oress 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, Tennessee 38118 THE PUBBER: Gary L. Coughlan USA (901)-362-7206. 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 your can help Kathy go page 20--NOW!

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9 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!!

 \S 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 Bave 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 sines trade with

each other between countries now.

§ Some clarifications: The DIPSCRIPTIONS which appear on page 2 of every issue of ME are not done by me. They are done by Pat Hart who came up with the concept. He gets his information for the DIPSCREPTIONS 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 subbersfor an American sine but

John Caruso's Whitestonia has a subber from Australia and Fred Davis's Bushwacker has

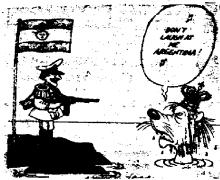
a subber fromPapua New Guinea!

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 Leeder 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 World Headline Story is still the situation in the South Atlantic between Great Britain and Argentina. Some comments about this will also appear in the letter column and I'll comment there or somewhere about this episode. I wanted to give the comments about it from all of the British zines that I receive but none have come in(they come to me by surface, A.K.A. SLOW). Only one that I have seen was Pete Tamlyn's The Acolyte in which he said:

"Well, best of luck to Glen and Bill if they do get into a fight but hopefully it won't come to that. It will be interesting to see how many left-wing 'pacifists' sudden--ly lose their fervour now that we've been attacked by a is military junta. The Labour Party has already forgotten all

about its pacifist leanings. Thatcher, of course, needs a military victory to restore her tarmished reputation. The poor Falkland Islanders will doubtless get slaughtered in the process but we are doing it for their benefit, aren't we?"

I found it somewhat amusing that Pete in his same issue of The Acolyte had this to "Just how war-minded the Americans are becoming has been made plain to the many European readers of Gary Coughlan's Europa Express." Forgive me, but words fail me right now when I see young men slaughtered for barren pieces of rock--and we Americans are the war-minded ones? Hah!

But words do not fail Jim Williams who has written a most amusing article about this situation. It was just perfect for me to use as a background for the many cartoons that I have accumulated about the crisis. Take it away, Jim!

¿Malvinas o Falklands? ---by Jim Williams

When I first heard of the taking of the Falkland Islands by President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri's Argentine forces, I knew right away that the world of Diplomacy had a right to know the whole story, up close and personal.

I contacted Gary right away and he agreed (bless his heart) to send me to the scene of the confrontation as Europa Express's own roving reporter. He gave me carte blanche to get the inside story for his readers, realizing that it was his duty to do so. after After my chat with Cary, I packed a light suitcase and headed for the airport. took some doing, but I soon found a pilot with a plane that was willing to take me anywhere -- for a price. We haggled a bit, but being pressed for time, I was forced to agree to his terms, and we headed for his plane. It was a jet, but it was unlike any I'd ever seen. It could have used a coat of paint or two.

"At one time, this baby was the world's only jet-powered crop duster," the pilot boasted. I was not impressed. Afraid to pause lest I change my mind, I hurried aboard and began saying Hail Marys.

After a few maintenance check (too few), my pilot, whose name was Ernie, incidentall; clambered aboard, revved the engines, and hollered "Where to, Mac?"

"London, and step on it!" I managed to utter between Aves. In the meantime, the British fleet had begun sailing toward Argentina. The Brits had responded.

A week and a half after our emergency landing at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, only

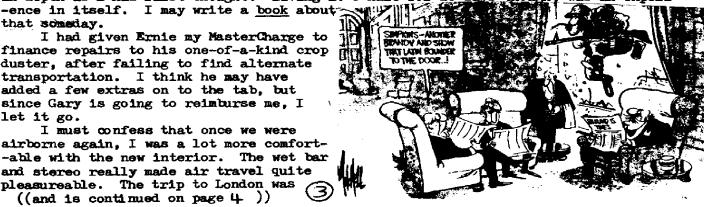
an hour out of Des Moines, I got the feeling that my report was not going to be as in-depth as I had first thought. Living at 0 Hare for 10 days though, was an experi-

that someday.

I had given Ernie my MasterCharge to finance repairs to his one-of-a-kind crop duster, after failing to find alternate transportation. I think he may have added a few extras on to the tab, but since Gary is going to reimburse me, I let it go.

I must confess that once we were airborne again, I was a lot more comfort--able with the new interior. The wet bar and stereo really made air travel quite pleasureable. The trip to London was

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Maggie Likes Penguins! (continued from page 3)

uneventful the rest of the way, and on the 15th of April we landed at Heathrow Airport. I told Ernie to wait there and keep the meter running, then went to make a call. I rang No. 10 Downing Street in the hope that Prime Minister Thatcher would grant me an interview. Although I couldn't talk to Maggie on the phone, I was told that a car would be sent for me. Obviously, Europa Express' readership consisting of North American and European Diplomacy aficionados carried some weight with the PM.

A little over an hour later, I was ushered into the Prime Minister's residence, through the crush of reporters and photo--graphers. They didn't know who I was but there they were asking questions and taking pictures, just in case I was important. Playing my part to the hilt, I strutted, waved

and let the "No comments" fly.

I soon found myself in Maggie's upstairs study with the Prime Minister herself, ex-Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, and Defence Secretary Nott. After the opening formalities and introductions, I began my interview. The transcript of that interviews follows: (That = Thatcher; Nott = Nott; Carr = Carrington; EE = Jim Williams(that's me!).)

Would anyone like some tea? That:

Thank you, yes. Nott:

Yes, please. Carra

Yech! No thanks! Do you have any Bepsi? EE:

That: I beg your pardon?

Aw forget it. Can we begin? EE:

Notte Yes, please.

Thank you, yes Carrı

That: Pepsi? Well I never.....

Mr. Carrington, you seemed to take all of the blame for misreading the intentions EE: of Argentina, prior to their takeover of the Falklands. Do you really think it was your responsibility alone, to determine what course of action Argentina would take?

<u>Carr</u>: Yes. EF: Why?

Because I was the only person around here who knew where Argentina was. Carr:

You see, some of us got it confused with Amstralia and some of us thought it Nott

was Anartica, you know, what with the penguins and all.

Aren't penguins cute? They wear those cute little tuxedos and waddle around That:

like Burgess Meredith used to....

Ahem....yes, well...when the Falklands were attacked, I showed everyone where Carr: Argentina was on a map, and...

Yes I remember that! We all said "Ohhh, so that's where it is!" Ha! Nott: would have known that Argentina was in South America, we'd have been more



Let's not get steamed up, Margaret, just because our Argentinean friend seized a bit of your há ha, empire'

concerned. Well, since Lord Carrington knew, where it was and didn't tell us, we decided that it was all his fault. Carr: Resigning was the honour-

-able thing to do, under the circumstances.

I see. I understand that Mrs. Thatcher tried to talk you out of resigning. That's right. Madam Prime Minister, what were you willing to do to prevent Lord

Carrington from tender--ing his resignation? Anything! I even offer--ed to....

((Page 10 tells!))

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Memphis to Wichita: They are popular among some....

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Fleet lay at anchor, rusting quietly under a full moon. Not a creature was stirring, , not even a louse; the English had not yet penetrated this far. Suddenly there was a knock at the door of the Tsar's cabin aboad the flagship, Buddy, and a frightened toady was ushered into the presence of the leader of what remained of the Russian people.

"Your Imperial Majesty," quavered the toady, "A message from the Kaiser."

"Bah!" snorted the Tsar. "That's the same piece of tripe I've left unopened for two months now. Does he really think I want to hear more of his lies at this point? At any point.?"

"But Sire," blubbered the lackey. "The Admiral has bade me tell you--your court

jester is dead! Your dwarf died at midnight."

"Oh, no!" the Tsar gasped. "The dwarf--dead! Poor Linsey! Who will make me laugh with his fatuous antics now?" "Well--"

"Oh, all right," grumbled the Tsar. He seized the Kaiser's message and opened the envelope. (A joke they tell in Gdansk: How many Russians does it take to open and read a letter? Six: one to do the job, and five to keep an eye on the 'intellectual'.) The Tsar scanned the message, and suddenly broke into gales of laughter.

"Sire?" asked the toady, bewildered.

