

With the Reagan victory for America, it will be a few more years now before your BB comes titled as:

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Бюллетень Брутуса

Полночь, Брутус?

The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYtm brought to you every few weeks by John Michalski ("mih-HOLL-skee"), Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Subs are available at the rate of 12/\$5, 12/\$4 for resubs for now. No need to resub for better rates now, because I'll adjust them all when the rates go up shortly anyhow. Just be glad that this is already probably the, or at least one of the, best brys in the hobby for a few more weeks.

GAME OPENINGS are available with GEMs Scott Hansen (IRKSOME), 701 SE 15 Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414; 2 week deadlines, black press/ AND Dave Marshall (DOWN 'N' DIRTY), 1547 Maplegrove Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121; 3 week deadlines, grey or black press. Dave is an experienced GEM from GLAN & FAN; Scott is a novice GEM whose work I guarantee to run to completion. Gamefees \$2.50 to \$3.50; write/pay them direct, which is how you will get your results. Remember, a BB sub is OPTIONAL to play!

THIS ISSUE's title is courtesy of Mike Conner who translates Russian technical journals for interested parties. I've now had titles in Greek, Arabic, and Russian; I'm still waiting on Perlmutter to send in a Yiddish rendition for us. Anybody out there know Hungarian or Albanian or Tahitian or Fortran or...?

LAST ISSUE should have gone out sooner, I'd hoped, which is why I hurried off a cover on the only colored paper available, perforated blue. I could have waited as it turned out. Anyhow, that's why it was perforated. It was NOT to aid in tearing the thing in half.

SUBS EXPIRING: This issue, NONE! Next issue, Guajardo, Letcher. COMPLIMENTARIES CUT: Kehrner, Mitchell, Howe, Pilant. WELCOME to new subscribers ERIC OZOG, BRAD WILSON, and MARK LARZELERE. The latter publishes the nice looking newcomer to the zine world, APALLING GREED, 522 W Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48843. Brad publishes the attractive new zine BORN TO DIP, a refreshing rightish zine that offers 2-week-deadline black press openings, along with regular openings. Drop them each a stamp and ask for a sample. Getting into a game in a new zine is a nice experience for all, except when the thing drops from under you after 8 issues. These are both witty and look promising, tho. (That fast black press game sounds tempting, but I'm already in too much...) If you would like to expand your hobby involvement, NOW is the time to do it: these newcomers are eager to get customers, and will often give you a cost break. Next year should be the year of the average dipzeen going to 50-60¢, so sign up now and do both of you a favor. ERIC OZOG doesn't publish to my knowledge, but some of you veteran subscribers may remember his name from the heyday of the Tretick exposures, where Eric was one of those rare birds allying himself with "Bernie". I hope Eric is both older and wiser now, but in any case, may perhaps offer us some views from the 'other side' in letters or something. Again, I encourage all of you to write in with your views on all issues: that is what keeps BB worth reading.

FRANCOIS GUERRIER has set a new record with his recent issue of PASSCHENDAELE that ran to an astounding 104 pages. Not all useless crap either; quite an accomplishment. My issue took quite a while in arriving due to it having to be mailed at virtually book rate. Those large envelopes travel by truck, not plane. An impressive project. If you don't get it, send at least a buck to Box 32 Station A, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 0T9. The 12 page BB review didn't sound exactly accurate to me--possibly dated--but at over a page, who can complain?

Speaking of complaints, that darn BRUX LINSKY put out another issue that not only starts ANOTHER new game (his 5th in 2 issues), but reprints the entire 1 page of Robert Bryan Lipton's MIXUMAXU GAZETTE #115 with his commentary on it, just as I was planning

to do! Mr Lipton folded MMG some years ago and now only uses it as a flyer to send game results out on. During its normal life, it was one of my initial favorites. The issue in question contains one of those hobby-has-gone-to-hell-since-my-good-old-days editorials that usually make the author look dumb and out of it; this one was no exception. Someone sent me a courtesy copy, as I was mentioned in it ("Is John Michalski any more to you than a right-winger?"). And then here Linsey comes along and runs it ahead of me. What is the BULLETIN coming to? It used to be that no one except Konrad Baumeister would steal a headline from me...

Other stuff brought up by Linsey includes further wild extrapolations of possible "ambiguous" orders that readily show Linsey's programming background. It seems he puts himself in place of the computers he works with, and as GM, tries (successfully) to come up with problems and "ambiguities" that no normal human mind could possibly concoct. It makes for interesting reading if you too are a machine and cannot tell the difference or irrelevance between a blank and a zero, for instance. On the other hand, if you take it all as a parody of logic, it can be funny. If you take it seriously, seek professional help. Next issue of VD may contain an expose' of the ambiguities caused by Tyr for both Tyrolia and Tyrhennian Sea... Ah, one more item. I and a few others were mentioned/assailed for having a higher rate for new subscribers than for old, with the added plea of "give the novice a break". Well, I for one cannot agree. The only way one could make such a case would be if (a) one seeks to expand on current circulation considerably (b) you don't care who subscribes individually, only in gross, and (c) you look at it more as a business or an advertising campaign than as a hobby project. None of those are true with me.

The present size of BB is actually about 25% more than I'd really prefer to handle; however, I really cannot turn away paying customers, even at lower rates. With an ever-increasing % of the costs of BB coming \$-for-\$ out of my own pocket, incoming checks are needed in a fairly steady rate. Therefore I don't want to TURN AWAY new faces, but on the other hand, I couldn't handle 125 subbers. Half that many is something of a chore already, but possible. Why encourage faster growth then, when I already am slowly growing a tad faster than some old faces are falling away? Next, novices already can get a break here with very cheap games, since a sub to BB is OPTIONAL. For \$3.50 total cost, you can get into 2 or 3 games that will appear here right now. I challenge anyone except Andy Lischett to beat that cost. On the other hand, why give them (or anyone) any more of a break than they're already getting? Whether at 33 or 43¢ each, a 22 page BB mailed 3d class would be \$1.70 at COST if done commercially at 7¢ a copy. For the moment, copying costs are only ("only") my gas costs to and fro to Midwest City if-and-whenver I can get it run off, and I'm already passing on the savings. I always have. If any novice (or anyone else) thinks these rates are too high for receiving an average of about 44 pages of material a month, they can frankly go take a flying leap. Finally, the smaller cost for veteran subbers is a gesture of thanks for sticking around with me. I view publishing to some extent as a newsletter between friends, as well as a public platform and/or 'business' of running games. Therefore, if I can afford to make such a gesture to the veterans, I will. I hope this explains the matter to any interested. (I don't have time to write when I have a BB due out, so I'll kill two birds with one stone and write back to Bruxus here and make an editorial of it. Lazy, hey?)

PEARL #1 is the latest fake that I think Jack Masters has put out, attributing the thing to our own David Perlmutter. A very clever production, especially "Father of Pearl", the inside story from Hitler's own barber. That wit could only be Masters. Or maybe it really was Perlmutter? Naw, couldn't be. Could it? Write Black Jack for a copy so you'll get on his mailing list for the fake Christmas Volkers. Jack openly publishes BLACK FROG, which is too good to comment on. 25711 N Vista Fwys Dr, Valencia, CA 91355. And just in, Ron Brown's MURDRIN MINISTERS #26, announcing that he will be dropping to 12 pages soon, or a 40% cut. Too bad, but understandable.

THIS ISSUE will be my last before Christmas, so happy holidays to you all.

Altho as of 12/15; #79 is almost ready. I've got a ton of letters in...

John

This Is Issue #8
Featuring 1980IE

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..... "There is a sixth dimension beyond that which is known to man.
It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity.
It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science
and superstition, between the pit of man's fears and the sunlight
of his knowledge. It is the dimension of the imagination. It is
an area we call...the TWILIGHT ZONE. People who live there read...

