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This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11), L'IMPERIALISME II-B (1984H xm16) and VACATION DIP III (BUSH #17).

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WE VISIT THE MIDWEST

We attended the Mensa Convention in Milwaukee, and then went to my old home town of Chicago to do some sightseeing and visit friends. Every airport we passed through was torn up for new construction. It seems that air traffic grows faster than they can build new terminals. The front of my motel in Skokie was also a mess, as they were building a new lobby. I drove right past it the first time, as there was no identifying sign. The street in front of a friend's house was torn up, with hot tar being spread. And when I tried to drive to the Planetarium, Balbo Drive was closed off for the reconstruction of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. If I were paranoid, I'd think that someone had discovered my travel plans, and arranged to put these messes in front of me. Oh, yes, Chicago's Outer Drive is also torn up. In 1937, it was opened with a horrible double-S curve at the river. After only 48 years of accidents, they finally started building a new roadway. Just before my arrival!

It was fairly chilly on several days in Milwaukee and Chicago. Chilly compared to Baltimore, that is. Fortunately, I knew the area well enough to know that I should bring some warm clothes with me. It's always much cooler near the lake. When I went inland to Elgin and LaSalle, the temps soared to the usual summer levels.

I found the Expressway driving in Chicago to be somewhat hazardous. Many drivers do not seem to know what turn signals are, as they weave back and forth from lane to lane. And there seems to be a belief that the drivers entering the expressway have the right of way over a driver on the exit in the slow lane. Apparently, you are supposed to

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clear the slow lane for entering traffic, except in rush hours. But, as I was unfamiliar with which exits I wanted on a couple of occasions, I had to get over in the slow lane to prepare for an exit. One good ol' boy in a pickup nearly ran me over as he roared down the ramp. I wonder if he could read my lips?

If you go to Chicago on business and fly to O'Hare, consider taking the subway instead of the fancy bus, if you're heading downtown. The new 3-track O'Hare station is really beautiful, having been especially designed by a noted architect. The fare is just 90¢. It will take you to Dearborn St. in the Loop, via Kennedy Expy., in quicker time than the bus in rush hour. You can transfer to all of the other lines in the Loop. At the Airport, moving belts carry you and your bags to the three O'Hare terminals. While these belts move a bit too slow, it sure beats carrying your luggage.

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WHAT GAME SHALL WE PLAY NEXT?

The time has come to start signing up people for our next game. I would prefer to run a game which has not heretofore been played in BUSHWACKER, in order to keep up our tradition of variety. However, I would consider running updated and improved versions of some games which have run here, such as Atlantica III or East Indies IV. I could also offer Conquest of the New World III, which is an improvement over the game which ran in SNAFU! (in which I played England).

I would also like to limit the next game to one having no more than seven players. This makes it easier to fill the game, and also makes it easier on the GM. Here are some suggestions:

1. Blow-up. By Ron Brown and Nelson Millar. Every player gets to plant one mine or write two "disarm" orders each Winter. Played on Standard map. Originally, players could write only one disarm order, but Ron has proposed that future games should have two, to speed things up.
2. Utrecht III. By Chris Northcott, with a bit of advice from me. Five players run 5 Great Powers and try to buy influence of a host of Minor Powers, each of which starts with one or two units. Set in post-1739 period, based on the War of Austrian Succession. Involves quite a bit of paperwork for players and GM.
3. Ancient Empires III, By John Lipscomb, with a slight modification by me. Rome, Carthage and 4 other Powers ca. 300 B.C., try to control the Mediterranean world.
4. Saharan Dip, by Bahjat Sharif, again with a slight modification by me. Includes most of North Africa and Arabia to Standard board. Can use A/F's. Special bonus for controlling the Sahara region.
5. Rail & Sea Dip, by Fred Davis. Units move at double speed on railnets within Homelands, or along own coasts. If you conquer an entire enemy country, you can combine the railnets. A/F's used.
6. Conquest New World III, Pulsipher/Davis. You saw earlier "II" version here. Five European Powers start landing in the New World ca. 1490. "III" eliminates the terrific advantage which Portugal held in the originals.
7. East Indies IV. This is now a 6-player game, with Bernese eliminated. Anyone seeking revenge from the last game here? Uses A/F's.
8. Atlantica III. This game has been an old favorite in BUSH. The "III" version strengthens the USA, which was the "Austria" of the game. 3 N. American Powers, incl. Canada and CSA, plus 4 Western European Powers, and round-the-world boxes, set in the year 1870 (Year of the France-Prussian War).