"Oh, this is precious," the Tsar snickered. "This twit is a born logician! Listen to this; the first part is some gloating about the Austrian attack on us. He's okay as a gloater but Prime Minister Hamlin is a little better. Then--oh this is fabulous--" The Tsar began to read directly from the Kaiser's letter, dated February 1, 1982:

"I submit that every statement you've made about England (and France, by extension) regarding their untrustworthiness will have been as detal waste if you an continue any form of direct or indirect support for the aims of either England or Austria. If I don't get Warsaw (and I'll keep trying for it, make no mistake shousabout that -- otherwise it just goes to England or Austria), then you might as well tokk me flat out that deceit pays when negotiating with you. If we ever meet again, I'll know the 'right' way to get the maximum profit from our relationship, won't I? If you've rewarded the fellows who have lied to you the most in the past, then you have only your own reputation to thank for the way you've been manhandled here-and I'm only sorry E didn't know the score myself. If you're finally willing to allow me the same profits by fair means as everyone else seems to be taking by foul. just drop me a line and we'll coordinate .-- Randolph (Germany)"

"Sire?" the orderly gasped. But it was no use. The Tsar, helpless with laughter, was rolling hither and you about the cabin, laughing his head off. The toady could only understand snatches of what the Tsar giggled out--phrases like "And I once said he was arrogant -- whatever gave me that idea?" or "Thank God he's not a crossgamer." or "Fair means -- that lying slime!" or "God's gift to the hobby -- let's get a refund!" But suddenly the Tsar, still roaring with laughter, rolled out of the stateroom, out on the deck, and

over the side of the ship! They searched all through the night for the Tsar; but nothing was found. The toady stood looking out to sea for hours, until dawn broke and the fleet lifted anchor and began steaming toward the distant city of Constantinople. Still ringing in the toady's ears were the Tsar's final words, his last, final message to the Kaiser. Hard it was to make out, broken as it was by the Tsar's laughter as he plunged to oblivion, but the meaning was clear. The words ring out forever: "Stick it in your frapping ear!" TSARLIE BROWN QUOTES ELVIE COSTELLO: I used to be disgusted/but now I try to be amused... Memphis to Tsarlie Brown: That's the spirit --- chin up, head held high! It would seem that the Kaiser has been talking to the Italians along those lines too.... Rome to Munich: You're right, Linsey and I did have a prearranged agreement for me to hand all my centers to him. Of course, if you and Hamlin had any balls, you would have stabbed Bruce long ago. Ho hum...anything else you need, Brucie?

Leisureville to GM: Just how did I get the dateline "Dungbrain"? Does this mean that I can assign datelines to Osuch, too? GM to Leisureville: Like his 'Rumpelstilkskin'? He would probably like that; actually he seems quite fond of you lately..... Rome to Paris: What next, master? Rome to Paris: Take my wife please.

LUZERN - Bruce Linsey, A.K.A. Dungbrain, A.K.A. Heeb of Doom, A.K.A. Mr. Controversy, A.K.A. Mr. Don't-you-dare-edit-me, A.K.A. Voice of Dung, A.K.A. Joe Ratings, A.K.A. Win-or-nothing Linsey (To Be Continued)
Memphis to Luzern; So's your press on page 35 (being continued I mean!)

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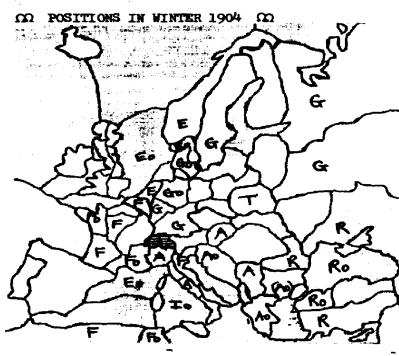
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comes back, I can say about his imminent demise: "Good! It serves you right for NMRing."
 On the other hand, if he doesn't I earn an easy 4 issues. Not bad at all.
 Memphis to Gainesville: Sort of you can't lose for winning.....
 Jeff to Memphis: Now that I think of it, I hope Fred doesn't come back. Then I'll be
 making KE history: The first person elaminated from one of your games.
 Memphis to Jeff: And Mazzerman was so sure that it would be he that was going first!
 Don't lose hope!
 Gainesville to Memphis: You know, giving me a hopeless position like this could get Lisa
 really upset. Then again, she might look at this as a campaign to drive me out of
 Dipdom and be pleased with you(joke, joke). Thanks for giving me another way of telling
 her I love her. (Of course, the best way will come on August 14).
 Memphis to Gainesville: I told you it would work Lisa..... He doesn't suspect a thing.
 Vienna to Memphis: How did you know I was 6° 11"?
 Memphis to Vienna: I believe the correct figure was 6' 10". Recheck your copy of the
 fake Whitestonia. My, my these little white lies come so easily for you don't they!?! Vienna to London: Germany's sins were sins of omission, not commission, but they were
 sins none the less.
 Jeff to Bobby: Don't you think it's time for you and J.R. to renew your sibling
 rivalry?
 Moscow to Berlin: Come on Bobby, give Ewing Oil back to J.R. and get back into the game. I hear Lucy is pregnant. You haven't been doing something naughty have you?
 (Well did you at least enjoy yourself?)
 Moscow to Vienna: Come on Mazzerman! Show us your stuff! You're not going to let
 the Italian keep Trieste are you?

Vienna to Rome: You won a battle, Paisan, but not the war.

Noto to Mazzerman: I wish you and Steve would make up your minds about Trieste. This trading it back to each other every two years is very sloppy. C'mon Mike, get your act together! You're giving us Italians a porte bad name!!
 Memphis to Noto: Yeah, and that jingling earbob doesn't help either!
 Marseilles to Spain: I suppose I should ask you to leave me alone but considering
 your relationship with Fassio, you probably hate all Italians with a passion and couldn't
 care less about me. Oh, well.
 J.B. Noto to J.R.: I don't know why you keep attacking France; you won't find Dr.
 Ensalada in Marseilles.
 Memphis to J.B. Noto: It seems he's looked every place else....

Vienna to Moscow and Berlin: What we do is we wait until Williams has his kid. Then
 when he's too tired and groggy to keep up with the game, we jump him!
France(or, more aptly, what's left of it) to Swedish Roundabout France: I don't
 suppose you'd consider landing me a few of your French units, huh, BRUX?
 Gainesville to Alsace-Lorraine Italy: Good grief, Kathy! What is it about you that has
 Malc so frightened that he won't even move out of Trieste? Could you help me do the
 same thing to Altoona Fish?
 Memphis to Gainesville: She had better; the others have another worry....
 Vienna to London: My friend the Turk is a man of character. He can resist temptation,
 can't you David? David? You can resist temptation can't you David?
 Moscow to Ankara: I know we are real close allies, but don't you think the Ukraine
 is a bit too close!
 Ankara to London: Why attack Russia when, with a little help from his friends, he can
 be a powerful ally?
 Memphis to Moscow: There now, that ought to reassure you. I wouldn't worry; it's only when they say they won't attack a specific place that you should begin to worry.
 Ankara to London: What's the sense in taking Sevastopol when I'll only have to use
 the units I get to defend Russia anyway? I'll let the Russian defend Russia.
 Jeff to Apis: Imagine how much press I'll write if/when I get into this game for good!
 Memphis to Apis: Thanks for the press and I'll see you all (I hope) on June 11th!
 CANADIAN CORNER: This blurb is for Canadians only, so stop reading it! Hey you, yes
 I mean you -- Y-O-U! You're not Canadian so this doesn't concern you. Take off, hoser!
Persistent Yankee devils and European busybodies, eh wot? Anyway, all Canadian subbers
to EUROPA EXPRESS are reminded to vote for whom they consider the top 3 "currently active postal Diplomacy players." The top 3 Canadian players that is. Deadline is July 2, 1982. Send to Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, CANADA M2N 129.
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EUROPE PAUSES TO CATCH ITS BREATH AFTER LAST FALL'S BLOODLETTING!!! FRANCE DOMINATES THE PRESS WAR BUT ANOTHER POWER WINS THE BATTLE OF THE CARTOON!!!



§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1904 Deutschland: F Denmark retreats to the Skaggerak

England: F Holland retreats to Kiel

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1904 §

Remove Fleet Baltic ALLEMAGNE: (Monsieur Jack Fleming)

ANGLETERRE:

No Change

(Monsieur Mark Fassio)

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: **Build Fleet Trieste**

(Monsieur Kerry Blant)

FRANCE: Build Fleet Brest, Fleet Marseilles, (Monsieur John Maraden) Army Paris

Remove Fleet Ionian (Monsieur Allen Pearson)

RUSSIE: Build Army Sevastopol (Monsieur Patrick Conlon)

TURQUIE: Remove Fleet Aegean (Monsieur Malc Smith)

France to England: Well, my moves last time could hardly have caused yours! But where was the point in ordering to Ruhr--it would never have worked. I fear that I tired of such half-baked ideas. Got any more?

France to Turkey-in-exile: Very pretty. But Budapest would been much better! France to Austria: Kerry, my friend, now that you surely must agree that Italy's cause is lost, how about answering my letters? We have much to discuss. Memphis to Windsor: There is not much press though. Page 10 has it!

CAME: "Windsor" 1981 AN

Monsieur Gâréaux L. Çoughlânnique GM:

NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1905

NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, June 11th

§ GAME COLOR: Vert

T GAME NOTES: This game gets a separation because of two requests for one. Y'all need a rest!

Patrick J. Conlon is out of the army(Yay!) and has a new address: 4133 Church St., #E-1, Clarkston, Georgia 30021 USA. He informed you of this.

I have held over all press except for France who said to print his under any circumstances.

There is a A-E-F-G-R draw proposed Please bote with your orders next time.

The separation shows how the languages change from autumn to winter.

There is an English fleet in the Skaggerak. That's a tiny space.

Your cartoon donor wished to remain anonymous. The same person wrote the caption. Thanks!



"Austria, England and Germany greet France at the start of another season in Windsor."

