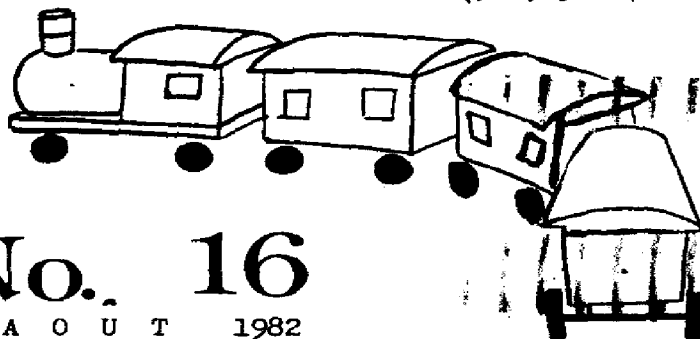


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Here it is, "Sweet 16" all ready to be kissed, read or ripped or whatever it is you do with EE! And now something more, you are now reading the only zine in North America that gives you, the reader... ZAT! ZAT's right, ZAT! (Explanation is on page 46).



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§ This may be your first page but it is my last page and I am more than glad! Since I began doing EE, this has been the hardest issue for me to do. The weather outside is so beautiful and I'm cooped up here typing. Poor, poor, pitiful me.....

§ Inside is a lot of stuff, including my view of ORIGINS which I greatly enjoyed attending. It starts on page 21. Among the people I met there was Brad Wilson and I joined a game he's GMing. Support repentant folded pubbers I always say! Also within are EE's first game in English, how the German hobby began, the "black list", the "white square", and a cartoon by Jim Finley (page 19) that I hope doesn't come true!

§ Speaking of ORIGINS, I took my camera but I only took a few pictures. If you took a lot of pictures there, let me know, because I'd like to get some reprints. Coming back to Memphis, I discovered that I had left my electric shaver and contact accessories behind but had brought my Retaliation, Marie Beyerlein's autograph and my Gamer's Guide signed by Rod Walker with me. See, I know my priorities!

§ I've had a few visitors lately. In the last part of June, I met Al Pearson, his wife Nancy and daughter Wendy at the Memphis International Airport. I had met Al before but not Nancy so I conspicuously carried around an EE so she could identify me (Al coming in later on the plane). I was about to give up hope when I sat down and this lady said, "You were supposed to bring Just Among Friends!" (Al's zine).

§ The next day, Keith Sherwood and his father and brother came through after seeing the World's Fair in Knoxville (I haven't gone yet) and this time I took a copy of Mass Murders but I easily recognized them. They were the only whites in that part of town! They had previously gone to see John Michalski and some of his buddies. Keith said his father had told him, before meeting me, "I hope this one is not like the other one." They thought the weather here was so hot ("the humidity") but that's Memphis to me.

§ Apologies to three guys! I had to, I just had to, hold back articles written by Simon Billenness, Russ Rusnak and Gregory Russell. They'll be in #17, guys!

§ And some of you publishers have such nice, thoughtful wives that I just might get married myself especially if Char Brown and Julie Carter have sisters. Give them a kiss from me, Ron and Dave! (Aw, c'mon! I kiss better than that!)

§ The big news in Memphis is Mud Island. A sandbar appeared in front of Memphis about 1904 and was dubbed "Mud Island". It wouldn't go away and kept growing and no one knew what to do with it. Now it has been turned into a beautiful park/museum, with a magnificent view of Memphis and the Mississippi. A scale model of the river from Cairo, Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico (one mile equals 8 inches) called "River Walk" flows with real water and you can paddleboat in the Gulf of Mexico! Some controversy though about whether the Confederate flag should wave with the other flags of the nations that have ruled Memphis.

§ I saw "E.T." and really enjoyed it although Spielberg movies always have loop holes to me. Think I'll go get some Jack Pirtle chicken. It's "Down Right Delicious!"

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It was this time of the year that World War I began, the dog days of summer! ①

Dear Larry, did you see the fake DW² (Page 12) Gary

It was a Tuesday afternoon, one of those fat, sloppy, taco-flavored, lazy Los Angeles days when the heat comes seeping through the blinds like a bad memory. Motes of dust crawled through the sun's rays like snipers on a three-day binge. Suddenly a large duck appeared....

¶ ZINE PLUG ¶

Give me humor like this illustration so Give Me A Weapon! (Konrad Baumeister, Box 6050 Henle Village, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057 USA). GMAW is the 2nd zine that Konrad has published, the first being the fabulous Eggnog. Although only 20 years old, Konrad has been publishing for 10 years! Each issue of GMAW has off-beat humor articles like "Dead Liberation" and the adventures of Agate Man. GMAW has no game openings at this time but always wants standbys. Articles submitted bring you extra issues of GMAW and his rates now are 10 issues/\$4.00. I understand he will be running a letter from a drunk in his very next issue....GMAW often carries letters from its subbers and Konrad is keenly interested in music. If you wait until after August 26th to write Konrad, our hobby's youngest Elder Statesman, write to: 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130 USA. But write!

Anyone reading EE for any period of time knows how interested I am in other countries. This next article is by Thomas Franke, who does the subzine Genesis (named after the British rock group) in the German zine Sauri's Allstar Unlimited, and is about the hobby inside West Germany from its beginnings. Thomas is bringing a letter column to the German hobby, something which is almost unknown there. This column is partly in English. In October, he will be running an international Diplomacy game and I am already signed up. His address is: Thomas Franke, Rosenstrasse 11, D-4220 Dinslaken, West Germany.

Although this is his first (I hope not the last!) article in EE, Thomas has written many letters appearing within EE. He corresponds with the "Porno Queen", Dixie Gray, he will be going to do archeological work in Pompeii, Italy this September and (attention John Pack!!) Thomas would like to know about the religion of the Mormons. But I would like to know more about the German hobby so here we go....

THE GERMAN HOBBY

---by Thomas Franke

Before 1975, there were only a few boardgame players in Germany, mainly inspired by the big conventions of the English and American soldiers. But in this year a Swiss, Walter Luc Haas, began to organize the first play-by-mail Diplomacy games in the German-speaking world on a very private basis. He imported sets directly from America and the United Kingdom in order to get more Germans familiar with this revolutionary game. Soon Bumm, his still working dip-zine, was born running over 25 regular dip-games at the moment. Nearly 40 games have been finished--and he is going on to run the zine, although it is now reduced to mere adjudications. In October, 1977, I got introduced to the hobby and since then, I have invested a lot of time playing Diplomacy "properly".

In the same year, one of Walter Luc Haas' players, Knut-Michael Wolf, started Die Pöppel Revue running at first only economy games but soon developing a full-fledged games-zine which had articles about various games. Also in 1977, the Stadanzeiger from Hartmut Halfmeier began to run some variant dip-games. Later on regular Diplomacy and Railway Rivals were included too. Three years later the hobby had developed in such a way that enough players had become familiar with more complex boardgames than Dippy.

Although starting a dip-variant in the beginning, Dietmar Pfohl's Der Grinsende Beobachter got enough guest-GMs to run a lot of other games. At the moment, it's a zine for games-players without anything more than the adjudications. So I decided to have some chat and articles in order to attract more people, and so the sub-zine Genesis was born. But it didn't work out well and there was a lot of trouble with the main editor.

I soon agreed to transfer Genesis to the newly created Sauri's Allstar Unlimited, which was the best thing I could have done. SAU is running games of "United", "After the Holocaust", "Sleuth" and "Sorcerer's Cave" while Genesis has "Imperial Governor" and a dip-variant. I'm planning to offer some more dip-variants and trying to revive a letter column, like Bumm once had, because no other German zine has one--what a pity!

The hobby in Germany consists not only of the approximately 150 Diplomacy players but also a probably much larger group of players who are engaged in boardgames and miniatures. The boundary between these two groups is not fixed, but more or less fluid. Dip-players often like to play conflict-simulation games as well and vice-versa and games-playing is somewhat popular. Fantasy is an increasing market, but usually not my thing. "Joker", the not-professionally published equivalent of the English "Games & Puzzles", has approximately 500 subscribers, of which the fewest are interested in

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KURD, supporter of Sinn Fein, Tupamaros, Queens Park Rangers, wishes to swap wife damaged by plastic bullet for Northern Polytechnic lecturer with big bum. Box 8838.

the modern era. They are....

(1) It is impossible for a government to win a guerrilla war.

(2) If a group of people are fighting a guerrilla war, that means the cause is just.

(3) Modern-day terrorism is simply an extension of a struggle for freedom.

In short, these three points are basic to the philosophy of the Euro-Left. Applying them to today's headlines we see that a few conclusions must be drawn. The Left believes:

(A) South Africa, Israel and all other countries which are aggressive in fighting terrorism are fighting with no chance of victory.

(B) These countries must be "wrong" since if they were not oppressors, then no guerrilla opposition would exist.

The Euro-Left looks at Vietnam, Cuba and El Salvador and concludes--see, a government cannot win. But the point is, Israel and South Africa are not simply laughed at, they are hated by the Left. Why? Because they do what "white men colonialists" are not allowed to do. Fight back.

The plain fact is, it is very possible to defeat guerrilla armies. All it takes is, a la Apocalypse Now, a government which is willing to fight total war with total war. Arthur Harris, the man who engineered the terror bombings of German cities during World War II, once said in his policy's defense: "You cannot fight an enemy with no morals by waving the Geneva Convention in their face. The only way to defeat an enemy like the Nazi, who has no morals, and is totally brutal, is to have no morals and be totally brutal." This is true. Remember that the Left believes that, as a white man, you deserve to die. Jean-Paul Sartre summed up this opinion in this quote. It takes three readings to understand, so don't interpret it right away without some thought.

"To shoot down a European is to kill two birds with one stone, to destroy an oppressor, and the man he oppresses at the same time; There remains a dead man, and a free man."

Here, Sartre is saying that for third world revolution terrorists, the act of killing a European, any European, is both justified and self-liberating. In other words, if you are white, you deserve to die. Sartre was, at the time talking about the Civil War in Algeria. So let's look at this one as an example.

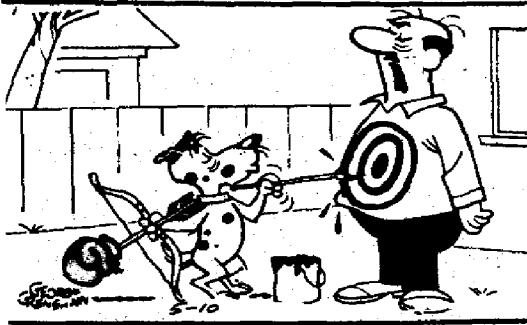
By 1956, the FLN was in total control of the native portion of Algiers--the Casbah. The ordinary French army and police, using normal tactics were being creamed by the FLN terrorists. Algerians of French descent were being massacred in indiscriminate bombings. As best portrayed in the film, Battle for Algiers, French teenagers were blown to bits by bombs planted in their Milk bars. The Euro-Left concluded that all this was justified. That's right, the placing of firebombs in the maternity ward of the French Hospital was justified because "The Wretched of the Earth", the native Algerians were being "oppressed"

But then everything changed. In 1957, the elite Para's of General Massu came to Algiers. In a very short time the FLN was smashed, totally, within the capital. Massu saw the hopelessness of fighting terrorists with ordinary measures. He fought a total war of reprisals and systematic torture. The result? The Euro-Left was outraged. Massu was "L'Executionere d'Algerie". He of course was simply using terrorist tactics vs. the terrorist. But he made the mistake of being a white European. Quite frankly, one must wonder what would have happened if a French Gov't had been in power that would have let Massu's Paras have free reign throughout the whole country. Perhaps Algeria would still be French.

The point is that the guerrilla is not invincible. Try and find a live member of the Tupamaros. The ALN of Brazil. The Malaysian communist guerrillas. The Singapore Marxist Army. The ERP of Argentina. The list is endless.

In Europe itself, small groups of spoiled middle class children have formed terrorist groups. The "Angry Brigade" of London. The "Rote Armee Fraktion" Baader-Meinhof of Germany. The Brigade Rosse of Italy just to name a few. While carefully, not saying all violence is good, the Euro-Left to a great extent has applauded these groups, saying they are natural byproducts of oppression. Ulrike Meinhof was a heroine when she died. Sartre among others eulogizing her.

But who is kidding who? What were the targets of this kind of army? Fascists? Oppressors? No, businessmen. Hans Martin Shleymer's only crime was he was white and



"Admit it. You're mad about something, aren't you?"

Welcome to a new feature in EE! If something is bothering you in this hobby or you just want to react to something you don't like, send in your bitch and it will be anonymous if you like. I want to avoid personal attacks. This is more like bringing something to someone's attention. If it is about me or EE and you don't want me to know who you are, feel free to send it to another to forward it to me. Let's go!

(1) Mike Mills: "Anyway, here's a bitch, with a proposal: Where does one bring a complaint concerning a game, where one at least gets the satisfaction that his brief was at least scrutinized fully and a reply that clearly evaluates the matter at hand? Nowhere! 'Ya takes your chances and pays your money.' I would like to see some sort of 'official' body, say 3-4 people who would undertake to attempt the above."

□ I have had the same problem this year and have written to several hobby members, one of whom, Rod Walker, came up with a similiar idea as you. There will more about this in the next EE and I will push for such a group.

(2) John Michalski: "How CAN you sell out a fellow Midwesterner by traitorously siding with the Hobby Accent Queen and Prime Yankee of all? Surely Elsie's pregnancy can't have rattled you that much, can it? Or are those gross postcards from Liesnard?"

