

# Cathy's Ramblings No. 6

The Lepra-Con Quotes - and some that should have been:

"Did St. Patrick really drive the slugs from Ireland?"

"Who wants to talk to 'Poison Puppy' Freuh?"

"Who's Italy?"

"You moved where?!"

"Don't eat that, Samantha!"

"Let's play civilization."

"Who wants to talk to Suds?"

"You stabbed the Toadfather!"

"Doesn't anybody want to talk to Brux?"

"Why is this hamster wrapped in green ribbons?"

"How bombed are the Mad Hads?"

"Who wants to talk to the Veg?"

"What was that last move?"

"Who eats white bread?"

"Is this my beer?"

"What's Doo Dah doing here?"

"Joan, take my dots before T-Bone!"

"Where's Caruso?"

"Where's the Orc? I don't think anyone's there! Just Mad Hads!"



# Cathy's Ramblings 6

Brought to you by the one and only .... Cathy Cunning!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 NOW LISTEN CLOSELY KIDDIES, WRITE THIS DOWN AND DON'T FORGET IT!!!! ALL OF YOU!! YEAH, EVEN DEADWOOD.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR MANY CHANGES

From April 1 - 12---- I'll be at 1127 - 104th Place S.E., Everett, Washington, 98204 U.S.A.  
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From April 13 - 23 -- I'll be at 710 W. Las Palmaritas, Phoenix, Arizona 85021 U.S.A.  
 Write to "Donna" not to "Cathy", Cathy is in Seattle and Cathy  
 will never be where the real Cathy is- so write to "Donna".  
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From April 24- ? -- I'll be at 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60651 U.S.A.  
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Yeah, I know, but doesn't that Chicago belong to someone else? Yep, it does, but now it belongs to me too. Messy aint it? The move I mean. You begin to realize just how big the US is when you have to drag your belongings 3,000 miles across the states. Then add to the fact that your folks have your home in Phoenix up for sale and you can't keep your extra stuff there. Anybody want a few books? how about 1,000 of them and I get to keep the good stuff. You know the other 1,000. Or how about a few 100 albums? I have this thing about buying stuff on sale or used. Can't resist, but then I can't get rid of any of it. I know how I could end my problems - anyone out there want to buy abit of land? Look it's wonderful land. It's got a view that you can't believe. Mind you, there's nothing on it yet, but that's the fun! You can build your own house! Where is it you ask, just dying to buy it--- it's in Wenatchee, Washington! Wenatchee, the dream city of Washington- apple trees in your backyard and skiing just minutes away and beautiful blue skies. A Playboys paradise, and place where even Canunks can feel at home. And what do I get out of it, ? you ask. Why enough money to buy my own mega-computer and make-up the new PBM mail game, under the name of Noseweegies, Inc. With Terry Tallman as head GM and deep voice for phone in calls and me as Graphic Game Designer, Head Public Relations and Business director and Eric Ozog as second GM and the one who makes the real money so the rest of us can live. And special guest star, Chet Tallman, as the man who's house we all live in. I know dreams, but, hey if you just buy this little bit of land, you'll save me from the wild lands of Chicago. But then most of you can hardly afford the cost of subbing to this zine, so I'd best move to Chicago and dream some other time.

## Life, the Universe, and Killer Dogs?

### OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LEPRACON REVIEW, ETC.

Far, far away, by the thriving and wild town of Wren, there is a house. The first thing you'll notice about this house is the dogs. Three of them and very interested in anyone who comes to this house in the hills. I got along quite well with them, but there was this other dog, the one who lived in the house. Mind you, he was house trained and could change a mean dipper, but all this was just an act. Underneath this calm exterior there exists a killer!! And all this time, he had quietly passed himself off as deadwood. But soon my friends, there would be a change. It started innocently enough, a Dip game. Me France and Deadwood as England and an elephant as Germany, via Stephan Lee. The elephant lied to the deadwood, the elephant stabbed the deadwood. I just watched, the old stalemate line with the Elephant. Mr. Clean played Russia, everyone trusted him and I still don't know why, but then we never did talk to each other the whole game. But back to the Deadwood. I started to notice a changed. There was a slight shake to the hands and a foaming at the mouth. The nose began to grow longer, could that be possible? Sharp and pointed teeth could be seen and were those long claws that held his pen? Negotiations broke down into "growl - Germany- growl - Kill - growl - take dots - kill! Rip out throat!!" Yes, the quiet deadwood had become the KILLER DOG!!!!

Now with this new fact, you would think I would remember that what seems dead would really be something else. So bring the evening and Civilization. I was losing see and Mr. Lee had just left and let the Deadwood take over his place. I was bored and wanted to slow the winners down. I threw this little card at the Deadwood, Cival Disorder I believe. He lost 4 cities, mind you he would have lost all his cities cause he didn't have a single unit in his stockpile, but this didn't matter. In a moment the Deadwood, turned into the Killer Dog and I was his target. The sheer joy that was on his face at having a goal in life - my death- you live and learn, so I say.

Now for those of you who don't know who Deadwood/Killer Dog is that's Ken Corbin. There were other names as well. Mike Ehli earned the name of "T-bone". I'm still not sure why? Mike had one goal in his games - killing Tallman, Tallman had one goal in his games - killing T-bone. We decided to call Joan, "Exterminator Extrom". Jim Bumpass, reminded me of Steve Martin. When we were trading in Civilization, I could picture him with an arrow through his head saying, "Give me all of your salt and I'll have happy feet." His wife was very quiet. There were phone calls too. Raut. erberg, Ozog, Luedi, Coughlan and Brux. The star of the event was the rising DIPDOM superstar - SAMANTHA!!! And where does the Life, the Universe fit in? You see it's a long drive to and from the Killer Dog's house and we went with Ken's sister. And she had these tapes that told me the answer to "Life, the Universe and Everything" and it has had a profound effect on my life and the title of this bit. Want to know the answer? Ask the Killer Dog. Or read the book, I think I will - who wants to type this zine up anyways?