Please let me hear from anybody and everybody who might be interested in any of these games. You may even list them in order of preference. When this can be narrowed down to 3 or 4 games, I'll take a vote on them.

My father-in-law, Karl Kerlein, died in early July, the day after Inge returned from visiting him in Germany. He had never recovered from a massive stroke last Christmas, and his death was expected. The only question was when. The ironic thing is that he died on his 50th Wedding Anniversary, a date which the Kerleins had been looking forward to for a couple of years. At 77, he had had a full life, remaining very active right up to the day of his stroke. Inge and Kevin were fortunate in having arrived in time to see him one more time before he passed on. He was conscious and very glad that they had made the trip to visit him.

VARIANT GAMES WHICH WILL BE OFFERED TO BUSHWACKER/DIPLOMACY READERS

These games will be offered jointly, and you may sign up for more than one. If I can set one up on an All-Mensa game I will do so. This will depend on how many people are interested in which games. Games will be started in order of filling.

1885 II: This is a 9-player game, adding Spain and Sweden as Great Powers. This ran once before in BUSHWACKER, and two of the old players have asked for it again. The year 1885 was the first year that the European map looked somewhat like that used in the Regular game, so only minimum changes are required in the map. Germany and Austria start with one extra unit apiece (in Dresden and Cluj) to overcome their central position disadvantage, while England gets a F Liverpool. Italy and Russia both get the advantage of not having to disclose the nature of one unit (A or F) until the recording of the Spring 1901 move. These modifications serve to balance the strengths of the Powers. There are 46 Supply Centers. The single winner Victory Criterion is 24. An Alliance Victory is possible for two players jointly holding 34 Centers, with no Power owning less than 12.

Gusher Diplomacy: This is a fun game which I very much want to run. New SCs are added in Ireland, Catalonia, Morocco, Switzerland and Archangel, for a total of 39. However, except for the initial starting spaces, which are always the capitals (Moscow is the capital of Russia), no one knows the value of any SC until it is captured. Each SC can support anywhere from 0 to 3 units. Each time a Center changes hands, its value changes! You could wind up with a fat Zew, or hit the jackpot with a Triple. All units are single strength, and units can be built in any Home SC, even if it's Zero strength. (SC's can be considered mobilization points, rather than factories and shipyards). On the average, there will be sufficient supply sources on the board to warrant the raising of 45 units. Therefore, the Victory Criterion will be ownership of 23 supply sources, rather than any flat number of Centers, except for a minimum of 15 Centers requirement. The rules will explain in detail how the Centers change value. I hope enough of you are adventurous enough to sign up for what ought to be a wild game.

Small World II-R: Players in this 8-man global variant will recall discussion of China being too strong and Russia being too weak. Minor modifications have added a new Russ S.C. in Irkutsk, the placement of an ordinary space between Vladivostok and the first Chinese Home S.C. (now "Mukden" instead of Manchuria), and the addition of a neutral space between Mexico and Colombia called Central America. The Panama Canal now runs between Colombia and C. America, making it much easier to use. The fourth Western European unit, instead of being located in Europe, is represented by a F in Burma! That should lead to some interesting diplomacy. If any of you gluttons for punishment want to try it again, I stand ready to GM. Conquer the world; not just Europe!

Abstraction II: The old favorite. Described by Richard Sharp in his book, The Game of Diplomacy, as "perhaps the only variant which improves upon the original." (Elush). Everyone starts with 4 Home Centers (Russia 5), and stalemate lines are almost impossible. The map for "II" is identical to "I". Only real difference is elimination of the optional negotiations on where to build your units in Winter (e.g. "June 1914").

You may sign up in descending order of preference. I'll award 4 points for first choice, 3 for second, etc. Send no money now. Game Fee will be a flat \$7.00, as postage rates are going to 20¢/oz. First Class in January. Stand-by Fee will stay at \$3.50. If you can't play and simply must sub, it will be 12 issues for \$3.00, but I really discourage subs. No decisions on games will be made before August 15th at the earliest.

