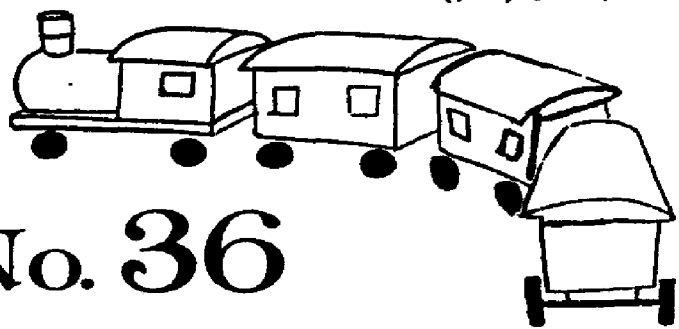
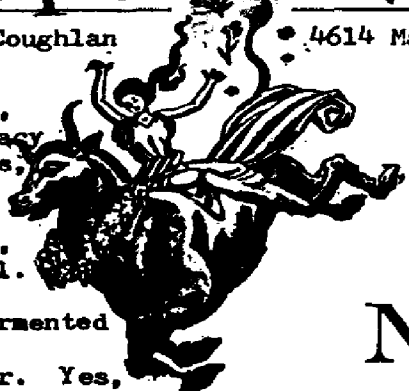


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"This is obviously a young, delectable Diplomacy maiden in distress, being terrorized (with an 's', not a 'zee') by a mad, demented colonial. It must be Cathy Cunning, being tormented by a certain Eric something-or-other. Yes, he looks a real Eric."

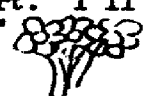


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§ "What this young damsel needs is a gallant, handsome (see pic in EE #28 and #30), young British officer and gentleman to rescue her from this pervert. I'll be over as soon as I can!! In the meantime, please send her some flowers."

§ That was Mike Close's pic guess. You'll find out the other guesses on page 22. Find out if these flowers are for Cathy or not!



§ This EE is a return to a past format of mostly letters one issue followed by an issue of mainly articles. This time it's letters. Next issue will carry all the nuclear weapons' discussion.

§ How many of you wondered about EE's last issue? It was white, not the usual buff, there were no scribbled illegible notes at the bottom of the front page and there was only one staple instead of the usual two. Well, first off the printer did all the pages in white because my instruction card got lost. Second, I had to work on my car so Al Pearson who visited here last issue stapled, stamped and put the address labels on for me so I could carry them in to work and mail them that night. And Al has provided me with some ready-made address labels which should save time!

§ I haven't got the complete Runestone Poll results yet so I'll wait until next time (hopefully) to publish them. In the meantime, you can see where your votes put EE and my GMing on the graph on page 31.

§ GOOD NEWS: The comic strip Doonesbury is set to return on September 30th.... Simon Billenness is in the US for a month or so visiting his American fiancée Barbara and working as a dishwasher. Is the next George Orwell among us? His moon number is (518)-436-9854. The end of August. He'll love to talk to you if you call at a decent hour. He's in New York.... Joan Extrom, hubby Ken Corbin and my daughter Sarah are visiting relatives in the east as well as hobby members, among them Larry Bunting, Eric Ozog, Russ Glaspey, John Caruso, Kathy Byrne and Bruce D... They are from Oregon.

§ BAD NEWS: "You were the apple of the public's eye, as you cut the ribbon at the local mall. A mirage of both you and us, how can it be real? We love your body and that photograph, your home state sure must be proud. The queen of the United States, have you lost your crown?" -- "Miss America" from Styx The Grand Illusion. I admire the way Vanessa Williams has handled her ordeal. She's very courageous, unlike the Miss America Pageant officials and Penthouse's Bob Guccione.

§ Remember how hot I said it was here last time? Well it was, but it didn't have to be that hot in my home I found out. The freon in my air conditioning unit was virtually gone. Now I'm keeping cool. I asked my mother how they could have lived in the South without air conditioning and she said, "We didn't know any better. You can't miss what you don't know exists." That's true!

§ What are Robyn Finley, Scott Hanson and Mike Mazzer that you aren't? See pg. 19.

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Page 19 has the answer if it didn't show up above. Happy Summer Days! ①

*Dear Doug, Is the Paul Gardner zine a fake?
I'm going to write and see!
Larry*

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Time for another of Pat Hart's DIPSRIPTIONS, a word he coined and based upon what he reads about EE subbers in the hobby's zines. You could be next! Bob Howerton pubs Festungs Hof in Florida and he works with the Boy Scouts, was in the military and gives away calendar "prizes" to winners of history quizzes.....

NAME: Bob Howerton
NICKNAME: Wargames
HOME: Any intelligence unit
BIRTHDATE: See below
BIRTHSIGN: Authorized Personnel Only

SEX: Only in peacetime
HAIR: Stands on end
EYES: Discerning
LOOKS: Blends in a crowd

NOTED FOR: Pubber of "Festungs Hof"

AMBITION: To pub anything else

TURN-ON: Running tough history quizzes

TURN-OFF: Giving away a 1970 calendar page

NEWEST FEATURE: Mistake of the Month

FAVORITE DRINK: Cognac

FAVORITE FOOD: Raw meat

FAVORITE CHARITY: Boy Scouts

FAVORITE MOVIE: Three Days of the Condor

FAVORITE TV SERIES: Hogan's Heroes

FAVORITE HOBBY: Intrigue

FAVORITE PHRASE: Geeez!

FAVORITE POEM:

Bob Howerton is very adept,
 At letting others be inept,
 As soon as they fall on their face,
 Guess who's there to take their place?



Timothy LEARY

G. Gordon LIDDY

Be A Malmberger and you won't be turned off or dropped out, just tuned in and hanging tough--plaus meeting some fearsome opponents! Malmbergers (what other zines call standbys) get 2 EEs added to their sub right away. You're only called one time (no overkill) and if you successfully complete an assignment, you get 4 more EEs. The 32 great Malmbergers are: Ieapo Stabo, Peter Ansoff, Steve Arnawoodian, Ken Corbin, Don Del Grande, Mike Enli, Bob Foote, Mark Frueh, Claude Gautron, Richard Gee, Evans Givan, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Helnowski,

Nelson Heintzman, Hauke Jansen, Mark Keller, Pierre Kotschoubey, Mark Larzelere, Dustin Laurence, Michael Lee, John MacFarlane, Tom Mainardi, Bob Osuch, Jane Proskin, John Pack, Clark Reynolds, Carl Russell, Jeff Sandelin, Helmut Schmidt, James Wall Dan Wilson and Matt Kazur. Thanks for being here to keep the games running smoothly.



"He still is one of the best Elric impersonators around!"

publisher of the extremely popular Brutus Bulletin. I think John Michalski himself needs no introduction to the readers of these pages...except that he is quite a good reporter of what went on at ORIGINS. Over 90 Dippers showed up, many of them not in the postal hobby. If you want more detailed information, like who attended and how they placed, send a self-addressed stamped envelope(SASE) or 20¢ to Pete Caughan who was the tournament director at: 7500 West Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75236 USA. But now for John Michalski's view...

ORIGINS 1984

---by John Michalski

With as much planning as I used to put into my old Brutus Bulletin, I found out Friday, the second day of ORIGINS, that I could be there Saturday and Sunday. With this sort of scheduling and foresight, I ought to be in Post Office management. I played 3-way Third Reich up at Bill "Fluff" Shaffer's house until 2 AM Friday night, got 3 or 4 hours of sleep just to get in shape for a long weekend, and headed south early that same morning.

I travelled alone, as the other local gamers had varying negative responses (Gary Howe: "I don't think it's worth it."....Dave Pilant: "Huh?"...the Fluff: "Fuck no."). Wednesday night a group of Northerners had passed through Moore [Moore, Oklahoma is where Michalski lives] and called from the Pizza Hut, which I appreciated as a nice gesture, although I was in Tulsa on an audit at the time. Bob Olsen went through on Thursday, but knew I was out. I don't think any other national figures came by, and hardly any were at ORIGINS for that matter.

Dallas, like anywhere outside the New York-Washington, D.C.-Chicago triangle, really isn't worth anyone's efforts to go to, it seems. It's a 3-hour drive for me, which is about as far as I'll go anymore. (PudgeCon III is 3 hours north).

The site in Dallas was the Market Center, a small-by Texas-standards auditorium plus annex, and two hotels about 3 miles north. The Center is in a nice setting, convenient to I-35 [the Expressway or Autobahn] and having free covered parking(necessary in Texas summers), with one of those moving-light signs out front that announced "ORIGINS 84 - National Gaming Convention - June 21-24", a nice touch I thought. The Center doors opened to an Information Booth, then dealers' area, with a demonstration area behind for both demonstrations and open gaming in theory, empty Saturday and Sunday in practice.

Drifting through the dealer area, I found that Avalon Hill's big new release was Hitler's War, a small-sized Risk game. Good to see they saved nothing good for ORIGINS 84 release. TSR [Tactical Studies Rule], which had shied away from a lot of recent national Cons after its fiasco of buying S & T, felt safe enough to make an appearance here. There was virtually no real wargames out there, just a lot of miniatures and D & D [Dungeons and Dragons]-class gutter sweepings. The crowds that failed to materialize missed games that didn't materialize.

The biggest name there was Lou Zucchi hawking others' wares. I asked for Scott Palter at the West End Games Booth(a surprisingly big one) and was told he didn't come. Gary Gygax at TSR? "Oh, no." How about the designer of 1941, whom I wanted to challenge/insult, at the GDW Booth? "Who's that?" Well, so much for the dealer area. The annex was reserved for monster gaming downstairs and the Auction upstairs. Monster gaming consisted of one game of GDW's Fire In The East

((~~Excerpt~~ Continued on page 4))

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This may be an experimental issue of mainly letters with no articles except for one John Michalski sent me about ORIGINS.