# Rambling Letters

((How about some music to start us out kiddies? Sure, why not? Marillion anyone?))

DAN STAFFORD: I'm not too taken with the Marillion LP. Sorry, I guess I'm just a guitar lovin' kind of a guy. I do like the old Genesis, in particular "Selling England By the Pound", but the Marillion just don't make it. I'll just stick to may new wave guitar bands like U2, Echo and the Bunnymen and Big Country.

PETE TAMLYN: Marillion, Sorry, don't agree. Sure they sound like Genesis used to sound years ago. Having seen them on TV I suspect that they try to look like the old Genesis on stage too. But I've yet to see anything else there, least of all any originality. As someone in another 'zine said recently, being a 'progressive' group is about being progressive, not about copying other progressive groups from the the past. Bob Fripp is still about you know - even produced a couple of King Crimson albums a couple of years back, and a collaboration with Andy Summers which is very interesting. Oh, and they are in the charts at the moment, Marillion that is.

(( I know what Fripp is up to. Once a Frippette, always a Frippette. Ever seen him in concert? He sat in the dark with his back turned to the audience. I could have cried. Still he went into the light for the applause and even smiled! Yeah, well in music I live in the past see? So when a group comes about that sounds like the good old days, I grab it. So it goes...games anyone?))

DON DEL GRANDE: Foul! Foul! It is NOT my fault that you can't fill a game in a reasonable amount of time. True, my first fill took only six months or so, but you forget one small little detail - there are no game or NMR fees for any of my games. You actually expect people to fork over \$2 at a moment's notice?

(( Yep, I sure do, but I have better threats then you and my threats work - here I'll show you...))

STEVEN COURTEMANCHE: Lord mercy! That's a double whammy if I ever saw one. First you blast your subbers because Don Del may be filling his game faster then yours. Then you threaten them with Woody if they refuse to fill up the game. How can I refuse an elf that is into extortion?

(( See I told you it would work. Now I've got the players, but the question is do I want the games?))

CONRAD MINSHALL: Do you want political letters?

(( Well, um, yeah, I guess... but , um, you don't mind if we have a bit of Gror first? Thanks...))

DON DEL GRANDE: After my incredible research and analysis (oh, I say a solid three, maybe three and a half, minutes - I broke out the coffee and icepacks to stay up until way past four in the afternoon for this one), plus my incredible number of Philosophy courses (two - incredible for a computer scientist), I have determined the reason why this Gror guy acts as if he got up on the wrong side of the floor all the time - it's from sucking too many lemons. Isn't that what's meant in that translated Dwarvish proverb, "Gror sucks?" Wait a minute...why is there a steamroller headed this way? Strange that it's coming from directly above me - I'd better be running.

(( Does anyone out there understand this man? If you do, could you please translate the above? Thanks))

BRIAN DOLTON: I did find your Gror piece amusing - visualising G & P ((Glover and Philly)) in the lead roles. I fear, however, it will fall with repetition. Still, I could be wrong.

FRP by post - costing money? Don't seem to happen over here (in general - a couple of GMS charge postal and copying costs.)

STEVE LANGLEY: GROR was great! ((Well, he's to the point anyways.)) None of the FRUPing games you described sounded all that great. The "tribes of Crane" game Terry Tallman is playing sounds pretty good though - or maybe it is that you give a more objected report than Terry.

(( If you ruled about half of Crane you'd like the game too. Don't enroll in Silverdawn. They screwed up Brand this time and but good. I'm so pissed. Brian - these are the professional game companies - the "Inc." ones. Gror - maybe I'll do it again - don't know. Politics now? No, just one more bit...))

KONRAD DOLATA: Here he is at last, "the hottest thing from Germany" as one of my groupies once called me in 3xDIB (I simply can't remember her name at the moment). ((Why me? she screams in agony. I thought that Tamlyn and Del Grande were enough for anyone and Le Ferve too. Now, here's Konrad.))

So if you don't mind my nosey letter coming through your mail box from issue to issue with the odd answer/reply to a letter/comment of yours in another zine, I would be very glad to enroll into the ever increasing (??) number of CC-groupies (why not turning your role in Denver Glont just the other way round) somewhat like a man for all seasons, Hm, what do you think of that?

(( Yawn - is that all you can think of? But remember, Glover has the good taste not to print any of my comments to him in Denver Glont. If he did, I'd question if I would be moving to Chicago right, now. Only kidding, Eric, look they weren't that bad really. Besides god only knows what Tamlyn would do if he got his hands on then. Deep down inside he's an American and you know what that means. Politics you ask? Oh, yeah, I nearly forgot.))

CONRAD MINSHALL: I could help out. (( Please do then.)) I'm for major cuts in all programs, especially defense and "social". Also I'm strongly for individual rights - pro ERA, abolishment of "victimless" crime laws, etc - your basic old-fashioned conservative wanting to reduce gov't involvement in everything but the establishment of freedom for our citizens. Make that residents, not citizens: I'm idealistic enough to believe an open border policy would eventually stabilize out all right.

(( But what political party would you go with? Neither, Hart, Reagan or Mondale offer what you want or what I want for that matter. Look I feel real bad because I have this wonderful letter by Dan Palter and I don't have the room to print it this time. Next time, I promise Dan and thanks for writing. It was very interesting. But for more politics - turn the page.))

# The AMERICANS Speak

## James Wall:

The Nuclear issue is a very important issue, The most important ever in the history of mankind. Our decisions will decide whether we survive as a race or hurl ourselves into the stone age (I do believe there will be survivors). So people know where I'm coming from, I'm going to be entering Graduateschool next year in political science and I'm finishing a double major in Political Science/History. In politics, I'm very much a realist and that tempers my Conservative Republican views at times. Next week I will begin a Nuclear Weapons and World Politics course. Wonder if it'll change my viewpoint - I doubt it but it will be interesting to have my views tested by the more liberal types who predominate here.