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INFORMATION PLEASE ANSWERS. Turns out there was more than one correct answer. The answer I had in mind were the aircraft carriers CV 13, Franklin, and CV 31, Bon Homme Richard.
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FINAL STATISTICS ON MARYCON

I have received the official scores for the 35 people who played in the MaryCon Dip Tournament. The top finishers were:

	<u>Points</u>		
1. Bill Thompson	36.6	5. Greg Byrd	18.7
2. Don Scheifler	28.1	6. Doug Byrne	18.5
3. Matt Kelley	21	7. Frank Jones	12.6
4. Mark Stegman	18.9	8. Ken Peel	12.1

Bill Thompson had the only Rulebook Victory, as Russia in Round #2. Scheifler and Byrd had a 17-17 split as England/Germany in Round #1. Me? Oh, I finished 14th, with a score of 9.1. If I don't watch out, I'm going to lose my reputation as a terrible FTF player. That's the best finish I've ever had in a Dip Tourney, save one in Baltimore.

I incorrectly reported that Mark Berch won the Gunbeat Tournament. That was based on hearsay evidence. It was actually a four-way draw between A/E/G/I. Mark Larzelere, Don Scheifler and Tom Swider were among the draw-ees. Mark did finish 9th in the Regular Tournament. A Complete list of the players and their scores appeared in Ken Peel's POLITESSE (June issue).

Buddy Tretick showed up for Round #1, and played as "Bernie Oakland." Apparently, no one challenged his right to play under that name. (It used to be "Bernie Oaklyn.") Someone asked me if I knew both Tretick and Oaklyn. I replied that since they're one and the same person, it was hardly likely that I did not know them both. There seemed to be some confusion among the record-keepers as to his correct name. You spell "Oaklyn" "T-r-e-t-i-c-k," guys. 28 people completed both rounds.

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★ And now, as promised, our own TRIVIA QUIZ.

We will award a one-year free subscription to BUSHWACKER for the best score. If you're a Player or Trader here, you can have the equivalent in cash or variant rules, plus the honor of being a winner, so give it a try. Most of the questions have something to do with military or naval history. Each of the ten questions is worth 10 points, and several have 5-point bonuses for extra credit. I've been accumulating these items for several months. In cases of ties, we will draw lots. I believe one of these questions was used in another sine several years ago.

The deadline for your answers will be September 25, 1985. This will allow Overseas readers to participate. Nonreaders of BUSH may participate. Permission is granted for these questions to be reprinted by any sine with a substantial number of readers outside of the U.S. & Canada. If you don't know the right answer, you may submit a funny answer. If you tickle my funnybone, I just might give you credit.

1. Between approximately 1883 and 1973 in the U.S. Navy, the names of cities were used only for the names of cruisers, and all cruisers were named for cities. Was any American cruiser ever named for a foreign city, and, if so, which one? (5 extra points for explaining how this came to be).
2. What is the smallest sovereign power in the world, in area?
3. Since the Spanish-American War, all U.S. Army units of division strength have been known only by numbers. There are separate enumerations for Infantry, Cavalry and Armored Divisions, but we have no elite units with special names, such as are found in the armies of most other countries. However, there was one exception to this use of numbers in World War II. Can you name the one American Division which bore a name? (5 extra points if you can explain the origin of this name).

Trivia Quiz (Cont.)

(I am not referring to nicknames, like "Big Red One," "Bloody Bucket," or "Screaming Eagles," which were not official.)

4. Who invented the cantilevered brassiere? (5 extra points if you can name the person for whom it was invented).
5. What is the oldest Regiment in the U.S. Army? (It is not the First Infantry).
6. Besides Commander-in-Chief, what is the highest rank ever held by an officer in the U.S. Army? Who held this rank? (I am not referring to posthumous awards made to George Washington or other deceased heroes).
7. Which famous U.S. popular musician coordinated the anti-submarine weapons section on a Navy destroyer-escort in World War II? (Hint: This is based on the movie version of his career, so we can only presume its factual accuracy).
8. Which officer in the U.S. Army held the lowest Serial Number of any active serviceman in World War II? (5 points extra for explaining why).
9. What was so unusual about the submarine U.S.S. Sailfish in W.W. II?
10. What was the name and nationality of the world's largest submarine in W.W. II? (5 extra points if you can tell me her fate).

Extra Bonus Question (for 20 points): What is the oldest unit in the U.S. Army?
Hint: This is a company or battery-size unit. Two different units claim this distinction, so we will accept either answer as correct.