This year ORIGINS was held in Dallas, Texas on June 22-24. The choice had been criticized because Dallas seemed too remote for most hobby members to attend but quite a few did go, among them John Michalski of Oklahoma.

John has published until recently a roving subzine called Mos Eisley Spaceport which appeared in EE and many other zines across the hobby. Before that he was the

(formerly DNO), one Napoleonic-type boardgame, and a lot of miniatures tables.

Diplomacy, along with the few boardgame tournaments, was over in one of the hotels. I went to Dallas for (1) the open gaming; (2) the Auction; (3) Dip people. Fortunately for me, the Dip operation was in the very capable hands of a much-harried Pete Gaughan, and provided a friendly oasis in the midst of an otherwise avid "gaming" convention. There was no open gaming, just a lot of "NO OPEN GAMING" signs all over.

The Auction was a big success for me (and apparently for the auctioneers also), but took up all of Saturday night, causing me to miss the DipCon meeting and leaving the 1985 site vote for Seattle at 11-8-8 instead of 12-8-8. I walked into the room and, rarely appearing at any Con except PudgeCons, was hoping to remain incognito, but Mark Luedi was standing behind the first table, saw me and blurted out "John Michalski, how are you" or some such, blowing my cover with my third step. Luedi and Bob Olsen were the only two who would have recognized me, and who should be there at the very first table? Oh, well.

I wasn't registered for the event, of course, as it had started Friday night or early Saturday anyhow, and it was noon or later when I arrived in the Dip area, but Pete, whom I'd corresponded with but never met, got me into a standby spot. I took a 3-center Turkey to 5, and had 3 at game's end. Wrapped up for the day about 1 AM, and got in on 1/7 of a hotel room for 6 hours for \$12.00, thanks to a gang of Dipsters whose names I have all forgotten.

I met Ben Schilling, another highlight for me, as I'd known Ben postally for a long time, and was surprised to find him a very jovial sort. I'd always pictured him as old, stoic, reserved, and instead he's young (mid-20s is young to me anymore) and laughing and friendly. Fortunately he is also slow, so when his camera clicked, I had already dropped my Hitler salute, much to his disappointment.

I met Mark Frueh ("free") whose name I'd seen, who started to tell me how he got his nickname when we were interrupted by something or other. He and Gaughan and some of these others strike me as part of the new look in this hobby: all relatively handsome types, not good old grubby sleazeballs like John Caruso, Mark Berch, Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian, Bruce Linsey, ~~et~~, lots of others. At this rate it will be hard to tell a hobbyist from a normal person in a few years.

Also met Nancy Irwin, short brown-haired woman, very pleasant, who kept provoking the question in my mind of: "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" She'd come down with the 4 guys driving in from the Midwest (Luedi, Frueh, Matt Fleming and Dave Kleiman). Nancy showed good taste at the Con, in giving very little attention to me.

Sunday morning got off to an interesting start. After more false fire alarms at the hotel (probably set off by gamers or dopers) again that night, a gang of maybe a dozen of us went to McDonald's for breakfast. We got there just before they opened at 8:30 AM. We should have suspected something when they wouldn't unlock the front door, but instead waved us to the side door that was unlocked. Really service-oriented. We went in, lined up, and were ignored while they hustled to stack styrofoam trays and fill the first order. One car came through the drive-in but they were too busy, so they told the next car that the drive-in was closed, "come on inside." Bob Olsen and I were the first to walk out, and the line by then was out the door, fattened by pre-church folks.

We went exploring for someplace else, travelling probably 7 miles before I stumbled on a Waffle House where we ate. Had I gone north on I-35, there was another McDonald's at the next exit. That first store must survive purely on its Equal Opportunity brownie points, for those clods wouldn't make it a week on service.

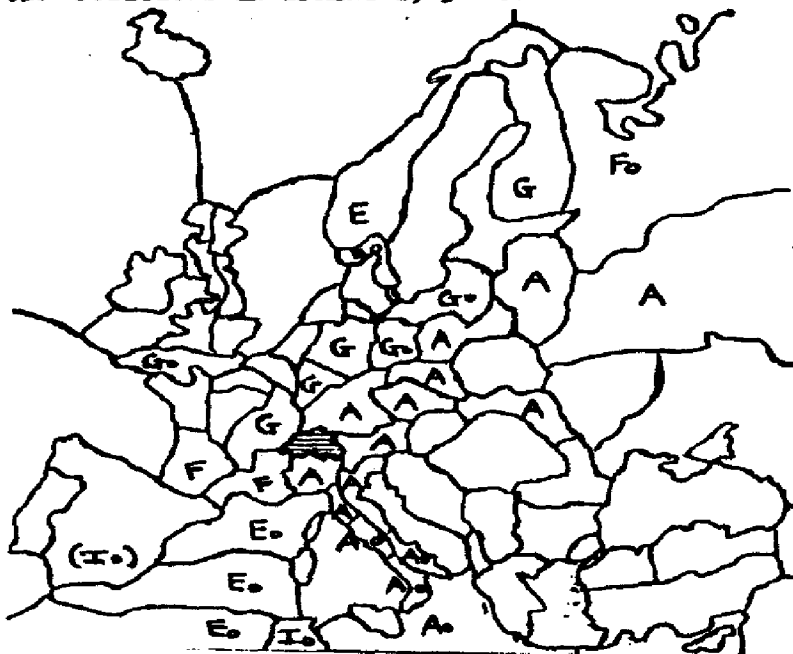
I left after noon Sunday with the final round still in progress. I found I didn't even get score credit for my previous standby survival (2.04 or so) which would have put me about 40 percentile, due to my not being registered. The 2.04 went to whoever walked away but had registered. Naturally I didn't play Sunday. Jack Brawner and Mike Conner were there, whom I'd almost forgotten to mention. Others' names will occur to me after I mail this. I collected the \$54.00 I made at the Auction at 11:30 AM and drifted out, and north. Just to end on a positive note, my air conditioner quit as I left.

ORIGINS 84 in summary: "Don't miss this year's PudgeCon III in September!"

((Thanks John for an insider's view of ORIGINS in Dallas. Next year's ORIGINS-DipCon will be in Seattle, Washington. Dallas did have 13 boards so there is much to be said for rotating DipCon across the country.)) (4)

FRENCH LEAVE PIEDMONT AS AUSTRIA INSTALLS MILITARY UNITS IN EVERY ITALIAN PROVINCE!!
 TYRRHENIAN SEA BECOMES "NO MAN'S LAND" AS ITALY'S FLEETS HEAD FOR SPAIN AND TUNIS!!!
 LONDON OFFERS VIENNA A "REDUCED VICTORY LIST" IN ORDER TO END THE WAR!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1913 Ω



§ GAME: "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha"
 1981 AN

§ GM: Carlás L. Kóullányi ur

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1913

§ ZAT: Friday, August 24, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Zöld

¶ GAME NOTES: Once again it's time for your game's name to change. To those following this game, 1981 AN changes its name every 3 game years. In the real World War I, the British Royal Family changed their family name from Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to the more British-sounding Windsor to illustrate their patriotism.

All proposals failed and none were proposed.

§ Tiny Spaces: An English fleet is in the Skaggerak and an Austrian army is in Tuscany.

Your cartoon is from B.C.
 See you in August!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1912 §

Ausztria-Magyarország: Build Army Vienna
 (plays 2 short)

Olaszország: Remove Army Tuscany

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1913 §

ANGLIA: F (LYO) S Italian F Wes-Tys(NSO), F Nth-(SKA)
 (Mark Fassio ur) F (NAF) S Italian F Tys-Tun
 A (NWY) S French F Stp(nc), F Mao-(WES)

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG: A Vie-(GAL), A Rom-(TUS)
 (Kerry Blant ur) A Ven-(PIE), A (TYO) S A Ven-Pie
 A (PRU)-Ber, A (MUN) S A Pru-Ber, A (BOH) S A Mun
 A (SIL) S A Pru-Ber, A (MOS)-Stp, A (LVN) S A Mos-Stp, A Tri-(VEN)
 F Nap-(ROM), F Adr-(APU), F Ion-(NAP), F Gre-(ION)

FRANCIAORSZAG: A Mar-(GAS), A Pie-(MAR)
 (John Marsden ur) F (STP-nc) Holds

NEMETORSZAG: F (BER) Holds, F (BAL) S F Ber, A (KIE) S F Ber, F Bel-(ENG)
 (Jack Fleming ur) A (FIN) S French F Stp(nc), A (BUR)-Mun, A (RUH) Unordered

OLASZORSZAG: F Wes-(SPA-sc), F Tys-(TUN)
 (Allen Pearson ur)

Austria-Hungary to Italy and France: If you help me win, you survive. If not, you know they'll eat you alive.

England to Austria-Hungary: So, you think you're in a position to actually DECIDE who you'll "accept" in a draw with you, me bucko? Guess again, oh bloated Austro-Hungarian! It's "all for one and one for all," just like the Musketeers. Jack will join you like the rest of us will--as part of a well-deserved defensive team. You actually think someone will believe your tripe about "returning Munich"? Then you can stab him for 2 centers and win the game, right? Where'd you get your strategic insight---K Mart?

Memphis to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha: The press continues on page 6



The Anglo-Austrian "Diplomacy Duel" For Europe's Heart And Soul Continues!