□ Yes, I made a mistake in backing Kathy. They declared that it was a tie so no one got dunked and after all my efforts! Anyway, they were well water-squirted at a game by me. The last two Whitestonias has Kathy and that other Prime Yankee attacking every one in sight. Kathy has scorned her European supporters by not even trying to dunk Scott and refusing to send her main European campaign manager, Michel Liesnard, a copy of the Village Voice which he has repeatedly requested. She has just insulted Ralph Morton and all other Canadians (Look for an article in EE soon entitled: "Ralph Morton Raped By Kathy Byrne"--article follows when litigation has closed") and I, after all my unselfish aid for her campaign was insulted by a gross article. Therefore, EE is proposing an alliance of the Confederacy, Canada and C.H.A.B. (Confederate Historical Association of Belgium) to bring Whitestonia to its knees. P.S. We welcome copperheads too.

(3) Anonymous: "Dick Martin doing the hobby census? Does that mean no Retaliation for three months? The old Dick Martin, you know the reliable one, would have done the list. But the new one, associated with John Carlos Enterprises, can only NMR in Diplomacy games. If Dick wants my sub list, he'll have to come to my house and copy the subbers' names and addresses or each subber will have to send their name and address to the Drip."

(4) Anonymous: "How can Dick Martin be expected to do the hobby census if he is unable to do his zine, Retaliation, on a regular basis?"

□ Dick has had trouble with Retaliation; the latest one was given out at ORIGINS. In it, Dick said that the computer he hoped to borrow to do the census is smaller than he had hoped. The list was not ready at ORIGINS. He said he had received far fewer address lists than he expected. There are, he says, approximately 1200 pbm hobby members.

(5) Rod Walker: "Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Kathy Byrne. It is in response to a note in her most recent letter plus statements in the latest Whitestonia (#50). I assume she is quoting correctly your comments in EE #15. To the extent that she is, consider the letter also addressed to yourself.

Again, assuming correctness of her quotations, I find it amazing that you would say anything of the sort without even asking me a single question about the matter first. I find it amazing particularly after you have carried on at length about Don Ditter's failings in not asking questions of a relevant party but reaching a conclusion anyway. The two situations are not completely analogous, of course...in your case you apparently didn't ask anything of anybody! It's really unfortunate that you and Kathy Byrne are preparing to burden the hobby with yet another purposeless political feud because you'd rather find fault, than understand, would rather cut down than help. That may not have

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THE BITCH PAGE ((Continued from page 17))

been your intentions but that's what it amounts to in this case. Considering our particularly friendly relations in the past, I am personally aggrieved."

□ Rod was one of the seven who did not get EE #15(see page 40) so he first saw my remarks via Kathy in Whitestonia. His references to Don Ditter concern the case of one of my games which I mentioned in response to Mike Mills' bitch on page 17. Rod's letter and my response to it started a rather bitter correspondence between us but I am glad to say that that is now over. This year the Leeder Poll results will be in Diplomacy World first but next year there will be no special privileges for any zine. Rod announced this at the panel discussion at ORIGINS.

EE will publish the results of the Leeder Poll and all other polls. I will not have anyone say that it is I who helped cause bad feelings in this hobby. But beyond that I have found a loophole. I have gotten Diplomacy World via bulk mail in the past; DW is also offered at first class rates which I have just decided to do. So perhaps we can see the results by August after all.....And now a bitch of my own. The next item was written by Mark Berch and appeared in his Diplomacy Digest, issue 60.

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(6) Mark Berch: "This month's award for Incipient[SIC] Bossiness goes to Gary Coughlan, who announced in #15, "Europa Express will no longer plug, publicize or print the results of any poll whose results are not available on an equal basis to all zines." Apparently, Gary doesn't feel that just because you do all the work of collating, calculating, etc. you have the right to decide where the results will appear first. Specifically, he complains that Doug Beyerlein and John Leeder have decided to have their results first appear in Diplomacy World. I'm not sure why he picked on those two only. John Caruso and Mark Larzelere both run polls. My guess is (i.e. I'm not certain) that these two polls are arranged[SIC] so that they first appear in Whitestonia and Apalling[SIC] Greed. I have my own poll in preparation. It will appear some time this summer or early fall, and you better believe its results will appear first in Diplomacy Digest. So it won't be "available on an equal basis to all zines" until it appears here first...

.....Gary, if you think its[SIC] unwise of him[Leeder] to send the results first to DW, fine, write him a letter and try to talk him out of it. But nothing is gained by depriving your readers of the results. Or are you trying to persuade them to sub to DW because they won't be able to read the results in Europa Express?"

□ To put these comments of Mark Berch in perspective we must also understand that he, besides being pubber of Diplomacy Digest and a lousy speller, is also "Chief Editorial Consultant" for Diplomacy World. This will greatly help to explain why Mark has been the only pubber to bark what DW was doing with the Leeder Poll. The following zines have criticized this action, besides EE: Appalling Greed, Cheesecake, Coat of Arms, Emhain Macha, Fol Si Fie, Just Among Friends, Ter-ran, Voice of Doom and Whitestonia.

Until this year, the Leeder Poll results were published in Leeder's zine, Runestone. I have never objected to any pubber who runs a poll putting the poll into his own zine first. To suggest otherwise is ridiculous. What I objected to was that by permitting DW to publish the results only, the results would be delayed at least two months^{with} otherwise. Mark Berch has erected a straw man, supposedly representing my position, and destroyed it with all the subtlety, finesse and savoir-faire of a flame-thrower.

A question Mark Berch might ask himself is: "If Mark Berch is so concerned about the readers of Europa Express being 'deprived' of the Leeder Poll Results, why isn't he concerned at all about those same results being delayed, everywhere else in the hobby, forcing those same readers to needlessly wait until Diplomacy World comes out." Perhaps the "Chief Editorial Consultant for Diplomacy World" can come up with a convincing answer that shows he has no vested interest. I doubt it.

I must decline the "Incipient[SIC] Bossiness" award for two reasons: (1) It is misspelled and I detest misspellings. (It's "incipient", Mark) and (2) I absolutely insist that the pubbers of the nine zines that I listed above receive some recognition too. As well as Ron Brown of Canada who is next with a bitch.....

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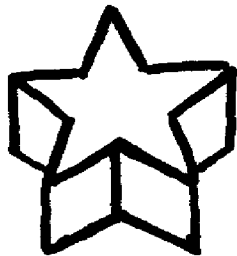
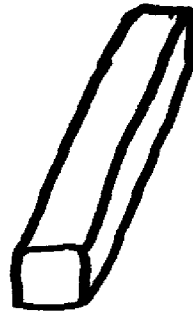
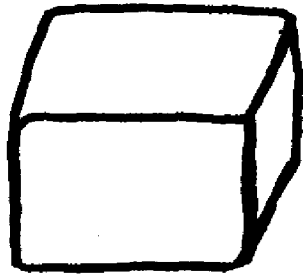
(7) Ron Brown: "I have no objection to someone making a deadline convenient for himself so that the poll-taker's zine can be first with the results. But, however excellent Diplomacy World is, it is just one zine of many and I don't see why it should get preferential treatment.

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DEVOLUTION

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The next step? JF

Baltimore

Bernie Oaklyn: Hello Mark, I'm Bernie Oaklyn.

Mark Larzelere: Hello. Don't you have a new name this week?

Yes, this was a face-to-face con where it seemed everyone decided to go to it. I met so many people that I had only heard of and one of them was the infamous Bernie Oaklyn, a.k.a. Brian Edwards, a.k.a. James Alan and they were there too! At least I counted 3 separate individuals before consuming any beer. Just like ChicagoCon, this is my own personal view because I wasn't with everybody over the 3-day period.

Hard cold facts first: Unlike GenCon East last year (the only major face-to-face that I had been to before), events were held in different buildings scattered over the campus of the University of Maryland at Baltimore. Diplomacy was all to itself and we had ample room to negotiate, etc. for the two rounds that we played. Rod Walker told me that there were 22 boards, which is 154 players which is a tremendous showing. I counted 37 Europa Expressers which is about one-third of the subber list!

I stayed on campus in one of the apartment complex buildings named "Wicotico", with Al Pearson and Roy Henricks. (Mike Mills was supposed to stay with us but I later found out that he didn't want to leave his wife; they are soon expecting their first child). On the opposite of the "Wicotico" was the apartment of John Caruso, Kathy Byrne, Steve Arnawoodian, Scott Hanson and his West German fiancée, Frauke Petersen ("Vergißt mir nicht, Frauke und erinnerst dich "airhead"!) and the parties and gunboat games that I played in revolved around these two apartments. But first how I got to Baltimore and the university.

I was scheduled to fly in about 1 PM on Friday afternoon and Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian was to pick me up and he did. Then we promptly got lost in a blinding rain before getting to the registration center where we met two guys who had come down with Woody: Larry Neubauer and Troy Lowry. The next two hours was spent getting them settled into a motel and then we headed back to the university when we saw this broken down jalopy by the side of the road. It was John Caruso and friends. They had been on the road for 10 hours and the car would keep breaking down (Yankee ingenuity?!). We stopped and drank some beer with them. John Daly was there too. By this time I was beginning to feel good. To the university (we'll get there I promise you, dear reader!).

Now on this Friday, I along with John Daly and Roy Henricks was scheduled to be on a publisher's panel for, and with Al Pearson. This supposedly the WIGADOO meeting. Until Thursday (when I was still at home), I had been led to believe that it was a joke panel (I had turned down the chance to be on Mark Berch's Saturday panel because I don't like to make speeches) and that we would simply say, "Meeting's over" and get drunk. Well, Al tells me that 24 people had signed up for this "seminar" and that we had to do something. So on the airplane ride to Baltimore, I had been organizing notes for my topics of "How to get a letter column" and "How to get other authors to write for you." By the time we got there, I was feeling no pain and actually enjoyed giving my speech. When I saw John Boardman was in the audience, I made certain I mentioned fakes!

Mark Larzelere met several people at this tournament, as the quote at the beginning shows, and at this panel discussion he met Mark Berch but that story belongs to others! Anyway, when it was over, we went out to eat and Woody got lost again. We saw a lot of Baltimore. Finally we went to this bar restaurant called "Pappy's" (I do not make up these names and these places are not in the South!) and practically died of hunger and thirst before we realized that you had to go up to the bar yourself to order. I sat with Dave Carter, Kathy Byrne and Don Sigwalt while Woody, Porter Wightman, Bill Highfield, Tom Mainardi (?), Mark Larzelere and (???--beer was taking effect now) had a table with salt, which we later stole. Also in this restaurant I met Ben Schilling and Glenn Overby.

After eating we went to a liquor store to buy beer for the WIGADOO bash which would be at "Wicotico" (I didn't make up that name either and could never remember it except that it rhymed. I'd say "Mico tico" and other variations) where Ms. Byrne and Msrs. Arnawoodian and Mainardi embarrassed me when I asked the clerk to be sure he put the case of beer on a box. ("Dey always gib youse a box. He's from the South."). I got some Amaretto and Cognac too, John Michalski, but it went unappreciated the whole weekend except when I got Kathy to drink some in return for me going to get her cigarettes. Then to Wigadoo and Wicotico!

The party was already going full swing when we got there. The only thing that was missing was music. No radios or stereos or anything. ((continued on page 22)) (21)

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This Friday night was when Woody told Konrad Baumeister about me when I was went to get another beer and he didn't think I had overheard(whew!): "One more and he's had it." Well the night was still young.

I have been the victim of a lot of joke mail addressed to Elsie, supposedly my cow. Elsie gets samples of tobacco, real estate offers, honeymoon treat suggestions, cures for foot ailments etc. I have collected this stuff for one year and it came to two big packets which I gave to the perpetrators: Kathy and Woody.

And it was then that the NON-event of Origins happened. There was no dunking. They said that it was a tie with a total of 140 votes. Scott's side wanted to throw out the European votes(he didn't get any, not even Frauke's!) and called on Mark Berch to be the ombudsman. I vetoed that immediately because Mark has ignored a previous call to be an ombudsman by one of my GMS, Tom Swider in an Old Maid(Yeh, Old Maid, wanna make something of it?!) game that I'm in. I got Konrad and Frauke to talking German(Konrad hasn't been fooling us, he really can speak German) to each other and we got to talking about the pipeline(so it wasn't all a decadent weekend, you see) until some of us went upstairs to Kathy's apartment to play gunboat dip.

Mike Barno was our GM and I used my water pistol to get anyone who made anti-Austrian moves and since I was very Menachem Beginistic in what was offensive to me, everyone got wet. Frauke and I had a good time talking the little German I knew. Better hold onto her Scott because I want her if you don't! Frauke have you got a sister.? A cousin? Anyway this night ended and I went back to my apartment.

Oh, at this party, before the gunboat game, Al Pearson presented Kathy with a huge (about 2 feet) trophy engraved "The Nixon Award". She won this year and Al had won the year before that. Earlier on we had all gone to Bob Arnett's apartment(way up a hill) to see this giant Kingmaker game. It was 6 foot by 6 foot with wooden castles and soldiers done in miniature. I was impressed. End Friday!

Saturday morning I'm up about 8 AM, shower and shave(the last time I saw my shaver as I left it in Baltimore!) and Al and I go to see Mark Berch's panel which had Kathy, Ron Brown of Canada, Doug Beyerlein, Bruce Linsey and Rod Walker on it. They took questions from the audience which seemed to be mostly Bob Sacks(I was so bored with his long-winded statements one time that I called out: "WHAT is the question??!) and Richard Kovalcik. Many questions were dealing with the Leeder Poll(see page 17). I asked about the Gamer's Guide and how Rod came to write it. I think he said it took about 6 months to write it and I got him to autograph it for me. And I tracked Marie Beyerlein and got her autograph twice(see page 6). They had British, German and Canadian dip sets on display. I don't like the British one. It seems the units will blend into the country too much(the countries are all different colors--England is pink with pink units etc.)

