

Cathy's

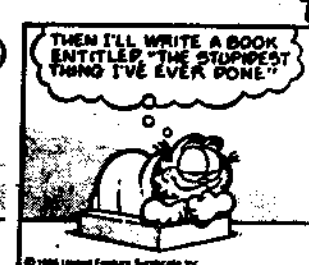
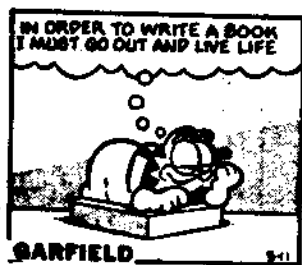


General Stuff

AN ANNOUNCEMENT:

First, this is not your imagination. This really is CR coming out almost on time.
Second, The editor wishes to apologize for the cruel and unusual punishment, she did to a certain subbers name. Such treatment will not be tolerated in the future and the editor will be sacked! Until that time, here's the correction:

Robert Greieryr is really Robert Greier Jr.



This is issue 20 and so it seems somewhat fitting that I take the time to see what brought us to this time and place. It all started some two and a half years ago. I remember sitting in Terry Tallman's backyard in the summer time in Seattle. We were talking important Dip issues (this was BGF; before great feud) and somehow I mentioned Mike Barno's zine The Shogun's Sword and how I would like to take it over from Mike. Tallman told me not to do it. Said I should start fresh and not pick up Barno's deadwood. But I was an innocent child and the thought of having my own ready made zine and helping Mike at the same time was overwhelming. I took TSS and from then on it was a story of mediocrity.

This can all be blamed on a very mediocre person called Tom Swider, who was the real founder of what you see before you now. Little Tommie set some pretty tough standards and I've been hard pressed to stay within in his limits. Every now and then I feel these urges to come out on time or to even proof read an issue. But then I remember Tommie and I manage to put a halt to such efforts. Doing things like that might change my standing from being a mediocre zine and we couldn't have that. Tommie would be proud to know that I have stayed by his standards through the years. But then since he is such a mediocre person, no one really cares what he thinks. Oh mediocrity; it is a two bladed sword.

This is styled after the British zines that much is true. Believe it or not the "what is happening to me" type zine is very popular in Britain. "But Cathy this isn't Britain!" Funny, but that was what my grade school English teacher told me when I tried to spell "color" - "Colour" and "center" - "centre". There seems to be a growing attraction towards games only zines. Though there are a few zines who are doing quite well, like "It's a Trap" and I predict that Steve will be in the top 10 this year. Eric claims all my subbers are burned-out. He says everything has been said and there is nothing new to talk about. But then he doesn't like me to mention him at all. What was all this leading to? I haven't the foggiest clue. How is it that some people can sit down at the typewriter and what they write makes sense when it comes out?

Maybe it's just me getting old. It seems there are more zines going out and fewer coming in. I feel sorry for Jim-Bob trying to house all the orphans. The zines that began when CR started so long ago are no long with us - My fellow freshmen. When people ask me where to go for a new game start, I hardly know what to tell them. I know very few zines who have game openings. It didn't seem like this three years ago. The best thing that has happened to the hobby recently is Simon Billness taking over the Zine Register. For the first time in years, zines will be listed in a more up to date manner. I was shocked to see some of the more unusual games listed in ZR this time. Games like En Garde! that I thought would never find it's way over here. I play in three games in Britain see.

Well, maybe we're just going through changes or maybe I just haven't seen all the better zines that are out there. I do want to list a few that I do trade with. Then we will go onto the letters and Stuff.

Life of Monty: Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339

I never could really understand why Life of Monty hasn't had a bigger following. It's not like it's new. It's not - it's at #60 now. Don is always trying to fill new types of games and always seems unable to fill them. One of the longest waiting lists around. Right now he's offering Dip under Dick Martin, Railway Rival, 1830 and Doctor Who (RPing game). It's a fun zine too. Lot's of hobby news. The nearly famous "Dip Warz" series and a generally friendly zine. No fights in this one. He's also looking for subzines - anyone want to be mediocre then write to Don - he'll make you...er...famous. At only .50c an issue and no game fees it's worth a look. He also needs Kingmaker standbys!

Pommes mit Mayo: Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, 3508 4th Ave s. Minneapolis, NM 55408

Scott said in his last issue that he didn't like plugs, but they are needed sometimes. Er... that's not a quote but a general paraphrase. So I'll be frank about this. Don't get PmM unless you are heavy into politics in an international scale. Scott calls it "An international journal of the Diplomacy hobby" and that's what it is. Plus some personal chat and hobby news, and the world cup pool. Scott is trying to get more British subbers and is offering 5 free issues to the first 5 British subbers. Or just ask for a sample and he'll give you five free issues!!! Check it out! Norris you might like this one. Only 45c per issue or 6 IRC's for everyone but North America. It cost us only .35c per issue.

The Home Office: Fred G. Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

This is a new zine only in the sense that it hasn't been about for 5 years. And I wasn't in the hobby five years ago. Fred is into variants offering Colonia VI and Youngstown. He also included the rules and a very good multi page map for Colonia VI. Sub is \$6.00 for 12 issues and he comes out once a month. No game fee and he also offers regular dip if anyone is looking for an opening this could be a good place to go to. Fred is no freshman and he seems to be ready to stick around for awhile.

Letter Stuff

((I'm sorry to announce that Father Knows Less will no longer grace these pages. John just doesn't have the time and I don't think he was ever really understood. It's sad. However, he was kind enough to send me the letters you lot sent him and so I will try to fill his space.))

SIMON HILLENNESS: I often wonder if wargames, even fairly abstract ones like Diplomacy, encourage militarism. I doubt it myself, since I'm a virtual pacifist. It does worry me sometimes though if the amoral attitude I take in dipgames, might spill over into the real world. Does Diplomacy encourage people to lie, cheat and be over aggressive? Looking at the American hobby I might sometimes be inclined to believe so! However it wouldn't explain the (relative tranquility of the British hobby. What do you think?

((Oh, Simon, you didn't think you would get me answering this one do you? Let me start with your first point. Have you ever considered the question turned around? That it is the real world spilling into Diplomacy? Why do any of play? Because we enjoy the feeling of winning. Of using our skills and convincing someone to trust us and in doing so we improve our own standing and sometimes even make it to the big 18. However, there is always someone else trying to do the same thing to you. Someone trying to be your friend. Somehow, I feel things like this at work all the time. The talking about everyone behind thier backs and the smiling to thier faces. Is not Diplomacy some kind of a release for these feelings? Sometimes, I wonder.

To your next point, I must disagree with you coming from someone who got into both hobbies at the same time and is involved with both sides. I have seen some rather nasty feuds in Britain too, but I will leave out names as I consider some of the people to be friends. The difference is we are so far away from each other that mail and telephone is the only way to solve some problems. You lot can hack it out face to face and none of it gets in print, unless someone really loses thier cool and blows up one issue, but then they spend the next issue saying how sorry they are. Or the blows will be very subtle that most people can't even see them. No one but the person the blow was aimed at will know what is going on. You are more polite, but the problem is still there. It will be there as long as there are people will large egos and let's face it zine editors have some of the largest egos around.))

RICHARD ANDERSON: I'm surprised Palter misinterpreted my offhand comment regarding Rambo. I don't give a hoot whether or not Rambo is anti-establishment; his societal stance is irrelevant. My point is that Rambo glorifies violence - particularly the kind of violence best learned through and implemented by military organizations. He is a mythic figure created to exploit the perverse yet seductive power such violence has over us. Unlike Flater, my concern lies not with the plot of the Rambo films (or with those of Eastwood and others of his ilk) but rather with the impact thier images and implied values have on both individual and national behavior. I am far from reassured by what I see happening around me.

D.S. PALTER: You seem to agree that the quantum jump is kilotonage to megatonage and the reverse fields. The destructive power is quite imaginable. Thanks to atmospheric testing we have a very good data base of what mall H-attacks would do to cities - those in the fireballs would be the lucky ones. What we don't know would be the aftereffects. Would the radiation be livable- i.e. no worse a killer than the black death was to high medieval Europe. Would it destroy all life? Is nuclear winter real? Is it a Sagan induced fantasy with more holes in the equations that the star wars programming code would contain. Tune in for the first field test and find out. ((No thank you. I hope I'm in the fireball for that one.))

