"You must learn to feel the Force around you. You, me...the tree...the rock...yes, even between the land—and the ship."
"You want the impossible."

"No, nothing is impossible unless you're trying to separate the bullshit from this ISSUE 72 of

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BRUTUS BULLETIN

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The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYtm brought to you every few weeks by John Michalski ("mih-HOLL-skee"), Rt 10 Box 526Q, Moore, OK 73165. Subs are available at the rate of 12/\$5, 12/\$4 for resubs. There are possible OPENINGS coming up! Yes, I have a GCM applicant who will carry a regular 2-wk-deadline game that I will stand behind. Not all the details are worked out yet, but if you want in, write direct to Scott Hanson after Sept 15 at 701 SE 15 Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55414. He will send out adjudications direct of course.

THIS ISSUE is jam-packed with letters and the full Leeder Poll results plus commentary. Hope you enjoy it. Nothing yet from the Old Curmudgeon, but just wait for #73. Also, #73 will likely be more warehousy again, as all the games that aren't in yet for this one will likely all drop in your lap there and then. The nut game, 80CX in PERILS OF PAULINA for instance, has one page of results and two full pages of press already here, and another season will likely pass (I hope!) before I put #73 out. I am also including for its information— and hobby-news value, an excerpt from Robert Sacks FLYING ORPHAN, the "last" issue. The excerpts cover the IDA burial and a listing of variant openings for those so inclined, an area Sacks is big in. Farewell to F.O.

CONGRATULATIONS to Konrad and Amy Baumeister on their marriage in late Auguast just before heading off to Georgetown U together in Washington DC1

RED ROVER, RED ROVER, LET McLENDON COME OVER...Just before this went to press, Steve McLendon, publisher of THE DRAGON & THE LAMB, announced that through evidence of his own he has gathered, he is now sure that "Bernie Oaklyn" really is Buddy Tretick, and is kicking the latter out of D&L for deception of the GM. Glad to see it. Can we add your signature to the Publisher's Statement, Steve? (And how about some of you new faces in the ranks?)

JIMMY CARTER DEPT.: Speaking of phonies, I find that the outa sight BLACK FROG I cracked up over was really a FAKE! (This is the one with the expose' of Kathy Byrne in it). Hmmm, since Linsey did the fake BB I accused Masters of, maybe Linsey did this one too? Fantastic job. whoever it was! (Color photos yet....)

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PRESS GANGS out to get you? Afraid of registration/draft? I was approached by one of our summer-help-types at work the other day about registration which he was ignoring, and told him not to worry: we'll lose the next war before he could be processed in anyway. However, those of you who might take this farcial registration seriously (like him) might like to check out GRAUSTARK 419 (234 E 19, Brooklyn 11226) or LIBERTERREAN 141 (J'm Bumpas, 3209 Chambers Street, Eugene, OR 97405) each of which sympathizes with you bums and offers further reference to where you can get help from others of your ilk. I too oppose registration, really. I'd replace it with universal military training for 30 months for every 18 yr old wearing pants, and any volunteers who weren't.

EMILY POST DEPT : I was talking to none other than Bill Shaffer on the phone the other night (he never writes) when his conversation was interrupted by one of those all-too-familiar-groans to those who know him. This time he had outdone himself though, for a moment later he was so overcome by the fart he had just cut that he had to hang up and get away from there! Good thing it was there, not here!

JOHN'S NOTES

I've had a lot of newcomers lately, so perhaps I should explain something. Long ago, in a galaxy far away, "John's Notes" used to be a kind of Odds'n'Ends type column of general chatter and assorted tidbits of hobby news and views and whatever. There were times that I used to have drawings on the cover too. However, as time went on, the usefulness of any "art" wore off, while my own ramblings went onward and upward, so any more, "John's Notes" on the inside cover is really little more than an extension of the news and tidbits and nonsense that I start right on the cover. I keep the heading just out of tradition, and to keep Bruxus Linsey happy. As time goes on and the new games I CM decrease, I can perhaps turn back more to having the notes column a little different again. I bought a used typewriter at work for its trade-in credit value, an Olivetti Editor 4C, for \$68. Heavy, but this typing is crisp, and this allows me to get more done for the zine here at home, rather than at the office on lunch. There I'm limited to an hour, and that is usually interrupted by Dave Pilant coming down to my section to smell up my office with those ungodly cigarettes he smokes (they smell like he dries them out of the urinals before recycling them) and test out his latest ideas on sick press he can submit somewhere under David Perlmutter's dateline ... Anyhow, now that I can work at home, the only interruptions are 1. Claudine coming in to mutter something about paying attention to...something or other 2. my 4 yr old coming in to ask me to push his toy car on the train layout while he pushes the train, and 3. upcoming Monday Night Football. Aside from that (and my eyes getting bleary around 12:15 am), the upcoming BULLETINs should have more of "my" touch, for better or worse. Note how the Notes last issue ran to a third page; never could have done that at Harper.

INVASION #1 arrived here the other day, another new entry in this year's crop of new dipzines coming on line. We had an excellent year last year, so these newcomers have quite a standard to come up to. And all we've lost so far of last year's has been BEHOLDER and FLYING DUTCHMAN. Anyhow, this new one is put out by Bruce Schneier, 455 East 17 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Hmm, sounds like it is 4 blocks from John B's hangout. 3/\$1, openings in regDip and "anything else that the readers suggest". Has a nice chatty style, and Bruce says he has experience putting out a number of other "fandom" zines not elaborated on. 8 pages, double printed, good repro (not ditto), monthly. I'm leery of NYC myself, but who knows, maybe there's a normal person in there SOMEwhere, right?

79Iid—ha ha ha. I list that just to prod myself into doing something one of these days. I have everything typed up thru SO5, so Imore long page should give me half the game, and maybe, just maybe, I can foist that on you in #73. But don't hold your breath. If you want to look forward to something (besides Howard Cosell, that is), you can look forward to the first season of Perlmutter's 7-day-deadline game in EXTREMISM IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTY coming next time. I haven't seen the hard copy yet, but I understand that SO1 has at least a COUPLE of pages of good reput press with it. SO2 may be out by the time #73 is, so all I many have is a cover on that thing. Probably plain brown paper again... Also, watch for the new game if it is rolling along, and a letter from Gibson. Now, now, steady...he's having a grand old time picking peaches in Colorado, yet took the time to write all you ungrateful upstart punks, so be thankful! (Joke, folks.)(Right?)

MTCHAEL MILLS is preparing an updated ZINE DIRECTORY for the fall, and asks all publishers to write him by Oct 10 with the info needed. He has a form prepared that was too light to reproduce here, but you can get one from him at 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon, NY 14502. Basically, these are the items requested: zine, publisher, address, phone, hobby memberships/affiliations if any, av pages per issue, physical format, frequency, repro type, games run in zine, sub/NMR fees, gamefees, date of 1st issue, circulation, subzines if any, editors, and a short statement on content, emphasis, or other peculairities. A worthwhile effort; get on it.

Darn old JOHN DALY just got his DOGS OF WAR #16 to me today with the full zine poll results himself, and clearer than mine. Grrr. Rt2, Box136-M5, Rockwell NC 28138

Results of the Fourth Annual North American Zine Poll

The following zines received 5 or more mentions. Key: placing-average-NAME OF ZINE-number of mentions-placing last year. * indicates unlisted last year.

