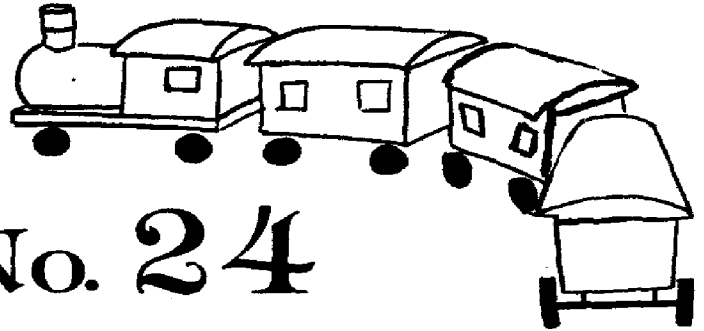


Europa Express

THE PUBBER: Gary L. Coughlan

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USA (901)-362-7206

See this woman?!
The one to the ~~back~~
of these words?!
How many of you
have been thinking
that she is riding
a horse?! Well it
is not a horse! It's
a bull!! A full
explanation is given on
page 42. You can find
out about the dumb train too!



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§ In May, 1983, our hobby celebrated its 20th anniversary as a postal hobby. On May 1, 1963, John Boardman began publishing what is now the oldest continuing zine in the world, Graustark. It is he that the Boardman Numbers for all Diplomacy games are named for. There are now Diplomacy players on all continents except for maybe Antarctica. EE has just gotten its first African subber! (See page 43).

§ My overtime at work has continued unbroken, even though some part-time help has now been brought in. One good thing is that they haven't taken my off days! Memphis recently saw little Brandon Hall, the 2-time liver transplant 13-month-old, fight so hard. More on Brandon on page 19. Memphis is also honoring Israel in its yearly "Memphis in May" celebration. Last year was the Netherlands and next year will be Mexico. Is barbeque kosher?!

§ Many Memphians have gotten fed up with all the topless night clubs here and they formed a group called Memphians Against Degeneracy (M.A.D.) who picket night clubs and porno movies. Their efforts caused the city to outlaw topless dancers which angered the night club managers, dancers and their patrons who promptly formed their own group called Memphians Against Social Harrassment (M.A.S.H.). MASH members went to the Opera House here which was putting on a performance of Macbeth (and which featured an actress in the role of "Hecate" rising topless from a boiling cauldron) and when "Hecate" did her thing, 20 MASH members (both men and women) stood up and bared their chests. While waving flashlights, candles and cigarette lighters all around. MASH said that what they were doing was every bit as "artistic" as what Macbeth's "Hecate" did. The MASH-MAD debate rages on. What's next?????!!

§ Mike Mills, pubber of Emhain Macha, has called me a few times on the telephone, and often, as not, will attempt to disguise his voice as a Irishman, Briton, German or even a Southerner. So when I got a call from someone with a French accent, it sounded just like Mike Mills to me and I wasn't going to be fooled again. But I was! The caller was Luc Dodinval, one of the pubbers of Belgium's Mach die Spuhl. He mentioned a possible international convention when I go to Europe in October.

§ This issue has a lot: We got Nass Murders with more raunchy press, a Mos Eisley Spaceport from John Michalski, the endgame statements for Apis 1981 AO, the answers to Rod Walker's quiz from EE #22, and several polls for you to vote in.

§ At work I've been eating chicken salad sandwiches for lunch. Only rarely will someone order from Luigi's which serves great spaghetti and meatballs with a salad so I jumped at the chance when they did. At lunchtime, I rushed to the front of the building to get the lunches (they put everyone's in a box and mine was on top) and rush back in time to clock out. So far so good but in my rushing, I bumped into a letter rack, toppled my spaghetti dinner (\$4.00 down the drain!) into mail sacks going to Little Rock. They said it went into about 4 sacks, the mail was soaked. My supervisor said the "next time" I do that to notify her, like I planned on doing it!

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I hope it's a LONG HOT SUMMER.....I'm so sick of rain, rain, rain!

Dear Gary, see pages 19, 39 and 43!
I will (I promise!) write soon.
Gary

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The subject of Pat Hart's DIPSCRIPTION this month is that Belgian publisher of Chantecler, known as Michel Liesnard (also known as "Cuddles" by Kathy Byrne) who is well-known for his socialist views to readers of this zine, in debates with John Michalski. He speaks several languages and does translation work for various embassies including the Nicauragan and Iranian ones (The Iranians kicked him out!) Pat created these DIPSCRIPTIONS and they are based on what he reads about you here in EE and in other zines. Now let's look at the famous gourmet, Michel Liesnard!

<u>NAME:</u> Michel Liesnard	<u>SEX:</u> Only if you're bi-lingual
<u>NICKNAME:</u> Cuddles	<u>EYES:</u> Listening
<u>HOME:</u> Any foreign embassy	<u>HAIR:</u> Slick
<u>BIRTHDATE:</u> October, 1938	<u>LOOKS:</u> Social
<u>NOTED FOR:</u> Kathy Byrne's favorite European	<u>AMBITION:</u> Punch John Michalski
<u>TURN-ON:</u> Goose liver	<u>TURN-OFF:</u> Killing the goose
<u>FAVORITE CITY:</u> New York	<u>FAVORITE COUNTRY:</u> Belgium
<u>FAVORITE FOOD:</u> Fast	<u>FAVORITE RESTAURANT:</u> McDonalds
	<u>FAVORITE LIQUOR:</u> Johnny Walker Red
<u>FAVORITE TV SHOW:</u> "What's My Line?"	<u>FAVORITE MOVIE:</u> Oh God!
<u>FAVORITE SONG:</u> The Yanks Are Coming	<u>FAVORITE PEOPLE:</u> Southerners
<u>FAVORITE PHRASE:</u> All for one and one for all.	

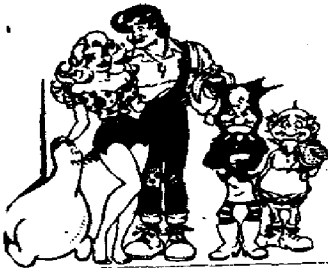
FAVORITE POEM: ----- Michel Liesnard is across the ocean,
His letters stir strong emotions,
One of these days he will see,
It's not either we or thee.



LIVEN UP YOUR LIVES, be a Malmberger (see page 42). Only used for one position at a time, you get 2 EEs added to your sub now and 4 more when you complete an assignment. Join up with these 32 Malmbergers!: Ieapo Stabo, Peter Ansoff, Steve Arnawoodian, Mike Barno, Doug Beyerlein, James Briggs, Jim Burgess, Don Del Grande, Rich Delzer, Mark Frueh, Al Giddings, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinoski, Bill Highfield, Rick Holman, Hauke Jansen, Mark Keller, Pierre Kotschoubey, Rob Landeros, Mark Larzelere, Dustin Laurence, Mark Luedi, (2)

John MacFarlane, Tom Mainardi, Larry Neubauer, Bob Osuch, Jane Proskin, Kevin Stone, Don Williams, Dan Wilson, and James Woodson. Thank you all for Malmbergaring!

POSTAL DIP IS 20 YEARS OLD!!



Our hobby, play-by-mail Diplomacy is 20 years old this month! On May 1, 1963, John Boardman (whom our Boardman numbers are named after) began publishing Graustark, the oldest continuing zine in the world. It is still being published today.

The play-by-mail hobby has allowed most of us to play a game for which we can find few face-to-face opponents and make a lot of friends while doing so. The articles in this issue are about Diplomacy, the game, and Diplomacy, the friends that we meet and also the many zines which have followed in the wake of Graustark.

First up is the newest pubber in North America today, James Woodson. James pubs Raging Main (P.O. Box 33032, Pensacola, Florida 32508 USA for 12 issues at \$5.00) and offers regular Diplomacy, including a game for military personnel only. He just graduated from college and the Navy ROTC program that he was in, and is now stationed in Florida for flight school. On his way from Minnesota, James stopped in Memphis and saw my palatial plantation (read: trailer) and as a South Californian born in Connecticut, experienced some culture shock which spawned this article. He wrote me afterwards: "After leaving Memphis, I thought about how you referred to me as a "Yankee" and that gave me the idea for this article. I think it belongs in your zine, not mine. Perhaps you could write me one for Raging Main in 'payment'." It's a deal, James!

It is very interesting to travel to other countries but even sometimes to parts of your own country and see the differences that are revealed. James said that the Mississippi River was much wider here than in Minneapolis where his college was located on both sides of the river---I couldn't believe an 1/8 of a mile width! He commented on how humid the weather was here, something I never notice. Keith Sherwood (New Mexico) also mentioned that when he was here. James also said that he hoped he didn't start talking like us Southerners! He didn't think he had an accent. He does! It is always interesting to see stereotypes broken. What images do you have of the South? No, really besides the KKK, Gone With the Wind and moonshine. And what about Yankees? Let James tell it....

WHAT IS A YANKEE?

---by James S. Woodson

Recently, I moved from Minnesota to Florida and passed through Memphis on the way. While there I met the infamous Gary Coughlan. I drove to his humble (and it certainly is) abode and parked my car on the street outside. Gary commented when I was inside that his neighbors would wonder why he was entertaining a "Yankee" after they saw my car (with Minnesota plates.)

I've never considered myself a "Yankee" and I got to thinking what a Yankee was. I remembered a tale my father (a real Connecticut Yankee) told me about what a Yankee was. Are you ready to take notes?

The definition of what a Yankee is depends entirely on who is doing the defining. To a European, it is anyone who is from the United States. Am I wrong? Ask someone from the South and he'll say it's anyone from north of the Mason-Dixon line. (Right, Gary?) [NO! To me, and most Southerners, the South is the 11 states of the Confederacy and parts of Kentucky, Missouri and Oklahoma.] A resident of Pennsylvania or New York will say that a Yankee is someone living in New England. Someone in Connecticut will define it as someone from Massachusetts or northwards. Someone in Massachusetts will say a Yankee is a man from Vermont. And a Vermont resident defines a Yankee as someone who eats apple pie for breakfast.

Any Questions? ((Thanks, James!))



Comrade:

Monetary compensation for services rendered is enclosed--the princely sum of 500 Mexican pesos. We cannot thank you enough for masking a very real threat to our foreign policy. If MacFarlane's revealing article had gone un rebutted, Lenin knows what would've happened. Fortunately, we have succeeded in masking the threat, and it appears that no radical changes will take place.

Unfortunately, Mr. MacFarlane's article has had its effects. Bruce Linsey of Albany, New York, a diplomat of some repute, has compromised his position in Diplomacy game 1981 AM and agreed to a draw with a fellow player, going against all of his principles to do so. This can only be a preparatory move preceding Linsey's move to the State Department; obviously he desired to end all of his Diplomacy commitments in as painless a way as possible. The Kremlin has instructed the removal of this threat to the Motherland, and we have complete confidence in you.

Remember, Jack, the work we are entrusting you with is highly important and confidential; one slip-up will end your sun-drenched life of leisure in a hurry. Be extremely careful. You will be contacted within fifteen days.

Sincerely:

Ivan Cohanosky
Chief of Foreign Affairs

((In mid-May, Jack Fleming left Mexico and returned to Seattle, Washington and is expected to resume publication of his zine, Paranoiacs' Monthly, in June. What does this mean for our hobby?))

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Next up is a 5-part series of articles about winning in Diplomacy which begin publication in ~~EE~~ this time. The author is "Billy Argon", a pseudonym for a well-known hobby member who prefers to remain anonymous while revealing the techniques which have won him/her several games. Part I is about....

PLAY DIPLOMACY TO WIN
(Part 1) --by "Billy Argon"

At the risk of getting a reputation as a "Win Only" player (one of the surest "Kisses of Death" in postal Diplomacy) I'm writing this series of articles on playing Diplomacy to win. Not to draw. Not to place. Not to survive. To win. First place in a head-on match against six other players. If you enjoy making friends with two to six-way draws then this series might not be for you. If, on the other hand, you would like to bask in the glory once in a while and have never quite made it to eighteen centers, then read on.

Winning Diplomacy starts as soon as you decide to join another game. To win Diplomacy a player must avoid an overload of games. Before joining another one, you have to be sure that you can keep up with the extra work that the game will bring. That means stepping back and taking a look at your gaming load and deciding if another 20 or 30 letters a month are going to be too much. If you're in more than a half a dozen games, then it might be better to concentrate on them rather than trying to get in deeper. If you overload yourself and can't give a game the attention it deserves, you're going to lose. Or maybe get in a draw. Other players stab an overloaded player like they stab a piece of prime rib--with relish. First they'll think, "I haven't heard from him in a long time" and then when they do, "Boy, he didn't have much to say". And finally, "Well, if I have to stab somebody then it might as well be him. He won't notice it--seems like he doesn't even know this game is going on". Elimination City.

If you think you can join another game and keep up the letter-obligations then it's time to sit down and choose where to play. It's best to choose a zine which you already subscribe to and know is regular. If there is a three week turnaround between deadlines and your receiving of the zine, mark that one off. Look for a zine that comes out regular as clockwork--you'll stay more interested in the game and the other players will too. This isn't always easy. Usually



"Billy Argon" on winning at Dip (from page 5))

the quick-turnaround zines are very popular. Game openings are rare and quickly filled. But it's usually better to be patient and play in a quality zine than to join a game and have to wait weeks to see the results of each season.

When you have your zine chosen, it's time to write up a preference list. If you're out to win and have a favorite country--put it first. Your confidence and knowledge of a country will make up for any strategic liabilities it might have. If this is your

first game or if you have no real preference, by all means put Russia first on your list. Statistics show that Russia is by far the winningest country. Far ahead of all the rest. Germany and Austria rank second and third respectively. If you're going for a win, you might as well let the percentages work with you.

(Next issue: Opening letters)

((Thanks, Billy! The cartoon on this page is not making fun of Billy by any means but many people in this hobby have won games (I'm not one of them!) Any guesses who Billy Argon is?))

\$ \$

In the article above, "Billy Argon" mentioned that players have favorite countries. Others have commented on how certain personalities are drawn to certain countries. Jim Finley examines this subject with a special emphasis on Turkey. And you can learn what a "stoat" is too. Go to your dictionary just like I did! But read this article first.....

THE TURKISH MENTALITY

--by Jim Finley

We've all seen that most people seem to be better suited to playing some countries than others. Which country, of course, depends on personality. Each country has its own character and after a while, the player may even begin to change, growing into the mold of which-ever country he or she is playing.

There are exceptions. France and England don't seem to warp the player's outlook in any special direction. If you're warped already, of course, your play will reflect your own twists and idiosyncrasies, but these two positions don't deform the psyche in any consistent way. They vary from player to player and game to game.

Germany, and even more so Austria, are for the straightforward swindlers; the people who, as infants, altered the dates on their birth certificates so they could buy liquor and get into dirty movies...the types who retire abroad with the life savings of the entire population of Yuma, Arizona. In other words, a lot of us. Nothing surprising there.

Russia and Italy are great fun for masochists. All you people who enjoy helpless frustration, these two are for you. Do you go to the dentist's office every year on your birthday? Do you buy your shoes a size small just for fun? Is your idea of a good time to anonymously turn yourself in to the IRS [Internal Revenue Service (or the tax people) to our foreign subbers!]? Put one of these babies first on your next preference list. You'll get it, and then you'll really get it. Happy headaches!

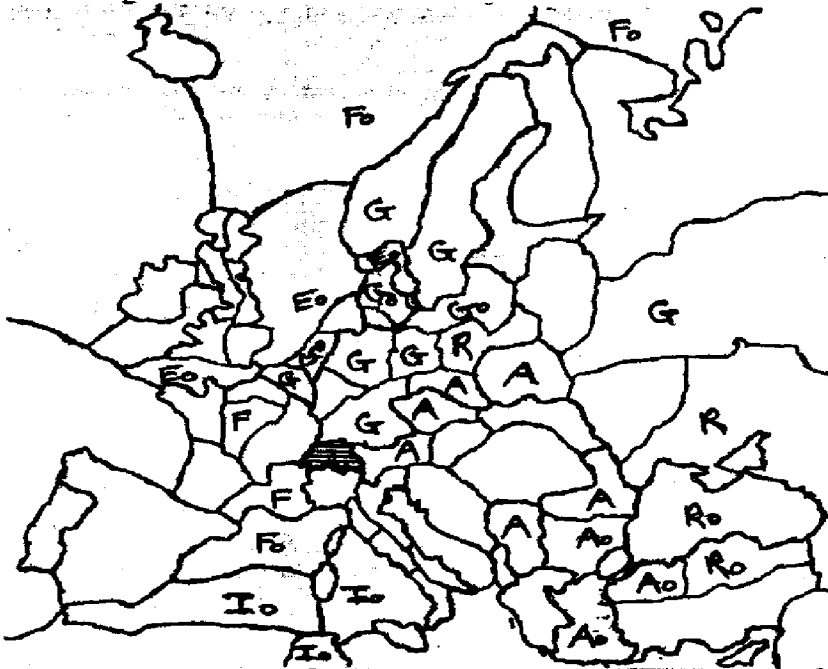
Turkey is the only country we have yet to discuss and Turkey is different. Turkey is the true twister of souls. Go ahead! Try it. If Gandhi played a game through as Turkey, by the time he wrote his endgame statement, he'd have a "Death Before Dishonor" tattoo and the Secret Service would be locking him up every time the President came to town.