Your((John)) comment on who was responsible for the city busting raids is regretablely false. The U.S. never went in for city busting. The Germans started it. The Brits started bombing cilivians at first and were its most ardent proponents. We were very late converts. We joined in Europe essentially out of boredom - buring Dresden to the ground was more fun to 8th Air force - the heavy bomber boys - than flying P.O.L. to Patton. So we ran out of precision tarats we switched over for the last month or two, mostly on Berlin, which gets very little publicity because the Russians make the rubble bounce by pulverizing it again with artillery and tanks. We lit into Japan with a vengeance because precision bombing failed there from the start. Why us and not the other side. Resources old boy. Germany didn't have the budget for enough bombers to go beyond Rotterdam, Warsaw, Convetry and the London blitz. Essentially Germany had a ground support air force that was stretched too thin for the massive concentrations strategic bombing required. Russia and Japan who were in even more deeply over their heads never did any major strategic bombing at all. The U.S. and U.K. spent 33-40% of their war effort on strategic bombardment. Why? Well, first they were the richest and big bombers cost a lot of bucks. Second, we were not fully committed on the ground until mid-44. You supply your army before you build more bombers. Germany, Russia and Japan fought major ground wars against each other and China. We didn't. The Brits didn't want to. We weren't sure and were sure we didn't want to withough the Brits and besides the navy wanted what few good ground units we had to fight thier war in the Pacific while FDR insisted on funding silly theater called the Wouthwest Pacific who purpose was to keep MacArthur from coming home to run for President in 44. Politics and wishful thinking - an awful lot of boys killed from coming over the top in WW1. WW1 was run in the US and UK by the ones who survived and were not all that eager to repeat the process. Britain may or may not have lost the flowers of her youth in Flanders. She certainly lost her balls. When the Nazis found a cheaper method of City busting in the V-1's and V-2's they sent the largest blitz against London in 44. Resources determined the result.

((I wish I knew more about WW1 and WW2, but the fact is that is not my history area. Medieval is more my area. I tell you though I still get the shivers seeing pictures of London after the Blitz.))

PETE TULK: Long live the U.S.A. - (creep, Tulk, creep.)
((This I think was suppose to be one of those charming, witty comments that some people can make. See Tulk is one of those limey types and thus I thought it would fit as an intro to the next letter. The next letter on the next page. Not here...the next page...))



More

JOE SCHELL: You seem to have a slight dislike of Reagan. Or should I say disdain. While in office Reagan at the very least has done a great deal for the economy. Some might object to this and claim that he had nothing to do with it. Perhaps. However, the American public usually blames the president for a declining economy so I think that it is only appropriate that credit be given when the reverse situation occurs.

Secondly, the Reagan administration has reinstilled a sense of pride in America. We no longer need to meekly accept whatever garbage the various nationalities and groups want to heap upon us. For the first time, in a long time, we have demonstrated that we will no longer accept abuse and are willing, in an extreme way, to protect our rights and interests.

SIMON BILLENNESS: You would be quite right if you thought that most British people stereotype Americans. As an Englishman living in the States I'm sometimes quite embarrassed by the generally warm reception I receive, especially when most British people disparage Americans at every opportunity. Much of the British scorn is mindless prejudice - my wife, Barbara, was often accused, as all Americans are, of liking Reagan despite the fact that she detests him and regards herself as a socialist! However, I must laugh whenever anyone claims that under Reagan "America is standing tall." Since Reagan was elected respect for America has plummeted in Europe. Reagan is reviled by, at least, the majority of Europeans and unfortunately many perfectly pleasant Americans in Europe take the brunt of his unpopularity

((I feel myself divided here. I voted for Reagan because of his economic plans not his international dealings. As Joe said, our economics are doing much better. As for the rest - you must remember that Reagan is a figure head. Nothing is going to happen without the proper channels being used and there is enough red tape in Washington to slow things down to a stop. I don't know how Europe feels about Reagan, but no one can be liked by everyone and what about Thatcher? Most Americans feel some ties to Britain. We like the British and we feel in some sense that they are like us, but are falling apart while we are still growing. Let's face it, Britain is an economic decline while we are doing alright. Still, back to Reagan, I don't really like his hard stand in places like Nicaragua, however, I feel that James Wall is right when he told me that the Soviets aren't going to interfere in our "Back door." A lot of it is talk too. I don't believe anyone wants a war, not if we don't have to.))

JOE SCHELL: The Soviets have offered, on at least three occasions I am aware of, a treaty concerning nuclear arms. For the most part those treaties were entirely acceptable to us, except for one item. The Soviets will not allow us to verify that they are keeping the terms of the treaty. They actually insist that our satellites are sufficient to keep track of their activities.

Years ago that was a sufficient method. However, while we have advanced in miniaturization the Soviets have advanced in rocket power. Their rockets can heave a lot more stuff up into space. This is the concept this is called throw weight. As such they can have the same number of missiles and just keep putting more bombs on top of them. We do not have that option. And our satellites can count missiles but there is no way to see how many warheads a missile has. That is why we must have on site verification.

Every time we have offered on site verification the Soviets have backed off. Perhaps they can claim national security on this matter. However, it must be remembered that we are also offering them the opportunity to inspect our sites. But they always refuse.

Obviously another solution is needed. And this is where the Strategic Defense Initiative "Star Wars" is so attractive.

Bring this up and the usual response by a peace-nit is generally one of three types.

First, we'll bring up that the shield is not 'leak-proof'. It doesn't bother him that no one ever claimed it would be. The idea of any defense is not that it is perfect. It is only to protect your forces until you can deliver a more devastating counter stroke.

As a side argument the peace-nit will claim that 'so-and-so' claims it won't work. There are very prominent people on both sides of the argument. It might help to gently remind the peace-nit that celebrities sell toilet paper on TV, but that doesn't prove that the toilet paper works or doesn't.

After this the peace-nit will come up with the second line. The thing costs too much. Yeah it does cost a lot. ~~And the longer we wait the more it will cost. Doesn't seem to bother the Soviets though.~~ They have been developing every area that might have any application in an SDI network. As a matter of fact, most of our research in particle beams is now being carried out by playing catchup with the Soviet scientific journals. One must remember that Soviet journals usually publish stuff that is considered non-classified and several years out of date. And we are only just starting to look at issues that are several years old.

And our own space program is in a shambles. The press loves to cover each and every launch of the Space Shuttle. How amusing. Each shuttle only has a limited lifespan. And the last shuttle has rolled off the assembly line already. It has probably already started flying ((Er, this was written before the last Space Shuttle blew up.)) Unless Reagan's space station is funded our space program could very well be over.

The last argument from the peace-nit will be that man can surely come to some peaceful understanding. Last time I looked man is still the same beast that sallied forth from the trees a couple million years ago.

There are very few men today who will not physically fight given the right situation. Oh you can claim there isn't anything that can make you fight? By persuasion alone you are going to convince that nut to stop raping your 12 year old daughter. Would you like examples of world leaders who are nuts?

I have had the chance to experience some of the peace-nit marches though. I know how convincing they can be. Sort of like a religious experience or a lynch mob. Enough with the rhetorical BS. Personally I think the actual SDI system will be between what the two sides claim. And it will cost a lot. However, it will be worth it. We are eating this world alive. There isn't any way to stop the worm called humanity. And we will continue to eat if we go to space. Yet, I am very un-willing to accept the alternative. That being a slow or quick death on an earth that has been destroyed.

However, if we don't take space the Soviets will. Man will be out there, but thousands of years of social development will be gone. Is that worth it?

Letters

((I'm not very good at cutting down some letters and though I did cut some of Joe's, I let a lot of it in. First, I think his comments are directed more at the American audience and not the British. So my dear English friends don't get too upset. The Scots are free to get upset if they wish to though. I feel only one way about bombs. We have enough to blow each other up now-more than 10-fold. Why do we need more? If we're going to push the button, then the other side will push too and there will be nothing left anyways. But speaking of bombs.))

