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Pat Hart of South Carolina strikes again!! It's DIPSCRIPTION TIME. That word was coined by Pat for these glimpses he gives us of...is it YOU(well, it could be).. hobby members he reads about in EE and other zines. Al "Herr Doktor" Giddings is this month's ~~target~~ winner. Al is a dentist and is widely believed to be the (postally) alluring Dixie Grey whom no one else has seen. Pat tells us more.....

NAME: Al Giddings SEX: Nurses only
NICKNAME: Doc HAIR: Above the mouth
HOME: Any dentist office EYES: Probing
BIRTHDATE: Medical records are confidential LOOKS: Professional
BIRTHSIGN: 143 VLE MD(mister doctor)
.....
NOTED FOR: Unable to stab females AMBITION: To do it once
.....
TURN-ON: Fast women TURN-OFF: Liberated women
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FAVORITE APHRODISIAC: Laughing gas FAVORITE FETISH: The dental chair
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FAVORITE M-TV VIDEO: Get Nervous(Pat Benatar) FAVORITE MOVIE: Deep Throat
.....
FAVORITE TV SERIES: Behind Closed Doors FAVORITE DRUG: Novocaine
.....
FAVORITE POLITICIAN-NATIONAL: Tip O'Neill LOCAL: John Michalski
.....
FAVORITE PHRASE: (smiling) This won't hurt a bit
.....
FAVORITE POEM: Al Giddings comes from the West,
His intentions were always the best,
He firmly stands behind ole Dixie,
The Grey---that porno pixie!



WELL, HELLO MALMBERGER! YOU BROUGHT DIXIE BACK TO DIXIELAND and I appreciate it! A MalMBERger (what other zines call "standbys") gets 2 free EEs right away added to you sub. You are only called for one position at a time and when you complete the position, you get 4 more EEs. Join these 33: Ieapo Stabo, Peter Ansoff, Steve Arnawoodian, Ken Corbin, Don Del Grande, Rich Delzer, Mike Ehli, Bob Foote, Mark Frueh, Claude Gautron, Richard Gee, Evans Givan, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Nelson Heintzman, Hauke Jansen, Mark Keller, Pierre Kotschoubey, Mark Larzelere, Dustin Laurence, John MacFarlane, Tom Mainardi, John Morris, Bob Osuch, Jane Proskin, Clark Reynolds, Carl Russell, Jeff Sandelin, Don Williams, Don E. Williams, Dan Wilson and James Woodson. I really appreciate all of you

volunteering so that EE games can run smoothly and that I don't have to thus abandon any position. Thanks again!

Well the ol' overtime threat has lifted for the last two weeks and I've got my off-days(both of 'em!) but we still never know until the night before they are to begin. This past weekend my grandfather's twin brother passed away(they both just turned 80 years old!) so I got off Thursday for the funeral which means that they could not tell me to come into work on my first off day, Friday. So I had 3 wonderful days off. We've got two articles this time. Another view of the nuclear issue is presented by Mark "Faz" Fassio on page 5. And I get to explain about the names of some new EE games. (Their deadlines are June 8, 1984)

Seawolf, 1982 CT, ended in a French-German-Italian draw between John Michalski, Rob Wittmond and Steve Knight respectively. Congratulations to them and thanks to Walter Loy, Mike Barno, Al Pearson and Pat Hart for playing their positions until the end. In EE #34, Seawolf will be fully presented with the players' endgame statements, the statistics, the game headlines and cartoon captions.

In the meantime, the two EE games which were put up for auction in the PDO (Peoples' Diplomacy Organization) Auction have begun and the players have already been notified. This article for each game explains the game's name and introduces the players to the readership. Remember that when EE games begin, 1901 is always in Swedish, since that was the language of the great neutral in both World Wars. Thereafter, the strongest nation, in terms of supply centers owned, sees its language used for the name of the GM, the game color and the name of the countries and the honorific titles like Mister, Monsieur, Herr, etc. So here we go.....

"ILLIAD".....1984 AG

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This zine's name is EUROPA EXPRESS and the first name is that of the maiden who rides the back of the bull on page 1. The story is from Greek mythology. So is the "Iliad" which is the story of part of the Trojan War and one of the most famous epic poems of all time.

The story of the Trojan War has affected much literature throughout the ages and the story itself affects our imaginations. Who has not heard of the famous Trojan Horse made of wood by which the Greeks secretly entered Troy and conquered the city? Or of Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world of whom it was written, "Is this the face that launched a thousand ships"? We also get the saying: "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" and a Cassandra is someone whose predictions are not believed. "Achilles Heel" also comes to us from this war.

In the titanic struggle between the Greeks and Trojans(it lasted for 10 years), all forms of fighting and deceit were used. In addition, both sides had to deal with the gods and goddesses of Olympus who took sides and upset some well-laid plans. Aphrodite(Venus) and Ares(Mars) favored Troy while Poseidon(Neptune) and Athena sided with the Greeks.

In the end the Trojans were not conquered by superior force but what Edith Hamilton in her Mythology says: "So it befell that by false cunning and pretended tears those were conquered whom great Diomedes had never overcome, nor savage Achilles, nor ten years of warfare, nor a thousand ships." They joyfully drew the Wooden Horse into their city and thus insured their destruction.

We'll see who believes who in the "Iliad"! Another reason I choose this name is because, perhaps as a Southerner, I always sympathize with those who lost their war and were conquered by crueller people. And I'm not alone. James A. Michener, according to the Book-of-the-Month Club, "was about 10 years old" when he "rewrote the Iliad--he didn't want Troy to lose, he recalls." ((See page 4)) ③

EE's New Games' Names Explained...continued from page 3.

Speaking of "Iliad", I have always wondered about Helen. Why did she go with Paris? Was she glad when the Greeks won? How did she feel about the fate of Troy? What do you think?

And EE's second new game is called.....

"CHOCOLATE SOLDIERS".....1984 AH

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"Chocolate Soldiers" involves a bit of World War I history. Two rival alliances dominated Europe in the decades before World War I. The Triple Alliance consisted of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy. And there was the French-Russian alliance. England maintained its distance from both in what was known as "Splendid Isolation".

It was the era of secret alliances and secret diplomacy. For instance, Rumania was pledged to help Germany and Austria-Hungary in time of war but the Rumanian people were pro-French. Italy was not a firm member of the Triple Alliance and had indeed made a secret treaty with France. Italy kept renewing the Triple Alliance because it dared not to do so.

Several nations were neutral but Belgium and Luxembourg were the only nations whose neutrality was guaranteed by all the great powers. Both sides suspected that Belgium had really made a deal secretly with the rival alliance. England in the early 1900s drifted into cooperation, though not formal alliance, with France and Russia thus increasing Germany's fear of "encirclement" by rival hostile powers.

Germany's problem was how to deal with a probable war on two fronts against Russia and France simultaneously. The Germans settled on what was called the "Schlieffen Plan" in which they would send the vast bulk of their forces west to conquer France in six weeks and then use the excellent German railroad system to transfer the armies east to face the Russians who, though outnumbering German forces greatly, would take a long time to mobilize their armies.

In the summer of 1914, the heir to the Austrian throne was murdered and the Austrians accused Serbia of complicity (these two nations hated each other). The Austrians sent an ultimatum to Serbia designed to provoke Serbia into war. The Germans backed Austria and hoped for a local war, involving only them. Serbia was Slavic and Russia regarded herself as the defender of all Slavic nations and made threatening noises. Then Russia ordered mobilization which would upset Germany's war plans if Germany allowed Russia to mobilize her vast forces unchecked. The Germans sent an ultimatum to Russia to stop mobilization. They refused and war was declared.

Germany asked what France's intentions were and receiving an evasive answer ("France will consult her own interests") declared war on France. The problem was how to defeat France as the common French-German border was heavily studded with forts and bristled with arms. The Schlieffen Plan called for the German army to march through Belgium and outflank the French from that angle. So the Germans, because of their self-imposed timetable, sent an ultimatum to Belgium to allow the Germans to pass through. They promised to pay for any damages their armies caused unless the Belgians resisted them in which case they would be treated as enemies. Belgium was given 12 hours in which to answer. (4)

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"AGREEING (ALMOST) WITH A NUCLEAR FREEZE" -- By Faz

First off, let me say that Mark Larzelere's article was, in the mind of this reactionary old rightist, a very good piece of work: Mark, every issue you discussed was thorough, factual, and gave cause for the mind to think. But--there is a counter-point I'd like to make in response.

First off, let's establish a basic point of agreement: I really think the nuclear freeze issue is a noble cause, has obvious, logical goals as its reason for existence (i.e., the survival of the human race), and all the "freezers" are NOT left-wing crazies (just as all the President's men should not be construed as right-wing trigger-happy cowboys). However, it seems your article seems to revolve around one issue: the freezing of strategic nuclear weapons; at least that's what I read the issue as (correct me if I'm wrong, please).

I mean, it's true that we do have enough strategic weapons to destroy the Earth X-number of times. Would we, the US, do that? I really don't think so, to be truthful; especially if we would be responsible for helping to destroy the human race in the process. Would the Sovs launch an all-out attack? No, again. Why? Well, they've experienced war (the older generation is so adamant in Europe because they don't want to see a resurrected Germany kick their butts for a third time). Besides knowing war first-hand, they also have scientists who get the same empirical data regarding fallout and nukes and all that, and the Soviets would stand to gain nothing from controlling a Europe filled with gamma rays and fallout ash.

Does this mean the current strategy of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) is working? Again, I don't think so. Neither do the freeze folks, but for different reasons. You say no more nukes are needed because of the existing overkill we already have. I say MAD isn't working because BOTH SIDES THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE USES AND GOALS OF NUCLEAR WARFARE. We shudder at the idea of such a deadly weapon being used; the Soviets treat it as "just another weapon in the arsenal," if used properly. Because of that difference, I for one oppose the freeze idea, and mainly because it denies us the chance to compete in the development of the "new" generation of nukes for tactical combat.

Future battles, Faz?! C'mon--you don't believe we can actually fight and win a nuclear war, do you???? That depends, really. You see, NO ONE wins in the strategic exchange, the "let-'em-fly-boys" type of attack; there's just too much megatonnage in the air. And, as the prevailing winds blow west to east, the Sovs would soon be the recipients of the fallout they had a hand in creating. America wouldn't care much about the wind direction, because there wouldn't be much of an America after a strategic exchange.

However--the Soviets possess many limited-yield tactical nukes (similar to the SS-20 genre). These nasty buggers are highly accurate (by the crude Soviet standards), have little-to-no residual radiation, and can keep the war limited to strictly military targets (if the enemy so desires). Incidentally, a lot of this info comes from a Wall Street Journal article (around 21-22 March) written by a retired French General who helped build his country's arsenal of nuclear weapons.

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He agrees that we don't need more of the strategic nuclear weapons, especially as the will to use them may not manifest itself. He thinks (as do I) that the Soviets will use their tactical nukes for "surgical" strikes against key NATO targets (storage sites, command/control areas, pipelines, marshalling areas, etc). If that happens, what does NATO do? Launch the mad "MAD" attack scenario? Hardly. Do we hit back with our own tactical force? Sure, why not? Because WE DON'T HAVE A STRONG TACTICAL NUCLEAR FORCE--that's what we're trying to build with the deployment of Pershing IIs and the R&D of the Enhanced Radiation Weapon (aka, the "neutron bomb," for those of you duped by Soviet propoganda).