The Turk is born with his back to the wall. No "slap of life" at this birth; the doctor may take a swing, but it will be with a scalpel. Our poor diplomat will have a fight on his hands from the moment the player list is mailed out--when he first reads that he has Turkey, he can expect an alliance to be forming against him already. Unless he's a smoothie--and most Turks aren't--he'll probably be facing Austria and Russia and possibly Italy too. Most of us have helped grind a few Turks into the pavement, lining up everyone against the poor wretches, leaving them friendless. It's all too easy to do, because Turkey is

((Because "Turkey is" continued on page 10))

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA EYEBALL TO EYEBALL IN CENTRAL EUROPE!!
 ITALY PREPARED TO DOMINATE MEDITERRANEAN!!
 ANGLO-FRENCH FLEETS TOTALLY BLOCKCADE GERMAN POSSESSIONS!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1908 Ω

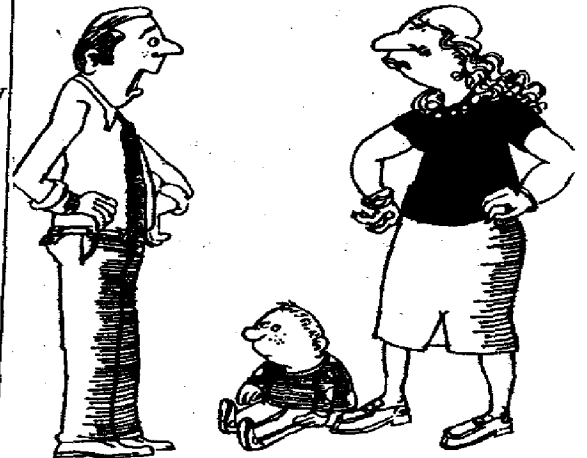


§ GAME: Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
 1981 AN
 § GM: Herr Gärren L. Kaufland
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1908
 § ZAT: Friday, June 17, 1983
 § GAME COLOR: Grün
 ¶ GAME NOTES: How many of you realized the due date for moves was Friday the 13th?!
 Jack's back in the states. His address, as of mid-May is
 Jack Fleming
 C/O 1732 18th Ave. "O"
 Seattle, Washington 98122
 U.S.A.

There is an English fleet in the Skaggerak and the Austrian fleet is on Bulgaria's east coast (Only south coast is parentheses)
 Your cartoon this time is from Punch magazine.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1908 §

DEUTSCHLAND: A (NWY) S French F Nwg-Bli(Imp)
 (Herr Jack Fleming) A Stp-(MOS), A (SWE) S A Nwy
 A (BEL) S French F Nao-Lpl(Imp), F Den-(BAL)
 F Hel-(DEN), F (HOL) S A Bel, A (BER)-Sil
 A Ruh-(KIE), A Bur-(MUN)
 ENGLAND: F (ENG)-Bel, F (NTH) S F Eng-Bel
 (Herr Mark Fassio) F (SKA) S F Nth
 FRANKREICH: F Nwg-(BAR), F Nao-(NWG)
 (Herr John Marsden) A (PAR)-Gas, A (MAR)-Gas
 F Wes-(LYO)
 ITALIEN: F Tys-(WES), F (TUN) S F Tys-Wes
 (Herr Allen Pearson) F Nap-(TYS)
 RUSLAND: A War-(PRU), A (SEV)-Ukr
 (Herr Patrick Conlon) F (BLA)-Sev, F (ANK) Holds
 ÖSTERREICH-UNGARN: A Vie-(BOH), A Tri-(TYO)
 (Herr Kerry Blant) A (RUM)-Ukr, F Gre-(AEG)
 A Gal-(WAR), A (SIL) S A Gal-War
 F Con-(BUL-ec), A (SER) S F Con-Bul(ec)
 F Smy-(CON)



If Germany and Austria Have A Show-down, What Will Tiny Russia, Abused By Both, Do????!! His Action Could-Determine Europe's Fate!!!

Memphis to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha: Everyone submitted press this time. Thanks!
 England to France: Past mistakes abound for us all. What's needed now is dedication--perseverance--and unGodly luck. I'm ready if you are.
 France to England: Still reading you, good buddy.
 Austria-Hungary to England and France: Let me know what the other two options are.
 France to Austria-Hungary: Why don't you make war on Germany? Do you want him to win?
 Bulgaria(RUSSIA) to Austria-Hungary: Take your fleet and shove it up your...uh...
 ...cathedral.

((And take yourselves to page 8 for the rest of the press!))

Austria-Hungary to World: Russia has called upon the Hapsburgs to aid in the disbanding of the Baltic Fleet. The Communist sailors have revolted against their rightful leaders. Franz-Blant agrees to the take-over and disbanding of the only menace that threatens peace in the Baltic.

Memphis to Austria-Hungary: Is that what Russia called out? Let me go back to page 7 and read it again!

England to Austria-Hungary: Archduke, the scent of victory is in your nostrils, but perhaps someone can yet punch those nostrils before you win this thing; it's only right.

Memphis to England: Maybe Italy will take on Austria....

Rome to Russia: Sorry, Pat. If you could have gotten me convinced Austria and France were allies, I might have hit Kerry, but my vendetta against France takes priority now.

Memphis: Perhaps, Russia then.....

M^Oscow to Rome:
You be one bad mutha
Then you be bery good
Next to sheep shafting Blant
You be in wrong neighborhood.
Me too.

England to Russia: Patrick, I salute you as you continue the fight like the last man in your geographical area (our ill-fated Malc "The *Mohammedan Turk" Smith). You too have surfaced in the Galicia-Warsaw-Livonia region. Excellent! Lord Fassio will try to "Dunkirk" your army out, if I can get in, that is. Good luck with finals and your trip "home" to Kansas.

Memphis to England: Kansas? I thought Patrick was going to Ft. Lauderdale after that gracious Kerry Blant invitation.

Russia to Austria: A typical Blant offering, your free stay in Ft. Liquordale. Too little, too late.

Memphis to Russia: Speaking of late.....

France to Germany: Your letters, dated 4/20 and 4/23, arrived here together on May 5th, giving me no time to reply. This I will do next season. Does Marty Ethington have a xerox machine?

Memphis to France: He has one at his place of work--we were in a game together...

Austria-Hungary to England: What work?

Memphis to Austria-Hungary: Work be a job, boah!

Austria-Hungary to Memphis: Ah whiss ah cood be tawkin dat'good ol boy tawk.

Memphis to Austria-Hungary: Y'all be doin' rite fine, ceptin' it be "boah" not "boy". Jest try tawkin to "Big Al" a bit, now y'heah?

Austria-Hungary to Italy: Pleezz dun be snatchin Venice.

Italy to Austria-Hungary: Kerry, I's doan got yur mushmouth letter, and it be fine wid me. Seez, I dun did what you axed. Is I a good ally now?

Austria-Hungary to Big Al: You've made the right choice. Soon your fleets will rule the seas. Your power will surpass that of France. Pizziola Pearson will rule Britannia.

England to Italy: Honest Al, distinguished member of S.L.O.P.! Are you going to stampe me erstwhile French colleague into coming south to stop you, thus allowing me to fall to the Hun? Surely you'd rather go after Franz-Blant?? If not, you and I will have to have a "Snore-off" Battle at MaryCon. Woody says you'll shake the walls down with your log-sawing! We shall see. Trip report: Eastern airlines to Philly(hahahaha), arriving 9PM. Perverse pleasures at Woody's Aquarium Parlour, complete with "Benny" Mainardi. Then on the road for a "Rendezvous with Destiny" (Shirley Destiny, a girl I used to date). Oh, bring Doogle--he'll be more conversant than some of the attending "East Coast Clique" zeros.

Austria-Hungary to England: I need you even if he don't.

[FRANCE]- M. le President feels he has no reason to trust the sneaky Kaiser, and advises all leaders, strong or weak, not to do so either.

Russia to Germany: Your slow responses are not due to the bizarreness of the Mexican Postal System. It's due to the bizarre way you treat allies.

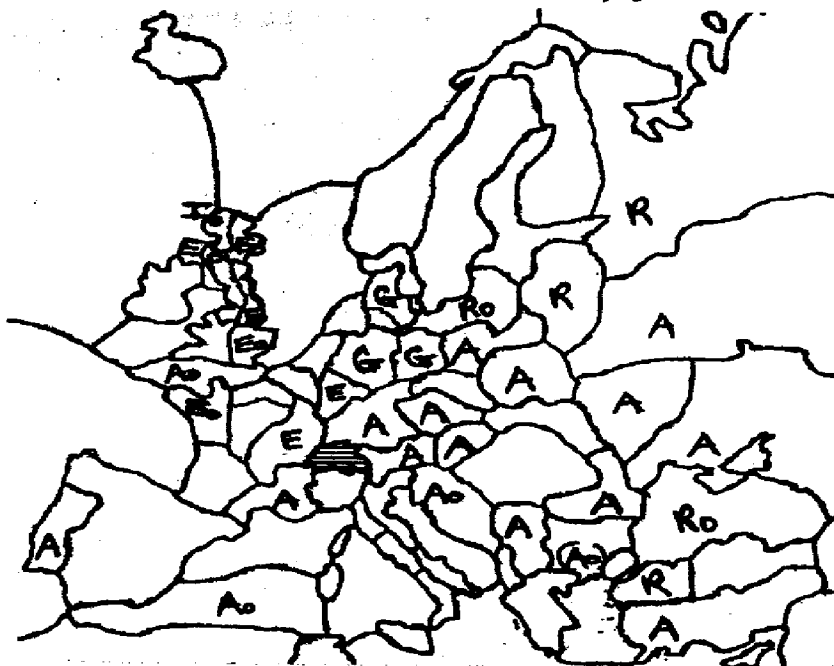
Memphis to Russia: Shame, shame! And after all Germany's done for you!

[BATZCUARO]- The Kaiser, chewing on the last worm from the last bottle of Oaxaca Mezcal Oro, apparently became totally unhinged. The sudden flight of armies and navies to the East "to rescue my dear cousin the Tsar" came as a complete surprise to all observers in this quiet lakeside resort.

((On all 1981 AN press "observers" had best go to page 37 for more)) ⑧

AUSTRIA WINS!!!

Ω FINAL GAME POSITIONS IN WINTER 1913 Ω



§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1913 §

ANGLIA: F Nao-(LPL), A (YOR) S F Nao-Lpl
(Dave Carter ur) F Eng-(BRE), A (RUH) S A Mun
A (MUN) Holds, A (BUR) S A Mun

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZÁG: A Gal-(WAR), A Bud-(RUM)
(Horst John ur) A (MOS) S A Gal-War, A (PRU)-Ber
A (UKR) S A Gal-War, A (SEV) S A Bud-Rum
A Sil-(MUN), A (BOH) S A Sil-Mun, A (TYO) S A Sil-Mun
F (BUL-sc)-Con, A (SMY) S F Bul(sc)-Con, A (SER)-Bul
F Mao-(ENG), F (WES)-Spa(sc), A Spa-(POR)
A (MAR)-Bur

FRANCIAORSZÁG: F (GAS)-Spa(nc)
(Tom Swider ur)

NEMETORSZÁG: A (BER) S English A Mun
(Doug Karnes ur) A Kie-(DEN)

OLASZORSZÁG: F (LPL) Holds
(Fred Winter ur)

OROSZORSZÁG: A War-(LVN), F (BAL) S A War-Lvn
(Tom Butcher ur) A Lvn-(STP), A (CON)-Bul, F (BLA) S A Con-Bul

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1913 §

Anglia: Army Munich attempts to retreat to Silesia; GM removes Army Munich
Olaszország: Fleet Liverpool retreats to Clyde

England to Italy: I need Liverpool so that the anti-Austrian alliance can concentrate on stopping Austria and not on fighting each other. Thanks for keeping it warm for me.

Memphis to England: Ah, a little too late as Austria wins the game! The Winter Builds and Removals are on page 10.

Memphis to Austria: "Über allen Gipfeln ist Ruh'."

((See page 10 for Winter Builds and Removals))

§ GAME: "House of Hapsburg"
1979 R

§ GM: Garlás L. Kbullányi ur

§ GAME COLOR: Kék

¶ GAME NOTES: Congratulations to Horst John of West Germany who has won 1979 R!

Austria won the game on the battlefield and not by a draw so all the moves, builds and removals and press are in the game report.

The game statistics' proper will be printed with the endgame statements in EE #26. This means you have until July 22, 1983 to send me an endgame statement. If you do, I will see that you get that copy of EE, my zine.

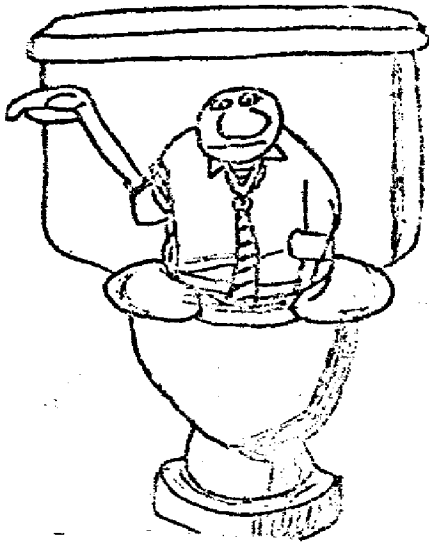
Don Ditter will already have the game statistics by the time you read this.

I really enjoyed GMing this game. Cartoon from Punch.



GIANT AUSTRIA WINS CONTROL OF EUROPE

APIS 1981 AO: WRAP UP



"Apis" was opened for negotiations on March 27, 1981. The wars came to an end on March 4, 1983, almost two years later. 1981 AO ended in a 2-way draw between England and Turkey. This game had 5 of the original 7 players until the end and 6 players submitted end-game statements. The vital statistics are:

1981 AO EUROPA EXPRESS (Coughlan) A: Mike Mazzer. E: Jim Williams(draw S08). F: Fredrik Malmberg(dro S05). Jeff Noto(out F07). G: Bobby Stephens(dro F06). Allen Wells(out F 07). I: Steve Heinowski(out F05). R: Don Swartz. T: Dave Carter(draw S08).

Ah, no room for the statistics until the cartoon ends down below. This cartoon was drawn by EE subber Dan Wilson especially for Mike "Mazzerman" Mazzer's Austria which had lost two home centers in 1901. It was never used for Mike who survived until the end but three other countries(and all eliminated countries in EE games) saw it used for them! Now the statistics...

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Austria-Hungary	3	3	4	3	4	3	1	
England	5	6	7	8	12*	12	15	DRAW S'08
France	3	4*	2	1	1	1	-	
Germany	5	6	7	8	5	4	-	
Italy	4	5	4	4	-	-	-	*-played one short
Russia	6	5	4	3	3	3	3	
Turkey	4	5	6	7	9	11	15*	DRAW S'08

"Apis", like the other games in EE, got its name from World War I, the scenario for our Diplomacy game. In fact, it is directly concerned with how the real war started. Once upon a time...

Austria-Hungary was made up of different nationalities, many of whom wanted to have their own country. Independent nations around them, like Serbia, Italy and Rumania wanted territories and people that they considered rightfully theirs by reasons of race or language. One of the most antagonistic countries toward Austria-Hungary was Serbia.

Serbia wanted a large part of what is Trieste on our Diplomacy board. This was intolerable to Austria-Hungary, which was regarded as one of the Great Powers and who regarded Serbia as an obnoxious upstart of a nation. Much of Serbia's trade went through Austria-Hungary because Serbia didn't have a seacoast. Often Austria-Hungary would shut down the border which enraged Serbian nationalists. Albania was created as an independent country mainly to prevent Serbia from obtaining its own seacoast.

Some of the Serbs joined a terrorist group called the "Black Hand" which was dedicated to recovering lands from Austria-Hungary that they considered theirs. The "Black Hand" had informal ties with the Serbian government.

When the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, visited Sarajevo, a city in this disputed territory, he was assassinated. No one in Austria-Hungary really liked Franz Ferdinand but they decided to use his murder to get rid of Serbia for once and for all. Austria accused the Serbian government of helping the Black Hand kill him. This was not true but the Serbian government did have prior knowledge that the Black Hand might attempt to create an incident. The Chief of Intelligence of the Serbian Army held membership card No. 6 in the Black Hand. His code name was "Apis", the Bee. ("Apis" was also the name of the Sacred Bull in Memphis, the one in Egypt.)

Now Austria-Hungary had not accused Serbia of complicity until after one month had passed leading many in Europe to think that Austria-Hungary was acting to eliminate Serbia rather than merely being upset over Franz Ferdinand's death. So when Austria-Hungary sent Serbia a humiliating ultimatum(no independent nation could have met its terms with honor), Europe became alarmed. Russia considered herself the protector of all Slavic nations and Serbia was Slavic. Russia would

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not let Serbia be crushed and mobilized against Austria-Hungary, although the Russian generals said it must be full mobilization (i.e. against Germany also who was Austria-Hungary's ally) because they were not set up for partial mobilization. The Tsar signed for full mobilization. So did Austria-Hungary the next day, although the Austrians didn't know that the Russians had done likewise.

By this time, Germany was upset and sent an ultimatum to Russia to end its mobilization or face war. To all Europeans, but especially Germany with her central location, mobilization meant war. And war would mean that France would fight with Russia against Germany, who would then be fighting on two fronts. Germany's great advantage was that she could mobilize much faster than any of her enemies who outnumbered her. So mobilization by millions of Russian troops could not be permitted or Germany would lose this advantage.

During the month before the Serbian ultimatum, Germany had not restrained Austria-Hungary from what she intended to do. Now she did but it was too late. Austria-Hungary refused to heed all warnings. Russia refused to stop its mobilization. Germany therefore declared war on both France and Russia, invaded Belgium which brought England into the war against Germany. World War I had begun.

