Europa Express

THE PUBBER: GARY L. COUGHLAN

Welcome to the only
Zine from the "Forbidden
Zone" to celebrate its
one year anniversary
this month! This
issue is dedicated
to Miss Amanda
Mazzer who will also
be one year old this
month(See Apis).

Happy Birthday,

Happy Birthday,

Amanda! Your Daddy final

Will that virtually any place in North America is eligible as a site to hold DipCon. Exception, and I quote: "(except Alabama, Mississippi and western Tennessee)." Hummpph! A rough breakdown of EE's North American subbers shows 26 live west of the Mississippi River and 55 live east for a total of 81. 40 of these 81 live within easy driving distance of Memphis, which although in the forbidden zone, is the headquarters of Holiday Inn and boasts a large convention center and several univerities. Why doesn't the DipCon Committee try to be equitable for once and hold a con in the center of the country and get a wider representation. In the meantime, I support the site of Evening Shade, Arkansas. Never heard of it? Well it's not in the "Forbidden Zone."

§ I hope you all(Y'all) had wonderful holidays. I did. Mickie McAuley of Canada

S I hope you all(Y'all) had wonderful holidays. I did. Mickie McAuley of Canada called me Christmas Day—a very nice present. Santa Claus brought me lots of stamps, paper, postcards and envelopes. For New Year's Day, an old Army buddy of mine, Matt Root, came to see his Ohio play in the Liberty Bowl(Football for the Europeans!). On New Year's Eve, we went that I Fridays where I fell in love with a girl named Linda with blonde hair. I wound the principal drinks for another girl named Kelly(fickle, fickle) who wanted more and I wound up trishing her zombies, Blue Goose(!), Gold Cadillac and white wine along with my Tequila Sunrises. I don't remember going home(I'm glad Matt remembered the way!) and then I was awake on my couch in the living room(Matt got the bed) the next day. Bad news! I had gone to sleep in my contacts and the left one would not come out; it was way up above the eyeball. I had to go to one of those neighborhood clinics and get it removed. They knew and I knew they knew that I knew.....

New Years' Day I got woke up by the crew at ByrneCon VIII(or "What did Crud Do This Time VIII") who spent four days stabbing and lying to each other. Nothing like starting the year off right:

I'm very proud of myself for keeping one New Year's Resolution so far. This is January 24th as I type this and I have not made a single long distance phone call this year. My phone bill was \$22.74! To compare, in 1981 my phone bill had to be \$1,000! That's the total for the entire year, not one month!

I have not yet printed some of the letters or articles that you have sent to me. Most of them will make it sooner or later so don't worry. I plan to start another game when one of these 4(Alsace-Lorraine?!) ends and two people who will definitely be in it are Pete Ashley and Rich Carlson who have waited so patiently for so long. If they still do that is! If so, when their game begins, they will get 10 issues added to their sub.

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January 27th was the birthday of Maiser Wilhelm II, Germany's Emperor in World War II.

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BEAT ME, KICK ME!!!

This isn't really an editorial but I guess it is about responsibilty and relationships within our Diplomacy games.

On page 9 of this issue, you will see that I made a GM mistake. I don't like to make GM mistakes. I hate making GM mistakes. I hate it so much that I'm offering you, the reader free issues of EUROPA EXPRESS if you catch me in a GM mistake. I don't intend to make it easy.

For each game in EE, I set up the board based on the map in the previous EE. I write out your orders and double-check them and then move the units that you have ordered on the board. Then I copy this onto the new map and type up the game report and mail it out to the players on Saturday. The zine itself follows on Wednesday or Thursday.

This of course gives the players in the game the advantage over the non-playing subber. But this GM error in Apis was not reported to me until over two weeks after the zine itself had gone out. Therefore the player in the game who reports the error to me so I can correct it will receive two free issues of EE added onto his sub. The other players in the game will get one free issue. If the GM error escapes the notice of the players and a subber is the first to tell me about it, that non-playing subber will receive three issues of EE. I want my adjudications checked, double-checked and tripled-checked. I have had games ruined for me by sloppy GMing, and I don't want that in EE.

It is possible to be friends with someone and have vehement disagreements about how a game is conducted. The GM and the player both have the right, the responsibility, to demand high standards from each other. I am probably considered a real prick by some of my GMs and that is their privilege as it is mine to jump all over them when they goof. And I want the same thing done to me when I deserve it.

EE has longer deadlines than most zines--five weeks and this past time the deadline was right at 6-weeks. Yet NMRs are occurring. Orders are arriving on deadline day. Orders are phoned in at the last minute. I wish each of you players would submit provisional orders on a postcard at the very least and do it as soon as you receive the game report.

I have not limited the amount of press you have been sending in but I'm getting close to "Ghettoizing" the press within your game's color pages. It is something for you to think about. I would like to discourage long press releases and urge you to write short items which will give everyone a chance to participate. Some games are already doing this. Please don't take this to me that I do not want press releases. I definitely do.

This is a new year. Let's start it off right and have no NMRs. And try to win your free issues of EE. Just try!!

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THE FOLLOWING BOYS
HAVE BEEN SHOT.

K. Polter
N. Rutherford
J D'a Smallpine.

Don Del Grande (802 Ida Sproul Hall, 2400 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, California 94720 USA) is the chief admirer of British humor among North American zines. He even named his zine, Life of Monty for one of his favorites but he's into others like Benny Hill, the Bernard Cribbins show, the Tommy Cooper show and the (Frankie) Howerd Confessions. LOM is a digest zine featuring Diplomacy, Kingmaker, Spies and Empires of the Middle Ages. But my favorite part are the "Dip Bowls" written by Don and features hobby personalities in a game show-type competition. Really hilarious. Last time was the Michigan Dippers versus the South. LOM offers T-shirts for \$7.50 postpaid PLUS 10¢ per small letter or 15¢ large. Don's Italian too!

In EE #9, an anti-Italian article penned by someone calling himself "George Eldridge" appeared. That article generated both in the form of articles and letters(see page 18). Two Pennsylvanians of Italian descent wrote these next two articles defending their heritage. Faz was in Saudi Arabia when he wrote his article and said: "that Italian defamation article--I got the ol'blood roused after that one--and after 6 hours of reports (now 4 AM) it takes a lot to rouse the blood." Tom Mainardi is the pubber of Bersaglieri and he identifies "George Eldridge" (see page 18) and, after what Gregory Russell told me on page 18, I see no reason to shield Mills from getting his just desserts! What a scoundrel, hiding behind a pseudonym! To the articles----EVVIVA ITALIA!!!

"EH!"

--- by Mark Fassio

Well, here I am on page 23 of another fine issue of EE. Let's see--just got done wading through all the point-counterpoints of nukes, forms of government, and all that. Pretty heady stuff for a magazine dealing with a simple game. Hello, what's this? An article about Italians? Who's it written by? "George Eldridge"? What the hell kind of name is that? The scab doesn't even have the stones to use his real name, and he's abusing we Eyeties! The name sounds faggy, anyway; he's from California? Typical for his intellect--like a comedian once said, "Living in California is like living in a bowl of granola; what isn't fruits or nuts is flakes."

Let's see, what does he say? Well, he sure covers all Italians all right. My God, he's mentioned an entire count of 2 of them. Quite an all-encompassing survey. I guess I fit in there somewhere, even if I am 3rd generation removed from the Old Country. I mean, I am a Wop, right? I think I'll analyze this bimbo's jealousy towards The Chosen People.

First of all, some character defamation about the author. We already see that he's a spineless wimp who foregoes his real name. As for being from California, I tend to disagree(although the abuse about that state still stands, Mazzer! Good article by the way) with that theory. Look at how he spells "colorful" at the bottom of the page. That is pure European, or else pure tricky American. But I think this guy doesn't have the smarts to be tricky, for some gut level reason(might be that pepperoni pissa camaing the gut reaction, who can say?)

Oh well, on with the analysis. First of all, Benito did screw up, what can you say? At least he made the trains run on time. As for his successes, well...maybe Italians died under Prussians in Russia, and maybe they attacked tribesmen with outdated weapons, both of which actions are suspect. Still, American sailors died in convoys to keep Soviet Russia in trucks during the Lend-Lease years. Does that make Roosevelt a boob, because he sent convoys to help an ally? And we killed Indians when we expanded our empire in the



States, just like the Prussians killed the native Slavs when they expanded into Prussia. Does that make us(or them) stupid and aggressive because of it? I mean, let's give the Indians back all the land we took then, and all go back to Europe on the boats. Oh, that's right, the Europeans don't want us there anymore.

Now I will say nothing about Rizzo; it's too bad he was from the eastern half of the state, although at least he was from Pennsylvania. I never criticize one of my own. If George is really from California, then having Jerry Brown sure the hell isn't much better.

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Now, let's take these points of his and rip them to shreds: #1: Columbus did
discover America, for his own edification. At least his discovery led to further explo-ration, instead of a bunch of bearded, smelly Scandinavians just coming for a quick
weekend of college antics like plunder and pillage.

#2: Greeting each other like Rocky is just as good as greeting each other with "What it is?", "Have a nice day", or some other mindless statement. Besides, the bruises you get from getting punched every time you get greeted help toughen you up.

#3: "Benny" Mussolini? Pretty familiar, aren't we, WASP-breath?

#4: and #5: Contrary to popular belief, we don't buy small Japanese cars. We believe in big families, which precludes little economy jobs. You ever see Mafia types drive a Subaru, clown? It's all you ecology freaks who buy those little eggshells of propulsion. Give me a Ford anytime.

#6: The only construction you'll see is when they re-construct your bridgework, after some native paisan knocks your lights out. May you wind up in a bucket of cement,

donated from a construction family that you choose to abuse.

#7 Empty wine bottles were once full wine bottles and I certainly can't think of

a nicer home decoration. It beats chemicals, man.

So, readership, there you have it. An upfront lambasting of our Phantom Writer, and may I say in all truthfulness to him, "Eh!" May a gonorhea-ridden female gorilla do squat thrusts mpon your face, you big salam.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IRISHMEN

---by Tom Mainardi

I do not mean to cast dispersions on all Irishmen. Those with only part Irish heritage can be quite smart and reasonable. There is however a breed of high Irishman that not only puts their foot in their mouths but while it's up their ass.

Perhaps you've heard or, heaven forbid, seen one of the latter. To help you remember, let me recount some of the more famous Irishmen who have proven just how dense intercullular cranial matter can be. First and foremost, there's Bobby Sands and the rest of the so-called hunger strikers. Now I mean starving yourself in a jail for 2 months with the end result of death is really intelligent! What did it get them? At least Jap kamakazi pilots sunk enemy ships. I guess there's just no teaching these Irish the difference between giving your life for what you believe in and suicide.

After how many years, the Irish still insist on blowing each other up for the sake of unity on one side and status quo on the other. Can't they see that it's a never-win situation? No. Because they're thick-headed morons. So, with this in mind, how would you recognize one of these Irishmen in the course of a normal day?

HINT #1: They still believe that St. Patrick was an Irishman, when we all know that ne was born in France and was a Roman citizen.

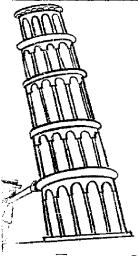
HINT #2: They often greet each other with, "Top o'the mornin' to ya!!!"(They like to smear their rooms with their own excrement, though they are potty-trained.)

HINT #3: They think the Clancy Brothers are the greatest: (a sure giveaway). HINT #4: They rail against the American economy by buying Irish-made cars,

preferably Deloreans.

HINT #5: They further subvert the US by diverting millions, perhaps billions, of dollars to the IRA.