TURKISH EMPIRE IS LEFT LEADERLESS WHILE AUSTRIA CONSOLIDATES HOLD ON BALKANS!!!
 PRUSSIA FALLS TO RUSSIAN INVADERS AS GERMANS THWART ITALIAN GRAB OF MUNICH!!!
 PARIS AND LONDON CEASE CHANNEL STRUGGLE, EXPAND IN OTHER DIRECTIONS!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1901 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 1984 AH

§ GM: Herr Garmar L.
 Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1901

§ ZAT: Friday, August 24, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Gul

¶ GAME NOTES: Your 1901 Supply
 Centre Chart is on page 8 .

I hope that Dustin will be
 back but as insurance I'm asking
 James Woodson to Malmberg for
 Turkey. His address is:

PO Box 18645
 Corpus Christi, Texas 78418 USA

He has your addresses. Nelson,
 the official name for Germany's
 opening moves is: "Anschluss
 Silesia Variation".

Your cartoon is from an ad
 found in U.S. News And World
 Report! See y'all in August!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1901 §

ENGLAND: F Nth-(NWY), F Lon-(NTH)
 (Herr Pat Hart) A Wal-(YOR)

FRANKRIKE: F Bre-(MAO), A Spa-(POR)
 (Herr Dave Carter) A Gas-(SPA)

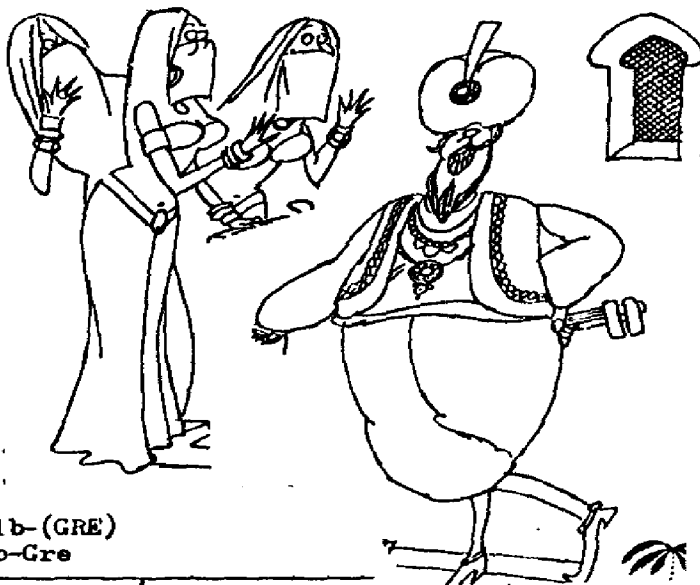
ITALIEN: A (TYO)-Mun, A Apu-(VEN)
 (Herr Ken Gestlehr) F Ion-(TUN)

RYSSLAND: F Bot-(BAL), A War-(PRU)
 (Fru Daf Langley) A Ukr-(WAR)
 F (HUM) Holds

TURKIET: NMR!! ☺☺☺ Has A (BUL) ☺
 (Herr Dustin Laurence???) ☺ A (SMY) ☺
 ☺☺ F (CON) ☺☺

TYSKLAND: F Den-(SWE), A Kie-(HOL)
 (Herr Nelson Heintzman) A (SIL)-Mun

ÖSTERRIKE-UNGERN: A Vie-(TRI), F Alb-(GRE)
 (Herr Mike Cannon) A (SER) S F Alb-Gre



Government "Affairs" Don't Seem To
 Be The Ones On The Sultan's Mind---
 --Is The Harem To Blame??

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Your 1901
 Supply Center Chart is on page 8 .

[ZURICH]- Another game of Diplomacy begins,
 and the question on everyone's lips is who will
 reign supreme. Can Dave Carter, the Crazy Canuck from Canada, win a game with
 Americans? Can 'Snake Eyes' Cannon slink to victory, or will death again be his
 destiny? Will Pat Hart meet with the same success, or lack thereof, as his
 Democratic namesake? Or will the nomadic Turk be forever doomed to be three days
 ahead of his mail? Is Pope Ken predestined for power or, as is the lot of so many
 Italians, puppetry? How many enemies will Der Führer manage to collect? And
 finally, can the Tsarina use her female charms to woo friends and allies, or is

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§ 1901 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ENGLAND:	NWY		Home	4	+1
FRANKRIKE:	SPA, POR		Home	5	+2
ITALIEN:	TUN		Home	4	+1
RYSSLAND:	RUM		Home	5	+1
TURKIET:	BUL		Home	4	+1
TYSKLAND:	HOL, SWE		Home	5	+2
OSTERRIKE-UNGERN:	SER, GRE		Home	5	+2
NEUTRAL:	BEL, DEN			2	
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the 'Femme Fatale' going to find things go sour for her, too. Europe waits with bated breath....

Berlin to London: Nous verrons ce que nous verrons.

Memphis to Berlin: I think Doris Day expressed that sentiment better with "Que Sera Sera"

London to GM: How can you let that foreign language press in here? What's next-- Yankee?

GM to London: It's either that or teaching pigs how to sing!

Rome to Gypsy Camp in Budapest: Don't try to teach the pigs to sing. You will only wind up frustrating yourself while annoying the pigs to no end.

London to Rome: What's on the menu?

Gondola Violinists In Venice to Vienna Composers: "Where's the beat?"

Kaiser to GM: Sure you gave me the right code? That doesn't refer to Germany, you know.

London to Paris: Nixon '84?

London to Constantinople: Dust in the wind?

Memphis to All: Questions, questions, questions... How about a statement?

London to World: Dunk Hanson and Byrne!

The Godfather to Archduke Kanonberg: That was quite a welcome you gave me last season. I can't recall reading a heartier one, except when the Queen of Hearts invited Alice to her kingdom!! (Now what did she say when they parted?)

Germany to Russia: Well, half a loaf is better than none, don't you think? And manna may yet rain from the heavens....

London to Munich and Moscow: Why don't you guys just kiss (don't look Steve) and make up?

Berlin to Italy: No, nein, nyet. or "No way, Jose!"

France to Germany: Oh, I wouldn't say "degenere superieur", it's more... "Humeur du gouthiere".

Germany to Board: Aller Anfang ist schwer.

Tyrolia to Berlin: Of course, I'm your friend; forever and ever...or until 50,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Berlin to Rome:

White (Italy)	Black (Germany)
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. KKn-B3	2. P-K3

Rome to London: Of course I'm right. Trzzrust meeee!! Heh! Heh! Heh!

London to Archduke Kanonberg: You? A benevolent monarch? We are not amused.

Kaiser Bill to Kaiser Frank: Ever since Gutenberg, or whomever, invented the printing press, the practice of writing advanced a thousandfold; pen or pencil and paper does wonders, too. Have you noticed?

Memphis to Germany: I think he has....

France to England: I think I liked negotiating with Chuffie-baby better. At least I had no problem keeping up with his letters.

France to England: You Heathen dog! How dare you move to the Channel!

London to Chuff: I think I sense why you really left.

Berlin to Constantinople: Don't trip now over those apron strings.

Memphis to Constantinople: And send in orders for next season!

Germany to GM: Golly gee whiz, I achieved the most "unique" opening of both (8) your new games. I wonder, does this mean I will thus achieve the most "unique" end?

Memphis to Germany And All: We'll just have to see, won't we? Sturm und Drang!!

**HAPSBURGS AND ROMANOVS ENGAGE IN FIERCE STRUGGLE OVER GALICIA AND RUMANIA!!!
THE KAISER AND HIS FRENCH ALLIES WIN NAVAL VICTORY IN THE NORTH SEA!!
ITALY ABSORBS TRIESTE AS TURKS ATTAIN BLACK SEA SUPREMACY!!!**

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1901 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

§ GM: Herr Garmar L.
Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Winter 1901

§ ZAT: Friday, August 17, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Grön

¶ GAME NOTES: I hope Tom will be back but just in case I'm calling on Rob Winslow to submit Malmberger orders for England. His address is:

62 Walzford Rd.
Rochester, New York 14622
(he has your addresses)

§ Dislodgements This Time:
England's Fleet North Sea.

Your SC chart is on page 10.
If the English fleet retreats to Norway, England may build one.

Your cartoon is from Punch.
In 1902, your game language will be Korean due to the ties!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1901 §

ENGLAND: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has F (NWG) ☹☹
(Herr Tom Mainardi???) ☹ A (EDI) ☹☹
☹ F (NTH)☹☹(r-Hel-Lon-Nwy-Ska-Yor-OTB) ☹

FRANKRIKE: F (ENG) S German F Den-Nth
(Herr Mark Frueh) A Pic-(BEL), A Spa-(POR)

ITALIEN: A Apu-(TUN), F (ION) C A Apu-Tun
(Herr John Schuler) A (TRI)-Ser

RYSSLAND: A (UKR)-Rum, F (SEV) S A Ukr-Rum
(Herr Matt Kazur) A (WAR)-Gal, F Bot-(SWE)

TURKIET: A (BUL)-Ser, A (ARM)-Sev
(Herr Jerry Lucas) F Ank-(BLA)

TYSKLAND: F Den-(NTH), A Kie-(DEN)
(Herr Jim Burgess) A Ruh-(HOL)

ÖSTERRIKE-UNGERN: F Alb-(GRE), A (VIE)-Gal
(Herr Mike Mills) A (SER)-Rum

Memphis to Iliad: Your 1901 SC chart is on page 10.

Berlin to London: I thought I'd head over for a visit. Are you home yet? Roll out the royal carpet, it looks like France is coming too.