France to Memphis: Of course we go for the throat! Where's the point in half-measures?, In, fact, of course, we've been taking lessons from "Bloodsucker" Byrne!! Memphis to France: I wonder about something. Twice in this press this time you have used the phrase "Where's the point." I find that strange because I want to say "What's the point." "Where" doesn't sound right to my American ears. Is that the British usage? Or is this strictly a Southern phenonemen? France to Memphis: Whaddya mean, "this has been a most interesting game"? It still is!! Memphis to Windsor: This was, and is, a most interesting game. And vicious, don't forget vicious!! And that's just the press! See you June 11th! Malvinas o Falklands? (Continued from page 4) Carr: Please!! I don't think it would be very honourable to talk about such things. That: I still think it would have been fun, Carrie. I mean, it's not like I don't do it. I may be a world leader, but I'm still only human. Ronnie does it too, you know, even at his age. He told me so! Please Madam! Carr: He does? Nott: EE: He does? That: Imagine him and Nancy in the White House some night, carrying on like a couple of

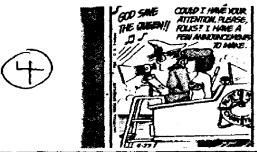
That: Imagine him and Nancy in the White House some night, carrying on like a couple of wild dogs, or penguins..they're so cute.

(Everyone but Lord Carrington laughs at the thought)

((And everyone else goes to page 11 for more of this story))

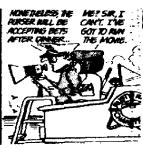
These five panels on this page and page 11 are from the satiric comic strip of <u>Doonesbury</u>. The "captain" is Duke who has had many adventures as a drug trafficer, the 53rd hostage in Iran(known as the "Bald Spy"), ambassador to Samoa, **Ghâna** etc. In China is where he met his girl friend, Honey, who was the interpreter for Chairman Mao. She calls him "Sir" and is a college exchange student. Their latest adventure!











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











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))

Malvinas o Falklands (continued

that President Galtieri would still be available for the interview, and that he wanted nothing more than to speak to the little people of the United States and Europe and Canada and convince them that his intentions were honorable.

We began the interview a short while later in a plush conference room at the top of the palace. Costa Mendez sat in with the Argentine President and myself, along with an official interpreter: EE = Jim Williams, Galt = Galtieri and Cost = Costa Mendez:



EX: First of all, I want to thank you for taking the time to give me this interview.

Galt: We consider it our privilege to be able to plead our case to the people of the free world through such a fine zine as Europa Express.

EE: Why thank you! Gary will be pleased to hear that.

Galt: How is Gary doing these days? Does he still do a lot of fakes?

Yes! In fact, he just did one of White...wait a minute. I'm supposed to be interviewing you! I'll have Gary give you a call when I see him, OK, and you can talk old times. EE:

Galt: That would be fine thank you.

President Galtieri, is it true that your decision to retake the Falklands.... EE:

Malvinasi Costs

Excuse me. Is it true that your decision to take the Malvinas was based only on EE: the fact that support for your leadership was slipping here and abroad, and that you hoped to divert the people's attention?

No! No! No! Everyone keeps saying that but it is not true! Galt:

Why did you decide to retake that almost worthless chunk of floating real estate EE: then?

Galt: Tell him Nicky

Costa Me? Oh ... well you see ... we um ... we simply grew tired of Britain's imperialist policies and their effort to colonize Latin America.

EE : What?!!

We could no longer tolerate British aggression. Cost:

EE: I see. Those sheep herders were giving you a hard time then.

No! No! No! The British, and the American government too for that matter. Galt: were simply getting too big for their britches. We just though we'd take them down a notch.

OK, I'll buy that. EE:

You will? Galt: You will? Cost:

How is your popularity at home nowadays, General? EE:

Galt: It's never been better!

I thought so. How was it prior to the invasion? EE:

Well, it was not so hot, but the polls showed that an upward trend was developing Galt: and the war with Britain has had no effect on my popularity at all.

The British have been waging a massive propaganda war against our President, but Cost: fortunately we are able to keep these lies away from our people.

In other words, outside news is kept from the people. EE:

Cost: Of course. You understand our position, don't you?

Don't you? Galt:

(At this point in the interview, two soldiers carrying M-16 rifles entered the I thought it best to conclude the interview as soon as possible.) room.

Uh, sure! I understand and let me tell you, I support your position on this EE: ((To find out the "this" go to page 13))

whole matter! I have to leave now, um, but when I write my story, rest assured to that the world will know the true story! No British propaganda from <u>Europa Express</u>. 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 decedes, 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 critized 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.))



W MATA HARI begins! After 11 months, Jack Fleming of Paranoiacs' Monthly has filled an all-women game. This type of game is extremely rare(Mark Berch's Lexicon of Diplomacy mentions all-women games with the BN of 1972 FK and 1973 BH---9 years ago!) and let's hope it leads to a larger involvement of women. Two in this game are unknown to me and three are relatively new to the hobby.

Remember, starting with this issue, guesses for the persons in the pictures (see page 17 for the latest one!) will be printed in the next EE, after 5 weeks, instead of waiting 10 weeks as I have done up til now. Get those guesses in! And send a black and white photo of yourself as well!

¶ CONS! GenCon East II is on again. The dates for this Con's Diplomacy events (there are many other games as well) are Saturday and Sunday, June 19420 at Widner College in Chester, Pennsylvania. For more information contact Skip Williams, The GenCon Game Fair, P.O. Box 756, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147.

The other big con is ORIGINS which will be in Baltimore, Maryland on July 23-25. I'll be at this one, staying in an apartment with Al Pearson, Roy Henricks and Mike Mills. To get information on housing and how to register for the large number of events(and awdid the long lines there) send an SASE to this address: "ORIGINS 82, P.O. Box 15405, Baltimore, Maryland 21220 USA. Many hobby members are planning on going among them: Steve Arnawoodian, Bob Arnett, Herb Barents, Mike Barno, Konrad Baumeister, Mark Berch; Ron Brown of Canada, Kathy Byrne, Dave Carter, John Caruso, Patrick Conlon, John Daly, Fred Davis, Don Ditter, Steven Duke, Guy and Libby Hail, Scott Hanson, Roy Henricks, Eric Kane, Lee Kendter, Mark Larzelere, Bruce Linsey, Tom Mainardi, Keith Mercer, Mike Mills, Jeff Noto, Eric Ozog, Al Pearson, Robert Sacks, Bern Sampson, Tom Swider, Eric Verheiden, Rod Walker and Porter Wightman.

There are plans afoot to do a hobby wide census in North America but I am now throughly confused on who is doing what! Orignally, Glenn Overby, 5440 Cass Ave, Apt. 817. Detroit, Michigan 48202 USA was going to do it. Then I got a letter from Dick Martin, 7400 #4 Columbia Ave., College Park, Maryland 20740, USA, who asked me to publicize that he was doing such a listing and also requested me to give him EE's subber list in June. Now the latest Zimiamvia from Rod Walker says that John Caruso, 160-02 43 Ave, 2nd Floor, Flushing, New York 11358 USA has also volunteered to do the list and that John wants all zine's subbers lists by July 3rd and that he intended to have the census completed in time for distribution at Origins on July 23-25.

Rod suggests that all pubbers send their subber lists to Dick. Then if Dick is not going to do it, that he can forward the information on to John. Sounds good!

I Steven Duke of <u>The Schemer</u>, Tennessee's other zine, is planning on having Schemer T-shirts available beginning in August. His address is Rt. #3, Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 USA. Prices aren't determined yet; he's still working on the design for the T-shirt. <u>Plague Times</u> and <u>Life of Monty</u> are the other zines which offer t-shirts for Diplomacy players.

NEW ZINES: Damn The Torpedos (Greg and Daphne Fritz, PO Box 512, York, Maine 03909 USA) until just recently was a subzine in The Schemer. It is now independent and costs 10 issues for \$5.00. DtT offers Diplomacy, a Bourse, Wooden Ships and Iron Men and a column called Daf's Place. The first new zine that I've seen in 1982...........Meanwhile new zines are abounding in the United Kingdom. The latest one, and whose name has everyone over there growning is Zine To Be Believed.

If On the other hand, subzines, sub-subzines and columns are more than making up for the scarcity of new zines. No only does this enhance existing zines, like Mass Murders does for EE, but it allows talented people to get a taste of what publing is all about without a lot of the hassles. Some of these new subzines, etc. are:

1. <u>Caradhras</u> is in <u>Just Among Friends</u> and is done by James S. Woodson, 222 Sanford Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455 USA. <u>Caradhras</u> has opening in regular diplomacy and in an "all military game". Game fees are \$3.00.

2. "Sub"-zine is a subzine(oddly enough) in <u>Just Among Friends</u> written by Bob Howerton, 4510 Treeline Dr., Pensacola, Florida 32504 USA. He offers one maybe two regular Diplomacy games. There is no game fee for the first one.

MORE HOBBY WIDE NEWS (Continued from page 14)

I Still more new submines (continued from page [4]) are:

- 3. Mos <u>Fisley Spaceport</u> is a roving subzine done by John Michalski, Rt. 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, Oklahoma 73165 USA. It is up to #6. The first 3 were in <u>Irksome</u>, as was #5, and #6 was in <u>Whitestonia</u>. Where was #4, John? EE is in line to get one of the MES. They are like a mini-Brutus Bulletin, John's folded zine, and carry comments by John and letters. No games.
- 4. Expletive Deleted is in Coat of Arms and is by Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell, New York 13760 USA. ED runs regular Diplomacy, Final Conflict and Old Maid. (Don't laugh; I'm in that game!)
- 5. Genesis, named after the rock group, is by Thomas Franke, Rosenstrasse 11, D-4220 Dinslaken, West Germany and appears in the German zine, Sauri Allstar Limited. He rans Imperial Governor and intends to open regular Diplomacy. Thomas is trying to begin a letter column which may be partly in English.

