

"With all the meteor activity in this area, it will be difficult to spot approaching ships." "Especially if they're hidden within the pages of this double issue of

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BRUTUS BULLETIN

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Mid Aug 1981

MY WEEKLY READER is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYtm brought to you every so often by John Michalski, Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. You can resub with cash, stamps, or a pair of new HR78-15 steel belted radials that I need but can't afford; 2 zines of mine for one buck of yours. Refunds are available for the asking, anytime. (You can sure tell I really LOVE putting out all this material in so short a time, right?)

SUMMER FUN SEASON is here! So, why don't you go out and have some fun instead of sitting inside and writing me letters? Or is that how you get your jollies? Seriously, the summer has produced a torrent of material as you've seen these past few weeks, and in order to break away from the current situation of my getting one issue into the mail with enough carried over to already fill 3/4ths of the NEXT issue, this will be a triple, clear-the-deck issue. There will likely be SOME carryover, but not the more-than- $\frac{1}{2}$ -an-issue as has been the case. But more on that later. Here's a news item from ROD WALKER:

As of last weekend, I have become Editor of DIPLOMACY WORLD. I am driving to Jerry's tomorrow to pick up the files and other materials. The next issue of DW is planned for the end of August and we plan to resume the regular quarterly publication...although available money may not permit more than trimesterly publication during our first year. The Co-Editor of DW will be Larry Peery. Our calculations are that DW is losing money on every issue and that some increase in the subscription rate will be necessary, effective immediately. The exact amount will be determined by what our printing costs turn out to be. Larry and I are checking with our respective printers.

There will be a considerable change in DW's editorial policies. We will be giving considerable emphasis to articles which will be of benefit both to postal and non-postal players, rather than the current heavy emphasis on postal play and personalities. There will be more coverage of local FTF play and cons/tournaments. We are looking for stringers who can send us brief (BRIEF) reports on local activities, upcoming get-togethers, and the like. DW will, commencing with the upcoming issue, pay contributors for their work. The minimum rate will be a contributor's copy, but we anticipate small cash payments as our finances allow; we hope for a half-cent a word by the end of 1982.

I'm glad to see DW making a new start. I'm sure it will help, and despite a lot of what is said, I for one want to thank Jerry Jones for giving it what he did. DW is really a pro zine, and when a hobbyist-pubber like one of us takes that on...well, it can kill you and you may still not get a lot done compared to what you'd hoped. So while the change is good for DW, I think it will be good for Jerry too. Thanks for trying, and sticking with it Jerry! (Let's see a renewed LDNS this fall, whatcha say?)

ELSEWHERE inside will be Robert Sacks latest Known Game Openings list, which includes an editorial note about the Linsey proposal re the BNC working for Tretick. I lacked the space there to comment on his three points, so with BB's historical organization, let me start here, and you can find the original points of his somewhere inside. (Planning, that's what's made this zeen great). Bob says that no tribunal exists which can judge the BNC; I think that is an error. It seems to me that ANYONE can. The post is appointive, and often


JOHN'S NOTES

'appointive' has meant self-appointed; anyone who would take the spot could have it. So if the BNC should screw up, it seems to me that anyone could challenge him on it, or indeed, try and toss him out. Bob also mentions elections and removal procedures; these are extraneous, since again, there haven't been elections or placement procedures. All you would have to do is find another candidate and then get people to recognize/use him as the new BNC. (Or her. Maybe Kathy wants to run someday...). Finally, Bob says the BNC has done nothing wrong (as have a number of writers this issue). This is clearly an error. He has not fallen down on the JOB, but he has, and IS, showing very questionable judgment in operating out of LE FRONT DE FRAUD. Whether this is bad enough to warrant his removal as BNC is even more questionable, but I do think it is a legitimate act to challenge this poor (or more accurately, 'stupid') conduct on the part of the BNC.

WASHINGTON POST DEPARTMENT: Apologies. I seem to owe some. First, I said last issue that it contained an exchange between John Daly and Robert Sacks; regrettably, I found I had 12 sheets for 97 instead of 11, and had to cut the sheet with the bulk of Sacks stuff. This was not intentional; I also found that EVERY sheet that issue except for the Sacks sheet and the cover was tied to some adjacent sheet. I thought of dropping the game, but it had been carried over once already, and I'd said that it too would be included, so the two sheets of it stayed. So the Sacks submissions had to be carried over to this issue. They are here, along with a cute nonsense piece submitted by a friend of John Caruso's...

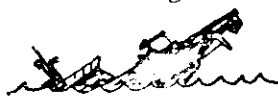
Then there's Steve Cartier, who someone objected may have been maligned (they thought so) by the error of mine in associating him with the Boardman charge against Father Dan Gorham who I confused with Dan Brannon who Boardman says is Cartier. Or something like that. If Cartier would turn out to be a Brannon, I don't really care; that's his business unless both names are in one game, which has never even been charged. Cartier is not the guy the FBI wanted though. Sorry if I gave that impression.

Since this issue is having to go out as a double issue, that means that #100 is now only 1 issue away. Hopefully that does NOT mean that Labor Day will be a good time to get #103 into the mails...grrr. Anyhow, what it does mean is that #100 will not likely be anything special, except for being special in that it breaks tradition and is not special. (With logic like that, I should write house rules for VD, hey?) Just don't be too disappointed with a plain-Jane issue. For #50 I put out a pretty big one as I recall, but as you well know, I am already at or past the point of prudent publication volume. (That means that aside from being worn out, my ass would be in a bind if I tried to run off even more than I already am.) So if you only plan to resub to see the big #100, keep your dough.

TRO Sherwood sent this in: "Perhaps you'd like the sign above the hole in an out-house I found in Colorado. "We know it stinks, but keeping the lid down does keep flies and ~~smell~~ to a minimum." It worked too." ~~But not for you~~ Does that have anything to do with BB?

Speaking of good stuff, EMPIRE is making a short revisit. I've only seen it once so far; other than the start, I'm not real eager about it. One local radio reviewer showed how he does his reviews when he called it "Empire Fights Back" and the character "Joe-duh". Now, if he only saw the film, or even saw the film, he would know that it is 'YO-duh'. Apparently he read a review and got the name "Joda" from PRINT then as "Joe-duh", and reviewed this movie he'd "seen" accordingly. I'm afraid that the more you see of our news types, the less credibility you can put in them.

Have you guys (and girls) tried the chicken platter at Roy Rogers? It's pretty good. Out of three or four orders, I only missed getting a breast piece once, and even then you still get meat. I can buy a 15-piece bucket at Colonel Shalters and not get but two breasts in it. They don't advertise it, but if you see chicken out, just ask for a chicken platter. Darn good. Even the coleslaw is decent. Maybe the trick is, order what's not the specialty. Fish at McDonalds used to be good, chicken is at Roy Rogers Roast Beef, and the other day I found a good steak at El Chicos.


SUBS SINKING: Berch, Becker, Albrecht, Columbo, Pearson, Sigwalt

LATE NOTE: The Canadian postal strike is reported ending.

re: DIPLOMACY WORLD

20 July 1981

from: Robert Sacks (4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034)

news release begins

This evening I spoke to Jerry Jones, Editor/Publisher of DW. He apologetically informed me that even though he had informed me that I would be the next Publisher, Walt Buchanan had a change of mind, and the post was going to Rod Walker, who will be assisted by Larry Peery.

news release ends

discussion begins

First, I must apologize to all persons I had advised of my possible assumption of the post. This development is exactly what I feared might happen. Several of you may be forced to reconsider your involvement with me in a number of Diplomacy related projects.

Let me paint a worst-case scenario: the attacks on me, personally, and people and projects associated with me, in the pages of DW will increase; I will be replaced or forced out of the KGO column in DW; DW will actively support Walker's campaigns to gain control of the hobby, and such discredited efforts as the NADF and IDS; projects, hobby offices, and zines not kowtowing to Walker will not receive adequate or favorable mention in DW.

I also believe that the decline in DW will not be reversed.

What can we do?

We can all run for cover.

We can set up some sort of hobby group, just as I have been accused of planning, and/or

We can set up a competitive magazine. I have asked Mark Richards to develop a plan/proposal for this.

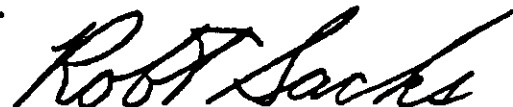
discussion ends

INFORMATION RELEASE: THE MILLER NUMBER CUSTODIANSHIP 17 July 1981

I am advised by the Miller Number Custodian, Gregory Costikyan, that in accordance with his previously announced plans, at the beginning of this month he transferred the Miller Numbers to the then Vice Custodian, John Leeder, who has accepted the position.

John Leeder's address is 121 19th Ave NE, Calgary Alberta T2E 1N9 CANADA. (Clearly attempting to communicate by mail during the Canadian postal strike, or the threatened U.S. postal strike, is not possible.)

I am further advised by Mr Costikyan that he concluded no agreement with anyone allowing them to assume the assignment of numbers. Anyone claiming to assign numbers or assume the custodianship on the basis of such an agreement, or imagined non-performance, or any other basis, or attempting to take advantage of Mr Costikyan's change of address or the disruption of postal service, should be ignored.



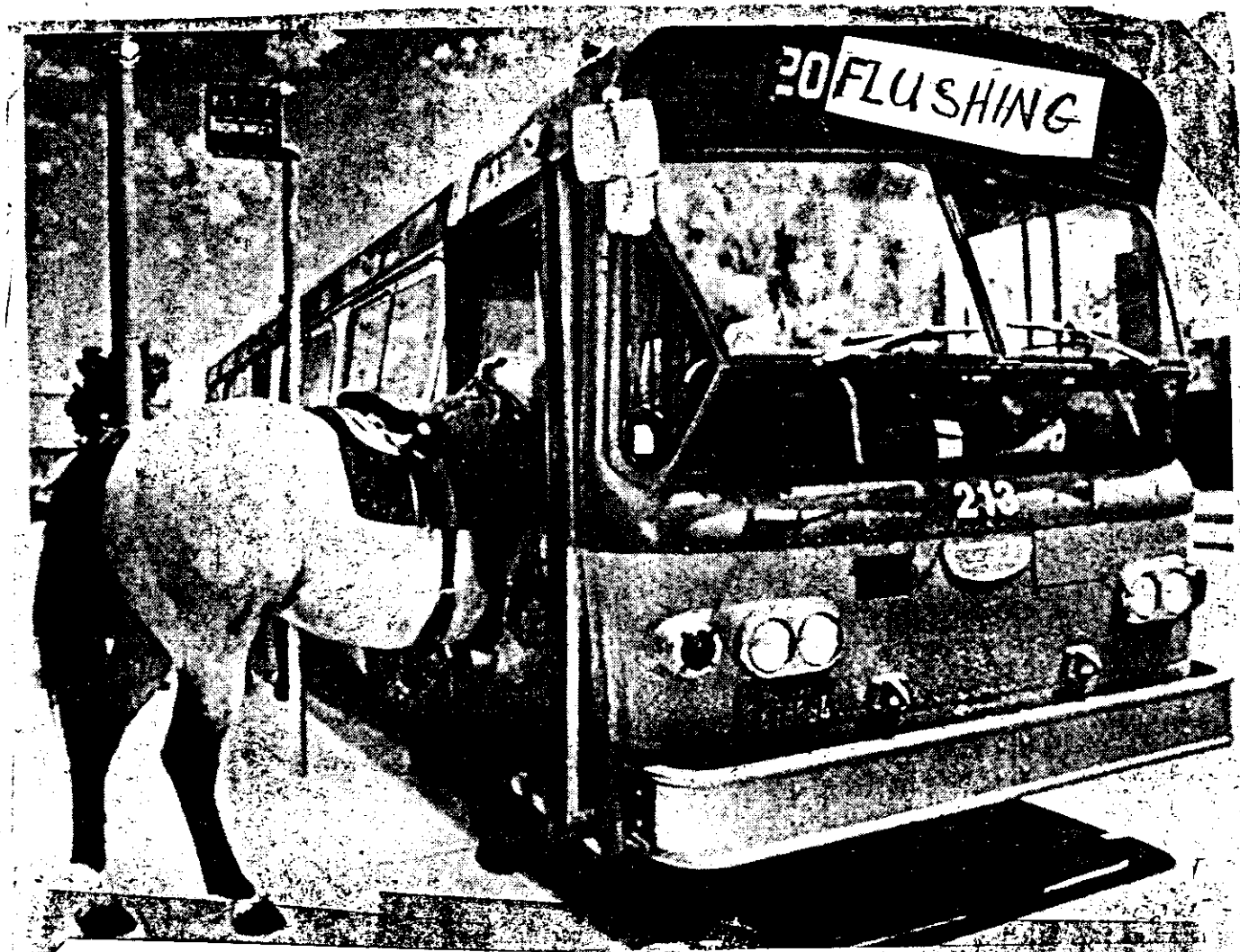
Robert E Sacks
past Miller Number Custodian
Associate MNC and Registrar

— SPECIAL GUEST FEATURE —

It was a hot summer day, John Caruso and Kathy Byrne were sitting outside on their porch. A bug flying around Caruso's head was annoying the hell out of him. No matter what John did the pest would not leave. Kathy finally looked over and said "John why is a Boom-Boom fly buzzing around your head?"

