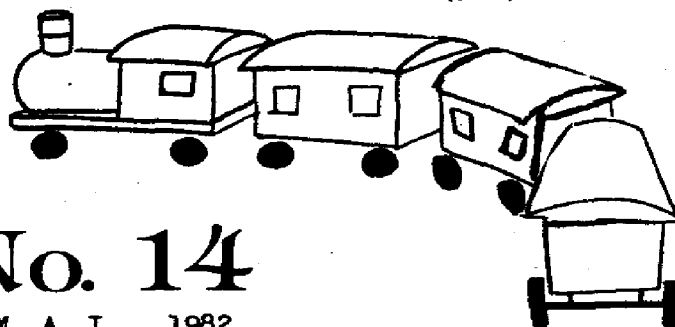


# Europa Express

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Such a deal I have for you! It might not jigglelate your luhtisibles, but it will definitely get you a kiss from Kathy Byrne at Origins on July 23, 24, 25(your choice of date) or a letter sealed with a kiss from Kathy. She needs your help--now--. To learn how you can help Kathy go page 20--NOW!



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§ Have any of you been as afflicted with spring fever as I have?! I have been so lazy and totally out of it lately, only doing the absolutely necessary things--until this issue. I always did my best work in college under the pressure of deadlines and the pressure on me to get this #14 finished is-----CHICAGO CON!!

§ The weekend of May 14-16 is ChicagoCon and I am hoping to see many of you there (by the time you get this, it will be "saw"! ). This idea of a regional con for the central section started with last October's St. Louis Con and many of the same guys are going. Two new attendees will be Patrick Conlon, who has just gotten out of the Army, and Dave Carter from Canada who publishes Sleepless Knights and doesn't know the words to Canada's national anthem! Now Rob Landeros up in Washington State wants a Northwest Con and Mark "Faz" Fassio is talking about a con for those in the Southern states. This type of activity is great and I hope to see more of it.

§ This is the season of polls, both in North America and Europe. Results of the Jihad Poll are on page 16. Information on how and when to vote in 3 other polls is on page 15. This is the one chance that you, as a hobby member, get to express your opinion on the zines you receive and the GMS you play under. This year there are many on both sides of the Atlantic who can participate in both polls since several zines trade with each other between countries now.

§ Some clarifications: The DIPSRIPTIONS which appear on page 2 of every issue of EE are not done by me. They are done by Pat Hart who came up with the concept. He gets his information for the DIPSRIPTIONS from EE's letter column and the other zines that he receives. YOU may be next! ..... Secondly, Mass Murders is a two-week dead line game which is GMed by Bob Osuch, 3417 S. Paulina, Chicago, Illinois 60608 USA. It appears, from now on, in EE's centerfold and will always be on white paper. It is to Bob that you write if you are interested in being in his next game, as I am, or if you would like to be a standby for Mass Murders, as I also am. MM is completely autonomous and runs its own show. Read about a decadent Chicago night that Bob recently had on page 21! I can't wait to get there! But \$4 drinks?!

§ I thought that EE had some pretty exotic subbers for an American zine but John Caruso's Whitestonia has a subber from Australia and Fred Davis's Bushwacker has a subber from .....Papua New Guinea!

§ Speaking of John Caruso, his abuse against Southerners has reached an all-time low, even for him! In his last issue of Whitestonia, he printed a ballot, for his subbers, of zines to be voted for in the Leader Poll. ALL BUT ONE! He left out North America's first roving subzine---PHYLLIS'S PYRAMID by Phyllis Byrne! What was the reason? Well I think it's because she was born in North Carolina, and a Southerner! Bad!

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"The Empire Strikes Back", the title of the movie sequel to "Star Wars", was the headline on Newsweek Magazine here about the Falklands' situation! Life imitates Art?















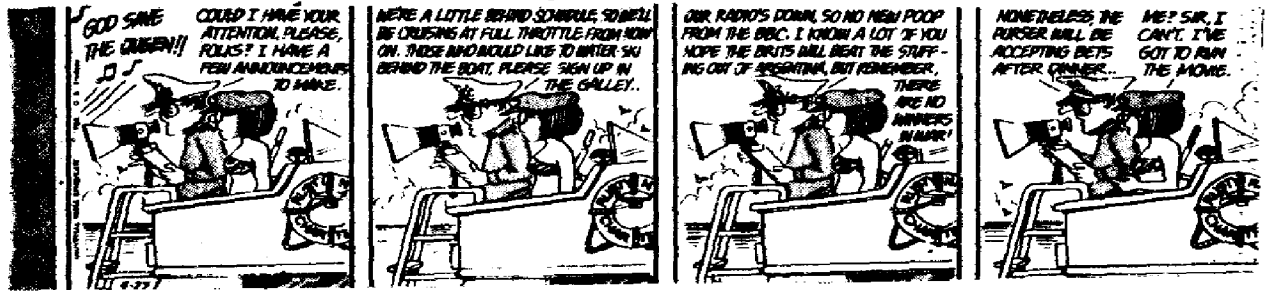






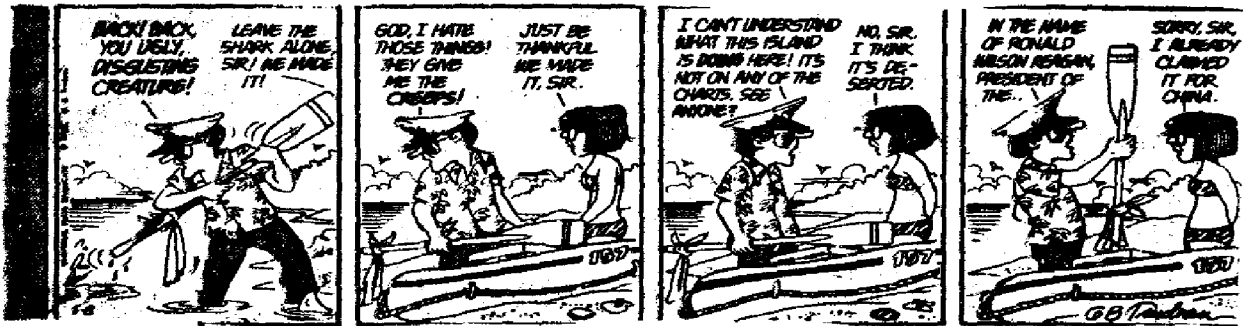
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The ship got sunk in today's paper. Where is this island?!!!!

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- EE:** Getting back to the Falklands though, is there any chance of a negotiated settlement occurring, without the use of the military?
- Carr:** The honour of Britain is at stake. We must be prepared for war if they do not withdraw.
- Nott:** If we don't kick the bloody hell out of those Argentine scoundrels, every two-bit country whose land we have stolen will try and take it all back.
- EE:** Like Belize, in Guatemala?
- Nott:** Exactly!
- That:** Do they have penguins in Guatemala?
- Nott:** You see, the people of Belize want to be ruled by Britain, so we owe them our allegiance and support.
- EE:** Belize was once a part of Guatemala, correct?
- Nott:** Correct, But with the help of the government there, we exported men and equipment to support British industry. Before long we had a good sized British outpost there, so we asked the people of Belize who they wanted to rule them. They chose us.
- EE:** Did the natives have a say in all this?
- Nott:** Of course not! It was a British vote. Why would a Guatemalan vote in an English election?
- EE:** Forgive me. Well, I get the impression then, that Britain will retake the Falklands in whichever way they must. Is that right?
- Carr:** In questions of honour, such as these, there is no other way.
- That:** I wonder how penguins do it?
- EE:** Thank you all.