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1- 8.00-FOL SI FIE-29-11
4- 7.66-DIPLOMACY WORLD-47-5
5- 7.50-EMHAIN MACHA-18-*
(5- 7.50-ELHAIN MACHA-18-*
15- 7.50-POLITICIAN-6-*
 7- 7.43-WHY ME?-28-3
 8- 17:41-BRVTUS BULLETIN-39-13
 9- 7.33-THE DRAGON & THE LAUB-36-2
 10-7.23-VOICE OF DOUM-47-*
  11-7.21-EVERYTHING-14-*
 12-7.19-CHEESECAKE-26-22
 13-7.16-DIPLOMACY DIGEST-43-5
 14-7.05-MURD'RING MINISTERS-22-22
 15-6.91-ST. GEORGE & THE DRAGON-
          11-10
 16-6.90-RUNESTONE-21-7
 Հ17–6 ₀89–EGGNOG–36–12
 117-6.89-EIIVOY-19-*
 $19-6.82-CLAW & FANG-28-4
$19-6.82-THE DOGS OF WAR-22-*
 21-6.69-RETALIATION-32-*
 22-6.52-INFIDEL-23-*
 23-6-39-PASSCHENDAELE-31-17
  24-6.38-TER-RAN-13-15
 25-6.17-THE SHOGWN'S SWORD-12-*
26-6.07-TORONTO TELEGRAM-30-21
  27-6.06-RURITANIA-16-18
 28-6.04-FLYING DUTCHMAN-25-*
 529–6.00–BUSHWACKER–9`–*
(29-6:00-BOAST-5-*
  31-5.94-GRAUSTARK-18-1
 (32-5.67-BEHOLDER-27-31
 )32-5.67-HOME OFFICE-12-*
 (32-5.67-REBUS SIC STANTIBUS-12-*
  35-5.60-KOBOLD-5-*
  36-5.43-LIES, DECEIT & NEFARLOUS
          SCHEMES-7-9
  37-5.40-WESTERN STAR etc. -5-*
  38-5.33-CANAL DREGS-6-*
  39-5.29-LIBERTERREAN-17-14
  40-4.94-URF DURFAL-17-22
  41-4.86-FLYING ORPHAN-7-*
  42-4.78-ITALIANO PRIBE-9-*
  43-4.73-WHITESTONIA-15-*
  44-4,50-BALTIC SEA-6-*
          ULAIRE-6-*
  47-3.94-FRONT DE LIBERATION DU
          DIPLOMACY-35-33
  48-3,83-UTOPIA, LTD.-6-*
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49-3.25-ZEPPELIN-8-28
50-3.20-PINK DRAGON-*
51-3.10-ASSORTED GARBAGE-10-*
52-1.20-ULTSENT-5-*
The following zines received four or fewer mentions; I list them in approximately alphabetical order:
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ARDA 7.67; ADAG 4.67; ANTWERP 4.00; BATOCHE 5.50; BREW & REEFER 1.00; BLITZ 7.00; BALTIC BATTLER 7.50; BROADSIDE 7.00; BLACK FROG 9.00; CATASTROPHE 8.00; LA CITADELLE 4.75; CUM GRANO SALIS 1.00; THE CEPHEIDS 8.50; DIPLOMACY REVIEW 0.00; DIPPY 3.00; DECK OF MANY THINGS 5.00; DIPLOMAG 9.00; ELPIRE 7.00; EFGIART 7.75; "FAKE VOLKERS" 5.00; FIELD OF FIRE 6.50; FAGIN 7.50; GENERAL STAB 4.50; GD DIPLOMACY 6.00; HAVGC 2.00; JIHAD 7.00; KAISSA 2.33; LORD OF HOSTS 4.67; LILAF 5.00; MIXUMAXU GAZETTE 4.33; MORAVIAN DYNASTY 3.00; NINTH CIRCLE 4.67; NUMENOR 5.00; OVERERIGHT 7.00; PODUNK NEWS 3.00; PEERLESS 3.33; PACIFIC DIPLODEUR/ORIGINS WEST 5.23; PERILS OF PAULINA 7.50; R'IYEH 3.00; REVENGE 1.50; STORMBRINGER 1.00; THE SWAMP 5.00; SCANDAL 6.00; TWILIGHT ZINE 7.33; TOUCHE 8.00; WARLMONGER 1.50; RAM 6.00

Comments on the Methods:

-All fractions were rounded off to the nearest whole number (eg. 9.5 was counted as 10).

-Tabulations took a long time. I bless those who thought to list their ratings in alphabetical order...

-I did not strictly enforce the deadline, as I barely touched my mail for several weeks in that period.

-Almost mo ballots were unusable due to not following instructions; I can think of only one offhand.

43-4.73-WHITESTONIA-15-*

44-4.50-BALTIC SEA-6-*

45-4.33-TETRACUSPID-24-*

46-4.17-LE CAMELEON A BINOC
ULAIRE-6-*

47-3.94-FRONT DE LIBERATION DU

-I didn't sabulate votes for zines

Library to be non-N.A. zines or non-Dip.

zines, nor professional wargaming magazines. Some of those listed may be in
these categories with which I am not
familian.

-I listed zines even where I know them to be currently defunct. (continued

-Final results were rounded off to two decimal places. Where zines are shown as tied, one or the other may be marginally in front, but the order of typing does not reflect such fractional differences.

Comments on the Results:

-First let me congratulate old friend Randolph Smyth for a well-deserved and overdue first place finish for FOL SI FIE.

-95 ballots were cast, a 29% increase over last year's 72 tabulated. This probably is partly responsible for the fact that 52 zines made the main list

as opposed to 33 last year, a 58% increase!

Last year's top six zines rated higher than this year's first place finisher. In my opinion, this reflects a general decrease in the level of quality of N.A. zines, although many individual zines continue to reach high standards. Many top zines of previous years have ceased publication, become warehouse zines or declined in quality. RUNESTONE definitely belongs in this category; and I'm surprised it finished as high as it did. I intend that this trend on my part will not continue.

-The publishers of VOLKERWANDERUNG, EMHAIN MACHA and VOICE OF DOOM merit

special mention as rookies breaking into the top 10.

Results of the Third Annual North American Gamesmasters' Poll:

The following gamesmasters received 3 or more mentions. The key is the same as that for the zine poll.

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51- 9.67-Don Ditter-3-*
1- 9.67-Eric Verheiden-3-6
 3- 9.33-Doug Beyerlein-3-12
)4- 9.14-Steve Heinowski-7-10
 6- 9.11-Robert Sergeant-9-8
 7- 9.00-Bob Osuch-3-*
 8- 8.88-Lee Kendter, Sr.-16-3
 9- 8,78-John Leeder-9-5
 10-8.75-Roy Hendricks-4-*
 11-8.69-John Michalski-16-1
 12-8,67-Robert Sacks-3-*
714-8,55-Robert Arnett-11-*
13-8.60-Fred Davis-5-9
 15-8.58-Andy Lischett-8-18
16-8.30-Dick Mertin-*
 17-8.16-Steve McLendon-19-22
 18-8.15-Don Horton-13-11
 19-8.11-Ron Brown-9-41
 20-7,88-Konrad Baumeister-16-19
 21-7.87-Randolph Smyth-15-17
$22-7,75-Licheel Mills-G-* 
122-7,75-Fred Hystt-4-9
 24-7.67-John Chickering-3-4
 24-7.67-Devid Grabur-3-48
(27-7.25-Drov_McGee-4-24
26-7,29-Jim Bumpes-7-4
 28-7.18-Jack Braumer-11-*
23-7.10-Bill LaPosse-10-20
 30-7.00-Francois Guerrier-9-35
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§ 50-7.00-Lee Kendter, Jr.-4-24

12 30-7.00-Vic Carpenter-5-*
 > 30-7.00-Steve Berrigan-3-*
 1 34-6.67-Don Sigwalt-3-*
36-6.63-John Boardman-8-6
   37-6.45-Jack Frost-7-*
 38-6.33-Clive Tonge-6-*

39-6.20-John Caruso-5-*
 39-6.20-Nick Russon-5-*
 41-6.13-Jerry Jones-8-21
42-6.00-John Kelley-14-*
  42-6.00-Greg Costiliyan-5-57
  _42-6.00-John Lipscomb-3-*
   45-5.86-Dan Palter-7-*
   46-5.38-Tony Watson-S-40
   47-5.07-Bernie Oaklyn-15-54
   48-4.93-Bruce Linsey-14-*
   49-4.33-Julian Prescer-3-*
   50-2.83-Richard Kovalcik-6-55
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The following gamesmasters received 2 or 1 mention: 10: Blair Cusack, ? Danielle, John Hasters, Eric Osog; 9: K. Arnett, Jack Dumas, Ramon Basaro, Karl Schuetz; 8.5: Jim Benes; 8: Like Burns, David Buncke, William Euck, Wade Dudley, Phil Fry, Ben Schilling, Tom Swider, Mike Scott; 7.5: Glenn Overby, Pete Reese; (continued on p. 6) (Rest de(eted))