John took another swat at the fly and asked Kathy just what a Boom-Boom fly was. Kathy explained that the Boom-Boom fly is the fly that buzzes around a horse's ass. With that comment Caruso looked at Kathy and bellowed "Are you comparing me to a horse's ass?!"

Kathy's smirk was now a full-fledged grin. "Well John, you can fool me, you can fool the twins and sometimes you can even fool Phyllis. But you can't fool the Boom-Boom fly."



AFTER A LONG WEEKEND IN CHERRY HILL N.J. (AT GEN CON)
JOHN CARUSO BOARDS THE BUS FOR HOME.

GOPHER HOLE

1981CK WINTER 1901

TIME OUT FOR A FEW BUILDS

AUGUST 1, 1981

AUSTRIA(Cummings)	Bld A BUD; also has A TRI, F ALB, A SER.
ENGLAND(Ellis)	Bld F LVP; also has A PIC, F ENG, F NWY.
FRANCE(Kostenick)	Bld A PAR, A MAR; also has A SPA, A BRE, F POR.
GERMANY(Forman)	Bld A KIE, A MUN; also has F BEL, A DEN, A BUR.
ITALY(P. Byrne)	Bld F NAP; also has A TYO, A VEN, F TUN.
RUSSIA(O. Gareipy)	Bld F STP, F SEV; also has F SWE, A GAL, A WAR, F RUM.
TURKEY(Iverson)	Bld F SMY; also has F CON, A ANK, A BUL.

John was wrong; my HRs separate Winter '01 from Spring '02, so Spring 1902 will be due at noon CDT on August 15, 1981. I have S'02 orders from all powers except Austria. Please note that builds and removals can not be made conditional on other countries' builds and removals; conditions can only be made on the season before. (For instance, spring moves conditional on your allies' builds that were due at the same time.) Almost all the press this time referred to the spring moves, so I'll hold it all until next time. But I do have some late press from last time---

ITALY-IRKSOME FRANCE: Look, sucker, ask and you shall receive. (and if you look too far you'll receive a punch in the face.)

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Since you said you lie I want the candy first and then I'll lay off.

JR.-TOOTS: Are you as good as my mother says? Luscious Jr.

TOOTS-JR.: Little sweetie, it will be a while before you know just how good mom and I can be, so for now, take my word for it: Yes. **See COA on reverse!**

IRKSOME!

1980LM SPRING 1906 FRANCE CATCHES ITALY NAPPING

note one mistake last time: the ITALIAN A SIL-Gal should fail, and because the GERMAN A Ber-SIL succeeds, the ITA A Sil is forced to retreat to Prussia or disband. I tried to inform all concerned powers (see below), but as it is, the GM retreats ITALIAN A Sil OTB.

ENGLAND(Vaughan)	NMR! F EDI H.
FRANCE(Sherwood)	A Lvp-CLY, A Yor-LON, F Eng-MID, A BUR H, A Mar-TUS, F Wes-TYR, F LYO C A Mar-Tus.
GERMANY(Stephens)	NMR! F NWG, F NTH, A BEL, A RUH, A KIE, A MUN, A SIL ALL H.
ITALY(Palter)	NMR! F TUN, F ADR, F ALB, F GRE, A SER, A BUD, A VIE, A BOH ALL HOLD.
RUSSIA(D Gareipy)	A WAR S A Gal, A GAL S A Rum, A RUM S A Gal, F BLA S A Rum, F NWY-Nwg, A LVN-Boh(imp.)
TURKEY(Blant)	F Aeg-ION, F EAS S F Aeg-Ion, A BUL H, A CON S A Bul.

Fall 1906 is due at noon CDT on August 15, 1981. I tried to call both Palter and Stephens on Sunday night, my first night back in Minneapolis. Neither the operator nor I had phone numbers for either one. Since I had not received any moves from them, I fell justified in moving the game along in spite of the error.

IRKSOME PRESS....

FRANCE-MICHALSKI: I'm glad to see you did keep up the Irsome tradition of making a egregious error. Unless we are playing a Dick Martian diviant, the Italian army from Sil and the Russian army cannot coexist in Galacia. But then you might have done it on purpose just so we had a mistake and didn't miss Scott. You're too kind.

TURK-WRLD: Turk forces once again held greaseballs at bay. Pope Palteroni pulled his hair out in dismay as his bumbling troops in the East failed again. Meanwhile Sharapolian's fleets have slipped into the western sector and pose a threat to the Pope's secret brothels.

KEITH-BETH: Yes, darling, I'm back, but where are you? What--gone for the rest of the summer? Oh well, see you when school starts.

TURK-GM: Everyone took a vacation except the military geni now in control of the Turkish forces. ((And modest, too!))

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Your days are numbered, sucker (I hope.)

TURK-WRLD: Down with grease.

FRANCE-GOPHER HOLE ITALY: Typical of you Byrne females, tell your mother I'm not talking to her.

PAR-GM: Where's my DISPEPSIA??

Patience, Tro, patience! I have to say that this is the first time I've done this and I haven't enjoyed it. I got back to the states on Friday, the 31st, and after a couple days at the lake with my folks, back to Mpls last night Sunday. Now I get to go to work later this morning, and I've barely recovered from the ol' jet lag. Ah, but the trip was well worth all this trouble....

Oh yes, the trip. I spent most of the time in my girlfriend's town near Kiel, but we managed to get to Berlin, Copenhagen, and Hamburg. I don't want to play Travelouge though. I would like to say that the one thing that struck me the most is the difference between East and West. It's hard not to notice this in a divided country like Germany, and was made a little more personal by Frauke's mother. She's from a part of Germany which is now in Poland and made it to the British zone right after the war when she was 14. Her parents and most of her family is in East Germany now. Taking the transit road to Berlin was also an experience (mostly painful, due to the poor road.) Propaganda all over the place, even the road signs, but they can't hide how grey and dull the country looks. Even East Berlin, supposedly the highlight of the whole country, has a lot to be desired. The capitol building was nice--they played Supertramp on the loudspeaker system. While I was there I almost hit a general in the face by accident, but well, that's another story....

I nealy forgot a COA for the Gopher Hole game...

Omer Gareipy, Northcrest Nursing Home, Route #2, Napoleon, OH 43545

I've had a couple poeple tell me that the name DIPSOMANIA really sucks, and after thinking about it, I agree. Can anyone else think of something better??? Whatever the thing will be called, I hope to send it out with the next game report. For now I can announce game openings for a 4 week game to be run in the zine.

I must apologize to all those I owe letters too, but I won't be sending any with this issue. Too little time, and it's getting late. Until next time...

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Did you hear about the Bohemian who had third degree burns on his face?
He was bobbin for french fries.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE BOHEMIAN WHO

- 1- Spent four days in Sears looking for a miscarriage.
- 2- Took his pregnant wife to the grocery store because he heard they had free delivery.
- 3- Looked in the lumber yard for a draft board.
- 4- Took a roll of toilet paper to a crap game.
- 5- Was so lazy he married a pregnant lady.
- 6- Put iodine on his pay check because he got a cut in pay.
- 7- Lost his girl friend because he couldn't remember where he laid her.
- 8- Was feeling so low he got his face slapped.
- 9- Thought asphalt was rectum trouble.
- 10- Called his girl friend Tapioca, because she could be made in a minute.
- 11- Thought his typewriter was pregnant because it missed a period.
- 12- Thought "no kidding" meant birth control.
- 13- Wore a union suit because his wife was in labor.
- 14- Thought Peter Pan was something you put under the bed.
- 15- Married a colored woman so his kids could have chocolate milk.
- 16- Thought a mushroom was a place to neck.
- 17- Thought Moby Dick was a venereal disease.
- 18- Wouldn't go out with his wife because he heard she was married.
- 19- Bought a set of snow tires that melted before he got home.
- 20- Bought a set of water skis but couldn't find a lake with a hill on it.
- 21- Heard Christ wasn't born in Poland because God couldn't find three wise men and a virgin.
- 22- Dropped his gum in a chicken coop and thought he found it five times.
- 23- Thought a cock fight was between two Homos.
- 24- Thought a woodpecker was something old men had to buy.
- 25- Couldn't play golf because he didn't know his ass from a hole in the ground.
- 26- Was told by his doctor he had sugar in his urine so the next day he peed in his Wheaties.

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

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ITALY FRIENDLESS AS
GERMANY, TURKEY DEPART

Summer 1911: English A St Petersburg retreats to Finland; German A Munich NRR, GM retreats A Munich off the board.

Fall 1911:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A VIE-Tyo; A BUD S RUSSIAN A Ser; A Gal-BOH

ENGLAND (Kirchner): A Nwy-STP; A FIN & F BOT S A Nwy-StP; A Yor-HOL;
F HEL S A Yor-Hol; F NTH C A Yor-Hol; A Kie-RUH; F BER H;
F Lon-ENG; F WAL S F Lon-Eng

GERMANY (Grabar): NMR. Has no units

ITALY (Henry): A TRI-Ser; A ALB S A Tri-Ser; F Ion-GRE; F AEG S F Ion-Gre;
A VEN-Tri; F ADR S A Ven-Tri; F Bel-PIC; F Eng-MID; A BUR S A Mun;
A MUN S A Pie-Tyo; A Pie-TYO

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A Con-SMY; A ARM S A Con-Smy; F Bul(ec)-CON; A WAR H;
A Gre-Alb/d/r to Bul, Otb; A SER S A Gre-Alb; A StP H/d/r to Mos, Otb; A LVN S A StP

TURKEY (Michalski): F Smy-Con, "and agrees with Brux"/d/r to Eas, Syr, Otb

We are now down to four players. John Michalski deserves a round of applause for playing out the horrendous Turkish position, while Dave Grabar gave up after things were pretty well settled as far as Germany was concerned. Thanks guys. Now get outta here!

We have two proposals: 1) An E/T draw, which I would now consider impossible, since Turkey is no longer with us. 2) A concession to "power crazed Italy". Please vote with your next orders. Also, there is a call for a R/E/I draw, listed as a perpetual proposal, so remember to vote on this one every turn, just in case I forget to mention it, which is likely. NVR=no in all cases. 1911 in revue and press will follow the announcement of the AUTUMN/WINTER 1911 and SPRING 1912 deadlines, which will be Monday, August 10, 1981.

1911	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	2	-1	Austria	Bud, Vie, Gal
	10	0	England	Home, Swe, Nwy, StP, Den, Kie, Ber, Hol
	0	0	Germany	NMR
	13	+2	Italy	Home, Spa, Por, Bre, Mar, Par, Tri, Tun, Bel, MUN, GRE
	9	+1, 2, or 3	Russia	War, Mos, Rum, Ank, Bul, Sev, Con, Ser, SMY
	0	-1	Turkey	SMY
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PRESS

SMYRNA: See? You puppet for Russia and what does it get you?

A/H-GM: You don't need another set of orders for me, just find the ones I've already sent. I've never NMRed out of a game.

GM-A/H: A thousand pardons, but you must agree, my method of getting players to continue is effective. As for your orders, I don't have the time to look all over the US for your "lost" orders, but they certainly never made it this far.

A/H-ENG: The only boring games are ones with no press.

A/H-ENG: Stab, stab, stab. If not, I vote for a E/I draw or concession to Italy. Yes, this is a proposal, Bob.

A/H-RUSSIA: I'll give you my centers, but your tactics are going to have to improve, or they'll do you no good.

A/H-TUR: Let's get together and wipe them all out.

WARSAW: The papist slime-dogs will soon be under the heels of the E/R forces of holy reactionism. Oh, and we agree with Brux too. Let us not

On time, for the very first time, it's

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DOWN 'N' DIRTY

July 29, 1981

an interstate subzine dedicated to the amusement of toadies and other assorted losers, often edited by Bernie Marshall, 1547 Maplegrove Road, S. Euclid, OH 44211; telephone, for the many illiterate among you is (216) 383-6623. And please call before 11 p.m. because I do not want to miss Benny Hill, another of the many passions in which I indulge that my wife does not share. Talk about great!

1980 LP (DnD-1: The Toadies' Game)

AUTUMN 1903: AUSTRIA--A ser R TRI; ENGLAND--F spa(sc) R LYO
RUSSIA--F stp(nc) R OTB

WINTER 1903: ENGLAND--Builds A Lon; GERMANY--Builds A Ber;
ITALY--Removes A Vie, A Bud; RUSSIA--Removes F Nwg

SPRING 1904: THE ENGLISH STAB WHILE THE TURKS SNOOZE

AUSTRIA("Dave" Gariepy,2): A WAR-sil, A tri-SER.

ENGLAND(Dan Stafford,7): F LYO S F mid-SPA(sc), F bre-MID, F nwy-SWE
F NTH C A lon-HOL, A stp-LVN.

FRANCE(Ed McMahon,4): F POR S A spa/d/annihilated, A rom-VEN.

