Europa ess THE PUBBER: Gary L. Coughlan 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, Tennessee 38118 USA **(901)**-362-7206 The number "13" is supposed to be unlucky, except in Korea. There the number "4" is the unlucky one (Really) So this is the 13th issue of EE and it's being done in the 4th month so watch out! Just to be

1982

Mass Marders in the Centerfold!

§ Didn't know the arrows would cause a mess! Well 1982 is \(\frac{1}{2} \) of the way gone and I have not seen a single new zine make its debut; have any of you? I don't know what that means but last year at this time there were at least two new zines, EE and Allen

Wells Dot Happy.

safe and appease the Dip Gods, EE has put some

Speaking of <u>Dot Happy</u>, in the latest issue Allen Wells stated the following:
"This will be the last <u>Dot Happy</u>. The last issue, #13, was just too much for me. The
thing that makes it worse is that I ran a dog over on the Mass Pike on the way home from
editing the last issue, and I had to spend a lot of time with the SPCA and local police
over the matter, and last week my driver's license was revoked for this incident. So,
Steve was good enough to drive me in to do this issue, but I must, regretfully, let you
know that this will be the last. I have talked this over at length with Mark Berch,
and all <u>Dot Happy</u> games will be transferred to his zine <u>Diplomacy Digest</u>. I'm sure that
he will give a good home to these games."

§ But it turned out to be an April Fool's joke; when you read the last page. But

the principle is clear: That was Allen's 13th issue too! Nice gag, Allen!

There should be something for everyone in this issue. There are articles by Bdb Olsen and Keith Sherwood, another wonderful DIPSCRIPTION by Pat Hart, the results of the Beyerlein Player Poll(on page 26), interesting game action, information on the Zine Directory, Son Of Lexicon, ORIGINS 1982 and ChicagoCon. And a letter column of 17 (sheesh!!) pages.

§ I have switched over to white mailing labels (what some would call a "clue"!)

§ I have switched over to white mailing labels (what some would call a "clue"!) since it will save me time addressing the zine which means you will get it quicker. Also, to those of you have wondered, the deadline for the games is not the deadline for the zine itself. The players get their game results mailed out either that day or the next day. The zine itself is put together the following week (after a trial and error method of finding the best way for me), and you should add about 2 weeks to that deadline to know when you get EE. Any earlier and we are both lucky!

§ The British version of our Zine Directory is now out(see page 28) but it is not called <u>Compendium</u> any longer as reported within EE but rather <u>Twenty Years</u> On. That name was chosen because "the first postal zine, <u>Graustark</u>, appeared in 1963

which is roughly twenty years ago." How to obtain it is told on page 28 also.

The Falkland/Malvinas Islands dispute between the United Kingdom and Argentina is at the center of the world stage as I write this. It seems like a return to an earlier age of imperialism with gunboat battles. One can see both sides. Britain stole it from Argentina and forcibly removed the inhabitants. The British would probably have to face Spain about Gibraltar and Guatemala over Belize if it loses.

§ DIPLOMACY is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and copyrighted by The Avalon Hill Company.

The Easter Bunny is bringing me lots of colored hard-boiled eggs, jelly beans, chocolate and candy. What are you getting??!!!!

Dear Doug

See page 26!

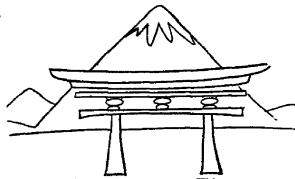
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	This issue's fittin honored recepient of a DIPSCRIPTION is our own Al Pearson who pubs Just Among Friends. The DIPSCRIPTIONS themselves are the brainchild of a son of the South(Yay!!), Pat Hart of South Carolina. Only Pat's DIPSCRIPTIONS will go on page 2 so that you will know he did them. I say that because a few of you have turned in DIPSCRIPTIONS of your own. These will be printed too. See Pat, you came up with a great idea!							
	NAME: Allen Pearson NICKNAME: Uncle Al HOME: Rented BIRTHDATE: December 7, 1941	SEX: Very good EYES: Two HAIR: Only when he's awake HEIGHT: See below WEIGHT: See below						
	CHILDREN: One that he knows of	LOOKS: Depends on where you live						
	NOTED FOR: His many nicknames	AMBITION: To remember his real name						
	FAVORITE MOVIE: The Seven Faces of Dr. Lu	FAVORITE ACTOR: Dan Blocker(Hoss Cartright)						
	FAVORITE TV SHOWS: To Tell The Truth. Bonanza	a FAVORITE GAME: Liar's Poker						
	TURN ONS: Run a complete game without mistake	es TURN OFFS: Play with a full set of						
FAVORITE PHRASE: There's one born every minute (Describing subscribers to JAF)								
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FILLER FROM FINLAND (contributed by C-G Spare): "Sometimes in the middle of the 1800s, when there were many many railways in England, but none yet in Russia, the Tsar went on a state visit to England. He was taken for a ride on a railway, stopping at a building with the name VAUXHALL on the front. The Tsar spoke no English, so he took this to mean "railway station". Nobody could, of course, correct him; on the contrary all of his retinue at once began to speak of Vauxhalls as stations. Because of this, the present-day Russian word for railway station is "voksal"."

I forgot to list the cartoon credits for this issue. No room now! Well till next time, this is page 2 signing off!

T ZINE PLUG T



You may ask: "If this is a zine plug for The Shogun's Sword, where is the sword in this Oriental picture?" I have an answer....TSS, despite its name has absolutely nothing to do with Japan but absolute everything to do with fun. TSS (Mike Barno, 2811 Robins St., Endwell, New York 13760 USA) runs games of Diplomacy, Kingmaker, Youngstown, Machiavelli and Dune. The Dip games are run by inserts and with maps which leave plenty of room for articles and humor like last issue's "Enjoying Your Dragon" which contained advice about when a dragon belches: "when they do, objects around them tend to spontaneously ignite." TSS is \$5 for 12 issues. Are you mediocre

enough to join the ESM(Endwellian Society of Mediocrity). Get a sample and see!

Some of the Europeans have written to me about the excessive amounts of press which appear in EE; some like it but others do not. It has even been discussed in the letter column of Belgium's <u>Chantecler</u>, when Jaap Jacobs, pubber of <u>Oxymoron</u> and an EE subber from Holland, wrote the following to Michel Liesnard: "The situation of someone losing on the board while making fame in the press releases seems strange to me. I have not yet encountered such a situation, but my experience in postal games is not as large as yours." Obviously Jaap has never met Bob Olsen!

Bob is considered one of the best, if not the best, press writers of today but his game achievements, ahem...ahem...have not yet measured up to his press successes. In fact, when Mark Berch did a theme issue in his <u>Diplomacy Digest</u> on the subject of losing in Diplomacy games, he received the following note from Bob: "A whole issue on the subject of losing and my name not mentioned once! What's to become of my reputation? I'll get you for that one, Berch!"

Well in this issue of EE, Bob strikes back at Berch and some others.

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ---by Bob Olsen

As some of you may know, I've been in a lot of Diplomacy games over the last couple of years, and have met many of the big names in the hobby; the greats, the near-greats and the ingrates. Since some of Gary's foreign readers (the Euro-hobby ists, the Euro-dippers and, of course, the Euro-peons) may not be familiar with the playing styles of some of the major American players, I thought it would be helpful (both as a public service and as a way of getting revenge on those who have ruined my positions) to present some tips on how to deal with some of these people.

If you were Chinese or something, you'd probably read this paper from the bottom to the top, so in the same spirit I'll start out at the bottom with--

BRUCE LINSEY: Negotiating with Brux can be confusing to the untutored, because there is such a vast disparity between what he says and what he does. Until you figure out what he's actually saying in his letters I recommend completely ignoring them, in fact, not opening them at all. Do you need the aggravation? No, you do not. Torch the suckers. You might, however, consider taking a sub to Brux's zinny, The Voice of Doom, which is where he puts the overflow of propaganda and lies that he cannot cram(such a lovely and appropriate word, cram) into his game letters and press. Brux is a shy, self-effacing sort. He only takes centers(or arranges to have them taken by others) from people he figures are used to this sort of thing. But if you happen to be one of these people who, in Brux's opinion, "Always loses all his centers in every game anyway so why should he care?", why, watch out. Brux wants you dead, dead, dead. He'll throw you to the dogs, or worse, to his toadies, which brings us to the subject of--

MARK BERCH: I have never been in a game with Mark, but I do have some definite ideas on how to negotiate with him. As is well known, Mark is probably the most tendentious, argumentative person in the whole of Dipdom. Therefore you must intimidate him by being more argumentative than he is! Inundate him with pointless hair-splitting(No, Mark! No cheap jokes about that—this is not Whitestonia after all). For example, say he's Germany and you're Russia. During the Fall 1901 negotiations you simply

((You simply go to page 4 for more of Bob's "How-Tos"))

write, "Dear Mark, I noticed that in your recent letter you proposed the moves GERMAN F Kie Holds, RUSSIAN F Bot-Swe. What are you trying to pull? Statistics have shown that in over 99% of cases where German F Kiel holds, no movement results. I want an active ally, not a deadhead! Further, I do not feel that in general it is a good idea for Russia to take Sweden in 1901; because of the obvious negative effect on the trans-Portugal stalemate lines. Also..." If you make this enough like one of his tactical articles, Mark will (like the rest of us) probably fall asleep and NMR. In that case, F Kiel will fail to move and you, the astute Russian, will have acquired a center without the bother and humiliation of getting it from Mark! But if you really want humiliation you might consider trying to ally with--

JOHN MICHALSKI: Negotiating with John is different from negotiating with anybody else in the whole hobby, because you don't have to know anything at all about your game. You don't even have to know what units you have or where they are (which is a great help to a player like me). John has concerns that far transcend the trivialities of where an army might be at any given moment. You see, John is fanatically interested in Jackie Kennedy-Onassis. If you are "politically correct" on the Jackie question, then you're okay with John; if not, you're a bum and that's all there is to it. For example, in my game with him he wrote to me: "Do you think Jackie should have married Ari?" Unthinkingly, I wrote back, "Yes--for the children, you know for the children." Bad answer! The correct answer should have been, "No, she should have committed suicide, anybody who marries a Democrat must die!" And because of this thoughtless faux pas on my part, Michalski has sworn eternal enmity. I myself have also sworn something eternal with someone whose name happens to be--

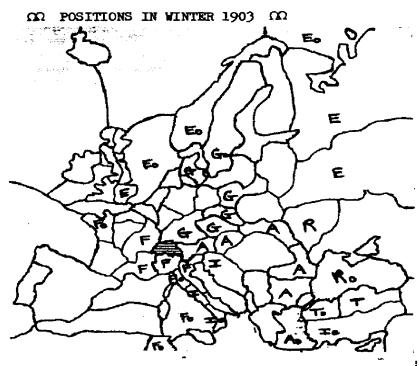
KATHY BYENE: Actually the key to handling Kathy (let me rephrase that...) is quite simple, but if you neglect it, you are in for a very hard time. The pre-Spring 1901 negotiating period is absolutely critical. It is during this period that your fate is sealed, for it is during this period that Kathy decides if she likes you or not. And this decision is based entirely on the pet names you choose for each other. Having Kathy pick a nice name for you is better than having eleven armies on the board; conversely, if she picks a bad name, you might as well resign. A person who chooses to call Kathy "Hey You" or "Chickie" or "Cupcake" is in for trouble. The term of endearment should be affectionate, yet dignified: "Darling", "Princess", "Sweetie". The name she chooses for you is a sign of her intentions. For example, if she calls you "Malcy Baby" or "Hey You" or "Greedy" you'd probably be wise not to consider her your game—long ally. On the other hand, a name like "Toots" or "Honey" definitely indicates the finest intentions on her part. What's in a name? Your life, your death. Watch out for it. Speaking of dangerous people—

MIKE MAZZER: The thing you have to understand about Mazzerman (or "Greedy" as he is called by Kathy; see above) is that he considers himself a bit of an intellectual. I don't know why, but he's had this delusion ever since about the fourth year he was teaching philosophy at the Sorbonne. Silly. Anyway, getting along with Mike is quite easy in 1901, as long as you're at the far end of the board from him. And believe it or not, he can be quite a good ally, even though he is, as he say, "A wolf among lambs." But there's something you have to understand. Being a consummate genuis, Mazzer can not stand to see centers go to waste. As long as you're on his side and making good moves, you're welcome to hang onto your (his) centers until later on. But if you begin to make bungling moves, then Mazzer will magnanimously grab everything to keep them out of the enemy's hands. This may explain why he always stabs me; he's afraid my centers will fall into the hands of someone like the nefarious—

KEITH SHERWOOD: Keith has the reputation of being unpredictable (not to mention crooked!) but he's actually not hard to figure out. I can always tell when Keith is going to stab me. In one particular game, I remember I got the turn sheet and I said to myself, "Keith is going to stab me this turn! I know he is!" And sure enough, I was right. The sheet in question was the gamestart, of course, which may tell you something about Keith. Keith is a natural-born toady and it is possible for him to form and keep an alliance, but not with anyone respectable. He can only ally with an undesirable. Like for instance--

LULL IN WAR CONTINUES AS EUROPEAN EYES ARE TRANSFIXED UPON RUSSIA!!

ALL LEADERS PONDER 'WHAT WILL THE TSAR DO?'



§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1903 §

ET'ALLI: No Change (Bob Osuch-ssi)

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: Build Army Vienna (Dick Martin-ssi)

P'RANGSU: Build Fleet Brest, Army Marseilles (Bruce Linsey-ssi)

ROSIA: Remove Army Livonia, Army Warsaw (Bob Olsen-ssi)

TOKIL: Build Army Munich (Randolph Smyth-ssi)

T*OK*I: No Change (John Kador-ssi)

YONGGUK: Build Army London

NEWS ELASH!! Gerald Austin, pubber of <u>Klepto Mania</u>, has just put out his last issue and has announced sub refunds. So he, at least, of the 4 guys listed on page 16 is making good. Thanks, Gerald for being responsible. I look for my refund anyday.

- § Do not forget to send in your guesses for the man's picture in EE #12. Your picture is also solicited—a black and white cheapie please, not color. You can see how others react to your picture alone and you get a response like Malc Smith does on page 21. When a picture is published, the guesses for it are published two issues later.
- § A change! From now on when you sub to <u>Coat of Arms</u>, make the checks payable to Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446, not to Tom Mainard: COA is a great zine full of subzines. You will never know what will be in the next issubut you know it will be a large one.

- § GAME: "Swedish Roundabout" 1981 Al
- S GM: 74104 21 KM
- § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1904
- NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, May 7th
- GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: There was one formal request for a separate winter and enough other sentiment for such a separation that I granted it. All press is being held over again.

It's real hard to do cartoons for a non-movement season so I can only assume that y'all want to hang on to Korean in your game as long as possible I know that Garry and Bob Osuch will both be at ChicagoCon May 15-16. If any of you other guys are going, less me know and I will bring EE 14 for you there as I'm doing theirs.

I have orders on file for all of you.

Your cartoon is from The Wizard of Id. Caption is mine!



