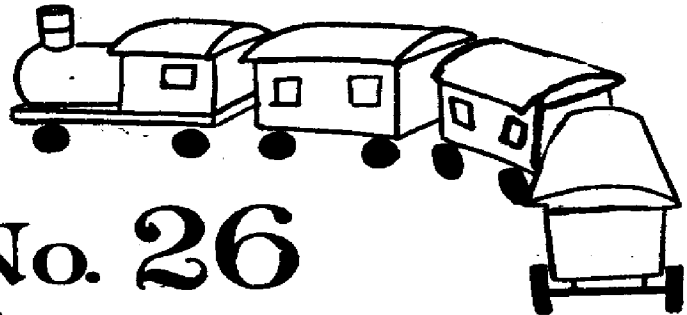


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It happens out in Vegas, happens in Moline, on the blue blood streets of Boston, up in Berkeley and out in Queens, and it went on yesterday and it's going on tonight, somewhere there's someone doing a zine and games and now reading a zine!



## No. 26

4 A O U T 1983

§ I thought summer was supposed to be the time for taking it nice and easy! Well, believe it or not, I have. I've laid-out in the sun trying to get a suntan. I like just doing nothing just what I intend to do after I drop this off at the printer's! In the meantime, I've got this last page to do. The rest of the zine is typed!

§ There is a bundle in this zine this time: There is Cathy's Ramblings on page 40 with the results of her contest, a MOS WISLEY SPACEPORT from John Michalaki, Bob Osuch's Mass Murders, the results of the Runestone Poll (page 37-38), a TOADY & TOADY POLL ballot for you to cut out and use, several articles and a normal-sized letter column. Oh, MES is on page 44 and I'm trying out a new pag color on him, tan, which the printer told me they had but I haven't seen. MM is beginning on page 26 with its gross press. The EE games are here and there ar going to be game openings in EE (see page 17) and the wrap-up report on "House of Hapburg" 1979 R is on page 8.

§ I hope many of you will try to go to FudgeCon at Bob Olsen's home in Wichita, Kansas on August 12-14. I will be there and so will many others. See page 50 for more details. If you have to drive a long way, this EE will help pass the long miles, ha ha!

§ The tentative Europe schedule for mine and Woody's trip to see Europe and many of you guys over there is the following (so you know when to get out of the country!). On October 8, 1983 we fly to Frankfurt, Germany, Oct 9-11 is at Munich's Oktoberfest, Oct 12-13 is northern Germany, Oct 14-16 is Liege, Belgium for the Game Rendevous, Oct 17-19 is Brussels, Belgium (Michel Liesnard has taken 3 days off to show us around!), Oct. 20-23 is The Netherlands and Oct 24 we are supposed to go from probably Calais to Dover, England and thence to London until Oct 28. On October 29, we leave Europe. All I can say is that there better be some anti-nuclear demonstration as I've never seen one!

§ Too bad but the mail just came and no Mass Murders and an extra page of Cathy's Ramblings. Well it's all in how you look at it so to take the place of the anticipated MM, y'all get 3 pages of cartoons on pages 33-35!

§ I just got a Texas Instruments TI-99/4A which I'm slowly learning how to use. Recently I've gone with my 79-year old grandfather on trips to Mississippi. It's a glimpse at a vanishing South and it shows me my roots. We have a stone from his grandfather's house where dances were held before the Civil War! The stone and my computer lay side by side. Once he showed me a house where a 76 year-old- woman took care of her 107 year old father! My grandfather's last name is Martin and I went with him to see a 100-year old man in a nursing home when my grandfather was 70 and I was 23. The man got a phone call and he told them that "one of the Martin boys" was visiting him! I love the South!

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The fighting in World War I really began in August, 1914, this time of year! ①

Dear Gary, I hope BeeryCon was a success!  
Gary

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DIPSCRIPTIONS are done by Pat Hart of South Carolina in each issue of EE about an EE subber. You could be next! Pat coined the word "DIPSCRIPTION" and they are based on what he reads about you in this zine and other zines. Geoff Challinger British pubber of Home of the Brave, this is your life! Geoff has rather leftist views to most Americans and favors unilateral disarmament and....tell us more, Pat!

NAME: Geoff Challinger  
NICKNAME: Greenie  
HOME: Bomb Shelter  
BIRTHDATE: Same as Webster's Dictionary  
BIRTHSIGN: Danger - Radiation

SEX: See below  
EYES: See below  
HAIR: See below  
LOOKS: Apathetic

NOTED FOR: Pro-nuclear disarmament

AMBITION: Fire the last shot

TURN-ON: Being called intellectual

TURN-OFF: Called Mike Mazzer

FAVORITE DRINK: Moscow Mule

FAVORITE FOOD: Red meat

FAVORITE MOVIE: The Big Red One

FAVORITE DESSERT: Red velvet cake

FAVORITE BOOK: Red Badge Of Courage

FAVORITE COLOR: Red

FAVORITE PHRASE: Better Red Than Dead

FAVORITE POEM:

Geoff Challinger avoids all fights  
 Whether they're wrong or right  
 He's usually heard to quip,  
 I'll puppet, let me Dip



Dan Wilson and James Woodson. I appreciate all of you helping EE games run smoothly.

FOLLOW IN A KAISER'S Footsteps! Or a TSAR'S or a SULTAN'S or a KING'S----especially if they falter! You can do so by becoming a Malmberger (Malmbergers are what other zines call standbys) You are only used for one position at a time and you get 2 EEs added to your sub now and 4 more when you complete an assignment. Players already in EE games cannot be Malmbergers. For EE game openings see page 17. 26 Fine Malmbergers are: Ieapo Stabo, Peter Ansöff, Steve Arnawoodian, Mike Barno, Doug Beyerlein, Jim Burgess, Don Del Grande, Claude Gartron, Richard Gee, Scott Hanson, Steve Heinowski, Bill Highfield, ~~Ranke~~ Jansen, Bob Jewett, Mark Keller, Pierre Kotschoubey, Mark Larzelere, Dustin Laurence, Mark Luedi, John MacFarlane, Tom Mainardi, Bob Osuch, Jane Proskin, Don Williams

"Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything that you want to do." ----Jean-Paul Sartre (From: Oxford Dictionary of Quotations) ②

Do you need to still be reminded that 1983 is the 20th year of postal Diplomacy?! Well it is and this is certainly the year to celebrate it and make our hobby even better than ever. And to remember that it is only a game and keep our hobby fun. I'd like to speak on the "fun" aspect for a paragraph or so.

A lot of petty bickering and reputation-smearing has been going on lately in many zines. I'm sick of it and I know whereof I speak since I was a victim of lies and smears last December and January by some of the "biggest" names in this hobby. Now they are going after each other but even the casual reader cannot escape the name-calling and bad-mouthing. One pubber wrote me and said he is cancelling many trades so he can "avoid all the childish in-fighting that has plagued and sickened" the hobby. I know that his is not an isolated feeling.

I didn't go to ORIGINS this year because of this crap and because I didn't want to have to see certain people because I didn't know if I could be polite to them after the shit they did to me. I've never been especially good at hiding my feelings. I said it was because I was saving for Europe. That was not true.

There is a Bob Seger song which has a line in it that goes: "Something's wrong and it's cutting deep." That is my feeling about an "editorial" that was written about me in another zine last January. For 7 months now, I have waited for the editor to print my reply to that smear and so far he hasn't. So I will be printing that "editorial" and my reply in the next EE. It should be all of one page. Things this bad have to be answered.

The simple message is that people, especially pubbers, should watch what they print about other people. You should be aware of the hurt your words can cause. And you should not be surprised that your "victim" would want to present his own side in his own words. But the taint of the smear remains.

Ann Landers, in her newspaper column, printed a poem by an unknown author. I think every person in the hobby should remember this poem. REMEMBER ME?

REMEMBER ME?

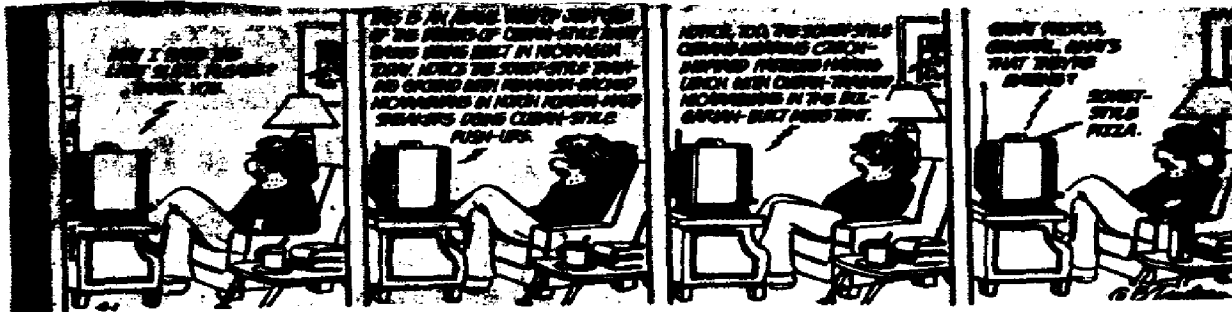
My name is Gossip. I have no respect for Justice.  
I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives.  
I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.  
The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.  
I flourish at every level of society.  
My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have  
no name and no face.  
To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.  
I am nobody's friend.  
Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never quite the same.  
My name is gossip.

This issue has 5 articles by Jim Williams, Robyn Finley, Pat Hart, Mark Larzelere and "Billy Argon". If you will recall recent issues of EE have dealt with the real origins of Diplomacy. Russia, the United States' C.I.A. and China have all been cited as having a hand (and nefarious aims) in manipulating Diplomacy's use. Now Jim Williams has.....

"ANOTHER PIECE OF THE PUZZLE"

---by Jim Williams

Speculation about the origins of the game of Diplomacy, and how it has achieved popularity in this country, has been widespread in recent issues of EE. Many facts have come to light regarding the creation, and distribution of the game we all have



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come to love. We found out about the KGB's involvement in the creation of the game from John MacFarlane. Jack Fleming told us how the C.I.A. discovered what a valuable training tool the game was and encouraged its use, while Scott Hanson informed us of China's influence in expanding the distribution of the game.

Scott hit the nail right on the head when he said "covert involvement in the Diplomacy hobby continues even today." His doubt about Russia, the U.S. and China being the only countries involved is well founded, because I have found evidence of yet another government's meddling in Diplomacy-related affairs---Fidel Castro's Cuba! I feel that of all the countries involved in this affair, the effects of the Cuban intervention are the most serious, and have the most potential to do the most damage to our hobby in the long run.

While the U.S., Russia and China have all promoted the game thus far, Cuba has been attempting to disrupt the interest in, and growth of, both Diplomacy and the postal Diplomacy hobby from Day One. Afficiandos of international politics might wonder about this apparent conflict between Russian and Cuban policy. Let me assure you that they are as united on this front as they are on any other.

It was obvious shortly after the release of 'Diplomacy', that the game was not going to have the effect that the Russians desired. In fact, it was having almost the reverse effect from what was anticipated.

Realizing their mistake, the Soviets attempted to bury the game, but by that time, the C.I.A. and John Boardman had gotten hold of it. Both Boardman and the C.I.A. began promoting Diplomacy for all it was worth, one for the fun and the other for its Diplomatic training potential. The Americans had turned the tables on the KGB!

Trying to undermine that which they created would have caused the Soviets to lose face in the intelligence community, so they did the next best thing...they called on Cuba. Since that time, the Cubans, with some discreet assistance from the KGB, have been attempting to bring down the postal hobby and, with it, the game itself. The recent eruption of difficulties in Central America(part of another Cuban intervention program) has put new emphasis on the Cuban efforts here.

Knowing that the only way the United States can diffuse the explosive situation in Central America is through skillful diplomatic negotiations, the Cubans have redoubled their efforts to bring down our only training ground for diplomats, that being the postal hobby. It was through this escalation that I became aware of the Cuban involvement, and its relationship with El Salvador, Guatemala and the rest of Central America.

I had three sources of information and all three told the same story--a story of oppression, despair and anger. Juan Valdez, a former coffee plantation owner in Colombia, made his way to the United States through all of the hot spots in Central America. I caught up with Juan in Los Angeles where he was filming a commercial for Hill Brothers. He told me how he had tried to purchase Diplomacy at a hobby shop in Honduras, and was almost arrested for his trouble.

Everywhere he went it was the same story. "The Cubans say no more Diplomacy," he was told. Juan had assumed that this Cuban outrage was limited to Central America alone, until he met Pastoré Glron, a businessman from El Salvador, at a Face-to-Face con in San Diego. Pastoré had tried to organize a postal Diplomacy hobby in El Salvador, when he began receiving death threats, and was forced to flee to the U.S. with his family.

"I'm still laying low," Pastoré says. "I've heard that the "Cubanos" are trying to stop the game everywhere. I'm not going to risk the lives of my family again by trying to play postally, so I guess F-t-F cons are all I have." It's a sad story indeed.

The final bit of corroborating evidence came from a former Cuban spy, and now a Cuban defector living in the U.S. under C.I.A. protection. Estéban Herrára came to the U.S. to disrupt postal Diplomacy. His mission was to enter as many games as possible while establishing himself as a fun-loving guy. He was also to publish a zine if possible and, at the peak of his Diplomatic career, he was to quit. Some of you have probably heard of "Al Rodriguez", the pseudonym Estéban used. His attempted disruption of the hobby came before the recent big push, and proved only to be a minor inconvenience to the hobby at large. He was briefed on Operation Tretick before his defection though, and as he says "This operation could have far-ranging implications, far above the minor damage caused by 'Al Rodriguez'."

Estéban showed me documents pertaining to Operation Tretick and what he says is true. The effect could be devastating.

Phase 1 of the operation involves infiltration of the zines and games. Phase Two includes NMRing, starting feuds and on the plus side, starting up a few zines. Phase 3 involves escalation of feuding, attempts to drive key hobby members out of the postal hobby and zines folding, along with the replacement of game pieces with plastic stars and anchors. A lot of this has happened already, but the hobby has proved resilient thus far.

According to the documents I now have though, Phase 4 will soon be initiated. This calls for the assassination of several key hobbyists in what is called "Sub-operation PudgeCon". I don't know what this means, but as soon as I figure it out, I'll send out a warning to try and stop this awful thing from happening.

With such a high level of Cuban involvement in our hobby, one can only imagine how many other enemies of the state have their hands in postal Diplomacy somewhere. I-I.....I shudder to think of it."

((So do I? I thought that assassination was the trademark of the Bulgarians! At any rate I have received two other conspiracy theories and ~~EE~~ will be printing them in the coming issues. Jim has a subzine called "Straight From The Dimmer's Mouth" which is devoted to discussing sports of all types. Write him about sports at 2500 6th St., SW, Altoona, Iowa 50009 USA. Thanks Dimmer!))



Since Diplomacy, postal-wise, is now 20 years old, it is being looked at closely to see what it has become and where it is going. Pat Hart, who does the DIPSCRIPTIONS in ~~EE~~ (see page 2), has an article about a possible new rule in the Diplomacy rules. See what you think....

#### "THE MISSING LINK"

---by Patrick Hart

People of Dipland. Hear ye. Hear ye! There is a rule which should've been included in the original Diplomacy rulebook, but wasn't. I have not seen it played in a variant game. Perhaps it has, but I haven't even seen it mentioned since I've been playing. Others would know better than me. I call it the "piggyback option".

I hear some of y'all out there saying "it's already in the rules, it's called a convoy." You're right...and you're wrong. But this is the real thing. Think about this. When the Allies invaded Normandy during World War II, their troops were carried/piggybacked by ships and took the beaches. The ships/fleets didn't remain in the channel preventing the occupation of enemy ships like they do in Diplomacy. I know, I know. Each turn takes place over a several month period. That proves my point, a fleet can't be in two places at once.

Basically, the piggyback option involves an army and a fleet coming to the same coastal province, whether by design, a retreat or builds. The army is then piggybacked by that fleet and goes with that fleet until ready to disembark. A true convoy. You wouldn't need a string of fleets to get an army from London to Rome. That's reality!

These are the conditions for the piggyback option:

- 1) The army and fleet must go to the same coastal province to initiate the piggyback.
- 2) An army and fleet from different countries cannot piggyback from a supply center.
- 3) When piggybacked, they're counted as one unit for combat and movement purposes.
- 4) Once piggybacked, the army must go with the fleet to avoid the two units in a space rule.
- 5) If the fleet is annihilated, so is the army.
- 6) The army can disband anytime except when in a body of water.
- 7) The army can leave the fleet anytime after the turn the fleet lands on a coast.
- 8) Once on the coast, the piggyback remains in effect until the army acts on its own.
- 9) The piggyback is still in effect if the fleet fails to move as long as the army is unordered.

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- 10) When the piggyback is broken, the army and the fleet must be in different spaces. Otherwise, the army is considered annihilated and removed immediately from the board.
- 11) Written orders look like this: F Lon P A Lon-Nth.
- 12) These are not written in stone.

So, after some thought, you can begin to see some of the tactical and strategical possibilities of this option. It does have its advantages and disadvantages compared to the convoy. It's meant as a supplement to, not a replacement. Yes, it is slower to initiate, but does have a more far-reaching effect to the added capabilities of a country far away from yours. However, it's nearly impossible to hide your intentions which would make it a marked fleet. The most compelling reason may be because it's realistic and adds that little extra to naval battles--- ---break through and invade!

((If you would like to discuss this with Pat further or have some ideas about it, please write them to him at: PO Box 634, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina 29482--0634 USA. I loved Pat's article but usually find rules's discussions boring so give Pat your comments and maybe he'll give me another article!))

Next I have to put Mark Larzelere's article because I know he has flipped around looking for his name and wondering "what article???" Well, the Leeder Poll results (uh the Runestone Poll results now) are out(see page 31) and, as usual there are winners and losers. Mark's zine, Appalling Greed is definitely a winner but in the 1981 Leeder Poll, his zine came in right behind Everything. Everything then was simply a listing of game starts, game finishes and a list of people who had won completed games since the previous Everything. That's all it was and it was only published when there was enough game starts and finishes to justify the cost of publishing an issue.

On the other hand, Appalling Greed comes out every 3 weeks with excellently GMed games and a very lively letter column. And Mark's wit which you can see from his comments from Appalling Greed #16 in the aftermath of the 1981 Leeder!

THE ONLY ZINE TO RANK 37th IN THE 1981 LEEDER POLL!

---by Mark Larzelere

Yep, a year ago I set out to start pubbing. At that time I knew of this other zine in the hobby, a zine many other pubbers considered to be one of the hobby's most important. And yet, I felt sure that if I tried, I could produce a better product than this zine. I would finish ahead of the zine in the next Leeder Poll, and people would have to take notice.

So I've always tried to get the zine out on time and adjudicate accurately. And I've not yet made a GMing error. I've tried to print what readers want, and I've gotten comments that some readers like the zine better every issue. I publicized the Leeder Poll, feeling sure that I would finish in front of this zine.

Well, the results are out. It was very close. But in the end, Everything had a 5.96 rating and Appalling Greed a 5.92. I lost. Edged out by Everything. I just don't understand it.

But don't get me wrong. I don't wish to begrudge Everything its place in the poll. And, looking back at it, I can see that the better zine won. Yes, Everything's incisive wit, flawless GMing, perspicacious play-of-the-game articles, heated political discussions and punctual publishing schedule all combine to make it one of the hobby's great zines. I was lucky I came so close. Yes, the poll was run cleanly and Everything won fair and square. All I can do now is try to produce a better product. Wait till next year.

((This year Everything beat Paul Rauterberg's Midlife Crisis so I'm wondering if Paul will come up with something as Mark did. I guess this is also as good a place as any to announce the following: When Mark's current 3-week games wind down, he will cease publishing Appalling Greed as a zine and become a subzine here in Europa Express. He plans on running a Diplomacy game and a bourse and perhaps even continue his letter column which is currently the liveliest in the hobby. I couldn't be more delighted with the addition of Appalling Greed to EE which is probably still some months off. More articles are on page 7.))

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Next up is Robyn Finley who lives in California with her husband Jim and 2 kids. Her picture was in a recent ~~EE~~ if you'll remember. I think she looks like Meryl Streep. Anyway, after reading this story, I know now how she was able to deal so easily with the guesses about her picture! So, take it away, Robyn!

GRAMPS ON THE LOOSE!

---by Robyn Finley

Every time I stopped at the car wash, the old man was there. He'd shuffle from the office to the gas pumps to the car wash stalls with a secret smile on his face, as if he'd just been stand. He was always dressed the same: Khaki color pants, green loose-knit sweater, and an old Ricky Ricardo-type hat.

fondling tomatoes at the produce

One day, while I was wiping my car dry, he came pattering over to watch me. He stood a couple of feet away, just staring, bending as I bent. As I straightened up to wring out my towel he said:

"You look familiar."

I replied that I'd know his grandson in high school. A knotted brown finger pointed to my chest.

