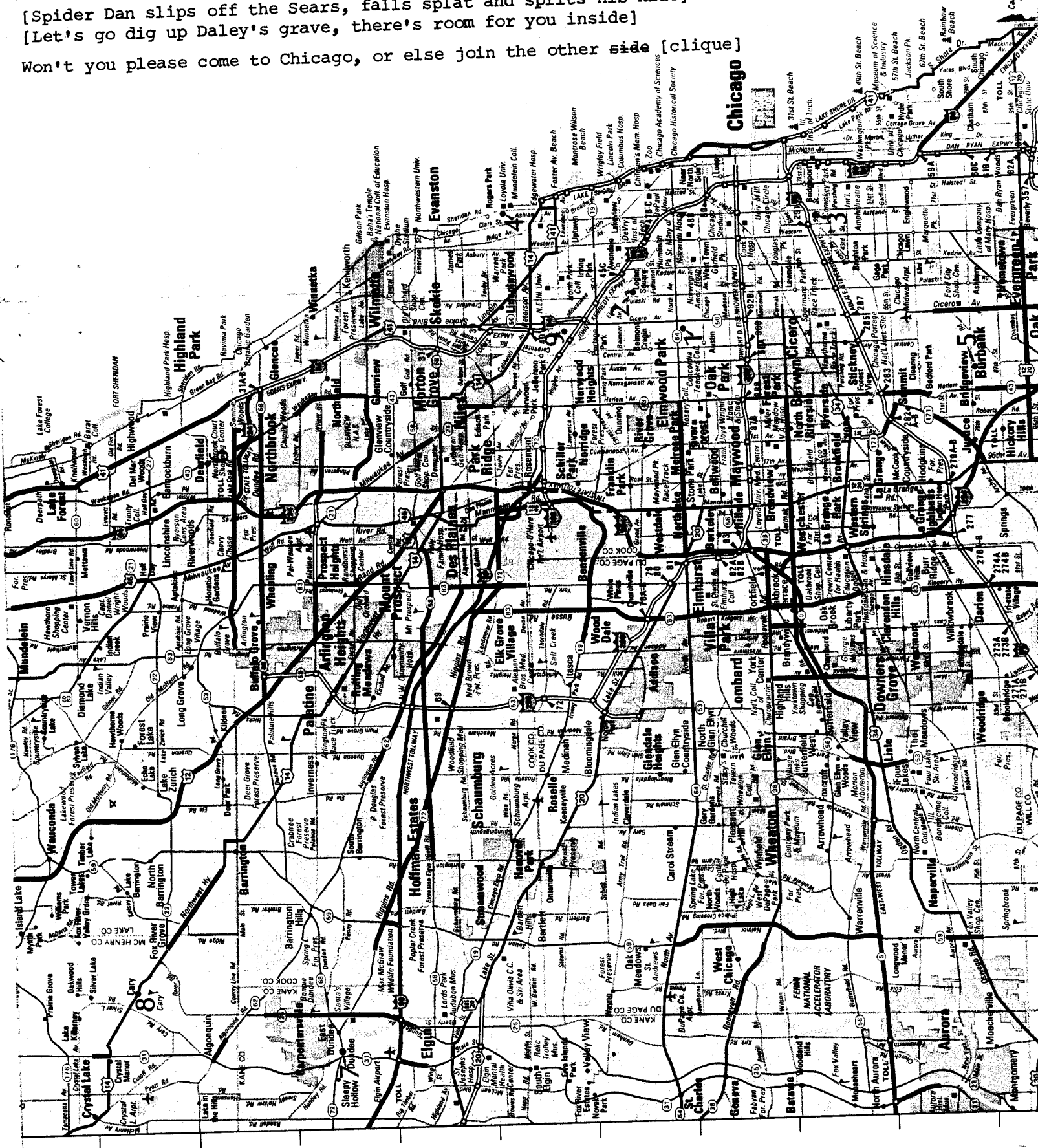


NASH SINGS 'CHICAGO' [PARENTHESIS MINE]

Your brother's bound and gagged, and they've chained him to a chair  
Don't ask Jack [Frost] to help you, 'cause he'll turn the other ear  
Won't you please come to Chicago, just to sing [play]

[Spider Dan slips off the Sears, falls splat and splits his hide]  
[Let's go dig up Daley's grave, there's room for you inside]

Won't you please come to Chicago, or else join the other side [clique]



# MID-WEST CON, Chicago, Spring 1982

A Diplomacy F-T-F gathering to be held on one of the six proposed weekends:

April 10th-11th, 17th-18th, 24th-25th

May 1st-2nd, 8th-9th, 15th-16th

Persons interested in attending should reply to Eric Ozog ASAP which dates they are free. A weekend will be chosen which the most hobbyists can attend.