Now that I have the full list available, here's a line-by-line commentary. #1. Fol Si Fie (Randolph Smythe), Canadian zine. This was a surprise to me. I wouldn't have been surprised to see it here before, as FSF has historically been a top notch reading zine, and can draw some longevity credit as well, especially in the volatile Canadian hobby. (Canadian zines on average seem better than US zines on average, but are slower and more likely to suddenly fold). The surprise is that it made it to the top THIS year, when recent issues have not seemed up to par to me. Still, 29 votes means it was no fluke as is the case with some others down the line. From what recent issues have said, he plans to get back more to the old and more interesting format. If you're not familiar with it, try a sample. 275 Third St SE #314, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A OG4 2. (tie) VOLKERWANDERUNG (Bob Armett) This one is a game-heavy newcomer that has made it to the top on the spread of material in the issues. It always has a couple of things at least in the non-Dip category, plus notes/news/BS, and this is what you need (along with openings) to get a zine with broad appeal. Lately it has seemed to be running slow, or maybe I missed an issue or something? At least it has been impressive enough to people enough to get itself off to a roaring start in the hobby: 50 votes! That's the largest number of any zine, and the only close competitor was DW itself with 47. If more people know of VOLKER than DW, that's quite a compliment! Bob will be letting some games wind down I believe, so that there may be openings later, but more importantly, the material that gives VOLKER its broad appeal will not be forced out by 'F Nap-Ion' and press. Also, openings help a zine get started, but after that, you can have them or not; openings appeal mainly to novices looking for games to enter (tho with the current dearth of established openings, I may be wrong), while established zines can be actively cutting back on games in progress and still advance in subbers and standing. Witness BB, for instance. The many fakes (5Ithink) no doubt helped its recognition. 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320 2(tie): The NATIONAL. This is the house organ of the Canadian Dip Or ganization. The one or two samples I've seen are pretty good, but it is not really what one would normally consider to be a dipzine. This is one of the "flukes" I mentioned earlier. I don't even know who puts it out. 4 DIPLOMACY WORLD Flagship of the hobby. Pro zine, digest sized, lots of material, quarterly, 4/\$5 as I recall. Everyone should be getting this. A fourth place spot is a compliment to Jerry Jones, since usually people will vote for their hobby favorites, then give DW a good vote as an afterthought, even though their favorite may be a semi-legible ditto sheet that appears every 40 days in good months. 1854 Wagner St, Pasadena, CA 91107 5(tie) EMHAIN MACHA (Mike Mills) THIS one was a surprise! I like the non-dip stuff in EM, esp the political ramblings about Ireland and such, but I didn't think many others would. EM is a newcomer that has grown to the point where he's often putting out oversized issues, and doing it on 1 stamp via lighter paper. Digest sized, normal print. Address within (see letters). 5(tie) POLITICIAN, Konrad Baumeister. Another fluke. I've never seen an issue, but $\overline{ extsf{I}}$ know it is a subzine of EGGNOG, and Osuch writes that it is a variant subzine at that. Shows what a few appreciative players can do. 7. WHY ME? (Lee Kendter)A good reliable zine, but monthly and often just four sheets. Is starting a letters column which I think will help. Was 3d last year, edged out this year by other newcomers having their turn in the sun, and the flukes. Expect this one to stay in the top 10 as long as its in print.8 BRUTUS BULLETIN. Me. I'd have liked to have been sixth, but I sure won't turn up my nose at 8th. There are a hell of a lot of good zines behind me, and a 7.41 is pretty decent. A lot of you must have given me 8s or better, for there are more than a handful of folks who, for their own reasons, will vote BB a 1. I don't blame them; I vote as many 1s as 10s (about ½ a doz each). What I really do appreciate is the large number of you who bothered to vote, 39. Out of a paltry 50+ subscriber/trader list, 72% response is great! (Actually it is a little less, since the handful of 'automatic' is are largely non-subscribers). Most zines with even 75 or more subscribers are hoping to get above 10, and glad to make the 5 vote cut. 39 votes is an honor, even with B.O. Tretick's 4 Os. 9 DRAGON & LAMB (Steve McLendon.) Has fallen from last year's #2 as Steve has lost some heart in it. Also. costs are excessive now, since Steve charges actual costs, no gifts like you folks usually get. Next year it could be back in the top few, or drop off. Depends on how

much effort Steve feels like putting out. 3 doz decent votes shows it does have a following. P O Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598. Let's "Oaklyn" play unhindered, but otherwise decent. 10 THE VOICE OF DOOM (Linsey). A big turnout, and a good score despite also having a few 'opposition' votes in the general audience. I look for it to do a bit better next year. Bldg 11, Apt 21, Watervliet, NY 12189 11. EVERYTHING (Kendter Sr. BNC) A good and deserved pat on the back to our Boardman Number Custodian, but since it is not really a regular dipzine, it is kind of sad in a way that it too takes a top spot away from some aspiring pubber. 12 CHEESECAKE (Andy Lischett)A good showing for a small scale effort that varies from straight warehouse to witty newsletter to outright crazy. One issue this year took the all-time hobby prize for cutest issue of a dipzine ever. 3025 N Davlin Ct, Chicago 606 18. Cheap! 13DIPLOMACY DIGEST (Berch) Mark's all-articles/no-games special zine has always been in the top handful, but the amount of time he puts into hobby work like the Lexicon project and supporting DIP WORLD has come out of his DD time this past year, and it showed. This one will be in the top dozen again next year though. Address within. 14 MURDRING MINISTERS (Ron Brown) Up 1/3 from last year, and is one of the really improved new zines out there. Every issue lately has been oversized, and not just filled with games. It is mostly material, the games are incidental. This is one that was cheated out of a higher berth. Should be in the top 8 next year, he and Dick Martin both. Address in Leters15ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON (Sergeant) An old hobby pillar, now resurrected in reduced digest size, SG&TD is still small, but a cut above your monthly warehouse in content (does have material, and artwork) and has high reliability even if you do have to see Tretick in there once in a while. This one would have done better, but a lot of people probably registered disappointment at the loss of the old SG&TD. Could go either way next year. 16 RUNESTONE (Leeder) Host zine for the poll. At almost a 7, I'd venture that it gained almost 2 full points via people not wanting to send a lower vote to the guy tabulating the poll. RUNESTONE is a ditto weekly with games running at intervals that vary, plus heavy on variants. Used to be top notch, but John has given short shrift to the hobby this past year and is really lucky to make the top TWO dozen this time. He says he will now have more time this coming year, and even has some GAME OPENINGS now. It could jump up into the top dozen if true. This year, though, it really didn't deserve 16th.17EGGNOG (tie) (Baumeister) Here's another that would have been higher, but sufferes from winding down (which alwasys brings out low votes) and opposition votes from people who don't like Konrad irregardless of his actual zine work. That's why his subzine that the others didn't think of came in fifth, while the main zine is here in17th. I expect it to go warehouse and/or pass to his younger brother this winter as Konrad starts college and marriage all at once. Deserved better. 17 (tie) ENVOY (Roy Hendricks, I believe) A Canadian zine with some Dip, lots of other stuff (wargames or fantasy)as I recall from a past sample. I'm not real familiar with it anymore really. 19(tie) CLAW&FANG (Don Horton) A true pillar of the hobby is winding down here, and this past year has seen the material quality drop along with GGM troubles of all sorts. C&F was always a good reading zine, one of my early favorites, but was justifiably low this year. Will be gone next year.19 (tie) DOGS OF WAR (John Daly) A new zine with a healthy turnout, DOGS suffers only in relation to some others like Brown and Martin and Linsey who are turning out prodigious amounts of material. One extra page of notes/comments/ filler an issue could push this newcomer up 10 steps without trouble. No difference between this and a goodie like WHY ME? except for John's not-yet-established reputation. The tie with C&F is ironic: C&F, and old bastion, sinking; DOGS, a regular and decent newcomer, rising. Could make the top doz in the 5th Annual. Rt 2 Box 136 M5, Rockwell, NC 28138.21 RETALIATION (Dick Martin) One of my new favorites, this one would have been in the top three if his latest issues had been out a little earlier. Produces a TON of material, all good too, not just space filler, and mails it for half of what by weight he ought to pay even at 3d class rates. I've heard he will have to cut back now that school is starting, a shame if true. RET, now renamed GRAB DOTS!!!, is one of my top 4 personal favorites. 7301 Yale Ave, College Park, MD 20740 22 INFIDEL Canadian zine, auther unknown. Lot of votes, but not much more than average ones.

23 PASSCHENDAELE (Francois Guerrier) Canadian zine, stuffed with letters, but usually Tongwinded ones, not a multitude of small ones. Canadian politics big, Issue #50 coming out soon. Not bad, and a lot of work put in it, but of limited interest to the general audience I think. Big turncut, but only an 'average' vote on it. 24TER-RAN (Steve Heinowski) Lots of games reliably done, but not much else to it really.1630 W 28 St, Lorain, OH 44052 25 THE SHOGUN'S SWORD I'm not familiar with this one at all. 26 TORONTO TELEGRAM (Bill LaFosse) The lowest ranked of my four favorites. Small and not the most regular, but typical of Canadian zines that alwasy seem to run slower. What gets me is the outrageous material. Gross and hilarious, witty like CHEESECAKE often is, but TT is so more regularly. Haven't seen an issue in a while though, and the poor English and way-out material probably turn a lot of people off. Too bad. 15 Cory Cr, Trenton, Ontario KSV 5W7 27 RURTITANIA (Tony Watson) The quality of RURI is as good as ever, and recent issues have been better than the average even, but Tony views the hobby as strictly a hobby, and RURI gets the back seat to his heavy school and work load. This could be in the top 12, but the way it is now, its doing OK to stay above 6.0. 1481 S Palm #207, Las Vegas, NV 89104 28 THE FLYING DUTCHMAN (Brawner) Now defunct. 29(tie) BUSHWACKER (Fred Davis) Variant zine, an old established one, but not too highly rated. I'm not very familiar with it. 29(Tie; BOAST (Herb Barents) Another old zine, but I've never heard or seen much of it or its author. I suspect that its regularity isn't the best, a serious problem in this 'weak' to 'average' range around 6.0. Barents runs a hobby shop I believe, and I suspect that like with other such operations (Don Lowry, Flying Buffalo, S&T, etc) the zine and Dipgames perhaps take a back seat? Those of you familiar with some of these might write me with your impressions. I'd be interested to see if I'm missing anything.