HINT #6: They tend to gravitate toward the law enforcement field, where so many of their family are doing well. If they can't move right into that line, they take a ((They take a detour to page \text{!+} for the rest of Tom's article)



THREE POWERS PUMMEL RUSSIA!!

AUSTRIANS AND ITALIANS CRIPPLE TURKEY!!

FRENCH ABSORB NORTHERN ITALY!!!



ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1903 A (VEN) XXX S A ROM(r-Apr-Tri-OTB) (Bob Osuch-sei) F Ion-(NAP), F Eas-(SMY) A (ROM) S A Ven

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: A Ser-(RUM), A (GAL) S A Ser-Rum F (AEG) S Italian F Eas-Smy, A Boh-(TYO) (Dick Martin-ssi) A (BUL)-Con

P'RANGSU: A Tus-(VEN), A (FIE) S A Tus-Ven, F (TYS)-Rom (Bruce Linsey-ssi) F Lyo-(TUS), F (TUN) Holds, A (FUR) Holds

ROSIA: F (RUM) S Turkish F Con-Bul(sc)(r-Ela-Sev-OTB) (Bob Olsen-ssi) A (MOS) MAD S A Pru-Lvn(r-Sev-Ukr-OTB) A (WAR) S A Mcs, A Pru-(LVN)

A Kie-(DEN), F Bal-(SWE), A Ber-(PRU) TOKIL: (Randolph Smyth-ssi) A Mun-(BOH), A (SIL)-War

T*OK*I: F(CON)-Bul(sc), F(SMY)MK-Aeg(r-Syr-OTB)(John Kador-ssi) A (ANK)-Con

YONGGUK: A Lvn-(MOS), A (STF) S A Lvn-Mos, F (BAR) Holds (Garry Hamlin-ssi) F (NWY) Holds, F (NTH) Holds

Memphis to Swedish Roundabout: Your 1903 Supply Chart appears on page 6. These next two press releases are from Bern Sampson who was called to Malaberg for Austria. He lives in Middlesex, New Jersey.

Middlesex to Memphis: What's happening here? This is the third time I've been called as a standby for Martin. Pretty soon I'll be known throughout the hobby as Dick Martin's designated standby.

Austria to France: Sorry, but I don't see much of a future in an alliance with a "win-at-all-costs player," especially in view of the Western Triple. En Garde! Memphis to Middlesex: Thanks Bern!

Rome to Memphis: You seem to have lost one of my press releases last season. the one about Bruce and maggot-infested dog corpses. Memphis to Rome: Well, just maybe it's on page 6 with the rest of y'all's press!

"Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM S GAME: 게 어리 씨

NEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1903/Spring 1904

NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, Feb. 26th

GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: There are four dislogments this season so if a separate season for the autumn retreats is desired let me know.

§ Dislodgments This Time: Italy's Army Venice, Russia's Army Moscow and Fleet Rumania, and Turkey's Fleet Smyrna.

Russia retreated his dislodged Army Silesia to Warsaw. From now on, dislodged units are circled since asterisks do not show up well in digest-format. A French fleet is in Tuscany this season.

The 1903 Supply Chart can be altered by Italy's retreat to Trieste. If Italy retreats to Trieste, he will remain even and Austria will build one. If he doesn't retreat to Trieste, Austria will build two since Austria is playing one short now.

Thanks to Bern Sampson for unused Malaberger orders. His press is used according to EE Houserules. Your cartoon is from the comics' Family Circus.



With Four Dislodgments and multiple subtle shifts of forces--WHAT'S GOING ON??

	Gains	Loses	Retains	<u>Has</u>	Builds/Removes
ET'ALLI:	SMY	744. YEA	Nap Rom	3	-l(Unless Tri, OTB)
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:	RUM		Home, Bul, Gre, Ser	7	<pre>+2(Unless Italy retreats to Tri)</pre>
P'RANGSU:	TUN, VEN		Home, Bel, Por, Spa	8	+2
ROSIA:		pløf, pløf	Sev, War	2	-2(Unless OTB)
TOKIL:	SWE		Home, Den, Hol	6	+1
T'OK'I:		\$\$\$	Ank, Con	2	-1(Unless OTB)
YONGGUK:	MOS		Home, Nwy, Stp	6 34	+1

Austria to Russia: I'm still trying to figure you out. Like I've hinted at before, if I mant to take Rumania, you can't stop me. As a matter of fact, I'll have to do so I can get some of Russia before you throw it all to England. You've got to trust somebody in this game, Bob. If you didn't trust me, I attacked you, because trust has to be mutual for it to work. You have all the decisiveness of a soggy waffle, and I don't think I en depend on you. Can I?

<u>Memphis to Austria:</u> That question is being asked by someone else but he may just be talking to himself(we'll know come winter!), let's listen in.....

Rome to Trieste: Dear Ally, could you please be a tad more reliable? I hate to ask, but these French units breathing down my neck are extremely disconcerting, if you catch my drift. Other than this one small problem, things are simply peachy. Thanks much. Pope Rumpelstiltskin Jimbob III.

Russia to Italy: Remember the spiky-head oath: "God save the Queen/The fascist regime/ There is no future/In England's dream." Words to live by.....

Rome to Paris: I can't seem to face up to the facts/ I'm tense and nervous and I can't relax/ I can't sleep 'cause my bed's on fire/ Don't touch me. I'm a real live wire/ Psycho Killer, q'est-ce que c'est? / Better runrunrunrunrun away.... (Talking Heads) SEVASTOPOL - A worried Tsar announced today that Russia is losing a very important contest in the midst of the current European war. Last season's summary of players' datelines reveals that Russia is falling badly behind in this crucial category. Even worse, certain other European leaders have recently been awarded certain new nicknames, which are unfortunately not printable in a general-circulation zine. In any case, Russia will not be left behind; there must not be a dateline gap! For this reason, the Tsar

happy cries by the Russian populace, who were heard to shout out, "Good grief, Tsarlie Brown!" Memphis to Russia: It's even worse -- some are trying to take away the datelines you do

announced that he has assumed yet another new title. This announcement was greeted with

have already! Buddy to Bernie (Austria): What, I'm not your buddy anymore? (sniffle)

Europe to Tsarlie Brown: Well, Tsarlie Brown, you know how it is; you win some, and you lose some...

Tsarlie Brown to Europe: Gee, that'd be neat!
"Him Angry LIAR" (Midland) to BRUX Linsey: I'd hardly have thought you'd risk playing acrostics with your opponents' names when your own spells "Burn Sexily." I'll bet those "golden showers" have little to do with 50th anniversary parties.

Rome to Paris: As somebody, somewhere, once said: "Blow it out your satin robe!" Class Clown of Postal Diplomacy to BRUX: Better to be a class clown, than not to have any class at all.....

[ZURICH]- 1981 Nixon Award Committee: BRUX, BRUX, he's our man! If he can't make it up,

no one can!

Sevastopol to Paris: 1905??? That's too long to mat. Tomorrow is too long to mait. Russia to England: You lied. I did not. That's the bottom line and none of your evasions(I was going to call them "worthless evasions" but your word is a universal standard for worthlessness that nothing else can match) can change it. But, by all means, go ahead and gloat.

Rome to Moscow: Just one more lie to add to your collection, but just so you know, Hamlin's hitting Germany this season. Oh yes, and Linsey's hitting Hamlin. Don't you dare call ME guillible!

Memphis to Rome: OK, I'll call you collect! Collect yourselves and go to page 23 .

ENGLISH MOUNT MAJOR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE KAISER AS ALL EUROPE CONTINUES TO WATCH!!! ITALY AND RUSSIA PLAGUED BY INSTABILITY AND UNREST!!

 $\Omega\Omega$ positions in winter 1903 $\Omega\Omega$



§ GAME: "Windsor" 1981 AN

GM: Herr Gärren L. Kaufland

NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1904

§ MEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, Feb. 26th

GAME COLOR: Gran

TGAME NOTES: Yes, this is your game. The name changes in the 3rd year and is explained on page 27. A request was made for a winter only season so this makes "Windsor" partly in Korean and partly in German.

Fas has a new address for Jan 25-Feb 4th: 2nd Lt. Mark A Fassio

173-48-2365 HQ, AFFOR, 9 PIS Exercise Gallant Knight '82 Ft. Bragg, North Carolina 28308 USA

I'm sure Al and Patrick will be back but I'm asking Mike Barno, 2811 Robins St. Endwell, New York 13760 USA to submit Malmberger orders for Russia and Al Giddings, PO Box 1495, Enid, Oklahoma

73701 USA to submit Malmberger orders for Italy. They have your addresses. Your cartoon comes from Punch magazine. An English Fleet is in Skaggerak.

ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1903 \$

Et'alli: NRR!! @ @ GM removes Army Venice @ GGG T'ok'i: Fleet Constantinople retreats to Aegean Yongguk: Fleet Sweden retreats to the Skaggerak

ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1903 \$

DEUTSCHLAND: Build Fleet Kiel, Army Munich (Herr Jack Fleming)

ENGLAND: Remove Fleet Norwegian (Herr Mark Fassio)

FRANKREICH: No Adjustments (Herr John Marsden)

ITALIEN: 500 No adjustments 000 0000 000 (Herr Allen Pearson?????)

RURLAND: SO SO No Builds Received SO STORES (Herr Patrick Conlon?????) Plays One Short SO SO

TÜRKEI No ad justments

(Herr Malc Smith)

OSTERREICH-UNCARN: Build Fleet Triesto (Herr Kerry Blant)

Build Fleet Trieste

Memphis to Windsor: Most of your press has been held over since you didn't know about the season separation when you sent it in. I have printed some of it which I did not deem sensitive. I have orders on file for the Spring 1904 season for everyone except for (and I'll fill in the names here because it's only your and my business. If this blank is empty, it means that I have your orders on file.——
[MALC]— Hic

Memphis to Malc: Sober up and go to page 8 for your press!



THE KING OF ENGLAND (Not a good likeness by any means) STRIVES TO SELECT JUST THE RIGHT CARD TO SEND TO HIS COUSIN, THE KAISER, TO ADEQUATELY CORVEY HIS AFFECTION!

France to Memphis: I think I prefer the British Diplomacy colours (note spelling !!). After all, the Whites lost Russia 50 years ago, and, despite Margaret Thatcher, we're mostly "Pinkos" here in England!! Memphis to France: Well the Whites in this game have almost lost Russia again! Malc to John: Thanks for the orphan(s) kidda; don't worry about that Coughlan chappie harping on at us to leave British Hobby -- he's only jealous. Memphis to Malc: Ah, the moonlight and magnolia will get you yet. And if that doesn't the moonshine will! World to Austria-Hungary (France): Are you calling Faz a Queen? (Explanation: in England, a "queen" is a term applied to those who call themselves "gay"!) Memphis to the World: If that is so, to whom do you apply the term "butch"? Distinctions, my man, distinctions. France to England and Germany: Your letters were received after long postal delays. I am considering the position and will write early next season. [LONDON] - News of Duke Sir Mark's recent death due to drinking sorrow over Germany's recent aggression was shown during the last previewed episode of The Dukes of Cornwall. His death announcement was run right before a commercial on feminine decodorant protection; a fitting end. [TORK] Thousands of people here jam the streets to protest the latest German moves against the Motherland. Effigies of the peasant-turned-Kaiser are being burned all along the main streets. Young men are joining the military in droves to "have at the Hun." However, all is not well in the service ... we are weak. [RDINBURGH] With DSM out of the picture, a new military government has been named under the Swiss mercenary Joe Mini. The Ricochet Doctrine and all who favored it have been deposed, and the Struggle for Survival is about to begin. England to Austria-Hungary: Franz-Blant, my wish for success against all comers. I hope you've at least considered my proposals against you-know-who. Name the time, and I'll be there. England to Italy: Well, I know how it feels, Al; my surprise came a little later than yours, but the effect is the same. In closing, may I say, Dulce et decorum est, pro patria mori (It is fitting and proper to die for one's country).