"What is that?" He was staring at my t-shirt which had a map of Africa on it. I named the continent for him and showed him where Egypt was. As he moved closer, his eyes lit up.

"Oh," he said, as he thrust a finger where my right breast happened to live, "and here's Tunisia!"

I backed away. He loomed closer, his finger bobbing.

"And here's Kenya!"

He wanted to touch ALL the countries. I stepped back again, wringing the towel out on his foot. I'd never really looked at him before, but now as he stood in front of me with those fiery hazel eyes, I saw that he was probably quite handsome in his day. His face reminded me of an old bedspread that the years had bounced upon. His teeth, yellowed and blotched, resembled piano keys that a sticky-finger child had played. He licked his lips while his eyes remembered how it felt to be twenty.

His arm reached out again as I slid behind the car.

"Wait, show me the Congo!"

I got in my car and sped to the exit. A game of touch tag wasn't what I'd had in mind. The old man waved, then buried his hands deep into his pockets as he ambled back to the office, back to his dreams. I never wore that shirt to the car wash again.

((Thanks for a very funny article, Robyn! But what t-shirt did you wear the next time?!

And next is the 3rd in a series of articles on how to play Diplomacy to win by "Billy Argon", psuedonym of a well-known hobby member who thinks it best that he remain unknown for his future game chances. So "Billy Argon" it is.....

PLAY DIPLOMACY TO WIN

(Part 3)

---by "Billy Argon"

When you start receiving replies to your first letters, it's time to seriously look at the game and determine what you plan to do. I'm not sure how this works--but for some reason we usually decide that one person will make a better ally than another. I think friendly letters that show a lot of interest in the game are very important. Non-writing means death. With these first replies you're finally going to have to be specific about your intentions. Don't be in a hurry. If a neighbor suggests exactly what you want then encourage him. If he suggests something else, compliment him on his plan and suggest your idea. ((Continues on page 8 )) (7)





"House of Hapsburg" ended in a win for Austria-Hungary on May 13, 1983. Who says that Friday the 13th is unlucky! This game had 3 of the original players until the end and 3½ players(you'll see what I mean!) submitted end game statements. The vital statistics are:

1979 R **JUNESTONE** (Leeder) to S12, **EUROPA EXPRESS** (Coughlan).  
 A: Horst John(win W13). E: Bernie Oaklyn(removed S08), Luis Porteny(dro W09),  
 Bryan Jurkowski(res W11), Dave Carter. F: Margaret Gemignani(dro S07),  
 Mike Carroll(dro S09), Michael Butt(dro S11), Mark Willis(dro S13),  
 Tom Swider(out W13). G: Julian Presber(dro F01), Bob Albrecht(dro S06),  
 Doug Karnes. I: Fred Winter. R: Alvin Smoliak(dro F03), Tom Butcher.  
 T: Sellick Davies(out W08).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	
Austria-Hungary	5	5	7	7	8	7	9	12*	12	14	14	16	18	WIN W'13
England	4	4	5	6*	8	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	7	
France	4	6	7	7*	4	5*	5#	2	2	2	2	1	-	
Germany	6	4	3	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	
Italy	4	4	4	4	5*	5	5	5	5	3	3*	2*	1	
Russia	6	7#	4*	2	2	3	4	6	7	7	7	7	5	
Turkey	4	4	5	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	

KEY: \* - played one short # - played two short

Since I only began GMing this game in Fall 1912, I cannot provide a lot of detail. Five players played France, 4 players played England and three players played Germany. This was yet another game where Bernie Oaklyn was removed and it had another famous woman player in it, Margaret Gemignani.

The players lived in Canada, Japan, West Germany, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. Horst John, the Austrian winner of "House of Hapsburg", is from West Germany and was the original player of Austria in a game which was not even in his native language. Maybe there is hope for me yet!

Next will be the headlines and cartoons that "House of Hapsburg" did have in its short time with EE. After this follow the end game statements in alphabetical order. (Despite the Russian player's endgame statement, I received no notation of Dave Pengelly from John Leeder, the original GM for this game).

- 1912(Magyar) Spring: Will Iberia Fall To The Austrians?!!!  
 (Cartoon) ("Yes..but I just might have found a chink in that armor.")---Have Other European Leaders Found The Chink In Austria's Armor?!!
- Fall: Northern Powers Take Berlin, Attempt To Stem Austrian Tide!!  
 Mediterrean Becomes A Hapsburg Sea!!!  
 (Cartoon) The Austrian Goliath Controls 16 European Supply Centers!
- 1913(Magyar) Spring: Anglo-Germans Drive Hapsburgs From Bavaria!!! Vicious Fighting In Central Russia!! Austrians Sail Into The Atlantic Ocean!!  
 (Cartoon) Is Austria Pinned Down If All The Other Powers Cooperate Against The Hapsburgs?!
- Fall: Austria Wins!!!  
 (Cartoon) Giant Austria Wins Control Of Europe!

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Horst John) 1979 R "House of Hapsburg"

"The first victim of the war that I remember was Sellick[The Turkish player]. I'm sorry, but he didn't die by military or diplomatic infamy but by the ineffectiveness of exotic mail traffic[Sellick lives in the United Arab Emirates]. Having seen (or having checked) this fact, I changed fronts as soon as possible.

Later, other good fellows--Tom and Doug for example[Russia and Germany respectively] tried to pay me back for my infidelity to Sellick. Never mind, dippy without stabs is like starting the game with 17 centers. I am sorry for them and for their misfortune(or better: their fortune somewhat less than mine).

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"House of Hapsburg".....continued from page 9 . (Austria's view)

I'm glad of having been on top during the whole battle, hard and fair. Special honour to Fred [the Italian player], who--at the end very lonely--succeeded in partnership by riding the tiger from the beginning to the end."

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND (Dave Carter) "House of Hapsburg" 1979 R

"Final supply centre count for England in Winter 1913 should be 7, not 5. I'm not submitting an end game statement. I came in late and nothing interesting happened."

((Gary here. I called Don Ditter, the then BWC, and changed England's supply center count so no Double BLAaaahzhzhhh!!! for you. (See Italy below!)))

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR ITALY (Fred C. Winter) "House of Hapsburg" 1979 R

"Congratulations to Horst John [Austria] on the victory, and I'm glad I could help him get it. I think it only appropriate that he saluted me by allowing me to keep Tunis and thus end as a survivor with Fleet Clyde.

This game saw me around the world, from Oklahoma to California to Greece and North Carolina, back to Chicago and then Milwaukee. I don't think I missed a move. And my addresses at intervals included "General Delivery, St. Mary's (Glacier Park), Montana. And, as I admitted to our second gamemaster, I've never missed a move, even though I did forget to mail one set for four months.

I hope John Leeder gets a copy of all the end game statements [Leeder was the original GM and he will get this copy of EE]. I've got a nice collection of foreign stamps from this game too. What more could one ask? A worldwide hobby taking 4 years to complete; amazing!

So. Austria and I allied from the start. I hoped to be a partner, but as so often happens to Italy in that role, I ended up in eclipse to Austria. Horst [the Austrian player] did contemplate dropping out in 1908 and 1909, and I think that my obnoxious attempts to have him roll over and play dead so I could capitalize on our early game partnership (including some complicated Italian armies in Greece roaming the Balkans) and have a shot at winning. Instead, he attacked (I won't call it a stab) me and dominated me completely. I pushed west and out of his way, capturing pirate supply centers all over. I'd have ended the game with 2 supply centers except my mail got jammed between my motorcycle saddle and gas tank, and I didn't find the letter was unmailed until this March when I took the bike out of winter storage. Back at the game, I enjoyed my scenic tour in Liverpool and as an outlaw in Clyde. All I have to say to Turkey and France [who were eliminated] is BLAaaahzhzhhh!!!

How appropriate that my last contact with this game is being sent over 3000 miles away from my first contact. How appropriate that England, despite throwing barbs at me and taking Liverpool back, dropped to 5 from 6 centers even so. Double BLAaaahzhzhhh!!! Goodbye."

ENDGAME STATEMENT FOR RUSSIA (Tom Butcher) "House of Hapsburg" 1979 R

"I took over the Russian position in this game as a standby in 1903 with a virtually hopeless position. Four units dwindled to two before Horst John, who had a strong position as Austria, befriended me and set me up, in effect, as his northern buffer against England, Bernie Oaklyn.

Bernie's tactics were unorthodox, to say the least, and none too successful, as I gradually managed to push him out of Scandinavia. About this time I also pushed south and aided Austria in eliminating Turkey from the game, giving me six centers and a fairly sound position since most of the Austrian forces were now in the west.

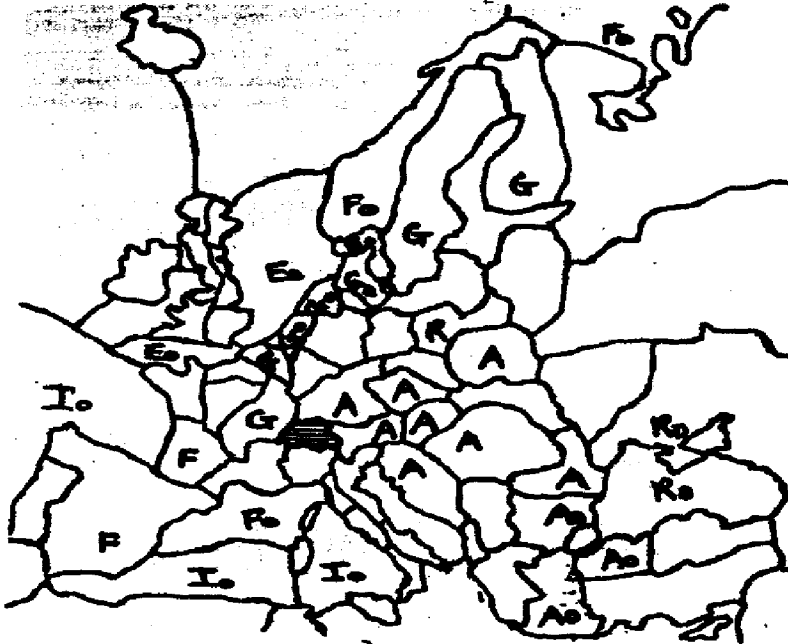
Bernie [England] was then dropped from the game for failing to re-sub, and his replacement being an old comrade-in-arms, Dave Pengelly, we immediately saw eye-to-eye on the need to join forces to stop Austria from winning. I accordingly stabbed my benefactor with villainous treachery and foul perfidy, but to be successful the effort needed help from the new Italian player [According to Leeder, Fred Winter has been the only Italian player], who unfortunately had been persuaded he would get second place if he abandoned the Mediterranean to pester the western allies. This abandonment of his homeland most certainly didn't give Italy anything like second place, but it just as certainly gave Austria first.

Horst [Austria] was not always tactically successful but was quite successful

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GERMANY DEcriES WESTERN "SIAMSE-ALLIES", ACCEPTS AUSTRIAN HEGEMONY OVER EUROPE!!!  
 HOWEVER, HANSHURGS DENIED S.L.O.P. MEMBERSHIP BY THE TSAR!!  
 FRENCH GOVERNMENT FALTERS, FAILS TO RAISE DEFENSE FORCE!!!

OO POSITIONS IN WINTER 1908 OO



§ GAME: Saxe-Coburg-Gotha  
 1981 AN

§ GM: Carlás L. Kóullányi ur

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1909

§ ZAT: Friday, August 26, 1983

§ GAME COLOR: BOLD

§ GAME NOTES: Howya like Magyar?  
 The language changes in the winter  
 so autumn was still German.

Due to requests, your game is  
 a winter only. The A-G draw failed  
 and a concession to Austria is  
 proposed. Remember a "No Vote  
 Received" equals a "yes" vote.

Patrick Conlon is on the road  
 but by August 6 will be at the  
 following address: PO Box 17014,  
 Union Station, LSU, Baton Rouge,  
 Louisiana 70893 USA.

I'm sure John will be back but  
 am asking Rick Holman to Malaberg  
 for France. He's at: 'Albenga',  
 Cryers Hill Road, High Wycombe,

Buckinghamshire, UNITED KINGDOM. He has your addresses. Big George is cartoon.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1908 §

DEUTSCHLAND: Army Norway retreats to Finland

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1908 §

ANGLIA: NO CHANGE  
 (Mark Fassio ur)

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZÁG: Builds Army Trieste  
 (Kerry Blant ur) Army Budapest, Army Vienna

FRANCLIAORSZÁG: NER! ☺☺☺☺ Plays one  
 (John Marsden ur???) short ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

NEMETORSZÁG: Removes Army Berlin,  
 (Jack Fleming ur) Army St. Petersburg and  
 Army Kiel

OLASZORSZÁG: NO CHANGE  
 (Allen Pearson ur)

OROSZORSZÁG: Removes Army Moscow  
 (Patrick Conlon ur)



Though Weakened, Germany's Fleet  
 Power Remains A Monstrous  
 Headache For England and France!

England to GM: When do we get a name change?

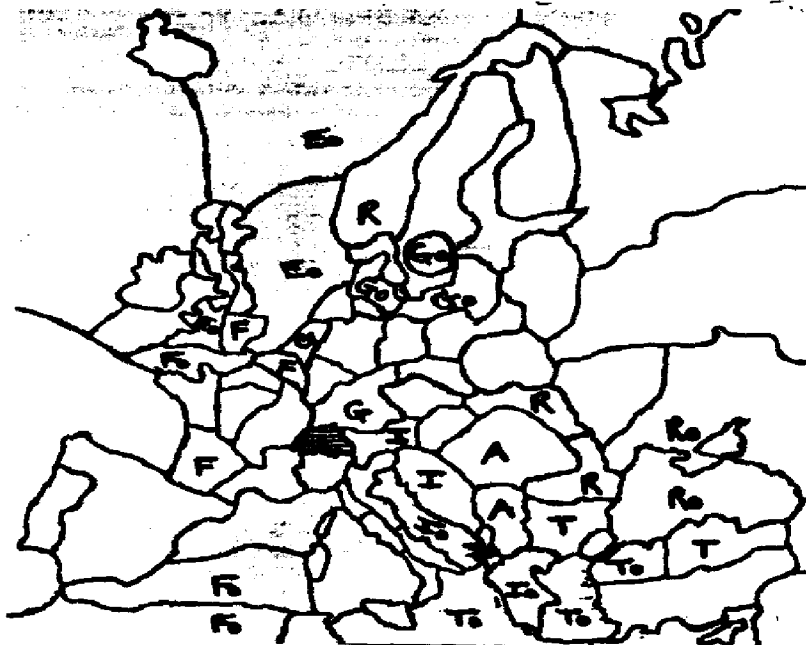
GM to England: Isn't the language this time enough?! (Winter 1909 or Spring 1910)

Germany to England and France: Look, I give up. I tried everything I could do to  
 separate you Siamese-Allies, but nothing worked. You refused to listen to reason.  
 You refused to attack your other half to free me to fight Austria. You refused  
 every offer I made to keep this game under control and out of Austria's grasp. So  
 now I'm not wasting my stamps on you two. You can keep your alliance forever as  
 far as I care. We're all going to lose to Austria, but at least I tried to stop  
 him---you guys just hugged each other through the whole game like a couple of Valley  
 Girls at "The Twilight Zone". ((On page 12, press continues)) (11)



FRENCH LAND IN LONDON, ENTER MEDITERRAN IN FORCE!!!  
 ITALY LOSES THE IONIAN BUT OCCUPIES TRIESTE!!  
 RUSSIA INTERVENES IN THE BALKANS!!

EQ POSITIONS IN FALL 1903 EQ



§ GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U  
 § GM: Monsieur Gârëaux L.  
 Çoughlânniqué  
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1904  
 § ZAT: Friday, August 19, 1983  
 § GAME COLOR: Jaune

¶ GAME NOTES: I see that Rhino continues its twists and turns! I hope Jeff will return but just in case, I'm asking Rich Delsler, 2952 N. 124th, Apt. 1, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222 to Malmborg for England. He has your addresses.

§ Annihilations This Time:  
 Austria's Army Trieste.

§ Dislodgements This Time:  
 England's Army Sweden. The winning unit is circled on the map in dislodgements.

There is an Italian fleet in Albania and your cartoon is from Mary Worth.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1903 §

ALLEMAGNE: F Den-(SWE), F (BAL) S F Den-Swe, F Kie-(DEN)  
 (Monsieur Walter Loy) A (HOL) Holds, A (MUN)-Tyc

ANGLETERRE: NMR!!! ☉☉☉ ☉ Has F (NWC), ☉☉ F (NTH) ☉ F (WAL)  
 (Monsieur Jeff Sandelin???) ☉☉ A (SWE)☉☉(r-Fir-OTB)

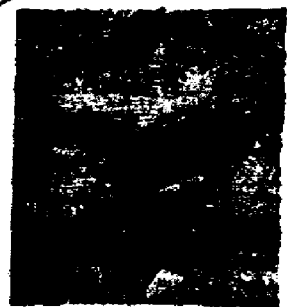
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (TRI)☉☉☉-Alb, A (SER)-Gre  
 (Monsieur Russ Rusnak) A (HUN)-Vie

FRANCE: A Pic-(LON), F (ENC) C A Pic-Lon, F Mao-(NAF)  
 (Monsieur Bert Schoose) F Spa(sc)-(WES), A (GAS) Holds  
 A (BEL) S German A Hol

ITALIE: A Ven-(TRI), F (ADR) S A Ven-Tri, A (TYO)-Vie  
 (Monsieur James Briggs) F (GRE)-Ion, F (ALB) S F Gre-Ion

RUSSIE: A Ukr-(RUM), A (GAL) S A Ukr-Rum, F (SEV) S A Ukr-Rum  
 (Monsieur Ed Jacobs) F (BLA)-Bul(ec), A (NWY)-Swe

TURQUIE: F (CON) Holds, A (ANK) Holds, A (HIL) S Austrian A Ser-Gre  
 (Monsieur Marc Peters) F Eas-(ION), F (ANG) S F Eas-Ion



Besides Fleets, The French Offer Austria Other Aid And Help!

Memphis to Rhino: Your 1904 Supply Center Chart is on page 14 .

Jim to Gary: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Gary to Jim: Does that mean you'll let me live in 1981-DX!?!?

Italy to Memphis: Thanks for taking over this game, and to see DtT go.

[PARIS]- While the French High Command has continually sought a peaceful resolution to Europe's turmoil at the Geneva Talks, the time has come to offer military assistance to the beleaguered Austrian Empire. A peaceful withdrawal out of Austria will be followed by a French withdrawal from the Mediterranean.

Italy to Austria: I am very sorry to do this, but as per our correspondence we are enemies and I could not survive after losing Greece.

Memphis to Rhino: Press continued on page 14 .

§ 1904 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ALLEMAGNE:	SWE		Home, Den, Hol	6	+1
ANGLETERRE:		<del>Lph, Nth</del>	Edi, Lpl	2	-2(-1 if OTB)
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE:		<del>Lth</del>	Bud, Vie, Ser	3	+1
FRANCE:	LON		Home, Bel, Por, Spa	7	+1
ITALIE:	TRI		Home, Tun, Gre	6	+1
RUSSIE:	NWY, RUM	<del>Sth</del>	Home	6	+1
TURQUIE:		<del>Nth</del>	Home, Bul	4	<del>st</del> -1
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[BERLIN]- The Kaiser announced today that plans to liberate Norway from the iron grasp of the English tyrants have been postponed indefinitely owing to the fact that Russia beat him to it. A contingency plan to liberate Sweden instead has been put into operation.

Moscow to Memphis: Thank you very much for your page of translations. Here in Moscow we have always felt that life is too short to learn German.

Memphis to Moscow: How about French? Rhino remains in French for at least another year. Parle vous French?

Ankara to Sevastopol: You did see the stupidity of hurting each other anymore, did you not? Your south is well-guarded enough as it is, but soon you won't even have a north.

Memphis to Ankara: No Nawth? Our prayers down heah have been answered! Look away Dixie land.....

[MUNICH]- A government spokesman denied reports that the German 5th Armored Division was providing tactical support to the Austrian Army in the on-going Austro-Italian War. The spokesman indicated that the entire division was on leave and wanted to vacation in Innsbrück. (After making this statement, he poured a bucket of water on a reporter in the front row and climbed on top of a coatrack, claiming that he had to spin a cocoon and become a butterfly.)

Memphis to Munich: And you think that spokesman going through some changes.....

[CONSTANTINOPLE]- "LISTENING WAR?!?" screamed his Exaltedness. "What does this mean?! Who is responsible? And why does it say 'East' when I obviously said 'West'? BRING ME MY SECRETARY!!!"; he raved, his face turning bright hues. Suddenly he regained control of himself and held his hand up. "No, scratch that," he beamed beneficently. "Just bring me his head." Grand Vizier gave the appropriate orders, then turned his concentration on keeping the Sultan's temper in check. His extreme adeptness at this crucial part of his job had kept him both in office and in this world for over a year now--the first GV to last that length in this Sultan's reign.