After the war ended with Germany and Austria-Hungary as the losers, Serbia took over the disputed territory and is the nation we know today as Yugoslavia. "Apis" has deep roots in World War I.

"Apis" also was said to have a fertility curse in that 4 of the players became expectant fathers during the course of the game! From a player in this game, Fredrik Malmberg, came ~~EE~~'s name for standbys...Malmbergers. Malmberg NMRed out and was replaced by Jeff Noto. This game gave us the "toilet cartoon" (see page 11) used to show eliminated countries in ~~EE~~ games. And it gave Mike Mazzer (Austria) his earbobs via the press!

It was in the press that this game shined with a whole galaxy of characters, both real and imagined. Bobby Stephens (Germany) and Jim (aka James R.) Williams (England) used the Dallas series to call themselves brothers Bobby and J.R. and even brought Lucy in. Mike Mazzer's wife Peggy, daughter Amanda, and dachshund Daisy appeared (I hope I got those names right with the right position in Mike's life!). Jim Williams brought in his daughter, Krystal. Others were the villain Maurice Ensalada, chased by H.R. "Blimey" Beauregard through half of Europe, whose specialty was poisoned meatballs. El Zappo, who zalked zike zhis zall zee zime, Count Vlad and 1000 swans completed the press war combatants. Did I mention General Patton? He was there too.

The game itself saw a strong English-German alliance against an NMRing France in the west and Austria losing Trieste and Budapest by Fall 1901. Italy then helped Austria who, with 3 other powers knocked Italy out of the war. Turkey continued to grow strong, England dumped Germany for Russia and the game ended in a two-way draw between England and Turkey after England tried for a win. It is interesting to think what would have happened had the last Austrian unit, dislodged from Vienna, had retreated to Silesia and cut vital support. Would England have won? We will never know but this just proves that small powers can have tremendous effects on the outcome of games. Only 0.6% of Englands, according to statistics, open as Jim's England did (F Lon-Eng, A Lpl-Wal, F Edi-Nwg) and none have ever won a game which opened that way.

This was also a transatlantic game with Fredrik Malmberg coming from Sweden. Three of the participants (England, Russia and Turkey) got to meet in Chicago for a face-to-face convention there in May, 1982.

Of the 22 units which existed at the beginning of the war, only 7 survived to see the peace in Spring 1908. Italy, France and Germany were completely eliminated. Austria lost 100% of her original forces making due with a 1905 build. Russia lost 75% of her original force with only the original Army Moscow surviving. Where were the final resting places of the original units by Spring 1908?

Austria: A Vienna was annihilated in Serbia in Fall 1906, A Budapest was annihilated in Trieste in Fall 1907 and F Trieste was disbanded in the Adriatic in Winter 1904. England: F Edinburgh was on the north coast of St. Petersburg, A Liverpool was in the Piedmont and F London was in Tunis. France: F Brest was annihilated on the north coast of Spain in Fall 1904, A Paris was disbanded in Autumn 1903 after dislodgement from Paris and A Marseilles was disbanded in

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the Piedmont in Winter 1907. Germany: A Berlin was disbanded in Bohemia in Winter 1907, F Kiel was disbanded in Winter 1907 after being dislodged from Kiel and A Munich was annihilated in Picardy in Fall 1906. Italy: A Rome was disbanded in Winter 1905 after being dislodged from Venice, A Venice was annihilated in Spring 1905 in Trieste and F Naples was disbanded in Winter 1905 after being dislodged from Tunis. Russia: F St. Petersburg was disbanded in the Skaggerak in Winter 1904, A Moscow was in Munich at war's end, A Warsaw was annihilated in Budapest in Spring 1902 and F Sevastopol was disbanded in Sevastopol in Winter 1903. Turkey: A Constantinople was in Venice, F Ankara was in Apulia and Army Smyrna was in Silesia.

Thanks to Mike Mills, GM and pubber of Enchain Macha, who provided me with flow charts so I could keep track of each unit!

Next the headlines and cartoon captions(which began in Winter 1901) along with the language used for each year. After that the endgame statements will be in alphabetical order by nation.

- 1901(Swedish) Spring: Russians Apparently Want Hapsburg Crown Princess Amanda Now!! Uncertainty Reigns In Italy And Germany!! English Fleet Escalates Food War With The French!!
Fall: Austria Victorious In 3-Way Greek Power Struggle As Dual Monarchy Bisected!! English Land In Brest Facing French Revenge!!!
Winter: Great Powers Concentrate On New Fleets! Austrians And French Step Up Press War As Russia Woos England!!!!
(Cartoon) "One Austrian Zap, comin' up!"
- 1902(Russian) Spring: Massive Fleet Battle In Scandinavia Between Three Powers!! Austrians Recover Budapest But Lose Greece To The Sultan!!
(Cartoon) "It's Turkey's time to abuse Austria as Russia and Italy take a rest."
Fall: Vowels(A-I) Versus Consonants(R-T) Causes Stalemate In Balkans!! Peggy And Lucy Allegedly Affect Balance Of Power In Europe!! Germans And English Separately Attack Same Enemies!!!
(Cartoon) "Peggy, are you sure that Mike doesn't mind?"
- 1903(Korean) Spring: French Government In Disarray While Key Provinces Fall To Invaders!! Italy Prepared To Intervene In Both East And West!!! Russians Ousted From Sweden While Balkan Stalemate Continues!! (This last was a GM error!)
(Cartoon)"France faces imminent collision with England and Germany!!
Fall: Russia Retains Sweden In Spite Of All Terrors, Threats And GM Errors!! Germans in Paris!! Austria Turns On Italian Benefactor As Sultan Gains Iron Grip On The Balkans!!!
(Cartoon) "Of Diapers, Pigs and attacks on Turkeys"
- 1904(Korean) Spring: Turks Break Into The Ionian!! Russians Drive English From St. Petersburg! Germany Takes Sweden And Marches East!!!
(Cartoon) "It looks like the Austrian means business!"
Fall: Almost All Quiet On The Western Front As German And French Governments Immobilized!! Turks Enter Naples As Italians Take Trieste!! English Makes Gains In North And South!!!
(Cartoon) "Is the French Ship-of-State about to go over the edge????"
- 1905(Korean) Spring: Malmberg's MalMBERGER Takes Over In France!! Wicked Witches Come Face-To-Face In The Meditterrean!! English Tilt Toward Russia As Leaderless Italians Sustain Heavy Losses!!
(Cartoon) "Is this France fearing England or Germany Fearing England or Russia fearing Turkey or Austria fearing Turkey

- or Italy fearing France or Austria or England or Turkey?
Whew!
- Fall: Italy Knocked Out Of War By Four Attacking Powers!!
Germany Stunned By Successful English Attacks In France
And Belgium!! Austria Aids French Into Venice, Ousts
Turks From Serbia!!!
(Cartoon) "Bye Bye Italy!!!"
- Winter: Crown Princess Amanda Has A Rival As England Celebrates
The Birth of The Princess Royal, Krystal Nicole!!!
Europe Prepares For More War In The Spring!!!
(Cartoon) "Let me put it this way, son. If you choose
your spot carefully, you still can be monarch of all
you survey."---Our MalMBERGER France explains why his
Empire of Venice is better than it appears. (See press!)
- 1906(English) Spring: French Leader Takes A Wife But He Doesn't Take Her To
Apulia!!! Massive Russian Invasion Of Germany!!!
Turkish Viper Coiled And Ready To Strike!!!
(Cartoon) "Germans Get First Hand View of the Russian
Bear!!!"
- Fall: Austria Faces Sultan's Yellow Phalanx!! Mohammedans
In Moscow!! New Kaiser Arises In Germany's Darkest
Hour!!!
(Cartoon) "Can the E-T Express Be Stopped????!!!!!!!"
- 1907(English) Spring: Turks Breach Austro-French Lines, Seizing Venice, Budapest
And Warsaw!!! Germany Left Leaderless As Russians
Capture Munich And The English Install Themselves In
Holland And Burgundy!!!
(Cartoon) "The Anglo-Turkish Goliath no doubt wonders
who or whom vetoed the E-T Draw! (I'll never tell!!)
- Fall: El Zappo's Plans Go Awry As Germany And France Both
Perish!!! England And Turkey Are Tied For European
Supremacy!!
(Cartoons) "Bye, Bye Germany!!" --"Bye, Bye France!!"
- 1908(Korean) Spring: General Patton, Count Vlad And 1,000 Swans Join The
Apis Menagerie!! Vienna Falls To The Turks While
English Secure Border Regions!!!
(Cartoon) "This swan is believed to have been one of the
1,000 sighted over Vienna recently!"

((Before Fall 1908 could be played, the game ended in an E-T Draw))

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mike Mazzer) 1981 AO "Apis"

No, no, no! Jim[Williams, the English player], you're not getting away that easily! This was your game to win, and in my mind, even though it goes in the books as an E-T draw, this was an English victory. Congratulations, Jim. And to Dave[Carter, the Turkish player], congrats on your fine second-place showing. I have never seen a game in which one country went from beginning to end with almost no serious opposition.

Jim[England] must have hypnotized the entire board. It was so easy! England allies with Germany and France is crushed in the blink of an eye. Now England needs an ally to stab Germany. Russia! No problem. Never mind that England stole Sweden from Russia. Never mind that Turkey is busy pillaging Sevastopol. No problem. Russia is glad to help.

Does Turkey move to stop England? Noooo! He's got to whip up on poor old Austria, who never got above 4 centers the whole damn game! Actually, I could have gotten to 5 at one point, but I chose to support the remaining French army to Venice rather than take it myself. It would have made no difference to the outcome whether he or I took Venice, so I chose to demonstrate that, contrary to popular myth, I'm not gratuitously ruthless.

This was one of those games where nobody would listen to me. I got an inkling

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that this might be the case when I lost Trieste and Budapest in 1901. After that, the pressure was off. I no longer had to worry about global affairs, just staying out of Gary's goddam toilet was enough to keep me busy! And I did! For that, I claim a moral victory!

Congratulations to Jim and David[England and Turkey]. Thanks to Gary for an impeccably run game. Sign me up for the next one.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND (Jim Williams) 1981 AO "Apis"

Time for my endgame statement. Here goes....First of all, I would like to congratulate Dave Carter[Turkish player] on a well played game. Although he had to deal with the effects of the 'curse'["Apis Fertility Curse--Dave's wife Julie is expecting in June], he played an excellent, well-thought-out, strategically sound game plan to perfection. He was also lucky.

I am convinced that one is not successful in any Diplomacy game without some good luck along the way. I had more than my share of good fortune along the way in this one.

Fred Malmberg[the original French player] was a tough nut to crack initially. He wanted an alliance and he was being careful. He allowed me into the English Channel though, and since the only opening I had was against him, I had to take it. Fred promised me that, come hell or high water, he'd get even with me for my uncalled-for stab. Fortunately, he was not true to his word and he soon faded from sight.

As I swept through France, I also made a mini-move against Russia, featuring a support of my German ally(Bobby Stephens) into Sweden, and a move of my own into St. Petersburg. Don[Swartz, the Russian player] didn't get mad, he got even during last year's OzogCon in Chicago. He utterly trounced my poor Russia in a face-to-face game, which evened the score between us, and allowed us to become good friends.

Toward the end of my campaign against France, the German became a silent partner, and I no longer felt that I could trust him. I took Marseilles rather than support him in, and helped the dwindling Tsar back into Sweden.

The nasty Turk[Dave Carter] had begun feasting on Russian home centers by this time, but I was glad to have Don's[Russia] help against Bobby[Germany]. I doubt if I would have done well against Germany without it.

By this time, Dave and I had agreed not to mess up our own chances by moving against each other. Such a move would've been suicide for either one of us. We held up this agreement all the way through the remainder of the game. Hooray for us.

Mr. Stephens[Germany] meanwhile was appalled by my vicious stab. He had a few names for me which I felt were highly accurate, but hey, I had to attack someone! Since I had only received one letter in about 3 months from Bobby, Germany became the target. I never let up on him after that.

The rest of the game was a bit of a mop-up by Turkey and England with a big assist by Russia. I think I stirred things up a bit near the end, but it was only for show, really. I am very happy with a two-way draw, my second in the last month. Thanks to all of the players, including Mazzerman[Mike Mazzer, the Austrian player], with whom I corresponded with semi-regularly throughout the game. You did a great job Mike, under tough conditions. One would be well advised not to take you lightly in any game. Congratulations on your second coming also. Best wishes for a smooth birth and a healthy baby!

To close, I'd like to congratulate my two good friends from Swedish Roundabout, who also ended their game in a two-way draw, Garry Hamlin and Bruce Linsey. You guys could've waited a month ya' know! [I put the games in separate issues of EE after all!]

Thanks Gary, for a superbly GMed game. You are one of the best, if not the best, in the hobby. I consider it a privilege to have played in EE and with you as GM. A special mention also to Jeff Noto[the French player after Fredrik Malmberg NMRed out] who helped liven things up, and to Steve Heinowski[the Italian player] for hanging in there during some dark moments.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR FRANCE (Jeff Noto) 1981 AO "Apis"

What do you do when you enter a game as France and you're about to have
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your ass booted out of your last supply center? Simple. Get the hell into Piedmont and help Masserman[Mike Mazzer, the Austrian player] eliminate Italy. Then wait for the inevitable end.

While the above statement may seem a little simplistic, it is nonetheless what I did upon taking over for the only true Malmberger[Fredrik Malmberg who was the original French player and the inspiration for calling EE standbys as "Malmbergers"] (thereby assuring a permanent place in EE history). Seeing that I could not keep Jim Williams[England] out of Marseilles, I decided to move to Piedmont, hoping that I could be of some assistance to Mike Mazzer[Austria] in his war with Steve Heinowski[Italy]. I ended up with Venice, which I kept until Turkey eliminated me in 1907.

In spite of being a one-center power, this was probably my most enjoyable game of Diplomacy. After taking Venice, my role was simply trying to entertain my fellow players, which I apparently did. I also smile at the fact that I was eliminated the same season as Germany, even though he had seven more centers than me when I entered the game.

I would like to close with some personal notes. To Jim Williams[England]: Congratulations. I'm sorry I didn't keep up my part of the correspondence. Thanks also for the information on preparing for fatherhood. You'll be glad to know that I was already doing most of the things you suggested.

To Dave Carter[Turkey]: Congratulations. Charlie Pell is the head coach of the University of Florida[where Jeff attends] football team, who was in danger of losing his job a few months ago. By the way, just because your wife is pregnant is no reason to stop making love to her, although at this stage of her pregnancy it might get difficult. However I'm certain you'll be resourceful enough to figure something out.

To Pat Conlon[Saxe-Coburg-Gotha Russia who insulted the Gators]: Yeah, the Gators had a terrible season, but at least we lost to quality teams such as Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Georgia and LSU and not half-assed teams such as Mississippi State and TULANE[both of whom the "chicken Gators" managed to beat] like LSU [where Pat attends school] did.

To Fred Malmberg[the original French player who NMRed out]: @#*%\$?! (get that quote right, Gary).

To Mike Mazzer[Austria]: Thanks for helping me out. Perhaps someday we will be able to get into a game together at the start...Speaking of games...

To Gary Coughlan: I would sell the 7th son of my 7th son to get into another EE game. Since I am not able to be a Malmberger, this means I must wait until your next game start. HINT! HINT! HINT!

((Anyone, except a player currently in an EE game, can be a Malmberger. So everyone in this game is eligible to be a Malmberger. See page 2 for details.)) Germany did not submit an endgame statement.))

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ITALY (Steve Heinowski) 1981 AD "Apis"

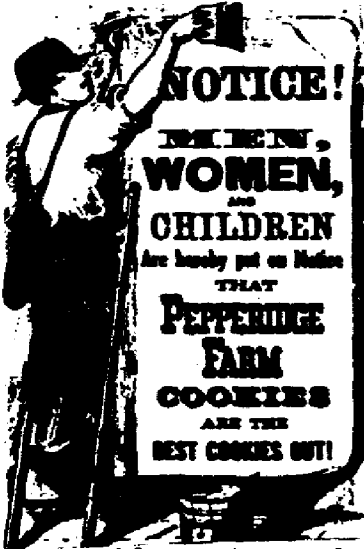
My comment for "Apis" would be quite brief. I initiated a policy that required a lot of Dip. Unfortunately, personal problems prevented me from doing so--in fact, I was lucky just to keep my GMing going[Steve GMs and pubs Ter-ran]. By the time I could re-establish Dip, the game was long gone.

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR RUSSIA (Don Swartz) 1981 AD "Apis"

This game started out quite interesting. Just about everybody except the Italian responded to my letters. I feel Italy and Russia make excellent allies. Unfortunately, Italy didn't agree. Along with an Italian who wouldn't respond, I had a German who was very demanding and uncooperative(historical, perhaps, but not very diplomatic). Unfortunately the English wanted to go after France and the German went along, spelling out trouble for me down the line. I had hoped that France would hold out longer, giving me a chance to get somewhere on the Austrian-Turkish front but France[Fredrik Malmberg] NMRed and went down fast.

When I finally persuaded England to go against Germany in the West, it was already too late for me in the East. Trying to decide who to work with between Austria and Turkey was really a problem. (Mike[Mazzer the Austrian player] is an excellent player--I hope I can work with him in the future). My thoughts at the the time was if Turkey could be slowed down by Italy while England and I took out

HOBBY-WIDE NEWS



¶ THE 1983 RUNESTONE ZINE & GM POLL: When you read this announcement here, you should send off your ballot at once if you intend to vote in this poll. The deadline is July 4, 1983 and the mail to Alberta, Canada is very slow.