RICHARD ANDERSON: D.S. Palter certainly has chutzpah. I'm amazed that he could actually believe the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were "not essentially different than conventional city busting." Your response was correct. To equate a single nuclear weapon with the fleet of bombers required to incinerate Dresden is as absurd as equating an English longbow to an Israeli Uzi. Obviously, the "quantum leap" to which Palter refers did not occur between atomic and hydrogen bombs, but instead occurred between conventional and nuclear weapons. The hydrogen bomb is nothing more than a logical extension of the research and technology that created "Little Boy". Hardly a skip, much less a jump. ((And now to change subjects slightly.))

LINDA COURTEMANCHE: That was an excellent article by Keith Paulsen ("Vultures of the Airwaves"). Excellent, and very disturbing. The double-standard perpetuated by the media and the public about disaster ("terrifying and fascinating," as Dan Rather put it) is probably the nature of the beast, and therefore unavoidable. But I think that the tremendous outpouring of well-publicized grief following the Kennedy assassinations, shuttle explosions, etc. is how we all deal with the everyday smaller inevitable tragedies that we cannot bring ourselves to deal with and discuss fully, openly and honestly when they happen. It may be clumsy and tacky, but any way, we can face death is better than not facing it all.

((I have a love hate relationship with the media. Curiosity is the driving force behind the mass media. It is what makes you a good reporter. You want to learn and understand. You want to know how people feel and think and you want to put it down in paper. You can't be reserve. You must ask questions even in a scene like the Shuttle crash.

I'm not sure if the media is how we get our feelings out. I would say that we use it to see how good things are for us. We are drawn to the stories of tragic death and murder and some hero stories as well. Front page of the Sun Times had a picture of girl's face in a prom outfit. Headlines, "Girl shot to death at wedding." It turned out this 17 year old girl was shot in the face and died from a local fight. The man who killed her wasn't even suppose to be there. You open up the paper and the next page has headlines, "I'm on Fire! Help me Please!" It goes on to tell you about a older woman who was burned to death in her home. She was talking on the phone when it happened and her friend had to listen to her cries for help over the phone. They tried to get help to her, but it was too late. And this is the stuff that makes the front pages in our paper. No one cares about Reagan's speech or Marcos anymore. Maybe it is just the nature of the beast and maybe as Joe said, we haven't changed since what we were over a million years ago. We still destroy everything around us. We throw garbage in our streets and don't think twice about it. We can only hope that man will change, someday.))

Hot: then and now

60s	70s	80s
Meditation.	Quaaludes.	Decaf everything.
Burning banks.	Women's banks.	Sperm banks.
Laura Petre.	Mary Hartman.	Krystle Carrington.
Howard Johnson.	Col. Sanders.	Mrs. Fields.
Cassius Clay.	Muhammad Ali.	Mr. T.
Crunchy granola.	Wheat toast.	Croissants.
Hare Krishnas.	Street mimes.	Breakdancers.
Troll dolls.	Pet rocks.	Cabbage Patch dolls.
Chemex coffee makers.	Melitta coffee sets.	German coffee systems that grind the beans, drip the coffee and beep to tell you you're late for work.
Electric Koolaid, doing the twist.	Stoll on the rocks with a twist.	Parrier with a toilet.
Love-ins.	Disco dancing.	Business networking.
Draft-dodging dilemmas.	Abortion dilemmas.	Collagen-injection dilemmas.
Free concerts.	Boogie boxes in the park.	MTV of ultrasensative concerts.
Magic-carpet rides.	Shag rugs.	Dhurrie rugs.
Renouncing materialism.	Shopping in malls.	Ordering from catalogs.
Minishirts.	Mini-series.	Miniblinks.
Sothees.	Jamocha almond fudge ice cream.	Tutte expensive gelato classico.
Cousin Harry's pipe dreams.	Crazy cousin Harry's failed inventions.	Cousin Harry the entrepreneur.
The munchies while rapping about ending the war.	Coffee and dessert while starting a neighborhood crime watch.	Trivial Pursuit while strategizing a corporate raid.
Ripped-off, tie-dyed work shirts.	T-shirts for \$5.95.	Ripped T-shirts for \$5.95.
The Age of Aquarius.	The "Me" decade.	The "Us" or "Them" decade, depending on relationship, holdings and savings accounts.

Tiny Tim.	Divine.	Boy George.
The Supremes, the Jackson 5.	Diana Ross.	Michael Jackson.
Eddie Haskell.	Lies Luper.	Save Wozniak.
Love children.	Baby moguls.	Baby vegetables that are undercooked and overpriced.
B.A. in sociology.	J.D. (law degree).	M.B.A.
Hunger strikes.	Scarsdale diet.	Lean Cuisine.
"Laugh-in."	"Saturday Night Live."	Saturdays with "Fragile Home Companion."
Get a degree, join the Peace Corps, build a yurt.	Get a degree, get a job, buy a home.	Get a degree, look for a job, move home.
Picket lines.	Gas lines.	Movie lines.
Alice B. Toklas brownies.	Bean sprouts.	Kiwi fruit.
Civil-rights demonstrations.	Gay-rights demonstrations.	Culinary demonstrations.
"What if they gave a war and nobody came?"	"What if they gave an set seminar and nobody came?"	"What if they gave a brunch and nobody came?"
Love beads.	Gold chains.	Cultured pearls.
Nehru jackets.	Hot pants.	The "Madonna" look.
Martini & Johnson.	"Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Sex . . ."	Dr. Ruth (Weethimer).
Free love during a sit-in.	Cruising at a singles bar.	Advertising, "Desperately Seeking . . ."
Having your astrological chart done.	Having your biorhythms done.	Having your colors done.
Backpacking through Europe.	Driving through the United States.	Raffing any white waters.
Hippies and yuppies.	Punks and preppies.	Yuppies, puppies and buppies—young, poor or burnt-out urban professionals.
Fetchouli oil.	Musk oil.	Giorgio perfumes.
Sandals with outoffs.	Earth shoes with a jean skirt.	Running shoes with a business suit.
Gov. Ronald Reagan.	Candidate Ronald Reagan.	President Ronald Reagan.

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The Main Room:

A large group of dazed and confused troubleshooters are being equipped under the watchful eyes of the guard bots. Three try to escape and are killed. One other is killed for talking. Twelve more are blown away while the other four are getting iced. Replacements are brought in.

After a dizzying ride across an uncomputable distance Ms Nazi is carried by a flying bot into a room where a large staff of servant bots and another Vader class machinegunner sit in attendance on the Commie Mutant from Titan. He is barking requests all of which are being granted. The Latest is for a blue level programmers outfit. A tailor bot is measuring him on the final fitting as she enters.

On the wall is a giant T.V. screen showing all action in the main room. A voice from the ceiling booms: "You asked for a date with Ms. Nazi. Here she is. Please have one. What is a date?"

Revised travel schedule has me back to Europe on Feb 27-28. If I don't get a move from someone in by then I'll probably not do another issue until the second half of March when I'm due back.

ASSORTED QUOTES FROM THE DARTMOUTH REVIEW

"Promised, like Pie crusts, are made to be broken. It would be mad and criminal to tie one's hands by entering into an agreement of any permanence with anybody" - V.I. Lenin

"Treaties are like roses and young girls - they could last while they last." - Charles de Gaulle

"I think there is a market in the world for about five computers" - Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, 1958

"The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that still carries any reward." John Maynard Keynes

"Be Thankful we don't get all the government we are paying for." Will Rogers

"We have too much sex on the brain and too little of it anywhere else." Norman Douglas

"There's nothing wrong with southern California that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure" Ross Macdonald

"History repeats itself; Historians repeat each other" Philip Guedalla

"Show me a hero and I'll write you a tragedy." F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Laziness is often mistaken for Patience." Anon

"Some of the greatest love affairs I've known have involved one actor - unassisted" Wilson Mizner

"Lawyers are the only persons in whom ignorance of the law is not punished." Jermy Bentham

"Experience is a good teacher but she sends in terrific bills." Minna Antrim.