I guess I'm saying a lot without saying much, huh? What I really want to convey is that fact that we ARE behind in the next generation of war weapons: the mobile, EASY TO HIDE (so much for your "satellites-will-pick them-up" theory, Mark) high-energy/low-radiation weapons that the Soys would use for an initial thrust into Europe. It's because we ARE so good at detecting large buildups of troops that the enemy will have to resort to other methods for surprise and gain. Look instead for an opening barrage of missiles to be launched first, in any scenario; after they wipe out the critical military and political nodes, the civilian populace will be handed a fait accompli: "We hit your tactical stuff; now what are you going to do?"

Think of it this way: if you had a 100 Panzer Mark IIs (vintage 1939), would you use them in combat against 10 Leopard IIs, vintage 1983? Of course not; they are under-gunned and ill-suited to today's tempo of war. Ditto the nuclear thing: if you have 1,000,000 strategic weapons but may not use them, and if you have little-to-no tactical weapons, how do you fight an enemy who has both types weapons and is prepared to use at least the tactical ones in a fight? YOU build more tactical weapons, just like you'd build new Leopard IIs to replace your outdated Mark IIs. You wouldn't just rely on semi-outmoded strategic missiles.

Nuclear weapons, rightly or wrongly, are NOT useless because of their lethality; indeed, their very effectiveness has forced war planners to devise newer weapons/strategies to get around the lethality issue--hence the introduction/development of tactical nukes.

If you freeze nuclear arms production now, against a country who makes and breaks treaties only when it serves their interests, you basically empty your squirt gun on the table while looking down the barrel of the enemy's shotgun, and wondering if he empties his piece?

Sorry, Mark--I agree 100% with the intent and purpose of the proposals, but the mechanics leave a lot to be desired; I'm not about to waste the parity we currently have (not to mention the protection of Europe and the Americas) for some noble cause made of paper-mache.

One last point, and then I'll leave: it deals with arms negotiations, the "cruz" around which successful arms negotiations would succeed.

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Who are we dealing with in these negotiations? We're talking about a repressive dictatorship who has killed millions of their own people, currently enslave Eastern Europe, suppress dissent across the globe, and WHO HAVE LIED TO THE WORLD FOR 6 MONTHS OVER THEIR LEADER'S ILLNESS: "Comrade Andropov merely has a cold; he'll be back to work soon." Good God, if they lie over something like that for 6 months (ludicrous for a civilized country to do that), then just imagine what they'd do at arms-control talks: "No, comrade American negotiator, we don't have any more of those nasty SS-20s targetted against European cities: 'honest'."

From the people who brought you KAL 007 and the Afghan invasion comes "Truth in Negotiations...?" Believe that, and I have some swamp land in Florida I'd like to sell you.

Faz ((The Believer comments on this topic also. See page 28))

((Thanks Faz for printing another view of the nuclear issue in answer to Mark Larzelere's article in EE #32. I don't see making any deals with the Soviets at a conference table either because I just don't trust them. I think the important thing, though, is to keep talking to them, to keep some human contact. I still agree with Mark Larzelere's freeze. Enough is enough and we have more than enough. I also don't think that the Soviets regard nuclear weapons as "just another weapon in the arsenal"; unlike America they have faced devastating war on their home territories and I believe they are genuinely frightened by Reagan and this is why I think talks are urgently needed between the two countries. We'll see if these two articles by the two Marks gets response in future EEs))



"CHOCOLATE SOLDIERS"....Continued from page 4

What would Belgium do? No one expected the Belgians to fight a Great Power like Germany. Most thought like Winston Churchill who said: "Belgium did not hulk very largely in my sentiments at this stage. I thought it unlikely that she would resist. I thought.... ...that Belgium would make some formal protest and submit. A few shots fired outside Liège or Namur, and then this unfortunate State would bow its head before overwhelming might. Perhaps, even, there was a secret agreement allowing free passage to the Germans through Belgium...Was it possible that German thoroughness could be astray on so important a factor as the attitude of Belgium."

The Germans had miscalculated, badly. Belgium rejected the ultimatum and hoped against hope that the Germans would reconsider as they would look like bullies before the world by attacking them and almost surely have to fight England, another Great Power, who would come to Belgium's aid and join France and Russia. The Belgians also rejected Germany's ultimatum because they didn't believe their country would be left alone by Germany after a German victory over France.

A Belgian official said: "If we are to be crushed, let us be crushed gloriously." That statement and the feeling of "Belgium is not a road!" inspired the Belgians who had never fought a war as a nation. They had been created in 1830.

The Germans invaded and the gallant fight the Belgians put up won them world wide sympathy and admiration while Germany was everywhere branded as an aggressor. The Germans were infuriated with the Belgian resistance and brutally crushed opposition by burning villages and shooting hostages. Their actions in Belgium were magnified tremendously and it was here that they received the reputation of being "Huns" and "Baby-killers." And they got England as an enemy to boot.

The Belgian Army tenaciously held a part of Belgium free throughout the entire war and the Belgian people never ceased their resistance against the German invader. And this brings us to the name "Chocolate Soldiers". Barbara Tuchman in her The Guns of August said: "...Surprised and enraged by the resistance...the shooting increased and with it the vexation of the German troops, who had been told that the Belgians were 'chocolate soldiers.'" I don't think that 1984 AH will have any "chocolate soldiers" either, not with this line-up!

I hope you'll forgive me if I tell you with a timid voice
that this is already CHOMPS AND MIAMS n° 5!

I know I have many defaults which have helped putting my name on the black list of the Martin Morality Squad and on Frauke's pink one, but before this interesting situation forces me to ask for an Habeas Corpus, I might perhaps make a profit from these last hours of liberty to repeat what sounds to me like an obviousness: the Americans are strange beings.

That these men and women (OK Frauke, women and man) who have been able to invent jambalaya, chickenfeetsie and mint juleps have remained unable to prepare a really good seasoning sauce, that really puzzles me. Let me explain.

Among some of the abovementioned understated crimes, one is my love for hot sauces. And when I write "hot", I mean something only comparable to a REAGAN's electoral speech about the Empire of Evil in front of 20,000 members of the American Legion, not a HART-MONDALE debate if you get what I mean. In my refrigerator, I always have at least one gallon of Tabasco, some litres of sambal and an ammo box full of harissa tubes. But Saturday morning I went to a nearby supermarket to buy some pili-pili, red chilis and paprika, and what did I see? A bottle of "Red Pepper Sauce" just in front of me!

Even if the label mentioned the name of a well-known US food factory, I said to myself "finally, those Americans are not that bad after all. Two of them visited me in Brussels last year and they were nice, so here is a third American fine thing. Let's buy it".

I rushed to my home, cooked me a small two-pounder steak even if it was only 10.30 AM, lavished on it half the content of the bottle, and what did I taste? The "Red Pepper" stuff was a sweet liquid nearer to an Hawaiian syrup than to any tomato sauce prepared in a hospital for a businessman relieving from an ulcer...

I thus finally did what I should have done first. I had a look at the small label giving the list of ingredients of the horrible purple molasses. I read: "Mashed tomatoes, apple juice (Oh Lord! I'll never fuck on Sundays never again!), glucosis syrup (Nor on All Saints' Day!), red sweet pepper, sugar (OK! Never again!), green pepper, etc." No trace of red pepper, needless to say.

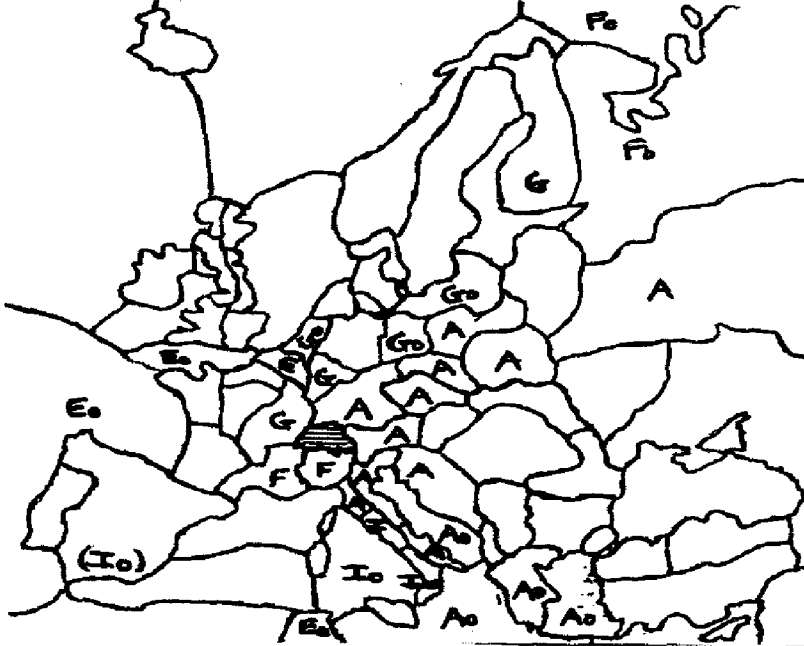
You may well say that I should have known a) that the Americans usually don't make a lexical difference between "red sweet peppers" (which we call "poivrons rouges" and use to sweeten our sauces) and "red pepper" (which is dried chili), and b) that Americans believe everybody speaks American. But I shall never buy an American seasoning ever again. Your economy has lost one more market, and not the smallest, to the Third World where it really burns. And I've become converted to the Holy Church of the No-Time, where there are no Sundays, no Saints and no never's.

((Chomps & Miams is done by Michel Liesnard
of Belgium!))

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AUSTRIANS CONVOY INTO APULIA WHILE SPAIN AND TUNIS FALL TO SEABORNE INVADERS!!
 RUSSIAN GARRISON PERISHES AS GERMANS RETAKE BERLIN!! ENGLISH POETRY DECRIES
 "BLOOD-SOAKED" AUSTRIAN "MONSTER"; VIENNA QUESTIONS "SACRIFICING"!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1911 Ω



§ GAME: "Windsor" 1981 AN
 § GM: Garlás L. Kőullányi ur
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1912
 § ZAT: Friday, May 11, 1984
 § GAME COLOR: Zöld

¶ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Patrick J. Conlon for playing out Russia to the bitter end! And for sending press til the end too!

§ Annihilations This Time:
 Russia's Army Berlin.

All proposals failed and the concession to Austria is repropose
 Vote with your next orders; a "No
 Vote Received"(NVR) is a "yes".