This is the oldest poll in North America (formerly known as the "Leader Poll") and its results reflect what hobby members think of the zines they sub to and the GMs they play under. Send your votes to Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St., S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada T1A 0R1.

Put zines on one page and your GMs on another page. Rate both on a scale from 0 to 10 (no fractions) and list them in alphabetical order. List subzines separately from zines. Pubbers may not vote for themselves or their zines. List only zines and GMs within North America.

You can get a complete copy of the results by sending Randolph one US dollar or by calling him at (403)-526-7963.

¶ Many other polls are coming up in the months ahead on a wide variety of subjects. Two of the polls are described on page 43 and have a ready-made ballot for you to use. The "Toad and Toady Poll", formerly done by Eric Ozog of Diplomacy By Moonlight, has been taken over by Mark Luedi, pubber of Thirty Miles of Bad Road. The "Eminent Awards" are done by Mike Mills, pubber of Ehain Macha. These polls are still a few months off and EE will carry more details later.

¶ DO YOU RECEIVE ANY EUROPEAN ZINES??? If so, your vote is desired in Britain's 1983 Zine Poll which rates what you think of any European zine (both British and on the continent of Europe) that deals with either Diplomacy or any other game. Rate the zine(s) on a scale from 0 to 10. Send the ballot to Richard J. Walkerdine, 144 Stoughton Road, Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom GU2 6PG, by the deadline of July 28, 1983. I think I was the only North America who voted in it last year. Cathy Cunniff? Eric Kane? Mark Luedi? Robert Jewett? And anyone else who is eligible over here, please vote. BW Becker!!

¶ Seen any funny or unusual bumperstickers and wondering what to do with them? Well Bob Howerton (4510 Treeline Dr., Pensacola, Florida 32504 USA) prints them in his zine named Festungs Hof. ("Do Girl Scouts Really Sell Their Cookies?")

¶ An upcoming fold is Lone Star Diplomat done by one of Texas's favorite sons, Mike Conner. Mike says that the wind-down will take about a year. LSD is the most beautifully laid-out zine in the hobby.....A new zine is Bersaglieri by Tom Mainardi (1403 Lawrence Rd., Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083 USA) who runs his games with maps. The sub is \$6.00 for 10 issues. Bersaglieri was a large subzine in Coat of Arms and, before that, in Ehain Macha so Tom has been around publishing for quite a while. I play there.

¶ Ron Brown, pubber of Canada's Snafu!, has also been the Co-ordinator for the Canadian Diplomacy Organization but is now stepping down, probably in July. His successor is Anwyl of Weismark who pubs the zine Weismark Dip-Press. "Anwyl of Weismark" is a pseudonym but reliable Canadians assure everyone that he is on the up and up. I hope he does as good a job as Ron has. Good luck, Anwyl!

¶ Don Ditter is stepping down as the Boardman Number Custodian (BNC) during the month of May after serving very capably for almost two years. I have heard now from two people (and it is also mentioned in Mos Eisley by John Michalski on page 20) that the new BNC will be Kathy Byrne. Kathy did an excellent job helping to relocate orphaned games. When I first entered the hobby in 1979, she was attempting to set up a Player Board to deal with players' complaints against GMs. She said: "If you have a problem, forget publishers, there seems to be a code of ethics which dictates that they back each other. No one wants to get involved in anyone else's zine. Each publisher feels a guy can run his zine however he chooses. Legitimate complaints by players are put down as: 'the GM is always right.'" If Kathy Byrne is indeed the next BNC, I think she will be a worthy successor to Don Ditter. The job of BNC is very often a thankless one and it requires a tireless worker. Let's give Kathy our support and wish her the best.

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¶ EUROPEAN HOBBY NEWS: The French zine, Jours de France, pubbed by Pierre Lavours, is folding....There is a new Dutch zine called Brutus which makes 3 Dutch zines in existence now.....There is a new British zine called Supernova. Supernova is also the name of the North American Hobby Novice Packet(free to novices from Bruce Linsey, 24A Quarry Drive, Albany, New York 12205 and, I think, 50 cents for anyone else. Send 50 cents).....In September, the British equivalent to the North American Zine Directory, 20 Years On will lose its pubber, Samon Billeness and gain a new one, Matt Quartermain.....Chantecler, the great Belgian zine, pubbed by Michel Liesnard may be folding. Let's just hope that's a false rumor.

¶ The first "Carter Award", awarded by Winsome-Losesome pubber, Judy Winsome, to the "most sexist person" in the hobby has named Scott Hanson, pubber of Irksome as its winner. Inside sources say that Dave Carter narrowly avoided winning the award, named for him, by finally printing male beefcake in his zine Sleepless Knights for his female subbers just before the deadline. Scott is unhappy about the award and says he is not sexist and is against sexism. What clinched it for Scott was a line in his zine where he(facetiously) said: "What's the fun of having a woman if you can't exploit her." Well Scott, you win some and you lose some!

¶ The North American Variant Bank announces the publication of ARDA #11. This 16-page publication contains the complete rules and maps for two recent British variants: Beleriand(set in the First Age of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth) and Warwick(a War of the Roses variant). Also included are articles on game design and the Youngstown Variants. Copies of ARDA #11 are available for \$1.00 US from Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, California 92024 USA.

¶ ORIGINS: The big gaming event of the year for North America is being held in Detroit, Michigan on July 15,16 and 17. For more details, write to: ORIGINS '83; MDG; P.O. Box 656, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 USA.

¶ BOARDMAN NUMBERS; All Diplomacy games have Boardman numbers both here in North America and in Europe. The first game in North America at the beginning of the new year received the number "1983A", the second game was "1983B" and so on. When it gets to "1983Z", the next one after that is 1983AA. Don Ditter, the outgoing BNC(see page 18) assigns the numbers for all North American games. Mick Bullock of Great Britain assigns assigns the numbers for all British games whose games receive Boardman numbers beginning with the BA, DA, EA, GA and JA series so they won't be confused with any North American games. Continental European game numbers are assigned by Frenchman Roland Prévot and begin with the FA and MA series. This information comes from Fred Davis's Bushwacker's May 1983 issue. Fred says that he believes one set is reserved for games in Australia. The Boardman numbers are named in honor of John Boardman who still publishes the longest running zine, Graustark(see page 3).

¶ GAME EXCHANGE: Dogs of War #53 and Ter-ran #79 both announce that John Farewell(61 Midland Ave., Stamford, Connecticut 06906 USA) is publishing a trading games through computer logging. This service is to match people who want to sell a particular game with people who want to buy that particular game. The seller may list up to 20 games for \$1.00, \$.70 each thereafter(plus 20¢ for a non-game item); the buyer sends \$1 (or 50¢ and a self-addressed stamped envelope)along with a list of what he wants to buy. John Farewell says that he uses a disclaimer.

X ¶ Larry Peery(P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102 USA) wants copies of the Diplomacy game rules in the various European languages mentioning French, German and Dutch. He is willing to exchange a copy of the rules in Spanish and later in Farsi(!) for the foreign translations. Help him, Europeans?

¶ Have you heard about Brandon Hall, the 13-month-old little boy who received two liver transplants here in Memphis before his death? His struggle made many aware of the need for organ donors. He fought so hard. A fund has been started here in the Mid-South to help pay his medical bill with the rest going to help others who will need organ transplants. It might be you or yours someday. If you wish to contribute something, you can send a donation to Brandon Hall Fund, WLRC, Walnut, Mississippi 38683 USA. (19)

"You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villany"

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MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT

MOS EISLEY is a zeen filler piece put out to annoy the hobby at large, but entertain a few, by John Michalski, Rt. 10 Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165 who also hopes to add some sub credit for his works, since he cannot afford too much in the way of bucks spent on hobby stuff. Thus Jim-Bob Burgess only gets letters when he sends in a stamp and pleads for an answer. That puts him one step above the Republican National Committee, who sent me an SASE and asked for money. I used the envelope, with a different address label, to send orders to Mike Mills as I recall... Anyhow, anyone wishing to go down in history as a living legend by way of submitting a letter for publication in MES, is welcome to do so.



HOBBY NEWS: Well, there IS some, come to think of it. IRKSOME hasn't appeared in quite a while and is probably in trouble. It thus joins a handful of others who are in similar straits; too bad. (Note that 'straits' is not misspelled. Woody's latest COA had someone "sighted" for an action, when he clearly meant "cited", just as John Caruso's last WHITESTONIA told of DipCon's round 2 being "seated" when I hope like hell he meant "seeded"..) Oh, those East Coast Cliques, they'll get you every time! They themselves are one piece of hobby news: Woody and Kathy are ticked at Brux over something or other—I have a letter from Woody here somewhere on it all—and now I see Mainardi is joining in by running a "Brux-is-a-dunderhead-because" contest. Another juicy morsel is only a rumor at this writing, but it says that Kathy Byrne herself will be the next BNC! THAT is news, if it comes to pass. I hope it does; I think it would be a great choice. Maybe not as good as picking Judy Winsome, but...

Zines have been faked in the past, (not "passed" for you ECCers), but the latest MODERN PATRIOT is the first real zine to have the cover faked. One side of the blue cover to TMP#11 has a cute girl's picture, claimed to be Alex Lord, while the other side shows a captured kamikazi pilot leering into the camera inside the stockade he was being held in, and it is labelled "William Highfield"! Shit, Bill, I'd sue the perpetrators of that for defamation of character if I was you! Don't let these jokers get away with that sort of thing. A Hitler cover is one thing, but that picture on #11 of the Nip in POW camp is just too much.

The latest NORTH STEALTH WEST GEORGE had a note in it about Bernie "Oaklyn" Tretick leaving the hobby. Normally this would be good news—DS Palter ran a copy of the actual form letter Tretick sent—but since other shadow characters he set up are still around, it is more likely that the old Sickie is simply cutting back on his hobby sabotage for the summer. The next time some "new" name comes along with a writing style similar to that of Terry Tallman with diarrhea real bad, we will know Tretick is back with his latest, an "Ira Rosen", "Becky Coffman", etc.

I'd like to report here on the latest news about the "KC Con" that Lancaster and Ellis are working up shortly, but in fact, there hasn't been a word since their first tentative postcard. Since I am typing this 3 days before the start of the mid-May to mid-June period they mentioned, I have to assume that their plans have

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in fact failed to coalesce into anything more solid than wishes. Maybe not, but without adequate notice to prospective attendees, there is little point in even trying.

Before wrapping up on hobby stuff, let me publicly thank the folks who are sending me stamps. They are well appreciated, whatever your reasons!: the Republican National Committee, Bob Osuch, Bob Olsen, Steve Langley, Gary Coughlan, Judy Winsome, Bryan Jurkowski, and..uh..well, if I've forgotten your name, thanks anyway! ~~Send more!~~

By the time this sees print, you may well have seen REVENGE OF THE JEDI, but the papers just broke the plot today. I must say I am disappointed. Hell, Princess Leia being Luke's long-lost sister, and "the other" Jedi: c'mon. I could write a better plot myself. Hell, there WERE better plots listed back in the old RURITANIA that Tony Watson used to publish some years back. I believe someone proposed this very plot then, or darn close, and I remember writing a letter in as to how dumb all that was. Well, they were right, but so was I: it IS dumb! I have yet to see the film, but I am very disappointed. Well, at least this is the end of the trilogy, 'episode VI'. Maybe with many year's break, Lucas can do better for the next three, which are supposed to be earlier, episodes I-III. The good thing is, tight as money is for me, a poor JEDI movie will save me \$, for I certainly won't see it dozens of times like I have the others.

You know, one of the nice side effects of grubbing for money via temporary employment as a meatcutter in a real workplace instead of an office after all these years, is that you get free clothes. Of course they are all white, but they fit, they're free, and you don't get stared at too much wearing them on the street to and from work. For shirts, I wear the old junk that I would normally wear for wargames or mowing the grass. And, joining up with the farcial Air Force Reserve, I also gain three sets of underwear, towels, socks, and shoes that can all be used anywhere. Not a bad deal. I feel more comfortable, more 'myself', in these shitty clothes anyhow.

Speaking of shitty, I see that people are printing their pictures in their own zeens more and more. Steve Hutton of NO FIXED ADDRESS ran a shot of someone who looks to be Tro Sherwood's older brother (by a year) and labelled it himself; Dave (SK) Garter, who I always pictured as a brash young kid, ran a picture of a fellow who looks like Lee Kendter Sr, or even ME, and claimed it was himself. After FudgeCon I a few zines ran pictures of me in them, but fortunately they all came out poorly, and I am still a man of mystery to most. Thank goodness, or Winsome and Daf would never write again! Woody has seen me, but writes on anyway. The man has no shame. But what can you expect from someone who sends his zine out 17¢ postage due?

How about a short letter or two?

JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia) -excerpt

If there is anyone starting a movement to support Kathy visiting alone, it is you. And you will be supporting a foot alright.

Scott is bringing Frauke and Daf is coming too. Why don't you bring Claudine? In fact, she can come and you can stay home, and cut the meat! Hahaha.

((I didn't start it, I don't think, but I do support it. In fact, I'm offering money to the fund, if others will match it. See Olsen's letter in some other MES for details. Claudine thinks the same of 'Dipdom' as Fluff does, and will skip coming to PCon II for the same reason: just a bunch of shit. I, on the other hand, am willing to meet FTF with you In-6 types myself. Just no pride at all, I guess.))

BILL BECKER, Kalamazoo -excerpt

Things went pretty smooth for KalCon V. Maybe I'll know better next time and there won't be a sixth. Ten posties made it and just to drop names, Ozog, Russnak, Rauterberg, Barno, Swider, Wall, Frueh, Pters, Bakken, and Russell slept here.

((But no Hightower? What is a Con without Mr America?)) J.M.

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LINES DRAWN
IN EAST

AUSTRIA (Mazzer): Build A Bud; Has A Gre, A Tri, F Ion
 ENGLAND (Wilson): Build F Lon; Has F Nwy, A Edi, F Nth
 FRANCE (Cunning): Build F Bre, A Par; Has F Por, A Bur, A Spa
 GERMANY (Coughlan): Build A Ber, A Mun; Has F Hol, A Den, A Tyo
 ITALY (Ozog): Build F Nap; Has A Ven, A Ser, F Eas
 RUSSIA (Michalski): Build A Mos; Has F Swe, F Bla, A Boh, A Gal
 TURKEY (Conlon): Build F Con, F Smy; Has A Rum, A Bul, F Aeg

Very interesting. No predictions here.

Scott Hanson and Jim-Bob Burgess are the standbys for this game.
 Scott has guest press under the dateline "Fag City".

Deadline for Spring 1902 will be Tuesday, May 17, 1983.

PRESS

WALES-BOB: Oh, poor thing. I type 15-20 page papers on my portable Smith-Corona manual. Once you get used to it, it really isn't all that bad. OK, the power return is nice to have, but I don't miss the constant HUMMMMM of the electric. Still, do find enclosed a contribution to the typewriter fund. Out of the generosity of my "black little heart".

MESA: Thanks, but pubic hairs aren't worth much in these parts.

AUSTRIA-MESA: What do you mean "Austria is in a world of shit"? This is my best start as Austria in years! I haven't lost a single home center, and it's already Winter '01.

MASS MURDERS-AUSTRIA: Yeah, you're screwed again, but you love it.

BERLIN-VIENNA: Poor Mike, and I thought you had the correct stance on the Jackie Onassis Question. Wonder why Michalski attacked you?

AUS-MOS: Oh how wrong you are!

BROOKE SHIELDS: Ooooh, that Brad is so cute. That's why I went to Princeton, to take it up the poop chute from him. Just hope that stupid wench Cunny doesn't take him away from me.

MAZZER-WILSON: Brooke Shields, huh--not a bad choice. I remember when I was your age my heart-throb was Judy Carne, the Sock-It-To-Me Girl on Laugh-In! "Say Goodnight, Dick" sounded so right when SHE said it. Wowle!

FAG CITY: The only difference between sex god John Michalski and sex goddess Cathy Cunning is that John puts out.

CATHY-ERIC: You cad! Why didn't you call your little apple dumpling when you were at KalamazooCon?? You men are all alike! Seven or eight quickies and it's off with the boys!

ITALY: Arizona weather is like Cathy--hot, hot, hot!!!

CUNNING-MICHALSKI: Is that the best press you can write? Come on Michalski, you're not even trying.

MASS MURDERS: We want Jim-Bob!

CATHY-BOZO: Go ahead. Don't write me. Leave me alone with Gary. Force me to talk to him on the phone and listen to his drunk tapes. All the begging I did to you. I hope John eats you up. But you would enjoy that, wouldn't you?

BOZO-CATHY: Who's a real man? I'm a cheap man. But you did get a real letter this time, right?

MESA-BOZO: Apparently not.

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MASS MURDERS ((continued from page 22))

MAZZER-MICHALSKI: Kick a man when he's down, will you? All right, you asked for it. When I met you at Olsen's, I thought you looked just like Peter Boyle who played the monster in Young Frankenstein!

MAZZER-OSUCH: And you, for adjudicating Austria's horrible position (not to mention giving me Austria again in the first place) look like a young Ed "Lou Grant" Asner!

FAG CITY: This isn't really fag city, we just call it that to keep Michalski and Coughlan away.