An advantage of holding this Con in Chicago is that far-flung hobby members can get free lodging from numerous Chicago area players, thus cutting down on expenses. The following are locals who are willing to put up with you. The number before the host's name corresponds to the number on the map, showing a satellite's view of the location of that host. The number immediately following the phone number of the host is the number of persons that host will take in:

1. Eric Ozog, 1526 N Lawler Ave, Chicago, IL 60651 (312) 237-4650 [1-2]
2. Andy Lischett, 3025 N Davlin Court, Chicago, IL 60618 (312) 282-4752 [3]
3. Bob Osuch, 3417 S Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 927-7069 [1]
4. Peter Ashley, 6587 N Lakewood, Chicago, IL 60626 (312) 743-0242 [1-2]
5. Russ Rusnak, 8002 S Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459 (312) 598-4708 [4]
6. Chuck Kaplan, 742 Grouse Court, Deerfield, IL 60015 (312) 541-2832 [3]
7. Bob Amstadt, 35 W 372 Ridge Road, Dundee, IL 60118 (312) 426-9072 [2]
8. Dave Gervais, 32 Wildwood, Cary, IL 60013 (312) 639-0426 [1]

Persons attending from far-far away are encouraged to make their own arrangements with the above hosts after the date for the Con is settled, to be announced to interested parties in early March.

Visitors are responsible for telling their hosts their time of arrival, especially if one is flying to Chicago.

Take into account that you may need sleeping bags and/or blankets. Your host can tell you that.

Your host is responsible for directions/maps to his hostel.

If per chance the host you contact is booked, get in touch with me, Eric, and I will find a host for you.

The place to hold the actual F-T-F gathering has not been decided yet, but I will recommend my home, for it is centrally located and since it is a house, we can play/booze/smoke/get loud until odd hours of the night with no one bothering us. The gaming would take place on early Saturday and perhaps a little bit on Sunday.

Late entry: 9. Jim Williams, 2500 6th St SW, Altoona, IOWA, 50009

Jim says he will be staying at his parents' house on 5150 N LeClaire, Chicago, and he has room for many additional people. Make arrangements with Jim at his Iowa address.

I think I've covered everything. We have room for over 20 people. If anyone has any suggestions on anything, please tell me. Your input is certainly welcome, after all, it's your Con.

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THE MARK BERCH INTRODUCTION TO THE IAN ECKLOFF SCANDAL



Dear Eric Ozog, Thank for the courtesy copy of #37. A sub cheque should be enclosed.

I wanted to comment briefly on Kieth Sherwood's theory that I am always attacking Masters and agreeing with Linsey. I do, incidently, agree with you such a discussion is more appropriate to DD, and I told Kieth that when he wrote that his letter was going to Irksome.

It is true that in #51 I had a "thinly veiled attack on Masters". It was "thinly veiled" because I did not use Masters' name. However, what Keith somehow fails to mention is that the same editorial had material critical of Bruce Linsey. Indeed, that criticism was placed first in the editorial (see last paragraph of page 1, and top paragraph of page 2, of DD [Diplomacy Digest] #51), with the stuff on Masters coming later. So much for his theory that Bruce and I never disagree. There have of course been many other situations --- his invalidation of "F Den-Nor" and like situations being another example.

As for DD #52, Kieth complains that he read this before in VOD. The fact that VOD mentions something does not bar me from doing the same. For one thing, well over half my subbers don't get VOD. That editorial was written primarily to 1) give my readers Masters' recent defense of his actions (and my comments on it) and 2) to give details of a plagerism that had not been discussed in VOD.

I call things as I see them, regardless of where Bruce or anyone else stands on the issue. Bruce and I have disagreed on many topics, some public, some private.

I also wanted to comment on your Oaklyn material. You say, "But Rod, what if I told you he is mellowing out?" He is most certainly not. He lies about people in the hobby and that has not changed since FLD started. I'll give you two examples from this fall and winter:

1) He told his readers that Bob Sergeant, publisher of St George and the Dragon had stopped running his games, then had restarted them, with the result that not everyone came back on board. This incident is TOTALLY FABRICATED. Bob has run his games since early 1975 like clockwork --- only a handful of people in the entire hobby can say such a thing. There has never been a break in the running of his games.

2) The Ditter letter. Portions of this letter were completely re-written. And entire paragraphs were added. Don Ditter complained quite strongly to Bernie about this. Bernie told him that he had only printed what Don had meant to say, and done it to keep Don honest (I have copies of some of this correspondence). There has been no apology, no sense that he had done anything wrong, and, so far as I have seen, no clarification in FLD of the matter.