Your cartoon was drawn by
 Dan Wilson, EE subber and pubber
 of the Fuedist and is used each
 time a country is eliminated in an
 EE game. If each game in an EE
 issue has an elimination, all
 subbers get that issue for free.
 Your 1911 SC chart is on page 10.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1911 §

Olaszorszag: Fleet Ionian Sea retreats to Naples

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1911 §

ANGLIA: A (BEL)-Ruh, F Nth-(ENG), F Eng-(MAO)
 (Mark Fassio ur) F Naf-(TUN)

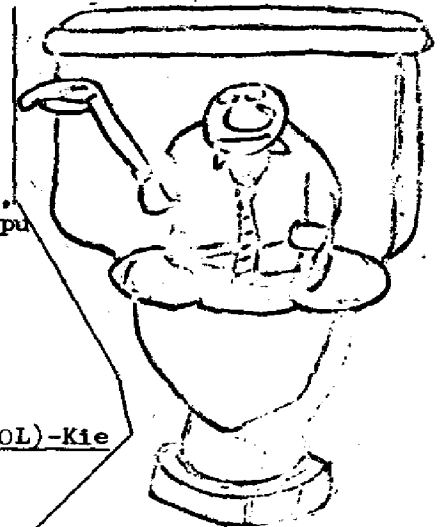
AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG: A Smy-(APU), F (ADR) S A Smy-Apu,
 (Kerry Blant ur) F (AEG) C A Smy-Apu, F (ION) C A Smy-Apu
 F (GRE) S F Ion, A (VEN) S A Tus, A (TUS) S A Ven
 A (TRI) S A Ven, A Ukr-(WAR), A (MOS)-Stp, A Lvn-(PRU)
 A (MUN) Holds, A (TYO) S A Mun, A (BOH) S A Mun
 A (SIL) S A Mun

FRANCIAORSZAG: F (STP-nc) Holds, A (PIE)-Ven
 (John Marsden ur) A (MAR)-Pie, F Nwy-(BAR)

NEMETORSZAG: F Kie-(BER), F (BAL) S F Kie-Ber, F (HOL)-Kie
 (Jack Fleming ur) A (RUH)-Kie, A (BUR)-Mun
 A (FIN) S French F Stp(nc)

OLASZORSZAG: F (TYS)-Rom, F (NAP) S F Tys-Rom
 (Allen Pearson ur) A (ROM)-Apu, F Mao-(SPA-sc)

OROSZORSZAG: A (BER)@@@ Holds
 (Patrick J. Conlon ur)



BYE, BYE RUSSIA!!

Austria-Hungary to World: England prematurely has asked me about sharing a two-way
 draw. Is this what you are sacrificing for?

France to Austria-Hungary: The holes are being plugged; you will not win.

Italy to Austria-Hungary: Yes, Kerry, I figured you were wondering where you could
 pick up those last centers for the win. I feel sure you had made up your mind no
 matter what I did.

Memphis to Windsor: Your press and SC chart is on page 10 .

§ 1911 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ANGLIA:	TUN		Home, Bel	5	+1
AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG:			Home, Con, Gre, Mun Rum, Ser, Sm, Ven War, Bul, Mos, Sev, Ank	15	No Change
FRANCIAORSZAG:		Spa	Mar, Por, Spa	3	-1
NEMETORSZAG:	BER		Kie, Den, Hol, Swe Par, Nwy	7	+1
OLASZORSZAG:	SPA	Spa	Nap, Rom, Bre	4	No Change
OROSZORSZAG:		Spa		0	0--U--T
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[LONDON]- We here at the Supreme War Council hope that our Allies have moved to positions that benefit their position on the board; and that they smite down the wicked Austro-Bimbo!

France to England: Now then, Faz, let's not get carried away. We can hold the stalemate line easily, so let's not take risks that could give Kerry a break.

England to France: Loyal at the first/Loyal through the worst/The glorious Frenchman will laugh/At the bumbling Austrian's gaffe/As through our wall he tries to "burst".

England to Germany: The noble Hun faces south/To put a stick in the Austrian's open mouth/The greedy Franz-Blant hits the Black Wall/And begins to stumble and fall/Woe be to he who acts so un-"couth"!

England to Italy: Dago Al loses centers at home/Yet his fleets still manage to "come"/The noble Italian turns east/And girds his loins for a feast/He'll gnaw on scrawny starved Austrian bone!

England to Austria: Franz-Blant rants and raves, trying to be mean/His blood-soaked hands grope for number 18/ But his head hits the wall/ Of we allies, one-and-for-all/ You'll fall one short and forever will scream.

England to Austria: Franz-Blant, England means trouble for you! I do these fine neighbors of mine no harm--merely warn them that you are the Monster to be feared, and I urge them to use common sense and stop your blood-soaked advance. They are no fools, they who oppose the Red Beast.

France to Russia: Is this Conlon's Last Stand?

Memphis to France: No, he has a poem from England too plus his last press release!

England to Russia: Roaming Cossack, never still/Steppe Nomad with iron will/ Don't give in/ Don't leave Berlin/ Stay and join in on the Kill.

Memphis to England: Russia has other worries....

[BERLIN]- Can anyone unlock the secret of Hanna's balls?

[RUSSIAN PRESS]- Inside an opulent Bavarian country home sat seven wincing generals. The Austrian Emperor was furious. "I will tolerate no more failures."

"But sire", cried one general, "Our forces are stalemated in the north. And we are making gains in the south."

This greatly displeased the Emperor who, with a small, birdlike gesture, ordered the execution of one general. Three burly guards removed the offender. And then there were six. The Emperor wanted to know why his forces weren't winning in the north. It seemed safer for a general to remain mute.

The room's silence was broken by sounds of human mirth. The Emperor recognized that laugh. His blood curdled with fear and loathing. He whirled around and saw the Cossack standing idly by the bookcase. He thought he could even smell the horse this apparition rode. The others in the room seemed oblivious. His mind raced but found no anchor. "Have you no questions?", prodded the Cossack.

"Who are you?", blurted the Austrian. The generals looked at him curiously. "Your generals are mightily confused by that question. They think you are losing your mind. They cannot see or hear me. Speech is not necessary; I can read your thoughts." (But that's...) "No, it is not impossible." (Who are you?) "You may find me in your own heart." The Cossack melted into the bookcase, his laughter ringing in the ears of the Emperor. Outside a horse neighed.

A servant was cautiously approaching the Emperor. "Sire..." "WHAT!" He had startled the Emperor and was now bowing and backing as fast as he could. The

FRENCH OPENLY DESIROUS OF EASTERN ADVENTURES AS THEIR NAVY PENETRATES THE IONIAN!!
 AUSTRIANS ABSORB RUMANIA, SLAUGHTER GERMANS IN GALICIA!!
 ITALY REPUDIATES EXISTING ALLIANCES AND SEEKS TALKS WITH "ALL NATIONS"!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1907 Ω



§ GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U
 § GM: Monsieur Gârdeaux L. Goughlânniqué
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1907
 § ZAT: Friday, May 4, 1984
 § GAME COLOR: Jaune

§ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Matt Kazur for unused Malmberger orders. His press is used, the first item.

Russ Rusnak has a new address effectively immediately. It's:
 16 W 536 Honeysuckle Rose
 Bldg 6, Apt 105
 Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

3 draws are proposed: G-F, G-F-T and A-F-G-I-R-T. If all of them pass, the one containing the larger number of persons will be the one used. A "No Vote Received"(NVR) counts as a yes vote.

§ Annihilations This Time:

Germany's Army Galicia. Your cartoon is from Punch magazine. See you in May!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1906 §

Autriche-Hongrie: Army Galicia retreats to Rumania

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1906 §

Autriche-Hongrie: Build Army Budapest and build Army Vienna

France: Build Army Paris

Turquie: Remove Army Armenia

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1907 §

ALLEMAGNE: A (BOH) Unordered, A (MUN) S A Boh (Monsieur Walter Loy) F (NTH) Holds, F (HOL) Hold F (BOT) Holds, A Ber-(SIL), A (GAL)@@@-Ukr

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (TYO) Boh, A (TRI)-Tyo (Monsieur Russ Rusnak) A (VIE) S A Tyo-Boh A Rum-(GAL), A (BUD) S A Rum-Gal

FRANCE: A (MAR) S Austrian A Tyo-Pie(NSO) (Monsieur Bert Schoose) F (SPA-sc) S A Mar F Wes-(LYC), F (TYS) S F Wes-Lyo, F Tun-(ION) A Edi-(YOR), F Iri-(ENG), A Par-(GAS), A (BEL) H

ITALIE: F Ion-(NAP), A (ROM) S F Ion-Nap (Monsieur James Briggs) A Pie-(VEN), F Lyo-(PIE)

RUSSIE: A (WAR)-Ukr, A (MOS) S A War-Ukr, A (LVN)-War (Monsieur Ed Jacobs) A (STP) S A Mos

TURQUIE: A (UKR) S Austrian A Bud-Gal(NSO), A (SEV) S A Ukr, F Aeg-(GRE) (Monsieur Marc Peters): F Con-(AEG), F (BLA) S A Sev

Memphis to Rhino: Your press begins on page 12



Heads Rolled In The Recent Turkish Power Struggle, Including The Sultan's and Grand Vizier's! ((See the press!))

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[TURKEY]- It is nice to see that I am in the company of other great press writers. Italy and Germany seem to win the prize hands down. Of course, I will be no threat. Then again, from the looks of this game, why don't we concede the press prize to Italy and Germany, and the draw to Germany and France? I see no point in playing a game for a year of my life when the outcome seems obvious.

Memphis to Turkey: Then my advice to you is to avoid DIAS games. I do.

[MOSCOW]- The Russian 2nd Guards Division (known as "Kannon Fodder") launched an offensive on the Turkish Infidel dogs' left flank. Heavy fighting was reported as an unofficial source was quoted as saying: "As far as those Turkish Dogs in battle goes, the fur was really flying."

Turkey to Russia: Germany's right, you know. We may be the heathens, but you are the infidels. As long as you are going to sling mud, please make sure it is of the correct variety.

Turkey to France: HOW ABOUT A BIT OF PRESS HERE, FOOL!?! Time for you to carry some weight!

France to Germany: I almost died laughing when Garlic Breath from down under threatened you. I guess desperation leads to humorous ideas and threats.

France to Italy: No comment, indeed!! You shall suffer a "silent" death.

Italy to World: Garibaldi, where are you when I need you!

Constantinople to Venice: Doncha worry none; I don't plan on staying in Greece very long at all--just long enough to see the sights.

Piedmont to Austria: Let's go for it, now! Italy must surrender.

[ITALY]- After some late night consultations between Supreme Italian Commander Giacomo Briggini and Pope James, the following was released during a press conference: "Due to the evident collapse of the Turkish Government, coupled with the apparent disregard that the Hapsburgs have towards mutual defense treaties with us, supported by the diplomatic coup by which Germany has secured an alliance with Tsar Nick's army, we of the Italian Leadership feel that our position has been compromised by our allies. Hereafter, we are reneging on our commitments, and will move to defend our homeland and territories. All offensive operations are ceased. We will, however, move to defend ourselves if the need arrives. We welcome all communications from all nations, in order to secure lasting peace."

Memphis to Italy: Yeah, but your women are giving out a different message.....

[PARIS]- The Defense Department has announced that an increased number of young volunteers have been trained to the point where they will be sent into battle following a final exercise in Gascony. The morale is high among the young recruits as they realize that Rome is their destination and the reputation of the loose Italian women that await them in their intended target. The new troops' commanders have been trying to convince their men that the women of Ankara are better, and that province should be their final target. The President shall have the final say.

Memphis to Paris: Well, Ankara is part of Turkey and Turkey has certainly been a hot spot lately.....

[CONSTANTINOPLE]- Today the Great Golden Curtain was lifted from over Turkey and observers at last were given a chance to find out what has been occurring in the Great Country over the last several months. No news has been forthcoming for awhile now, and the Turkish forces had ceased all movement. It has now been learned that a power struggle has been going on during this time between the Sultan, master of the Lightning Warfare Technique, and his invaluable aide, the Grand Vizier. So equally divided were the two forces backing their champion that the battle was long indeed, and the result quite tragic for both the Sultan and the Man Who Would Be King. Both leaders were killed in the internal struggle; the captain of the Janniserias has been appointed temporary Commander of the Armies and Navies. The Sultan left no heirs, and experts fear many more bloody coup attempts in the forthcoming months.

Memphis to Constantinople: No Sultan's heirs are forthcoming?!

France to GM: Sorry about my NMR but now that I am back I am here to stay. It shouldn't happen again.