Off to breakfast at the student cafeteria. Bleah! I'm glad I didn't buy a meal ticket. Then to the first round of Diplomacy which started at 1 PM. In the lines, I saw Marion Bates and saw Patrick Conlon(who came by for just a few minutes--he's engaged) The games were to continue until 11 PM, if necessary, when the building closed. I got France and knew no one in my game except for Dan Matthias and I've only read his name in the hobby.

My France went down in flames before a Anglo-German alliance named Fred and Ed. The Italian player wanted to know if one unit moved could it be supported. For his first build, he built Fleet Venice. Now you may laugh but he got his Italy up to about 7 or 8, on his own and he was my salvation until Spring, 1906 when I bit the dust. His name was Winston and he had on a big floppy hat and reminded me, with his sunglasses, of Tennessee Williams!

As it turned out many players were eliminated that day and we were all joking about how hard the lower boards would be on Sunday. Al Pearson told me of this 14-year kid on his board who was Germany(Al was England) who insisted that Germany get Norway in 1901! Al said that he was planning to go get Spain and the kid said, "Yeah, we don't want Spain to get too powerful." Al got a 3-way draw.

Due to the long hours, players were allowed to break for supper if all of them agreed. Kathy and Dave Perlmutter stalled their game until their opponents were begging for a supper break. They eventually became part of a 6-way draw!

There was to be another party that night at Wicotico, so Porter Wightman drove me, Scott Hanson and Frauke to the liquor store and I didn't ask for a box this time. We skipped the DipCon Society meeting where I heard that Bob Sacks was his usual glib self.

So Wicotico on Saturday night saw Bruce Linsey fulfilling his pledge to redeem "Doomie" coupons printed in his Voice of Doom for milkshakes. John Caruso and some others

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had xeroxed a hundred of these coupons but I think Brux only spent about 10 dollars or so. Dick Martin finally showed up; we had only seen Julie, his wife for two days and I was about ready to accuse her of having done away with him to get the insurance. Both of them said, "What insurance?!"

We played another gunboat Dip game while Kathy(Ha!) humored me because I was soooo drunk. This was the game where they miscounted supply centers, they really did think they had done it right. This game was bad for me because it had Glenn Taylor in it. I cannot stand Glenn Taylor(He's so cheap that he went around selling cookies to players the next day after enjoying our stuff for free). I pleaded with Konrad to go to a gun store and GIVE ME A WEAPON! so I could put him out of my misery but he wouldn't do. The game ended but the night didn't and it never did for me.

Kathy, Dick Martin, Jeff Bohner, Tom Swider and me headed out to see Arnett's Kingmaker game again. On the way, we ran into this really spaced-out girl who looked like motorcycle mama from the 1960s. Her name was Priscilla Prudence, I swear, and she knows Steve Heinowski! Her "first husband" played in your Ter-ran, Steve. He had a very wierd name so I asked her to go get a piece of paper and write it down never dreaming she would. She did. But I digress.

We see Arnett's and then head down the hill to Wico-tico. By this time, it was only Kathy, Dick and me. Kathy said she was only going to stay up until 4 AM and now it was 4:30 AM so she went to sleep. Dick and I went to where I stayed(Julie was asleep there) and we talked all night until dawn. Roy Henricks joined us for a long time and we discussed the whole hobby. Roy has a real throaty type of voice that makes you enjoy listening to him.

All in all I was disappointed this night because no body wanted to stay up and talk and I so seldom see them, especially from the east coast. We tried to keep John Caruso and Woody up and Mike Barno(who was on the floor so that was easy) but it was to no avail.("Wake up, y'all!"). So Saturday night ended and Sunday morning began and I had not been to sleep at all. Oh yes, Don Del Grande, on this long, long Saturday I was wearing my Life of Monty t-shirt.

Sunday was Round II of Diplomacy and started at 9 AM and was to go until 3 PM with the awards given out at 4 PM. This year I liked the way the games had so long to play with no mandatory ends like at GenCon. I never understand the rating systems anyway. Does anyone? Does anyone care?

I drew Germany and this time I knew one other guy in the game, Eric Kane, pubber of Anduin, who was France. I got along with Eric while "flirting" with Germany over Sweden. I have to say that I really enjoyed playing with people that I didn't know because it was the element of the unknown. All of us had been eliminated during the first round so there were a lot of jokes about that. We broke for lunch and Eric and I went to eat with the little kid who was playing Turkey. He wasn't too good and we were trying to influence him to not help the powerful Italo-Russian alliance.

While in the cafeteria, I saw Al Pearson in the serving line, just a side view and said to Eric, "There's Pearson." The little kid looked over at him and said, "Yeah, but he sure isn't honest." (Al wore a t-shirt which said "Honest Al--the novice's pal" the day before). I realized that this kid was the one who had been in Al's game the day before and immediately started asking him questions. The gist was that he wouldn't mind playing with Al again but he would certainly keep his back away from him. He said Al would often disappear during negotiating periods and would invariably stab him. Shame on you, Al!!

Back to the game. It looked like a 4-way to me and I was dead-tired from no sleep which of course put me in a short-tempered mood. Everyone wanted to end it and call it a 4-way except for Eric. I was his ally so he had to convince me and the others were just as active in trying to get me to stab him or get him to go along with the four-way draw. Eric begged, pleaded, cajoled, implored, beseeched and urged me to go along with him for a two-way. I agreed for one more season. After one season, his plan was working but I still didn't think he could pull it off so I wanted to call for the 4-way. Again with the pleading etc. Eric Kane is an A-1 Diplomat because he kept me, who had been awake all night and in no mood to be nice or gracious, in this game as his ally. The other players accused me(me!) of being his puppet and that was the deciding factor in

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SQUEEZE PLAY

AUSTRIA (Olsen): A MUN S TURKISH A Pru-Ber; A TYO-Ven; A TRI S A Tyo-Ven;
F ALB S TURKISH F Ion; A VIE-Tyo; A Gal-SIL

FRANCE (Sherwood): A Yor-HOL; F NTH C A Yor-Hol; F Eng-BEL; A BUR-Mun;
F EDI-Nwg; A VEN supports the inevitable Kathy stab (H); F TUN-Ion;
F TYN S F Tun-Ion; A PIE & A TUS S A Ven

GERMANY (Mazzer): F Bel-PIC; F Hol-HEL; A Kie-Ber/d/destroyed; A RUH S
FRENCH A Bur-Mun

ITALY (Martin): A APU still laughing(H); A NAP S A Apu again

RUSSIA (Larzelere): F BAR-Nwg; F NWY-Nth; F Hel-KIE; A DEN S F Hel-Kie

TURKEY (Byrne): A PRU-Ber; A BOH S AUSTRIAN A Mun; A SER el holdo(H);
A BUL-Apu; F AEG & F ION C A Bul-Apu; F ADR S A Bul-Apu

The RAT draw failed, three yes votes, one no vote, two NVRs. There are two draw proposals for next time: RAT & FART. Please vote with your next orders. If they both pass, the FART will take precedence. Also, note that NVR=a yes vote this time.

Not much to report on the home front. Seems many are taking vacations from Dip lately, it being summertime and all. So I think I'll take a break this time and stop right here.

Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 will be due Tuesday, July 6, 1981.

1906	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	7	+1	Austria	Bud, Rum, War, Vie, Gre, Tri, MUN
	12	+2	France	Home, England, Spa, Por, Tun, Ven, HOL, BEL
	1	-2	Germany	Kie, Ber, Mun, Nth, PrU
	2	0	Italy	Rom, Nap
	5	+1	Russia	StP, Nwy, Swe, Den, KIE
	7	0	Turkey	Home, Bul, Sev, Mos, Ser
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AUS-GER: Alas, I suppose that you have now acquired some imaginary grievance against me. But I must say that I admire the way you suffer my various excess in silence. After all, it would be the easy and, yes, cheap thing to do to write terrible things about me in the press, to indulge in deranged mudslinging, and in so doing besmirch your own image far more than mine, smirchable though that certainly is. But no, you are far above such lowly tactics. And for that I can only say, Mazzerman, I salute you!

GERMANY-GM: There are 16 "FATS" in the next press release.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Up until now, I've put up with your deceipts, treacheries, smarmy tergiversation and sniveling toadyism. I've been "diplomatic" and restrained my emotions. But now that I'm moribund, there is no further need for restraint... you're FAT! You're FAT! You're FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT! FAT!!! And you're UGLY!! And you SMELL BAD! And besides that, you're FAT!!! Thank you.

WICHITA-LOS ALAMOS: Grotty, totally. I mean, hurt me with a spoon.

FRANCE: A RAT draw? I'm sure! Gag me with a spoon! Bag that draw!

THE LATE GERMANY-LA JOLLA: California geography lesson... the San Fernando Valley (or simply "the Valley") is a huge area of suburban bedroom communities north of Santa Monica and west LA. For you East Coast folks, imagine 1000 square miles of Teaneck, NJ with palm trees and you've got the Valley. Santa Monica is definitely not in the Valley, nor is Amanda

GERMANY-LA JOLLA (cont): a "Valley Girl". Omigod, that's grody to the max! Barf me out! Gag me with a spoon! Fer sure, fer sure!

PARIS-CON: Give me a break. Stabbed everyone around me? So I misordered F Eng C English A Wal-Bel as F Eng-Lon in FO1. It was a simple mistake anyone could have made. Besides, I don't recall ever calling John "another one of my good allies". As for Mazzer, first you say it was a fake stab, now you claim it was real. Make up your mind. Italy? Just because I had plans with Scott when Dick ordered and vice versa.... If I was so bad to him why is Dick helping me against you now? Perhaps he knows you're the real menace here. I assume you mean seduce Bob out of his supply centers, right?

PAR-ANK: You're shot.

CON-BRE: I'd be happy to match you two way draw for two way draw. You're going to lose, pal! Yes, I do like two way draws, as of this moment I have two also! But I have three more that should end anyday! See, I am not a win only player. If I was, I wouldn't enjoy sitting in the corner so much... my strategy is to "Totally Aggravate"!

CON-AUSTRIA: I can think of a lot worse things than Swedish Roundabout; being allied with Keith Sherwood, being allied with Klutzie Kurtz, being in Suite 100 with Woody and Brux, but worst of all being Mona Berch!

LOUSY-PRINCESS: You'll have to think about F Bar-Mos, eh? Boy.

STP: Naturally, we vote yes to ART. We'd even vote yes to PART!

LA JOLLA-KATHY: A Ser S Austrian A Tri, eh? From what? F Adr S A Ven-Tri?

LOS ALAMOS-WICHITA: I see all is not as trusting in the A-T alliance as is publicized. A Gal-Sil last turn would have been much stronger and gotten Kathy Berlin this turn. But you had to cover Vienna from Kathy's A Bohemia. Very interesting. Don't worry, when Kathy stabs you, you won't stand a prayer.

VIE-BRE: That's okay, go ahead and wear on your sleeve the fact that you're in a game with Oaklyn. I'm sure nobody cares that you're his slavlike toady in that game, that you do his bidding, that he's gotten to God knows how many centers with your help, and that you've gone so far as to do a hatchet job on his enemy. Fortunately, we're very broadminded around here, so we'll let it go... this once.

THE RETURN OF VLAD: Ach, zo once again I am in Munchen (don't Munchen it). Zuch a beautiful city it is! Ach! I hated to go the first time, and this time I haff returned, and will make it my permanent home, and perhaps, who knows, even my capitol. It's so convenient to the front and all, after all. Also, I left a basket of dirty laundry here and had to return to claim it.

VLAD-LOUSY: If the draw passes, or the next one does, then truly you shall have reaped the rewards of your wise and perspicacious, not to mention consummate, play.

LA JOLLA-VLAD: Keep it up, and soon you'll have to face "The Wrath of Con".

AMWAY-VLAD: Your order is on the way, however Kathy Byrne is backordered, you'll just have to stand in line, my Pudgy friend. Caruso is such a hog, he never gave her back!

PAR-BUD: Once a toady, always a toady, I guess.

PAR: A RAT draw? What about my toadies? I propose a FIG draw!

BRE-STP: Oaklyn, a.k.a. Larzelere, a.k.a. Nelson, or anybody else in the DC area or Utah, right?

MAR-STP: It's so easy to address press to you. Why not take Moscow so I have a choice of StP or Moscow?

OFFICER FRIENDLY-KEITHERWOOD: Look, you little punk, I catch you doing 85 in a school zone again, I'll ram that clunk up your butt! You're damn lucky my frapping ticket book is empty because if I had something to write on I'd slap your ass in the Yuma Pen for the next hundred years, if you had good behavior, and there's little chance of that. So get the hell out of this state and never return! (an official transcript)

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: You haven't any old "swan" press laying around that you could lend me, do you?

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FINANCE-KOYUD: The press is really lagging lately. What we need is a good stab to liven things up. Bob writes really good press when stabbed, Kathy.

OLSEN-MASS MURDERS: In answer to your question, man of the hour or toady for all seasons, let's just say that the two terms refer to my life expectancy in each case, so the answer to your question was obvious.

HONEY-KITTEN: Instead of just trading centers, let's go out and steal some from Germany!

KB-GM: Boy, Russ Rusnak must be something else, I've yet to hear one good thing about him! Even my arch enemy BB (Bill Becker) told me the truth and just to get me to help him against Russ! Is this guy Bruce Linsey's twin?!

GM-KB: I didn't say he was that much of a jerk!

VLAD-GM: Is this enough of a change in the center chart to keep the game going?

GM: For awhile anyway.

CHICAGO: I have room to plug one issue of a zeen, so I will do so. The next issue of Eric Bozog's Diplomacy by Moonlight will contain several accounts of Chicagocon, including my own, and should not be missed. Send Eric a check for 60 cents and ask for a copy of DBM#42. No, make that #43. Send check to: Eric "Wombat" Ozog, 1526 N Lawler, Chicago, IL 60651 and tell him that Bob Osuch sent you. WARNING: This is not a recommendation that you sub to his zeen, just get the one issue and avoid the headaches you'll experience in any future dealings there. Only kidding, sonny boy.