LON-ROME: Dr. Sleaze? Well, I sure like that better than "Bozo". Will I outcorrupt you as a GM? I just don't finish games, you fix them. I can try though. Maybe I'll fix 82HN so Woody wins!! Now that would be a miracle, which tops fixing a game. In fact, since I'd be God, that would top everything.

WITCH-ELF: Isn't this the way of the world? The other fools spend all their time trying to break us up and Michalski screws them all in the backs. We may die, but at least we'll be happy.

PARIS-BERLIN: You do realize that by mentioning Denver Glont and Glover Rogerson that you are falling into my trap? To make Glover a household word. So keep it up, I love it.

GARY-CATHY: Somebody who wrote that last time doesn't know who Glover was really talking about! Let's see. It wasn't Denver Glont #1. I know that much....

BERLIN-MARIE ANTOINETTE: I'll give you Belgian lace for an untouched Burgundy. How about it?

BERLIN-LONDON: Don't worry, I won't let them take Prussia from me in this game either!

BERLIN-BROOKE SHIELDS LOVER: I'd give you Belgian lace but I don't think you're that kind of guy! And you couldn't promise to give me an untouched Burgundy could you? Have a Heineken(at home, not in Holland), and think of me.

MAZZER-MICHALSKI: Your "love secrets" idea sounds a little earthy to me. Wouldn't it have sounded more sophisticated to have said: "Wine, dine, and soizante-neuf", which is, of course, French for 69?

A MICHALSKI LOVE SECRET: The cock is an ignorant organ. To a cock, a cunt is a cunt. You can always put a bag over her head.

AUS-MASS MURDERS: Scrotum!! See, I can be filthy too.

MESA: Well, wash it, for goodness sake!

AUS-MICHALSKI: Maybe a better title would be "What John Michalski's First Time Would Be Like Were He Able".

AUS-TYO: You aren't out of position. You are in perfect position! Wha'd I tell ya, wha'd I tell ya?

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: My style is better than yours, which leaves a trail of slime behind it. Kick the canes out from under any old ladies lately?

MARIE ANTOINETTE: Yeah, I didn't say Ozog was a lowlife 'cause I'm in love with him. Wait til Origins, my windows will be steamy as all get out! I'll never stab him. But I'd sure screw him over(a barrel, over Colorado, over a V & T, etc.).

FRANCE-ENGLAND: The English are witty, charming and attractive. That's why I must save England from the likes of you, Bozo.

CATHY-ERIC: Now you, sweetie, could play a good England. Why did you have to leave me for Mazzer anyway?

FAG CITY-LAWLER: Anyone who wanted DIAS here would have it made. The road crews in Minnesota work two days, in April, take a vacation til September, work two more days, then knock off for the winter. The potholes are hell for bikes.

MESA-FAG CITY: I hear the city is selling potholes for 20 bucks each up there. Not only that, but the people are actually buying them!

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JOHN-PAT: I liked your toilet series in EE. I'm into commodes myself. Read an enlightening book on it. There was an especially moving passage from I Jan Gremer, a Dutch writer (this just proves to the Euro-peons that I do read Euro-peon stuff). It goes like this: "You should always flush your own turds yourself, for, like the length of your tool, they're nobody's business but your own. Cats who don't check to see that everything has been properly flushed away are shameless bastards. When I go into a john, full of anticipation, and see a bowl full of shit, the romance is gone. I'm disgusted. Anybody else's shit is repulsive to me. My own, on the other hand, never fails to delight me. I examine it with interest and a certain pride and, after it has whirled away and disappeared with the churning waters, I retire from the john with a sharp sense of satisfaction." Like it?

CATHY-JOHN: Ooooh, I love it when you talk dirty!

BOB-CATHY: Glad I put you in the right game then.

AUSTRIA-BERLIN: No Gary, the plan wasn't my idea, it was Michalski. But as you can see, John has other interests right now. Namely, screwing me!

BOHEMIA: Brux sux!! Seriously, can we please buy him a one-way ticket to Laos to investigate yellow rain firsthand?

LINSEY: I'm running a Best-Not-For-Print letter contest. Send me the best private letter you've ever received. I'll print the best three in VOD. (Villainous Ocean of Deceit)

HOBBY-LINSEED: Bruce, Bruce go away/ All we wanna do is play/ Not be bugged by a GM all day/ Bruce, Bruce go away.

FAG CITY: Can you buy "Muff Munchees" at 7-11?

CUNNING-TALLMAN: Piss off! Who made the mistake of showing you the first issue of this thing? Yes, I did. So stop bitching about how I stab you. You have gotten your revenge.

BERLIN-GM: Think you've got problems? If you'd lived in Rumania, you'd have to register your typewriter with the police. I do hope my five dollars was in here.

NORTH ATLANTIC-BOARD: What is a boob-off? A masectomy? A contest between Mazzer and Coughlan?

MAZZER: Hey, no fair, that "Imitate Mike Mazzer" contest. How about imitate Coughlan: Slander Martin, Slander Boardman, Slander Baum-eister, Slander Michalski (tough, I know, but it can be done. Call him intelligent.). Do I win?

AUS-GER: To me, Utah is "back east". Everything east of San Berdoo is "back east".

FAG CITY-SANTA MONICA: You think your city is bad, we're ruled by the "Democratic-Farmer-Labor" party. The commune of Minneapolis salutes our comrades in the People's Republic of Santa Monica!

BILLINGS-SEATTLE: Drop the fucking precedent "s"'s, will ya? My God, it makes the Dip hobby look like a bunch of bad speelers.

LONDON-BERLIN: What is a Denver Glont? Today in geology we learned about glyptodonts. They were huge armadillos. I'd draw a picture of one, but since Bob wouldn't want to redraw it, I won't. Glyptodonts lived in the Plesitocene period, they died out during the glaciation at the end of the period. Are they like Denver Glonts?

AUSTRIA-MOORE: I'm Dave, you stupid shit.

PRINCETON: Mark Berch, Mark Berch go away. Send the rain any day!

SANTA MONICA-CHICAGO: My armies may all be phantoms soon too.

FAG CITY-MAZZER: Too bad you can only get screwed in Diplomacy games!

MARK BERCH DEPT: Five inches of snow in baseball season.

BRAD-CATHY: I wonder what Marie Antoinette will think of my fleet. It's a big blue one!

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AUS-GER: Let's see now, you offered to support England and France both to Belgium and supported neither? I'd say they gave the Nixon award to the wrong person.

EDINBURGH-GM: 82IK? From what you say, the letters of it are indicative of a way to describe your position.

SERBIA: DIASDIASDIASDIASDIASDIASDIAS.

FAG CITY-FRANCE: I'd cover Brest if I were you. You know about these fast college boys.

FAG CITY-CATHY: You must be gay. No straight woman would say those things about Ozog.

CUNNING-BOB: Hey, if Tallman can write guest press, then I want Mark Luedi to write guest press too. Do you hear that, big brother? Come and save your little sister.

MARK LUEDI-CATHY: But I'm still trying to figure out if you're real or I'm real or this game is real or if Gary is real and if Gary is real then what kind of real is he and then there's school. I mean, is that real? I mean, to real or not to real, that is the question.

JOHN MICHALSKI REVEALS WHAT HIS FIRST TIME WAS LIKE: I was 27. It was my wedding night with Claudine. She said "Let's take off all our clothes and rub our belly-buttons together." I had never done anything so daring! She said "Is this all you have, honey?", but I didn't know what she meant. Then it happened!! I rushed into the bathroom to check myself out. I then returned and told Claudine that we couldn't do that anymore as my piss had turned snow-white and clabbered! That only meant one thing to me! After she stopped laughing, Claudine told me that, no, I didn't have leprosy. A whole new life opened up for me.

JOHN-CATHY: I'll show you what a real man I am by showing you what a real big dick I have. Color or B&W photo?

FAG CITY-MICHALSKI: Shouldn't the order be reversed--I mean sixty-nine, then wine and dine? Depends on your tastes.

WORLD-FRANCE: Send your applications to: Michalski's Massage Parlor, Moore, OK. He'll give you (and get, heh, heh) a good job. Or a few of them.

TALES OF ELF-ERIC: Elf-Eric planned to make Mazzer Pie. He said, "Who will help me get the ingredients for a Mazzer Pie?" "Not I", said Con-John. "Not I", said Rat-Pat. "Alright then, I will do it myself", and he did. Elf-Eric then said "Who will help me lie to Mazzer to make the pie a surprise?" "Not I", said Con-John. "Not I", said Rat-Pat. "Alright, then I will do it myself", and he did. And then, and then, all of Elf-Eric's plans were successful! Mazzer was in the oven, ready for the pie to be baked a la Napolitano (Now that's Italian!) and Elf-Eric said, "Now who will help me eat this lovely Mazzer Pie?" (Elf-Eric was thinking of Marie Antoinette, no doubt). "Oh, I will!", said Con-John. "Oh, I will!", said Rat-Pat and they both grabbed plates and forks and knives! "Oh, no you won't!" said Elf-Eric and he pulled Mazzer's head back out of the oven and.....

BERLIN-ROME: Barbeque! Barbeque! Show you what I'm gonna do!

FAG-CITY-BAALU: Actually, I needed some bread, so I melted you down and sold it to the Art Center as modern art. I called it "Frozen Dog Piss". Kinda cute, huh?

CARUSO-OZOG: Who'd want to pull your strings? I just pull on your cock and lead you along, as it always points towards Cathy.

TED BUNDY-OSUCH: When do I get a game named after me? Gilmore was a wimp--he just knocked off a couple gas station attendants. Seven-eleven material. I picked only coeds and didn't get caught for four years. So, c'mon--please? Or do I have to wait til I'm dead?

OSUCH: I think Son of Sam is next in line.

BERLIN-GM: 11 pages out of 44! Omigod! Somebody put me out of my misery before I go bankrupt! Everyone should stick to one or two-

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BERLIN-GM(cont): liners like I'm doing.

MESA: Gag me with a typewriter.

JOHN MICHALSKI REVEALS WHAT HIS FIRST TIME WAS LIKE: Thailand. 1971. In the Air Force. I was a "cherry boy"--never done it before. I went for a "short time". That and the ben-wah balls cost me \$5.25. I was a man.

NEWS BULLETIN: Olga Olsen dumps Pudge for Osuch, who wants a good piece of tail.

CATHY-GARY: Hey, what do you think about MM taking over EE? Next question is, do you have a choice.

FAG CITY-OZOG: I don't care if Casuso is pulling your strings; what else of yours is he pulling?

MESA: I think you've learned a hard lesson here Eric, and will undoubtedly watch what you say in the future.

BOTHNIA: Let's take a poll. Question: "What do you think of Bruce Linsey?" Answers: K. Byrne, NY: "Ecch!!"; D. Martin, MD: "Urrp!"; B. Olsen, KS: "Barf!"; M. Mazzer, CA: "First-class fag."; S. Hanson, MN: "I'd like to shove Duluth up his ass."; D. Grabar, CA: "Blecch!"; M. Berch, VA: "Very reasonable, intelligent. A good friend of mine."

ALL OTHERS-SCOOP: You're one crazy Dipimaster!! Why not act like the rat you are and jump off Brux's sinking ship?

FRANCE: Marie Antoinette doesn't like the Dutch advisors. Now I'm going to have to get mean and burn all the windmills in Holland, uproot all the tulips (Did you see Faye Dunaway in the garden scene in Mommie Dearest?) and use the wooden shoes for my Versailles fireplace. THEN I will put on my Belgian lace and do something feminine.

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Yes, Tallman wishes he were me. That way he could have Gary saying "Ah love you Cathy". Right now he's just frustrated.

BERLIN-TERRY TALLMAN: Oh, how humiliating for you to be PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED in front of 130 readers in 10 countries with a humor obsessed with blond pud-pullers, herpes cures and un-Tribes of Crane-like language! Ombudsman! Ombudsman!

MESA-BERLIN: Yes, it is unfortunate, but everyone knows that I don't allow anonymous guest press. However, if Terry uses his noggin he will find a way around George McShitsky and still get his press printed anonymously.

SEEN ON TREE IN GRANT PARK: "Cathy Loves Eric". But does she love him enough to lose the game so he can win?

FRANCE-ITALY: I'll bring my slender neck to your bedroom anytime.

CATHY-JOHN: "Is that all you have honey?"

JOHN MICHALSKI'S FIRST NUT: I was out on the back fourty doin' my chores when Gertrude, our prize ewe, started makin' eyes at me. Well, hell, I'm not one to look a gift sheep in the mouth, so I strung her up from a tree, spun 'er around, and had myself a good 'ol time.

WORLD-MARIE ANTOINETTE: Meet lower low-lifes Ozog and Conlon.

ERIC-CATHY: If you want to see my thing, baby pull my string!

FRANCE-RUSSIA: The string on a tampon is there to confuse perverts like you who have nothing better to do than sit around and wonder about it.

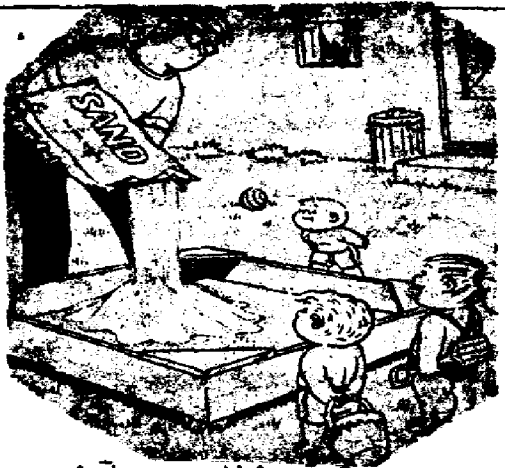
FAG CITY-MEMPHIS: Because of flooding and sewer backups, several cities in Minnesota had to dump raw sewage into the Mississippi. It should reach Memphis in about three weeks. Happy drinking!!

GARY: The capital of Peru is Lima, the capital of Tanzania is Dar es Salaam, the....

FRANCE-TURKEY: What? Attack Italy? Are you going to tie him down for me or just send me an airplane ticket?

FAG CITY-CHICAGO: How about them Cubs?! Think they can finish any better than the Twains?

MESA: Hey Scott, how about them North Stars? HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH...



ROD WALKER QUIZ RESULTS

Rod Walker, pubber of Diplomacy World, won 10 EEs and offered them to whomever could win a quiz of his that was printed in EE #22. Out of the three entries (only 3 were brave enough to try to play in Rod's ~~quiz~~ quiz-see cartoon), there was a tie and Rod sent along a tie-breaker quiz. If I have room it will be printed, with the details, on page 30. Now let's Rod take it away..... (I learned a lot!)

"OK, here 'tis, the full and complete answers. Entries were received from you [Gary Coughlan], Jim Burgess and Ruth Glaspey. Since Ruth sent in non-serious answers, it's between you and Jim. I will give the answers, who was right, and occasionally print some things from your entries.

1. Voltaire's Candide once played host to 6 kings in a tavern. In actual history, when and where did a vintner play host to five kings? Who were the kings? (15 pt.)
 -----In 1364, the Lord Mayor of London was Henry Picard, a master vintner by trade. He entertained a party consisting of no less than the following: King Edward VI (usually "III") of England, King Peter I of Cyprus, King John II of France, King David II of Scotland and King Waldemar IV of Denmark. It is fair to note that the French and Scottish Kings were at the time prisoners of war. Nobody got this right. Ruth Glaspey points to another event at a gay bar in Detroit at which the honorees were 5 queens...Camillus I, Claud, Camillus II, Camillus III and Mary I. Oh well.
2. Several European sovereigns once bore the title of "Serene Highness" (one, Prince Rainier III of Monaco, still does). However, what was (or is) the "Serene Republic"? (5 points)
 -----Venice. Also known as "The Serene Republic of St. Mark". Jim Burgess guessed one of the most unserene republics of all, the French Third Republic. Ruth Glaspey says Leelanau County, Michigan..."so-called because it is filled with Serene Republicans".
3. Many kings and other rulers have, after losing or resigning one throne, obtained another. Who was the most recent ruler to have done so? (10 points)
 -----Amazingly, the correct answer was not the one I had, but provided by Gary: "Henry Pu-yi was the last Emperor of China (1908-1912). He later was made Emperor of Manchukuo by the Japanese (he was a puppet ruler) from 1934 until 1945." Quite correct, although Pu-yi also was briefly Emperor of China in 1917 as well. Throne name was Hsüan-t'ung. My answer, now incorrect, was Adolf, Duke of Nassau (1839-1866) and later Grand Duke of Luxembourg (1890-1905). Jim thought maybe Joseph Bonaparte, sometime King of Naples and then of Spain. Ruth Glaspey guessed Doug MacArthur, who only thought he was King.
4. What Indochinese monarch took the name "Mary I"? (10 points)
 -----Ah, another victory of the lions over the Christians. The correct answer, which nobody got, was a certain Charles Louis Marie David de Mayrana, who ingratiated himself with some Montagnard chiefs in Indochina during the 1870s. He ruled for a brief period as King Mary of the Sedangs (or, as they were called in Vietnam, the Moys).
5. The notorious Cesare Borgia was once Duke of Valentinois. Who currently bears that title? (10 points)
 -----Gary and Jim both correct here. The current Duke of Valentinois is Rainier III of Monaco. Due to uncertainties of Grimaldi [Rainier's family name] history, he may in fact be Rainier IV.
6. If the male line of the ancient House of Nassau still exists, identify its senior member. If not, who was its last representative? (5 points)
 -----The key here is "male line". The direct male line has obviously died out because at one point the Grand Ducal throne [of Luxembourg] passed to Charlotte (whose son John III now occupies it). The last member of the male line of

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"Luxembourg was William IV, son of the aforementioned(question 3) Adolf von Nassau. Jim right.