At this point we drop into the range of zines drawing weak to poor to attrocious marks. so I won't elaboate quite as much. The reasons folks thought them poor vary widely: URF DURFAL can be excellent, for instance, but hasn't put out but perhaps 2 issues this year. On the other hand, GRAUSTARK is as reliable as clockwork; it has been coming out for almost 2 decades. It's only that WHAT comes out in it is difficult for many (like me) to stomach. Same with LIBERTERREAN, e.g.: it is published twice a month, allows black press, and doesn't do all that badly. However, an increasing part of it goes to some strange wargame or miniatures stuff that is meaningless to many. Then there's Tretick's FRONT down there, drawing not quite a 4 rating from 3 doz votes. He was lucky to get that, as FRONT is an insult to the hobby. He survives only by surrounding himself with a ring of unthinking lackeys and unknowing novices, and by the apathy of too many in the real hobby who really should know better. Pegging the bottom is Gibson's ULTSENT, not really a dipzine, but seat to hobby members to elaborate on the views and theories and crusades of Curtis Gibson. His 1.20 means that he garnered 6 total points among 5 votes, so that's either a 6 and 4 zips, or 4 1s and a 2, or ... Anyhow, that is clearly all 'opposition' voting. ULTSENT has folded with issue 7, I think. Also gone is UTOPIA LTD and Sacks FLYING ORPHAN. Now, some zines down here may not be (obviously) of general favor, but may appeal to you for some reason: I can think of PINK DRAGON for instance, a good rightwing zine that I like, altho the players apparently didn't like the erratic schedule of it. LDNS was only 5.43, but is on the comeback road. It has improved, and as it gets to be more like the LDNS of old, I'm sure it will come back up the chart. Again, here is one that perhaps suffers from disappointment votes, people voting it low because they would prefer to see the old LDNS. That will not happen unless Jerry could farm off the DipWorld job to someone else, but I can't imagine for the life of me who would want it. (On the other hand, who would want to take all the hassles of publishing? Yet here's a list of 52 foolish souls who are, or did, at least give it a try.

Finally, if you only get 3 or 4 dipzines, why not at least invest a few stamps and write to some of these others that you do not receive? For whatever the reason, there are at least some folks out there who consider those top 30 to be worth at least a "6" on a scale of 10. Hell, if I could look up all those addresses for you, why not at least copy a few on an envelope and give them a try? You might find exactly what you've been looking for in this hobby or top the them.

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

TURKEY, GERMANY CONTINUE TO ROLL; WHERE WILL IT ALL END? Bob Osuch 3417 S. Paulin Chgo, IL 60608 312-927-7069 August 25,198

Fall 1905:

AUSTRIA(Fuchs): A GAL-Sil; A TYO-Mun; A VIE-Tyo; A VEN S A Vie-Tyo;

A RUM-Bul/d/r to Bud, Otb; A SER S A Rum-Bul/d/r to Bud, Alb,

Tri, Otb

ENGLAND(kelly): F MID-Gas: F Wes-LYO

FRANCE(Howe): A Par-BUR; A Pic-BRE; F Mar-SPA(sc); F POR-Mid; A GAS-Mar

GERMANY(Kirchner): A Bur-MAR; A PIE S A Bur-Mar; A Bel-PIC; F ENG S A Bel-Pic; A BOH-Mun; F Bal-SWE; A Lvn-STP; F NTH H

ITALY (MANY MOTH CD): NMR. F NAP H

RUSSIA(Sniegowski): A WAR-Sil; A MOS-War; A UKR S TURKISH A Sev-Rum

TURKEY(Mooney): A Bul-SER; A GRE S A Bul-Ser; A Sev-RUM; A CON-Bul; F Tun-TYN; F Ion-ADR; F Aeg-ION

Italy is now in Civil Disorder until elimination. The way things are going now, the game should wrap up sometime before 1910. And if the present alliance structure is maintained, I doubt that we'll see a draw. At any rate, Austria's retreats, Winter 1905, and Spring 1906 will be due with my mail received Tuesday, September 9,1980. 1905 in review follows.

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Late additions

MARK BERCH DEPT.:: After 10 straight weeks of 100 degree days, Sept 2 saw the weather break with a welcome cold rainy day. It only went up to 84, and even today, the third, was a relatively mild 95. Nice break. Winter's almost here, right?

SHAFFER, who I started to mention on the cover but ran out of space, also wanted me to thank you folks who have writtnen him in the 7-day game. He says he threw away the letters unopened, but he's glad to know that his maximan is still coming up to the house on time, in case he ever has anything important to bring....?

NO ONE LIKE WARGAMES? Hell, I'm up to 8 or 9 assorted waagame zines here now that I'm trying to sell, and now must ask \$2.50 to cover the postage for the extra weight. No GENERALs or S&Ts, ppd 4th class. Send money quick, or I trash 'em!



SLIP-UP IN BULGARIA?

Winter, 1907: England builds F EDI; French F Por r OTB; Italian F Tun r OTB, builds A VEN; Russian A War r UKR; Turkish F Rom r TUS

SPRING, 1908:

ENGLAND (Mitchell): F EDI (illegible)(H); F NWY S German F Den-Ska/NSO; F SWE S

F Nwy; F Bre-ENG; F Gas-MID; F WES S F Gas-Mid; A Spa-POR

FRANCE (Johnson): F Nat-NWG; F CLY S F Nat-Nwg

GERMANY (Cummings): F DEN H; A Ber-Sil/NSU; A PRU S A War; A WAR H; A GAL-Vie;

A BOH S A Gal-Vie; A TYO-Tri; A MAR-Pie; A SIL U, H

ITALY (Grabar): A VEN-Tri; A PIE-Ven; A VIE-Gal; A BUD S A Vie-Gal;

A Gre-SER; F Nap-ION; F AEG S F Nap-Ion; F ROM-Tyn

RUSSIA (Kirchner): A Bul-RUM; A UKR-War; A MOS S A StP-Lvn; A StP-LVN;

, F SKA-Nwy

TURKEY (Becker): F Tun-TYN; F TUS S F Tun-Tyn; F SMY-Aeg; A Con-BUL

Last season the order of Germany for "A Ber-SIL" wasn't printed up. Upon receiving the German note, I tried and tried to call, without luck. The best I did was last night, when an operator asked what number I was calling from (though why, when you dial direct, I don't know. Maybe it was the FBI?). Anyhow, A Sil may be better off right where he is? Nathan Mitchell said he mailed two sets of orders, but all I got was an unreadable change to one set, but neither of the originals. Good thing he had a phone set. Let me remind everyone that all orders should be sent to my home address: Rt 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165. Throw away those old work labels! I just cannot trust the internal distribution net here anymore, although it did bring me a \$2500 gas check from Eason Oil this morning...

- My thanks to Dave Pilant for submitting standby orders that were not needed. Which reminds me, the Russian orders are on a card labelled "...confirmation"; that's ALL I got, Eric. Next season with the home address should have all this ironed out.

FALL, 1908 will be due with my mail received at home MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1980

COA: Stan Johnson, to 10 Pine Street, Edison, NJ 08817

Press:

Charlie-Eric: Message received. No time for IT deal. The fate of Europe rests upon everyone's resistance vs the Jerry. Bandit at ten o'clock.

Rome: Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Lend me your ears. Only Vincent Van Gogh complied. Everyone else went down to the Post Office to protest the draft. Dago wap. Sorry the punchline was a wiff.

Kzoo-Moore: No published deadline! This will cost you dearly on the next Leeder GM Poll. ((May have already...))

Kzoo-Moore II: You didn't underline F AEG-Bulsc. ((A thousand pardons!))

CON: I'm going to let you all in on my playing secrets. After recieving all the pertinent letters, I go over to the big Diplomacy Wheel and give it a good spin. What will it be? New alliance, old alliance, new deal, great society, watergate, stab opportunity, bribe, lie, cheat, steal, double deal, or ask Dear Abby. And its zz black. Anybody have an 'AT' for McDonalds winning combination?

ENGLISH ARMY IN BRUSSELS KEEPS BOHEMIANS OUT OF ALPS

Winter, 1909: English A Yor r OTB; Germany builds A KIE

SPRING, 1910:

AUSTRIA (Guajardo): A BUD S A Vie; A VIE S Turkish A Rum-Gal; A TRI-Ven

ENGLAND (Osuch): F Nat-NWG; F ENG-Nth; A BEL-Hol; A BUR H; A PIE S Italian

A Ven; F LYO-Tyn; F Mid-WES; F Wes-TUN; F NAF S F Tri-Tun/

imp./NSU as F Tri

GERMANY (Howe): F Hol-HLG; F DEN-Nth; A KIE-Hol; A MUN-Kie; A TYO-Mun; A BOH-Tyo; A GAL H; A UKR S A Gal; A MOS S A Ukr; A NWY H

ITALY (Palter): A VEN S English A Pie-Tus/NSO; F Tun-ION

TURKEY (McCarty): A Rom-TUS; <u>F ADR-Ven; A SER S ((Austrian))A Tri</u>/OTM;

A Con-BUL; F Smy-AEG; A SEV H; F BLA S A Sev; A RUM-Gal;

F TYN S Italian F Tun/OTM; F NAP S F Tyn

My thanks to Dave Pilant and Kerry Blant for standby orders that were not needed this time. Let's see that Fall 1910 excitement with my mail received AT HOME on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1980, 16 days hence. Use the extra time for coordination, at least with your own other units (?). Ton of press follows.