6. Ode (John Marsden, Flat 3, Bishop's Farm House, Oakley Green nr. Windsor, Berkshire, United Kingdom SL4 5UN) has added a subzine called, appropriately, Sonnet. Sonnet is by Andrew Poole and offers variants, including M.A.D. Diplomacy!

7. Mark S. Keller, 9536 Shumway Drive, Orangevale, California 95662 USA strikes new hobby ground with the first moving sub subzine. The name of this publication is never the same twice; so far it has been called <u>The Gates of Creation</u> and <u>The Maker of the Universe</u>. The letters "VNS" for "Vallian News Service" always appear in the banner however. No games just sort of hit-and-run chat for a page!

8. Alex's Column appears monthly in Voice of Doom, and is by Alex Lord, and she wants the readers to send in suggestions for a name for her column. She answers letters and may be at Origins this year. VOD's address is Bruce Linsey, 24A Quarry Drive, Albany, New York 12205 USA.

To get these sub zines, you must subscribe to the parent zine. When you write these guys they can provide you with that information. Check them out!

British Polls: Poll season rears its head in the United Kingdom with their two polls. The first one is the 1982 U.K. Zine Poll, which is similiar to North America's Leeder Poll and rates British (and continental European zines for the first time) zines from 1 to 10. To be eligible a zine must have printed at least two issues since January 1, 1982. To be included in the final poll, at least 8% of the voters in the poll must vote for the zine. Last year 101 voted. Deadline is July 16, 1982. North Americans may vote. Richard Walkerdine who runs this poll will be moving to a new address soon so stayed tuned for that new address!

The 1981 Gladys Poll rates British zines on specific categories such as "Best Letter Column", "Most Improved Zine", "Most Deteriorated Zine" etc. are nominated for these categories and the deadline for nominations is May 28, 1982. The poll itself will be held later. 48 voted last year.

Whorth American Polls: John Leeder, 605 15th St. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 2Bl is running the (joint) 5th Annual North American Gamesmaster Poll and the 6th Annual North American 'Zine Poll: The deadline is June 30, 1982. Alberta is late in getting its mail(right, Randolph?!) so you should send your ballots at least 2 weeks before this deadline of June 30th. Now to specifics.

The Gamesmaster Poll: Vote only for GMs that you played under since April 1, 1981. You may not vote for yourself. Rate each GM on a scale of 0 to 10. No fractions please. Rate each GM by name, not by 'zine. Votes which do not use the GM's name will not be tabulated. To help in tabulation, please list the GMs in alphabetical order by surname. (Only North American GMs). Europeans may vote.

The GM Poll: (Remember to put these two parts of the Leeder Poll on separate sheets of paper). Rate only zines which you have seen enough of to form an objective assessment of the quality of the publication. Rate the series not individual issues. Don't base votes on hobby feuds, etc. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10. No fractions please. Specify sub-zines and rate them separately

from their parent zine. You may not vote for your own zine.
In both cases, sign your ballots and indicate one way in which you participate in the hobby(like a pubber of a zine or a player in a game). Votes are kept confidential List the zines in alphabetical order. Deadlines for both polls are June 30th, 1982 and the results will be released first in Diplomacy World.

JIHAD'S SECOND ANNUAL FRESHMEN CLASS OF 1981 POLL

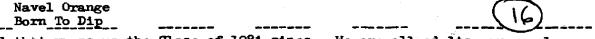
The results are in! This poll which rates the new zines of each year is run by Glenn Overby, 5440 Cass Ave, Apt. 817, Detroit, Michigan 48202 USA. Subzines were also rated this year and tallied separately. These results are carried in Glenn's zine Jihad #20. In Jihad #21, comments of the voters about these times will be published. 44 voters, a 150% increase from last year, rated the zines which debuted in 1981 on a scale from 0 to 10. To make the main list, a zine or subzine had to receive at least 4 votes.

I am very pleased that 34 of you thought enough of KE to rate it so highly. would like to point out though that I, almost alone of these zines, had the full year to work with. Some zines did not start publishing until September! Also some had trouble with publishing or folded during the year and this hurt their ratings. Others are not well-known--yet!!! I could feel Dave Carter(Sleepless Knights) breathing down my neck the whole way! And I am pleased that another Tennesse zine(the only other one!) came in 3rd: Steven Duke and his The Schemer. Yankees came in fourth! And results are:

Rank	Zine	<u>Debuted</u>	Rating	<u>Votes</u>	
1	EUROPA EXPRESS	January, 1981	8.24	34	
2	SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS	April, 1981	8.18	22	
3	THE SCHEMER	May, 1981	7.08	13	
4	IRKSOME	August, 1981	7.00	23	
	TACKY	April, 1981	7.00	6	
6	GI VE ME A WEAPON	June, 1981	6.50	28	
7	PARANOIACS MONTHLY	May, 1981	6.47	17	
8	DOT HAPPY	February, 1981	6.33	30	
9	COAT OF ARMS	September, 1981		22	
10	ANDUIN	September, 1981	5.90	20	
11	GREAT WAR IN MODERN M	EMORY February, 1981	<u>5.80</u>	20	
	Y'ALL	Irregular	5.77		
12	EREBOR	Folded	5.27	15	
	PERK	Irregular	5.14	14	
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14	WHITE DUKE KLEPTO MANIA THE CHAMBER Subzine	????? January, 1981 Folded SUBZINES: Parent Zine	4.86 4.00 3.67	21 8	
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19 other publications, some of them ineligible, which received less than 4 votes were also tallied. The rating comes first and then the zine(s):

- 10 Kathy's Kornor
- 9 Hoodpecker
- 8.5 Snafu
- Blarney Stone 8
 - Diplomacy By Moonlight, Magus, and Winsome Losesome
- 7 6 - Grab Dots, Scotch Brand Tape, Stab Is A Four Letter Word, Wry Me?
- Dobson St. Conspiracy, Pax, Reborn To Dip, Russ-Q?
- Toxic Shock Syndrome
- Benzene
- 3.67 -



And that wraps up the Class of 1981 zines. We are all adults now, no longer new! I have not seen a single new zine this year so it looks like 1982 will be subzines mostly!



Who Is This Man?

The next picture for your expert perusal!
As always, this is a picture of an EE subber whom you may or may not know. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to write in and tell what this guy is like just from his pic. Is this the face of someone you would trust in a face-to-face game? Or is he a born stabber?



Does he pub? What does he do for a living? Is he a European? If so, of what nation? Or anything that comes to your mind. The deadline for this picture contest will be 5 weeks instead of the customary 10 weeks. The deadline is June 11, 1982. I am doing this for two reasons: (1) All of the guesses for each picture so far have always come by the time of the next issue—so there is no sense waiting for two issues before revealing the person in the picture. (2) I am getting quite a lot of pictures from you so this way I will be able show you more.

So remember the deadline for this contest is June 11, 1982--next issue, #15. This will mean that each issue of EE from now on will carry a picture of a subber. EE solicits a black and white picture of you; find out what others think of you just

by looking at your picture alone! Get those guesses in!

- 1. Patrick J. Conlon, 4133 Church St., #E-1, Clarkston, Georgia 30021 USA
- 2. Jim and Robyn Finley, 1716 Nisson Rd., Apt. C, Tustin, California 92680 USA
- 3. Dick Martin, 7400 #4 Columbia Ave., College Park, Maryland 20740 USA (Retaliation)
- 4. Glenn Overby, 5440 Cass Ave., Apt 817, Detroit, Michigan 48202 USA (Jihad!)
- 5. Jeri and Pam Overby, 5440 Cass Ave., Apt 817, Detroit, Michigan 48202 USA (For Women Only)
- 6. John R. Pack, 240 Kimberly Lane, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544 USA
- 7. David Perlmutter, 773 Millbrook Ln., Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041 USA

FOCUS ON FAKES

Mark Berch, pubber of <u>Diplomacy Digest</u>, in the past has put out special issues devoted to terms in Diplomacy. The terms were arranged in dictionary form. The first one was called <u>The Lexicon of Diplomacy</u>. Just recently a companion to

The Lexicon was released by Mark and named Son of Lexicon. But now a faker has struck back with a 2-page spoof of the two Lexicons and calling it Grandson of Lexicon!

Grandson of Lexicon parodies the Berch style to a "T" right down to the atrocious misspellings. Three of the humorous entries: are:

Mary Beck A term used as a verb to describe a phone blitz in preparation of an all out attack. As in "First I'll Mary Beck him and then I'll move to Tyrolia!" The term originates from Dan Kuszynski's using the tactic against Mary Beck when she was playing Austria to his Italy.

Ian Eckloff Buddy Tretick's latest pseudonym.

Madman in Milano An Allen Wells' creation for Italian opening play. In order to seal alliances with all Italy's neighbors the Spring 1901 moves are: A Ven H, A Rom H, F Nap H.

