believe) that also came on 20¢ postage. (Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 53130). This issue was filled with some interesting letters, the best of which I thought was an exchange between Konrad and Bob Osuch (Perils of Paulina, above) on the relative merits of the oft-times off-color press in some games seen here. Whichever side you take, I'm glad to see that it is a calm exchange. Konrad is still in his late teens, but handles and dishes out criticism in a cooler fashion than a lot of publishers and hobby personalities who have been around for years and years. If you're going to do battle with people in print over whatever issue, that kind of stance will earn you respect even if your opponents think you'd have to be a complete asshole to take some of the positions you may. And, this time he did print my address! (I forgot Michael Mill's address when I mentioned him above I see; sorry. It's P O Box 94, Palmyra, NY 14522).

Now, as for people who will criticize in other fashions, I might as well mention the listings for the latest Hate-Mail-Received Dept. This month we have Richard Kovalcik Jr, formerly of Tetracuspis and possibly still so, now in Massachusetts; and one Dwayne Shreve, another "Oaklyn" follower, in Chicago. Postage-due mail takes in Bruce Linsey who thought he'd do me one better and mail a double weight issue for a dime under 2d class rates. Nice try, Bruxus, but illegal. If there were any legal way cheaper than what I'm using, I'd be using it. (VOICE OF DOOM, 71 Hudson Terrace Apts, Newburgh, NY 12550). Andy Lischett put out a thick CHEESECAKE too instead of the more typical 2-3 sheets, but this month's humor relied on only a couple of Polish jokes that didn't make it. Better luck next time, Andy. (3025 N Davlin Ct, Chicago 60618).

Something called BARKER, purportedly a new zine, appeared in the box a few weeks ago but is apparently a fake. (I'll bet Jack Brawner and Francois Guerrier didn't get one of these either....) A nice cute job though. Then there was a flyer called BEHOLDER #14 that announced the folding of that former zine at the ripe old age of 1; oh, well. John Kelle will rehouse them and has sent sub refund checks already, the proper way to go. Burnout the cause of this one. John has a letter within.

AND, don't forget the fourth annual N American zine and GM poll being conducted again! John Leeder, 121 Nineteenth Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N6 Canada. You have until the end of next month to list all the zines you get and rate them 0-10, ten being great, & you can vote for the various GMs you deal with the same way. Send your votes in confidence to John as soon as you can, as there's talk of another Canadian postal strike soon. Your votes and give some indication of your hobby participation," player in XX", "put of YY", etc. Your votes do count! Give a little (or a lot) of recognition to those and GMs who have done what you think is a good job. Also those you think are real bad I certainly shall.

Just barely room to plug another fast game opening, 2 week deadlines in Steve established TER-RAN, \$4 + sub. Write 1638 1630 W 28 St, Lorain, Ohio 44052.

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Fs11 1912:

AUSTRIA (Kader); A SEV-Arm; A MOS-Sev; A WAR-Mag; A Gal-RUM; A SER sup A Gal-  
Rum; F EAS-Acg

ENGLAND (Hows): A MUN-Tyo; A KIE-Mun; A Iel-RUH; A Spa-MAR; A BUR & A GAS sup  
A Spa-Mar; A WAL holds; F Mid-SPA (so); F POR sup F Mid-Spa (so); F Bre-MID;  
F ENG & F IRI sup F Bre-Mid;

ITALY (McMahon): F NAF-Mid; A Mar-Spa; dislodged, retreat to Pic or disband;  
F WES sup A Mar-Spa; F TUN-Ion; A Vic-BOH; A TYO sup A Vic-Boh

RUSSIA (Michalaki): F BAL-Kie; A SIL sup Eng A Mun-Ber; F Lva-GOB; A Stp-LVN

TURKEY (Osach): F BLA-Arm; A BUL-Ser; A SMY-Arm; F GRE-Ion; F AEG sup F Gre-Ion

Supply Center Chart for 1912:

#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
6	0	AUSTRIA	Bud, Ser, Rum, War, Mos, Sev,
13	+1	ENGLAND	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Hol, Bel, Bre, Par, Mun, Kie, Mar, Per, SPA
6	0 or +1	ITALY	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, SpA, Vie, Tri
4	0	RUSSIA	Stp, Swe, Dec, Ber
5	0	TURKEY	Say, Ank, Con, Gre, Bul

Winter adjustments, Spring 1913's orders and everyone's press are all due by noon  
on Friday, May 23, 1980. And now hrrrrrrrrrecccccs PRESS:

?: A-H, eh? How appropriate.

CON-EUP: Better throw a few more of your centers to your ally. He'll be needing them.

BUD-ROM: It's been good Andy, but I don't think we can stop England now. Just try to hold off while I eliminate Turkey.

EUD: Talk about clewas like Osuch,/ With smarts he's never in touch./ No use  
complaining/ His brain is in training/ Intelligence in Osuch? No such!

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Fall 1905: ENGLAND disbanded F Lea, NBR

## EPIDEMIC SPREADS

Winter 1905: AUSTRIA NBR

ENGLAND NDR GM disbands F Hel

GERMANY builds A MUN

ITALY builds A VEN

Spring 1906:

AUSTRIA (Parker): NMR, A VIE, A SER, A BUD, A BUL, F GRE hold

ENGLAND (Pilant): NMR, F BAR holds

GERMANY (Osuch): A Boh-TYO; A MUN sup A Boh-Tye; A Sil-BOH; A GAL-Vie; A Swe-DEN; A Kie-RUH; A Lon-YOR; A Bre-Bel, dislodged, destroyed; F Eng con A Bre-Bel, dislodged, retreat to Bel, Lon, Wal, or disband; F NTH sup A Bre-Bel

ITALY (Howe): A VEN-Tye; F AEG sup Aus A Bul; F Wes-MID; F Iri-ENG; F PIC sup  
F Iri-Eng; A BUR sup F Pic; A Gas-BRE; A PAR sup A Gas-Bre

RUSSIA (Sniegowski): NMR, A RUM, A UKR, A SEV, A STP, F BLA, F EDI hold

TURKEY (Johnson): A CON-Bul; A SMY sup A Ank-Con; A ANK Con

deadline for Germany's retreat and everyone's Fall 1906 orders is May 23, a Friday, at noon. PRESS:

UNICH: The recent breakdown in Prusso-Austrian relations has deeply grieved Kaiser Osuch. In y esterday's press conference, the Kaiser stated, "We've been completely honest with our Austrian neighbors. Their obvious refusal to assist us against our enemy can only be interpreted as an act of hostility. Communications are henceforth closed, until the Austrians come to their senses."

May 1, 1980

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ENGLAND ON A ROLL !

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ENGLAND builds A LON, A LPL  
TURKEY builds A SMY

Spring 1912:

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Tun-Ion; A Ukr-SEV; A MOS sup A Ukr-Sev

ENGLAND (Howe): A Lpl-WAL; A Lon-BEL; F ENG con A Lon-Bel; A Mar-SPA; A GAS &  
F FOR sup A Mar-Spa; F MID-Wes; F BRE-Mid; F IRI sup F Bre-Mid; A MUN-Tyr;  
A Ruh-BUR; A KIE-Mun

ITALY (McMahon): A Tri-TYR; A VIE sup A Tri-Tyr; F TUN-Ion; F NAF-Mid; A Pic-  
MAR; A Spa sup A Pic-Mar, dislodged, destroyed; F WES sup A Spa

RUSSIA (Michalski): A STP-Mos; A Ber-SIL; F Pru-BAL; F LVN rets

TURKEY (Osuch): A SMY holds; A BUL-Run; F BLA sup A Bul-Run; F AEG-Ion; F GRE  
sup F Aeg-Ion

Deadline for Fall 1912 is noon, Monday, May 12. Press follows.

CON-ROM: He fell for it, heck, line, and sinker, just as you said he would.

CON-BUD: Glub, Glub.

STP: Anyone have any invitations for me?

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Thank you, I needed that.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: Hey, I gave my ally some centers. Isn't it right that Russia  
should give you, too? Of course, Michalski is not as farsighted as I am, so  
you may have to take the initiative.

COA: Andy McMahon; General Delivery; DYESS Air Force Base, Texas 79607

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NMR EPIDEMIC !