"We may come to realize that chastity is no more a virtue than malnutrition." Alex Comfort

"If my film ames one more person miserable I'll fell I've done my job." Woody Allen

"Never underestimate the effectiveness of a straight cash bribe." Claude Cockburn

"Never in the past has ther been any place on the globe where the vital interests of American and Russian people have clashed or even been antagonistic...and there is no objective reason to suppose there should be now or in the future ever such a place." Dean Acheson, while Truman's Secretary of State

"The Government of the United States does not look with favor upon Governments unfriendly to the Soviet Union on the borders of the Soviet Union." The U.S. State Departement, 1956

"People of the world, listen to our call. Help us not with words, but with action, with soldiers and arms. Please do not forget that this wild attack of Bloshevism will not Stop" Hungarian Freedom Fighter 1956

"Yes, the Soviets are doing in Nicaragua what they were doing in Vietnam, they are winning." J. Keener Kahn

"Visit the Soviet Union before it visits you." Sign in a Yugoslavian Travel Agency

BOOKS

((Out of room here. Please see the rest of At Your Service on the Next page.))

THE Beasts of Valhalla by George C. Chesbro

Where to begin on this one. First it's a great read. Second it's probably the best example of believable modern fantasy plotting. If your game interest run to the modern fantasy edging into super science adventure story this should be a must for you. Third, it's one of the few novels with believable heroes and villains including references to the cultural significance of Tolkien, O&D, etc. Gaming plays a major part in the plot development. Not a must buy, but definitely a best buy.

Morituri by Barry Sadler

Normally I wouldn't waste any of your time with any of Barry Sadler's books including by not limited to his casca series. If you are into schlock adventure stories you already know about them. If you aren't they are useless. However, one of the holes in much fantasy gaming is lack of historical knowledge. The adventure doesn't feel right because the GM/Author/narrator doesn't know enough to make it all hang together. My base theory is that while you don't have to know ancient/medieval history to make it all work, it sure helps if you aren't either a great writing talent or one hell of a natural storyteller. It becomes like Traveller or Twilight 2000 - bad sociology bums the experience. Now this book has in it's first half the best short working version of how the Roman arena games looked from the bottom up that I've ever seen. Whether the usually illiterate author cribbed from a good source or just actually knows something the fact is that in say 120 easy reading pages, you can get the feel of how to run Gladiators, etc. in a historical game. This in turn gives you the base to twist from in a fantasy having arena games, etc. Well, worth it for the role playing and fantasy fans.

BOOK REVIEWS

Trumps of Doom

Roadmarks

Isle of the Dead

To Die in Italbar

By Roger Zelazny



Ok, I'll admit that I've gone a little heavy into Zelazny recently. Still, if you're going to review his writing, why not get it all over with in one big shot?

Trumps of Doom this is the newest Amber book and it is the start of another series. I was worried because it's been so long since the excellent Amber books. I was in college when I first read them. I think I read one a day or something silly like that. Well, he didn't lose it. This story goes to Merlin, son of Corwin and as much part of Chaos as he is of Amber. It is confusing in some places because so much time as past. If you think Merlin is doing things that none of the Princes could do before you are right. The basic story is someone is trying to kill Merlin and have tried every year on the same date for some time. He doesn't know who it is and gets caught up with this wierd cult, who thinks he is a lord of darkness. He can call on the forces of darkness. Well, you'll find out who is after him at the end, but I won't tell you that. If you liked the Amber books, you won't be disappointed.

Roadmarks is a strange book. It's hard to follow in places and yet, I think Zelazny meant to do that. There is this road that goes between the distant past to the far future. If you can travel on it and there the exits, you can go anywhere at any time. You can go back and change history anytime you want and change it again. You could go back and see yourself as a child and you could go forward and see yourself die - maybe. Once again the main character has killers after him and he doesn't know why. His friendly computer in a book, thinks he has a death wish and wants to die. Wierd things happen and you slowly get glimpses of what this man really is. I can't tell here. Good, but jumpy.

Isle of the Dead and To Die in Italbar. I put these two together because there are some of the same characters in both books. The main character in Dead shows up as a minor character in Italbar. I must stop for a second and mention something about Zelazny that I find almost humorous. All his main characters have this thing for smoking. Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, you name it. He even goes into such detail as to mention when one of the characters in Italbar is smoking out of a pipe, that this was a rare pipe created by the a corporation which the main character in Dead owns. In fact, in Dead he gives the details on the business trasaction, it was all a minor thing at the time. I just find it funny, how his super human characters - characters who can shape shadow to thier whims, or travel time from any point to another, or able to create and shape worlds with thier minds - all have one weakness, they are nicotine junkies. If you ever read one of his books, where the main character doesn't smoke, I'd love to read it - just for a change.

But enough, Isle of the Dead is about this man Francis Sandow. He is one of the riches men in the universe and he is a worldscaper. He can create worlds and he even created his own. But once again, someone is out to kill him. Sandow is wierd because he has a link with a god. As it turns out his rival is a man who is linked with his god's enemy. The meeting place for these two? On the Isle of the Dead and thus the title. Which brings us to To Die in Italbar. This is set in the same world and you will notice some of the same wording and terms. I generally find it hard to deal with future worlds, but this isn't too bad. There's many characters in this one. All centered around one who is called "H" for short. A man who can cure and kill with disease. As it turns out he is linked with another of these gods and this brings Sandow into the story again and everyone is trying to find "H" for one reason or another. I found it good, but jumpy again. He pulls you from character to another and back, especially at the ending. And of course Sandow is puffing on a cigar even at the end. It almost makes me want to light up - almost.

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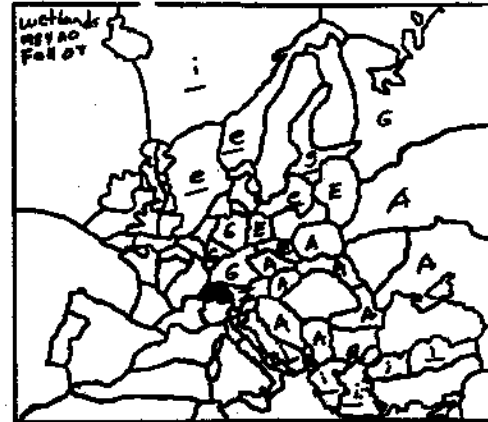
Wetlands

Fall 07

EVERYONE TURNS ON AUSTRIA! GM IN SHOCK!!!!

Fall 07:

England-Holley: A Ber S A Pru-Sil, A Den-Lvn, A Pru-Sil, F Bal C
 A Den-Lvn, F NTH S F NWY, F NWY S F NTH
 Germany-Corbin: A Bur-Mun, A Ruh S A Bur-Mun, A Kie S A Bur-Mun,
 F Pot S Eng A Den-Lvn, A Stp S Eng A Den-Lvn
 Italy-Courtemanche: F Ion-Gre, F Aeg S F Ion-Gre, F Smy-Con, F Con-Ank,
 A Ven S A Pie-Tyr, A Pie-Tyr, F Eng H, F Adr H,
 A Apu S A Ven, F NWG H
 Austria-Lucas: F Gre-Bul(sc), A Mun-Boh, A Boh-Gal, A Tyr-Tri, A Ukr-
 Sev, A Tri-Alb, A War-Lvn, A Sil-War (dis,ann), A Vie
 S A Tyr-Tri, A Gal-Rum, A Mos S A Sil-War, A Bud-Ser



WINTER 07 Supply Center Chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, Ber = 7, Build 1
 Germany: Bel, Par, Hol, Kie, StP, Mun = 6, plays one short, nbp
 Austria: Home, War, Mos, Sev, Ser, Rum, Bul = 9, remove 2
 Italy: Home, Con, Smy, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Tun, Gre, Ank = 12, Build 2

GAME NOTES: All Draws fail. Votes if anyone is interested went: I/E = 3 yes, 1 nvr and IEG = 2 yes and 2 nvr. I don't know how many times to tell you lot to vote!!! This time it's IEG proposed!!! So vote you scum!!! Meanwhile, the GM cries for Austria and bits her tongue. Press please...