But there was no soothing His Excellence this time. With a mounting rage he began a review of his past military career. "First I attacked the sloth-like Russians--they are so pathetic where their army is concerned. But the infidel Hungarians lied through their scummy teeth to us. How could I have trusted a Non-Believer? So we attempted peace with our northern neighbor, and tried to repay the Christian for his foul deed. But the Russians sensed a naval superiority and attacked. So we immediately made peace with Austria-Hungary and hit the Whites. And finally, we decided to pull off the Tsar and mobilize elsewhere."

Turning quickly he asked, "Tell me, Viz, did you notice anything, uh, lacking in those campaigns?" Always on his toes, the GV replied, "Of course, Your Magnificence. The Italians are conspicuously absent from your, uh, itinerary." Petting his clever aide on the head, the Sultan murmured, "Right again, Vizie. Take command of my forces." Where will the schizo Sultan strike next?

Memphis to Constantinople: I don't know but the Italians heard your wartalk!

[ROME]- In a recent mass outside St. Peter's Cathedral, the newly elected Pope, James I, called upon all Christians to join the new crusade against the Moslem heathen. He also announced that the country of Austria-Hungary faced Excommunication if their leader, Rusnak the Indecisive, continued upon his course and aided the Turks, as his diplomatic messages implied.

Memphis to Rhino: Your press wars continue on page 39

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**GERMANY AND A LEADERLESS ITALY DEALT SETBACKS IN THE EAST!!!  
 RUSSIANS SAIL INTO BERLIN!! TURKS GET A NEW RULER!!  
 WILL ITALY AND ENGLAND FOLLOW TURKEY'S LEAD?!!!**

OO POSITIONS IN FALL 1903 OO



§ GAME: "Seewolf" 1982 CT  
 § GM: Gospodin Carinoid L. Khoughlanikov  
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1904  
 § ZAT: Friday, August 19, 1983  
 § GAME COLOR: Zelenyi

§ GAME NOTES: "Seewolf" is off and running again. Steven Duke resigns as Turkey with these moves. Pat Hart is now the Turkish player of record.

I hope Dan Heller and Bob Sergeant will still elect to keep their positions but, in case not, I'm asking Larry Neubauer to Malmborg for England and Steve Knight to Malmborg for Italy. All addresses will be on a separate sheet.

§ Dislodgements This Time:  
 Germany's Army Silesia and Italy's Army Serbia.

Your 1904 Supply Center Chart is on page 16. Your cartoon is from Beetle Bailey.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1903 §

- ANGLIYA:** NMR!!! ☉ Has F (NAO) ☉ ☉ ☉ ☉  
 (Gospodin Dan Heller???) ☉ F (BAR) ☉ ☉ ☉ ☉
- FRANTSIIYA:** F Bri-(NWG), A Bur-(BKL), F Eng-(WAL)  
 (Gospodin John Michalski) F Bre-(ENG), A Por-(SPA)  
 F Mao-(IRI), F Spa(sc)-(MAO)
- GERMANIYA:** A (LON)-Picadilly(Holds), A Ber-(PRU)  
 (Gospodin Rob Wittmond) F (NTH) S F Den  
 F (DEN) S F Nth, A (VIE) S Italian A Boh-Gal(NSO)  
 A (SIL) S Italian A Boh-Gal(NSO) (r-Mur-OTB)
- ITALIYA:** NMR!!! ☉ ☉ ☉ ☉ Has A (BOH), ☉ A (BUD) ☉ ☉ ☉  
 (Gospodin Bob Sergeant???) ☉ A (NAP) ☉ F (RAS) ☉  
 ☉ F (ION) ☉ A (SER) (r-Alb-Tri-OTB) ☉ ☉ ☉ ☉
- ROSSIYA:** A (SWE)-Den, A Nwy-(STP), F Bal-(BHR)  
 (Gospodin Al Pearson) A Gal-(SIL), A (WAR) S A Gal-Sil, A (RUM) S F Sev  
 F (SEV) S A Rum
- TURTSIIYA:** F Bla-(CON), A (ARM) Holds, F Aeg-(SMY)  
 (Gospodin Steven Duke) A Gre-(SER), A (BUL) S A Gre-Ser



French Forces Besiege  
 Liverpool By Land And Sea!!

Memphis to Seewolf: Remember that when a unit is dislodged, it is not shown on the map—where the action took place only the winning unit is shown and the winning unit is circled on the map. Don't forget that the dislodged units are still in the neighborhood!

Moore to GM: So this is what it's like to play in the great EE, hey? I send in orders and I get called a "Gospodin" as a reward! You arrogant GMs have all the power. Where are players' rights in this hobby?

GM to Moore: I should answer you, in retaliation, but I know that's not right.....

Board to GM: Michalski says Elvis's policy with Red China was to put it on a purple tablecloth. What does THAT mean?

GM to Board: It means so to dare 16 and you might find out!

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¶ EE will have game openings for two games! Ah, but there's a catch you'll see when you read more about the "auction" on page 24. (Contribute your own stuff for this auction as it's open to everyone) My game fee is \$4.00 and that will be the "minimum bid." Since the money collected by this auction is for a good cause, these games (there will be 2 games) will be open to current players, former players and Malmbergers. Almost 3 years ago, when I started publishing, I didn't have room for one person who wanted to play so, if he wants it, he still has a spot which leaves 13 openings.

¶ Don't forget to vote in the Toad & Toady Poll! A ballot for this poll is found on page 51, and is purposefully put there so that you can cut it out and use it without damaging your EE. Details are also on page 51.

¶ ZINE REGISTER IS OUT! The Zine Register is the new name for what was known as the Zine Directory. The ZR is available from Roy Henricks (128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235 USA) for postage plus \$ 0.3125 per page. The 3rd issue (it is slated to come out annually) was 48 pages so that is roughly \$1.82 for US subscribers and well-worth it. The ZR not only has lists of North American zines, but European and Australian as well. There is also a Games Cross Reference index so you can find what zines offer a particular game that you are interested in. For example, say you want to find out more about... "Machiavelli". That game is currently being offered in Austral View, Envoy, Je Maintiendrai, Mike's Mag, The Pink Dragon and Sauri Allstar Unlimited/Genesis which means that Machiavelli is being offered in four countries and three different languages.

I cannot praise this Zine Register enough. Get it! Find out just how varied, how widespread and how international the games playing hobby is. Not all zines are listed because their pubbers didn't take the time to fill out the information forms. I hope they will do so next year. Roy did the North American zines and Cathy Cunning of Cathy's Ramblings (see page 40) did the European and Australian ones. They both did an excellent job!

¶ Changes in the Wind..... Jim Meinel, pubber of The Prince, is moving to Alaska as this is being written. Will this be the first Alaskan zine?.... Jack Fleming is back from Mexico and so is his Paranoiacs' Monthly..... The Modern Patriot has two new subzines done by a married couple: Dippy Daddy by Porter Wightman and Dip City by Linda Wightman..... Coat of Arms faked a subzine by Mark Fassio who retaliated by doing a real one there. It's called ESAD....  
 ...The results of the Yawner Poll will be out next month says Terry Tallman of North Sealth West George..... Anduin, by Eric Kane, is being published again after a 3-month hiatus for his studies..... Simon Billenness will continue for at least a year as the editor of 20 Years On, the British equivalent of the Zine Register....  
 ...John Wilman, pubber of Watch Your Back, has just completed the new British Novice Packet..... The Dutch hobby is currently making plans for a Novice Packet and Idefix is the first Dutch subzine. It's in Je Maintiendrai.... Belgium takes care of its own as Mach die Spuhl assumes gamesmastering duties for the games of the folded Chantecler.... Don't forget to vote in the Hobby Power Pole, details on page 14 of EE #25.

¶ When games get orphaned, somebody has to find them a new home. Until now both John Daly and Andy Lischett, with Kathy Byrne's assistance have done this job. Now John is resigning from the U.S. Orphan Service and his place is being taken by Scott Hanson, pubber of Irksome. Scott's address is: 233 Oak Grove, Apt 306, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403 USA.

¶ Can you draw? Do you have some artistic talent that you like to express? Well, Diplomacy World is looking for a "regular art editor & contributor". DW comes out every three months so any artists out there would have plenty of time to work unhurriedly. If you are interested, write Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, California 92024 USA.

¶ CHANGES IN THE WIND, PART II:.... Jim Williams subzine, Glimmer of Dimmer, in 30 Miles of Bad Road, is now called Straight From the Dimmer's Mouth.... If you fold your zine in an exemplary manner, you could get the Dot Happy Award....

## THE LETTER COLUMN

This should be a longer letter column than last time and hopefully EE #27 should have one the size of which I hope we are all accustomed to. Some changes; some pic guesses come in late and so I will send them on to the picture person and then print them in the next issue of EE, as I'm doing Alain Henry's guess about Al Giddings, the man in the pic from EE #24. Then after that is the picture person's response to your guesses from the previous issue. And, starting with this issue and thanks to a subber's suggestion (which I had never even thought of) the pic of the person being guessed about will appear with the guesses. And after that it's pot luck! The new picture contest is on page 16 .

Alain Henry(Belgium): "I'm sure that he(?) is well-dressed, that he has a neck tie. Typically American. Why, isn't he Woody[Steve Arnawoodian] who will come to Europe with you?"

□ No, Alain, as you know now from EE #25, it was Al Giddings, who is a dentist in Enid, Oklahoma, whose comments(next letter) include you! Alain publishes A Midsummer Night's Diplomacy, which contains statistics for continental European Diplomacy games and is partially in English. In his last issue, he has issued this challenge to Americans!:

"There is also a science-fiction page about John Brunner, and I'd like to ask you, Yankees and Southerners(sorry Gary, Southerners and Yankees): J. Brunner often gives the same image of the American people, that they think their country is the most beautiful one, the strongest, the freest, and that they are blind and deaf to any criticism, that they don't have a critical mind. Personally, I would be astonished if this should be completely true, but I do not know America. I never went to your great country. So: what do you think about it? This is the opinion of many Europeans, I think. Will you give me an answer, you damned hamburger-eaters?!"

If any hamburger-eaters want to show the Europeans what Americans are really like, write to Alain Henry, rue des Guillemins 39, B-4000, Liège, Belgium. A letter overseas costs 40 cents. Now for American Al Giddings....

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Al Giddings(Oklahoma, USA): "Since I had met several of Dipdom's finest, I opted for a small disguise in my EE picture. I do wear a coat and tie everyday to work and since I was in jeans at PudgeCon I[See page 50], I figured this was a good start. Since I wear glasses, these had to go into my pocket for the pic. The Yankee cap was to further confuse the issue and while I am usually calm and collected, the wild, deranged look on my face does actually surface when I am teased or maligned. Add to all of this a Woolworth photo machine and my own family couldn't guess correctly who was in the picture! Now let's get down to the guesses which were sent in, in the order they were listed:

To Jim Finley: Thank you for the guess of Laurel or Hardy. I really love old comedy; The Three Stooges and W.C. Fields are more of my favorites. I enjoy laughing and also enjoy trying to make others laugh. I'm a good loser in Diplomacy. It's just as well, I've never won a game!

Robyn Finley: I do like teasing women! I really love women, as long as no feminist crap hangs over them. And you're right...I could never stab a female ally. Ask Kelli Woodson! We've played in lots of games together. This last sentence was also directed to John Michalski for his insinuation in Mos Eisley Spaceport that I play with myself as I write "those dumb Dixie Grey letters". Wrong John-boy. I play with her...and it's Dixie Gray not Grey.

Frauke Petersen: Look split-tail, the most pitiful male specimen could surely do a number on your head and he's liable to if given the chance. No wonder you find male chauvinists with the likes of Teutonic twits(notice I said twits and not twats) like yourself. Surely you realize that I'm jesting like deep down in your ovaries you know you were!

Michel Liesnard: Thanks for the compliment. Reagan's an OK guy and I'm so far right I make him look like Tip O'Neill[de facto leader of the Democrats who is the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the US Congress and violently opposed to most of Reagan's policies, as a liberal]

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Pete Gaughan: I grew up liking the New York ball teams since my father grew up in Brooklyn. I was actually a Dodger fan as a small boy but they became traitors and moved away so ever since, I've been with the Yankees...and Mets!

Mark Luedi: Don't blame me for your memory lapse! We're supposed to be friends, El Zappo! [a Luedi press character who writes zike zhis zall zhe zime]

Daphne Fritz: I assure you I am as American as the Enola Gay. Lots of Americans wear Yankee caps. I was a Yankee fan long before Steinbrenner bought them, and will be a fan long after he leaves. And as far as the Enola Gay goes, I would love to drop my cargo in your neighborhood.

Steve Langley: I didn't say so before but I can't resist now. Get a haircut.

Judy Winsome: I like your attitude. I do love to play the game and I think Tim Conway was in McHale's Navy [TV comedy show of the 60s shown in reruns]. I am not capable of being devious...let's get together with Dixie and make it a threesome!

Steve Arnawoodian: You're correct, Steve. I can make a decision. Please cancel my sub to Coat of Arms after it runs out. How's that for being friendly?

Bob Olsen: I hope to make it to PudgeCon II [See page 50]. Perhaps we can put it to the hobby and let them decide who is the worst player. But I deny being "dumber than Woody."

Larry Peery: You're about as funny as rectal cancer. Why am I growing to despise Californians? I guess it's the conservative in me.

Rob Landeros: Let me attack your name since I don't know you. Rob Landeros.... sounds like a preppy beaner. Was I close?

Bill Highfield: Thanks for the compliments. Like I said earlier, I love the 3 Stooges! But I don't think you were being complimentary, so shove it slimeball.

Kathy Byrne: You know I can't like Kathleen! We did draw in Mainardi's gunboat game now, didn't we?! After you borrowed Brest, that is!

Patrick Conlon: Go ahead and puke, scumbag. Just don't forget to open your mouth or you may blow your head off. Where did anyone in Kansas learn a word like "vapidty"? Must've gone out of state to school.

James Woodson: Mindless crowd follower? In all seriousness I generally loathe anything that is in vogue. I despise Ralph Lauren and his Polo shit, IZOD shirts, malls, McDonalds, rock music and punkers, tennis and any and all "racquet" sports(sissy shit). I hate ERA[Equal Rights Amendment], women's lib, gay rights, liberals and deficit spending. Mixed drinks make me wretch. All new TV shows are crap, new being post-1960s. E.T. was an ugly freak who I would have blown away at first sight. My wife says I was born 50 years too late and sometimes I tend to agree with her. I also agree with about 90% of what John Michalski spouts about, but don't think all Okies take our view.

Kelli Woodson: Any eligible male who hasn't written or at least talked to this girl is missing out. I realize she may be a little too fast for most of you, but she gives me a lot of help when I need it.

Alain Henry: I am not a typical American. Thank your lucky stars as Europe would not be the same as it is today...or for that matter, as it has been since the Second World War. But thanks for thinking I am well-dressed...again not very typical of most American males. That's it, Gary!"



□ Thanks for your response to the guesses for your pic, Al! Everyone who submits a picture gets his response printed in the next issue of EE. The newest contest is on page 16. Now, this man's picture appeared in EE #25 and it is printed again here so you can...uh...better appreciate the guesses and won't have to flip through trying to find EE #25 and see the picture. Take it away guys.....

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Steve Knight(Minnesota, USA): "First off, one look and you can just tell that this guy's wearing mismatched socks--and if he can't get the color of his socks straight, there's no way in hell you should ally with him; he's liable to claim he can't tell the difference between his ally's and foe's units, either. Somebody once told him that Italy has a sure-fire win attacking both Germany, Austria and France in 1901.

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"He believed it, and has gotten killed as Italy in his last seventeen games trying, to prove it. This man is also not one to shy away from mind-altering substances, although he did decide that he didn't like sniffing Coke because the carbonation fizzed his sinuses all up. Contrary to Mark Frueh's theory, I doubt that he's British, so I'll throw a dart at your address list and guess Terry Tallman."

Robyn Finley(California, USA): "This is the face of an up and coming Pizza Hut assistant manager. He plays Austria often and uses chunks of pepperoni for his armies. Calling at 7:30 on a Sunday morning to discuss Diplomacy, he wakes you up so you stab him. He is affable enough but his timing is all wrong. This must be Jeff Bohner."

Pete Tamlyn(United Kingdom): "The picture competition - at last one that I know. This person is an Upstart. He wants to be famous and is forever writing to as many 'zines as possible in a desperate attempt to keep his name in the public gaze. As a regular attendee at The Lamb [British pub where members of U.K. hobby meet twice a month for drinks], his face is well-known to most British editors so you should get plenty of correct answers - assuming that they aren't trying to hoax you. As I'm honest, I'll give you the correct answer. It is the Creature from Coudsdon - Brian Dolton." [See page 41]

Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "It's Simon Billeness! Ha, I got it this time! Cross-eyed people do not like their photos taken. The exception to this are Limeys! This is because the English have no vanity. What with the way they look that is understandable! I particularly like the fashionable way he ties his tie. I'd like to add one thing that if that is considered continental, I'm glad I'm not continental! It is a well-known fact that Simon Billeness is slow-witted, dull and a petty two-bit thief. The photo shows a person of those qualities!"

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Heavens, that bloke must be European! And impassable (look at his squinting laser eyes)...With a knitted tie and a decent haircut, it's George-André Brugger before he decided to look like a sponge to avoid draftship...Any word ending with "ship" is a Swiss joke!"

Bill Highfield(New York, USA): "That picture looks like some ultra-liberal who is probably dumb enough to support Walter Mondale (America's answer to the question-- --'What is an asshole?') [Mondale is a Presidential candidate]: He looks like a "WEST COAST FREAK". I'll guess that this idiot is Rob Landeros. He does look like a space cadet. I'll bet he likes the stupid Yankees, huh [meaning the baseball team]? The man obviously loves stabbing everyone he can. He's most likely guillible, though, and probably watches Ernest "The Idiot" Angley (the Bible-thumping healer) on TV."

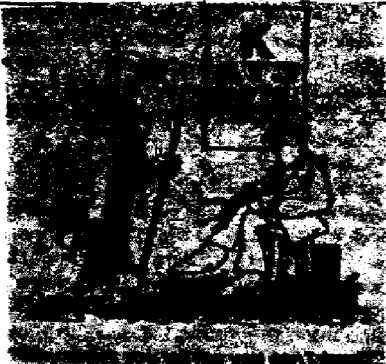
Mark Luedi(Indiana, USA): "I still can't believe that was "Herr Doktor" Giddings! Now, this next guy, he's somebody else I should know. If not, I don't really want to meet this guy, especially over a Dip board. Just look at those diabolical eyes! A perusal of the mailing list reveals only a couple of maniacal/diabolical types: Pete Ashley and Bill Highfield (other than myself, that is, hh-hhmph) and it can't be either of them, unless the military has relaxed their grooming standards or a wig has been proffered just for this picture. My next guess would be Jim Meinel. No wonder I'm scared out of my wits in "Writer's Cramp" [a Dip game]! Menaces like this should be locked up where they can't hurt innocent Dippers! Who cares if this guy's stabs are neat, messy, quick??; I'm sure he does the job--- --that's all that matters--the stab happens. Somehow the hair doesn't fit Jim either. European?? Maybe. However, how about John MacFarlane? Looks like radiation is an everyday occurrence for him."

Jim Williams(Iowa, USA): "Picture contest...poetic like: His hair is long/His neck is sleek./He's got no dong!/Is he a geek?....His tie's too tight/His eyes are crossed./Is he all right?/He looks so lost!....Can he basketball?/I'll bet he can./Is he ever tall!/He's Mazzerman!...(I think)."

John Wilman(United Kingdom): "This is an obviously 'angry young man' --which means that he should be English--which means that he could be.....Simon Billeness!!!! It isn't a very good likeness--if it is he, it is a photo nearly as old as his 'I am a Virgin' t-shirt! If it isn't Biggles [Hobby nickname for Simon Billeness], a famous games-playing psychologist\*\*\* claims that cross-eyed players play well in the centre but badly at the edges! (\*\*International Chess Master Bill Hartston)."

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"Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms."--Groucho Marx



□ Well the answer is.....Simon Billenness of Great Britain who is the pubber of 20 Years On, the equivalent of North America's Zine Register(see page 17 ). Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian finally got it right. He guesses Simon's name everytime. Besides his Dip duties, he goes to the university, dates an American girl from New York and has been working for an anti-Thatcher member of Parliament in the recent election there. And I know he will have a response to your comments! In fact he had a response to his own photo(see next letter). The latest picture contest is found on page 16 .

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Simon Billenness(United Kingdom): "Thanks for printing my photo. Did I really send you that one? Everyone at the Lamb says it doesn't look like me at all. In fact, it was taken at least a year and a half ago, before I went to University. The other photograph I've enclosed shows me after one term at college--pretty horrific, eh? Since the second photo, I've cut my hair to keep me cool this summer and dyed it 'natural red' with henna. Do any EE readers do this? (Apart from Pete Birks of course)."