Mark to Tom: Thanks for finally writing--because of that I didn't attack London. You're welcome.

Der Kanzler von Osterreich-Ungarn: Ach du lieber! What has happened out here! Beloved Italiano friends in Trieste. Perfidious Ruskie-types in Galicia for a short time, and Turks pouncing on Ruskies! Ach du lieber!

Memphis to Austria-Hungary: Maybe you'll find out on page 10!



The English People Hear Of Their Country's Naval Disaster And Its Leadership Crisis!

§ 1901 Supply Center Chart §

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ENGLAND:			Home	3	No Change(unless Norway retreat, then +1)
FRANKRIKE:	BEL, POR		Home	5	+2
ITALIEN:	TRI, TUN		Home	5	+2
RYSSLAND:	SWE		Home	5	+1
TURKIET:	BUL		Home	4	+1
TYSKLAND:	DEN, HOL		Home	5	+2
ÖSTERRIKE-UNGERN:	SER, GRE	7/1	Bud, Vie	4	+1
NEUTRAL:	NWY, RUM, SPA			3	
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Memphis to Iliad: And now a word to the wise.....

Mark to Watchers: There is more than one sleaze in this game. One much sleazier than I, in fact this man lives on it. Please expand on your story of the Dipdom Lord.

Memphis to Mark: Story, what story?

Germany to Turkey: Letter, what letter? Mainardi can't read, can he?

General MacGuire, 3rd Vienna Korp, 1st Armees, Vienna: Gentlemen, tomorrow we move on the vicious Slav of the North, Kazurinaki, also referred to as, "Peg-Leg". Unser Bruderen in the 12th Armees will force the point in Rumania, while the Grand Fleet quells the Greeks. The Italiano question should have been resolved by now, but let us all remember that he lives in a land far away and strange. Now, all victory to Der Fatherland, oh Der Vatterland. Hyvä iltaa ja kiitos paljon!

Memphis to General MacGuire: Well, you're another one!

Paris to London: So glad to hear from you...Though it had to be in the press. I certainly hope that these set of moves will not cause me to lose big bucks in the Utah Bourse...(fear and trembling). Maybe you didn't realize this was not gunboat, but of course you now know what happens to unwriters...they become unplayers...why not try some uncola? It doesn't have any caffeine to keep you awake at night.

Memphis to Paris: And speaking of being awake at night...

[GUERNEVILLE, CALIFORNIA]-(Turkey): The virgin fondled the little blue hat while she tried to remember how she had ended up in Guerneville. The sun had been up for two hours, but it was too early in the morning for vacationers to begin coming down to the beach where she had slept. The sound of a car crossing the Guerneville Bridge reminded her that she could soon be discovered, so she began putting on her clothes. She put the little blue hat in her purse and headed for the road that ran along the river.

There were not many cars yet on the road as she headed east toward Santa Rosa. The sprinklers were casting their morning greetings far over the vineyards that lined the road. The gaily of that sound reminded her of the sound of telephone poles that passed the car they were in last night. "So we came by car!" she thought, "I must have dozed off." It was a long drive from El Dorado where they had eaten (and over-drunk) to where she had ended up. She was puzzled. Her companions didn't usually abandon her.

She had met John at a Depression Glass Show in Folsom. He was not the usual sort that frequents those shows. Stocky and cocky; he was the type you'd expect to see at a beer bust or in a softball game, not the type to enjoy colored glassware shows. But he was enjoying it.

He could bargain with the best of them. She smiled as she remembered some of the lines he had used. One time he had asked a dealer whether she would take \$6 for an item that asked for \$4 on the label. The dealer's face had shown puzzlement when she examined the label and seen what he had done. John had then said, "I hate being rejected." The dealer ended up selling it to John for \$2.50. He was remarkable in what he could talk someone into.

The virgin stopped walking for a moment while she pondered that last thought.

Boob to Cow Farm: Dig..dig..dig. This approach can't miss. I'll sneak right up

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ROME, RAIDED BY AUSTRIANS, FALLS TO FRENCH FLEETS DESPITE POLISH SAUSAGES FROM RUSSIA!!! GERMANS ABANDON NORTH SEA TO CAPTURE BELGIUM!!! SULTAN'S NAVY PUSHES FRENCH OUT OF THE IONIAN SEA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1908 Ω



§ GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U

§ GM: Monsieur Gârœaux L. Coughlâniqué

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1908

§ ZAT: Friday, August 17, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Jaune

¶ GAME NOTES: I'm glad all the players came back, because the two Malabergers called did not Malaberg.

§ Dislodgements This Time: France's Fleet Ionian Sea and Italy's Army Rome. Remember dislodged units are not shown on the maps!

Two proposals: A concession to France and a concession to Italy. No vote received counts as a "yes"

Your cartoon this time is from Punch magazine.

With the new hours at work, I'm home til 2:30 PM and I return about midnight--Sunday to Thursday.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1908 §

ALLEMAGNE: F Nth-(BEL), F (HOL) S F Nth-Bel
(Monsieur Walter Loy) A (SIL) S A Boh-Mun
A Mun-(KIE), A Boh-(MUN), F Bot-(BAL)

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A Vie-(BOH), A (GAL)-S11
(Monsieur Russ Rusnak) A (VEN)-Rom
A Tri-(TYO); A Bud-(TRI)

FRANCE: F (ION)-Nap(r-Adr-Alb-Apu-Eas-Tun-OTB)
(Monsieur Bert Schoose) A (BUR)-Bel, A (MAR)-Bur
F Tus-(ROM), F (TYS) S F Tus-Rom, A (RUH)-Ber(Imp)
F Mao-(ENG), A Yor-(EDI), F Lon-(NTH)

ITALIE: A (ROM) S F Nap(r-Apu-OTB)
(Monsieur Jim Briggs) F (NAP) S A Rom

RUSSIE: A (LVN) S A War, A (MOS) S A War
(Monsieur Ed Jacobs) A (STP) S A Mos
A (WAR) S German A Sil-Gal(NSO)

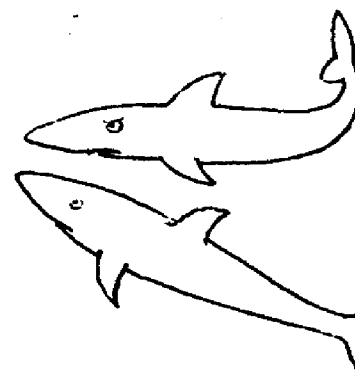
TURQUIE: A (UKR) S Austrian A Bud-Gal(NSO)
(Monsieur Marc Peters) A (SEV) S A Ukr
F Gre-(ION), F (AEG) S F Gre-Ion, F Con-(SMY)

Memphis to Rhino: Remember that if both Italy and France retreat their dislodged units to Apulia, both will be annihilated!

[ST. PETERSBURG]- Things are so boring here in the capital that there is absolutely no press. I don't see why the burden of entertainment in this game has fallen to me (even though I'm real good at it!). Perhaps it's because my position on the board has little opportunity and hence requires very little thought? Hmmm, I'll have to think about that.

Paris to Moscow: Are you hungry? How about a sandwich?

Memphis to Rhino: Your press continues on page 12.



"Oh God--not more Italian food..."

Italy Continues To Be Chewed Up
By Her Neighbors!

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Italy to Austria and Turkey: When I said I had but one country to give to our alliance, that is not what I meant!!!!

[ITALIAN NEWS WIRE]- In a recent interview with Giacomo Briggini, the Supreme Italian Commander, he stated: "Due to the recent peace overtures we have received from our French neighbors, we have called an end to the state of emergency brought on by the imminent invasion. Hopefully, our adversaries have called off the invasion, as promised. We are calling another state of emergency, however, brought about by the recent Austrian invasion of sacred Italian soil! After all we did to support them in their war with the Germans, this is how they repay us. Also, their lackey, the Turks, have invaded Italian possessions in Greece, while we were supporting their regime during its time of troubles. When treated this way by former allies, we have no recourse but to take immediate action! From this moment, economic sanctions are to be called against Austria and Turkey. No more pizza for the Poobah, no more Vino for Franz!

[ST. PETER'S SQUARE]- Pope James stated recently here: "Due to the breakdown of existing alliances, and the restructuring of new alliances now happening, we are unsure of whom to trust. We will do all in our power to preserve peace, but until the day that peace is secured, let us pray." It is rumored that he also whispered "for deliverance" after his speech.

Italy to France: I don't know whether to trust you or not, but I don't have much of a choice, so whatever you decide, I'll stand beside you.

Tunis to Turkey(s): It would be smart to behave yourself down under if you want to survive the duration.

Italy to Turkey: Marc, how could you! And after promising that it would never happen again, you beast!

Italy to Russia: Our culinary experts confirm that it was Polish Sausages we received. Maybe your "boiled dog penises" were accidentally loaded into the wrong crates, and sent to the front.

Italy to Russia: Thanks again for the war supplies. Those Torpedoes threatened the French into submission. Any ideas for the Austrians now?

Berlin to Paris: While the Germans naturally appreciate the French enthusiasm for the Kiel Olympics, and would not wish to discourage their participation, we do not think it is appropriate for so many Frenchmen to arrive early. After all, the Olympic Village has not yet been constructed. Besides, the backlog at Customs is delaying the processing of German visas to Belgium.

Italy to Germany: We regret to inform you that we cannot attend the Summer Olympics to be held in Kiel this year. Most of our best athletes were vacationing in Venice when the ignomious Austrians marched in and executed the lot. Rather than send a sub-standard team, the champions we have left are badly needed at the front.