England to Turkey: Malc, I can't give you much advice, what with my house in such disrepair.

Onward at the foe! Hey, how's the babes at school? I've always wondered what English women looked like..short, tall?? Blondes? Nice bum??? Memphis to England: You should have watched the royal wedding...check out English Rachel Ward in Burt Reynolds' movie "Sharkey's Machine" for one. England to the Tsar: Patrick, I continue to ask for help in the north, either through helping me fight or helping me die. I await the storm. England to France and the noble Mon-sewer President: My letter said all that can or will be said about the need for you to watch yourself. If you have an alliance with "that person", then you're a better man than I, Gunga Din, and I wish you luck. If you're an uninterested/neutral (unilateralist, like some others around), then God help you, old bean. I won't be able to. C'mon, John, let loose the Old Guard! Allons, allons at the England, last but not least to the Black Plague: Kaiser Jack, you have aroused the indignation and ire of the world at large, not just England. Now everyone sees you for the power-hungry monarch you are. Were it not for the industriousness and steadfastness of the loyal English allies, your sour-Kraut country would be but an insignificant speck. Your naked aggression aimed at righteous English possessions only hardens the heart of every mother's son. We shall pray that the gods intervene and see you smitten by some loyal friend of England(if there is such a creature as a loyal ally anymore). A pox on thee, malingerer. Incidentally, Jack, may I compliment you on the timing and extent of the move. Had I been Germany, I too would have considered such a rash action(although I would not have attempted such an alliance-breaker; too non-Fassio in style). Good luck, and you better get me quick, or your newfound allies(if you have any) may decide

Some Filler(sure I'm not proud!) from the DICTIONARY OF HUMOROUS QUOTATIONS:

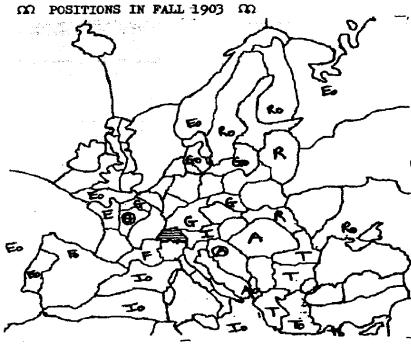
a defeat..you aren't near defeat, but you'll pay for victory.

1. "England produced Shakespeare; the British Empire the six-shilling novel."--George Moore, 1852-1933, Irish novelist, art critic, and writer.

to reverse the tables on you! Remember: The only thing worse than a costly victory is

observes only the rear end of an ostrich."--H.G. Wells, British writer, (1866-1946) ((Things seem reversed now, no?))

RUSSIA RETAINS SWEDEN IN SPITE OF ALL TERRORS, THREATS AND GM ERRORS!! GERMANS IN PARIS!! AUSTRIA TURNS ON ITALIAN BENEFACTOR AS SULTAN GAINS IRON GRIP ON THE BALKANS!!!



§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1903 §

RT'ALLI: A (TRI)KKIS A Tyo-Vie(r-Ven-OTB)
(Steve Heinowski-ssi) A (TYO)-Vie, F Tys-(LYO)

F (ION) S Austrian F Alb-Gre(NSO), F (WES)-Spa(sc)

OSUT*RIA-HANGGARI: A Ser-(TRI), F (ALB) S A Ser-Tri (Mike Mazzer-ssi) A (BUD)-Vie

P'RANGSU: A (PAR) TEN Holds (T-Gas-OTB), A (MAR) S F Spa. (Fredrik Malmberg-ssi) F (SPA-nc) Holds

ROSIA: F (SWE) Holds, F (FIN) S F Swe, A (LVN)-War (Don Swartz-ssi) A Rum-(GAL), F (SEV) S Turkish A Bul-Rum

TOKIL: A Bur-(PAR), A (PIC) S A Bur-Par, A (MUN) Holds, A (SIL)-War (Bobby Stephens-ssi) F (BAL)-Swe, F (DEN) S F Bal-Swe

T'OK'I: A Bul-(RUM), A Con-(BUL), A (GRE) S Russian A Rus-Ser(NSO) (Dave Carter-ssi) F (EAS)-Ion, F (AEC) S A Gre

YONGGUK: F (NWY) S German F Den-Swe(NSO), A (BRE) S German A Pic-Par(NSO), F (STP-nc) Holds (Jim Williams-ssi) F (MAO)-Spa(sc), F (POR) S F Mao-Spa(sc), F (ENG)-Mao

Memphis to Apis: Your 1903 Supply Center Chart is on page 10.

[BERLIN]— The Kaiser apologizes for his lack of communication lately and will make up for it, hopefully, in the very near future.

Vienna to the World: Mark January 31st on your calendars. Yes, it will be Crown Princess Amanda's first birthday. In honor of The event, she will be sending one of her dirty diapers to each of the world leaders who have spurned her affection.

Memphis to Vienna: I'll bet you're planning a "Trieste Fiest" for her, right? Happy Birthday, Amanda!

France to Austria: How about an attack pact? You get Russia, Italy and Turkey and I'll deal with the rest.

Memphis to France: Why not! The rest seem to be dealing with you already! Memphis to Apis: And the rest of the press is on page 10.

§ GAME: "Ap1s" 1981 AO § GM: 7-11 어 리 써

MEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1903/Spring 1904

MEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, Feb. 26th

GAME COLOR: Purun

I GAME NOTES: As the Apis players already know, I made a GM error last time. The German Fleet Baltic did not make it into Sweden last time and the Russian Fleet in Sweden was not dislodged. The English support was given to another German unit, not the unit that Germany actually tried to move into Sweden. (Just like this time).

Players in the game(who get the results before subbers) will get 2 free EEs added to their sub if they notify me of a GM error. The other players will then get one EE as compensation. If a GM error slips by the players, and a subber is the first to write me, the subber will get 3 free issues. I do not like GM errors and I don't intend to make them. But triple-check me--it will get you free issues.

will get you free issues.

§ Dialodgments This Time: France's
Army Paris and Italy's Army Trieste.

Anyone complaining that there is nothing to see this season but comic strips should check out this intensely written and acted diama about murder, revenge and the peculiar volatile tensions of intimate triendships.

Of Diapers, Pigs and attacks on Turkeys (read below!)

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Vienna to Russia: The Archduke quotes War: "Why can't we be friends?/Why can't we be friends...."

Moscow to Vienna: No. I won't stab Turkey!

Vienna to Silesia: Oh, now we're attacking Russia. Big deal!

Moscow to Berlin: No, I won't stab Turkey!
Moscow to London: No, I won't stab Turkey!

Vienna to Rome: Sorry, Amico. The time has come to play dirty. Three years in Trieste is enough for one "ally".

Moscow to Rome: No, I won't (well you get the picture)

Memphis to Moscow: Maybe I have and maybe I haven't!

[FRANCS]- Lo and behold the wrath of French military power! The odds are against us and see--we die bravely at the swords of pigs, wordbreakers and Quislings.

Memphis to France: One of them is of Finnish origin and the other of Swedish! Guess which one Find Market Company.

Hugue de Golff: Even these pigs show mercy-they let us live one more season!

Kemphis to Hugue de Golff: Nope, you kept them out of Spain all by yourself and in doing so, you keep the game in Korean instead of German or English. That's clout!

Vienna to the Diplomacy Archives: What is the longest number of seasons a player has ever gone without a single build?

Memphis to Vienna: I assume you mean from the beginning of a game and not being annihilated? Mark Berch, are you listening?

Vienna to Constantinople: Yes, Peggy was delighted with the Christmas presents you bought her. You must have gone to great expense. She particularly liked the calendar that said, "Courtesy of Willowdale Savings & Loan" on the back.

Vienna to Memphis: This game, I'm sure, will be very useful to my dip career. Anytime anyone suggests that I'm a good player, I can just whip out "Apis" and prove them wrong. Memphis to Vienna: Well, maybe you can "whip out" our game together, "Emilia-Romagna" once it gets started. I know that one will be useful in the same way to my "dip career." Vienna to Memphis: Just to make sure your Italian is correct, the name is "Ay-mee-lee-ah Ro-man-ya", pronouced with both hands.

Memphis to Apis: Mike Mazzer claims he is Italian. Hhhmmm. Anyway here is the chart:

§ 1903 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	Loses	Retains	Has	Builds/Removes
ET'ALLI:		1+1	Home, Tun	4	-l(unless OTB)
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:	TRI		Bud, Vie, Ser	4	+1
P'RANGSU:		144.14	Mar, Spa	2	-l(unless OTB)
ROSIA:		Jépápá	Mos, Sev, War, Swe	4	-1
TOKIL:	PAR		Home, Bel, Den, Hol	7	+1
T'OK'I:	RUM		Home, Bul, Gre	6	+1
YONGGUK:	POR		Home, Bre, Nwy, Stp	3 4	+1

TEDDY ROOSEVELT SAYS "BULLY!" FOR THE MALMBERGERS!! Join these eager eighteen as a Malmberger and you get 2 free EEs added to your sub now and, when you complete an assignment(you are only called once!) you get 4 more. Malmbergers are: Ieapo Stabo, Mary Beck, Doug Beyerlein, Rich Carlson, Jean Marie Corfeld, Don Del Grande, Steven Duke, Scott Hanson, Rick Holman, Robert Jewett, Eric Kane, Mark Larzelere, Jeff Noto, Eric Ozog, John Pack, Jane Proskin, Allen Wells and Earl Wiggers. Thanks guys and femi-nines!

NEW SUBBERS AND COAs: (And their zines)

- 1. Simon Billenness, 20, Winifred Rd., Coulsdon, Surrey, U.K. CR3 3JA (The Compendium)
- 2. Mike Conner, 1500-B Ashwood Road, Austin, Texas 78703 USA (Lone Star
- 3. Rick Holman, 120 Bradenham Beeches, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks, U.K. HP14 4X1
- 4. Gary S. Piper, 15 Thirlnee Avenue, Northampton, U.K. NN3 2QN

In EUROPA EXPRESS #9, I reported on the con I attended in St. Louis on Oct 24-25.

'Since that time, 12 of the 14 people who attended have written their impressions of that weekend and these accounts have appeared in Brutus Bulletin, Cheesecake, Diplomacy By Moonlight, Europa Express, Great War In Modern Memory, Irksome and Voice of Doom.
Until now no one has dared to bring all of these diverse accounts into synthesis-

--not until Gregory Russell decided to do so. The following story-play is his impression of what happened that weekend and it drawn rather heavily from the accounts appearing in the dipzine press. There are stereotypes and sometimes liberal interpretation but what you read here is largely the truth. A list of the players appears below: (with zines)

Pete Ashley of Chicago, Illinois Gary Coughlan of Memphis and EE Guy Hail of Austin, Texas and Libby Hail "" of GWMM Mike Grimm of St. Louis, Missouri Scott Hanson of Minneapolis and <u>Irksome</u>

Andy Lischett of Chicago and Cheesecake John Michalski of Oklahoma and Brutus Bulletin Bob Osuch of Chicago and Mass Murders Eric Ozog of Chicago and Diplomacy By Moonlight Paul Rauterberg of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Dwayne Shreve of Chicago, Illinois Bob Kluge of St. Louis, Missouri Jim Williams of Altoona, Iowa

NEXT TIME: SAN ANTONIO

---by Gregory Russell

(Scene: Oct. 24th, a stretch of Interstate 55 headed south to St. Louis. Eric Ozog, blond hippy-type flower child, is driving 3 fellow Chicagoans (Pete Ashley, Dwayne Shreve and Bob Osuch) to a face-to-face game in St. Louis. Everyone but Eric has a briefcase (Eric doesn't believe in briefcases). Madrigal music blares from the tapeplayer):

Eric, could you turn that music down? I've got a headache.