Turkey to Italy and France: Darn you guys! It's your fault I NMR'd--it's contagious, you know.

Marc to Board: MadCity! Memorial Day Weekend--be there!! Aloha!

MadCity to Memphis: See YOU Memorial Day Weekend--bring your favorite hangover cure cause you're gonna need it! Everybody invited to Madison for a very good time!

Memphis to MadCity: Just have the hair of the dog that bites me!

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THE LETTER COLUMN!!



I'm typing the letter column a little in advance so if any other picture guesses for the man on this page come in, I will forward them on to him and they will be printed either later in this issue's letter column or in the next EE. I have two subzines which have not checked in yet so I do not know how big the letter column will be this time so let's go!

Jim Finley(California, USA): "This is a very peculiar person. The picture printed very poorly, at least in our copy and came out looking like-like-like a 70-year-old former concentration camp guard, now seeking employment as a transvestite gigolo. What a terrible picture! This can't be right. Two colors of hair, a hunchback, what looks like a cleft palate right through the mustache--no, this has to be a defective photo. Nobody looks like that. If they did, they wouldn't play Diplomacy."

Pete Gaughan(Texas, USA): "The reproduction of the photo for the contest was so bad I won't even guess. My copy looks like a picture of someone who's survived a nuclear bomb. Of course, that could mean it's Ben Schilling or some equally crusty old-timer."

Judy Winsome(California, USA): "You can't fool me. This is Foster Brooks. I love the sly appearance, looking out of the corners of his eyes. Obviously, this is someone who loves to play Austria. He's extremely devious, drinks out of plain brown paper bags, eats Chinese dinners out of plain white cartons, and buys generic products. He has difficulty with his correspondence because he doesn't like to reveal his intentions by putting an address on the envelope. So he puts someone else's return address on it and communicates in this round-about-manner. This guy is Serbian, lives in a fort, works as a hod carrier which is only a front for his espionage activities. He secretly works for Atari, stealing designs for joy sticks. I won't go any further with that line. This guy publishes under a pseudonym such as "Conrad Baumeister."

John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "Guy looks like Mozart, musical and insane. Must be European. My guess would be Uli Baumeister."

Robyn Finley(California, USA): "Where have I seen this man? At the laundromat? On an FBI poster? Or is HE the one who wears that Billy Bob Bear suit at the Show Biz Pizza place?! He looks terribly cruel and sinister, probably due to the sad fact that his parents went and named him something like Marion or Bethel or Nalbert. But looks can be deceiving, and he just may be as nice and as mild-mannered as ever. But if he's as mean as he looks, I'll place my bet that it's Terry Tallman!"

John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "Gawd, what a pervert! Looks like a fat Russian revolutionary in 1919. Plays Germany by attacking Russia in Spring 1901 and keeps hamsters for pets. Must be either a student in a rabbinical monastery in New York or a Belgian waiter. My guess is it's John Caruso."

Dustin Laurence(Montana, USA): "How about the pic contest? Ah, yes. First among his favorite songs are: "Hyperactivate" (Thomas Dolby), "She blinded me with science" (The same), and "Dr. Heckle and Mr. Jive" (Men At Work). His all-time favorite is "Thriller". He loves the videos to these songs, especially "Thriller." His favorite poem is The Laboratory (Robert Browning). His favorite story is The Masque of the Red Death (Poe). He detests Nicky Machiavelli as a left-wing anarchist and considers the Marquis de Sade's books as masterpieces of literature. His vision is 20/200, which explains the windshields. He is well-dressed, wearing long white smocks and disposable rubber gloves. He fixes his hair like that in imitation of "Igor" in an old horror movie. Nobody told him that brillcream is out of style. He has an intermittent masochistic love affair with Kathy. His father was a werewolf, and he was disowned after his father found out he couldn't grow any more of a mustache than that. As a paranoid psychopathic axe murderer, he loves the do-or-die of Turkey, Germany and Russia. Never accept a drink from this man, as he is especially fond of Alkaloids, Cyanides and Monofluoroacetic acid. His greatest ambition is a (as he says) la-bor-a-tory of his own. He is currently working as an escort service in Santa Monica, California for young girls. Hm, that includes half of the hobby. Still, this is none other than Mike "Hunchback" Mazzer."

((But is it Mike "Hunchback" Mazzer? Turn to page 14 and find out)) (13)

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Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "This guy is a nothing! He has no personality, doesn't work or attend school. He could be one of your gypsy neighbors. His favorite place to spend an evening is on the sofa watching T.V. I've often said Jim Briggs was a lazy good-for-nothing slob, so I say the photo is of Jim Briggs."

□ Steve, rather Woody, I really hoped you enjoyed your trip to Europe last fall because I think you just became persona non grata in one of those countries I think! All guesses were wrong(if you guess right, you get an EE added to your sub). The pic of the man on page 13 is Jaap Jacobs of The Netherlands. Jaap publishes Oxymoron, which is partly in English though mainly in Dutch. I was very disappointed in how the picture reproduced, especially in EE #31 but in #32 it seemed somewhat better. I wonder what it will look like in this issue!

Jaap was one of the Dutch who welcomed Woody and me to his country and took his time to show us around and we ate supper at his home, Italian-style. He is a university student at Leiden and I believe he will soon be living in England for awhile. His letters have frequently appeared in EE and he also subs to a few other North American zines as well as European ones. And with his excellent English, I am quite sure that Jaap will have a response to all of your guesses!

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Ken Peel(Maryland, USA): "I'm going to the post office in a bit to pick up some coupons for samples of some British zines. Your sub list and the latest issue of Cathy's Ramblings has me interested in checking things out over there."

Steve Knight(Virginia, USA): "Do I whatilate my luhwhatsibles? Go wash out your mouth with soap, son!"

Steve Langley(California, USA): "I am amazed that you would suggest that I am a ")". I'll have you know that I am " ", although I've had fantasies about being a ")". I surely do hope you will explain just what "()" really consists of, so that I can stop being " ", at least. Then, I may or may be a ")" or "(" or "()" depending on just how kinky "()" really turns out to be."

□ Ask Daf; Steve! Her address, let me just get that for you, is on page 4 . Did anyone else have a problem with their classification concerning jigglelating your luhtisibles? (Remember I'm typing this earlier than usual). We'll see. And if Daf can't give Steve the answer, can anyone else out there in our reading audience help Steve L. and also help get Steve K.'s mind out of the gutter?!

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Tom Swider(New York, USA): "What!? A DIPSCRIPTION of me? Pat must be scraping the bottom of the barrel these days...I thought I've become synonymous with "deadwood"? Actually, Pat was correct on the musical instrument(played violin for 9 years), favorite Dip Tactic and Phrase, though I'm proud of my Atari(which can expand up to 192K with "mosiac" boards, or a little less if I want 80-columns and color monitor). The big advantage to Atari is that it's quite expandable and has the best cheap printer(better quality at \$275, though it's somewhat slow compared to the fast dot-type printers). Pat was also right about Italian foods; he must have remembered my short-lived series on "Italiano Culturissimo". Didn't get the poem at all, though. I usually get my fair share of dots. And, my favorite movie is a toss-up between October Silk and Alien."

□ Pat Hart does a DIPSCRIPTION for each issue of EE and he really does some research on his ~~favorites~~ honorees, as Tom found out! Thanks for the nice comments about Pat, Tom. Check out page 2 to see who Pat did a DIPSCRIPTION of this time.

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Joan Extron(Oregon, USA): "Yes! You are finally getting a tape, in fact, two tapes. Tape #1 only plays on one side(couldn't get it to record on the other) but Tape #2 is fine. But I warn you--I didn't have time to replay it."

□ You fiend! I got the tapes before I got the letter and I really enjoyed the tapes. In fact, as I type this page I'm listening to your latest tape. Now I know how to make chocolate chip cookies and have heard Sawantha greet her daddy when he comes home. Joan also plays the Tennessee Waltz on her tapes to me. By now I'm exchanging cassette tapes with several other people, make that exchanging. They are much easier than a letter because you make them while traveling in your

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car to and from work or just driving from place to place. You can buy cassette mailers at Radio Shack and a tape costs 37¢ to mail in the US. For me, tapes are much easier to do than letters, especially with my overtime schedule lately and they help me feel I'm not totally behind with my hobby stuff.

When I'm not making a cassette tape for a friend, I am now listening to German language tapes especially designed for use when you are driving in your car. Don't expect miracles but I have learned, via this tape(it's very practical) this phrase: "Er hat viele Überstunden in diesen Stellung." (He has much overtime on this job!)"

(LL)

James Briggs(Texas, USA): "Sooo, how've you been? Or is that 'How Y'all been?' Whatever, I'm not in the mood for joking, so let's skip that part. I finally heard from the secretary in charge of handling OCS applications[The Army's Officers Candidate School]...that's right, a civilian and she claims 'Since the Army notified you for an upcoming PCS [Permanent Change of Station] overseas last summer, and you did not (re)apply for OCS until winter, your application will not be considered.' Which means, 'Tough luck, Buster, have a good time in Germany.' Oh, she also added, 'With your background and record, you'll have an excellent chance for attending when you return in 1986.'

BIG DEAL!

I have to be at Maguire AFB in New Jersey on the 24th of May, so I'll be arriving in Memphis anytime from the 17th until 19th, and must leave by the 20th, and can stay as long as you wish during that time frame. Sorry, I can't be more specific, but the stop just prior to Memphis is Russellville, Arkansas, home of ATU where my girlfriend attends college. Therefore my arrival date in Memphis is highly conditional on how long I can stay without outwearing my welcome there.

What does 'FOAD' mean? I can't decipher what you wrote on the cover of the last issue (32) of EE, a first, since your handwriting is not bad! Anyway, the post office obliterated it with the postmark, so there!"

☐ My handwriting is not bad, you say? Ya hear that hobby! James, you may stay in Memphis as long as you like providing I don't get caught harboring an AWOL! I know you're disappointed about the Army screw-up which prevents you from going to OCS, but I know I'm not alone in envying you the time you will have to live in West Germany and see other parts of Europe at your leisure. Think of it like that.

Another reason I'm excited about James' going to West Germany is that he is the pubber of The End Justifies The Means and he will now be publishing it from Europe. As a US soldier, he can use his APO address and send his zine to the US just as if he was mailing it inside the US. But he can also mail TEJTM to Europeans at European rates which are cheaper from within Europe. TEJTM has Dip games, contests and a letter column plus cartoons. I hope James will make the most of this chance to reach Europeans who see only a tiny handful of North American zines now.

FOAD? It's pronounced Foe-Ad and we used it when we were in the Army in Korea to signify displeas at the bumbling fools whose rank put them over us. The last 3 initials stand for "Off And Die", and we used it an awful lot.

And I would just like to say here that I don't know anyone named Fred Davis or his wife Inge or his son Kevin! Fred who?.....(Do you believe me????!!!!)

(LL)

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "Perhaps I should select a little and try to give a few comments to Fred Davis, page 38, No. 32.

It seems to me that his views(or at least some of them) are those of the year 1953, when he served in the army over here. You surely cannot say that the German magazines are full of that "royal stuff"--Of course you don't have to buy those "boulevard-magazines" mainly devoted to elderly(or even younger) women, but how

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"Spiegel, Stern or the big newspapers like Die Zeit?"

Well, concerning German bathrooms: Firstly, I don't think they usually stink, and secondly, I have visited many European countries (England, Ireland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Denmark) and in most of them the bathrooms were much worse than in Germany, especially in southern Europe. I cannot compare the German bathrooms with the average American ones, but I think there's no great difference, except the air-conditioning probably...