GERMANY(Keith Sherwood,8): F bal-KIE, A PRU-war, A par-GAS, F pic-BEL,
A lvn S Austrian A war-mos(nso)/d/annihilated, A MUN S A BER-sil,
A MAR S English F mid-spa(sc).

ITALY(Dumb Shit Palter,3): F eas-SMY, F ION S A alb-GRE.

RUSSIA(Pudge Olsen,4): A MOS S English A stp-lvn, F bla-ANK,
A ser-RUM, A BOH S Austrian A war-sil.

TURKEY(Mike Mazzer?,6) NMR! A BUL H, F AEG H, F NAP H, A gre/d/
annihilated

Our first NMR in 1904, not bad! Would Mark Lew, 3120 W. 79th Ave. Anchorage, AK 99502 please submit orders for Turkey. Nanook should fit in well with this bunch of toadies, and perhaps King Crab will stop complaining about how dull the subzines are if he is among the reasons. Or maybe he'll even read the thing for once.

God Forbid, the Press....

SEV to LON: What does your middle initial, "P", stand for? Pudwhacker?

MOS to TURKEY: Not only does your tolerance have limits, but according to Stafford, so does your intelligence.

BER to POR: Oh, don't you get in on the act too and bother me about my relationship with Uncle Dan. I get MAR now, but have to give it back to Stafford when he asks for it.

GER to AUS(or wherever): Don't worry, I'll make sure you live longer than the French scum. One thing for sure: he'll run out of units before centers.

TRO to PUDGE: What's a "proven prevaricator" anyway? I bet it's dirty.

RUSSIA to TUNIS: The Turks have decided to accept your invitation to take Tunis-My-Ass. Islamic cartographers are now searching maps of the known world desperately to find Tunis-My-Ass to determine if it is a supply center; and if so, who owns it. ((Perhaps this explains the NMR!))

ERIC OZOG RATES THE PLAYERS:

Stafford: The master tactician (10), good strategic sense(9). The Sleaze is diplomatically sloppy, but effective (7). Press? You must be kidding (2). Overall 7.

Mazzer: The overrated. He goes for the flashy moves that are often totally ineffective (5). Average strategic skills(5), but good, if overextended, diplomacy (6). His press is excellent (9). Overall 6.

Olsen: Totally mediocre (5) (5) (5) except his press, which is surely a (10). Overall 6.

Sherwood: The rising star. Tactically skilled (8), strategically skilled (8), his diplomacy is marred by a reputation as an "easy" liar (or is that "sleazy"?) (5). Press writing is, at least, energetic (7). Overall 7.

Palter: Tactically flat (3), inept strategy (1), his diplomacy is a real zero (0). Press is usually literate (4). Overall 2. ((strategically?))

MICHALSKI to RUSSIA: Yes, it's true that I did stab your beloved Uncle Dan. But I was just doing my part to make life in the hobby as rough as possible for all Tretick sucking fuckheads. Even if it means cross-gaming to do it! I would have done the same to you.

MAR to ANK(via BER): Please note that MAR is now in German hands and all press meant for the former French government should be clearly marked "Forward to POR."

PRINCESS AMANDA to PRINCE OF "AUSTRIA": Nyah-nyah, my empire is bigger than yours. And my daddy has more armies than your daddy. I'm going to get your Cajones.

RUSSIA: Keep mediocrity out of Down 'N' Dirty. Stone an ESM member today.

BRUX to GM: Perhaps? Sometimes? That's no way to run a postal diplomacy game, even for Gentiles. ((Ya don't seem to understand, Bruce, another advantage of operating with minimal HR's: it's so easy to interfere in the game if I happen to be in a bad mood on deadline day. No silly little rules to stand in my way.))

BRUX to GM: And no thanks on the game. I couldn't be in two games at once with Olsen; my heart couldn't stand the excitement or my wallet the stress of writing 20 letters a day, every day, to out-correspond him. Besides, I've already joined a game for this decade.

PLAYERS to BRUX: Stop submitting press, bozo. Isn't it silly to ask players not to attack you in their press when you write in and make yourself look stupid?

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: Bob, you can't play this game worth a damn, but you sure do write great press. Keep it up!

ARM to POR: Like lambs to the slaughter, you're playing like Palter.

SWITZERLAND to BRUX: Go away! We put up with you in VoD, but we don't have to here, so fuck off and go victimize some novice.

IRELAND to BER: How cum everyone wants you to give them head? Stafford must be right about Olsen.

MOS to BER: Is it true that you just got back your S.A.T. scores and they indicate that you are capable of nothing more than becoming a migrant farmer and picking artichokes in South Dakota?

BER to RUS: The picture doesn't look a thing like me: I'm not bald and I don't have a big nose.

ZINE NOOZE: Noting that Sherwood was putting out a subzine called Diplomacy for Asslickers and not Diplomacy by Asslickers, Bob Olsen and Mike Mazzer immediately subbed to DfA, each proclaiming, "This is the zine for me!"

DnD CONTEST #2: The time has come (pardon the expression) to find out just who is the foulest of the foulmouthed. In the past it has always been assumed that Dan Stafford had the title sewn up, but lately D. S. Palter has made a fucking strong bid for the title. So it's up to you to decide who has the dirtiest mouth in dippydom. Will it again be Stafford, whose every third word is obscene, or will Palter win this contest since he's fucking up so much? Or will dark horse Kid Sherwood break from the pack of Stafford lackies to show that he, too, can swear with the best of them. Or maybe Olsen or Mazzer will step forward to take credit for the foul press datelined from neutral centers. Or perhaps Brux has the dirtiest mouth since he claims to eat shit. The time has come (that's twice in one press release!) to put your foot where your mouth is. Next season, everyone dateline their best (worst?) disgusting and foul press from their home centers and the board will vote on who is the foulest of the foul.

MUN: The secret plan to impersonate the Czar has been scrapped since it has become apparent to all that no one could do a poorer job of commanding the Russian armies than the present Czar.

GALACIA to GM: It seems ironic to me that you print Olsen's moves in thin type while the rest of us get pudgy black type. Any reason? ((Bob requested it.))

KIEL to LONDON: Now, let me get this straight: the question is "who is the Walrus" and when will he strike again, and who might his co-conspirator be, right?

ENGLAND: The BEF was launched today against Germany. An army will be landed in Kiel and a door to door search will be made for Kaiser Keither so that his cojunes might be returned to him. It is felt that Buckingham no longer has any need of them.



"You know, the country may be swinging even farther to the right than we thought."

1980 CH (DnD-2: The Dodoes' Game)

FALL 1902: ~~BYXME~~ ITALY LAUNCHES TWO FRONT OFFENSIVE AS THE GERMANS ROLL OVER RUSSIA

AUSTRIA(Steve Cartier,3): A VIE & A SER S Italian A tri-bud, F GRE S Italian F ion-aeg. Centers: vie,~~Wd~~,ser,GRE(3) Even.

ENGLAND(Steve Langley,4): F NTH S F lon-ENG, F NWY H, A BEL H. Centers: home,nwy,BEL(5) Build 1.

FRANCE(Dave Gariepy,4): A spa-POR, A BUR-mun, A PIC S F eng-bel/d/R (Wal,Iri,Mid,Bre,OTB). Centers: home,spa,POR(5) Build 1.

GERMANY(Mark Cummings,5): F SWE H, A PRU S A sil-WAR, A RUH-mun, A HOL S English A bel. Centers: home,hol,den,SWE,WAR(7) Build 2.

ITALY(Stu Lancaster,5): A tri-BUD, A ven-PIE, F tyn-LYO, F tun-WES, F ion-AEG. Centers: home,tun,tri,BUD(6) Build 1.

RUSSIA(Bob Forman,5): A war-LVN, F fin-STP(sc), F SEV S A rum/d/R (Gal,Ukr,OTB), A bud S a rum(A bud)/d/R(Gal,OTB). Centers: stp, mos,sev,~~Wd~~,~~Wd~~(3) Remove 2.

TURKEY(Peter Robson,4): F aeg-gre/d/R(Con,Smy,Eas,Bul(ec),OTB), F BLA S A bul-RUM, A ARM-sev. Centers: home,bul,RUM(5) Build 1.

The deadline for both games is 11 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. Rather abbreviated press follows:

LONDON: Lord Hume was killed today in a horse and buggy accident, putting an end to his usurping of the English crown.

EVEN STUPIDER JOKE: How does John Michalski wear his hair? With little Pole locks. ((Not bad!))

SWITZERLAND to CUMMINGS: Admit it! You're a closet DnD freak. I've seen you write for the Dragon, the TSR DnD zine. ((Dungeons and Dragons, presumably....what a waste....))

SMART GUY to DIRTY DAVE: What happens if I order A Tyo-Tro? ((You move to Venice, of course. Smart guy.))

THE CRIMEA: Czar Robert went on vacation in Ukrania. He saw trees. He saw animals. He saw mountains. It was so interesting that he thought he would share this story with one and all, but decided not to because of the nasty German player.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: That was a nice phone conversation we had the other day. You're much more interesting on the phone than in the press, tho that's not saying much. I might even be able to stay awake next time you call.

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: Libya's Qaddafi is a sweetheart compared to you, fish face.

BELLIGERENT SHITHOLE to GM: Instead of babies, why don't you "eat" somebody your own size, you ignorant scum-brain.

ERIC OZOG RATES THE PLAYERS: Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z.....

DIRTY DAVE: What is red and crawls up your leg? A homesick abortion.

DAN to DYKE: I love you.

"Nothing is real." -- The Beatles

"I am the Walrus." -- Tro Sherwood

"What the hell's goin' on?" -- Irate DnD Player

Yes gentlemen, we have been faked. If your orders didn't look right in that Issue 10 that came in a few days back, it was for a good reason. Since I haven't seen a copy yet, it's difficult to say who may be responsible, but the singular lack of German press in DnD-1 this time tends to cast suspicion on Keith. The two people I've heard from so far both failed to recognize it as a fake; they merely called to complain that I'd typed up their orders wrong. So I'm looking forward to seeing if it's good enough to fool Michalski; I'll even delay sending this one to him by a few days, just to give #10 a fighting chance. But now let's look at the REAL games:

1980 LP (DnD-1: The Toadies' Game)

AUTUMN/WINTER 1903: SPRING SPLIT OFF BY PLAYERS' REQUEST

AUSTRIA(Dave Gariepy,2): A ser R TRI. Even. Has A's War,Tri.

ENGLAND(Dan Stafford,7): F spa(sc) R WES. Builds F LVP. Has A'Stp; F's Wes,Bre, Mid,Nwy,Nth,Lvp.

FRANCE(Andy McMahon,4*): Can't build/plays 1 short. Has A's Rom,Spa; F Por.

GERMANY(Keith Sherwood,8): Builds A BER. Has A's Pru,Ber,Par,Mar,Lvn,Mun; F's Bal, Pic.

ITALY(Dan Palter,3): Removes A alb, A bud. Has A Vie; F's Eas,Ion.

RUSSIA(Bob Olsen,4): F stp(nc) R BAR. Removes F nwg, F bla. Has A's Ser,Boh,Mos; F Bar.

TURKEY(Mike Mazzer,6): Builds A Con, F Smy. Has A's Gre,Bul,Con; F's Aeg,Nap,Smy.

That was easy. SPRING 1904, if you haven't sent it in already, is due here on Friday, August 21. Incidentally, I neglected to cross out the lost SCs in the center charts last time. Sorry. Just like this issue's PRESS. Late News: Andy McMahon reverts back to his Texas address(4542 N. 7th, Abilene 79603) as of now.

FRANCE to TURKEY: I flew to Ankara today and it's the pits! The only city dirtier is Naples.

TURKEY to TUNIS: I'm going to eat Italy. Same thing.

ANKARA to BERLIN: Inscrutable? Hardly. I've been scruted several times. Oh, about my comment about England "throwing you a bone", I just realized that the comment could be misconstrued in light of various statements in the press regarding Uncle Dan's habits. Feel free to do so.

MP BARNO to YOU-ALL: Down with Pudge!!

CEDARHURST: OK, friends and gophers - the well-deserved demise of Italy concludes this game year. As an addenda give McMahon an A for credibility. The A Mar-Pie that made my whole mess was totally MY fault - I asked for a bounce, then changed the moves in the wrong game. ((Ouch!))

BERLIN: Germany's Press-Writers Local 8444 on strike. All printing machines broken. No German propaganda this season.

