

Joining the ranks of those publishers rushing to sneak another issue in under the old lower postal rates come this ISSUE 79 of

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BRUTUS BULLETIN

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The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYtm despised by my wife but still 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, anyhow. I have GAME OPENINGS under GGms Scott Hanson and Dave Marshall. See their subzines enclosed. These are 2 and 3 week deadline games, black press, about \$3, and subs to BB are optional to play, so they're the cheapest openings you'll find this side of CHEESECAKE. Enter one with each fellow for the price of a sub to one of these new zines...

THIS ISSUE is being hurried out because I suddenly got a chance to run off an issue when I had the material but had not yet organized it. So, it may come out choppy than usual, but at least it will go out. Carried over will be NINE PAGES ALREADY of letters from Mazurkiewicz, Perlmutter, humor filler, junk filler, and there are some EGGNOG items I want to do also, so #80 will be ready in about 10 days. When it will get PRINTED tho, I have no idea. Anyway, thanks to all of you for keeping me up to my ears in material.

FAKES are in full swing this season. Last night I got a fake SHOGUN'S SWORD which I can't comment on too well since SS is one of the few zines I do not regularly sub to. It was an open fake, though. Unless it was a real sample, masquerading as a fake. Hmmm. The MASTERS FAKE of the season though has GOT to be the really brilliant MURDRIN MINISTERS that came early this week. Ron had no sooner announced special mid-month non-game issues, than some incredible wit came along and put out his first one for him! It is hilarious from one end to the other. If you're going to do a fake, this is what you should aim for. I still laugh to think of it. Some reader of BB must have done it, since a letter from "Konrad Baumeister" for instance, states that "only 27 Jews died at Auschwitz". And the absurdity goes on from there. Really beautiful. My guesses are 1. Blackjack 2. Perlmutter 3. Linsey 4. Maybe Ron himself. Terrific.

At the other end of the spectrum comes a dumb note in PASSCHENDAELE (Francois Cuerrier). In reviewing the new novice packet, he questions the presence of the warning about Oaklyn, saying 'hobby politics have no place there' (words to that effect). Hell, I don't know how much Pepsi Francois' been drinking lately, but if he thinks that "Bernie" and his frauds have anything to do with hobby politics, he has been spending far too much time working on his last record issue. Exposing a crook is not a political matter, Francois. It is a matter of ethics.

We've got some good guest reviews this time I think you will find interesting. The range now extends into music and, believe it or not, TV Evangelists. What will we come up with next? (Aside from Baumeister's upcoming beer review, that is). Surprise me.

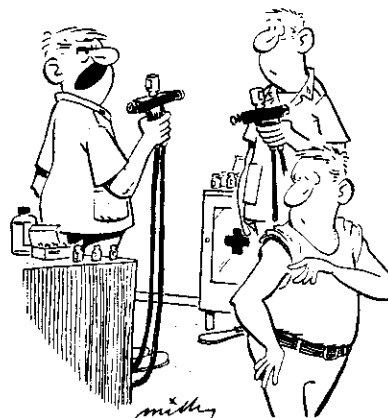
EVERYTHING #46 has been out a while, but my analysis/recap still isn't done, so that too will be a carryover. EMHAIN MACHA asked the intriguing question of, 'What will BB do for Christmas'? Well, never a slave to tradition, you all know now that the answer is: Nothing!

DIPLOMACY is a game copyrighted and invented by Alan Calhamer (tho not in that order), and published by the Avalon Hill Company. Or, wait a minute, I guess AH now has the copyright. Someone does, anyhow. So now that you know that, I know your minds will be at ease...

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JOHN'S NOTES

At the risk of offending some music fans, I must say I am surprised at all the hullabaloo raised over the death of John Lennon of the late Beatles. I take it as a good sign that an item like this is the most newsworthy topic the networks have to expend their time on. To me the Beatles are noteworthy of one milestone in history: I was playing my very first wargame in the kitchen of Ron Mazurkiewicz' home the Sunday night that they made their first appearance in the US on the Ed Sullivan show on the living room TV. (My allies in DDAY got to Belgium and died). One idiotic announcer compared his death in its national impact here to that of President Kennedy, which is an absurdity. I could see it better if the Beatles were even still semi-active; but when they've all been washed up (career-wise, anyway) for many, many years, who really cares? Another, semi-humorous side to a sad occurrence like this is the call for strict gun control. Don't people ever learn? And for all the music-types who OD every year, year after year, do we ever hear these same hand-wringer types call for strict drug control? Hell no! That's FUN for them. But guns are toys for them crazy rightwingers, so it is used as an excuse. If you want to be effective in really helping stop such occurrences as we saw here, how about either A) making for strict punishments, and mandatory ones, for persons who commit criminal acts with weapons, and/or B) pushing for a thorough combing-out of these mental freaks from the ranks of free society? Either one will accomplish a lot more toward saving your next hero than taking or forbidding weapons from the hands of honest citizens. And, you will have the support of people like me to your efforts instead of opposition. Strong opposition.

COSMOS is a series that is making a run on public TV here right now. It varies from so-so to excellent, but last week's episode on the basic questions of how the universe was formed, operates, may have come from, etc., was really impressive. Having lived in Oklahoma for quite a few years now, I know that I would never have been able to see this if it were being run on the commercial stations. When one has the courage to present, as Carl Sagan did, the idea that the same explanation of the-universe-came-from-God-who-came-from-nowhere-because-He-always-was could just as reasonably be shortened by one step into saying that the Universe itself always was, you will earn respect from many thinking people but the hatred and opposition of many, many more UNthinking ones, or ones who are scared shitless by anyone even so PROPOSING that an alternative to THEIR beliefs might exist. Here, no commercial station could stand the backlash. On public TV, none of the Fundamentalist types are watching anyway. Just as well. Still, I personally was astounded to see someone come right out and lay it on the line. (It is a line of thought similar to one I had some years ago). It is almost unheard of for such a thing to happen, judging by what I see elsewhere, and I must make note of the great respect I have now for such a man with the courage to speak out and present alternatives that fly in the face of the 'conventional wisdom'.



"We give away \$1,300 worth of flu serum and not one 'thank you'."

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Featuring 1980 IE



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.... Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will
make violent revolution inevitable. Ask not why the
postman rings twice; ask why he is handing you a copy
of....

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBERTY

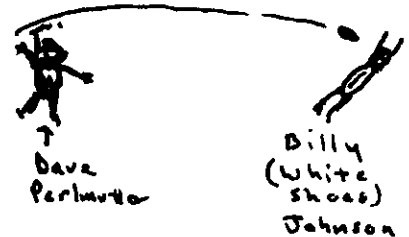
The L.A. Rams
are #1!

(which is a subzine of the
Vicar of Christ In Oklahoma)

The Game: EDL#1-1980IE

The Houston
Oilers are
No. 2!

" OH MY GOD, THAT'S MY DAUGHTER! "
" OH MY GOD, THAT'S MY SON-IN-LAW? "
" OH MY GOD, MERTHA GET THE SHOTGUN! "
" THUS FALLS LERITTE..... "



Winter 1903-

Austria: GM removes F Adr. England: NMR! GM removes unit farth-
est from home-F StP. France: Builds F Bre. Germany-even. Italy-even.
Russia: Builds F Sev, A War, Turkey: Builds Zippo-even.