First, I'd like to reply to Glover's "neutralist" position. There are few nations on earth that have closer ties than the U.S. and U.K.. What do the Russians gain by nuking London? Due to our alliance they gain retaliation swift and terrible. That is something the Soviets understand. Their modis operendi is force and power, it enters their lifestyles and thinking. When presented with a position where a possible super power conflict could arise they must be sure we aren't putting up a false face over Nukes. We must be able and willing to use them less they become scare crows, ugly and made of straw. They do understand power and remember they ruthlessly crush the weak.

As to a nuke war limited to Europe. If one thinks on this awhile the net results to Russia is the radiation problems that the U.S. would not be subjected to. Now why on earth would a Russian fight a limited scale nuke war in Europe if it hurts them alot more than us? Answer: "They can't afford to." Glover must be afraid his shadow tells others his secrets as well.

Also in a slightly different vein, Britain doesn't do too badly as an "American satellite state" as Glover puts it. To be neutral is to be too weak willed to stand up for what is right. To remain neutral on Russian suppression of any form of human rights is to affirm it "sub silentio."

Thus we should call them as we see them and not play games with the Russians. I'm convinced there're not stupid, just single minded unethical and ruthless. How are we better off with a disarmament treaty which presumably we'd keep and they'd break it as they have every other signed treaty they've ever made? If they think they can take us out they will. That's how power works in Russia. They just don't mess around and if we do go for this disarmal route we won't get a second chance.

This is only one comment I'll make about Father Knows Less and this is on the point John Caruso is very wrong. We do not have total freedom of speech in the U.S. The Supreme Court has recognized many limits on freedom of speech and they determine what our law is - like it or not. But as long an American is doing nothing that can be considered subversive then the freedom is near total, unless stunts like yelling fire are pulled. Our ability to criticize our gov't maybe, but it usually ends when domestic overthrow is the topic. I have no problems living under the U.S. speech laws myself, just wanted to make sure the record was set straight.

((( I wanted to stay out of this. But i couldn't keep my mouth shut. I too am a Republican and I think I'm conservative, but I have to make you think just for a moment. Just for once pretend you are not an American. Pretend you are British or a Soviet or some country in South America. You have grown up to think your life style is the best. Now look at the U.S. What do you see? What is "right"? Are not your beleifs what are right? Wouldn't you fight the U.S. if they tried to tell you that what you believe in is wrong and that they are right? As Americans what the U.S. does is right. But we can't we allow others to believe in what they wish to believe in? Can't we swallow the fact that maybe, just maybe there is someone out there who doesn't think that the U.S. is "right"? And if this feeling exists does that mean we must shove missles down that other countries throat to prove that we are right? I don't know. What would happen to the world if the U.S. withdrew all force and became "nuertal" Give me a good answer for that and maybe I won't vote for Reagan next time.))

## Rod Walker:

In dealing with the role of Europe in US/Soviet relations, one must recognize that the problem is of immense complexity. There is the very simplistic fact that geopolitics render neutrality, as between the US & USSR, utterly impossible. They are in the middle, like it or not. So the Europeans must find some way to deal with that problem...recognizing that in the event of a real war, the only neutrality which they can expect is that of No Man's Land.

On the other hand, viewing this whole thing as a cynical exercise in power politics is to view it through the most narrow and warped of peepholes. One can never discount, for instance, the emotional hold which Europe (and especially England) has on this country. It is true that we have had, and will have, our disagreements with Her Majesty's Government. It is even true that as late as 1921 this nation (or at least the Department of the Navey) was contemplating war against England. But the fact is this nation would regard a threat to England as a threat to ourselves, and not just in a Geopolitical sense.

By the same token, it is difficult to understand, and almost impossible to everestimate, the emotional hold Europe has on Russia. Germany is regarded with something approaching paranoia, and France with very mixed feelings. Russia has been cruelly devastated by Germany twice within living memory and if you believe the Soviet attitude toward Europe is not conditioned by that fact, think again.

Another factor to consider is that the psychosocial and cultural bases of Soviet and American culture are so different that they must inherently have difficulty in understanding each other. The historical dynamics out of which these two states have evolved are hugely different. Among many other things, each state represents the triumph of one of two diametrically opposed trends in Western civilization, the despotic and the permissive, as well as the statist and the humanist trends, and

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# The BRITISH Speak

(( Er, I goofed up on my spacing here. I was hoping for an article from Gary Hughs, but it didn't show up. Now I don't have enough to fill this section. Still I'll see what I can find.))

## Peter Groome

I read the 'John Caruso' dialogue with interest as I wanted to find out exactly what is his stance. Unfortunately, so far this has not become clear. The problem is that as a newcomer to american zines, i just did not know how to take his articles. The possibilities were as follows:

1. He's a mealy mouthed braggart who just spouts out a load of absolute garbage. None of it is logical, he contradicts himself all through the article. It is all written to make europeans feel small, but fails because he hasn't got a clue what he's talking about.
2. The whole thing is some sort of 'in joke' designed so that only he and his peers understand it.
3. It's a publicity stunt, designed to get a lot of angry mail from europe and so boost somebody's ego (i'm not sure who's) and centre attention onto himself.
4. Actually he really likes europeans. Such terms as "YELLOW BELLY PINKO!" and "They are all minorities - inferiors", are actually terms of affection in the wonderfully obscure world of american zinedom.

Now since those are the only reactions i can think of, so you now understand why a lot of people over here dislike that article intensely?

(( Since Peter wrote this, he was sent me another letter. It was abit in response to what I had written in Denver Glont, trying to explain what John is like. Well, enough of me - Peter, please?))