[WANTED]- Toadymaster. Experienced toady in need of experienced toadymaster. Send resumes to: Giacomo Briggini, Rome.

Memphis to Italy: Shouldn't that be...Giacomo Briggini, Naples?!!

Memphis to Rhino: This is written later---both Turkeys submitted press so up first is Marc Peters...

Marc to Memphis: Sorry to disappoint you Gary, but I seldom indulge in obscene press. Let Jacobs have his fun. He hasn't a clue as to how to play Dip, so one can't help but feel sorry for the addle-pated incompetent. Let him take out his in the press; I'm content to share in the draws.

Marc to Jim: Sorry you had to be sold down the river. Perhaps it wasn't the best idea in the world to advertise in the press for new allies, and then not write to your current ones. Kinda makes an ally jumpy, you know?

Memphis to Rhino: Now for Malmberger Turkey press---I'd like to add that both the Malmbergers did submit orders but they arrived after the deadline. Take it away, Don...

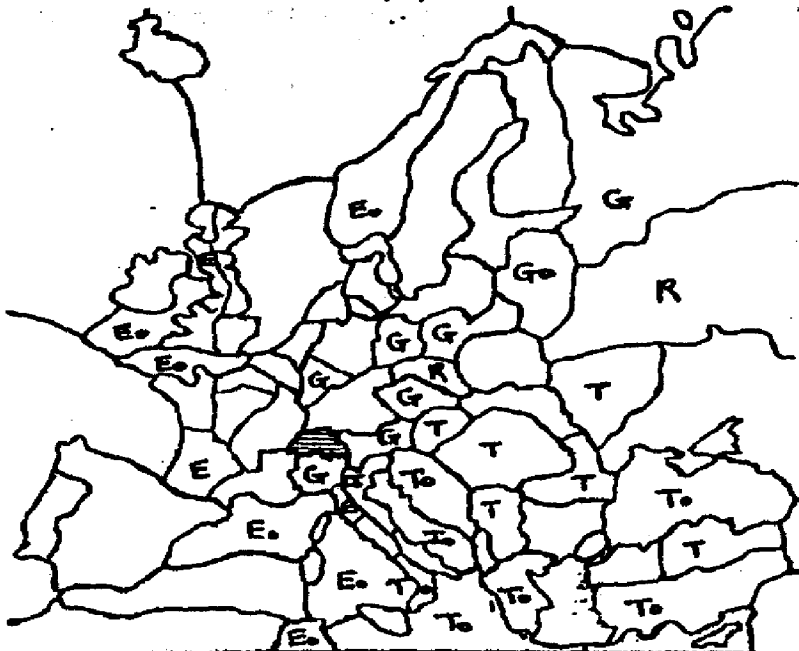
[ISTANBUL]-(AP)- The populace is still moderately bemused by the recent suicide of the Sultan. The local tabloids have published pictures of the funeral pyre onto which he threw himself, after first ingeniously binding his hands and feet and writing a farewell note naming Don Williams as his successor. Sultan Williams had previously been head of the K.G.B. (Konstantinople Good Government Bureau), and was responsible for Peters' treatment for undisclosed "mental aberrations" in the captured city of Gorki. Reluctantly acceding to the late Sultan's wishes, Mr. Williams took up the reins of power in a coronation disturbed only by his frequent trips to the executive washroom to remove the faint smell of kerosene that seemed to adhere to his person.

Memphis to Rhino: See y'all in August!

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RUSSIANS SALLY INTO SILESIA AS KAISER RE-ESTABLISHES HIS AUTHORITY OVER GERMANY!!!
 ITALIANS SAVE ROME BUT LOSE THEIR EASTERN EMPIRE TO THE SULTAN'S LEGIONS!!!
 ENGLISH AND TURKISH FLEETS ARE FACE-TO-FACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN!!!

Ⓜ POSITIONS IN WINTER 1907 Ⓜ



§ GAME: "House of Bourbon"
 1961 HK
 § CM: Effendi Garabdul a.L.
 Kofhflammed
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1908
 § ZAT: Friday, September 28, 1964
 § GAME COLOR: Mavi

¶ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Richard Gee for unused Malmberger orders! Last time, I mistakenly listed the seasons as 1906. It should have been 1907. Spring 1908 is your next season now.

§ Annihilations This Time:
 Italy's Army Trieste and Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea.

§ Dislodgments This Time:
 Italy's Army Budapest.

Your cartoon is from Steve Canyon.

Italy's orders this time were submitted by Matthias. I've not heard directly from Horst.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1907 §

ALMANYA: F Bot-(LVN), A (STP) S F Bot-Lvn
 (Effendi Sellick Davies) A (BOH) S A Tyo
 A (TYO) S A Boh, A Sil-(PRU), A Mun-(BER)
 A (PIE) S English A Tus(OTM), A Bur-(RUH)

INGILTRE: F Wes-(TYS), F (LYO) S F Wes-Tys
 (Effendi Fred Winter) F (TUN) S F Wes-Tys
 A (TUS)-Rom, A Bre-(GAS), A (LPL) Holds
 F (ENG) Holds, F (IRI) S F Eng-Mao(NSO)
 F (NWY) Holds

ITALYA: A (BUD) ~~XXX~~-Ser(r-Gal-OTB), A (VEN)-Rom
 (Effendi Matthias John) F (TYS) ~~xxx~~-Nap
 F Ion-(ADR), A (TRI) ~~xxx~~-Vie

RUSYA: A War-(SIL), A (MOS)-Stp
 (Effendi Dave Carter)

TURKIYE: F Alb-(TRI), A (VIE) S F Alb-Tri, A Ser-(BUD), A (RUM) S A Ser-Bud
 (Effendi Peter McDonald) F Eas-(ION), F (NAP) S F Eas-Ion, A Sev-(UKR)
 F (BLA) Holds, A Gre-(SER), F Aeg-(GRE)

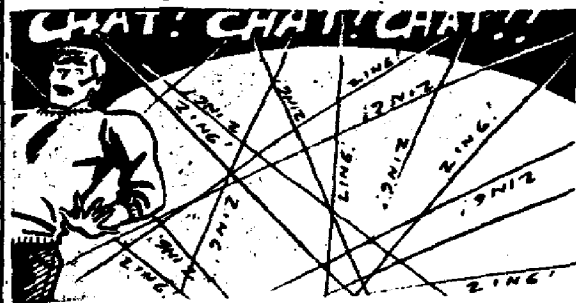
§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1907 §

ITALYA: Army Budapest retreats to Galicia

Memphis to House of Bourbon: Your Winter 1907 Supply Centre Chart is on page 14.
Germany to All: Sorry that my moves went astray. Am still in there. Just look for me!

Rome to the rest of Europe(the world): There is nothing fantastic about spaghetti, therefore leave Italy. Otherwise there will be some nice(!) people from Sicilia in front of your home waiting to fit some heavy shoes for you(betoniera or something like that).

Memphis to Rome: My Italian dictionary translates "betoniera" as "concrete mixer". Please don't have those "nice(!) people" give me "cement shoes"! (13)



Italy Is Under Fire From All Sides As Disasters Mount!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1907 §

ALMANYA:
(Effendi Sellick Davies)

Gains:
Loses:
Retains: Home, Den, Par, Stp, Bel, Mar
Status: No Change

INGILTERE:
(Effendi Fred Winter)

Gains: TUN
Loses:
Retains: Home, Bre, Nwy, Swe, Hol, Spa, Por
Status: +1 ---Build Declined (plays one short)

ITALYA:
(Effendi Matthias John)

Gains:
Loses: ~~Txl, Tyl, Pyl~~
Retains: Ven, Roa
Status: -1 ---Removes Army Galicia

RUSYA:
(Effendi Dave Carter)

Gains:
Loses:
Retains: Mos, War
Status: No Change

TURKIYE:
(Effendi Peter McDonald)

Gains: TRI, BUD
Loses:
Retains: Home, Sev, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Vie
Status: +2 ---Builds Fleet Smyrna, Army Ankara

§ TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPPLY CENTERS HELD IN WINTER 1907 §

Almanya: 8
Ingiltere: 10
Italya: 2
Rusya: 2
Turkiye: 12
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HOBBY-WIDE NEWS



§ FOLDING ZINES AND SUBZINES!....The next two months will see the folds of Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian's Coat of Arms and Mike Mills Embain Macha. Mike will be bringing EM into Europa Express as a subzine beginning in September and Woody is currently doing a subzine abusing French-speakers in Belgium's Mach die Spuhl...also folded is John Michalski's roving subzine, Mos Eislely Spaceport. John will still be in the hobby too--see his article on page 3 of this issue.

§ ZINE METAMORPHOSES...Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen have "retired" the name Irksome until their zine becomes full-fledged again. In the meantime, they are calling their publication Big Hits of Mid-America and it is a subzine in Marc Peters So I Lied. Also joining the SIL family is Tom Swider's Expletive Deleted, formerly a Coat of Arms subzine. You can catch all of this by sending stamps or money to Marc Peters, 29 E Wilson #202, Madison, Wisconsin 53703 USA.....Strange Doings, yet another COA subzine, finds its new home in Magus. SD is published by Mike Mazzer.....Je Maintiendrai from Holland has added a fourth publisher, Paul Michel, and its Diplomacy games are now run with maps....Ode from Briton John Maraden has switched to a digest format from open-page...Canada's Snafu! by Ron Brown is in the process of folding and is now available only to players and standbys.