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF ~~ROD SERLING~~ LIBERTY

(which is a subzine of the in/famous
Julius and Ethel Rosenberg Bulletin)

1980IE.....1980IE.....1980IE.....1980IE.....1980IE.....1980IE.....1980I

WINTER 1902: Austria NMR's So GM Removes A Gal
England Rets A Bel OTB so Builds F Lon
France Builds F Bre
Germany Build F Kie
Italy NMR's so does not build 2
Russia Removes F Lvn and F Bot
Turkey Removes A Arm

OKIE SONGS..

" A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR SHAFFER "

" DAVE PILANT'S BODY LIES A' MOULDERING IN HIS GRAVE "

Spring 1903:

AUSTRIA (CD)..... NMR! A VIE H, F ADR H, F GRE H, A BUL H (dis/rets OTB)
ENGLAND (Shaffer).. F LON-eng, F NWY-nth, F NTH-hel, F SKA-swe, F StP-nwv
FRANCE (Cummings).. F bre-ENG, F MAO S F Bre-Eng, F iri-LVP, A pic-BUR
A BEL S A Pic-Bur, A bur-GAS
GERMANY (Leritte).. F KIE-hel, F bal-BER, A SWE H, F DEN S A Swe, A sil-MUN
A hol-RUH
ITALY (Wilson ?)...NMR! F TYR H, F ION H, A SER H, A TRI H.
RUSSIA (Blant).....A war-SIL, A ukr-GAL, F sev-BLA, F RUM S F Sev-Bla
TURKEY (Pilant)....F bla-BUL, F AEG + A CON S F Bla-Bul

Hmm maybe Pilant has a chance after-all. I removed A Gal (A had one removal)
according to flip of coin between it and F ADR. Aus. is now in CD. Italy is
not but will be if he NMR's again. All the proposals failed. New ones are as
follows (A) A R-T draw (B) Again move game to 10-day deadlines. Vote!
COA For Germany (temp.) PO Box 2522, Columbus MS 39701. The best little whore-
house in MS.

(Press follows)

1980 IE Press, Spring, 1903

PRESS:

GER-GM: Boy, you are a Turkey.

RUS-ENG: You lucky, watching Pilant temporarily addled my brain. I made a typical Pilant tactical move-DUMB!

RUS-ITALY: How about a R, I, F alliance?

RUS-GER: How about a non-aggression pact while Italy and I take care of Pilant?

RUS-TURKEY: Stop writing me Turkey. You had your chance to be my ally, now Italy and I are going to cream you.

CON NEWS SERVICE: 7:15 PM NBC gives it to Reagan
7:30 Carter concedes.

MERION: In the words of Fran Tarkenton "That's incredible".

MOS-WORLD: Help!! I had to scrape this strange stuff off my windshield this morning. People actually do this all winter. I've got to get out of here soon.

MERION: May I suggest Oklahoma? I guess the press will begin to wind down, I've run out of ideas myself. Keep trying though.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1903 IS SATURDAY NOV. 15th (since this maybe mailed late due to Xerox problems)

THE END.

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GEARING UP FOR A MASSIVE FINAL BATTLE?

Nov 16, 1980

Fall 1908 missing order: English A BEL-Bur

Winter, 1908: England: A War r GAL, builds F EDI. French F Por, Nap r OTB
Turkey builds A CON, A ANK, A SMY

SPRING, 1909

ENGLAND (Reese): F Edi-NWG; A GAS & A BEL S A Par-Ruh/imp.; A PAR U, H;
F Spasc-WES; F MID-Naf; F Eng-NTH; A RUH-Mun; F KIE S A Ber;
A BER S A Ruh-Mun; F GOB S F StPsc; F STPsc H; A Gal S French
A Tyo-Vie/NSO/d/r Boh, Sil, Otb; F IRI-Mid

FRANCE (Columbo): F Rom-TUS; A Bur-PIC; A MUN S A Pru-Ber; A PRU-Ber; A Ven-PIE;
A TYO S A Mun; F TUN-Naf

TURKEY (Guajardo): A Ank-ARM; A Con-BUL; A Smy-TRI; F ION, ADR, & AEG C A Smy-Tri
F APU S F Ion; F Trb-ALB; A Bud-GAL; A Mos-UKR; A Sev-RUM; A VIE
S A Bud-Gal; A WAR S A Mos-Ukr

Well, maybe by spring we'll see if England can make it or not. Looks pretty iffy: the closest 18 line right now seems to be StP-Ber-Mun-Mar-Spa PLUS one more, either Tun or War. That 18th will be hard to pry loose, it seems, as the Turkish buildup looks formidable. Maybe there will be an NMR and A Pic will be unordered next season... Let's see what Fall, 1909 brings with my mail received here MONDAY, December 15, 1980. Press follows.

DOGPATCH: Hickory, dickory, dock, the Turk has run amok-of-it.
He woos first one, and when he's done
he'll change sides just for the ____-of-it!

... Uh, hello Dave. Yeah listen, is it OK if I move your units for you in that MANIACAL game? You see thw whole game is a fake. I'll move all the units to screw Byrne. Fine, yeah you can send me a copy of...

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF BOB OSUCH LIBERTY

(Which is not a subzine of
THE BRUTUS bullshitte.)

1980IE

FALL 1903:

* WILL PILANT OVERRUN THE MED?*

* WILL BLANT OVERUN PILANT?*

AUSTRIA (CD) F ADR H, A VIE H, F GRE H

ENGLAND (Shaffer?) NMR! F LON H, F NWY H, F NTH H, F SKA H, F STP H

FRANCE (Cummings) A BEL S A Bur, A BUR S A Bel, A GAS S A Bur, F MAO S. F Eng
F ENG S A Bel. F LVP H (and rejoices)

GERMANY (leritte) A SWE S F Den, F DEN S A Swe, F kie-HOL, F BER H
A mun-TYO, A ruh-MUN.

ITALY (CD) F TYR H, F ICN H, A SER H, A TRI H

RUSSIA (Blant) A gal-BUD, A sil-BOH, F RUM H, F bla-ANK

TURKEY (Pilant) F BULec S F Aeg-Gre, F aeg-GRE, F con-BLA

1903 Results.

Sorry, it can't do that!

	total	chance
Austria: Vie, BAD , BAL , Gre.....	Has 2	loses 2
England: Lon, Edi, Lyp , Nwy, StP.....	Has 4	loses 1
France : Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel, LVP.....	Has 7	Builds 1
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den, Swe.....	Has 6	Even
Italy : Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun, Tri, Ser.....	Has 6	(can't build)
Russia : Sev, Mos, War, Rum, BUD, ANK.....	Has 6	Build 2
Turkey : Con, Smy, AKK , BUL,	Has 3	Even

Well it looks like a short lull while everyone gobbles up loose centers. Pilant may end up having no home centers but a Mare Nostrum in the Med. We shall see.

The Ten-Day deadline proposal passed, so that means your moves will be due ten days after mailing. Still pretty fast. Maybe this will cut down on the NMR's. No new proposals so I might as well toss one in.

(A) All players give the GM ten dollars.

Well I can try, can't I? Vote.

Press..... *This Press is rated XYZ by the Catholic Church*.....

MERION: To all people reading this. I am no longer writing press under any datelines unless I have the players permission.

MOS-WORLD: "Little Father" will give you one more chance to reconsider your positions before he turns Rasputin's evil powers loose on your daughters and wives.

CON: Time 7.00: I sit down to watch the election.

7:15 John Chancellor says "I think Reagan's got it".

7:30 Carter concedes!

MERION: And boy were those western Democrats pissed off.

*Pilant will
win!*

BLK SEA: And 53 Republican senators.

MOSCOW: There goes SALT II.

TEHRAN: Militant to Iofucka Khomenshit " O fearless leader, Carter lost, as you said. Now how do we negotiate with an ICBM".