Your GM consults a medium about the future of "Swedish Roundabout"

DAN STAFFORD: Dan has a reputation for being somewhat hard-boiled, which is surprising for someone who's actually half-baked. Anyone who loves hamsters can't be all bad, I suppose, but Dan gives it a pretty good try. Unlike some of these other people, Dan does not stab too much, because everyone's his enemy right from the start. I won't say Dan is paranoid, but what did I mean by that, right, Dan? Dan lives in Columbus but has yet to discover anything other than a bunch of toadles, which are very similiar in some respects to the notorious clones of--

DICK MARTIN: I have a dream (yaz!). I see Dick Martin strapped in a chair deep in Gestapo headquarters. An SS colonel (KGB, what the hell, they're all the same to me) smashes Dick upside his head and snarls, "Ve haff vays of making you talk!" Defiantly Dick says, "Never!" But after still more tortures, the goon squad puts an orange felt-tip pen in his broken hands, and, weeping, he begins to write, "1981-AM Austria to Russia." Actually, Dick does write some letters, but I don't understand them. When he says, "You can keep your home centers...for now." is he really asking for an alliance? There's only on person who knows enough about Dick to give me an answer; I have to turn to the one and only--

GARY COUGHLAN: If these other people are by turns horrendous, double-dealing, crooked, mad and vile, then Gary is by contrast a well-rounded person, for he is all of these things. He'll write to you for years in his torturous Mark-Lew-like handwriting, then when you finally figure out how to read it (and that it is indeed thandwriting, not an attack by one of Gary's pet chickens) he makes things even worse by getting a type-writer! And don't forget, Gary is a Southerner (anybody who could forget Gary is a Southerner for one mimute must be...Keith Sherwood), and has a deep sense of tragedy. He ought to; look at all the destruction he's caused in his games! The trouble with Gary is that his priorities are not straight; he'll write an article defending German atrocities in World War I (Gary likes atrocities; he's even named his house trailor, no not "alcala", but "Andersonville") but when a friendly German player in one of his games holds out the hand of peace and friendship to him, he takes Berlin. Terrible, shocking. Actually, there are some things about Gary which are not generally known, but I am going to reveal some of them right now. They're not pretty, they're not the sort of things anybody would find pleasant, but the truth will always out and

((My goodness gracious, I didn't know that Bob's article was this long; I must unfortunately(ha, ha) cut it off here. Anyway, he had stopped preaching and gone to meddling as the old preacher would say. Thanks Bob for a great article!

On page 13, you will read about the faking of Whitestonia. When I got my copy on Wednesday, March 31st and saw that Keith's article there(among others; see page 13) ***EXEMPXIX** was all blotchy and unreadable, I immediately wrote Keith and told him to send me a EUROPA EXPRESS-ized version of that article and I would print it if it reached me by today which is Saturday, April 3rd. In what can only be described as a "modern miracle", the post office must have worked around the clock to get our flurry of letters between California and Tennessee in the right hands and here is Keith's article, hopefully unblotched!

MORE CALIFORNIANISMS

---by Keith Sherwood

Mike Mazzer's article in EE #9 describing Southern Californian dialect was a good attempt, but it was incomplete. But this is not really Mike's fault; consider where he comes from: That cement and neon jungle called Los Angeles. Plus Mike is over 20, probably not blond, and, horrors, married. I, on the other hand, am 18, live a half mile from the beach (where half of popular Californian vocabulary is born), and am surrounded by Californian young adults on a college campus (where the other half of popular vocabulary is born). Living as I do crowded in with others of my ilk in a dorm, cafeteria and lecture halls, I often hear slang before it bursts into national prominence and peons at the University of Maryland start using it. For the last couple of weeks. I've been keeping mental notes of slang I've heart was a couple of weeks. I've been keeping mental notes of slang I've heart was a couple of weeks. I've been keeping mental verbatim by gemuine Californians.

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§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1904 §

Türkei: Army Rumania retreats to Galicia.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1904 §

DEUTSCHLAND: A (STP)-Nwy, A (SWE) S A Stp-Nwy, A (MOS)-Stp (Herr Jack Fleming) F (HOL)EE-Nth(r-Hel-Kie-OTB), F Kie-(DEN), F (BAL) S F Kie-Den, A (MUN) S A Ruh A (RUH) S French A Bur-Bel

ENGLAND: F (DEN) ENGLAND: F (DEN) ENGLAND: F (DEN) ENGLAND: A (NWY) S F Den-Swe (Herr Mark Fassio) F (LYO)-Tys, A Bel-(HOL), F (NTH) S A Bel-Hol

FRANKREICH: F Wes-(TUN), A (NAF) S F Wes-Tun, A Tus-(VEN) (Herr John Marsden) A Bur-(BEL), A (GAS)-Mar

ITALIEN: A (TUN)@@@-Holds (annihilated),
(Herr Allen Pearson) F (TYS) S A Tun, F (ION) S A Tun

RUSLAND: A (SMY)-Con, F (CON)-Bul, A (RUM) S F Con-Bul about the Turk

(Herr Patrick Conlon) F (BLA) S F Con-Bul ((Coast was not specified!))

TÜRKEI: A Gal-(WAR), <u>F (AEG)-Ion</u>
(Herr Malc Smith)

ÖSTERREICH-UNGARN: A (PIE)-Mar, F Gre-(BUL-sc), A (SER) S F Gre-Bul(sc) (Herr Kerry Blant) F Alb-(GRE), A Ven-(ROM), A Bud-(VIE)

Memphis to Windsor: Your 1904 Supply Center Chart is on page 8.

Paris to Memphis: Is this a variant or something? I didn't know fleets could enter the Ruhr!

Memphis to Paris: I went through all the copies of the zine marking out that "o". Jack Fleming won the free issue! (Coo page)

[LONDON]— General Joe-Mini awaits the news from the front with press breathless anticipation. With the start of the new offensive, the Government here expects to lose Denmark and Norway, while perhaps keeping the Hun bottled up along the coast. Have at them lads! Catch the plague and burn him! ((Press continued on page 8))

§ GAME: "Windsor" 1981 AN

§ GM: Herr Gärren L. Kaufland

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1904/Spring 1905

§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, May 7th

§ GAME COLOR: Gran

¶ GAME NOTES: Wow!! You guys go for the throat don't you!?! With 9 center changing hands, 2 dislodgments and one annihilation plus 2 of you on the move this month, you may want a separation. Let me know!

§ Dislodgements This Time: England's Fleet Denmark and Germany's Fleet Holland.

§ Annihilations This Time: Italy's Army Tunis.

Faz will be in California until April 15th and Patrick gets out of the Army this month and will be coming home.

Wasn't that funny, a fleet in the Ruhr! Jack got the free issue! Your cartoon is from Steve Roper.

Oh, if both the German and Englis fleets retreat to the Heligoland

Bight, both are kaput!



Europeans are stunned at the vicious fighting and about the Turks in Warsaw

§ 1904 Supply Center Chart §

	Gains	Loses	Retains	Has	Builds/Removes
DEUTSCHLAND:	STP	ngt, nat	Home, Den, Mos, Swe	7	-l(unless OTB)
ENGLAND:	HOL	p47	Home, Nwy	5	No Change (unless OTB)
FRANKREICH:	BEL, TUN, VEN		Home, Por, Spa	8	+3
ITALIEN:		Hoph, Hah	Nap	1	-1
RURLAND:	RUM	\$16	Sev, Ank, Con, Smy	5	+1
TÜRKEI:	WAR	\$47, \$4¢		1	-1
ÖSTERREICH-UNGARN:	BUL, ROM	444	Home, Gre, Ser	3 4	+1

England to France: The populace here are (yawn) still awaiting definitive action from our loyal (??) friends across the Channel. If 'n y'all don't hurry, ain't gonna be much friends left up thisaway. I hope the move to Ruhr was there? Paris to London: You won't like this, Faz. Now, cool it. No muclear strike forces please!

Austria-Hungary to Italy: Franz-Blant has sent Prussian troops to aid you in your courageous struggle against the Gallic invaders.

France to Austria-Hungary: Just remember that the real Axis lost!

England to Austria: Scurvy wretch! While a longtime admirer of things Austrian (and Hungarian), General Joe-Mini nonetheless must condemn your putrid leadership for their continued alliance with Mr. Nasty. May Don Al Pearson make a comebak against you! England to Italy: Think you can do it, Al?

England to Russia: A new empire in the south, eh? Well, well, quite the budding powerhouse...may the Archduck and the Geezer get a few gray hairs over you. Austria-Hungary to Russia: Home is to the north--the Mediterrean is frought with 6 and

Malc to Faz: Okay, it's a deal, I'll send along a few pics of the "babes" as soon as I have time to get some printed. Hey, how about one of me dressed up as a woman?

Memphis to Malc: You could have sent that one to EE #10 but OH NO!

Sex-starved Smiff to Frantic Fondling Faz: No chance in Keittley, mate! Just my luck. But never mind; there's two more on the horizon—a final year student and a physiotherapist. Hopefully I can manage 50%. Keep tuned to this space.

Malc to ALL: Subscribe to Bohemian Rhapsody. If it's good enough for Marsden (John not Bernie) then it's good enough for you!

John to Malc: Don't drag me into your press, you...you...Geordie, you..... England to Turkey: Malc, old bean (quaint talk, I must say) -- have you decided on the Madman Course I advised you on, for your next moves? It would cause people such hassle!! Providing you live on the board, that is.

Abdul and the Istanbul Mobile Battalions(Incorporating the Constantinople Illustrious Legionary Ensigns) to Faz: The Free Turkish Army ("free"--because we're not attached to anything since we've got no country to be attached to!) are coming to your aid. We have attempted to storm the gates of Poland's capital. Unfortunately we have no field rations but we may be able to unload a few ??? of hash. ((???is unreadable)) England to Germany: Kaiser Johann, your aggression against such a kindly folk as the English still amazes me. While the hope for reconciliation is always there, my prime goal in life is to see your wretched country (along with your anatomy) skewered alive by others. Alas, wishful thinking for a soon-to-be-second-rate power. C'mon, let's get this over with already! If you're gonna attack, attack!! Malc to ALL: I'm so sorry that communications from ??? have been a little slow (i.e., nil) but what with my finals and my project thesis, I honestly don't have time. But I'm still in the game and all your letters to me are being considered. England to Kaellyn mac Dermott of Draconwald: Marcus Antonius of Wedgewallow here; good tidings to ye, lass! How're things in the Middle Kingdom? Here in the Southern Regions, gloom and despair are standard fare (typical for the South). May your days always be sunny, and may there always be a knight errant/gallant to rescue you from the dragons; I fight mosquitoes down here. If you ever want "The military Story" from the mouths of babes (i.e., a semi-new 'Leftenant') drop a line, and I'll give you "just the facts, ma'am". QUIZ: Who was famous for that last line? Memphis to Windsor: Thanks for the press guys. This has been a most interesting game!

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§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1904 §

Rosia: F Sweden retreats to the Skaggerak Yongguk: F St. Petersburg(nc) retreats to Barents

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1904 §

ET'ALLI: A Tyo-(TRI), A (VEN) S A Tyo-Tri (Steve Heinowski-ssi) <u>F (ALB)-Adr</u> F (TUN)-Nap(dirigible SIC T) (Imp)

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: A(BUD)-Tri, A(Vie-(TYO)

(Mike Mazzer-ssi) F (ADR) S A Tri-Ven

A (TRI) XX - Ven(r-Ser-Vie-OTB)

ROSIA: <u>F (STP-sc)MW Holds(r-Bot-Fin-OTB)</u>
(Don Swartz-ssi) A (WAR) Holds, <u>F (SKA)-Nth</u>
A (LVN) S A War

TOKIL: NMR!! (SE) (B) B) Has F Den, F Swe, (B) Obby Stephens-ssi??) (B) A Pic, A Par, (CE) A Mun, A Sil, A Pru (B) (B) (B)

T'OK'I: F Eas-(ION), F (AEG) S F Eas-Ion (Dave Carter-ssi) F Ion-(NAP), A (GRE)-Alb A Rum-(UKR), A Bud-(RUM)

YONGGUK: F Bar-(STP-nc), F (NWY) S F Bar-Stp(nc)

(Jim Williams-ssi) F Por-(SPA-sc), F (MAO) S F Por-Spa(sc)

F (ENG)-Nth, A (GAS)-Mar, F (NAF)-Tun

§ GAME: "Apis" 1981 AO

\$ GM: 7-11 0-1 21 KK1

NEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1904/ Spring 1905

§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, May 7th

S GAME COLOR: Purun

¶ GAME NOTES: With ¶ dislodgements this time let me know if you wish a separate winter season.

§ <u>Dislodgements This Time</u>: Austria Army Trieste, <u>Remedia Florida Spilin(mar)</u> and Russia's Fleet St. Petersburg(Sic).

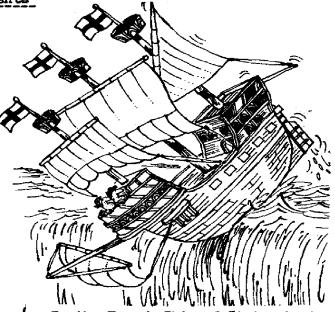
Fleets on the south coast have parentheses. Dislodged units are not shown but where the dislodgements were is circled. There is a Russian fleet in the Skaggerak.

I am asking Jeff Noto to Malmberg for Malmberg's France! His address is 1001 SW 16 Ave, Apt #22, Gainesville, Florida 32601 USA. He has your addresse

Bobby called <u>after</u> the deadline so I'm mot calling a Malmberger for him. Cartoon is from Punch magazine.

§ Annilations This Time: France's

Fleet Spain(nc).



Is the French Ship-of-State about to go over the edge????

Memphis to Apis: Your 1904 Supply Center Chart is on page 10. Also your press.

§ 1904 Supply Center Chart

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ET'ALLI:	TRI	刘林萸	Rom, Ven, Tun	-:4	No Change
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:		741	Bud, Vie, Ser	3	-l(unless OTB)
P'RANGSU:		\$ 64	Mar	1	No Change
ROSIA:		\$ *	Mos, Sev, War	3	-1(unless OTB)
TOKIL:	SWE		Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Par	8	+1
T*OK*I:	NAP		Home, Bul, Gre, Rum	7	+1
YONGGUK:	SPA		Home, Bre, Nwy, Por, Stp	8 34	+1

Turkey to GM: You may "milk" Elsie for ideas, but your headlines are an udder disaster! GM to Turkey: They're better than your joke orders! TURKEY - What joke orders?

GM to Turkey: Like Italy's Fleet Naples order this time.

Italy to GM: There is no such things as a defensive Italy, a point I will now proceed

GM to Italy: By being offensive right?

<u> Vienna to Memphis:</u> Oh fiddledy-dee, Rhett Coughlan, y'all stop teasing me about mah earbobs, heah! As foah England, Ah'll think about England tomorrow. After all, tomorrow is another day.

Memphis to Vienna: No time like the present I guess...
Vienna to London: Hey, Sailor, want a good time? You like my earbobs? They real diamond.

London to Vienna: Why down on the German? He hasn't even attacked you! Russia to England: Let's see now, you helped your ally into Sweden, and you lost St. Petersburg in the process... Doesn't seem quite right does it? If your "ally" gets much bigger none of us will have a chance.

Turkey to Russia: Need any help?

London to Ankara: I don't see how anyone could resist taking Sevastopol when it's socco easy, do you?

London to Moscow: I was wondering how long you were going to let me play in your front yard. I guess we'll meet in Chicago on more equal terms now. (Rats!) Vienna to Moscow: Thanks for the kind remark, but one lousy build doesn't constitute

a comeback. Anyway, I owe it all to you. After all, if you hadn't jumped on me, I'd have never had anything to come back from. (Did that last sentence make any sense?)