(Following the interview, we went to the dining room for a wonderful steak and potatoes meal and some lively, off-the-record, conversation. The British resolve on this matter became quite evident during these talks, and I hoped for the sake of peace that the Argentinians were somewhat more flexible.)

(A few days later, I was in Argentina to find out. I immediately took note of the festive atmosphere in Buenos Aires as compared to the grim determination of Londoners. It took me over 4 hours to party my way through the revelers and on to the palace of President Galtieri. Everyone I talked to seemed as though a war with the British was the best thing to hit Argentina since Evita.)

(When I finally arrived at the palace, about 2 hours late for my appointment with Galtieri, I was greeted warmly by Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez. He assured me ((That the rest of the story would be on page 12))

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whole matter! I have to leave now, um, but when I write my story, rest assured that the world will know the true story! No British propaganda from Europa Express. No sir!

Galt: Well, it is good to see a man from America who is not easily deceived. My car will take you to the airport. Tell Gary to send me a copy of the next EE, will you?

EE: I certainly will. Thank you so much.

Whew! Let me tell you that I did not relax until we lifted off again. Ernie thought the whole thing was pretty funny, but then, his sense of humor and mine are quite different.

For example, he thought it would be funny to try and land on one of the British carriers if we happened to see one on the way home. (We didn't). He also thought it was funny that he managed to get to Colombia and back to Buenos Aires while I was interviewing Galtieri. He thought it hilarious that I had to return home riding on 50 plastic garbage bags filled with what he called "gold".

We managed to get back to Memphis, USA without any great difficulty though, and I gave Gary this story and thanked him for the fact that his influence and friendship extend into South America and beyond.

By the time this article sees print, it is very likely that a full scale battle may have erupted between England and Argentina. But this article was only meant to give Diplomacy players, and EE subbers in particular, a glimpse of the people behind the military escapades. In this, I hope we have succeeded. Oh, by the way Gary, you should be receiving a few small bills soon. It's a good thing that you've been working overtime!

((Thanks Jim for a great article and a very timely one. As we all know now, an undeclared war has erupted between Britain and Argentina and there have now been casualties on both sides. I guess this is as good a place as any to give my views on the whole subject.

War is stupid and I think this one is one of the most senseless of all. For decades, Britain and Argentina have been negotiating over these islands which both agree that Argentina has rights to the islands. Each time, though, any settlement is scuttled by 1,800 Falkland Islanders who want to remain under Britain come hell or high water. We have now reached that point.

10,000 Argentine troops occupy the islands with their 1,800 inhabitants. 4-5000 British forces are on their way to liberate the islanders. The sheep outnumber all by 40 to 1 by most estimates. Britain seized the islands in 1833 and forcibly expelled the Argentine inhabitants. Argentina wholehearted believes that the islands are rightfully theirs. All Argentina, despite their opposition to the Fascist-like military which rules them, wants these islands and approves the decision to take them.

Britain sends a fleet--to fight aggression they say and to show dictators that they cannot wantonly seize territory. The entire Common Market in Europe swiftly supports Britain by putting a freeze on Argentine goods. It just makes me wonder where Europe's resolve was against the Soviets in Afghanistan and Poland. But we must remember that Western Europe has substantial trade with the Soviets, and not as much with Argentina. Also remember that this was British territory that was taken; it wasn't Czechoslovakia or Afghanistan. The Europeans look after their interests--we should look after ours.

By that I mean that the United States should have not come down on Britain's side in this dispute. Suppose that the US had not given the Panama Canal up and still owned it. Suppose further that Panama seized it out of the blue and that we gathered together a fleet to take it back. Do you think that Europe would wholeheartedly back us in this endeavor(Panama is much more important than the Falklands)? Would they contribute ships to convoy supplies to us and planes to do likewise plus refuel their fighters? No, I think not. I think we would have been criticized for being so warlike and aggressive. The Europeans would not have jeopardized their interests in Latin America as we have now done ours for the sake of England.

I think Argentina should be given the islands completely. I think the Falkland Islanders, whose intransigence has put the world in an uproar, should be resettled in New Zealand or in Britain itself. What is best for the majority should be the rule here and 1,800 is not a majority. This would be a fair settlement and the islanders would receive adequate compensation. The age of colonies is over. Forever.))











AUSTRIAN RALLY LEAVES  
GM, EUROPE AGOG

Summer 1904: Austrian A Trieste retreats to Tyrolia, F Ionian retreats to Greece; German A Galicia retreats to Vienna

Fall 1904:

AUSTRIA (Olsen): A Hol-Bel/d/r to Ruh, Otb; A WAR-Sil; A Bud-VIE;  
A GAL S A Bud-Vie; A TYO-Tri; F GRE S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion

FRANCE (Sherwood): F Eng-NTH; F EDI-Nwg; A Par-BUR; A PIE S A Ven;  
A VEN S GERMAN A Tri; A Tun-TUS; F TYN C A Tun-Tus; F Wes-TUN;  
A YOR H

GERMANY (Mazzer): A MUN-Tyo; F Kie-HOL; F BEL S F Kie-Hol; A BER-Sil;  
A TRI S A Vie-Bud; A Vie-Bud/d/r to Boh, Otb

ITALY (Martin): A NAP-Apu; A ROM-Apu

RUSSIA (Larzelere): A StP-FIN; F Swe-DEN; F BAR-Nwg

TURKEY (Byrne): A SER S AUSTRIAN A Tyo-Tri; A BUL S A Ser; F Con-AEG;  
F Aeg-ION; F Ion-ADR; A MOS S A Ukr; A UKR S A Mos

So you fooled me again, so what! The big news this time was Austria's resurgence and Russia's move against Germany. I trust I'm safe in saying that much. Also, note that no less than six centers changed hands in 1904, with Kiel remaining as Austrian. Hmmm. Center chart and press are next.

1904	#	NET	COUNTRY
	6	0 or +1	Austria <del>Txx</del> , Bud, Rum, <del>Ser</del> , War, Kie, VIE, GRE
	10	+1	France Home, Lon, Spa, Por, Lvp, Edi, Ven, TUN
	5	0 or -1	Germany Mun, Ber, Hol, Bel, <del>Den</del> , <del>Nie</del> , TRI
	2	0	Italy Rom, Nap, <del>Txx</del>
	4	+1	Russia StP, Swe, Nwy, DEN
	7	0	Turkey Home, Bul, <del>Ser</del> , Sev, Mos, SER
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Deadline for Autumn/Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 is Wednesday, April 21.

## PRESS

SHERWOOD'S TOADY-CRYING BOB: Oh woe is me! No units, no allies, and now blasts from Awesome Olsen decrying my not being nice to his friends! What could be worse than Olsen's vindictiveness at my play, than to have him turn around and decry my taking these things too seriously. Ah, that Kansas logic at work! You should sub to Chantecler.

OLSEN-MICHALSKI: Perhaps I should apologize for my comments recently. For while I am not crossgaming, it would appear that Mazzer, the self-styled "consummate genius", is. How else to explain the idiocy of handing the game to Sherwood while persuing his blind vendetta against me? Unfortunately, he has become so addicted to stabbing me for no reason whatever that he can't stop, even when the most minimal amount of intelligence would indicate that, to gain his objective of a solo win in the game, he must change courses. Always pick on the imbecile, that's his motto. It explains, perhaps, the abuses to which you and I have been subjected.