7. Of what kingdom were these the last reigning monarchs(in order): Camillus I, Claud, Camillus II or Camillus III? (15 points)

-----The list of kings here are the last sovereigns of the Kingdom of Yvetot, a small town in the Artois region[of France] which actually ranked as an independent kingdom from 1392 until 1789. The French monarchy smilingly tolerated this anomaly; but the Revolutionary government, as is always the case with such things, had no sense of humor.

8. What did Richard III of England and Louis XIV of France have in common from birth(other than, of course, the usual things)? (10 points)

-----The thing these two kings had in common from birth(besides the obvious things, of course) were teeth. They were born with them. Ruth suggested they also both never visited Michigan...but this is not something they "had", but rather something they didn't have.

9. What did the following rulers have in common: John XXIII, Gregory XII and Benedict XIII? (10 points)

-----Both Jim and Gary, and Ruth, got the point that these were all Popes. That was obvious from the names. What none of you specified, and which was necessary for this question, was that they were all Popes at the same time! Two of them, of course, eventually came to be regarded as anti-Popes. Ruth thought they had celibacy in common, but during that period of history that is certainly not a safe bet.

10. What nation had a king named Mutton? (5 points)

-----Tyre, as Gary correctly noted. Mutton was the father of the more famous Dido. Dido may or may not have been real, but Mutton was..that is a corruption of his real name. He was Metenna I (c. 850-820) or Meterna II (c. 731-725) (all dates B.C. of course). There were two other Metennas, c. 561-556 and c. 532-475), but probably neither was that Mutton.

11. Who was the last Roman Emperor to visit Britain? (15 points)

-----This was very definitely a trick question. Gary thought Constantine I. Jim thought Caracalla. Ruth thought Claudius I. Negative, guys. The last Emperor of Rome to visit England was Manuel II Palaiologos, in the year 1400. We call those people Byzantine Emperors today, but in their time, they were called, and regarded, as "Emperors of Rome".

12. What monarchs took the following titles? (5 points each)

- His Most Faithful Majesty-----The kings of Portugal. Gary and Jim got it.
- The Equal of the Apostles-----The Byzantine Emperors of Rome. Nobody.
- The Power of God On Earth-----Chenghiz Khan first, and several later Khans of Mongolia. Nobody.
- Exarch of the Holy Throne of Ipek-----The Princes and Kings of Montenegro. Gary and Jim right.

13. In what European community does every one of its 13,000 inhabitants belong to the nobility? (10 points)

-----Obscure, obscure, obscure. The answer, which nobody got, was the town of Turropolja, now a suburb of Zagreb in Yugoslavia. Its inhabitants were perpetually ennobled in the 13th Century by Albert IV, King of Hungary. For more on Hungary see Question 16.

14. What monarchs were know by the following sobriquets? (5 points each)

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- a. Barefoot----Magnus III of Norway(1093-1103). Jim right.
- b. Yea-and-Nay----Richard I of England. Jim and Gary right.
- c. The Caresser----Magnus III of Sweden(1275-1290), erroneously called "I".
- d. The Sot----Selim II of Turkey. Jim right.
- e. The Burglar----Ferdinand I of the Two Sicilies(from his practice of taking his valuables with him during the many occasions when he had to flee his capital.)
- f. Dismal Jimmy----James II of England. Jim right (good guess, there).
- g. The Empress Brown----Queen Victoria(from her...um, alleged involvement with John Brown, a Scottish groundskeeper). Gary right.
- h. Figchen----Yekaterina II the Great of Russia.
- i. The Nero of the North----Christian II of Denmark(because of his massacre of the Swedish nobility). Jim right.
- j. The Prince of Whales----George IV of England. The name was allegedly given him while Prince of Wales by Beau Brummel.
- k. Snookie----Norodom II Sihanouk of Cambodia; but the name was not given until he was self-demoted to "Chief of State", apparently by the New York Times.
- l. Tum-tum----Edward VII of England. Gary right.
- m. The Educator----Nikolai II, Tsar of Russia.
- n. The Winter King----Frederick V of Bohemia. Gary and Jim right.

15. Who was the only white man to be crowned King within the territorial limits of the continental(48) states? (15 points)

----MY GOD, RUTH GLASPEY GOT ONE RIGHT. James Strang. He lost out to Brigham Young in the struggle to take over leadership of the Mormons after the death of Joseph Smith. He led his followers to Wisconsin, and at Voree was crowned "King" by them. They then moved to some islands in Lake Michigan---Ruth lists Beaver Island, but I'm unable to confirm that specific. Ruth says she bowls with one of this guy's relatives. The Mormons, of course, deny that there has ever been a schism in the church, but Strang certainly didn't stay in it.

16. Despite the constitutional prohibition against titles of royalty, Richard Nixon once had at least a tenuous claim to be the rightful King of another country (where his methods of government would certainly be more in line with current practice). Name the country and the nature of his claim. (10 points)

----The answer, which nobody got, was Hungary. The trick in this question was that I said "Richard Nixon". I could have named with equal accuracy Harry Truman or Dwight Eisenhower or for that matter Jack Kennedy. The claim was the possession by the US Government of the Crown of St. Stephen, and under Hungarian practice, no man could be King save he possessed the Crown. As President, Nixon had possession of the Crown and therefore a shadowy claim to the throne. Henry Kissinger wisely talked him into returning before he got completely carried away.

17. In the past 200 years, seven men have held and effectively exercised the title of Emperor within lands of the New World(and only in the New World), the Western Hemisphere). Name them. (2 points each, 15 pt. if you name the lot)

----Both Gary and Jim got this one, which in part is very difficult. There were two rulers of Mexico: King Agustin de Iturbide and Emperor Maximilian. There were two Emperors of Brazil, Pedro I and Pedro II. Then there were 3 Emperors of Haiti: Jacques(Jean-Jacques Dessalines), Henri Christophe and Faustin Elie Soulouque.

18. Who was the last king of Ireland? (5 points)

----The last King of Ireland was George V, in whose reign the Republic of Ireland became independent. Subsequent Kings of England were Kings of Northern Ireland only.

19. Who was the last King in Ireland? (5 points)

----Tricky, tricky. The question asks who was the last person who held the rank of King in Ireland. Jim sensed this by guessing the false "Edward VI", Lambert Simnel, who was crowned in Dublin in 1487. The one I was after was a native Irish King who was not King of all Ireland. Thus the last King in Ireland was Aodh X MacFerdercha, King of Ulster until 1607.

20. Who was the last Doge of Genoa? (10 points)

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THE LETTER COLUMN

This should be a large letter column this time. First up, as always is the person whose picture was maligned in the previous issue. But before we listen to Robyn Finley's response, we'll see what her husband and one of her opponents in Mata Hari, an all-female game, had to say about Robyn's reactions.....then Robyn herself!

Cathy Cunning(Washington, USA): "Oh, Robyn Finley would be upset that so many people guessed it was me in the picture in EE. You see I just stabbed her in 'Mata Hari'. I'm not a nice person really. I just fool everyone."

Jim Finley(California, USA): "My camouflage cap is off to James Woodson, the only guesser to identify Robyn's photo. It figures that a serviceman would be the only one with the perception to figure it out. Funny, with so few women in the hobby, you'd think someone else would have gotten it right if only at random. To Michel Liesnard I say: you are a man of rare taste and judgment; too bad her left ring finger wasn't in the photo! Oh, well. If she comes to Europe, I'll come with her--but don't give up hope, she has two sisters and they're single... ..Robyn's going through the dictionary and the thesaurus looking for words to use on some of the less complimentary guessers; really though, that issue made her day. She laughed for about an hour about some of those. Just wait till their photos come up. Europeans, don't think you're safe---she has family in Sicily. For that matter, if she asks my brother the artilleryman, he can make up a very neat letter bomb. He's handy with that sort of thing, though not as handy as he used to be since he blew a finger off last year. More careful, though."

□ I thought James Woodson had met Robyn at one of the PeeriCons since y'all all live in southern California. But, when he was here in Memphis(see page 3), he said he never had. Now to Robyn and her Roget.....

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Robyn Finley(California, USA): "I got a good laugh while reading comments from the good, bad and the ugly. Even the insults were tame compared to some remarks made of other contest photos. But really, you guys with beaks and transvestites on the brain sound terribly repressed. If the dress fits, by all means, wear it!

I must clear up a few points. First of all, "Valley" girls do not grow up to be "Valley" women. They simply don't make it to 21 by gagging on all those spoons. And Al Giddings, how could you possibly mistake me for that scrofulous creature Dixie Gray? Especially since you are the only one who has ever seen her. G'mon, fess up Dix--I mean, Al. Also, there is some truth that California is a haven for weirdos. That's why so many out-of-staters move here.

Cocky? Me? Would a woman who bakes her own bread be cocky? In game press, perhaps, but never in person. Jim[her Marine husband] is the smart-ass in the family.

To Judy Winsome--what a wonderful bio you wrote--too bad most of it's not me. I've never been the aggressive business-woman type, though I do seem to get along with men well. Although, these days my day-to-day contact with the opposite sex has been limited to Mr. Rogers and Kermit the Frog.

Thanks guys(James Woodson, Bob Olsen, Michel Liesnard) for your lovely comments. They kept me smiling for a week. How did you guess, James?

I do envy Gary traveling to Europe this summer. The travel bug sank its little teeth into me years ago when I took off down the face of Africa, via Europe. I haven't been the same since. Ah, maybe when the kids are grown, I'll dig out my backpack and Jim and I can roam the continents."

□ Thanks, Robyn. I still think that the picture made you look like Meryl Streep from the side, anyway. Tell me, does Jim play Turkey often(See page 6)!

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Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "Do all the pictures turn out this badly? All I can see is a blur where the face should be."

□ (EE #23's pic). Maybe the guy just doesn't take a good pic? ((See page 32))



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Well, sometimes the pictures don't turn out well and have a glare or a blur. Things don't always turn out like we want, like Frankenstein's creature. Anyway, since the contest this time is for 10 weeks, I'm running the pic again. It and the details are on page 17.

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Larry Peery(California, USA): I'm very impressed with the way you handle your end-of-game statements. I'm doing mine a bit differently with the DEMO games. Keep in mind that Mike's [Mike Maston, the publisher of Larry's zine Xenogogic] an undertaker and funeral director."

Kevin Stone(New York, USA): "I really enjoyed EE #23. Your endgame treatment: as the GM was

superb. Looks like BRUM [Bruce Linsay, who was France in 1981 AM] is keeping you guys (the post office) in business."

Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "Looks like you have the second largest endgame collection I've seen. Berch [Mark Berch, pubber of Diplomacy Digest] devoted an entire issue of DD to his endgame statement for one game. I think that that's carrying it a little too far...."

□ I decided to print in full any comments I got about the endgame presentation for 1981 AM in EE #23. This was it to date. I did get a tape from Mike Mills and he said I should have considered serializing it as a series of articles. I don't have that many games to GM so I see no reason, when one does end, not to do it up in grand style and to include the subbers of the zine as much as possible in understanding what went on, who was who, and so forth. Another game ended, 1979 R, "House of Hapsburg" (see page 9) in an Austrian win. That game will be presented in EE #26. The Austrian player was the original player and lives in West Germany. It won't be as detailed since I inherited 1979 R from John Leder.

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Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): "In #22, you wrote, "You are correct in only one thing you say: Gregory Russell is not one of your subbers."

Is that so? What about my, "Incidentally, two of your readers have told me that you in fact wrote the piece in EE #17, notwithstanding the introduction to the piece." Are you telling me this is not correct---that two people didn't tell me this? It's amazing that you would come to know such a thing."

□ I personally believe that you can tell Mark Berch, but you can't tell him much. I've done everything but hit you over the head with a hammer in telling you who Gregory Russell is. Perhaps someone else out there in our reading audience can join the two you mentioned (and yes, yes, yes, I fervently believe that they do exist and that they told you what you said they did) and draw you a blueprint. I've heard of beating a dead horse but you're going even further than that.

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Mike Allaway(United Kingdom): "I hate to say this, but American tourists don't generally get on well over here. They seem to consider us all a little mentally subnormal (not always an incorrect assumption), parochial and even the 51st state. Not true of all of them, of course; I spent a happy evening at the "Lamb" once talking to two delightful American girls (who, alas, were on their way home and could not avail themselves of my offer to "show them London"), both of whom were intelligent, witty and quiet.

American tourists always seem so loud. Not a complaint to be levelled solely at you colonials. There is a long-standing tradition amongst Brits abroad that, faced with some ingrate who hasn't bothered to learn English, if you shout loud enough, he'll understand! Never did like abroad myself--too full of foreigners (mind you, that's true of London as well--I'm a terror when asked where "the Queen's house is" or some such. I always send the poor devils the wrong way. Well, I mean, they've all got at least two maps and they still can't find it).

□ No good, Mike! The Americans have had it. Just read page 33 and see! (32)

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Mark Matuschak(New York, USA): "OK, time to wrap myself up in the colors and go to bat for American tourists everywhere!

It may be true that some Americans abroad are boorish and unsophisticated(though from my own travels abroad in both East and West Europe I have hardly found that group to predominate). Nevertheless, one must realize that Americans generally don't place great emphasis on cultural sophistication in personal development(I'm speaking here of the broad mass of Americans). You may lament this, but I do only to a certain degree. I certainly wouldn't want to see Americans imitate the cultural snobbery that frequently passes for sophistication in Western(and generally not Eastern) Europe. ~~W.B. 32~~

Witness for example, in Michel Liesnard's letter, "among the prettiest public squares in the world," and "the best restaurant...in the world." I have never understood why Western Europeans have such inferiority complexes as to require them to staunchly hold that the best of everything is located there. (Note that Americans, by contrast, are much more apt to brag about their political system or their economic sophistication.)

All I mean to say is that there are two sides to every coin. In this case, it is that we value other traits more highly as a people. I'm tempted to note that I have as many "nasty European" stories as there are "boorish American" stories--again, each is only one side of the coin and cannot fairly be called characteristic. So give me peanut butter or give me death! Long live the "Ugly American!"

Bill Highfield(New York, USA): "Americans have a right to be arrogant. Many European nations owe their freedom to the United States. We bailed them out of World War II and what do we get? Stepped on and spit at. Well, screw'em. I realize all European people are not that way but some are. For the same reason, not all Americans are vile and disgusting, just the Southerners(just joking).

Seriously though, a lot of Europeans are as arrogant as we when they're in the United States. Recently, I was in a store and this Spanish lady was giving a teller a hard time. She was screaming in Spanish and yelling obscenities in English when she could remember. She waved her Spanish passport around like it was a goddamned gift from God or something. The teller didn't know how to handle it and I used my tact that I'd learned as a teller in our family grocery store. I said, "Hey, lady, you are in the United States, speak ENGLISH or SHUT UP!" She shut up and stormed out of the store. The teller smiled and said, "Thanks. I didn't know what to do."

I'd like to know where Europeans get off thinking they are so damn superior, especially since they haven't done anything right since the beginning of time. They've been fighting forever. They can't seem to unite. The United States is a mixture of everyone and we're still together. We've been united for 200 years. You can't say that about the Europeans."

□ I wish the Americans wouldn't be so timid about expressing their opinions! Future EEs will be looking at this "image" which we project to others. I was wondering about your use of the word "teller", Bill. To me that is someone who works in a bank and no where else. Yet you said in a "store" and that you were a "teller". What do you "nasty Europeans" have to say about Mark's points?!

(Mark pubs The Buzzard's Breath and Bill pubs The Modern Patriot). The U.S. is one country but there are a lot of divisions and stereotypes even here. Next up is James Briggs, from California, currently serving in the Army in Texas....

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James Briggs(Texas, USA): "When(??) I'm accepted[at Officers' Training School], I'll be passing through(200 miles out of my way, ha ha) ~~Memphis~~ Memphis on my way to Georgia. No thanks on the Grits, I've had a distaste for porridges and okra too since I was a child. I do however like hog jowls and corn pone! (just joking).

About the Chicago election[a racial-tinged mayor race in which the black candidate beat the white candidate along racial lines of voting. It polarized Chicago], truthfully I couldn't care less. Being from a WASPish heritage[White Anglo-Saxon Protestant heritage], I've lived in more affluent neighborhoods most of my life. Until recently, my family never had to contend with segregation or racial matters. San Diego, in which I lived for 13 years, has a voluntary bussing plan [bussing is where children are sent to other parts of the city to go to school

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and make all schools thereby more racially mixed and so promote racial harmony. Some are voluntary but others are ordered by the courts provoking great resentment] which works, and the people who were bussed, blended right in. My ROTC background helped me a lot, and in high school my two closest associates were minorities. One was a black Nazi, the other a Filipino Communist (this was when I was a socialist). The funny thing is that we all became registered Republicans. Interesting what time will do to us, isn't it? (However, I've always been a middle-of-the-road conservative).