If you hadn't been out bar-hopping all night you wouldn't have a headache and we Bob: could have left on time. And I, for one, wouldn't have gotten up so early!

C'mon, guys--keep it cool. Think positive thoughts. I mean when Frodo faced some bad vibes.....

Bob: OK, OK, just don't start all that elf talk again.

Dwayne: What have you got against elves?

Bob's a buddy of Michalski--that should explain it.

Dwayne: Yeah, Michalski's gonna be in St. Louis. He forwarded a letter of mine to

Boardman which got me kicked out of <u>Graustark</u>. <u>Nice</u> guy Michalski is. And he continually criticizes my GMing and I just know [turns to look at Bob Osuch] Eric: that Michalski submitted that press release which said, "Charging out of your mailbox and into your jockstrap."

<u>Dwayne</u>: Isn't that your zine's motto?

No, Dwayne, it isn't. You know very well that Diplomacy By Moonlight's motto Eric: is "I come charging out of your mailbox." Well, what about it Bob?

Bob: [Snickers] You know as the GM of that game, Mass Murders, that I cannot reveal that information. After all, I'm not like Bernie Oaklyn.

Dwayne: Stop picking on Bernie!! Sure, he's had some problems as a GM and....

Pete: Had some problems? I'll say he's had some problems, especially when he plays two positions in the same game by using a pseudonym.

Eric: Like Johnny Boardman did when he played himself and as 'Eric Blake' in the same

Dwayne: Yeah, that's one that Boardman won too. How ethical!

Pete: I'll not have Doctor Boardman's name bandied about in the dirt by you two.

Eric: Remember Dwayne and I don't exist. Boardman said so. So you didn't hear anything!

Pete: Doctor Boardman is the 'Father of Diplomacy'and....

Dwayne: And Petey is his prophet!

Eric: And Bernie is a fallen angel--the devil in disguise!

Pete: Doctor Boardman created the postal hobby when it was without form and void.

Dwayno: Well, Bernie brought artwork and cartoons to the hobby.

Pete: You Bernie Clone! Eric: You Boardman Toady!

Christ! Will you magpies knock it off! All that squabbling sounds like cats Bob: and dogs going at it tooth and nail.

Pete: Yeah, Bob's right. We Chicagoans have to stick together today and sweep the games. Our only opponents are 'hicks from the sticks'!

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*Con In St. Louis(continued from page //) Who all is coming, Eric? Eric: Coughlan, Guy and Libby Hail, Michalski, Jim Williams and Scott Hanson. Why aren't we staying at the Holiday Inn? Pete: Eric: Coughlan and some others wanted a cheaper motel and they got it -- a one star motel called 'The St. Louis Best Western Airport Motel'. We'll be three to a room. I hope I get a bed to myself. I need a good night's sleep.[Glances around] By Pete: the way, did I tell you guys that I spent last weekend in Wisconsin with 4 guys----and all of them were gay?! You can have the bed! Is 'Big Bird' coming? Bob: Eric: Now Bob, you know that Andy doesn't like to be called 'Big Bird'. Yes, he's coming. He and Paul Rauterberg left at 2 AM this morning. God! I was still at the 'Pink Elephant' then. Pete: Eric: Well, each to his own karma and spiritual approach to life I always say. Bob: Speaking of elephants, did you know why an elephant has 4 feet? This isn't an ethnic joke is it? Doctor Boardman doesn't believe in ethnic jokes. No, it is not an ethnic joke. Got an answer Eric? Pete: Bob: I feel that an elephant has 4 feet because that's his own special unique kismet Eric: for adequately interpreting the creative stimuli within his environment. Bob: It's a joke, Eric! The answer is 'Because 6 inches is not enough'. Eric: I don't get it. Neither do I. It sounds like something a Canadian would tell. Pe te: $\overline{\mathbb{B}}_{\mathbf{0}\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}}}$ Sheeessh, I give up! How much longer till we get to St. Louis? Dwayne, look at the map and tell me where we are...Dwayne....Dwayne....DWAYNE!!! Stop reading that dirty book and tell me where we are. The last exit was Mount Olive, this one coming up is Staunton, Illinois and after that it's Livingstone. We're about 40 miles from St. Louis. What's the name of your book? Bob: Dwayne: 'My In-Laws Didn't Want Me To Have a New Lover' by Steve Heinowski. Christ! Sounds like slime to me. Bob: (As the Ozogian vehicle speeds past the 'Exit For Staunton, Illinois' sign, little do they realize that Andy Lischett and Paul Rauterberg have been stalled there for 2 hours. Faul's car broke down and he called a St. Louis friend, Mike Grimm, to come get them). I hope Mike gets here soon. I'm tired of watching cartoons in this gas station. Andy: One more Tweety Bird saying 'I thawght I saw a puddy-cat... I did ... I did see a puddy-cat' and I may croak! What a place to break down. Yeah, 'Buddie's Sunoco Station' -- the in-spot of Staunton, Illinois eh?! I'll get Paul: my car towed home to Wisconsin next week. I knew we should have taken my car but, oh no, you insisted we come in yours. I'm Andy: glad Walter isn't here to see this. Your cousin Walter wouldn't have gone in your deathtrap anyway. Cheer up, things Paul: could be worse. The only worse thing I can think of is when those stinging bees started crawling Andy:up my sleeve when I was going 70 miles per hour on my motorcycle. Anyway, if we had come in your car, you wouldn't have had the CB radio to play Paul: around with. Say, why did you call yourself 'Water Rat' on the CB? I thought your handle was 'Big Bird'. DON'T CALL ME BIG BIRD!!! Andy: OK, don't get upset. You're not that tall and that thin. Paul: AAAAAARRRRRRRGGGGGGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!! Andy: I was just thinking. In St. Louis, I will see Michalski. I'll be the only one Paul: to have ever seen Michalski, Linsey and Doctor Boardman. Ozog and Coughlan have seen Boardman and Linsey too and they'll both be in <u>Andy</u>: St. Louis. Paul: They don't count. Doctor Boardman threw them out of Graustark for mendacious atrocities. I was referring to fine upstanding hobby members--not those blighted by Graustark satire. You---a Boardman Toady?! Andy:

Ribbit, ribbit, ribbit!!!

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Paul:

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Andy: Mike, where are you Mike? I'll go crazy if I have to stay here much longer. I'll bet we were the only two idiots to have left so early--2 AM Saturday. How ridiculous can you be?!

(How about Oct. 23rd, Friday night ridiculous? On that date, hours before Andy and Paul left Chicago, a car pulled into the Best Western St. Louis Airport Motel. Its sole occupant ate a pizza and went to sleep. The car license plates said "Oklahoma is OK.")

(Scene: Oct. 24th, a stretch of Interstate 55 headed north to St. Louis. Three Southerners: Gary Coughlan, Guy and Libby Hail head for the face-to-face game in St. Louis in Coughlan's car. The radio is cut and there is no tape player.)

I still can't believe that y'all done drove 14 hours from Austin to come to Memphis. Nobody comes to Memphis.

Guy: Well, we came to Memphis to go to St. Louis, remember!

Libby: Yeah, will we get to see the Gateway Arch?

Gary: Not unless it's at the Best Western Motel! I told Eric that we were 'seceding' from the Holiday Inn 'cause it cost too much. He believed me. I mean the Holiday Inn is a high class place. It would ruin our reputations to be seen with Yankees

Better to be seen with in a sleazy motel: Libby:

Guy: That's the truth. Nobody'll look for us at a one-star motel--meets minimum standards, ha!! I thought Steven Duke was going too.

Nope. He's in school and couldn't make it. I thought sure that Mike Conner Gary: would come with y'all.

<u>Libby: Conner had to put out Lone Star Diplomat.</u> It was his deadline weekend. Well, just because you have a zine to put out doesn't mean you can't go to Guy: a face-to-face con--as long as you get it out immediately before or afterwards. Look at us. Libby and I put Great War in Modern Memory out early. This was

our deadline weekend too. What Conner needs is organization.
Oh, he's got organization! I really think he went to Mexico City to see some Gary: Cubans. Conner has got international communist connections. I may write an article about it. But my primary goal this weekend is to get rid of this awful Ouzo.

Yeecch! It smells just like licorice. Libby:

Gary: Marion Bates said Ouzo is only drunk on special occasions but didn't name one!

<u>Libby:</u> Are we the only Southerners that are going to be there?

Gary: No, Michalski will be there. About 5 or ℓ will be from Chicago though. I'll bet they help each other. We should stick together too. Seems our main Guy: opposition will be 'Chicago City Slickers'.

Gary: That's a good idea. Our code to help each other can be 'jigglelate my luhtisibles.' No Yankee will know what it means.

Guy: Ha, ha! Great! You know I remember the first time I got my luhtisibles jigglelated ... Libby: Guy!

Guy: It was when I was 17 and....

Libby: GUY!

Guy: I was just gowing to tell him about....

Libby: I know what you were 'just going to tell him about.' Don't.

Gary: I was 21: A late starter. What'll y'all say to a McDonald's before we go any further?

Libby: Yeah, that sign said there's one at Festus, Missouri--the next exit. Guy: But only if it wash Libby's Libby's Libby's on the label label.. Libby: Guy!

(As all these cars and hobby members headed toward St. Louis, two guys were already there: Scott Hanson and Jim Williams who arrived about midnight, Friday Oct 23rd to be ifresh . It conow I Pi Japanday (or 19th and they're killing time waiting around.).

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I wonder where everybody is. I'm fresh and ready to go. I'm going to open these curtains and put the dip board by the window so anybody passing by can see it. I sure hope we went to the right motel.

Scott: Well, we didn't as far as I am concerned. Did you see that motel next door? The San Antonio? They've got X-rated TV and movies in their rooms. All we

get is this Tweety Bird cartoon stuff. I <u>love</u> Tweety Bird! What I hate is collating your <u>Irksomes</u>. Why didn't you do Jim:

this before you came down?

Scott: Because I had to come so early. Six hours by bus to your house, then another six hours to here. As a pubber, it is my responsibility to get my zine out, on time, before I traipse off to enjoy myself playing face-to-face dip. Why don't you darn your socks for awhile? They need it. I'll study for my Portuguese test. The others can help with <u>Irksome</u> later.

I miss my wife. I've never spent so much time away from here before. Jim:

Scott: You just saw her yesterday aftermoon.

Jim: Yeah, I know but she can darn socks. I think I'll wear my 'Party Til You Puke'

t-shirt today.

That's why I didn't think that you were you at the bus station. I had expected Scott: someone more distinguished -- judging from your voice on the phone. And I never would have thought you would have Bruce Springsteen tapes in your car.

That was funny---spending 40 minutes hanging around the bus station trying to meet someone you've never seen. Nobody ever looks like you picture them. Jim:

Scott: Michalski is the one I want to see. <u>Irksome</u> was a subzine in his <u>Brutus Bulletin</u> before it became a full-fledged zine. Look! There's some guys at the window and they've got dip sets!

((Part II of Gregory's story-play will appear in a later issue of EE.)) KNOW I NEVER TALK ABOUT WILLIAM III (continued from page 4)

longer way around like working for a radio station then quitting there and working for a newspaper then quitting there ... They don't seem to be able to settle into a job.

HINT #7: They decorate most of their home with shamrocks and blarney stones. HINT # 8: They tend to shy away from conversations involving sex, the Battle of the Boyne, Scots, French, William III, and the arts in general.