Mass Murders is published by Bob Osuch, 3417 S. Paulina, Chicago, Illinois 60608 USA and published in EE. His games are on 2-week deadlines, the results being sent out on inserts to each player. I am both a standby in this game and am signed up for his next game. If you wish to either or both of these, write to Bob and let him know. He was right about Diplomacy By Moonlight's report of ChicagoCon by Eric Ozog. It was a very comprehensive issue but with all the photos that he took at the con and published in his zine he has set back EE's own photo contests!! However, we plug on with.....



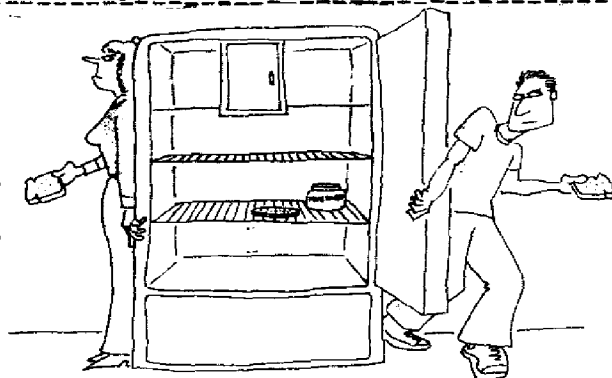
PICTURE CONTEST!!!! Yes, in spite of the grievous wound dealt to EE's photo contests by Eric Ozog's Diplomacy By Moonlight, we still have a pic for you. Since I did the zine after Origins, this means a short picture guessing deadline, so if I don't get an adequate number of responses, I will carry this picture contest over past the usual deadline. But, for starters, get your guesses in about this pic by August 20, 1982!

For new subbers, the way the contest works is this: The pic is submitted by a subber of EE. If you are like most of us you have no earthly idea who it is. But the pic does affect you in some way in that it creates an impression. So, is this the face of a kind man, a janitor, someone who pouts when he is stabbed in a Diplomacy game or what? Is he most comfortable playing Russia or maybe Italy? Is he an American or a Canadian?

If he is from Europe, which country and what makes you think so? Or anything that may come to your mind as the people wrote in the last contest on page 28. Be careful, this may be an ally of yours! EE wants a black and white photo of you too. See what people say!!

¶ ZINE PLUG ¶

Diplomacy is full of plot, deception and scheming. Hence the name of The Schemer (Steven Duke, Rt. #3, Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 USA). TS started off as a diamond in the rough and Steven went through several format changes each of which improved the zine. He had articles, a column called "Southern Sass" and games and a subzine called Damn the Torpedos. But he is now going to school so TS will now become, as of September, a subzine in Damn the Torpedos. I am glad Steven will still be around. For DtT write Greg Fritz, PO Box 512, York, Maine 03909 USA and still catch "Southern Sass"!



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us going for a 2-way draw. We got it by working together but it was Eric's persistence that made it a reality.

Some of the other games that day; Kathy Byrne, Eric Ozog, Tom Mainardi and Frauke were on one board. It ended with a concession to Eric but not before Tom "Fast Fingers" Mainardi violently ruined Frauke's position. Frauke had only learned how to play the game a bare week before. Last year, it was Mike Mills, this year Frauke, who next will "Benny" Mainardi go after? And he has such a killer smile!

Then came the awards. There were wooden plaques with brass plates for the 10 top players. And there were certificates for the best country for each round. Mark Berch read some of them SOOOO fast that I was unable to get some of them down so here is what I did get:

Top Ten Players:

1. Konrad Baumeister also "Best Turkey" Round I (WIN)
2. Russell Blau
3. Dave Lowerman
4. Eric Ozog also "Best France" Round II
5. John Kador also "Best Russia" Round I (tie)
6. Jack Brawner tied for "Best Russia" Round I
7. Ed Wrobel
8. Doug Beyerlein
9. John Caruso also "Best Turkey" Round II (tie)
10. Bruce Linsey also "Best Italy" Round I

Other Best Country Awards:

- "Best Austria" Round II: Brian Lorber (tie)
Julie Martin (tie)
- "Best England" Round I: Robert ?????
- "Best England" Round II (WIN): David Spector
- "Best Germany" Round II: Scott Hanson
- "Best Italy" Round II: Kathy Byrne (tie)
Shawn Kelly (tie)
- "Best Russia" Round II: Randy Moran
- "Best Turkey" Round II: Mark Larzelere (tie)
Dan Stafford (tie)

Then two winners that I don't know which country were: Ben Zabloncki and Fred Townsend

Dan Wilson, who draw cartoons for EE such as the one in Windsor (page 13) this time presented the best player, Konrad Baumeister as it turned out, with an elaborate leather map of the Diplomacy Board, in which the supply centers had been chiseled in. It was a work of art, so beautiful. It must have taken hours and weeks to do it.

After the awards, Woody, Larry and Troy took me to the airport. It was such a long, long way to get there and I kept nodding off. We ate an airport meal (that's very descriptive, no?) and I boarded my Piedmont flight and got back to Memphis about 9:30 PM and went to sleep, after reading my Diplomacy mail and finding out why Mike Mills didn't show up.

I had a great time. Any tournament that has Rod Walker, John Boardman, Bob Sacks and Bernie Oaklyn is one that I wouldn't want to miss. Kudos to Mark Berch, Fred Davis, Herb Barents and Rod Walker for making it such a success. Next year's three guys who will put together Detroit are John Caruso, Al Pearson and Eric Ozog so let's give them our support.

A few things which stood out at ORIGINS were Mark Berch wearing his Bushmiller cap (looked like one of those hunters on safari in Africa) and going around telling different games, "You're slow" and us replying, "You're bald"; meeting Mark Larzelere's tapeworm; using Anduin zines as "markers" so others could find "Wicotico"; biting Woody's hand when he tried to steal my water pistol; seeing several games about the Falklands war being offered; knowing the names of any country's capital drunk when others don't sober and taunting them about it--and it was Caberones as the capital of Botswana!; threatening each other with articles we would write. THE END!! (21)

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"Because of this, I think this man is none other than...Gary L. Coughlan!!! How about Jack Fleming? Would you believe my great aunt Charlotte in Alaska? Well what WOULD you believe???"

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "The picture is Mickie McAuley. Why? Because of the plunging neckline and the swords! Mickie is involved in a Society for Anachronism."

Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "Your photo contest certainly draws the freaks, who's next--Ron Brown of California? This guy looks like he's dressed for a D & D tournament. He probably doesn't play Dip so he reacts to a stab by bleeding. If you ask me the D & Der is best suited for life on Mars. Since he obviously is a lazy S.O.B., collecting welfare he would enjoy life there where work is unheard of."

Yes, Gary, you have a bozo this time, hmm--Brad Wilson. No, I guess not. Therefore it's a Californian. (California is the insane asylum of the world). My guess is you have a picture of Steve Langley. I have read his press many, many times and anyone who writes that weird would have no qualms about dressing that way. Yes it's Steve, kinky, Langley the man who beats his daughters."

Don Del Grande(California, USA): "...your latest picture contest: that guy looks like to me--therefore, he's Fred Winter."

Mark Fassio(Pennsylvania, USA): "Photo contest: No problem, Gary. I have an instant mind-set association with this one. All I can say is, this guy reeks of rightist sentiment, and the swords are symbolic not only of his great stabbing ability in Dip games, but also of his fantasy with bucanneers and Napoleonic heraldry. He probably uses them to fight off the Indians around Rt. 10, for he is none other than a slightly beer-gutsy John Michalski, my idol. Note the sadistic grin, the "We have a Polish pope, you know, ha ha" sneer, etc. A true man if there ever was one. Europeans take heart--he shall save you yet!"

Kerry Blant(Florida, USA): "I don't know who that guy in the picture is, but please don't publish his address or phone number. Karen has been complaining that I haven't been dealing out enough discipline lately. Unfortunately that man looks like he has enough to spare."

Kathy Byrne(New York, USA): "The picture of the guy in EE #15--this guy smiles while he stabs, dresses funny and has a real dumb look about him. Obviously he has to be a Mid Westerner--because the only other person who looks dumb is Woody ((Arnawoodian)) and I know it's not him. So I'll go with, Stuart Lancaster, because one time he called orders in for Whitestonia and I had to take them and he was so dumb that he asked me if I could write orders!"

Judy Winsome(California, USA): "Anyway, I would like to try my hand at your picture contest, albeit late. Instant Psychology was my best subject at school and still comes in handy on dates. The Mad Turk in No. 15 obviously has a fetish for knives or is that a Canadian IUD? Whether he chose to have his picture taken that way, or whether it was the photographer's choice makes a difference. I think it was the subject's choice. John Michalski is into weapons, but these aren't modern enough. Besides, I'd bet John has hair on his chest, and this one doesn't. Not even around his navel, which is an inner. The smile is drawn up at the corners, almost a sneer, or a grimace. Perhaps constipation is the problem. I don't know enough about hobby personalities to know whether these observations are helpful or not. So I must rely upon intuition. His name must be Greg, Ralph or Mike. He's an American. He would take stabs personally and never forgive you, but stab at will without thinking anything was inconsistent about that. He's always joking around and out-going when he has friends about. I think it's Mike Mills."

Mike Mills(New York, USA): "The man in the picture was of David Perlmutter of Pennsylvania. How do I know? Look at that grin?! Who else would smile so laciviously posed with a collection of scimitars! Look at the beer-belly, a mix of Strohs and Rolling Rock. Sure, I bet his mamma thinks the pix is cute, but as a 6th grade class picture, it's raunchy."

Mark Luedi(Michigan, USA): "The [picture] is of a 19-year-old Chuck Kaplan. He's checking out Eric Ozog's sword collection(Eric: you should have brought some with you to the last Rusnak Con; I'm sure Marc Peters and Bryan Jurkowski could have made good use of them--just kidding). Who collects swords? Does he keep them handy when playing Diplomacy? What blade does he favor? Is this the person who inspired the recent "violence is the last resort of the incompetent" controversy in Lone Star Diplomat? Do you have any Argentinian subscribers?"

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "From the looks of the man in the picture contest, and the scene behind him, I'd guess it was Michalski, because he's the type who collects weapons but I don't think so. Michalski only collects modern ~~weapons~~ weapons, so it can't be him. It's gotta be someone with a Pirate type attitude, however, I believe that these (see page 30 for more) (29)

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"aren't the weapons he's stabbed with, but the souvenirs of weapons he's been stabbed with. That's why he's wearing the vest--to cover the scars of all those wounds. He's certainly suited to play any country next to mine. I need someone to stab. Austria is his best bet otherwise. He's probably a European, but I can't think of any justification for this emotionalism, as deviating from a rationalization. I don't know any non-pacifist Europeans, so who is it?"

□ The envelope, please! No, not so fast. I really thought I would be overwhelmed with responses saying that the picture was John Michalski. That would have been my guess. I also think that this is the first time in the contests that no one came up with the name of the subber in the picture. He was.....C-G Spare, who was heavily featured in EE #15, by coincidence, and a frequent contributor to this zine. He is also from Finland and I'm sure he will reply to your comments. The picture from Chicago Con, also in EE #15, of Dick Martin, Garry Hamlin and Bob Osuch, also drew some comments.

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Don Del Grande(California, USA): "Where in the hell IS Slippery Rock?"

Mark Fassio(South Carolina, USA): "Incidentally, Gary, a comment about the other photo (ChicagoCon). It's very reassuring to see a border stater like Dick Martin "seeing the light" and wearing a Slippery Rock T-shirt ("Slippery Rock--where the men are men and so are the women.") He has some salvageable class, I reckon. The other two guys----- --hosebags. Groucho Marx in the middle, and Curly from the Three Stooges on the right. Yeah, give me the East anytime."

□ Faz, in the South now with the Air Force, is from Pennsylvania where the college of Slippery Rock is located. Dick's lovely sister, Sue, attends it.

Okay, now the letter column is going to verve from subject to subject. I'll be using double parentheses like "(())" to indicate which issue is being discussed or the name of someone briefly mentioned or items not clear. And away we go.....

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Why did you use such an odd title as 'Fame Is Not the Name of the Game'? It seems to me that there would be no 'hobby', no zines, no Cons if fame (call it 'ego boosting' if you prefer) wasn't the true name of the game..."

□ In EEs #11 and #12, I wrote articles explaining the names of the four games in EE. "Swedish Roundabout" was how Germany in World War I got her messages through the British blockade--with the help of neutral Sweden. "Apis" was the code name of a Serbian government official with high rank in the Black Hand, which hated Austria-Hungary and light the spark which set off World War I, the scenario for our Diplomacy game. "Alsace-Lorraine" is named after the province which Germany and France quarreled over for centuries and was a big cause for World War I.

"Windsor" started out in this zine as "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha". Every three game years this game will alternate between these names although no one knew what the name would be changed to until S-C-G became Windsor in 1907. The reason it switches its name is due to what the British Royal Family actually did in World War I after three years of war. The family name, at that time, was Saxe-Coburg-Gotha--also borne by Queen Victoria--but as war passion grew, and the Tsar's monarchy was overthrown in Russia, the average Briton thought the name was German-sounding, so the British Royal Family decided to change it to a more "English-sounding" one. They settled on "Windsor".

An irony which is pointed out in the next section is that the name of the Belgian Royal Family was, and is, also "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha." England was never invaded by Germany while Belgium suffered heavy damage. The Belgians did not change their name....

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha is also the family name of the Belgian royal family (our first King, Leopold I, was Queen Victoria's uncle). However, and even during World War I, it has never been considered that it should be changed into 'Laeken' (the name of the King's residence) or anything else. And yet Belgium suffered heavily from German occupation and looting(remember Louvain and Dinant!)."