I read your letter in Glont with interest. So John Caruso is a nice guy really? Hmm. I'm not convinced. Still, having seen your appreciation of the problem, the comments in my last letter would seem to have been largely superfluous. However i am afraid that my strong dilike of his writing will remain until he apologizes for his stream of gratuitous insults and changes his style. Is this likely? I think not. So i guess that i will have to continue wincing my way through his articles. Freedom of information is not a phrase to be used as a tool of propaganda, if you don't bother to actually use it in determining facts, then you are no better off than a more secretive nation. Hello John.

## Pete Tamlyn

Caruso is sad, very sad. He seems to be aware that the USA and USSR have to sit down and be nice to each other soon, but he can't seem to distance himself from the view that US is right and the Russians wrong. Needless to say, the other side are just as bad, worse in some respects because they listen to their own Michalskis, shoot first and ask questions later. The trouble is that neither side will be able to trust the other enough to disarm whilst both sides believe that their own system is superior and that the people of the other side would embrace their own system if only their governments would let them. Michalski is right - if you believe that your system is the best then you should be prepared to defend it to the last. If you don't, well then you're commie, pinko, subversive faggots like us Europeans, aren't you?

## More of ROD WALKER

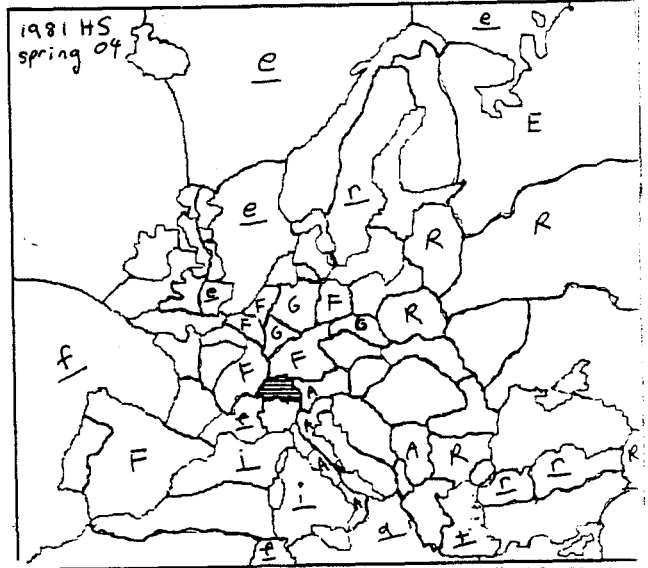
the collectivist and entrepreneurial trends (and please don't tell me that collectivism is something Lenin thought up; it is a trend in Western civilization which predates the Romans) (and collectiviation of agriculture dates from the earliest recorded moments of Russian history). Furthermore, the United states represents, like it or not, the pinnacle of Western civilization. Oddly, so is the USSR, but it is the pinnacle of a rather differnt tradition in the West. Paradoxically, each represents a highly heterodox phase of Judaeo-Christian culture...Soviet Marxism and American humanism. It is little wonder that these two cultures are at each other's throats. They are like Esau and Jacob, children of the same parents who are in no way alike and each despising the other all the more for that reason.

Say what you will about this nation... and it certainly has its faults and problems. Notwithstanding, we have built on this continent the most nearly human and most truly humane civilization yet to appear on the planet. It is precisely in Anglo-America and in Western Europe where the only present hope reside, the present hope for the advancement of the race toward greater and truer humanity. What has Soviet civilization achieved that is not loutish and banal? What there is was achieved in spite of the Soviet state; not because of it. What is at all human about the Chinese trend toward ever greater regimentation? The Africans have no real cultural dynamic of their own, other than those inherited from their colonial masters and their outmoded past. And so on. The collapse of EuroAmerican civilization would be a great and possibly (but not probably) irreversable tragedy in the 3000+- year history of the humanistic progress of our race. In anglo-America resides the best hope of our race to achieve its potential, both collectively and individually. It is inconceivable to me that Europe would actually choose to bow out of the struggle to preserve her own legacy! If her children go to war, it is doubtful that she will survive: so her nations may as well get involved. And pray remember: a Federation of Europe is no longer a second-rater, but a world power of the first rank. Meanwhile, you may as well come to grips with the fact that the finest flower of European culture is here, across the Atlantic, where at last the dreams of your philosophers and visionary scientists are closer to fruition than at any time before. For better or for worse, we are the child of Europe's deepest desires and yearnings. We have made those desires our own, given them our own realizations, and having grown strong, we have come to your aid twice...thrice, even if you count the Marshall plan. The pilling of missiles on missiles isn't a good solution, granted, but the effective threat of force is, for better or worse, the best available defense of Western humanism at the moment.

# THE GAMES

1981 HS International "It's Not Dead Yet" Winter 03/Spring 04  
AUSTRIANS MERCEILESSLY RAPE ITALY!! HOW LONG BEFORE GERMANY JOINS ITALY? TURKEY ALREADY HAS!!!!

Autumn/Winter 03 Retreats/Removal/Builds  
Italy retreats A Ven- OTB, Germany NRR- G removes ADe nOTB  
Turkey removes A Arm, Italy removes A Piedmont, France Build  
F Brest, A Paris, England Build F Edi, F Lon, Austria, Build  
A Bud, A Tri, Russia build A War, A Sev



Spring 04  
Turkey--Olsen: F Smy-Aeg  
Russia-- Grabar: A War-Sil, A Mos- St.Pete, A Liv S A Mos-  
St Pete, FSwe-Norway, F Bla-Con, A Con-Bul,  
F Ank S A Sev-Arm, A Sev-Arm  
England-Groome: A St. Pete H, F Bar S A St Pete, F Nth-Nor  
F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth  
Italy-Acheson: F Tyr-Tun, F GOL S Aust A Ven-Pie  
France- Pearson: A Spa S F Mar, FMar S A Spa, F Bre-MAO,  
A Par-Bur, A Hol S A Pic-Bel, A Pic-Bel, A Mun-  
Ber, A Bur-Mun, F Tun H (unordered)  
Austria-Davies: A Bud-Ser, A Gre-Nap, A Ven-Rom, A Tri-Ven,  
A Tyr S A Tri-Ven, F Ion C A Gre-Nap  
Germany - NMR!: A Ruhr H, A Kiel H, A Sil H