Press:

Rome-Board: Grandma got runover by a reindeer maybe that is why Cathy's so late. Does anyone listen to the good Doctor? Or is he as demented as they say?
Linda-Board: I think he's been sniffing White-Out again....((Again? You mean he was normal, when he said all those other things to me? Dear, dear.))
Rome-T: Noone is going to trust me after these moves. ((Did someone trust you before these moves?))
Rome-Lon: Is anyone there?
Eng-Aus: Nice offer, but I'm not interested in a win. ((Not interested in a win? Don't let the Sleaze know you said that.))
Rom-Aus: The facade drops. I am a cad at heart. Greedy to the core. ((Malicious laughter in background))
Rome-Berlin: Are you still out of sorts with Austria? Here we go...let's have at 'em.

COA: Steven Courtemanche, 1021 Penn Circle, Apt E402, King of Prussia, PA 19406

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DEADWOOD

Fall 07

THE SLEAZY ALMOST TAKES THE WIN! END TO COME!!

Fall 07:

Austria: A War S Ger A Sil
 England: F MAO-Por, F Nth-Edi, F Bar-Nwy, F Eng-Irish
 Russia: F Cly-Edi
 France: A Mar-Gas, A Spa-Por(Dis, ann)
 Germany: A Sil S Aus A War(dis,ann), A Mun S A Sil, A Bur S French
 A Mar(otm), A Mos S Aus A War, A Kie-Ber, F Pru S A Lvn,
 F Ber-Bal
 Turkey: F Naf-MAO, F Wmed-Spa(sc), F Gol S F Wmed-Spa(sc), A Pie-Mar,
 A Bul-Rum, F Tun-Wmed, F Aeg-Ion, A Sev-Mos, A Ukr-War,
 A Tyr-Mun, A Vie-Boh, A Boh-Sil, A Gal S A Boh-Sil, A Arm H

Winter 07 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: War = 1, even
 Russia: Edi = 1, even
 France: Por = 1, even
 England: Lon, Bre, Nwy, Lvp = 4, even
 Germany: Home, Hol, Bel, Swe, Den, StP, Par, Mos = 10, build 1, play 2 short, NBP
 Turkey: Home, Austria, Italy, Rum, Sev, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tun, Mar, Spa = 17, build 3

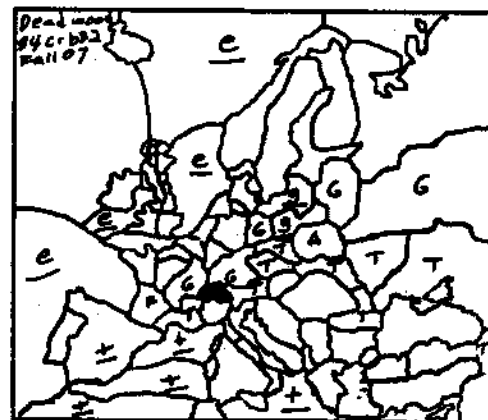
GAME NOTES: Concession to Turkey failed. it is reposed for next turn. Please vote NVR = no!!

PRESS:

Austria-England: Sigh, looks like you're going to have to take out the troublesome Russian fleet. I hope Turkey appreciates loyal allies who are willing to suicide so that he can get his win.

Germany-England: Surely you aren't Puppy, Peel or Olsen?

((More Press on next page.))



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DEADWOOD PRESS CONTINUED:

Germany-France: I guess incompetence is in the eye of the beholder. The NMR certainly was incompetent. My play though was designed to stop the Sleaze. The fact that Italy, Russia and apparently yourself were obsequious sycophants does not take anything away from my play. I certainly don't believe the attitude that "I won't do well therefore I'll give it to the sleaze who only requests corner powers in gunboat games". I will remember how the aforementioned people played this game though. Players who respond in such a fashion make very tempting targets.

France-Germany: Idiot!

The Wall-Would be seer playing France: You, my friend, have an attitude problem.

Germany-Russia: Last season was much fun. Are you related to Quirk?

France-Turkey: You're welcome!

France-GM: Merci, beau-coup! ((For what? she asks))

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WINDYWOOD

Winter05/Spring 06

AUSTRIA TAKES A BEATING AS ENGLAND AND GERMANY FORM LINES!!

WINTER 05:

Once again your GM screws up. Two mistakes this time. Russia A Ser should have been allowed to retreat to Bul. Russia sent conditionals for this and no one else noticed it. Second, the map showed English F Eng, but this unit was F Brest as the written orders were correct. Please don't depend on the map. Sorry, again...

Russia: A Ser retreats to Bul, build A Mos, England: Build F Lon

Italy: Build F Nap, Germany: Build A Mun, Austria: Remove F Alb

SPRING 06:

Russia: F Con-Bla, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S A Gre-Ser, A Rum S A Bul-Ser(imp).

A Gal-Bud, A Mos-Gal(imp), A Pru-Lvn, F StP(sc)-GoB, F Aeg H

England: F Gas-Spa(nc), F Eng-MAO(nsu), F Lon-Eng, F NTH-Hol, F Bel-Hol,

A Swe S F Nwy, F Nwy S A Swe, F Bre H(nmr)

Austria: A Tri S A Ser, A Ser S A Bud, A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S Russian

A Rum-Gal(nsm)

Italy: A Ven H, A Pie-Mar, A Mar-Spa, F WMed S A Mar-Spa, F Tun S

F Nap-Ion, F Nap-Ion

Germany: A Ber-Pru, F Bal S A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, F Den S English A Swe, A Bur-Mar, A Par-Gas



GAME NOTES: GM gives loud sigh, sometimes I think you lot are beginning to play the way I GM. If anyone wants to see if they really did write thier orders the way I typed them, I've got them here and will send you a copy on request. Now the fun part....

PRESS:

Germany-England: We must begin working to even out the center distribution, but I'll keep my fleets out of the way, if you get out of the North sea. I think we can take on Russia but we need another fleet up north.

England-Germany: I don't know what to say. Hopefully we can still be buds, eh?

Germany-England: How about if I take sweden in the fall and help to get you out? Live free or die!

Austria-Ger/Eng: Get your buns over here and teach this Russki a lesson. He'll pay for this insult.

Italy-England: How long you continue to let England run your alliance is up to you. I've offered help, gotten no response, and watched England grow too large for either of us.

Germany-England: Is the plan in the south clear? We can demilitarize our borders.

Italy-England: I would go east if you would leave spain alone. I'll drop the bomb if you keep trying to move there.

Aus-Ita: You want Greece, come and over here and take it while the getting is good.

Rom-Bud: If things work out right, perhaps we can work on getting Gre back for you. Son't worry about Tri.

Aus-Rus: You are a swine and a low-life. Your father was a cur and your mother a b----. I'm surprised E/G are just getting around to making life uncomfortable for you.

Italy-Russia: The odds of going all the way in solitaire are less than 30%

Russia-World: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Buddie-GM: Now is the time to send all the bad boys off to bed. Let's start with the remover of these Ugly while blocks. ((I tried, but he caught me. Maybe next time.))

And now I have all this white space and nothing to put in it. I do hope I got things right this time. Notice that you are not last this time. This is mainly because I'm doing the games earlier this time and everyone had their orders in sooner then the Livewood group - thanks and now...

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Write them orders down and check them twice and send them to moi at

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Not too bad, it fit at last!!! more games tomorrow. Good night for now.

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LIVEWOOD

Fall 07

ITALY AND AUSTRIA SLUG IT OUT!! EVERYONE ELSE WATCHES!!