Italy-Turkey: You still did it the hard way. Had you bothered to coordinate, you could have eliminated all 4 this season. But then, that would require that you know

Germany-GM: Please do not let Pilant open any more mail.

London-World: I realize my orders are weak but my future lies in Germany's hands, and Turkey's future lies in my hands, and we'll soon find out what our futures will be. Boo hoo! How disgusting!

CON-LON: Just kidding

CON-ROM: Thanks for advice. Sorry I took it a little sooner than planned.

BER-LON: A NUS MAG NUS -(Latin "Anus":asshole "MAGNUS"-large)-a peculiar creature known to inhabit British Isles. Exterior resembles wart hog from a distance, but easily distinguished nearby, as is much uglier. Hunters have no trouble tracking due to foul odor, but who would want to? Unique anatomy consisting entirely of excretory organs fascinates scientists who believe creature violates physical laws because it seems to produce nothing but waste materials while it has never been observed to feed. However, those who have been close to the creature insist that it has a forked tongue and can talk out both sides of its mouth. Further research is pending the discovery of a scientist with no sense of smell.

CON-LON: Just kidding, old boy. You're actually not nearly that nice.

LON-: Anybody mind if I replace Italy in SEETO?

LON: Kaiser Howe's orders reportedly were found. Written while in the company of his aid Heinie, they merely stated, "OK, Osuch, just bend over and..." VIE-LON: My NMR was due to the evils of the USPS, but I'd be willing to wager that the the Howenzollerns NMRed so that they could retain Denmark. The exchange of Belg for Norway makes sense, but Germany's occupation of Denmark forces you to lose a center and alters the balance of your phoney war.

VIENNA, Austria: The Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy escalated the great European conflagration today by declaring war on the United States Postal Service. As their first act of aggression against the USPS, the Austro-Hungarians stuffed Serbo-Croatioan dissedents with TNT and mailed themse human time bombs to the United States COD. Officials in Washington DC claimed they had no knowledge of the declaration of war or the human time bombs. Privately these offficials complained that they doubted that they would receive them either, since both the bombs and the declaration had been mailed. Meanwhile the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran ordered his revolutionary guards to arrest any Serbo-Croats emergin from Iranian mailboxes, claiming that the CIA had hired an army of Serbo-Croatian suicide squads to assasinate the Ayatollah and disrupt the Islamic revolution. The USPS professes blamelessness in both situations.

THE DEFENCE AUGUST 1980

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EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENCE OF LIBERTY

(is yet another stupid subzine of the <u>Brutus Bulletin</u>)

....published by the one and only David D. Perlmutter who resides at Latches Ln. Apt#608, Merion, PA 19066 and can be reached on the phone at (215) 664-1081....

NEW GAME STARTS!
WHAT A BUNCH OF LOSERS!

And will the players sign in please......

AUSTRIA: Mike Fraunces of 31399 Pine Tree, Rd. Pepper Pike, OH 44124 FNGLAND: Bill Shaffer of 916 Larkspur Ln., Edmond, OK 73034 FRANCE: Mark Cummings, 986 N. Court, Apt#1, Rockford, IL 61103 GERMANY: George Leritte of 403 Myrtle Dr. Laurel, MS 39440 ITALY: R. Bradley Wilson of 302 Friendship Dr. Paoli, PA 19301 RUSSIA: Kerry Blant of P.O BOX 263, Decatur, IL 62525 TURKEY: David Pilant of 3801 SE 23 St. Del City, OK 73115

Since I think Seven days is a bit short for the all important early negotiations the deadline for Spring 1901 orders is August 29

Phone Orders will be accepted up to 11:00 EST on the deadline day. If it looks like you will NMR I will do as follows. I will call your house collect and say "This is Barry Goldwater, may I please speak to _____ " Tell your family to say you are not there and refuse charges. Then you can call me back saving some bucks. The time I will make these call is 8-9:00 PM. Please send me your number with your spring orders. I urge you to get in a set early, NMR's in fast games mean fast deaths.

Remember <u>Black</u> Press is allowed and encouraged. But guys try to make it humorous rather than just a long list of four-letter words, OK?

Since a few of you are newcomers to <u>BB</u> I think I should give you a few bits of warning. Black press can be very disgusting or very humorous. In either case try to remember it has nothing to do with the game itself. So don't get all worked up over nothing.

Michalskin is a left-uning radicial! East land the fays!

The few, the proud "a radicial! East land to the fays! This is a fale issue! The proud this is a fale issue!

Issue #3

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY (is yet another stupid subzine of dah Brut. Bullshit)

GM: Dave Perlmutter Latches Ln. Apt#698, Merion, PA 19066

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ALL OKLAHOMA GAME! ONE MORE TIME....

The Game: 1900??

AuSTRIA: Bill Shaffer

ENGLAND: Gary Howe

FRANCE: Dave Pilant

GERMANY: Dr. Al Giddings

ITALY: Claudine Michalski

RUSSIA: John Michalski

TURKEY: Bob Osuch

Everybody happy? Now you Okies can erps to at will without bothering decent law-abiding people. Bob Osuch was given the title "Honorary Okie" so I think he deserves to be in the game. No need for me to print addresses. You all work at the same company. Good luck.

Deadline for Spring 1901 is Sept 10,1980. Send money. Came Fee is \$20.

MOTES:

STAB JOHN!

Your Gov't at work . --

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Energy Management

August 19, 1980

ERA Backs Off on Some Utility Reporting Rules

Objections to some of the more trivial matters that would have had to be reported to the federal government by electric utilities have led the Economic Regulatory Administration to modify its proposal for reports on major electric system emergencies. As modified, the proposal would not require utility personnel to file reports until after they have restored electric service to their customers.

Utilities, under the amended tentative rule, would also not need to file reports that they have asked their customers to save energy; they would be given 24 hours, rather than one hour, to report any unusual requests for electricity cutbacks; and they would not be required to report incidents of minor vandalism, such as wall graffiti, as "major electric system emergencies." The modified proposal is set out at ¶ 41,180.

((What kind of rulings WERE these, that the change "permits" the utilities to restore power BEFORE filling out government forms?))

Just got done with BB# 70. I enjoyed it more than your last few, as I liked the variety. I must say, I felt you had been slipping a tad, but that's understandable since I haven't been contributing much lately other than PoP (lately that's been plenty). It's just that I've been flooded with requests from pubbers all over the continent for something, anything, as long as it's genuine Osuch. I've been trying to placate everybody, but believe me, it's rough! Ah, the rigors of stardom. Anyway, I'd like to share my thoughts with you.

First, I thought the BB fake was well done. True, it could have been better, but I rate it a notch above the fakes I've seen so far. It actually passed as an acceptable replica of your zine, and had some people completely fooled (i.e., Boardman, Kendter). I particularly enjoyed Perlmutter's letter. It was hilarious; I don't see how anyone could possibly mistake it as being serious. What a character! One part about the fake I didn't appreciate was the "nigger application". For one thing, it was done in extremely bad taste, besides being one of the oldest jokes in the book. And I don't think it was something that you'd typically print. You might print a letter from someone attacking blacks, but I feel you have more class than to publish such a sick attempt at humor. Do you?

The Zine Poll reviews really shocked me. I didn't figure that BB or VD would place much higher, as I'm sure the marks given were rather inconsistent. But where was Grab Dots? I figured Dick would be up there somewhere, though by his own admission his zine wasn't as good then as it now is. And Politician is Konrad's variant zine, I believe. The two copies I saw resembled most other warehouse zines. Oh well, there were some deserving zines in the running, I guess everybody can't be the best. It'll be interesting to see the complete results.

I see you've called for Dave White as a gGM. Good move; as you inferred he'll add a degree of sanity to your games. Some normal people might even sign up. Right now Dave is going slightly nuts himself, as he has been transferred three or four times at his new job. His <u>Cat-tastrophe</u> is very good, especially "Dear Crabby". I hope you get him, then I won't have to sub to the other zines he gGMs for (only kidding Konrad and John).

I see that Perlmutter claims he and Sue Martin will be married this fall. For Dave's sake, I hope Sue doesn't see the account of my experience with him in <u>GD</u> (Unjust Desserts). The article was actually written at Sue's request, as she called me long-distance one night to ask what I knew of Dave. At any rate, I have no regrets about revealing the facts. Anything less than the truth would be a lie. Huh?

By the way, I think you made a mistake by printing Frost's comment that "Walker is as full of it as Gibson.". Trying to instigate trouble, eh Michalski? You are devious! But aren't you going a bit overboard? I mean, geez, maybe Frost was in a bad mood or hung over or something. I don't think you should have published such a remark out of respect for Jack. For instance, I would never think of quoting you that time you remarked that Berch was "a useless piece of shit". I don't know, maybe you owed Frost one.

((Bob, you have a sick sense of humor. What if someone believed that now?

For the record, I did ask Jack if I could quote him. I don't PLAN to start trouble, though I do provide a forum for it if anyone so desires.