Eric, you and I have been discussing this on and off for over 2 years. All along you've stuck to the Yes-but-Bernie-is-changing attitude. It's time you swallowed hard, and faced the cold, unpleasant fact that while some people change, Bernie just isn't one of them. Those two incidents from late 1981 are typical of what has gone on from almost the start of FLD. Sergeant is only the latest in a long list of people and zines which Tretick has libeled. In some cases, like this one, his lies are very easy to see if you know the zine or person involved. And Ditter is not the first person to complain that what appeared in FLD was not what he wrote. He even doctored a quote from the Rulebook once, while trying to explain why the coastal crawl is legal. These incidents won't be the last. Bernie maintains there is nothing wrong with what he does, so he can be expected to continue as he has for the last 3-1/2 years.

Thus, I cannot accept any form of your recommendations. This notion that by submitting "decent material" to FLD so it will drive out the trash is pure fantasy. The trash appears because that's what Bernie wants to print. Extra material merely strengthens the vehicle, FLD, and gives it more respectability. The same goes for you GGMing in the zine (you and Stafford and the others). You bemoaned Tallman's distributing copies of FLD to his fellow gamers from Chattanooga, saying, "Forgive them Lord, they know not what they do." But what you won't face is that you and

Stafford are doing the same thing albeit on a different level. Tretick needs novices to replace those like Olsen and Mazzer who leave in disgust. But he also needs you guys to flesh out his staff, to run games, to give the zine some respectability. And you don't even have the know-not-what-they-do excuse. You do know what you're doing, and who you're doing it for. So long as Bernie has a small core who will put up with him, we will have FLD around, with its lies and deceptions.

I will suggest to you Eric, that you:

- 1) Write an essay for DbM on what you know about FLD and/or Oaklyn which hasn't come to light,
- 2) Move your game from there [Le Front] to DbM, and
- 3) When your last FLD game ends, cut your ties with FLD for good.

FLD is not deserving of any support at all, and GGMing there is a form of support.

Not to close on a negative note --- #37 was quite impressive. Your opening story was not really my cup of tea, but a good letter column --- I'm a sucker for that!



[And I am very happy you have been suckered in. Can't afford to send you all those free issues, you know. My opening story in #37 obviously could not please all the people all the time, such fantasy as the cat story and others (issue #33 & 34) will appeal to certain people. It is all a matter of taste, and I now have learned to respect people's differing tastes. Expect more fantasy coupled with an excellent letter column. Definition of DBM's personality: Half cold reality and half dream world lightheadedness. Er, make it three quarters dream world.

[I agree with you totally on everything you have said regarding Oaklyn (how is that for amiable?). Your argument is sound. I wish to elaborate on your three points:

1. I do not wish to comment on Le Front's past history, that has been heavily publicized, i.e., old news. However, some new news will shortly follow.
2. I am not currently guest GGMing for Le Front, the Air-Sea Kriegspiel game has ended months ago. I was going to GGM a future Air-Sea game for Oaklyn, but have decided against it. There is too great an opportunity for problems. I had hoped I could GGM a respectable game for him and stay above the controversy, but I see from your comments that it is impossible. Too bad, for I am experienced in GGMing Air-Sea. And who wants to GM a game that may have a few of Oaklyn's regional players in it? Not I. I strictly forbid GGMing a game that has more than one player per metropolitan area, unless that game be specifically a local game, such as I run here.
3. I intend to cut all ties with Bernie Oaklyn and Le Front as soon as the game, OZOG II (which Bernie is a player) comes to a close. Also, DBM will not have a public mailing address list, for I will not 'pimp' for Le Front during the course of OZOG II, allowing Oaklyn to take names off the list for his recruiting operation.

[Further, I do not endorse Le Front for playing, reading or guest GGMing. I do not endorse Le Front for anything, except perhaps for burning. My only regret in this is that Le Front has come out on time for as long as I received it, its print quality is excellent and Oaklyn has variants which are unique. But I am afraid the overwhelming bad buries the good that he has.]

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## The 'Ian Eckloff' Scandal

[I received a short note from one Ian Eckloff from the Silver Spring area, and immediately I said to myself, 'Oaklyn'. I sent the letter to Dan Stafford, DBM's resident Gestapo agent, telling him to investigate it. And what he has to reveal below nails the coffin shut for good. Bernie Oaklyn, you blew it with Eckloff.]