Fall 07:

Russia: A StP S English F Nwy(otm), A Lvn-Ber(nsu), A Pru H(nmr)
 England: F NAO-Edi(imp), F Nwy-Swe
 France: NMR! Would the unknown stand-by please stand-by for France!
 F Irish H, A Par H, F Edi H, A York H, F Lon H
 Germany: F NTH S English F NAO-NWG(nso), F Den S F NTH, F Kie-Ber,
 A Hol-Bel, A Bel-Pic, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S F Kie-Ber
 Italy: A Pie-Tyr, A Spa-Mar, F MAO-Por, F WMid-MAO, F Tyh-Ion,
 F Aeg S F Black-Con, F Bla-Con, A Rom-Ven, A Arm H(nmr)
 Austria: A Ukr-Rum, F Bul(sc)-Con, A Gre-Bul, A Ven H, F Tri S A Ven,
 A Sev S A Ukr-Rum, A Mos S A Sev, A War H

Winter 07 Supply Center Chart:

Russia: StP = 1, remove 1
 England: Nvy, Swe = 2, even
 France: Par, Bre, Edi, Lvp, Lon = 5, even
 Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Bel = 6, remove 1
 Italy: Home, Por, Mar, Tun, Con, Smy, Ank, Spa = 10, Build 1
 Austria: Home, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Gre, Ser, Bul, Ven = 11, build 2, play 1 short

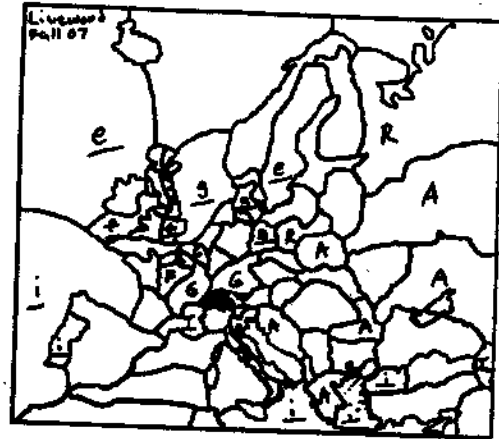
GAMENOTES: The English Stand-by is now playing England! Thanks!!!. Do you know how hard it is to find stand-bys for this game who haven't already played in it? I do hope France comes back. Looking at your orders this time, I'm wondering if (a) you lot were on drugs when you wrote your orders, (b) you are relatives of the players in Windywood, Or (c) my GMing is wearing off on my players. Such is life.

PRESS:

Russia-Austria: What does Russia have that everybody in Austria is rushing over for? ((Drugs, maybe?))
Italy-Austria: You done made a mistake, son!
Austria-Italy: Well, I guess we'll just have to find out.
Austria-GM: Trying to pick up married woman is my 1st favorite hobby. ((Oh, so that's why you're after Russia. I knew there was some reason.))
Germany-Austria: My NMR will hurt me, but I'll be glad to be your ally. I really can't afford to have you stab me in the back and I could help you get into Scandinavia.
Austria-Germany: Yes.
Italy-France: I'll restrain myself from more dot-snatching(French dots, that is; doesn't include sicko Austrian dots.) if you'll keep fighting the German. ((Maybe once he wakes up...))
Germany-France: Suicid? Oh, probably, but I have no chance at all if I let myself get squeezed between you and Austria. You never know, he may not attack me.
English Exiles in Scandinavia: Sorry France, when you take over another country, you've got to keep watch on your own.
Germany-Italy: I think we can work out an agreement in France...
HEADLINES: French submarines sink English convoy to Iceland. Italy to retaliate. ((so you hope.))
Germany - England: If you accepted my support, you could keep that unit & I could support you to Edinburgh
Germany-GM: Boy, I sure am giving you a hard time...thanks. I NMR like that all the time. Maybe someday, I'll learn. ((You nearly gave me a heart attack this turn! I know I'm slow, but please...))

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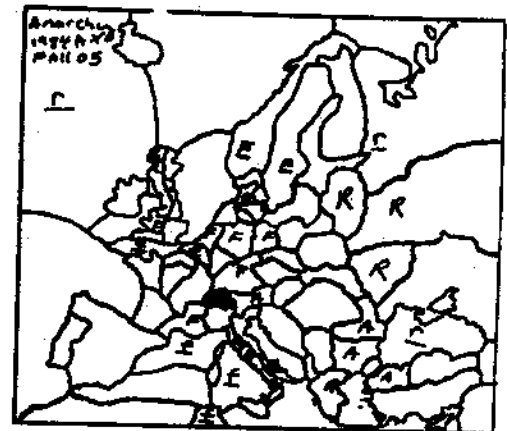
Fall 05

AUSTRIA PLAYS CATCH UP AND FRANCE IS HELD IN PLACE!!

Fall 05:

Turkey-Acheson: F Smy S Russian F Ank-Con(nso)
 Russia-Holley: A Lvn S F GoR-StP(sc), A Mos S F GoB-StP(sc), A War-Ukr, F Ank-Pla, F GoB-StP(sc), F NAO-MAO
 England-Cartier: F Cly-Lvp, A Wal-Lvp; F Den-NTH, A StP H (Dis,ret; Fin, otb), A Nwy S A StP, A Swe H
 Austria-Rogerson: F Nap S F Apu-Ion, F Apu-Ion, A Rom S F Nap, A Ven-Tus, A Tyr-Boh, A Gre H, A Bul S A Con, A Rum H, A Con H
 France-Norris: F Ion-Aeg, F Tun-Ion, F GoL S F Tyh, F Tyh S F Tun-Ion, A Bur-Mar, A Mun-Boh, A Kie-Mun, A Ber S A Kie-Mun, A Hol-Kie, F Bel-NTH, F Eng-MAO

GAME NOTES: No room to put the Winter supply chart here. See the next page for that. I think I got everything right last time. At least no one complained. Draws: FARE Fails 3 yes, 1 no and 1 NVR = no. FEA Fails, 2 yes, 2 no and 1 NVR = no. This time I have a Proposed concession to Turkey. I am serious too. Please vote.



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ANARCHY CONTINUED:

Winter 05 Supply Center Chart:

Turkey: Smy = 1, even
 Russia: Home, Ank = 5, even
 England: Home, Nwy, Swe, Den = 6, even or build 1
 France: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, Tun = 11, even
 Austria: Home, Ven, Rom, Nap, Gre, Ser, Bul, Con, Rum = 11, build 2

Press:

Smy-Sev: How come we only help each other, when we're both down and out?

MORE GAME NOTES:

Sorry, but I must add the following game end proposals. 1, FARE, 2, FEA, 3, FARET and of course 4. concession to Turkey. Please vote!! NVR = no, but NMR = yes!!

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1985 AP

WIRED

Fall 1902

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SUMMER 1902: FRANCE: NRR! f nth R otb

FALL 1902: FRENCH NMR COSTLY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

RUSSIA(Walker): A VIE S A gal-BUD, F RUM-bul/e,
 F SWE-den, F GOB-swe, A lvn-WAR,
 A pru-sil D (R lvn,otb).

GERMANY(Hauterberg): F DEN S english F nwy-swe (NSO)
 A SIL S A ber-PRU, A BEL S A mun-BUR.

FRANCE(Acheson): NMR! A SPA U, A MAR U, P ENG U,
 A bur D (R pic,par,ras,ruh,otb).

ENGLAND(Bowen): F NTH-den, F EDI-nth, A LON H,
 F Nwy S russian F swe (OTM).

TURKEY(Bevis): A GRE g F CON-bul/s,
 A SMY-con, F eas-AEG.

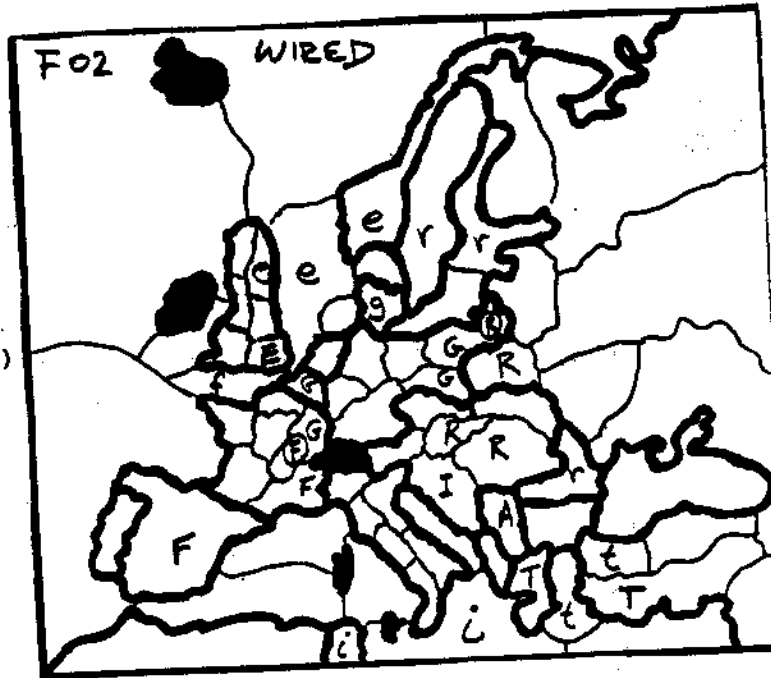
ITALY(Crosby): F tyn-TUN, F ION-gre,
 a bud g D (ANN) A TRI-ser.