And there are, of course, handles on the door mainly; round knobs are rarely seen, only in old houses and perhaps at some front doors. I wonder which German home Fred has visited? Also consider that there are differences between the German countries (i.e. within the FRG I mean [Federal Republic of Germany, better known as West Germany]) The country (land) and most of the big cities in southern Germany didn't suffer a great deal from the World War II bombing, but the Ruhr-area and the big cities of the north (Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin, etc.) lost 70 to 95% of their houses due to the bombing. They were all replaced by new houses with good bathrooms and handles. Perhaps Fred visited Bavaria (ugh!)?

Turks and other "Gastarbeiter" are moving back to their respective countries; only those stay whose mother country is in the EEC [European Economic Community, better known as the Common Market]. The German unemployment rate is very high, and more and more Germans are doing the "dirty work" again! Pakistanis are rarely seen in West Germany, but Poles are. They even come with their cars due to the crisis there."

□ Well, if I knew Fred Davis and if he wrote a letter in EE #32, I would also know that he visited Germany as recently as 1981 or 1982 and that he was in Hamburg among other places and I would ask him to comment to your letter! Like I said in #32, in the train stations the bookstands were full of magazines about Princess Diana. Several (West German publications I'm speaking of) come through the post office here in Memphis and they also mentioned a woman I had never heard of until I guessed from the little German I know that she is the mother of the German-born Queen Silvia of Sweden. But, as you say, these were not the serious publications. (In France, the same type of magazines were mainly concerned with John Travolta!)

Concerning the restrooms I saw in Europe (except for that lady attendant in Belgium), I had no complaints and didn't find them offensive in any way. AND I THINK WE SHOULD STOP TRYING TO SCARE JAMES BRIGGS!!

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Mark Frueh (Wisconsin, USA): "If you will be driving up to Mad-Con, would you like to bring along a couple of dippers from St. Louis? (Matt Fleming and Don Swartz)"

Joan Extrom (Oregon, USA): "One correction (sigh!) about the ByrneCon to be held in our honor in July---there won't be one after all because we've had to cancel our vacation plans (including the week at Lake George with BRUX)."

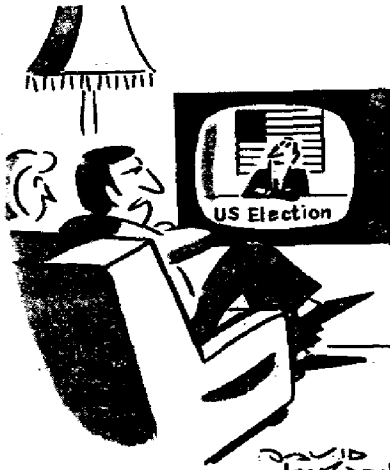
Ken Peel (Maryland, USA): "Guess who I had lunch with last week? Mike "Nixon" Mazzer himself! I was out in California for a few days on urgent family business, and we arranged to get together for lunch. Mike tried to talk me into making it to PudgeCon, but I'm afraid that my budget can't allow it. My goal for this year is to make it to a ByrneCon. Maybe I can work for PudgeCon for '85. Mike said how much fun it was having you at PudgeCon, but his praise did not, however, extend to the implements of aquatic destruction that arrived at your side."

□ Mazzer said that about me? His conscience is probably still bothering him about stealing my Vienna in Mass Murders! I know how it is to plan on things and then have them fall through but fortunately there is always next year. My year of going to many cons in many places was 1983 so 1984 (plus my upcoming purchase of a new car to replace my 10-year-old clinker) will be rather inactive. I will only be going to one con this year and that's MadCon II May 25-28 and I may be driving up in Steve Knight's car who'll be down here visiting his girlfriend and I don't know his route (I did think Don lived in Louisville though!) For more info on MadCon, write: Mark Frueh, 1013 Milton St., Apt #304, Madison, Wisconsin 53715. Info on the other cons is in EE #32, page 14-15

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Dave Carter (Ontario, Canada): "A haggis is a sheep's stomach turned inside out and stuffed with meat and spices."

□ I have tried to keep this controversial topic out of EE but it's been no use. (continued on page 17)



"Bad enough trying to understand Superbowl Football."

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Konrad Dolata(West Germany): "I've written to the editor of the Zine Directory and to John Schuler which has made it an all-US day today(interspersed by news-flashes on the radio that the race between Hart and Mondale is not yet decided. However, I believe it's high time to let Reagan retire, isn't it(well EE is non-political, I know) but we all depend on who's going to run (down) the US."

Jaap Jacobs(The Netherlands): "I'll try to write you a letter soon, probably with comments on comments on my picture, and comments on the primaries. May I ask to whom your vote would go? I personally cannot discover very much difference between Hart and Mondale. And that is what my editorial in Oxymoron 31 is about.

In last Saturday's newspaper, there was an article by Kissinger on NATO's future. Good piece of work I thought it. Helmut Schmidt reacted favorably. So do I. Have you any idea to what article I am referring? The version I read was abridged. If it wouldn't be too much trouble could you find me a copy of the original article?"

□ Well, I'll try if you give me some more details about what was said. Does anyone know what magazine or newspaper contained a Kissinger article on Nato's future? I am very mystified about Hart's sudden rise; he doesn't impress me very much. I liked John Glenn who has now dropped out. Tennessee's primary is May 1st.

For those in Europe who do not know, the main elections are in November between the two main parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. Primaries are earlier elections inside each party to decide who will be the Democrat or the Republican to face the other party's candidate in November. This difference is very important in how I vote.

Some very general observations: The Republicans are much more conservative than the Democrats. The Democratic primaries are usually exciting, fight-fight-fight races unlike the dull Republican ones. In the November elections, Americans just go into the voting booths and vote. But, in the primaries, they must register to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary; they may not vote in both.

Since the Republican races are usually no contest, I register as a Democrat in the primaries which I will also do in May. But in November elections, I vote for the man not for the party. I don't feel either Democratic or Republican altho most Southerners traditionally feel themselves to be Democrats. My uncle says: "I was born a Democrat and I will die a Democrat, but in between I'm voting Republican." In 1980, I voted for John Anderson. No way would I have voted for Jimmy Carter a second time. Reagan has not been the disaster or the bumbler that so many predicted. Many of his policies I like, many I don't but no one can please everyone. Gotta go to work. I'll finish this when I get back!

Now it's the next day. I will not vote for Mondale under any circumstances. He has promised the moon to everyone and I just wonder how he thinks he will deliver it? If the race(in November) is between Mondale and Reagan, I will be very tempted just to not vote but would probably hold my breath, grit my teeth and reluctantly vote for Reagan as the lesser of two evils. It's wrong not to vote I feel.

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Bob Albrecht(Alberta, Canada): "Congrats on your poll win, Gary, but I'll bet your cow that you can't win the Runestone Poll again!"

□ No zine has ever won twice and since EE only "won" last year by 1/100th of a point over a folded zine, it's anybody's ball game. I just hope people will use the ballots on pages 27-30 and vote, avoiding zeroes which were so prevalent last year. In my view the only zine that deserves a zero is one that folded abruptly and did not refund subbers' fees. It's heartbreaking for me to see zines, that provide so much enjoyment and whose pubbers work so hard, place low because not enough of their subbers bothered to rate them. Yet they continue to carry on and provide a quality product. And no matter where EE places, I'll do that too.

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Conrad Minshall(Texas, USA): "I s'pose you were fishing for a letter? Okay, coming right up! Yes, I did go to Spain. Has someone been passing my letters or did I

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"already tell you that? De nada. Yes, I did go to Spain. Now I know I already told you that so I can reveal the great untold secret...I came back! Look at all the incredible info you've gotten out of one lousy 'zine scribble! Maybe you've suffered enough; I'll tell all....

It was a surprise. Late Wednesday, 1/11, a manager of a manager of...of little old me decided to send Brent and me to Valencia. No, not to eat oranges, not to lie on a Mediterranean beach--we were sent to fix an intermittently failing computer at an Oscar Mayer plant. So Wednesday night we grabbed all the test equipment we could and headed for Houston. There we talked the government out of two passports in an hour flat (Thursday) and caught a plane to JFK (Friday) and thence to Madrid.

Madrid. Saturday, 7AM. No sleep yet, 400 pounds of luggage and a Spanish official who seems (my Espanol hasn't really started to come back yet) to want a 100 something thousand pesetas as a deposit or else we won't be allowed to ever take our equipment back out of the country. Panic...

Luckily we were rescued by a local IBMer sent to meet us at the airport. His English was poor but eventually we got the deposit down to 90 something thousand.

So what did two burned out, bedrugged travellers do? Made a beeline for the showers at La Melia Castilla, ate, toured downtown, the royal palace, etc. That night we played bingo and the slots. Around midnight we went to a fabulous show at La Scala--billed as Europe's finest. It was only 12 dollars! And that included whatever you wanted to drink! I love Spanish "champagne" even more than French and I became intimately acquainted with it then--Brent turned out to be a teetotaler. The show finished about 3 or so. I was thoroughly impressed though later the magician/mime/comedian/ventriloquist told me Paris's Lido was a bit better. But then what does a Welshman know--he thought Vegas had the best anywhere! Sunday we loafed around the city; Monday morning we drove to Valencia.

Coming down off the plateau to the coast the temperature rose 40 degrees to the low seventies. Unfortunately we spent every waking hour working on Oscar Mayer's computer. We were afraid we might have finally run into an unsolvable bug--the problem supposedly only occurred every week or two. I'll try to keep the technical stuff to a minimum.

The computer's obscure. The problem much more so. All I'll say is that it took a week of 18 hour days for Brent, the hardware expert and I (software) to find and circumvent it--a devious data and system load dependent bug in that fuzzy in-between zone known as "firmware" or "microcode." We really lucked out!

Wish I'd gotten to really Valencia--when I wonder what it was like I have to look at the postcards I picked up from hotel lobbies and mailed to spouse and friends from Madrid. Sigh.

Notes on Spanish restaurants: (1) The way they cook squid leaves something to be desired, unless you're fond of tasteless rubber bands. (2) Despite what menus say, the "Hamburguesas" are not "just like in the US." (3) They're not just anti-US, they totally murder French and Italian recipes too. (4) Paella is a good melange, but beware of the snails--the shells have sharp edges when they crunch!

The Spanish seem to have adapted well to their food--they stuff it away at an incredible pace (to avoid tasting it?). Then they dawdle over the good wines, the extravagant pastries, and fantastic coffee. I simply must rave some more about their coffee. Mmmm. It puts expresso to shame. Mix 1 part with 2 to 3 parts heavy cream and you get pitch black coffee. Drink it straight (cafe solo--but this printer lacks accents) as I did all week and you'll find a delicious quarter inch of sludge at the bottom of your cup. Not for everyone I guess.

Well on the way back we spent another weekend in Madrid--shopping for spouses. Ahem. You know what I mean. We also went on more tours--the Prado, etc. Best of all, we spent one night watching a flamenco show. More sensual than anything in Vegas--traditional dance with character instead of pure 'plastic'.

Well, this letter is getting far longer than you deserve for one little scrawl on my EE, but maybe I can get something out of it? "

□ Sometimes I hit the jackpot and this was one of those times. Thanks Conrad for a very enjoyable letter. Perhaps Mr. "Chomps & Miams" can look into Spanish food.. his latest issue is on page 3 and speaking of whom.....

Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "How come everyone has gotten their copy of "A" except
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"for me?"

Konrad Dolata(West Germany): "I've extended my activities in the US by taking up subs to Diplomacy World, Diplomacy Digest and Cathy's Ramblings(she really is a cutie but why does she refer to Steve as Teddy? Not personal I hope?)"

□ Steve is "Woody" and all I can say is that it's a good thing that Cathy's real "Teddy", Eric Ozog, doesn't get this zine! Michel, I did send you "A", about my Europe trip but I've sent another to you. I want to print the comments I've received when I hear back from everyone. I have been really surprised at how many people have been to Europe.

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Scott Hanson(Minnesota, USA): "I'm glad somebody in the hobby agrees with me on Grenada."

Jim Bumpas(Oregon, USA): "Several writers criticized your "naivete" (or worse) on the Grenada question. I agree more with you. I'm not at all impressed (as Mark Matuschak seems to be) with the "civilizing" benefits to Grenada of the US invasion. While it is true the invasion rid Grenada of a junta of brutal thugs who murdered the Prime Minister who was elected by a democratic majority of Grenadian voters, democracy does not seem to have returned(according to the Washington Post). The majority party(which elected the murdered PM) is not permitted by the occupation forces to hold meetings, distribute their press, or participate in any public or electoral activities. The only radio station is under the control and supervision of occupation authorities. It is pretty in Grenada, though."

Mark Fassio(South Carolina, USA): "For years, the US has been in a "guilt" syndrome brought on by "The Vietnam Experience" and is hesitant to use direct force when such force may be THE ONLY LOGICAL OPTION. Lebanon is possibly one example of the lack of US "spine" in making itself felt(although I for one did not expect, nor would've accepted, our country "taking sides" in that nuthouse). We also give just enough aid to keep the Sandinistas on their toes in Central America, but not enough aid to the "contras" to let them finish the job; obviously we piss both sets of people off by the degree of aid. Anyway, little by little, the "edges" begin to unravel...we watch the enemy nibble away, bit by bit, and we just sit back and try to slap a wrist, remembering the "awfulness of involvement" from 'Nam.

How far do we go before one has to throw the hands in the air and yell, "Enough is enough!" and do something? Grenada was, I think, just that type of response, at least from the leadership. You know why the attack was finally sanctioned, though? My guess is that it was because of another syndrome: the "Let's-not-have-another-Iranian-hostage-crisis" Syndrome, where the populace says, "Do something, anything, but spare us that humiliation again." The students on the island were the catalyst in that syndrome, Gary, and no one back home can tell that student that he/she really wasn't in any danger--that is best perceived at the location.

I also don't agree with the "British View", the idea that we snubbed Mrs. Thatcher and Co. by invading a semi-Commonwealth colony or whatever; the other nations in the region at least asked us to go in! Face the facts--we see an anti-Communist get upset because we attack communism, while her country enforces military rule in Northern Ireland and attacks over 1,500 miles away against some anti-Communist Latins(Argentina) over some barren slag of rock that Britain took in the first place back in the "Imperialistic Era." So where's justice? Certainly no one is free from criticism.

Military action has, and always will be, an extension of politics(thanks, Mr. Clausewitz). There'd be no France without the Revolutionary Era, no Germany without the Wars of Unification in the late 1860s/70s, and we would still be selling wampum and beads if we didn't exercise some Manifest Destiny in the last 2 centuries. Sorry, Gary, but Grenada was 'a natural'.

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "Perhaps some comments to Mark Matuschak, page 46. I have the opinion that the invasion of Grenada was not necessary. Reagan acted like Hitler and the Soviet leaders(although I'm far from comparing him with them on other subjects) taking the island in a surprise attack. There are more subtle methods like giving money to the opposition leaders or the army leaders, etc. (19)

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"Fact is, that the end never justifies the means. If yes, where would you draw the line or limit? If you take the moral complications into account, you first have to look at the Bible. Jesus always said don't use violence against another person, there's also a 5th Commandment you know quite well. It would be better for all Western leaders to take note of that at least!

It's impressive that Mark stand so tight to the American ideals of liberty and freedom, and of course there's a difference between Afghanistan and Grenada, but not a moral one. In Afghanistan, the Soviets will (probably) permanently occupy the country, whereas the Americans leave Grenada--I hope so. But how about the economic side?

"United Fruit" for example is strong in the whole region of Central America and puts great harm on many, many poor people, dictating low prices using this totally mad mono-culture. If you are such a moralist, you have to claim to remove this "economic dictatorship" in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, Panama, perhaps also Costa Rica. The same in South America with the copper mines in Bolivia for example! The very poor living standard is caused by the "economic dictatorship" of the big US companies.

Removing troops is good but also easy--I see no difference between the Soviets integrating the Czechoslovakian economy into theirs or the Honduran and probably the Grenadan into the US economy (represented by "United Fruit" or "Ewing Oil" or whatever you want!)

What's the next step after removing the troops from Lebanon? Parts of the 7th Fleet are free for Nicaragua now, hmm? Support the rebellious Indians and Mestizos in operating in northern Nicaragua with money and medical help and food, but stay out of the country!!! Don't continue to build up Honduran and Salvadorean forces and those fascist Somoza guards--that would be a far better morale and reputation, which would put the US leaders high above communist leaders! Don't you think so? Sandinista-Nicaragua won't live long on their own--they don't need the US kick."

Other comments on this subject are made by Bill Highfield in The Modern Patriot on page 27, and by John Kelley in The Beholder on page 28. I'll just combine my comments rather than deal with each letter.

Some people in the US may have been on a "guilt trip" but I've never been. The US is the great home of democracy and it has shed its blood so that other nations may have freedom. The same people who say we are on a "guilt" trip are the same ones who say that it is "fashionable" to be "patriotic" again. I've always been patriotic and proud of my country. We had good intentions in Vietnam. Our main problem was that it wasn't fought as a war, but as a meat-grinder-- i.e we did not fight to win which was stupid. And look what happened after we left.

No country can run its affairs according to the Ten Commandments. The same God who said "Thou shalt not kill" ordered the total annihilation of men, women and babies in Jericho not long after. I think sometimes the end does justify the means. The atom bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima were terrible but think of the tremendous number of people who were spared death. The US, in World War II, lost 400,000 men when it was over. Had the war gone on, the US had calculated it would lose 100,000 ^{men} just to get a beach head in Japan! Millions of Japanese would have died defending their homeland from the "barbarians".

I said that America was wrong in invading Grenada and I pointed out the opposition in Europe, not as proof, but to further show how this action looked to others including close allies. No European country has a monopoly on virtue and I would stack America's "record" up against any one of theirs anytime. I was, if you remember, against the British conquest of the Falklands which the entire Common Market supported, although most of the hobby members both in England and the continent were appalled at Mrs. Thatcher's actions.

Right now in the US press a big debate is going on over who mined the harbors in Nicaragua. It is popularly believed to be the CIA and I cannot for the life of me see what for. I would have hoped the days of the "banana republics" were over. The Sandinistas have not lived up to the ideals of their revolution (the press is shackled) but I'm getting tired of what seems to be continual US harassment of them. We appear as a bully and that is not the America I love. I say let's work with Mexico, Venezuela and interested others in building an effective policy in Central America. That will be much better in the long run, compared to quick-fix military solutions. This will be all the letter!

Column this time. Bye!

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¶ ZINE DIRECTORY!! If you do a zine or subzine anywhere in the world, whether you are interested in attracting new subbers or not, please help Roy Henricks and Cathy Cuning put together as complete a ZD as is possible. On page 31, there is a form for pubbers and subzine pubbers to fill out and send to Roy and Cathy. Please cooperate! Your help will make the ZD an invaluable guide to the hobby world-wide. The deadline for North American zines is June 15, 1984 and you send that info to Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235 USA. European and Australian zines send info to Cathy Cuning, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60651 USA by a deadline of June 30, 1984.

Please use the form and do the information today! I ask that European traders with EE publicize this form in their countries. I (Gary) will list the EE subzines only; but it's up to Michel, Bob, John and Robyn to do the gritty details! The subzine form is at the bottom of page 31. Thanks for your cooperation!

¶ The Runestone Zine and GM poll, formerly known as the Leeder Poll, has just been announced and it has a deadline of June 29, 1984. If you participate in this hobby or derive any enjoyment from it, you should be willing to either pat on the back the zines and GMs you have enjoyed by rating them objectively or let them know you appreciate their efforts throughout the year. Please avoid grudge votes for whatever reasons. Details and a ballot for your use (please rip it out, it was intentionally placed where it is in EE for you to rip it out and use!) explain it all on pages 29-30. You should mail your ballot about 2 to 3 weeks before the June 29, 1984 deadline as mail to Alberta is rather slow!

¶ CHANGES IN THE WIND..... Jim Williams (2500 6th St., S.W., Altoona, Iowa 50009 USA) has made his subzine Straight From The Dimmer's Mouth into a full-fledged zine. SFTDM features United, the most popular game among Europeans surpassing even Diplomacy, and concentrates on all types of sports. His first issue had a letter column and the zine will have Jake Halverstadt's subzine, High Plains Gonzo. Subs are \$7.00 for 10 issues. Check him out..... Roy Henricks, who does the Zine Directory (see above), is also the pubber of Envoy, which features a multitude of games including Civilization and Kingmaker. Envoy has switched over to a bi-monthly schedule starting with its next issue..... Belgium's statistics zine, A Midsummer Night's Diplomacy by Alain Henry, has folded. AMND kept track of all continental European games' endings much like North America's Everything. Alain is still part of the trio of pubbers who does Mach die Spuhl..... Daf Langley has a new subzine in Magus. It's called Hare of the Dog.

¶ TWO FOLDS: In the next six months two zines will be folding. Mike Mills will fold his Enchain Macha with issue #50 this summer. EM will then become a subzine here in EE. Mike does the successful PDO auctions (see page 1)..... Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian will fold his Coat of Arms within six months. I will be sorry to see COA go as Woody has one of the best senses of humor in the hobby. COA's fold orphans Tom Swider's subzine, Expletive Deleted, which will be looking for a new home. Tom runs non-dip games, has a letter column and contacts in Europe. If you'd be interested in getting ED for your zine, write Tom at: 1183 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell, New York 13760 USA.

¶ The 1983 NIXON AWARD Winner is..... Mark Frueh! This tongue-in-cheek award is given to the "Biggest Liar" of the year as determined by essays written in to nominate people to Ron Brown, pubber of Murd'ring Ministers. The winner gets a trophy which is passed down to all future winners. Kathy Byrne wrote the winning essay. Previous winners were: Al Pearson in 1980, Kathy Byrne in 1981, and Mike Mazzer in 1982. Who'll get it next year?!

¶ The Dutch zine Oxymoron, published by Jaap Jacobs, had a report from Diplomacy quarterly 5 with statistics from 252 Dip games concerning who gets which neutral or home centers. For example, Belgium went to England 65 times, to France 66 times and to Germany 31 times. (These statistics are for 1901!) The most vulnerable home center was Trieste which fell to Italy 25 times, and was followed by Sevastopol which fell to Turkey 11 times. Greece went to Austria 118 times, to Turkey 40 times and to Italy 13 times. Jaap wondered, and so do I, in which game England took Portugal in 1901 (and HOW!) (21)

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

Probably #55, April 84



MOS EISLEY (abbreviated MES, pronounced 'mess') is a roving subzine of assorted stuff brought to you every now and then by John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526Q, Moore OK 73165. Commentary to the above address is welcomed for print, unlike the bunch of you who write me good stuff and then add a "haha, this is not for print". What good are you?