STAFFORD'S REGGAE POLICE EXPOSE ANOTHER ONE



Bernie/Buddy Tretick/Oaklyn has been accused of many things many times by many people. And I'm not going to rehash the whole controversy here and now. But perhaps the most serious of the alledged multiple sins of our beloved Uncle Bernie has been his excessive and exploitive use of psuedonyms (false names). From the use of "Oaklyn" for Tretick to his various and sundry 'mail-drops' in and around Maryland and across the country. "Where is the proof?", you ask, just as I have these many years. Well, finally there is proof.

Accompanying this article you will find a letter typed and signed by "Bernie Oaklyn". You

will also see a letter written to Eric by one "Ian Eckloff" requesting information about game openings. These two letters were typed on the same typewriter! There can be no doubt-- notice the slightly dropped a's, the common square periods, and the 'fat' (smeared) I's.

Don't give me any more surprises, Dan. I don't like surprises.

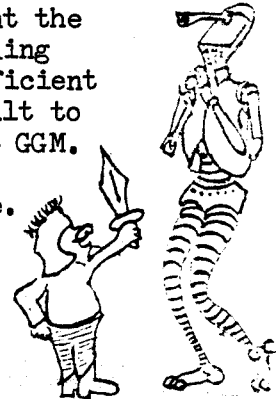
Further, since you did not indicate definitely that you sent the adjudications of Winter 1901, I had the time and expense of sending those adjudications to the players myself. You must be more efficient and complete than that to be a gamesmaster. It has been difficult to monitor your events in the Kriegspiel game in which you are also GGM. That game, too, by the way, must be brought into deadline coordination with my zine if you are to continue as the GM there.

Bernie

cc: H. D. Bassett



the Front de Liberation du Diplomacy  
... a medium for postal Diplomacy



October 26, 1981

Eric Ozog  
1526 N. Lawler Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60651

Dear Mr. Ozog,

I have been told that you have game openings in Diplomacy.

I am somewhat of a novice, having only a few games face-to-face, with some experience in Avalon Hill games.

Could you tell me your game fees and subscription rates. I would like to join a game postally.

Cordially,

*Ian*

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Bernie Baklyn

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Silver Spring,  
Maryland 20904



January 15, 1982

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Eric Ozog  
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Chicago, IL 60651

[Also note how the capital A's fall to the left, as well as the similarity of the numerals.]

What does Bernie hope to gain by establishing psuedonyms? Your guess is as good as mine. But the proof of this one effort to enter games under a false name does cast serious asperations on various other Silver Spring, MD local 'players' such as Edwards, Andrews, Alan, Cochran, Eckloff, and Oaklyn himself.

I have long been an Oaklyn defender (though Bernie has never appreciated my efforts), but now must go on record as supporting the position of those who warn players against playing in his zine Le Front. Further, I now agree with those who would deny game requests from any and all of those named in the previous paragraph. There is no reason to believe that Bernie's psuedonyms are limited to the Maryland area. And there is no way to know which of the previously named people are real or not. I, believe that there is a person named Brian Edwards, for example (or perhaps, Brian Edward Tretick!), but as for the rest, well, your guess is as good as mine.

As far as my own personal involvement with Bernie and Le Front goes, I intend to finish the game I am playing in there and do intend to finish GMing the games I have started for Bernie (if he'll let me), but after that-no more!! I urge others to avoid and involvement with Le Front or the many 'faces' of Bernie.

John Michalski, eat your heart out!!

Daniel P. Stafford, 2013 Glouchester Ave, Columbus, OH 43229 (614) 895-0245

[Bernie Oaklyn gives the reason himself why he has created Eckloff (subtly, of course) in the January 18th issue of Le Front, Page 5, 'An Open Letter to John Leeder', bottom paragraph]:

"Consider the novice that starts off with a bing, stabbing here and stabbing there, developing a bad reputation. He wants to play the game further, but his reputation goes before him and nobody will ally with him. He is bounced out of one game after another until he goes away, forever. It would behove us to allow that guy to change his name in the hobby and be in a position to play a decent game and to enjoy his hobby."

[That is why Bernie Oaklyn has created Eckloff. It is well known throughout the hobby that Oaklyn is usually pounced on whenever he is allowed to play in a game (see Jim Burgess letter in DBM #37). So it seems that the only way Bernie can 'enjoy his hobby' is to play under a psuedonym.]

MIKE BARNO, PUBLISHER OF THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, DUMPS ON ECKLOFF



Eric,

Confirming our telephone discussion of last Saturday [Jan 30th], here are a few documents relating to Oaklyn, Eckloff, et al. (I have the originals, of course.)

The first of the two letters from Ian Eckloff was sent to Tom Swider, who, as you may know, published TSS until last March. It would be reasonable to expect him to send his request to Tom if he'd heard of the zine through outside sources (Zine Directory, etc.); but as his next letter indicates, "someone" told him recently that I was a Swider psuedonym. This could only be Bernie Oaklyn, as no one else in the hobby would be at all likely to mention the idea to a novice. (Oaklyn has broached the matter in 78KR press recently.)