Spring 1904-

Austria (CD)...F GRE H, A VIE H.

England (CD)...F LON H, F NWY H, F SKA H, F NTH H

France (Cummings)...F ENG H, F BRE S F Eng, A BEL-hol, A bur-MUN
A gas-BUR, F lvp-CLY, F mid-WES.

Germany (Jones)...F DEN-nth, F HOL S F Den-Nth, A tyo-VEN, A mun-TYO
A SWE-nwy, F ber-BAL.

Italy (CD)...F TYR H, F ION H, A SER H, A TRI H.

Russia (Blant)...A BOH S French A Bur-Mun, A war-SIL, F sev-BLA
F RUM + F ANK S F Sev-Bla, A BUD H.

Turkey (Pilant)...A con-SMY, F bul(ec)-CON, F AEG S F Bulec-Con.

Hmm, this game may end sooner than I thought. F-R seem unstoppable.
France is in the best position, he stands to sweep the Med and the
Atlantic. Tune in next week. Oh, as you may notice the unit in Con
was an army not a fleet. Pilant in last seasons orders tried to
pull the old switcheroo-not on purpose of course.

All proposals failed. No new ones. This weeks "in Defense Of.." is
JFK, a man who proved you can fool upwards of 90% of the people all
the time. He was a lousy prez, but came up with all those catchy phrases
and looked so nice with Jackie that nobody noticed his failings.

DEADLINE FOR FALL 1904 IS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10th. 11:00 AM EST.

Press:

or the second coming,
whichever comes first.

THERE IS NO PRESS! C'mon you bozo's, I can't write all of it.

It's Monday
Night F-ball
with Davey
Howie
Giff +
Frank

...But I can say this. You
are all invited to the
nuptials of George. Cuming

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jones

This is a fake issue!
JFK slept with
Claudine Michaels
and
silly as
it is
it's
a
devotional
and
satirical
issue

Bob Osuch never
played foot+ball!

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**LIBERTY-
FREEDOM-
WHAT AMERICA
STANDS FOR.....**

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" First there was the car accident in July. Then I dislocated my elbow. Maybe I should stop reading...

EXTREMISM IN THE DEFENSE

OF WENDAKTY FOR

(which has no love
for Oklahoma Roads)

" GM SHOWS HIS TRUE STRIPES "

" HERE WE GO LOS ANGELES, YEAH "

" FROGS AND BEARS WHIP KRAUTS, TROMP TURKS "

Injured star RB
for my beloved
LIA Rams. If
healthy a fan-
tastic runner.

Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA (cd)...A VIE H (d/r OTB), F GRE H

ENGLAND (cd)...F LON H, F SKA H, F NWY H, F NTH H

FRANCE (Elvis Peacock)...F cly-EDI, F wes-TUN, A MUN S Russian A Sil-Ber,
A bur-RUH, F ENG S English F Nth, F bre-MID, A BEL-hol,

GERMANY (Jack Youngblood) F bal-DEN, F den-SWE, A swe-FIN, F HOL-bel,
A VEN S A Tyo-Tri, A tyo-TRI.

ITALY (cd)...F TYR H, F ION H, A SER H, A TRI H (d/r OTB).

RUSSIA (Billy Waddy) A sil-BER, A boh-VIE, A BUD S A Boh-Vie,
F rum-BUL(ec), F BLA S F Rum-Bul(ec), F ANK-Con(d/r ARM, OTB)

TURKEY (Vince Ferragamo) F AEG-bul(ec), A smy-ANK, F CON S A Smy-Ank.

1904 Supply Center Chart:

Austria-	VIE , Gre.....	Has 1 even
England-	Lon, Edi , Nwy, StP.....	Has 3 loses 1
France-	Bre, Par, Mae, Por, Spa, Bel.....	Has 10 Builds 3
	Lvp, MUN, EDI, TUN	
Germany-	MUN , Ber , Kie, Hol, Swe, VEN.....	Has 6 even
	TRI, Den	
Italy-	Rom, Nap, Ven , Tun , Tri , Ser.....	Has 3 loses 3
Russia-	Mos, War, Sev, Rum, BER, BUL.....	Has 8 Builds 2
	ANK , VIE, Bud	
Turkey-	Con, Smy, Bul , ANK.....	Has 3 even

GM Removes English F Ska, Italian and Aussie are fine due to OTB's.

A French-Russian Draw is proposed-vote. NVR=YES!

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1904 AND SPRING 1905 IS SAT DEC. 20th-Be there aloha.
Press:

MOS: Hey Cummings, I haven't got my ten bucks yet!

MOS: It's obvious three people couldn't think fast enough for a seven day game. Three CD's in '03 is absurd ((Merion-Damn straight!))

MOS: Well Pilant you finally guessed right, good move. But you're still dead. By the way who helped you, come on you can tell me?

MOS: The French and Russians joined hands in celebration of the Grand Alliance. They hope to capture the remaining leaders before they run and hide

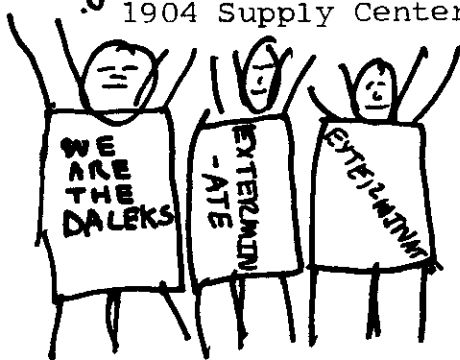
MOS: Hey Dave, no more CD! Why not move the NMR so Mark and I feel better about a win ((Merion-A win by any other name..))

MERION: ((Black Press)) Did you hear? That dumbass Leritte went and got

Wendakty for
Liberty!

I'm tired of
seeing it all.

Goodbye cruel
world!



WANTED

Dead - -
or
Badly maimed.

the guy/gal who put out F&EPI.

...As you all know PEARL was a fake. That means that all those people who sent me money are in tough shit. I will pool the funds sent to me so far 34\$ and set up a reward chest. The cash will given to the first person who proves to me who did it. No self-accusations please!

The Clues.....

- A) Miholski mailing labels.
- B) Jack Masters type of bad writing.
- C) Someone who subs to C&F (the self-history came from there)
- D) My sister Jenny is a legal aide in Kansas City Missouri, is it a coincidence that the faker knew I had a sister in the area. Could the faker be "The short bald Geologist with a huge nose" that my sis has been dating?
- E) Frequent mention of Hitler. Baumeister? Scott Hanson? Only two nazis I know of in the hobby.
- F) Many mis-spellings and bad sentence structures-I.E faker was stupid-I.E faker was Irish. Mike Mills? Byrne?
- G) Frequent refs to "uoliness". Linsey? Arnett?
- H) The Hite Report. Jenny help take surveys for it. Who knew that?



I might as well place this in my own zine. What is this? Read on.

I entered the Diplomacy hobby about 1½ years ago. To be quite frank I have never given a hoot for the game itself. Oh sure I liked it, it was fun, but I didn't care in the least about how my positions fared. What the hobby meant to me was simply a place to relax, a place to let off some steam in good natured fun. And that's how I ~~x~~ treated the whole thing. I thought that all the other people in the hobby were just as interested in having fun. I was wrong.