Memphis to Vienna: Money! Is that all you think about? Sense indeed!
England to France: Pig? What on earth did I do to deserve such rudeness? Sure, I lied to you and took Brest. Sure, I took Portugal and Spain but golly Fred, do you really think I deserved such abuse? Don't worry though, I understand and I'll forgive you, as soon as you apologize to me, in print. I'll expect it by next month, OK, beaver-breath?

London Herald Weekly Times Seven Minus One: "Beauregard Back in the News!!"...H.R. Beauregard, aka "Blimey", the fearless detective who has been trailing the infamous Dr. Maurice Ensalada for the past 2 years held a press conference today in the province of Gascony, and announced the impending conclusion of the investigation into the Swedish Meaball case.

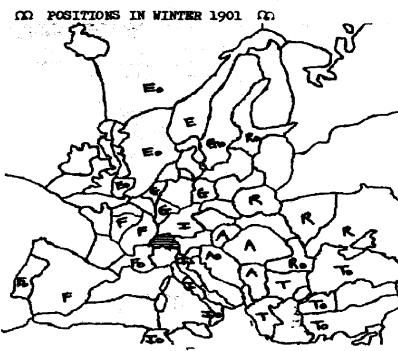
H.R. has been tagging along with the elite 1st Army Brigade which landed in Brest as part of the current offensive. During his travels, he has managed to collect leads in regard to the whereabouts of Dr. Ensalada.

"After putting together all of the facts I've gathered so far," Beauregard stated, "I've come to the conclusion that that despicable cad Ensalada is hiding out in Spain." Reading from a prepared statement, Beauregard went on to say, "As soon as the French naval forces are ousted from the Spanish coastline, my assistants and I will move in and apprehend Ensalada without delay."

Part of the basis for the conclusion that Dr. Ensalada is now in Spain, is the fact that although Ensalada is a French citizen, he was born in Spain and still has many family ties there. "The next time I speak to the press," Blimey added, "I'll have Dr. Ensalada right beside me, either in chains, or in a pine box!"

It seems that Dr. Maurice Ensalada will soon find out what the good people of England already know ... H.R. "Blimey" Beauregard always gets his man. Memphis to Apis: Thanks again for the great press. Fiddledy-dee!!

NEW TSAR ASCENDS RUSSIAN THRONE!! SHIPBUILDING RACE IN THE MEDITTERREAN!!! BABE RUTH AND FRENCH FRIES???



§ OHDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1901

Build Fleet London (Herr Mike Close)

FRANKRIKE: Build Fleet Marseilles, Army Paris (Herr Thomas Franke)

Build Fleet Naples, Army Rome TTALTEN. (Fröken Kathy Byrne)

RYSSLAND Build Army Warsaw (Herr Robert Jewett)

Build Fleet Constantinople and (Herr Michel Van Lede) Fleet Smyrna

TYSKLAND: Build Army Berlin (Herr David O'Hare)

USTERRIKE-UNGERN:

Build Army Budapest

(Herr Malc Smith)

GAME: "Alsace-Lorraine" 1981 IC

GM: Herr Garmar L. Kaufflandsson

NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1902

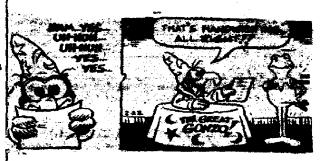
NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, June 11

GAME COLOR: Gyllene

GAME NOTES: Your game now goes back to 10-week deadlines . Some of you have indicated that later 5-week deadlines will be okay. Let me know.

Robert Jewett is now the player of record for Russia. Marion was hospitalized in the winter and has not been heard from since. I consider Marion a reliable player and want you all to know that it is an illness which forces Marion to leave the game. We wish you a speedy recovery, Marion!

I am the first to admit that I have rather sloppy handwriting but there are at least 4 of you who also have...uh..."interesting" handwriting, hence the cartoon from The Muppets!



CONTEST TIME: Whose handwriting is "The Great Gonzo" looking at? Herr Close? (See this season's press!) Or Herr Jewett or Herr Van Lede? (🖴 the letter telumn!) Or?????

[ST. PETERSBURG]- The Tear is dead! Long live the Tear. The sudden demise of Tear Marion has led me, formerly General of All Russian Armies of East Siberia (Gulag Archipelago), to take the crown and continue the Struggle for Peace in Europe. Memphis to St. Petersburg: Why do I, when you say "Tsar Marion", think right away of "Maid Marion"? I welcome you to the game and so do others..... France to Russia: Hope to meet you in Berlin!

England to GM: Li is a double "L", not a double "R". Still, it's a good job you got "runt" right!! Also, gravelly voices boom, like Concorde, not loom! I'll have to write more carefully!

GM to England: You're not the only one....

Italy to Germany: What does "!TUO" mean? Remember I'm an American---English only --please!

Germany to the Invader: Kathy, dear, Du bist getting a rrreal pain in mu nich. Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: On page 12 continues the press!

France to England: Your story is getting better and better ...

Memphis to France: And here is Serial Number #3!
-Rhys of Cwmbau i'r Boio Part III (England): (Where Rhys meets a "femme fatale" and makes a decision)

His arms and legs were still stinging from the abrasive rub of the carbolic[13] as Rhys, dressed in his best suit, headed for the local dance that Saturday evening. As he passed the debris left by the builders extending Dr. Jones' house to allow for a bath--room and toilet, he reflected on the idea of bathing in a tub in a separate room. Earlier that evening he had brought in the steel bathtub from the back where it had been hanging from the garden wall, put it in front of the living room fire as usual, and filled it from the pots of boiling water on the stove. Not having to make the trip to the bottom of the garden every time he wanted a pee was going to be a great convenience, he could understand. Sitting in the tŷ-bach[14] on a freezing cold winter morning was no pleasure.

Every Saturday night there was live entertainment at the Cumbau Coronation Workingmen's Club and Institute[15] (founded in 1901) and it was here that the younger elements of Cwmbau gathered. On entering, Rhys was again accosted by the unpleasant D. Ll and his cronies, but their cries of derision were abruptly silenced when Nerys Jenkins strutted across the dance floor and started to talk to him. Rhys blushed and stammered. Nerys, the only girl to have won the Cumbau and District Beauty Contest three times in succession, avoided attachment with any mere male of Cumbau -- it was said (rather unkindly) that she was saving herself for Cliff Morgan[16] or some other

"Oh Rhys!" she signed seductively, "Playing in an International Game! I'm so proud of you, boy!!" she simpered, as she took him by the arm and manoeured him on to the dance floor.

Rhys felt ten feet tall. His mind was made up-he would go to America and play for Wales!

(Translator's Notes: [13]- soap reputedly made from coal tar. [14]- tŷ-bach means toilet or john (literally "small house"), usually a small shed-like structure at the bottom of the garden.

[15]- a club and drinking establishment for members and friends of particular

parts of the community -- e.g. Ex-servicemen Clubs.

[16]- Cliff Morgan -- a legendary Rugby Union player [Note 9, Spisode II]--of similiar stature to, say, Babe Ruth. France to GM: When will Elsie come to Germany to visit me? Is Elsie an ordinary

longhorn or a black-white cow?

GM: to France: Elsie is no "ordinary" cow, Monsieur! Anyway, she can't go to Germany. She's going to Wales to check out the tŷ-bach there to see if they measure up to the ones in the South! Y'all are one friendly bunch of people though..... England to Italy: I would love to share relations with you!

France to Italy: We are offering Isapo a residence in Versailles—but we want to meet him PERSONALLY!

Idiot to Yankee Byrne: Thanks for the pins kidda. I think you may be pleased to know that I've had the "screaming shits" for weeks now!

Kathy to Malcy: So now you want to become gay! It isn't bad enough that you're senile and malk around picking your nose. God, you foreigners are a strange lot? France to Italy: Thanks for the compliment, Bloodsucker-are foreigners usually not

nice? Americans are, I think!

[ANKARA] - The diplomatic world has been shaken by two (hopefully) unrelated events; first the sudden disability of the Tsar(ina), to whom we wish to express our sympathy.

Most embassies are watching with concern the policy of Russia's new nuler. Second, the unespected and traitorous invasion of Munich by Italian forces. It is too early to assess the full impact of this new situation and how it will affect the

already precarious balance of forces in Europe.

Malc to Gary: Have you heard about the North American postman who tried to clean the windows of his bungalow? --- it took him six weeks to dig the trench deep enough for his ladder.

Gary to Malc: This mine does not permit Canadian jokes! So watch it! KB to GM: If you're around when I die, could you write my obit? Your eulogy last issue was very flattering. And "She's Always A Woman" most fitting! I think you may need someone to put in a good word for you now and then, GM to Kathy: I think you may need someone to put in a good a especially when you read the next press entries on page 25.

FOCUS ON FAKES

If you received a copy of a zine called Whitestonia which had a picture of a frog and coconut on its front page, what you were reading was not the real Whitestonia, but a fake.

Certain aspects of this fake have been revealed to me by the faker who wishes to remain anonymous. The fake went to as many of the real Whitestonia's subbers as were known and to many others in the hobby. The faker wants the Europeans who sub to EUROPA EXPRESS to receive a copy of this fake and asked that I mail them copies with this issue of EE. That has been done.

And let me tell you, the faker was plenty mad about the reproduction job in parts of the fake and therefore, as strictly a public service, EE will print what was blotched or faded out in your copies. The articles by Kathy Byrne on "How Would I Know?", by Mark "Faz" Fassic on women's vacations in South Carolina and Keith Sherwood's article on Californian dialects were actually by those people, and not the faker. Keith's article is reproduced on page 6, and the other items will be reprinted in this section.

If the fake tempts you to sub to the real Whitestonia, by all means give into temptation! Whitestonia comes from John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Ave, 2nd Floor Flushing, New York 11358 USA and the sub fee is \$5.00 for 10 issues and it's worth every penny and one of the best bargains in the hobby. The corrections follow:

- P.3 Dear David: Well, Thomas promised me more than you did. He said he would take me skiing in the real Alps. I kept waiting for you to offer to take me scuba diving in Marseilles(the real one).
- in Marseilles(the real one).

 P.3 NEW ADDITION!!!! "Cathy's Canadian Kornor" How's it goin. Good day. I hope all you hosers are 0.K. 0.K., if you have some backbacon and some beer, remember that if it's cold enough outside, beer will stay cold in the car. So Good Day.
- P.9 "My favorite was <u>Elephant Walk</u> where the elephants stampede through your mansion in Ceylon but <u>Butterfield 8</u> was excellent too!"

 <u>Liz</u>: I detested <u>Butterfield 8</u>. May we order now Johnnykins?
- P.9 Liz: "Oh, skip it. Let's have macoroni and cheese."
- P.10 The Keith Sherwood article is on page 6 of this zine.
- P.11 Kathy: What kind of god-awful frog sounds is that?

Woody: I'm an Armenian frog.

Kathy: Oh, that's awful. John C. and I are having trouble with Gary too. He's so touchy at times. There he goes grumbling again--just listen to that volcano roar!

Woody: Where is John C.?

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Ch, he's off playing the sackbut or harmonica or some other musical instrument this week. Last week he renamed the animals and everything else in all of Dipdom. There was the bald-headed eagle, now known as "the Mark Berch"; and the snake, now known as "the Keith Mercer"; and as for the-Stream-of-Consciousness, he renamed that "the Steve Langley." To me though, a rose is a rose is a rose. Say, why did Gary turn you into a frog?

Woody: I came in as a standby in one of his games and he took a strong exception to what I wanted to do. He didn't like it at all.

- P.12 Kathy: Who did you send the xerox to?
- P.13 Woody: Well, that's not quite true. We are allowed to touch it but we are ordered to be most careful with how we treat it. (Then in a reverent

tone--for a frog). It is "The Tree of Real Reputations."

<u>John M:</u> You say "not allowed to" or "ordered to". By whom or by what?

(The volcano rumbles real loud and fire belches from it. John C., Kathy and Woody appear in a state of panic-stricken terror.)

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FOCUS ON FAKES (continued from page 13)

Woody: By HIM! He turned me into a frog! John C .: You mean he changed you into a frog. And he put the Mark of Kane on me!!

And it was Appalling(as in Greed) what he did to me!

Who said you must do these things?

John C., Kathy and Woody: (In unison) Gary said so!

John M: Yea, hath Gary said?

P. 14 Well, not in so many words. Kathy:

I'll say in not so many words. He stopped talking to me period. Woody

John C: He attacked me in a letter in Eric Kane's Anduin!

And he wrote snotty comments about me in Appalling Greed!

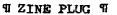
John M: Why? What does this have to do with "The Tree of Real Reputations"? Had you written something about Gary?

Kathy: Well, Woody xeroxed a letter of his and sent it out to a lot of publishers who weren't even in his game.

John C. wrote some...uh... "fictions".. about Gary faking a zine that he Woody: didn't fake and some other things.

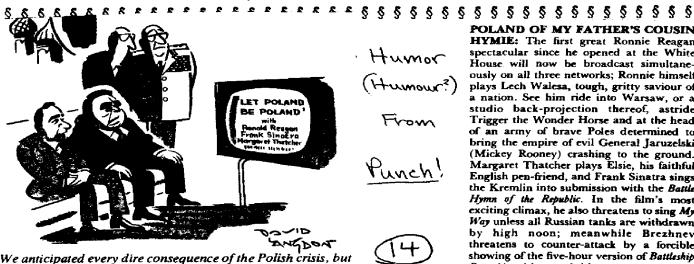
John C: And Kathy only said a few favorable words about Brad Wilson and criticized Jeff Noto who had criticized Brad Wilson.

Fake zines have had a long tradition in the hobby and for awhile in Spring, 1981, there were seemingly fakes every week of several different zines. Not since the December, 1981 fake of Canada's Snafu has there been a fake of a zine. EUROPA EXPRESS has been faked 3 times, only once under its correct name. This zine is fully in favor of faking and feels it adds fun to the hobby. Besides you get a free issue!



This dinosaur is supposed to represent the realm of science fiction like Conan and even primitive worlds as depicted in Star Wars. Dave Carter, pubber of Sleepless Knights(118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, CANADA M2N 1Z9), is one of science fiction's biggest fans and he puts out one of the best zines in North America as the next polls will undoubtedly show. SK features

Diplomacy games with maps, a letter column, "sick" jokes, many graphics and reviews of movies. It is Dave's great sense of humor(he would spell it "humour") and friendliness that come through in every issue to me. Dave has been known to fake zines too. When Canada was on mail strike last summer, he came to the United States to mail \underline{SK} to his American subbers. He was born in Britain, lived there until he was 14, and still has a British accent. I count Dave one of my closest friends in this hobby. Get Sleepless Knights!



"We anticipated every dire consequence of the Polish crisis, but never this.

POLAND OF MY FATHER'S COUSIN HYMIE: The first great Ronnie Reagan spectacular since he opened at the White House will now be broadcast simultaneously on all three networks; Ronnie himself plays Lech Walesa, tough, gritty saviour of a nation. See him ride into Warsaw, or a studio back-projection thereof, astride Trigger the Wonder Horse and at the head of an army of brave Poles determined to bring the empire of evil General Jaruzelski (Mickey Rooney) crashing to the ground. Margaret Thatcher plays Elsie, his faithful English pen-friend, and Frank Sinatra sings the Kremlin into submission with the Battle Hymn of the Republic. In the film's most exciting climax, he also threatens to sing My Way unless all Russian tanks are withdrawn by high noon; meanwhile Brezhnev threatens to counter-attack by a forcible showing of the five-hour version of Battleship Potemkin without subtitles.