Getting back to the main point, most of the minorities I met through my life have not been like the stereotypes...only in the Army have I met stereotype-like people, and in fact, have learned to hate those types, mainly because they hate me by their own stereotype standards. Still, everyone is not a stereotype, and I have many friends here who are minorities. Granted that none of my friends are ever in trouble here. Anyway, I tend to avoid people who will start a confrontation about such things. I suppose I am prejudiced a little, aren't we all, but I don't go around attacking people who are different. Sure, I tell a Polish or Italian or a Black joke now and then, but I also tell Scottish and Irish and German jokes as well. (I'm part Scot, English, Welsh, Irish, German and Blackfoot Indian). It is this reason that if a bunch of bigoted Blacks, Niggers, want to kick in the heads of a bunch of bigoted Whites, Honkeys, I don't give a damn. To liberally quote Ebenezer Scrooge, "If they be like to die, then they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

☐ Yes, the Army is full of stereotypes. That was the first experience I ever had where I was judged, negatively, by my Southern accent and background, by some people. I was showing some photos of my home and several were surprised that Southerners had such modern-looking places in which to live. I was asked if I had ever gone to a KKK meeting, seriously. But what really got me was when I started putting salt on my watermelon and my Yankee friends were appalled at such vulgarity. They didn't do it, so it was bad manners, not to mention disgusting. I couldn't imagine anyone not using salt on their watermelon! I'll have some for you James when you come through Memphis, ha ha!

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Frauke Petersen (West Germany): "Thank you for another EE and a letter that stuffed my mailbox yesterday. I tried to read both while I was doing the cooking "Spaghetti Carbonarra". That's spaghetti with a great cheese-cream sauce: whipping cream, Parmesan, cooked bacon and scrambled eggs. You have to talk Elsie into cooking it for you some day! While I was reading the Mass Murders press I nearly forgot to stir the sauce!"

Cathy Cuning (Washington, USA): "The press [Mass Murders] was a bit shocking this time. Still it's all in fun I guess. I just hope my face turns back to its normal color some day."

Bob Ouch (Arizona, USA): "I had thought Dawn [Bob's girlfriend who works at the post office and runs off xerox copies of Mass Murders for him] had this in the mail Thursday, but it turns out they are monitoring the xerox at work (which she didn't tell me about til yesterday), so this is late...sorry.

In the future, all copies must be run on Saturday, so I'll have to make the deadlines as close to Saturdays as possible."

☐ So that's why there is only 5 pages of Mass Murders press this issue. I think it is only decent for Michalski, Mazzer, Conlon and especially Ozog, to give us clean players, like Cathy and me, not to mention the EE readers, a break from their incredibly filthy and perverted and graffiti-inspired press! No wonder the post office cracked down on Dawn! If anyone wishes to be a standby in Mass Murders, write Bob at: 1359 E 2nd Ave., Mesa, Arizona 85204 USA. It is a 2-week deadline game. Don't cook when you read Mass Murders this issue, Frauke!

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Jim Finley (California, USA): "How many of your subscribers are in the Service, by the way? Counting active duty, reservists, ROTCs and retirees? About what percentage of the total? Bet it's higher than the percentage of military in the general population."

☐ I count 17 (18 with me) which is about 13% of the subber list. ((See page 35))

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Bill Becker(Michigan, USA): "Liked Mike Dean's zine, Psychopath #6[from the United Kingdom] enough to sub. Perhaps some kind of go-between who can get cheap British pounds would help in subbing to these far-off zines. It cost \$5.00 per British money order here, so I blew \$21.00 just to get about 15 issues. Of course, now you'll tell me he's one of the poorer zines to latch on to and I can go blow another \$20 on some top-notch zine."

Kevin Stone(New York, USA): "Could you send me the names and addresses of any European zines you know of that offer play-by-mail "En Garde!""?

Steve Knight(Minnesota, USA): "I'd like to solicit some advice about getting involved with U.K. zines. After reading the European section in the Zine Directory, I decided I'd like to take a look at Greatest Hits, NMR! and Ode. So I guess my main question is, if I go ahead and order a U.K. sampler from Alan Parr[who runs the zine bank for all British zines sent out as samples for one pound or the equivalent of about \$2.00], can I ask for samples of these specific zines, or do I get whatever he decides to send? If it's the latter case, am I better off asking for individual samples from the publishers? And if so, what's the best way to approach reimbursing the postage for the sample? I've never really dealt with international finance before, so I'd like to avoid looking completely naive when I try."

Mark Luedi(Indiana, USA): "Would you happen to know the name/address/et al of a game-opening service in Europe which might be similiar to Ponte and KGO [services in North America which list known game openings from all zines]? Or rather, if there is one? I'd like to advertise for international games over there rather than over here."

Ø Glad to see such interest in overseas! Let's muddle through this if we can. Britain has a "Diplomacy Central Gamestart Service"[Tom Tweedy, 29, Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9BD U.K.] which sends names of interested players to editors who run the games. As far as I can tell, all the zines use it there. Mark, you might advertise your game through Tom.

The British equivalent of the Zine Directory is called 20 Years On and its latest issue is just out[available from Simon Billenness, 20, Winifred Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR3 3JA U.K. for 3 issues at one pound(about \$2US) or one issue for about 70 cents] with info on all games. It says that Psychopath(address in EE #22, page 19) and Cut & Thrust (Derek Wilson, 321, Headley Road East, Woodley, Reading, Berks, RG5 4SE U.K.) offer "En Garde!". Psychopath is a good zine and is especially interested in catering to North Americans. Cut & Thrust is said to be "running one of the largest En Garde! campaigns in the world."

Alan Parr(6, Longfield Gardens, Tring, Herts, HP23 4DW U.K.) runs the Zine Bank and will gladly give you the samples of the zines that you ask for. The cost is one pound or about \$2.00US. You can obtain an international money order at one of your banks, in pounds, but they charge surcharge as Bill mentions. Or you could send him the equivalent in IRCs(International Reply Coupons) which are sold by any post office branch for about 65¢(US) and are easily convertible into the currency of other countries. I say other countries because you should not be overlooking what the continental European zines have to offer(see next letter). And many will accept American cash, not checks(cheques), but cash.

Not all British publishers use the Zine Bank exclusively but most do and send Alan copies of their latest issues each month. 20 Years On says: "If any zine in the listings takes your fancy and you'd like to see a sample issue or if you just want to see a varied selection of zines", write Alan with the money, and "he'll do his best to accomodate you. He doesn't have a copy of every zine so you don't tend to get every zine you ask for."

Steve Knight read about these zines in North America's Zine Directory and the three that he wishes to see were written by the pubbers themselves(in two cases) and by an enthusiastic subber in one case. So pubbers, if you wish to attract foreign subbers, it pays to advertise in Simon Billenness's 20 Years On and Roy Henricks' Zine Directory.

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Roy Henricks(Pennsylvania, USA): "I am getting lots of help from the European publishers as far as the ZD[Zine Directory] goes, and I assume Cathy Cuning is doing the Euro section(or she would have let me know by now--I hope)--"

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"--so I forward them on to her. I've been getting samples of a lot of European zines lately that makes me wish I could read German, French, Dutch etc.--but I'm one of those millions who always find languages a pain in the curriculum."

□ I know what you mean, Roy, but many of these continental zines also have large English sections, especially letter columns which help to bring the hobbies closer together. Roy says that the next edition of the ZD will be done in June and handed out at ORIGINS in July. Pubbers! If you didn't get your zine represented this time, write Roy at: 128 Deerfield Dr., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235 USA, and let him know the facts on your zine. You don't have to do this to attract subbers---the ZD just wants to be as complete as possible. Non-North American pubbers should send their zine's information to Cathy Cuning at: 1603 NE 50th St., Seattle, Washington 98105 USA.

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Jack Fleming(Washington, USA): "Don't work too hard!"

Mark Fassio(South Carolina, USA): "How's things been with you, pal? Still on massive overtime? Hope not...."

Jim Finley(California, USA): "How's life? What's new? Sounds as if the post office is working you to death. With unemployment what it is, why in the world don't they hire more people? It'd be cheaper than paying overtime to the workers already on the payroll, wouldn't it? I know, you've said it a hundred times, right?"

Allan Martin(Illinois, USA): "There's not an awful lot of time to write here as you probably know. It seems like you work as hard as I do."

□ Allan is my cousin and is currently in the Navy's boot camp in Illinois! I told him I was almost willing to trade places with him, as his basic training would be over in 8 weeks while this overtime has not let up yet. However, they have brought in casuals(part-time help who are hired for 89 days) but so far, we have still been forced to do mandatory overtime, and the threat of losing our off days (well, one of them anyway) still hangs over our heads which also wears you down. I got lucky last time but this week they started taking one off day again. I can't think of anything worse than a postal supervisor or maybe I can.....

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Cathy Cuning(Washington, USA): "Oh, Gary can you do me a favor[No, you can't have Munich!]? I was wondering if I could put an issue of Cathy's Ramblings in EE? I want to use the one that has the results of the "Beast vs. Tamlyn" contest. You will enter, won't you? So far Daf[Fritz] and [John] Michalaki have entered. Anyways if I put the results in EE then the British crowd could see it too."

□ Cathy has a subzine called Cathy's Ramblings which has appeared in about 3 zines now and I'll be glad to carry it here. This American beauty has been violated by Brian "Beast" Dolton and she needs your help! The British hobbyists, including Cathy's "god", Glover Rogerson, are ignoring the "Beast" and are even saying that Pete Tamlyn(whom Cathy calls "the kind, gentle, fun-loving editor of the Acolyte--Pete Tamlyn") is worse than Dolton!

In a recent Cathy's Ramblings, Cathy said: "This creature, Dolton, took the first issue of his zine and spent it talking about the social implications of eating one's underwear!(Just the kind of stuff Michalaki would love to read about and Woody would like to do, if Michalaki would eat his underwear.) He even calls my idol, Glover Rogerson, such vile names that they can't be repeated here!..How can the British be so slow as to not see what an evil creature the Beast is? Well they are. But you can make the difference! The American hobby could tip the scales of power! Just finish the following sentence:

"Brian "Beast" Dolton is more evil than Pete Tamlyn because....."

Cathy goes on to say: "Now I know that many of you are saying, but Cathy, we don't know who this person is? Does that really matter? How many of you knew Woody before you attack him or Bob Olsen? Or how many of you would trust the words of Mike Mazzer or my own mom Kathy Byrne? Just pretend that Dolton is

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"Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" press (1981 AN) continued from page 8)

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The "Big K", as he now prefers to be addressed, stated, "The building of an army in Trieste and disbanding one in Picardy (by my close and personal friend, the King of France) has totally changed the balance of power in the European theatre. Germany now, as Germany always has, must support the S.L.O.P.s of the world!"

This last outburst was apparently too much for the Kaiser and he dropped back into a restless comatose sleep muttering, "Sweet Jesus! Can that be really the last worm....."

Austria-Hungary to S.L.O.P.: I stand behind you all the way.

Army Warsaw to Army Berlin(Russia): Whoa, buddy, whereinthehellyouthinkyou'regoing.

Austria-Hungary to World: The Tsar is now safe. The monarchy is preserved.

[LONDON]- Impatient warlords here in the capital have decreed that England's gamble is about to begin, a la 1944, the Ardennes.

[WARSAW]- Like, wow, mondo sinistro!

[MEMPHIS]- Shazam! Ain't it something how you can see into the future and it's only 1908!

England to Germany: I may do for you with my misguided offense what you couldn't do with yours--open a breach against me. This is it, Kaiser. You and Kerry will earn your last baubles. PS. Sorry I haven't written recently--my leave, wedding plans, etc. have bit into my time.

Memphis to England: But you've written a lot of press here, so how come that?

England to ALL: Notice how I write more when I have less forces? Better not reduce me further, or I'll make the Swedish Roundabout end-game statements look like footnotes!

Memphis to ALL: Please, anything but that again! Give him what he wants!!

England to ALL again: Marriage countdown, as of 1 May---42 days. Send your presents early!

Memphis to All: Anybody have any advice for Faz concerning his marriage?

Austria-Hungary to Memphis: It's better to go on the toilet instead of the radio.

Memphis to ALL: Guess not. See y'all in June!

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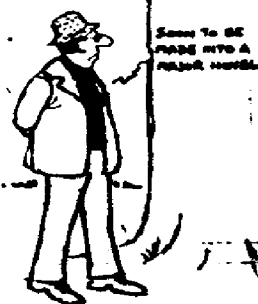
NEW SUBBERS AND COAS (And their zines):

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- 2. Patrick J. Conlon: RFD 5, Abilene, Kansas 67410 USA (Free Speech Alley)
- 3. Jack Fleming: C/O 1732 18th Ave. "O", Seattle, Washington 98122 USA (???)
- 4. Mark Frueh: 309 N. Livingston St., Apt #1, Madison, Wisconsin 53703 USA
- 5. Pete Gaughan: 12024 Penford Drive, La Mirada, California 90638 USA (Perelandra)
- 6. Rick Holman: 'Albenga', Cryers Hill Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire U.K.
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- 11. Helmut Schmidt: Margeritenweg 4, 7709 Hilzingen, WEST GERMANY
- 12. Kevin G. Stone: 2880 County Line Dr., Big Flats, New York 14814 USA
- 13. Judy Winsome: C/O 3902 Lakemead Way, Redwood City, California 94062 USA
(Winsome Losesome)
- 14. James S. Woodson: P.O. Box 33032, Pensacola, Florida 32508 USA (Raging Main)

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Triumvirat, despite its name, is run by 4 "handsome and dynamic lads" and is a joint French-Belgian production. I've only seen the second issue, so up to now it is all in French. It has a letter column, many games, cartoons and is excellently reproduced reminding me in that way of Belgium's Chantecler. French just seems so "elegant" to me and sounds provocative: "Propositions du GM(votez SVP)"

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"the meanest lowlife scum in the world and that he makes [Mike] Mazzer or [Terry] Tallman look like Saints."

And I'm very sure that Cathy would be most appreciative of help from continental Europeans. Won't you help her? Write to: Cathy Cuning, 1603 NE 50th St., Seattle, Washington 98105 USA and tell her why "Beast" Dolton is the scum of the earth. Do it today!

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Larry Peery(California, USA): "Well, EE was a good excuse for a reason to write but I should make a note about PEERIPOLL '83, as much as it hurts to tell. I goofed. I don't know how, but I did and it was a humdinger. So the results you published are incorrect. I was hoping nobody would publish them until I got a correction out. Martin, Langley and Baumeister all caught it so I have to correct it. The individual listings are OK but when I did the composites I used the wrong column of figures. So, the corrected ratings/standings are: EE(44.08); Magus(43.84); Just Among Friends(41.6); Tacky(41.31); Diplomacy By Moonlight(41.1); Snafu!(40.81); Murd'ring Ministers(40.54); Appalling Greed(40.16); Xenogogic(39.83); and Voice of Doom(39.76).

On the Games People Play thing[survey ran by Jim Williams with the results published in EE #23], I was delighted to see Acquire do so well. I really enjoy that game."

Mark Matuschak(New York, USA): "Can someone tell me what is the value of the umpteen polls conducted each year in the hobby? I mean, what do they say? Case in point--the "Games People Play" poll published last time in EE. So 64 people rated their favorite games, what does that tell us about the couple of thousand active hobby members. Nothing. Hell, even The Buzzard's Breath, my own sliny 'sine, has more subscribers than that!

None of the many polls even hope to be statistically valid, so why have them? Ego? Gees, and I thought the Western Europeans had inferiority complexes..."

□ Well, I think polls are fun and there is enough variety in the many polls to appeal to everyone on some point. Realistically, if we waited for the "couple of thousand" hobby members all to do something, we'd never accomplish anything. The polls may not be "statistically valid" but I don't really think that is their aim. They allow those who want to do so, express their opinion. And they allow Mark Matuschak to say in The Buzzard's Breath #62: "Remember the Jim Williams' Favorite Game Poll I mentioned in TBB? The results are in, though only 34 North American ballots were received, which is probably(hah!) not a representative sample--3rd Reich[a game heavily played in TBB] is 9th on the PBM list and 7th FTP." Several more polls are coming up in the next few months. So vote and make them meaningful! Express y'all's opinions!

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Mark Luedi(Indiana, USA): "It's a good thing I didn't pick up the standby slot in "Apis"! Fertility curse indeed! Last thing I need is a rug rat!"

□ The "Apis Fertility Curse" is over! See the game results on page 11. I did forget to thank the Malbergers who helped "Swedish Roundabout" and "Apis" run smoothly(at some danger to themselves as Mark points out!); So thanks to "Swedish Roundabout" Malbergers John Kador, Bern Sampson and Don Del Grande; and to "Apis" Malbergers Jeff Noto(his wife is now expecting), John MacFarlane, Allen Wells and Mark Luedi!

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Mike Allaway(United Kingdom): "In the latest issue(#22), you wonder why we Brits are so insular "hobby-wise." Dunno really, though it could have something to do with the fact that we have a more flourishing(I'm convinced that isn't right but can't find a dictionary)hobby compared to the Europeans and are more "culturally homogeneous" than the American hobby. I could, of course, be talking out of the top of my head(a not unknown occurrence)."

□ I had raised this subject because the Britons never seem to participate in the picture contests, and there seem to be more Americans in European zines than there are British who are so much closer to Europe. Comments? ((See page 31)) 38

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Bob Olsen(Kansas, USA): "I agree, it is very mean to make shame, shame to a nice person like Andropov. I think the problem is that Newsweek, unlike Jaap Jacobs [In EE #21, Jaap criticized Newsweek and other American publications as being prejudiced in their reporting despite the American claim of being fair and objective] just has no respect for a man who is demonstrably psychotic. After all, you don't kiss babies to become Fuehrer of the Workers' Paradise, now do you? The selection is made strictly on the basis of which thug can out-thug the other thugs--no more, no less. We should celebrate the accession of Andropov just as we would have celebrated the accession of Himmler had Hitler croaked earlier than he did. As for those bad people at Newsweek, it's obvious that they are suffering from the disease of "sluggish schizophrenia" which was first described by Andropov and his fellow Gestapo boys. The cure is quite simple--inject them with convulsants and other drugs until their minds are destroyed. Hey, it works in the enlightened Soviet Union--let's try it here!"