Today I realize that while Diplomacy players are not the pathetic slobs that play ~~X~~ D&D many of them are wacko's. Not in the sense of "funny" wacko but in the sense of being "dangerous" wacko. Sure there are many people in the hobby who are normal people with good senses of humor. Not that many though. To them I give praise. But now there are the others. My first meeting with the real hobby came when I wrote a letter into Econnor. I told the editor of that zine (since he had mentioned this before) that many jews still distrust Germans. I pointed out that this was an emotional reaction and not based on any real facts. The editor lied, slandered and BSed his way through an attack on me and has been doing it ever since. In one letter he wrote to me he states that I deserved to be slandered because his father had been slandered by a ~~jew~~ " jewish edited " newspaper. This whole affair has taught me two things. Never engage in a battle of wits with an unarmed ~~xxxxx~~ man. Also whoever said "only in mathematics is there truth" was quite correct. Since then I have met other dangerous wackos. Put I digress.

I'm not going to slander anyone. I just want to say what I think of the hobby. It seems to me that the good participants are few and far between. By good I mean those who have good senses of humor. One such man needs pointing out his name is Bob Olsen. I submitted a press item attacking him in 1980CY (he was not in the game) with the dateline ~~xxx~~ not being my own. He responded attacking the poor sap whose dateline I stole. Bob made a fool of himself and I later admitted I wrote the press. He laughed it off with a good natured I-owe-you-one. THIS IS CALLED CLASS. Another man with class is Bob (such don't ask me ~~x~~ to list the deeds he has done to deserve this compliment, they are too numerous. Others's have class. To name a few Del Grande, Jeritte, Blant, Cummins, ~~Matt~~ Mills, Martin, Pilant, Michalski etc. They posses that rare quality of shrugging off an insult with a good natured smile. But 13-14 people do not a hobby make. And I'm so sick and tired of the great mass of hypocrites who cannot take a joke.

I think I'm not being holier than thou. I think I'm just saying the truth. One day the bastards will grind out every spark of fun and laughter left in the hobby. You'll see. Anyway (and I make no pretensions at being a great asset to the hobby) they have grinded me down. I'm tired of personality conflicts not out of humor but of spite. I'm just disgusted with it all.

Well in short I'm leaving the hobby. I'll complete all my commitments, then exit stage right. May be sub to 2-3 of my favorite zines. Let someone else try. The above stuff is not my only reason. Mostly I just have no time left for Diplomacy anymore. It was nice while it lasted but...

NOTES:

Dear John,
This note is not going on the copy I send to the players. Is Pilant for real or what? Why does he always sound like he has a cold, is it you speaking through a towel?

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

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POPE FINDS SLEDDING ROUGHER;
BLOWS SUPPORT FOR ALLY!

Summer 1905: Turkey retreats F Black off the board, A Bulgaria to Con

Fall 1905:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A VIE H; A Bul H/d/r to Ser, Otb; A GRE S
A Bul; A SIL-Mun; F Ion-TUN

ENGLAND (Kirchner): F NTH-Eng; F NWG-Nth; F SKA S F Nwg-Nth

FRANCE (Bricken): A Par-BRE; A GAS-Mar

GERMANY (Grabar): F HEL S F Den; F DEN S ENGLISH F Ska-Swe(NSO);
A Hol-BEL; A Bel-PIC; A BUR S A Bel-Pic; A MUN S A Bur

ITALY (Henry): F MID-Eng; F SPA (sc) H; A MAR-Bur; A Ven-PIE;
A TYO S AUSTRIAN A Sil-Ber(imp); F Alb-ION; F Tyn-WES

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A STP S A Nwy; A NWY S F Swe; F SWE S A Nwy;
A Ukr-WAR; A GAL-Vie; F BLA S F Rum; F RUM S TURKISH A
Con-Bul

TURKEY (Petrie): A Con-BUL; F AEG-Gre; F Smy-EAS

So, Dave Grabar takes over for Germany. Thanks, Dave. Things look a little less cut and dried than they did last year, eh? Well, it's that time of year again, time to extend the deadline by a week. So, deadline for Austria's retreat and Winter 1905 adjustments will be Monday, December 22, 1980. 1905 in revue follows.

1905	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	6	+1	Austria	Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Byl , Gre, TUN
	3	0	England	Edi, Lvp, Lon
	2	0	France	Par, Bre
	6	0	Germany	Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den, Bel
	6	-1	Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Tyn , Mar, Spa, Por
	7	0	Russia	StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy
	4	+1	Turkey	Ank, Con, Smy, BUL
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CONTEST: There's an error in the chart above. First one to detect it gets a free polyethylene babboon's ass, compliments of me. But remember, first correct answer wins, so answer promptly. All who respond will receive a complimentary pack of Halitosis Chewing Gum just for trying. Such a deal!

PRESS

TURKEY-WORLD: We were going to sack the Austrian capital, but when we went to the library to check out a book with maps, we found that the only book had been checked out by an Irish Arab who ran out of toilet paper.

PARIS-WORLD: How about everyone against Austria and Italy?

CHICAGO: I probably won't have a chance to do this later, so I'd like to wish all of you except Dave Perlmutter a very merry Christmas. As for you, Dave, have a happy Chanukah, or whatever it is you heathens call it.

1917

1917 1801

GERMANY FORCES HIMSELF TO THINK OF GOING FOR IT ALL...

Summer, 1913: English F Nth r LON; German A Tyo r BOH

FALL, 1913

AUSTRIA (Guajardo): A TYO-Mun
 ENGLAND (Osuch): F Spasc-MID; A MAR S A Bur; A BUR S A Bel; A Bel S A Bur/d/
 r Pic, Otb; F ENG S F Lon-Nth; F Nat-CLY; F LON-Nth; F TYN
C German A Ruh-The Village Idiot's Convention in Berlin/NSO
 GERMANY (Howe): A Bud-RUM; A UKR, GAL, & SEV S A Bud-Rum; A VIE H; A BOH S A
 Vie; A MUN-Bur; A Ruh-BEL; A HOL S A Ruh-Bel; F NTH-Eng;
F EDI-Nth; F NWY S F Edi-Nth; A Den-KIE; F Bal-DEN
 TURKEY (McCarty): A Rum-Bud/ann; A BUL-Rum; F BLA S A Bul-Rum; F ADR S A Tri;
 F ION S F Nap; F NAP S F Ion-Rom/imp; A ROM S A Ven;
 A VEN S A Tri; A SER S A Rum-Bud; A TRI S A Rum-Bud

Well, last time I wasn't being facetious, I just missed the deadline time for this one. Since we're coming into the Christmas heyday, Spring 1914 won't be due here until WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1980. That last day of the year will be your last chance to end this game in 1980: please vote on an EGT draw and a concession to Germany. The EGT draw last time failed. An NVR next time will count as a NO.

I'd like to thank Arturo for hanging in there to the bitter end. This might be a good time to submit any endgame comments Arturo, while it is all still fresh in your memory. Press follows 1913 in review.

1913: A: Yen	0	-1, out
E: Lon Lvp Par Mar Bre Por Spa Bel Tun	8	-1
G: Home Hol Swe Den Nwy StP Mos War Vie Bud Edi Rum		
	BEL SEV	16 +2
T: Home Bul Ser Gre Nap Rom Tri Ser VEN	10	1 ann., +1
	34	

If both votes pass, the EGT draw passes.

Press:

CON: Sorry, Arturo, but this game has to end sometime, I think. You must die that Armenia might live.