TURKEY-GERMANY: If you won't help stop France's win, then you'll have to go!

STP-GER: Sorry, but I've had enough of your stupid lectures.

STP-AUS: Fool! Serves you right.

STP-CON: "At least the centers will stay in the same alliance", eh?

KATHY VADER: Austrians do not concern me. I want those dots!

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BERLIN: Since this game has newly appeared in Europa Express, I think it is only just that the new readers who are trying to follow the game be brought up to date. After all, it's very difficult to appreciate the sharp, strategic cat-and-thrust of so Byzantine a game as Mass Murders when one comes in "In Medias Res". I've taken the liberty of providing our new readers a brief synopsis of the game so far:

England, played by the erratic young genius, John Michalski, adopted a daring plan. He insulted Germany in his first letter, then refused to speak to him. He invited France to take London in '01 and invaded Scandinavia. Unfortunately, before he could launch his devastating counter-attack, he ran out of centers.

Russia, played by Mark Larzelere, one of this country's foremost scholars of Tolstoy and Russian military history, adapted the "scorched earth" policies of General Kutusov during the wars against Napoleon, and abandoned Sevastopol, Warsaw and Moscow to the Turks and Austrians. It's not clear whether he intends to abandon St. Petersburg as well.

Italy, played by Dick Martin, has adopted a cunning, secretive approach. He says nothing to no one and throws in the calculated NMR to confuse his opponents.

France, played by Keith Sherwood, has adopted a revolutionary strategy. He stabs everybody at least once a season, thus exploiting the well-known Freudian "Paradoxical Phase" theory, that if you abuse someone often enough, he'll begin to enjoy it. So far, it has worked brilliantly.

Turkey, played by the beautiful, saintly and guileless Kathy Byrne, is already well known to EE readers. Kathy, who "always relies on the kindness of strangers" (is Tennessee Williams known in Europe?), has allowed herself, trustingly, to be lured dangerously deep into Russia and, quite possibly, Austria as well by ...

Austria, played by that most ruthless of strategists, the true consummate genius of the American hobby, Bob Olsen, who has brutally stabbed Italy, Russia and Germany. Notice how Bob, with his profound tactical insight, moved to Kiel last fall, denying Germany a key fleet build so that Germany would have no chance to provide naval support for his siege of Vienna.

Germany is played by yours truly. How a dullard like myself got in with these Machiavellian geniuses is beyond me. Comic relief, perhaps. So far, I've just been shucking and jiving and trying to stay alive. Have I left out anything. Pops?

CHICAGO: Duh, I dunno, I didn't understand a word of it. Isn't the plural of genius genuii?

GERMANY: As usual, it was Kathy holding the whip, and, as usual, it was Bob who was the whipping boy.

TURKEY-FRANCE: I hate to tell you, but I think my stab was a lot more convincing than yours!

CON-STP: I hope you proved you're no puppet! Also, Bob and I don't consider you a "millstone around our necks". Join us, and be treated the right way, like a player rather than cement shoes!

APPALLING GREED: The only appalling one is France, and the only greedy one is Germany! It's easy to take out Austria, but the hammer (a.k.a. Mazzerman) is afraid of a child! Lousy will do better than him and Count Vlad and Bloodsucker will live happily ever after.

STP-AUS: Pool! Serves you right.

CHICAGO: Why did I print that one twice? It's Coughlan's fault. He called and disturbed my train of thought.

VLAD HONEY-BLOODSUCKER DARLING: Glad you saw the light of reason. They're both liars, now and forever, and there is no possibility of ever allying with either of them. Stick with me, baby, and we'll restore the balance of the game. Some people want to hand it to France. Apparently, you do not.

V.H.-B.D.: But don't do that again. My heart, you know.

PERILS OF PAULINA (TRIALS OF THE TOADIES) PART 47: "And then, from the frozen north, came a howling as of twenty thousand blood-crazed sled dogs, a sound to chill the heart. And out of the swirling Swedish snows came ten thousand frenzied Russian patriots, come to regain their ancient holding of Denmark. And at their head--Lousyman!!!"

AUS-FRANCE: Peddle your fish elsewhere. But first, jump in after them.

KATHY VADER-OLSEN: You have failed me for the last time!

CON-FRANCE: As I predicted, a spineless lump of jello... now for sure your name is MUD in my book!

CON-BLACK KETTLE (that's you, Mike.): No one has ever called me a pot before. You will pay for that!

FRANCE-GERMANY: You are a true blue puppy, or in Dip terms, a real SUCKER!

VLAD-CRUD: In celebration of Kathy's stab, what are you going to do? Why not splurge and treat yourself to another NMR?

THE HISTORY OF VITUPERATIVE PRESS: Allen Wells invented it; Gary Coughlan developed it; Count Vlad perfected it.

COUNT VLAD-EUROPE: In your hat.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Poor Mike, you should have went with Tweedledee and Tweedledum because the axe is about to fall and no one will have pity on Mazzerman!

MARK BERCH DEPT: A cloud of doom surrounding Germany! Sunny and clear in Moscow, Constantinople and Vienna! Dumbfounded in Paris.

AUS-GM: Thanks for the words of condolence. But this is not Swedish Roundabout, I have an ally in this one. And she's hardly ever known to NMR, either.

KB-GM: Did you really think I was that dumb?

GM-KB: Not really, I knew all along it was a setup. Sure.

CHICAGO: In a late-breaking development, Dick Martin has expressed the desire to once again publish this game in his zine, Retaliation. Could it be that Mass Murders will appear in two zines? A definite possibility, and remember, sports fans, you heard it here first.

(Mass Murders Next Season begins on page 21)

IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

GET A KISS FROM KATHY!

---by Gary L. Coughlan



Yes, my friend--the lucky man in this picture could be you--if you play your cards right, and it's soooooo easy to do that. Just listen how!

Anyway, Kathy Byrne, OUR KATHY, needs your help and she needs it now! She is involved in a feud with the nefarious pubber, Scott Hanson. (His zine is called Irksome so you know the kind of guy she has been having to put up with!). This feud has raged back and forth between them for months. It all started with Munich.

Yes, Munich! This is, after all, a Diplomacy feud. The dispute concerns which of them, Kathy or Scott, owns Munich as their home supply center. Scott is England and Kathy is Turkey! Anyway, they have decided to submit their dispute and its settlement to the entire hobby. (This is where you and I come in.

I am Kathy's campaign manager so you know why I'm backing her. That's where I come in. Pick who you think is right in this feud. Send that person a postcard saying that you think they are right and the head of the other should be soaked!

Yes, soaked! The loser of this dispute will have their head soaked at ORIGINS on on July 23-25, 1982 (Well on one of those days, not all three). So send a postcard today, (don't hesitate!) to Kathy Byrne, 160-02 43 Ave, 2nd Floor, Flushing, New York 11358 USA and write on it these words: "SOAK SCOTT'S HEAD!"

These postcards will be jointly counted at ORIGINS and any duplicates will be thrown out. Now if Kathy wins and you helped, I'm sure she would want to reward you with a little kiss if you are there. If you are not there and you helped her win, she will send you a letter sealed with a kiss! You just can't lose by backing Kathy!

On the other hand, think of the alternative. If Scott Hanson should win, could he offer to kiss you? No way Hosea! Play those cards right and let's SOAK SCOTT'S HEAD!