You get 10 points for each regular question, plus 5 extra points for additional info. on five questions, and 20 points for the bonus. So, the maximum score would be 145 pts.

Here's an easy one to warm up on, if you'd like. What was the name of the only U.S. battleship not named for a State?

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DIPLOMACY WORLD #39 came out in July. However, for some reason my copy had failed to arrive as of the time I'm writing this, so I can't say anything one way or the other about it. I've written to a couple of people to try to get my copy, or a new copy. Maybe I'll have it in time for next month.

NEW SERVICES:

DIP ZIP. An up-to-date listing of Dip zines, together with their prices and a brief description of each. (Not quite sure how this will fit in with the ZINE DIRECTORY, but it sounds nice to be able to get this info. on a better than annual basis. In Britain, their listing comes out quarterly.) To get the first issue, due in September, send a large SASE to: Tom Hurst, 2686 Richardson Dr., Fitchburg, Wis. 53711.

UNIVERSAL STANDBY SERVICE. If you're willing to accept a standby anywhere in North America, send your name & address to: Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Dr., Conroe, Texas 77301. Bill is the BNC. I believe this is for Regular games, only. Bill will maintain this "generic" listing for those zines which don't maintain their own stby lists.

AUSTRIANS TAKE BERLIN, SWITZERLAND; LOSE MUNICH TO GERMANS. WEHRMACHT INVADES BELGIUM. IBERIANS FORGET ABOUT MAO FLEET, ADVANCE IN AFRICA. TURKS REPEL ITALIAN INVASION, GAIN KHADAFFILAND. ITALY SEIZES TRIESTE.

AUSTRIA (Dancause): A Prussia-Berlin. A Silesia (S) A Prussia-Berlin. A Munich-Switz.
(8) A Tyrol & A Piedmont (S) A Munich-Switz. A Bohemia-Munich.
A Rumania-Serbia. A Greece (H).
BELGIUM (Dancause): A Picardy-Burgundy.
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ENGLAND (Hagerson): F London-North Sea. F Liverpool-Clyde. F Denmark Skagerrak.
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FRANCE (B. Wilson): A/F Bay of Biscay-Mid-Atlantic. F Morocco (S) A/F Bay of Biscay-
(4) MAO. A Brest (H).
GERMANY (Cheek): A Holland-Belgium. A Ruhr (S) A Holland-Belgium. A Berlin-
(7) Munich. A Kiel (S) A Berlin-Munich. A Marseille-Switz. A Burg.
(S) A Mars.-Switz. F South Atlantic-Mid-Atlantic.
IBERIA (Kozlowski): A Mozambique-G.E.A. A Kenya-Equatorial Provinces.* A Abyssinia
(14) (12 units) (S) A Kenya-Equatoria. A Transvaal-Cape. F Angola-African Sea.
A Catalonia (S) GERMAN A Marseille (NSO). F Cadiz (S) GERMAN F
SAO-MAO. F Lisbon (S) GERMAN F SAO-MAO (illegal order. Can't (S)
your own dislodgement). A Madrid (S) F Lisbon. F Sardinia-
Western Med. F North Indian (H). F Mid-Atlantic (U)
~~(R) English Channel (per right-hand rule).~~ Stays, per Rule IX.3
ITALY (Anderson): A Rome boards F Tyrr. Sea, A/F Tyrr. Sea-Gulf of Lyon, A disembarks
(9) Cadiz. F Western Med. (S) A/F Tyrr. Sea-Gulf of Lyon. A Algeria-
Libya. F Naples-Ionian Sea. A Sudan-Equatorial Provs.* A Venice-
Trieste. A Smyrna-Ankara. F Aegean-Con.
TURKEY (Baty): A Palestine-Syria. F Levant Sea-Libya. A Egypt (S) F Levant-
(6) Libya. F Arabia Sea-Arabia. A Sevastopol-Ankara. F Bulgaria(sc)-
Const.

*Let's call this "Equatoria" (it's proper name) from now on.

PRESS:

ENGLAND to Iberia: You got off lucky. Next time your country will fall.
ENGLAND to France: VIVA NAPOLEON II, the new French Emperor.
ENGLAND to Austria: Charles, do we like these people? I hope not; they seem so vile.

BUSHWACKER: I just print 'em. Don't ask me what they mean. I am glad to see that England is going to remain in this game.