CLYDE: Boy, this is boring. Nothing left to do now but watch the sea lions fuck. Ho hum, pass me another "Foster's", mate (belch).

LON-MUN: Michalski's right in calling our war weak. It's more along the lines of a massacre. So what if I lose Belgium. I didn't need that fleet in Tunis anyway.

CON: How do you say "Go to hell" in Okie?

ENGLAND'S PRELIMINARY ENDGAME STATEMENT: I trusted Howe. I lost.

PLAINS-OKIE JOKESTER: We don't get it. -Carter Bros.

LON-BER: "A-Bel-S-A-Ruh-Bel"? No wonder you lost the Turkish war.

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Featuring EDL#2 1980??

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 DEFENSE OF ~~800~~ LIBERTY

NEW GAME STARTS!

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DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1901 IS THE SECOND/FIRST COMING.....

Good Luck!

Dorey (White shoes) Perlmutter

IRKSOME!

NO. 3

DECEMBER 16, 1980

EMPEROR ABDICATES: HOSTILITIES POSTPONED AS AUSTRIAN GOV'T REORGANIZES

Nathan Mitchell has resigned as Austria. Since the game hasn't started yet, I will replace him with one of John's stand-bys, namely:

Dave Pilant, 112 Olympic, Moore, OK 73160

To give Dave a decent chance to get started in the game, I am moving the deadline for Spring 1901 orders up to January 3, 1981. This means you all can double check on that alliance, attack, or whatever sneaky plans you have. By the time you receive this, I will be with my family in Madison. (Minnesota that is-people always think I'm from Wisconsin or something.) Mail your orders to Minneapolis, but if you need to call me for anything, you can reach me at (612) 598-3427 until about January 2. It will be especially important to date your orders, because if you revise them without dating them, I will find two orders from you in my mailbox and not know which to use. Thus far I have received moves from Italy, England, and Germany.

Just to make my press policy more specific, grey press (for me) means that you can dateline press from another player's country, hometown, or province as long as it is not his home centers. This policy will soon become known as "Maniacal press" because of an (in)famous game being run right now by Bob Osuch. That's about all I have to say except for

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Oh, I almost forgot. I hope you all heard about the Vikings-Browns game last Sunday. The Vikes of the lowly NFC Central outplayed the supposed creme de la creme of the league, the leaders of the AFC Central. If it weren't for a couple of ill-timed penalties and bad kicking, they wouldn't have needed that last second pass to win the game. Jenny King, sports reporter for the zine Murr'ring Ministers, has come out and predicted a Vikings' win in the Super Bowl! Even if that issue did look like a fake, I will say that the Vikes did beat Atlanta, their first playoff foe, in the early season. If a wild card team were to play them in the NFC finals, it would be in Bloomington, and nobody beats the Vikings in the snow. (Unless Drew Pearson gets by with pass interference, but that's another story)

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Hark! What's that stirring and scuffling on your snow-covered roof? Probably just some wine-sodden old fart trying to deliver a copy of...

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DOWN 'N' DIRTY

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RUSSIA - Bob Olsen, 9100 E. Harry, Apt. 211, Wichita, KS 67207

TURKEY - Mike Mazzer, 1338-B Harvard St., Santa Monica, CA 90404

Everyone submitted at least partial preference lists. Four people got their first choice (Brux please note) and only one got anything lower than his second. The weighted composite of your pref lists looks like this: GFREAIT. Seems kinda unusual to see Germany so high and Turkey so low, but if that's what you want....

Since the holidays are likely to impede communication and sober judgement alike, we'll allow a bit of extra time for the initial Spring moves. Thereafter we follow strict 3-week deadlines. I'll expect to see your Spring 1901 orders here by 10 P.M. EST on Thursday, January 22, 1981. Players are reminded that the Houserules (everybody have 'em?) provide for use of neutral orders in case of S'01 NMRs. Until Lee assigns a Boardman Number, this game is designated DnD-1. Please include that in your orders.

Maybe next time I'll throw in a puzzle or contest, but right now I hafta brave 15 miles of snowy country lanes to get the family pet to the boarding kennel where he'll reside while we're in New Jersey for Christmas. Or better yet, anyone have a good recipe for dog stew? Cheers.

Letter + Guest Review

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EM

Boy, do I like to read BB. It's better than LSD. Even beats peyote. Where could you find such an experience? Nowhere else in the Universe can one experience so many delusions than in the pages of BB. And talk about paranoia! There's more isolationist fear in BB than even Moscow. Oh well, I think this is a free country?

I, by the way, like the BRUTUS #13 'game'. What a wonderful idea. Could it work in reverse? With one person playing against six phonies? And a win in 1903? Ummmmmm?

May I make one request for the New Year? Would you kindly cut the Linsey vs Caruso thing? It's worse than Sugar vs Stone II. How 'bout a bit more of them 'Bureaucratic Blunders'? Those were great!

I would like now to review: **TV EVANGELISTS!**

Few of you will tumble out of bed on Sunday morning to hear the TV tell you about God The Almighty Redeemer. All Americans rise 1 hour prior to kickoff on Sunday, but if the wife/girlfriend makes you sleep on the couch, you may find yourself in front of the screen for early morning consoling. So here is a review of those fellows who have actually talked with GOD!

Dr. Jerry Falwell: The Pulpit's Politician. Dr. Jerry is more interested at turning the conservative's election victories into more political power than talking about God. It's the thinking-Fascist's Preacher Hour. Not for human consumption.

Rev. Earnest Angley: "Haaaaheeeeellll". That's Earnest's favorite phrase. This is the used-car lot of the God-trade, and it's a lemon. His stage sports tall doric columns topped with crowns that look like Queen Elizabeth's. It's pure hokum (Gary Coughlan told me that word). When he comes down from the stage and goes into the audience Earnest is flanked with 4 bodyguards, who all look like born-again linebackers. For the Born-Again in three piece polyester this is heaven.

Oral Roberts: One of the old respectable TV preachers, whose pitch is warmth and the love of God. But Oral is one of the bigger pitchers for the buck, since his "City of God" in Oklahoma is eating up more money than he can raise. He's the preacher for the unhappy multi-millionaire who thinks megalomania can't happen to him.

Rex Humbard: A real traditionalist. All he needs is the tent, and Mr Gantry could do the audience warm-ups. Rex isn't as bombastic as Earnest. He isn't as obsessed with politics as Jerry. He's just plain old boring.

Robert Schuller: This guy is very classy. Must've been a Presbyterian at one time. Perhaps you heard about his cathedral in CA, all glass--all glass. Quite a guy, but he loves to talk about how evil the human race is.

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Pat Robinson: Pat graduated from Harvard's Divinity School. He worked hard for the Lord, etc and lo and behold he's got himself a TV Empire called the Christian Broadcasting Network, which also includes radio stations. Pat's got a university in VA where he tapes his shows. His pitches are smoother. He seems more sensible. Not in the forefront of the New Moral Right, but his support of it was never in doubt. Would be Vice-Pres. of Marketing of Ford if not a spirit-shaker.

This is but a sample of Sunday's early morning treats. I left out the PTI club, Rev Ike, James Robison and plenty of others. These guys are sick, and those that believe them even sicker. The disease may be contagious. The weak are very susceptible and should never watch anything stronger than Bugs. For those of you thinking of joining these TV ministries consider the fact that their God is going to fuck the human race for being so damn sinful. If you like that sort of stuff, just remember some people have no wish to live in your future.