CON: Goodbye Frank, Goodbye Herman, Adios George, So long Birch. When are you up for re-election Ted?

MERION-CON: Wrong Dave. "Dunkin' Ted" will always win in Mass. As long as Runny nosed liberals like Mike Mills cross the border to vote for him.

ANK: Today the Senate, tomorrow the world!

ROME: Does the Russian really moonlight as a suction pump?

BER-PAR: I don't mind the correspondence but my wife is getting curious about the perfumed envelopes.

MERION: She's not the only one. Although I fail to see why Mike Mills is writing to you too.

LON: Why did froggie buy 5 pounds of butter and two dozen cucumbers?

MERION: Because, like Bob Osuck and Mike Mick he saw Caligula.

CON: Rumers about England launching a chemical warfare effort appear to be true. Ships have been observed off-loading massive quantities of Coors and Baked Beans.

MERION: Where? Chicago? Macedon?

LON-MOS: Suck my Dick!

MOS: Slurp, slurp.

MOS-ENG: Let's attack Germany if you can get Pilant off my back. He wants Rasputin's mailing address. He keeps muttering something about love and pain.

TURK-MOS: "Say fella, I get Rossey baby myself".

MERION: Yeah, and Osuch does it much too often. That's why he should be expelled from the hobby.

CON-MOS: You dumb fuck, Aus in CD, Italy NMRing and you stab me?

PILANT'S PROSE: Bruce did it again. Showed up for "Meet The Press" with a bottle of ketsup. Seems there was this misunderstanding over the phone...

The Toilet backed up the other day and out oozed VoDumb, sraight (?) from Flushing. I figured out why Linseed sends them that way, it's against the law to mail crap like that across state lines.

MERION: So why the fuck does my Perils Of Poop and Excretion Macho get here in envelopes?

PILANT'S POETRY: On Linseed we just got a handle
His behavior is reallya scandle.

He went to a park,
And just for a lark,
He fucked himself with a candle.

Bruce Linseed was once in Khartoum
Where he and Jack Frostshared a room.

It's puzzling. tis true,
What two geers might do,
With what and where and to whom.

MERION: Sounds like Bob (The Happy Polack) Osuch and Mike (Mr. Potatoe Head) Mills to me.

But seriously some of you may be wondering about the venom that which I am showing towards Bob and Mike. Simple. I feel that since everyone else in the hobby is involved in the Linsey-Caruso battle, I should start my own fued against two good people who have always treated me fairly. Since everyone else is fueding about nothing, so can we. Nuff said.

THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1903 AND SPRING 1904

IS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th.

*Done Rerhmitt
Professional Bad GM.*

CD will win!

Linette will win!

*Bob Osuch
kills*

*Bob Osuch
kills*

if a guy will win

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
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ITALY TRIES HARD TO MAKE
ENEMY, FINDS NO TAKER

Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A Tyo-TRI; A Tri-SER; A Bud-GAE; F ION-Aeg;
A Bul H/d/r to Gre, Otb

ENGLAND (Kirchner): NMR! F NWG H; F NTH H; F SKA H

FRANCE (Bricken): F Mid-NAF; F Eng-MID; A PAR-Pic; A GAS-Par

GERMANY (Stark): A BUR-Pic; A MUN-Bur; A BEL S A Mun-Bur; A HOL S
A Bel; F HEL S F Den; F DEN H

ITALY (Henry): F Lyo-SPA(sc); F Spa(sc)-POR; A Gre-ALB; A MAR S
F Lyo-Spa(sc); F Ven-ADR

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A NWY H; A STP S A Nwy; F SWE S A Nwy; A Mos-UKR;
F SEV S F Rum; F RUM S F Sev

TURKEY (Petrie): A Con-BUL; F BLA S A Con-Bul; F SMY-Aeg

So, some notable changes this time. Austria and Italy seem to have patched things up. I don't know what happened to Eric Kirchner, but I'm loath to call for another standby, so I'll gamble that he returns. If he doesn't, I'll have a decision to make, but I feel that he will. 1904 in review and press follow.

1904 #	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
4, (5)	0	Austria	Vie, Bud, Ser, Edi , Tri, (GRE)
3	0	England	Edi, Lvp, Lon
2	-2	France	Par, Bre, Mar , Spa , Por
6	0	Germany	Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den, Bel
7, (8)+2or+3		Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, (Gre), MAR, SPA, POR
7	0	Russia	StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy
<u>4</u>	<u>+1</u>	Turkey	Ank, Con, Smy, BUL

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PRESS

MOS-HER FRIENDS: Just a comment on that NMR: Fuck! We're sitting here in the middle of the Bullshitvik revolution and ther's a little delay in mail delivery, since we send it by pigeon ass, and what happens? I get NMRed. Well, you better believe I'm gonna damn well be here for a while.

REPUBLICAN-REPUBLICAN: Sorry, but you said you'd write and tell me how to move. I must interpret your silence as anger. I guess this ruins all chances of alliance, which is too bad. Sorry, but I need moves from you; I feel that I have no time to negotiate on my own. I do feel pretty bad stabbing a fellow Rep, but if I was going to stab, might as well be now. No hard feelings? Hey, drop that gun, stop, don't shoo.... Aahh. Who shot D.P.?

BLACK PRESS WRITER: I'm tired. I get no respect. No more press from me--ever. Now see how exciting this game is?

BLACK SEA: I for one think Bob Osuch is a very good GM.

THE OTHER SIX PLAYERS: Oh yeah?

CHICAGO: I hope the black press writer wasn't serious about going on strike. Austria's retreat, Winter 1904, & Spring 1905 are due Saturday, Nov. 15, 1980

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MUNICH GERMAN AGAIN
RUSSIA DOWN AND OUT

Autumn 1907: Germany retreats A Tuscany to Piedmont, A Munich to Burgundy

Winter 1907: Austria builds A Budapest; Turkey builds F Smyrna

Spring 1908:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A BOH-Sil; A Ven-Pie; A TYO S A Ven-Pie; A TUS S
A Ven-Pie; A Bud-RUM; A Mun-Ber/d/destroyed

FRANCE (Howe): F MID-NAf; F POR-Mid; F SPA(sc)-Wes; A MAR-Spa; A GAS
S A Mar-Spa

GERMANY (Kirchner): F Nth-ENG; A Bur-MUN; A RUE S A Bur-Mun; A BER S
A Bur-Mun; A Yor-LON; A PRU-Sil; F BAL-Kie; F HEL-Kie;
A STP-Mos; A LVN S A StP-Mos; A Pie-Tyo/d/destroyed

ITALY (CD): F NAP H

RUSSIA (CD): A Mos H/d/destroyed

TURKEY (Mooney): A War-MOS; A UKR S A War-Mos; A SEV S A War-Mos;
A GAL S AUSTRIAN A Mun-Sil(NSO); F Smy-AEG; A GRE H; F TUN-NAf;
F WES S F Tun-NAf; F LYO S F Wes; F Ion-TYN

COA: Eric Kirchner, 308 Enchanted Way, Del Rio, TX 78840

So, we're down to five, soon to be four, after which we'll reach the moment
of reckoning. At that point, we'll see one of these three climactic decisions

- 1) A stab
- 2) A tactical error
- 3) A draw

Stay tuned for further developments. And Gary, you owe 17 dollars in back
ACS dues. Please remit.

Fall 1908 orders will be due on Saturday, November 22, 1980.

PRESS

CHICAGO-FLUSHING: This is Diplomacy, not basketball. So, while you're likely
to come across a lot of "drivel", chances are pretty slim that you'd see
too much "dribble", unless "Magic" Johnson entered the hobby. Now, aren't
you guys extremely embarrassed? I know I would be!

CHICAGO-79N: In case you don't know what I'm talking about, write John
Caruso, 42-34 Saull St., Flushing, NY 11355, and ask him for a sample of
Whitestonia, issue # 26. Real entertainment.