□ I'm not sure, but is dancing the hula at Disneyland in the same league? That's what Ron Brown, pubber of Murd'ring Ministers, did recently and in front of his wife and 2 sons and a crowd of on-lookers!

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Steve Knight(Minnesota, USA): "I sent off a letter and four IRCs[International Reply Coupons available at any post office] to Alan Parr[Head of Britain's Zine Bank]---I hope that's sufficient, but if not, I asked him to tell me. I'll let you know what I think of the British zines. Since this whole international stuff has been so new to me (I had no idea International Money Orders from a bank cost as much as they do!), I've been lately flirting with the idea of trying to set up the International Subscription Exchange again---do you know of anyone with similar plans, or of any Europeans who might be interested in handling that end of it? I wouldn't be able to get going on anything until I've figured out what I'm going to be doing next year, job- or grad school-wise, but I think a healthy ISE would go a long way towards increasing the interaction between the American and European hobbies. Long range plans...."

□ I think this is a great idea and I'll support you in any way I can. I remember that when I sent IRCs for a sample of the British Down Alien Skies, they sent me a letter, with the sample, and said that if I wished to sub that I could sent a check to, I believe, US pubber Mark Berch and he would notify them that they had such and such an amount credited to their sub with him. They in turn would credit an equivalent amount to my DAS sub. As far as I know, this has been the only link and it operated on a very small scale. A plan like Steve's would make it much easier for Americans and Canadians to see European zines without going to a lot of financial currency changing to do so. Feedback?

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Ha! I've found a nickname for C-G Späre: the "Ugly Bearish Finn".....(oh Sam Clements!)"

C-G Späre(Finland): "Let me just say how ill at ease I felt when that dirty escargot-munching Walloon Liesnard says that he liked my article [on Americans being different from Europeans] and producing those horrid anecdotes. My point is that I think Americans are different, certainly not inferior. Our ("us" does not include all Europeans, No Way Hosea!), that is, our way of being suits me. If your way of being suits you--fine. That does not make any of us inferior."

Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "Richard Reeves'[US columnist] article about American ignorance is very good indeed. Terrifying situation however: the leaders of the most powerful country don't know a thing about most other countries. Anti-American sentiment in Europe: You ask how most Dutchmen feel towards the Russians? Well, I think most of the people who have anti-American feelings also feel very strongly against the U.S.S.R. 'The Russians are bad, but the Americans are not much better' is the general opinion, I would guess."

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□ This will be continued on page 22 . The Reeves article was about the top

Democratic Representative, Tip O'Neill jetting off to China on a fact-finding tour. He didn't know basic facts about China and he couldn't speak Chinese. This trait often embarrasses me about American leaders. I remember that another representative whose name escapes me went to Israel and was lecturing the Israelis on what they should do. They asked him to find the West Bank on a map and he couldn't do it! But I have to wonder if non-Americans are any better when they cannot tell hardly any difference between America and the Soviet Union. That is ignorance of the highest degree. Another letter on this subject is from a recent European visitor to America.....

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Ivo Bouwman(The Netherlands): "Even though it was back in EE #24, and this letter probably won't make it in time for EE #26, I still want to react on a few letters concerned with, let's say, the American-European relationship. I find it very hard to do so, but because of the way I feel, I think I should. The problem is that it is so hard to put into words what I think about this matter, but I'll try anyway. Let me explain first why I find it so hard. All my life for some reason I have felt an inexplicable admiration for the U.S. In spite of the general anti-American tension around me, I did. Since this feeling was only based on what I saw on TV and in the cinema, most people considered it silly. So back in '81, I decided to go over there, hopefully to be able to judge for myself.

Well, even though vacation for a month isn't the most ideal way to do so, I still met a lot of people whom I talked to, and became friends with. After getting back I knew my admiration had been just and had only increased! So now I was confronted with people at home saying I could not possibly judge after four weeks, "only" being on vacation. This attitude of my friends and relatives more or less represents the general attitude of at least the Dutch, but I feel of a big part of Western Europe. They all stick to the monotonous image they have of Americans: fat, stupid people, thinking they are the best, always wearing striped pants, white shoes and hat, wanting to take over control of Europe. And that hurts me, since I know most Americans are not at all like that(well, lots of them are fat....).

And since Americans damn well realize the Europeans think like that, they tend to fight back by pointing at all the things they did for us, etc. Bill Highfield states the problem halfway. In EE #24 he says: "I'd like to know where Europeans get off thinking they are so damn superior." The fact is that Europeans wonder exactly the same thing about Americans! Right now, Europeans use arguments like lack of culture in the U.S. to underline their sophistication, while Americans brag about their economic achievements, and try to put Europe down by using the past wars against us. And that's being countered by Europe making clear how bad America is, in Central America. What, for God's sake, is the point in treating each other like this?!

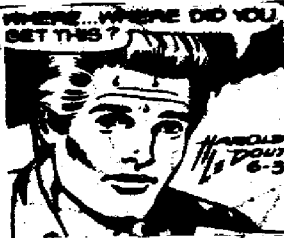
I think(I'm not sure) that Europe probably started this "feud" by getting jealous, but that doesn't really matter. We both live in the free world, even though Europeans tend to forget that every now and then. To have that in common should be by far sufficient to be one! What I consider the worst thing Europeans tend to do is interfering with other people's(read: nation's) business. I hate that! Even though things other people do may be "immoral" to us, who the hell are we to say so for others?! In that sense I think most of Europe still lives in the past, when we told the world what was moral or not...

On the other hand Americans seem to grow too big for their boots sometimes. I think that might be the key to the uncomfortable relations between the two continents. Europe used to be the biggest, and can't get used to being overtaken, while America may emphasize that point a little sometimes. If all Americans and Europeans would sincerely behave like inhabitants of the United States of the World, things like economic crises wouldn't have to be and fear of commies neither!

I, for myself can only say that after visiting your country three times now, love it at least as much as Holland, and hate to see our countries dispute. As players of the game of Diplomacy, whenever we feel bad about "the other side of ocean", we should realize that it took an American to invent it, and a Europe to situate it...

□ Thanks Ivo. You lay blame on both sides and I think that's only fair. I think the US shows too little regard for other countries' feelings at times. (22)

WHERE... WHERE DID YOU  
GET THIS?



LETTER COLUMN....Continued from page 22

Al Giddings(Oklahoma, USA): "You were correct in guessing I save all zines when you put ( ) around my number in your latest sub list. You guessed I like wings the best the last time and now you correctly guess I save everything! Has my wife been writing you or maybe Kelli Woodson? You should talk to her sometime. She's very funny!"

Claude Gautron(Manitoba, Canada): "I'm a saver (use ( )). I have saved every single zine I have ever received, and I have been in the postal Dip hobby since 1977!"

Mark Keller(California, USA): "I should have been (72)."

Mark Luedi(Indiana, USA): "What do you mean?! I save my zines until they get trashy?! I've still got every zine I ever got (sample or otherwise). Oh well, I guess it's better than liking gizzards. Maybe they haven't gotten trashy yet either. (This is in response to your sub list.)"

□ Whenever I do the sub list, I always do a different category and just guess what each person might be or do or have done. The first time it was those who were "Known Graustark Subscribers", then those who had never been outside of their own country, then which parts of the chicken you like best and last time where you save your zines or sell them off. I usually get 50-50 and usually some response back, ha ha!

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Jim Williams(Iowa, USA): "...Walker's damn contests: At least I could something with your hard one, but Rod's are ridiculous (a new word!). No wonder hardly anyone tries them. I'll send you an easier one someday."

Jim Burgess(Rhode Island, USA): "Arrgh! Another quiz!! I'll use my headstart to get on it right away. If we end up tied again, I'll scream. Heck, I'm screaming now."

John Wilman(United Kingdom): "Just a short note to say that the Rod Walker quiz in EE #25 is great and I'm entering."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Oh shit, Walker Quiz again! Well, all I can say without diving into an ocean of archives is that....."

□ Michel, I sent your entry on to Rod and hopefully the results from Rod's 2 quizzes will be printed in EE #27. Jim Burgess and I had tied on a previous one so Rod devised a tie-breaker which I sent on to Jim(the Diplomacy In The Arts). Since Rod opened it to all Diplomacy World subbers I did the same with EE subbers. They are very hard but you learn so much!

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Frauke Petersen(Minnesota, USA): "I simply cannot stay in Germany any longer because my good reputation is completely ruined: a friend of mine made me confess to reading the Mass Murders press. But I can't help but enjoy MM. The fact that Michalski's [Russia in Mass Murders] mentally retarded outbursts of male chauvinism show that there is still mercy in America."

Simon Billenness(United Kingdom): "You didn't seem to have much room in EE for all the interesting letters. I think you waste too much room on all that garbage press in Mass Murders. Everyone in it seems to try so hard to be daring and obscene but they all end up sounding like a playground of children. After wading through MM, even reading Mos Eisley Spaceport is more interesting."

□ I have tried my best to get Mike Mazzer to restrain himself(see Berlin to Vienna) but, alas, I fear it won't do much good. Anyway, I've learned a lot from MM. But Simon may be right too. Remember the morality battle here in Memphis between M.A.D.(Memphians Against Degeneracy) and M.A.S.H.(Memphians Against Social Harrassment)? Well Mass Murders has "inspired" another possible organization.....

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Richard Gee(United Kingdom): "You know you don't fool me. Cathy Cunning of course doesn't exist. I mean 'Cunning'. No way man....that's just a real ol' put on. The truth of the matter is that by reason of your country's strange anti-trust laws, you are not allowed a second edition(presumably the Eastern edition) of EE and so like any crass American capitalist, you are forced to print under a fictitious name of Cathy Cunning out of Washington, USA. (23)

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LETTER COLUMN.....Continued from page 23 .

"I know. They told me so at the Lamb [British pub where the British hobby has meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month]. Everyone knows that Coughlan is running two zines in the States.....it also makes for more interesting games.

My six year old son found some of the words in the press (not, you will note, with a capital 'P') of Mass Murders a trifle difficult to understand...although my eight year old daughter said that the lavatory humour was better in the toilets of her school....so please do not change the colour of the Mass Murders press pages in the future as I will know immediately which pages to staple together. It's vile stuff. You guys in the states seem always to confuse Freedom with anarchy. If you, as editor, really find it necessary why not buy a downtown New York sex sheet, xerox it, and mail it off with games adjudications as a flyer. Still perhaps the explanation is the fever that your subbers seem to get each and every time that U.K. git Glover R. [Glover Rogerson, editor of Britain's Denver Glont, frequently mentioned in the Mass Murders press] is mentioned. It is rumoured that Glover (dear sweet Glover) actually purposefully SPOILT his ballot slip in Maggie's One Day Show last June 9th in Thatcherland (formerly England). I mean, can you imagine it...you guys fought so heroically (ref. EE #24, page 33) in WWII for our freedom and all that your Hero can do is spoil his Ballot Slip. Jesus Christ. No, Denver not you...the messiah...you know?

I shall be pleased to accept \$50 Foundation Fees from all you out there in support of B.A.D. (Brits Against Degeneracy). Alternatively, instead of bills, if someone tells me where to find GAME OPENINGS in EE #24 s/he will be admitted as an honorary member. But perhaps it's that Cunning/Coughlan entrapping new Malmbergers....(Count me in Gary, please)."

□ Send those donations for B.A.D. to Richard (his address is on page 51)! Cathy Cuning is real and not me. She even has her subzine in EE this time on page 40. And, when Mike Barno puts out his last issue of The Shogun's Sword, Cathy will become the 3rd editor in TSS's history and her own Cathy's Ramblings will become her "column" within the new TSS where it was formerly a subzine there.

What do the Lamb's regulars know?! EE got nominated as "strangest zine" in the Rusty Bolts Awards in England and the nominators haven't even seen the "bounty" that this continent has to offer! As for Mass Murders, it is nearly impossible to stifle Michalski's "creativity"; just look at his subzine Mos Eisley Spaceport on page 44!

As for game openings, EE has not had any for a long time but now I plan on opening two games of regular Diplomacy when two current games in EE end which should be quite soon, or maybe just one. But there is a catch and the catch is why I'm offering to open games.

Mike Mills (26 Laurel Road, Sloatsburgh, New York 10974 USA), head of the PDO (People's Diplomacy Organization) is having an auction and he is soliciting items from hobby members to auction off to the highest bidder. The money raised will go to the various Hobby service organizations such as the Boardman Number Custodian, Miller Number Custodian, Zine Directory editor (Now the Zine Register see page 17), Novice Packet Co-ordinator, Orphan's Bureau and Games Openings Bureau. I think that is a very good, worthwhile idea and I will be offering two EE games, Elvis Presley postcards from the King's Own City, back issues of EE and maybe some other stuff.

Mike says to send him a self-addressed stamped envelope (overseas can send International Response Coupons (IRCs) obtainable at your local post offices) and when the items to be auctioned are listed, probably in September, he will mail you a copy so you can decide what you want to bid on. Support this effort, y'all!

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Chuck Afflerbach (California, USA): "The game reports are just what a game report should be. The wrap-up of "APIS" in EE #24 made me feel as if I had been there through it all."

Scott Hanson (Minnesota, USA): "It was interesting to read the story behind the name of "APIS". I'm taking a European History class now (1871-1914) not so much because I need the credit but because the lectures are quite entertaining..I've had this professor before, and I had room for the class in my schedule. Also, I thought it would be nice to know the time period on which the game of Dip is based. This prof...is a great storyteller. He thinks that Franz Ferdinand may have been set up for his assassination. Going to Sarajevo on a Serbian national holiday was not too smart. (Like the Prince of Wales visiting Belfast

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on an Irish holiday). Even after a bomb was thrown at the car, the Prince didn't wise up. Then the chauffeur makes a wrong turn down an alley(was he in on it?) and ol' Franz Ferdinand got it. Funny thing is that he was a friend of the Slavs, and wanted the Slavs included in a Triple Monarchy. But again, is this any more stupid than a computer error which could cause the next world war?"

□ I've read, I don't remember where, that an Austrian newspaper ran an contest for the most incredible headline in 1920, two years after World War I. The winning entry was(I believe) "Franz Ferdinand Found Alive! Great War Fought For Nothing!" Of course, the assassination of Franz Ferdinand was the "spark" that set off the war but not the "cause", and many books have been written on that fateful day in Sarajevo.

Did you know that Franz Ferdinand's wife was a Slav? And that the strict etiquette of the Austrian Court prevented her from being at her husband's side at royal events, since her "station" was so far below that of an Austrian Archduke? Franz Ferdinand, while acting in a military capacity, such as reviewing troops could have his wife by his side and honor her. And this is what he decided to do. That Serbian holiday was also the royal couple's wedding anniversary.

After the first assassination attempt, Franz Ferdinand went on and made his speech. He then insisted on going to visit those who had been injured, at the hospital. No one told the chauffeur of the change in plans until he had made the wrong turn(which was the right turn in the original plans). He stopped and while starting to back up, the car was placed right in front of one of the assassins who fired. This second attempt was successful.

I don't know how well most readers know about your comment, Scott, on a "Triple Monarchy". Austria and Hungary were the ruling countries in the Dual Monarchy known as Austria-Hungary with their army, foreign affairs and currency in common. The Austrian Emperor was at the same time the King of Hungary. This Dual Empire also contained many Slavs(Czechs, Slovaks, Serbs, Croats, etc) and Franz Ferdinand wanted to create for them a separate entity within Austria-Hungary with co-equal power with the Austrian and Hungarian parts of the Empire. Had this happened, the Slavic countries around Austria-Hungary would have remained small and powerless and many nationalists did not want that. Nor did the Hungarians.

I'm glad most readers like the way the endgame reports are handled. "APIS" Update: Dave Carter(Turkey) and his wife Julie had a son on June 3rd and Jeff Noto(France) and his wife Lisa had a daughter on July 20th. Mike Mazzer(Austria) and his wife Peggy are expecting little Vivian Vashti or Ferdinand Alfonso this October. "APIS" was the game said to have a "fertility curse."

**DRILLER KILLER** A training film for apprentice dentists on the sometimes hazardous work involved in modern bridgework

**BEASTS ON THE RUN** Pamela Stephenson introduces a documentary on the annual migration of bison

**THEY LIVED IN A WORLD WITHOUT WOMEN** Footage from the 1969 Apollo voyage to the moon

Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "I got your letter Tuesday and I'm finally getting to the mail after the long weekend at ORIGINS We had 49 players for Gunboat and 112(plus some standbys) for regular Dip. Not a bad turnout all things considered. Mark Berch won the Gunboat and Joyce Singer won the Regular Dip."

□ Thanks for the update, Ben! As you see the winner was a female and she is not a part of the postal hobby, as far as I know. More details are coming in in the various zines. The second through seventh finishers were Eric Ozog(whose zine Diplomacy By Moonlight, now folded, also came in second in the Leeder Poll--see page 37). The man's in a rut....), Dave Kleiman, Joe Lamore, Dan Stafford, Porter Wightman and Steve Knight. Rod Walker won the Don Miller Memorial Award.

Next year's DipCon will be held in Dallas, Texas and the three organizers are Al Pearson(one of the 3 organizers this year), Patrick Conlon who does Free Speech Alley and writes gross press in Mass Murders and Ed Wrobel who does Politesse, a zine that organizes and publicizes face-to-face games such as this year's highly successful MaryCon. I've also heard that Allan Calhamer was at this year's ORIGINS.

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"The great nations have always acted like gangsters, and the small nations like prostitutes."---Stanley Kubrick in The Book of Hollywood Quotes. (25)

LET'S DO THE TIME  
WARP AGAIN!

Winter 1902: France builds F Brest; Germany builds A Kiel; Italy builds F Naples.

Spring 1903:

AUSTRIA (Mazzer): A Gre-SER; A Vie-BUD; F ION-Aeg; A Rum-ANK  
 ENGLAND (Barno): F LON-Nth; A Lvp-WAL; F Nth-SKA; F NWY S F Nth-Ska  
 FRANCE (Cunning): F Bre-MID; F Mid-NAO; F Eng-IRI; A Par-BRE;  
 A PIC S A Bel; A BEL S A Pic  
 GERMANY (Coughlan): A DEN-Swe; A KIE-Den; F HOL-Nth; A Mun-BOH; A WAR-Mos;  
 A Tyo-MUN  
 ITALY (Ozog): A ALB S AUSTRIAN A Gre-Ser; A Ven-TRI; F NAP-Ion; F TUN H  
 RUSSIA (Michalski): A Boh-GAL; A Bud-RUM; A STP-Mos; F BLA C AUSTRIAN  
 A Rum-Ank(!); F SWE-Den  
 TURKEY (Conlon?): NMR. F SYR H; F SMY H; F AEG H; A BUL H; A Ser H/d/  
 destroyed

Hmmm. Russia convoyed that Austrian army into Turkey, indicating a probable end to the Turkish-Russian alliance, not that the Turkish NMR wouldn't have done the same. France continues to advance uncontested. Austria continues to scramble, while Italy and Germany are complacent for now. It should be interesting to see what develops in the west as the pickings dwindle. And what will England do with F Skagerrak?

Time for a standby call. Will Daphne Fritz, 4112 Boone Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821 please submit standby orders for Turkey?

Deadline for Fall 1903 will be Thursday July 21, 1983.

I could have used any number of headlines this exciting season, such as the Russian convoy, the Austrian resurgence, the Turkish NMR, the French invasion of England, or maybe the German nonmovement. So instead I used the old faithful Diplomacy time warp theme. I'm sure some of you know where it originated, no?

PRESS

FAMOUS NAZI SLOGAN: "I believe in the Fuehrer as I believe in the Final Victory." Now a Russian slogan!

MOS-BER: In thanks for the stamps, I am desisting from labeling you as the slime-bellied bastard you have proven yourself to be. I hope you appreciate it!

GERMANY-RUSSIA: What do you mean, "so much for Gary's stature, honor and greatness"? Have Dick and Julie Martin been writing about my (gasp, gasp) "drinking problem" again?!!

BERLIN-ST. PETERSBURG: Remember, if I'm in Moscow it doesn't count in the spring. I faithfully promise that I will vacate it by the fall, if I am indeed there, if you have not engaged in anti-German moves elsewhere! I think that's only fair.

VIENNA-MOSCOW & BERLIN: Such acrimony! Gentlemen, can we work out our differences in a civilized manner?

VIENNA-MOSCOW: Have you ever noticed that when Gary says he's "got nothing against you", that's usually when he's about to eat your lunch?

BLARFO: This is my correct dateline. Related is the word "Blarf", meaning "to make a really Bozoid move", "to fail utterly", or "to play a game without any of the players knowing the rules". All may be appropriate here. Somehow, I expect this dateline to be abused next month.

## MASS MURDERS

VIENNA-LONDON: Greetings and welcome to Mass Murders. Allow me to bring you up to date on what's happened so far.