Assorted space-filling contributions, probably from Perlmutter. I don't recall anymore:

HOW A PUSSY WAS MADE

Seven wise men made up their minds
To build them a pussy of their own design
The first was a carpenter full of wit
With hammer and chisel he made the split
The second a blacksmith black as coal
With anvil and sledge he made the hole
The third a tailor long and slim
With a piece of red ribbon he lined it within
The forth a furrier big and stout
With the skin of a bear he lined it without
The fifth a fisherman old and bent
With a rotten herring he gave it the scent
The sixth a preacher with a B. A. Deorce
He patted and felt it and said it would pee
The seventh a Rabbi a mean, little runt
He fucked it and blessed it and called it a cunt.



I AM A REPUBLICAN BECAUSE...

I believe that the proper function of government is to do for the people those things that have to be done but cannot be done, or cannot be done as well, by individuals, and that the most effective government is government closest to the people.

I believe that good government is based on the individual and that each person's ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be honored and recognized.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative and incentive have given this nation an economic system second to none.

I believe that sound money management should be our goal.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

I believe we must retain those principles of the past worth retaining, yet always be receptive to new ideas with an outlook broad enough to accommodate thoughtful change and varying points of view.

I believe that Americans value and should preserve their feeling of national strength and pride, and at the same time share with people everywhere a desire for peace and freedom and the extension of human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I believe that the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

SCOTT HANSON (Irksume)

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BB continues to be my favorite reading material, nosing out Maniacal and whatever Martin calls his zine these days. But you got Playboy beat hands (buns?) down. Anyway, I have some comments about your response to Don Del Grande's letter. I'll admit that the present financial aid system for college is a sham. The feds assume that because my family owns some farmland, that they can afford to send me through school. Forget that it is the family farm my dad grew up on; they expect them to sell it or something to pay for my tuition. That's one of the reasons I'm here at Minnesota instead of Georgetown or Stanford or some other "name" school. (The other is that I wasn't admitted to GU or Stanford, but the point is still the same). Anyway, I doubt if we'll see any more college riots for a while. The students would need a really big issue to unify them, and I don't think the draft is big enough. Most of them are too busy partying to mess with any real issues. As for myself, I wouldn't mind fighting if I knew it was for really defending my country, but no one is going to send troops against the US. More likely, those draftees are going to get sent to El Salvador or South Africa or some place to "keep order" (i.e., keep in power) some US-backed dictatorship. Geez, didn't we learn our lesson in Iran?

I see the Linsey-Caruso feud continues to fill up your zine. I find it interesting since I both sub to VOICE OF DOOM and am rather good friends with Kathy Byrne. It would be interesting, that is, except that it's getting silly and redundant. Why don't they both kiss and make up—the whole thing can't be anything but bad for the hobby. I'm sure if they do, we'll hear about it first in BB.

Well, I'm sure someone is going to get upset with my idea of American foreign policy, so I better shut up so they don't have too much to tear me down for.

((OK, let me lead off. I have to strongly disagree with this idea that no war is worth fighting unless in response to enemy forces having attacked us directly first. If we were a self-sufficient land of subsistence farmers, we could afford that. As it is, affairs in Iran or possibly (tho not real likely) South Africa are like the affairs of Belgium in 1901 if you're Turkey; just because it is far away doesn't mean it is irrelevant to you. Iran should indeed have taught a lesson; the lesson I see is that both the Iranians, us, and the rest of the free world would have been far better off had the Shah not been thrown out. Had we then, or even now for that matter, the military ability there and will here to either prop up the Shah or tear down his current successors, it would be of benefit to all. If the US economy had to be cut back 50% in response to an oil embargo from the Mideast, or the loss of the Mideast to another power, that too would not be an attack on the US. Only a total asshole or liberal or some such would think that we should sit back and just watch though. It seems to me that the only lessons lately have been the stupidity and high costs associated with a non-interventionist policy. If anything, we should be MORE prepared to commit military forces wherever US interests seem to be involved, rather than less so. We can see now what sitting on our hands has done. How have we gained by seeing the US-backed dictatorships replaced by communist ones? All we've gained is that the college types can continue to party as you point out, and aren't bothered having to fight.

On the farmland/tuition item, it is much the same here. However, I think such a policy is necessary in order to keep the wealthy from taking up whatever loan money might be available by the simple expedient of putting their cash into real estate during the qualifying time, then selling out after sonny boy is in school at gov't expense. Personally, I've always felt that this business of "going away" to school is kind of dumb. Why tolerate all the incredible extra expense for the gain of letting Joe College be away from home and hopefully, eventually, growing up a little? Hell, throw them in the Army for 2 years and they won't need to move away to learn to stand on their own two feet at family or gov't expense. When they come back, they will have no need to "find themselves" like some spaced out California

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pothead. We might even find that if they'd learn to think for themselves a little more, fewer would bother with college at all, or pay any attention to the Pinko profs when they came across that whining breed. When such people went into the working world, they would know firsthand what the value of some of the "degrees" applicants have are really worth. Might be better to take a non-degreed person who learned the job by doing it, or by taking a few courses he needed to learn it, than to hire someone who spent the time on Soch-type stuff, 8 credits of foreign languages, so and so much Humanities, etc. Might cause the schools to think a little about THEIR goals as well as the students themselves.

Feuds such as Linsey-Caruso are no more related to the welfare of the hobby than is say, my feelings about a Boardman (or vice versa). What if someone were to say that it would be better for the hobby for me to praise the editorials in GFAUSTARK rather than shake my head in disbelief at most of them? I'd say, 'tough bananas'. Now, it may well be true that the hobby would seem a nicer place if we could say that there are no personality clashes amongst hobbyists. I think it better though if we leave the lying INSIDE the game rather than outside it.

Hmm, let's see now, is there anyone I haven't insulted yet? Give me a minute...)) J.M.

ANONYMOUS

Sol III

by request

I 'ust got a few things I wanna get offa me chest. It's about this Caruso/Linsey thing and it really makes me wanna puke! I mean, I don't know who's right and who ain't here, all's I know is that that Linsey guy writes a good letter. I mean, this half-wit, semi-illiterate Caruso guy writes all these dumb letters denouncing the Voice of Doom hisself and expects us out here in Cowtown to be impressed. Well, we ain't! What does Kathy see in that guy anyway? I mean, the guy can't even fill a game in his cruddy Whitestonedia.

All of this raises the important question: kiss my pencils, Caruso! We forgives ya' for bein' a illiterate, but does ya's has to make it so obvious by writin' letters to all the zines I get?

signed, The Sleaze

((Normally I wouldn't print a personal attack anonymously, but this one is obviously meant as a humor item, so here it is.)) J.M.

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Thanks very much for the copy of THE BRUTUS BULLETIN. I must say it was a considerable change from all the zines I receive here. Few try to be as directly political (but then, we haven't got a Presidential election and I'd probably ignore their rubbish anyway) though its good to see some things never change—personal attacks seem to be as prominent in America as they are here.

I was very surprised to see a review on marijuana. I had always assumed such things would be jumped on, as being contrary to public policy. Indeed, I reasonably sure it would here—I certainly wouldn't publish such a thing and take the risk. Perhaps this is indicative of the differences between our two societies?