Patrick Conlon(Georgia, USA--but was stationed in West Germany at the time of this letter) "Since you have once again mentioned the game's(S-C-G) change, I thought I'd drop a line and make my own guess. Saxe-Coburg-Gotha was one of three or four fragmented duchies in the area that is now northern Bavaria--the adjoining portion under the rule of the German Democratic Republic. One of the other duchies was most notable in that its ruler was

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((continued from page 30)) "patron to Goethe, Herder and Schiller. S-C-G was noted for the rulers it produced--among them one of the Leopolds of Belgium, Prince Albert of England and one of the Georges, King of England. At least, I think I've got that all correct. You're the royal genology fan, so you probably can verify that.

Those duchies were all incorporated into Bismarck's Germany in 1871, so I am not sure of any connection between the date--Spring 1904 and S-C-G. If S-C-G lives at all, it is with the King George of England previously mentioned. It was he who declared that all male heirs to the throne would assume the surname 'Windsor' and thus the house of Windsor was formed. My guess for the new name: House of Windsor.

A very long time ago when this game began, and the pending name change was first mentioned, I sought an early answer to my curiosity. I knew the absorption of many of the small German duchies, especially around Bavaria, occurred in 1871. This is one of my favorite periods in history. But I was daunted in my efforts

to uncover any correlation between S-C-G and any time after 1871, much less 1904. You see, I thought 1904 had some significance. It was only recently that the idea occurred to me that all I was looking for was a "piece" of S-C-G that "lived on." So I had to guess of one of S-C-G's famous sons. The 'House of Windsor' proclaimed by George seemed to be the biggest 'name' I could put a finger on. It's major detractor is that it smacks too much of 'English' to be a name for a game involving seven nations. Ohh welll...."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "You were wrong when you wrote(EE 11) that 85 % of the population of Alsace-Lorraine speak German. This was the case before 1918 in Alsace alone, (Lorraine, even before that date, was already predominantly French-speaking), but today today only 15 % of the Alsations go on using a Germanic dialect, while less than 5 % of the Lorrains understand German. Several Chantecler subbers(Deglaire, Malaïse, Friche) are from the Thionville-Metz region and, believe me, none of them is even able to understand one sentence in German...."

In fact, all that region between France and Germany(Belgium, Luxemburg, Alsace-Lorraine) is typical of the interpenetration of the Latin and Germanic linguistic domains, a situation which dates back to the Treaty of Verdun(843) which divided Charlemagne's Empire between his three grandsons(Charles the Bald inherited Western France, Ludwig the Germanic the Eastern territories, and Lothaire the land between). Even 'Lorraine'(Lotharingen) comes from that name, Lothaire.)

Finally also note that Alsace-Lorraine was annexed by Germany again between 1940 and 1944, just like the German-speaking part of Belgium(Eupen, Malmédy, Sankt Vith), and that many young men from these regions were forced to fight in the Wehrmacht(mostly on the Eastern Front) during that period.

Another minor point you should have pointed out is that 'Alsace-Lorraine', in 1914, was formed of Eastern Lorraine only plus Alsace, and that Western Lorraine(Longwy, Nancy) remained a French territory even between 1871 and 1919.

Today, because the old Concordat between Prussia and the Church has never been abolished, Alsace-Lorraine is the only part of France where the priests are paid by the French government(they must live on their parish in the rest of the country) and where religious education is compulsory at school."

□ These two pretty well cover the topic so make tracks to the next letter excerpts...

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James Woodson(California, USA): "To the subject of bad handwriting(sounds like a skit from Saturday Night Live. Leonard Pith Garnell with 'Bad Handwriting'). I, like you, have not seen that of Peggy Gemignani, but I have seen Mark Lew's. Mark does have handwriting that can be read(you should see my grandfather's). Yours' isn't the neatest in the world. However the hobby member, that I have corresponded with that has, in my opinion, the worst writing is Jeff Noto. Have you seen it?"

Jeff Noto(Florida, USA): "You did spell Lisa's last name right((In EE #12's Women's Issue)). Sorry about the sloppiness."

Mark Lew(Alaska, USA): "And congratulations to YOU! You are the first to ever print a letter of mine without some altering(due to misdeciphering). What, did I type or are you

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"some sort of professional decoder?"

Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "I usually type my letters, writing would mean I would get no answer, the recipient being taken to the hospital unconscious."

L-G Spare(Finland): "Do not put yourself down. Your handwriting is quite readable, at least compared to mine and certainly to Michel Van Lede's. I have had to take private lessons in calligraphy(and in dancing). I still am very poor in both these arts."

James Briggs(California, USA): "Your handwriting is very legible to an old cryptologist like myself. After years of reading my own handwriting, I've become very adept at deciphering other scrawls I may come across."

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "Well--I could read your writing quite well; nothing compared to the handwriting of Michel Van Lede or Robert Jewett, where you have to buy a hieroglyphic dictionary first in order to be able to read that!"

□ I write a lot of letters on break at work and I have a horrible handwriting. In Europe there was once a contest about Michel Van Lede's writing. A sample of it was on the cover of Sweden's The Baltic Battler and a contest was run to see if anyone could read it. In North America, the hardest letters for me to "decode" are Mark Lew's. And Mark, you have never typed a letter for me!

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Mike Barno(New York, USA): "Have you ever tried licking the stamps AFTER drinking your two(HA HA HA HA HA HA!) beers? Works a lot better."

Jim Meinel(Washington, USA): "I read your account of ChicagoCon in Cheesecake...You're a lightweight too! Three beers and I'll say anything and three more and I'll do anything. . If I'm still coherent and can remember to have a glass of water before I crash I won't have a headache in the morning. I'll feel like shit, but no headache or puking up. I've been messed up many times but I've only gotten sick once, while my wife and I were separated and I had to go away to school by myself. I was putting away about a half-pack of beer and a fifth of S.C. every week up there and one night I said 'to hell with it' and tried to see how far a bottle of S.C. and I could go. 3/4 of the way, and I wound up puking my guts out on some bathroom--somewhere I don't remember. Totally disgusting. . Never again. So I stick to beer(I'm no connoisseur--anything with hops--Yech, goes the audience!) and I never get sick. I admire your control(do you retain any?) I have a great time, you know, little ole quiet me turns into the life of the party, but the most disconcerting thing is waking up the next morning with everyone smiling at you and saying 'Hi Jim' or 'Hehhhh Jim!'. Boy I don't know how all these socially popular people stand it! Very weird."

□ Mike refers to the fact that stamps that I lick never seem to stick on so I always glue them. Who wants to lick stamps when you're drinking?! I have gotten sick before but I still don't have headaches or anything. What I like is when people know that you are drunk and they act like you are not hearing some of their sly comments like at ORIGINS when I went to get another beer, Woody, a.k.a. Steve Arnawoodian, told Konrad Baumeister 'One more beer and he's had it' thinking I didn't hear it. And some who had less to drink than me would miswrite their orders and/or miscount their supply centers. I delight in pointing out these errors in what they consider my 'stupor'.

I go long periods without drinking anything at all. I personally do not like the taste of beer or liquor. To me, it exists for one purpose--to get drunk or into a mellow state. I consider myself basically shy and something to drink relaxes me and unlocks a more congenial part of my personality. But I covered that in the last issue. But no one has come up with a reason of why I don't get hangovers. I'm not complaining...

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John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "Eric Ozog's idea that large corporations actually control all the nations is a nice idea, and may actually be an idea in the backs of the minds of some corporate leaders, but they forgot one little thing. The Soviet Union is incredibly in debt(just barely paying the interest on them by selling large amounts of their gold supply last year). Finally the Soviet Union will run out of money. When this happens, their belief in their system of government will force them to go to war, whether or not the corporations 'side' with them. When a war breaks out, all debts will be nullified. When that happens, the corporations will lose money they have invested in this little world control game. They will have financed the Russians into victory, for no return, except perhaps to join a communistic society and have their holdings taken from them for 'fair' distribution among the ~~poor~~ poor."

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"These days I'm afraid you're not dealing with just me."

Mike Barno(New York, USA): "I like and respect your willingness to listen to, and print, diverse viewpoints on various issues. You have the journalistic right, of course, to present your own opinions as well. However, I feel you erred in saying something to the effect that Eric Ozog "isn't as flaky as he sounds because he registered for the draft after all" i.e. he 'came to his senses.'

It's obvious that you just don't understand the position of those of us who aren't eager to kill to stop the spread of communism. (N.B.: Socialism is not communism. Listen to your overseas

readers). If you understood us, I'm sure you would at least respect us, though not agree. You could say "My view is different" or "The facts don't support your position", instead of "You are weak between the ears."

Very simply, many people value life above Exxon, Citicorp or United Fruit. Many find Salvadorean lives more important than keeping one more anti-Soviet regime in power. And we aren't a few scattered flakes as you seem to view the unilateralists. Very obviously, if a person feels strongly enough about something, he's got to act on it as he sees best, just as you or Toots ((Michalski's nickname via Kathy Byrne)) would use illegal arms or disregard government orders if Memphis or Moore((Oklahoma)) were about to be pillaged. For hundreds of thousands of young, responsible men, their beliefs implore them to refuse to cooperate with any military draft, or registration for one. I'm in this boat, taken a step further: I don't recognize any governmental claim to my body, to consider me an expendable resource for resolving a political disagreement by force. I find registration repugnant in itself--I am free, save whatever responsibilities I accept.

Unfortunately, the administration doesn't consider this a valid viewpoint, and intends to prosecute non-compliers. It's likely that they'll come to my name, and should I be prosecuted, it could screw up the large scholarships that are currently crucial to my future. Since a draft isn't really all that likely, I figured I'd be better off pre-serving at least one good course for the future. (If a war did occur, it would foul me up regardless of my registration status.) So I registered on the last day of the amnesty period, fighting off my conscience, feeling like too much of a pragmatist. But if a war comes, I'm heading north fast. CO ((Conscientious Objector)) status, even if it could be gotten, still (under the new regs) makes you a participant morally. If I were drafted, in spite of my technical skills, I'd be put in a kill-and-be-killed GI role. No way José. (Hosea??)

I won't try to convince you, but I'm convinced that my position is right for me. And I don't wish to have those of my position abused by paranoid, ethnocentric militarists. (Sorry, John.)"

Eric Ozog(Illinois, USA): [Eric's comments here appeared in issue 43 of Diplomacy By Moonlight, the zine that Eric publishes]: "Your freedom and liberty is gradually being snuffed out and merged into the world socialist state. Gary Coughlan calls it flakey, but that's his problem. One book that is easy to read and understand is None Dare Call It Conspiracy. For the other side of the story and a good laugh, read Union Now With Britain, by Clarence K. Streit. And the new book by Quigley((Tragedy and Hope)) should be especially interesting, it is the most recent."

□ What I ~~say~~ in EE #13 was that Eric "is not as flakey as he might sound. This effervescent makes DBM((Diplomacy By Moonlight)) a continual joy to read." The word 'might' qualifies my statement. I don't think Eric is flakey but other people reading only that excerpt might have. If I am to be criticized at least use all of the words that I used.

Registering at the post office is not registering for the draft. It merely has the names on hand. The United States is the only major country which does not have a draft, with maybe the exception of some European countries. The vast majority of the Common Market countries, Sweden and Switzerland have drafts. It has always amazed me that some people say that they are willing to defend their country if it is attacked and not any thing else. Do they think that armies capable of defending a country can be raised and equipped overnight? IT JUST DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. (go to page 36!)

One thing that I do think is stupid is prosecuting those who don't register at the post office. Especially since amnesty was granted to those who avoided Vietnam. (34)

TELEVISION

LEAVE IT TO RONNIE: Rerun of the hilarious TV series in which, due to a terrible misunderstanding, a senile cowboy star suddenly finds himself in charge of the White House while his agent has to show him where his ankles are kept and why South America isn't where he thought it was.

PANORAMA: In response to repeated Iran-Iraq complaints that their war has been totally overlooked these past weeks due to minor invasions in the South Atlantic, a special report entitled *News Not From The Falklands*.

the Netherlands, Belgium etc.) embargoed it. The only country that sold the USSR wheat was Argentina. In order to stop this happening another time and in order to teach Argentina a lesson, the US devised the following scheme: Through furtive, diplomatic channels the US started to prod Argentina to finally take back the Falklands, and indicated that the US advised Great Britain on what they had 'heard' in Buenos Aires and offered passive help, like arms and intelligence.

Now this scheme has soon succeeded. Argentina has got a whipping. The Falklands will be a militarized, strongly garrisoned stronghold, able to block the South Atlantic, and able to stop Soviet-bound Argentinian wheat vessels if needs be. Garrisoning the Falklands and building a naval base there would not have been possible in a state of peace.

This once again shows how citizens of the big powers think, both in the USSR and the US: Other powers cannot be perceived as doing something purely out of their own interest. Other powers--especially small countries--obviously cannot have any interests of their own. Accordingly everything they do, they do in order to be friendly/hostile towards the USSR/USA."

□ In the 1700s, Frederick the Great of Prussia felt that way about the "superpowers" of that era, England and France. He compared them to rival leaders of gangs of thieves always insisting that all the other countries join their side or be regarded as an enemy. But I think that "other powers" also foster this belief. The Falklands War, the MidEast, Iran-Iraq, etc are widely discussed as setbacks for the US or the USSR, like a race or something, in the press of most countries.

Sorry Simon---Watergate and Vietnam are boring and over so before the Falklands is relegated to obscurity, I have some other comments about it. And C-G, these comments are from "other powers".....