CHICAGO: Well, if that doesn't displace the Caruso-Linsey feud then I give
up! Here's another plug. Write Bruce Linsey, Bldg 11 Apt 21, Liesureville,
Watervliet, NY 12189, and ask for a sample. Especially recommended for you
novices out there who have yet to experience the thrill of being booted out
of a Dip game. But watch out. If you irritate Bruce, he's liable to smear
your name across the pages of his zine. Don't worry, though. After the
whole hobby sees what an asshole Bruce thinks you are, he'll apologize and
retract everything he said. Swell guy, that Bruce. That's OK, Bruce. I
still love you.

P.S. Don't ask for a sample of Linsey, ask for his zine, The Voice of Doom.

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STING ON IN PRUSSIA

Autumn 1904: Austria retreats A Bulgaria to Greece

Winter 1904: France removes F North Africa, F Mid Atlantic; Italy builds A Venice, F Naples; Russia builds A Warsaw; Turkey builds F Constantinople

Spring 1905:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A Ser-BUL; A GRE S A Ser-Bul; A Gal-SIL; F ION H;
A Tri-VIE

ENGLAND (Kirchner): F SKA-Nwy; F NTH S F Ska-Nwy; F NWG S F Ska-Nwy

FRANCE (Bricken): A PAR S ITALIAN A Mar-Bur (NSO); A GAS S ITALIAN
A Mar-Bur (NSO)

GERMANY (Stark?): NMR. A BUR, MUN, BEL, HOL H; F HEL, DEN H

ITALY (Henry): F Por-MID; F SPA(sc) S A Mar; A MAR S F Spa(sc); A Ven-
TYO; A Alb-VEN; F ADR C A Alb-Ven; F Nap-TYN

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A NWY S F Swe; F SWE S A Nwy; A STP S A Nwy; A UKR
S F Rum; A War-GAL; F Sev-BLA; F RUM S F Sev-Bla

TURKEY (Petrie): F Con-AEG; F SMY S F Con-Aeg; A Bul H/d/r to Con, Otb;
F Bla S A Bul/d/r to Con, Ank, Arm, Otb

So, yet another NMR by Germany, so I'd better call for a standby, which will be the same one I called for Germany last NMR. Will Dave Grabar, 1583 Truman St., Chowchilla, CA 93610, please submit standby orders for Germany? Thanks.

COA: Eric Kirchner, 308 Enchanted Way, Del Rio, TX 78840

Not much action west of the Rhine, but that's bound to change soon. In the east, Russia inches slowly forward, Turkey takes his lumps, and Austria & Italy work into position to strike in either direction. Let's see what develops with Turkey's retreats and Fall 1905, due Monday, December 1, 1980.

PRESS

ITA-GER: If you can do it in 1940 (overrunning France in 3 mos.), we spaghetti slurpers must start 36 years in advance, as we need to slurp spaghetti, ... drink vino... pinch the firmest female bottoms... drink vino ... drink vino...

ITALY-FRANCE: How about peace, or is that a piece?

GER-TUR: Let's form an alliance against England, you've got the fleets, and I've got Paris, Berlin, and would like London also.

RUS-AUS: Move that A Galicia, or else.

RUS-WORLD: Turkey, Italy and I have an alliance to crush the Austrian in '05. Germany, would you like to help?

HACKENSACK: Black press writers Local #608 is still on strike. The intent is to show how boring the game is sans press.

BOB OLSEN-ANKARA: Would rather have both and not be able to tell one from the other than have neither and write your press. Oaklyn merits anything you can heap on him, but your mention of Coughlan demonstrates that you really don't know what the hell you're talking about. Don't worry about spelling my name correctly; take the remedial reading course first.

BOB OLSEN-AUSTRIA: Hi, Dave. How's it going?

CHICAGO-BOB OLSEN: Black press game... repeat... black press game...repeat...

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Winter, 1909: England builds F LON; Italian F Smy r AEG,
builds F ROM; Russia builds F SEV; Turkish
F Tus r OTB

CZAR LOSES LATVIA WHILE POLISH GARRISON HOLDS. NEW OCCUPANTS ENTER WINTER PALACE.
POPE RAZZLE DAZZLES HUNS OUT OF THE ALPS.

SPRING, 1910:

ENGLAND (Mitchell): F BAR & F NWG C A Edi-StP; F NWY S A Edi-StP; A Edi-STP;
F Lvp-NAT; F Lon-ENG; F WES S F Tyn; F TYN S Turkish F
Tus-Rom/NSU; A NAF H

GERMANY (Cummings): F BAL S A Pru-Lvn; A Pru-LVN; A Den-KIE; A PIE S A Tyo-Ven;
A Tyo-Ven/d/r Mun, Boh, Otb; A Boh-GAL; A SIL S A Boh-Gal

ITALY (Grabar): F NAP-Tyn; F ROM S F Nap-Tyn; F Gre-ION; F AEG S F Gre-Ion;
A CON-Smy; A TRI S A Ven; A Vie-TYO; A VEN S A Vie-Tyo

RUSSIA (Kirchner): F Sev-BLA; A Lvn-Pru/d/r Mos, Otb; A WAR H; A UKR S A War;
A Gal-Boh/d/r Vie, Bud, Rum, Otb

TURKEY (Becker): A Smy-ANK; F Syr-SMY; F EAS S F Syr-Smy

You know, this is really a pretty interesting game despite what seems to be on the surface only a boring EG grind to victory. Russia has worked in both camps, for instance; will the fall see English A StP support the German into Moscow, or cut a support, or...receive Russian support into Livonia? Italy also is in an intriguing spot. Dave could do anything from a +3 to -4, depending mostly on Russia. Even little (Turkish) Tunis is an interesting problem. Will England go for it? Go for it to protect it for Turkey who is tying up Italian units in the rear? Leave it alone? Might Grabar's Italy get it unopposed? A surprising amount of guesswork and finagling possible even as we dive into fall, 1910...

Speaking of which, let's see what FALL, 1910 will look like with my mail received at home THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1980.

Oh, before I get to the press, I should perhaps explain what happened in Tyrolia to those newer folks who might be watching the game. What would seem to be 2 supported attacks on each other have an entirely different result here than you might think at first glance, so here is what transpired. 1. Italian A Tri supports A Ven, so no matter what, A Ven is not dislodged. 2. Germany orders A PIE to support A TYO to VEN, not Tyo S A Pie-Ven. Since support from Tyo might be cut from Vienna, this is the tactically "right" way to order it. 3. DIP is not a strict tactical game, however. Italy (seemingly) planned accordingly and ordered Ven to support Vie-Tyo. Had it been reversed, or, had Germany reversed his orders, both sides would have locked up, as each supporting unit would have its support cut from an outside province. Here, though, the German is caught by the gamerule that says "a unit cannot cut the support of a unit attacking IT". This is fair and proper, as A BUR S A RUH-MUN, A RUH-MUN should not fail because the other guy orders A MUN-BUR. Bur support will not be cut, and Ruh-MUN succeeds. The fact that Tyo-Ven here was supported has no effect, for Tri S A Ven holds it back. Then Ven S A Vie-Tyo SUCCEEDS. That's the mechanics of it. It was either good strategy, or, dumb luck...

Press:

CURIOUS-SMY: What have YOU done for YOUR allies?

(No dateline): I am curious, Brown... —apologies to Danish porno.

SMYRNA: Grabar, you just pulled a Shaffer. You've gorged yourself on supply centers and now you can't build new units, and to top it all off, you haven't an ally. This is so trite I probably just blew my chances.

LON-GER: See, just be patient. Today StP, tomorrow, the world.

ANKARA: What crap, what nonsense, whatta game. How come the diplomacy stops after a while? We all become immune to the BS I guess.