TRALFAMIDOR: The Lucas design was not German and definitely not pre-WW II. Flying wings were a failed design concept of the late 1940's. The idea that the German aviation industry—that failed completely to build a successful four-engine bomber (the He177 ran into so many problems it was scrapped and the Fw200 was a bad transport that made a worse dive bomber: it being an act of Fuehrer genius that a four-engine bomber should dive-bomb convoys). Indeed the only successful four-engine machine they ever built was the Ju252 - an experimental unit that was used on the Berlin-tokyo run over the Arctic Circle during the last two years of the war. There were something like four of them. However, in the prewar period the best they had was the Ju52 and the He111, both inferior to US and British models. The German design edge in those years was in short range interceptors such as the Me109 and 110 and ground support aircraft like the Ju87 and 88. Still, don't feel too bad, folks - they didn't have Schmeissers then either, and they were in the movie too. The machine pistol so beloved of movie directors was a late 1942 adaption to the heavy Russian use of SMGs in their infantry units. ((Thanks for an informative reply, even if something got lost in your typing up the 3rd sentence. I and apparently several others have poked into reference books and the consensus is that the plane was a fabrication. Michalski believes it to be a takeoff on an Arado design, though, and I came across a markedly similar concept in the Northrop XP-56 single-engine prototype of '39 vintage. Drooped wingtips and all. As for flying wings being a "failed design concept of the late '40's," it's true that the B-35/B-49 bomber had its problems and never became operational. As I recall, though, the problems were mainly of mechanical design and not of concept: the damn things could out-climb and out-maneuver any bomber in the air at the time. Even if they did crash more frequently than most. Re the Schmeissers, you're right about them not being around in '36. But they are prewar, as evidenced by the designations MP-38 and -40, which are years of initial production for the two models.))

MP to DAVE: What happened to your cap/slash center-chart system? It looks like the garbage you'd find in Ticket To Ride. Tro's buddy's right, though, Caruso is fictional, like Mike Mitchell. Kathy Byrne actually wrote that Dobson St. garbage. ((Re the center-chart, I blew it, plain and simple. But I can't agree re your blaming Kathy for Caruso's DSC press. I have it on good authority that Phyllis writes every word of it. Stoned.))

TO JENNIFER: Hi! Have you met my buddy Woody? ((Jennifer: No, but I've heard about Suite 100. Not my type.))

MIKE to MIKE: First Pudge, you know why. Then Stafford, same thing. After that comes Keither, he's anti-ESM. Finally, the rest of these guys, since all refuse to acknowledge our Princess Julie. But be nice to the GM with Fuzzy Yellow Balls-he's one of us. Don't worry about your moves here or there, you ARE mediocre.

MPB to BRUX: Shit or your houserules, all the same to me. ((Now we've got guest press addressed to other guest press-writers. Oh great...))

(DnD-2 Press - continued from page 3)

TURKISH EMPIRE to ITALY: Hey Paisano. What gives, long time no hear. The postal strike is not until Monday.

TURKISH EMPIRE to ANYONE WHO CARES: Referring to myself as the Turkish Empire is not presumptuous or snobbish; I just think you lose a little respect when you refer to yourself as the Turkey.

KNOWN GAME OPENINGS

1 August 1981

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.

A typical listing consists of the following:

Publisher Name, Address

ZINE NAME, frequency, costs ((month))
GAME, Variant

frequency: nw = n weeks; m = monthly
month is the month entry was updated

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THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, m, \$2 + \$5/12 ((Jul))

DIPLOMACY (\$1.50 Game fee), GRAND IMPERIALISM, Grand Tournament
(no Game fee), Hyperbourse (\$3 Game fee), KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI,
OUTREACH, SAMURAI, Vacation

John Boardman, 234 E 19th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA

GRAUSTARK, 3w, \$15 ((Jun))

DIPLOMACY

Ronald J Brown, RR#1, Brennan's Hill, Low Quebec JOX 2C0 CANADA

SNAPU!, 4w, \$5 + 12/\$6 Can ((Jun))

Conquest of the New World II, DIPLOMACY (\$4 Game fee), Scotice Scripti III

Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale Ontario M2N 1Z9 CANADA

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DIPLOMACY

John Caruso, 160-02 43 Ave 2nd floor, Flushing NY 11358 USA

WHITESTONIA, 4w, \$2 + \$5/10 ((Jul))

DIPLOMACY, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN

Michael Crane, 219 Ridgewood Dr, Northfield NJ 08225 USA

CRUXCIBLE, m, \$2 + 10/\$6 ((Jun))

ANCIENT CONQUEST, DER FUHRER, DIVINE RIGHT, DUNE, GODSPIRE
(\$3 Game fee), IMPERIALISM, MADAME GUILLOTINE (\$1 Game fee),
ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II, SAMURAI, SOURCE OF THE NILE, STARLORD,
WARLORD (\$5 Game fee)

Fred C Davis Jr, 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore Md 21207 USA

BUSHWACKER, \$7 ((Jun))

East Indies II 7-player

Steven Duke, Rt 3, Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville Tn 37160 USA

THE SCHEMER, 12/\$3.50 ((Jun))

DIPLOMACY, ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II

Guy & Elizabeth Rail, 1103-B Lorain, Austin Tx 78703 USA

THE GREAT WAR IN MODERN MEMORY, 2w/4w, \$6 ((Jul))

DIPLOMACY

Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Dr, Pittsburgh Pa 15235 USA

ENVOY, 5w, \$4 + \$5 @ 3/8¢/pg + postage ((Jun))

Anonymous (\$8 Game fee), Deadman (\$3 Game fee), DIPLOMACY
(\$23 Prize game, Area game), GUNSLINGER, KINGMAKER,
MACHIAVELLI (Area game)

Timothy Jones, PO Box 338, Dover NH 03820 USA

WORLD CAMPAIGN, 6w, \$8 + \$5/move ((Jul))

WORLD CAMPAIGN

David Manuel, 10318 Oakgate, Bellflower Ca 90706 USA

THE CHAMBER, \$5/10 ((Jun))

DIPLOMACY

Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon NY 14502 USA

EMHAIN MACHA, m, 50¢/issue ((Jul))

DIPLOMACY (\$23 Prize game), Youngstown (\$2 game fee)

Allan Pearson, Rt 1, Box 177B5, Kearneysville WV 25430 USA

JUST AMONG FRIENDS, \$2 + \$6/yr ((Jun))

DIPLOMACY

((Marginal notes
are mine.
J.M.))
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Established

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+ recommended

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Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA

HANSARD, \$3 + costs ((Aug))

Parlement (w rules amendment rule)

Robert Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Dr, Indianapolis In 46224 USA

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON, m, \$3 + 10/\$5 ((Jun))

DIPLOMACY

Allen Wells, 550 Memorial Dr 2E3, Cambridge Ma 02139 USA

DOT HAPPY, m, \$5 + \$5 deposit + 50¢/issue ((Jul))

DIPLOMACY, Flexible Build

Established and
recommended.

← Will be a variant game

In the July KOO I reported, parenthetically, of a threat by Rod Walker which was causing John Daly to hesitate accepting the OGP. I was mistaken in my information about John Daly - he doesn't accept threats. As for Rod Walker, if he doesn't want his threats considered as threats, he shouldn't make them, and if he must lie, he should at least be consistent - he's cutting quite a ludicrous figure whenever people compare notes. I'd say more, but John Daly wants me to keep this all quiet, and the Director of Orphan Games must be respected.

For the record, the following are the hobby functionaries who receive KOO:

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This year's distribution of funds from the east coast Diplomacy Tournament was slightly different: one third went to the BNC and one third will go to the MNC when the Canadian postal strike ends, but the OGP share was assigned to Brux Linsey for the Novice Project.

It has been reported that some publisher wants a referendum to remove the BNC because he is guest-GMing for another publisher of notorious reputation. Hm, that sentence is convoluted and ambiguous, so let me clarify it: the new BNC has an excellent reputation; it is the two publishers who have the notorious reputations. I happen to think that if the host-publisher is as notorious as his reputation suggests, he and his guest-GM will have a falling out, and when that happens (the BNC leaving or being thrown out) the host-publisher will be out of the hobby.

Meanwhile there are some technical problems with the referendum:

1-There is no tribunal competent to try the BNC.

2-There is no electorate qualified to elect or remove the BNC.

3-The BNC has done nothing in his capacity as BNC to merit his removal.

Brutus Bulletin note: I'll comment on Robert's points elsewhere if I remember to.
This report of openings has had his index deleted, plus Ozog's and Arnett's (variant) openings deleted for space. Also, I could not recommend Ozog's G.Ming. The reverse report is also from Robert Sacks, with thanks from BB.

People keep on bothering me for the Diplomacy Tournament standings from GenCon East. Since I have the page to fill, I will go until I run out of space.

Best Austria: Donald Luby	15.647	2-way draw	13 centers
Best England: Fred Townsend	17.500	2-way draw	15 centers
Best France: John Giuffré	17.271	3-way draw	16 centers
Best Germany: James Townsend	11.467	3-way draw	9 centers
Best Italy: Steve Arnawoodian	18.737	2-way draw	17 centers
Best Russia: Bob Sergeant	25.176	sole victory	19 centers
Best Turkey: Brux Linsey	18.211	2-way draw	17 centers
1. 32.823 Bob Sergeant	11.304	Bill Herdle (1 round/stand-by)	
2. 28.911 James Townsend	11.146	Grant Painter	
3. 26.921 John Caruso	11.119	Marc Robertson	
26.400 Kathy Byrne	11.000	Stephen Meyers (1 round)	
25.980 Lee Kendter Sr	10.630	Mike Norris	
25.683 John Giuffré	10.618	Paul Clement (1 round)	
25.283 Don Ditter	10.433	Edward Karlinski (1 round)	
24.588 Philip Cooper	10.154	Steven Rollin	
24.517 Gary Coughlan	10.033	Stephen Herndon (1 round/stand-by)	
23.891 Walt Aucott	9.708	Stuart Schoenberger (1 round)	
22.192 Julie Glass	9.629	John Daly	
21.771 Edward Karlinski	8.311	Andrew Lutz	
21.098 Allen Wells	7.862	Eric Kane	
19.824 John Kador	7.700	Scott Walker (1 round)	
19.796 Steve Arnawoodian	7.633	Kevin Davis (1 round)	
19.439 Tom Mainardi	6.733	Adam Benowitz (1 round)	
19.034 Richard Brachman	5.941	Chris Smith	
18.912 Fred Townsend	5.800	Paul Cuddy (1 round)	
18.822 Brux Linsey	5.750	Gregory VanHorn (1 round)	
17.415 Joshua Gottesman	5.271	Mike Mills	
17.409 Arye Gittelman	5.007	Doug Smith	
17.334 Donald Luby	5.000	Mike Pustilnik (1 round)	
16.971 Michael Rollin	4.644	Peter Winston	
16.849 Glenn Mathias	4.481	Joshua States	
16.721 Brad Lewis	4.363	Jon Brachman	
16.412 Dick Martin	4.000	Thomas Epp (1 round)	
16.349 Ben Zablocki	3.502	Paul Goetz	
16.191 Russell Nlau	3.478	Tim Binder	
16.079 Dennis O'Sullivan	3.471	Michel Goetz	
16.038 Mark Berch	3.215	Patrick Frye	
15.721 Terry Richwine	3.133	Richard Kovalcik	
15.667 Dan Mathias	3.071	Lee Kendter Jr	
15.239 Allen Pearson	3.050	Robert Goetz	
14.896 Greg Haskew (1 round)	3.013	William Smith	
14.429 Janice Goodwin	2.933	Bob Lucas (1 round)	
14.321 Norman Schwartz	2.529	Brian Lorber (1 round)	
14.300 Jim Yerkey	2.427	Kevin Kozlowski	
13.281 Staven Perch	2.400	John Gwynn (1 round)	
13.266 Julian Little	2.333	Dom Tarzanin (1 round)	
13.100 Dave Lauerman	2.291	Dave Detwiler	
12.747 Eric Ozog	2.187	Daniel Gross (1 round)	
12.524 Kurt Kramer	2.176	Jan Breemer (1 round)	
11.900 Al Palazzo	1.750	Ken Halpern (1 round)	
11.729 Paul Roney	1.647	Jeffrey Chang	
11.708 Constantine Xanthos	1.562	Richard Ramsden (1 round)	
11.696 M.P. Barno	1.562	Erm Sims (1 round)	
11.627 Joshua Cohen	1.400	John Stangle III (1 round)	
11.612 Thomas DeMarco	1.400	Harold DePalma	
11.541 Fred Losi	1.337	Dan White	

The 'value added tax', eh? Another complicated way to get the 'haves' to pay the way for the 'have nots'. The market place controls the price of items. You add your 'tax' to my Diplomacy set--a luxury item if there ever was one--and I decide not to buy it--fair enough--so Avalon Hill makes a few less dollars, which means a few less dollars they have to pay the fellow who sorts out the wooden blocks, etc. Looks to me as if a 'value added tax' is an unnecessary way to slow down the economy. Putting the tax on luxury items raises the price without adding to the value, and so cuts down the market, and the return to the tax man, who will then raise the tax... Witness all past history for examples... And who will declare a wider class of luxury items--vitamins, alcohol, houses, cars--until the government's spiraling budget finally consumes the last penny it can force from a collapsed market place. Sales tax is bad enough, a variable sales tax is worse. No tax would be best. How could that one be achieved? I'm not prepared to try total anarchy. For one thing, one group or another would cheat by setting up a local government, probably along dictatorial lines with strong fascist overtones. So if the best government is the least government, but no government is the worst government, where does one determine the limit?