These two letters, of course, show Oaklyn's typewrite (letter shapes and carbon ribbon), along with his style. The second letter came in an envelope with old addressing: Under my name, the Eckloff address had been typed, typed over with a white-film ribbon, and my address inserted. Also, the zip code read "13670" instead of "13760", a mistake that Bernie has made two or three times in the past. I now regret having thrown out that envelope. (The letter has the same zip-code error.)

I cashed Eckloff's check without making a copy (January 8 or thereabouts). It was a commercial bank check with "JEAN B. ECKLOFF", "CAROL A. GALBREATH" (or something similar), and the address printed on the right side. I seem to recall some sort of background artwork, but I'm not sure on that. The check's number wasn't "101" or like that, so it didn't seem to be a new account. (I had a fair bit of suspicion, since the other Washington-area dippies I know hadn't heard of the guy.)

So I don't really know whether Ian Eckloff is an Oaklyn (I didn't even mention Tretick; happy, Bernie?) psuedonym, just a kid who had Bernie type his letters for him, or an unrelated, coincidental person with identical phrasing and typing. But the phrasing of the second letter certainly makes it appear Bernie didn't type it for a friend (he would have rephrased it or made some comment). I can't accept the coincidence theory.

The other enclosed letters aren't worth printing, of course; I just thought I'd let you

January 4, 1982

Mike Barno  
2811 Robins Street  
Endwell, NY 13670

Reference: Vacation Diplomacy

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your sample zine, your issue #28. I am not at all sure about the house rules included in that issue - are the applicable to vacation diplomacy. No need for a separate letter if you will include a statement of rules for Vacation diplomacy when the game starts.

I am enclosing check for subscription (12 issues \$5), and for game fee (\$1) and NMR fee (\$1), and tax on playing with Endwell thats allswel types.

Once again, please hold my subscription until the game starts. If I don't hear from you in ten years, I'll knock on your door after midnight some night.

Actually, the person who told me that Tom Swider was the publisher of The Shogun's Sword said that Tom has some suedomys and other unmentionable names. I just assumed that the name Barno was one of his other names. Oh, well. Can't be right all of the time, can I?

Cordially yours,

*Ian*

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Maryland 20904



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January 5, 1982

Mike Barno  
2811 Robins Street  
Endwell, NY 13760

Dear Mike,

Got your rebutal to my comments in 1978 KR. Sure, it is easy for you to say, "... and will no longer speak of Tretick or Le Front doings" (in your zine?) and "...I may ((throw you out from TSS)) do so if you display too much open hostility towards us, our GMs, and our players." However, once again, I must ask you --- just what did you say?

For instance, you did not say you would not publish any more comments about Tretick or Le Front, you only said that you would not speak of him and my zine. And, you did not say that you would not publish anymore comments about me, Bernie Oaklyn --- that should also include the locals here, namely, Brian Edwards, Steven Andrews, and James Alan, all of whom are said to be my sons. Hell, man, how can I have any children of my own --- I have been sterile since early childhood.

November 30, 1981

Mr. T. Swider  
1183 Robinson Hill Rd.  
Endwell, NY 13760

Reference: VACATION DIPLOMACY  
Gamesmaster: Dick Martin

FIRST LETTER BARNO REFERS TO

Dear Mr. Swider:

I am but a novice at this game. However, I have seen your writeup on subject game and wish to play.

Please send me your game fee and subscription requirements.

My choice of countries are: Turkey, Russia, France, England, Austria, Germany, Italy. My fees will be forthcoming. When will the game start?

Cordially yours,

*Ian*

Ian Eckloff  
11705 Ashley Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852

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see that Oaklyn has a motive for establishing a psuedonym for TSS use. With his hostility, I've been, shall we say, exploring the possibility of ejecting him from TSS's games. Also, Eckloff wanted to sign up for Vacation Dip upon seeing someone else's copy (we may assume Oaklyn's or Brian Edward's); interestingly, Edwards is also signed up for that Vacdip game. Not proof of any misdoing-- but a prime opportunity, perhaps, to influence a game by comparing others' negotiations and coordinating moves.

It's interesting to see Bernie's mention of his sterility since early childhood (in the Jan. 5 note). Many of his other statements-- "children of my own", "prove that there is in fact a son born of Bernie Oaklyn" (yeah, but how about Bernard Tretick? Didn't mention him), and so forth-- seem to indicate intentional phrasing to skirt the possibility of his having stepsons (adopted, or whatever). Every time he denies charges of James Alan, Steven Andrews, and Brian Edwards being his sons, that technicality seems to be left open.