It was mailed from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. My guess is Jack Fleming!

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 Tff, Bud, Rum, Sef, War, Kie, VIE, GRE
	10	+1	France Home, Lon, Spa, Por, Lvp, Edi, Ven, TUN
	5	0 or -1	Germany Mun, Ber, Hol, Bel, Den, Mie, TRI
	2	0	Italy Rom, Nap, Zhin
	4	+1	Russia StP, Swe, Nwy, DEN
	7	0	Turkey Home, Bul, &ff. 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 intel-

whatever that he can't stop, even when the most minimal amount of interligence 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!

((Mass Murders continues on page 19))

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 Scandanavia. Unfortunately, before he could launch his devastating counterattack, 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 seige 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

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-PRANCE: 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! PRANCE-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 Nike, you should have went with Tweedledee and Iweedledum 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. 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 zeen. Retaliation. Could it be that Mass Murders will appear in two zeens? A definite possibility, and remember, sports fans, you heard it here first.

(Mass Murders Next Season begins on page 31)

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 socoocoo 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 foud 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.

IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

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! ර්ම්

AIN'T NO EASY ROAD

((Fall 1904 season begins . on page 18))

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 TIN 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; F 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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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-TURKET: 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 toadles and emerged triumph-
ant."? 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 embarassment.
PRANCE-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!

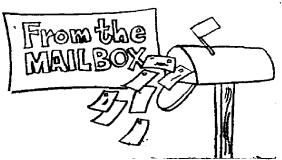
CON-MUN: Bet you never call me "pot" again! How does it feel knowing
you're "MINCEMBAT"?
NAP-MAZZERMAN: And you have the nerve to claim consummate geniushood.
With moves like last fall, you're human alright. (At best!)
ROM: OK. I admit it. I'm the fift second Sherwood toady!
UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY: defines "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 some-
thing 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.
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)".
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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 TRUTES 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 houserules 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: Icapo 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 Strigen, 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 your--self! 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 <u>Bullwinkle Show</u>)."

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 sophisication, 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. ((Guesses continue on page 25 -))

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 masocistic type. 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 dipzinny 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 Manson, 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. Irksome, himself, to St. Louis. He's Scatt 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 Irksome. 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 both 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

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?!?"

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<u>Patrick Conlon</u>(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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pictures are next.

- . <u>Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada)</u>: "Incidentally, after the criticism of my plaid shirt, I started looking at what my fellow workers at work wore. Mup, 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 \7, 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!

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Would Bogart approve?

John Pack (New Mexico, USA): "It is interesting, that Them there's this novel solution to Falk while the Europeans would not fight for freedom if it Palkiands to the island of Main and make 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, Péte Birks has written "Nuke Michalski" so John responds. All of these letters were written before any casualities 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 facto 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 back-handed compliment to us, no?!

. John Kador (Maryland, USA): "Kador (originally Kadar) is Hungarian. I was born in Budapest in 1950. Emigrated from Hungary in '56, the Revolution. Last October, I visited Hungary for the first time. I didn't find myself remembering much, but I saw much that fascinated me. I had many opportunities to discuss America and that was powerful, because I found myself attempting to explaim much about America that is, frankly, hard to explain. Example? How we due process everything to death. How we tolerate drunken drivers killing people. How we live in constant fear of mugging. These are not easy concepts to defend. And maybe most of them are not worth defending."

Mary Beck (California, USA): "Anyway I am half Irish and half Alsacian (almost). My family basically came from Metz in France, but there were marriages with some Germans, so in the end we will settle for Alsacian.

Interestingly though, I have a cousin who did a family tree and when he arrived in Metz, he went to what is equal to our Hall of Records, where he showed the man in charge the information he had so far and asked if he could help. The quite old gentleman was very obliging and took him to a room where many old recordbooks were kept--pulled one out--matched the papers with those my cousin held and traced the family back to 1750!! But there all records stopped.

I could go on about a great-grandfather who lost an eye in the Franco-Prussian War, but it would be more fun to tell you about Aunt Vivine who "entertained" the French soldiers when they were here to learn how to fly after planes were accepted as methods of warfare--but perhaps another time!"

C-G Spare(Finland): "My grandfather's grandfather, Captain Carl Gustaf Spare..died aged

81 in 1841....01d Carl-Gustaf's grandfather and great-grandfather were both taken prisoners of war at Poltava, where they served that incompetent Swedish blunderbuss Karl XII in the brave Finnish cavalry. After 10 years in Siberia, the great-grandfather died and his son began his long escape, walking by foot, back to Finland. This walk took many years, as he had to stop and work, usually as a carpenter, in order to stay alive. We still have fragments of his diary. I have an caken cupboard he made after his return, probably in the 1730s.

Noble families are numbered in the chronological order they were knighted (Ours There really is no record of when we were knighted, but it must have been before 1490, when there was a nobleman Jöns Spara, of whom only is known that he was "an evil man."

I hope this restores your faith in some Europeans having ancestries.

End of this unbearably show-offy message. Well I might add that the only privilege the nobility has left is the right to insist on being executed by sword--and not being shamefully hanged. As we abolished the death sentence 60 years ago, that privilege is not worth much. I'd have to go to some blood-thirstier country like the USA to exercise my privileges."

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "My father has made an ancestor-book and he could trace his family back to the 15th Century. They were peasants in East Mestphalia. My mother's side goes back to the 17th Century, but I cannot tell more. My father could only make a list(for the Nazis--you had to indicate your "Aryan" ancestors) from the old church books which only tell births and deaths. So I cannot say if they partici--pated in the 30 Years War--probably they suffered from it!"

D Thanks for these ancestries. I have many on hand and will print some each issue. Please share your ancestry with EE like these have done. Fascinating histories-mine is rather dull--ancestors driven from Ireland by the potato famine in the 1840s!

Rod Walker (California, USA): ((Gary here-this is another response to John Michalski's article in EE #10)) "It's always fun to watch leftists and rightists rake each other over the coals. The theatre of the absurb cannot compare with the absurbity of ideo--logues who imagine that ideologies are anything other than nose rings for silly turkeys. The fight between proponents of socialist and "capitalist" beliefs are especially amusing in the degree to which they cavalierly overlook little things like history and other facts. Here are some simple ABCs for people who think that ideology really has much bearing on reality.

A. All economies are to some extent, a large extent even, exploitive. The excep--tion might be the sort of primitive communism practiced by small primitive extended family groups such as the tribes in the Philippines, New Guinea, the Amazon basin, and other attractive locations, where it is found in association with the most degraded technical and cultural conditions. Primitive communalism is also practiced by certain ((continued on page 28))

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 similiarity 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. Cinggis 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



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justified the owning of slaves, but proved that it was a positive benefit to all concern--ed and in accordance with the commands of the Bible. They had become emotionally and politically dependent upon the system. Even though slavery was a money-loving proposis. tion a generation before the Civil War erupted, and was psychologically and morally debilitating, they could not bring themselves to give it up. The institution inhibited the industrialization of the South. The account books and diaries of major slave-ewners of the immediate pre-war period show conclusively that the system was no longer of any financial benefit and that many, many slaveowners had reached the conclusion that it was both wrong and dangerous to continue slavery...yet they still couldn't find a way to give it up. Idealogues are like that; they become so committed to an ideology that they can no longer deal effectively with the problems that face them."

 \Box Thanks for sharing your views Rod and I am sorry that you had to wait so long before I printed your letter. Economics is not one of my interests and I agree with you on your comments about slavery in the South inhibiting its advance. It also brought down a Civil War upon its head that took decades to recover from. I am the first generation of my family that was not born on a farm. It is ironic that 80% of Southerners in 1860 owned no slaves; my ancestors with did not own slaves either—yet they were all dragged down in the catastrophe of the war. Ideology stifles alright.

John Caruso (New York, USA): "Why does the front cover of EE come with ink stains every month? EE isn't as pretty now as it was when it was full size. It's as good, but not pretty. And EE #11, you used "boring" white paper. I like the colored paper better. Where do you get the colored paper from the KKK plant?...Gary, would you like to buy some Amway products? Would anyone like to buy some Amway products?" John MacFarlane (New Mexico, USA): "I like the color pages and the multi-lingual games. I think the digest size is convenient and easy to handle."

Bob Osuch (Illinois, USA): "Some constructive criticism regarding EE: I would like to see

you speak your mind more in print. I realize you have the established image as a nice guy, but if something is bothering you about somebody, I think you should use your zine as a forum to voice your opinion. People sub to zines because they are interested in what the pubber has to say, and I see no reason why you shouldn't use it to do so. Just a thought. Take it with a grain of salt if you'd like."

Jim Finley (New Mexico, USA): "You provide a forum, but from the issues I've seen you

don't side with any view. What do you think?"

Ralph L. Morton(Ontario, Canada): "On principle, I'm appalled to see EUROPA EXPRESS go to digest format. Gee! When are youse guys gonna take pity on a poor near-sighted bloke like myself? I was forced to position issue #10 approximately one centimeter from the end of my nose in order to read it. This is okay if I'm sitting down, but when mobile..and being a stumble-footed Sagittarian..I tend to crash into doors if they're closed, and down flights of stairs if they re not(this is the comic relief portion of this letter. Ha!)...Except for the smaller print, the format of #10 is eye-pleasing... ...Hell! even the address list made interesting reading!"