What do we need government for? For those parts of our lives that we can't provide for ourselves, right? Such as?

Common defense springs first to mind. In a world of nations and supernations with the kind of weaponry that human technology has developed, we need a common defense. I see no way of providing such without some organization with the power to make decisions about the lives of the citizenry. The common defense requires monetary support (granted not the waste and trash support it claims to need now, but it does need support to exist) which requires some sort of governmental organization to handle. What else? Police? Not really. Police or any local service government can be set up as a private concern. The same goes for the judicial branch of our government. There is no reason why the government has to be in charge of judicial process. Historically it has not always been so. And even if it had, it does not need to be so. There is no reason why a judge could not be hired by a firm to sit in judgement over civil or criminal cases, the firm receiving a fixed fee depending upon the amount of time a case took in presentation. I'm sure you can think of a dozen or so problems with such an idea, but I'm equally sure that you could solve all of them with a bit more thought. To tell the truth, outside of maintaining a "common defense", I can see no place in our lives where government is required.

How about making laws? A voice from the past. What do we need laws for? Guidelines

for good behavior? Or, guidelines for what we can get away with? I'm sure I don't know 1/100th of the laws that apply to my life. I'm sure I must violate some statute or other on a daily basis. I'm also sure that for the most part I will not get called on those violations, because no one else, except a few law students, are aware of the laws either. I won't get called because I act rationally. I don't cause public or private problems. If I did, someone would notice me and someone else would find some law or other that I was breaking and I would be subject to control. That's what laws are for. To control the citizens. Any technique which brought about the desired effect, not control of the citizens, but rational behavior, would be able to replace the laws. So what will bring about rational behavior? What do we need? Some of us are fairly rational. We understand that you have to produce to consume, if the system is to continue. Some of us are not. What it comes down to is developing a means of protecting the rational from the irrational. Self defense is good, but not perfect. Mutual defense is a step beyond that, but still imperfect. What is needed is a technique to assure redress of loss, and to minimize loss. Insurance comes to mind, altho vastly changed from the statistcal rip-off of today's insurance. A joint fund, voluntarily subscribed to, used to reimburse for losses, and to hire detectives to find miscreants, and to hire a judge, and to pay for the sentence. What about civil rights? The miscreant forfeits his rights when he commits the act which destroys the rights of another. What about abuses? Are we building just another form of 'government'? Well, abuses within the system, i.e., subscribers claiming losses that are not real, detectives catching the wrong man, what have you.. are certainly possibilities, but are as subject to control as the abuses in the present system and are subject to greater motivation for control. The common fund is voluntarily subscribed to; if it is not run in an honest and efficient way, some other group will come along with a more smooth running operation and will be able to replace the poorer running group via the natural function of the marketplace. It

Langley, continued

says here in fine print. My only question is, if all of this is so natural, why doesn't it happen?

Note to the anti-gun people. Locally a rapist was shot by a would-be victim. He has been 'credited' by the police as being responsible for about a dozen rapes. A conviction is expected.

What purpose does ^{gun} registration serve? I see it as just more unnecessary government. I can't see how registering a gun will make it more or less lethal or likely to be used in a crime. The only possible uses such a registration could be put to would be the trailing of found weapons or the mass collection of weapons. Neither is a top priority item. If a weapon is lost or stolen, the theft should be reported and the weapon registered--as stolen or lost. If the weapon is not worth the effort to regain, then let it stay lost (it probably will anyhow. Police in big cities do not like to return guns to the populace. Witness the experience of a friend of mine in Los Angeles. His house was burglarized, the thief was caught literally on his doorstep, a list of stolen items was made by detectives and signed for evidence purposes. His .38 was not on the list. The police said that the gun, being a weapon changed the severity of the crime if it could be proved that the thief was carrying it. My friend said I want the gun back. They gave him a reluctant receipt and told him he'd have to go downtown. All his other property was returned on the spot. He went down and was told there was no record of his weapon. He started pounding on desks and threatening them with the newspapers, and then he got his gun back.) Maybe that aside was exceptional, maybe it was just L.A., maybe it was that the piece was taken from a thief in an arrest situation. I don't really know. I do know that I will vote against any and all controls, registrations, etc that I'm allowed to have my say on.

What's the local (Dipworld) stand on nuclear energy?

((I'm in favor, so most must be against.

In your aside, I have to kind of lean to the police. Of course I can see why your friend wanted his gun back, since they run \$350 or so, but from the police point of view, your friend's "loss" is offset by saying that the gun was the crook's. They caught the guy, and by "overlooking" the gun in the receipt, they can say it was his and put him away for armed robbery, not just being a common crook. One citizen gets fucked over, but society benefits by getting rid of the crook. It's not kosher, but in today's judicial system, I can see their trying it.

Your question as to "if it's so natural, why doesn't it happen?" is very good. I personally think that the present situation is pretty much a result of starting from your premises, more or less, and adding in people's apathy. They'd rather pay a cop and a fireman and a judge than be on fireman than be one when needed. Your basic citizen (or basic human, for that matter) just does not want to bother. Never mind that it's for his own good, etc.; he just wants someone else to do it. And they have. We see the result. The present situation is in fact the "default" result.)) *J.M.*

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BRUX tells me that you were once a resident of the south side of Milwaukee. Showing that I don't discriminate on the basis of origins, I hereby enclose \$6.00 for a sub to Brutus Bulletin. I hear that you "hate" knee jerk, Eastern liberals. Well, I'm a Socialist Humanist Agnostic Pacifist, and if they printed cards, I'd carry 'em. Now you're in for it!

((Mark Berch and Ron Brown (Canada) will appreciate having an ally. Welcome aboard!))

RON MAZURKIEWICZ

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I received your inquiry about the RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK movie. I also felt the aircraft looked like a real German experimental plane, but one of the ones being developed at the very end of the war. You would need one of the books specializing in Nazi "secret weapons" to find a picture if it really existed. I don't have anything in my library at the moment to solve the mystery.

Enclosed ((was)) a map of my first BULGE game as of 25 December. The situation

is rather fluid, to say the least. The Allies have already begun their counterattack. The British armored divisions are driving south, the Ninth Army is slowly grinding forward fighting its way out of the pocket, and relief attempts are being mounted from the west by 11th Armored Division, the 75th Infantry, and the 17th Airborne. Patton is also driving slowly north. The Germans are definitely in trouble. As you can see from the map, Sixth Panzer Army is cut off itself. It has, however, just about established contact with the 25th Army in Holland to the north. And Antwerp is still out of action, blockaded by the German troops to the north. At this point just about everybody is cut off. The Ninth Army and 21st Army Group still have no supply line reestablished with the outside, and the Sixth Panzer Army is cut off too. Wow.

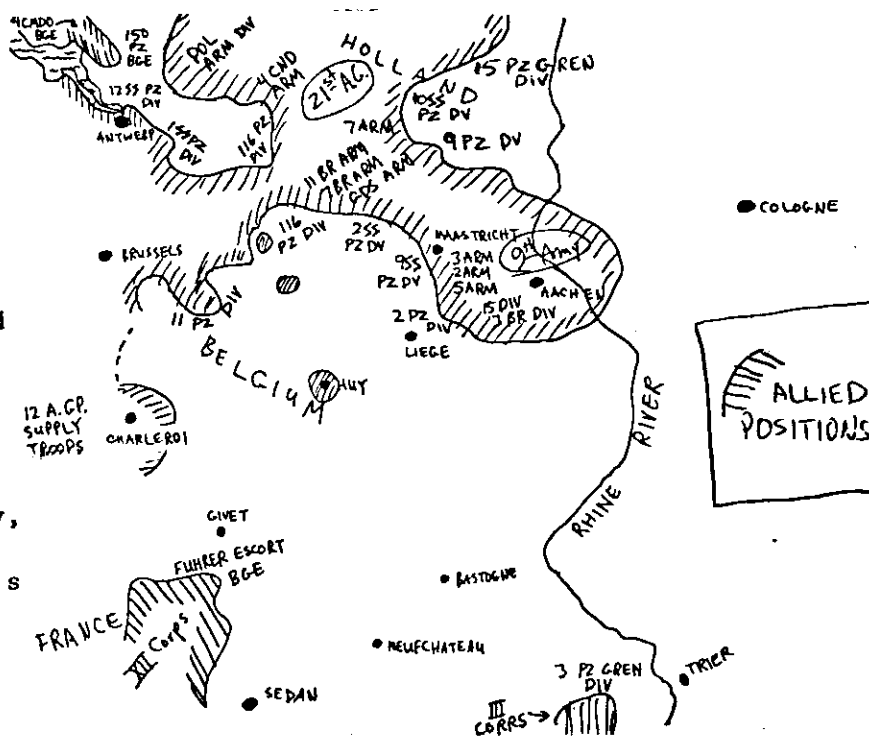
A couple of things have surprised me. For all of his bombast, Patton didn't really do that much until the last half week of December. And given the forces he had, its not surprising. All the big talk about launching a counter-attack was mostly big talk. If the Germans had managed to cut off the British and Ninth US Army, there would have been very few troops outside the pocket to mount a relief attempt. Some pretty detailed research has shown nothing available except the 82d and 101st Airborne divisions in reserve at the start of the battle and the 11 Armored, 75 Infantry, and 17th Airborne in England which were rushed to the battlefield. Sort of like Stalingrad in that respect. In the game in progress, the Ninth Army has been cut off for nine days so far. I realize that it would take probably a month or so to really starve an army out, but what would the effect be on a highly mechanized force like a US Army? They may have rations and ammo, but all the fuel and spare parts needed for a completely mechanized army? There might be a terrific fall-off in combat power. At the very least, cutting off such huge masses of men would mean the end of the strategic bombing campaign. I'm sure they would use the Eighth Air Force and Bomber Command to drop supplies even if they couldn't land due to the weather. No way you can miss a pocket the size of Belgium!

I am really thinking of marketing this one. Do you think there would still be an audience for such a game?

((What was it they used to say? There ^{are} ~~is~~ 2000 or 5000 gamers out there who will buy ANYthing? Beyond that, I don't know. I've been out of the mainstream of wargaming for quite a few years now. I think I'd buy one off you, for whatever that's worth. My attempt at a sketch map is included below, for better or worse, drawn from Ron's original and twice reduced.))

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True confessions time--I sub to BB only for hobby news, picture-type humor items, and the games. I almost never read the letters! Obviously I am in the wrong zine; not that you don't do a great job; but my last subscription check is almost used up. Those issues just come out too fast and contain too little that I really use. So can you suggest which zine I should subscribe to? I need fast game openings, hobby news such as player ratings and zine ratings, and I guess that is about it. I read JOHN'S NOTES regularly--the rest of the opinion letters almost never. I would appreciate a recommendation. Oh, by the way, ever thought of publishing an abbreviated BB at a lower cost? You could include John's Notes (possibly expanded to include all pertinent hobby news) and games and nothing else. The letters could be tacked on for those who want them (probably everyone but me). You could even mail it without an envelope like GRAUSTARK does. Thanks.



Response to Cummings

((Thanks for saying what perhaps a few others would like to. Had you written a day sooner, I could have saved you 50¢. (I'm sending Mark a refund immediately with this as an excerpt, for I don't expect any change in the near future.) Regretably, I am running right at, or right past, the sensible limit for the amount of time and effort committed to this project already, which rules out ANY subdividing of efforts into anything else. I would recommend Smythe's FOL SI FIE as the best game-article zine, but with the Canadian strike on, it may be a while, Fast openings are rare; Dave Marshall and Bob Osuch have some, Jim Bumpas (LIBERTERREAN) in Oregon has some; maybe some of these new zines too. Check the upcoming new Zine Directory from Mike Mills (address 47 Mayer Dr, Suffern NY 10901). I no longer sub to either FSF or LIB, for various reasons. Player news, well...BLACK FROG (Masters) has that lately, but there, he too has a lot of amusing but non-game stuff. Try a sample or two of WHITESTONIA (Caruso), MURDRIN MINISTERS (Brown), and VOICE OF DOOM (Linsey) if you're not getting them. Nice friendly game-zines (but slow monthly rates) are Daly's DOGS OF WAR, Sergeant's ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON, Heinowski's TER-RAN. NO zine has just what you asked for; I'd like to think I do when I have it, but strict hobby stuff is as rare as a fast black-press game anymore. As soon as the new (August) Zeen Directory comes out, try about 10 samples, including the 4th or 5th issue of these new fellows starting out. For \$2 you'll get enough to find something close to what you want, or at least have an idea of how close the hobby comes to giving you what you want. And down the line, of course, you can do like a lot of us have: get what you want by publishing it yourself!

Thanks for your forthright statement. I hope you didn't ride along with BB thinking you had to in order to play.)) *J.M.*

MARK LARZELERE (Appalling Greed)

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Don Ditter GGMing for Le Front may have something to do with the Rd 1 tourney game, 1980V. In that game Ditter is Austria, Oaklyn is Turkey and I am France. Ditter and Oaklyn were allied until 1909, when Oaklyn got into a position where he could take his 18th center if he chose (Ditter says Oaklyn stabbed him; Oaklyn says he was merely following an agreement between them and his pal Vic Crapenter, Italy, who Ditter stabbed earlier). Oaklyn is prolonging the game rather than take an immediate win (the game is now in 1913). Bob Sergeant is the GM (he took over for Bill Buck about a year ago).