HINT #9: They are very ritualistic; that is they tend to follow a rigid pattern of behavior established when they are very young. You see they cannot make even a minor decision(for example, what color socks to wear) without first having at least a mug of beer--a shot of whiskey is more to their liking though as it tends to make them think more erratically faster.

HINT #10: They generally dislike every other ethnic group with a passion. They will disparage the English, the Italians, the Germans, the French, and the Incas with equal fervor. All this is to overcome their own ineptitude to unite their own nation.

So there you have it. If you spot one of these Irishmen, report it to your local health department. It is also advisable to carry a black magic marker and to draw a large "?" on his forehead. This will warn others of the impending approach of a true Irishman. You can simply tell him or her that you are a liquor dealer and that he is being marked so that when people see him they know who to ask about what spirits to buy. I'm sure only Irishmen reading this couldn't figure out how to convince an Irishman.

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No! This cow with the "E" on her hip is not Elsie! Rather it is the symbol that Roy Henricks (128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235 USA) uses to show who are standbys in his zine called Envoy, hence the "E". Envoy is a giant digest zine and its emphasis is placed upon games. Roy has 14 guest GMs who help him run 23

Diplomacy games, 13 Kingmaker games, 6 Rail Baron games and assorted games of Machiavelli, Magic Realm, Mastermind, Samurai, Seven Wonders, After the Holocaust and Richthofen's War. It comes out every 5 weeks and costs \$0.03125 per page plus postage. I just send \$5.00!!



THE LETTER COLUMN:

I don't know what all is going to go in here this time but I have 7 pages to fill and I will do my very best. First up is Karen and Kerry Blant's comments to y'all's comments about them last time. The caption on this page was submitted by them and goes along with their comments. And this is just for you, Mark Lew: ENJOY!

Kerry Blant (Florida, USA): "Needless to say we enjoyed the letters about our pictures. Egotistic are we not? Actually Steve came the closest however. Karen's the "kinky" one. Innocent face and all, she's kinky as hell. Keeps this old boy going. To Michel: We'll probably be in Belgium in the fall if our finances work out...it looks good. Mark is right about the watch and knife. Kathy, we're not gypsies but we want to be. We keep saying we'll bum around the country working here and there, but our homing instincts get the best of us,a good deal comes along and alas another mortage and working for a living." Karen Blant (Florida, USA): "Just a note to let you know I still care. Loved reading the comments. Thanks. Had a "Blue Christmas Without You!"

Kerry Blant (Flanda, USA): "And she told me she didn't like Elvis.... I protest your using those imposters' pictures. Here is a real picture of Kerry and Karen Blant. This is Kerry playing Turkey to Karen's Austria-Hungary or was it Russia that time?"

I don't know but I want to be a standby in that game! And Karen, I'll bet y'all are "aving a "blue" time now. I read the weather go to freezing in even Florida!

Bob Olsen(Kansas, USA): "I haven't had a chance to read EE yet(first I have to rip out the Swedish Roundabout section and destroy it) but I like the digest format very much. Just makes it so much more handy and zine-like. Also it's nice to see you doing a little more of your own articles for a change." Jeff Noto(Florida, USA): "I believe the digest form enhances Europa Express."

John Kador (Maryland, USA): "I'm not certain I like the digest size #10. Maybe my eyes are not as good as they once were, but I had trouble reading it. I suppose layout can be improved. More white space, for example. Nothing detracts as much as a full page

of dense type. Consider using spreads(two facing pages) as a design element... For example, carry a headline across the gutter

(the space between pages).

Also I'm not sure your use of different colors works in digest format. One problem is loss of contrast. The darker pages have little contrast between type and paper. Result? Harder reading. Consider using bright white paper, except maybe for the cover, if you plan to continue digest format."

Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): Anyhow, your printing quality is quite good."

Allen Wells (Massachusetts, USA): "My comments on EE in digest form! Fantastic! Quite readable as well! Only one objection. Do not (please!) print page one on the outside! I have a footprint all over it, and I can't read some of it. Please don't start page one till page two." Bob Osuch (Illinois, USA): "Got EE yesterday, and I like the new format very much."

☐ Most comments were favorable to digest for EE. I think it was the right decision. I try to have a cartoon on one page whereever you open EE. I will not use white paper -- EE will remain a colored zine! And I will continue to print on page one like Diplomacy Digest and Irksome but I will try not to leave the EEs on the kitchen floor when I'm walking around! John Caruso predicts that by this summer 50% of all zines will go digest because it is cheaper and more can be put in the zine when it's digest. Just since last issue, Eric Kane's Anduin has gone digest. Who will be next?!



number of comments on the contents thereof. On your list of people who have traveled outside of their home country; I'm sure you remember my article a while back about my experiences in the Canadian Rockies. I've also been to Mexico. Tijuana know when?

You asked for my opinion on your page 2 concerning hobby controversy. To answer this, I'll reply to your "rhetorical" questions: 1. "What if you were the pubber of an extremely highly rated zine and it seemed like everybody and his brother were saying, publicly, that it is only because you plagiarize articles? How would you feel?" I would feel guilty if the charge were true and terribly wronged if it weren't.

2. "What if you were a 13-year-old boy who put out cartoons with captions about hobby members in a subzine and someone criticized only you even though many hobby members who are adults use cartoons as well? How would you feel?" Reply: Provided the criticism was politely-worded and correct, I would feel grateful to the person who offered it.

3. "What if you read insulting and untrue remarks about yourself in a zine--remarks designed only to hurt for no reason at all--and knew that others were reading it too? How would you feel?" Reply: I would feel hurt.
4. "What if you saw cruel remarks attacking someone in a zine and these remarks were supposedly by you? How would you feel?" Reply: I would feel angry.

5. "How would you like it if several of your friends wrote to you asking your opinion in various conflicts with other hobby members who are also your friends and asking that you write those friends? How would you feel? Reply: I would feel flattered that my opinion was so highly valued.

On the subject of writing and plagiarism, I feel that you made a major mistake in heaping praise on a supposedly good writer, whose articles are not his own. Oh, well. As you yourself said(in your reply to Jeff Noto's letter), people allow friendship to cloud their judgment in situations that should not have anything to do with being people's friends.

On happier topics, congratulations on your well-deserved finish in the article writing poll! OK, I won't write anymore 12 page press releases for Swedish Roundabout,

but I couldn't resist that one. Besides, Ieapo Stabo told me that he enjoyed it!

That reminds me, we had a grand time on New Year's Eve. Wish you could have been (... there, especially when we opened our Christmas presents. Woody's was the best; he got a game where the players have to wear plastic elephant trunks and push peanuts around a board with them. It was hopeless, but at least I got to rub noses with Mistress Julie! Kathy and John are wonderful hosts, too.

I'dolike to semeday get into a game with Geoff Challinger. I can see it now: he's Russia to my Turkey and he writes, "One party in our war will have to back off first, and since I had A Bul and F Bla before you had A Sev and A Arm, I think it should be me. Perhaps if and when I do back off, it will prove to the world that Russia isn't going to be swamped with Turkish units." Uh huh, sure, I might occasionally be willing to take such a chance in a Dip game, but not with my life at stake. I'm glad Geoff isn't negotiating for our side at the SALT talks!

I too would be disappointed if EE goes gameless. The hobby needs GMs of your caliber ... The cartoon for Alsace-Lorraine was great! Well, I gotta go. Keep up the nice work.

arphi I printed Bruce's entire letter with the exception of his national origin and guess for the man's picture in EE #10 since he, along with Mark Lew and John Caruso objeted so to the excerpt policy. Bruce, you are right; I did ask for your opinion and I certainly got it. At least you read the editorial and thought about it which was my primary purpose in writing it. However, I strongly resent your comments in the paragraph that I have blocked off into a square. I heaped no more praise on any writer than Whitestonia did and I think you are fully aware of the implications of that statement. I doubt very seriously whether you wrote either John or Kathy and said such a thing to them. Oh, well, Selective morality can be so convenient can't it? As for "GMs of" my "caliber" please read my comments on page 2 of this issue and see the comments in Apis's game report. $\Box\Box$

Steve Heinowski (Ohio, USA): "US Postal Service: EARLY, that's all I ever do--go in early and leave late. They ordered me in at 6 AM tomorrow(Monday) -- hope I can make it in this lousy weather 132 miles really makes a difference now. -50 to -65 degrees wind chill factor too. Wanna walk my route?!!! I don't; if I dee out there my wife dann well better sue them to the hilt!

U Even we postal workers don't like the USPS! More cold stories on page 18...)

Mike Close (United Kingdom): "We're up to our ears in snow!"

Scott Hanson (Minnesota, USA): "It's been damn cold the past two weekends, but I suppose I can't bitch since it was cold everywhere. But here the wind chill factor was near -100°. This weekend it was only -70°, and hell, tomorrow they say it will be 20° above! Time to get out the bathing suit and catch some rays!"

C-G Spare (Finland): "You ask about our snow scene. In fact it is not unusual for snow falling before Christmas to last. Two years out of three we do not have a really post card white Christmas. But this year is an exception, we have had very much, lasting snow, enough to ski on. I have not skied before Christmas since I was a kid, but today I went for this winter's first. To me skiing is cross-country skiing: I guess you would think of skiing as

we're in for a cold COID winter." recountry skiing; I guess you would think of skiing as

slalom. I did 10 km and went for a 1 km swim after that. If this makes you think that I am a big sportsman it only shows how the truth can lie. I was always the very worst sportsman at school and in the army, but I still like to be by myself in the forest—at my own pace. To ski 10 km takes me 80 minutes, and to swim 1 km takes 40 minutes, which shows you(if you have gone metric yet) my lethargic pace."

Bob Osuch(Illinois, USA): "Yesterday(Jan. 10th) was the coldest day in Chicago history!

-26°! —81° wand chill factor. We had to close off half the apartment—it was too cold! It was 50° with the heater going full blast all the time!"

Mark Lew(Alaska, USA): "Mark Berch Department: Just as the weather started to get really nasty for all the midwesterners, the temperature here in Anchorage jumped from about -15° to 15° above in about 3 days. Ah, how nice to be warm again."

Mark Berch (Virginia, USA): "I'd comment on your weather comments, but I have a reputation to keep up with in this regard....."

In North American zines, it has been a tradition to call any weather reports the "Mark Berch Department". In Memphis, it got down to 2° above zero with a wind chill factor of -16°. We are not used to such weather here. My water pipes was among the many that froze(I could wash dishes but not take a bath for two days so it was--Hi Mom., Hi Dad!) but fortunately they didn't bust as many did. It is usually in the mid 20s here at the lowest! Brrr!! I did notice that Alaska was much warmer than Tennessee for awhile. And Europe has really been hit hard but has any place been as heavily hit as Minnesota?! Scott even had this month's issue of Irksome imitating Pravda. He must have gotten an actual copy of that paper. Can we blame this arctic air on the Soviets? Da, Conner!

Tom Mainardi (Pennsylvania, USA): "Just a quick note to Oriana Fallaci and Tom Franke: the idiot who wrote that trashy article about Italians is Mike Mills who lives at 47 B. Mayer Dr., Suffern, New York 10901 USA. That's just in case you wish to send him a personal note. Don't delete this, please Gary. Mills should have the credit for his work. I'm giving it to him.

Gregory Russell (Ontario, Canada): "Well, I think the term "idiot" is a little strong for Mills but he can have the credit for his work as long as he leaves mine along. I wrote an article for him about Mainardi stabbing him at last summer's GenCon and he tampered with it while retyping it for his stencil and added several anti-Italian slurs directed at Mainardi and even anti-Southern slurs at you since you were also in that game. Frankly, it shocked me when I read that article on the last page of EE #9."