Jim Williams (Iowa, USA): "I did get a fake Whitestonia a while back though. I don't suppose you know anything about that, do you? I must confess "Gregory", you chose an interesting way to state your case to Kathy, Dick and Woody and anyone else who is aware of this 'situation.' "

 \square A sampling of opinion about this zine and about me. I never see the front cover of ME after it's mailed but the cover is being done a little differently this time so let me know John. Allen Wells had the same complaint earlier. Digest stays! It lets me get in much more for cheaper rates. It is a 65% reduction by the way. I keep my own views short so I can put much more into EE. Also sometimes my own view on a subject is not "jelled" or is undergoing change. I am not one for public head-on collisions -- not usually. I prefer more indirect methods of getting my points across like the fake <u>Whitestonia</u>. But you will see me speaking up more. However, I see this zine as more of a forum for opposing viewpoints to meet and be heard with me as the conveyer of debates to the subber. That is why I will put editorial cartoons which show all shades of opinion whether I agree with them or not. As for that address list in #10--it has caused me no end of hassles!



Peter Ansoff(Virginia, USA): "I don't know what your ground in the 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. Oopsadd 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?"

<u>Dave Carter</u>(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."

 Π 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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<u>Pete Birks</u>(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. If 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. Similiarly, 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 (say 40-50) ((continued on page 3)))

Pete Birks' letter continued from page 32.

"I suppose this reply heads toward Mark Fassio as well. He may perceive the European attitude as that of 'head in the sand'. And, indeed, a number of people are telling the Americans to go home lock, stock and barrel. That's their entire point. What is upsetting them is that Reagan won't listen, even their own governments won't listen. I have a certain respect for realpolitik myself and realise that things are not so simple, but I can understand what those people who want the American forces out are saying; they imagine that they are not so much sticking their heads in the sand as moving the sand 3000 miles across the Channel so that the bombs dam drop somewhere else. They may not be right in their belief, but that does not make the belief invalid.

As for Munich and 1938, I am fed up with the almost universal condemnation of Chamberlain. Nearly all of this is based on hindsight(and possibly incorrect hindsight as well--standing up to Hitler in 1938 may well have sent him scurrying back into his bunker for five or six years, leading to a Germany with an atomic bomb) and an ignorance of what was deeply ingrained in the subconscious of nearly all European leaders in the 1930s, a memory of dead brothers, friends and others. Britain lost 750,000 men in the Great War--a further 1½ million were seriously(i.e. permanently) injured. However, casualties were three times as heavy amongst junior officers than amongst common soldiers(as they were called). In what was still a heavily class-oriented society this cannot have failed to scar the minds of those who would lead Britain for the next fifty years. Can one blame Chamberlain for grasping for peace, any peace. But I ramble.

I have deliberately not defended Geoff Challinger thus far because he may well not have expressed himself as clearly as he wished. There's nothing wrong with dreams so long as one doesn't believe them to be pragmatic. Knowing Geoff as I do I doubt whether he gets the two confused. Not only does he not believe that the Russians would give up their arms if the Americans did—he knows the Americans (and the British) would never do so first, or in response if the Russians did.

However, when I read(from Tom Mainardi) that even to think in such a way is 'dangerous' 'warped thinking could spread', I am reminded less of freedom and more of the Russian state itself. Britain, in its own *warped' way, not only tolerates eccentric thinking--I suspect it encourages it. Neither the USA nor the USSR seems to allow such a freedom.

Hmm, that reads like singing the praises of Britain in comparison to other countries. I don't mean it to seem so, simply to react nastily to Tom Mainardi's put-down of Geoff. Can you go 'where you want' in the States? Are social and economic pressures really so much more desirable than governmental ones? How easy is it to escape from New York's 103rd St.(a Puerto Rican ghetto)? Harder, I would imagine, than for a Jew to get out of Russia.

Thanks for a view from the other side, Pete. I squared a portion of Bruce Linsey's letter in EE #11 to show very clearly what I was referring to in my own response. The words in the square were Bruce's. I wanted them to stand out. I think my letter column is loosely based on <u>Putty Riffo</u> so it shouldn't be that difficult to see who is talking. I believe that Winston Churchill criticized Chamberlain at the time for grasping for any peace. Had Britain been prepared for a war, it would never have come. Hitler would have had to fight a two-front war between France and Britain on the west and Poland and Czechoslovakia on the east in 1938. He was never checked in his career until war was declared—had he waited 5 or 6 years, the risks for his Germany would have been too great—France and Britain were belatedly rearming by 1939. There are short-sighted people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, regarding current countries.

John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "I was disappointed by the Americans responding, e.g. Beyerlein and his stupid "we don't understand them" shit. What's to understand? That the Europeans don't want to face facts? If Europe were 500 miles NE of New Zealand, they would be right. If Europe would defend itself, Europe could chart its own course. But as it is, their only choice is Russia or us; surrender or nuclear defense. Berch makes a total asshole out of himself as usual. Hong Kong has only I resource, a shitload of people, nothing else, but a free economy makes it a success, while all of China-well you know the story. That's what's disgusting: why bother talking to fuckheads like that? I'd send some formal response, but it's not worth the effort."

Bob Olsen(Kansas, USA): "These Europeans certainly have a point about being worried that Europe might become a battlefield. I have a suggestion, though; if they believe that Europe can be defended by fighting for it in, say, Antartica, then let's tell them that!"

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 outdo 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 dinesaur 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 boon--doggle; 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 discrim-nated against by the Russians proper, into raising hell about equal political representation and equal opportunites. 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 toget—her, our trade, until we are like Siamese twins with a shared circulatory system, nervous system, etc. each avoiding jockeying forexclusive 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 hig as the Soviet Union's would not just collapse. Russians are very used to tightening their belts another notch. Jim is a Marine seargeant and he and his wife, Robyn are just getting into the hobby. Robyn is in MATA HARI, the 7-women game. (See page 14).

Porter Wightman (New York, USA): "It's been 15 years now (my how time flys) 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—some—thing most people nominally disapprove of. Your best hope of higher societal accept—ance 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

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only occurred for special events--Beatrix's wedding, Churchill's funeral. Now, I understand, the format has been enlarged--commercials are more prevalent. I wonder if Jaap Jacobs might discuss the effects he feels greater commercial TV may have had on Holland since 1967. My mother visited Arnhem this spring and reported that the city is much more crowded, more filled with vehicular traffic and people seemed to be in more of a hurry than 15 years ago. She even called it the 'Americanization' of Arnhem. This was an off-the-wall remark meant only to illustrate two points: (1) The pace of life had speeded up. (2) She liked the old pace better."

Jaap Jacobs (The Netherlands): "Memphis in May celebrations: I like the idea, and I am somehow proud of the fact that this year's country is The Netherlands. I will send you some photos of tulips and other flowers when they are most beautiful."

Thanks for the insights, Porter. I would like Jaap to comment on that too. Memphis in May is a month-long festival of music, parades, exhibits etc in which a foreign country is highlighted. This year the country is The Netherlands. (In the past, we have honored Canada, Venezuela, Japan and Egypt) and so the paper here is full of news about the Dutch. A local TV team went there and some of their comments were: "Dutch TV is very different from ours. It is only on the air from 6 until 11 each night, and much of the programming originated in America. Dallas is very popular, and it was interesting to watch it, subtitled in Dutch....You will find a McDonald's in a couple of places in The Netherlands, but fast food has not really taken hold there. And convenience stores don't exist."

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Bob Osuch (Illinois, USA): "So Hamlin's staying here in May, eh? Over my dead body! No, I guess he can if you were serious. If so, I'm writing Arnawoodian and telling him he has an open invitation to spend a few months with you." Garry Hamlin (Michigan, USA): "Looking forward to seeing you at Chicago. I may very well come as Gregory Russell, since Williams tells me Mr. Osuch is eight feet tall, eats Volkswagens, and is looking to have my impudent skull mounted on a stick. Well, we'll see what happens."

Yes, Chicago will be fun!

Helmut Schmidt(West Germany): "I have read about your gine EUROPA EXPRESS in Genesis by Thomas Franke. Please send me one issue, so that I can see if it is a gine for me. I enclose two IRC for your costs."

At first I thought this was a joke Thomas was playing on me-after all Helmut Schmidt is the Chancellor of West Germany! But there really is a player in the German hobby named Helmut Schmidt. And in Britain, one of the pubbers is named, really--Robin Hood!

Jack Brawner (Florida, USA): "Gary, I was a lousy pubber. It's hard work, and requires someone who has a regular schedule, not a restaurant manager—let's be friends who enjoy a great hobby together, rather than grudge-holders....So, with my apologies, Gary, here's the bucks. I suppose I can't blame you for taking a few potshots at me (Fark Berch told me some people would...). The way Flying Dutchman's fold was handled was irresponsible. I believe you were a bit harsh, but I will not argue the point. I do hope you will at least mention in your zine that I've sent you your money. If you do, I'd like to see it. I believe I've enclosed enough money to offset your postage costs."

