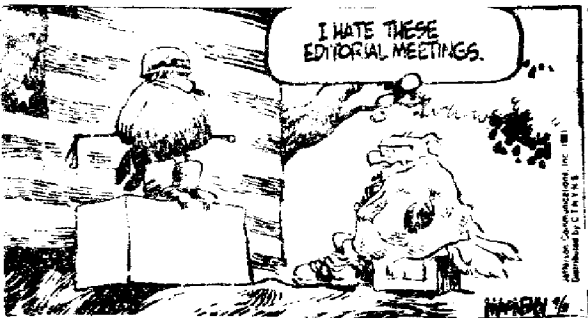


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BEAT ME, KICK ME!!!

This isn't really an editorial but I guess it is about responsibility 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 triple-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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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!
[FRANCE]- 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?
Hugue de Golff: Even these pigs show mercy--they let us live one more season!
Memphis 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", pronounced with both hands.
Memphis to Apis: Mike Mazzer claims he is Italian. Hhhmm. Anyway here is the chart:

\$ 1903 Supply Center Chart \$

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P*RANGSU:		Tri , Tri	Mar, Spa	2	-1(unless OTB)
ROSIA:		Tri	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	7	+1
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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 feml-nines! *Ben Sampson!*

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(The Compendium)
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Con In St. Louis(continued from page 11)

Bob: Who all is coming, Eric?
Eric: Coughlan, Guy and Libby Hail, Michalski, Jim Williams and Scott Hanson.
Pete: Why aren't we staying at the Holiday Inn?
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.
Pete: I hope I get a bed to myself. I need a good night's sleep.[Glances around] By the way, did I tell you guys that I spent last weekend in Wisconsin with 4 guys-- --and all of them were gay?!

Bob: You can have the bed! Is 'Big Bird' coming?
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.
Pete: God! I was still at the 'Pink Elephant' then.
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?
Pete: This isn't an ethnic joke is it? Doctor Boardman doesn't believe in ethnic jokes.
Bob: No, it is not an ethnic joke. Got an answer Eric?
Eric: I feel that an elephant has 4 feet because that's his own special unique kismet 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.
Pete: Neither do I. It sounds like something a Canadian would tell.
Bob: Sheeessh, I give up! How much longer till we get to St. Louis?
Eric: 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.
Dwayne: 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.
Bob: What's the name of your book?
Dwayne: 'My In-Laws Didn't Want Me To Have a New Lover' by Steve Heinowski.
Bob: Christ! Sounds like slime to me.

(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. Paul's car broke down and he called a St. Louis friend, Mike Grimm, to come get them).

Andy: I hope Mike gets here soon. I'm tired of watching cartoons in this gas station. 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.
Paul: Yeah, 'Buddie's Sunoco Station'--the in-spot of Staunton, Illinois eh?! I'll get my car towed home to Wisconsin next week.
Andy: I knew we should have taken my car but, oh no, you insisted we come in yours. I'm glad Walter isn't here to see this.
Paul: Your cousin Walter wouldn't have gone in your deathtrap anyway. Cheer up, things could be worse.
Andy: The only worse thing I can think of is when those stinging bees started crawling up my sleeve when I was going 70 miles per hour on my motorcycle.
Paul: Anyway, if we had come in your car, you wouldn't have had the CB radio to play around with. Say, why did you call yourself 'Water Rat' on the CB? I thought your handle was 'Big Bird'.
Andy: DON'T CALL ME BIG BIRD!!!
Paul: OK, don't get upset. You're not that tall and that thin.
Andy: AAAAAAARRRRRRRRGGGGCGGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!
Paul: I was just thinking. In St. Louis, I will see Michalski. I'll be the only one to have ever seen Michalski, Linsey and Doctor Boardman.
Andy: Ozog and Coughlan have seen Boardman and Linsey too and they'll both be in 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.
Andy: You----a Boardman Toady?!

Paul: Ribbit, ribbit, ribbit!!!

Jim: 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.

Jim: I love Tweety Bird! What I hate is collating your Irksomes. Why didn't you do 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 Irksome later.

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

Scott: You just saw her yesterday afternoon.

Jim: Yeah, I know but she can darn socks. I think I'll wear my 'Party Til You Puke' t-shirt today.

Scott: That's why I didn't think that you were you at the bus station. I had expected 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.

Jim: 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.

Scott: Michalski is the one I want to see. Irksome was a subzine in his Brutus Bulletin 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.))

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!!

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Bruce Linsey (New York, USA): Now that I've read most of the massive EE #10, I've a 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?" Reply: 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 1½ 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'd like to someday get into a game with Geoff Challenger. 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!

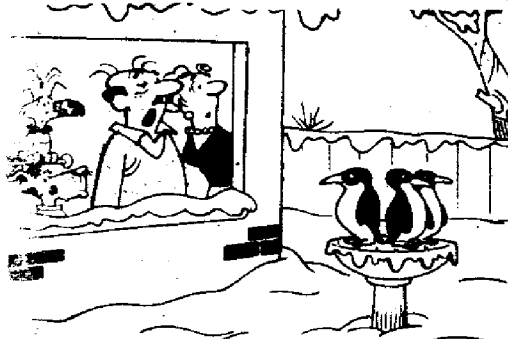
I too would be disappointed if EE goes gameless. The hobby needs GMs of your caliber...The cartoon for Alsace-Lorraine was great! Well, I gotta go. Keep up the nice work.

□ 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 objected 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 Whitstonia 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.

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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 13½ miles really makes a difference now. -50 to -65 degrees wind chill factor too. Wanna walk my route?!!! I don't; if I did out there my wife damn well better sue them to the hilt!

□ Even we postal workers don't like the USPS! More cold stories on page 18... (17)



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 slalom. I did 10 km and went for a 1 km swim after that."

ok we're in for a cold COLD winter."

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° wind 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! Brrrr!! 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!

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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 E. 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."

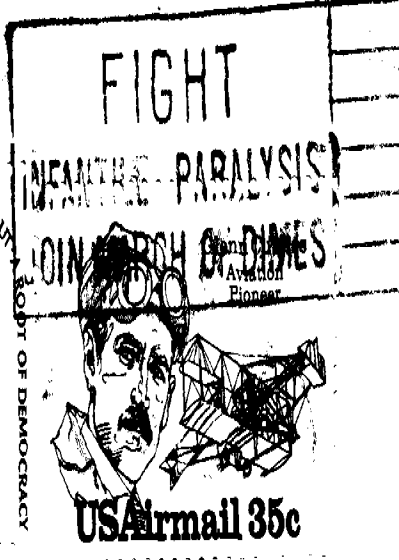
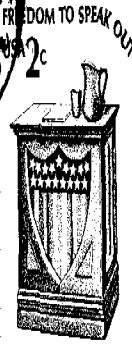
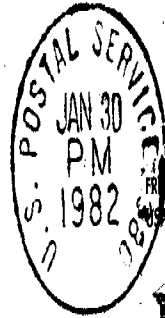
Mike Mills (New York, USA): "I think I should respond to several misconceptions concerning the article in EE #9 by George Eldridge. George says that the thing wasn't against the Italians but anti-Mainardi (Coat of Arms--Bersaglieri). Obviously, not all Italians work in Sears' paint department and drive Accords, qui? Tom understands that it was anti-Benny, since he wrote 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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