→ A Concession to IBERIA has been proposed. Please Vote on this with your next set of orders. Failure to vote will count as "No," since this is the first vote. We will play FALL 1915 in any case.

DEADLINE for FALL 1915 orders: WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1985. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, August 20th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLD WHEN... (More Roving Spacefillers)

Someone asks you to name your favorite songs, and when you do, they've never heard of them.

You find that the things you studied in school as "Current Events" are now studied as history.

ZEUS V-F, 1984A gf11WINTER 1945

GM'S SCREW-UP CAUSES SEPARATION OF SEASONS. DRAW PROPOSAL FAILS.

FALL 1945 Revisited: All players were notified that the CHINESE order "A Kazakh-Stalingrad" failed. USSR A Stalingrad retained that space. Also, the USSR F move Okhotsk-Leningrad(nc) succeeded. I had misread the support order, which correctly reads "F Finland(nc) (S) F Okhotsk-Len(nc)." The Chinese A Leningrad is dislodged.

So, USSR retains Leningrad and Stalingrad. Has 5, Removes 3.
CHINA gains only Okhotsk. Has 10, Build 1.

AUTUMN RETREATS

CHINA (Kozlowski): A Leningrad (R) Siberia (Annihilated)
USSR (Rauterberg): A Moscow (R) Siberia (Annihilated)

ADJUSTMENTSCurrent Strength:

BRITAIN (Floyd):	No change	2 (—)
CHINA (Kozlowski):	Build A Chungking, A Peking	10 (+1) (1 annihilated)
FRANCE (Brockmeier):	No change	7 (—)
GERMANY (Baty):	Build A Munich	8 (+2) (1 unit short, no room to build)
USSR (Rauterberg):	Remove A Prussia, F Baltic Sea	5 (-3) (1 annihilated)
U.S.A. (Cheek):	No change	10 (—)

Almost everybody requested a separation of seasons, many even before I mailed out my corrections for FALL 1945. Since Retreats take place before adjustments, they are shown separately here.

The proposed China-Germany-U.S. 3-way draw was disapproved by more than one and less than five players.

PRESS:

LONDON to Berlin: Don't worry, Adolf, the Americans are coming to help you??? They'll meet you at Nuremberg.

LONDON to Paris: "Hold fast, this is our finest hour." Give it a rest, Winnie.

BERLIN to Paris: Dankeschon for the save in Denmark. I owe you one.

BERLIN to Russian Govt. (wherever you are): One good rout deserves another, except, I did it on a Fall turn.

BERLIN to Peking: Now, where did you say you were going after Russia disappears?

DEADLINE for SPRING 1946 orders will be WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1985. There will be nobody home from the 2nd to the 10th of August, so this will give us enough lead time for the next issue. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, Aug. 20th, at 9 p.m. EDT.

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...YOU'RE GROWING OLD WHEN...

A reference to "grass" makes you think about mowing your lawn.

After describing a postwar Pullman car on the Auto Train as state-of-the-art to your wife, you see the attendant shaking his head and talking about this "rolling antique."

VACATION DIPLOMACY III (BUSHWACKER #17)WINTER 1901

POWERS MAKE NORMAL BUILDS, JUST AS IF WE WERE SANE. BUT FRENCH TAKE LEAVE.

ADDRESS CORRECTION: Paula Dodge has asked me to correct her ZIP Code to "22110," That's still P.O. Box 2510, Manassas, Va.

		Current Strength in:
	Supply Cntrs.	Units (w/Vac. units)
ENGLAND (Wallace):	Build A London, F Edi	5 (+2) +1 = 6 units
FRANCE (B. Wilson):	NBR. Will play two short.	5 (+2) +0 = 3 units (2 short)
GERMANY (Dodge):	Build A Kiel	4 (+1) +1 = 5 units
ITALY (Floyd):	No change	3 (—) +1 = 4 units
AUSTRIA (Rice):	Build A Budapest, A Vienna	5 (+2) +1 = 6 units
RUSSIA (Cheek):	Build A Moscow, A Warsaw	6 (+2) +1 = 7 units
TURKEY (Kenny):	Build F Con, F Ankara	5 (+2) +1 = 6 units

PRESS:

ROME to Paris: How dare you double-cross me, when I was double-crossing you? Besides, wouldn't Marseilles look grand, with a Pizza joint on every corner?