Ah well. Much of what I just said, you already heard Saturday. A eagerly await many DBM's coming charging out of my mailbox and into my stashbox. Take care, and may your human love never be replaced with "human lore" (sic). Best, M.P. Barno

[After weighing all the evidence and variables, I will make the following conclusions and stick my neck out:

1. Eckloff is an actual individual and friend to Oaklyn who is allowing Oaklyn to use his last name and address. Eckloff is writing checks for Oaklyn for subscriptions and game fees.
2. Oaklyn's sole purpose for playing under the Eckloff name is to play a game of Diplomacy with individuals who will not begrudge a new, untested player (Eckloff). To play a game under the Oaklyn name invites disaster. I do not think Oaklyn/Eckloff is signed up in The Shogun's Sword to cause trouble for Barno because of recent hostility between Oaklyn and Barno. One of the reasons I believe this is because Eckloff is also signed up to play a game in Passchendaele, Francois Cuerrier's zine.
3. The whole concept of playing a game under a false name is wrong, no matter what the intentions,



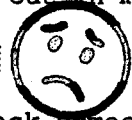
even if the person involved only wanted to get away from a bad reputation, I could almost feel sorry for Oaklyn and accept his rationale for such a practice, but I know better that such an action is abusive to all parties concerned (the players, GMs, record keepers and ratings masters).

[LATE BREAKING NEWS-- Mike Barno called today (Saturday Feb 6th) and explained to me he received a new letter from 'Ian Eckloff' after Mike had told Eckloff/Oaklyn his suspicions.

In this new 'Eckloff' letter, it denies the charge Barno made that Eckloff's and Oaklyn's letters are typed on Oaklyn's typewriter. Eckloff also gave us some surprising news, that being Eckloff will not be playing in the Vacation Diplomacy variant because he is changing jobs and moving away! I say either Oaklyn became worried he would be found out, or else the real Eckloff, Oaklyn's friend, told Oaklyn enough is enough. We will see. We will see if 'Ian Eckloff' pulls out of Passhendaele too. Hmmm, maybe the real Eckloff is moving, and Oaklyn is out one mail drop.

This new Eckloff letter will be printed in The Shogun's Sword #31, due out in mid-February]

DWAYNE SHREVE, THE LAST OF OAKLYN'S SUPPORTERS, IS STILL HOLDING OUT



Eckloff Shmeckloff. Should everyone now seize on another excuse to attack someone who they have lambasted all along for allegedly using a pseudonym? Give me a break!

Eric, if you had a name (or were using a name) which caused all the bleating sheep to attack you, wouldn't you consider a pseudonym? By the time all the pots got through calling his kettle black, virtually no one would ally with him, none of the flakes in any event. So what was he going to do?

I doubt very much that Ian Eckloff appears in any games with Bernie Oaklyn or that anyone can prove more than the use of the name. This hobby is full of unusual people. As long as they do not fraudulently influence the outcome of a game, I don't feel that it is useful to dwell on and ostracize them.

[Dwayne, it is the use of the name what we are questioning here, whether it is right or wrong. As I said at the top of this page, you could see the rationale and I understand and respect your opinion, but it is still wrong. Just look at the potential for abuse! Get two or three phony players in the same game and the rationale can be chucked in the garbage. We must draw the line somewhere, and I say, no pseudonyms AT ALL. I would never even think of using a pseudonym!

[I must state, however, that Bernie's case is special for I think people are attacking him constantly because of what he has done in this hobby outside the game. Bernie is not an exceptionally nasty player, and I doubt that any person would be attacked in a game as much as Bernie has been because he was a very wicked, deceitful player.]

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OZOG II -- 1979 IX / Fall 1911: The Italians are on the rise while the Turks are stalled

ENG [Stafford] f por S ITA f wes-spa/sc, f mid S a par-bre D R naf,wes,bre,iri,otb, a par-bre D R A, a edi-lvp D R cly,otb

FRA [Nelson] f enc-mid, a bel-bur, a pic S RUS a bre-par, f mar S RUS f spa/sc-lyo, a bud S RUS a alb-ser

ITA [Lischett] f lyo-mar D R wes,tyn,pie,otb, f wes-spa/sc, a rom-tus, a ven S TUR f tri

RUS [Oaklyn] f spa/sc-lyo, a bur-gas, a bre-par, f nse S f yor-edi, f yor-edi, f lvp H, f nat S FRA f enc-mid, a tyo-tri, a alb-ser, a gal-rum, f rum-bul/ec, f bla-con, a ank-con, a sev-arm