Hobbyish stuff: Pete Gaughan gave another try at having his weekend of Dip in late March, but I was unable to make it despite an encouraging last minute call the Wednesday (or so) before. I needed to go with Bob Olsen to split the cost, but he was knee deep in mud out at some well, so I had to pass. I tried calling there on Saturday, but they were all outside having an orgy or something, because no one bothered to answer. Ah well, good to see someone in this part of the country at least trying. And Bob should be able to make PudgeCon this Labor Day. Come to think of it, it can go on with or without him, matter of fact. Just leave the door unlocked and leash the cat, Bob. Or at least put her chastity belt on, in case some of the stranger hobbyists come around...

Bruce Linsey went a long way towards filling the next box of old dipzines for me to sell off, sending in a VOICE OF DOOM that took 5 stamps to carry it. Most of it seemed to be press in his RIGEL game, including a very long but pretty clever parody of STAR WARS, with more apparently to come. I have trouble typing two pages, and Linsey comes out with dozens of pages of press for one game for one season in one issue, with more on the way. Oh well. I don't know how well the parody would go over with those who are not hardcore SW nuts like me, but I thought it was awfully cute. The author must have seen the original film often enough to remember the dialogue, in order, as well as I can, which is virtually verbatim, to have written it; an all around impressive effort. Let me rephrase part of it to show you what I mean (ie, written from memory of the article:)

"What's that coming in?"

"An Imperial postcard"

"What's it doing out here?"

"It must be lost. Part of a mass mailing or something."

"If it sends our position, we're in big trouble."

"Chewie, block it's transmissions. I'll cut it off before it reaches that small novel"

"That's no novel. That's a Dipzine."

"It's too big to be a dipzine".

And on and on. Do you remember the exact part of the film it's from? If not, most of it will probably go over your head. One hell of a lot of effort on someone's part, and Linsey's. "Impressive. Most impressive."

Mos Eisley Spaceport

Then at the other extreme of the hobby, we have letters from the likes of JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia)

You overlooking me or something? How many pubbers give you sub credit, mail you stamps and stationery to type up your Messy Eastern Shithouses? You only give credit to Coughlan and DelGrande. Why it's Caruso Stomping, I say. Why don't you jump into my back with your spikes aglare, like all the other hobby biggees--Rod Walker, Gary Coughlan, Dave Grabar, Kathy Byrne (yeah, Kathy too--I really don't get no respect).

A few people seem to have taken the "AIDS contest" as an attack. I suppose it was tacky and I shouldn't have stated it. Yeah--I'm wimping out on this one. How about we start a contest: When will Larry Peery get hit by a truck? Run over by a herd of pregnant rabbits? Gagged by a chocolate chip cookie?

Woody completed the Caruso stomping cycle the other day. He hung up the phone on me the other day in a huff. Guess I shouldn't complain. It could have been worse, he could have hung himself up. Did you hear he's folding in 6 issues? No more Woody to kick around anymore. He's even gonna cut his gameload down --from 100 to 90.

Joe Clement is a piss. All his talk about Electronic Games being faster--a phone game is faster and cheaper than Electronic Mail, and is also non-ratable. I wonder if most of the people reading this realize that in order to play a computer game, you must hook into the phone line. Its just a fancy, phone game.

I wonder how these Electronic Mail buffs first found out about PBEM openings. I'll bet most of them read about the openings in a flyer or zine they received in the mail (like in 20¢ USPS). They couldn't even start without the 20¢ stamp.

((Shhh! You'll give Mark Berch more ammunition to use in defending these TV Dip games as RegDip posties. "Mark Berch! Only you could be so bold. I thought I recognized your foul logic when I was first brought aboard." Oops, sorry. Got carried away there. Hangover from that parody in VD.

I have to take exception to your insulting chocolate chip cookies above. If Larry gags, it won't be on a chocolate chip cookie. As John Mirassou once wrote, chocolate chip cookies are the one unifying force in all humanity. "Even revolutionaries like chocolate chip cookies. Oh, peanut butter cookies can help, but chocolate chip cookies are..". Oh, well, you get my point. John's cubbing again, by the way. THE ELECTRIC CUCUMBER or some such. Always was a real whacko and top writer. Too bad I can't afford a sub.

Since when is Dave Grabar a "hobby biggee"? Hell, he's unheard of outside of WHITESTONIA. Maybe he's just a figment of your imagination, like Dixie Grey or Robert Sacks.

I'd send you a MES, but so far I have too few letters to use as filler. Only perverts and sickos like you write, and the last thing WHITE POWER needs is more of YOUR writing in it. With Woody winding down, why not ask him to do a guest front page for you--every issue? If you're so used to Caruso Stomping as you claim, what's the harm in some Hamster Reaming right along in the same zine?)) J.W.

I'm so lazy I'm going to just drop this one at two pages. Let me close out on a brief note about AH's THIRD REICH game, of which I am becoming quite an aficionado. Ol' Fluff pulled a good one on my allies (campaign game) the other day: He starts the war with a DoW on Spain by Italy, and Portugal and Yugo by Germany. Lands a 46 in Portugal, Italy takes Palma with a 2/1 under air cover. You now decide what to do in F39: intervene in Spain? Save Italy 35 BRPs and permit another consecutive Italian offensive option? Stay back and let that Pz take a port on attrition if you leave Italy to DoW on you? What will your France look like in summer 1940 with fascists on THREE fronts: Rhine, Alpine, Pyrenees? And then there's Gibraltar.

Next time, remind me to tell you why Germany should DoW Greece in F39.

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THE MODERN PATRIOT
-- LAST ISSUE --

Well, this is it. After over a year of publishing, I have decided to leave the hobby. The reasons, while clear, are none the less painful. I entered this 'hobby' with a purpose - to do my best. It became evident that I could not do my best at everything. I had a choice - school or the hobby. I chose the only answer, school.

You see, there are those in this hobby who don't know that it is a hobby! They take it seriously, as if it is the real world! Well, it isn't! I intend to prove that you can just walk away. I thought that others thought as I did. I was wrong. Unbelievable events have taken place in my private life, as caused by 'hobby' members. Recently, a member has sent a letter to my commanding officer at my NROTC unit. Even though I explained how much of a lunatic this person is, and he agreed, according to the book, an investigation must take place. Maximum penalty is loss of scholarship and expulsion from the program. Thank God, however, that so far it's gone my way - so far!

One could imagine my shock upon hearing what an enemy had done to me just because of a small feud. One can imagine my outrage, too!! Even more shocking to me was the fact that this was a supposedly 'popular' member could get away with this. Doesn't anyone realise what is going on? That is not all though.

When my games lagged behind, I prepared to give them up. However, the US Orphan games 'service' had gotten a new leader and he set out to flex his muscles. He leaned on me a little, talking of his duty and how he "wasn't out to get you". Yeah. Right. He took a poll of my players and said that a few games had voted unanimously to move their games. Well, some players had told me that they were voting to keep their games with me, that they did not want them moved by force. Some didn't even vote.

Out of spite (and because I have a bad temper), I decided that this hobby is ruled by despot's and tyrants. I don't like to be told that, not even by myself. So, I decided to take the following actions: 1) orphan my games, in defiance of the USOS (I am sorry about my players); 2) stop publishing THE MODERN PATRIOT; 3) send this to Gary.

I will be back, of that I am certain. When I get my commission (or should I say - IF!), and when my enemies leave the 'hobby', I may come back. I am younger than they - I have time. OR I may just start up a USPDL (like the USFL), or the United States Postal Diplomacy League. After all, one does not have to be aligned with this organization to run games or have fun. I mean, SCREW the 'In-six' and the rest. They're elitists.

I believed my downfall was eminent a while ago because I was a conservative and a lot of hobby members are not. Also I believe that my satire of ultra-conservatism did not take root in the minds of the hobby. I mean, John Michalski can get away with it, but not I. I was the scapegoat; the sacrificial lamb. I was used to get enemies back together while providing them with something to abuse.

Such is the state of the hobby. I know that the European

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readers are wondering what the hell I am talking about. That is why I am publishing this in EE. So they know. While I respect MOST foreign countries, I find serious faults in all of them. Britain, home of my ancestors, has ceased to be our best ally, instead crapping on us over Grenada, a commonwealth country gone sour - and this even after the unconditional aid we gave them against Argentina - including our promise to IMMEDIATELY replace their carrier should it be sunk with the USS GUAM. France has picked up points with me lately, but the unions have too much power and are killing them. Kill the unions, as we are doing. Unions are nice, but not when they run the company!

Germany, another part of my heritage, and a mediocre ally of the United States. Friends only when beneficial, they fail to understand our position and the fact that we spend billions on them in defense of THEIR nation!

Italy, another mediocre ally.

Australia, our greatest ally. Staunch friend of the United States, they stand beside us always. We couldn't have lost the America's Cup to a nicer bunch of people.

South Korea (any subbers there Gary?), fellow fighters against the Communist aggression, they also stand near us, and understand that sometimes force is necessary.

Japan, a fair ally, but they don't spend enough on defense. They'd rather destroy our economy.

Yes, I am talking politics, but this is the last issue of an era, so bear with me.

Reagan has made a few mistakes, but so far he has done an excellent job. Special interest groups and Democrats are attacking him, but they are just jealous that Reagan did do exactly what he said he would do when elected. Reagan has upheld his campaign promises, so nothing should have been a surprise to anyone. Four more years of Reagan would be nice, because our military would continue to rebuild itself from the Carter years and the 70s. Reagan knows how to negotiate, and the U.S. would finally have continuity on the diplomatic front, which the Europeans would love, I am sure. The big questions are the deficits (which is Congress' fault, not solely the President's), the school prayer ammendment (I say, YES!), Lebanon (a mistake, but a nice attempt to aid the poor people of Lebanon), and taxes. I do believe that Reagan will win the re-election because he has a large following. Mondale is corrupt (look at the Michigan Primary when union bosses watched how union members voted - inducing a 'heavy' Mondale vote), Hart talks double-talk 95% of the time, then says he didn't, and Jackson, well, he is a reverse-nacist. His PUSH organization is blatantly anti-Israel and so is Jackson. He short-circuited the negotiating process with his stunt in Syria with Lt Goodman (although I am glad he got back safely) and I know he'd make a bad President.

Gotta end now, so I'll see you all later. Write to me if you want at: Bill Highfield Jr, 2012 East Ridge Rd, Rochester New York 14622 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (the BEST!)

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THE BEHOLDER #18

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This is the 1 April 1984 issue of The Beholder, a subzine devoted to the review of postal Diplomacy and edited by John Kelley, 209 McMahon Hall GO-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Letters are solicited and welcomed, usually receiving a response in kind. And for those of you who are giving addresses to the IRS about now so they can send you a refund, the name's Kelley, John Kenneth 524-96-6924, 1 J. Neils' Drive, Klickitat, WA 98628 (I don't bother to tell the IRS my variable school addresses).