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

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ADVANTAGE....EAST

Fall 1908:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A PIE-Mar; A Tus-ROM; A TYO-Mun; A Boh-SIL; A RUM H
FRANCE (Howe): A MAR H; F SPASc, F MID H; A GAS S A Mar; F POR S F Spasc
GERMANY (Kirchner): NMR. A MUN, RUH, BER, LON, PRU, LVN, STP H; F ENG, BAL, HEL H
ITALY (CD): F NAP H
TURKEY (Mooney): A Ukr-WAR; A MOS S A Ukr-War; A GAL S Austrian A Bph-Sil; A SEV
S A Mos; A GRE H; F Aeg-ION; F Tun-NAF; F WES S F Tun-Naf; F TYN
S F Wes; F LYO S Austrian A Pie-Mar

So, if Eric continues to miss, we may not see a draw after all. The eastern alliance is definitely in position to take the bull by the horns. I again hope that Eric will continue, but for cripe's sake, get those orders in, would ya?

Deadline for Winter 1908 adjustments and Spring 1909 will be Friday, December 12, 1980. I threw a few extra days in there to compensate for the holidays. Also, I must apologize for this being a day late, but I've been experiencing some peculiarities with my mail service, such as no mail one day and fifteen letters the next. So sorry.

1908 #	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
6	+1	Austria	Vie, Bud, Tri, Ven, Rom, Mun , RUM
5	0	France	Par, Bre, Por, Spa, Mar
12	+2	Germany	Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Bel, Edi, Nwy, Swe, StP, Lon, Lvp, MUN
1	0	Italy	Nap
10	0	Turkey	Con, Ank, Smy, Tun, Sev, Bul, Gre, Rum , Ser, War, MOS
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PROGRESS OF SORTS. E-G WAR STILL WEAK...

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Winter, 1912: England removes A Pie OTB; Germany builds A KIE, F BER;
Turkey removes F Aeg OTB

SPRING, 1913:

AUSTRIA (Guajardo): A Ven-TYO
ENGLAND (Osuch): F Lyo-SPASc; F Mid-NAT; F TYN S Turkish A Rom-Smy/NSO;
F TUN S F Tyn; F Nth-Hol/d/r Nwg, Yor, Lon, Ska, Otb;
F ENG S A Bel; A BEL S F Nth-Hol; A MAR S A Bur; A BUR S A Bel
GERMANY (Howe): F Ber-BAL; F Hlg-NTH; F EDI & F NWY S F Hlg-Nth;
A Kie-DEN; A RUH-Bel; "A Bel S A Ruh-Bel"/NSU; A MUN-Bur;
A HOL-Bel; A Tyo-Tri/d/r Pie, Boh, Otb; A Mos-SEV; A UKR-
Rum; A GAL S A Ukr-Rum; A Rum-BUD; A VIE S A Rum-Bud
TURKEY (McCARTY): A Sev-RUM; F BLA, A BUL, & A SER S A Sev-Rum; A TRI S Austrian
A Ven-Tyo; F ADR S A Tri; A Apu-VEN; A ROM S A Apu-Ven;
F NAP S F Ion; F ION S F Nap

Well, T-A are almost in good shape, excepting only the new and empty Armenian front. Austria and the front across Austria will be interesting, and the possibility always exists that the E-G, uh, "war," will somehow get serious. Let's see what the end of lucky Year 13 looks like with my mail received at home WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1980. With the holiday slowdown, the next deadline will be either the 21 or 24 or so.

Press:

LON-MUN: Welcome to the ACS.

LON-CON: Send me a postcard, drop me a line, stating point of view. Indicate precisely what what you mean to say. Yours sincerely, Wasting Away

OKIE REINECK JOKE: Q: What does Teddy Kennedy have that Jimmy Carter wishes he had?
A: A dead brother.

End of Press.

ALMOST OVERLOOKED!! There is a call for an EGT DRAW. NVR will equal a YES vote.
Please vote with your Fall 1913 orders.

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ITALY YIELDS ONLY TYROLIA, UKRAINE TO EGT ALLIANCE

Winter, 1910: England builds F LON, F LVP, A EDI; Germany builds A KIE; Italian F Aeg r BULsc (not listed last season), builds F NAP; Turkish F Aeg r OTB

SPRING, 1911

ENGLAND (Mitchell): A MOS S German A War-Ukr; F Lvp-NAT; F Eng-MID; F StPnc-BAR; F NWG, NTH H; A EDI H; F Lon-ENG; F Mid-WES; A NAF-Tun; F TUN-Tyn; F LYO S F Tun-Tyn

GERMANY (Cummings): F Pru-BAL; A KIE H; A War-UKR; A GAL-Bud; A PIE & A BOH S A Mun-Tyo; A Mun-TYO; A SIL-Gal

ITALY (Grabar): F Nap-ION; F ROM-Tyn; F TUS S F Rom-Tyn; A VEN-Tyo; A VIE-Bud; A Tyo-Vie/d/r Tri, Otb; F BULsc S A Con; A CON S Russian F Bla-Ank/NSO; F Ion-EAS

RUSSIA (Kirchner): A Ukr-RUM; F BLA S A Ukr-Rum

TURKEY (Becker): A ANK-Con; F SMY S A Ank-Con

Italy is doing as well as could be hoped against the inexorable EG juggernaut. Looks like the possible loss to EG will be made up out of Turkey's hide, but EG stand to make some gains in Russia's remains too. Let's see what fall will bring with my mail received here MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1980. Eric Kirchner called to confirm the COA listed last time, 308 Enchanted Way, Del Rio, TX 78840. He's been having some mail problems, so be forewarned. Next time our deadline will slide a bit due to the holiday mail crunch. Press follows.

ROM: Now the knife sharpens. I think Germany should cover his back. The knife will fall this season.

CON: Deck the halls with bowels of Italians, Fa la la la la la la.

FILLER

The Mark Berch Department :

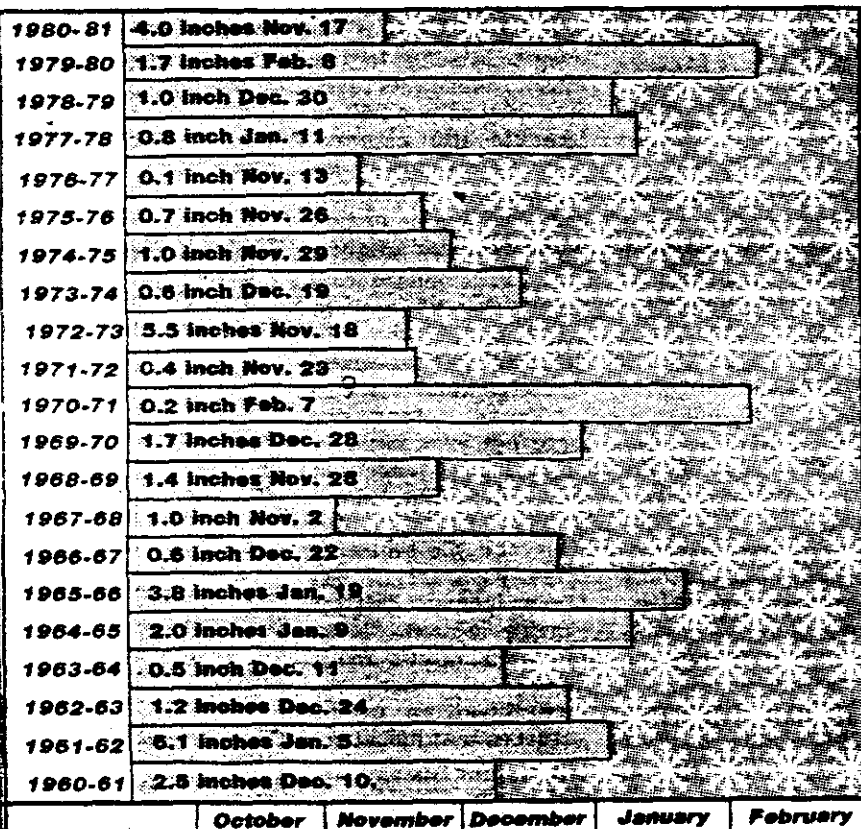
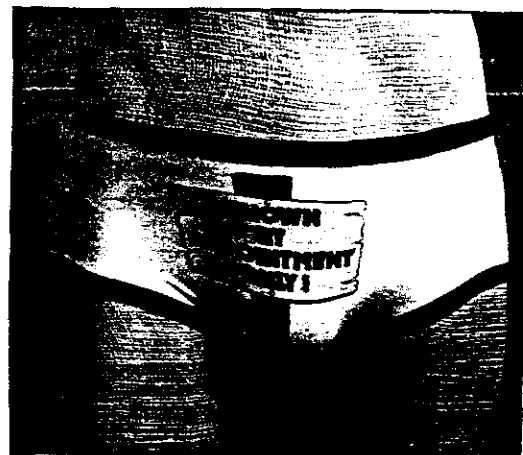