((Fall 1904 season begins  
on page 18))

## AIN'T NO EASY ROAD

Autumn 1904: Austrian A Holland retreats off the board; German A Vienna retreats to Bohemia

Winter 1904: Austria builds A Budapest; France builds F Brest; Germany removes A Trieste; Russia builds F St. Petersburg(nc)

Spring 1905:

AUSTRIA (Olsen): F Gre-ALB; A Gal-SIL; A WAR S A Gal-Sil; A VIE S A Tyo;  
A TYO S A Vie; A Bud-TRI

FRANCE (Sherwood): A YOR H; F Nth-Nwy/d/r to Lon, Hel, Ska, Otb; F EDI-  
Nwg; A PIE-Tyo; A VEN S GERMAN A Tri(NSU); A TUS S A Ven; A BUR  
S GERMAN A Mun-Ruh; F TUN-Ion; F TYN S F Tun-Ion; F BRE-Eng

GERMANY (Mazzer): F BEL-Eng; F HOL S RUSSIAN F Den-Nth; A Mun-RUH;  
A Ber-KIE; A Boh-MUN

ITALY (Martin): A Rom-APU; A NAP S A Rom-Apu

RUSSIA (Larzelere): F STP(nc)-Nwy; F BAR-Nwg; F Den-NTH; A Fin-SWE

TURKEY (Byrne): A Mos-LVN; A Ukr-GAL; A SER S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Tri; P. ADR  
S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Tri; F AEG S F Ion; F ION S ITALIAN A Nap;  
A BUL guards the Austrian rear(H)

There you have it. I received one request for a separation this time, but as I explained with our only separation thus far, I need two requests to grant one. Well, it looks like Keith's main ally has switched sides. Yup, that's how it looks to me. Maybe it's a smoke screen. I doubt it. Anyway, France has its first viable opposition. Should be interesting to see how things develop.

I celebrated my thirtieth birthday April 13, and really had a good time. First, I went to see the Cubs play St. Louis(they lost), and while I was sitting in the left field bleachers I saw a friend of mine, Kenny Sniegowski. We started celebrating, and by the time the game ended we were feeling no pain, so this guy Kenny was with said let's go to his house and have a party. So we picked up another Kenny and went to this guys house. He started calling up people, and then his wife came home and said "What's going on?!" So she got all bent out of shape and said she was going to go screw around and walked out. Well, our host wasn't in such a jovial mood anymore, so we called everyone back and said to forget it. So the two Kennys and I decided we wanted to go to the track. We went to Maywood Park. I was psyched up after I hit the first race, but I didn't cash another ticket and ended up losing forty bucks. The two Kennys lost about three hundred between them, so I didn't feel too bad. Anyway, they still felt adventuresome, so they took me to a place called "Club Algiers", which is a place horny guys go if they can't get a girl. They told me not to drink fast, because drinks were four bucks a crack, but I drank fast anyway because they were buying. Anyway, these girls were walking around half-naked soliciting drinks (among other things). One came up to me and said "Hi, honey, what's your name?". I said it was Bob, and asked her what her name was. She said "It's Stu, S-T-U, as in 'stupendous'.". We couldn't help but laugh, and she got offended and walked off, muttering obscenities as she went. We finally left, and I went home. I later learned that they went to "Michael's Magic Touch", where, for twenty five bucks, Kenny Lipowski got to sit at a table in the "dark section" and have nasty things done to him. I guess that's what alcohol does to some people. So there you have it. Fun in the big city.

Summer and Fall 1905 orders are due Friday, May 7, 1982.

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MASS MURDERS ((continued from page 21))

SHERWOOD: Who's handing the game to me? I'd like to accept it! I just see the board being lined up against me by honest, ingenious, never-told-a-lie-never-stabbed-an-ally Byrne.

CON-PARIS: I'd rather go down fighting and protecting my ally than hand you a win!

CON-ST PETE: Glad to see you joined the side of truth, justice and the American way! Now you, me and Bob can really have fun!

RUSSIA-TURKEY: Of course you realize I'm going to want Moscow, Warsaw and Sevastopol back!

VLAD-LOUSY: I'm confused. When you say "It serves you right!", to what do you refer? Do you mean "It serves you right to have the best ally in the world of Dipdom today!"? Or do you mean "It serves you right to have fought the combined might of all the world's toadies and emerged triumphant."? Or do you mean something else?

DEN: Hey, it's not "Alice in Wonderland" any more, now it's "Julie in Wonderland". And it's not "Tweedledum and Tweedledee", it's "The Walrus and The Bloodsucker"!

BRE-STP: If I have misjudged you, I'm sorry, but it's hard to work with someone, or even trust them, if they don't write.

RUSSIA-FRUMIOUS: And another Kraut bites the dust, and another Kraut bites the dust. And another dot's gone, and another dot's gone, and another Kraut bites the dust. Hey, she's gonna get you too, and another Kraut bites the dust.

UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY: defines "Kathy Vader" as someone who escapes Kath.

BERLIN: German press cancelled due to embarrassment.

FRANCE-GERMANY: Sorry, chump, but I have to get to 18 some way, and you are the only one dumb enough to let me walk into your centers!

CON-MUN: Bet you never call me "pot" again! How does it feel knowing you're "MINCEMEAT"?

NAP-MAZZERMAN: And you have the nerve to claim consummate geniushood. With moves like last fall, you're human alright. (At best!)

ROM: OK, I admit it. I'm the ~~first~~ second Sherwood toady!

UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY: defines "Dumbfounded" as the occasion of Keith Sherwood's birth.

BRE-VIE: That wasn't very nice, Buckwheat. In fact, I'm quite pissed at you. I didn't realize what a fibber you were and how much you and Kathy deserve each other. Next time you're in trouble, fact or fiction, I'll just watch, and ignore your whining. Next time Kathy cuts your legs out from under you, don't come running to me.

AUS-FRA: And that's called mad.

TUR-AUS: You'll be happy to know that I have not NMRed once in three years. Too bad for Mazzer and Sherwood!

DM-KB: Mud by any other name would still smell as sweet....

ITALY: Lousyman? Good grief, what next?

BUD-BER: "Cat and thrust"? You came within a whisker of writing something I didn't understand at all, but after a little paws, I consulted my mews, and then I understood.

VIE-STP: I think I begin to understand. You are not nearly the blockhead Mazzer keeps saying you are, are you? I begin to believe you have made the best of the situation as you found it. Politics is, as they say, the art of the possible. You cunning rascal.

PAR-CON: Take note of the above ((BRE-VIE)). When you stab Austria for real, I won't interfere. Just laugh. Like this: HO HO HO.

PARIS-GM: Well, I must be at least as good as Kathy at Diplomacy strategy and tactics, otherwise why would anyone be so concerned with me to turn their backs and ignore her. Right, Pops?

GM-PARIS: You have a point there, my son.

MIMICING CON: "I hope you've proved you're no puppet! Join us, we've only taken all of your centers. Be treated like a player (whom we can steal centers from)".

PARIS: I stop writing press for one season and the game falls apart. Only two pages of press? Come on, we might as well quit if that's the best you can do.

GREAT TRUTHS OF DICK MARTIN: So it's Keith and his toady against Kathy and her toadies. Who will croak first?

UCSD-UM: Who needs Penthouse Forum when I've got Mass Murders?

FRANCE-GERMANY: Of course I'm your loyal ally. I bet you even believe in the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny!

FRANCE-CON: I'd rather be mud in your book--you can probably spell mud right.

MAR: Am I just paranoid, or is everyone against me?