HOBBY-WIDE NEWS

- Mark Larzelere, Eric Verheiden and Rod Walker asking their opinion of certain rule changes in Diplomacy. The changes would affect Rule X (CUTTING SUPPORT), Rule XII.4 (AMBIGUOUS CONVOY ROUTES) and Rule XII.5(A CONVOYED ATTACK DOES NOT CUT A SUPPORT GIVEN INTO A BODY OF WATER). Mr. Calhamer stated: "Obviously these suggestions contain my naive hope that the paradoxes will be gotten rid of." The complete version can be obtained from Mark Larzelere, 23 Akin Ave., Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 USA. Be sure and send an SASE!
- Are you willing to be stabbed in French? If so, <u>Snafu</u> (Ron Brown, RR# 1, Brennan's Hill, Low, Québec, CANADA JOX 200) will be running a game in French. Overseas players do not have to pay a game fee, but the sub fee to <u>Snafu</u> for them is 10 issues/\$10 US. Subs for North Americans are 10 issues/\$10(US or Canadian) and the game fee is \$4. It will guest GMed by Nelson Millar since Ron says his French is rotten. <u>Snafu</u> #18 carried pictures of Ron and his wife Ann and their home. (Pictures of Ron at ages 7,15 and 21). Send for a sample!
- ¶ Son of Lexicon arrives! Mark Berch(492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 USA) has just put out an updated supplement of the fabled Lexicon of Diplomacy. In the words of the Son of Lexicon, the Lexicon of Diplomacy is: "An alphabetical collection of the hobby's terminology, including 450 openings, variants, strategic concepts, special projects, publishing and GMing jargon, etc. Published in spring 1980 along with an essay." These two publications are like little dictionaries with hundreds of interesting terms like "Nixon Award", "Sleeze" and "Terminal Tunisitis". Or the "Pimley Memorial Award", "Endgame Statement" and "Feud" except they will also give the definitions. If you sub to Mark's zine, Diplomacy Digest, the Lexicon costs \$1.00 and the Son of Lexicon costs 35¢. If you are not a subber, the prices are \$1.25 and 50¢, respectively. They have given me hours of enjoyment.
- A ChicagoCon is definitely on for May 15-16th. It seems many of us are going to play face-to-face Diplomacy, including some from the east coast this time. Your only cost is getting there and your food. The Chicagoans in our hobby will provide your sleeping quarters. But they want to know if you are planning on going. Say yes and write it to Eric Ozog, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60651 USA.
- Jihad is still hiding and so the results of the "Class of 1981" new zines' poll is still unknown. The Beyerlein Players Poll's results are to be announced in the next issue of Diplomacy World. Dave Carter(118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, CANADA M2N 1Z9), pubber of Sleepless Knights(see page 14) has started a new poll, the "BEST CANADIAN PLAYER POLL", to see who is the best "currently active Canadian postal Diplomacy player, playing in regular games." Only Canadians may vote and they may only list 3 choices, from 1 to 3. Dave says the list should be based on "personal experience, game observed, reputation, ratings, etc. Do not vote for yourself." The deadline is July 2, 1982. (BP) 15 por page 26.
- ¶ Another zine has switched over from a 4-week format to a 5-week format. Dick Martin's Retaliation (6103 Breezewood Court, Apt. 202, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 USA) is the zine and he has only recently switched over to a digest-format before that.
- ¶ ZINE DIRECTORY!! The new ZDs are ready for shipment. Send \$1.00 to Mike Mills, 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, New York 10901 USA and, in return, you will receive a zine which lists all the zines in the world, along with their vital statistics such as games played within and fees. The ZD is updated throughout the year (you can get updates by sending Mike an SASE) and this issue contains advertisements from pubbers, a page for frequently called numbers such as GMs or vital allies. The ZD comes in a yellow cover with artwork by Libby Hail, co-pubber of the Great War in Modern Memory. European editors, please see page 28, before you order the ZD.
- Are you planning on attending the biggest convention of gamers this year? This is, of course, ORIGINS 1982 which will be in Baltimore on July 23-25. To get information on how to register(and avoid long lines there) send an SASE to this address: "ORIGINS 82, P.O. Box 15405, Baltimore, Maryland 21220 USA." I'll be going.
- ¶ ZACK is the Zine Accredidation Kouncil which "will keep and publish lists of approved zines and honest GMs and lists of deadbeats and scallawags." Vote for who you want on ZACK by writing your choices to Mike Mills, address elsewhere on this page.

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HOBBY-WIDE NEWS (continued from page 15)

(ZACK info continued): There are nine nominees but you can only vote for five of The nominees are: Steve Arnawoodian, Kathy Byrne, Gary Coughlan, Scott Hanson, Steve Langley, Bruce Linsey, John Michalski, Mike Mills and Al Pearson. Yes this is all tongue in cheek!

The British have fun polls too. The "Rusty Bolt" awards' results are in and the categories and winners are: (Results are from John Marsden's Ode #31)

(1) Chris Tringham Award for Upstart of the Year: Simon Billenness.

(2) Forden's Epitaph Award for Most Eagerly Awaited Fold: The Orient Express
(3) Chris Bishop Award for favourite neighbor: John Norris.
(4) Peter Doubleday Award for Least Welcome Subscriber: Terry Hill.
(5) John Piggott Award for Most Bigoted Editor: Richard Scott.
(6) Most Boring Topic of Conversation in a Zine: Computers.
(7) Deathless Prose Award: Michael O'Shea.

Steve Doubleday Award for Most Unplayable Variant: Richard Scott's House Rules.

Mike Jervis Award for Tastelessness: No Award this year.

(10) Ken Bain Award for Drunkenest Con Attender: Colin Gamble.

Several folded editors of zines are said to be refunding money back to their ex-subbers. I know of four of these, but so far they have not refunded my money. If you are owed money by them why not write also. The zines, editors and addresses are: (1) The Flying Dutchman -- Jack Brawner, 10596B 2nd Way N., St. Petersburg, Florida

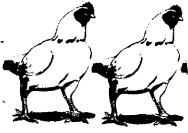
- 33712, USA. (2) Klepto Manta (--Gerald Austin, P.O. Box 40123, St. Petersburg, Florida 33743 USA
- see page (3) Invasion -- Bruce Schneier, T.O. Box 5185, River Station, Rochester, New York 14627 USA
- (4) Infidel -- Clive Tonge, 2402 Edenburst Dr., Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 2K9

I know that some pubbers here have accepted these people into their games or are letting them sub to their zines without questioning why they have not refunded money after they have been written. "Thief" is such an ugly word but when you don't refund money when asked, what else can be said?

If you want to see what your MCPC (Modern Calhamer Point Count) is, send \$1.00 to Jack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, California 91355 USA. This system is based on how you stand on the basis of your completed Diplomacy games. The 7 top players are: Eric Verheiden, Jack Masters, Lee Kendter Sr., John Caruso, Dave Crockett, Don Ditter and Bill Hart. Ask for Black Frog #57.

(And their zines): NEW SUBBERS AND COAS

- Peter Ansoff, 5441-10 Sheffield Ct., Alexandria, Virginia 22311 USA
- Scott Dailey, NITC Box 159, Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida 32511 USA
- 3&4. Jim and Robyn Finley, 3020 Oceanside Blvd., #124, Oceanside, California 92054
- 5. Mark S. Keller, 9536 Shumway Drive, Orangevale, California 95662 USA
- Rob Landeros, 10029 Windward Dr., NW, Olympia, Washington 98501 USA 6.
- Laury McCloud, 729 Leavenworth, San Franccisco, California 94109 USA
- 8. Peter Northcott, 16 Fawley Rd., London, U.K. NW6 1SH (Last Stand)
- Dan R. Wilson, P.O. Box 18862, San Antonio, Texas 78218 USA.



DON"T BE A CHICKEN! BE A MALMBERGER! Join these toothsome 25 and you get two 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, Mike Barno, Mary Beck, Doug Beyerlein, Jean Marie Corfeld, Don Del Grande, Steven Duke, Jim Finley, Robyn Finley, Al Giddings, Scott Hanson, Rich Holman, Eric Kane, Mark Keller, Rob Landeros, Mark Larzelere, John MacFarlane, Eric Ozog, John R. Pack, Jane Proskin, Anders Strigen, Allen Wells, Earl Wiggers, Dan Wilson and James Woodson. Thanks for helping me out, amigos!

WHEN THE WHIP COMES DOWN

Autumn 1903: Austria retreats A Rome off the board; Italy NRR, GM retreats F Ionian off the board; Russia retreats A Warsaw off the board

Winter 1903: Austria builds A Budapest; France builds A Marseilles, A Paris, F Brest; Germany builds A Berlin; Italy NBR, plays one short; Russia removes A Norway; Turkey builds A Constantinople

Spring 1904:

- AUSTRIA (Olsen): A Kie-HoL; A Rum-GAL; A WAR S A Rum-Gal; A Tri S A Bud/d/r to Alb, Tyo, Otb; A BUD S A Tri; F Ion-Tun/d/r to Alb, Adr, Gre, Apu, Otb
- FRANCE (Sherwood): A Mar-PIE; A PAR-Bur; F Bre-ENG; A Spa-Tun; F WES C A Spa-Tun; F TYN S A Spa-Tun; A Lvp-YOR; F EDI-Nwg; A VEN S GERMAN A Vie-Tri
- GERMANY (Mazzer): F Den-KIE; A BER S F Den-Kie; F Nth-BEL; A Vie-TRI; A Gal-Bud/d/r to Boh, Sil, Vie, Otb; A MUN-Bur
- ITALY (Martin): A NAP S Tro and the gallant Mazzerman (H); A ROM S the French liberators in Ven (H); F Tun attempts to push forward and destroy the evil Austrian pirate fleet in the Ionian (NSU)
- RUSSIA (Larzelere): P. BAR-Nwg; A STP-Nwy; P SWE-Nwy > 3
- TURKEY (Byrne): A Sev-UKR; A MOS S A Sev-Ukr; F Bla-CON; A Con-Bul; F Eas-ION; F AEG S F Eas-Ion; A Gre-SER

Spring 04 brings about the probable demise of Austria, although where Bob goes from here will still play a large part in the final result. Well, not a large part maybe, but a part nonetheless. Dick Martin's orders for Autumn/Winter 03 arrived late, which explains his retreats and removals.

The deadline for Summer retreats and Fall 1904 will be Friday, March 26, 1982.

PRESS

VLAD: I proposed a separation of seasons this time for the following purpose: as a student of the game of Diplomacy, I would like further to study the inspired Winter moves of the genius Mazzerman. As a mere student of the game, I can't take notes fast enough to encompass his lightening-quick rippostes.

CHICAGO: Rippostes?

PAR: Whoever put that last press release from "La Jolla" in was not playing nice. The readers of EE might be fooled and all of Europe think me a foul-mouthed bastard. Here I go to all the trouble of calling the CIA and turning Martin and his xerox machine in to put Retaliation out of business so no one will ever see Fall 01-Spring 03 of this game, and you go and spoil it. Thanks a lot, buster.

MUNICH-PARIS: The diplomacy gods seem to have decreed that we are each consummate geniuses of such repute that we require a millstone around our necks to prevent us from rampaging over Austria and Turkey. You have Martin and I have Larzelere.

BERLIN-MEMPHIS: Mun-Kie, monkey, get it?

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ROM: With orders like these, who needs press?

CON-AUSTRIA: Sorry Bob, but my idea of an alliance is not watching my ally lose all his centers to the enemy. I'd rather see them go to me! At least that way, they stay in the same alliance.

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STP: This poem, "Katheeburnee", is from a revised version of Alice in
 Wonderland: 'Twas dippig, and the stabid clones/ Did treach and grabdot in the weed/ All whippy were the blueberones/ And the ah pallings
 greed/ "Beware the Bloodsucker, my son!/ The scribes that lie, the knives that stab!/ Beware the Pudgepudge bird, and shun/ The frumious
 Mazzersnab!"/ He held his worpal knife, and then/ The Bloodsucker, with
 eyes of flame/ Came dipping through the dottish den/ Supporting as she
 came! StP! Trieste! And north and west/ The maizish fleets went up to Bot! She left him dead, and through the Med/ Her fleets took every dot/ "And hast thou stopped the Bloodsucker?" The beamish boy did not reply/ "Oh messed up day! Boo hoo! Dismay!" He bade the game goodbye 'Twas
 dippig, and the stabid clones/ Did treach and grabdot in the weeds/ All
 whippy were the blueberones/ And the ah pallings greed.
 CON-STP: I told you I'd stab him, I was only one year off!
 AUSTRIA: Count Vlad left the country today, proclaiming that an extreme emergency compelled his immediate departure for Germany and a conference
 with the Kaiser. Asked the reason for the rush, Vlad was heard to reply, "Ach! I have to see Mazzerman immediately! It's for the 'Vlad meets the Bloodsucker' series, you see; I have to go to press with that before Mazzer is eliminated—which will be very soon!" Informed opinions hold that while Vlad may be an optimist, nobody can fault his arrogance. VLAD-TRO: Hurry up Keith, plenty of German centers left...for now.
 BUD-PAR: Hey Keith, you've also got an army in Spain. Don't want to
 forget it, just trying to help. Dummy. SHERWOOD-OLSEN: Hyork, hyork, hyork. Right about now you should be in
 need of some Doan's pills for that pain in your back. Maybe you should
 send Kathy a Jam album?!
 AUSTRIA-VENICE: Hey! I'm an EE subber, and I'm not European! FRANCE-STEBBINS CLONE: Is it Scott yet?
 TUNIS-SICILY: Did you hear about the cannibal who passed his brother in
 the forest?
 CON-FRANCE: Are you a man or a mouse? Your moves will reveal if you're truly brave, or just a spineless lump of jello!
 PRANCE-TURKEY: Is it Pudge yet?
 JOHN MICHALSKI RATES THE PLAYERS:
 Mike Mazzer: "Even the Mazzer is a prick, he's not an idiot."
 Keith Sherwood: "I just hope he doesn't screw up his next game for some
 like his lies and poor play did for me here."
Dick Martin: "Pope Jerke". "The only time he starts acting rationally
 is when you start counting on his irrationality."
 Kathy Byrne: "I'm not a slave to Kathy."
 Bob Olsen: "Tretick stooge."
 Mark Larzelere: Never said much about Mark, which, perhaps, is the way
 it should be.
 PARIS-GM; Maybe you could hire John back as guest "expert" commentator?
 GM-PARIS: Good idea.
 BERLIN-BUDAPEST: If your A Kiel can rescue Michalski now, I'll know
 you're a consummate genius!
 BERLIN-BUDAPEST: Speak for yourself, Hippo-Hips. I'm in this game so I
 can do despicable things to Italians.
 GREEDY-BLOODSUCKER: Did I hear a certain pot calling a certain kettle
 black?
 CON-GERMANY: I just hope you don't mind me joining in on the Austrian
 demise.
 BERLIN-CON: The puck has been shot into the Islanders' end, Gretzky will
 take two for high-sticking. The Ranger power play begins next season. End
 of transmission.
 AUS-ITA: From the frying pan into the fire...unfortunately. I'm afraid
 you're going to find that Keith is not inept enough to lose his ill-
 gotten gains. (Welll, almost...)
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OLSEN-MICHALSKI: I never thought I'd say this to any living person, but
...you're a worse player than I am!
OLSEN-OSUCH: And you're a worse prophet!
OSUCH-OLSEN: You are wrong, elimination-breath!