Chart shows how Monday's snow compares with other 'first' snows.

I thought some of you folks in the horrible northlands might enjoy seeing this chart from a local paper last month that shows how much snow fell when around here for a first snow of the season. Our mid-Nov was something of a record. Nippy cold since then, but decent aside from that. "Y'all c'mon down". Follow your factories...

Guest contribution:

KATHY'S KORNER...



(with apologies to WHITESTONIA.)

Guest Feature

KNOWN GAME OPENINGS

1 December 1980

Courtesy of:
Robert Sacks

This listing includes multi-player diplomatic play-by-mail games (e.g., Diplomacy and its variants, SPI Power Political Games) with information not more than 2 months old.

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JM

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This is just a short note regarding Mr M P Barno's letter, which appeared in BB #76.

Contrary to Mr Barno's gratuitous affirmation, "Let's make this public" articles (and personality feuds in general for that matter) have never taken up "large amounts of space" in PASSCHENDAELE.

More care and checking-up on Mr. Barno's part before making such (probably involuntary) false assertions would be much appreciated in future.

((Right. Especially when you put out 104 page issues, when ALL matters take up very little space as a percent...)) *J.M.*

MARK BERCH (Diplomacy Digest)
(excerpt)

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I'd also be interested in your views on the Voyager space mission to Jupiter, Saturn, etc. Here is a —horrors—GOVERNMENT PROGRAM that is totally unrelated to such core concerns as defense of the homeland and the administration of the legal system. Do you approve of all the hundreds of millions of \$ extorted from the taxpayers for this?

((No. I don't think it is enough. As to its appropriateness, you must be attempting facetiousness. Space exploration is hardly something that could more effectively be handled at the individual or community or state level, as is the case with federal boondoggles such as welfare. Pictures of the moons of Uranus contribute more than all the ADC payments made in the last decade, to the welfare of this country. I'd like to see 1/4 of the HEW budget go to NASA, 2/3 be left in the pockets of the taxpayers, and the new HHS Dept get by on the rest...)) *J.M.*

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(excerpts)

Following the trend of the US federal elections, our Toronto municipal elections elected right-wingers. The liberals, gays, reformists were not treated very nicely by the voters and the local analysts called it the end of an era. An era I'm not sorry to see go.

((Well, hopefully the 'new era' will last longer than the new era of the Clark regime up there.

I really appreciate all the nutty stuff you've sent my way. BB has certainly been the better for it. I always like to remind people that when they see good nonsense stuff, they should try and remember BB ("that looks stupid enough to appear in BRUTUS BULLETIN") so they'll send a copy in to me. On the other hand, such urgings sometimes bring in bizarre stuff. Check out the reduced bumper sticker below, for instance. The original will be pasted to the back of a mailing to either Bob Osuch, Mike Mills, Kathy Burn, or some other ~~nut~~ recipient of some of my classier mailings. An anonymous thanks to its submitter.)) *J.M.*



Well, gents and gophers, we did it. For the first time since I was five years old, the GOP has managed to win a house of Congress. All it took was one of the great electoral landslides in history, plus a cosmically low turnout, plus virtually all the luck in the world, plus good breaks on local issues for a change plus the least popular Democratic president since James Buchanan in 1860. A giant trendline this does not make. A better Constitutional balance it does.

What does this mean? Well, for one, it does not mean the repeal of the XXth Century welfare state. The libs still have the House, the bureaucracy, the media, the courts. The GOP majority does not consist purely of conservatives; indeed, the older moderates like Baker, Hatfield, Packwood, Stevens, etc, all have major chairmanships. Still, a few of our boys did get chairs: Tower, Thurmond, McClure, Garn (I personally regard Helms as too far right even for my blood, but suppose that he belongs here). They will be able to attrit the Great Society-to knock down the extreme regs and programs-to balance the budget although probably not before '82-to eventually abolish the departments of Energy and Education (say before 84)-to make significant but not huge increases in military budgets and readiness although probably not the MX and hopefully not the B1 as well-to pass Kemp-Roth in one form or another. To bring inflation down to earth and reduce the government share of the GNP while cutting government social engineering quite a bit.

What it doesn't it mean-a giant crackdown on lifestyle issues-abortion, drugs, gays, etc. Doubtful if anyone wants to touch this. A definite easing of federal intervention in state and local laws on the subject can be expected however, as well as slightly stronger Hyde amendments-constitutional ammendments on school prayer, bussing, and balanced budgets are possible. Right to life and such probably not, no repeal of the basic structure of the New Deal-Fair Deal economic-social formatting, that to most Americans alive today are the way things always were. Almost certainly no major tinkering with the entitlement programs except perhaps on the fringes of the welfare end-too many beneficiaries and far too easy for an uneducated public and a liberal media to let the dems demagogue on this one-besides the votes just aren't there. This is especially true of Social Security, Veterans, govt pensions, etc-no attacks of the union structure although some attrition at the fringes of their power-especially in the Chrysler type-this is a regional issue like Conrail cutting across lib-con or party lines. Some attempts to aid industrialization-technology-growth against the envirnment but not too far except in the west as this is the one popular initiative of of the last twenty liberal years (key exceptions would be federal lands policies at variance with the wishes of majorities in a state (ex Alaska) or protection of tiny species like dam in Tennessee or energy). Probably waffling on the nuke issue. Again, cuts across party lines. With a majority they can throw away in 82, folks are more likely to settle for what can be done now than worry pie in the sky like repealing OSHA or EPA-but a possible sleeper would be repeal of either the excess profits tax (substituting a straight tariff on imported petro/gas) or the entire estate tax-which is a middle class issue where with inflation there is virtually no way to preserve a family business or farm. Biggest difference besides economy and social engineering is likely to be foreign affairs. Not a more military foreign policy-if anything, probably less so at first as our side knows just how unprepared we really are. However, fewer sellouts of unpleasant allies for unknown "improvements" EX: Iran or Nicaragua. Probably a more consistant Mideast policy that will attempt to get the Egypt-Israel talks going by not constantly threatening to sell Israel out to Arrafat (this President's brother isn't on Libya's payroll-interesting sidelight: will Billy boy ever pay off his loans?) -try for a deal on Gaza if nothing else-could be a first point. End of tilt towards Iran in current war.. More realistic, defend them from Russia and if they think they are, they are welcome to welcome to stop doing us favors-probably a harder line in general towards Europe and and Japan who have gotten far too long a free ride from us. Should be interesting times.

HOW TO SWIM WITH SHARKS A PRIMER

By

VOLTAIR COUSTEAU*

Forward

Actually, nobody wants to swim with sharks. It is not an acknowledged sport, and it is neither enjoyable nor exhilarating. These instructions are written primarily for the benefit of those who, by virtue of their occupation, find they must swim and find that the water is infested with sharks.