Fall 1905:

AUSTRIA (Parker): NMR, A VIE, A SER, A BUD, A BUL, F GRE held; A Gal holds,  
dislodged, destroyed

ENGLAND (Pilant): NMR, F BAR, F HEL held; F Lon holds, dislodged, retreat to  
Wel, Yer, or disband

GERMANY (Osuch): A War-GAL; A SIL sup A War-Gal; A Mun-BOH; A Den-SWE; A Hel-  
KIE; A Pic-LON; A Par-BRE; F NTH sup A Pic-Lon; F ENG con A Pic-Lon

ITALY (Howe): F Mid-IRI; F Bre-PIC; A Bur-PAR; A GAS sup A Bur-Par; A Mar-BUR;  
F Tyn-WES; F AEG sup Aus A Bul

RUSSIA -(Sniegowski): A RUM & A UKR sup Ger A War-Gal; A SEV & F BLA sup A Rum  
F Nwg-EDI; A Nwy-STP

TURKEY (Johnson): A CON-Bul; A ANK-Con; A SMY sup A Ank-Con

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6	+1	AUSTRIA	Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul
1	-1 or -2	ENGLAND	<del>Edi</del> , Lpl, <del>Lon</del>
10	+1	GERMANY	Ber, Kie, Bel, Den, Hel, Mun, <del>War</del> , Bre, War, LON, SW
8	+1	ITALY	Nap, Rom, Ven, Mar, Tun, Spa, Per, PAR
6	0	RUSSIA	Mos, Sev, Stp, <del>Edi</del> , Nwy, Rum, EDI
3	0	TURKEY	Ank, Con, Smy

Deadline for Fall 1905 retreats, Winter adjustments, and Spring 1906 orders is  
Monday, May 11, at noon. PRESS

BERLIN: Kaiser Osuch, in an obvious stupor, when asked about his rather curious  
orders to his military units, replied "Ah, what the hell. Nothing ventured,  
nothing gained."

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FRICITION IN THE WEST;  
INERTIA IN THE EAST.

Fall 1904: ENGLAND retreats F Nth-HEL

Winter 1904: AUSTRIA builds A VIE  
ENGLAND disbands A Yor  
GERMANY builds A MUN, A BER

Spring 1905:

AUSTRIA (Parker): A VIE-Tyr; A SER-Rum; A GAL sup A Ser-Rum; A BUD sup A Gal;  
A BUL sup A Ser-Rum; F GRE sup A Bul

ENGLAND (Pilant): F Nwg-BAR; FLON sup Ita F Eng-Nth; F HEL holds, (unordered)

GERMANY (Osuch): A MUN-Tyr; A Ber-SIL; F Bel-ENG; F NTH sup F Bel-Eng;  
A Bre-PAR; A PIC sup A Bre-Par; A DEN, A HOL, A WAR hold

ITALY (Howe): F Eng-ERE; F MID & A GAS sup F Eng-Bre; A BUR-Par; A Pie-MAR;  
F Ion-TYN; F AEG sup Aus A Bul

RUSSIA (Sniegowski): F Nwy-NWG; A Stp-NWY; F BLA & A SEV sup A Rum; A UKR-Gal;  
A RUM sup A Ukr-Gal

TURKEY (Johnson): A CON sup Rus A Rum-Bul; A ANK & A SMY sup A Con

Deadline for Fall 1905 orders is Thursday, May 1, 1980, at noon. All players  
are reminded that I will not accept press on the telephone.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: I hope you were sincere in all your earlier proposals and warm  
wishes. If you help Italy in the impending war, then I shall hurl all my arm-  
ies in your direction, and arrange for Italy to take all my spoils. As for  
Mr. Howe, if he doesn't want an alliance with me, I'll have to show it down  
his throat.

BER-VEN: My position sucks, you slimy greaseball.

BER: The controversy over the source of noxious fumes here recently has finally  
been solved. Scientists accidentally stumbled across the solution when the  
Atlantic windstream calmed and an easterly wind prevailed. The stench was  
reportedly so overwhelming that it actually burned the eyes of many citizens  
here. The only comment so far from Italy's consulate here was "That's  
Italian!"

ROME-BERLIN: Do you think our fake war will fool Pilant?

Issue #3  
1979N

THE PERILS OF PAULINA  
(as featured in the  
Brutus Bulletin)

Bob Osuch  
3417 S. Paulina  
Chgo, IL 60608  
PH: 312-927-7069  
April 21, 1980

ENGLISH CASUALTIES HEAVY;  
RUSSIA FEELS SOUTHERN PRESSURE!

Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA (Mainardi): A Vie-GAL; A Ser-RUM; A BUD S A Ser-Rum; A TRI  
H; F Gre-ALB

ENGLAND (Kelly): F Ed1-NWG; A Lvp-EDI; A LON H; F BEL H /d/destroyed;  
F NWY-StP(nc) /d/r to Bar, Ska, Otb

FRANCE (Howe): F Bre-MID; A Spa-GAS; A PIC S GERMAN A Ruh-Bel;  
F ENG S GERMAN F Hol-Nth

GERMANY (Kirchner): F Kie-HOL; A Ruh-BEL; A MUN-Sil; F Hol-NTH;  
A Den-SWE

ITALY (Henthorn): F Nap-TYRR; A Tun-APU; F ION C A Tun-Apu; A Ven-PIE

RUSSIA (Frost): A Swe-NWY; F STP(nc) S A Swe-Nwy; F Bot-BAL;  
A WAR-Sil; A RUM-Ank /d/ r Ukr, Sev, Otb; F BLA C A  
Rum-Ank

TURKEY (Mooney): A CON-Ank; A Smy-ARM; F AEG-Ion; A BUL S AUSTRIAN  
A Ser-Rum

Nobody's pussyfooting around in this game, it's right for the jugular.  
Not much in the way of propoganda; so far the troops are doing most of  
the talking. Let's see who can talk their way into what in the fall. So  
let's see Fall 1902 moves with my mail received on Wednesday, May 7, 1980.

PRESS

Vienna: The emperor decided today that the taking of Greece was a  
big mistake. "They are not European enough," he was Quoted as saying.  
And he let it be known that other measures would be taken to insure  
the Europeanism of the empire.

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SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE INATTENTION OUT THERE....  
E-G STEAMROLLER SLOWING DOWN A BIT. F-I, R-A-T  
NOW AT PEACE?

Winter, 1903: Austrian A Boh r OTB; France builds F BRE; Italian F Spasc r OTB, builds F ROM; Russia builds A MOS; Turkey builds F SMY

## SPRING, 1904:

AUSTRIA (Petrie): F Nap-APU; A Vie-BUD; A SER S A Vie-Bud

ENGLAND (Mitchell): F NWY S GERMAN F Bal-Swe/NSO; F IRI S F Mid; F MID & A PIC S F  
Eng-Bre; F Eng-BRE

FRANCE (Johnson): A PAR S A Mar-Bur; A Mar-BUR; F POR-Mid; F SPAsc S F Por-Mid;  
F Bre-Pic/d/r Gas, Otb

GERMANY (Cummings): A Bur-Par/d/r Bel, Ruh, Otb; F Bla-GoB/NSU/imp.; A PRU-Lvn;  
A SIL-Pru; A MUN-Sil; A KIE H; F BAL unordered, H

ITALY (Grabar): F GLyo-TYN; F ROM S F GLyo-Tyn; A Tyo-VIE; A TRI S A Tyo-Vie;  
A Ser S A Tyo-Vie/NSU; A Bud unordered, H/d/r Gal, Otb

RUSSIA (Chatfield): A Rum-UKR; A Bul-RUM; F BLA S A Bul-Rum; F GoB-LVN; A MOS S F GoB-Lvn;  
A WAR receives severe blowjob from CumLips (W)

TURKEY (Becker): F Gre-ION; F Smy-AEG; A Con-BUL; A Ank-CON

What a mess! Must be a real joy for all of you, I can tell.... The German order of "F Bla-GoB" ALMOST passed as F Bal-GoB under my unambiguous orders rule, BUT, it could also be an exercise in my rule about how to screw up orders intentionally; I can't tell. (Personally, I think Germany is in better shape than if the order had been written "right".) Whichever the case, there IS an ambiguity there because of the other rule/policy, so the order goes as shown.

Let's see FALL, 1904 with my mail received at work WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1980. Press follows

## 1980 D Press

- ✓ Hauptquartier Berlin—Balticflotte, Heeresgruppe Nord, und Heeresgruppe Sud: Drang Nach Osten!
- ✓ Bla-Nap: Good show, Joseph, we've got 'em on the run now!
- ✓ Bern, Switzerland: The Institute for Geopolitical Studies has attempted to sort out the current Balkan war, and failed. The only member of this august body who would talk to reporters merely muttered of a "whirlwind of knives, orchestrated by a wily Turk."
- ✓ Bla-Con: Hail of bullets indeed! More likely he walked into a landmine with a bible in his hand.
- ✓ CON: Some French horn blower is going to get a fat lip if the Sultan ever makes Marseilles
- ✓ CON-BER: He who tries to do all things, does nothing well.
- ✓ To the Dupe: Fallen arches are a sign of age. Your time hath come.
- ✓ VIENNA: It appears that it is NOT best to let sleeping Turks lie.
- ✓ (No dateline): There hasn't been a single move east of Berlin that's made any sense and SO4 won't be any different.
- ✓ LONDON: His majesty's government wishes to thank le Presidente' for his pigheaded refusal of his majesty's over-generous offer. Our German ally's steadfast loyalty would have made that arrangement, at best, an embarrassment.
- ✓ VIENNA: Cigarette? Blindfold? Ready! Aim! Fire!!!—
- ✓ WARSAW: Latest medical reports show an outbreak of German measles.
- ✓ (No dateline): Bulgaria has the Russian flu—Barf!