Ozog: stabbed me in 'Ol, then saw how powerfully Conlon and Michalski were allied so he tap-danced his way into my heart, convinced me that he really liked me, and we've been holding back R/T ever since.

Michalski: decided he finally wanted to get back at me for calling him a "twit" in Mass Murders I and stabbed me, throwing all of his units against me. He left himself wide open to Gary, who had promised him lifelong allegiance.

Conlon: allied with Russia knowing Michalski was about to get reamed by Gary, and is waiting to pick up the pieces.

Cathy: is Mass Murders' resident Berserker, programmed to destroy all male human life forms. Of her three neighbors, only England qualified.

Gary: promised Cathy lifelong allegiance and support into Belgium in Fall 'Ol (he didn't, but that's OK), he promised England lifelong allegiance and support into Belgium in Fall 'Ol (he didn't but that's OK too), he promised Russia lifelong allegiance, even though he took Warsaw and tried to take Sweden and will probably take Moscow and St. Pete, but that's OK because he promised to give them all back if Russia stabs Turkey. He's also promised lifelong allegiance to Italy and Turkey. He's even offered lifelong allegiance to me, even though he's appalled at my dishonesty. You see, I ruthlessly stabbed him in Spring 'Ol by letting his A Mun-Tyo succeed.

That about brings you up to date. Any questions?

BLARFO-MAZZERBATER: Hey, are you still alive? Why? P.S.: You remember the last game of Kinky Dip--it won't be any better with a male. Keep trying anyway.

CATHY-MIKE: I'm sorry! Of course I'll get out of the ENG! Whatever you say! We French want to become close personal friends with the English.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: Rule, Britannia! Britannia rules the WAVES. Weren't you a WAVE in the Navy? I thought so.... Prepare to meet your master!

CATHY-MESA: I'm certainly not going to challenge your GMing again (Kathy Byrne told me you liked that in a woman though) but did Michalski really try to move from Bohemia to Trieste last time, and with support? I mean, good god, no one is that stupid are they? It was a misprint, right? Don't Michalski know that Bohemia doesn't border Trieste? He meant Vienna didn't he? You just read it wrong, didn't you Bob? Aren't you glad I'm questioning your GMing this time? I'll keep it up if you like? Do you?

MESA: In answer to your questions: Yes. Yes. No. I think he does. You'll have to ask him. No. No. No. No. I should have included the notation "(imp)" with both orders though, so you caught me there.

CONLON-MICHALSKI: It's obvious that some others in this game don't share our interest in shit. Hump! They really should try to broaden their horizons. Anyway, this Jan Cremer passage is for you, John: "When confronted with someone else's turds, I find that I can judge the character of the manufacturer simply by looking them over carefully. I have delved deeply into scatology, the science of shit. O-shaped dung means a quiet man, one who sits down with deliberation and lets nature take its course. He doesn't have to read a book or concentrate on anything other than the business at hand. He's a person who thinks ahead, a businessman or such. Shitting doesn't particularly interest him, but what must be done must be done. Then there are the X-shaped turds of the quickies, the two-faced types who push both ways at once, straight and on the bias. Pointed shit is the sign of the real snobs, the tax collectors, the judiciary, the moralists. They are the pinchers-off, the ones who go out of their way to keep things from taking their natural course. As for me, scatologist that I am, nobody ever sees my shit. Like the junkie, I keep my addiction private. People with individuality and personality never leave traces or seek publicity." Do you remember this passage, John?

AUSTRIA: Oink, oink, oink!!!

BLARFOLOMEF: The great thing about ben-wah balls is that they're never "placebo", "ersatz" or "spurious". Fill her to the rim, with Timpkin bearings!

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FRANCE-WORLD: My but the board sure looks pretty, just look at all those colors all mixed up together.

FRANCE-WORLD: All this talk about female stars. I think it's time I mentioned my own idol--no Gary, I don't mean Glover--it's Malcolm McDowell! Now there's one good-looking guy! OK, so he gets blown up in Blue Thunder and shot to death in Cat People and jumps out of a tall building in A Clockwork Orange and gets his head chopped off in Britannia Hospital and gets shot to death in If... That's the kind of guy I like. Always coming back for more.

ENGLAND-ITALY: When I lost my cherry, the Majareeshi dropped to his knees a continent away.

WITCH-ELF: Upset about the press? Hah! They're warming me up.

WITCH-ELF: Tom Petty?! No, I think you look more like Cutter.

WITCH-ELF: Yes sweetie, I know I must stop being a wimp about the press, but do you have to remind them about Origins?

BLARFED IN SPACE: I'm spending a lot of bread to go to Origins and NoCaruso KansasCon--you'd all better be at them! (Or in Europe.)

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: I'm so happy you're happy with all I've done for you. As a further treat, I'm totally leaving your country. Don't bother to thank me, it's really nothing!

BERLIN-PARIS: Well, you'd better attack "Mikey" because Bozo is gone and I don't want to be the target of Marie Antoinette!!

FRANCE: Marie Antoinette is nonplussed at last season. Not only was I kept from my Wales vacation but now I find I have a rival in that hussy Effie. Bitch! What has she got that I don't, I'd just like to know!!

BARNO-CUNNING: No Wales for you, my pretty. You're too full of blubber anyway. Now go away. That's the girl.

MARIE ANTOINETTE-OSUCH: Would you, could you, PLEASE, put a fleet right here on my Brest? Oooooooooooooo, thanks, I needed that.

MOS-CON: Pat, you are too conservative to beat Mazzer. "Bla S Bul S Ser S Bul"--shit, THAT's not going to get us anywhere. But, it did help Coughlan look like an even bigger asshole with his "we're-all-scared-shitless-by-that-RT-alliance" whine of his. Boy, will I be glad when France finally gooses HIS ass good!

MICHALSKI-CONLON: Dummy! Your support last time from Serbia would have given me Trieste. If you want Russia as an ally, you'd better start realizing that the alliance is a two-way street. Just remember, if you screw up this time, that nothing can keep me out of Ankara.

MESA: Except that Austrian army.

COUGHLAN-OSUCH: Don't tell me! Let me guess! Mass Murders, besides being printed in EE, is being printed in Diplomacy Digest! That Berch will do anything to keep from winning the "Most Boring Szine" award again! What a scoop for Scoop!

MESA: I wouldn't know, as I don't get DD, but I had heard that he did use 'SIAM as an example of diverse personalities or something. Hardyharhar.

JOHN KADOR LIVES: "A beautifully landscaped yard (grass even)." Does that mean the grass is even? You have a laser constantly sweeping, 2.7 inches off the ground? Or are you even growing dope in your yard? Ah, the land of sun and fun.

MESA: Nah, the previous owner had 2.7 inches above the ground, but we took them out when we moved in. Only about half of the yards in Mesa have grass. The rest are desert landscaping. Oh, we moved in too late to get the pot crop in. There's always next year.

CHAOTIC GOOD SPACE CADET-CHAOTIC GOOD ELF: Friends like us can share that which we love, eh? See you soon.

C.G. SPACE CADET-WONDERFULLY EVIL WITCH: Something Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, four blocks from Cobo Hall. Thursday night to Monday morning. I'll bring the wine, dog collar and leash; you bring the scented love drops. Warning: Swider, Linsey and Ghod knows who else will be there.

EAST COAST BEATNIK-MESA LUXURY SUITE: All right, you want a feud, you got a feud! Don't forget, I'm experienced now! Here goes: Your mother wears army boots! Arizona baby, stick your head in gravy! Yer momma dresses you funny!... Give up yet? (Am I doing it right, Toots?) 28

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**EAST COAST WITCHES-OSUCH:** Once we deal with Linsey, you are next. First, Dick Martin will call you "Mesa Drunkard", then Julie will say that she is not calling you an alcoholic (she'll repeat it in several zines that she is not calling you that), bhatthat my, my, you do have a drinking problem. Then Kathy Byrne will sign up for your next game and devote her life to catching loopholes in your GMing, then use her new power as BNC to declare all your games irregular. Then Scott Hanson will whine that you don't send him a copy of Mass Murders and he's a standby. Konrad Baumeister will come to your home and read you passages from Hitler's Mein Kampf, in the original German. And finally, and worst of all, John Caruso will send you his Whitestonia every four weeks for free. In fact, "Operation Osuch" has already begun....

**HANSON-OSUCH:** Why aren't I getting Mass Murders? I mean I am a standby in this game. Dick Martin gets a copy, and he's not a standby. He just prints it in Retaliation, while I take my time to write you press and help you keep these positions from going into civil disorder. And this is the thanks I get? Why? Why, why? Why, why, why?!!!!

**OSUCH-HANSON:** And, so, where is "Wendy Whiner"?

**CHALLENGER-MISSION CONTROL:** The assignment has been successfully completed. The mechanical arm has deposited Princeton satellite BOZO into open space, and it's drifting away, tumbling slowly? Uh oh, Mission Control, we do not anticipate being able to recover the BOZO at this time or ever until it drops from orbit.

**MISSION CONTROL-CHALLENGER:** Roger.

**CHALLENGER-MISSION CONTROL:** For the hundredth time, my name's not Roger!

**SEX PADS OF THE EIGHTIES:** If you thought penile deformation and shit-sucking were turn-ons, wait until you experience the newest thrill from Oklahoma: Anal Fist-Fucking! But remember: "It all comes out in the end."

**JOHN-PAT:** I love Creamer! That's what I call Shaffer in bed.

**A MICHALSKI LOVE SECRET:** Now what makes this one real good is that you can practice it both ways and get a lot of enjoyment. Ready, here it is: "Liquor up front, Poker in the rear."

**A MAZZER LOVE SECRET:** Let's play "Hide the Salami".

**VIENNA-BERLIN:** Yes, it's safe. You can stop drilling holes in my teeth any time now.

**MIKEY-CATHY:** "I want Bozo back"? I'm devastated!

**CATHY-MESA:** OK, so I was a little confused last turn. I'll have you know that Toad Tallman said he thought I was right. But then lately he's been calling and saying "Oh good, you're still talking to me. Mass Murders must not have gone out yet." Have I missed something or what?

**MESA-CATHY:** The only thing you missed is the boat by listening to Tallman in the first place.

**PARIS-BERLIN:** Hey Gary, take a look at what's happening to my France in Denver Glont. Hmm, on second thought, don't look. I don't want you trying to get close to me like a certain Rogerson is in that game.

**FRANCE-WORLD:** Have you ever noticed how Barno sounds a lot like Bozo?

**BAALLU:** "I'm just a sweet transvestite/From transexual/Transylvania.... Why don't you stay for the night?/Or maybe a bite?/I could show you my favorite ("vibrator"? "obsession" ("SEX!"))/I've been making a man ("With a ten-inch hard-on")/ With blond hair and a tan ("What's he good for?"/ He's good for relieving my ("SEXUAL") tensions..../ I'm just a sweet transvestite/ From transexual/ Transylvania!"

**CATHY-ERIC:** Well, ORIGINS is really getting close now and so will we. I think that it is only fair for me to tell you that I, very firmly, totally believe in premarital hand holding. Think you can handle that?

**ERIC:** Oh God! Oh God!! Yes, yes, yes!!!

**BERLIN-MESA:** Vavavavoom? I bet you know all the lyrics to "Louie, Louie" too.

**MESA:** Only the relevant ones.

**ITALY:** "There's no place like home...There's no place like home...."

**AUSTRIA:** My Quest: I seek the perfect Cosmic Vibrator.

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BARNO-CUNNING: OK, you want to play rough. No longer will I publish your Cathy's Ramblings in my Shogun's Sword. I'll go further--I won't even publish TSS any more either. Wait, that didn't come out right, did it?  
TURKEY-BELGIUM: Yes, Gary, that Belgian lace from Ghent makes you look so feminine. We recognize your press.

MARIE ANTOINETTE: "No one's ever going to put me on the floor again, and I know too much to go back and pretend." I gave up kinky stuff when I reached 37.

MARIE ANTOINETTE-ALL THE OTHER MARIE ANTOINETTES: Look dearies, there's only one real Marie Antoinette, get it? So the rest of you lot just piss off right now!

VIENNA-ROME: That's right. MCI works wonders in your Diplomacy games.  
THE MERRY OLD ENGLISH-MARIE ANTOINETTE: Would you believe deep brown eyes looking at the worlds through lightly tinted glasses? "Rose-tint my world, keep me safe from trouble and pain."

MIKE-ERIC OR WHOMEVER: Frederick's is OK, but you can really indulge your fantasies in the Undie-World of one-time noted stripper Lili St. Cyr.

MAZZER-CONLON: But I'm going to be at Olsen's too! You'll have to look me in the eyes if you lie to me and steal my supply centers! I'd really hate for you to have that on your conscience. And I can suggest a reasonable alternative to that or I'm not the "Nixon Award Winner of 1982!!!"

VIENNA-BERLIN: Pardon my appalling manners. I didn't thank you for the lovely poster. Tell me, is there some significance to the striking resemblance of "Miss Minus 10" to John Michalski?

OZOG-MICHALSKI: I think your Effie is Fluff Shaffer in drag.

MAZZER-MICHALSKI: That's not a woman named Effie. That's Michalski in a wig!

CUNNING-MICHALSKI: If you like licking thighs, you got the right ~~big~~ girl in Effie. God, I have seen elephants who didn't have thighs that big!

CONLON-MICHALSKI: Effie a minus 10? Try minus 100. Bow-wow. Woof, woof, woof!!

BARNO-MICHALSKI: Since you're now married, do you have Effie's address? I'm into new experiences.

BERLIN-BOARD: Yes, the Effie posters were mailed by me from Memphis! But I did it for another player in this game so his identity could remain secret. Believe me, I was well-paid!

COUGHLAN-MICHALSKI: I've never seen your wife but I can tell you right now, sight unseen, that you did the right thing by not marrying Effie "Thunder Thighs" Scranton.

CUNNING-MICHALSKI: So that's Effie, eh? I thought you were going to share that gem with the "guys". I'm a gal--female--woman! Still, I figure if I put her up by the refrigerator, I'll never eat again.

MIKE-CATHY: Come to Fudgecon and I'll worship your feet! Ever have your toes orally manipulated? (Whoops, I'd better be careful--I'll probably be riding with Eric.)

VIENNA-ROME: I know you don't approve of my flightiness, elf-brother, but it's time to take a flyer. True, I may be a fool... in fact, I know I'm a fool... in fact I'm.... well, enough of that, let's see where A Rum ends up.

BRAD MAJORS WILSON ANALYZES THE SITUATION: "It's beyond me, help me, Mommy/ I'll be good, you'll see, take this dream away/ What's this ("It's your leg, asshole!") Let's see/ Mmm, I feel sexy/ What's come over me? ("Osuch!") Here it comes again."

GREAT SHIT QUOTES: "Let them have their elephant shit!" (Richard Burton, One More Husband, 1979.)

ANNAS: "It really doesn't matter."

MEMPHIS-CHICAGO: I took your advice! I let my sub to Bicycling magazine expire and took my bike out and I went from low gear right into high gear!! What do you think of that?!

BERLIN-VIENNA: Is it safe?

MARIE ANTOINETTE: I just love all-day suckers!

BERLIN-MARIE ANTOINETTE: Well, if you don't kiss grits, how about jigglating my luhtisibles?

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MIKE BARNO'S PHILOSOPHY CLASS: The Diplomacy hobby is a shitbin into which Woody is passing water. The shitbin manages to not overflow, but there is always Osuch to drink the fluid and Conlon to lick the bowl. Well, I'm tired of being shit on, I'm going to take a shit!

MESA: Gee, don't you think you deserved it?

BARNO-COUGHLAN: Yeah, I could ride with Barbara Hershey too. Among my generation, Valerie Bertinelli really grabs me.

BLARFO: I'd like to request that Sherwood be allowed to die anonymously. As for Tallman, leave him home, Cathy.

UHARA SEZ: I dunno about elves, but Vulcans have pointed \*\*\*\*'s too!

TALES OF ELF-ERIC, PART II: Mazzer Pie was so very happy to have been pulled out of the oven that Elf-Eric had put him in. But Rat-Pat and Con-John were not happy at all! They had gotten their appetites all worked up and took some slices of Mazzer Pie but Rat-Pat didn't have the Greece he liked in his slice and Con-John's Rum was stolen so he couldn't even wash down his slice! Con-John was so upset that he tried to go from Bohemia to Trieste and everyone, even Bozo Wilson, knows you can't do that!! And to top it off, Scary-Gary helped hide the rest of the Mazzer Pie from Con-John and Rat-Pat. But all they could do was destroy Elf-Eric's toy boat. Elf-Eric just laughed and laughed. He knew he could build another one and

THE BLARFMOBILE'S BACK SEAT: Hey, what's with all the buddy-buddy stuff (sorry, Bernie) in this game anyhow? Don't worry, Cathy, I for one am comfortably straight, with a little kinkiness to keep life interesting. WHAT, OZOG?: "(Stafford and I) are too much alike!" Hey Cathy, I think you've gotta take a good, hard, ... look at that boy.

MIKE-BOB: Had any more "head-to-head" negotiations at Dip sessions recently? Or aren't there any girls of that type in Arizona?

BOB-MIKE: Not anymore.

BERLIN-PARIS: Philly, Philly, Philly!! Maybe she can help me locate which Denver Glont that was, where you said those things about "him". I'm still looking high and low.

BERLIN-MESA: Looking high and low, get it?

MESA: Hmm, let me think about it for awhile.

MIKE-GARY: Are we in New Jersey yet? Sure looks like it.

GARY-MIKE: Hey, thanks for the "Minus 10" poster. You're right, that Effie Scranton sure is something. "Full-bodied".

MIKE-MIKE: Would you call me "someone who thinks for himself"?

HANSON-BOARD: OK, you guys, Kathy finally wrote me and told me what my independent opinions are. She told me I could put out one issue of my zine IrkSome, without attacking Bruce Linsey this month. She also said that I could feel free to question Osuch's GMing, tease Mark Berch about his bald head and tell everyone that I share her opinion that Konrad Baumeister has no sense of humor at all. So there!

MESA: Now for some late guest press from GMS.

GMS-MASS MURDERS: I have come!

GMS-BOARD: OK, what's all this talk about shit? Let's get down to some worthwhile subjects like Sperm Counts! You there Michalski! Can you still get it up? You've got until August to work on it! What about you Ozog? You got less than two weeks before the big date; are you ready!? You'll only get one shot, so you better make it a good one. And Cunning! Ooops! Never mind.

GMS-SWITZATTLE: That will do for a start. I'm sure we can find other things for you to worship. Hmmm, vice versa!? Does it have leather straps?

GMS-FRENCH PRIME WOMAN: Are you really upset by the press so far? Don't be. Just think what they would write about if I told them about the things we did last Valentine's Day when Steve went out to buy the paper!

GMS-BERLIN: Thank you. You're a gentleman and a scholar, or was that gentle with a collar?

GMS-MESA: Oh Bob, I've always wanted to get into your ~~shit~~ game!

MESA: Well, I hope Pat returns, but if not, you're in. Lucky you, I drew straws and you won.

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The last page and the saga of Beastie and Tamwhinbang continues page 5.

The Beastie's grown a smart goatee  
Tamwhinbang's chine is bare  
But Beastiekins must wear a cap  
To hide his lack of hair

Tamwhinbang fancies he is God  
The Beastie apes the devil  
It's plain for all the world to see  
the two of them are level

((Thank you John for the first really good bit in here. Yes it's true they are are both nice and are really wimps! Why even Dolton said he is nice! But don't take my word for it - Glover.....))

Glover Rogerson: They are both totally wet, and both refuse to admit it. ((My idol has spoken and that's all the proof I need. Oh you want more? Ok here's more))

Philly Davey: Enjoyed your subzine, but I agree with Glover: neither Tamlyn or Dolton are evil in the least; plastic as opposed to leather. How about Beast Brian Dolton is more evil than Pete Tamlyn because he never eats cake- Well I tried. ((Yes it is hard isn't it Philly? The next one I'm letting in should make Petey over-joyed and he'll jump up and down and say "See I am evil!!!!" Yawn..... Calm down Pete- save that for Kathryn won't you!))

Mike MacLeod: Pete T. gets my 'evil' award, no probs, if you ever met Dolton you'd agree! Sweet & Docile 'tis true. (( Yes, well when I meet Dolton, I'll remind him to leave his typewriter at home. Well it had to happen didn't it? I mean I have to let Petey have his say don't I? Well I don't but what the hell.))

Pete Tamlyn: Well if you think I'm going to take tis unprovoked slur on my character lying down you are very much mistaken. ((Oh, so you're going to stand up then)) The next Acolyte, which will be on it's way to you in a weeks time, contains at least 3 attacks on Glover and also an appeal to all my subscribers to write you in support of my claim. One or two of the bastards will doubtless write in support of Dolton but, of course, the great majority won't write at all because they all hate me so much that they won't even defend my evil reputation when I ask them to. ((What evil reputation?))