Dave White has, regretfully, declined my offer, BB not being quite the kind of place he wants to appear in. He is also carried in WHITESTONIA according to John Caruso, which I didn't know. Also, the latest EGGNOG denounced me for making the offer "behind

my back" Konrad said, apparently not seeing the "if and whenever" that was clearly typed out on everyone's copy. He has since resubbed here for his own reasons, despite what sounded like some rather petty sniping in his going-away statement in his latest issue, so maybe he'll catch this notice to see what I really said.

The fake's humor piece you denounced probably would have made it as a normal submission; a lot of folks do find it offensive as you state, but then, a lot of people find many views offensive that would still make the cut here: otherwise, we wouldn't have the kind of government we do for instance, would we?

Hopefully this issue will be more like #70; lots of letters at least. #71 was way too warehousy for my tastes, but sometimes they just fall that way.))

4614 Martha Cole Lane Memphis, Tennessee 38118

Gary L. Coughlan

I was amused at Lee Kendter Sr(remember that I said Sr and not Jr) and his suspicions that I am a pseudonymn for Bernie Oaklyn. But that is not why I am writing. It is because of the way that he spelled my name: Coughlin instead of Coughlan, the correct spelling.

So I guess this is an open letter on how to attract(or repell) subbers. Lee Kendter Sr. wrote you about my name which appeared in the fake. He misspelled it. Yet it was spelled correctly in the fake. And it was clearly printed, correctly, on both of the checks that I have maintained my sub to WHY ME? with. There is no excuse for misspelling a person's name.

Now I am not so petty as to refuse to sub to a zine(rhymes with bean) which I like but when I receive a zine sample that I have requested, after clearly printing my name, and it's only so-so, the fact that my name is misspelled might just tip me against subbing to that zine.

There is one Canadian zine which sent me three samples to get me to sub to them and each time my name was spelled differently and incorrectly. At that time, it was only so-so, so I didn't sub. However I do sub now and my name is spelled correctly. And I highly recommend INFIDEL to everyone.

Yet there are several zines that I sub to which have not lived up to what I thought they would be. A few of them mispell my name which is probably going to tip my sub away from them. I can only ask two questions? Am I alone in this predicament? And WHY ME?

> Murd'Ring Ministers 1528 El Sereno Pl.

Bakersfield, California 93304

RON BROWN

I've been meaning to write for awhile but I've had a hard enough time just keeping up in my games and getting MM out and all that good stuff. I want to thank you for several things. First of all, thanks for the excerpt from BB #70 which, I'm sure you noticed, I included a few choice quotes from in MM #23. Thanks for the good words about MM both there and in your "Zines Received (Sort of)" section. I appreciate that very much. I realize that MM has its faults, but I really do try.

I'm really excited about buying the mimeo machine. Just because I haven't figured out how to pay for it yet . . . "What? Me worry?" Maybe that will be famous last words when I declare bankruptcy. I guess if I publish for another 10 years or so it will pay for itself. But wait until

you see the print quality. It should rival even yours!

As you could see by the "poll" results given in MV agree with us and say "zine" as in keep to the "poll" results given in MV agree we can just convince Armett Have your agree with us and say "zine" as in keen, if you know what I mean. Now if

Have you seen the fake BLACK FROG? Of course, you have. You've been busy lately, haven't you? First doing the fake EGGNOG and now the fake BLACK FROG. You are going to take credit for it, aren't you? I know it had to be either you or Arnett. Just because Linsey faked BB with his BRUXUS BULLETIN I suppose you didn't want to be showed up, eh?

About the LEEDER POLL: I think your comments and the points you made are well taken. I like the idea of the poll, especially with the greater participation that this one enjoyed. However, I too think that perhaps 5 votes are too few to qualify for the top rankings. With less than 10 it seems that the rating can be easily distorted by one extreme rating either way. I don't know just where would be the best place to draw the line, but perhaps 10 would be more reasonable than 5. What say ye?

About the results themselves -- The only two of the top ten that surprised me were the two that you pointed out: POLITICIAN (which I haven't seen either but I know it's a subzine to EGGNOG) and THE NATIONAL. I agree with your statements about them. I like EMHAIN MACHA a lot and was happy to see it come in 5 th as well as being pleased to see Bob's VOLKER do so well. Brux's VOICE OF DOOM along with the above two are only in their first year too! I wonder which one of them will be #1 next year. I guess they have the inside track. But watch for BLACK FROG to rank very high next year also. Jack has a lot of enthusiasm and everyone I've talked to things BF is great.

((Including me, altho I thought his fake was a notch above the usual BF issue, and BF is already one of my own favorites. It is really good to see up-and-coming zines; some day, when I tire of putting out BB's, I will leave publishing in good hands with the likes of these great newcomers: Masters, Martin, you. Now if only LaFosse would put out more and bigger TELEGRAMs....

A fuller elaboration on the Poll will be included (I hope) somewhere else in this issue))

MARK BERCH (Diplomacy Digest)

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I enjoyed the Zine Reviews in #70, hope to see more, and I hope some day DD will make that page. Elsewhere I see you mentioned the Lexicon, mangling it slightly. Invluded are over 450 entries on 32 pages, covering tactical ploys, GMing and publishing jargon, various tricks, scoring and rating a wide variety of flotsam and jetsam, and a few ringers I threw in. It costs \$1.25 if ordered separately ; if ordered by a subber as a back issue, it costs 90¢, as its a triple issue I see in #71 you say that, in effect, even if the windfall profits tax were set at 100% there would still be plenty of dough for exploration. suspected as much, but didn't have the facts to back that up. However, if nationalization, which you (justifiably) fear comes about, a big chunk of placed squarely on the Oil company executives who the blame can be

lied and lied and lied about how they had to have those windfall profits to do the exploration. The complexity was mostly a result of the oil companies trying to get exemptions everywhere they could, setting up more and more cata gories of oil. I believe that Carter's original plan had only 3 catagories, with one of those three having 2 subcatagories. Companies that, as you say "do little or no real wildcatting" but instead invest in sure things like Montgomery Ward in my opinion deserve to have either 100% confiscation of the windfall prifits tax or nationalization. If these companies are not pushing

flat out to find new oil, then I say let the government give it a try. Either

that or let the government expell the entire top brass of some of these companies and bring in new ones. If they didn't have the cash, that would be one thing. But they do, and they are not doing their share of this important task of getting out from under the thumb of the Saudi's. The arrogence of these oil companies is absolutely astounding.

As for Boardman's comment in his 11 Aug letter, his standard response to anything he disapproves of is to advocate the person be expelled from the hobby. He recetly took that attitude toward me for having the temerity of telling him that he had been hoaxed by the Ames letter

((Oil companies in the megabuck range can afford to be arrogant; like Braniff Airline" says, "If you got it, flaunt it". Why not be arrogant? Hell, even if your windfall tax went to 100%, all they would lose is the price INCREASES that have come about in the last 17 months; the whopping increases of decontrol will still put them on Easy Street, as the 28% of domestic production (per Energy Management) that is lower tier \$6.50 oil goes to top dollar next Oct 1 (1981) will still bring them a net \$20+ per bbl even if your 100% tax then took the next \$18. The only ones who would be hurt would be 1. small outfits and new outfits that have no "old" oil to bring in tripled prices, and who were counting on high profits to cover current risks; and 2. outfits that are trying to bring on line new energy sources like shale oil that doesn't break even until the \$40 bbl rate is hit (which it has been this year). Under current programs of decontrol, it is very difficult to have old oil: the only way is to have wells which are old and high producers AND consistnet producers. Our company operates something over 500 wells, and we have 5 (count em folks, five) properties still drawing regular \$6+ prices on some of the production. The reason is that if you have a good producer like that, you normally develop the property, i.e., drill more wells for more oil from that pool until any additional wells are no longer economical. Then those become strippers faster, and are no longer under controls. However, the fact that there IS so much "old" oil yet means that whoever has those wells is certianly not developing them. They're just sitting and producing them as is without development and waiting for the price to triple. I personally predict that the current oil glut will pale compared to the winter of 81-82 and spring 82. At that time, when everything is decontrolled 8-1-81, a potload of development wells will be drilled all at once, and we'll have one last splurge of production before we head into the days of minor or no US domestic production. The splurge should last for the last part of the 80s though. I hope Reagan gets in this time so he can take all the credit for it by default! Those days will be the time when our generation must make preparations for the time when it is all used up, which will be when those particular wells go dead. In the 90s and thereafter, we will have to be using something else as the standard source, for it won't be US oil then. Whether the transition is planned and smooth, or chaotic and a'crisis', will be determined by the policies of the mid 80s to mid 90s. I haven't given it enough thought to be optimistic or pessimistic myself, since I think a bigger crisis looms sooner in the way of the early to mid 80s "window" of military weakness. I think military defeat is a bigger threat than lack of oil, and my worries are more over whether my 4 yr old son will be alive and free in 10 years than in whether he'll have gas for his car in 12. He knows now at 4 that the Thunderbird is my first big car and our LAST big car, and can see the new ones, all small. An 80 Bird pulled up beside Claudine's Pinto wagon (a 77 like the TBird) at the food store the other evening, and while it looks classier, the outside size is about the same. But I digress. On oil, it is a judgement call as to whether the public is better served by taxing away the top half of the money a \$38-\$40 bbl oil brings, or by simply putting a \$20/bbl price lid on all domestic crude and leaving the other \$18-\$20 in the consumer's pocket. Or letting it go free at \$40 to create massive profits that will eventually draw in others or other technologies that will break the monopoly as well as force conservation via cost. Nationalization would fail as it has failed in every other case. It wold punish the top brass you mention, but would punish the nation more in a few