§ NEW ZINES AND SUBZINES:.....Greg Ellis(700 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78701 USA) is beginning a new zine called Feuilletonist's Forum which will feature the game "Presidential Politics" and a letter column which especially seeks your political opinions with the first topic to be who you are supporting for President and why. Greg asks that you send him letters typed, preferably on legal-sized sheets for immediate publishing. His fees are \$5.00 for 20 issues.....Also in

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the Ellis zine will be a 4-week deadline Diplomacy game guest-GMed by Conrad Minshall. The game will be run with maps. For further details write to Conrad at: 3702 Tarragona Lane, Austin, Texas 78727 USA.... Jim Burgess is doing a subzine called The Boob Report in Terry Tallman's North Sealth West George. He is running a Diplomacy game by separate flier. This is your "chance" to play with the notorious Bernie Oaklyn. Write Jim at: 100 Holden St., 3rd left, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 USA.....

§ DON DEL GRANDE DEPARTMENT: Don Del Grande who pubs Life Of Monty is now offering Trivial Pursuit, in both its Genus and Baby Boomer editions. If you want to play it by mail, write Don at: 142 Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae, California 94904 USA.....LOM has a new subzine done by Dustin Laurence. It's called Space Viking. I like that name.

§ KANE-KON!...Eric Kane will be hosting KK II at his home and plans are being made to play Diplomacy, Civilization and other games. This "Kon" always goes to the beach on one of the days. Said to be coming this year are Ed Wrobel, Bruce Linsey, Ken Peel, Phil Dancause, Kevin Stone and the locals. Call or write Eric for info at: 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, New York 11024 USA... (516)-466-2361. The dates are August 10-12.

§ THE DAVE CARTER AWARD. ..for most sexist hobby member for the past year has been awarded to Steve Hutton, pubber of No Fixed Address. Judy Winsome, pubber of Winsome Losesome, chooses the "winner" based on nominations. Steve looks hard to beat for next year already!

§ THE DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD....for meritorious service to the Postal Diplomacy hobby for 1983 has been awarded to Lee Kendter, Sr, who is the Miller Number Custodian. Nominations are done by a committee and then the hobby votes on the final choice. Not to denigrate Lee, or the other fine nominees this year or the committee itself but I can't see how Kathy Byrne, the Boardman Number Custodian, could not have been nominated. Every BNC does a hard job for the hobby and Kathy has been especially good at being the BNC. *The BNC should be automatic.*

§ THE ROD WALKER AWARD....for outstanding literary accomplishment in the Diplomacy hobby in 1983 was won by Mark Berch, pubber of Diplomacy Digest, for his "The Sleaziest Player of All Time: Shep Rose." Two of the 4 committee members did not submit any nominations and I, unfortunately, was one of those. I also did not "screen" the final list before it was submitted to a hobby-wide vote. Had I submitted nominations I would have certainly have nominated Steve Hutton and Don Del Grande. More committee members have been added for next year's award so future nomination lists won't be top-heavy with articles written in Diplomacy World. DW is a fine publication and Mark Berch is a worthy winner, but no one publication in our hobby can possibly claim that 5 of the best 7 or 8 articles written in the hobby today grace its pages. No zine has that hegemony. This is a good award--let's all support it!

§ EE has a new European trade and it's British! I think the British tend to be very insular so I'm always happy when one of their editors (the Brits do not say "pubber") seeks foreign trades. Derek Caws sent me issue 18 of his War and Peace. Derek has editorials, hobby news, con reports, articles and a letter column. Also Dip games and non-Dip games as well as a Swedish guest GM who will be offering international games with 5-week deadlines. (See page 39). Derek's address is: 94, Mill Hill Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, U.K. PO31 7EQ.

§ Speaking of foreign zines, don't forget about the INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE. And AVOID troublesome money conversions. For a small service fee (like 10-20 cents out of say \$5.00), you can get either North American or British zines by sending money in either American dollars or British pounds to: Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Lane, Apt. 103, Reston, Virginia 22091 USA or Doug Rowling, 194 Hawkhead Rd., Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland PA2 7B5 UNITED KINGDOM. Steve gets American dollars and Doug takes British pounds. See some of the foreign zines that you've only heard about... \$5.00 or a couple of pounds is a small amount.

Remember this is for subscriptions not to just get a sample {((Pete's address on page 3!))}

§ If you are a publisher with the "qualifying data", you can join the "Hobby Small-Fry Protection League". For more details, write "Generalissimo" P.J. Gaughan! (15)



By Robyn Finley, 1466 Bonair Rd., #71, Vista CA 92083, USA. Oh to be young and feel as if you are the center of the universe! Then you grow up and realize that there are no hidden cameras filming your life. Your room is not wired for soundtrack and it finally hits you that you're just an Ordinary Person after all!

One Track Mind

We were somewhere in Sudan. If the train hadn't broken down twice, we would have already been to Khartoom. The Sudanese seemed to be taking it in stride, as if engine failure was part of the routine. Perhaps it was. Three days of dust, heat and wall to wall bodies was beginning to wear on us though. When the train finally started to move again, the black-cloaked women started to squeal like bats.

"Shut up over there!" Dave yelled as he jammed his fingers in his ears and pulled his cap over his eyes. He'd fared poorly trying to sleep on the roof of the train the night before. I was hoping this would cure him of riding fourth class for awhile.

The bone-hard benches were crammed with white-robed men who kept snorting and spitting on the floor and their black-cloaked women, silent, save for their occasional outbursts. The heat was an odious giant, with fingers probing our eyes, nostrils, throats. I coughed and made for the door.

The boarding platform was empty so I plunked myself down in the shade of the steps and gazed at the flat, sandy land, wishing for Omar Sharif to ride by. Ahead, a white-robed figure appeared on a camel herding four baby camels. The boy whistled and cracked his whip, changing direction to keep pace with the train. He stared at me, smiled and continued to whip his camels. Showing off, I guess. As I waved, he shouted something I didn't understand and pointed ahead. He repeated the gesture then turned his small herd around and was gone.

The coolness of the porch helped soothe my dragging spirit. I didn't know how many more days of tomato and pita sandwiches I could take. It was only two months since we had left California, yet it seemed like a year. I missed my family, sleeping in a real bed, my car, my stereo and all the other things my 18 year old materialistic self was used to. Here the only evidence of my identity was my passport, back pack and travelling companion. I felt as if I was a character in a book where anything could happen.

Most of all I missed my guitar, so I began to sing any song I could remember. I was feeling pretty good when I felt a hand on my shoulder.

Twisting around, I saw a very fat Arab peering down at me.

"Come!" He urged. The whiteness of his robe made me squint. It looked too clean for three days of travel. He must have boarded at the last stop and wandered down from first class.

Did this guy think I was stupid or what? I'd had my share of "admirers" in Cairo and wasn't about to follow this guy anywhere.

"Come! Come!" He kept tugging on my arm and pointing to the door. With some anguish, he rattled on in Arabic and looked hurt. I ignored him and went back to my singing.

He bounded through the door only to return a minute later with a dark man in uniform who said,

"Miss, it is forbidden to sit here. You must go inside at once."

Oh no, it's a conspiracy. They're a team! Any second they're going to drag me off and---

"But I'm just sitting here. I'm not hurting anyone!" Even as I spoke, they each grabbed an arm, pulled me to my feet and marched me to the door. Hair rose on my neck as I felt their breathing and heard the door slam behind us. I was just about to scream when the train hit a jump in the tracks and we were thrown to the floor.

I sat up, dazed. If I had still been on the platform...

The fat Arab rolled his eyes and wiped his brow. I smiled at the man who had just saved my life.

A few of you out there have been brave enough to send me your embarrassing stories and I can't keep them to myself any longer. I hope the world of EE will enjoy them as much as I do!

This month we will hear from an intimate friend of Judy Winsome's Jerry Lucas. Take it away, Jerry:

This took place during my Freshman year at Cal. I was a mediocre swimmer in high school, and was trying to make the Cal Swim Team. The swim team locker room at Cal is in Harmon Gym on the floor that is on the same level as the street. The swimming pool is one floor below. To get there from the swim team locker room, you go down some stairs to the football team locker room, then pass through the showers to the pool. Just before you enter the pool, you pick up a suit and towel. There are two gyms on campus, the women have a gym of their own.

One rainy Saturday, I went to the gym to work out. I undressed in the locker room and went down the stairs to get to the pool. The door between the football locker room and the showers was locked. The team was at an away game that Saturday, so the locker room wasn't being used. I couldn't find a way to the showers at that level, so I decided to try again upstairs. I was in my birthday suit, remember, because the suits are handed out just before you get to the pool.

I went upstairs and exited the swim team locker room into the hallway. This is the hallway that surrounds the basketball court. I knew that on Saturday the administrative offices that I would have to pass by would be closed, so I didn't worry about my appearance. As I was padding down the hall, someone in a rain coat rounded the corner coming toward me. The person was about 100 feet away and the hallway was dim because of the dark weather outside. I continued walking and so did the stranger. As I got closer I began to worry about the gender of this person coming toward me. Suddenly, everything seemed to come clear to me, I turned and beat feet to the locker room again.

I could swear that the last thing I saw was a smile on her face. I must have made a pretty sight running back down the hall.*****

If you have any "red in the face" stories you'd like to share, please send them to me, Robyn Finley. Bye!

No, it isn't all over now, Baby Blue, since this is

I have always wondered why the Belgians, who are so civilised and have been able to borrow the best from so many countries and bowling from the States, still remain dramatically ignorant about the most noticeable masterpiece ever invented north of the Tehuantepec isthmus, I mean CHILI CON CARNE.