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Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "Our views on the Falklands the same? I'm not quite sure. I agree with the Common Market sanctions against Argentina, though these should be considered as against Argentina, and not in favor of England. Further I criticize the hypocritical propaganda of the British, who are talking about restoring democracy. There has never been any democracy on these islands. Your plan of deporting the Islanders sounds a little harsh to me. And I feel sure England's claim is better than Argentina's Geographical proximity is not a reason for invading anything. But on the other hand, sending a whole task force with the risk of losing many lives is of course too much. These islands never were worth 250 lives. Nor 1,000 Argentine lives."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Ha ha. I just heard on the radio that the British have attacked Port Stanley with their Harriers. Good. Now perhaps the Argentinian great captains will remember what happened to Nikos Samson and the Greek colonels some years ago...Well, should a conscientious objector like myself rejoice at a military action, however rightful it may be? Of course not, but I'm not perfect (not yet) and, after all, if it may help getting rid of that bloody junta, it can be useful. Even Saint Augustine once wrote that some wars might be just...Though I don't like the idea, after all, because it has too much meaning on both sides...OK, let's live with our own contradictions.....[From a later letter]...Hey, by the way: the Argentinian defeat in the Falklands has led to the total Junta's rout. Just as I had foreseen it(Am I clever!) In fact, that conflict was so much like the Cyprus crisis in (well, when was it?) that it could only lead to the same conclusion. Clemenceau said it: "War is too much an important matter to be left to generals" ("La guerre est chose trop importante pour être laissée aux militaires"). What astonishes me is that he didn't mention Ronnie Reagan and politics...A blank, I suppose..."

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□ So now we have a simmering Argentina, irritated nations in Latin America and 1,250 deaths so that 1,800 Falkland islanders can be free. Not to mention that Britain will be shelling out large sums of money to garrison these islands that they have been trying to get rid of for years. Is it worth it? Let's hear what a Briton has to say....

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Pete Tamlyn(United Kingdom): "One point that I won't have to cover as John Marsden has done so most eloquently((EE 15)) is to point out that crying hypocrite at us Britons just because our bloody government goes and causes a war is most unfair. I, for one, was totally opposed to the sending of the task force and many other British editors seem to hold the same opinion as you will have doubtless noticed. This is not ~~surprising~~ unsurprising, 'zine editors and games players seem to be above average intelligence and therefore likely to behave with greater sanity than their fellow countrymen. This is why I am so distressed at the apparently hawkish attitude of your American correspondents.

Having said that, I have been particularly disgusted at the attitude of the mass of the British people over the Falklands War. John Michalski is right when he accuses a lot of disarmament supporters of having a 'not in my back yard, but anywhere else is OK' attitude. But herein lies a lesson: war is a lot less horrible when it is far from home. A few Argentine bombers over London would have done wonders for the UN peace initiatives. Is this perhaps also the reason why the US is so keen to fight the Russians on European soil? Certainly it was quite noticeable that those people who had friends and relatives in the Task Force were considerably less enamoured of Mrs. Thatcher than those who did not. I think that I am possibly unique amongst British editors in having a subscriber amongst the land forces on the Falklands and if Glen is still alive I hope that Acolyte will shortly carry a report direct from the front line((Acolyte is Pete's zine)).

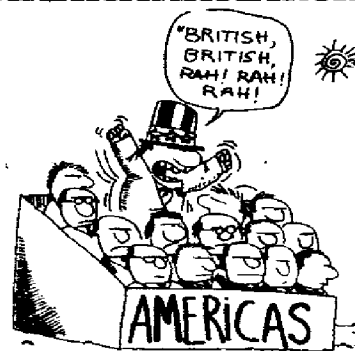
Another lesson that can be learnt from the war is that it was not ended by any great military victory nor by diplomatic agreement ~~by~~ by the Argentine soldiers, in their thousands, ^{who} decided that Las Malvinas were simply not worth dying for. This is the essence of the pacifist argument: wars might be caused by governments, but they can only happen if individual people agree to go and fight them. I doubt that many people in Britain or Argentina will learn anything from this, but we can always hope.

You were quite right in saying that the Falklanders, regardless of how they might have been wronged by the Argentines by the invasion, had no right to expect Britain to spend millions of pounds and hundreds of lives to keep them and their islands British. In fact many of them were opposed to the war anyway though far fewer left than would have liked to as they feared having to pass through Argentina to do so. There was a report in one of our newspapers during the war that, prior to the invasion, the Argentines offered the Falklanders considerable financial incentives to leave but that this offer was kept from them by the British administration. Now that they have been rescued, the Falklanders are effectively being blackmailed by the loss of life sustained on their part. Several of them who have been interviewed on the TV said that they are worried about their future but that after all that has been done for them it would be horribly ungrateful of them to leave. Lesson three, war never solves anything, it just polarizes opinions.

This question of rights is a particularly interesting one. It was a common argument over here that we were fighting to defend the rights of the Falklanders and it has been a common argument against the Russians. No one ever stops to think about the price that is paid for those fights. In the case of the Falklanders it was the lives of hundreds of British soldiers(not to mention the Argentines) and a colossal amount of money from a government that, prior to the war, claimed that it didn't have enough money to give nurses a pay rise in line with inflation....Incidentally I agree with you that it was wrong of the US to support Britain but I never doubted that they would. The reason was simple, in line with every other major western country your government jumped at the chance to give a large proportion of NATO's latest weaponry a tough field test. What is really ironic about it, however, is that your government's attempts to appear half-hearted about it so as to appease the South Americans have led the majority of the British people to believe that you left them in the lurch. Stupid, isn't it."

□ It's nice to know that the British are human and can also blame their problems on everyone else. The US gets Israel to test our latest weapons. I've said before that Reagan's foreign policy is a fiasco. He's living in the 1940s. What gets me though

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is that the US is criticized no matter what it does. Why did it depend on us to try to get Britain and Argentina to stop fighting? Where were the peace-loving neutrals of Switzerland or Sweden or Japan?

Pete is right when he says that most, if not all, British hobby members in their zines were opposed to the war and the sending of the task force. As a journalism major, I have been interested in the jingoistic press in Britain during this war, one paper calling another paper the "harlot of Fleet Street". The tabloids like the Sun have really embarrassed the British. I doubt any serious American publication, outside of the scurrilous National Enquirer, is on that gutter level and the NE is not dealing with serious news such as current events and overseas. One of the funniest lines that I read in a British zine was from Glover Rogerson's Denver Glont #10. I laughed a long time. It was by Andrew Poole who said: "Next argument--Geographical proximity. Yes the Falklands are nearer Argentina than Britain, not even the best tabloid newspaper could prove otherwise." Am I warped? It's hysterical!

Well I was going to leave this topic but I just got a letter in the mail from Michel Liesnard who didn't really "cotton" to being told I thought he was on the same side as Michalski. Here is his letter and we'll go on to other stuff.

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "((Please, if you publish this in your next EE--and I insist you do it, be kind enough to correct my mistakes. I am particularly tired this evening, and am not too sure of my syntax. Thanks!))

If you really should print once again that my opinions about the Falklands are near John MEASLESKI's ones, I could reconsider my position and support the Argentinian junta. However and seriously....

I don't understand your point of view. You Americans don't stop running here and there explaining that we Europeans should remain vigilant and be prepared to fight for Democracy. Freedom of choice and the like. And when a small, free and democratic people is invaded and occupied by the military forces of a brutal bunch of swashbucklers(whose only achievement, up to now, has been the economic ruin of their country and prosecuting, torturing, murdering their national intelligentsia), then you Americans start running there and here maintaining that we are violating the sacred claim of the Argentinian people to their sacred soil!? Come on, be realistic.

Three days before the invasion of the Falklands by Argentina, the people of this country were still demonstrating and rioting against its national oppressors. The Argentinians are not even free to think what they like, to associate with whom they want, to move where they wish, and you would have me to believe that the 'Reconquista' of those 'barren islands' did preoccupy them? If it had succeeded, it would only have brought some military prestige (?) to the gang in power, and meant more oppression for the Argentinians themselves.

No I do not like war. Yes Britain too is not all blank in this mess(freezing negotiations, etc.). Yes exacerbating nationalist pride leads to extremities which cold blood and responsible dealing with the problem could have avoided. But it is another fact that the rights of peoples supercede the right of soil. After the British lack of vigilance and the Argentinian invasion, there were only three solutions left:

(1) Say "OK, sorry" and leave the Kelpers under Argentinian rule, a rule which they refuse. Britain, then, would have failed to observe its engagements towards the people of the Falklands. Do you Americans want an ally who is ready to betray his obligations?

(2) What has happened, with the consecutive bloodshed. But a bloodshed in which all responsibilities are not equal. On one side, a mass of draftees(who have shown their interest in the business in the 'battle' for Port Stanley). On the other, a pro army made of men who have never been forced to engage, who have made their own choice, at their own risks.

(3) Your proposal; indemnify and resettle the Kelpers. Ha ha! I know you Americans have a long tradition of resettling peoples. Cherokees, Seminoles, Cheyennes, Apaches, Shoshones, all resettled peoples whose enthusiasm blew in a final burst at Wounded Knee. Why should a people be deprived of their land because another, more powerful people want it? This is the only true argument against colonialism. Think of it.

Of course, I understand many in the US don't consider the Kelpers like a "people". Why? Does the word "people" depend on the number of those who believe they are part of one? Is there a numerical limit? Can Nauru, with its 1,600 inhabitants, be considered a free nation or should it be annexed by another? Shouldn't Luxemburg be emptied of its annoying inhabitants to give some more 'Lebensraum' to its neighbours? And why has

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"Alaska the same number of Senators as California?"

If really you want to fight for a good cause which will 'protect' your interests in Latin America, then stop considering its nations as your game preserves. Even if you're a good friend of mine, I don't think I could appreciate it if I found you in bed with my lady every night. For sure."

□ Michel, your English is flawless; I never have to correct you or hardly any of the continental Europeans. I would say the majority of Americans back Britain over the Falklands. I am one who does not and I don't find my position inconsistent. It was the wrong war at the wrong time for the wrong reasons. It has solved nothing and it has created bad feelings. Britain must now maintain armed forces 8,000 miles from home which it is ill-equipped to do while someone (wonder who?) has to cover what Britain is supposed to be covering within NATO's area. I think Britain overreacted.

Consider what the US did during the Iranian Hostage crisis. Much to the chagrin of many Americans, fortunately, our government opted for peaceful resolutions from the UN to the World Court for months. We tried every honorable avenue of settlement before resorting to that Carter fiasco. And we were under a much greater provocation than the British were. Yet I did not see the allies come to immediately back us. I am very glad that Western Europe depends on the US for its defence and not vice versa.

You mention the Indian tribes and how they were resettled. Surely you don't think that was what I meant for the Falklanders! Every nation has had episodes in its past. The Indians were gyped, massacred and denied their rights. To accuse modern-day Americans of this ~~immigration~~ "long tradition" is as absurd as me saying that "Why are you Europeans worried over 1,600 people when you actively or passively murdered 6 million Jews?" And that was in this century within 40 years. And please note that that is not my feelings.

I don't think of Latin America as our game preserve. I'm sure many Americans don't think of Latin America at all and that is part of the problem. And what Americans are beginning to think of Europeans will be a big headache in the future. We are getting tired of the constant criticism. The French foreign minister said, "We no longer speak the same language. We are undergoing a progressive divorce." I fear that is true.

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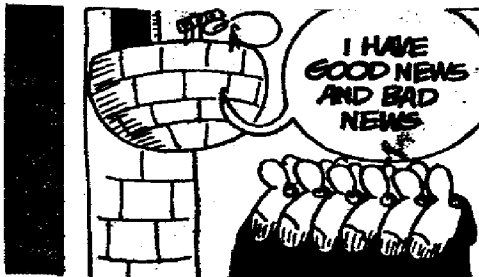
Jim Finley (California, USA): "By the way, I like the political awareness and variety of attitudes in your readership. If more people cared and thought about world events, world events would probably be a happier thing to think about."

Kathy Byrne (New York, USA): "I don't get into the political garbage, that stuff is too serious for me."

C-G Spare (Finland): "It seems that the political discussions in EE should come to an end, and some new avenue should be opened."

James Briggs (California, USA): "Miscellaneous Questions Department (MQD)--How do you get the press conversations where the players appear to be having a coherent conversation in the press, answering each other's statements, etc.?"

Scott Dailey (Florida, USA): "Isn't it hard just getting so much mail? How can you keep everybody straight? Do some people seem more like people than others?"



□ I tend to agree with the political discussions mostly reaching a dead end in EE. Most of what is in here this time is response to past issues. I was reading in EE #11 and it does seem we are rehashing old ground so expect the politics to take a lower profile here.

However I do love current events so that won't completely disappear. So this is good news or bad news, right?!

As for press, James, I try to arrange each game in some sort of logical progression and, if necessary, putting in comments of my own to do this. This was done very well in

Dick Martin's Retaliation and I wanted that system in my zine.

How do I keep y'all straight? (Is that my job, ha ha?!). Well, I have been in games with many of you, I get many of your zines or read about you in those zines, a lot of you write me and I have met a lot of you in the five face-to-face cons that I have gone to. Also I have talked to many of you via the phone. Only a very few of you just subscribe to the zine only. I keep all the letters that I get so if I need to remember something about someone I can always go back to it. I generally have a good memory for facts even though I am 31 years old. But some people do seem more "real" than others, yes.

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Jim Meinel(Washington, USA): "Hell 31 ain't that old! A friend of my wife's and I just got married (she's 22) to a guy who was 31. At first we go 'Oh, gohd!' but then we meet this guy, go out a few times with him, have them over, and he's one of the neatest people around, fits right in, always having a good time and enjoying the scene--you'd never guess he was that old. (Don't take that the way it sounds--I'm not being cute). You're as young as you act."

Don Del Grande(California, USA): "I never realized that you are in Diplomacy's middle ages--younger than (e.g.) Kathy Byrne, John Michalski, Mark Berch and John Caruso, yet older than (e.g.) Keith Sherwood, Tom Swider and myself."