Er, this is going to sound stupid, but who the hell is Bruce Lindsey? He sounds like some over-pompous idiot who thinks he runs the hobby—we have our fair share over here; Tringham and Birks are names that immediately spring to mind. Perhaps you would care to elaborate?

I think I've written too much already (I've my own zine to type up, ya know!).

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Anyway, the real point of this letter is to inform you that we do, indeed, have a "by sea" post rate. I don't know exactly how much it is, but suspect it'll be around £0.40 a time. As you appear to produce issues far more regularly than I do, it should work out about even in the end. So unless I hear otherwise, I'll assume the trade is on, OK? PS Your subscription levels over there seem to be considerably lower than here. Most zines average 80-100, though very few break out of that range.

((I hope that is translated already into cents. If pence, 80-100 would translate to around \$2 per issue. That is the rate that slick commercial zines go for here. Up through this summer, most American zines went for 35-45¢; they are rapidly going to 60-70¢. I am just about at the limit of my current comfortable circulation, but I'll be glad to trade for VOICE; an impressive product.

I was tempted to delete the Linsey reference, but decided to leave it in just for its informational value, to show folks how the feud makes the parties appear to "outsiders". Both Linsey and his detractors get this, so I hope they'll both write to you. (31 ¢ per half oz, 62¢ for 5 sheets and an envelope, folks) There are people here such as you describe, but Linsey isn't one of them. He is criticized for his elaborate house rules and an inflexible or hard-nosed view to enforcing them. Some like it, some don't; it is limited to his administration of his own games, so no one not directly involved really cares much. However, his actions and personality, like those of his detractors, gets pulled in, and it snowballs, and we have a feud. So it goes.

I was very intrigued by your response to the marijuana review. I feel the situation is rather like reviewing beers during Prohibition here, i.e., a little racy perhaps, but keeps up the interest. I personally am strongly rightwing/conservative, which is the side usually associated with the opposition to the drug culture, and I personally think that drug usage is pretty stupid. However, I find cigarette smoking to be more offensive (it being widespread), and as long as the drug business is behind closed doors, I really don't pay much attention or give a damn. More a matter of personal preference, irregardless of public policy. I'm curious; WHO is it that would "jump on" you, I wonder? I'll try to remember to send you a copy of Pilant's gun review from an earlier issue, and see what you think of that.))

KEITH SHERWOOD

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This is going to be a very hard letter for me to write. For the last couple of weeks I have been procrastinating over writing a letter to you about your zine and my feelings towards various things, among them, the gun review in BB #74. I only got as far as the record review enclosed. I felt it would be a good compromise between the Gun Review and the Pot Review. I wrote it before John Lennon's murder, and I leave it as I first wrote it. Please print it if you feel so inclined.

Now the Buckle-in-and-take-it Dept.:

It's assholes like you, Michalski, with your "Arm every American to the teeth" philosophy that makes it possible (I'll stop short of "caused") for such a senseless death as that of John Lennon. Every civilized country in the world (yes-communist and non-communist alike) has some sort of gun control laws. After I had finished crying when I heard of the murder, my first thoughts were that the murderer probably bought the gun (easily) for the single purpose of committing the act, and he'll probably be out on the streets again in five years after being declared insane and eventually "rehabilitated." Mark my words, John Lennon's death will cause people to take a serious look at the present archaic laws. Unfortunately, the new administration will probably bow down to the anti-gun control lobby (one of the strongest in Washington) even though two-thirds of Americans would like to see our gun laws reformed. I sure wish Lennon had chosen to live in Philly, where "it's illegal to buy an air pistol." Already the response from other countries is "only in America could it happen." When I first read the Gun Review, I just thought it was in bad taste. Now it makes me sick. John Lennon, who always stood for peace, hopefully will go down as a martyr. Will America take heed? I hope so. Finally, John M., don't bother cutting down me and these sentiments: I just signed up for a speech contest to be held by the American Legion. The subject: some aspect of the Constitution. I plan to get up there in front of people who are probably as far as right as you and blast

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the first amendment. I doubt I'll win the scholarship....

(Whew--I'm glad I got that off my chest.)

"I used to think I was too conservative, and then I read Brutus Bulliten." quote of the month, and it applies to me. Despite your views which, obviously, I sometimes find hard to stomach, I still think you've got a damn good zine. You've got only one thing missing: gift subscriptions. Therefore, enclosed is a check (along with one for the Zine Sampler) for two "gift subscriptions": ((--)) They are both FTF players; perhaps they can be coned into the Wonderful World of Disney/Postal Diplomacy. This hobby needs new blood. (Forget I ever said that...)

((Your letter was perfectly timed; I had my Lennon-and-gun comments typed up only the day before. Between you and I, we should have every end of the issue. Everyone in the audience ought to be pissed at at least ONE of us... I've already commented there, so I'll leave the rest to speak for (or against) itself. Let me know what the Legion thought, tho I doubt if you are right in saying they are "probably as far to the right as I am". That would make them one hell of a group!))

MARK LEW (Dipshit)

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Haven't written to you in a while. BB#77 is the best I've seen, though I suspect it was partly due to the mood I was in. I'll just diarrhea some thoughts here.

I can sympathize with you about the weather. This August it got up to 40 here and my igloo melted and my dogs wouldn't run because of the mud. Now its 90 below, which is a bit cold, but I suppose we need it to freeze things up again.

I must recommend that box of dipzines to any budding young new person who wants to get an idea at what there is around. I bought the last one and it's one of the best things I've done for myself in the hobby.

Hobby widespread with a zine in WV, wow. Maybe we'll even get one in OK! (Or maybe AK? Naaaah)

And by the way, I'd like to tell you about my new zine, DIPSHIT. You can ask me for a sample, but I won't send you one. I won't be printing the first issue (or any other for that matter). Maybe I can get a friend to do it, like BJ Masters maybe? It's a really great zine though!

I almost had forgotten that I like hobby feuds til I read Brux's BEST SOLUTION. On the feud subject, I always hear people say how we should "stop feuding so we could get back to playing Diplomacy like we're supposed to." Are they stupid or what? Diplomacy is just a front to bring us all together so we can insult each other. No one out there really likes to just play that dumb game, do they? And besides, what's wrong with feuding and playing at the same time?

In case anyone really cares, I really believe Davey DP that Jews are the master race.. Everyone always prosecutes them because they're jealous. Jews are neat folks but those WWII escape, hide, etc., books are stupid.

I'm sort of sad Gibby got thrown out. I suppose he was a jerk, but he stands for something much higher. He rose from the depths by doing and saying what he wants and not giving a damn. As (William) Goldman puts it in MAGIC, he "pisses hate at the gods!" I'm sure you're all unimpressed, but he's a hero to me.

I hate to say something bad about someone who isn't bad, but I feel obligated. Everywhere I read some one is saying LONE STAR DIPLOMAT is great, wonderful, the best zine ever, etc. I thought I'd say not EVERYONE likes it. I don't. The ultraprofessional look turns me off, as does Texas. I hate Texas. It's not his fault he's a Texan, but he needn't harp on and on about it. Now Mike's going to think I hate him. Oh, well.

Maybe I shouldn't end here, but too bad. I'm all out and this is long. I sit. PS Oh yeah! About them gun & wine reviews. You got the idea from CHEESECAKE, didn't you? I liked his chicken pot pies better.