Also in the next Acolyte are the nomination lists for our Rusty Bolt awards. There are two sections which will be of particular interest to you. In the "hobby Hitler" award I was nominated and through to the final ballot. Dolton was not even mentioned. In the 'Feud of the Year' award I was nominated 3 times! Dolton was nominated only once, and that for this particular feud with me which, being a fairly private affair until you took a hand, did not make the final ballot.

Finally I append a few quotations in my support from various British 'zines. ((This is where Pete searches through years of back issues of zines, trying to find statements that he is evil. He could only find six statements. Sad isn't it?))

I trust that is clear? Take heed to the words of you God((Glover)) and give credit where credit is due. ((Well since you edited Glovers' statement, I'll edit you. Yes I'm listening to Glover, that's why I think you are a wimp.))

Looking forward to your apology and a sub-editorial pointing out just how sickeningly nice Dolton is. ((Apology me? NO, but I will go on to say how nice Dolton is))

Brian Dolton: I did have this really great idea; I was going to get a cheap flight out to Seattle and visit you pretending to be Glover. I reckon I could have convinced you as well. But I decided against it because I'm intrinsically nice (and poor as well). I look forward to the results of your charming little competition. Wimp 1. sits in a corner and sulks? Ooh, if your're going to be rotten to me I'll go off in a huff....((And so goes the Beast. Nice beast ain't he?))

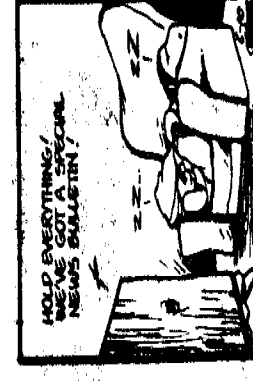
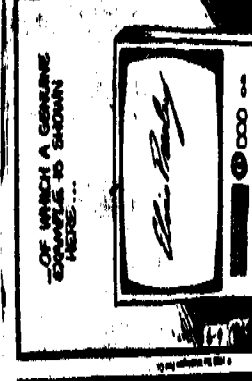
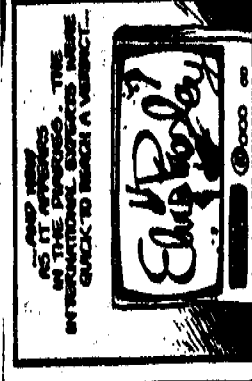
Bye and Cheers.....Cathy.....

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**DON'T READ THIS YET!!!!**  
I ran out of room at the end! And now for the winner! John Michalski! John you know what your prize was. Just don't tell Eric! This is my last time as a subzine! I'm taking over The Shogun's Sword! Watch for me there and don't forget to join the Glover Rogerson Fan Club! Bye again...Cathy xx





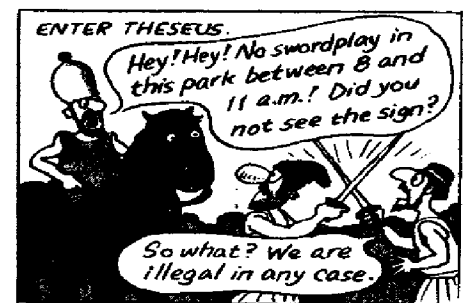
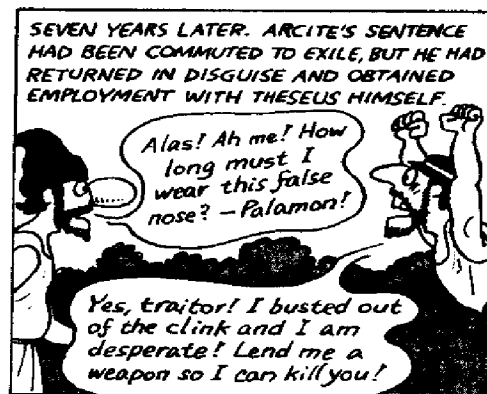
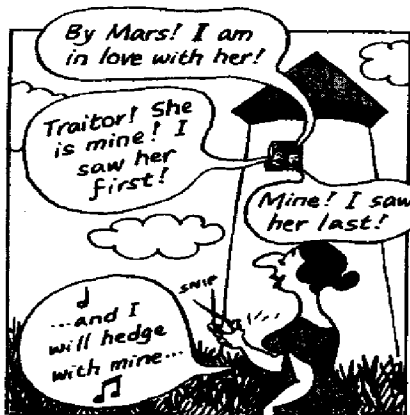
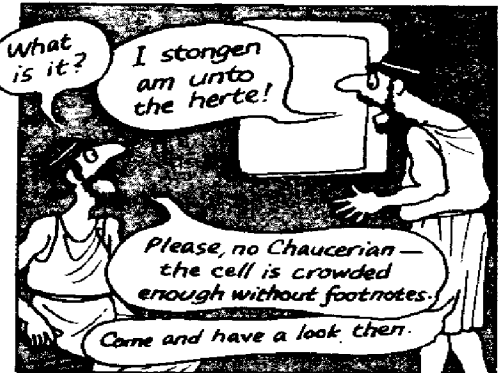
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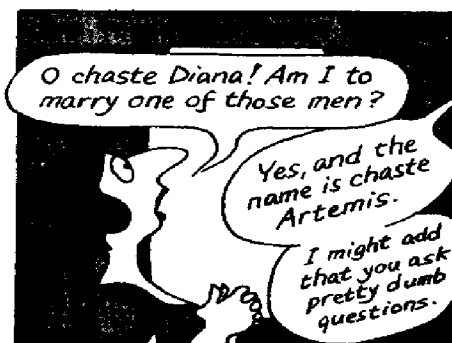
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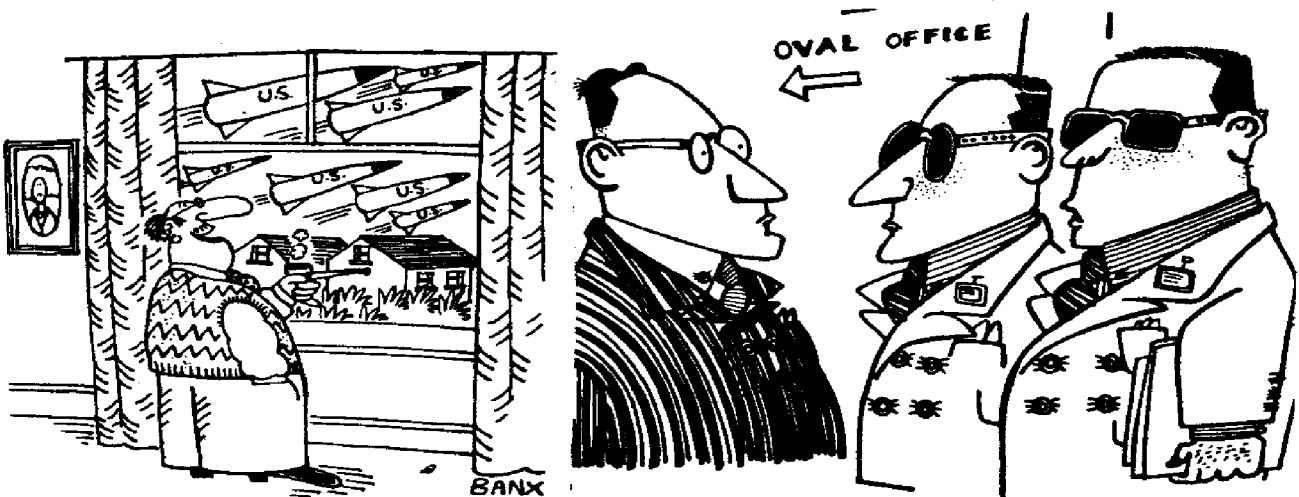
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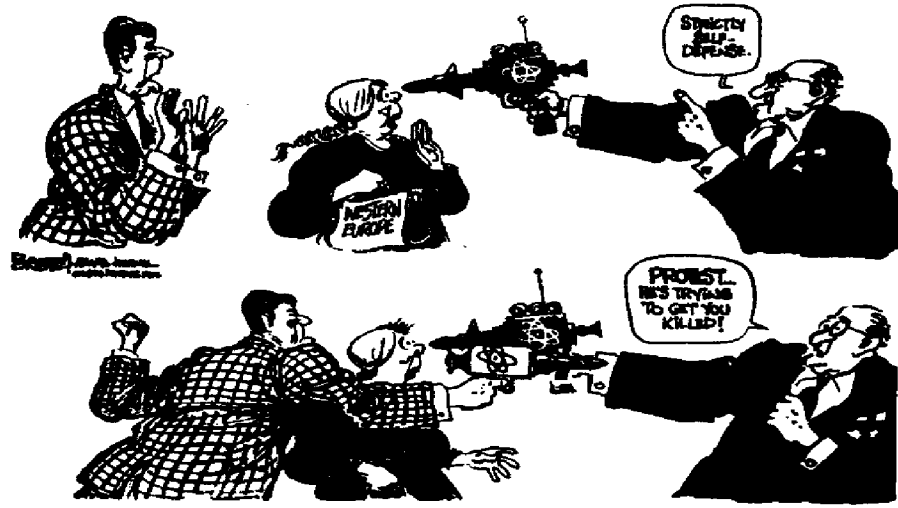
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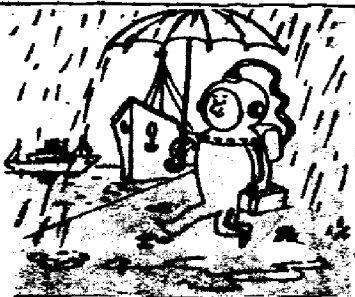




"It's all right, Sophie, here come ours now."

"We calculate that in the event of a nuclear war in Europe, the President will be able to make a televised statement to the American people within twenty-five minutes. Two and a half, if we don't bother with his hair."





LETTER COLUMN....Continued from page 25

Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "I spoke to Mills about renting a car in London---he said we'll need one in England. He added that driving on the left is simple and that the English drive very slow!"

□ Woody and I are going to Europe to see many hobby members while there in October. I'm not riding in a car in Europe with an American driver, NO WAY HOSEA! Mills can talk, but he wouldn't have to riding with you in a situation where everything is reversed. I'd rather be on a bus than in car with someone coping with a new driving experience. I know that Sweden drives on the right like the US and Canada. What about the rest of Europe?

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James Briggs(Texas, USA): "All I can say about your eating habits is to take it easy on the Italian food next time!"

Ron Brown(California, USA): "So! That's how all that 'crap' gets on the ol' US mail! (Ha). Had any spaghetti lately?"

□ These are in reference to my dropping my spaghetti lunch in a mail sack while rushing back to hit out on the time clock. After being kidded for a few weeks by my friends at work, with such as "Gary, how about some spaghetti in a sack" followed by peals of laughter, I broke down and ordered some more and there were no mishaps. So, if anyone's mail is stained lately, it's not my fault!

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John MacFarlane(New Mexico, USA): "Big Cheese Pizza isn't all that bad once you get used to it."

Chuck Afflerbach(California, USA): "Iceskating in Oakland? News to me, but to be sure I checked the Yellow Pages. Sure enough, there are four rinks in what we call "the East Bay", but none in Oakland proper. Frankly, you couldn't pay me to slide around on a pair of those things."

Jim Finley(California, USA): "Inspector Clouseau is being stalked through the Oktoberfest by a crossbow-armed midget and a big transvestite with poison spikes sticking out of his bra. This is great stuff."

Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "Referring to Oegstgeest [Jaap's home town] as a hotbed of international espionage is of course very dangerous---publishing top secret information."

Cathy Cunning(Washington, USA): "Glover is god!"

Ron Brown(Ontario, Canada): "Hot times at the opera, eh?"

Scott Hanson(Minnesota, USA): "And people in Memphis take their clothes off at the opera. I'll have to remember that."

C-G Späre(Finland): It is now 13.30 on Sunday, May 29. Do you readily understand "13.30 o'clock". Or would you yourself say "1.30pm". If so, do you actually say one-thirty pee-ehmm?"

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "'Dallas' is banned until September in Germany. Now we see "Denver Clan", or, as it is called in America, "Dynasty". It's as much rubbish as "Dallas", if not more! I don't like either--Jutta likes "Dallas" and there has been some trouble about what to look at. Last winter, I went to bed at 9:45 pm on Tuesday nights. This term I had a course at the university on Tuesday and in April or so, "Dallas" was banned. Thanks to God! But now we have "Denver Clan/Dynasty"---I only saw the pilot-spot. It's all rubbish. Better to return to "The Streets of San Francisco" or "Petrocelli" or things like that. That was more fun and action!"

□ Ah, the sweep and variety of this hobby is amazing in its majesty and grandeur and global concerns, is it not?! I guess most of this is self-explanatory, but I didn't know how widely US TV programs were dispersed in Europe---I mean "Petrocelli". Being in the military once upon a time, C-G, I know 13:30 means 1:30 in the afternoon. Our time clock at work is on military time too. I say "one-thirty". The PM (I capitalize PM) is self evident unless you are writing a letter so it's usually not mentioned. I'm going to the Oktoberfest so I'll beware of bras with spikes in them, Jim!

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RESULTS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN POLL

This poll, also known as the Runestone Poll (and formerly the Leeder Poll) was conducted for the first time this year by Randolph Smyth, pubber of Fol Si Fie who sent out advance copies of the results. This poll also includes the Gamesmasters Poll---see page 39) and had 78 votes, the lowest turnout since 1979's 72 ballots. (last year was 99). To make the main list, a zine had to receive 10 votes. A further 36 zines received less than 10 votes and I'm only listing those concerned with EE subbers. If you didn't take the time to vote, shame on you! One vote and only one vote kept 4 zines off the main list as they only got 9 mentions. These were Festungs Hof, Fol Si Fie, Liberterrean and Ter-ran. Was it your vote?

I'm very grateful to the 37 of you who took the time to rate EE which won 1st place in a dead heat by 1/100th of a point! Randolph said that EE had 12 tens, 9 nines, 8 eights, 3 sevens, 1 six, 1 five, 1 four and 2 zeros. Randolph also will be coming out with more detailed analysis of the poll in the coming months.

Some Quick Observations: This is the first year that zines and subzines were put into separate lists. Of the top 10 zines, 7 have letter columns of some sort; 4 are digest and 6 are open-page; 6 are xerox, 2 are ditto, 1 is word processor and 1 is mimeo; 3 are on 4-week schedules, 3 are 5-weekers, 2 are 3-weekers, one is a 3-4 weeker and one is 5½ weeks. Two are folded zines. Two come from Canada. A poll in Mark Luedi's Thirty Miles of Bad Road on the "best zine that you don't receive" had the same top five as this poll. One is a new zine begun last year.

The voters continue to be fickle. Only one zine from the top ten of 1980 is represented on the top ten this year. Only 2 zines from 1981 and only 4 zines from 1982. However the so-called "Curse of the Top Three" noted by Fred Davis in his Bushwacker is broken, at least this year. Fred said: "All three 1981 Leeder Poll leaders have apparently disappeared, and now two out of the three of the 1982 winners have gone likewise. Watch out, Gary Coughlan, Y'ALL better watch out---whatever it is may be contagious!" EE was 3rd last year.

KEY: placing--average score--NAME OF ZINE--number of mentions--placing last year if on the main list. (\* indicates a zine not listed on the main list last year)

1 - 8.13 - EUROPA EXPRESS	37- 3	24 - 6.60 - LONG STAFF DIPLOMAT	25- 9
2 - 8.12 - DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT	25-28	25 - 6.46 - EVERYTHING	17-36
3 - 7.79 - SNAFU!	20-24	26 - 6.40 - MIDLIFE CRISIS	20-*
4 - 7.76 - JUST AMONG FRIENDS	21- 6	27 - 6.35 - EMHAIN MACHA	17-29
5 - 7.74 - APPALLING GREED	27- 7	28 - 6.34 - NO FIXED ADDRESS	23-*
6 - 7.73 - SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS	23-10	29 - 6.32 - THIRTY MILES OF	
7 - 7.70 - THE PRINCE	31-*	BAD ROAD	25-*
8 - 7.64 - VOICE OF DOOM	54-14	30 - 6.15 - DAMN THE TORPEDOES	19-*
9 - 7.41 - DOGS OF WAR	17-25	6.15 - RETALIATION	20-48
10 - 7.36 - ENVOY	11-43	32 - 6.11 - SAINT GEORGE AND	
11 - 7.32 - DIPLOMACY WORLD	48-19	THE DRAGON	18-22
12 - 7.25 - MAGUS	24-18	33 - 6.10 - BERSAGLIERI	19-15
13 - 7.15 - BUSHWACKER	13-36	34 - 6.06 - LIFE OF MONTY	15-45
14 - 7.03 - WHITESTONIA	28-15	35 - 5.95 - WINSOME LOSESOME	23-47
15 - 7.00 - XENOGOGIC	16-42	36 - 5.92 - GIVE ME A WEAPON	28-52
16 - 6.93 - PIERELANDRA	16-*	37 - 5.88 - HAI! JIKAI!	17-*
17 - 6.91 - NORTH SEALTH WEST		38 - 5.81 - IRKSOME	27-21
GEORGE	23-*	5.81 - THE MODERN PATRIOT	27-*
18 - 6.89 - CHERSECAKE	20-26	40 - 5.50 - DOWN N DIRTY	12-49
19 - 6.80 - COAT OF ARMS	31-15	5.50 - YOU KNOW MY NAME	10-*
20 - 6.77 - DIPLOMACY DIGEST	41-30	42 - 5.30 - THE SHOGUN'S SWORD	20-38
6.77 - MURD'RING MINISTERS	27-23	43 - 3.72 - DOT HAPPY	11-50
22 - 6.72 - ANDUIN	29-40	44 - 3.53 - BOAST	13-55
23 - 6.66 - PARANOIACS' MONTHLY	12- 5		

ZINES WITH LESS THAN TEN VOTES, THEIR AVERAGE SCORE AND NUMBER OF MENTIONS:

1. The Buzzard's Breath(4.66)-3	6. Fol Si Fie(8.00)-9	10. Manifest Destiny(8.00)-1
2. California Report(5.00)-1	7. G. War In M. Memory(4.87)-8	11. Pontevedria(4.00)-2
3. DIJAGH*(5.33)-3	8. Known Game Openings(5.00)-1	12. Raging Main(6.00)-2
4. EFGIART(6.00)-6	9. Liberterrean(5.00)-9	13. Ter-ran(7.22)-9
5. Festungs Hof(5.88)-9		

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In case of margin mishap, it's Manifest Destiny(8.00)-1.(7.Great War In Modern Memory)

RESULTS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN POLL(continued)

This year, for the first time, zines and subzines were separated. (Zines are on page 37). To make the main subzine list, a subzine had to receive 5 votes. A further 20 subzines received less than 5 votes and I'm only listing the ones concerned with ~~EE~~ subbers. Again, failure to vote by one person(was it you?) kept Cathy's Ramblings off the main subzine list.

KEY: placing--average score--NAME OF SUBZINE--parent zine--number of mentions--  
--placing last year if on the main list--placing last year among subzines had they been done separately. (\* indicates not on the list last year)

1 - 8.36 - MOS WISLEY SPACEPORT(roves about the hobby)	28-12- 4
2 - 8.14 - HUMBOLDT (The Prince)	7-* - *
3 - 7.66 - MASS MURDERS (Europa Express)	9-* - *
4 - 7.50 - STRANGE DOINGS (Coat of Arms)	6-* - *
5 - 7.47 - FIAT BELLUM (Magus)	19-* - *
6 - 7.00 - FREE SPEECH ALLEY (The Modern Patriot)	6-* - *
7 - 6.88 - KATHY'S KORNOR (Whitestonia)	25-13- 5
8 - 6.77 - ECLETIVE DELETED (Coat of Arms)	18-32- 7
9 - 6.56 - ALEX'S COLUMN (Voice of Doom)	25-* - *
10 - 6.40 - VERTIGO (Coat of Arms)	5-* - *
11 - 6.33 - DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY (Coat of Arms)	18- 2- 2
12 - 6.12 - BENZENE (Irkosome)	16-* - *
13 - 5.22 - HOOF AND MOUTH (The Modern Patriot)	9-33- 8
14 - 5.20 - REAGAN'S YOUTH NEWSLETTER (The Modern Patriot)	5-* - *
15 - 4.14 - MACABRE (Magus)	7-* - *

SUBZINES WITH LESS THAN FIVE VOTES, THEIR AVERAGE SCORE AND NUMBER OF MENTIONS:

1. Cathy's Ramblings(8.50)-4	6. Glimmer of Diner(8.50)-2	11. Verbatim
2. Dip City(7.50)-2	7. Helcaraxe(1.00)-1	(7.00)-3
3. Dippy Daddy(7.00)-2	8. Iron Curtain(7.00)-2	12. Wry Not
4. Family of Six(7.00)-1	9. Strawberries(6.00)-1	(9.50)-2
5. Folding Soon(10.00)-2	10. Tricky-Woo Press(6.00)-1	

RESULTS OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMEMASTERS POLL

The second part of the Runestone Poll(see page 37 for the zine section) is the gamemasters and how they are viewed. To make the main list, a GM had to have 5 mentions. For lack of one vote(again was it you?), 10 hard-working GMs did not make the main list. They are Herb Barents, Fred Davis, Pete Gaughan, Steve Hutton, Mike Mazzer, Al Pearson, Paul Rauterberg, Don Sigwalt, Randolph Smyth and Don Williams. In all, 57 GMs did not make the main list and I'm only listing those who are concerned with ~~EE~~ as a subber.