Fortunately, and thanks to Scott HANSON of Minnesota (a State discovered by the Belgians, by the way...), there is now at least one Brusseler (me, not to mention him) who will be able to delight his friends with such delicacies as "Rio Grande Chili" or "Chili Corpus Christi". Yes, Scott well deserved having his own subzine in this subzine...

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FRAUKE'S KUCHE, a sub-subzine by Scott HANSON:

Minnesota-Style Chili: Take 1 clove garlic, mashed; 1 tsp salt; 1 cup chopped onions; 2 tbsp cooking oil; 1 pound ground beef; 1 tbsp flour; 1/8 tsp pepper; 2 tbsp chili powder; 1 tsp oregano; 1 15-ounce can kidney beans; 1 5-ounce can tomato paste; 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce; 1 cup water.

Combine garlic with salt. Sauté onion in oil for 5 minutes. Add garlic, salt, and ground beef. Cook 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour. Serves four.

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Now, Scott also sent me the recipe for an Australian variant of chili, with kangaroo meat, and I told myself that, if the Aussies had been able to invent such a variant, the civilised Belgians could at least do as well. I thus worked in my lab for some hours, and here is the result of my experiments, the exclusive recipe for

Atomium Chili: Take 1 cup chopped onions; 6 tbsp olive oil; 1 pound ground beef; 1 tsp salt; 1 15-ounce can peeled tomatoes; 1 clove garlic, mashed; 6 tbsp tomato paste; 3 tsp pili-pili powder (pili-pili is the Zairean variety of chili); 2 tbsp harissa paste (harissa is a North-African chili paste); 1 8-ounce can red kidney beans; 2 tsp "herbes de Provence" (a mixture of thyme, sage and oregano); 1 cup water.

Sauté onion in 2 tbsp olive oil for 5 minutes. Fry beef (salted) in 4 tbsp olive oil for 5 minutes. Add beef to onion. Add garlic, peeled tomatoes, tomato paste, pili-pili, harissa and herbes de Provence. Let simmer (covered) for 1/2 hour, stirring frequently. Add beans and water if needed. Let simmer for a further 1/2 hour, stirring occasionally.

Who said that America doesn't need Europe any longer?



Why are the French nicknamed "froggies" by the Anglo-Saxons? I mean, of course they eat frog legs, but the Chinese eat rotten eggs, and racists call them "Chinks", not "Eggheads"... The Pappos eat caterpillars, but nobody pretends they are bulldozers... And as we're discussing about disgusting food, I may tell you I've never spotted any "Ketchups go home!" on a Brussels wall. Of course, in the 18th and 19th centuries, we called the English "rosbifs" (roastbeefs), but this was more a tribute to their red-brick carnation than to their culinary abilities.

Yes, I do know. Frogs and snails, according to our cultural stereotypes, are sticky animals all covered with mucus (in fact, frogs are neither sticky nor covered with mucus since they are not toads). But it takes only one beef tongue to produce as much mucus as a whole colony of French snails, and the English eat beef tongue, don't they? Gastric juices are certainly not the best appetizer, but haggis is a British recipe, isn't it? So what? Which food is really gluey, okra pods or frog legs?

It must be said to the credit of the French cooks (and to the credit of Turkish and Chinese cooks too) that, even in the times of horrid starvation, they always tried to accomodate what was left by mother Nature to make great dishes out of it. If one admits that "culture" is all what men have invented to counter "nature", but nobody is forced to share this opinion, then the French and the Chinese are certainly among the most sophisticated - if not civilised - people of this world.

But it's time, now, to turn back to our programme of "one Diplomacy board province - one recipe". Portugal will be in focus this time, but not with the ubiquitous "caldeirada". I've chosen to give you the recipe of "pregos", which I learnt in the small Angolese village of Noqui when I still was a "colonialist fascist bastard".

PREGOS: 1 beef fillet; "petits pains" (like your hamburger buns, but crusty); 1 bottle of "vinho verde" (Portuguese young white wine); 3 garlic cloves, sliced; 3 tsp pili-pili (the Zairean chili, hou là là!); salt; butter.

Cut the fillet into very thin slices. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and let some beef slices fry in it. Add pili-pili, salt and some garlic slices. After 2 or 3 minutes, add white wine (6 tbsp for instance) to the sauce, and let boil for a further 30 seconds. Cut the "petits pains" in two and dip the cut sides in the sauce. Garnish the "petits pains" with beef slices and eat with your fingers. Repeat until there's no fillet left or your guests are fed up. It's much better than a Big Mac...

BE A MIAMBURGLAR: Send your best recipes to Michel LIESNARD, Rue Albert de Latour 59 (Bte 10), B-1030, Brussels, BELGIUM, and become a praised member of this club which already counts Robyn FINLEY, Scott HANSON and Mike MAZZER among its members!

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MICHEL LIESNARD'S WORLD'S GREATEST CULINARY QUIZ

Let's be serious right now, lest we couldn't keep this attitude for the whole duration of the quiz (it's 38° C outside and 17° in my glass). The one who will send me the largest number of good answers to this questionnaire (don't worry about the ethymology of "quiz", it's French with an Anglo-Saxon accent) will get an Asterix comics book in English. If he is Kathy BYRNE, Phyllis BYRNE, Frauke GERWOMAN or Robyn FINLEY, he'll also get a French kiss. 17° and time to start...

- 1) The Romans' most favourite seasoning (on nightingale tongues or roasted sow vaginas, for instance) was made of fermented fish intestines (and they laugh at our snails!). It was also known as lucullum/garum/petibonum.
- 2) By the way, fermented fish intestines still remain the obliged seasoning of the cuisine of one country. Sri Lanka? Tanzania? Viet Nam?
- 3) If everybody who is well-informed doesn't call the Grenade a "banana republic" since the economy of that Carribean island is based on the nutmeg, there still remain people who do not know on what the economy of Zanzibar is based. Is it on pepper? On cloves? On vanilla?
- 4) Which vegetable is called "gnaoui" in Tunisia, "calalou" in the Martinique, "lalo" in Mauritius and "ibisco" in Italy?
- 5) Which animal is used by the North Africans as a spice?
- 6) It's called "fufu" in Senegal, "futu" in the Ivory Coast, "moambe" in Zaire. But what is it made of?
- 7) What is a "pavé de Charolais" (Charolais paving stone)?
- 8) Which Belgian cheese is named after a battle which opposed the Canadians to the Germans?
- 9) The great Dutch market for gouda cheese is in Amsterdam/Delft/Alkmaar?
- 10) The Chinese don't eat cheese. They call it "rotten milk". But with what do they make their "teeu-fu", then?

It's up to you now. Send your commented answers to beautiful me (Michel LIESNARD, Rue Albert de Latour 59 (Bte 10), B-1030, Brussels, BELGIUM). Kathy, Phil, Frauke and Robyn. I'd appreciate it if you didn't eat garlic the day before...



THE BEHOLDER #21

July

This is the 3 ~~2~~ 1984 issue of The Beholder, a subzine devoted to whatever happens to cross my demented mind as I write, and edited by John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA 98628.

I'm a hearing from Rod Walker (over the phone; call him sometime, he's a trip to talk to) that next year's DipCon will be held in Seattle. If so, it'll be the first con I've ever gone to. Terry Tallman seems to be the one setting it up.

You put what on watermelon in Dixie? Salt? I may vomit. Of course, gastric traditions differ from place to place. They eat snails in France (and don't seem the worse for it) and raw fish in Japan (and are outstripping us by miles in industrial production). I don't know of anyone who puts sugar on tomatoes. Tomatoes are another thing I can't stand, though, so I wouldn't eat the damned things no matter what was on them.

Good thing MASS MURDERS is finally done with. Frankly, I thought it was a waste of space.

I don't seriously think there will ever be a hobby tax. All taxation has been voluntary (to Novice packets, the Boardman Number Janitor, etc.) in the past, and this shows no signs of impending failure. PDO sounds like it's doing a good thing to me, and I might have known that if a problem was to start with it, it's bound to be created in Brooklyn.

Now that I'm back in Klickitat for the summer I have to work for a living. Sitting up atop the stacker, pushing buttons, doesn't sound too tough, right? Well, it takes more intelligence than, say, delivering mail late. Gary, please use this space for your rebuttal: ((Oh, I don't know John....Some people even get

their mail twice..)) Actually it's a difficult job. If you don't push the right button at the right time, the machine malfunctions. Break the machine and they fire your ass. Just what the boss's kid needs.

EE #35 was welcome in that it contained no anti-nuclear/pro-nuclear discussion. What was strange about it is that I got two copies, at the same time. Why did you do this, Gary? A second EE doesn't do me very much good.

Bernard Tretick is known for doing odd things. Someday he will publish again, under yet another pseudonym, and there'll be another controversy. I predict that 1/3 of the hobby will call for his head, 1/3 will defend him passionately, and the remaining third will laugh uproariously at both sides.

The Spanish-speaking countries all have their own dialects, too...Spain has several, and Mexican Spanish differs from Spanish Spanish (that is, Castilian, the major dialect) and Argentinian Spanish about the way British English differs from American English. American children (when they bother to take a language) generally learn Mexican in high school and Castellano in college, confusing them completely...I happen to think Mexican sounds better, so I always use it (I don't know Argentinian, which has traces of Italian (of all things...)).

No, I'd never even heard of anything called pronto pups...and Gary, that's Shadrach. "Shadrack" looks like shad rack, which would mean a placé to stack fish. Everything perishable up here is labeled with a spoilage date, and in Seattle the population is probably only 2% black but maybe 15-20% Asian. We also get a lot of hosers from Vancouver, who come down and are depressed because our beer isn't as good and the exchange rate burns them. Bad day, eh?