ROME to the World: Sorry for my lack of letters. I have since fallen off my leaning tower of Pisa and have a sprained ankle.

((BUSHWACKER: You mean you write with your foot?))

TRIESTE to Western World: Wake up and unite against the Eastern Alliance (Turkey/Russia).

SERBIA to Bulgaria: Your deceit almost went unnoticed.

BUDAPEST to Rumania: Too bad. It would have worked great.

ANKARA to Paris: Merlin on my side? Didn't you know? He's on my General Staff.

ANKARA to Rome: Bless you my son - you need it!

ROME to Constantinople: You talk about navigating the New Jersey roads. Try getting out of Boston at rush hour. That's not navigating, it's waiting at anchor.

DEADLINE for SPRING 1902 orders is WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1985. Telephone deadline is Tuesday, August 20th, at 9 P.M. Eastern Time. We will gradually start working our way back to an end-of-month deadline, but I also want to give people plenty of time to get in their orders in the vacation season. I'll be away Aug. 2nd to 10th.

- * Bill Young, P.O. Box 15675, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15244, is requested to submit back-up orders for FRANCE, just in case Brad Wilson doesn't get his in. Brad, please advise me of when your address will change back to Lake Forest.

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PASSING STRANGE. Isn't it strange that with all of the hoopla about starving people in Africa, no one mentions anything except shipping 'em some food (which lies rotting on the docks). Outside of Planned Parenthood and some ecology publications, I've seen nothing about trying to solve the problem by shipping vast quantities of birth control supplies and sending in the agricultural experts whose expertise is so badly needed. The average African woman has eight babies! Of course, six of them used to die, until the "nice" people went in there and made sure most of them lived - but didn't talk to her husband about what to do after they stopped dying. And what about the starving kids in Mexico and Brazil? Which rock group should they hire as their publicity agent?

1985 NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Bruce Linsey has produced a beautiful 56 page report on the results of the Runestone Poll on Zines, Subzines and GM's. This includes a complete distribution of votes for each publication and GM, plus a computer generated preference matrix showing how each zine fared against every other zine. This is an incredible piece of work, worth far more than the quoted price. (\$1.00 to anyone who voted in the Poll; Free to any publisher who publicized the Poll; \$2.00 to others). To get your copy, contact: Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashulot St., #3, Dalton, Mass. 01226. The title of the report is THE CREAM SHALL RISE!

265 people voted. This is the largest hobby response of all time to a survey, even topping the 258 votes cast in the British Zine Poll a few years ago. Accordingly, I believe that this is the most statistically valid poll ever conducted in the North American hobby. So, I was delighted to see that despite the attempt by a small, spiteful group of people to ruin the poll with a boycott, the "good guys" came out on top, and most of the troublemakers' zines came out rather poorly. Only one of the boycotters had his zine in the top 25 (71 zines were rated). I think the hobby has spoken overwhelmingly. Maybe now The Feud will end.

The Top Twelve Finishers are: (Unfortunately, three have already folded, which is why I'm showing 12 instead of just 10).

			Score	Last Year's Finish	Votes	
-	1.	VOICE OF DOOM	Bruce Linsey	9.49	12 (+11)	184 (Folded)
9	2.	NO FIXED ADDRESS	Steve Hutton	9.30	9 (+7)	60
2	3.	EUROPA EXPRESS	Gary Coughlan	9.24	1 (-2)	93
-	4.	SNAFU!	Ron Brown	9.14	10 (+6)	28 (Folded)
5	5.	EXCELSIOR	Bruce McIntyre	8.64	(New)	42
7	6.	SLEEPLESS KTS.	Dave Carter	8.36	7 (+1)	38
30	7.	PERELANDRA	P.J. Gaughan	8.20	17 (+10)	28
7	8.	DIPLOMACY DIGEST	Mark Berch	7.96	35 (+27)	82
18	9.	THE DIPLOMAT	Dave Kleiman	7.88	25 (+16)	36
10	10.	MAGUS	Steve Langley	7.78	29 (+19)	38
-	11.	ANDUIN	Eric Kane	7.74	28 (+17)	32 (Folded)
20	12.	MACABRE	Mark Coldiron	7.59	(New)	13

DIPLOMACY WORLD finished 21st, down from 8th place, probably due to its lengthy hiatus, with a Score of 7.09. BUSHWACKER came in 25th, up 6 places from 31, scoring 6.83. We received 51 votes! Never received that many before. Thanks a lot, guys, especially to the 25 of you who rated it 8, 9 or 10. (Er, that one guy who gave us a "2," don't call us; we'll call you).