The Five week Deadline passed. With three in favor and four  
NVR. I would like to state here for the players information  
that Peter MC Donald has resigned from his position. There  
was no need for the ombudsman call. I'm sorry for the delay in the game. There are no hard feelings  
between me and Pete and I hope he can play here again some time in the future. Now for the important  
information - Standbys..... Would Chuck Doehrer, P.O. Box 1832, Chicago, IL 60690 please  
Standby for Germany. And I'm calling a standby for Russia because Grabar's sub expired  
with CR 5. Dan Scott Palter, P.O. Box 72, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 Russia - Standby. Thanks!

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### PRESS

France-Germany: It seems once again Germany is caught between an E/W alliance structure. Sorry of the  
disappointment; I was truly tempted to complete the deal.  
Rome-Vienna: John-boy - don't get greedy for an extra couple of builds. France will dominate the Med.  
in a couple of year. ((Why do I get the feeling he's not listening?))

France-Turkey: Come on Bob; hold out another 10-12 game years, and I'll rescue you. ((Sure, Sure.))

Al-Gm: It is not the responsibility of the GM to respond to players press items. I suggest you be  
quiet, otherwise I might charge you with GM interference and send my appeal to Woody who specializes  
in this kind of thing. (( Too late, Woody is on my side. Besides you keep making my players go away  
and I have to do something.))

### ADDRESSES:

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| Dave Grabar, 1583 Truman St., Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA                          | Germany   |
| Bob Olsen, 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita, KS 67226 USA                        | - Turkey  |
| Al Pearson, P.O. Box 898, Charles Town, WV 25414 USA                             | - France  |
| Peter Groome, 7 Woodstock Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6, England                   | - England |
| John Davies, Box 968, Port Hardy, B.C., VON 2PO Canada                           | - Austria |
| Robert Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, Northwest Territories, XOE 1MO Canada | - Italy   |

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GAMESTART!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reg. Dip "Wetlands"

And the Players are-----

- France: Brian Edwards, 10511 Inwood Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902
- Austria: Jerry Lucas, 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, CA 94062
- Germany: Ken Corbin, Rt. 1, Box 26W, Philomath, Or 97370
- Turkey: Robert Acheson, C/O Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NW Territories, XOE 1MO, Canada
- England: Melinda Ann Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV, 25727
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1984Drb 32 GunBoat Dip GAMESTART!!!!!!!!!!!! "wot? another one?" "Livewood"

The Players? You lot know who you are and I'm not going to tell anyone else!

Spring 01 due May 4, 1983 to Cathy Cuning 1526 N. Lawler Ave, Chicago, IL 60651

Anyone out there for dancing? You should hear them dancing to the Talking Heads outside my door.  
Maybe I should join them Eh? I did and what fun. Even the Bristol mob would have been proud  
of me.

# MORE GAMES?

1984 Crb 32 Gunboat Dip "DEADWOOD" Spring 01  
 AND THEY'RE OFF AND BOUNCING!!! SO? THIS IS GUNBOAT-RIGHT?

Italy: F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven  
 England: F Edi-Nwy, F Lon-Eng, A Lpl-Yor  
 France: F Bre-Eng, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Pie  
 Russia: A War-Gal, A mos-Ukr, F St Pete(sc)-Goß, F Sev-Bla  
 Austria: F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Tri, A Vie-Gal  
 Germany: A Ber-Kiel, F Kiel-Hol, A Mun-Bur  
 Turkey: A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank-Bla

Grey Press note: You may use any dateline, except another player's home center dateline. IE: Germany may use Ber, Mun and Kiel and only Germany can use those. But he could use France, Yor, Gal, etc. as dateline. No one else could use Germany's home centers as datelines. Thanks....

DEADLINE for Fall 01 is May 4, 1984!!!!!!

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## PRESS

Le Belle France: Oh My! What a butch bunch this is! Makes me want to chuck my cookies all over EVERYTHING. I mean REALLY! Look at those openings! They are so boring!

Bulgaria: This opening may not please everyone, but I'm hoping that, at least it won't piss anybody of  
Willard's Hamster Emporium: Late one evening all the small rodents and marsupials gather in a small cage towards the back of the shop. A small golden hamster with a patch over one eye addresses the rest "Look now. What we got is a new game of dip. And there's no promise that Arnawoodian (Armenian for "Hamster molester") isn't in the game. So we are gonna have to keep the women and certain of the pretties boys under lock and key."

A confused look passes over most of the faces present, "Hey, now," mutters an albino rat, "I knew he'd go for the woman folk but I didn't know he swung both ways!"

"He don't! At least I haven't heard of him straying from Brux. But there may be some of them Brits and all know what a bunch of daisy pickers they are."

A murmur of assent goes around the room. Everyone there realizes that aside from being afraid to store a few harmless little missles they are notorious for flagrant use of leather stretched too tight and somewhat bizarre use of 'cologne'.

Moore: Well I sure hope the Ruski's drop one big one on them faggots and then get on the red phone quick and tell us it's an accident so's we don't have to respond.

Milwaukee: We are not amused.

Memphis: We think everything is just peachy, we just hope that Cathy met her quota of foreign fascist pigs here. (( Eh? Wot's this? It only gets worst you know))

Sacramento: Hey! Screw yo' mama, suckah! (( See, what did I tell you?))

Seattle: Cathy, I am appalled by all this. You promised to run a mice, polite game and what do we get? This could be Brux talking to the in-sixers! (( So, what's it to you? No, don't answer that.))

France: Hey guys, who wrote that other stuff? Sure wasn't me. But I just want to say that my opening was purely defenseve and isn't meant to threaten anyone. I'm simply after France's traditional first year centers - London, Venice and Munich.