GERMANY-TURKEY: As my daughter says, "Ga ga ba da fo goo."

"SCOOP" BERCH DEPT: Tough luck if you don't like your nickname, now that I know it annoys you. I know it will be perfect! You'll be happy to know that we are digging out from our April blizzard and that, for the first time in four years the N.Y.C. schools closed due to snow! Where the hell is spring?!

PARIS: I have an important announcement to make that I think everyone should hear. I could remain quiet, but I must speak, though I lose the advantage. Our GM is biased in my favor and is feeding me hints. Sorry, Bob, but it had to come out sometime. In his last letter, Bob said "Looking good in the game. You should at least get a survival.". This sort of cheating and GM-player collusion have no place in the hobby. I therefore propose that Bob step down as GM and turn this game over to the other hometown favorite, Eric Ozog.

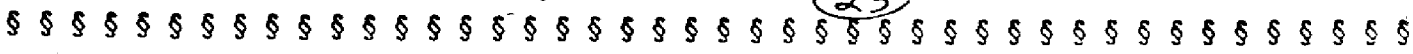
CHICAGO: OK, if Eric wants to "step down" low enough to accept this bunch, be my guest. Actually, I retract my statement, or rather, modify it. Make it "Looking rough, you'll be hard pressed to get a survival out of that mess.".

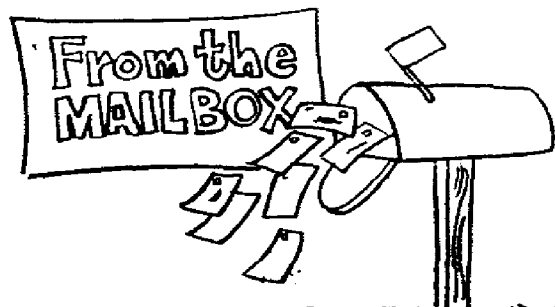
VLAD-EUROPEAN READERS: Actually, this game is fairly typical of the way the game is played in the American hobby these days. It has something to do with high levels of sulphur dioxide and halogenated hydrocarbons in the atmosphere, I believe. In fact, this is being published in a zine whose publisher gets polluted quite regularly.

CHICAGO: That's all for now, boys and girls. Be with us next time for another exciting episode of "Born to Hate". Before I go, I should apologize to Keith for not having any house rules written up which he could refer to regarding a separation of seasons. I know my policies, as do most people who play in my games, but in case you didn't know, I'm sorry, Keith. Still, there is a lesson here. One should always make conditional orders as all-encompassing as possible. It is not hard to do so, though I admit it can get tedious. Instead of trying to make "sets" of conditional orders, it is best to take each unit one at a time and figure out the possibilities. And for heaven's sake, don't ever assume that there will be a separation. Even if you say "pretty please with maple sugar on top", there may not be a separation. Class dismissed.



Yes, being a MalMBERger is a good deal (Just see ex-MalMBERger Jeff Noto's press on page 8--this could be you!) so why not join these eager twenty-three and you get two free EEs added to your sub now, and when you complete an assignment (you are only called once), you get four 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, Eric Ozog, Jane Proskin, Anders Strigén, Allen Wells, Earl Wiggers, Dan Wilson and James Woodson. I appreciate all of you standing by ready to help the EE games run smoothly. Thanks muchly!





Well this is the letter column and it will either be 7 pages or 11 pages. I can no longer promise that all letters will eventually be printed--I can only do the best I can. It is such a beautiful day outside and I've really had spring fever lately. I am way behind in my personal correspondence and I apologize to those of you who must think that I have died or something else. I'm still here. Politics are still in the letter column too but there will be other topics as well for variety. As some one once said, you can't please everyone so you have to please yourself! But let me know what you would like to see more of and less of. EE's readership is varied and

from 9 different countries. If you would like to know more about life in other lands, mention it; I'm sure the others would be glad to respond. Well on to #12's pic guesses!

Patrick Conlon(Georgia, USA): "About the newest picture: Sorry can't answer that one. Now, if you had given us a picture of a man...."

Porter Wightman(New York, USA): "As to your photo contest--since it's your women's issue, it must be Holly Stowe of St. George and the Dragon fame. Your claim to have never heard of her(#29 in your Females list) just adds credence to this story."

Jim Finley(California, USA): "As for the identity of your mystery character from #12: I haven't been in the hobby long enough to know names but I'd say he's American, obviously late teens or maybe 20 or 21; the expression of insecurity and apprehension tells us he's more than a bit paranoid. That, the hair cut in bangs and the slightly flaky specs tell us he's best suited to playing weak and effete positions--such as that of Italy in many games. He's obviously not entered the real world yet so he's a student, and again going by the traits detected earlier, he'd stab you in a second to curry favor with anyone who looked stronger, then he'd feel bad about it. There we have it; an American student who plays a treacherous, paranoid, fearful Italy and stabs alot, usually too soon, but doesn't follow through. He'd cut himself shaving but doesn't shave yet."

Robyn Finley(California, USA): "He's European, maybe German; smokes a lot; likes to play Germany or Italy; works in a restaurant; treacherous but not dangerous; probably related to Boris Badenof(of the Bullwinkle Show)."

Scott Dailey(Florida, USA): "About that picture: That pale complexion and tacky flannel shirt mean the East. The 14 lbs of Clearasil is less obvious. Mainardi? I'd be devastated to find out that it was Scott Hanson."

John Caruso(New York, USA): "Picture: Inferior person, with no tact, no sophistication, no brains. It's gotta be Paul Rauterberg. (I give up on guessing Faz)."

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "The man in the picture is a European. According to John Caruso, Yanks don't wear tinted sunglasses. So, not knowing much about the European part of your membership, I'd have to hazard a guess that it is: Rick Holman."

Mark Lew(Alaska, USA): "I'll say that the picture is Keith Sherwood, just to get back at him for accusing me last time, even though I doubt it is him. Looks more like a Barno-clone or something."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Picture guessing: Obviously that bloke is young, very young (look at all the chocolate around his mouth). And he looks like one of those 'clean-cut' American kids who study(?) at the Brussels US High School and invade my tram everyday at 5 PM. Obviously too he must thus be an uncontrollable child with a strident, nasal voice when he's not chewing gum or masticating sticks of licorice. He might even take some interest in baseball, football and other brutal and incomprehensible sports of the same kind. Perhaps too does he wear (too short) jeans with white socks and basket shoes. Definitely, he's Fred Malmberg after several years in the States."

Jeff Noto(Florida, USA): "First to the picture: This guy looks like he's a struggling college student like myself. Outside of that, I can't draw much else, so I'll go with Scott Hanson."

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "The man on page 4 in EE#12 is obviously a fairly youthful person who is very very new to the hobby. He doesn't look like he could stomach a stab very well. Or perhaps in the first picture, he has just stomached one, or rather his stomach has just taken one. He really does look terrified. He is definitely an American; Europeans are all battle-hardened and would never look quite that way.

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John Pack (New Mexico, USA) (continued): ... "He looks like a guy on my dorm floor, so he's probably from California too. The second picture also reveals his Californian stature. After looking so gruesome in the first picture, no Non-Californian would look so superior in the second picture. Now that Keith Sherwood is in California, I'd say it was him, but I know better than that. I don't think this guy does anything for a living, just gets stabbed, and walks around on the beach all day. Must be a masochistic type. I think it's Dave Manuel."