# 79IZ

E-G JUGGERNAUT HITS UPON HARD TIMES  
ITALIAN F ION STOPS ENGLISH F NORTH ATLANTIC  
F-I-A-T FIGHTING TO HOLD THE LINE

Winter, 1905: England builds F LON; Turkey builds A CON

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SPRING, 1906:

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F GAS SF Mid-Spasc; F MID-Spasc; F SPAsc-GLyo; A PAR-Bur;

FRANCE (Fuchs): A MAR-Bur

GERMANY (Howe): F Bel-HOL; A Lvn-MOS; A Ber-LVN; F BAL C A Ber-Lvn; A MUN-Tvo;  
A War-GAL; A BOH & A SIL S A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal/d/r War, Otb

ITALY (Palter): A PIE S FRENCH A Mar/OTM; F ION-Tvn; F TYN-GLyo; F Tun-NAF

TRKEY (McCarty): A SEV S A Rum-Ukr; A Rum-UKR; A Ser-RUM; F BLA S A Ser-Rum;  
A Alb-SER; F GRE-Ion; F AEG H; A Con-BUL

< Fall, 1906, will be due with my mail received at work MONDAY, MAY 19, 1980. Press follows.

RADIO FREE EUROPE: Berlin RFE agents have discovered the Kaiser has an inordinate fondness for his blond 19 yr old orderly, Heinrich "Heinie" Blaumewuntime. The actual message, decoded:

"The Kaiser with penis so tiny  
Saw a blond boy with hair so shiny  
He promised the moon,  
To make him swoon  
And now he just plays with his Heinie"

CON: Turkish intelligence has discovered that Berlin Bertha, the Kaiser's favorite hobby, is actually Sergeant Shultz in drag.

CON: ZZZZZZZZ(Wake me up when the war's over)

CON-LON: Turkish armies have to pick on helpless citizens. We don't have the opportunity to shoot up Spanish goats, horses, chickens, & burly peasant women like you do.

LON-MAR: I see you finally secured that non-aggression pact with the Kaiser—congratulation

CON: The Turksih government is shocked at the distortion of the Sevastopol events. The true story is that the citizens, when they discovered they were inadvertently helping the hated German invaders, threw down their arms and begged to enlist in the noble Turkish army. This was accepted, and a "Russian Legion" within the Turkish army is forming this very day in Ankara. Meanwhile, Turkish armies will attempt to liberate the remainder of the Russian homeland as a reward to the stout Sevastopol citizens.

TURIN-VIENNA: Best of luck.

TURIN-SEVASTOPOL: What does it take to convince you?

CON-VIE: Re Gal: After you, Alphonse. No, no, after you, Gaston.

CON: To the Great Italian King Dan,  
You are now our favorite man.  
Just hold off the Limeys  
While we kick the Heinies  
And I'll be an Italian fan.

VIENNA: Archduke Don Arturo of Austria addressed a gathering of youth groups today in this somewhat subdued capital of the dual monarchy. His speech palyed up his role in the great European conflagration. "You are never too young or too small to make a difference," he exhorted the somewhat bored youths, single handedly claiming credit for the destruction of the Russian Empire, by insisting that his driving of the Russians from the capital in 1903 caused the Russians to lose the will to resist. While his young proteges yawned respectfully, he went on to congratulate the governments of Italy and

Turkey for their efforts in burying the proverbial hatchet. The archduke then announced the official formation of SEETO (Southeastern European Treaty Organization), claiming that the new alliance would stand against western aggression and preserve the traditional cradles of European civilization. The youth groups consisted of 14 members of Den 2, Pack 58 of the Budapest Cub Scouts, presently training for frontline duty in Galicia, and six members of Brownie Troop 69, presently training as camp followers. When reporters asked the Brownies what they thought of the brutal German occupation of Bohemia, one responded "If the Kaiser's as big as they say he is, how can I get captured?"

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THE CANAL DREAMS

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you may have to take the initiative.

COA: Andy McMahon; General Delivery; DYESS Air Force Base, Texas 79607

Excerpt from John Daly's THE DOGS OF WAR #10 Rt 2 Box 136-M5 Rockwell, NC 28138

In a letter published in BRUTUS BULLETIN #59, Steve McLendon (publisher of THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB) states that fewer gamezines would fold if publishers set their sub fees closer to their actual costs. He explains that most people start publishing to feed their ego, but after two or three years the feeling wears off and the publisher finds himself doing alot of work on a zine that costs him money. This, Steve says, causes many publishers to quit.

I disagree with Steve's view of zine publishing. I like to think of DOGS as more than an ego trip which is doomed to failure because I'll never be able to set the sub fee high enough to cover my costs.

Instead, I look upon DOGS as a hobby, and like most hobbies I expect to spend some money on it. I'm glad you folks help out, but even the new sub fee won't nearly cover my publishing costs. And I will never be able to make back the money I spent on the typewriter and mimeo machine. Still, the enjoyment I get from publishing DOGS makes it all worthwhile. It's also nice to get something in the mail besides bills.

May 3, 1980

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ENGLAND builds F EDI  
FRANCE builds F BRE  
ITALY builds F NAP, A VEN  
TURKEY builds F CON, F SMY

Spring 1903:

AUSTRIA (Shaffer): A BUD sup A Ser-Tri; A SER-Tri; A ALB-Apu; F ADR con  
A Alb-Apu  
ENGLAND (Howe): A Bel-BUR; F Edi-NTH; F Nwy sup F Edi-Nth, dislodged, retreat  
to Bar, Nwg, Ska, or disband; F Wal-ENG; F ION sup F Wal-Eng  
FRANCE (Pilant): F BRE-Eng; F Iri-JPL; A Per-SPA; A Pic-BEL; F Nth-NWY;  
A Mun sup Rus A Sil-Ber, dislodged, destroyed  
GERMANY (Henry): F BER holds; F SWE holds; A Hel-KIE; A Ruh-MUN; A BOH-Sil  
ITALY (Mitchell): A VEN-Tri; A VIE sup A Ven-Tri; A TYR sup Ger A Ruh-Mun;  
F Tun-ION; F NAP-Apu  
RUSSIA (Henthera): A SIL-Ber; A STP sup Fre F Nth-Nwy; F BAL-Swe  
TURKEY (Michalski): A Sev-MOS; F BLA con A Ara-Bul; A Ara-BUL; A Rum-GAL;  
F Con-AEG; F Smy-EAS

Deadline for Spring retreats and Fall 1903 orders is Noon, Saturday May10, 1980.

PRESS

MOSCOW: So it was sand in your ballpoint, eh?

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The Adopted Game

REDOUBTABLE CZAR'S EMPIRE IN TROUBLE. BUILDUP BEGINS  
IN GERMANY—FOR SECURITY, RIGHT? DUAL MONARCHY LEFT  
WITH SINGLE ARMY AS TURKS CLIMB THE CAUCASUS

Winter, 1905: Austrian A Tri r VIE; England builds A EDI; France was playing one  
short, builds F MAR; Russia NRR, F Den r OTB; Turkish F Ion r EAS, builds A SMY

SPRING, 1906:

AUSTRIA (Cartier): A VIE-Tri; A Bud-Gal/ann.

ENGLAND (Reese): F BAR S F Ska-Nwy; F Ska-NWY; A Nwy-FIN; A SWE S A Nwy-Fin;  
F NTH C A Edi-Hol; A Edi-HOL; F Kie-HLG; F DEN S F Kie-Hlg;  
F Bal-DOB

FRANCE (Columbo): F Mar-GLYO; F ION-Adr; F TYN & F TUN S F Ion/OTM; F Nap-APU;  
A RUH S A Mun; A MUN S ENGLISH F Bal-Ber/NSO; A VEN S A Tvo-Tri;  
A TYO-Tri; A BOH-Gal

RUSSIA (Baillie): NMR! A BER, SIL, LVN H; F STPnc H; A Fin H/ann.

TURKEY (Guajardo): A RUM & A SER S A Tri-Bud; A Tri-BUD; A Smy-ARM; F ALB-Gre;  
F AEG-Gre; F EAS-Ion; F ADR-Ven

There are no further standbys on the list for this game, so none is called for Mr.  
Baillie's position (such as it be). FALL, 1906 will be due with my mail received at  
home MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1980, almost 4 weeks away. There was no press.