Switzerland: Your rule on Gray Press would seem to mean that one can't dateline press from thier o own country. (( See above for qualification of this rule.))

Radio Galicia: Look, you guys are wasting time bouncing each other out of a totally worthless province like ours, why don't you just leave us alone and take the long way around on your way south.

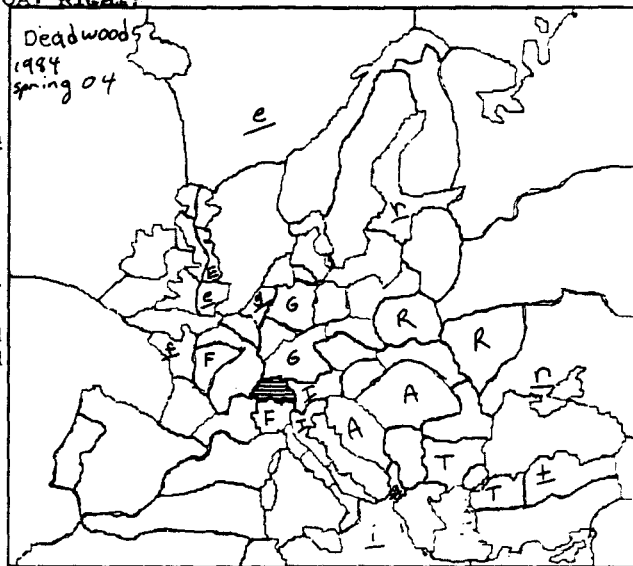
Mars: Seems pretty damn silly to me.

To the nation whose home center borders mine: Let's make a deal, I'll leave my center covered up this spring and this fall, but pull back one space in spring '02, if you do the same. Beats haveing both of us waste units staring down each others throats doesn't it? (( Look, it's not my fault there's no nar

France: Did I mention that this is called the Octo-Fleming. It scares the hell out of everyone but will have absolutely no effect on the pure of heart.

Switzerland Underground: Hey, Mrs. Cud ((?)) what would you do if I submitted a press release with my name and address and country, and included my order that turn to prove I was who I said I was? (( Are you sure you would want to do that? I mean do you like inst&nt death? Nope can't do that. I would not print your press item or any that would say who the player was.))

English Channel: Keep out or Die!!! (( And on that note, that's it!! Quite abit there too!))



## # 4

## Father Knows Less

This is the 4th and most non-productive issue of Father Knows Less, the newest subzine, and fast becoming the #1 subzine. It's put out on 8x11 paper by me, John Caruso 160-02 43rd Ave, Flushing, NY 11358, (212 353-9695) for those with bucks to burn, and then retyped on a little typer by my Darling Daughter, Cathy. I take no responsibility for the retyped version, as her spelling is worse than Mr. Berch's, but at least she does not edit or type in her comments on me.

This is a strange, almost absent of all responses. Only my ~~Buddy~~ Arch-Enemy- Bob "Pudge" Olsen submitted a question. Nothing from my daughter, or my Little Piggy, or John Michalski, or any of the Crazy Europeans. Are you people trying to give me a hint to get lost? Well I'm thick-headed and can't take a hint. Let me talk about a few things 1st.....

I really get no respect. It isn't bad enough that no one writes me, but everywhere I look, people are printing ballots for the FRESHMAN POLL being run by Scott Hanson. Lo and behold, the name of the subzine FATHER KNOWS LESS, is omitted from ALL of the lists. I mean come on guys, Bersaglieri is listed for the 3rd, or is it 4th year running, and I can't even get my legitimate subzine on the list. Zines such as Europa Express and Politesse and even Kathy's Korner have failed to list me. You can't ignore me and hope I'll go away, I'm not a mirage or a ghost. I am here to stay. Well, if that isn't bad enough, Scott Hanson writes to tell me that he isn't doing a subzine category this year. I mean, the only reason I started this thing was to be the #1 subzine in the Freshman Poll, and then to dethrone Mos Eisley Spaceport as the #1 overall Subzine. Watch, Mark Larzelere and Randolph Smyth will both drop the subzine categories from their polls too. I'll just have to go renegade. If you're in voting in a poll that refuses to let FKL be a part of it, send your ballots to Scott Hanson aka creep 233 Oak Grave Apt 306, Mnpls, MN 55403. You vote on a scale of 1-10, 1 being what you give MES and 10 being what you give FKL. There are other new zines to vote for, but they aren't worth mentioning. Oh yes, this poll is for new zines and subzines that have appeared in the last 12-15 months only.

There is also a FTF con going to be held in the Great Pacific NW, called LeperCon, held at my dearests house Rt 1 Box 26W, Philomath, OR 97370, (503) 929-3223. My dearest is Joan, of course, or you can ask to talk to her future, ex-husband, Ken "Deadwood" Corbin. It will be March 17-18, bring some refreshments with you, and be prepared to have a good time. You may also meet a stranger from Flushing, if he can come up with \$399 for air fare, or the rates come down.

Well, the missiles are in Europe, finally, the Peace Keepers are almost out of Lebanon, finally, and Jesse freed the flyer. Here in America, we are looking at the possibility of 4 more years of Uncle Ronnie, or 4 years of Fritz Jerkoff. Ronnie may not be the best we have had, but I'd rather gamble on his poor ability, than on Fritz's. At least with RR, we are back. Where did we go? Inflation is curbed, prime interest rates are down, and we are respected, er, feared throughout the free world. We've come a long way baby. We've saved the Europeans tails more than once, including with the trans Siberian gas pipeline. Now we have to defend them and the Brits too. And the Brits were the 1st to run from Lebanon, yellow crew that they are.