AUS-PAULINA: Is this game going to have maps in EE format? I want the
whole world to see how that blackheart Mazzer stabbed me.
BER-MEMPHIS: I hope you're not presenting this game to your European
readership as typical of American dip. Thank Gawd Michalski's gone, at
least.
THE KAISER QUOTES THE BEATLES-VIENNA: We can work it out/We can work it
out.
BERLIN-BUDAPEST: Ach, I fery much your press enchoyed, (alzo your Teutonic accent ist verstunkene) but zere ist vun tink vich ist a puzzle-
ment makink. If you plees, to me tellink vat significance der orderly
ein big nose has und ein hat wears has? Ach.
CON-AUSTRIA: As my daughter says, a stab is not a stab unless you take
a home center. So consider this a warning to put your country on red
alert!
CON-VIENNA(make that Bud): Would you believe I miswrote my orders?
Would you believe I decided to take Serbia because you offered it to
me for dropping my picture? How about my prince kissed me (his princess)
and I reverted back to the Bloodsucker?!
STP-CON(and Bud): Diplomacy means never having to say you're sorry.
BER-MOS: I hope you start playing better now that we're in that "caviar
of dipzines" (as someone called it). EE. Those stupid moves are OK for Retaliation, but for Gary's zine, we've got to class up our act. RUSSIA-GERMANY: Shut up with your "holier than thou" lectures already,
I'm getting sick of them. Everybody knows you were plotting to get War-
saw, so just shut up.
BERLIN-PARIS: Why can't you play like Larzelere, then I might have a
chance to win this game.
PAR-BER: What? We agreed to keep Burgundy and the Channel neutral? But
Kathy offered them to me if she took Serbia and Rumania. Besides, Mich-
alski said you might be moving there.
PAR: A Mun-Kie? Well I'll be an Olsen's uncle.
MICHALSKI: If it isn't Stebbins clones, it's toady crossgamers. Shit.
STANDBY-DICKLESS: Thank you.
ITALY-FRANCE: Tie me.
ITALY-AUSTRIA: Beat me.
ITALY-TURKEY: Whip me with chains.
GREAT TRUTHS OF KEITH SHERWOOD: *MARTIN'S NEW STRATEGY: Only move every
other season. Keeps 'em guessing.
MPLS-CHICAGO: I wish Woody were in this game. Then I could finish ahead
of somebody (besides Toots that is).
UCSD-CHICAGO: You could always misrepresent your opinions in this zeen
and send it to Linsey to try to influence his game play in 1981AM. By the way, what do you have up your sleeve signing up for a game in VD?
CHICAGO: That's for me to know and for you to find out. You wouldn't
believe me if I told you anyway.
BERLIN-LA JOLLA: Sensemalia?
PARIS-CHICAGO: "Sensemalia"? I think I got vaccinated for that years ago.
Or is that what they filmed "Farthquake" in?
CHICAGO-LA JOLIA: That's right, play dumb. Don't want the feds knocking
at your door.
GERMANY-LAS VEGAS: Did I win the "Stab the Sucker" pool? I had 0311
FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Have you gotten Down 'N Dirty in Swedish Roundabout
yet? Ho, ho, ho.
ENGLAND-WORLD: You won't have Michalski to kick around any more! MUN-BUR: Oh, I forgot to tell you, Olsen is moving to Holland, so we're
having a "pre-arranged" standoff in Burgundy. I know you're relieved at
not having the temptation to stab me. You're welcome.
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MEMO TO COUNT VLAD FANS: The Count is temporarily indisposed while he figures out if running his adventures is causing too much of a burden on his GM and old slaveholder. OLSEN-GH: After you become a priest, will we have to call you "Father Pops"? BERLIN-BUDAPEST: "Come into my Holland", said the spider to the fly. TUNIS: What has six legs and says "Hoe de doe, hoe de doe!"? Three blacks running for an elevator. PRANCE-ENGLAND: Yeah, I guess I really blew the game when I allied with Mazzer and not you. And look how well the toadies are covering up their secret crossgame alliance! Why, they've exchanged home supply centers! Clever toadies CONSUMMATE GENIUS-ROME: Now what? I dunno. I was hoping you could tell CON-BERLIN: Of course the Wichita Wacko has bitten off more than he can chew, but I haven't. Wait til you see the chunk I take out of his rear! MICHALSKI: What's a cacoon? A ni-ni-nigger. GERMANY: I always knew Michalski was a DIC. I insure with Keith's Nifty Insurance Firm. Esq.. He's always behind me.
AUSTRIAN A KIEL-BERLIN: Just passing through (I hope).
WICHITA-CHICAGO: You're right, I am a fair-weather fan. But it's OK if it rains too. PARIS: Hey! Everybody! There's a fast Brutus Bulletin Memorial Game open. Let's all join and make John feel right at home! FLUSHING-WICHITA: Now you didn't really think anyone could stay allied with a smarmy player, did you? PARIS-RUSSIA: Need any northern support? CHICAGO: Once, again, thanks to Scott Hanson for unneeded standby orders for Italy. Should Dick NMR again, I'll either throw the position into CD or give it to Scott, probably the latter. Don't get me wrong, I like Dick, but not as much as I hate NMRs. That's it for now. Take it away,

Take it away, Keith! Slang 'splanations....continued from page 6 .

<u>Jelled:</u> To fail; weasle out; get out of obligations. "We were going to go camping this weekend, but half the people that signed up jelled out on us."

Wench: Term referring to a female, used mostly by males, as females consider it derogatory. "Come here, wench." [SLAP!]

Totally: A superlative adverb to use with superlative adjectives. See here after for totally great examples.

Bummed: No, gentle English readers, it does not mean what it means in England. Americans, if you want to know the English meaning, ask John Marsden (er, not that John should know; he's just English. Sorry 'bout that John!). In Californian, it means brought down, saddened. "Ugh, I got a C+ on my paper. I'm really bummed."

Stoked: Opposite of bummed, it means gladdened, hyped (you do know what "hyped"

means, don't you?). "Really? I got an A on mine. I'm totally stoked."

Hot: Coming full circle, it means what "cool" did ten years ago or "neato" 20 years ago. "Wow! I dig your car, it's totally hot!"

Awesome: Just what you think it means, just use it in every other sentence: "Have you been to the beach today? The waves are totally awesome."

Gnarly: The quintessential Californian slang word. It means difficult, tough, hard. Born on the beaches, spread by a punk rock song: "Can't go surfing because the waves are too gnarly.

Radical (or "Rad" if you're totally hot): Synonomous with awesome and gnarly. "That party last night was really radical."

(Thanks again, again Keith)

"PUTTING THE BEST FACE ON A SITUATION" DEPARTMENT: "Thrusting my nose firmly between his teeth, I threw him heavily to the ground on top of me."--Mark Twain.



I will try to make this a large letter column to make up for last time when it was so small. The way I feel now(It's about 1 AM after a day of typing) it will totally disorganized except within sections if you follow that(say you do!) and will cover a wide variety of topics. Remember short letters will get you a better chance of getting in, because EE is an excerpter.

I feel like this time that more longer letters will be printed because some of the topics are very interesting to me and I hope you. You are really a remarkable group and appreciate your writing in.

Habits have changed. I'm now wearing a suit, and I've given up all my nasty habits (except for one but because I haven't been doing) getting it recently. I can't give it up!). What really impressed me was Rick Holman's impression—after all he has never met me, but he has got it absolutely correct, can't say the same for Simon Bilgewater because he's an old friend of mine. (Hiya Simon).

Faz was pretty close—I do like Sabbath but only with Ronnie Dio, and at 33/45 rpm and I don't think I could handle them at 78! But what impresses me the most is that my subbers who have been reading Bohemian Rhapsody for some while, had no idea who I was. I mean look at Dave Carter's guess, but then again, that man's a nut anyway!

Anyway I'm sorry for the rushed reply. I'm really panicking about my interview. Hey, can I plug Bohemian Rhapsody here? BR #7 is my best yet and I need tons of subbers/traders from over the ditch."

Malc was the man whose picture appeared in EE #10 and this is his reply to the guesses about that picture which appeared in EE #12. (See page 5). Bohemian Rhapsody is well worth trading for. It has a lively letter column, the Diplomacy games are run with maps, and Malc has a North American section in which he tells the British about how he views we here "over the ditch". You owe it to yourself to see BR. Send Malc the equivalent of \$1.00 to see a sample and ask for his fees. I hope you got the job, Malc. I hated interviews too.

Patrick Conlon(West Germany): "DERCS?! Hell, I'm ETSing next month! It's sunshine and cut-offs and bare feet and long hair for this kiddo come the end of April...I'm even taking a Berlitz Self Taught Living Language Course: "How to Speak Civilian." When the toaster is out of order, I'll have to remember to say, "The toaster doesn't work." I'd get some strange looks and comments if I tried to tell someone, "The toaster is down."

Please print the following: To Bern Sampson—I apologize for suggesting your name in the last picture contest. My comments were directed at the mug in the picture, not you. To Malc Smith—Unnhh...you need help. Better stick to postal games. With any luck at all we'll all be old and gray before Gary starts rerunning any of his pictures. At least you have managed to keep your sense of humor in spite of your handicap."

Mark Fassio (South Carolina, USA): "So that photo was Malc Smith, huh? He did have that European look to him, but I was never good at identifications."

Well, Patrick is probably lucky that he's getting out of Europe now before Malc reads his comments. I DEROSED and ETSed one day later when in Korea. (I'll bet that sounds dirty to those of you who have never been in the military!). I want to know what Malc's "handicap" is. After all, he has taken his Turkish army into Warsaw in Windsor!

Ben Schilling (Michigan, USA): "I appreciate the article from Punch. I used to read it regularly when I got the chance."

I sent Ben one of the cartoons that comes in Punch, the British humor magazine. I use many of its cartoons in ES. On the next page will be another British viewpoint of use many of its cartoons in ES.

Rob Chapman (United Kingdom): "The EE lettercolumn frightens me to death. The American hobby seems to be composed entirely of fascist sociopaths. I would have expected Diplomacy players to be of above average intelligence—the EE letter column proves me wrong. Of course, I would rather be red than dead—when you're dead you haven't got any freedom at all! America and Russia are indulging in a mutual provocation that is threatening my existence; I have no sympathy with either of them, they are both trying to screw up my world. I am a socialist and a unilateralist and I don't want to kill anybody...."

(Rob is the pubber of <u>Putty Riffo</u> whose letter column style I adapted for EE.), Well Rob, of course I disagree with you about your assessment of Americans. I disagree with most of your views like better being red than dead. Ah, life in Warsaw and Prague is so stimulating these days. That's living?! I agree that the Reagan government is very irresponsible in its attitudes, but to confuse that with the American people and to compound your error and equate us with the Russians makes me laugh, only it's too sad to laugh about. You believe in unilateralism? Fine, then call your warships back from the Falkland Islands. Better Argentine than dead, eh wot?

Rob is not along in his views as I have found out, and which will appear in this letter column. And hopefully, Rob, you will see some more American views which will cause you to rest easier at night! Here are what 3 zines have said about Americans in Europe based on reading EE:

From Malc Smith's <u>Bohemian Rhapsody</u>: "And the American zines are full of mega-political comments like why the British should spend untold millions defending
their freedom against the Russians. Fine, if that's their freedom, they can keep that,
and we'll keep the money. Deal chaps?"

From Jaap Jacobs' Oxymoron: "If anyone feels obliged to convince Americans that nuclear arms are deadly indeed, he can write Gary. But they are rather stubborn, especially one John Michalski."

This is Gary again. Some Europeans wonder if John Michalski exists; I assure you that he does. One of my recent <u>Greatest Hits</u> (Pete Birks) had two comments about Michalski. One was " And isn't Michalski a Communist kind of name." and two: "Protest and Survive. Nuke John Michalski."

In EE #10, John Michalski wrote Some ABCs From the Primer For Hopeless Pinkos. That article generated mucho response and it is time to air some of it. Briefly, in this article, John asserted America as the best society that the world has yet produced, assailed socialism and criticized the Western allies in general. Most ot these next few letters quote parts of John's article so you can follow it quite easily if you don't have a copy of the article from EE #10. Before you have at him, though, John has one comment:

John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "Regarding the Europeans et.al., it occurs to me that my "nuke 'em" remark ((in EE #11)) could be misconstrued. What I had in mind was the Soviet occupation forces, and the Europeans only coincidentally. I wouldn't nuke the Europeans for disagreeing with me----only New Yorkers."



Mark Berch (Virginia, USA): "There are so many appalling errors in Michalski's "Primer For Hopeless Pinkos" that one barely knows where to start. His point (1), for example, only reveals that he knows zilch about Socialism. I'll concentrate mainly on his (2): "..the one society that provided the best for the most people exists today, in the U.S. The runners-up are those countries whose way of government/economic policy is closest to ours"

His "best for the most" is somewhat vague. One standard often used is per capita income. But we are no longer first in this category. Another is life expectancy, but we were never first in that category. Then there is the crime right, or the violent crime rate, an important indicator of the quality of life. That one puts us in a very poor light. No one single index will suffice, and of course we are ahead in such areas as cars-per-capita. But you can't just flatly state that we are the best.

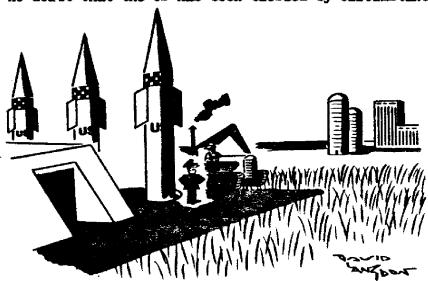
However, this is a minor point. The real error comes in assuming that our well-being arises just from the political/economic/social structure of society and government. An equally, and probably more important, factor is the astonishingly good natural resources that we lucked into. Americans tend to take these for granted

without realizing how unusual we are.

Take soil--perhaps the basic natural resource. We have some of the very richest and deepest soils on the planet. Or look at the other end. Yes, we have deserts, mountains, etc., but a rather high proportion of the US is arable--about triple the percentage of China. We have one of the biggest pools of oil and natural gas--until the 1970s we were the biggest oil producer. We also have extremely plentiful supplies of very readily available coal, high-grade iron-ore, copper, lumber and fresh water---all vital resources.

Our luck goes beyond that. On the whole, our weather is reasonably temperate (contrast Siberia) and rainfall is sufficient and not unduly seasonal(no monsoon storms). The country is well laced with major rivers(Colorado, Mississippi etc) which are generally well-behaved(contrast the Yellow River). The east coast of the US has just about the best fishing grounds in the world. And we've had great luck with neighbors—only two and both of them very peaceful. (Germany and Russia, just to name two, haven't been so lucky). Our seas buffer are wide enough to really protect. The result is that since the War of 1812, we've only been raided once (the attack at Pearl Harbor). Of course, the economic system helps, but I honestly don't think any social or economic system could have screwed up such a splendid collection of resources."