The biggest gain (27 places) was made by DIPLOMACY DIGEST. The biggest drop was for ENVOY, which plunged 67 places from second to 69th due to non-appearance for nearly a year. POLITESSE plunged from 3rd to 56th, but I'm sure that was before ownership changed to Ken Peel. WHITESTONIA dropped 45 places to 60th, and RETALIATION fell 53 slots from 13th to 66th. FEUDESS brought up the rear with a Score of 1.26. 'Nuff said.

The Top Ten GM's on the Poll were: 1. Mark Larzelere (9.62); 2. Gary Coughlan (9.53); 3. Andy Lischett (9.42); 4. Bruce Linsey (9.30); 5. John Daly (9.16) (Last year's winner); 6. John Boardman (9.14); 7. Steve Langley (9.00); 8. Steve Heinowski (8.77); 9. Dave Carter (8.76); 10. Dave Kleiman (8.75).

(Somehow I finished 30th, with a score of 7.57. I guess these ballots were all cast before I goofed last month.)

My own ballot was mailed early, before that great issue of NFA appeared. Had I voted later, I'd have given it a "10".

RUNESTONE POLL (Cont.)

Among subzines, the Top Five were:

		Score	Last Year	Notes
1.	ME-ANN-DERINGS Ann Fothergill-Brown (SNAFU!)	8.33	19 (+18)	(Folded)
2.	HUMBOLDT Kevin Tighe (THE PRINCE)	8.00	15 (+13)	(Folded)
3.	HIGH PLAINS CONZO Jake Halverstadt	8.00	3 (—)	(FEUIL. FORUM)
4.	FIAT BELLUM Don Williams	7.20	12 (+8)	(In MAGUS)
5.	FNORD Mike Ehli	7.18	27 (+22)	(In LIFE OF MONTY)

All of these figures were carried out to three decimal places in the original, but I omitted the third place here to save space and time.

There were also special awards given out for Rookie of the Year, to Bruce McIntyre, for EXCELSIOR; and the Gary Coughlan Award for sustained excellence in publishing. The Coughlan Award went to those publishers who had their zines or subzines ranked in the Top Ten for three consecutive years. This Award went to Dave Carter for S.K., Ron (Canada) Brown for SNAFU!, and to Gary himself for E.E.

Award certificates were sent out to the winners for the first time this year. Some of them are reprinted in the report. There are a lot of other awards and statistics shown, but why should I steal Bruce's fire. Order a copy of THE CREAM SHALL RISE and see all the results for yourself!

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I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED the results of the Don Miller Memorial Award vote for Meritorious service to the Postal hobby; and of the Walker Award for Literary Excellence. However, the announcement of the winners will be deferred hereuntil next month. Since DipCon is being held so late this year (late August), the winners will be announced prior to DipCon - especially since the winners are not expected to attend DipCon. But it is up to the Secretary, Larry Peery, to release the vote to the press. I have possession of the two Master plaques, and have arranged for smaller permanent plaques to be made. In a few days, these will be mailed to the winners. Then, Larry will probably announce the results to the world.

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Well, we will be turning in our Colt .45 and badge at Social Security on August 1st, and will go riding off into the sunset on "Old Paint," otherwise known as an '82 Dodge Aires. It would be incorrect to say that I'm "retiring," as no one as busy as I am could possibly be called "retired," but I won't be chugging off to the confines of the Dickinson Tower at 7:45 a.m. five days a week any more. I'm just wondering, am I the first person in the Postal hobby to attain the ranks of coupon clipper and gentleman of leisure on regular retirement? I know of a couple people who have had to take Disability retirement at earlier ages, but know of only one other regular retiree, and he retires on the same day I do!

Well, by cracky, perhaps we'll get together on the "Social Security bench" for some snappy games of FTF Dippy, our arthritis and sciatica willing. Maybe I'll establish Davis Numbers for Retirees games.

Well, we've run out of time, so we're going to have to go to press without any more articles, to insure that this doesn't get mailed late. To fill some space, here's a cartoon for you from the strip, "Life in Hell," which appears in Baltimore's City Paper, which started out as an anti-establishment paper, but seems to be getting more affluent week-by-week.



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