AUSTRIA(Holley): A SER-bul.

I heard from Bob after the deadline so no standby
 will be called for France.

RUS: Mos, Sev, Stp, War, Rum, Swe, Vie, BUD (8) has 7
 GER: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, BEL (6) has 5
 FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5) has 4
 TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, GRE (5) has 4
 ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, TUN (5) has 3
 ENG: Edi, Lon, Lvp, Nwy (4) even
 AUS: Bud, Ser (1) even

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Well, my negotiations this season either paid off, or you're going to win this game.
 Frankly, I'd hate to lose to an arrogant, snot-nosed kid, so I hope my pleas reached Anglo-French ears.
 LONDON-MUNICH: We could have allied. But you lied to me. Think how good your position would be if you
 had me as your ally. I won't hold this against you. Better luck next time.
 SOMEWHERE IN TURKEY: The wandering army of the desert has decided to come home and now attempt to
 cross the straights into Bulgaria sometime next year.
 MUNICH-ANKARA: I told you that there was an I/R alliance. So why are you jerking off in the corner
 like such a dunce?
 ANK-SEV: I do hope you're not playing games with me.



COA (March 28) for Dennis Walker
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ENG-TUR: You are right about France. He is very quiet.
 TUR-ITA: Can we talk?
 AUS-OM: Goin' down for the 3rd time!
 AUS-TUR: I may be off on timing but at least I see
 the I/R alliance. See you in Switzerland!

Deadline for wired - April 18, 1986

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WIRED BOURSE

	RUS	GER	FRA	TUR	ITA	ENG	AUS
SPIN	2094	1041	1704	2200	3000	2000	0
DBTB	2034	1927	3199	500	2090	1000	1000
BBB	5029	1422	0	747	777	0	0
LIAR	993	0	2454	3257	1994	3054	0
SLI	1871	2688	1782	0	2551	0	0
DRUGS	2119	1514	1531	1361	1134	0	0
BOSS	900	1431	1400	700	400	400	1000
ASS	4434	500	0	500	1000	0	500
SC-COUNT	8	6	5	5	5	4	1

Company Name	Rank	Gain	Cash	Acronym
SPIN BLEND	655	+125	\$0	SPIN
DOUBLE TROUBLE	617	+114	\$0	DBTB
LANDSHARK INVESTMENT AND REFUNDS	586	+110	\$0	LIAR
BETTER BOURSE BUREAU	563	+72	\$0	BBB
SATELLITE LAUNCH INC.	527	+104	\$0	SLI
ASSOCIATED STOCK SERVICE	464	+199	\$0	ASS
DIPPEY ROAD UNDERWRITING & GAMING SERVICE	461	+89	\$0	DRUGS
BOB'S OMBUDSMAN & STOCKBROKER SERVICE	308	+24	\$1232	BOSS

Round 1

WIRED BOURSE

Fall 1902

	RUS	GER	FRA	TUR	ITA	ENG	AUS
	\$1.17	\$1.76	\$1.39	\$1.36	\$.99	\$.78	\$.30
SPIN	+1055	-500	-500	-500	--	+1500	-500
DBTB	-500	-500	-500	-500	+2000	+500	+1500
BBB	-500	--	--	-500	+1277	--	--
LIAR	--	-500	-500	-500	+702*	+2000	--
SLI	-500	-500	-500	-200	+2734*	--	-500
DRUGS	+819	-500	--	-300	+334*	--	--
ASS	+2500	-500	--	-500	-500	-500	-500
	+28	-.30	-.20	-.30	+65	+35	.00
Round 2	RUS	GER	FRA	TUR	ITA	ENG	AUS
	\$1.45	\$1.46	\$1.19	\$1.06	\$1.64	\$1.13	\$.30
SPIN	+539*	-500	-500	-500	+1000	-500	--
DBTB	+834*	-500	+1000	-500	-500	--	-500
BBB	-500	+1422*	--	-500	-500	--	--
LIAR	-500	-500	+605*	+2000	-500	-500	--
SLI	+955*	--	--	--	-500	-500	--
DRUGS	-300	+298*	--	--	--	--	--
ASS	+1934*	-500	--	-500	-500	--	-500
	+29	-.02	+11	.00	-.15	-.15	-.10
FINAL	RUS	GER	FRA	TUR	ITA	ENG	AUS
	\$1.74	\$1.44	\$1.30	\$1.06	\$1.49	\$.98	\$.20

DBTB-SPIN: It is a good bet that a well planned out portfolio will win this game.

GM-DBTB: Can I quote you on that?

SLI-SPIN: Moving your eggs to a new basket?

DBTB-BBB Bob, what are you doing? That is no way to win a Bourse game. ((Bob who?))

DBTB-BOURSEERS: It's time to put on the old afterburners and catch Spin Blend.

GAMES

1985 AD

PROMENADE

Winter 1903

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WINTER 1903: ANOTHER SEPARATION? YUP!

GERMANY(Stewart): Build A MUN & A BER
FRANCE(Holley): even
TURKEY(Graessle): Build A ANK
AUSTRIA(Anderson): NMR: a rum R otb, even
ITALY(Byrne): even
RUSSIA(Bowen): even
ENGLAND(Crosby): remove f lvp

Deadline for Spring 1904 orders is March 14th.
Orders are on file for: ENG,PRA,GER,ITA,TUR.

Standby for Russia: Robert Greieryr
Standby for Austria: David Pierce
Addresses for everyone are in the latest CR
issue 19. Good luck. PRESS:

TURK-FROG: So now what, Holley? I thought you said
he could decline builds, I told you not to wish
upon stars. Wake up girl! Those two builds spell
as much trouble for you as they do for everyone
else. I can't believe you actually thought he'd
decline builds.

ITA-FRANCE: The moonshine really is starting to get to you. First you decide you want Woody, and now
you decide you want to play like him.

GM-FRANCE: Is this true? You really "want" Woody? Hey, it's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

ITA-GER: Promise her everything, give her nothing and she still has a smile on her face. Boy,
you must have some line of shit!

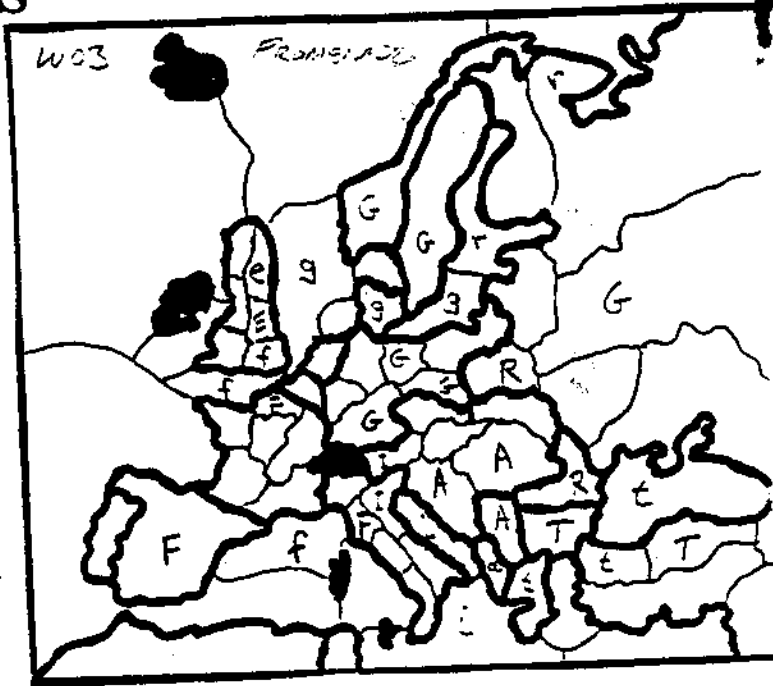
ITALY-Jerky George: Why is it everytime I listen to you, I get creamed.