Mark is the pubber of <u>Diplomacy Digest</u> and the just-released <u>Son of Lexicon</u>(See page 15). I think the economic/social systems have a great deal to do with whether natural resources are utilized. Contrast the booming prewar economies of <u>Eastern</u> Europe with their situations? Poland is rich in natural resources, much more so than before World War II and it is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy now. There is no doubt that the US has been blessed by circumstances but it is our system which is



"A pre-emptive strike here and bang goes their grain supplies."

largely responsible for that. The Soviet Union is also a superpower and it sits upon a large share of the earth's resources too but its system is to blame for its shoddy shape. For more on that, let's go to Jaap Jacobs who publishes Oxymoron in The Netherlands and has become a good penpal of mine.

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Jaap Jacobs (The Netherlands): "As you can imagine I disagree with John Michalski on various points. I'll explain my point of view.

(1) It is not true that socialism teaches people to either work or wait to get their share of the wealth others work to create. In most communist states, there is hardly any unemployment, people are

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(Jaap Jacobs comments continued from page 23)... "more or less forced to work. The difference with the US is that in the Soviet Union, people are forced to work by the government. In the US, the alternative is starving. Here in Holland, and I believe in most West European countries, people who cannot get a job are taken care of. But, if there is a possible job, they must take it. The reason that the economy of many communist countries is so bad is mainly because of the centralised government. Moscow decides what a kolchoz in Uzbekistan should produce. This makes it impossible to adapt the situation to the local possibilities. Further, the Soviet Union's government does not accept any critical sounds, even if these are right.

Another point why, let's say, the production of agriculture in the Soviet Union is not as high as it could be is because of the kolchoz and sovchoz system. Workers at a sovchoz work for the sovchoz and they do not see the results of their work. This means that they are hardly emotionally involved, which means that they don't work as hard as they could.

Now sometime ago, there was an experiment with a new production form called "Zveno" The Zveno was a small group of workers who obtained everything needed for independent production from the kolchoz. Further they could do as they liked, produce whatever they wanted. The products were sold to the kolchoz for the usual price and the workers shared the profit. Now the results of this experiment were astonishing. The producti-vity rose twenty times, the income of the worker three times, the produce of one hectare three times. This experiment was stopped because it did not agree with the communists' principles."

☐ Look for more of Jaap's letters in EE! He is developing a bilingual letter column in his own zine, Oxymoron.

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Doug Beyerlein (California, USA): "The debate between Michalski and the Europeans shows how little Americans understand the ideas, philosophy, and fears of foreigners. We are too insulated from outside contact to really know how others perceive us." Eric Ozog (Illinois, USA): "O.K., how about EE and the European community? Let me tell you that I understand their apathetic view. I think there are many Europeans who are just plain tired of war, and don't want to fight anymore, despite the chance they will fall into Socialism/Communism(they are one in the same). Look, they fought two devastating wars on their home soil, saw their cities, population and economies wrecked—something the United States has not really experience \(\).

Also, nobody takes into account the <u>real</u> power on the siding, <u>MONEY</u> (the multi-national corporations and the international banks who work through such groups as the <u>Round Table</u>, <u>Council on Foreign Relations</u>, the <u>Atlantic Union</u>, the <u>RAND Corporation</u> and the <u>Trilateral Commission</u>), to build World Government under their control

You will never see the mass media pursue such hot stories of how Chase Manhattan and Exim (Export-Import) Bank financed the Kama River truck factory in Soviet Russia, the two-billion dollar complex which converted part of its production to tanks, tanks which rolled through Afganistan.

I could go on and on (yawn) about how International banking cartels control a nation by controlling the nation's economy, how these 'establishments' have financed both sides of the last two world wars, using war as a means to throw a nation further into debt, which increases the power of the banks over a nation. Take the United States with its trillion plus dollar debt. What if we say we won't pay? No problem, say the banks. One merely has to finance the U.S.'s enemy and rival, the Soviet Union. They have been bankrolling Soviet Communism since 1918, in order to promote one-world government under their control.

What it boils down to, people of the world, you're a collection of playing pieces on the monopoly board. A good reason for European indifference, if that be the case. And I say, "Hell no! I won't go! I won't fight for Texaco!!" It's time for people to say "I'm not going to be used in their game anymore."

And then Gary says, "Right Eric. How idealistic. How noble. I bet it lasts but five minutes when the Russians storm West Germany."

Doug does <u>California Reports</u>, a zine about computers in the hobby, and is anxiously following the latest developments in Arizona, I presume! Eric is the pubber of <u>Diplomacy By Moonlight</u> and recently registered, along with other young men of draft age if it comes back, at the post office so he is not as flakey as he might sound. This effervescence makes DBM a continual joy to read. His last issue was all about Poland and about American jokes the Poles tell! His address is on page 15

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Malcy Baby to Kathy: Hey you--the one with the big nose, scruffy hair and smelly toes!! You leave off my name. Bloody spaghetti eaters.

[ISTANHUL]-(courtesy of Turkist Gaset)-- The big-mouthed Italian Queen has done it again!
In some inner circles, she is said to have a secret love affair with the Tsarevitch,
whom she secretly meets in Heidelburg, near Munich. Passion has again overthrown
reason. Maybe Katherina wants to be the new Tsarina?? Bravo Tsarina!
France to Italy: Everybody warms me you'll stab me! Will you? My revenge shall be
horrible!!!
Memphis to France: Now, you've done it!
Italy to France: I'll vassal you! If it wasn't for me, Germany would've had two
builds! I hereby declare France to be the Italian Latrine Cleaner!
Germany to ALL: BURN BYRNE! ROAST FRANKE further! Have you heard about French
toast? By the way, I have NEVER heard of FRENCH TOAST here in France...French fries
are a Belgian specialty--just ask Liesnard... French salad dressing (Americans just
invent anything. There is NOTHING like that over here). Ask Franke, he is supposed
to be in France. And what is Frenchip? Don't ask Franke.
France to Germany: Once upon a time there was a German Emperor....
Italy to Turkey: It's a shame they sawed off your fingers, but as Cuddles told me
if you're still sucking your thumb at the age of 20, Belgian law says "Off with
your fingers." I also hea-r that if you turn gay, it's off with your head in England. Oh, well, no great loss to Malcy; at least his brains are safe-he sits on them.
France to Austria: The sooner you recognize your true enemy, the better for your poor Austria! Alii bella gerant, tu, felix Austria, mube!--Others war, but you lucky
Austria, marry!
Memphis to Austria: That's the motto of the Hapburg rulers of Austria. Others fought
to get territories but the Austrian rulers married and inherited territories. Let's
see, who among your neighbors, now that Marion is gone, could you marry? But first
you'd have to get a haircut and a job! And stop writing your press when drunk!!
Male to ALL: I'm sober--totally stone cold sober. The reason for this sorry state is
that I'm off for an interview today. So here I am with a 3-piece suit on, a new
haircut--you can even see my ears now, so KE #10 is out of date. So here I am sitting
on the train going from Teesside (Yorkshire province) to Stockport (Liverpool province).
England to GM: I keep trying to keep my press to a reasonable length, but I get
carried away!
GM to England: At least I understand most of your press unlike.....
France to Austria: Who is Bernie Marsden compared to Icapo Stabo?
Malc to ALL: Subscribe to Bohemian Rhapsody! (please)
France to Austria: No, I didn't see "Whitesnake"; for the fee I can buy two LPs! By
the way, how about dropping a line?
Bohemian Rhapsody to ALL: Sorry for the lack of letters, but I'm under one hell of a lot of pressure of late. But hopefully, I'll be able to do lots in about 12 weeks time. Taffy(England and Wales) to Malc: You may not have heard that there is a Rugby League
team not a million miles away from me in Cardiff. Personally, I find watching Rugby
League marginally less exciting than watching the grass grow. There again, maybe
I'm being unfair to the grass. P.S. Please note the black armband.
Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: And please note that your press ends here. Thanks!
Attention, Alsace-Lorraine! I forgot one press entry. Here tis:
 Germany to Liebe Thomas: I thought you would know that "Bloodsucker" is "Sucuese de
 Sang" in French. Having not corrected "Sucerguse" I assume you are a fake....
 SOME LATE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike Mills has announced that he will be reviving his
 great zine, Eshain Macha, beginning in Kay. This was always one of my favorite zines.
 Since it folded in October, 1981, Mike has been running the games via an insert called
 "The Spectator". I am happy to see it returning to public view. If you want to see it when it comes out, send stamps to Mike Mills, 47 Mayer Drive, Suffern, New York 10901 USA. No SASE since EM will now be a digest zine like EE and DD(Diplomacy Digest).
 Mike is also the editor of the Zine Directory. The latest issue is just out and inforabout it is on page 15! Find a zine that is tailored to your exact needs by using
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the ZD!

The results of the ninth Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) are in: were first printed in <u>Diplomacy World</u> #30 which arrived in the midst of EE, so we are all fortunate to see them. The EPP, in the words of Doug Beyerlein, is "a rating of the top currently-active postal Diplomacy players by the Diplomacy community. The poll is conducted

in the same manner as the AP and UPI collegiate sports polls. Votes are solicited, collected, and tabulated, and the scores of the top 14 players are published on an annual basis......[Votes] should be based on personal experience, games observed, reputation, tatings, etc." Each person was to vote for 14 people listed in order.

The BPP was run for eight times between 1971 and 1975. In 1975, Doug Beyerlein became the Boardman Number Custodian and discontinued the poll. This year marks its re-emergence. In the 9th BPP, a total of 49 votes were cast which listed 77 people. The scoring is as follows: a first place listing is 20 points, 2nd-17, 3rd-15, 4th-13, 5th-11, 6th-9, 7th-8, 8th-7, 9th-6, 10th-5, 11th-4, 12th-3, 13th-2 and 14th-1. Points were summed to determine rankings.

Doug Beyerlein listed the top 21-woted players into three boards. In the legend, \underline{S} means the score or total number of points tabulated from the ballots; N means the number of ballots listing the player's name. The number of first place votes is given

in parentheses. And the results are:

	TOP BOARD	<u>s</u>	N	•	THIRD BOARD S N		
ı.	Kathy Byrne (6)	340	24		15. John Michalski 76 11		
2.	Jack Masters (3)	263	26				
3.	Randolph Smyth (4)	186	15		17. Steve McLendon 71 8		
4.	Lee Kendter, Sr. (1)	179	18		18. Mike Mazzer 70 6		
5.	Ron Brown(USA) (2)	166	16		19. Keith Mercer 69 7		
	John Caruso (1)	132	17		20. Bill Hart (2) 66 4		
?:	Don Ditter (1)	129	12		21. Al Pearson 65 9		
	SECOND BOARD	<u>s</u>	<u>N</u>		The BPP and the Whitestonia Player		
	Allen Wells (3)	115	10		Poll are based on subjective choosing		
9	Jack Fleming (2)	102	10		while the Calhamer Point Count(CPC),		
10.	Robert Sergeant (1)	96	10		the Modern Calhamer Point Count(MCPC)		
	Bob Olsen	96	14		and the DragonsTooth Ratings System(DT)		
12.	Blair Cusack (2)	90	9		rate players game track records. It		
13.	Gary Coughlan	82	11		is interesting to see how they compare		
14.	Bob Arnett	80	10		with this BPP. Based on the players		
in the Top Board only, the Whitestonia Players Poll had 6 of the 7 in its top spots,							
the MCPC had 4 of the 7, the CPC had 1 of the 7 and the DT didn't list any of them.							
Further details of these other systems can be obtained from Jack Masters (see page 16)							
PLAYERS WITH 20 POINTS OR MORE IN THE BPP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER:							

1.	Robert Acheson	20.	Greg Haskew	39.	Dick Martin			
2.	Trevor Baillie	21.	Steve Heinowski (1)	40.	Bill Neilsen			
3.	H.D. Bassett (1)	22.	Roy Henricks	41.	Bob Osuch			
4.	Doug Beyerlein	23.	Elmer Hinton	42.	Hugh Polley			
5.	Walter Blank (1)	24.	Stan Johnson	43.	Rick Ragsdale			
6.	Kerry Blant	25.	John Kador	44.				
7.	Thom Burnett (1)	26.	Doug Karnes	45.	Richard Reed (1)			
8.	Dave Carter	27.	Ron Kelly (1)	46.	Bern Sampson			
9.	Mike Conner (1)	28.	John Kevern (1)	47.	Alex Service			
10.	Phil Cooper	29.	Oded Klinger	48.	Keith Sherwood			
11.	David Crockett (1)	30.	Dan Kuszynski	49.	Dan Stafford			
12.	François Cuerrier (1)	31.	Doug Landon	50.	Don Swartz			
13.	George Cunningham	32.	Steve Langley (2)	51.	Eric Verheiden			
14.	Dave Ditter	33.		52.	Jake Walters			
15.	Mark Fassio	34.	Mark Lew	53.	James Williams			
16.	Paul Goodrich	35.	Bruce Linsey	54.	Tom Williams (1)			
17.	Dave Grabar (1)	36.	Andy Lischett (1)	55.	Fred Winter			
18.	Arturo Guajardo	37.	Dan MacLellan (1)	56.	John Zipper (2)			
19.	-	38.	Tom Mainardi					

"It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place." ---H. L. Mencken.

Mickie McAuley(Ontario, Canada): "You're going to love this. Do you drink Tequila Sunrises often? I do. Well, at least Tequila(lemon and salt, of course). Anyway, my family bought a 16' catamaran this summer and the task of naming it was up to me. Guess what I called it? You gotter, otter. 'Tequila Sunrise'! You're also going to appreciate this. I also have had the unfortunate experience of sleeping in my contacts. It was on a train trip and I accidentally fell asleep. 5 hours later, I woke up with my eyes glued shut. We finally got them out, but it took awhile."

Bob Osuch(Illinois, USA): "You wear contacts? So do I. Once I got really loaded and fell asleep with them in. The next morning I couldn't open my eyes——they were on fire. I couldn't see and was really scared. My girlfriend had to get cold compresses and put them on my eyes and I had to lay in a dark room cause the light burned my eyes. Finally I was able to open them wide enough to remove the lenses, which was no easy task. It was the next morning before I could finally open my eyes for any length of time.

One time I lost one lens and couldn't find it. So about two weeks went by and I was at a picnic with family and friends, and I felt something in the back of my eye. So my neighbor tried to look under my eyelid and she saw the lens! I got it out some-how. It was covered with slimy green stuff--like snot.

Last summer I lost one in a swimming pool and the girl who threw the party found it in her filter and mailed it to me. One time I was riding my motorcycle and I turned my head to look at something and they both blew out! Needless to say, I didn't try to find them. That's about all the contact stories I have."

I slept with my contacts in on New Year's Eve and had to get the left one tweezed out so Mickie and Bob week me their contact horror stories. I've been real lucky losing only two in about 8-9 years of wearing them. I usually drink Miller or Heineken and lately John Michalski's poison of Amaretto and Cognac. Bob lives on South Paulina street in Chicago and, after hearing his contact stories, I can see why he called one of his subzines, "The Perils of Paulina"! Bob does Mass Murders in EE.