Ditter told me earlier that Oaklyn told him he was prolonging the game to "break Bob Sergeant", who has kicked Oaklyn out of St George. He also told me that Oaklyn put a lot of pressure on him to GGM for Le Front back when they were allied (he said Oaklyn "wanted him real badly"). Since it appears Ditter and the Russian player weren't getting along, I can see why he might have agreed to GGM for Oaklyn. However, I think his charge about Oaklyn wanting to "break Sergeant" is a lie. Considering that Ditter knows about all the accusations against Oaklyn, this latest thing would be only one more reason to ban Oaklyn from future games. I doubt that Ditter's head is so deeply embedded in the sand that he would continue to GGM for Oaklyn if his accusation were true. (meanwhile, because of Ditter's foolishness in attacking my 5center France while Oaklyn's 13 center Turkey was moving up on him, I am puppeting to Turkey.)

I think kicking Ditter out as BNC because he is GGMing for Oaklyn would be dumb. The BNC post is a thankless job. Why kick out someone who wants to do it? I don't agree with Bruce Looney about abandoning the Boardman numbers, either. They can serve a useful purpose in keeping records of the hobby.

Speaking of BRUX, he seems to have an interesting pair of beliefs. He favors a universal draft, and he wants to lock up all guns. The State can organize all the killing it wants (and everyone must go along with

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our next Vietnam or El Salvador), but someone running a party store in Detroit can't shoot back at a robber. His political stands are as extreme as his HRS.

A while back you suggested something I think is terrible. You say that because so many young people are trying to "find themselves" and all that that we should draft everyone, because the discipline involved would help straighten them out. This is probably true, but there are other ways to discipline people. For openers, why not bring back the Three Rs to elementary school? That's what opens the door to all other "book" learning. Instead of spending money on special facilities and programs we could spend it on more teachers (to have smaller class sizes) and on finding teachers who will make school something more than a glorified baby sitting service. If more kids were ~~not~~ disciplined into learning when they were young (and they'd enjoy it if done right), fewer would be trying to find themselves when they are 18. I think this is better than to wait until they are 18 and then ~~discipline~~ discipline them into organized killing.

I think you are too quick to condemn these people who question values. More often than not, they have no choice but to question values because they've been told things which aren't true. It's not because they are terrible people out to mooch off society (though some are, I suppose).

I have DIAS for basically ~~the~~ the same reasons as Dick Martin. Though "15 minutes" is also written into the rules, I think it is less basic to the game than DIAS. For postal play, "15 minutes" has to be abandoned; DIAS doesn't.

You say you're a reactionary, but I have to wonder. How do you feel about requiring prayer in school? Abortion? ERA? Forcing creationism into science classes? Repealing the 1955 Voting Rights Act? Confirming Sandra O'Connor? The wrong answer to any of these is likely to get you condemned by the Moral Majority. I think you're closer to Barry Goldwater or Wm F Buckley than Ronald Reagan.

One of your recent issues has letters from Walker and Boeardman. Very good.

A Jew, an Arab, and an Aggie were sitting next to each other on a train. After a while, the Arab, who was sitting in the middle, dozed off. Soon, a fly came along and landed on the Arab's shoulder. While the Jew watched, the Aggie reached out, grabbed the fly, put it in his mouth, and ate it. Then another fly came along and landed on the Arab. The Aggie reached out and grabbed it, also. ^{He} Then two flies came along and landed on each of the Arab's shoulders. Simultaneously, The Jew and the Aggie each reached out and grabbed a fly. The Aggie ate his fly. Then the Jew held his fly out to the Aggie and said, "Want to buy a fly?"

((On being a reactionary, I'd vote no, yes, no, no, yes, yes. Two out of six ain't bad. Seriously, the Moral M. is an embarrassment to even some of its own supporters. I am in a position I would call "bemused indifference" toward them. They side with me on defense and such, which is important, while their religious hocus-pocus is just irrelevant poop in large part to me. They help the Left by giving such a laughingstock example of "the Right", but you've got to take what you can get. I still consider myself reactionary tho. I think the big difference between me and many others is that I am serious about what I say--and that's a big difference!

Three Rs would be (and is) a good idea. However, it is not in the control of the central government, nor should it be, any more than is discipline in the home before they start school, which is at least as important. The military duty is in the government's control, and the experience will do them all some good just when they need it.

Brux' Numbers position was kind of dumb, since they can be/are easily ignored by anyone who wants, but the example he gave of "Oaklyn" using Don's reputation and position

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is very legitimate. That is exactly the kind of shit "Bernie" hides behind, which is why it is right to ask Don to think about what he's doing. You doubt Don's head is "that deep in the sand"; based on what I see, I do not so doubt.

Good to hear from you.)) *dm*

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Hi, after reading the last BB - #96, I just couldn't keep my big mouth shut any longer. Some of my friends and respected hobby members were torn apart in four pages of idiotic rantings from the Voice of Trouble. Linsey certainly is diplomatic, I mean he could write a book on how to make friends.

First off, I do not agree with you or Linsey about Don Ditter. If you ask me Linsey is the one who goes on witch hunts, and now he is out to impeach our BNC. Don Ditter is a very respected hobby member and probably one of the most honest people I know. So he is guest GMing in Le Front - I mean Osuch guest GM's in Retaliation - and that doesn't make him Crud, maybe Don will have a good effect on Bernie. Or you might consider the fact that Don Ditter has just saved seven people from playing under the notorious Bernie Oaklyn - that should make all of you happy. After all, we now know that at least 7 players will get a fair shake. As long as he does his job as BNC, why doesn't everyone just mind their own business. Or maybe we should take the novice package away from Linsey, because he likes Woody. I mean things are getting a little out of hand, when we even think about voting someone out of their office, and there isn't even one complaint about the way he's doing his job. I happen to think that Lee Kendter made a good choice in Don, and I for one will give him all my support.

Then I read where Bob Arnett is being compared to Bernie. Bob happens to be one of the best GM's in this hobby, and he never quoted anyone on that cover of Volker, it was just a bunch of quotes with no names, maybe Linsey just had a guilty conscience, because he knew that he had said those things. Like they say if the shoe fits -- wear it. I have not lost any respect for Bob or John Boardman, it is their right to dislike someone, and it is also their right to view the way he handles situations as being the wrong way. You may now lose respect for me too, because I happen to agree with Arnett and Boardman.

Linsey then went on to ask just what connection to the hobby does Robert Sacks have - oh, please could I answer that one Toots - it's so easy. For starters Robert Sacks runs a need a game listing which is published in quite a few zines. I'm sure Bruce sees no need for this as he doesn't play in more than one game, but there are players who actually joined this hobby to play in games, and this is a good reference for them. I personally wish that Robert could list 2 week deadline openings as I'm with you - the faster the pain is over the better. We'll have to talk to Robert about that. He also runs conventions, and I would like to add that he does it very well. He has helped John Daly and myself with orphan information, and he is always happy to help out anyone who asks him. I for one think that Robert Sacks does a lot of good for this hobby, and before Linsey so readily condemns him, it might be interesting to note that when John Daly and I turned down any of the convention money

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which was to go to the Orphan service, Robert Sacks was the one who pushed us to transfer the money over to the Novice Package as he felt Bruce could use the extra money if we felt we could do without it. But I guess Bruce doesn't know any of that, because Robert does not go around blabbing about the things that he does. So Bruce instead of blasting people you might want to thank him for the extra money you received as it was his idea and John's consent that got you more money to operate with. I guess he is connected with the hobby after all or maybe you'd like to return all money received from the convention - because it came from Robert.

Now dear toots, I must give you the bad news. For once in my life I must agree with Crud Martin. He actually changed my mind on DIAS. If I had been allowed to take a draw, I would have in Maniacal. But by the time he was gone, I was in such great shape that I went for the win - if not for Martin's houserule - I never would've won. I think it encourages players to go for the win rather than end a game in 05 with a four way draw. I personally think any draw with more than three players is ridiculous any way I mean why bother. Am I really going to get a chance to play with Fluff? You know how much I'm looking forward to playing with you again - oh, boy more love letters.

Well, I guess this letter will get me in enough trouble, so I'll end it for now. Oh, but not before I tell you that at Gen Con Gary stayed in my room, because Bruce was having company for the night and the strange part was that Woody was missing all night. Suite 100 must have been good as the next day the two of them were inseperable. Oh well, to each his own.

((Thanks for the update.

I'm glad for you that the DIAS forced a fight to a win, eventually. Personally, I would have preferred to have the option at least of voting for a draw with Scott, e.g., even with Crud still on the board, and/or Del Grande. As Mark L. above said, DIAS does not have to be abandoned for postal play; and as "Bernie Oaklyn" has repeatedly shown, honest GMing is readily abandoned too--one doesn't HAVE to use 7 real people to run a game. The thing is, it sure as hell helps to have an honest game with a total of 7 real people, all different from the GM himself. Likewise, the ability to vote a draw to whoever you want helps for more variables and options available to the players. Additionally(as I see it), it helps the fun in the game, for it offers you a chance to skip the endgame drudgery of mopping up.

I don't know if Fluff will want in or not. He's not real impressed with postal Dip, altho he does get off on good raunchy press. He's usually too lazy to write it up himself, but if he's motivated to tell me, I will send it in. Or most of it, anyway. Some of his stuff about Pilant and Jack Frost are a little heavy even for ME. And if it is another Martin-Byrne-etc game, I'd as soon pass myself. I'm tired of the crud Crud sends me all the time about "you-and-Kathy-this" and "you-and-Kathy-that". Why bother? It takes too much away from the fun of the game, which is what its supposed to be all about.)) *J.M.*

DAVID MANUEL (The Chamber)

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Aren't you going to give my "Zine Quality Poll" a plug? ((Overlooked it; too many polls))

So, you feel, if I publish letters that I get to print. Fine. Everyone, THE CHAMBER will have two letters per issue printed up. So send those letters in?

Now, what, er, never mind.

What does John Michalski honestly think of Dave Manuel? What does Dave Manuel think of John Michalski? "Well (sound of clearing of voice) John Michalski is a fine, extremely, well, uh, as close as you can get to brilliant by playing DIP by mail anyways.

Back to John Michalski, a guy who can take a joke every blue moon, votes for Demo-

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crats when Nixon reruns for President, and a pretty damn good publisher I might add, since BB is my sixth favorite zine.

I wasn't sure at first, but then my friends assured me that most rednecks act in the same matter. What am I saying??? I'm a redneck!!! (Hork! hork!) But I came from MISSOURI! Make up your own idea.

(A very famous Manuel line), enough of this dribble, so you got 4&5 or 5&6 damaged in the mail. Very interesting. A TC#8 should be out by the 15th of August.

John, if you've been wondering, these are views on politics...

I favor the ERA, I favor that women get drafted, I snarl at abortion except in the "wierdest" circumstances, I support President Reagan and the Republican Party and Jack Masters at Mark Lew.

How 'bout a mutual sub after each others sub expires? We each have four issues left on each other's sub list.

What's Osuch's trip anyways? He drink or what? After those comments I thought he was going to get hitmen after Steve Duke and I.

Oh, by the way, my phone number is (213) 867-4140. If you decide to call. Anytime (except between the hours of 12am-12pm Pacific) is fine.

I think I babbled enough, until my next novel.....

((By 12am-12pm, I presume you mean not between noon and midnight, but midnight to noon is OK? You might have said "call in the morning". Maybe you too just got through reading a Mark Lew letter and are still groggy...

The situation you quote on mutual subs is why I use them. Your four issues of BB may carry you through the middle of next month; my 4 TCs will last me almost all the rest of this year.

So you're from Missouri, hey? Very pretty place. If they had oil companies there, I might be able to get Claudine to move there with me. Ohio has one or two, but Claudine thinks less of Ohio than Bob Osuch does.

Bob does drink a tad now and then, I believe; every time I've talked to him on the phone, he sounds hung over. Your letter shows you don't know me either, though: I am a pretty poor player anymore, rarely writing, just quick notes, paying little attention, etc. But since you were kind enough to make up all that stuff, here is a letter for you: "G"

Thanks for writing.)) *J.M.*

JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia)

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After reading 5 BBs in the last 5 weeks, and seeing everything you had in them to comment on, I feel I just had to write a letter for print. I know you personally may not agree with a lot of my opinions, but that's your prerogative. Just like its my right to have and make my own choices and decisions, and its my right to voice those.