((So did I. I used the identical lead-in format for my liquor review, and the topics took off from there. I agree with you in thinking that Perlmutter was dead serious about that master race article. I have to disagree about your evaluation of Gibby though. He

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was not just speaking out what he thought; rather, he spoke out that he was right. It is not a matter of being forthright about unpopular views; rather, he expounded the One True position, and that's all there is to it. It's OK as long as it doesn't vary too much from what you think, but even at that, it can get a little old after a while. I'm sure he'd be glad to do a guest column for you in DIPSHIT, ask him. If he appears anywhere, it ought to be in a zeen of that name.

Both dipzine boxes I had are now sold, but at the rate that they come in here, I'll probably have another in a month or so. Thanks for writing.)) *dm*

BRAD WILSON (Born to Dip)
(excerpts)

The trade is greatly appreciated, as would be any plugs—especially of my 2 week, black press affair. Yes, I did steal the idea from you, thru Osuch, but then, imitation is flattery, is it not?

On to funnier aspects of a letter: You sent NCPAC 20 bucks? Great. Now if we can beat Teddy-dearest in '82... Seriously, I am deeply involved in the Teen Age Republicans in the state of PA. I hold a couple of state posts and am an ardent conservative. You know, the liberals' ideas of 1. spending money they, and we, don't have; 2. kowtowing to the Reds; and 3. the idea that the working people of this country owe the welfare cheats and bums anything stuck around surprisingly long. My major push is in foreign affairs. I believe Communism is inherently evil, and that we, as the forces of freedom, must move to stop it while strengthening our defenses. I don't like nuclear war, but on the other hand, life under Brezhnev is, to me, no life at all. SALT II is dead—thank God! Thurmond in Judiciary, Hatch in Labor, I'm in heaven! Liberal philosophy has reached a dead end, but it did that 15 years ago. Only now has it been realized.

What happened with that Oklahoma senate seat vacated by Bellmon? The "unfair & unbiased" (see Apalling Greed #2) media up here would have us believe that the lib Dems had that seat. Was it Reagan or something else?

On the Brux/Caruso affair. Well, one of my "patrons" in the hobby has been Kathy, and I greatly respect and like John C. But unfortunately, for me, I'm biased in their favor to look with a even eye. But, no matter what Brux says, I believe the Whitestonia group. Why? Their facts seem clearer, and they don't seem to delight in deception of other people as Brux does. What do you think? (Martin says you "agree" with Linsey).

On guns, well, at the risk of angering you and betraying my right-wing beliefs, I think HANDGUN control might be a real good idea. What the hell do you do with a handgun except blow somebody away? Rifles, etc, are different, but the proliferation and cheapness of the pistol variety guns requires some control. Of course mandatory sentencing for crimes would help too.

Poland? Poland would be a hell of a lot better off if 1. their Foreign Minister had not rejected relatively reasonable terms w/Germany in summer 1939; 2. FDR and the Stalin appeasers had not handed eastern Europe over to the KGB and its hoodlums at Yalta in 45 3. Gomulka had been a bit more daring in 56-57. The west might have had to act after the howls of protest due to the inaction in the Hungarian crisis. But poor Poland's fate in history is to be caught between Austria, Germany, Russia—that position will naturally cause trouble, especially when the Polish religion is different and the Poles nationalism is so fervent. Poland, with Alsace Lorraine, Macedonia, and the Sudetenland and Bohemia are the tragic areas in European history. Its their ~~fate~~, geographically).

This may interest you, and then it may not. Guess who introduced Perlmutter to Dip? Yep, me. Well, about three years ago I was looking for people at my school to play Dip, and Davey sounded interested. Well, in that first game he won, by concession. In fact, he always beat the stuffings out of me (FTF). And I've played since '75! Dave joined the postal hobby before me, of course, but I am his mentor of sorts. A very good FTF player. Watch out if you run across him at a tournament. Don't get too mad at me...

Somebody should tell Konrad Dave's kidding. I know him well enough to know that his teasing can be cruel, but he's really just kidding in the long run.

I agree with you on MANY (not all) students not wanting the responsibility of citizenship in this great land. A draft? Fine with me, if that's the price I pay for freedom to write things like this. This country is FAT & LAZY. We could almost use a

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little authoritarianism in DC, you know. But John, I really must protest your characterization of students as "doped up" girl-chasers who don't plan to find gainful employment. These exist, to be sure, and there are plenty at Berkely. But me, and most of my friends, don't do dope (and never will), want to go to a good college, and gain useful employment. Sure, I like to drink—Heineken and ((illegible)), plus Finlandia when I'm rich—but it's a form of recreation on weekends. John, the youth of this country is not completely decadent, even if the intelligentsia and liberals are. There is hope for the future.

Congrats on a GREAT Brutus 13 coup. THAT is really funny.

Sorry this isn't typed. Rarely do I use the typer except when using it to type BtD. My typing isn't the greatest.

...my hobbies are debating, dippy, politics, drama, and extensive reading. I love to travel, but don't get a chance too often. My favorite dipzeen is Retal, GD, or whatever —no slight, John, but Dick's style is irrepressible, and besides, it was my first zeen. You're second, and close. My favorite Dip country is Turkey, then England.

((Hmm, and to me, they're near the bottom, esp. Turkey, despite my one win with it.

Glad you liked B#13. The only comments I've heard have been favorable to the prank, with the lone exception of Nathan Mitchell, the prankee, who called and said to take it and "roll it in a little ball and shove it". The only other things I've heard from him on it were some spite resignations. So much for maturity.

Certainly the majority of students aren't barefoot bums, but they are the ones who are in the lead in all the "activism" we see. They are the trendsetters, not the ones who come in, do their job, and move on. The creeps speak for the colleges and make the waves, so they are abused here in turn. Fair enough.

If D Pearl is "kidding" as you say, he has strange ways of showing it. His printed attacks are mild ones compared to what the personal mail ~~to~~ Konrad gets has said (per Konrad). I would consider it to be an honest statement of opinion, from what I've seen, tho Son of Pearl does leaven it all with a good sense of humor in print form.

It is refreshing to see some pro-Right people come along. While there are plenty of us, it is the Left that usually has its mouth open.

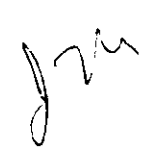
The Polish religion and nationalism would be less fervent if they weren't being actively suppressed. The nationalism and religion are the only things they have to cling to. Personally I'd prefer to see them knuckle under a little now, just to keep the Soviets out. Better a little real progress than to make a big leap, only to have it crushed like Hungary, Czechoslovakia, etc. Accomodating Germany wouldn't have helped though. After all, "Germany's destiny lies in the East", and you don't get to the Ukraine via the Hungarian plain, you get there via the Lvov gap. Poland, as always, was in the agressor's way.

Without handguns, the honest individual is at a disadvantage, but such limitations are as close to reasonable as anti-gun forces can get. Personally, I would draw the line at crew-served weapons, but then, how many people ever agree with me? Perhaps if you ask yourself this, you'll see my position a little better: Would anyone be better off if that NY creep had doused Lennon with a jar of gasoline instead, and put a match to him? Would we hear calls for fuel control?