In general, voters are more thoughtful of GMs than they are of the zines. Seven of this year's Top Ten were listed in the top ten in 1982. 3 of the 10 were on the top ten in 1981 and 4 out of 10 from 1980. Doug Beyerlein was also number one last year. John Daly is the only GM to be listed the last 4 years.

KEY: placing--average score--NAME OF GM--number of mentions--placing last year  
(\* indicates a GM not listed on the main list last year)

1 - 9.60 - Doug Beyerlein	5- 1	19 - 7.78 - Steve Langley	14-*
2 - 9.55 - John Daly	9- 2	20 - 7.53 - Ron (MM) Brown	13- 8
3 - 9.42 - Bob Osuch	7- 4	21 - 7.50 - Konrad Baumeister	10-25
4 - 9.00 - Dave Carter	5-11	22 - 7.33 - Mike Conner	9-18
5 - 8.93 - Andy Lischett	15- 4	23 - 7.28 - Dave Marshall	7-*
6 - 8.89 - Jim Meinel	19-*	24 - 7.09 - Bruce Linsey	22-17
7 - 8.80 - Mark Larzelere	15-20	25 - 6.91 - Scott Hanson	12-28
8 - 8.33 - Steve Heinowski	6- 3	26 - 6.85 - Greg Fritz	7-*
9 - 8.30 - Gary Coughlan	10-10	27 - 6.83 - Tom Swider	6-26
10 - 8.25 - Ron (Snafu!) Brown	8- 8	28 - 6.80 - Roy Henricks	5-30
11 - 8.20 - Jack Fleming	5-*	29 - 6.50 - Eric Ozog	8-26
- 8.20 - Judy Winsome	5-*	30 - 5.77 - Dick Martin	9-34
13 - 8.14 - Bob Sergeant	7- 6	31 - 5.57 - Eric Kane	7-24
14 - 8.00 - Steve Arnawoodian	8-22	32 - 5.27 - Terry Tallman	11-*
15 - 7.87 - Mike Mills	8-23	33 - 5.00 - Guy Hall	5-*
16 - 7.83 - Tom Mainardi	6-*	- 5.00 - Mike Barno	5-16

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Fleet Greece to Rome: Sailing, sailing into the Ionian,  
 We'll go sailing, though it may be far from home,  
 The Turks, they are so hated,  
 And hopefully we skated,  
 We got away, to fight this day,  
 Unless we are submarines!  
 (to the tune of "Daisy")

Memphis to Fleet Greece: Somehow I don't think it will make the Constantinople Top Ten!

Smyrna to Liverpool: Hang in there—help ought to arrive in no more than five years. You CAN hold out that long, can't you?

Memphis to Smyrna: Only time will tell. Thanks Rhino for all the press! See you in August!

RESULTS OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMEMASTER POLL(continued from page )

17 - 7.80 - John Caruso	10-21	35 - 4.66 - Bill Highfield	9*
- 7.80 - Barry Hickey	5*	36 - 3.20 - Don Del Grande	5-36

((This is the second year in a row where Don Del Grande has been ranked dead last. I think he's getting a bum rap from some grudge votes. Don, if you run a game in your zine where you are the GM, I want to be a player in that game. Now a list of the EE-related GMs among 57 listed, their average score and number of mentions.))

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Peter Ansoff(7.00)-1      | 14. John Leeder(7.50)-2     |
| 2. Gerald Austin(0.00)-1     | 15. Mark Luedi(7.00)-1      |
| 3. Anwyl of Weismark(3.00)-1 | 16. Mark Matuschak(2.00)-1  |
| 4. Herb Barents(5.00)-4      | 17. Mike Mazzer(8.25)-4     |
| 5. Jim Bumpas(8.50)-2        | 18. Al Pearson(7.25)-4      |
| 6. Patrick Conlon(10.00)-2   | 19. Paul Rauterberg(7.75)-4 |
| 7. Fred Davis(8.25)-4        | 20. Russ Rusnak(7.50)-2     |
| 8. Don Ditter(10.00)-1       | 21. Don Sigwalt(5.25)-4     |
| 9. Pete Fuchs(9.00)-1        | 22. Randolph Smyth(8.00)-4  |
| 10. Pete Gaughan(6.75)-4     | 23. Allen Wells(7.00)-2     |
| 11. Bob Howerton(7.50)-2     | 24. Don Williams(6.25)-4    |
| 12. Steve Hutton(8.25)-4     | 25. Larry Peery(9.00)-1     |
| 13. Mark Keller(7.00)-1      |                             |

((Randolph Smyth will tell any pubber/GM the breakdown of his votes. As a GM I received 10 votes which broke down into: 2 tens, 6 nines, 1 eight and 1 zero))

WIN FREE ISSUES OF EE!!!



Actually, this policy has been in effect since January, 1982 but I think it's time to re-state it. Briefly speaking, I do not like to make GM errors so I'm offering you free issues of this zine if you can catch me in one. For each game in EE, I set up the board based on the map in the previous EE. I write out the orders and double-check them and then move the units on the board. Then I copy this onto the new map, type up the game report and mail it out to the players. The zine follows within two weeks to all subbers.

Catching my GM errors thus gives the players a great advantage since they see their game first. But they don't always catch it. Last issue, there was an error in Alsace-Lorraine and I caught it a week later. If a player catches it, he gets 2 free issues and the other players in the game get one free issue apiece. If a non-player subber catches it he will get free three issues of EE. I want my adjudications checked, double-checked and triple-checked. I have had games ruined for me by sloppy GMing, and I don't want that in EE. If this pic appears in all games in an issue, the issue is free to all.

# Cathy's Ramblings

A rambling bit created by..... Cathy Cunning  
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Hello and welcome to the first transatlantic sub-zine, or something like that. If you're in the states you're hearing this on Europa Express radio, and if you're in Britian you're turned into Supernova. And if you're lucky enough to have stereo, you could be turned into both stations.

So what does this all Mean? It means boys and girls that I might be showing up in Supernova every now and then as I have managed to twist the arm of one confused Gareth Cook. Or maybe it was just the shock of a phone call from the States. This glaring voice saying, "So look do you want CR or not? Make up your mind now?" And Gareth, "Well, you know if you want to. I mean it's all kind of open isn't it? And I'm new at all this you know. I want to see the response we get. But, yes, do send it! but don't feel you have to. Only if you want to then send it. I mean... Are you really calling from the States?"

Boy let me tell you the English are a slippery lot. It's hard to get a straight answer from them. They're almost as bad as I was before I took lessons from my New York friends.

Well Gareth thanks for this big break and you won't regret it really! What? You are regretting it now? You say that you didn't say what I said that you said? Look this is my ramblings and I can have you say what I want. Besides you're getting off easy, wait till you see what happens to Dolton and Tamlyn.

Oh how time does fly---I mean between the time you write something and the time you get around to typing it. Since I started this both Gary and Gareth have called me. Has a kind of nice ring to it don't it? Anyways, Gary wants me to delay an issue and Gareth wants something for his next issue. See Gary, atleast someone wants me!

Right- well before I go into the evil part of this issue, I thought I should explain to those of you who have never seen this before, just what you are reading. It is what it says it is. That being me-Cathy- rambling about whatever comes to my mind. As being such, it is filled with all kinds of errors and should not be taken seriously. Like this is all fun and games you know? Oh it's also filled with random statements like that. So criticize me if you want to. I just love punishment---just ask any of my favourite allies! (Yes that last spelling was to make the English happy- I did not misspelled that word)

One of housemates just walked in. She told me there was a tall slender blond guy downstairs asking for me. She said that his name was Eric ((Ozog)). Very funny Nancy, now if you had said it was a heavy set balding person who looks like a frog and says that his name is Woody but to me it's Teddybear, I might have belived you. Er... boy, I just lost the British crowd on that one. Oh well, time for a new page and time for me to get some popcorn and you to get ready for the "evil" contest.



For those of you who are faint of heart I strongly suggest that you don't read.....Cathy's Ramblings p. 2.

Now for those of you who missed it, I ran a contest in the States to prove that Brian "Beast" "Cuddles" Dolton is more evil than Pete Tamlyn. Since then Glover Rogerson has shown me the errors of my way and I know the truth. No Tamlyn that doesn't mean that you are more evil. Evil-you? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. They were suppose to finish this sentence.....

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

And now without further delay the entries, which start bad and only get worst. May I remind you that I didn't write this stuff and I wonder about this interest in sailers and small animals.

Gary Coughlan: ...Dolton thinks that Maggie Thatcher is better-looking than Cathy Cunning thus proving that Dolton is even more anti-American than Tamlyn ever could aspire to be!! Only a great evil could prefer British Thatcher over American Cunning! ((Oh gag me with a spoon! Next please...))

Mark Luedi: ...Well, like we were all standing by the trolley, and "Beast", he's got this pet rat that he'd picked up somewhere, and as the trolley started to move, he stuck its head underneath the wheels; it was really gruesome, and "Beast" he had this ghastly grin on his face and he started to chortle see?, and the rat didn't look none the better neither. So then, the "Beast", he grabs at my Aunt Lucy as if he's going to do the same thing to her. Well, my aunt bopped him upside the head a couple of times with her handbag, and "Beast", he starts a-snarling and running around in circles like he had a tail and chasing it, and then he lets out this howl and takes off towards the forest near the station. Petey, on the other had, is alright. He grinds his pet rats down into mincemeat and gives them to my auntie for her flowerbed. He don't howl much either; only when there's a waning moon, and his manners are pretty good, not as good as most, mind you, but he don't pull people's arms the way the "Beast" does. ((Thanks Bro- and now for more fun with animals.))

Daf Fritz: ...Pete swerves to avoid hitting cats. Brian swerves to smash them, then puts the car in reverse to run over them again. Pete kicks his dog when he's depressed. Brian ties his dog up, then punts him down three flights of stairs, then ties it to a pole and swings it around, then throws it onto a red ant hill. And that's when he's in a good mood. ((Oh Daf, you were too nice to them! Stillnow I know why you don't have any dogs at your house.))

Ivo Steyn: Brian "Cuddles" Dolton more evil than Pete "Wonder Wart-Hog" Tamlyn? Bah, ridiculous. I'll you know Tamlyn is so evil he can castrate a kitten just by looking at it. (Dolton doesn't manage more than causing milo stomach craps.)

Frankly, I fear for your continued well-being. The last time someone dared to insult Tamlyn was July 1945, the mayor of Kinoshina, I believe... ((So much for the people Tamlyn paid-off to get them to enter. I wish to point out this person is from some place called The Netherlands and this proves he is out of touch with reality.))

If you're still reading this I just want to remind you that this ain't going to get any better on..... Ramblings p. 3.

Terry Tallman: ...he is jealous of Dalton's ability to pick up sailors and make casual conversation with small furry animals.

This, in itself, wouldn't be so shocking but he has been siding with Brux Linsey in his feud against the entire English diplomacy hobby. It appears he and Brux once dated briefly but Pete wanted someone who could be more of a "man" to him.

This all would have been very confusing if Cathy hadn't taken it upon herself to reveal everything! Everything wasn't very impressive. I took a few color snaps but only Michalski and Woody offered me anything for them.

((Why do I get the feeling that Terry is trying to say more than what it seems? Maybe it's because I know what a devious creature he is. And next what you have been waiting for- Michalski! Look I didn't write this stuff ok? It's not my fault about Michalski))

John Michalski: ...he is SO gross. Why once, when he and Petey were in the Navy together aboard the HMS Christine Keeler, both were engaged in a gross-out contest at a shore pub. The first of the four seated at the table made his bid as Most Gross by calling over the Irish barmaid from the arm-wrestling contest she'd just won at another table. "Aye, mistress Byrne, come hither and flash me your anchor tatoo". So the barmaid came over and lifted her skirt, showing off her abdominal anchor tatoo above those on her left thigh ("Approved/3d Marine Bn/May 8-9, 1981"), whereupon the first sailor buried his face into her lap. "Aw, that's nothing" said the second sailor, who thereupon reached in back of his pants, stuck his finger up his arse, pulled it out, and sucked on it. Well, this was too much for the innocent Petey, the third sailor, who ripped off his cap and upchucked straightaway into it! Well, at this, "Beast" yelled out "I win! I win!", and grabbed the dripping hat and promptly chugged it all down. ((Well I warned you didn't I? Next is something that's even worse than Michalski--it's the dreaded Jim-Bob!!))

Jim-Bob Burgess: ...not only does he secrete vile, foul-smelling slime from every pore, but he seals samples of Lokasenna with it condemning the hapless recipients to that dread of dread diseases---Glover Worship! One of the only known American sufferers Cathy Cuning, has been known to foam at the mouth at the mere mention of Glover Rogerson's name in sufficient quantities to wash and wax a good sized car (I know I've seen the pictures). In London this epidemic of foaming Glover worshipers has created London's worst fog problem since 1950's (and why do you think it rains so often in Seattle? Cathy was evicted from Arizona for activity detrimental to the state's image). It is only someone with my unique perspective who has managed to discern the existence of this disgusting disease. Most people, who know the people involved are fooled by Dalton's anti-Glover rhetoric, but not me. The whole point is that....(the remainder of this report has been censored by some unknown foreign source...).

((Yes, and its name is Gareth Cook, who is going to censor me if I don't hurry things up here. Congratulations Jim-Bob! you have just won a membership in the Glover Rogerson Fan Club! No need to thank me now, I know this is what you have been dreaming of but you were afraid you weren't good enough for it. Well to be quite honest you're not, but we need the money! Hm... end of page and believe it or not there's only one more page!))

Page four of the sub-zine that dares to use two different typewriters and mess up the great look of EE .....Ramblings P. 4.

Hey, doesn't this type look great man? Well for just a small contribution of \$100 or more, you can have me typing like this all the time! You see I'm at work and it's just me and so I'm stealing the typewriter for a while. Next what you are reading and will read is abit different from what the British are getting. Gary cried to me about not wanting to be the same as some English swine and so being the kind person that I am (despite what Eric Kane might think), I am typing another page or two just for Gary! What a sweetie I am. Now Gary will you stop worrying about a F/I alliance against you in Mass Murders! What a worry wart you are. Well you haven't lucked out the contest still continues for two more pages. and now for a late entry.....Here's James.....

James Woodson: Dolton more evil than Pete Tamlyn? If he is he must be evil indeed. I've never corresponded with, or seen anything to do with, Dolton, (Lucky you) but I know Pete is evil. Just look at his stationery!

Every issue of the Acolyte sports a figure in a robe and hood, obscuring the face. Quite sinister! Neither can you see its hands or feet. Imagination alone can tell what this poor soul might be hiding under the folds of its cloths. Without any other explanation, I must infer that the figure gracing the cover of each Acolyte must be the publisher, Pete tamlyn.

The figure reminds me of many artistic renditions of "Death incarnate." What do evil personages live for? The death and sufferings of others. If this "Beast" is more evil than this, I'd hate to see it. (( Let me explain something to you James, Pete doesn't give free issues to the people who say he's evil. Boy did you get ripped off. As for the hooded figure have you ever heard of "zits" and "boils"? Well just think of them covering his whole body, just waiting to burst forth and then don't ask silly questions about why the figure won't let you see it's face.)

John Macintyre: The Beastie and the Tamshinbang

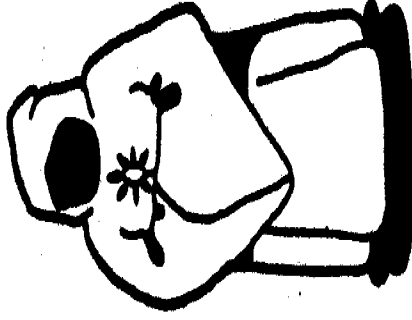
The Beastie and the Tamshinbang  
Contested for the prize  
Of who possessed the blackest heart  
And told the biggest lies.

The Tamshinbang had "Aconite"  
The Beastie "Lacozade"  
To ram their eyes down our throats  
ith darker sides displayed

The Beastie posed with "walkman" sound  
Black-clad from head to foot  
Tamshinbang donned his plastic breaks  
And lilac boiler suit.

Sang Beastie to the Tamshinbang  
"The blindest fool can see  
That in this whole wide world of ours  
The evillest one is me"

The Tamshinbang he disagreed  
A different song he sang  
"There's no one in the whole wide world  
As bad as Tamshinbang"



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

# THE BOBA FETT'S S P A C E P O R T

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BOBA FETT'S ARMPIT is a roving subzine of assorted commentary and filler put out to entertain the hobby and garner sub credit for John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526Q, Moore OK 73165. Comments and views are solicited for printing, or even for off-the-record use. (Maybe I could send it to Langley?) You are encouraged to write, or, if you are a product of European socialism, get someone to write for you, and send your views in. I give a hearing to all, no matter how dumb you are...

Those of you who, like one famous American publisher I can (cough, cough) name off-hand, don't know who or what Boba Fett is, can be informed that he was a character first appearing in THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK. He was the (unnamed in the film) bounty hunter who came up with Han Solo and delivers him to Jabba the Hutt at the end of EMPIRE and the start of JEDI. Boba Fett's ARMPIT was a hilarious ripoff of this column that appeared after mine in the recent super issue of Bill Highfield's THE MODERN PATRIOT, parts of the text of which sounded surprisingly like Kathy Byrne's writing to me. (But then, I confuse Caruso's writing with Highfields a lot too, so what do I know?) The surprising thing of it was, I hadn't ever really noticed how good a resemblance there really IS between Highfield and Heinrich Himmler. And, I didn't know that Hitler was a fisherman either. Guess we all learn a little more all the time, hey?

Hum, re-reading paragraph two, I should clarify that Fett was the bounty hunter who CAUGHT Han Solo for Vader in EMPIRE—not to be confused with Greedo, the the green thing that tried to capture Solo in STAR WARS and got blown away for the attempt.

I hope the typing on this comes out better than before, because it is easier for me to work with this machine than it is with the one at home. I wish I could say I am using my new office machine, but no, it's just a two-week toot-off time with the Air Force Reserve at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City in lieu of the California trip they screwed me out of earlier. Fortunately for me, I was put into an empty office with no one above me, below me, or even beside me; just raw time-killing is all it is, and I for one hope it stays that way. They have fucked me every month I've been out here so far (4), so I am in no way eager to bust my balls to do a lot for THEM. They couldn't even decide where I was going to work. I tried calling for a week with a real tough question for them to wrestle with: what office do I report to? They never DID come up with an answer. The orders said "report no later than 0730" Saturday morning, so, I came out here early Saturday morning. No one here of course, since it was an off-weekend. I did find a civilian employee in the admin building, so I signed in with him, went for a free chow hall breakfast, and went home. I'm so gung-ho, I came back out and reported Sunday morning too, but then there wasn't even an unlocked door, so I left. Comes Sunday night, here comes a call from the regular Air Force advisor saying to come in Monday, giving me the door combination and then adding, "oh, no, you didn't have to report out there at all this weekend. It's closed". Fine time to tell me, Sunday night. 52 miles of driving wasted, for two military breakfasts. My duty instructions? "Clean the office, read the regs, and we'll try and

think of something for you to do if we can". Shit. Don't bother, guys. I'm plugging my time in here, and taking the money, and ball with the rest. Having emptied the wastebaskets last night, I've already done more for this place than I ought to. Yesterday was just fine by me!

How about some hobby stuff for a change? With Origins behind us by the time you read this, I won't comment further on that, other than to point out an oddity that I noticed somewhere: Linsey et.al. organized a Beer Blast for folks wanting to drop in, but then added "BYOB". Ham. If that went over real well, I want to announce a hobby Wife Swap at my home each Thursday night, Bring Your Own Wife. Or somebody else's if you prefer. Maybe Woody will offer a hobby Swim Party, Bring Your Own Pool?