About Bernie Oaklyn--you wouldn't play there, and neither would I. You wouldn't GGM for him, neither would I. You wouldn't sub or plug him, neither would I. You wouldn't allow him to sub to BB, I might allow him to sub to W, but I probably would not allow him to play. But what right do you or I or anyone have, to chastize anyone who does want to play or GM for Oaklyn? That's the individual's right of choice. Sure, you can warn people about Oaklyn, but there will always be the curious, the non-believing, and the fools. I am not saying let Oaklyn run wild. But you can't force your will on other people. Its as simple as that. You know and I know Oaklyn was a crook still deceives his players, was a cheat and is a bad mouth. If you want to stop Oaklyn, take legal action against him. If no one is prepared for that, which in my opinion is the only way to stop Oaklyn, then you can't attack anyone else for making their own decision to associate with Oaklyn--whether playing, GGMing, or subbing. If you will go that far, why not attack people for playing in a game with Oaklyn too? Or attack those zines that mention his name every issue. Then you could attack yourself too. You know, your mentioning his name every issue is better than a plug. I don't believe in Baumeister's theory "let them get burned, they'll learn". Warn people about Oaklyn, but if people are curious about him, let them find out for themselves, and let them decide. All we can do is speak the truth and warn them. One last thing, everyone is throwing Oaklyn out for deception of the GM, all because he

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is using the name Oaklyn instead of Tretick. You show me where its against the law, God's law, or the US law to change your name, and I'll buy that reason. These GMs that threw Oaklyn out did so to stop from continually being chastised for allowing Oaklyn to play and to save face from embarrassment.

The Sacks/Walker feud that seems to be snowballing--enough is enough. I feel if the two of them want to continue, that they should put on gloves and beat each others brains out, but leave us, the hobby, out of it. They both have good points and faults, but the latest incidents are showing the kind of people they are. Attacking one another is not going to solve anything.

Walker, going over Jerry Jones head to overturn Jerry's decision to give DW to Sacks is a prime example. Just because Walker wrote The Wargamer's Guide to Dip doesn't make him any more qualified than Sacks. Walker went to Buchanan, his friend and former DW editor, and "got" DW for himself. The reasons being Sacks letters of attack against Walker in BB. Funny, I remember reading letters by Walker attacking Sacks in BB as well. Guess its who you know in the right places that makes you right and the other guy wrong.

The new MNC is John Leeder, as Greg Costikyan has picked his successor, and John has accepted. However, until the Canadian postal strike is settled, no new numbers will be given out.

Also, all present and former Custodians--BNC Kendter, Ditter, USOS/OGP Daly, Byrne, Zine Directory Custodian Mills and Novice Package Custodian Linsey have all signed a petition to free the defunct IDA funds to be divided up, as they were intended to, to subsidize some of the hobby services.

Robert Sacks may not be running the East Coast Dip Convention next year, and this would be sad. Not that anyone else would be terrible, but I remember how bad things were BS (Before Sacks) conventions. This year's convention was run very good. The liberals tried to disrupt everything with a smoking issue, but Sacks resolved it, and everyone was happy. There was a mix-up of player assignment to the boards, but other than that, this year's "Gen Con East" was a great success. Congrats to Robert Sergeant who won the Dip tourney. James Townsend finished second. Luscious finished 4th.

Who is Karen Allen? Down with Crud!

As for Bruce Linsey's comments about Arnett, nobody else made any statements because there was nothing to comment on. That being the case, you should drop the whole thing instead of persisting in a quarrel. Why do you look for more trouble? Let the dying embers go out. You'll be a better person for it.

About Ditter GMing in LE FRONT--What is it he has done wrong? Don is one of the best GMs in the hobby. Now you're telling us that you have the right to tell other people where they can guest GM? I've talked with Don, and he's explained the whole thing to me. Though I don't like the idea of what he's doing, its his choice, and like I said earlier, I have no right to tell Don what to do, its his choice. Unless Don does something wrong, I think you should drop this too. Or are you going to crucify by association? If you can, explain to me what Don has done wrong. Where is there a law which says you can't GGM a game in LE FRONT?

Linsey also overexaggerates the crudeness of the employees of the NY State Dept of Motor Vehicles. At least one out of every 100 is polite.

I've been to other parts of the country, and all I can say is everywhere else may be prettier, friendlier, cheaper, slower, politer and less hectic, but metropolitan NY is the place to live. All other places are nice to visit, or to just live in to exist, or to retire, but NY is where life is.

You should have seen Woody and Brux go at it at GenCon, in Suite 100. They charged admission too.

The Boardman Numbers are the only things that allow your player to know that you run accepted, reliable, respected games. They attach each publisher to the hobby, sort of like a vine attaches all the grapes to the one plant.

I thought the 4 pages of "clippings" were a total waste of your good space. It's your prerogative to print what you like, but why lower the value of your own BB?

Guns-- no good can ever come from any gun. They are made for taking life, whether it be man or animal. I'm not a liberal, let me give you an example of how evil a gun is, an innocent example. This guy I used to know collected guns--all kinds. Hand guns, rifles,

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shotguns, he even had an automatic weapon--all showcased. He was a widower and owned a gas station. His son, 22 years old, had a fight one day with his wife and she left him. He was so down that he stole one of his father's guns, shot up half a dozen people, crippling 3 for life, then turned the gun on himself and blew his brains out. When the father learned of this, he handed in all his guns, except 1 shotgun, sold his gas station, swallowed the barrell of the shotgun and blew his own head off. Now you tell me, what good came from his unused gun collection except to take two lives and ruin at least three lives? People own guns to feel important and powerful. If you never intend to use a gun, why not buy a wooden or wax replica?

Let me see, are there any other controversial subjects I can touch on?

Our government is preparing for the second launching of the Space Shuttle Redeployment Weapon.

The Canadian postal strike, and the major league baseball strike are still on. I could care less if the overpaid players and the greedy owners ever settle. Neither care for the little guy, the vendors or the paying public.

I hear Mark Berch is taking up the study of meteorology. Tell him the space shuttle flies close to many meteors, maybe he'd like to jump off and study a meteor up close.

I understand Dave Marshall's subzine is taking over pubbing and making BB the subzine. ((Oh, how I wish!))

I heard that Mark Lew is a Texan that made a wrong turn at Minnesota.

Rumor has it that John Michalski has a new way to pronounce his name. Its called (Mish Old ski). Or was that (Tootsē).

Liberals are a necessary evil to our society to keep everything from getting boring. Think I've said enough.

((Shucks, just when you were getting warmed up...

Other stuff: I intend to use my gun, anytime I find the need. But in your example, let me see if I understand you right: some immature asshole is pissed that his wife left him (for obvious reasons, we can see now), so his response is to go out and shoot at people. That's the gun's fault? I think some good DID come from it. Both that prick and the man who raised such a bastard are dead because of them. That's a plus for society.

Ditter is clearly guilty beyond any doubt of exactly what Bruce accused him of: poor judgement. Don excercises his right to stick to his poor judgement; Bruce criticizes him for it (as do I). So what? Why is either Brux or myself so dastardly for printing our views?

The publishers who kicked Tretick out did so for his violation of the simple deception-of-the-GM concept. Even McLendon and Boardman, the only two such I can think of offhand, might have let him play within the rules they quoted if he had not passed himself off as someone else to THEM. What he calls himself to the other players doesn't matter, but many GMs require that THEY at least be in on what's going on from the start. You are right in that there may well be other reasons for kicking him out, such as an inherent sense of decency or justice, or learning from other's problems, such as occured with Kendter when he made the error of permitting "Oaklyn" in. Why should any honest GM put up with shit like that?

I'm kind of sorry to hear that Leeder got the MNC post. He hasn't shown the type of hobby commitment these past two years that the MNC spot needs from someone who is also presumably publishing weekly. (Officially, that is, not unofficially, like Linsey and I lately, Masters this spring, etc.). He IS into variants though, as is Walker (no pun intended). I hope that he works in without any trouble the numbers that Walker may have to issue in the interim. (The Canadian strike is expected to be a LONG one). Leeder and Walker should be able to quietly clear up anything like that between themselves. It's good variants are in the situation they are; MNC problems are a lot less a problem than are the more important Boardman numbers. Your comments on them were good. Thanks for the con report.)) J.M.

Yes, gang, it's once again time for

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Aagh! You and Brucie are making me go broke. If you really want to cut down your sub list, try a price hike to something outrageous like \$1.25 per issue. That'd stop me, and

Lew continues

if others kept at it, at least you'd make megabux. No, there's no life after pubbing, so keep it up kiddo. Go for 200, maybe if you hurry you can catch up with RUNESTONE or FOL SI FIE or at least CLAW & FANG.

Better say something about the Stars & Anchors campaign. Or better, I will: Avalon Hill is replacing those dear wooden blocks we all love, with Milton Bradley style plastic stars and anchors, so the campaign is for EVERYONE in the hobby to write Avalon Hill in protest to quote Allen Wells "THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LEEDER POLL" hear! hear! Pubbers publicize. And drop in a word about the French color being close to the Italians. ((Marginal note read: "And more important than Oaklyn TOO"))

That's not a bad idea, quadruple issue. Has it ever been done? (Besides that fake EGGNOG). Maybe you can even outsize Martin's annish or that one fas (speaking of which, did P fold? I never hear about it anymore.)

So you laugh at my BOGEY, hey? Well I'll bet you more than half of them submit orders for the hell of it.

Huh? I never said Steve Shaddix tired of the hobby. In fact, I've never said ANYTHING about him.

You should retype doublespace stuff like you'd retype written stuff.

I agree with Brux about guns, sort of. I don't need any guns and theoretically they're unnecessary, but guns are a symbol of power and some people need them for psychological reasons. Really. Freud was bizarre but his basic ideas were right. (Certainly there's some psych majors out there who'll verify). ((Marginal note: "That's the ONLY reason though. Protection and all that is pure shit"))

Always print my--what, Brux? I'm flattered, may I ask, what prompts that? (Maybe you'll help pay my BB resub then? Just kidding Brux, you know I'd drop VOD before I'd drop BB) (hyork)

I do believe it's Vermonter, not Vermontarian. What a wierd word Vermont, I like it.

Somehow Brucie thinks fun and ratings are exclusive. Sure, playing wild is fun, but so is winning don't forget. Nothing wrong with ratings palyers, just gang up on them in the game.

I've been wondering about Sacks myself? What DOES he do?

What separates us from Nazi Germany and USSR? The Atlantic Ocean, I'd say.

More all-letter ishes, eh Brux? Just submit a letter like that each month and JM will have no choice (not true, he could throw it out).

Now that Brucie is all done, I'll go back to the first two pages where he condemns Oaklyn, Arnett, Ozog, Stafford, Ditter, et.al. Bruce, you are overenthusiastic. Sure these guys (maybe) are bad, but WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? If they change, fine; if not, also fine. That's just how things are, and its OKAY. Certainly, you can keep yelling to get them out and maybe even succeed, but what then? Damn, I don't thinking I'm getting the point across, but I think somebody out there understand. (Sort of like Faulkner's THE BEAR, but isn't everything?)

Back to Bernie on a lower level, so long as there's plenty of warnings out, let novices flock to him and get burned, the hobby doesn't need new blood (I'd even say we need to get rid of some). The ones with sense would get out and join us or maybe hang in between and join the toadies, no problem, Bernie makes a good screening device.

What's wrong with DIAS, it's beyond me why anyone with any interest in the game would vote for a draw NOT including them. The only people who would be those stooges with delusions that "survival" is some secondary goal when in fact "survival" isn't survival at all. The whole idea of a concession is that you give yourself up totally because you don't want to play it out. Some survival, it's just like suiciding out.

OK, Osuch, I'll join any game you pop me into, but I'm not forking over any bux. If someone puts me in a gamestart without asking, that's fine with me, it's no different than a standby. Will you play in BOGEY in return?

I think if the computer played 7 spots in FROG, it'd be a draw. First of all, they all just sit and defend and don't go anywhere, and second, I think they vote yes to any proposal.

Finally, don't forget to write to Avalon Hill: 4517 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214 PS Longer than usual, eh? JESUS WAS A HUMANIST! (Gasp)

((The reason you'd vote to another's draw would be that it isn't worth playing out.

For example, A pair of 13s, R&T, are rolling across the board. Why play 2-3 more

years to an obvious result? Sure, I know people will say, work on breaking up the alliance etc., but if you've played at all, you know there are at least some games where such would be all too obvious a gesture in futility.

Someone else too wrote about retyping the doublespaced stuff. Fine and dandy. The only problem is, I barely get by typing over the handwritten stuff; there isn't time to take care of sprucing things up on top of that. Even weak stuff coming in usually just gets rexeroxed 2-6 times, whatever it takes, over and over on COPY DARKER until I can either use it or can't read it. It shows, I know, but I have the choice of lots of disorganized stuff fast, or a lot less material that looks better, coming out slowly. I choose lots fast. If it weren't for the huge summer bulk of letters, I'd let the folks get a Lew letter in the raw, just so they'd see what I go through. Of course some would complain about why-did-you-let-Gibson-come-back and the like...

"Vermontarian?")

J.M.