Gerald Austin (Florida, USA): "I must say I am quite disappointed with your reaction to my folding Klepto Mania. Maybe I am partly at fault for taking as long at I did decide exactly what actions I intended to take on my games before publishing the final issue. And maybe I should not have announced before my own official announcement) to some of the other pubbers that I intended to fold. However that should have played no part in your article in EE #13.

I am not angry with you personally, just the general attitude reflected by your ((continued on page 44)) (33)

comments, before receiving <u>Klepto Mania</u>. 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."

Description 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.

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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.

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 Dangerueses, 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 castles. We've been married forseven 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!"

D 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 <u>Gamer's Guide</u> 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 SPspaced out so I think I will quit for now. See y'all next time!

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"Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM Press, continued from page 6 .
 [AUSTRIA] What is going on here?
 Memphis to Austria: The first press of Swedish Roundabout since January that's what!
Some of it didn't date too well I guess.....
 Midland to Memphis: Any chance you'd ran our game on orange stock this season, in
 honor of St. Patrick's day?
 Memphis to Midland: Guess not....but it would never be orange here! I'm descended
 from the southern Irish anyway...County Cork!
 [AUSTRIA]- Is it coincidence that half my nation says "Hang Gary"?
 Memphis to Austria: It's "Autriche-Hongrie" now:
 Rockville to Middlesex: Thanks Bern, you're a pal.
 Austria to France: Very interesting: even my standby doesn't trust you! And let me
 guess; you made Hamlin 'Doomie of the Year' so he won't complain when you're at 10 and he only has 6 after 1904. How transparent of you, Bruce.

Leisureville to Rockville: Well, then, how does this grab ya??
 LUZERN - (Newest pick to click -- to the tune of "I came to Dance".)
                         "I CAME TO STAB"
                                             by BRUX LINSEY
      Well my ally kept tellin' me if I wanna be great
      I'd better wise up and play my game straight
      I said "Listen here, fool, in order to survive
      I've gotta be my dirty self, I won't play no jive."
      He told me he'd quit, I said "Don't jump to conclusions
      Maybe being straight ain't the right solution
      I'm not Dave Crockett, but I'm full of deceit
      I ain't no pacifist; iI stab in the street."
      Well I came to stab, yes I came to stab
      It's a Dippy romance, I'm havin with my blade.
      I took the matter up with a few million "friends" of mine
      The supreme court of Dippydom is doin' just fine
      Demanding a speech, they poured me a drink
      I'll lie and stab all night and day,
      just don't ask me to think.
      Well I came to stab, yes I came to stab
      It's a Bippy romance, I'm having with my blade.
 Memphis to Luzern: Please don't sing again!
 ANKARA - Please don't kill me.
 Vienna to Ankara: Please, just one more turn of "hold and support"!
 Russia to Turkey: To quote Elvis Costello: "Don't ask me to apologise/I won't ask you
 to forgive me/If I'm going to go down/ You're going to come with me."
 Memphis to Russia: Once again for emphasis...and be polite---say please!

THE TSAR QUOTES ELVIS COSTELLO TO THE SULTAN: "Please don't ask me to apologize/I won't
 ask you to forgive me/ If I'm going to go down/ You're going to come with me."
 Memphis to the Tsar: And now for effect....bare your guts!
 Russia to Turkey: Misery loves company. (Misery would also rather be tied for sixth
 than be last!)
 [SMYRNA] Opium fields forever!
 Memphis to Smyrna: But Bob, Turkey kicked you out of Smyrna--where're ya gonna go?
 ROME - "I wanna live in the mountains/ Way out in Australia/ It's either that or
 suicide/ It's such a strange strain on me." --- "Downed", Cheap Trick.
 TSARLIE BROWN to the Beards: Okay, now, guys, I think we can arrange it for Russia to
 be gone after 1904. I don't want any screwups, now! We lie better, we cheat better,
 we win the game! Let's win this one for the Gloater!
 [ZURICH]- It's your funeral, Tsarlie Brown!
 Russia to Europe: Stupid! The Tsar is going to die, of course--what else? Can't I
 do so in peace, without a bunch of morbid thrill-seekers staring at me with slack,
 slobbering lips and vacant, empty eyes? And Ozog isn't even in the game!
  TSARLIE BROWN to POPELY BROWN: Sorry, Bob, but it looks like I'm gonna beat it out of
  this flasco before you. I'm really sorry about this, but a guy's got to look out for
  number One, after all. Good luck with the jerks and liars and gloaters and stuff. In
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Memphis to Tsarlie Brown: On page 36 , Italy has some choice words for youl

another place and another time, we might have done well.

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"Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM Press, continued from page 35.
Rome to Sevastopol: Be decisive for Christ's sake! I told you, you can't keep me from
taking Smyrna if I want it. That's right! In fact, I have to do so before France takes
all of Italy! Remember, alliances are based on trust. C'mon, don't you think it's time
you decided? Quit being so wishy-washy, would ja Tsarlie Brown?
Memphis to Rome: You'd do better talking to yourself than him.....

Rome to Trieste: And you!! (FUME!) Never again, Never, ever again.

Russia to Austria: Since I told you two years ago to take my centers, I'm certainly
not complaining now; in fact, I thank you. You didn't want to at that time, but I guess my analysis was a little better than yours, wasn't it? Anyway, about this matter of "trust". Yes, I admit it, I should have "trusted" you. But if I had it to do over, how
 could I? You write, at best, once every two months, though we're in four games together.
 According to my understanding this is Diplomacy, not the Gunboat variant. I'm sorry
 but I just can't trust somebody who won't talk to me. I must have easily outwritten
 you 4-1 in letters, and probably 100-1 in wordage. So what am I to do? I tried to
 deal with the people who would talk. One of them was, unfortunately, intransigently
 belligerent (Smyth). One of them wanted to play letter-writing derby as long as I was
 of use to him-since then I have received nothing whatever(Linsey). And another one
 is a gloating bucket of slime(I mention no names). So, if the situation comes up again,
 I'd probably do something similiar. Not with any of those three-never with any of them-
 --but the principle remains.
 Doomed Doomie to Great Boomie in the Sky(that is you, isn't it Brukm?:): What, you only
 negotiate in 1901?
 Bernie to Buddy: To think, I outsmegotiated Bruks Linsey. Never thought it could
 happen, did you?
 Memphis to Bernie: Yep, you can learn a lot of things in this game that you didn't
 think would happen....
 London to Berlin: I learned a lot from you, Sir. Now we'll see if I've learned enough.
 You were right: I never should have contemplated that previous stab. I was wrong: even by making a clean breast of it, I never could've regained your trust. Your request
 that I vacate the North Sea convinced me of that. You were always right; I was
 consistently wrong. Here's hoping I'm not wrong now.
 Vienna to Marseilles and London: Building armies? Whatever for?
 London to Vienna: You asked for action, for proof of my intentions. If this doesn't
 satisfy you, nothing will. Now-whose side will you choose?
 Memphis to London: He didn't say....
 Rome to Vienna: He didn't!! He did? My stars, how positively decadent! Don't you
 think? Or don't you?!
 London to Whatever Remains of Russia: You're really very charming, Bob. (I'm serious) Sorry we had to come to this, but we both had a hand in that.
 Russia to France: To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of my good nature are greatly
 exaggerated.
 Mendacious Excrescence to Buddy: You would do well, my friend, to remember that this
 is only a game. Barbs in the press are part of the game. Even when Hamlin makes them.
 Bernie to Rome and London: You guys-can sure be disgusting.
 Russia to Austria: In other words, as a famous Southerner once said, "What we have
 here is a failure to communicate."
 Memphis to Russia: Maybe we could have a happy medium in the press....
 Austria to Mamphis: Speaking of mediums, whatever happened to Marion Bates?

Memphis to Austria: (e not a!) I don't know about that, ask me about something I do
 Wichita to Memphis: Okay, so I dish't know about jugular unsuitables or whatever it
       I'm sure nobody blames me for my lack of command of your barbarian gruntings. But
 I did notice, and I justly chastise you for this, that you never asswered my question.
 Why not? Is the answer too digusting, too shocking for the readership?
 Memphis to Wichita: You're correct but in your heart you know that I'm right...
 Rome to GM: I'm sorry, if my press releases get too long, don't hemitate to edit Linsey's.

GM to Rome: Done! How many of his releases did you see this time? She you im. Chicago!

[GREECE]— Chicago! Chicago! What a beautiful town! The Bronx is up and the Battery's
 BOB OLSEN'S PERSONAL CONCEPTION OF HELL: Driving to Chicago with John Michalski for
  OzogCon, in order to meet Garry Hamlin.
  Memphis to Bob Olsen: You would prefer, maybe, Omaha?
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This is Gary again. I really miscalculated at the bottom of I-I was so tired; it is now around noon. The thing is I have done 36 pages but have no address page! Digest is such that you can only do pages in multiples of 4-16, 20, 24 etc because one regular. sheet has four on it-so you get 3 more pages to take me to 40. Enjoy it, it won't happen again!