ITALY-BOOPER: Kind of reminds me of Custer's last stand.

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Will you please look at the board? Don't you think you should write me! I can be
found at 29-10 164th St, Flushing NY 11358

ITALY-GM: Sign up, we can suffer through Berch's fiasco together.

GM-ITALY: What? You mean another copy of Did Digest is on the way? Quick, hide the children!
But seriously, if you're refering to his demo game, I did agree to play but I may have waited
too long. I can always hope so, as I am one burned-out Diplomacy player.



1985 AD

PROMENADE

Spring 1904

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SPRING 1904: NEW LEADERS EMERGE FOR BOTH A & R!!

GERMANY(Stewart): A MOS S A sil-WAR, A ber-PRU,
F DEN S P NTH & french F lon-yor, A MUN-LYO,
F BAL C A swe-LVN, A NWY-stp.

FRANCE(Holley): F LON-yor, F eng-IRI,
A TUS S & P LYO C A spa-PIE, A PIC H.

TURKEY(Graessle): A ank-ARM, F bla-SEV,
F GRE S austrian F alb-ion, F con-AEG,
A BUL S austrian A ser-rum.

AUSTRIA(PIERCE): A bud-GAL, A ser-RUM,
A TRI-ven, F alb-ION.

ITALY(Byrne): F adr-APU, F ion-TYN,
A ven-ROM, A TYO-ven.

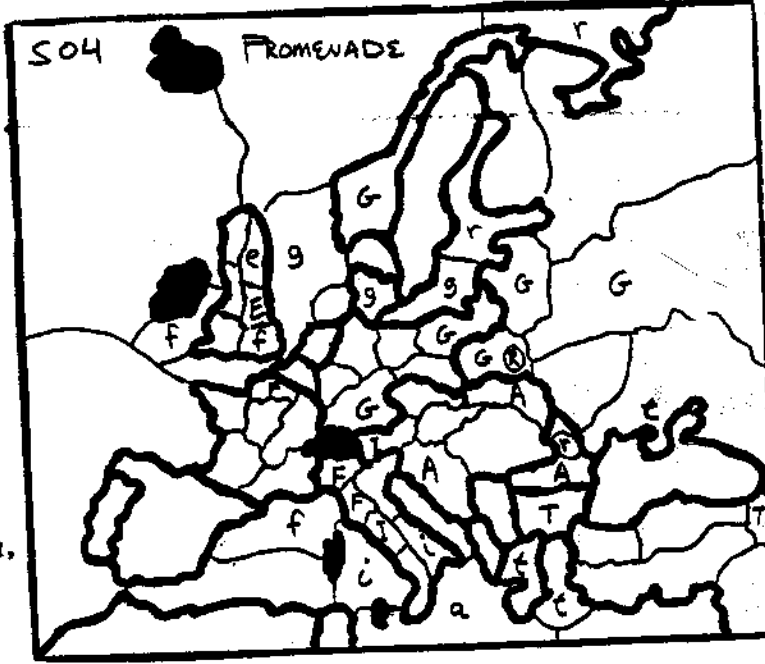
RUSSIA(Greier): A war H D (R ukr,otb), F stp/n-BAR,
F BOT-stp/s, F rum H D (bla,otb).

ENGLAND(Crosby): F EDI-nth, A YOR-lon.

Deadline for Fall 1904 is: April 18th.

ITALY-JERKY GEORGE: Will you shut up?!!
RUSSIA-FRANCE: HELP!

PRA-TUR: Yes, I have a plan. Don't you wish you did?



TURK-GERM: OK guy, let's see how you do now.
PRA-ITA: Sorry, but I'm committed.

Promenade Press:

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Germany's entire game plan will either blow up in his face (if Pierce) or go to a sure win (if NMR Anderson)! Isn't it nice to know Germany's fate is in your hands?!

TURK-ENG: Hey guy, hang in there. Your a first class dip player in my book! Others would of abandoned ship long ago.

RUSSIA-GERMANY: Saccharine for a brown Canadian rat, eh! Please take 2 Tylenol, and don't call me in the morning.

ITALY-FRANCE: Is this a new image you're trying to project - the dumb blonde! I thought your buddy wasn't building? I guess he talked you into a new plan, huh?

TURK-AUS: Welcome aboard! You're the best thing this game has seen in ages.

ITALY-GM: I guess it's just the Canadians finer sense of justice that is going to be Melinda's downfall!

ITALY-FRANCE: I realize it is hard to keep your senses about you when trying to deal with a far superior Canadian as an ally (choke), but why not try to show him that all Americans are not the idiots we are made out to be!

RUSSIA-BOARD: Remember what happened to Napoleon when he tried to invade Russia. And what about Adolf? Will you stand ably by and watch Alan change history? I am disapointed.

MH-OG: Was the bitch press directed toward me or KB? Please be specific.

ITALY-GM: Thanks friend! You escape Berch and I face boredom.

GM-ITALY: What can I say, I've must be living right!

 * 1986 MARCO POLL *

BEST PLAYER

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

BEST ZINE

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

BEST SUBZINE

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

by: June 6th, 1986

Your Name _____

Signature _____

Mail ballots to:
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DipCon at MaryCon '86

DipCon at MaryCon '86 is a three-day Diplomacy and Diplomacy variant tournament, Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, on the campus of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA (50 minutes south of Washington, D.C. on interstate 95 - ground transportation available hourly from Washington National Airport). Those unable to arrive before Saturday can still participate in DipCon, the annual national Diplomacy championship, by selecting DipCon (option #2). A minimum of two rounds of Diplomacy must be played to be eligible for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place plaques, or the seven "best country" trophies.

Friday events: VariMaryCon (Diplomacy variant tournament), Tournament of Champions (one-round tournament for 7 top placers of past MaryCons), first round DipCon (standard Diplomacy tournament, run by the national DipCon administrative committee), round table seminar with Allen Calhmer (inventer of Diplomacy), and open gaming beer party. Saturday events: additional rounds DipCon, DipCon Societ meeting (which will select the site of 1987 DipCon), and open gaming beer party. Sunday events: final round DipCon, and awards ceremony.

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DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 1986 For regular and Gunboat. Anarchy a week later.

I may send Stafford's games out on flier. I'll wait till tomorrow, but if his stuff isn't in the mail then, I'll go to press with out him. Part of the problem is his moving and he said he had quite a few NMR's. He didn't know whether the mail was at fault or not. In any case, for the first time I was almost out on time, and now I'm waiting for Stafford. Quite a change from the normal. Maybe I can get back on track again.

GAME OPENINGS: None currently. Although Palter would still take more in Paranoia. Write to him.

STAND-BY'S: I'm always willing to take more stand-bys. David Pierce, Robert Greier, John Davies, Jerry Lucas, Don Swartz, Robert Acheson, Derwood Bowen, Jim Burgess, Alan Stewart, D.S. Palter, Melinda Ann Holley, Jeff Bevis, Scott Hanson, John Crosby, George Graessel, Stephan Dycus. Thank you all! Please let me know if you want on or off this list. Will my luck you will be called on sooner or later.

Subs: Still the same price of 10 for \$7.00, although you may sub at any amount of issues. Like 5 or \$3.50. Or even .70c for one issue. British is \$1.20 per issue and that's at about 80p now? Easy to send money to Doug Rowling though and he'll send it to Steve Knight.

NOTES TO YOU:

Steve - You know Wallace is coming to town. Can you come up here? Wallace wanted to meet you. I don't know - I need to send you

ORKNAIRE ANNOUNCEMENT: Orknaire will follow on flier in two weeks. I didn't want to slow down the zine for it and it will take me about 2 weeks to type up. Bye!

a sub for RDD - I'll write again