# 80Lji

## LINSEY-LERITTE TWO-MAN GAME

MAY 1 1980

Brux Linsey:

FRANCE: A PAR-Bur; A Mar-PIE; F BRE-Eng  
RUSSIA: F StPsc-GOB; A WAR-Sil; A Mos-UKR; F Sev-BLA  
TURKEY: A Con-BUL; F Ank-CON; A Smy-ANK

George Lerritte:

ENGLAND: F LON-Eng; F Edi-NTH; A Lvp-YOR  
GERMANY: F Kie-DEN; A BER-Sil; A MUN-Bur  
ITALY: A Ven-TYO; A Rom-VEN; F Nap-ION

Civil Disorder:

AUSTRIA: F TRI, A VIE, A BUD H

Fall, 1901 due May 15, 1980, if not sooner.

Press:

- ✓ BRUX to GIBBY: Eat your heart out, chicken! I found someone who has enough guts to play instead of whine about silly rules!
- ✓ FRANCE-RUSSIA & TURKEY: HALP!
- ✓ King George VII to WORLD: The Royal Armada sailed briskly into the Channel today as the French fleet stupidly went into the Atlantic Ocean.
- ✓ GERMANY-CURT GIBSON: What shall I do? Hurry and tell me!
- ✓ EGI to FRT: I accept your bet. You must win by 1914 to win 30 issues of the zine of your choice.
- ✓ EXALTED GRAND INTELLIGENCE to RAT FINK TURKEY: Shove it out your kazoo.

FALL, 1901:

MAY 12 1980 CLEVER ENGLISH MANEUVERING TO THROW BRUX OFF GUARD?

Bruce Linsey:

FRANCE: A Par-BUR; A Pie-Ven/d/r Tus, Mar, Otb; F Bre-MAO  
RUSSIA: F Bot-BAL; A War-PRU; A Ukr-RUM; F Bla-CON  
TURKEY: A Bul-SER; F Con-BULsc; A Ank-ARM

George Lerritte:

ENGLAND: F NTH C A Lvp-Nwy<sup>NSA</sup>; F Lon-ENG; A YOR U, H  
GERMANY: F Den-SWE; A Ber-SIL; A Mun-TYO  
ITALY: A Tyo-PIE; A VEN S A Tyo-Pie; F Ion-TUN

Civil Disorder:

AUSTRIA: A VIE, A BUD, F TRI H

1901:

F: Home	3	3	even
R: Home RUM CON	6	6	+2
T: <del>Con</del> Ank Smy SER BUL	5	5	

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E: Home	3	3	even
G: Home SWE	4	4	+1
I: Home TUN	4	4	+1

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A: Home

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Neutrals: Spa Por Bel Hol  
Nwy Den Gre

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- ✓ Press: EGI-FRT: Brux is in BIG trouble!!

W01-S02 is due Tuesday, May 27, if not sooner.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA  
(as featured in the  
Brutus Bulletin)

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CHAOS IN THE WEST;  
GERMANS FIND NIRVANA?

Summer 1902: England retreats F Nwy-Ska; Russia retreats A Rum-Sev

Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA (Mainardi): A TRI-Ven; A BUD S A Rum; A RUM S TURKISH A Arm-Sev;  
A Gal-UKR; F ALB S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion

ENGLAND (Kelly): F Ska-NTH; F NWG S F Ska-Nth; A LON H; A Edi-YOR

FRANCE (Howe): F Mid-POR; A Gas-MAR; F ENG S GERMAN A Bel-Lon/ NSO;  
A PIC-Bel

GERMANY (Kirchner): A BEL H; A Mun-TYO; F HOL S A Bel; F NTH S A Swe-Nw  
d/r to Edi, Nwy, Den, Hel, Otb; A SWE-Nwy/d/r to Den, Fi  
Otb

ITALY (Henthorn): A Apu-VEN; A PIE S A Apu-Ven; F Tyrr-LYO; F Ion H/d/  
r to Eas, Apu, Adr, Nap, Tyrr, Tun, Otb

RUSSIA (Frost): F BLA-Rum; A SEV S F Bla-Rum; A Nwy-SWE; F BAL S A Nwy-  
Swe; F STP(nc) S ENGLISH F Nwg-Nwy/ NSO; A WAR H

TURKEY (Mooney): A Con-ANK; A ARM-Sev; F Aeg-ION; A Bul-GRE

Lots of good guessing this time, or was it just dumb luck? At any rate, we have three retreats to consider before Spring 03, not to mention the winter builds. At this time, I'd like to remind you that winter builds/removals can be made conditional on autumn retreats, as can the spring moves. And we all know that spring moves can be made conditional on winter adjustments. Some of you are going to have to send in conditional orders to cover a possible winter removal. It may help if we separated Winter 1902 and Spring 1903, so I'll leave it up to you. Four "yeas" and the separation passes. No vote counts as a "nay". I hope that I've confused you at least a little bit. Any questions, call me after 5PM, my time.

1902	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	5	0	Austria	Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, <del>Bel</del> , RUM
4 or 3	0 or -1		England	Lon, Lvp, Edi, <del>Bel</del> , Nwy
	5	+1	France	Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, POR
6 or 7	+1, 2 or 3		Germany	Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, BEL
	4	0 or +1	Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun
	5	-1	Russia	StP, Mos, War, Sev, Swe, <del>Arm</del>
	5	+1	Turkey	Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, GRE

Now that I look at the center chart, only one of you will have to send in conditional orders to cover a winter removal. Sorry about that.

PRESS

Mos-Kie: That fleet build (W01) ends any hope for a peaceful alliance. I will forever be suspect and watching for an opening. Be forewarned!

Vie-Con: And just what did you hope to do with an A Smyrna? I've seen dumb builds before, but that took the cake. No wonder your parents christened you Shit-for-brains Mooney.

Chicago: Next deadline is Saturday, May 24. Be sure to include your Spring 03 orders just in case the separation fails.

A zine published by Jack Frost  
In this issue: 1980 AQ

GM CATCHES HELL FROM EVERYONE!

Spring 1903: ENGLAND retreats F Nwy-SKA

Fall 1903:

AUSTRIA (Shaffer): NMR, A BUD, A SER, A ALB, F ADR hold  
ENGLAND (Howe): F NTH-Nwy; F Ska-DEN; A Bur-PAR; F ENG-Bre; F LON-Eng  
FRANCE (Pilant): NMR, F BRE, F LPL, A SPA, A BEL, F NWY hold  
GERMANY (Henry): F SWE sup Eng F Nth-Nwy; A MUN sup F Ber; F BER holds;  
A KIE sup Eng F Ska-Den; A BOH sup Aus A Vie (nsu)  
ITALY (Mitchell): A VIE & A VEN sup A Tyr-Tri; A Tyr-TRI; F NAP-Ion; F Ion-Adr  
RUSSIA (Henthorn): A STP sup Fre F Nwy; A SIL-Ber; F BAL sup A Sil-Ber  
TURKEY (Michalski): A Bul-GRE; F Eas-ION; F AEG sup F Eas-Ion; F BIA-Rom;  
A Mes-LVN; A GAL sup Aus A Bud-Vie (Italy's F Ion is dislodged, retreats  
Supply Center Chart for 1903: Apu, Tun, Tyr, or disband.) ((Sorry))

#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
2	-2	AUSTRIA	Bud, <del>Adr</del> , <del>Ser</del> , Ser
4	-1	ENGLAND	Edi, <del>Lpl</del> , Len, <del>Nth</del> , <del>Ber</del> , DEN, PAR
7	+2	FRANCE	Bre, Mar, <del>Par</del> , Spa, <del>Nth</del> , Per, BEL, LPL, NWY
5	0	GERMANY	Ber, Kie, <del>Ber</del> , Hel, Swc, MUN
6	+1	ITALY	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Vie, TRI
3	0	RUSSIA	Mes, Stp, War
7	+1	TURKEY	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev, GRE

Now then; Bill, your orders were for the wrong game, this is 80 AQ; Gary, these are your orders, right; Dave, I don't know what in the world you wanted to do; Mike, all of your orders said Aus A Vie; Nathan, I have applied for a job with the Postal Service, maybe that will help; Tom, sorry I wasn't home when you called; John, you should see Mike's and Nathan's notes.  
Deadline is next Saturday, at noon. (May 17, 1980) NO PRESS ?!?!?

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The First Blind Madman Game

MADMAN TO MAKE A COMEBACK?

APR 1 1980

Spring, 1909: GERMANY (Madman): A Mun-BER

Fall, 1909, will be due with my mail received at home Monday, April 28, 1980. I will run slower deadlines if anyone prefers, but at this point I think it is obvious that there is virtually no diplomacy going on out there at all even though we're no where near an end-game run by anyone yet, so I will try and push us through this at the faster pace until someone objects. If play is the only thing, let's get at it!