Porter Wightman (New York, USA): "You're absolutely right about people just plain forgetting to give you their ancestry. I'm $\frac{1}{2}$ Swedish, 7/16 Yankee (as Sigwalt would say-that is English) and 1/16 Pequot!" Don Sigwalt (New York, USA): "Sigwalt is of course a German name and rare in this country. In geneological research, I've found a Johann Sigwalt that came to Philadelphia in 1776, maybe an ancestor of mine, I don't know. I'm not sure of my father's parentage but my mother's maiden name is Stuchell, her mother's maiden name is Hoffman and her mother's maiden name was Geist. My mom's of pure Pennsylvania German stock. Also my great-grandfather's grandmother is supposed to be part American Indian. I like that because Angie (my girlfriend) is full-blooded Indian. She's a Cayuga and her clan is that of the snipe. I think her father's a Mohaut... ... 'Sigwalt' is easy to pronounce but people usually mess it up anyway. John Sigwalt's name has also been spelled 'Segwalt'. I don't know much about the origin of names or German, but I'd guess Sigwalt comes from 'sieg' -- victory and 'wald' -- forest." Brenton Ver Ploeg(Florida, USA): " 'Ver Ploeg' is Flemish, so these days I guess this passes for Dutch. <u>David Perlmutter</u>(Pennsylvania, USA): "My national origin is Swiss. Does that help? Alors, vive le fromage! Vive Algerie Francais and all that. Invest in gold! Swiss francs!"

Roy Henricks (Pennsylvania, USA): "I overlooked the stuff in #10. I had read it, but forgot about it when I sent a resub. 'Henricks' was changed by my father from 'Hendricks' which was Anglicized from 'Heinrich' by my great-grandfather. On my father's side, I am of German descent for at least 4 generations. My mother is a 'Schmid'--her mother was a 'Richter' and my maternal grandparents emigrated from Austria in the 1920s. Their families are of Austrian descent as far back as we can/have traced."

Remember for a "secret project", EE would like to know your name's history, like my name Coughlan is Irish. If you do not wish to participate, please tell me that too. I no longer will return checks, but I would like to know either yea or nay. There will be more ancestries in the letter column this time too. I think there will be enough topics for everyone's tastes if you are just absolutely bored with nuclear weapons debates and socialism! Don Sigwalt pubs Hoof & Mouth and Roy Henricks' zine is Envoy.

Simon Billenness (United Kingdom): "In the New Year, I will be taking over Compendium which is a listing of all British zines, services, hobby meets, cons and the suchlike. I'm hoping to substantially expand the foreign listings, but only to include the main information zines as well as these gaming zines that accept foreign players in their zines. The two best examples of the former are <u>Diplomacy World</u> and <u>Diplomacy Digest</u>. The two leaders, in my opinion, of international gaming zines are your <u>EE</u> in America and <u>Chantecler</u> on the continent.

However, I'd like you to publicize the fact that I will list all American zines if they both accept British players and trade with me so that I can base my listing on first-hand information. Unfortunately, we don't use credit transfer in Britain and so traders may feel they are getting a raw deal because Compendium will be 12 pages and quarterly. This will be offset by two things: Firstly the listing will help the zine gain subbers and secondly all traded copies will go to the British Zine Bank. The Zine Bank is a hobby service that sends out a broad selection of zines to people (usually novices) who sent £1 ((one pound)) and a large SSAE. In this way, as well, traders can gain subbers. So a trading agreement wouldn't be so one-sided after all.

I think you've done very well to spark off a fresh wave of international cooperation. I hope Compendium can contribute as much to giving full information on

the British Hobby. Would you be interested in trading?

Foreign subbers are also actively sought. Each issue of Compendium should cost about 13p plus postage that will be going up in January(again) probably to 25p. If subbers send English money, it should cost roughly £1 for two issues but I accept any exchangeable foreign currency (Scottish banknotes surprisingly don't fall into this category). The address is: Simon Billenness, 20, Winifred Rd., Coulsdon, Surrey CR3 3JA United Kingdom.

If we trade, I look forward to participating in your famous letter column. I'm also writing similiar letters to Mark Berch(<u>Diplomacy Digest</u>), Rod Walker(<u>Diplomacy World</u>) and Michael Mills (<u>Zine Directory</u>). I've already written to Michael Liesnard (Chantecler). I hope to come to some sort of information swapping agreement with Michael Mills. I'll see what happens."

U Well, what happened is that Simon, Mike Mills and I have all cooperated in sharing information about our hobbies for both the ZD and Compendium. I don't really see a massive upsurge in transatlantic game playing though. EE was, in effect, given away free to any European who would play in a game here. I charge now and I'm sure that other pubbers, on both side of the Atlantic, would charge. I think what would interest most North Americans is the much wider scope of non-Diplomacy games which are available for postal play in the United Kingdom. Thanks to Simon's efforts, much of these opportunites are detailed in the ZD which is just out(details on page 15).

If you want to know about British zines, send the equivalent of £1 or \$2 US to Simon for Compendium. You can also send £1 to Alan Parr, 6 Longfield Gardens, Tring, Herts, United Kingdom HP23 4DN, and get a few samples of British zines from the Zine Bank. North American pubbers who are interested in attracting players from overseas, should send information about their zine, fees, etc. to Simon. If it doesn't make this issue of Compendium, it will be in the next one....a familiar story to me..,

Pete Birks (United Kingdom): "Enclosed is my reply for the ZD. I have mentioned it in <u>Greatest Hits</u>—I think it has also been mentioned in <u>NMR!</u> and <u>Ode</u>, although the number of replies you received from the lethargic bunch of creeps who masquerade as zine editors in this godforsaken isle will probably still only be in single figures."

Nigel McCabe (United Kingdom): "I was reading in <u>Putty Riffo</u> about your registering UK zines. My zine is <u>Stick the Knife In</u>. Let me know if you want to trade."

Peter Northcott (United Kingdom): "I read in Pete Birks' <u>Greatest Hits</u> that Mike Mills is trying to compile a <u>Zine Directory</u>, and I should send information to you."

I received 12 direct replies from British editors, but four of them arrived after the information had to be typed up and sent on to Mike Mills. That information will be used next time. Each pubber that helped me will receive a copy of the ZD because I want it publicized so each pubber can describe his own zine. I owe tremendous thanks to Simon Billenness for helping describe the British hobby so fully, to Michel Liesnard for all French-speaking zines, to Jaap Jacobs for all Dutch-speaking zines and to Thomas Franke for all-German speaking zines. (Alan Parr, your information came too late!) Wilsel: I will trade. Only 3(non-EE traders) pubbers replied. The Sisted above cited their source and the 3rd, Walamalaysia Gazette cited Bohemian Rhapsody

Andy Lischett (Illinois, USA): "You can stay at my place for ChicagoCon, and I'll pick you up at the airport. Unfortunately you'll have to leave Elsie home because of a city ordinance."

Dave Carter (Ontario, Canada): "I will be in Chicago. Andy L. asked if I wanted to stay at his place and I said yes so now I'm just awaiting confirmation. I am going to drive down on the Friday and leave on the Sunday."

Diek Montin (Montel and USA): "I think if I do note it to Chicago it!!! be vie

<u>Dick Martin(Maryland, USA):</u> "I think if I do make it to Chicago it'll be via "Bismarck" Airlines. The cost is only \$60 round trip. Why don't you drive, it's not that far, is it?"

□ No, it's not that far but why waste time driving when I can get there so fast?! I too will be arriving on Friday night and lewing on Sunday. What has Chicago got against a cow? After all this is 1982, not 1871. Anyway, Andy, Elsie said that due to the other circumstances in this case, that she wouldn't stay at your house anyway. Something about sleepless nights or something, she was mooing on about.

Jaap Jacobs (The Netherlands): "The general opinion in Europe is that the NATO defense is at the moment strong enough, even though the Warsaw Pact has a quantitative majority. And international institutes like SIPRI in Sweden and the Institute for Strategical Studies in London report quite the same. I think public opinion in the US is influenced by the armament lobby., which of course wants to sell as many weapons as is possible.

About the demonstrations: Most Europeans, like Geoff Challinger, have a fear of even the possiblitiy of a nuclear war. This fear is just as irrational as the fear some people have of the Soviet Union. I don't think it strange that demonstrations seem to be solely against the USA, but I think people in Europe feel that they cannot influence the Soviets, which leaves only one to influence, and that is the US. But I must say that these demonstrations were basically against the nuclear arms race in general. By the way, there were demonstrations when Breshnev came to Bonn, West Germany; there were demonstrations when martial law was imposed in Poland. These demonstrations were not as massive, because the fear of the nuclear arms race has been growing for many years, while the imposition of martial law in Poland happened very suddenly. That makes it difficult to organize such immense demonstrations. You know, weeks before the 400,000 in Amsterdam, people were talking about it: 'Will you be in Amsterdam the 21st?' Thank you very much for the articles you sent me. I was very shocked that the US seems to be thinking of leaving Western Europe, and I am sure that this is something very few Europeans will like You know, Gary, I always tend to argue with people. To you I try to explain why we should get rid of nuclear arms; to a friend who has been to Amsterdam the 23rd of November, I try to explain why nuclear arms are a necessity. probably depends on my mood." I don't know if I am sure what I think myself. It

C-G Spare(Finland): "Finlandization you say? Of course I, like everybody here, have heard that word ad nauseam. Yes, of course we are offended when somebody uses the name of the country we love as an intentional derogation. Because that is how it is used, misused. If the Finnish situation would be described correctly we would not be offended. If somebody thinks we should act in other ways, that is OK. You do not have to love us, but please present us correctly. I will not discuss Finlandization etc., etc. in this letter nor in EE. Interactive conversation, tossing off a case of beer, would perhaps be enough to let you see our side of the issue.

What would you, Gary, do if you suddenly found yourself thrown into the South Bronx police station's drunk tank? If you would try to make yourself inconspicious, and try to convince the super-suspicious bully whom fate made share your bunk that you would not help anyone to stab him, and occasionally look the other way when he behaves reprehensibly toward the other inmates, then you would



reprehensibly toward the other inmates, then you would be Finlandized, and earning Michalski's contempt."

Peter Northcott (United Kingdom): "A balance must be struck. It is alright for Reagan and Haig to belligerently warmonger-but us Europeans have to live with the Russians next door! You must admit that the American leadership (excepting Weinberger-he's clever-not that I agree with him) is not conducive to Europeans sleeping easily in their beds..."

O Good points all. The matador in the picture says:
"Don't be vague, ask for Haig!" (29)

Bob Olsen(Kansas, USA): "I've signed up for two new games......One..resulted in a call from an anonymous GE who wanted me to agree to play before he'd tell me who he was; turned out to be John Caruso. He's running a special game for bad players with terrible records so of course Kathy recommended me (thanks, Brux! Thanks, Cary!). So I'll be competing against such luminaries as Woody, Stebbins, and your hero Brad Wilson."

It won't wash Olsen! I'll admit you had me fooled for a long time but the BPP results on page 26 really opened my eyes! Second Board, huh?! Explain away that success!

<u>Mark Fassio</u>(South Carolina, USA): "Incidentally I don't think you should consider yourself a Southerner. I mean, your state and Kentucky were, theoretically, border states. So, why side with losers? It's bad enough you had to have Elvis Presley, too, but we compensate up north by having New Jersey. If you jump ship and become a real man(i.e., a Yankee), I'll give you all the Orange Julius you can drink, and maybe some kielbasa, too!"

There are now Orange Juliuses in Texarkana, Arkansas---can Memphis be far behind?!! Tennessee is a Southern state but it thinks for itself. It never seceded from the Union either; it declared the right of revolution something which is inherent in the same principles that caused the American Revolution. But it was said that Tennessee was the last state to leave the Union and the first to return.

I have always had a perverse satisfaction in the fact that when the country was divided into the free states and the slave states that it was only in the Southern states that any rational attempt to avoid a war happened. The entire North supported a minority candidate(Lincoln) despite the fact that he was anathema in the South and the lower South supported its own sectional candidate(Breckenridge) who would be unacceptable to the North. Only in what you call the "Border States" which were considered Southern, and still are to a large part, did they support someone(Bell) who could have been acceptable to all sections. It is not Tennessee which produces fanatics! We are enlightened Southerners. I detested Carterian Actest Senator Jesse and the worth Carolina.

Jeff Noto(Florida, USA): "I just wanted you to know that Lisa loved the EE#12 Valentine message. She loves it when I do little things like that for her. It made her day (and mine, too). An interesting thing happened. When she saw Elsie's picture, she wanted to know who the jerk was who pictured his wife as a cow. Then I explained that Elsie Coughlan was the publisher's cow. I guess I got you out of a jam.

I'm still trying to find a cheaper way to get to DipCon than the bus. One hundred and fifty dollars round trip is pretty expensive for a guy who's getting married three weeks later. Oh, I wish I had a car."

Here's a chance for any of you guys in Florida, Georgia or South Carolina to get someone willing to share gas with you if you were planning on going to Origins. I'm sure Jeff wouldn't mind at all and it might make your trip cheaper too. Not to mention having some "diplomatic" company along the way. But no pre-arranged alliances! If anyone is interested, Jeff's address is: 1001 SW 16 Ave, Apt #22, Gainesville, Florida 32601. Origins (also known as Dipcon) is July 23-25.

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Jaap Jacobe (The Netherlands): "I was amazed at the vast amounts of press in the games you run. Press is nice, but I think that I myself regard the game much too seriously to enjoy lots of press. Press can be good, but my standards are high. [From a later letter]--- "I consider EE quite enjoyable, but I still think there is too much press." John Marsden (United Kingdom): "Don't cut the press unless you have to. I love seeing all the insults flying around!"

Pete Birks (United Kingdom): "EE is a fine zine; if I lived in the USA, it would eertainly be a zine I would play in. As it is I have to suffer the fine printing, incomprehensible press and massive game reports. This, nevertheless, is worth it for a fine letter column."

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "I cannot say that press is wasted. I like press-wars, and if you are playing in a game it must be very funny. So Jaap should try a game, if you offer one some time."

Jeff Noto(Florida, USA): "I really must protest the omission of two important women in Diplomacy. I feel both Peggy Mazzer and Daisy Mazzer should be mentioned since they are an integral part of the Apis press." (This section continues on page 31)

Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "I think one encourages press -- among which some might be good--by printing press. After all, a GM is not God: why should he be entitled to judge what is good and what is bad? I'm sure some press which I find clumsy may sound witty to others who get the private jokes in it."

Michel's comment comes from his <u>Chantecler</u>. The amount of press in EE has been discussed in the letter columns of <u>Belgium</u>, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. My position is that the press in the games is similiar to an article. I try to arrange it so that similiar-subject statements are arranged together and try to make it have a logical progression. By reading the press, in time, it will make sense. Remember not all the players in these games knew each other at the start either. Besides, when I opened the EE games, I specifically said that I wanted players who would write press. I love good press wars and the four games here have certainly provided it.

So far I have only cut a few items and they were references to another game. Also some standby press will be cut. This issue is a treat for those that do not like a lot of press since there was not that much. After games run for awhile, press tends to go down in quantity. The press is the reason that I held my own GMed games down to 4.

Mark Berch, in a letter that I cannot locate, suggested that I have each player type up his press and that this would give the impression that the press is actually coming from the various European capitals. Well, not all players type their press and I do not relish cutting and pasting it to get it into the logical progressive order that I aim for. It is easier for me to type it up myself.

Ron Brown (Quebec, Canada): "I met Mickie McAuley last summer. Seeing as you keep referring to her "sexy voice" I will add that she <u>is</u> cute. (And very much younger than me.) My impression was that she had a lot more drive and talent than Nick Russon and Clive Tonge (co-editors of the defunct <u>Infidel</u>!) Glad to see she's still involved in the hobby."

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "That article by Mickie McAuley was very interesting; there's also such a group in Germany. It's interesting but it's not my way to spend

my free time."