C-G Spare(Finland): "On the last page you must have been tired and slipped, or how else do you explain giving space to that miserable Eldridge? He did not even have the guts to write under his own name. I think he is the greatest kusipää and persereika"! His sorry piece on the Italians does not even have the redeeming quality of humour. Whazzamatta you, Garybaldi, he hasa gotta sumtinga on you, hey? You tella him to shadduppa his face! I guess I got so excited about this because there is nothing we Finns hate as much as race discrimination and gypsies."

Mike Mills (New York, USA): "I think I should respond to several misconceptions concerning the article in EE #9 by George Eldridge. George says that the thing wasn't against the Italians but anti-Mainardi (Coat of Arms--Bersaglieri). Obviously, not all Italians work in Sears' paint department and drive Accords, qui? Tom understands that it was anti-Benny, since he wrete anti-Mills in Bersaglieri. If we two can take it for what it was/is, why can't everyone else? Maybe they're just bleeding-heart liberals covering their bigotry with empty words."

Gregory, I know exactly how you feel!

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Further, my personal reasons for not wanting cruise missiles here is because it is that it is not necessary for military reasons. At the moment the NATO defense in Western Europe is strong enough. I think the US is strongly influenced by the propaganda of the armament lobby. (I don't know if this is the right word for what I mean)."

John Marsden (United Kingdom): "As one who likes to keep an open mind and listen to other points of view, I found John Michalski's article profoundly saddening. Such arrogance, such blind assumption that "America is Right", shows a very blinkered view of the world. The whole of John's article is summed up in his paragraph(2): "the one society that provided the best for the most people exists today, in the US." I would argue that John has no right to say that. O.K., the US suits him, and that's fine with me, but I and millions of others are not greatly impressed by what we know of the US, and prefer the more caring and less money-oriented societies of western Europe. I'm not suggesting that John should agree with me, merely temper his arrogance and accept that others see the world differently from him.

The remainder of the article really follows from the one claim. Because "America is Best", therefore what is right for America must be right for the rest of the world. It is precisely this that is being questioned here in Europe. No independent nation likes being dictated to by another, yet the US seems to think that she can dictate to us in Europe. The more we hear "do what we think is best for the Alliance, or we will pull out", the more the cry will go up "Go Home, Yankee Imperialists."

The question of nuclear weapons which is what started the argument off is a case in point. The talk now from the Pentagon is all of "tactical" nuclear weapons and "limited" or "theater" nuclear war. "Limited" to what? To the European "theater", of course. The analogy is quite a good one, actually—of Afferica and Russia sitting in the stalls firing missiles onto the blazing stage—Europe.

Add to this the talk of "first-strike capability", and the conclusion that we in Europe come to is that the US military establishment(at least) would like to start a muclear war thatwould cripple the USSR, devastate Europe, and leave the US relatively unscathed and in position to assume World Domination(i.e., as John would see it, her natural place). Our response is: we are not prepared to lay down our lives to save America.

The USSR exists; its influence over certain areas was agreed to at Yalta and Helsinki. We in Europe are prepared to accept that, and to seek to live in peaceful disagreement with them. The aggressive stance of the US, and the proclamation of views like those of John Michalski, will only make more Europeans wonder whether American isolationism might not be better for us than American interference."

C-G Spare(Finland): "Europeans do not hate Americans, far from it. Demonstrations outside American embassies might be communist-inspired, to be sure. But ordinary people take part in them because of disappointment, not hate. The Americans have always purported to be the freest, fightingest for democracy people of the world, and they have generally been believed. When they have acted contrary to those ideals, as in Vietnam, people have been very frustrated and disappointed. If you buy something with a deceitful guarantee you are liable to swear at the manufacturer. Nobody has expected the Bolsheviks to be anything but imperialist totalitarians, so there is nothing to be disappointed at.

We Scandinavians respect and admire Americans. We

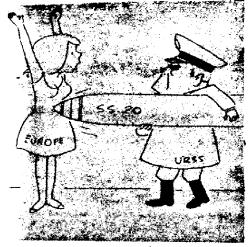
☐ So many points to deal with. First of all, I do not think Americans are are naive as you think

hope that in time you might be less naive."

nor are we more money-hungry than Western Europe.

I wrote Jaap personally and send him some of newspaper clippings. John Marsden and Michel Liesnard have sent me newspaper clipping. We all seem to be at cross-purposes. I have never worried about the appeal of isolationism in this country before but what I'm reading and the way that even I am feeling about events in Europe scares me. I somewhat arrogantly perhaps

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"Neutrality or your life!" © Padry, Le Hérisson, Paris

consider myself fairly well-informed about world events. I did not vote for Reagan and so far I consider him inept in foreign affairs. For instance, Poland is in Europe. Let the European allies suggest what should be done. I'm tired of the US seemingly the only nation to do anything. And the reason I feel that Western Europe (and not let's forget Japan) are so reluctant to do anything is because of trade, money. So much for the less-oriented-to-money societies of Western Europe. If Europe refuses to get excited about Afganistan, Poland, the Russian sub in Sweden, I don't see why the US should care either.

"Will it play in Peoria" (Illinois) is a political saying in the US for getting a policy accepted by what is considered the typical American. A recent article started out with: "An old, familiar sentiment is rising again in the Midwest; isolationism." It talked to employees of Caterpillar which was to have sold 200 pipelayers for Russia's east-west gas pipeline. "Was" because Reagan's sanctions prevented that. Europeans who are not participating in the sanctions will no doubt rush in to fill those orders. Who's money-hungry?

Some of the comments were that Reagan was "too hardnosed on this deal with Russia and Poland. I'd rather we just stayed out of there." "My dad was a Navy man, and I'm one who thinks we owe allegiance to the commander-in-chief. I got no sympathy for the Russians putting down Solidarity. But I tell you, Reagan better be answering why the Germans and Japanese never want to follow our lead. And if they're playing that game, he better tell us why we should allow them to sell anything in this country. Anything." "We freely confess that we are also sick and tired of European nations taking for granted a whole range of things, in which we are supposed to eat disadvantages while they complain about our policies and go their own way. It might be better if we all went our own ways for a while. Let them quit taking us for granted--even as they kick us in the shins."

The article goes on to say(and that have been many such articles in the US press lately) the following: "Peoria is less prone to economic or political isolationism than other Midwest cities because Caterpillar is an international trade giant, and its management's thinking pervades the local consciousness....If anybody in the Reagan administration, in Bonn, or Paris or Tokyo is in doubt about the dangerous direction American opinion is heading—let them listen to the voices from Peoria."

I think I agree most with a letter to the editor in a national weekly, <u>US News and World Report</u> which stated: "While it is easy to see why Europeans are frightened, the irony of the situation would be funny if it were not so deadly. The Soviets invade Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, they may invade Poland and even the Mideast--but Reagan is the warmonger. Of course, I would be scared if there were a good chance World War III would take place in my front yard, but I hope my accusing finger would be pointed in the right direction." Is American isolationism being presented in Europe as strong as it seems to be? If not, it should be. Here are some more views.

Bob Osuch (Illinois, USA): "I think it's sad when people learn to value their existence over their freedom, as Gooff Challinger does. Geeze, if people all felt that way, we'd be in sad shape."

Mike Mills (New York, USA): "Answer me this: "Why do European subbers get so upset with John Michalski?" I believe their splenic retorts are honest and sincere, but though I disagree with John on some matters, I can't disagree with the picture he is trying to create for the US. Am I, somewhat representative of East coast public opinion, that out of touch with current European sentiments concerning the Trident, the USSR and all that?" John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "If they don't want us there, fine. I'd pull out in 15 days flat. Let them face the Russians with their placards and socialist chants. Once they're in chains, I'd just nuke the shit out of the whole place."

Mark Fassio (Pennsylvania, USA): I'd like to thank John Michalski for his article--he says a lot of things I think, but have never gotten around to writing down. I too have little use for European arguments that reek of appeasement or an 'ostrich' mentality(i.e. stick your head in the sand, and all your problems will disappear). If they don't want our missiles or our troops, then tell us to go home lock, stock and barrel. But the next time an enemy comes around, "don't call us, we'll call you." Incidentally, that's my

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personal view -- as a military officer, I stick by the policies of the Nation and its leaders. Actually I like the Europeans (the ones I've met) and I'm not such a hardhead as to ignore the real fears of Europeans who think they're just nuclear pawns in a big-power game of chicken. But unilateral disarmament and placating the Soviets brings back memories of 1938 Munich. Like one quote I read sums up, "A rabid dog doesn't stop attacking just because he's thrown a

bone." Ditto for Moscow."

Tom Mainardi(Pennsylvania, USA): "In reference to Michalski's article: There are things I agree with and disagree with. His assessment of Socialism and its goals doesn't seem to be quite on target. I'm no expert on Socialism but he seemed to have boiled it down to very simple terms which just don't agree with what I've learned Socialism to be. I'm sure Michel will answer that part.

As for the attitude of the Europeans in recent times, I agree with John very much. All I need to do is point to the article by Geoff Challinger. I mean, he sounds like a "I wouldn't worry, sir. We calculate they left-over Flower Child. He's either that or a complete idiot! represent only 39.6 per cent of the Global disarmament. Dream on, Geoff. Oh, it'll probably

come someday but we'll never see it in our lifetime. It's almost impossible to believe that there are people naive enough to think that if the West gets rid of its defences that the Russians will say to themselves, "Gee, let's get rid of our arms too."

Challinger's bit about giving up freedome for "life" contradicts everything that men have died for for thousands of years! Have you forgotten already, Geoff, what happened just a few years ago? World War II, Geoff. When your country refused to yield to the concept of "life without freedom." I am totally flabbergasted that someone from the free West would say such a thing.

I doubt that that is the majority feeling over there. But to even have the thought of giving up freedom for "life" is dangerous and it does scare me to know that that type of warped thinking could spread. This is the kind of thinking that the Russians would like for all western Europeans to have. It would only make their "demination" that much easier. The Russians are very aggressive. Take a look at Afghanistan and who do you think is pulling the strings in Poland? And let's not forget to mention Russian-financed terrorism all over the world.

I'm not saying that the US or the West's record is perfect but come on, Geoff, OPEN YOUR EYES! At least in our countries we can go where we want, when we want, with whom we want, etc., etc.,. That simple freedom, obviously taken for granted by you, is worth life itself because it is life."

Rick Holman(United Kingdom): "I take exception to Geoff Challinger's rather arrogant letter. When he says 'we' does he mean the UK or the allies? And who says we're more civilized 'in theory.' (his quote). To take his parallel of 2 people with guns, I'd prefer that to the other person having a gun, and me having a friend with a gun several miles away. He is prepared to lose all his freedoms? The man's insane. That could be living death. Losing all freedom implies giving up all rights to make decisions -- what to do, how to do it and when."

There is lot to be said for both sides. My beef is that our "leaders" are not talking to each other. And Mike, John's "nuking" statements are probably why the Europeans get so upset with him. But they should realize that many of his points are valid and many American are beginning to think about just what we are getting out of the alliances we have. Enough of this topic for now.

Dixie Gray(Oklahoma, USA): "Your name was given to me by a mutual friend, Dr. Al Giddings. I am interested in getting into a game of postal Diplomacy; Al told me you didn't have any openings but that you had an active letter column and maybe, if solicited, I may get an opening from someone else. So if any of you guys out there need a meventh, let me know. I would like to establish myself as the "porno queen" of Diplomacy, a pleage to add a pornographic article or photo with every letter I send. Any takers out there?"

U No! I didn't make this letter up! Dixie's address is PO Box 306, Enid, Oklahoma 73702 USA. Just don't enter too many games. I'll send you the name of two GMs you might be interested in. Thanks for writing.