Don Sigwalt (New York, USA): "My picture guess--for the pictures in #12: The two pictures are obviously before and after shots. The before picture shows a man who has been fearfully surprised. Is he afraid of being punished for some dastardly deed he committed? The after picture shows a man relaxed--even smug! It would appear he was not punished and, in fact, his sin benefitted him in some manner. Taking this into account, it can be none other than Eric Ozog!"

Kathy Byrne (New York, USA): "Now for the picture this issue--definitely an American (you can spot them). Has to be from the Midwest; I'd say Michigan or Minnesota. I'd say Garry Hamlin--he looks like the kind of twit who would enjoy stomping on poor defenseless Bob Olsen. The reason he doesn't show his teeth or smile is because his fangs would be a sure give-away. Do I win a trip to the moonshine factory?!"

Bob Olsen (Kansas, USA): "Actually, when I first saw the look of horror on this person's face, I thought it might be a candid shot of me when I open a dipziny with game results in it. But no, I now realize that it's not me. It also looks like a darker-haired Ron Brown, but as shown in Black Frog several months ago, Ron's face is always completely expressionless, at least when he's playing Dip, so it's probably not him. I keep coming back to the expression on this person's face, that look of quasi-Lovecraftian horror, as though the poor wretch had seen something unimaginably hideous. I keep saying to myself, this is someone who has met Eric Ozog. There! That narrows it down quite a bit. Obviously a Chicagoan...okay, I'm going to have to say this is Bob Osuch. This is completely unlike what I picture Bob as looking like, so it's probably him. In answer to your question, is this person a born Italian, well, if it's Osuch then your question is but to laugh! Let's look at the record! You ask if this is the face of an American. Obviously, if this is Osuch, the answer must be no."

Bob Osuch (Illinois, USA): "Yes, that was Jim Williams. I'd recognize that mug anywhere. (Was that his face or did his neck puke?). Only kidding Jim."

John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "Photo contest: I recognize that face! (On the right anyhow). Only I don't remember if it's Scott Hanson or Jim Williams. I saw both at St. Louis, but they looked like 2 peas in a pod. I'll guess Hanson, so it's probably Jim Williams. Or Dixie Gray."

Jim Williams (Iowa, USA): "For some reason, this guy reminds me of a gopher. Well, the picture on the left looks like a gopher and the one on the right looks like a gopher with glasses. Even if I didn't know that he was really a gopher. I'd think he looked like one. Well, to clear this up, he is, to be precise, a Minnesota Golden Gopher, basketball champs of the Big Ten (grrr). He's really boring to go on trips with, and I should know. I drove for 6 hours with Mr. Irsome, himself, to St. Louis. He's Scott Hanson of course!"

James Woodson (Minnesota, USA): "Photo contest: By looking at the right-hand picture, I was immediately positive as to his identity. But when I looked at the other one, I had second thoughts. This is, of course, Minnesota's own, Scott Hanson (or is it Hansen?). I do wonder, though, why he has no lower lip."

□ Be prepared to be devastated, Scott Dailey! The picture in EE #12 was of Scott Hanson the pubber of Irsome. Originally from California, he is now a student at the University of Minnesota and works part-time for MacDonald's Restaurants. He has been in the hobby for 2 years now and Michalski and Osuch met him last October in St. Louis. Would you like to make Kathy Byrne happy by helping to soak Scott's head at Origins? To find out how--turn to the centerfold on page 20, and take action! Some more comments on pictures are next.

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Scott Hanson (Minnesota, USA): "The pictures turned out alright but I thought you said you were going to use the serious one! That one with my glasses on certainly isn't the real me--with my lips pursed and a look of complete astonishment on my face. Do you think that's how I am in real life?!"

Patrick Conlon (Georgia, USA): "What do you think of the idea of adding a caption beneath your mystery figures, something written/chosen by them to add a bit more spice to the shenanigans?"

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Dave Carter (Ontario, Canada): "Incidentally, after the criticism of my plaid shirt, I started looking at what my fellow workers at work wore. Yup, most of 'em wear plaid shirts in the winter! I am normal after all. I gotta admit that not too many have sunglasses like mine though."

Dave's picture appeared in EE #4, the first one that was done. As you can see he carries no scars from the comments his picture received! Kerry and Karen Blant did submit a slogan with their pictures--I am in favor of this. I am sure that Scott will have a response to your comments! Be sure and remember that the comments for the man's picture on page 17, are due by the next issue, EE #15. The deadline for guesses used to be 10 weeks; now they are 5 weeks. So get those guesses in!

### Would Bogart approve?

Then there's this novel solution to Falklands crisis: Take the residents of the Falklands to the island of Malta and make them Maltese ~~Falklanders~~.  
 John Pack (New Mexico, USA): "It is interesting, that while the Europeans would not fight for freedom if it meant a risk of death, they will go to a large amount of effort to defend a little money (as in the Falklands, where the British couldn't stand to see a little oil slip out of their hands)."

Mark Fassio (South Carolina, USA): "On English critics of us: Who's the imperialist adventurers now? To abuse us about trying to strengthen Europe (read: you) and then to go off shooting over some rocky slag that some two-bit Spanish Mussolini re-took after 149 years is a little suspicious, yes? I mean, back then you all invented the word 'imperialist.' If you don't want our weapons and our help, then become another France and get out of NATO--take Liesnard and his Flemings and Walloons and the Dutch (I give them a day in another war) and appease your way into another war by yourselves. Here you have ('you' signifying the European Community in general) a semi-barbaric country on your eastern flank, performing naked aggression all over the place, but for some reason it's only fashionable to denounce Uncle Sam...Incidentally, for the record, I fully support my English cousins in this escapade of theirs, and I hope chivalry, empire, et. al., is NOT gone. I never said I wasn't an imperialist."

Mark Berch (Virginia, USA): "On page 1, re the Falklands, you mentioned Gibraltar and Belize. Gibraltar is quite relevant, but Belize is somewhat different. That is now an independent country, which has a security treaty with England. One must also be concerned with Argentina's willingness to use force to assert territorial claims in other areas not involving the British: a border dispute with Chile, and claims to major sections of Antartica."

Jim Finley (California, USA): "What about this crazy situation with the Falkland islands? Of all the stupid places to start a war--I'm sure England doesn't want one, but public opinion will make it very hard to back down, especially after sending a fleet. I wish I were more up-to-date on the present size and state of the English navy.....Still looks as if England and Argentina may fight. That's ridiculous. Argentina doesn't seem to want a war, but how could they fail to see how England would have to respond? What will everyone else on the Atlantic coastlines be doing in the meantime? Will England's 8000 mile supply line remain intact? Will any of Argentina's neighbors complicate her problems by opening another front?"

John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "I don't worry much about the right or wrong of the Falklands phoney war; I just admire folks who take action in this pussylicking world. If England invaded, won and then hit Argentina proper, I'd support their claim to annexing the Pampas too. But they won't, so they should lose. Especially for Birks and Co.....ARGENTINIAN DEFENSE FUND seeks YOUR support! Free the Falkland sheep from the English yoke! YOUR dollar could buy the torpedo that sinks the Hermes! Send YOUR dollar today to the 'Draft Peter Birks Committee', Rt. 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, Oklahoma 73165 USA....Watch for better TV fare soon. CBS is planning live coverage of the Falklands invasion. Watch the war and death in living color!"