Bellmon's seat WAS a near-certain Republicazn loss. I would have campaigned against Bellmon myself, had he run. The Demo's had this one in the bag. It was the overwhelming Reagan coattails alone that did it. The Repub winner is a fresh-faced kid, and could never have made it alone here, even when a big-city DA is his opponent (lacking much countryside support aside from knee-jerk Demo votes, which is a LOT in Okla...)

You have a lot of courage to admit to letting Perlmutter into this hobby. I salute you.

Thanks for writing.))



GUEST REVIEW: SOME CONTENTS OF MY RECORD AND TAPE LIBRARY
by Keith Sherwood

This review is of straight Rock 'n Roll (not punk or acid or disco) so it should be good middle ground between the rednecked-conservatism of Moore, OK, and the Gun Review, and the burnt-out liberalism of the pot review.

THE BEATLES: Complete collection of every Beatle song ever released minus four, and I'm working on them. What can you say about them? The best music produced by the greatest group in the history of recorded music, notwithstanding. John, Paul, George and Ringo led everyone through the sixties both on and off the record. Without them spearheading the British Invasion, groups like the Rolling Stones and the Who would never had made it across the Atlantic from England. My all-time numero uno (Ono?) group.

THE WHO: The Kids Are Alright: Great Two record retrospective to introduce yourself to the Who. On one of the few times the Beatles were beat to the punch, the Who produced the world's first rock opera, Tommy. It's still a classic. The Who beat out the Rolling Stones for the second best group of all time by virtue of their lyrics: almost every song has a meaning or message.

THE ROLLING STONES: Complete album collection back to 1967. I was going for a complete Stone collection when I got turned on the Who. I'm stopping this collection here and concentrating the money and effort on the Who. The Stones' Sticky Fingers and the Who's Who's Next, both 1971, are probably the best records of the seventies. I especially like the Mick's groupie songs that are generally X-rated.

PAUL McCARTNEY: More or less complete album collection. He's been going up and down since he broke with the Beatles in 1970. Lately he's been on the down-swing, but I'm a hopeless romantic, so I'll probably always buy his records.

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW: Both the original play and movie soundtracks. Yes, this the infamous cult picture shown at midnight. Great movie, great music. Contains such classics as "Sweet Transvestite" and "Touch Me." If you haven't seen the movie, go see it. If you've seen the movie, get the record. One of my personal favorites.

SUPERTRAMP: Breakfast in America. Thumbs down. Never Play it. Old girlfriend gave it to me. I'm no longer going out with her.

FOREIGNER: Headgames. I was pleasantly surprised by this one. Another girlfriend gave me this one. Funny, I'd liked the first one more. No accounting for taste.

LINDA RONSTADT: We'll Simple Dreams. Wimpy. Third best selling album of '77 for no reason apparent to me. Received as a gift. (NO, not from a former girlfriend.)

FLEETWOOD MAC: Fleetwood Mac, Rumours, Tusk. Good Trilogy. Rumours was the best selling album of '77. Set record with 14 million copies sold world-wide.

EAGLES: Hotel California. Second best seller of '77. Good record: much better than their latest "effort." The record that made them what they are today. (?)

AEROSMITH: Toys in the Attic and assorted other stuff. Good hard rock when your in the mood for it. The American Led Zepplin. "Big ten inch" is interesting song.

That's a small sampling, but it's characteristic. Notice if you will, there is no punk, disco or redneck in my collection. I'm very selective when it comes to my records. But apparently not my girlfriends. My favorite, however, follows:

THE RUTLES: Unless you're a Beatlemaniac like me, you'll probably miss most of the subtle jokes of the spoof put together by Saturday Night Live and Monty Python. It's a great record (although hard to find) where every song is a take-off on a certain Beatlesong. But more than half of the charm of this package is the hilarious book inside, "All you need is cash."

ASSORTED RAMBLINGS

PLUGS are a common feature in most dipzeens, especially new ones. It is a good way for new publishers to get exposure, since by plugging older, established zines, they bring themselves to the attention of the name pubbers and create a sort of moral obligation on their part to plug the novice ~~zine~~ in return. Unfortunately, the results aren't always so good. I remember seeing one new publisher (some time ago) plug what seemed to be a random sampling of zines whose names he'd seen somewhere; I really doubt he had any experience with the products themselves. For instance, he mentioned Kovalcik's TETRACUSPID, telling us about its high caliber QWing and long history, etc. Well, both Kovalcik and his Tetracuspids were down at the bottom rung of the last Leeder poll, and even those who do give 'honest' plugs of him now and then will say as a plus that "he's really improving after the last year" or "his former problems with regularity should now be solved"--that sort of thing. Clearly then, one could at best say that he has cleaned up his act from the time I cancelled his BB sub and denounced him here for picking up Buddy Tretick as a GT for Tetracuspids. But to plug his regularity and/or record only shows that the plugger is making up the plug out of thin air. It seriously detracts from ALL the plugs such an author would give. Now if you just want to comment on the positive aspects of a group of zines, fine; many publishers seem hesitant to say ANYthing negative about anybody at all ("The devil himself is a bright and pretty red"...?) for apparent fear that someone might disagree or think poorly of them for having judgemental ability. But if that's the route you want to go, then at least PLEASE limit your praises to real qualities you see in the issues you've seen in hand. By making up praises for qualities you find good, and attributing them to zines you are not familiar with, you seriously jepordize your credibility as well as denigrate those publishers who really DO have those good qualities. Stick to praising only what you've seen, and then SAY that it's all you've seen: "From this sample of TETRACUSPID I got last week, it looks good", not "Surely TETRACUSPID is a model publication and a pillar of the hobby". You're even being unfair to Kovalcik with the latter. (He and TET are used only as examples, it being one that stuck in mind. My point is the principle, not to say TET is currently good, bad, or indifferent in and of itself.)

FASHION was an item on a recent 60 Minutes show that spent some time covering all this Western bullshit that some people are jumping into with three feet in parts of the country. (NOT here; either you've always worn those fag cowboy clothes, or like me, you wouldn't be caught dead in them). TV, uh, "news" reporting being what it is, I find it very difficult to believe that any real number of normal people would actually start wearing that kind of garbage, even if we're only talking about "night life" wear. Oklahoma City being not QUITE in the very center of things, I'm curious to hear whether, or to what extent, people are really following such nonsensical fads, or whether this is just like the "fall campus fashions" sections of PLAYBOY: pure hype and fantasy, normal people being no more affected than by an increase in the price of tomatoes in Mongolia. Just as some of you are familiar to at least some extent with the drug scene, perhaps some would comment on whether anyone YOU know is into this fad. I can't tell; there are always about 4% of the populace here (tho they seem like more, being more noticeable than regular people) that wear dumb/"Western" clothes, and to see them on the streets, it is not possible to tell whether they are just sheep following "fashion" or whether they have ALWAYS dressed that foolishly. I'm curious as to what you see out there.

DRAGON'S TEETH are effective anti-tank barricades, but also is the name of a rating system that was recently printed up in Ron Brown's excellent MURDRIN' MINISTERS. The reason that I noticed this normally dull-topic item was that MY name just made the cut, #20 of the top 20. Look fast, for while I have one additional win, I've also been blown away in quite a number of recently-concluded games as well, so I won't likely stay there for long. However, if you're curious as to what group of dastardly devils are (ahem) "tops" under at least one rating system, check it out. Ron is at 1528 El Sereno Place, Bakersfield, CA 93304