'Mickie McAuley(Ontario, Canada): "Here are my New Year Resolutions: (1) To lose some weight, (2) To get into the Air Force and survive Basic Training, (3) To get more into Postal Diplomacy, (4) To get more into Dungeons and Dragons and (5) to actually talk to you face-to-face!"

[] Mickie called me on Christmas Day and really made the holiday special. We had only talked on cassette tapes before. Maybe I can hitch a ride to Canada with Dave Carter who is also going to Origins in Baltimore this July(Julia, his wife, wants to adopt

me I've heard) Michel Liesnard, I hope you are reading this because Mickie would be great for Chantecler—she reads, writes and speaks French!

Fredrik Malmberg (Sweden): "Most Swedes didn't like that the Russian submarine was allowed to leave. Now they make medals, model kits, T-shirts and postcards, all with this sub scene. Whiskey on the rocks, eh!?...And who was it that attacked our foreign policies in EE!? What a man! Even if I agree somewhat, I have to officially disagree as this is my country where my roots stem from! He is wrong! Only 4% of the population are commiss, the majority right now is Conservative/Liberal and 45% are Social Democrats."

I wouldn't mind having a sub T-shirt. Let me know the price, eh? But the other part of your letter disappoints me. I thought that it was popular current European belief that only a German Nazi and an American could say: "My country, right or wrong!" Hhhmmmmm.

Mark Berch (Virginia, USA): [EXCERPTS] "I did want to comment, tho, on monster issues. Subjectively, they are great fun to read. But objectively, they are not such a good idea. They add to the burnout risk, because such an enormous amount of effort goes into generating them....It's the mistake of trying to play in a lot of games and produce an oversized zine. By oversized I mean anything larger than about 16 pages on a regular basis....I've noticed a few gamestarts for you recently. It's so easy to be pressured into this—you want to help someone fill his games, your friends are signed up for it, and after all, the reason we're here is to play the game, right? But in reality, it points to one of the least mentioned secrets of all. Publishing a top-quality zine and playing dippy postally are really two separate hobbys, and one must weigh them versus the other...I'm not suggesting that you don't play at all. But please be cautious.."

Mark Lew(Alaska, USA): "...the digest is okay I guess. A few more issues like this and you'll be 10 by Leeder poll time. (And I don't give away 10s like some people. Last poll I gave 2 out of about 50 zeens)."

When I started publishing EE, I was in 9 Diplomacy games and one Mastermind game. If those original games, the Mastermind game has ended and so have 5 Dip games. This leaves 4 of which 2 are on the point of ending for me which leaves 2 real games from the original 9. I have since entered only two games and I was not pressured into them by any means. The hardest part about Diplomacy is learning to say no to a gamemaster who wants you to enter one of his games. I have long since learned to say no and mean it. EE #10, as was explained in EE #10, was an experiment. I was a kid with a new toy. I aim for about 28 pages that I myself do and guess how was EE #11 has? 28! But I do appreciate your concern, Mark B. I also publish every 5 weeks unlike most who pub every 4 weeks. This issue has been the easiest for me to ever do and it's been done in 2 days and I could have done it last weekend, except for the games, but I'm not that organized yet. I don't forsee burnout because I have been careful. My one regret is that cannot answer letters as I once did. As for you Mark Lew, you can keep your "10" if that is what I have to do to earn it. But I will make you a deal. You put out one, just one, 44-page Benzene and mail it to everyone on my address list and I'll give you a 10 and a lifetime sub to EE, and any five other zines you name.

Don Swartz (Kentucky, USA): "I definitely hope to go to Chicago in May (Memorial Day weekend?). Please keep me updated on the specifics."

As far as I know, that is still when it is. It seems like a lot of people are going to so it's a good thing that several hobby members live in Chicago with big houses and generous hearts! I am going and John Michalski has even said he will try to make it.

Mark Largelere (Maryland, USA): "Appalling Greed 'the only 3 week deadline zine'?! You've hever heard of Graustark?"

I will end on that happy note and also mention BOAST too!

Russia to Turkey: Sorry, but I prefer to keep my options open at this time. But it was a legal move, for what that's worth. Rome to Constantinople: Hi, remember me? Why don't you entertain us with some of your patented, digusting press releases. And everyone thinks you're so articulate. HAH! King Rump to the Turkish Grammarian: I hope you recognize how hard I've worked to hopefully . not split an infinitive. I didn't use no double negatives. No sentence fragments, neither. I've taken the bull by the hand and attempted not to mix metaphors. I've proofread carefully to be sure I haven't any words out. And of course one never starts a sentence with a conjunction. Last but not least, I have avoided clickes like the plague, and of course writing carefully dangling participles must be avoided. If you choose to reply please avoid run-on sentences they are hard to read, avoid commas, that are not necessary, write all adverbial forms correct, ateer clear of incorrect forms of verbs that have smuck in the language, never, ever use repetive redundancies, always pick on the correct idion, avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky, don't use contractions in formal writing, and don't string too many prepositional phrases together unless you're walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Do I make myself clear? Austria to England: Are you on drugs? Would you please make up your mind what you want out of this game? My patience has its limits and you are rapidly approaching them. Rome to London: Deploreth not the wise man's anger, rather go poketh thine Fat Aunt Fred. STOCKHOLM - (Russia): In a surprise announcement, the Committee has awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize for Impudence to Carry Hamlin in recognition of his performance in this game. In a prepared statement, the Committee declared, "In recognition of the recipient's extraordinary efforts to make himself hated throughout Europe, the unseemly nature of his public statements, and the ludicrous boastfulness with which he advertises his botched position, the judges felt that the award should be made as soon as possible. After all, considering the diplomatic foundation this fine candidate for Dummy of the Year has erected, by 1905 it might be too late." Russia to England: To clarify, I don't like you much. I like you a little more than BRUX likes Jack Masters, but I den't like you as much as John Michalski likes Buddy Tretick. Rome to Vienna: I agree with you 100%, he is a total dickhead. So why do you pretend to like him? Doomed Doomie:let yourself go!..... Rome to London: An umbilical cord is not hastily severed. GREAT DOOMIE OF THE YEAR: Anybody want a puppet? Oh, you do? Well, go see Gepetto. I do what I please. Tsarlie Brown to Count Vlad: Help!!! OSUCH to DUNGBRAIN: All kidding aside, don't you ever associate me with Hamlin again. If you want to start hitting below the belt, fine, but two can play at that game! Liverpool to Beatle-Quoting BRUX: Oo-oo-oo? You'll be able to sing that a little higher when I'm through with you, sir. (Count on it.) Rome to Faris: Please let me know if you experience any excruciatingly sharp pains in your gonads. If not, I'm returning this book on black magic. Buddy to Bernie: I see in the recent Diplomacy Digest that Caklyn has taken to bribing players in his games with real money. I'm glad I never had to stoop to such things, especially in this game. Buddy to Gary: By the way, do you have change for a quarter? Nobody in this game gets a quarter, much less change -- snort, hyork. Gary to Buddy: Rome to Paris: Are you one of those Big Shots? Memphis to Rome: To me a Big Shot is one who can buy, and sell, entire countries! Russia to Germany: What the heck, I changed my mind. You can have Sweden after all. Russia to Saxe-Coburg-Germany: That's an interesting idea you have, to avoid being encircled by England. Yours is almost a "demonstration game" of sorts, for those who can observe and learn. Rome to Trieste: Yeah, I've heard he gives good skull, but what does that have to do with anything. WICHITA to Memphis: With this surfeit of enemies to justly chastise I think I've been

neglecting you. Let's see...oh yes, one thing I wanted to know is, why is it that EE no longer jiggelates lubstibles? What happened? Did you lose your jiggelational

Memphis to Wichita: What we have here is a failure to communicate! The correct term is "jigglelate luhtisibles." Kaint y'all spel? But turn to page \3 for more details on jigglelating luhtisibles and turn to page \4 for the rest of your press.

abilities, or have we lost our luhstibles?

"Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM Press, continued from page 23.

Wichita to Memphis: I notice an error on your sub list. You have Dan Stafford listed, but you do not acknowledge that the Sleaze has his own subzine(of what, I won't say),

Diplomacy By Fluorescence. How about a plug?

<u>Memphis to Wichita</u>: Hope, I'm trying to give it up this year.

<u>Wichita to Memphis</u>: That's a publicity plug, not a plug uh tabacky. (EE: the spittoon

of postal Diplomacy?)

Memphis to Wichita: Only when I get press releases like that onet...... Russia to Alsace-Lorraine Italy: Oh, Princess, you'll never know how grateful I am for your support in this game. If only you were in this one--we'd crush them like the insects they are. Well, it's not to be, but it's nice to know that somebody appreciates me. Maybe that's why you're the #1 player in the hobby, and these sorry clucks are ... well, just sorry clucks.



I know the players of Alsace-Lorraine are about as happy as Garfield is that their game will be 10 weeks after all. But, an anonymous someone (not me!) wrote this about your game. It is anot by anyone in Alsage-Lorraine. I haven't room to print it all but the author did say: "Rottendam-san-Zee is an independent Principality lying on the Zuider Zee just north of the Dutch city of Amsterdam. Area: about 5 sq. miles; population: about 1300. The current Prince of Rottendam is Baldwig XIII. The ruling House is the House of Lemon(hence the popular saying on Coronation Day, ** 'Boy, did we get a Lemon!') ... Lady Esther Titt-Warbel, in her

review of Rottendam-san-Zee for the Times, put it succinctly in a single word: 'Tacky'

Item in DAS GENFER GESASS, of Geneva, 16 June 1901:

EUROPEAN PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

It is reliably reported to this paper, as an exclusive, that a pan-European peace conference is to be held shortly. The site of the conference has only been recently determined and our correspondent has this to say as to how the selection was made.

Since the conference is to be attended by the First Ministers of the High Belligerent Parties, it was difficult to get them to agree on a neutral place they all liked. In fact, there was no place on which they could all agree as to liking it. The question was therefore put to the Esteemed Ministers if they would list the places they didn't like. and which were neutral. On this basis a unique and suitable choice was arrived at. The Ministers unanimously agreed that they detested Rottendam-aan-Zee. This has become. correspondingly, the site of the Conference (in spite of a persistent rumor that one Minister really does like it; the Italian Government have denied this).

The English Prime Minister, Lord Close, was heard to remark when notified of the "Damned muisance! War isn't had a fair chance yet and they've got up a conference, "Dammed muisance! War isn't had a fair ch conference. The Queen would never have stood for it."

Italy's Minister of State, Catarina Byrnetti, was unavailable for comment, but is known to have vacationed in Rottendam. On at least one occasion she is said to have lost 10,000 lira at the Golden Windmill. "Where else," she commented afterward, "can you gamble all night and only have it cost you a buck twenty-five."

The Russian Empire's First Minister, Maryon Baron(or Baroness) Batisov, registered her(or his) disgust with the site in a terse telegram: "Wish to register disgust with site. Please advise hours of Whip and Spur." Baroness(or Baron) Batisov has long intrigued Europe with the fact that he(or she) is a transvestite, but nobody can figure out whether Batisov is being a transvestite when he is wearing women's clothes or when the is wearing men's clothes. This will be the First Minister's first public appearance since her(or his) abduction and rape by the mad hermaphrodite anarchist, Saknus Arnesson ... who isn't saying, even under police torture, who did what to whom, nor with which, and this has made the matter even more confusing. Rumors that one of them is pregnant abound (as do rumors that both of them are).

French President T. Phranque has indicated his intention of attending the conference personally. He is, however, insisting on thorough security arrangements. In fact, his confirming telegram read, "This confirms I am coming. Insist on thorough security arrangements. Required physical standards for members of my security guard to follow. Pleass advise hours of Whip and Spur." ((Continued on page 25)) Pleass advise hours of Whip and Spur."