TUR [Sherwood] f con S f arm-ank, f arm-ank, f smy S f con, a ser-gre D R A, f bul/sc-gre, f tri H

#### SUPPLY CENTERS

ENG -4- edi par spa por BRE? (1-2) Remove 1 only if f mid R bre. Had annihilation F'll

FRA -6- bre? mar mun ber hol vie BUD (6-7) Build 1 only if ENG f mid does not R bre. 1 short

ITA -4- rom nap ven tun SPA (5) Build 1

RUS -14- stp mos war sev swe nwy den kie bel (16) Build 2  
lon lvp EDI PAR con ANK rum tri SER

TUR -6- ank smy CON bul gre TRI bud ser (5) Even because of annihilation F'll

DEADLINE for Winter 1911 only is Friday March 5th

(Sevastopol) It was rumored here that the Russians got their signals crossed and ordered a stand-off in Constantinople, hoping that the Turkish fleet Constantinople would voluntarily move to the Aegean (to try to retake Greece next turn), thereby giving the Russians both Ankara and Constantinople. When asked if he really thought the Ottoman was that stupid, the Tsar muttered, "Why else would I have said what I did?". Noting that he at least, and foremost, cut all possible supports of fleet Armenia and fleet Constantinople, the Tsar chuckled as he looked at his war-game map, noting that the Turk might also be stupid enough to defend Greece, and with fleet Bulgaria, no less.

(Russia to Italy) To keep Lyon, you would have to forfeit Spain, for England. You wouldn't do that, now, would you? I thought so!

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OZOG III -- 1981 IK National / Winter 1901  
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AUS (5)	Build a tri, a bud	ITA (5)	Build f rom, f nap
ENG (4)	Build a lon	GER (5)	Build a ber, a kie
FRA (4)	Build a par	RUS (5)	Build a stp
		TUR (4)	Build f ank

Positions After Winter 1901

AUS [Reynolds] a vie, a bud, a tri, a ser, f gre  
ENG [Ashley] a lon, f nse, a nwy, f bar  
FRA [Duke] a par, a bur, f por, a spa  
GER [Tallman] a hol, f den, a kie, a ber, a mun  
ITA [Palter] a mar, a pie, f rom, f nap, f tun  
RUS [Stafford] f bot, a stp, a war, f sev, a rum  
TUR [Burgess] a bul, f aeg, a con, f ank

DEADLINE for Spring 1902 is Friday March 5th

(Paris to Rome) pppppghfff!!

(England--France) I'm trying to be discreet and ignore these hostile suggestions. Pay attention to Italy, he's the one who hit you in '01.

(England--Russia) As long as you don't have the time to write, I hope you won't mind if I tamper a bit with your northern border.

(Smyrna) Persistent cloudy weather has severely hampered rescue efforts on the missing marathon swimmers. DBM 37's proved to be all wet from rain and Ozog tears and were useless as fuel for the new ships. As a result the Sultan ordered the new fleet to be built in Ankara.

(Ank--Dan) Sorry to have to join the crowd but I didn't like it when I heard you were offering your alliance to everyone in sight. He who stabs last laughs best. Good luck! You'll need it.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN OZOG II PRESS

(Turkey Deadpans) Oh, gee, Bernie, do whatever you want, just keep this game going forever. I so enjoy your stimulating press.

(Turkey to Russia) Yes, you have this game any time you want. But only because you've got a sycophantic toady in France. Without him, you'd merely be cannon fodder for Lischett, Stafford and I.

(Keith to Bernie) "You turned down my invitation to share in the victory." OZOG RUBBISH! You offered me second, which I will never lower to take, unlike your glassy eyed puppet Nelson.

OZOG IV -- 1981 IL Local / Spring 1902: Italians in Bohemia followed faithfully by French in Tyo

AUS [Shreve] a tri-vie, a ser S f alb-gre, f alb-gre  
 ENG [O'Donnell] f nse C a nwy-hol, f bel S a nwy-hol, a nwy-hol D R A, f edi S f nse, f lon-enc  
 FRA [Gervais] f spa/sc-por, f mar-lyo, a pie-tyo, a bur-ruh  
 GER [Johnson] a mun H, a hol S a ruh-bel, a ruh-bel, f kie-hlg, f den H  
 ITA [Kaplan] f ion-aeg, f rom-tyn, a tyo-boh, a tun U H  
 RUS [Amstadt] f stp/nc S a fin-nwy, f swe S a fin-nwy, a fin-nwy, a war-ukr, a vie-gal, f rum-  
 bla, f sev S f rum-bla  
 TUR [Glass] a bul S f bla-rum, f bla-rum, a con S a bul, f smy-aeg

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Don Glass, Room 109 Boomer II, University Park Residence Halls, Carbondale, IL 62901 (618) 453-4169

DEADLINE for Fall 1902 is Friday March 5th. The vote for the Russian/Turkish draw failed.