In his zine, Pete Birks has written "Nuke Michalski" so John responds. All of these letters were written before any casualties occurred. I, for one, did not think England would have responded in this way--it is still hard to believe. Argentina negotiated for decades with the British over the Falklands. I'm not condoning what they did but it is understandable. The British may attack the government there but the fact remains that all Argentinians approve of this action. My views are on page 13. The Europeans have written in that demonstrations are mostly against the US since they feel we, as a democratic nation, can be influenced in our policies. The USSR, they feel cannot be so influenced. It is sort of a back-handed compliment to us, no?!



religious nut groups in Europe and America, where it is obviously the product of intellectual atrophy. If we define "exploitation" as people who do not produce wealth (in a physical sense) enjoying the products of those who do, then all modern (and most ancient) economies are exploitive. Modern knowledge of "span of control" dictates that a high percentage of the labor force must be engaged in supervision, middle management, and other decision-making capacities. There are also the many people who keep records, relay communications, generate paperwork, and so on. Probably half the population of a modern industrial state is engaged in work which is not directly nor physically productive. In this sense, by the way, a socialist state is no different from a capitalist one...and that similarity is ultimately crucial.

B. Both socialism and capitalism are relatively recent developments. All of history before and after these systems appeared proves that prosperity and distribution of wealth depends less on system than on the whim of those who control it, and less too upon system than upon the resources available to it. Opulence and subsistence living exist side by side in every state in the world today, whether they are socialist, capitalist or whatever. The difference between the extremes in modern Russia might be less than that in ancient Egypt, but I am willing to bet that the average Egyptian peasant in moderately good times was better off than today's typical Soviet peasant in the best of times. Capitalism is the sort of system which can succeed only in certain special circumstances...where abundance of raw materials is combined with an abundant labor force. Capitalism in the United States achieved its stunning success because it had access to the vast natural wealth of North America, plus abundant cheap immigrant labor, plus an expanding imperial frontier within its own borders (a virtually unique situation in modern history), plus the capacity to obtain cheaply large supplies of raw materials abroad.

C. Genghis Khan was the product of a primitive communalistic society. Stalin, the product of a modern socialist-industrial state. Hitler, the product of a capitalist state. The world's greatest butchers and mass murderers come from all over. In fact, ideologues never object to mass murder, so long as the right mass is being murdered.

D. Does anyone really expect capitalism or socialism or any sort of economic system to be a permanent feature of the historical landscape? If so, he is in for a disappointment. Economic systems do not create economic conditions so much as they are created by them. Any follower of Karl Marx can tell you that, although usually just as part of his liturgy and not with any real understanding as to what that means. In fact, already all of the world's industrial states have economic structures which display curious amalgams of the features of capitalism, socialism, hydrolicism, manorialism, mercantilism, and other economic systems. In all events, the national and public interest demand that economic systems be designed to solve existing economic problems. The problem is, when you get ideologues messing around with the economy, you get ideologies, not solutions. The time may well come when people will get fed up enough with this state of things to bring the age of ideology to an end. The whole little rat's-nest of socialists, capitalists, communists, democrats, republicans, and the like would be swept away.

Finally, a side note on slavery. Unfortunately, John Michalski's comments about it are not true. Slavery was legal in all the Colonies (and later States) until 1777, when Vermont became Free. New York did not become a Free State until 1827 (but had adopted gradual emancipation in 1799), and Pennsylvania not until 1840 (gradual emancipation, 1780)! Until the Census of 1820, the state of Virginia was the most populous in the nation. It was long the most prosperous and in many respects the most advanced...need I remind you where men like Thomas Jefferson came from?

By 1840, however, the situation was different. This case, by the way, shows what ideology can do for you. The Southern slavocracy developed an ideology which not only







Peter Ansoff(Virginia, USA): "I don't know what your ground rules were for foreign travel, but I've spent time in the U.K., France, Belgium(where my folks now live), the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Spain, Italy, Canada, Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba, plus brief transits through Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Oops--add West Germany to the above list. And Austria and Monaco to the transits...Darn! Add Norway and Denmark to my "been to" list!"

Malc Smith(United Kingdom): "I've been to Scotland and Wales so I should get some kinda circle around my name perhaps."

James Woodson(Minnesota, USA): "The comments about the mailing list in #10 had me in the dark for a while(since I didn't see #10) but to give you the information, I've been to Mexico(only

Tijuana and Ensanada) plus I was in Italy(Naples), Tunisia(Souse), Spain(Palma de Mallorca) and England(some AF Base) two years ago with the Navy...Now I get () around my number right?"

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "Apart from touring the hell out of Britain when I lived there I have also been to Paris, Belgium and Holland. My first cigarette was a 'Guitane' bought and smoked as a 14-year-old in Paris. It was also my last."

□ When I printed the address list in EE #10, I said that () around a person's name meant that they had been outside their native country. This really struck a responsive chord with many of you. Each time I do the address list, I do a different category. In EE #6, the parentheses denoted a "known Graustark subber"!

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Pete Birks(United Kingdom): "I don't think you use space sufficiently. The whole thing is fairly crammed and therefore an effort to read, even though the content is highly interesting. Give the letters some air.

The inverted commas should not be necessary if you give the quotes a little more space. Who is saying what will become obvious. (I notice your square around your own comments on Bruce Linsey's letter--was this an afterthought because you realised that it was not obvious that you were speaking as opposed to him? I must say that in places I was unsure about who was writing.)

Mike Mills is unintelligent. I find this sad. His paragraph at the bottom of page 18((EE #11)) is not so much ignorant(although the question he poses--if we two can take it the right way then why can't everyone else?--betrays a woeful ignorance of the theoretical basis of communication) as badly expressed. However, I have read his full-worded bigotry before. I think I would prefer 'bleeding heart liberals' who only cover their bigotry with empty words' to those who parade it on their right sleeve.

The subject of American defence, European defence, British Defence and Soviet aggression is extremely complex. John Michalski has noted that as yet no European (let alone Briton) has agreed with him. Might he therefore consider that his own attitude might require a certain communication with the way other Britons and Europeans feel? An interesting counterpoint to John's 'If they don't want us there, fine. I'd pull us out in 15 days flat' is an opinion poll which showed that most people on mainland Britain wanted to pull British troops out of Northern Ireland (a result which would presumably surprise Mike Mills who seems to imagine that we want to stay there) but the Government would never do so for 'strategic' and 'responsible' reasons. Similarly, it would not matter how many people in Britain wanted American weapons and American soldiers to leave British soil, or how many Americans wanted those soldiers home. So long as the two governments required such a state of affairs and so long as elections were not fought on that issue only, then those weapons and soldiers would stay.

By way of comparison, look how Roosevelt 'nudged' the USA from isolationism into World War II, even though any 'poll' would quite clearly have come down in favour of isolationism.

Interestingly, and I would imagine John would be surprised to read this, the anti-American attitude today, insofar as there is one(it's generally anti-American Government rather than anti-American people) is far less than it was from 1941 to 1960, when the catch-phrase 'Oversexed, overpaid and over here' was used to hide what was nothing more or less than pure jealousy of people with money, style and an attraction for local women. I would imagine that the general feeling for Americans, and foreigners in general, is far more amenable among people of my age(say 20-30) than among people of the generation above me (say 40-50)

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Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): "As for Pete Northcott's 'wait for the inevitable collapse of Soviet hegemony from within', I put that in EXACTLY the same category as Karl Marx's talk about the inevitable collapse of the capitalist system: wishful thinking."  
Jim Finley(California, USA): "I like the political awareness and variety of attitudes in your readership. If more people cared and thought about world events, world events would probably be a happier thing to think about."