It is of obvious importance to learn that the waters are shark infested before commencing to swim. It is safe to assume that this initial determination has already been made. If the waters were clearly not shark-infested, this would be of little interest or value. If the waters were shark infested, the naive swimmer is by now probably beyond help; at the very least he has doubtless lost any interest in learning how to swim with sharks.

Finally, swimming with sharks is like any other skill; it cannot be learned from books alone; the novice must practice in order to develop the skill. The following rules simply set forth the fundamental principles which, if followed, will make it possible to survive while becoming expert through practice.

Rules

1. Assume unidentified fish are sharks. Not all sharks look like sharks and some fish which are not sharks sometimes act like sharks. Unless you have witnessed docile behavior in the presence of shed blood on more than one occasion, it is best to assume an unknown species is a shark. Inexperienced swimmers have been badly mangled by assuming that docile behavior in the absence of blood indicates that the fish is not a shark.

2. Do not bleed. It is a cardinal principle that if you are injured either by accident or by intent that you must not bleed. Experience shows that bleeding prompts an even more aggressive attack and will often provoke the participation of sharks which are uninvolved or, as noted above, are usually docile.

*Little is known about the author who died in Paris in 1812. He may have been a descendent of Francois Voltaire and an ancestor of Jacques Cousteau. Apparently this essay was written for sponge divers. Because it may have broader implications, it was translated from the French by Richard J. Johns, an obscure French scholar.

Admittedly, it is difficult not to bleed when injured. Indeed, at first this may seem impossible. Diligent practice, however, will permit the experienced swimmer to sustain a serious laceration without bleeding and without even exhibiting any loss of composure. This hemostatic reflex can in part be conditioned, but there may be constitutional aspects as well. Those who cannot learn to control their bleeding should not attempt to swim with sharks, for the peril is too great.

The control of bleeding has a positive protective element for the swimmer. The shark will be confused as to whether or not his attack has injured you, and confusion is to the swimmer's advantage. On the other hand, the shark may know he has injured you and be puzzled as to why you do not bleed or show distress. This also has a profound effect on sharks. They begin questioning their own potency or, alternatively, believe the swimmer to have supernatural powers.

3. Counter any aggression promptly. Sharks rarely attack a swimmer without warning. Usually there is some tentative, exploratory aggressive action. It is important that the swimmer recognizes that this behavior is a prelude to an attack and takes prompt and vigorous remedial action. The appropriate countermove is a sharp blow to the nose. Almost invariably this will prevent a full scale attack, for it makes it clear that you understand the shark's intentions and are prepared to use whatever force is necessary to repel his aggressive actions.

Some swimmers mistakenly believe that an ingratiating attitude will dispel an attack under these circumstances. This is not correct; such a response provokes a shark attack. Those who hold this erroneous view can usually be identified by their missing limb.

4. Get out if someone is bleeding. If a swimmer (or a shark) has been injured and is bleeding, get out of the water promptly. The presence of blood and the thrashing of water will elicit aggressive behavior even in the most docile of sharks. This latter group, poorly skilled in attacking, often behave irrationally and may attack uninvolved swimmers or sharks. Some are so inept that in the confusion they injure themselves.

No useful purpose is served in attempting to rescue the injured swimmer. He either will or will not survive the attack and your intervention cannot protect him once blood has been shed. Those who survive such an attack rarely venture to swim with sharks again, an attitude which is readily understandable.

The lack of effective countermeasures to a fully developed shark attack emphasizes the importance of the earlier rules.

5. Use anticipatory retaliation. A constant danger to the skilled swimmer is that the shark will forget that he is skilled and may attack in error. Some sharks have notoriously poor memories in this regard. This memory loss can be prevented by a program of anticipatory retaliation. The skilled swimmer should engage in these activities periodically, and the periods should be less than the memory span of the shark. Thus, it is not possible to state fixed intervals. The procedure may need to be repeated frequently with forgetful sharks and need be done only once for

sharks with total recall.

The procedure is essentially the same as described under rule 3-- a sharp blow to the nose. Here, however the blow is unexpected and serves to remind the shark that you are both alert and unafraid. Swimmers should take care not to injure the shark and draw blood during this exercise for two reasons: First, sharks often bleed profusely and this leads to the chaotic situation described under rule 4. Second, if swimmers act in this fashion it may not be possible to distinguish swimmers from sharks. Indeed, renegade swimmers are far worse than sharks, for none of the rules or measures described here are effective in controlling their aggressive behavior.

6. Disorganize an organized attack. Usually sharks are sufficiently self-centered that they do not act in concert against a swimmer. This lack of organization greatly reduces the risk of swimming among sharks. However, upon occasion the sharks may launch a coordinated attack upon a swimmer or even upon one of their number. While the latter event is of no particular concern to a swimmer, it is essential that one know how to handle an organized shark attack directed against a swimmer.

The proper strategy is diversion. Sharks can be diverted from their organized attack in one of two ways. First, sharks as a group are especially prone to internal dissention. An experienced swimmer can divert an organized attack by introducing something, often something minor or trivial, which sets the sharks to fighting among themselves. Usually by the time the internal conflict is settled the sharks cannot even recall what they were setting about to do, much less get organized to do it.

A second mechanism of diversion is to introduce something which so enrages the group that they begin to lash out in all directions, even attacking inanimate objects in their fury.

What should be introduced? Unfortunately, different things prompt internal dissention or blind fury in different groups of sharks. Here one must be experienced in dealing with a given group of sharks, for what enrages one group will pass unnoted by another.

It is scarcely necessary to state that it is unethical for a swimmer under attack by a group of sharks to counter the attack by diverting them to another swimmer. It is, however, common to see this done by novice swimmers and by sharks when they fall under a concerted attack.

THE END

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You wondered how so many actually survived concentration camps. When I was an undergraduate I met someone whose mother had survived such a death camp. Her story might shed some light on this.

39 of the 42 members of her extended family were suddenly rounded up, and sent on a three day train ride across part of Rumania (they were gypsies who were treated much the same as Jews by Hitler) to a camp. There they were searched lightly for weapons. But finding the more valuable items like jewels and gold would take a very tedious search, as such things can be swallowed, etc. So the entire group, about 700, were put in a huge walled compound and given neither food nor water. If they wanted that, valuables had to be presented for barter. This was done for 12 days, to shake loose whatever valuables people were not willing to die for. Then the guards came and pulled out around 60 of the most able bodied of the survivors (incidentally, the food was distributed by the inmates; only a few people were delegated to make the exchanges on behalf of the group, as the guards wanted to limit the spread of disease). The remainder were shot over a period of two days. She and two cousins were among the 60, who joined a work force culled from earlier batches of prisoners. Their main job was to dig huge burial trenches (The camp had one bulldozer, but the work crew had managed to sabotage it, fearing for their jobs/life). In addition, they were given whatever other jobs they could be trusted with. This included pulling fillings from the teeth of the dead bodies, shaving hair (for wigs); working in the brothel and in the garden, keeping the rail tracks in good order and general camp work (except in the kitchen). Life was still very precarious for the Work Force. Food was very limited, and those who could no longer work fully were shot because there would always be a fresh batch of victims coming in. Discipline was very harsh --- any offense was settled by death --- again, there would always be more bodies coming in. Every few weeks a new set of arrivals would arrive by train and the cycle would begin again. Anyhow, at one point they decided to make an escape. The work force was a little under 150 at that point. About 20 were killed as suspected stooges for the guards. There was disagreement as to which was the best way out, so they broke into two groups. Hers had 77 members (selected because 77 is somehow considered to be a lucky number). Of those, 6 actually survived the guns and got out, but 2 had to be abandoned a short time later due to the seriousness of their wounds, and a third became crazy and wandered off. The other three made their way to Greece where they waited out the war as best they could. As it turned out, the family had agreed that if they were dispersed they would try to get together via contacting a cousin in Canada. One of the 3 not caught up in the initial sweep also survived. He too was grabbed, but managed to get hold of a Russian uniform (by killing its owner, I suspect) and then persuading the captors that there had been a bad mistake and that he was really a P.O.W. He had been sent to the same camp that she was, but then they sent him to a P.O.W. camp in Germany where he spent the rest of the war doing "volunteer" work for I.G. Farben. So of the 42 gypsies, 2 survived.