When I entered the hobby in 1979 (age 28) it seemed to me that college-age dominated but I soon changed my mind. I would be willing to gamble that a larger number of the hobby are in the age range of 25 to 35 than any other with 30-33 the bulk of those. At the risk of dying, some who are in that age range of 25 to 35 are those who you mentioned, Don, as well as Bob Olsen, Mike Mazzer, Michel Liesnard, John Marsden, Bruce Linsey, Bob Arnett, Mike Mills, Larry Peery, Steve Arnawoodian, Randolph Smyth, Dave Carter, Ron Brown of California, Ron Brown of Canada, Andy Lischett, Bob Osuch, Kerry Blant, James Williams, Al Giddings, Garry Hamlin, John Kador, Mark Larzelere, Al Pearson, Bobby Stephens, Paul Rauterberg, and Jack Fleming just off the top of my head. A funny thing at ORIGINS this time: the name tags had your age on them and most people didn't know that at first. You could go up and read their age!

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Peter Ansoff(Virginia, USA): "As of today, I haven't received EE #15. I wasn't worried about it, but Mark Berch mentioned in Diplomacy Digest #60 that he had already received his, so I thought I'd better check."

Scott Dailey(Florida, USA): "I have not seen EE since issue #14."

Steve Langley(California, USA): "I never did get EE #15."

Dick Martin(Maryland, USA): "Where is EE #15(?) ? We never got our copy(boo hoo!). Could you send us one?"

John MacFarlane(New Mexico, USA): "I haven't yet received EE #15 although I know for sure that it has come out(I have even seen John Pack's copy, and Berch mentioned it in DD #60). Is this a postal screwup or what?"

Keith Sherwood(New Mexico, USA): "I've been waiting for my EE to arrive. Alas, it never did. Did you mail it to New Mexico or San Diego? Either way, it should have been here long ago. You didn't get it returned to you per chance? Do you have any extras of the EE I held in your car but didn't steal?"

Rod Walker(California, USA): "I haven't yet received the June issue(#15 of EUROPA EXPRESS. Perhaps you mailed it late and it's yet to come."

I mailed EE #15 at the airport instead of at the post office as usually I do. No loss has ever been reported to me before, certainly not this many at once. I was petrified because the names ranged from A to W which means that more than one stack was involved. Usually A's B's and C's are roughly rubberbanded together and so forth. None have been returned to me yet. I hope it doesn't happen again.

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Cepzeň(Czechoslovakia): "Dear Collaborator: Zend us at wonce the zecret formula for ze horrible new American mentality-debilitating anti-personnel weapon called Cognaretto."

Kathy Byrne(New York, USA): "In answer to C-G, yes, I did receive the money and his request that I send it to you anonymously with a letter that you were a communist. However, I did not want to ruin his joke and I could not figure out a way to get it past you. I knew you'd recognize my typewriter type from work and home and my handwriting was definitely out, so I tried to help the best I could. I gave my money to Dick Martin who was supposed to have one of his clones mail it on to you. So now I know never trust anyone but Jim Williams to help you out. Next time I'll do it myself--you know I always get involved in these things...My apologies to C-G. It won't happen again!"

Randolph Smyth(Alberta, Canada): "Just went through the zine and am not really clear about what C-G Spare is talking about when he quotes my name on p. 6. He sent me money for something?--what? It must have 'disappeared'--no wonder if it was cash. How much is a forint worth anyhow?"

Pete Tamlyn(United Kingdom): "I enclose his [C-G's] Hungarian money and letter. The reason that I didn't send it on earlier is that I am not too keen on hoaxes."

Well C-G must be Cepzeň because he wrote me earlier that he was going to Poland and
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Czechoslovakia. In #15, C-G revealed his plot where he sent many of EE's subbers, money from European countries with instruction, if they would, to forward it anonymously to me praising me for EE's postal communism. He had heard nothing from me and so was wondering what happened.

Dick Martin sent me Kathy's money and Pete, there was no letter and no money enclosed in your letter. C-G has said that the money, mostly from the communist countries is next to worthless.

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Mike Mills(New York, USA): "Regarding Spare's question about Kathleen Ni Houlihan. Yes, it's 'Ni', which in Gaelic means 'daughter of'. In later years, that prefix was dropped in favor of the 'O's and 'Mc's, which mean 'son of' and now are used as 'child of'. Anyway in the 1800s, say 1860s, the Fenian movement started, quasi-political, quasi-linguistic and quasi-cultural, etc. In an effort to recover the Irishness of Ireland plays, poems, books, etc were written about being Irish, history, folk tales, etc. Now, one of the devices used by the writers in Ireland in this period was the personification of 'Eire' through a person called Kathleen Ni Houlihan. She is to Ireland, what Uncle Sam is to the USA.

Houlihan is the woman in Singe's play, "Playboy of the Western World"(a minor part), and she is the title character in Yeat's "Cathleen Ni Houlihan", first performed at the Abbey in Dublin in 1902. The standard representation of her is that she is an old woman, who had four green fields, representing Leinster, Munster, Connacht and Ulster. Somebody took them anyway from her and her four sons went off to fight the robber baron."

Randolph Smyth(Alberta, Canada): "Kathleen ni Houlihan(p.5) is the title of a play--by Bernard Shaw, I think, though I've just riffled through my library and can't find it. Whoever did write it, the name may have been taken from a historical figure. I don't know. I don't remember anything about the play(isn't this terrible?) or I would probably be more authoritative."

☐ Thanks to you two for answering the first of C-G's two questions. I really expected some lawyers out there to answer the second one. What about it guys?

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Ron Brown(Québec, Canada): "I'd also like to thank you for keeping up the pressure on folded publishers. The first that I heard Clive Tonge is planning to send me the balance of sub money he holds for Infidel was when I read his letter in EE #15. I immediately fired a letter off to him asking for clarification. Will let you know what comes of it."

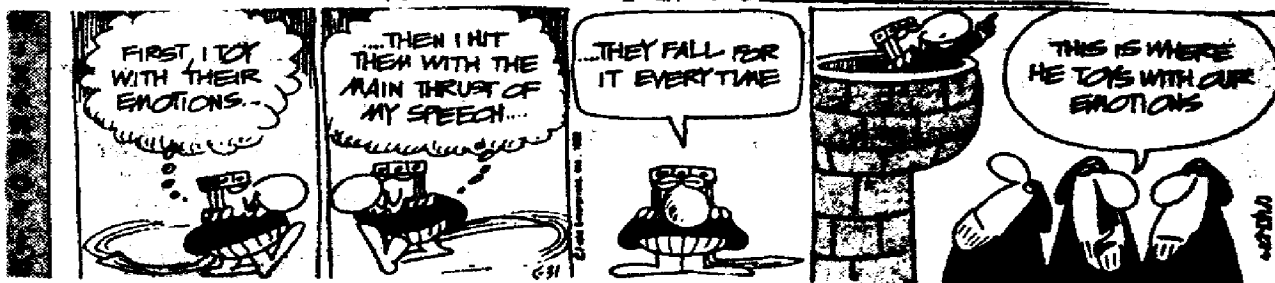
John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "I have to agree with you, if a pubber folded his zine, I would expect my money back right away, not after a series of pleas to him/her."

Bob Osuch(Illinois, USA): "I was reading EE #15, and when I came to the part about Jerry Austin, I had to stop and write this. First, Jerry Austin has nobody to blame but himself for any criticism he may have received regarding his pubbing policies or manner in which he folded. As far as I am concerned Jerry pubbed so irregularly that he folded and unfolded several times before he finally made it official. The fact that you beat him to the punch by requesting a refund is not an abnormal or unreasonable action, though some may disagree. The fact that you were the first to request retribution may very well be because you were one of the very few paying subbers. Allow me to relate my experience's with Jerry.

I signed up for a game (80 IS) in Whitestonia to be run in Dave White's Cat-tastrophe. Unfortunately, Dave left the hobby and Jerry Austin volunteered to run the game in his new zeen Klepto-Mania. 'What a nice guy', I thought. 'He's not even charging us a sub fee. All was well for the first few months, then the zeen started appearing sporadically. Things got worse; instead of weeks late, it became months late.

Finally, I wrote to Jerry a polite letter proposing that he either run the game on

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"time or let me rehouse it for him. Behind me 100 % was my ally, Kathy Byrne, and Steve Heinowski. I wrote the letter in December of 1981, and come March I still had not received the zeen or the courtesy of a reply from Jerry. At that point I considered him an asshole, and along with Kathy, tried to rehouse the game. Suddenly, in April I believe, we heard from Jerry that he was folding, but would run our game to completion. Since then, he has been reliable, but I still resent the delay and lack of explanation from Jerry. A simple postcard could have explained things, but Jerry apparently felt that we were unworthy of such a Herculean effort.

In the meantime, interest has waned in the game to the point that we're just playing out the positions in hopes of ending things as quickly as possible. Steve Heinowski resigned recently, though I don't know his reasons. Anyway, I will never consider Jerry Austin a responsible person even if he refunds his sub fees ten times over. And I'm really surprised that Kathy defended him in Whitestonia #49. I sure didn't get a positive impression regarding Jerry from her letters."

□ I did think Gerald Austin was overly sensitive to criticism when I asked for my money back after not seeing his zine for 5 months. Kathy was under the impression that I had hounded Gerald, even after receiving my refund, which was not true, and which she didn't know when Whitestonia #49 came out.

At this point, Gerald Austin, Olive Tonge and Jack Brawner have all three given back what they owe people. I met Jack at ORIGINS and he is a very sincere guy who is coming back into the hobby and if he is written will refund as he has done for Bill Becker (who also called me to inform me of it). I also had a nice time talking to Brad Wilson, which may come as a surprise to some of you.

I don't consider folded pubbers as pariahs once they refund money. Until they do refund the money, I think pressure should be gently applied to them to meet their obligation. I agree with John that subbers shouldn't have to be the ones to write to the pubber. The pubber should do that on his own.

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Simon Billenness (United Kingdom): "I was curious to see from the Zine Directory that there are only roughly twice as many US zines as British ones. Since your population is between four and five times the size of ours and since your hobby was around several years before postal gaming started in Britain, I would have thought your hobby would be at least five times as large if not more. It's not even that your zines have larger circulations than ours. Apart from Diplomacy World, for which there is no equivalent in Britain, your leading zines like EE, Diplomacy Digest and Graustark have, on average, a circulation of 125, almost exactly the same figure as equivalent zines in Britain, say, Ode, Greatest Hits and NPR!

Another interesting fact that I've noticed is that our hobby is growing faster than yours if you base that assumption on the number of new zines. Already this year we've seen three zines start up (Stick the Knife In, Zine To Be Believed and recently En Gardian) whereas you say in EE #14 that no new zines have started so far in America.

I wonder if anyone in America agrees with this or has any reasons for it. I have my own ideas but I'd like to see what everyone else thinks first."

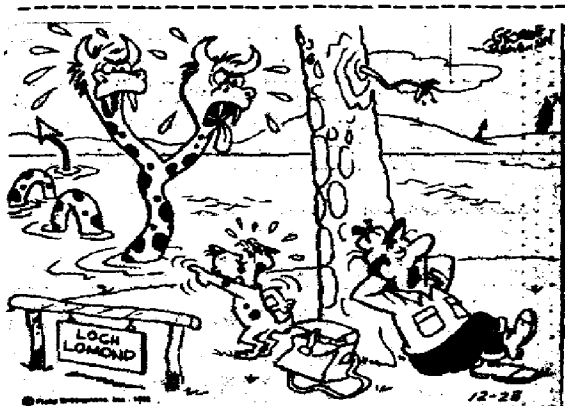
□ That has changed according to a new zine Perelandra (Pete Gaughan) which lists 1982 zines as Winsome Losesome (Judy Winsome), Modern Patriot (Bill Highfield), Damn the Torpedos (Greg Fritz), Vortex (Bo McSweeney), Empires (Ralph Montonaro); Hansard (Robert Sacks) and no name (John Strain). I have seen four of those and another new one is Magus by Steve Langley. EE is closer to 110 (trust me!) and Envoy has 130 plus. At ORIGINS, Rod Walker said that Diplomacy World has just over 400 circulation and Dick Martin, who is putting together a census of North American hobby members, says roughly 1,200 are part of the Diplomacy hobby--a figure that surprised me; I thought closer to 2,000.

Others over here have commented that Britain doesn't have much less zines than we do. What is YOUR theory?

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Jaap Jacobs (The Netherlands): "There's really not much problem in starting a Zine Bank. Isn't there a hobby member willing to take up such a job? Couldn't you, in an article, tell the hobby that a Zine Bank will have its advantages? It seems so easy to start up.

□ Britain has a Zine Bank which sends out samples of zines on request. The US has nothing like that. People over here are always selling their old zines off. If someone wanted to collect all of those, and was supported by the hobby as in Britain financially, we could have a valuable hobby service. Any response to Jaap's idea? □□□ (42)



"I give up. What has two heads, is 60 feet long and swims?"

Mark Larzelere(Maryland, USA): "I've noticed that your zine has discussions on a wide variety of political subjects--all of them important to world events. But I've noticed that one particular subject--one having great influence on the news--hasn't yet been discussed. I'm talking, of course, about mutant cave creatures.

For example, how do you feel about the way the Argentinians dealt with them when they were occupying the Falklands? It seems obvious to me that their failure to subdue them--while the British knew how to because of their years on the islands--was a significant factor in their defeat. These monsters are also raiding herds of cattle in the Rocky Mountains, causing a rise in food prices and contributing to world inflation.

What do you think is the best way to handle them?

Do you think Reagan should continue assaulting them with conventional weapons, even though bullets have only a minimal effect on them? Or should we start developing viruses fatal to them, and risk having them spread into other populations? Personally, I feel that the recombinant DNA approach--developing other monsters tailor-made to fight them--is the best approach.

Perhaps you're like Reagan, and ignore this issue because you don't take it seriously. But when these mutant cave creatures start roaming the streets of Memphis, don't say you weren't warned."

