

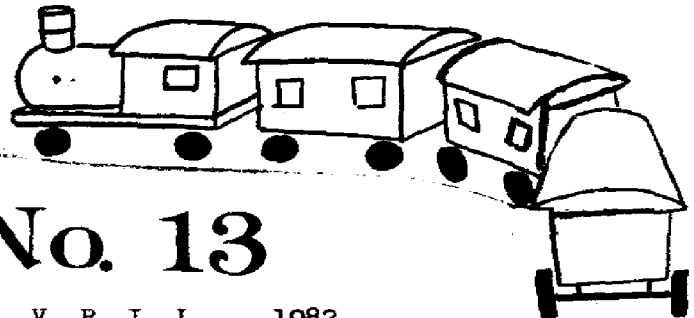
# Europa Express

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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 safe and appease the Dip Gods, EE has put some Mass Murders in the Centerfold!



## No. 13

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§ Didn't know the arrows would cause a mess! Well 1982 is  $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

§ Speaking of Dot Happy, in the latest issue Allen Wells stated the following: "This will be the last Dot Happy. 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and I had to spend a lot of time with the SPCA and local police over the matter, and last week my driver's license was revoked for this incident.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 Dot Happy games will be transferred to his zine Diplomacy Digest. 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 Bob 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 13 (sheesh!!) pages.

§ 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 Compendium any longer as reported within EE but rather Twenty Years On. That name was chosen because "the first postal zine, Graustark, 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.

-----Bye!-----

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-----Bye!-----

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

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Dear Doug

See page 26!

Jerry



























P. 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!!

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

John M: 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 Kathy: Well, not in so many words.

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

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

Kathy: 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?

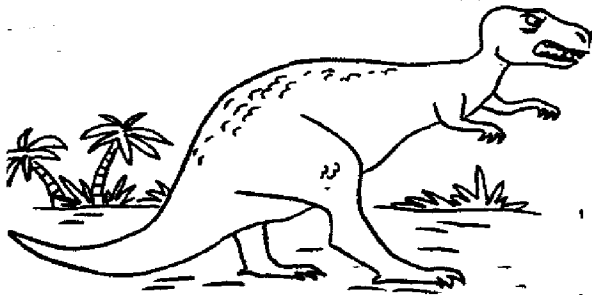
Kathy: Well, Woody xeroxed a letter of his and sent it out to a lot of publishers who weren't even in his game.

Woody: John C. wrote some...uh..."fictions"..about Gary faking a zine that he 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!

¶ ZINE PLUG ¶



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 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!

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.



Humor  
(Humour?)  
From  
Punch!

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







## 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): F BAR-Nwg; A STP-Nwy; F SWE-Nwy

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?

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.

STP: This poem, "Katheeburnee", is from a revised version of Alice in Wonderland: 'Twas dippig, and the stabid clones/ Did treach and grab-dot 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 vorpal 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!

FRANCE-TURKEY: Is it Pudge yet?

JOHN MICHALSKI RATES THE PLAYERS:

Mike Mazzer: "Even tho 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 Jerko". "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...)

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 Teu- tonic 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 "Earthquake" in?

CHICAGO-LA JOLLA: 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 03!!

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.

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-GM: 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.

FRANCE-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 me.

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 cocoon? 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: Hay! 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, Gary.

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

Jelled: 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): Synonymous with awesome and gnarly. "That party last night was really radical."

(Thanks again, again Keith)

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"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.



Letter Column continues from page 21 .

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 Putty Riffa 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 Pete Birks' Greatest Hits: "I think America gets a very unfair media coverage. For a start it is palpably not "one nation" in the sense that Britain used to be economically and still is culturally, by comparison that is. As such America, as we seem to perceive it, cannot exist. But, then again, from what I read in American zines, their perceptions of our society is even more gaga..... ((ON EE's letter column)) The topics of conversation at the moment are those of Europe's attitudes to the American and Soviet presence in Europe, America's attitude to Europe's ingratitude and so on. What makes it interesting is that a number of Europeans are writing, putting forward a European point of view, and something approaching a genuine discussion whereby we all learn a bit more about each other may happen. Americans, I'm sad to say, have a media system almost as introverted as that of Eastern Europe. In California, foreign news is news about Arizona."

From Malc Smith's Bohemian Rhapsody: "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 Greatest Hits (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 of 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!

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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."

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THE MICHALSKI BLOODBATH STARTS ON PAGE 23 !!!!

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# BPP

The results of the ninth Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) are in! They were first printed in Diplomacy World #30 which arrived in the midst of EE, so we are all fortunate to see them. The BPP, 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, ratings, 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-voted players into three boards. In the legend, 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               |     |    | THIRD BOARD        |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|----|--------------------|----|----|
|                         | S   | N  |                    | S  | N  |
| 1. Kathy Byrne (6)      | 340 | 24 | 15. John Michalski | 76 | 11 |
| 2. Jack Masters (3)     | 263 | 26 | 16. Mark Berch     | 72 | 8  |
| 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  |
| 6. John Caruso (1)      | 132 | 17 | 20. Bill Hart (2)  | 66 | 4  |
| 7. Don Ditter (1)       | 129 | 12 | 21. Al Pearson     | 65 | 9  |

| SECOND BOARD            |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
|                         | S   | N  |
| 8. Allen Wells (3)      | 115 | 10 |
| 9. Jack Fleming (2)     | 102 | 10 |
| 10. Robert Sergeant (1) | 96  | 10 |
| Bob Olsen               | 96  | 14 |
| 12. Blair Cusack (2)    | 90  | 9  |
| 13. Gary Coughlan       | 82  | 11 |
| 14. Bob Arnett          | 80  | 10 |

The BPP and the Whitestonia Player Poll are based on subjective choosing while the Calhamer Point Count(CPC), the Modern Calhamer Point Count(MCPC) and the DragonsTooth Ratings System(DT) rate players game track records. It is interesting to see how they compare 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 6)

## 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. Paul Rauterberg (1) |
| 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. Francois Guerrier (1) | 31. Doug Landon         | 50. Don Swartz          |
| 13. George Cunningham     | 32. Steve Langley (2)   | 51. Eric Verheiden      |
| 14. Dave Ditter           | 33. Stephen Lee (1)     | 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. Garry Hamlin          | 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.









TOO MUCH PRESS IN EE? (Continued from page 30)

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 Chantecler. The amount of press in EE has been discussed in the letter columns of Belgium, 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.

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Ron Brown(Quebec, Canada): "I met Mickie McAuley last summer. Seeing as you keep referring to her "sexy voice" I will add that she is 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 Infidel!) 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."

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 8 .

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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 issue!"

C-G Spare(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."

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El Salvador Discussion (continued): Go Page 31

□ No 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. War 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 Mass Murders 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 <sup>know</sup> 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 GM 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.

And Kathy, I'll be your PR man anytime. But you're starting to sound like Olsen! Check out the BFP on page 26, and.....CONGRATULATIONS!!!! I too think that Mass Murders is an enrichment to EE and it will stay just as long as Bob wants it to.

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, huh? Mass murderers, Bruno Kreisky and Olof Palme, Vigdis Finnbogadottir and Francois 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))





UTAH ME? YES, I TOLD YOU JOHN R. PACK WOULD CONTINUE HERE FROM PAGE 33)

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 enough? 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 nooooo, "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.

☐ 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.

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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 deterrence. 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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