Grand Pasha Mik'ali Ben Lede was almost impossible to locate for an interview. He was finally found in a squirming pile of his own eunuchs. "Well," His Excellency said after extricating himself, "when you keep a harem, you just have to keep everybody happy." When asked about the peace conference, Ben Lede said, "Well, you know, the war is a frightful bore. We're already guaranteed to win it, you know, which rather takes the excitement out of the whole thing. I'd much rather have the excitement of the hunt, you know; and the Golden Windmill's a bit of all right, not to mention Pykoop Square." We naturally asked about the Whip and Spur. "Oh, well, you know, for a bit of innocent titillation it's fine, but, frankly, those Armenians....."

Berlin still has not confirmed rumors that War Minister Uhaar would represent the Reich at the conference. Attempts to reach the Minister at the War Ministry were unsuccessful, and our reporter was informed that Uhaar was in Königsberg, and would travel thence to Breslau, "making arrangements that would insure strict compliance with the terms of the Russo-German Non-Aggression Pact of 1900." We were unable to confirm his attendance; however, an employee of the Whip and Spur, Brünnhilde Eisenhüften, has claimed to have made "certain arrangements" with a "certain German gentleman" at about the time of the Conference.

We were finally able to contact Dr. Malko Schmidt, the Hungaro-Austrian Chancellor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Reichskanzler did state that "I am going to the Rottendam with Alacrity." Our readers should know that Alacrity Jones is one of the stars of a touring American minstrel show, whom Herr Schmidt met at St. Stephens while attending the funeral of one of his political rivals. Miss Jones stated to us that she was unaware of any trip to Rottendam, but would be glad to go. "I think the world of Malko, and so does my mammy." Miss Jones' mother, the former slave Jemimah Jones, is well-known in America for her fine line of pancake mixes and ether household products. Miss Jones felt that the Reichskanzler was saving the trip for a surprise. "That man's just full of little unexpected things. Why, the tricks he knows with whipped cream..."
DISPATCH TO DAS GENFER GESÄSS from Correspondent Dietrich Verleumdung in Rottendam: (27 November 1901):

The great Pan-European Peace Conference will begin in this little Principality next month and already the city...uh town..uh, place is getting ready to welcome its guests. Every establishment in the entertainment district has laid in a supply of fresh new red light bulbs. We are told that the Prince has made arrangements to insure that the bananas in the dikes are changed not less often than every two days, to minimize unsightly brown spotting. In fact, the major-domo at the palace assures us that the larger holes are going to be filled with imported cotto salami. This will be changed every third day if not eaten by Rottendam's famous carniverous seagulls first. The Rottendammers always make sure their seagulls are well fed. First thing in the morning. In a way, the gulls make for a nicer city. People may get drunk, but nobody sleeps it off in the street. Not more than once anyway. Further news on the peace conference follow as available.

((Some explanatory notes from the author: "Other important tourist sites in the small Principality are.....the Golden Windmill(one of several internationally famous wagering establishments); the Whip and Spur(an amusement spot famous throughout France and Italy); the statute of Prince Zkruem II(kept veiled and shown only to specially selected tourists over the age of 21); and Pykoop Square(a well-frequented promenade)."

"One of the most interesting sights in Rottendam are the dikes which keep the sea from overwhelming the entire country(more or less). These were constructed in 1628 and have not been repaired since. In the 18th century, the holes in the dikes were plugged with little boys' fingers(generally with the little boys still attached), but most of the holes are now plugged with bananas. The current Prince was once asked about this practice by Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. His answer was, reportedly, "Well, Your Imperial Majesty, it's all in knowing what dikes like."

Thanks to the mastery writer!))

PICTURE CONTEST!!! Remember to send in a guess for the person in the picture on page 33 in EE #10. The guesses will be printed in the February issue of EE(#12). And remember that EE would like a black-and-white photo of you. Find out what people think of you from your picture alone! To you look like an Austria or an England or a stabber or...

HOBBY-WIDE NEWS



Well the deadline for the Jihad "Class of 1981" Poll has passed (although I haven't heard the results) but there is still one poll left for you to make your feelings known. The Beyerlein Player Poll has a deadline of February 15th and you are to list the 14 people "who, in your opinion are the best Diplomacy players now active in the hobby. List them in order from 1st to 14th. Sign the list and send it to:" Doug Beyerlein, 640 College, Menlo Park, California 94025 USA. Doug says you can list less than 14 but asks that you list at least 7. This is the first BPP since 1975 so VOTE:

¶ John Michalski has returned to publishing! His Mos Eisley Spaceport is a subzine in the now digest-size Irksome (Scott Hanson, 701 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 USA). What is ironic is that Irksome was once the subzine of John's Brutus Bulletin which folded last October! So now "the child is the father of the man" I guess. MES had four pages of letters, John's comments and some cartoons.

¶ NEED-A-STANDBY LIST: Yes, pubbers if you don't have any use for the Need-A-Game column run by Rod Walker("alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, California 92024 USA), you can now advertise for standbys something all pubbers want(But not EE! EE wants Malmbergers!) by sending Rod an SASE(Self-addressed stamped envelope) for the forms you need to fill out about what games or variants you need standbys for.

ANOTHER ZINE FOR YOU TO DIGEST! The switch-over to digest continues with Anduin making the crossever this month. Anduin is pubbed by Eric Kane(109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, New York 11024 USA) who said: "Digest is the cheapest way that I can find. If I nadn't gone to digest size, I would've had to hike the price." The last Paranoiacs' Monthly(Jack Fleming, 5000 22nd NE, #211, Seattle, Washington 98105 USA) was also ligest but I don't know if that is a permanent switch or not. Jack once did PM on a postcard!

¶ A ZINE PLUG WRITTEN BY YOU FOR YOUR ZINE: Yes, in Diplomacy By Moonlight, Eric Ozog(1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60651 USA is letting pubbers write their own plugs for their zine since he feels that they know it best. The first one was for Hoof & Mouth but Don Sigwalt claims he didn't write it. Anyway it sounds like a good idea and DEM has become one of my favorite zines. How Eric can dress up like a "desert elf" with a wig and cream-colored velour shirt and go out in public(it was Halloween) and still call himself "shy" is beyond me!

W Speaking of Hoof & Mouth (Don Sigwalt, 125 Hebard St., Rochester, New York 14605 USA) if you haven't seen it lately, you haven't seen it. From a 4-page 80 cents issue zine, H & M has gone to 12 full pages for 45 cents. Don has a good letter celumn and games with maps. His logo, where the H is formed by hs and the 0 if formed by o's and so on is very reminiscent of many British zines.

I am told that <u>Black Frog</u> will be folding and that sub checks will shortly be refunded to <u>BF</u> subbers. <u>BF</u> was pubbed by Jack Masters and, although he became deeply involved in hobby controversy recently, I will miss his zine. I notice Jack has a new game start in <u>Rus-Q?</u> so he isn't entirely leaving the hobby.

¶ DIPCON XV will be held in Baltimore, Maryland USA the weekend of July 23-25, 1982, and there will be two rounds of Diplomacy. The latest <u>Diplomacy World</u> says: "Details on the Con in general and the Tournament in particular may be obtained by sending SASE to Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 USA.

The next issue of EUROPA EXPRESS, EE #12, will be the issue about women in Diplomacy. Have you neglected your wife, your girlfriend, daughter or mother? This is your chance to show how much you have appreciated them. EE will print the names of the one(or two) females in your life who have often taken a back seat to your passion for Diplomacy in issue 12. Do something for them for once. The names will be listed in alphabetical order and will not be identifed with you.

Weekend but right now it is the Superbowl. Go Cincinnati!! (Dallas was robbed!!!)



The names of the games in EUROPA EXPRESS are sometimes obscure if you are not very familiar with the history of World War I. Each EE game has been named for something having to do with World War I which is the scenario of our game of Diplomacy. I will explain the game names in the order that they appeared in history and will do two games' names this issue and two next issue. Sorry Saxe-Coburg-Gotha/Windsor but you have to wait until next time to find out your

game's name as does Swedish Roundabout.

I find the World War I history intensely interesting but I will not go into detail. The map on this page is the border between France and Germany. The number identifications are: (1) Belgium; (2) Luxembourg; (3) Germany; (4) France; (5) Switzerland; (6) Austria; and (7) Alsace-Lorraine.

ALSACE-LORRAINE (1981 IC): Alsace-Lorraine is a border region over which the Germans and French have quarrelled for centuries. 85% of the population speaks German but the people have considered themselves French ever since the French Revolution in 1789.

Up until 1870, the nation we know on our Diplomacy board as Germany was divided into many quarrelling countries of which the strongest was Prussia. In 1870 France and Prussia went to war and the other German states fought with Prussia. The world expected France to win but Prussia was the overwhelming victor.

The German states, heady with victory, recognized the King of Prussia as the German Kaiser ("Emperor" in German) and formed a single Germany. Almost overnight, a collection of small states had become the most powerful nation in Europe--Germany:

This new Germany annexed the Largely German-speaking Alsace-Lorraine despite their protests that they were French. This situation would be comparable to the US annexing Canada. True we speak the same language but our histories, traditions and outlooks are different. So it was with Alsace-Lorraine and Germany.

This annexation made France bitter over her "lost provinces" but she was too weak to fight Germany alone so she sought allies. Germany strove to keep France isolated and was successful at first. But later France and Germany formed alliances against each other which eventually led to World War I. At the end of the war, France took Alsace-Lorraine back from Germany. Many consider the annexation of Elsace-Lorraine to be main reason for the war because of the reaction of the French on losing it.

APIS (1981 AO): Austria-Hungary was made up of different nationalities many of whom wanted to have their own country. Independent nations around Austria-Hungary wanted territories and people that they considered rightfully theirs by reasons of race or language. One of the most antagonistic countries toward Austria-Hungary was Serbia.

Serbia wanted a large part of what is Trieste on our Diplomacy board. This was intolerable to Austria-Hungary which was a Great Power who regarded Serbia as an obnoxious upstart of a nation. Much of Serbia's trade went through Austria-Hungary because Serbia didn't have a seacoast. Often Austria-Hungary would shut down the border which enraged Serbian nationalists.

Some of the Serbs joined a terrorist group called the "Black Hand" which was dedicated to recovering lands from Austria-Hungary that they considered theirs. The "Black Hand" had informal ties with the Serbian Government.

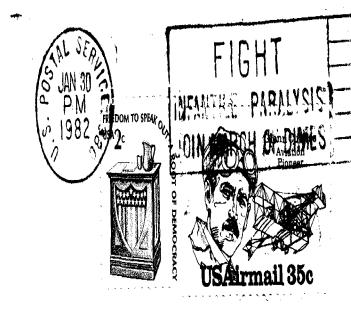
When the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, visited Sarajevo, a city in this disputed territory, he was assassinated. No one in Austria-Hungary really liked Franz Ferdinand but they decided to use his murder to get rid of Serbia for once and for all. Austria accused the Serbian Government of helping the Black Hand kill him. This was not true but the Serbian Government did have prior knowledge that the Black Hand might attempt to create an incident. The Chief of Intelligence of the Serbian Army held membership card No. 6 in the Black Hand. His code name was "Apis", the Bee.

Russia considered herself the protector of all Slavic nations and Serbia was Slavic. Russia would not let Serbia be crushed and Austria refused to heed all warnings and this caused other nations to be dragged into a great war over a simple incident. The great war was World War I and after it was over, Serbia took over the disputed territory and is the nation we know today as Yugoslavia. "Apis" has deep roots in World War I.

((Next Time will be "Windsor" and "Swedish Roundabout"))



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