Press:

MOSCOW to ROME: Sure, I'll be glad to take Turkey out of the game, but not till he's finished cleaning your clock.

MOS-CON: Ruhr.

CON to ITALY: You're so right, Grabar. I'm just dying because of all these Russian armies that are wiping me out! Help, everybody! Russia's killing me! (I wonder if anyone still believes that!)

BRUX to GENERAL GALACOO and KING GEORGE: And you guys think 79KC is treacherous! You should see this one! (Ask Pilant; he's practically taken me out of the game by now!)

Of course its possible to use the Bible to prove reincarnation. You can also use it to support Marxism. All you have to do to do this is to take isolated statements and refer to them without refering to: a) the context of the overall statement, and b) the meaning of the words as the author and his contemporaries used them. An example of the latter is the word "space". It can mean two entirely different things if it is being used by a sociologist and an astronomer. An example of the former is this brief letter. See if you can find two isolated statements that confirm that the Bible teaches reincarnation and Marxism. You found them? Move to the head of the class! But is it intellectually respectable on the basis of this letter to say that the author agrees with Curtis Gibson? Well, let all men with an IQ of 75 or better decide that momentous question by themselves, on the basis of the evidence presented herein.

BEN SCHILLING

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I don't very often write letters for publication, but I feel that I must do so in this case. I'm writing in reference to the Sacks/Heuer/Da'ry/Martin/Masters\* orphan feud. I was playing in THE POUCH when it folded in the summer-fall of 1978. One of the two games I was in was 1977KG. The German player in this game was none other than our "Orphan Games Registrar" (or whatever the title is), Mr Ray Heuer. One would think that I would not need to do a thing about this (77KG) orphan, as Germany was the largest power in the game at that time. I know that if I were "Orphan Games Registrar" and I had the largest power in an orphaned game, I'd do my best to get tha t game transferred to another zine. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. After about eight months of inaction from the gamemaster and Mr Heuer, I attempted to get the game going again. Thanks to Konrad Baumeister's orphan games zine, I was able to do so. However, when I wrote to the other six players in the game, I only received four replies. One of the missing was Mr Heuer. Not only was he unable or unwilling to do anything about the orphaned games, he didn't even have the courtesy to respond to my letter when I was trying to do something about it myself. Thanks for the use of the soapbox.

((That's what BB is here for. My thnaks to you and Mark for writing; your letters warranted immediate publication, but that leaves me no time or space for replying. They do speak for themselves, though, thanks.)) J.M.

\* 3/8 "Brawner"?  
May 14, 1980

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THE CANAL DREGS

A zine published by Jack Frost  
In this issue: 1980 C correction

In what may well have been the coup of the century, the staff of CD has moved to the forefront of political blackmail. What you see herein is only the tip of the iceberg. For the full story send your check for thirty dollars and ask for Racketeering in the Suburbs, by your humble editor. Anyway, the following is the true and correct version of the Spring 1906 season:

Spring 1906:

AUSTRIA (Parker): NWR, A VIE, A SER, A BUD, F GRE held; A Bul holds, d + d

ENGLAND (Pilaat): NWR, F BAR holds

GERMANY (Cnuch): A Boh-TYO; A MUN sup A Boh-Tyo; A Sev-UKR; A GAL-Vie; A Swe-DEN; A Kie-RUH; A Lon-YOR; A Bre-Bel, dislodged, destroyed; F Eng con A Bre Bel, dislodged, retreat to Bel, Lon, Wal, or disband; F NTH sup A Bre-BelITALY (Howe): A VEN-Tyo; F AEG sup Aus A Bul; F Wes-MID; F Iri-ENG; F PIC sup F Iri-Eng; A BUR sup F Pic; A Gas-BRE; A PAR sup A Gas-BreRUSSIA (Sniegowski): F BLA & A RUM sup Tur A Con-Bul; A Ukr-MOS; A Sev-UKR  
F Edi-CLY; A Stp-NWY

TURKEY (Johnson): A Con-BUL; A SMY sup A Ank-Con; A Ank-CON

Because of this, The deadline is now May 27, a Tuesday, so you can all have tin to reflect on our new position. We hope you all understand, but sometimes....

Oh yes, the CD issue dated May 13, 1980 and containing 1979 HE is # 54 not 52

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I'm glad to be getting BB again. And what do I see?? Curt Gibson leaping from lunacy to lunacy.

Anyone tempted to believe that astrology has anything in common with the scientific disciplines should read Ike Asimov's "Stars in Their Courses", published in his essay collection of the same name; and also in the March 1970 F&SF. There is no independently verifiable experimental evidence which validates any of the suppositions on which astrology is alleged to work. The term "science" cannot be applied to any area for which such evidence is lacking.

Gibby's contention that the Biblical condemnation of astrologers was not a condemnation of astrology is hysterical. No doubt Nero and Diocletian also approved of Christianity whilst zapping every Christian within reach. The official position of Yahwism and of Judaism condemned astrology because it was an adjunct of pagan cults. That did not keep various Kings of Israel and Judah from keeping astrologers about.

That the Chaldeans, Babylonians, and Sumerians dabbled in astrology proves nothing. They also believed the world was flat and lay at the center of the universe. In any event, what does the Book of Daniel have to do with it? That is a work of didactic and apocalyptic fiction written in or about 164 B.C....using it as an historical source is no more to be recommended than using Lord of the Rings.

Reincarnation is a subject in which I can work up no particular interest. If it is, or if it ain't, so what? There is no way to understand the subject properly unless we get a direct revelation from God Herself. Should that happen, I will sit up and take notice; otherwise, I can only be amused at all these fools pretending to know all about it.

But: As usual, Gibby is busily citing nonexistent evidence. Reincarnation has never been a belief nor a doctrine in the Judaeo-Christian churches and tradition, and no reputable Biblical scholar would assert otherwise. There is no textual evidence whatsoever for any other conclusion, and the texts cited by Gibby are plainly irrelevant. The notion of reincarnation is inconsistent with the notion of resurrection as the latter was construed by post-Exilic Judaism and by early Christianity. Pre-Exilic Yahwism, by the way, seems to have believed that death was the end of everything.

Gibby's comments on the Essenes give ample evidence of his wide-ranging ignorance. We know that sect better than any other, thanks to the Dead Sea Scrolls, and there is no evidence they believed in reincarnation. Nor is there any evidence that Jesus and his followers were Essenes...in fact, the likelihood is that they were not. Jesus seems to have shared some beliefs in common with the sect, but these same beliefs were common to Galileans generally and are known in other northern sects. The Essenes themselves were a whole collection of sects; the term is roughly the equivalent of "Protestant" in that sense. Jesus may have belonged to one of these groups, the Nazoraeans, but there is no positive evidence. One reason to doubt Jesus belonged to any sect: we have to remember who he was. What did he need of sects and their teachings?

If Jesus actually believed in reincarnation, he went to great lengths to conceal that belief. Strikingly uncharacteristic of him, wouldn't you say? For whatever reason, he had nothing to say on the subject.

Best,



Response to Walker

((I think you've hit on the biggest weakness in the reincarnation theory as Gibson uses it. If one assumes that Jesus was exactly who and what he claimed to be, an awful lot of the clever deductions and implied ideas drawn from fragments here and there vanish pretty quick. HE talked pretty directly about what to do and not to do, and what would happen to you if you obeyed or disobeyed. Nothing about karma or reincarnation that I can recall. Not that I read the Bible much (at all) or anything, but if one of the prods Jesus had at his disposal was the threat of having someone come back in another life as a mule, a cockroach, a liberal, or an earthworm, I'm sure one of those preachers somewhere along the line would have told me about it. Instead, the one big lesson I seem to have drawn is that to do well in your next life, a handful of bucks in the collection basket is one of the surest ways to go ....)) J.M.

P.S. What's a Yahwa? An Old Testament Jawa? Japanese brand chariot? ?

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(written on the backside of the torn open envelope of a recent BB mailing)

You may well ask, "Why is he writing on my envelope like this"? The answer is simple. I'm in the shitter (where I conduct the bulk of my Dippy business) and I dare not ask my wife for writing paper. I've been in here an hour.

It's been a while since I dropped you a letter. Been sort of busy. Some of your readers are likely wondering why I let Mark Berch have the last word on that homosexual thing. Well, there are a couple of reasons. First, I had written a very strong rebuttal, but decided it was so strong it would likely initiate a feud, and I have neither the time nor inclination to feud over that subject. Second, queers, pro-queers, anti-queers are unlikely to change over any article written in a dipzine. Third, we've flogged the subject to death. Finally, Mark Berch takes things so seriously. This is my hobby, not my life. If I were able or inclined to put the amount of time or the "air of severity" into my articles as he does, it would cease to be "fun". If I were determined enough, I haven't run across anyone in this hobby I couldn't match argument for argument, but I'm not trying to ~~annihilate~~ prove anything. I'm "just passing through", not trying to run the place.