short years as the industry collapsed. Like I tell them at work, I would welcome nationalization with open arms: put in two years to make Career status, and from then on, do nothing but eat donuts, drink coffee, put out big BBs, and wait for retirement. Of course I'd have to ride a bike to work for there'd be no gas, but then, that would just mean less time in the office and a needed leaner figure for me. To hit only the top people as you mention somewhere would be to fly in the face of every tradition in 20th Century America: when, after all, are TOF people held to account for their actions unless they be minority Republicans in an office sought by the more corrupt Democrats? Was the leadership of Chrysler or Penn Central or NYC put out to pasture they way they deserved? Hell no. To hold those with authority and perks responsible for their actions would set a very bad example, as all others in positions of authority would then be subject to revue themselves, and that is too terrible for them to contemplate. Thus all such 'reform' or 'justice' are doomed to short lives, if not stillbirth. That will never change until after the defeat and takeover, when everyone with anything will be shot out of hand as an obvious enemy of the people and party. But I won't be around then.))

DAVID D PERLMUTTER (Extremism In Defense of Liberty) Latches Ln Apts #608, Merion PA

#70 was by far the best issue you have put out in a long time. The reactions to the fake were incredible. But you missed the funniest of all. In <u>Eggnog</u> Baumeister says that my letter in the fake was for real although he <u>knew</u> that that issue was a fake. No comprehension of what is humor and what is not!

As you can see my game is filled. Should be a good one despite the fact you're not in it. Your alias Leritte is in it, though.

The PoP press is really disgusting. Would I write anything that aweful? Well maybe a little. But I refuse to take the blame for the whole thing. I suspect Bob writes some too. But then he's mad at me cause I stabbed him in a game we're in.

I was amazed too that Arnett, who is no great , managed to pull off a win. Why did'nt you guys band together to stop him? Did Berch's poor tactics blow the game? How about that Walker-Boardman alliance. Pretty strong huh?

Although Linsey is a friend of mine (well sort of) I think he is 100% wrong in this thing with Lee Kendter Jr. I would threaten to castrate my enemy in a face to face game if I thought that would help my position. I hear Shaffer did that once.

The oil companies are controled by the Catholic church ar'nt they? Jack Anderson proved that in his last column.

I predict that Mark Berch will send you a long rebuttal to your position on Indians. I, myself, agree with you to a point. But really John our ancestors screwed the redman pretty bad. Too late to do anything about now though.

The Reagan campaign is troubled. The Demo convention pushed Jimmy "Trust Me" Carter way up in the polls. I fail to see why, though. The New York con looked more like a get-together of the Dance Band on The Titanic rather than a united popular front. What bugged me the most was that everybody, including Ted "Blonde In Every Pond" Kennedy was acting like the Republicans were the ones who created

all ourproblems. They forget that it is the Demo's who have controled this country for 25 years or so. The main problem in the Reagan campaign, and I say this with no offense intended, is the south. A hell of alot of southernersare going to vote for Carter simply because he is from that region. Reagan would win every state south of PA if JC was from Vermont or North Dakota. Oh well.

((Personally I'm counting on the south to go for Reagan to the same extent it did for Goldwater, hopefully with more support than Goldwater got elsewhere in '64. The only thing Carter has going for him is stupidity: there are a hell of a lot of people who would vote just because he's a "local" boy, just as a majority of this country are Democrats, a bunch of whom are still voting straight ticket because FDR gave them Social Security they never paid for. That's why I fear for Ronnies's chances: betting on the stupidity of the people is a pretty darn sure thing! Too bad Bush is his running mate, though. Bush isn't conservative enough, and could well turn out to be another Earl Warren or Lyndon Johnson in power, and that is important: not only is Reagan old, but the election is in 1980. Don't forget that every President elected on the even 20 years since 1840 or so has died in office. Every one.

I have to disagree on the Indians. It is not at all too late to do something for the Indians who are alive today and living on the government dole. No reason in the world we can't kick them in the ass and force them to blow their own nose. The hell with what happened in the past; these people are being raised and fostered as a welfare race here and now. THAT can be changed. It's just that the people making the decisions have neither the brains nor the balls to perceive a problem, recognize any obvious solution, and carry through with it.

I wouldn't be surprised if Jack Anderson really did come out with something like that. He really belongs in the National Enquirer, beside those UFO items and occult clippings Gibson sends me to support his cases. Even if an article made sense, the source would condemn it. The Enquirer is for sick old women who get off on the barrage of freak stories, sex, occult, UFOs, and other shit. A clown with the flair for sensationalism at the expense of truth that Anderson has shown in the stuff of his I've seen would fit right in. Hell, maybe he IS there!

As for your letter in the fake, I thought that was the first and only time in your hobby career that you've been completely honest and forward. Don't all Jews really feel that way inside? Bill Shaffer tells me...ah, skip it.))

Michael Mills (Emhain Macha) 1585 Quaker Rd., Macedon, NY, 14502

It's been many moons since I last wrote, and my ass is still cold. But I've got something to clarify. In the last BB you say that I am the only person to deny that I wrote "my letter" for the FAKE BB. Untrue. I said, "and even has a letter supposedly written by me!" Sure, I shaded my words, but the thing was all in fun. I did write my letter in response to "Operation Brutus Bullshit", which arrived in late spring. But promise me that you won't let Boardman go ahead with his plan to boycott fakers--I'm only a small fry!

But, in case you need something to go on, let me tell you about THE GANG OF THREE. They are "Black Jack" Masters, Brux Linsey and Bob "The Grand Volker" Arnett". This band of troublemakers has been responsible for many fakes--"Xmas Volker", "Bruxus Bulletin", "Barker", "Kathy Byrne's Black Frog" and Whitestonia. There may be more, but this should send them up for a good long stretch.

Tell Boardman to hunt THE GANG OF THREE, not me.

As I see by your last ish, you thought the BF fake was real, well--se just how much fun they can be! Though I thinks we've

all had enough of fakes, and I think we should appoint Oberfueher David Perlmutter and Jake "The Snake" Walters to put an end to it. These two operatives should maximally demote with extreme prejudice any and all Fakers, after Aug 28.

OK... 'nuff of fakes.

On the political front all I can say is DON'T VOTE FOR RUNNIE!!! Jimmy's got four years of on the job training. We don't need to have to train another one! Besides most, if not GOPs are

incompentent, according to Dr. Shockly.

Say what has happened to the good ole sleazy subjects that flaunted their way through BB in the past--homos, aliens (illegals), Gibby? Either you've cleaned up your act, or those involved have burned themselves out. I surely would like to see some dirt, especially for your Christmas issue. (Christmas?)

Well, what else...gee...not much, but I hope...hold the phone...yes, it was I who asked for extra label masters...problem is I'm going to wait before typing them up, since my reader list is undergoing changes—everyone's moving!

Well, that is all cause I've got nothing to say ...

((Dr Shockly writes for the National Enquirer, right? Seriously, if Jimmy has learned to be this big an asshole in four years on the job, I seriously question whether the country can afford to let him straighten up on the job at our further expense. And that would presume that his lessons have been just that, and not some last minute speech changes for the sake of the election alone. Reagan is not a charismatic leader of men. He is, however, not Jimmy Carter. That qualifies him head and shoulders above the opposition on its own merit, whether you beleive a conservative attitude is better or not, or whether you further think it will make a difference or not. We would be better off with a farcial Kennedy standin like Anderson than with Carter again. Even Ed Clark would at least be more honest, and more entertaining in so far as having less support in Congress to pander to. (I actually saw a Clark commercial on TV tonight. I thought, 'who is that guy? I've seen that hairdo somewhere..' At first the only Clark I could think of was a guy in Canada, but then I remembered the Liberterrians).))

RON MAZURKIEWICZ

Milwaukee, WI

(excerpt)
...The books by Paul Darsinier are very interesting. I have a copy of THE DRAMA OF
THE EUROPEAN JEWS, and when I get the collection of all four of his books I'll send
it to you. I find the issue of the Holocaust very interesting. Mostly from the standpoint of how there should be any question about such an event at all. You shouldn't
be able to lose 6 million people, you know. Rassinier's point is that they were
all there at the end of the war and most ended up in the Soviet Union, a lot emigrated
to the US and some to Israel. I have to admit just little facts here and there do
seem to corroborate his ideas. For example, I've never been able to understand how
we got all the thousands of surviviors of Auschwitz in this country. How do you survive
an extermination camp that runs till the Germans voluntarily shut it down in 1945?
You'd think after they finished off all the inma tes who are witnesses, right? But
here thousands are in the US.