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(excerpts)

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I sent a personal reply to Bruce's letter in 97 but in general, I'd like to say: Ratings and the BN ((illegible)) help keep track of them, have a definite place in the hobby. Bruce almost says you can't play for fun and play too. I totally disagree. It's no fun to always lose or never achieve any of your goals. Bruce's reply is contradictory. He agrees with Eric, then submits good examples that blow Eric's idea (a two way alliance is a bore) out of the water. I also think Bruce took a cheap shot at Cummings by calling him "dumb". Because someone's method of play is different from yours, is not a reflection on that person's intelligence. Name calling has a very negative effect on the hobby in general and especially on the novice whom he proffers to embrace. Fear of being called "dumb" by someone as established in the hobby as Bruce could discourage someone from discussing his thoughts and ideas. An apology is in order and I know if Bruce gave it some thought, he could have disagreed more diplomatically. Name calling is never justified.

John, I would NOT want to see one page of your letter column deleted, but I do think we tend to stray away from the games. I hope my overly long end-game statement helps change that. I enjoy all the issues discussed in BB, but would like to see more letters about games themselves.

((That's not likely. Most people don't write enough IN an ongoing game, let alone discuss it afterwards. (Altho a game in LIBERTERREAN once had a bigger feud running in the endgame exchanges over many issues than the game ever generated while it was going on!) To publish more than just a warehouse, you take what you can get. I get everything under the sun. People write about what they like, or at least do so second; the first thing is probably their being pissed about what someone ELSE said about something to which they feel they must respond. See Caruso's remark about my always bringing up Tretick, e.g.; actually, except for apssing insults, I rarely do. I do respond though, and many people bring it up in their letters (this issh, for instance). Besides, if anyone had real game-type articles, they'd probably send it to VD for sub credit, like I just did...))

I still think of Linsey as new. He only has 40 or 50 issues out, right?

J.M.

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I was meaning to write back right after BB #94, but I delayed just a little bit and look how far behind I am. Are you and Linsey having a race to see who can eat up subbers' money the fastest or what? At least you don't print useless houserules for half an issue....

Issue 94 was your best in a long time, and recent issues have been almost as good. Why? Not because all the games with my press aren't in them, but because the letters are so good. And the thing that makes the letters so good is the thing that has always made BB so great: nasty controversy. I love it with Lew, Masters, and Ozog dragging each other over the coals. Good old fashion mud slinging, that's what I like to see. Even Walker's and Berch' stuff was interesting lately. So I thought I would ruin your streak and write in myself. Sorry.

The reason I did not deny doing the BB #90 fake yet was that I was waiting

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for my article in SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS to appear denying it all. Unfortunately, while I was waiting for it to come out Everyone else accused me of the fakes. Oh well, I can see that the gig is up, so I will now publicly admit to being the Walrus and faking Y'ALL #3, LIFE OF MONTY, SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS, and BRUTUS BULLETIN, in that order. Note that I did not do the VoD fake: I would never do Bruce the favor. If anyone cares enuf, I will tell anyone that calls me up who did the VD fake. I think you'll be surprized. I may have more to say on this subject later, but now let it suffice to say that I am the Walrus.

What do you mean no one ever writes you typed letters? This one is typed on my brand new typewriter I got for a graduation present. It's self-correcting and has a ball element, so I can fake any zine in the future. Heh heh heh.

Since Mr Robinson is rebuilding his record collection (the RIGHT way this time), may I refer him to a record review some clown published in BB six months ago? an added tip: don't buy Pat Beenatart doing "Helter Skelter." Makes you sick. Made me at least.

Hey everyone about to write in a scathing response to Linsey: don't do it! That's just what he wants: attention. Ignore him and maybe he'll go away. This is more attention right here than I hoped to give him. (I really wish you had let Linsey off with a "OK," John!)

Hey Osuch: how about Capt'n Beefheart's "Trout mask replica"? A Classic!

Enough non-offensive stuff: lets sling some shit. John, in #92 you complain that at an interview you were asked useless questions about your goals. You badmouthed the questions and of course everyone in BB agreed with you. Yet elsewhere and in other issues you seem to be saying you are somewhat unhappy with your present job because you sit on your butt too much or something to that affect. It seemsto me then that you would not be happy running an elevator for \$20,000 a year. It seems to me that you DO have goals, and that they are not being fulfilled in your present place of employment. I think what you should do John is take a year off and go backpack around Europe and Find Yourself. Could be just what you need.

Speaking of which, what is this irrational fear you (all) seem to have of Universities and "finding oneself"? As an entering freshman this fall, am I supposed to have my entire life planned out by now, know all my interests and pick my career for the rest of my life? No way Hosea! I look at college (the wrong way, apparently) as a learning experience. However I'm sure you'll be gratified to know that I listed an intended major (which I will feel free to change) and not "undecided" nor do I plan to join some radical political group like the SDS or Greenpeace.

I signed up for Mass Murder in the hopes of using DIAS (thought I'd give it a try) and avoiding you all from Fade Away. I want DIAS! Down with ESM!

I got plenty of extras of my fakes, so anyone who wants one just send some stamps and I'll send some to you. Please?

Bruce Linsey: "rational people like....me" Ha ha.

Bernie Oaklyn=Bruce Linsey. Think about it.

I guess that's it; I don't want to sound like the hot air baloon Linsey is, so I'll stop here and let you attack. Ready, aim, fire! Blow me away.

((You didn't give me much. If you too are going for MASS MURDERS, it may be like old home week! (To everybody else: MM is a Bob Osuch game, 2 week deadlines, black press, ~~(or is it grey press?)~~, \$4 flat fee, no sub, but will be reprinted in GRAB DOTS!. Play should be hairy. I may or may not be in it. Sign up quick! 3417 S Paulina, Chicago 60608) DIAS is definitely out though, at least if I'm in; if not, you can all vote to have Bob mess up the game and enter it back.

"Finding yourself" has little to do with certainty over what course to take. It has more to do with the attitude and plan to someday take SOME course. Once you get to school, you'll see what I mean: there are a hell of a lot of people who are just driftwood who "came ashore" at that campus and are sitting there and taking in the sun as it were. High school is over, working ain't their bag, got to leave home, so they go to college by default.

Somewhere between 26 and 34, they begin to feel uneasy as their second group of friends has passed from freshman to graduate, and the chicks aren't so eager to be with these older types now. Workin' still ain't their bag, pop is tired of paying for school after these 6-8-10 years there, but they don't know what to do. This collegiate menopause then is when they try to "find themselves". Another way to put it is, they're trying to pull their head out of their asshole. That is what having to "find yourself" means.

(A kind of extreme example, but it's to illustrate the point. You'll see a lot of folks on a lesser-scale case, but you'll recognize where their head is...)

Oaklyn=Linsey? Cute, but dumb. If you want to start trouble, why not instead point out the similar hyperbolic writing style in the zines of "B.O." and, say, Bob Arnett? You're right about the elevator. Make it \$30,000.)) *S.M.*

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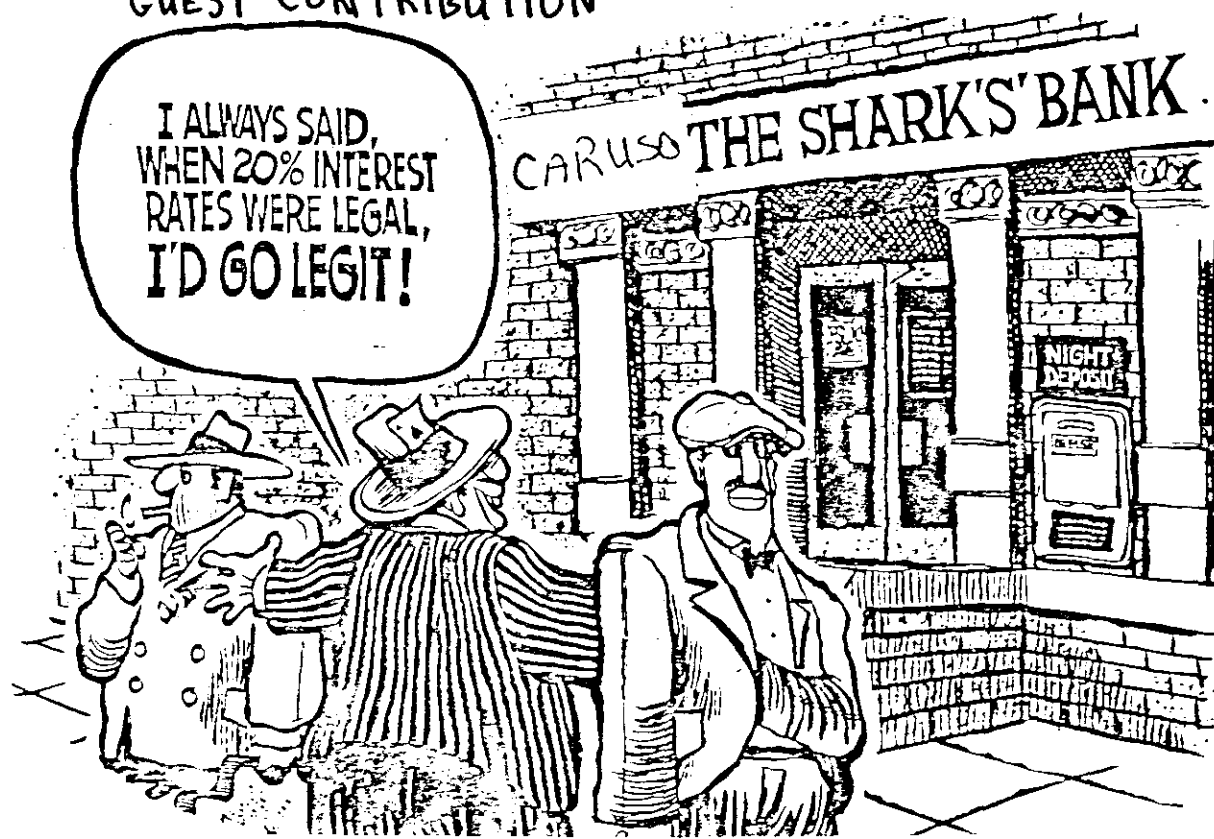
I wanted to make a few comments about the Linsey letter. He suggests that if Ditter doesn't cut his ties to FLD, then "we should find a new BNC". It doesn't work that way. BNC is an appointed job --- each one appoints his successor. Lee knows what the job requires, and if Lee feels that Ditter is qualified, that's good enuf for me. Lee knew of Ditter's ties to FLD.

It would certainly be a serious problem if Tretick used Ditter's presence as a selling point for the zine, but lets wait till that actually happens.

There's one other thing. There are limits to which we should permit Tretick to disrupt the hobby. Its hard to find qualified people to do this kind of job. A lot of work does into the job, and a lot of controversy too, because of the job of deciding which games are irregular and which are not. I don't think we should let this Oaklyn business make the job even worse. I would prefer that all his GGMS cut their ties with FLD because of the dreadfully dishonest way FLD is run. But I don't think its worth a big public fuss.

As for Brux's comments about what Sacks has to do with the hobby, for one, he runs the Known Game Openings list, doing a more thoro job in this than any of his predecessors. He has also run two major east coast tournaments in the past two years

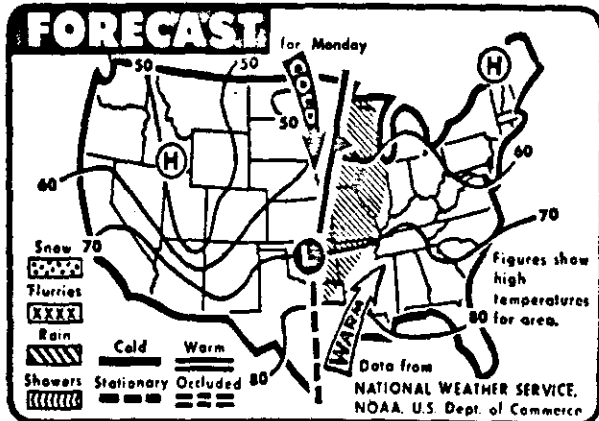
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((I'll bet you could guess who sent this, John...))

WAR DIMS HOPES FOR PEACE

Wisconsin State Journal, December 27, 1965



Shaded parts of map locate areas occupied by Israel since 1967.

Milwaukee Sentinel 10/31/77

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Nicaragua sets goal to wipe out literacy

The Boston Globe 10/1/79

Newspaper Is America's Most Valuable Educational Agency

The Indianapolis Star 1/3/77

Corection

The Mountain Echo (Yellville, Ark.) 5/15/75

Drunk gets nine months in violin case

The Lethbridge Herald 10/30/76

Indian Ocean talks

The Plain Dealer 10/5/77

Louisiana Governor Defends His Wife, Gift From Korean

The Milwaukee Journal 10/26/76

Tuna Biting Off Washington Coast

Seattle Post-Intelligencer 8/3/79



President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev are all smiles as they meet for the first time since they boarded the vessel and discovered bails of marijuana.

The San Juan (P.R.) Star 6/16/79

Former man dies in California

Fremont County (Calif.) Chronicle-News 2/13/75

Sneak Attack by Soviet Bloc Not Foreseen

The Atlanta Journal 4/4/79

August cartoon —



"DAMMIT RUDOLPH, I SAID THE SCHMIDT HOUSE!"

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