EE #32 had an early surprise. On p. 3 we hear from Mark Larzelere (and pp. 4 and 5 as well) about nuclear weapons. On p. 4 he begins to use insulting and misleading terminology, referring to his opponents as "Reaganites", which is only appropriate if everyone who is 'wrong' (i.e. disagrees with Mark) is supporting Reagan's policies, and also if Reagan is the sole proponent of the recent increases in the size of our stockpile of weapons. The article also assumes throughout that 1) A full-scale nuclear war would destroy both the United States and Soviet Union, and 2) The environmental impact of this war would wipe out life on Earth. I don't dispute him on either point; I can't. Neither can he make them himself, though; how the hell does he know? He's not a Nobel-Prizewinning nuclear physicist, nor am I. I submit, therefore, that he has overstepped his knowledge and used poor terminology. His piece is not completely unrealistic, however; he recognizes the realities of Soviet foreign policy well on p. 4. My personal feeling is that the freeze movement is just another fashionable movement for college-age students who feel they are better-informed than they actually are, and is a joke when compared to the rest of American society (the majority of the population, one can easily see, is not within the 18-25 age group). Just a bunch of kids with nothing better to do than whine. *which doesn't vote...*

Watching the Presidential campaign with interest. It seems obvious that the media has hyped the campaign way out of proportion, leaping on Hart's bandwagon and trying to declare him the Democratic candidate in the manner that vermin would swarm a poorly-maintained out-house. My personal prejudice against the Hart campaign is that his local troops have been posting political literature on my bulletin board. Next time I get them cited by the UWPD; not even I (a resident of the building) may put politica up. No one else has had their people doing this, at least. I think Mondale will prove too tough to stop for Hart, though; he might wind up a running-mate.

The Bloom County sequence was hilarious satire. Responding to Jaap Jacobs' comment about why journalists were not taken to Grenada, though, the reason was not their personal views. The first wave (two battalions of Rangers) jumped in at night at 500 feet. Very few journalists are parachutists, and since 500 feet is about the minimum possible altitude (a reserve almost cannot be deployed at that height) for an airborne drop, there was no point. As for the Marine landings and heliborne insertion of a brigade (?) of the 82nd Airborne, there wasn't a hell of a lot of spare room for noncombatants aboard either the helicopters or the landing craft. If you were a combat leader, and had the choice of taking 160 lbs. of extra equipment, or a 160 lb. Daily Dirt correspondent, what would you pick? Me too.

Highfield's bagging it? Probably a good idea, all things considered. Many of his statements did not bring credit upon the Navy, and should never have been made.

I was surprised to hear that there had been Prohibition (of whatever sort) in Belgium. I was under the impression that most European countries were very permissive toward drinking. Live and learn. I look forward to going there someday and finding out for myself what it's like.

All for now—

LJK²

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THE 1984 RUNESTONE ZINE AND GM POLL BALLOT:

The 8th Annual North American Zine Poll and The 7th North American Gamesmaster Poll (collectively known as The Runestone Zine and GM Poll) wants your votes by June 29th, 1984 rating zines and subzines (of which you have seen more than 2 issues since April 1, 1983) from 0 to 10, no fractions please. You also rate the GMs you have played under since April 1, 1983 on the same scale. You may not vote for your own publication if you are a pubber or subzine pubber; however you may vote for your subzine's parent zine and a parent zine pubber may vote for subzines carried within his/her zine. EEE is providing ballots for zines and subzines (all ballots must be in alphabetical order) so RIP IT OUT AND USE IT! PLEASE LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THEIR PUBLICATION AND THEIR GMING!! Sign the ballot, indicate how you are a part of the hobby (player in a game or pubber etc) and mail the ballots to: Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St., S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, CANADA T1A 0R1. Please avoid grudge voting and remember that mail to Alberta takes about 2-3 weeks. Don't forget to send in a GM ballot also. The Zine Ballot is on page 30.

SUBZINE BALLOT:

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| 1. ALEX'S COLUMN _____ | 22. HIGH PLAINS GONZO _____ |
| 2. THE BEHOLDER _____ | 23. HUMBOLDT _____ |
| 3. BENZENE _____ | 24. KATHY'S KORNOB _____ |
| 4. BETTY DALY'S SUBZINE IN DOGS OF WAR _____ | 25. THE LITTLE DIPPER _____ |
| 5. THE BUCK STOP _____ | 26. MAGGIE'S ZINE _____ |
| 6. CHOMPS & MIAMS _____ | 27. MANEATER _____ |
| 7. CORN OFF THE COBB _____ | 28. MASS MURDERS _____ |
| 8. DIP CITY _____ | 29. MeANnderings _____ |
| 9. DIPPY DADDY _____ | 30. MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT _____ |
| 10. DOT'S INCREDIBLE _____ | 31. MR. REE THEATRE _____ |
| 11. ELEPHANT HEART _____ | 32. NORTHERN LITES _____ |
| 12. E*S*A*D* _____ | 33. PERIMUTTER'S REVENGE _____ |
| 13. EXPLETIVE DELETED _____ | 34. REAGAN YOUTH'S NEWSLETTER _____ |
| 14. FATHER KNOWS LESS _____ | 35. SEX APPEEL _____ |
| 15. FEMME FATALE _____ | 36. STRANGE DOINGS _____ |
| 16. FIAT BELLUM _____ | 37. SUBMARINE WARFARE _____ |
| 17. FNORD _____ | 38. TEMPORARILY DELAYED _____ |
| 18. FREE SPEECH ALLEY _____ | 39. VERTIGO _____ |
| 19. FRUMP THE MIDGET _____ | 40. _____ |
| 20. GALIMATIAS _____ | 41. _____ |
| 21. HARE OF THE DOG _____ | 42. _____ |

SIGNATURE _____

I AM A PLAYER IN 198 _____ in the zine _____.

(FOR THE ZINE BALLOT FOR THE RUNESTONE POLL, SEE PAGE 30)

AGAIN, ALSO ENCLOSE A BALLOT RATING THE GMs YOU PLAY UNDER AND MAKE SURE THAT IT IS ALSO IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SURNAME! ONLY Rate the zines and subzines and GMs that you personally know. So many zines, subzines and GMs got left off the main list last year because they were short only one vote. Many got only 9 votes and the cut-off for making the main list last year was 10 votes. Don't let it be your missing vote which keeps a deserving zine, subzine or GM from being fairly rated. You are a part of this hobby so participate in this meaningful poll.

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((Details on this poll are found on page 29 . Rate these zines on a scale of 1 to 10, no fractions. Blanks are left for zines not listed.))

ZINE BALLOT:

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| 1. A - Z _____ | 35. LIBERTERREAN ✓ _____ |
| 2. ALPHA AND OMEGA ✓ _____ | 36. LIFE OF MONTY ✓ _____ |
| 3. ANDUIN ✓ _____ | 37. LONE STAR DIPLOMAT _____ |
| 4. APPALLING GREED _____ | 38. MAGUS ✓ _____ |
| 5. BATTLE STATIONS ✓ _____ | 39. MANIFEST DESTINY ✓ _____ |
| 6. BERSAGLIERI ✓ _____ | 40. MIDLIFE CRISIS ✓ _____ |
| 7. BOAST ✓ _____ | 41. THE MODERN PATRIOT _____ |
| 8. BUSHWACKER ✓ _____ | 42. MURD'RING MINISTERS ✓ _____ |
| 9. THE BUZZARD'S BREATH _____ | 43. NO FIXED ADDRESS ✓ _____ |
| 0. CATHY'S RAMBLINGS _____ | 44. NORTH SEALTH WEST GEORGE ✓ _____ |
| 1. CHEESECAKE ✓ _____ | 45. OVINIPIQUE _____ |
| 2. COAT OF ARMS ✓ _____ | 46. PARANOIACS'MONTHLY ✓ _____ |
| 3. DAMN THE TORPEDOES _____ | 47. PERELANDRA ✓ _____ |
| 4. D*I*J*A*C*H* _____ | 48. POLITESSE ✓ _____ |
| 5. THE DIPLOMAT ✓ _____ | 49. THE PRINCE _____ |
| 6. DIPLOMACY DIGEST _____ | 50. RAGING MAIN _____ |
| 7. DIPLOMACY WORLD ✓ _____ | 51. RETALIATION _____ |
| 8. THE DOGS OF WAR ✓ _____ | 52. THE SHOGUN'S SWORD _____ |
| 9. EFGIART ✓ _____ | 53. SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS ✓ _____ |
| 0. ELECTRIC PENGUIN ✓ _____ | 54. SNAFU! _____ |
| 1. ENHAIN MACHA ✓ _____ | 55. STRAIGHT FROM THE DIMMER'S MOUTH _____ |
| 2. ENVOY ✓ _____ | 56. TER-RAN ✓ _____ |
| 3. EREHWON ✓ _____ | 57. THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS _____ |
| 4. EUROPA EXPRESS ✓ _____ | 58. THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD ✓ _____ |
| 5. EVERYTHING _____ | 59. THE VOICE OF DOOM ✓ _____ |
| 6. FESTUNGS HOF ✓ _____ | 60. WEISMARK DIP-PRESS _____ |
| 7. FOL SI FIE _____ | 61. WHITESTONIA _____ |
| 8. THE FUEDIST _____ | 62. WHO CARES? ✓ _____ |
| 9. GIVE ME A WEAPON _____ | 63. WINSOME LOSESOME ✓ _____ |
| 0. GRAUSTARK _____ | 64. THE WORDWORKS _____ |
| 1. HAI! JIKAI! ✓ _____ | 65. XENOGOGIC _____ |
| 2. HOUSE OF LORDS _____ | 66. YOU KNOW MY NAME _____ |
| 3. IRKSOME ✓ _____ | 67. <u>FROBOZZ</u> _____ |
| 4. ITALIANO PRIBE _____ | 68. _____ |
| | 69. _____ |

SIGNATURE _____

I AM A SUBSCRIBER TO _____ . OR...I PUBLISH _____

OR....I AM A PLAYER IN 198 _____ in the zine _____ .

((Only rate North American zines! Non-North Americans are eligible to vote))

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Explanation is on page 21!

1984 ZINE REGISTER

Registration

Please print or type

Name of Zine _____ Date _____

Publisher/s _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # (Optional) _____

Basic FUNCTION of the ZINE _____
_____ Games Only
_____ Articles Only
_____ Variety Zine
_____ Hobby Services
_____ Association/Club Pub
_____ Other(describe) _____

First Issue Published (date) _____

Zine Format _____ Digest _____ Open Page _____ Other (describe) _____

Average Number of Pages (last 6 issues) _____ Latest Issue Number _____

Publication Frequency _____ Monthly _____ Bi-monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Annually _____ Other
If 'Other', please explain _____

Reproduction Method _____ Mimeo _____ Photo/Offset _____ Spirit Duplicator _____ Carbon Copy
_____ Xerographic Copy _____ Other _____

Average Circulation (last 3 issues) _____

Subscription Fee _____

Games Running or Available (list all) _____

_____ Games as inserts _____ Games appear in zine _____ some of both

Subzines (list subzine names and editors) _____

Are back issues available? _____ All _____ Some _____ Recent issues _____ None

Publisher's Statement (100 words or less describing what is noteworthy or unique about your zine)

1984 ZINE REGISTER

Subzine Registration

Please print or type

Name of Subzine _____

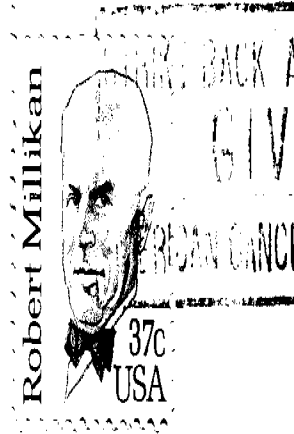
Parent Zine _____

Editor's NAME AND ADDRESS _____

First Date Published _____

Editor's Statement (100 words or less describing your zine - its unique qualities and noteworthy points)

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