Who are you planning on voting for this year? I was going to vote for Reagan until he started his tax cut to stimulate the economy talk. That's the old Kennedy, Keynes sort of talk that is pushing us towards hyper-inflation. It shows me that he is just another lying rat that will promise anything to get elected—and then do the same old thing. Maybe I'll vote for the Libertarian Party this year.

PS: ...take a look at the recent issume of Esquire magazine that has Reagan in

cowboy uniform on the cover, I guess the August issue. It has an aritcle by Gore Vidal on "the state of the Union" according to him. It just about knocked me out of my chair. It's a big tirade against Rockefeller and the Chase Manhattan bank and the Tri-lateral Commission. Apparently the East Coast liberal intellectuals are now coming to believe the right wing conspiracy theory. I can't beleive it!!

((Maybe they'll vote for Reagan then?

I'm disappointed to hear that you're backing off from Reagan for supporting a tax cut. I would presume that such a move would simply mean that much bigger a cut in the federal budget to accomodate both a balanced budget and the smaller budget. A vote for the Libs is a nice protest gesture, but a vote for Reagan would still seem to offer at least the chance for improvement, while a protest gesture to Clark or Anderson just means a concession to Carter. Personally, I think stupidity will put Carter back in, but not without my trying to stop it. I hope you'll do the same. 'You' being everyone who thinks and votes out there.))

((PS to Perlmutter: Ron is the one who really sent me that brochure. It did not really come in my issue of EGGNOG...)) **********************

ZINE REVIEWS

are an important feature in any zine. It helps the novices out there get a better feeling of the size and nature and variety of the hobby, not just giving them the raw poop of how much is charged by who for what. Hopefully it also motivates some of them to come out of their shell and get involved in the hobby more. This hobby IS the zines—that's all there is folks! They range from right to left, plain to fancy, straightlaced to insame. It is a veritable smorgasbord of tastes and culture (or lack thereof), in English, broken English, French, German, Swedish...you name it. Unless you're as dumb as I was for a long time and get yourself into 14 games at once, 2 to 6 will keep you busy enough. The rest of your hobby involvement, under less pressure, should be in the variety of wierd Dip stuff that you get in the mail each month-or in some cases, each week. These are the zines that provide letters, commentary, game reviews, music reviews, recipes, convention notes, funny press, disgusting press, feuds and slanders, humor, nonsense, Gibson, science fiction reviews, you name it. Zine Reviews provide you with a menu of what is available out there, as well as a chance for the pubbers to praise their friends and curse their enemies.

However, I'm sure as hell not in the mood tonight, so instead, I'll review my liquor cabinet.

CROWN ROYAL (Seagrams) is the top of the line here. This is just for me, and occasionally Claudine if she's drinking that night. At \$13 a fifth, heck with the others. Goes well with Sprite or Coke. (7Up and Pepsi are sweeter, better for drinking straight; for mixing, use Coke. Not fit to drink alone).

CANADIAN CLUB (Hiram Walker & Sons) Obviously my tastes go to the light Canadian blends. "CC" is reasonably well known, and can be ordered anywhere. Even in Thailand, "CC-Coke" is understood by any bartender. Mix these weak; they taste better, you can drink more of them, and girls prefer them that way. Why offer a girl a strong drink she will refuse, or sip and hold? Give her a weak one she'll enjoy, chug, and have three more of! CC is about the same as Crown Royal, only cheaper and tastes a tad stronger.

 $ar{ extsf{V}}$ O (Seagrams? I don't remember now..) This one was famous in Service, if only as a source of your Short Timer's Ribbon. About the twin of CC, perhaps more widely known. Therefore asking for CC instead makes you look better. Until the bartender says "huh?" anyway. I serve this to friends who drink.

CANADIAN MIST (-?-) A newcomer. Claudine got this in the Virgin Islands as part of a 6pack, 6 quarts of booze for \$10. Not a bad deal. I serve this to relatives and to visitors too dumb to have taken advantage of the VO I originally offered them. If they didn't take advantage of it, hell with 'em, drink the cheap stuff then.

RON BACARDI (Rum, dummies). Excellent for Pina Coladas, or mixing with coke. Other than that, not worth drinking. No wonder they gave it to sailors. Out of space, luck

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KNOWN VARIANT OPENINGS (* indicates games which must be bought) ((indicates month updated))

John Boardman, 234 E 19th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA EMPIRE, triweekly, \$15 ((Aug)) Conquistadore*

Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl, Bakersfield, Ca 93304 USA MURD'RING MINISTERS, \$4/year ((May))
Origins of WW II*

Fred C Davis Jr, 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore Md 21207 USA BUSHWACKER, monthly, \$7 (\$3.50 Standby) ((Aug)) 1885 II, Abstraction, Gusher, Small World II-R

Laurence Gillespie, 23 Robert Allen Dr, Halifax NS B3M 3G9 CANADA ZEPPELIN, \$11 Can ((Feb))
Holocaust, War in the Air, WW I

Roy Henricks, 240 S Millvale Av, Pittsburgh Pa 15224 USA ENVOY, monthly, \$2 + sub 12/\$7.50 ((Aug)) Kingmaker*, Mighty Fortress*, Nuclear Destruction*, Pythonic, Russian Civil War*

W Elmer Hinton Jr, 20 Almont St, Nashua NH 03060 USA KAISSA, triweekly ((Feb))
2001 (game sub \$8); Machiavelli* (game sub \$10)

John Lipscomb, 1201 Osler St, Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7N OT8 CANADA ASSORTED GARBAGE, 4 week deadlines, deposit \$1 + 5/\$1 Can ((Oct)) Ancient Empires II, Growth, Mountain, South African, Winter 1900, WW III, any other variant suggested

Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon NY 14502 USA EMHAIN MACHA, 4 week issues ((Aug)) Vain Rats

Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park Mi 48030 USA JIHAD, 12/\$6 ((Aug)) Kingmaker*

Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA
- HANSARD, monthly, \$3 + sub or contribute to APA-DuD ((Aug))
Parlement

Bruce Schneier, 455 E 17th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA CONQUEST, 4 week issues, \$3.50 + 3/\$1 ((Aug)) Divine Right*

Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Rd, Endwell NY 13760 USA
THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, monthly, \$1 + \$5/year ((May))
Ancient Empires II, Delayed Stab, Kingmaker*, Nuclear Destruction*

Glen Taylor, 6908 Buchanan St, Landover Hills Md 20784 USA carbon copy ((Jul))
Youngstown IV

With the end of publication of The Flying Orphan, I will continue to maintain this list as a hobby service. The list will be made available to Diplomacy World and the Miller Number Custodian as in the past, to the diplomacy section of the soon-to-be-formed NY games society, and to anyone who sends me a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope. Of course, this list is only as accurate as the information submitted by my correspondents.

- 1 (A&B). The Council allocates the sum of \$50.00 for the Novice Packet currently being prepared by Bruce Linsey. This sum will be administered by a trusteeship of this Council. The Trustees will be Lee Kendter, Eric Verheiden, and Victor Ricci. The Trustees may authorize any single individual to act for them. They will allocate the money on the basis of itemized statements of work done. They may, however, allocate money in advance on the basis of (a) an estimated itemization of work needed and (b) a follow-up itemization once work is completed.
- 2A. The Council allocates the sum of \$15.00 to Elmer Hinton for the printing and mailing of DIPLOMACY REVIEW 79.1.
- 3. The Council allocates the sum of \$20.00 to Scott Marley for all issues of DIPLOMACY REVIEW produced by him during 1979 and 1980.
- 4. The Council allocates the sum of \$10.00 to Ray Heuer for game placements of the Orphan Game Project through 1 January 1980.
- 5 (r&i). The Council authorizes the following donations to the following hobby projects:
- a. To Greg Costikyan for the Miller Numbers, \$15.00. b. To Lee Kendter for the Boardman Numbers, \$20.00.
- cA. To Costikyan and Kendter as Trustees to distribute to bona fide orphan projects, \$25.00.

If the total amount of these donations exceeds the balance left in the Treasury after the allocations in ##1-4 above are made, the Treasurer will reduce the donations by equal amounts until the total of the donations equals the balance in the Treasury. If there would be money left in the Treasury after these donations are made, the Treasurer will increase the donations by equal amounts until the Treasury is depleted.

- 6A. The Special Projects Officer will cause to be printed in DIPLOMACY WORLD a short statement outlining the Council's actions.
- 7. The Council hereby repeals any Bills passed during 1980 whose provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Bill.
- 8C. The Council declares the International Diplomacy Association dissolved.

I hereby certify that this Bill has been duly passed by the Council and represents the expressed wishes of the requisite majorities.

Victor Ricci is the Special Projects Officer authorized to speak for the Council under clause 6A, and is the only person so authorized.

William Young is the past Treasurer having custody of the Treasury, and is hereby authorized and directed to disburse the Treasury in accordance with clauses 1 through 5 above.