□ You know, Mark, something has been spooking Elsie lately. Since I am not home at night due to my job, I have been unaware of this problem, but no longer. I think that this situation is APPALLING! Please tell me any other information you may have.

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Bill Highfield(New York, USA): "I suppose one could say I am a melting pot. My father's family line traces to English, French, Canadian and Irish descent. My mother's traces back to German, Polish and just a pinch of Italian. As far as I am concerned, I'm an American 100 % and nothing else. The United States is my home and I would never leave it. I would(and will) put my life on the line to protect the most powerful and freest country in the world."

□ Modern Patriot is a new zine from Bill "the Reaganite" Highfield(2012 Ridge Road East, Rochester, New York 14622 USA), as he calls himself. EE asks all subbers to let me know the origin of your name for a secret hobby project which I think you will all enjoy. Let's look at some more of these.....

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Tom Mainardi(Pennsylvania, USA): "I guess I should tell you of my ancestry although it's already obvious. I am, to the best of my knowledge, 100 % Italian. My mother's mom is from Riccia in the regione of Molise and my father's father is from Macchia d'Isernia also in Molise. I don't know where my other grandparents are from but their last names were Fanelli and Tartaglione which leave little doubt. The regione of Molise is on the Adriatic side directly east of Rome. It used to be a part of the regione Abruzzi e Molise but apparently the two were separated."

John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "I have always viewed this 'roots' business with contempt, so I can't tell you much. In racially attentive Nazi Germany, they defined a 'pure German' as one with 4 German grandparents; by that standard, I can and do claim to be pure American, with 4 American grandparents. All of them were Polish Americans though; their parents came here. My paternal grandmother(the only one I really knew) had a slight accent. I don't know if it was a Polish accent or a Milwaukee accent though. The great grandparents spoke Polish; the grandparents spoke Polish but understood English and could converse well whenever Polish was inappropriate. The parents spoke English but understood Polish and could speak it when they HAD to. We kids know only English, and take German or Spanish in school! My grandmother said we were from the Poznan area--German 'Posen' at that time. My ancestors came here to avoid the draft for the Franco-German War of 1870-71! Only in my generation did our racial purity break down: I married a girl with a German surname. The whole clan lived where I grew up, Milwaukee. "Michalski" fills columns in that phone book as it does in Poznan. In Oklahoma City(650,000) there are 4."

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"explain my tendency to play Diplomacy the way I do. (Lord and Lady MacBeth, the sometime King and Queen of Scotland, did have a son, Lullach MacBeth, and insofar as I know he had descendants.) (Anyway, I get all itchy and excited every time I see a knife...)"

Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "Arnawoodian, as you know, is of Armenian origin. Both my parents were born in Turkey and came to the US before they were 5. At one time, the Arnawoods were a tribe of Gypsies who settled in Armenia. Actually they came from Bulgaria and in Turkish 'Arnawood' means 'Bulgar.'

□ You know, Steve and Rod, sometimes I think people in this hobby don't always tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth!



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Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "Porter Wightman's view of Dutch society seems immensely strange to me. I have never seen the slightest mark of what he says about being in or out. It may have been so 15 years ago, but by now I'm not sure. I've never heard anyone say something like that about Holland before. I would like him to be a little more specific in saying what families are "in".

As to commercials on TV, nowadays there are blocks around the 8 o'clock news as well as round the half past nine news and the late news broadcasts. So I think that by now there are less commercials than there were. As the broadcast system has remained the same I don't think there has been very much change.

Indeed, Holland has been in a process of modernization. Everything goes faster, there's more hurry nowadays. Strange the more Americanization, the stronger the anti-American sentiment. Are these linked in some way?"

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "I was much interested in Porter Wightman's letter about the Netherlands...It is funny to read that Americans use the word "Americanization" to describe the speeding up of the pace of life. That reminds me of the time when I was working for KAMLAG(a major Belgian-Dutch toy importer). Our boss, Mr. De Nert, used to say "I am very Americanized", which for him meant that his employees were only allowed one religion: The Company(with capital letters). Today, said Mr. De Nert is in jail for having mistaken The Company's funds with his own pocket..."

It also reminds me of Sears & Roebuck when they purchased one of Brussels main chain-stores(Galleries Anspach), in 1974. The S&R staff immediately decided that what worked in the US was to work here too. Hence they promoted sales by post(in a country four times more populated than Maryland, where there are chain stores round almost every corner..), reduced salesmen's lunch time from 1 hour to 30 minutes("There's a Big Mac just near."), transferred departments from one floor to another every two months(customers have to walk through the store...), and even tried sales by phone(in Belgium, dear, where privacy is more than a cult...). S&R-Belgium bankrupted in early 1976

That TV question is interesting too. The whole of Belgium is connected to cable TV, which means we have the choice between 13 channels(2 French-speaking Belgian, 3 French, 1 Luxemburg, 2 Dutch-speaking Belgian, 2 Dutch and 3 German), which is much more when compared, for instance, with France and their 3 local channels. But despite the fact that commercials are allowed on all foreign TVs, they're still strictly forbidden on the Belgian state-operated channels. Even referring to trademarks or private companies is prohibited, and there's recently been a big discussion at our Parliament as to know whether it was legal to retransmit soccer matches with publicity panels around the stadium.

Today some representatives propose to allow commercials on our channels, but they would still be limited to 3 minutes every hour, and couldn't in any case be broadcasted in the middle of a film or a serial. In fact, the main problem is here: without public aid, the whole Belgian press would have bankrupted long ago(the country is too small and two languages don't help). If TV commercials are allowed, then the last financial resources of most newspapers will vanish, and political or trade unions will find themselves without any tribune.

Belgian TV is only from 4 PM until midnight, though there are programs in the morning called "school TV", aimed at teachers and students. After midnight, programs are forbidden for the "obvious" reason that people must sleep at least 6 hours per night to be in good condition...Films are limited to 3 per week(Monday, Thursday and Friday evening, the latter being of the "obscure-intellectual-Czech-or-Turkish" kind). And we even have that wonderful invention, the "white square": if our beloved censors who know better than us what's good and what's evil decide that there's too much violence/sex in a film, it's

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"broadcasted with a large white square in the lower right corner of the screen. That means "It's time to go to bed, boys and girls."

Who can expect more from a country where abortion still leads to imprisonment? Why did our King marry that Spanish religious bigot?

Oh yes! Dallas, J.P. and the whole Ewing family are very popular over here. The problem is that we have to watch Bobby fighting his brother on foreign channels. Dallas, according to our good censors-who-know, has no intellectual value..I've been very happy to read that Larry Hagman, during his trip to Europe, had no intention to visit Belgium. "It's too small", he said. And I guess he was right...."

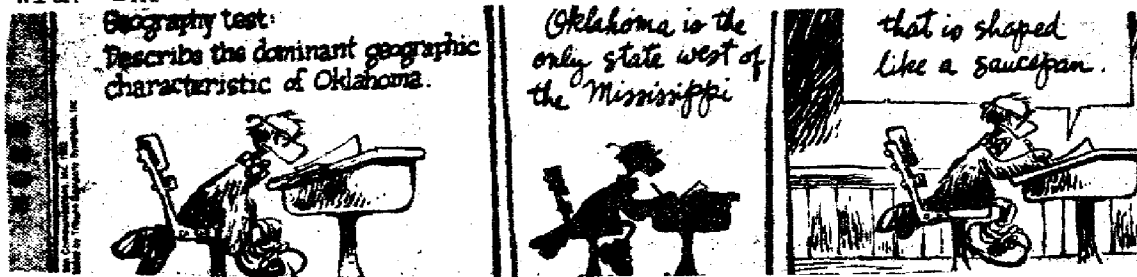
□ Kristin did it! Michel said that the shows are still broadcast even though the white square shows up. The white square simply means that you should not let your kids see this program. In the US, movies shown on TV are often edited, with the phrase "Edited for television" at the beginning. They don't even trust adults! Some of my most hilarious moments have been trying to piece together the plot of a movie that was butchered by the censors. However films and cable television are not edited. And TV is on all the time here in the states.

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Thomas Franke(West Germany): "Well-- 'ZAT' stands for 'Zugsabgabetermin' and means 'order-hand over-date', if you translate each word from this long German term into English. It's simply the deadline!.....Dixie Gray has written to me and included 'some pictures' --I never had expected she would do so. I smiled a little bit, and on the other hand I'm interested in her person. I know that she's playing with Kathy in a Dip-game somewhere, but what does she do in normal life? She lives in Enid, Oklahoma; I don't know much about Oklahoma and can only imagine that it is a state with big desert areas, hm? Is there industry there or do the people live mainly from agriculture and cattle-breeding?"

□ I think Michalski's into cattle-breeding.....Dixie Gray wants to be the hobby "porno queen" and has said that she sends sexy clippings in each Dip letter she writes. So you are interested in her "person", eh Thomas!! Oklahoma has plains, not deserts, lots of oil wells and some large cities. Maybe we can get John Michalski and/or Al Giddings who is a dentist in Enid to describe their state.

As for ZAT, I kept seeing that term in the German zines I get. It was clear that it was being used to mean deadline because a date would always follow it. However, I couldn't figure out what it meant. So I called Konrad Baumeister, pubber of Give Me A Weapon(see page 3) who told me what it meant and Thomas also wrote to me. I like it so much that all games in EE will have 'ZAT'. So remember, EE is the only zine in North America with 'ZAT'!!



Mike Mills(New York, USA): "Let me begin with comments on Pete Birks' letter on pg. 30 of EE #14. I'm sorry that I dared use a public forum(EE) to conduct a private communication with Tom Mainardi regarding ancestry(the anti-Italian stuff). I'm sorry that Pete Birks takes offense at that. I'm also sorry to say that Pete Birks is an arse! What the hell has the Mills-Mainardi/Irish-Italian feud have to do with a 'theoretical basis of communication'? I think Birks has been hitting the sauce a bit heavy and losing at Ladbrokes for too long!

Birks, I didn't give one thought to what you or anyone else would think of that article when I wrote it. In my mind's eye I was wondering how Tom would take it! Sorry Petey, old chap, but sometimes it doesn't matter what you think. The article was written FOR Tom Mainardi.

As for my "full-worded bigotry", I can at least joke about bigotry and even set myself up for the charge in order to have a little fun, while you take issue with everything resembling hostile feelings towards a particular race or creed. Where have you read my

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" 'bigotry' before? In Emhain Macha in editorials hostile to the British government?

If so, you confuse contempt for the Limey Govt with contempt for the people of the British Isles! That's not true in my case. I know several of your peers to be quite conscientious and level-headed people. I spent some time in Britain during the Queen's Jubilee and was one of them who cheered along the procession route from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's and who really appreciated the extravaganza along the Embankment that night. I enjoyed London, such little places as Kirky Stephens, Buxton, Bury St. Ives, Carlisle and the wonderful Lake District. And if I had my druthers I'd be living in Little Venice. I have no contempt for the British, but the policies of antiquated colonialism expounded by your rulers makes me sick.

You, Birks, delineate anti-US Govt and anti-American thought in your defense. Can't you understand that the same holds true for me?

And finally in regards to your comment that I seem to imagine that British troops WANT to stay in Northern Ireland, all I can say is you must skim and not read, or perhaps you haven't read enough of what I've had to say about the situation! I know that English, Welsh and Scottish sentiment is against armed occupation, but that the Govt feels obligated to keep the peace using any means at their disposal, even if it means occupation. Britain's burden is formulating a withdrawal acceptable to the Orangemen, i.e. isn't a 'sell-out' and is acceptable to the minority, i.e. not a return to pre-1969.

Regarding 'eccentric thinking', the US can't stop it! One time Chief Justice of our Supreme Court Oliver Wendell Holmes put forth the concept of the market place of ideas in court decisions. Every avenue of thought, however odd, inflammatory or utopian is given play in the media, except of course where the economic marketplace forbids the dissemination of such to a small, unprofitable audience.

Regarding 'Jingoism', Britain's press seems quite at home mouthing the words of the Govt and amplifying them to such a degree as to raise questions about a free press in Britain doing its duty as watchdog of the Govt. EVEN during Vietnam and Iran our press corps never sunk so low. Perhaps the Yahoo outlets like the New York Post (Rupert Murdoch's paper) did so, but British propaganda during the Falklands affair has laid to rest this question once and for all!

Regarding Neville, I believe that you're right, but that he should have played the part of a peaceful man trying to restrain a rearming and warlike Germany in 1938. 'Talk softly but carry a big stick', i.e., "Sure, Mr. Hitler we want peace, but I've got 42 divisions and the best Navy afloat to kick your ass, if you take one more step."

□ Mike's zine, Emhain Macha, is named after the Irish history he loves so much, and he has often criticized the actions of the British government in Northern Ireland. It seems as if most of the misconceptions of Europeans and North Americans come from how we are viewed most usually by the other, which is through our governments' actions. I think people to people we would all get along fine. This hobby of ours certainly draws varied viewpoints! Below is a ballot form for the Eminent Awards, a new poll run by Mike Mills and based on the Gladys Awards run in Britain. Details on the poll are on page 33.

Eminent Award Ballot Form, 1982

(Deadline: September 4, 1982)

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BEST GM _____
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BEST ZINE FOR DIPLOMACY _____
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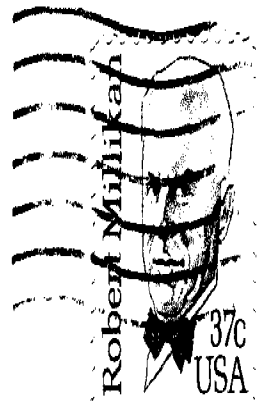
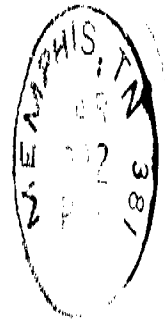
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