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Marie (Cockrell) Beyerlein (California, USA): "The sudden interest in women in Diplomacy and why there aren't more of them is familiar. The same thing happened when I was playing, and the speculations, (all by men, of course) are the same in content and just as amusing as they were then. My favorite speculation is the one where women supposedly aren't as competitive as men. I would say it's just possible that they are more competitive than men, but that they prefer to compete with each other. Women are, or were, taught from an early age to defer to men, and our bag of man-catching tricks (we used to need you guys in order to survive, remember?) includes the ploy of always letting the man win at sports and parlor games. My mother actually scolded me once for beating a boyfriend at ping pong. I don't think we are yet at the point where very many women feel comfortable in competitive situations with groups of men. A smart male player who finds himself in a game with two or more women can probably exploit this knowledge by getting the women to fight each other while he and his male allies mop up the board.

As long as there are just a few women in the hobby, those women have tremendous advantages that should be exploited. For one thing, it's not nice to hit a lady. For another, male ego sometimes prevents a man from believing that a lady who smiles at him and says reassuring things with a soft voice is really lying to him. But I think that the most powerful advantage is that if a woman is genuinely warm and friendly (and being pretty wouldn't hurt), then she can soften the blow when she wins, and men won't mind losing to her. I have seen many a game in which players work to eliminate or halt an unpopular or obnoxious player, just because they couldn't stand his attitude if he won.

A postscript: since playing in 1975A I have retired from the hobby, and have channeled my competitive energies into my job(Manager of Information Systems for a Silicon Valley electronics firm), school (my MBA will be awarded on June 6), and bicycle racing (former Northern California/Nevada 3000 meter pursuit champion). Thanks for a very entertaining issue:

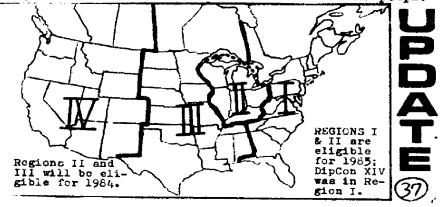
And thanks for a very entertaining letter, Marie. I'm sure everyone will enjoy it and I still want that autograph! I'll also watch Wata Hari (page 14) for sure!!

Fred Davis (Maryland, USA): "It is hard to tell how much you are pulling our leg, and how serious you may be about the matter of the 1983 DipCon. In either case, I'm sure some people will take your remarks seriously, and will conclude that there really is a "Forbidden Zone" consisting of Western Tennessee and Alabama & Mississippi. Before we suffer the slings and arrows of cutraged readers, I hasten to furnish you with a copy of the DipCon Society Charter, plus a map, which I hope will clarify the matter.

In the beginning, the DipCon Society Charter was written by Dave Kadlecek and Rod Walker and I was asked to review it and submit suggestions...Both the Eastern and Western interests were satisfied with its phrasing....There was very little postal Diplomacy activity in the South, except for a cluster in North Carolina and some people

in Florida(Virtually all the people with Virginia addr-!-esses reside in the Washington metro area, which
is part of the BosWash
megalopolis). Most postal
Dip activity, including
conventions, was centered
in the BosWash Corridor,
the Chicago-Detroit-Milwau-kee triangle or Califoria.
The people in Texas were
just becoming known, and

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I doubt that anyone was familiar with activities in Memphis.....By 1980, this had chang-ed. So, in one amendment to the Charter which was submitted to the 1980 Meeting of the Society, the boundaries of the Regions were changed. Kentucky and the Windsor, Canada area were transferred from the Eastern Region to the Great Lakes(II); and Western Tennessee and Alabama were placed with the rest of the South Central States, along with the North Central States, in the Central Region(III). The map should make this clear. (The Regions were also named at that time).

The Charter provides for the rotation of DipCon between the various Regions (Sec. 2.4). As the 1979 Con was held in the East (Reg. I), it provided that the 1980 Con could be held in either Region II or III. Bids were received from Chicago and Detroit, and Detroit won. In 1981, the Con could be held in either Region III or IV. Eventually, it was determined that San Mateo, California, in the Western Region (IV) would get the Con. This brought the cycle around to Regions IV and I again for 1982, and Baltimore in the East, made the only serious bid for the '82 Con, and received approval. Accordingly, we are back to Regions I and II, the East and the Great Lakes area, for consideration for 1983.

Note that by providing that <u>two</u> different Regions can bid for the Con each year, we are not locked into a single area or Wargaming Convention as the potential host for DipCon each year. (In the original draft, only <u>one</u> Region could bid each year).

So while the Central Region, which includes Memphis, can't bid for the 1983 DipCon, any organization in Region III can bid for DipCon for 1984! So, if you can get a local club in your area to submit a bid, we'd be happy to entertain it.

As for DipCon hids, supposedly at this year's DipCon, it will be announced that anyone wanting to put in a bid for 1984 should do so in '83. Herb Barents has supposed—ly made up a brochure to be sent to any group which may be interested. We also have a formal contract, copies of which will be sent out to interested parties. The contract specifies that the Postal Dip hobby, through the DipCon Society ExComm, will run the Tournament. This is necessary, because at the 1981 DipCon, the Host Committee took over and ran the Tournament the way they wanted it run, instead of the way we wanted it run. The local group has to provide enough tables, space, etc., plus a plaque or prize for the Tournament winner.

I'm sure Chicago will submit a bid for 1984. It would be entirely proper for any zine to suggest that groups in certain cities might want to arrange for a bid. Normal—ly, this is done through a wargaming Con which is already in existence. Some of this may be outlined in the next issue of <u>Diplomacy World</u>. I'm sure if a group of people got together now, they'd have plenty of time to make plans for a Con in 1984 or '85."

☐ Thanks for the info, Fred. It's good to know that Memphis is not in a Forbidden Zone as I called it in EE #11. I agree that the hobby away from the east and west coasts has really sprouted up. This is healthy and makes for a stronger hobby.

This is an article that I received some time ago(How many of you are thinking: "Yeah, just like the one I sent Gary."?) and the author wishes to remain anonymous. Interesting topic but I don't know anything about it and I don't want to know anything. If you do then maybe.....

*Academic Research Service" Is For You! --- by Mr. Anonymous

You might know me, but I doubt it. I'm pretty new to postal Diplomacy but just to be sure that none of what I'm going to relate will prejudice any of the players in my games I've asked Gary to withhold my name. I'm sure alot of you know all about this and probably have your own stories, but it came as a real shock to this novice. It all started when I signed up for four games in a few zines I won't mention and immediately started receiving lots of mail.

All sorts of things came my way: letters, sample zines, offers of alliance--you know the stuff. One letter looked a bit different from the rest. It was a business envelope with a return address somewhere in New Jersey. Now I knew I didn't have any games where a New Jersey player was involved, but the envelope was addressed to the name I used to keep my Diplomacy related stuff separate from the regular mail, so

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I figured it was a sample zine. When I opened it, out fell what looked like a slick advertisement with a couple other sheets and a covering letter.

I don't know if I could get into trouble with copyright laws for copying the letter so here's a general idea of what it said. It was from a company called "Academic Research Service" who (they said) had been doing research for college students for more than 10 years. I remember reading about this sort of thing in Time magazine a couple years ago. They would do "research" that college students would then hand in as their own work. I thought they were run out of business, but I guess I was wrong. The letter went on to say that for six years they had been helping "some of the best Diplomacy players" gain their high positions. They also made a strong point that their services were strictly confidential.

The letter said that if I would fill out the enclosed questionnaires relating both to my games (zines, addresses, favorite alliance, etc.) and to my personal history, they'd research and draft "sample" letters for each of the six other players, "sample" orders to the gamesmaster, and some lively press. They made a big thing of all this being just "samples" even though bey would be on quality bond paper, typed (not photocopied), and addressed envelopes would be enclosed for mailing. I took this to be some kind of legal disclaimer. It looked like everything would be taken care of. I would send them the letters I received from the other players to assist them in their "research" and they would draft suitable "sample" replies. All I had to do was handle shuffling latters from one source to the other and send them a check at the end of the month.

Another amazing thing about the offer was the guarantee. They wouldn't guarantee that I would win every game but they guaranteed that if I used their service and mailed a letter "like our sample" everytime I received one from them, I wouldn't be one of the first three players eliminated from my games. If I was so "unlucky", I would receive all my money back (NMRs invalidated the guarantee).

They also gave some amazing statistics for their "graduates". They said that 48.9% of the players using their methods had won their games, 36.3% were involved in 2-4 way draws, and 14.6% had taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place. That left only 2/10ths of one percent who received refunds. Incredible figures if they are true. No wonder some people seem to do so well.

Then there were the testimonials. "I don't know what I'd do without A.R.S. With their help I'm at the 'Top Board' of every rating system!"..."The best! I never learned to type—but I can play against anyone now!"...."Three firsts and a second! Thanks!"..."Better than a Selectric!". I didn't know what to think.

First thing I did after reading the stuff was to write to my gamesmasters to see if they knew about this and if their houserules said anything about it. Yeah, all you oldtimers are probably sniggering up your sleeves now but I'm still new at this. I found out writing to GMs was the wrong thing to do. Two of them said they didn't know anything about it and didn't want to know anything. A third wrote back saying the such things and that these companies aren't mentioned in polite society, and especially not by a player to a GM. I got the hint.

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So that's my story. I hope this article will help other nevices who are faced with the same situation. It looks like the less said about research companies and "sample letters" the better you'll fit in. And as a final note, since I started using their service my games have improved remarkably. It ain't cheap, but it works.







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