Just heard about that Iran "rescue mission" last night, what a screw-up. Hope Eye-a-told-ya doesn't get uptight.

FROM THE NEXT PRESIDENT

((Don't forget, Bill is a candidate!))

I'm behind, poor funding is hurting, but it's not over yet. I've cornered the Jewish vote in many areas, but I'm doing very poorly among blacks. I shall overcome.

I have the answer to Iran also, it is spelled N-A-P-A-L-M-T-E-H-R-A-N, but seriously, as a gesture of non-support of the current administration, we should all go naked from the waist down and walk backwards, same way Carter faces most issues, no?

((Thanks, Bill. I just want to remind everyone that BRUTUS BULLETIN was the first zine to come out endorsing Bill's candidacy, even before his tuning fork policy was announced! All your top flight zines back Bill. Let's see, what ones were they now....)) J.M.

GARY L COUGHLAN

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I'm dead-tired from overtime at work. The grass needs to be cut. I have many diplomacy letters to answer. I have moves to send in. However, I just received BRUTUS BULLETIN #63 and I feel I must respond to John Kelley's remarks on Klansmen and his implied criticisms of all Southerners.

It is so comforting to know that John has nothing against me because of my place of residence. I hope-to-God that I am one of his "average Southerners".

I guess I never really knew how close I came to disaster when I visited some friends at Fort Lewis, Washington, after I ETSed. There I was—with a short military haircut and a southern accent which is the typical Klansman image. All that was missing was a

COUGHLAN, continued

white sheet. However, John doesn't seem to need the sheet before making judgments (Note that this is prejudice wherever you are from) and this is what worries me.

With solutions like John proposes, he is no better than the Klansmen he condemns. At least we know where they're coming from. White sheets and burning crosses are hard to overlook. But insidious prejudice like John's is hidden, and the more dangerous for that reason, and is passed on to succeeding generations and can be applied to other "targets".

I am not a Klansman nor am I in any way sympathetic to their views. But I am proud to be from the South and so are many of the blacks that I work with at the Memphis Post Office BMC. Prejudice is the enemy of all thinking people.

Following John's logic, I could make the following statements about his "good old northwest" (which includes Oregon):

I think all the rain that that section has hatches people with ideas that are all wet. Such rain causes depression which in turn causes the suicide rate (and thoughts of suicide) in the "good old Northwest" to probably be the highest in the nation.

I hear Northwesterners also get depressed when it stops raining because they know it will be followed by rain again. (If John replies to this, I ask that he remember his remarks in THE BEHOLDER #11).

I knew a guy from Oregon in the army. Just meeting me and based on my accent alone, his first question was "How many KKK have you seen?" I was flabbergasted (what is the intense fascination Northwesterners seem to have for the KKK?) He then regaled me with how he demonstrated to keep "Oregon for the Oregonians", telling out-of-staters "Visit but don't come to live here!"

I could go on but I think I've made my point: prejudice, of any kind, is wrong.

These remarks are in no way a condemnation of John Kelley but rather of his viewpoints. I admire John. He is in high school yet he manages to put out a great zine, THE BEHOLDER. When his access to producing the zine was cut off, he didn't give up. He went out and bought a spirit duplicator and continued to give his subbers a superior product.

I just wish that his proven journalistic talents could be separated from irresponsible statements like his letter in BRUTUS BULLETIN #63

((John gives it a good try, but sometimes the fervor of youth pushes a lot harder than the restraints of (eventual) experience hold back; it shows. Further, BEHOLDER has now folded, with the games to be rehoused and at least one subber I know having already received a refund of his balance due:)) J.M.

JOHN KELLEY (of the former BEHOLDER)

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Not a bad 'Millard Fillmore' issue, old boy. But I've plenty of responding to do..

I'm not talking about the (admittedly impeccable) safety records of the nukes. What I'm worried about is the fact that one day, one day one of those things is going to get out of hand, despite all the bull they threw at me at Hanford. And when it does, there isn't a damn thing man can do about it. Not a thing. Nothing we can do short of building a huge lead dome around one will stop it.

And not only does nuclear power constitute but a small part of the energy used (I may be wrong; I'm speaking for Washington), but it's a non-renewable resource. What the heck are we going to do with all these nukes in forty years or so when all our uranium resources are used up? God only made so much of the stuff; it's decaying, too. While nuclear plants are probably useful as a stopgap until we have something else, (disregarding the dangers) they aren't a permanent solution by any means.

John, you've made me sound like an s.o.b. to southerners, despite all I did in my letter to assure them that. I specified that I would shoot a Klansman who stepped on my property. I said that I was opp-

Kelley, continued

osed to that mentality, the one that hates all blacks/Hispanics/etc., not stopping to realize that there are many fine, upstanding black citizens as well as knife-fighting gangs in this country. I did not say I wanted them all (minorities) to be given a free ride, I didn't assert that 10% of the wargemers in the U.S. were black, I never said that all minorities were poor, pathetic, lovable people upon whom we should lavish free benefits denied other white men. My stuff isn't funny or laughable, of course! I'm very much in earnest about my feelings regarding minorities and unjustified prejudice.

I think I over-cursed Mt.St.Helens. The volcanic ash isn't nearly as bad now as it was when I wrote my letter last issue of BB, and I can't seem to get enough together to fill your order, so here's your money back. And it is kind of neat to live within 60 miles of a live volcano. Trouble is, the thing used to be white with snow, and very pretty; now it looks like a heap of slag from a distance.

Dan Palter mentioned the 101st Airborne Division, the Screaming Eagles. It's too bad they're understrength; that was my father's old outfit! Yes, he was a pfc in one of the most famous units the USA ever fielded, from 19-57-59. No draft for him, either; he volunteered. Please pardon my little burst of pride here; I know most of you don't care a bit about my dad.

Good to see Rod's making himself heard again; been too long since I saw a letter from him in BB. Ah, well..

((John, it wasn't I that made you sound like "an s.o.b. to southerners"; I just xeroxed your letter as you sent it and let them draw the conclusions they wished. See above for what conclusions were drawn. Much of your other explanations/rebuttals tend to me to give ammunition to Baumeister's recent blast at BB regarding one person not paying attention to what was said previously. I will decline to continue in that.

Even if nuclear energy only lasted for 40 years and then vanished in a puff of smoke, it would keep us as a 20th-21st century power for that time ( a time which, I might add, will constitute most of your adult life.). And what is needed is energy supplies right now, not 'someday'. Nuclear is here and now, while fusion, solar, etc, are pretty much jokes. Most solar energy in this country has traditionally gone toward heating swimming pools (ENERGY MANAGEMENT) because that's about what it is best for. You will never power an auto with solar power; even if the car weighed nothing at all and its sole occupant weighed 100 lbs, there is not enough energy hitting the area of an automobile to MOVE 100 lbs down the road, not at 55, not at 25 mph. A concentrated energy form is needed, which oil, atomic, and to some extent coal, provide. Nuclear power is dangerous, though more for the accumulating wastes I think, than for anything else, but I see little other choice for now. We can use it to the fullest as the Soviets are doing, or do without the energy and drop back a few centuries like all the 'ecologists' might prefer, but there is little else. Have I missed something?)) J.M.

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I wanted to comment on your remarks about poor people and gambling. I saw a sizable. article on this some time back and I wish I had it in front of me. Anyhow, it did show that Low Income (LI --- not really the same as poor, but I assume thats what you mean) people are more likely to gamble than middle income and high income, tho the difference was not all that great. A LI gambler gambled more frequently than a non-LI, a more pronounced difference. However, if you look at the amount of \$\$\$ gambled, then its by FAR the other way around. This is because LI gambling tends to be for much smaller stakes. In this area, you can bet on the (illegal) numbers for as little as 25¢, and office pools can get as low as 10¢ I've heard. So it depend



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s on what you measure. If you use the frequency of people whose lives are seriously damaged by gambling, then on a per capita basis it's a much more serious problem in the middle income gambler. Actually, there are other variables that are much more highly correlated than income. The strong belief in religion, as I recall, particularly fundamentalist religion, was strongly correlated with non-gambling, as was living in a completely rural area.

However, I think it is a mistake to try to isolate gambling per se. For example, a VERY strong case can be made that for the vast majority of ordinary investors, investing in the stock market, and especially in options and in commodities, is just a form of gambling. Yes there is skill involved, but the average investors skill level is so far below that of his real competition (professionals who handle accounts for institutions, such as pension plans, insurance companies) that it really just amounts to a gamble. Further, there is a skill level in many forms of gambling, too. A good card counter can, for example, beat the house odds at blackjack. Not counting stock market investing as gambling is really a cultural matter. And of course there are some tax advantages available for losses there not available to those who must resort to the numbers for their gambles.