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DBM's STANDBY LIST:

For Ozog II and III: Randal Husk, Dick Martin, Bob Olsen & Mike Barno

For Ozog IV: Pete Ashley, Mike Quirk, Russ Rusnak

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F-T-F ANNOUNCEMENT:

Yes, it is time to sharpen your knives for the Mid-West Con. This Chicago area face to face gathering will be held at the home of:

Russ Rusnak, 8002 S Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459 (312) 598-4708

Date and Time: Saturday February 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

This will be a Dip all-nighter, and because Russ just recently bought his house and couldn't afford to furnish it, players can get drunk and fall down without fear of breaking anything. And you don't have to show up exactly at four either. You can wander in around midnight or 2:00 a.m. if it suits you. Whatever turns you on.

Contact Russ for all travel information.

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LETTERS, LETTERS, LETTERS:

Randal Husk, 1411 Scollon Ct, San Jose, CA 95132 (January 6th)

Well, I've been busy, but I really want you to know how "toady" issue, number 34. I laughed so hard. And, of course, everyone even remotely interested in Diplomacy, postal or otherwise. I even reread it!! It is just too bad that not everyone saw the humor in it. It was so obvious. I only wish I could have been someone's toady, or in a tiff with someone, or whatever. I guess I'm just not one of the 'in crowd'.



much I enjoyed your I waved it in front of

Unfortunately, I didn't get number 36 until yesterday. (My wife's 84-year-old grandmother is staying with us and put it somewhere. She's a dear active old lady and does the dishes for us that's my job and I love her for it -- but she isn't up on diplomacy zines.) Don't let those people who were upset by your toads bother you. Later, they'll see the humor. Just leave them alone and let them forget.

It's too bad that there'll be no air/sea diplomacy game. You can put me in as a sub, or in another game, or whatever. I've been without a game for a long time, now, and would like to play again. (I'll even pay to be deceived and trounced!!)

I may have to subscribe to another zine so's I can get into some games. Unfortunately, your issue number 34 described so many of them to me that I can't decide which one to sub to. I guess I'll have to throw darts or flip coins, or something. Maybe you can suggest somewhere I can get into a game.

I liked issue number 36 well enough to pay the extra postage, too. But I bet there were others who didn't like that. You should probably excercize more of your editorial license and whittle away at some of the letters you get. But keep up the good work. I for one am going to continue to get DBM, even if it does cost more. (For your sake, though, I hope you find a cheaper priner, or whatever.)

Diplomatically, Randal Husk

(P.S. You needn't print any of this letter, unless you want to excerpt some of the glowing praises phrases. And I must admit that I thought it was quite amusing when he called you Bozog. Of course, it's probably not original to you.)

[Yes, it's original! Kenny came up with a new one. The favorite nickname/screwup which the general popufation would use was 'Ozone'. And no way would I dare excerpt the 'glowing praises phrases'. I do not ignore any pro-Ozog material.

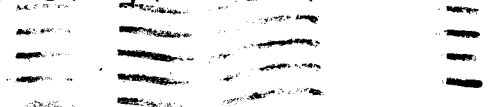
It must be nice to have an 84 year old grandmother around the house who still gets around. Does she have a turbo-charged 5-speed rocking chair?

I am recommending a couple GMS to you so you can get into another me.

With the new subscription rates taking effect, I will not lose quite as much money as before. I am at the moment considering whether to change my trades with zines to mutual subs. But whatever I do, I intend to stick with this method of repro, despite its cost. The quality is well worth paying for.]

DEAR ROD,

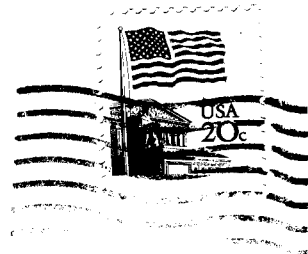
I WILL BE PRINTING YOUR LETTER AND ONE OF THE PICTURES IN DBM #39 OR #40, I WILL RETURN THE PICTURES WITH ONE OF THOSE ISSUES.



**ERIC M. OZOG**

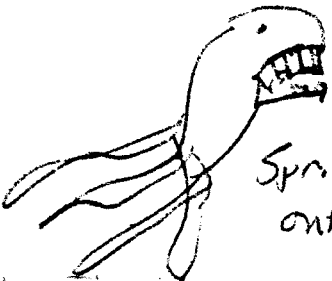
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