The Olympics are also in full swing, or at least they will have been. They'll be over by the time you get this. My predictions, the USA will win at least a silver and a bronze in skiing, a few medals in skating, a surprize medal in luge or bobsled and possibly another surprize medal in one of the cross-country events. I'll go for 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze. I'll bet the Brits only get 1 lousy bronze, and Canuckies shoutout. The West Germans will probably come away with 12-15 medals.

Time to get to the letters- hah! What a joke.

((From Bob Olsen)) Father Knows Less than whom? Certainly not less than John Caruso, that's not possible.

(( in this world, anything is possible, and probably is. But the only things that are definite are taxes and death, and the way I hear it, if you can't pay your taxes, they won't let you die. The economy is so bad in Britain that when people die, they have group funerals - 5 for the price of 4.. You know the saying - 4 drop dead, get the 5th one free.))

May as well plug some of my American counter parts. There are many good publications out on the US market, unlike in Europe where if you find a mediocre zine, you are extremely lucky. 2 such publications are Bersaglieri by Uncle Tom Mainardi 1403 Lawrence Rd, Havertown, PA 19083 and Coat of Artichoke by Steve Fuddybucker Arnawoodian 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446.. Both are filled with, with, with, well, laws prohibit me from revealing the gross material they print. Send a couple of stamps for samples, in Uncle Tom's case, ask for the Bersag with the hairy B on the cover, and in Woody's case, ask for the zine without the plug for FKL in it.

I suppose I could also plug North South West George which is done by Terry Tallman, address unknown, but I'm sure he makes his home anywhere he pleases. Terry used to have alot of friends, but then he moved out of the mountains and back into town, now he lives in a ghost town. If you want to see what Terry is really like, ask for a sample of his zine, and tell him Larry Peery sent you. He and Larry are friends from way back.

Speaking of Peery, I have reread all of Larry's idea on the DIPTAX, and must say I find it amazing. Maybe in another 1,000 years or so, we will be able to implement his ideas into a working structure. Mr. Berch, please take note that I have reversed my previous position and support the DIPTAX, if I can set it up and collect the money.

Well, another issue of this expertise in literary excellence hits a close, and I'm sure you are all disappointed. Stop laughing Cathy, you should be lucky I didn't go more pages, or I'd have picked on your British friends, rather than compliment them. Anyway, I hope you all enjoyed this little sheet, and hope to hear from some of you real soon. God Bless and take care.....

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Me laughing? No, I just giggle quite abit. Berch doesn't get this rag. Lucky us. And I had to fix quite a few of Dad's spelling problems.... so don't blame it all on me! Thanks, Dad.



# Dip Houserules

1. The Avalon Hill 1976 rule book will be used and the house rules listed below.
2. Orders should include, Date, country, player's name, game year, name of game or boardmans number. They may be made conditional on the previous season's results. Phone in orders may be made at the players own risk and they must be made on / or before the Thursday of the Deadline.
3. Abbreviations: F Fleet, A army, H holds, S Support, C convoy, - moves to, U unordered, R retreats NMR no moves recieved, NRR no retreats recieved, NAR no adustments recieved, NVR no vote recieved, nsu nor such unit, otm ordered to move, imp impossible, bld builds, rem removed, ret retreat, dis disbands, ann annihilated, otb, off the board, CD civil disorder, GM game master.
4. MORE Abbreviations: NTH-North Sea; Nor-Norway, NWG-Norwegian Sea, Tyr-Tyrolia, Tyh-Tyrrhenian Sea, Lvn-Livonia, Lpl-Liverpool, GoL-Gulf of Lyon, GoB-Gulf of Bothnia, Hel-Helgoland Bight, MAO-Mid-Atlantic Ocean, NAO-North Atlantic, Naf, North Africa, ec-east coast, sc-south coast, nc-north coast. The rest use the first three letters. GM is not hard line on these, but they must be clear.
5. NMR and NRR: If NMR all units will be ordered to hold. Retreats will be ordered off the board. If removals are needed to be made. Gm will remove the units farthest from the countries home center removing fleets first and then armies in an alphebetical manner. A stand-by will be called. No builds will be made.
6. Players: Players must maintain a sub to CR to play and must pay the required game fees, if any. IF a player's sub ends and he does not pay for the next issue but does submitt orders, a stand-by will be called and the player will recieve one free issue of CR. If the Player NMR's and his sub ends, a standby is called and he is removed from the game.
7. DIAS: All games are not draws includes all survivors. Draws may be proposed after Spring 04. NVR=no.
8. Seasons: Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall seasons go together. Separation of seasons granted on 2 requests.
9. Press: All press is "grey Press". Press may be datelined from anywhere but home centers. Only the country who's home centers are his can use his own dateline. Germany can use German home center, etc. Germany can still use his dateline even if another country owns his home centers. The GM reserves the right to edit press which is in bad taste above and beyond the call of duty.
10. Spring 01 NMR: In this case, the game will be delayed one month and standby called to submit orders. That standby must let the GM know ASAP if they will take the position. The game will be held till a suitable replacement is found.
11. The GM reserves the right to make rulings on situations not covered by the houserules.
12. The GM reserves the right to make mistakes, however, players need to notify the GM of any errors by the next deadline or the error will stand.
13. Deception of GM will not be allowed, but then I must catch you first.
14. These are an outline for play, but logic will be used in cases not covered in these rules.

## Like a Song U2

Like a song I have to sing,  
I sing it for you,  
Like the words I have to bring,  
I bring them to you.  
And in leather, lace or chains,  
We stake our claim,  
Revolution once again.  
But I won't,  
I won't wear it on my sleeve.  
I can see through this expression  
And you know I don't believe.  
I'm too old to be told,  
Exactly who are you?  
Tonight, tomorrow's too late.

And we love to wear a badge, a uniform,  
And we love to fly a flag.  
But I won't let others live in hell,  
As we divide against each other,  
And we fight amongst ourselves.  
Too set in our ways to try to rearrange,  
Too right to be wrong, in this rebel son.  
Let the bells ring outis there nothing  
left?  
Is honesty what you want?