Larry Peery(California, USA): "I read Jaap Jacobs' comments in issue #21 regarding Newsweek and Yuri Andropov and I was going to write a very long and elaborate response. But what the hell, it wouldn't do any good.

I have been a student of Soviet(and other Communist regimes) politics for a long time(e.g. since about 1963) and so I have been following the post-Breshnev turmoils of Soviet politics with great interest. If it were not for today's (March 27, 1983) headlines regarding Andropov's responses to Reagan's latest saber rattling, I probably wouldn't have responded to Jaap's remarks. However... ..I want to get in my last "I told you so's" before the balloon goes up.

So, Newsweek isn't being fair to poor Yuri? Tsk, tsk. I remember, vividly, the Soviet occupation of Hungary in 1956 when poor Yuri was Soviet ambassador to that country. I wasn't very old at the time. In fact, I was all of nine. But I remember the reports on the news and the newspaper stories. It was then that I became acquainted with Mr. Andropov. I have followed his career ever since because I figured, sooner or later, that he would emerge as a major figure in Soviet politics. Everything I have read, and it has been a great deal, since then convinces me that Yuri Andropov could very well have been responsible for the KGB participation in a Soviet-backed Bulgarian plot to kill Pope John Paul. But I get ahead of myself. Let's back up to 1968/1969 when the Soviets were doing their best to destroy the Dubcek-led movement toward freedom in Czechoslovakia. I know about that one, I saw it first hand. As the Soviet tanks rolled toward Prague in August, I was racing for the Austrian border in an old VW. Fortunately, I got out, through the Berlin Wall. My comments on all that, as well as other Soviet misadventures, are a matter of record in early issues of Xenogogic[Larry's zine]. Now, these comments may make me sound like a hawkish warmonger. Not so. I'm not. I'm a realistic student of Soviet politics. More importantly, I'm a pragmatic student of Russian history!!!

What concerns me at the moment is what is happening in the USSR, not what is happening in the newspaper or magazine headlines. What Newsweek says about Yuri Andropov is secondary. Only Time and the New York Times have a better grasp of what is happening and neither of these zines[??] have really caught the essence of what is happening at the moment in the USSR. This past week added a bit of reinforcement to my conclusions. Soviet watching is not like US politics-watching. You don't watch the conventions, the primaries, and election night, and know what's happening. You have to watch everything, at the grass roots level, to understand what is happening in Moscow. That is probably why the Soviets will spend more time watching the Chicago mayor's election than we will, and they'll learn more about us from it than we will. Anyway, what has happened in the USSR since Breshnev's departure is nothing less than historically earth-shaking. And nobody notices!

What? What am I saying? Simple. An analogy may explain it in terms that Americans and Europeans can understand better. Let us assume that the current economic recession in the USA(only far worse) had happened during the time of Watergate. Let us also assume that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, had still been functional during Watergate[Hoover died in the early 1970s before Watergate] Had Nixon died and J. Edgar Hoover, not the Vice President(Remember the Soviet Constitution has no provision for the succession of power by constitutional means), become president, would Pravda, Le Monde or the Berliner Tageblatt have been so

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IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT
YOU KNOW WHY
I FEEL THAT
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"cool? I think not. You say this is impossible. Bullshit. What if the FBI, CIA, and the US military became convinced that the US political machinery could not handle the combined economic and political crisis in existence? Who would have been a more logical successor to Richard Nixon than J. Edgar Hoover. Hoover's stature in US politics, his know-how of our processes, and his infamous files on every American of importance (real or otherwise) would have given him the title and the power.

Nonsense, you say. Perhaps. But consider, the FBI consists of how many of America's elite? 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 of America's bravest and brightest young men. The cream of the crop. Graduates of the best law schools(70% plus of all FBI men have J.D. or better), the perfect physical specimens, supported by an administrative machine controlled from the top; trained to respond without question; and supported by every branch of the Society(Elliot Ness, where are you?) [Elliot Ness was the FBI hero of a TV series called The Untouchables]. Located across the country, with instant access to all major centers of power. Supported by the CIA's machine, and military might. Impossible? No, not really. Anyone who has studied Watergate can tell you it's possible. The only thing preventing it is the press(at the reporter level), the Congress(at the freshman level), and the inertia of bureaucracy.

And what of the Soviet Union? I suggest it could not or has not happened in the USA. What of the USSR? The fact is that the Soviet system is dangerously close to collapse. I know, every right-winger says that. I don't. I refer you to Soviet Government and Party statistics on their own system's performance and demographics!!

The fact is that the Soviet leadership, drawn from the Party and Government establishment of the post-Lenin, post-Stalin, post-Khrushchev period is worthless. Only Brezhnev's dependence on these old cronies(The USSR is, in fact, run by a clique of not more than 2000 key figures(actually it is probably more like 500, close to the same number that runs the USA) and their loyal support of him has kept both in power this long. The situation, political and economic, is on the verge of disaster. The combined political pressures in Poland(the preservation of its Eastern European empire is the number one Soviet foreign policy goal), in Afghanistan(the historical Russian drive for warm water ports is no less important today than it was 200 years ago) and in Cuba(where the Soviets are spending an Empire's wealth supporting another potential Sadat!) and the economic problems at home, have driven the Soviets to a vast gamble. A gamble that the West does not see.

The USSR has put its own J. Edgar Hoover in absolute power. Andropov is a product of the KGB, and the KGB, not the CCCP[Russian script initials for USSR] represents the Soviet elite of elites. His corps is the best they have. They have the best education, the best rewards, the best of everything, and they are the shock troops of the Soviet regime. If anyone can make the Soviet monolith move, they can. Just how much Andropov controls this apparatus, I don't know. No one, including him, does. But, indications are that he is quickly and quietly moving his people(from the KGB) into positions where they can control major elements of the Soviet society. KGB people have already taken over the Militia(e.g., the FBI suddenly assumes control of all local US police departments), have moved into key government ministries, and are in power in the main Moscow Party secretariat. In addition, Andropov has moved to fill the Politburo with his friends and allies. The Party is rapidly becoming the weapon, tool, whatever of the KGB, not the other way around. What Khrushchev feared from Beria is now becoming a reality.

I don't think the Government apparatus has the power to stop it. Its key people are isolated and fearful. I don't think the Party can stop it. The loss of Suslov a few years ago destroyed the Party's John the Baptist. Whether the Army will, or not, I don't know. Ustinov probably could bring down Andropov, just as Zhukov brought down Beria back then[1953?]. But the cost would be his own neck. I don't know if he would pay that price. Fate, in the form of actuary tables[you die when you get old] may save us yet. Andropov may die of natural causes. In some ways that would be a blessing. But, if, by chance, some younger, healthier, more dynamic version of Andropov should seize power in the following chaos, God help us. As Israel learned when a Defense Minister became restless, 2000 innocents die the death of martyrs.

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"Anyway, what has happened is that the USSR, faced with the most hawkish American President since JFK [John F. Kennedy], has placed its future in the hands of its elite and that elite is not the Party, the Government, or the Military, but the Secret Police. That, if nothing else, should tell you how fearful they are of us.

And our President, just as fearful of them, is calling on Buck Rogers technology to save us from them? Don't sleep well tonight, America, the National Guard is not only awake but...

Given what I have to say about the Soviets and the Americans, and the current status of the world political situation, it would seem to me that it is time to turn the hands of that clock that measures the time until the nuclear holocaust, to 11:59. Armageddon is at hand."

□ It can't be that drab! Seriously, though, this is an interesting view of what's been going on in the USSR and I'm sure that it will elicit some comments. I still feel like Jaap though; I want straight, unbiased, objective reporting so I can make up my own mind. It has been very interesting for me to correspond with Europeans and see events from their viewpoint and why they hold them. I know when Frauke Petersen of West Germany came over here last summer and was at ORIGINS, we talked about the pipeline deal and the Reagan sanctions. I had never seen her view presented in this country's publications so convincingly.

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Thomas Franke (West Germany) (SA): "I'm in a rush now because term has started-- --how far are your German exercises? Can we speak German in October (hint, hint)?"
Mike Mills (New York, USA): "Maybe we should write to each other in German and thus help both of our vocabularies? Ok...Lieber Gary, Mein Haus ist grau und blau. Mein Kinder ist Nathaniel. Oh well enough of that!"

□ Well, I'm still working on reading German so don't plan on any conversations completely in German (or Dutch or French) but you English are in for a real treat! One thing the non-British Europeans do to me is to put words in their language in letters that they write to me which is an incentive.....

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Frauke Petersen (West Germany): "Yes, Grün wächst! [motto of the Greens in West Germany and means "Green Grows!"] I'm sure that you, as a Southerner sympathize with political movements that break with the established system. Aber nicht nur Südstaatler, sondern auch Norddeutsche! [Not only Southerners, but also North Germans!]. Die Grünen Bundestagsabgeordneten [the Green Bundestag representatives] are doing all sorts of interesting things in order to take the boredom out of the Parlamentarierleben, e.g. they use Parlamentarierfahrräder [bicycles. Provided by parliament, Frauke?] instead of limousines in the government district in Bonn [West Germany's capital]. Also they have accomplished getting a nursery into the Bundestag. The most famous Grüne is, of course, Petra Kelly. I don't have to mention which great Midwestern University she attended while in the US.

Anyway, Gary, I think you'll have to mail only one more EE to my German address. Next week, I have quite a hot date with some Consulate Official in Hamburg. All I need to do for the visa is not only 100 DM [German marks] but also tell them that I never ever, not even in my wildest dreams, have been either a commie rat or a prostitute. I hope I'll manage to lie with a straight face...."

□ Frauke comes to the US to join her fiancée Scott Hanson who publishes Irksome. She also sent some humor cartoons from West Germany (see page 30). Ah, Frauke you may hate me but I don't much care for your Greens. Many of their ideas are not practical (such as both Germanys being neutralized, turning Germany into a pre-industrial society or some such). The paper here mentioned that 5 of the Greens, including Petra Kelly, went to East Berlin (the communist sector) and quote: "The police first seized the group's banners and posters. Then, as the five protesters sat down on the square, they carried them away, roughly grabbing the arms and breasts of the women. "They treated us in a brutal, sexist manner," Ms. Kelly said." Did they seriously think, knowing the history of the last 35 years that the Communists would welcome them with open arms? What did they expect? I don't have much confidence in them.

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Simon Billenness(United Kingdom): "A funny thing happened in the last Lambmeet[The Lamb is a London pub where area hobby members meet twice a month for drinks and chat]. This rather tall figure with short hair, an earring and cowboy boots was introduced to me as Gary Coughlan by that bastard Geoff Challenger. Needless to say, gullible as I am, I engaged this figure in conversation: "I thought you were coming over to Britain in September."....."No, I decided to come early."

After about five minutes, "Gary" said, "I can't keep this up any longer," took out his chequebook and revealed himself as Matt Quartermain."

□ Thanks for a laugh, Simon! Matt will be taking over 20 Years On(see page 35) from Simon in September. When I got this I wondered how a Southern accent was faked. Simon said that a New York girl was with him at the Lamb and said "He doesn't have much of a Southern accent." I'll be over in October and I definitely want to see the Lamb.

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Something else: in one of your latest letters, you asked me why all Belgians and French take their holidays in July and August. Well, the two main reasons for this are that schoolkids are on vacation from July 1st to September 1st, and that these two months are the only ones when one is sure to have sun quite all the time. And since everybody wants their holidays in the summer, most holiday resorts are only alive during these two months, and half-deserted the rest of the year. Recent statistics have shown that in July(the month preferred by the Belgians, while the French prefer August), the population of this Kingdom[Belgium] decreases by about 12%. In comparison, more than 25 million European tourists have settled in Spain this summer.....

Great seasonal migrations, from the north to the south, are a reality on this continent, and one can wonder whether the pagan religions of the ancient times are dead or not when one realises the "Three Ss" (Sea, Sex and Sun) still remain the engines which drive millions of Europeans on the road every summer...

This reminds me of one of Charles Turquin's jokes(Charles was travelling through Spain last summer, on a bicycle) about those who used to flock to seaside resorts and ask for a "true sauerkraut" in Valencia or a "good steak" in Athens. He called them the "Men of Torremolinos"(from Torremolinos, a Spanish resort, and "minable", the French word for "shabby"). Belgian humour, that is. Kathy wouldn't get it."

□ Michel pubs the great Belgian zine, Chantecler and always has a large English section. When he wished to receive Kathy's Kornor, Kathy wrote him that he would "never understand KK--the humor over here is quite different than what I've observed from Europeans!"...Michel answered her: "Kathy Darling, are you trying to politely tell me that I'm a dotard who's lacking humour or what? Please tell me more about this subject. But don't be too humourous in your letter or I could miss the wit in it." That's an idea for an article! Someone who speaks several languages could write about the different humor(humour) of the different countries.

What with the tight new currency controls in France, I wonder what the French will do in August!

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Jim Finley(California, USA): "You've probably answered this before, but why do you have that woman on horseback and toy train on your cover? Also why do you call your standbys 'MalMBERGERS'? A lot of your recent subbers might like to know, even if the old hands have heard it before."

□ All the new subbers know because I explain the zine to them. I mean if they turned to page 9 and saw "Olaszország" with no explanation, what would they think! Well the woman is on a bull not a horse and this is Europa of Greek mythology whom Zeus, king of the gods, carried away by disguising himself as a gentle bull. The continent of Europe takes its name from Europa and that is the way Europe is spelled in many of the European languages. The train is to represent the other word in EE, an express train. Also express refers to a special edition of a newspaper and I am a journalism major. ((Continued on page 43)) 42

BALLOTS FOR 2 POLLS!!

The season of polls is upon us and two are coming up in which you might want to let your voice be heard (actually three counting the Runestone Poll (see page 18)). There are so many zines that I will not do a ballot for the Runestone Poll. This is purposely placed on this page so you can cut it out, mail it all without damaging EE or making your copy incomplete. Please use them! Or do your own ballot!

THE YAWNER POLL! "You can vote for as many people or places or szines [Terry spells zine in this fashion] as you want. Just list the one you feel most strongly about first and work down," says Terry Tallman, pubber of North Sealath West George. The deadline is: June 15, 1983. The address is: Yawner Poll, C/O Terry Tallman
820 W. Armour St.
Seattle, Washington 98119 USA

AND THE CATEGORIES ARE: (Forgot! Also sign it!)
MOST BORING SZINE _____ MOST OBNOXIOUS HOBBY MEMBER _____
MOST BORING PUBBER _____ MOST OUT-OF-TOUCH-WITH-THE-HOBBY-MAINSTREAM PUBLISHER _____
MOST BORING PLAYER _____ HOBBY PEARL DIVER _____
MOST BORING SUBSZINE _____

DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD! This award is to honor the memory of a great hobby member named Don Miller and is given to a hobby member active today for services rendered on behalf of the hobby. A panel of 7 narrowed the choices down to 5 persons and is now presenting the names for the hobby at large to vote on. If you wish to know the specific qualifications for each of these 5 nominees send Larry Peery a self-addressed stamped envelope. You have time to do that! The deadline is: July 4, 1983. The address is: Larry Peery
Box 8416
San Diego, California 92102 USA

AND THE NOMINEES ARE: (Vote for one only) _____

I VOTE FOR:
_____ MARK BERCH _____ LEE KENDTIER, SR.
_____ KATHY BYRNE _____ ROD WALKER
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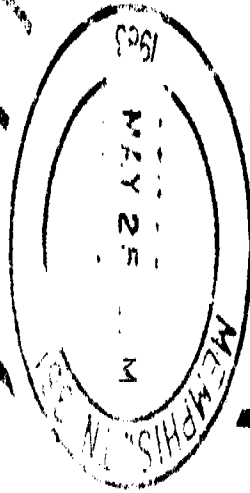
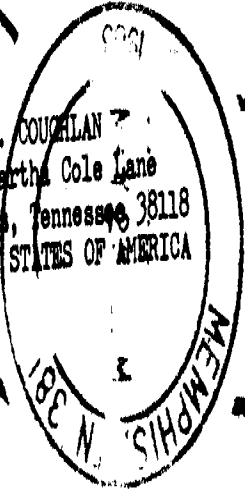
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When I started a zine of my own, I wanted a logo, something instantly identifiable. As for Malmbergers, they come from a former EE subber from Sweden named Fredrik Malmberg. He wanted (facetiously) to have a game named after himself and he listed all his qualifications for such an "honor". He said, in EE #3: "Malmberg stands for everything in Dippy...heroic defense...valiant attacks...excellence in diplomatic communications...outstanding performance...bitter defense of Scandinavia. 'Malmberg' is simply a perfect abbreviation." I said that I couldn't name the games, for they were already named, but that those qualities were just what I wanted to see in EE standbys. So standbys became known as "Malmbergers" in EE. Back to Europa and Greek mythology, one of my interests---does anyone else have a game from Yaquinto called "Mythology" or have played it? I bought it sight unseen and it really seems like a fun game. What do y'all think?
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Pierre Kotschoube (Zambia, Africa): "I am flying back to Africa [from Belgium] in two or three days' time. Michel told me I am a bad boy because I still did not sub to EE! So EE gets its first(?) subber in Africa and a maybe article! (43)

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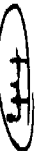
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