Mickie McAuley(Ontario, Canada): "Thanks awfully, honey for printing my stuff. And that drawing was absolutely divine: The girl who did it is very talented. And it went so well with my story. I love those silly suits of armour, even though no one in the SCA wears them."

U Yes, the artist, Lynne Watts Johnson, is very talented. I may get her to design a t-shirt for EE. Mickie says she's cutting back on her involvement in the SCA. Mickie you have another admirer on page § .

Mark Fassio (South Carolina, USA): "Nice to see an issue with no nuclear/military/domestic hoopla for once. I'm just as much a debater as the next poor SOB but every now and then a respite is good for the soul. Must have been because we had such a gentle, women-oriented issue. Of course, you realize that the next sore spot will be involvement in Central America. I'll let someone else open his fool mouth on that

<u>C-G Spare</u>(Finland): "I certainly do not want to start off any unfruitful discussions but: What are you doing in San Salvador? Your actions actually defeat all sensible objectives I could imagine." ((continued on page 32))











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Mo one knows what is going on in El Salvador or really why. Almost to a man, no one in the US wants our troops involved. Vietnam is too recent a national nightmare for us. I favor letting Mexico play the neighborhood policeman there. They've got oil, they speak the language, they're nearer, they much more aware of the problems and besides they've offered. Has anyone read Everything We Had by Al Santoli? It is an "oral history of the Vietnam War by thirty-three American soldiers who fought it." Those who are in favor of war, should read it along with All quiet On The Western Front. Mar is hell, even if a Yankee did say it!

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Kathy Byrne (New York, USA): "First let me say that EE #12 was interesting. I thought I had died and that you were delivering my eulogy. Your account was very flattering, but I feel you overrated my playing. I'm not that good. But if I ever need a public relations man—I'll be sure and hire you!"

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "Now to EE #12: Let me first say, that it was one of your best issues up to now, very enjoyable to read! I laughed a lot about the cartoon (your cartoon) in "Alsace-Lorraine"--more of this stuff!

A good and quick overlook article was that of "Women in Diplomacy" by you, Pete Tamlyn gave a good analysis. Is <u>Mass Murders</u> appearing for long in EE now? I think it's an enrichment for EE! Although I don't understand a lot of the press... Yes, "Sex and Potatoes" was written in a very amusing, popular historical style, which everybody, hopefully, will have understood. I liked it.

"Women of Great Britain" was too short—by the way, I know Marie Cawley quite well—she's lovely, always drinking Pernod! I also Margaret Finnegan. If you had asked me to write an article and not only some sentences, I would have written a little article for you. That article by Al Pearson was fun(but a little chauvinistic) also your letter column. I wish I could do one or two pages in my "Genesis".

Did you know that there's an American porno-magazine also called "Genesis"? They are jeering at me with this fact here, but it doesn't bother me!....Okay--it would interest me very much to prove the claim of Dixie Gray of being the "porno queen"--I'm a GK although not in America and I'll give her a chance. Tell her I am interested in her claim and please give her my address, and we'll see what will happen, okay, Gary?"

Okay--she will get this page(she is not a subber, alas). Several people wrote and told me that #12 was my best issue yet(I prefer #10), but only Thomas went into detail about what he specifically liked. I can only assume that some of you don't like the nuclear discussions so I have tried to put a lot of various topics in this time.

Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "John Michalski's strident incantations, in EE 10, were funny to read: when John arrogantly states that the US society is the best ever and should be universally copied, he just reminds me of Iman Khomeini explaining that Iran has become a paradise on earth since February 79 and that all nations should convert to Islam....Needless to say I totally share John Marsden's opinion as stated in EE #11.

Another point where John makes himself ridiculous is when he writes that "the greatest butchers and mass murderers have been...Socialist states" (and, incidentally, he confirms what I had said about the Americans' inability to discern Socialism from Communism). Butcher states, Austria and Denmark, Sweden and Iceland, Norway and Holland, wuh? Mass murderers, Bruno Kreiski and Olof Palme, Vigdis Finnbogadottir and François Mitterrand, and even Belgium's Paul-Henri Spaak(who was NATO's General Secretary, by the way...)? John should stop reading the Reader's Digest or resign from the American Legion.

Now John isn't wrong all the time: it is true Socialism intends to give anybody a guarantee, thus more than a chance, for a reasonable wealthy life. One may argue for centuries to know whether this attitude is right or wrong, at least I don't think it leads by itself to mass murdering.

But I would like to discuss two other points: John Marsden's statement about America being a money-oriented society, and Carl-Gustaf Spare's disappointment with the American foreign policy. And the latter first." ((Starting on page 33))

((Michel Liesnard of Belgium continued from page 32))



"I share that kind of disappointment. I haven't much against the US giving lessons of democracy to the rest of the world, but please not while supporting two or three dozens of bloody dictatorships! When America will stop holding at arm's length Jean-Claude Duvalier and Alfredo Stroessner, Mobutu Sese Seko and Napoleon Duarte, and all their sympathetic homologues, then I (and many Europeans with me) will certainly listen at Reagan and Haig with a renewed respect. This does not mean I ignore Russian misdeeds and crimes. I just put both superpowers in the same bag....

John Marsden's statement now: it is true, as you point out, that commercial companies are avid whether they are American or European ones. Yet, for having lived quite a long time in the US, I go on considering that the American society is much more "money-oriented" than its European counterparts. In other words, that the American society grants more importance than European societies to material and financial success in the everyday life."

Some minor points I'd like you to note: I entered the Iranian embassy here in Brussels in early 78, when the Shah was still in power. I am not a muslim freak (I'm an atheist), nor do I feel special admiration for the present Iranian regime. But I didn't like the Shah either...I do not work for the Iranians only: I'm also a trans-lator at the Nicaraugan Embassy(the Sandinistas, yes). Of this job I'm proud. I am not a communist: I became a member of the "Communist Students" in 67(that was during the Vietnam War, when almost all university students here had sympathies for the Viet Cong), but I was expelled for "indiscipline" after two months (I had disagreed with the party leaders upon the question of the Arab-Israeli wars)."

① Thanks Michel for sharing your views in EE. It is not often that Americans can see an in depth picture of how we are viewed abroad. I have never lived in Europe so I am not qualifed to comment on whether the European societies being less "money-oriented" than the US. (Anyone want to handle that one that lived in Europe?) But, I do resent it when we are considered in the same category as the Russians. True, we are both superpowers but we don't foment wars as they do nor do we force Western Europe, even if we could, into a strait jacket as they do Eastern Europe. You will find no Afghanistans, Hungarys, Czechoslovakias or Gulag Archipelagoes in our history.

John R. Pack (Utah, USA): "After reading....all the various opinions on having the American nuclear missiles in Europe, I have decided that it is time for an expert in the field to speak out and quell the dispute of those who have no idea of what is truly going on. I, certainly, am not such an expert, but it is definitely time for one to speak out! I do believe that I may, however, be able to offer a few helpful thoughts on the subject.

Although I hate to be undiplomatic, let's face the facts people. All of the nations on the earth are socialistic to some degree or another, excluding those dictatorships in the third world which haven't yet discovered the vice or have resisted the people's voice through superior governmental control. Look what it's gotten the world, the worst economic situation in all of history that we know about. Virtually every nation on earth is hanging by a thread just getting by without a major depression Some day this thread will break dropping us into who knows what. One positive point for Reagan is that he realizes this and is trying to change (one might argue against his type of change, but at least he knows a change is needed). The Soviet Union is the prime example of a completely socialistic government(excluding, of course, the government officials who are rich in spite of the system); no one would argue that the economy of the USSR is good(except the USSR) because of the lack of incentive in its system of economics, which is rapidly becoming our system also. We, at least, still profess belief in Capitalism, despite our contrary actions.

All socialistic governments cause a lack of incentive no matter to what small degree it may be....Let's clear up a few terms before continuing. NATO = United States of America; United Nations = United States of America. Anyone who disagrees with my definition may look up the statistics for themselves, assuming such matter is made available to them by their governments."

((John's comments continue on page 34))

I suppose that when we are told that Europe would last three weeks if the Soviets invaded with conventional weapons, that means that we are strong erough? Sure we are. I do agree that more nuclear weapons are not what we really need, but we certainly need more arms. Don't take this to mean that we don't need nuclear arms too, just not as badly. (Jaap, I only wish there was a strong armaments lobby in Washington.)

I was distressed by John Marsden's remarks, to say the least. Who is he to say who has a right to say what? John Michalski may say whatever he wishes, here, anyway; whether or not you wish to believe him is up to you. Even if I disagree with someone, I respect them more for speaking out than for being spineless wimps who go with the crowd, who tolerate unacceptable opinions, and who temper their views because someone else thinks that it's unpopular. Any action is better than no action at all(i.e. any move versus NMR). Well, let's go on a little trip through history. Despite what most Americans believe, we had little or no influence on how World War I actually turned out. We certainly had almost zero power in negotiating the treaty afterwards. If you recall, England, France and the Italians, each greedy for everything they could possibly rip off, wrote a humiliating treaty which was the biggest cause of World War II. If they had gotten blown to shreds in WW II, it would have served them right. Now, recall the end of WW II. The US comes in and wins the war by itself. We determined how the treaties went for the most part. How many world wars have come as a result? We did make some errors by giving anything to the USSR, but then we have always tried to be peaceful. Perhaps you recall the Marshall Plan and the other plans which rebuilt Europe from the pile of scraps they had made themselves into. How many of the European nations have paid the US back for this aid? Or for that matter, the Lend-Lease? Finland and they were our enemy in WW II! I have to confess an admiration for this but who does Western Europe think they are?

All we want is a little trade embargo(something which hurts us far worse than it would any of Western Europe), but noooco, "We can't do that, we could make some money here." Go get nuked man! Were I the President here, I'd exert my influence and shut off all trade with Europe whenever the babies decided to do something out of line. We'd see who is more important to Europe. Western Europe would be in the depths of a depression like no one has ever seen in a very short while, and it would serve justice right. It'd be good for the Americans to get along without the trinkets we get from Europe anyway(after all, how many essentials do we get from them that we

couldn't get from our own people?)

....I enjoyed C-G Spare's comments and find a lot of truth in what he says. We have to act responsibly if we want to be treated respectfully. I enjoyed your response too, Gary. It is unfortunately, too true. Our leaders indeed need to do more joint planning. I enjoyed everyone else's comments too, especially Michalski's (although

I might not use the same terms).

Something you should all remember: a capitalistic, democratic nation has the ability to choose whatever form of government it wishes. A socialistic government has the ability to choose between itself and something more socialistic(i.e. look what a tough fight Reagan has, just to cut 48 billion out of the social budget INCREASE) The people under a dictatorship have no choice unless they want to rebel. The further you are from capitalism, the less choice you have and the harder it is to get back. Until you choose communism, you have a choice.

If A trade war with Europe would hurt the US just as badly as it would them. The US turned its back on the world after WW I and it bears a share of responsibility for what happened. People in this country cheered the appeasement of the dictators and we stayed out of WW II as long as possible despite what a defeat of England would have meant for us. We have been very active after WW II to avoid those mistakes, perhaps too active. Maybe we can find a happy medium. We have generously shared our wealth with the other countries but their rehabilitation was also to our eventual benefit as well. I don't think the US ever declared war on Finland, or vice versa, although we fought on different sides.

Peter Northcott (United Kingdom): "As regards Defence/Nuclear Weapons/NATO etc., you will be relieved to know that I do not agree with CND or its aims. As I see it the only possible way to avoid a nuclear conflagration is deterrance. That is why the idea of Britain becoming "nuclear free" is so laughable (unless everyone else did as well of course....)

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"I think that many of the people on Anti-Nuclear protest marches have not arrived at their position by rational argument. A lot of people think "I don't want to die--CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) are against nuclear weapons--let's join in." What they apparently fail to realise, is that no one wants to get blown up, so CND is not the only solution. (Or, rather, unilaterialism isn't a positive solution at all!)

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The only solution, I feel, is for the West to sit it out, and wait for the inevit--able collapse of the Soviet hegemony from within. (As a matter of interest, I wonder whose side Marx would have been on, in the Solidarity vs. Polish Government "dispute"?)

Mind you, I do balk at the Trident II missile programme - if we must have an "independent deterrant" --why the hell couldn't we build the damn thing ourselves? Would have saved a fortune, not to mention jobs."

Geoff Challinger (United Kingdom): "I was fascinated to see the response from your readers. It's very interesting to compare what goes on in my letter column where I have trouble in finding any people to take a pro-nuclear weapons stance, whereas you seem to have the opposite problem. Would you agree to me reprinting some of the letters in EE within Home of the Brave? I'm sure that most of the recipients of Home would be fascinated to see what the US believes and I don't think any of your correspondents would mind having their views further disseminated. I'll send them free copies of course and you are at liberty to reprint any of the letters from Home if you want.

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[From a British TV show, "Not the Nine O'Clock News, similiar to Monty Python Geoff says] "A newsreader reads out the following item of news: 'Following President Reagan's decision to light a candle to show his solidarity for Poland, he now intends to light whole villages for El Salvador.' Funny? Well I guess it depends on your point of view but it sums up a lot of British people's viewpoint of American philosophy. John Marsden put it a lot more politely last time, but the attitude is the same. What is the difference between the US pushing its economic and political philosophy down our throats and the USSR doing likewise?

One thing which I think it's very important to understand is that my viewpoint is not that of a freaky British minority. The CND demos in European capitals were all very impressive but they do not mean that a majority of Europeans support CND or European disarmament in general. But the backing for CND in Britain is probably about 35%. I can't speak about the figures for the rest of Europe. So if I am a left-over flower child as Tom Mainardi thinks, then there are a lot of us about.

Freedom and Life: What I said was that freedom is not the be-all and end-all which it is made out to be. If someone tries to take away your freedom or the freedoms of your friends then you oppose that interference. Up to a point. If someone threatens to kill me if I don't hand over my wallet then I'm prepared to accept that restriction on my freedom. However, I would be inclined to consider carrying a weapon to prevent such a loss. But, if my assailant arms himself with a nuclear weapon, then what purpose does it serve to carry one myself? We're both going to die if he uses it anyway.

Freedom has its price. In WW II, England and the rest of the allies stood against Germany because to give in would have been to lose our freedoms. Fine; and I go along with that. The price of individual death for the freedoms of the majority is a fair (if unfortunate) price to pay. But our current situation: If you see Russia as an all-devouring evil who is scheming to constrict Western liberty then you have a slightly different choice. If the defence of freedom is to be pursued in this case, then it is not a case of individual death for general freedom, it is general death for individual survival. In my eyes, that is the point at which freedom ceases to be worth the cost defending it would reap....

You're quite right, Gary, the problem is one of non-communication. The US seems to be becoming isolationist in its attitudes while at the same time insisting on a more aggressive standpoint from the remainder of NATO. The Europeans have reacted by becoming anti-American and far less-inclined to becoming the theatre for great power brushfire wars. From your standpoint I guess you would think it is the European attitude which causes the US one but that's another matter. What is needed is more awareness of other people's views....And I still don't think John Michalski is real!"

Oh, he's real alright! I have letters from Jim Finley, Rod Walker, Bob Olsen, Fred Davis, C-G Spare, Pete Birks and some others which must be held over. I thank everyone for writing to me and sharing your views, often to public ridicule by a disagreeing majority oftentimes. So several US subbers may be getting a chance to see a British zine, Geoff's Home of the Brave, not named after our national anthem 35 And an interesting thought, Peter, whose side would Karl Marx have been on in Poland?

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