A generation without name, ripped and  
torn.  
Nothing to lose, nothing to gain,  
Nothing at all.  
And if you can't help yourself,  
Well take a look around you,  
When others need your time.  
You say it's time to go it's your time.  
Andrgy words won't stop the fight...  
Two wrongs won't make it right.  
A new heart is what I need,  
Oh God, make it bleed,  
Is there nothing left?

## World Wide Hobby News

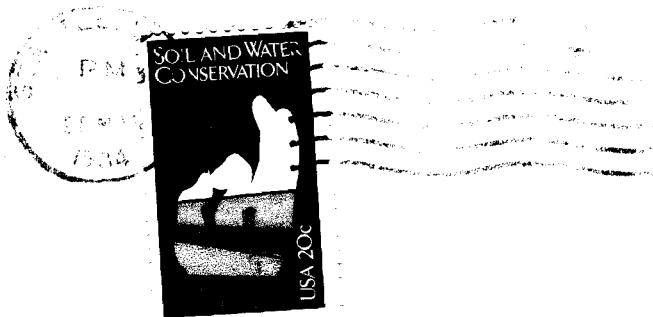
### NORTH AMERICA:

The 1984 Freshman poll results are out. Want to know the results? OK, here it is: 1. House of Lords 2. Thirty Miles of Bad Road, 3. Politesse 4. Cathy's Ramblings (wot?) 5. Midlife Crisis. Want to see the rest? Get EE or Irksome we have limited space here. If it matters, I agree with the 9 of you who gave CR a 7, and with the 8 of you who gave 30 etc. a 10. HOL is strange as #1. It's kind of the pubbers Forum zine. Still who can say.

Anyone for a feud? The hobby is full of them at the moment - take your pick; Wrobel vs Brux, Berch vs Martin and associates, inc., and the old standby of Coughlan vs Martin. Ask me if I care? I don't. If I read one sentence that looks like it could lead to a defense or accusation, I stop reading. That means I didn't read any of the last Dip Digest and only half of House of Lords. Feuds? Who needs them? Not these pages.....

### GREAT BRITAIN:

Mega new zines out. Barbarous League, Richard's Bull Run, Sodder, School for Scandal and The Storm Lord I've only seen Sodder. Quite interesting and professionally done with a rather strange British sense of humor. School should be interesting, written as kind of gossip column with no games, right? I might send off for a sample. The Storm Lord is put out by Matt Quarterbrain, (I mean Quartermain). If you ever have read Matt's meanderings, then you'd want to check this one out. Very FRPish from what I hear. Some of you have asked me for suggestion of British zines. This is very hard because they are so different. Depends on what you want. Lots of Chat, FRP or no FRP, quick turn around or games. Here's a few addresses: Sodder: Bill Wright, Boyland House, Morningthorpe, Norfolk, NR15 2LL, England School: Trevor Meadham, 53 Towncourt, Crescent, Petts Wood, Kent, BR5 1PH, England. Trevor has a regular zine too - ATU XVIII. Lord: Matt Quartermain, 138 Three Bridges Road, Three Bridges, Crawley, W. Sussex RH10 1JP. Send an International Reply Coupon when asking for samples and yes, these addresses are real!! Maybe next time I'll do an article on the British hobby, don't know.



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SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!: Jack Fleming is not, repeat is not, a win only player. He only teaches other players to be win only players. He has been trying to break my draw habit and I'm learning the "Fleming school of Dip". Lesson 1- always go for the win. Lesson 2- Never tell your ally you are going for the win. Lesson 3- Keep going for the win even if you are down to only 3 dots. Lesson 4 - if you are down to 2 or less dots, then maybe you might want to think about a draw. Great spacing Eh? Oh well.

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And now it's.....THE BACK PAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!.....  
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- DEADLINE IS MAY 4, 1984!!!!!!!!!! Delay due to moving. Send orders to Chicago
- Regular Dip, "Wetlands" : GAMESTART!!! See inside. Robert Acheson owns the 2.00 dollar game fee.
- GUNboat Dip, "Livewood" : GAMESTART!!! See inside and your country is \_\_\_\_\_
- Gunboat Dip, "windywood": Due to the rather large amount of requests for Gunboat, I'm opening up another game. This will be the last one. Still no game fee. 2 signed up.
- Regular Dip - North American only: GM Mike Dean. This is a double deadline game and uses the British rules of Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter seasons going together. Mike's adress is home/ 32 Newlands Ave, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire, YO12 6PS, England. Keith Anderson pd and 6 needed. Game fee \$2.00.
- International Dip "Anarchy": Dave Rogerson, Robert Acheson, Melinda Ann Holley pd, Steve Cartier pd. This is regular Dip that is open to all countries. The players will vote on the Deadline time.. Game Fee \$2.00. Saeve please let me know if you want to play. And James Allen I guess; 2 to 4 needed.
- Sopwith, :Nuke Planes: Irwin Schroeder, Mike Dean, Martin Le Ferve, James Allen. Still only 2 needed \$2.00 Game fee. No one has paid yet. I'll just deduct the money when the game starts if you like. This game will be rated on the British rating system thanks to Richard Morris. In fact to quote Richard, "Now I have the opportunity to claim that I am top of the World Ratings" So sign up now!!
- Stand-by list: Bob Olsen, Carl Russel, Steve Arwoodian, John Davies, Chuck Doehrer, Jerry Lucas, Roy Henricks, Robert Acheson, Derwood Bowen, Jim Burgess, Irwin Schroeder, Dan Scott Palter, Melinda Ann Holley and Tom Hurst. Thanks to all of you and mostly to Chuck and Daniel Scott.
- Subs are 10 for \$6.00 for North America and British and other people from the other side of the pond are \$1.20 and issue or 70p an issue. Note the raise in rate. Thanks and Bye!!!!!!!!!!!!.....