My views on Russia for whatever they're worth: They're aggressive, amoral and ruthless, but not the bogeymen too many of us have made of them. We should try to interfere with their plans but we're going about it the wrong way. Why are we trying to out-do them militarily? That's the only area where they're really strong, so it's not likely to be their weak spot. We can't ignore their armed forces, but instead of trying to match them we should be trying to tie them up by supplying the Afghans, helping the Chinese, etcetera; mounting a heavy propaganda effort to depress the already sagging morale of their troops; and preparing operations to assassinate some key officers here and there should war become inevitable. You don't stop a dinosaur with another dinosaur--you cover him with leeches to bleed him weak, then blow his tiny brains out.

As for their nuclear arsenal, they know if they use it, they'd better use all of it, because we'll hit them back with all of ours; and if they did that, there wouldn't be much left worth taking on either side. The best way to make sure they don't get the idea they can knock our missiles out is to keep them mobile--not that stupid MX boondoggle; cruise missiles on ships, everywhere. Then they have no incentive to shoot first.

Our main effort should be directed at their weaknesses, not their strengths. They have a lot of weaknesses. If we stirred up their ethnic minorities, currently discriminated against by the Russians proper, into raising hell about equal political representation and equal opportunities..fomented disaffection between them and their allies.. there are quite a few areas where they're vulnerable. Their economy is a joke. With some sneaky pressure in the right places, we could paralyze their system without fighting a war.

If it does come down to a conventional war, all we have to do is hold them off until their inadequate and already overloaded supply system collapses under the strain.

I think we are going about things all wrong with Russia. I wrote you before with my views on how a conflict with them should be conducted, but I don't think such a conflict is at all necessary, and I don't think most of the people in Russia want one any more than most of us do. It seems to me as if the best way to prevent it would be to unify our interests and theirs until neither of us can hurt the other without feeling the pain immediately ourselves. To use an analogy, two men tied together aren't going to fight with hand grenades. If we carefully weave our economies together, our trade, until we are like Siamese twins with a shared circulatory system, nervous system, etc. each avoiding jockeying for exclusive advantage, we'll be as safe from each other as Chicago is from New York."

Most experts that I've read say that an economy as big as the Soviet Union's would not just collapse. Russians are very used to tightening their belts another notch. Jim is a Marine sergeant and he and his wife, Robyn are just getting into the hobby. Robyn is in MATA HARI, the 7-women game.(See page 14).  
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Porter Wightman(New York, USA): "It's been 15 years now(my how time flies) since I've lived in Europe, and eight since I've been there for even a short time--and that was the U.K., which to many on the continent isn't Europe. Nonetheless, I'd like to comment on the question of how "money-oriented" each of our cultures is. I lived in The Netherlands(Arnhem and The Hague) and so can really only speak about the Dutch. I would have to agree with Michel that the Dutch, at least, were less money-oriented. They were 'old family' oriented. If you were not of the correct set of families in Holland, you were 'out'. Even if you had money, you were 'out'. Since gaining money could not transform you to being 'in', to pursue it was to pursue it for its own sake only--something most people nominally disapprove of. Your best hope of higher societal acceptance in Holland was to marry in, something even more difficult to achieve as a male than a female! Now this may have started to break down. The marriage of Beatrix(now Queen) to a commoner in 1965 may have started changes but the system was still strong in 1967 when it showed itself to me with the marriage of our neighbor's son.

Another thought: when I lived in Holland, TV was only on from 4PM to 10PM. Commercials were blocked in 5 minute blocks and shown on the half hour. Daytime TV





comments, before receiving Klepto Mania. I have heard from other sources, this same attitude was put out by pubbers I don't even deal with! No one bothered to verify any facts."

□ Both Jack and Gerald have refunded me the money that was due as a subber of their zines. Now I would like to comment on some of their points and tell why I feel so strongly on this subject. First of all, Jack folded two years ago and left the hobby. When he returned, I wrote him and didn't get back an answer two months later so I wrote again. I got my refund. Jack will get this issue of EE and I'm sending the extra money he sent me for a sample of EE back to him. If there are any ex-Flying Dutchman subbers to whom Jack still owes money, write to him--his address is in #13.

As for Gerald, the last KM I received had been in November. The February Whitestonia announced that KM was folding. I wrote Gerald in March asking for a refund. During all of this time, I had heard nothing from Gerald; I don't think I was jumping to any conclusions and the bottom line was that I had not seen KM in 4 months and I very justifiably wanted my money back.

I'll give updates on the other two pubbers I mentioned in #13, next time. I am not a vindictive person but when a pubber folds his zine, he should immediately, without delay refund the money to his subbers. They should not have to ask for it. If this happens to me, I want to go out the way John Michalski, John Kelley, Konrad Baumeister and Kenny Halpern went out--The last issue contained a refund check.

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Marie(Cockrell)Beyerlein(California, USA): "I read your issue on women in Diplomacy with great interest. Sigh. The passage of seven years seems to have removed from the hobby most of the players who would remember me. My claim to fame was definitely not as boardman Number Co-custodian. In fact, I helped Doug type one issue of Everything, and that was the extent of my involvement. I made my mark in the hobby as a player. I was the first female multiple winner, winning the first two postal games that I played. Then I went to DipCon VII in Chicago and placed sixth. Because of this track record, I was invited to play in a Diplomacy World demonstration game, 1975A, where I participated in a five-way draw. I am still the only woman ever to be invited to play in a DW demo game(though I just know that once this is published there will be a movement to get Kathy Byrne invited).

I met Doug at DipCon VII in 1974, and after a whirlwind courtship(mostly by mail, since I was living in Chicago), Doug proposed to me on Thanksgiving Day. We were married on April 26, 1975. My demonstration game, 1975A, was in progress then, and so a lot of press and articles dealt with the wedding. Walt Buchanan was Doug's best man. A few Diplomacy players from Chicago were there, and we have a great picture of Len Lakofka (ex-publisher of Liaisons Dangeruses, the zine wherein I won my first two games) leaping to catch the garter. He missed. Allan Calhamer sent us seven plastic mugs as a wedding present, and another player sent us a knife. So far, we have kept that knife out of each other's backs...Actually, if Doug is any indication, then Diplomacy players make excellent catches. We've been married for seven years and I'm still madly in love with him.

Because of all the press coverage of 1975A and the wedding, Doug and I were minor celebrities for a while. At DipCon IX in Baltimore, I got a taste of what it's like to be "famous". As we walked by groups of people, someone would whisper "That's Marie Beyerlein." At this year's Baltimore DipCon, I'll be just another face in the crowd. Please, somebody, salvage my wounded ego and ask me for my autograph!"

□ Well this letter from Marie came to me out of the blue and I enjoyed it very much. There is more to it, where she tells about women and Diplomacy. I am sorry that I don't have room to print it in this issue but it will definitely be in the next issue along with Fred Davis's letter about how to get DipCon in your hometown. There aren't any forbidden zones after all!

Marie's comment about the passage of 7 years makes me wonder who any of us today would recognize in--gasp--1989, seven years from now. I'll get your autograph, Marie. I intend to get Rod Walker to sign my Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy too. I am a fan at heart. I've got the autographs of Clint Eastwood, Pat Boone, Jack Nicklaus and Glenn Campbell. This last sentence didn't make much sense did it. Well I've been typing for hours now and it's 4:30 in the morning so my brain is starting to get spaced out so I think I will quit for now. See y'all next time!!

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