The latest DW is out, #34, a below par issue, but it has some good parts. Berch does his usual decent-filler role well, but what I think it really needs is more of Walker's own writing, AS writing, rather than just marginal comments. He does write an awful lot of hobby stuff, but it's all been in OTHER zines lately, not DW. Sad to say, there was some dumb stuff too: this "Peery" person whose name is often seen with a "Send \$12 to.." nearby, writes a whining editorial about how nasty it is that hobby folks call each other names, moralizing over a nonexistent issue; Walker plugging Peery's assorted projects/polls/zines/whatever (all at more than a few bucks a crack... one thing you've got to hand Peery, he does have a nose for bucks!); a Walker editorial taking a potshot at some of Sack's stranger rantings, and supporting Peery; variant stuff; all in all, not much really worth reading. I see in the front that this Peery, Walker's fellow-Californian and -gay, is now listed as "CO-EDITOR AND BIG HELP"—I guess that explains it. DW is, I presume, the 'big help' to Peery's \$2/issue zine, \$12-15 Con, and whatever. (Foreign readers should note that in the US, most zines run 40-75¢ each, and most of the Cons you hear of are essentially free aside from transportation there, and your food). What bothers me is that this sinking of DW causes me to suspect Boardman has been right; these odd voices from the west will soon (and to me, already) carry no more weight than does Sacks' strange comments, or that New England fellow—what was his name?—that ran his one-man "Gamer's Publisher's Association" some time back. Now, oddball rantings are nothing new. There was that latter's zine CLUE & KEY; or the Curtis Gibson letters I used to print; or Peery's own XENO today (even Walker's plug is forced to add "Warning: you have to like to read pages and pages and pages of peeriblah."); some of Sacks' KGO letters; and the like. But while it is one thing to have a few screwball features or columns or peripheral zines, it is quite another to see DIPLOMACY WORLD being taken over by this same affliction. Really a shame.

On a happier note, the latest VOICE OF DOOM arrived last night with the latest Runestone Poll results. EE naturally took first place, so at least this year we got rid of the bullshit stuff that marred last year's results so badly. The others—well, it's hard to say. A lot of my favorites are down in two digits, and the last three Bruz reported (28-30) are among them, while the "top 20" contain 8 zines I would have voted lower than they got, including 3 of the top 10. A lot of others will comment on individual zines, so I will let it go myself for now. Just congratulations to Gary for a clear win. I know it is satisfying, having been stunned by winning it myself many years ago my first year out. If you publish, you remember that sort of thing.

In the subzine section, this column got into top place among a strange mixture of others, some of whom I don't even recognize, and virtually none of which I read, EK being the one notable exception. I do appreciate the vote, but I really have to wonder about it: is this thing that loved, or is it all just some carryover from my old BRUTUS BULLETIN days, or is the competition sparse, or what? I do know that when I get someone's zine, the best parts are the parts about THEM—what they think about inflation or El Salvador or Cartahena or Budweiser or black-vs-white undies or parochial schools or riding in a car Caruso owns—but from my vantage point, MES

really is just "filler", and not nearly as good as I would like, but good enough for some sub credit that I can in fact use. Were it more just a "letter from home" type thing, we might both be happier, but it is much less so than I would usually like. ("So why not change it?" I do these in a stream-of-consciousness mode, and ain't about to retype anything. I just type it as it comes, then quit when I have to. It's all extemporaneous, or darcimonious, or whatever.) This sort of thing then is appreciated, but, isn't there more elsewhere, and perhaps far better? And more importantly, if there isn't, why not? Why don't MORE of you do the same thing?

Two related quick notes I should add to my comment above about not reading many of the top 10 subz's Brux listed: First, it might seem strange that I play in three of the top ten listed, and yet said I read "virtually none" of them. I should explain that said subz's are heavy on press, often very poor/black/or both press, for 90% of their material. I skim this stuff just looking for my own name (which is OFTEN there!), or something cleverly Olsenish sounding that I can use somewhere else myself another time, but pay little heed to the bad bulk of most of the rest of the press. Another note is that too many publishers have music sections, and most music, especially what is commented on by the generally younger, more modish publishers, is a complete waste. I'd rather go back to Mazzer's STRANGE DOINGS and read that sick press about the guy who analyzes people and societies by the way their shit stains streak toilet bowls they leave behind them. (Yes folks, STRANGE DOINGS hits some alltime intellectual highs, let me tell you). (I wish he'd open another black press game like that though). But like I say, music doesn't impress me.

One common plague on the current hobby is the dumb remarks being made about DNQ/NFP letters and the like. A refreshing new tack was recently taken on this matter by Mark Luedi in the latest 30 MILES OF BAD ROAD, wherein he wrote: "...I will now endeavor to spell out the TMOBR letter policy. T-M-o-B-R l-e-t-t-e-r p-o-l-i-c-y. There, it's done." Way to go.

Another hobby issue of burning importance had a couple of items come along on it lately: separations of season. Someone else in Lischett's CHEESECAKE complained about Andy's policy of granting separations at the drop of a pin on the part of any player, even for a separate SUMMER season, echoing a complaint I had there too a few months earlier. Guess he hadn't read that exchange earlier. Paul Rauterberg, (MIDLIFE CRISIS), writing in VOICE OF DOOM #81, defends that very idea though. Linsey came through with an illustrative item in his response, where he pointed out that he had received enough (2) requests for a separation in his Neptune game, but took a look at it and realized that there were no adjustments to be made! I suspect the requests came from the same folks who put together the DIPIMASTER shit in last year's Runestone Poll. At least this time it was funnier. Allowing 1 vote seps is wrpng thoWhile I'm mentioning VD 81, a "John MacFarlane" wrote this in the lettercol: "Let the commies come in and in five years, Salvador will have a democracy". I hope that this MacFarlane is one of Linsey's European subbers, or extraterrestrial or something. I'd hate to think there was much of that communism-ain't-so-bad kind of thinking over HERE.

Do any of you play 4th edition THIRD REICH? Tell me if this is OK, or if not, what specific rule is broken by it: 1939: Germany opens with a panzer unit going to Tallin-Parnu, while infantry sweeps the eastern Polish cities and another passes through the Bessarabian ones. SR phase: those same sweepers who are not yet across the demarkation line already, SR out (back). Result: no German DoW, but, the cities are swept, and since the rules permit both a)Germany can cross the line as long as she is on her side at the end of turn one, b)Russia cannot declare war on Germany or on any territory that would lead to war, c)Eastern Europe, now swept, is treated like a colony (another rule says so) as far as control, so Germany is now it's controller d)the offense option is free on turn one anyhow, and no DoW is even needed for the Baltic states, since Germany is permitted to transit the area across the demarkation line during turn 1, provided she doesn't remain there— Result is that Germany

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and not Russia, controls Eastern Europe, Russia is denied the chance to attack or occupy the area, it remains open for the day Germany wants to SR the world into there preparing to hit Russia (tho the SR in would release Russia to attack if SHE wanted to then, paying 35 BRPs for one attrition roll, and saving Germany the 35). Has AH ever commented on this in a General (and later reversed itself, as it has done also..), or anything else? If it is legal, then clearly there is little reason other than a F39 move in the west possibly, to NOT do so automatically, if only to keep Russia 2-3 hexes back and leave an open corridor to Leningrad there, and deny her the points Russia (NOT Germany) get for Eastern Europe. Comments?

Enough of me for a bit. How about some  
LETTERS

CATHY CUNNING

Congratulations, you won my "Beast vs Tamlyn" contest. Actually there was an English type who did better, but I figure it's only fair that an American win. Yes, I know CR hasn't come out in the states yet, but it came out in ENGLAND in SUPERNOVA, a new zine there. Well, you won over there, so I figure I should send you a prize. I'm no Duck Williams.

I'm sure you'll like LOKASENNA. Check out the "Hearts in the City" bit. Brian is quite funny really, well I think he's funny anyways. Besides, he's great at rambling and I love ramblers you know. Also check out his house rules—Great, aren't they? I think I should copy them and use them as my own someday.

Too bad you won't come to origins, but such is life. I won't be able to go to PudgeCon—Terry ((Tallman)) doesn't think he will either. Too bad.

((Too bad indeed! I'm looking forward to it as the high point of the summer. Uh, what do I win from you for this contest?))

BRUX LINSEY (The Voice of Doom) ((orig to Gary C, cc to me. Tallman's letter was here in MES))

I read with some amusement Terry Tallman's comment to John Michalski that anyone my age who is dating a 15 year old has let his fantasies get out of hand, and his statement that I've been trying to convince him that I'm OK and certain other folks are fucked up.

Regarding the former, I disagree. I don't think you can make a valid generalization about anyone based on his or her personal lifestyle. Thus, if I were to come across

someone my age who dates a 15 year old girl (or someone who is gay, or someone who dates a person of a different race, or whatever), I would try to judge that person based on his or her whole personality, not just his or her sex life. I think Terry's remark is very narrow-minded.

Regarding his latter comment, remember you heard it here first. I'm just fine and the whole rest of the world is bonkers. Remember that.

The BERLIN-MESA press release in MASS MURDERS (p 32) put matters into their proper perspective, I think, although five-on-one isn't as lopsided as it sounds when you consider the collective IQs of the five. Thanx anyway.

Keep up the work!

((I'm running this here because the original appeared here. The gist of my response was that we don't know them personally(i.e., Bruce and Alex), and so it is quite possibly just as innocent and nice as Bruce has indicated all along. For a while afterwards, I thought I might have a problem in that I used a poorer example than I thought to make my point, where re-reading gave other implications that I hadn't thought or meant at the time, but apparently that's not a problem, so it's dropped.

To get to specifics of this letter: while it may be true that you cannot make a valid generalization about anyone based on their lifestyle, the fact is that people WILL make generalizations about others, and that these generalizations are heavily influenced by the lifestyle they see. Or at least, perceive. A shorter but

blunter example might be this: Say you were to "date" Alex Wednesday night, and Fluff Shaffer did so Thursday night. What generalizations, valid or otherwise, might we make from that? Hmm, I'd say if nothing else, Alex would appreciate you a lot more afterwards! But then, even Highfield would look good after that... maybe we better just let it drop.

You're just fine and the rest of the world is bonkers. You know, Berch could probably prove that in a full issue of DD. There's a bit or more of evidence for at least half that premise...

Now that Alex is 16, the issue is over, right?)) *jm*

JIM MEINEL (The Prince)

Read your MES in NORTH STEALTH WEST GEORGE today—doesn't sound too good. Two accounting types shit outta luck (you and Rusnak). I hope my employer doesn't decide to cut me loose after I get to Anchorage. It's a long, cold haul back to civilization from there.

Don't get too disillusioned over "the system". Sure, the guts and the structure of our society are about as free as a caged bird—but it is at least possible (more like probable) for people to shelter and comfort themselves in their own little reality of home, hearth, neighborhood, and supermarket-down-the-road and have a relatively calm and safe life than anyone else in the world. (Scandinavia possibly excepted). I'd still rather be here.

((Me too; it's too cold too long in Helsinki, and with my looks, I wouldn't get any more there than I do here. But as for jobs/security/income, what we have going for us here is the size of the country, providing more opportunity, although this has been whittled away by the influx of human dregs from the world's sewers in recent decades. There, the government openly acknowledges its responsibility for the economy it controls, while here, it controls the economy no less, but passes the buck for the foulups to the rugged individualism of the workers, taking responsibility only for the welfare and dreg classes itself. It is true that things here are better than anywhere else at any time else, but while nice, that really means that humanity has done an incredibly pathetic job at even the most basic function of society, providing for the well being of its members.))

BOB OSUCH *jm*

Good luck in the job search. Now that I'm working I'm getting calls out the asshole. Keep at it.

((Right. I just hope that we don't lose the house before something breaks for me))

SCOTT HANSEN (Irrksome) *jm*

(slightly excerpted)

Gee, thanks for the catalog. I'm sure Frauke will love it, especially with all the pictures.. I don't think "dildo" is in her German/English dictionary.

Here's a piece of news for you even. Guess who was stupid enough to take over the orphan service? Here's a hint: he's a distinguished MN pubber. Oh, I guess there are no distinguished Minnesota Pubbers now that Woodson's gone. Anyway, it's me. I just talked to Daly ((6/29)) Now I gotta find me a couple of toady types to help me out. Hey, YOU wouldn't be interested, would you? Look for an official announcement soon...

Frauke and I will be at either Detroit or Wichita. I'm not sure which. Of course, I know what you'll say. "You go to Detroit; send Frauke to Wichita!" You want all the women for yourself and Olsen! You're no fun. ((Regretably, that's what the women say too...))

Enough of this writing hobby has-beens. I gotta write to Kathy..now she's someone important. And am I her biggest toady, right. Does the Pope shit in the Woods? And if no one hears him shit in the woods, does it make any noise?

((Frauke brought that over from Germany, right?)) *jm*



DICK MARTIN (Retaliation)

(excerpt, in response to an inquiry of mine about AH's 3d Reich)

Put enough into Finland to prevent Russian attack. More is a waste, really. One infantry unit is quite enough. Can you SR into Finland? ((No)) That was a variant for 2nd edition.

Obviously Germany should ALWAYS buy as many subs as possible.

Allies should NEVER declare war on anybody that I can think of. Just saves Germany the trouble, and removes a buffer zone. Not Belgium, not Norway, not anywhere.

3R was one of my favorites, but not really balanced from what I could tell. And then they kept coming out with more "editions" requiring more \$\$\$. I'd just as soon get more games instead. I like Konrad's taste in games—whatever he has, I've beaten him at—Ogre, Battle for Germany, something else. Snit's Revenge is a good one, too. Silly, but more strategy than most "war" games. Bring 3R, and I'll play you a game at P-Con. I get the Germans, of course (you want to see my strategy in action, right?)

Yeah, I heard about the commissary. Pretty lousy, huh? But I thought that OKC had very low unemployment? Was reading Ladies Home Journal (?) last night and they recommend Billings MT, Rapid City, SD, Valdez, AK, Ft Collins CO and some other place in WY as the place to be. How about welfare? Ask Highfield to give you a job. How about managing a fast food place, they're always looking for ~~divid~~ people out here. Well, good luck.

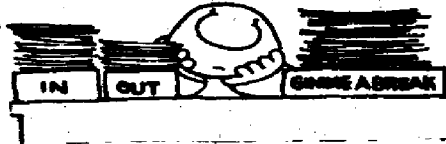
And if my strategy for 3R doesn't work, they must have changed the rules!

((Something's changed. If England will commit 3-4 units—I'd better say, three to four units, not to be confused with the "3-4" class of units—France is a damn tough nut to crack. The key is to put the English in the key SEdan area so as to be "in harm's way", so that the RAF can come in with DAS. The Italians can counter-air the French, but the Germans have nothing (well, little) left even if they can counter the RAF on the ground, and it makes it a big slugging match. Those 1+1 attacks can get awfully costly, and from what we've seen, it is ridiculously hard for Germany to field HALF her force pool even by early 1940. Hit France hard early and Poland will pick off two corps out there and still leave @ Warsaw and adjacent clear hex covered. Then it's a W39 offensive option in the east, or attrition and no 20 BRPs to carry over. The 5 point difference might be worth it. Knock Poland out, and your likely exchange vs Warsaw at 2/1 on exploitation will mean your W39 start force will be little different from your F39 At-Start joke force, and, the French border defenses will be intact. If that is true, you will only get Paris via blood, not blitz. France, barring a real defensive screw-up or a full F39 attack, cannot be blitzed. Not when France can field 3 3-5 armored corps (the Fr cannot justify more than 1) and the British add 2 full 4-5s to back them up (her 1943 Eighth Army gets built in September 1939 I guess...). I think the Axis is at a sad disadvantage, but, maybe we'll see.

I've applied at those fast food sweatshops, and despite their need for good management, as their atrocious service shows, they are not interested in stable workers: they want young hustlers on the make, just like themselves, and then they wonder why they are always having to replace managers. Of course the \$1000 a month salary for 60 hr weeks might be part of it, esp when your 10 hour day is 6:30-2 and 5:30-8. And offdays are often theory. I've applied anyway, but I'm too old and crotchdy to meet their image of an eager beaver who will happily sell his life and family for the equivalent of minimum-wage work. I'm lucky they haven't taken me. OKC died with the oil and gas boom. Now there is no recovery here either, as O&G is still dead, lagging behind (I hope) the rest of the economy everywhere else. Our unemployment offices are often empty, but that's because like me, everyone has used or is about to use up the last of it for this year already—come back Jan 1!

If I can borrow this 3R, I just may bring it.)) J.M.

Well, folks, not much room for anything else much, so let me leave the readership with these profound graffiti thoughts: "Any fool can piss on the floor. Be a hero, shit on the ceiling!"



Robyn Finley (California, USA): "Have fun at PudgeCon, if you go. Maybe you'll get a glimpse of the mysterious ~~Willy~~ Dixie Gray!"

John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "Do go west. Especially at PudgeCon. Call in sick from Wichita. On Icelandic Airways you will save so much you can afford PudgeCon II."

Keith Sherwood (New Mexico, USA): "You attending PudgeCon this year again? No way for me I'm afraid. Besides, it would only be like Woodstock II or a Beatles Reunion: though the thought is nice, it just wouldn't stand up to the original. Nothing could be as good as the mythical first time."

Marc Peters (Wisconsin, USA): "Did I hear you wouldn't be making it [PudgeCon II]? If so, your squirt guns will undoubtedly be sorely missed."

I'll be there with my squirt guns for the entire three days. PudgeCon is held at Bob Olsen's home: 6818 Winterberry Cir., Wichita, Kansas 67226 USA and his phone number is: (316)-686-7935. He'll pick you up at the airport (maybe not on time but he will get there) or the bus station. Call him for directions. I'm sending an advance copy of this page to possible attendees. PudgeCon is a great time and as Michalski says a "just folks" atmosphere. Feuds and hobby politics are banned, just like war was banned during the Olympics in ancient Greece. It is one of the best times you'll ever have so if you can possibly go please do. Definitely coming are: Peter Ashley, Jim Burgess, Mike Barno, Gary Coughlan, Randy Ellis, Daf Fritz, Al Giddings, Scott Hanson, Mark Luedi, Steve Langley, Mike Mazzer, John Michalski, Bob Olsen (He'd better!), Eric Ozog, Marc Peters, Franke Petersen, Paul Rauterberg and Jim Williams. Possibilities are: Kathy Byrne, Jeff Ellis, Mark Frueh, Steve Knight, Stuart Lancaster, Dick and Julie Martin, John MacFarlane, Bob Osuch, Russ Rusnak and Keith Sherwood. Despite Keith's letter above, he now thinks he might be able to come. It's Aug 12-14

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John Michalski (Oklahoma, USA): "Did you read that leper joke in the latest Sleepless Knights? [Dave Carter of Canada's zine]. Even Fluff was grossed out by it!!"

Yes, I read it and all I can say is that we're lucky both he and Eric Ozog aren't in Mass Murders together or the gross press would be impossible to stomach! John says that Fluff Shaeffer is also a good possibility to be at PudgeCon. That leper joke from Sleepless Knights #24 was: 'A leper in the late stages of the disease, walked into a gin mill and took a seat at the bar. He wore gloves and an oversize hat to hide his deformity. Upon ordering a drink, the bartender puked. A few minutes later a man sat down to his left, looked at the leper and promptly barfed. The bartender regained his composure, looked at the leper, and lost his cookies again. The leper turned to his right and asked the old man sitting there if he was truly that disgusting. The old man replied, "No, it's not you, it's the guy dipping his chips in your neck!"'

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Konrad Dolata (West Germany): "German isn't a beautiful language to listen to but I don't think it's that bad. This is a reaction to some depreciatory remarks in EE #25."

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "I know the song called "Der Kommissar" from Falco, but I don't like it. I don't like the Austrian accent....."

Claude Gautron (Manitoba, Canada): "Finally, a small comment about what you said on page 14, EE #25: "con" in French does not mean "cunt". It means "moron" or "dunce" or "idiot" and can be used as a noun or an adjective eg. 'C'est un pauvre con.' In any case, it is not an abbreviation you would like to use in French! Other comments about language: English sounds so efficient; it sacrifices nuance and subtlety for brevity and clarity. Precisely the kind of language a shop-keeper would use!"

Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "Your discussion with Daniel Clamot about the French language is based upon a linguistic misunderstanding. In French, the word "provoquant" often means "arrogant" (in English). See, being a translator is sometimes a tough job...."

In EE #17, Michel said that "con" in French meant "cunt". Is this a difference between Belgian French and Canadian French? In the musical Cabaret, the girl who sang "Heiraten" (Marriage) in German showed it can be beautiful (see page 51) (50)



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**Kenya's 'Men Numb'**  
Nairobi, Kenya (UPI) — "Turn of the lead" has blessed Kenya but movie fans are cheering for Lake Shyamba's Han Solo, but the alien Nien Numb — because he speaks the language.  
"Atirai inyai mwi hap inyouth ukai haha," said the creature Men Numb to Lando Calrissian, played by Billy Dee Williams in the film.  
Intergalactic gobbledegook is most untrained ears, but a phrase full of meaning to most Kenyans. The reason: Nien Numb speaks fluent Kikuyu, the dialect of Kenya's majority tribe.  
Loosely translated it means "What are you doing over there? All of you please come here."  
"It brought down the house," said Brian Tetley, film critic of the Kenya Times newspaper.  
"He (Nien Numb) will be a big hit in Kenya, no doubt. The people



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