Further, much of gambling must be considered in the context of entertainment. There is very little difference between the mother who spends, say, \$5 for a few hours of bingo, and her son who blows a like amount on pinball machines. I am told that betting on sports games adds to the enjoyment of watching the game. For a 50¢ number you can have a day's worth of fantasy's of sudden wealth. It's not a high price.

I was amused, but not surprised by your solution: "keep gambling suppressed". This is a typical right wing response. You guys love to scream about big government regulating every aspect of our lives, quashing free enterprise (making illegal is the ultimate in regulation of a business) and generally acting like Big Brother Who Knows What's Best for You ---- except when it comes to something that you don't personally approve of. Then all the sudden you want the gov't to put a stop to it. Gambling laws are by and large unenforceable. I have been in hundreds of illegal poker games. Sporadic enforcement of such laws promotes disrespect for law in general. Making it illegal reduces the payoff to the gambler, and provides a steady source of \$\$\$ for the thugs who run some of these outfits (and who enforce repayment requirements) and for the corrupting of policemen, bribed just to make sure they look the other way.

I suspect that many people have what might be called a vice budget --- money that goes for one or more of booze, hookers, drugs, cigarette gambling. If you choke off one, people will just switch their \$\$ to others. The irony is that of those on that list, the two most legal (booze and cigarettes) are probably the most harmful.

I was amused by your asking for your IDA dues back. Have you ever heard of an organization refunding its dues --- any organization?

((The request was purely protest; I have learned that the IDA is good for nothing except bullshit, at which it excels.

My preference for continued suppression was like my support for Social Security: it goes against the grain of the conservative belief of self-reliance, but as a practical matter, it recognizes that MANY people are total incompetents at wiping their own butt. Thus, SS is needed to handle the elderly who never saved a dime, and suppression (at least superficial) helps keep down the number of people who would irresponsibly throw away everything. Such governmental morality shoved down people's throat isn't nice, but then, if we did away with government making people's decisions for them, your own liberal philosophy would be wiped away in this country overnight.))

J.M.

# Your Taxes at Work

Some military recruiters, trying to make their quotas, are telling potential recruits to "tough it out" in the service for 90 days. Then if they want to, they can quit and collect unemployment compensation. Recruits seem to be taking that advice: The General Accounting Office says that, over a recent four-year period, over 444,000 recruits failed to complete their initial enlistments. The cost to the government of these early-outs: \$5.2 billion—\$167.3 million in unemployment compensation alone.

(submitted by Harold B. Johnson)

Parents of black schoolchildren in Gees Bend, Ala., are fighting a court-ordered busing plan that condemned the children to being shuttled 100 miles daily. When federal judges rejected Gees Bend's pleas to end the busing, which has gone on for 11 years now, the community decided to sue state and federal officials for \$3 billion in damages to parents and students from the "dehumanizing" bus trips. Ironically, because of "white flight" in the wake of the forced busing, the school the black students are being bused to is now all black.

(submitted by Donald E. Burns)

Over seven years, Tom Holmberg of Waltham, Mass., built his transportation service for the handicapped—called "Handicab"—from nothing into a seven-vehicle, \$132,000 success. But now he says he will have to sell out. A similar operation, Medicab, has already filed for bankruptcy. Both owners say they were forced out of business by competition from nonprofit groups receiving funds from the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The subsidized nonprofits can afford to charge much less than the privately owned services, though their real costs are as high. Handicab, Medicab and other private businesses never had a chance to bid for the federal money; the Massachusetts transportation officials who handled the grant "felt that a nonprofit company would do a better job of operating the service than a profitmaking company would."

(submitted by N. Richard Greenfield)

Last summer was a good year for the birds nesting on the tidal marshes near Imperial Beach, Calif., and an even better year for mosquitoes. It was the worst mosquito season in recent years, and at least 20 children and four adults had to get medical treatment. When residents, backed up by public health authorities, wanted to spray the marsh to kill the mosquito larvae, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service vetoed the idea: The pesticide might harm endangered bird species. Only in October, two months after the birds had moved on, did Fish and Wildlife lift the ban—but by then, mosquito season was over anyway.

How has Jimmy Carter been doing on his campaign promise to slim down the federal government? Well, when he took office, there were 352,000 federal workers in the Washington, D.C., area; today, there are 365,000.

(submitted by Duncan Mackenzie)

Manpower ceilings do exist—but the bureaucrats have found ways around them. One much-used ploy is to hire two part-timers (who don't show up in employment figures) to do the work of one full-timer. Another gambit is to drop workers from the payroll during the two-week period when the government counts its personnel, and then re-hire them immediately afterwards.

Here's an example of how "controlling the bureaucracy" has worked in practice. At first glance, HEW is a middle-sized department, with only 145,000 employees—compared to the Pentagon's roster of over a million. But wait! Besides its full-time workers, HEW money pays for contractors, researchers at universities and think tanks, and state and local government employees working in HEW-funded programs. The hidden work force amounts to 981,200, sending the total who are dependent on HEW to 1,126,000.

(submitted by Harold R. Sproul)

The National Science Foundation has awarded the University of California at Berkeley \$9,356 for a year-long study entitled "The Logic of Laws Which Admit Exception."

Brandeis University is getting \$43,255 for a restudy of the Rungus of Northern Borneo. (And we haven't got around to reading the first study yet.)

And, the University of Wisconsin received \$78,356 for research on "Election Campaigns and Preadult Political Socialization."



The food stamp program costs taxpayers \$10 billion a year—but you'd never suspect it from reading these cheerful corn-shaped bookmarks, with their message that food stamps "do not cost anything." Ohio's Department of Welfare printed and distributed 50,000 of these advertising gimmicks to lure more takers to the program. On the side, they also publicize the International Year of the Child. Maybe the guiding idea behind IYC is that people should never have to grow up because their bureaucracies will take care of them.

For reasons which hardly need explanation, I must refuse your request for refund of your IDA dues. Indeed, I suspect that were it to become known that refunds of IDA dues were available there would be more requests than money in the treasury.

The IDA is not the type organization that can function by committee/group decisions. Responsibility must be delegated to appropriate individuals and he/she must have a free hand to carry on as he deems best. During the past two years, ideas of members of the IDA Council have been blown out of all proportion: in fact instead of dealing with ideas we have had to deal with "howling zeal." Discussions have become unimaginable blood baths.

For example: Robert Sacks was appointed Chairman of a committee to rewrite our constitution. Contrary to the wishes of the other members of the committee he insisted upon a document replete with such checks and balances and complexity that one would think we were preparing a charter for a federated United Nations or writing a doctoral thesis in political science. All we need is a simple charter which will help our officers function as expeditiously as possible.

Most past members of the IDA Councils, for instance-- Rod Walker & Fred Davis--are aware of the difficulties of the present Council system of doing business by Committee action. But their efforts to get anything accomplished were constantly thwarted by parliamentary obstructionism of certain Council members who were more interested in procedures than in substance. The ringleader of this New York City clique was Bob Sacks.

The most recent development is that Bob Sacks, acting President of the IDA, has declared the appointment/election of Rod Walker as U. S. Projects Representative on the IDA to be illegal and stripped Walker of his vote on the IDA Council. What Sacks overlooked was that if Walker's appointment/election was not valid, then neither was Sacks' as President. Now, apparently, a new election is to be held for all IDA offices.

Rod Walker of Encinitas, California, will run against Sacks for President; Fred Davis will run for Ombudsman; I will run for U. S. Projects Representative; Eric Verheiden of Azusa, California, will run for Treasurer. If elected our aim will be to free the IDA of political bickering and concentrate upon freeing the responsible persons to spend their time taking care of the service projects: placement of orphan games, Boardman numbers assignment, a novice packet etc. Dick Martin with the Orphan games and Lee Kendter Sr with the Boardman numbers already are doing fine: we would simply encourage their good work and give some financial support. We anticipate as few changes as possible, making no waves.

All dues are paid to January 1, 1981. By then we hope to have set a new course without political machinations indicating a simplified IDA with individual rather than

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committee responsibilities. We will merely be supporting various hobby services without any grandiose schemes for hobby manipulation.

We need input from you and the other Zine publishers because you publishers are the backbone of the hobby. The average time of a publisher's activity is only about 5 years, perhaps less. Thus you can see that new publishers should participate without delay. We need to know what services you publishers deem most worthwhile and who is available to take on the various chores. Whoever is willing to serve should be free to work without interference.

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PS: Any letter I write is open for publication if you wish and your comments would be most welcome. Criticism doesn't bother me. Petty bickering and nitpicking do.

((Ah, but if that is the case, it raises the instant question of how are you still in the IDA when it has done nothing but that for the last two years or more?