In reality, there were two kinds of camps going under the general name of concentration camps. One kind was a series of slave camps. These were staffed mainly by POWs, political dissidents, religious dissidents, common criminals, and, at the beginning, volunteers ("Freiwilligen"). There were Jews too, but they were there by and large because they were unrecognized as such. Yet even these had an aspect of being a death camp. Food was so limited and work so hard, that many were in effect worked to death, even though the cause may have been succumbing to disease in their weakened state. There were the extermination camps. These are an historical fact. I cannot dismiss them just because the Russians got there first. These were in the east, specifically Poland because apparently Hitler felt that the

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les would accept this more. Those sent there were almost entirely Jews, with lesser amounts of gypsies and some scattered Jehovah's Witnesses. These are the groups that Hitler wanted exterminated. There was no work output from these camps. Please remember that the Nazis were meticulous record keepers. The Nuremberg trials were based primarily on their own records. This is the main reason that most relied on the I-was-following-orders defense, rather than I-didn't-do-it. Records showed shipments of poison gas. Memoranda showed how fast people could be executed and cremated, so that the incoming amounts of people by train could be balanced against anticipated ability to deal with them. This is not to say of course that there wasn't physical evidence. When carbolic acid injections proved too bothersome, the stuff just lay around till the war's end. Or old trucks (usually with broken axles or something) which had the exhaust fed into the back of the truck. Now, what do you suppose that was used for? I could go on but it is nauseating.

Of course, even these camps had some aspect or work camps, as there were jobs for work crews, made up mostly of prisoners at the camp. These people, along with escapees and those there when camps were liberated, formed the great bulk of the survivors.

Yes, it is true that thousands of Jews survived these camps, and many of them survived the true death camps, the extermination camps. But these are mere thousands out of millions. Look at the result. Before the war, the Jewish population of non-Soviet was estimated at 5-7 million. Some escaped in the late 30s, and some were smuggled out during the war. But the Jewish population was worse than decimated, it was virtually eliminated. This did not happen to Catholics or Lutherans or Greek Orthodox, and it is not because Jews are so much physically weaker that they could not survive the rigors that others could. They were selectively exterminated because that was the intention of the Nazis.

This theory that people were somehow embarrassed because they survived a work camp is absolutely obscene. The only code --- regardless of the precise nature of how people came to die at the camps --- was to survive with whatever dignity could be salvaged. Did you see "Playing for Time" on TV? In it, the central character criticizes her friend, who is selling her body for some additional food. It's not the exchange itself that is criticized --- that is recognized as part of her attempt to survive. It's that she doesn't share some of the extra food, to lend a little dignity to what she is doing.

((I'm very appreciative, and impressed, with much of what you had to say here. I think that your arguments concerning the Nazi defense pleas is probably the strongest; the acid and train record's items are, while unsupported here, certainly strong-sounding. And while some will tend to poo-poo the personal tales, I place more value in them, even if, to apply a coldly impersonal standard to a very personal story, only because it indicates truth via the reasoning of: 'why tell the relatives a cooked-up story?'. Oh, there are some weaknesses, but you have come through with what I was looking for in the first place: some solid responses to the solid challenges being made. Stories about the exhaust trucks always abound, but on its face, one can see that if injections were too bothersome, would running a truck for an hour to kill 10-20 puking victims be any better? And why run the truck to kill Jews when latter Germany didn't have enough fuel for its own tanks in the field, e.g.? You also touch on the largest question: if there were originally "5-7 million Jews" in Russia then, how many are there today? It is easy to say "they were decimated" like it is easy to say "it is a historical fact" but to say so doesn't make it so. If that were true after all, why would Russia have the trouble with the Jews that we've been seeing these past few years? Whether the

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Russians got to the camps first or not does make a big difference, now that the western powers who occupy the old western concentration camps have them open and do not/cannot claim that the tiny incinerators there were somehow part of a vast crematoria system. All the places that really were the baddies of a sorry lot were in the east, closed to public view. As I said in an earlier item though, I think the fact that Auschwitz really was levelled by the Nazis is itself a strong argument that it actually was an extermination camp. There are those odd items like the German Justice Ministry carrying on a running inquiry/battle with the SS heirarchy over "allegations of exterminations" going on at Auschwitz, an investigation that only ended (albeit abruptly) in 1944 when the SS took over control of the Justice Ministry. Aside from that, though, what are the implications of such an inquiry being pursued if one follows the popular notion of a state hell-bent on rounding up and wiping out the Jews? Seems kind of odd.

Anyhow, I do appreciate your taking the time and effort to share your thoughts/knowledge with us on this. You've made some effective points, probably the best to date.)) J.M.

DAVID PERLMUTTER (Extremism In Defense of Liberty) 608 Latches Lane Apts, Merion, PA 19066 (in response to a pamphlet called "Support Your Local Jew" I found at the local Baptist church while there to vote, Dave writes:)

Hey, that pamphlet was outrageous. It would be nice to think that God does curse those who persecute Jews. Hmm, what was that I read in the paper the other day about that tankcar full of liquid hydrogen that derailed in Hales Corners?

But seriously, you must understand that according to a literal translation of the bible the second/first coming is soon to be upon us. However, it cannot happen until all the jews go to Israel. Then Russia (magog) will invade and be destroyed by God. I'm beginning to sound like Gibby, hey? Anyway, it's nice to know I have a friend in the Hilltop Baptist church.

It's strange you should pick Yoda to represent ~~Byrdon~~ Boardman. Oh, the skin color and face are identical, but he is at least five inches taller. He has less hair too.

You are right about the status quo of the hobby. Hobby service organizations are not needed and most likely will never work. Yet there is a new breed of hobbyist/bureaucrat who is plunging into the Dipworld. He does not care about fun/press/articles, only about winning, and form. They might turn this thing into a centralized machine like the chess nuts.

Yet let's face it, Diplomacy is only the chess of wargaming. At Origins I noticed that many of the wargamers were the grossly obese greaseball types who do nothing all day but sit by the mailbox waiting for the newest issue of THE GENERAL. ALL D&D people were like that. I mean only an incredible wimp would squeeze his two hundred pounds into a suit of armor for a convention. I mean these people were weird! The normal gamers who played straight forward hex-games (not the Sci-Fi crap) were mostly OK. A few fruitcakes but a lot of normal middle class hobbyists. The Diplomacy guys were the cream, no weirdos (with a few exceptions).

After rereading Arnett's letter, I tend to think he was too hard on Linsey. Disagree with BL's tactics, OK, but calling him ugly and unloved is going too far. He should stick to insulting Linsey's looks in person. That's the way I treat people I don't like. For instance, I always write Osuch "Dear Big-nose", and he does not mind. So I suggest Mr Arnett stick to ridiculing Linsey in private, like everyone else does.

Not that Byrne is nice either. She keeps a record book of every novice she has driven out of the hobby. I know she drove out some 10-year old kid at Origins and some guy named Wietze A DeVries.

((Wietze DeVries is probably a pseudonym for David Pilant. Kathy is nice, especially if half of what you wrote in PEARL #1 is true...

"Wargamers" is an inappropriate term to use for D&Ders. "D&D Nuts", or "weirdos" or "sickies" is better for them. We true hexgamers are the elite. Just look at Bill Shaffer...)) J.M.