But let's get to the substance of your letter instead, which raises as many questions as it answers. First, I appreciate hearing SOMETHING of what the IDA has been "doing" these past six months. I paid \$3 for the sole purpose of at least getting the news of IDA happenings as a member, to report same to my readership as a hobby service, but there has been nothing since Rod Walker put out the election time DRs out of his own pocket. (Hopefully that has been rectified by now?) Whatever happened to Birsan, the "elected" president? Sacks ran against him, and was soundly trounced in a 4/1 landslide against Sacks' known irrational policies. Now Sacks is at the helm? Who anointed him? He sits there saying who holds office improperly while being a total usurper himself?

Next, policy questions. The course you outlined as a suggested one for the IDA does make more sense than what has been the case, but...if IDA takes in a dollar to support itself and then pass on contributions to the worthy causes of the novice project, orphan placement, and Boardman numbers, why not contribute even more to said projects (all projects of individuals, by the way) by supporting them directly without an IDA to take its cut? A dollar sent with each # request would seem to be more efficient than to pay a dollar to the IDA and then hope against hope that the IDA history means nothing, and that it will instead do a 180 degree turn and 'appropriate' the money to said worthy cause.

I have always supported the IDA via membership and interest, good times and bad. However, I have now finally wised up and gone over to the other camp. This is due to the one constant lesson the IDA has consistently pushed hard at me: The IDA is good for nothing, does nothing (useful), and is nothing but a farce. It has always been a farce, for the three or four years I've been active in the hobby. It is the one sure way for good men to besmirch their name, by associating themselves with its offices. You ask for publisher suggestions; these are mine: 1. Get out of it. 2. Expose it. 3. Denounce it. The IDA is an insult to the hobby.))

*I can't recall any good times, though.*

*John W. Decker*

PENNSYLVANIA AS NATIONAL MIRROR

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Although the final count still isn't in the outline of Pennsylvania can already be seen. The big winner is Reagan who has officially lost and the big loser is Carter who almost won. If this doesn't appear to make sense please read on for this is a strange year in which the only safe bet is that the media will NEVER give you an honest count.

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Kennedy broke even. He came into this one knowing that a loss could kill him. He won't lose. On the other hand he came in here knowing that without a BIG delegate win (needing a BIG popular win) he was doomed to being a spoiler. He isn't going to win many more

delegates than Carter. He came out ahead in Vermont despite losing the primary there 3-1 and got clobbered in Missouri. So Pennsylvania seems to be setting Kennedy's limits. He can take Carter down with him but his real appeal is limited to the BOSWASH corridor as I had theorized after NY and Conn. The rest of the country may be prepared to forgive him his social views but not his social life. Swinging has its prices.

Nonetheless, Carter was the big loser. If Kennedy cannot be nominated, he can still make sure that either the nomination isn't worth having or that Carter didn't get it. Some of the Kennedy vote will go Anderson come fall, some will go Reagan. Either way Jimmy's base keeps shrinking. He is getting renominated by virtue of having the White House and running against a cripple. But the Tuesday Iran crisis strategy is starting to fail and even war may not save Jimmy from the mess he made. A Democrat who cannot carry NYC and Philadelphia and Boston is not going to get elected President against a strong Republican candidate.

Bush is paying now for the false hopes he smoked after Iowa. Had he paced himself intelligently, he could now be in a position to exploit Reagan's twin problems in the party-region: Ronnie is the

South and West, he does not run well within the party in the North or Midwest, although he is doing MUCH better than 76; and class: the registered Republican vote in most of the big states is biased by class (midmid and higher) and income and education to types that have almost as much trouble accepting Reagan seriously as do Kennedy democrats. However, George blew his media lead chasing fool's gold in the south, which was Reagan country, instead of concentrating on amassing enough delegates to stand a chance. He let Anderson siphon off enough votes to only now give him a serious shot and Ronnie just isn't going to be caught now.

Reagan was the big winner. On strategic grounds he let Bush win the beauty contest. Yes, let. Sure, Ronnie would have liked to win, but he's running up against the campaign spending limits and obviously is bright enough to see the difficulties here. The big northern states are a problem for him without a crossover vote. First, there's a liberal GOP vote here that's locked in from bolting to the Dems and thus gives a lift to a Bush or Anderson that they won't have in November. Second, Ronnie's biggest pull is not that he's the most obvious choice of the 18% of the population that registers GOP, but rather, that he can pull enough conservative Dems to win in November. Indeed, much of the Kennedy vote in Penn was a trapped Reagan vote with no place to go, voting against Carter with the only choice they had (proof-Kennedy, the MOST liberal of senators carried the conservative vote on the Demo side). So Ronnie let Bush use up a million bucks to his one hundred thousand while Ronnie beat him over 2-1 in delegates. Now this is not to say that Ronnie doesn't have his problems. He's being poorly briefed and is shooting from the lip far too much in a situation where he should KNOW everyone will call him on EVERY detail. If this doesn't change it will hurt a bit come November. However, strategically he is in the best of all possible worlds. He is amassing the delegates to be nominated easily while putting together a good coalition for the fall. Furthermore he's doing it while only showing vulnerability in such traditional

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Demo strongholds as Pennsylvania-if the GOP can carry Penn come fall then Donald Duck could win on their line and it doesn't matter. The key thing between him and Bush is class far more than issues. Bush is an elite Yalie and shows it. Such a man does not easily pick up disgruntled Democrats. In a crossover state Reagan has the edge as he did vs. Ford. For Bush to break from the pack, Ronnie has got to lose one of the states he needs (Texas, California) or get really killed in states he could use—Indiana, Ohio—losing Michigan will just confirm the current trend.

Indeed the second biggest winner of the night could well be the man who wasn't there—Anderson. He and Ronnie dovetail nicely. Anderson runs well in all of Reagan's bad states. With one on each side of him Carter could be torn to pieces come November.

### Letters

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Back in NYC, looking at BB #62, mostly CANAL DREGS + Palter on politics + Gibson on gnoses (congrats to BB on t latter, brevspell + all!)

It's t politicky tt prods me to write you now. No need to resign your hopes to a 3-way Carter-LaFosse-Reagan melee. Didn't I tell you G. Ford wl be Pres.? I haven't seen t details of how he gets in, but he'll serve out a term, + lose re-election bid 'by a nose' (his isn't very long). It myt be he'll be V.Pres. 1st, like last time. Maybe t GOP convention won't even nominate him, but Reagan myt become incapacitated + an emergency conven. or telegram poll of delegates may nominate him.

But he'll be Pres., + Gib sl be his prophet, + doomsday wl roll on apace. 42 yrs. till Armageddon, + only 50 million to t last scene I've seen in man's future on earth (those expecting t end of t world earlier wl all wait in vain)(but if they play enuf Dip, goh, Bulo, + other good games while waiting, it wl be time well spent).

Now tt t acute stage of t Grt. American Breakdown has bn temporarily averted by such miracles as t sudden end of t transport strikes here in + out of NYC, you still have time to buy groceries + gasoline + bullets to see you + friends thru t chaos ahead.

Note tt t .....((astrologic calculations follow)), we + world democracy + Christendom are going to collapse!

Inflatn is now running at 18% (1.5% last month), doubled in one year. It is not an economic index, but a moral one. When morale is sick, greed + rat race mood takes control, + few can resist t temptatn to buy, + few can resist t temptan to charge what their greedy competitor is charging or will be soon. And t work ethic is replaced by t union hog ethic, so productivity declines, strikes increase, etc.

U.S., + Carter especially, refuses to be keenly concerned over t threat to t world mounted by Russia, for a double reason: when t Bear rises to devour, it's going to be Europe, India, + t likes, wch will be its feast; most of those victims are t ones tt branded US as an excitable, alarmist, + even war-mongering fool during the cold war (1948-1960) when we wore our souls out trying in vain to get them to join in stopping t Red world conquest plan while it was still green + easily stoppeable. So now we'll let them take t licking they earned, just as I'm going to abandon Dipdom to t ogres you all refuse to back me against.

((edge note:)) (Jn. M. t only pub. who did even a half-ass job!)

((I guess that's a compliment; uh...thanks. (?) It's too bad that you feel forced out by the criticism, though to me, it seemed you generally dished out more than was received. I suspect that if you'd just drop the old feuds and go on from there, you'd do OK.

I found your item about the Great American Breakdown being averted by the sudden end of the NY transit strike to be amusing. It strikes me that it might be the Great New York City Breakdown perhaps, but I suspect the rest of the country would be quite a bit better off if in fact NYC did break down into an open pit (rather than being a thinly draped pit). Might force the media and banking industries out of there, a big break for us all if the mafia, welfare types, and Boardman-Sacks gang all stayed behind...))

J.M.