Until next time....

John

((The Beholder continues its dangerous game with the margins!!!!

If you can read the left hand side and the right hand side of

The Beholder, give a hearty round of applause to those miracle workers at Paulsen Printing!!!))

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THE LETTER COLUMN!



This should be a large letter column this time but we'll just have to wait and see if good intentions translate into concrete actions. Paul Rauterberg never did send in a response to y'all's guesses about his picture in EE #34 so we'll move directly into the guesses for the couple in this picture to the left which has appeared in the last two EEs. Sooo....

Alexander D.M. Kakuschke(West Germany): "I destroyed my stupid computer after it failed to guess Paul Rauterberg."

Jim Finley(California, USA): "A two-for-one, oh boy. These are obviously very serious, stuffy people...ever since Rocky and Bullwinkle retired these guys have been auditioning for their jobs, but no luck yet...the best they can get is an offer to hang around on Fantasy Island and say "De plane, de plane."

They play a light-hearted, why-not game. They sometimes ally but frequently get mixed up on their plans, and end up fighting. Michael Jackson fans? They'd probably point out to him that if he connected his gloves with a piece of elastic running up one coat sleeve and down the other, he wouldn't always be losing one of them. The fellow with the gap in his teeth idolizes Terry Thomas, and the woman is a big fan of Marlo Thomas, Terry's daughter--she practices wearing her glasses on top of her head in the mirror.

These look like good folks to invite to a game--they'll bring some beer and munchies, have a good time and liven things up, and in general keep everything going well. If they live anywhere near here they're invited next time we have a game. Be sure and bring your party clothes, there."

Don Del Grande(California, USA): "The latest picture contest seems easy enough--it must be the latest one, since I haven't seen any of the future ones and the past ones have already been answered. Anyway, the poster appears to be for "Games Day", something that's supposedly popular in Great Britain. The costume befits one of those role-playing types...I'll say Pete and Kathryn Tamlyn. Howzaboutthat?"

Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "You want me to guess who the guy in the clown suit is? I certainly hope that that picture was taken on Halloween; I'd hate to think that the hobby(sorry John, Dipdom) is populated by such obvious clowns..... ..Surprisingly, the woman looks reasonably normal. The big question is, was she paid to pose or not? Having said all that, I'm supposed to actually name somebody? Okay, how about Joan Extrom and Ken Corbin?"

Judy Winsome(California, USA): "This is the easiest photo contest yet. That uniform the guy is wearing gives it away. Obviously he is a Marine so this is Robyn and Jim Finley. Robyn is the one without the hat. What? You tell me Robyn has graced these pages before and this is not her? Well, what other Marines are there in the hobby? You say that's not a Marine uniform? You sure could have fooled me. Oh yeah, that's right, Marines don't wear glasses. So what uniform is that? I feel like a fool. What do you think she must feel like? She has great composure and appears not to be bothered by his attentions, in fact, the corners of her eyes even show she is delighted by his behaviour. The centers of her eyes show she may be delighted by the photographer. She must be American because she has her bowling shirt on and Europeans aren't in to that yet. The gap between his front teeth tell me he's from the Midwest, probably Ohio. He's probably a dental technician and she's the dentist. Yeah, that's it, and he wears that uniform to entertain the kids who come in. Yeah, and her lover is taking the picture. That explains everything. My guess is she is Betty Daly."

Kathy Byrne(New York, USA): "It didn't take much to realize who this poor suffering female with the jackass for a husband is! Actually he is not really a jackass but a horse, a talking horse--Mr. Ed and the poor Maggie!

The picture in the background tells a lot about Mr. Ed--it shows why his poor daughter, Edwina had to run away from home. She had no choice as her father is a pervert! Sad but true, when the Cubans pulled out of the Olympics, he threw a tantrum. He claimed Edwina was responsible for Castro pulling out--so the poor girl once again suffered a beating.

As for poor Maggie, her smile is a good attempt at pretending she is happy! It was either that or suffer the wrath of Mr. Ed. He threatened to beat her everyday for a week if she didn't smile and say cheese. Maggie only did it for

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YOU COULD
BE RIGHT--



PICTURE GUESSING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

"Edwina's brother or sister which is due anyway! It is definitely the very disturbed Mr. Wrobel and Maggie!"

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "The couple in the new picture contest is Frauke and Scott---didn't you show me the picture right here or did I see it in Irksome?"

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "The picture contest(I can't resist when there's a lady pictured): come on, Frauke and Scott, you can't fool me! See what it has done to your brains, eating hamburgers every day, Scott? See what it has done to your beautiful mannequin

silhouette, Frauke? (if the lady really pictured doesn't hate me after this...). In reality, I wonder if the right answer to this contest doesn't lay somewhere on page 3...The Bumpas Clan? Terry Tallman and Samantha on his lap? Definitely, I vote for the "Bonne Passe" tribe, and may all the gods (including Terry) of the universe protect me from Linda's wrath!"

John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "Why, Gary, what a nice gesture! Running a shot of Dick Martin and Julie Glass right here in EE..."

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "In the picture contest, I'd guess that the man is a slave to the woman. It's obvious that after having his mind controlled for so long, the man has completely gone crazy(thus his outfit). He wears glasses just to please her, since she must. She has a winning smile, unperturbed at the Russian withdrawal from the Olympics, capable of winning anyone as an ally. Her lacky writes her stab orders though, as she isn't emotionally capable of stabbing anyone, and thus, with honesty, she writes, "I've never stabbed anyone." The reason they're smiling? Why it's clear, the picture they're looking at is even more sensuous than the one behind them. I guess it's Joan Extrom and Ken Corbin. That's what my computer said."

Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "There aren't too many male-female pairs out there in Dipdom, so guessing these two shouldn't be too hard. John and Kathy perhaps? No, New Yorkers never smile, and John doesn't have all his teeth from defending Kathy's honor in too many biker bar brawls, not John and Kathy. Eric and Cathy? Nope, Eric is an elf, not a (leering) dwarf, and Cathy is a preppy-Val not a whatever-this-girl-in-the-picture is, naw, not Eric and Cathy. Dick and Julie? No, no, no, for obvious reasons. Scott and Frauke? Possibly, but I hear Frauke prefers to have Scott as a sex slave, not sex jester(although, with Scott, the latter may be at least as close to the truth as the former). Not Scott and Frauke. By process of elimination, I believe the pair to be Marc and Debi Peters.

This explains that hideous costume he has on, since everyone knows all Madlads are clowns. His mischievous eyes and devilish grin are just what I'd expect from someone who has spent the entire time span of 1984 G repaying my good faith and good will with lies, stabs, and deceptions. These two enjoy the psuedosexual thrill of stabbing. Oh yes, both these individuals are faithful readers of The Star and The Enquirer because they want to know the latest scam of Boy George and Michael Jackson, and they believe in Jane Dixon's predictions."

Ken Peel(Maryland, USA): "Of course I know who your victim this month is. The biggest fool of them all, of course. Did you know that Ed "Who me, feud?" Wrobel and Maggie Loebach are new first time parents? Eric Loebach Wrobel was born last Monday(May 21) at 3:something in the morning. Oh, back to the pic, it is April Fools' weekend, 1983, and one of Ed's early Dip games in the early months of Politesse. Before WARTHOG...And before Dipdom stumbled across my little postal World Dip group(or was it the other way around?), leading me to sink to such depths as using the office computer to put out the sexiest new non-subzine of them all. Notice how I subtly keep turning the topic of conversation to my own activities? Must be latent insecurity, in the presence of true postal stars."

Nelson Heintzman(New York, USA): "Well, looking at the faces of this couple, I would guess that they are not, repeat, not, avid Diplomacy players. They seem to lack the ravished and jaded features of the average Dip players. Instead, a certain zany and frivolous innocence characterizes the male's face, while the lady's appearance holds that attractive blend of cuteness, intelligence and resourcefulness which allows her to participate in the hobby with a certain amount of amused detachment. I would hazard a guess it is Joan Extrom and Ken Corbin. And, if I'm wrong, what do I know anyway, eh?"

Joan Extrom(Oregon, USA): "Who of the many famous Diplomacy couples could this be? These are red-blooded all-American people. It's not Caruso and Byrne, or Gunning and ((Continued on page 24)) (23)

"Ozog, or Martin and Martin. How about a wild guess--Porter and Linda Wightman?"

□ I was really surprised at the many different guesses--a few years ago, people would have instantly (and only) thought immediately of John Caruso and Kathy Byrne. This time we had 10 different couples mentioned. But it can only be one couple, after all, and this couple is....Virginia's own....Ed Wrobel and his wife Maggie Loebach! Ed does the zine Politesse and Maggie does a subzine there called Maggie's Zine. Ed is also the mover and shaker behind WARTHOG (Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly Organized Gamesters) which has regular games for Maryland and Virginia players although I don't know if Ed still dresses up like this for them!

I think Ed works for the government having some connection to Social Security based his letters to Kathy's Kornor on that subject. Maggie reminds me strongly of my cousin, Danette, who plays the violin and I wonder if Maggie is musically inclined. I guess we'll find out when they respond to your guesses!

Oh, Michel says that "Bonne Passe" means "Good Foot" in French and is the word that "Bumpas" derived from, Jim. I thought it interesting that both John Pack and Alexander Kakuschke both mentioned getting their guesses from their computer. The newest picture contest and details on it is on page 6.

How youse guys doin'? Actually, I don't really care how youse guys are doing, I just want to see if Rob Winslow REALLY reads this piece of trash. Tell me it ain't so, Rob!

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Rob Winslow(New York, USA): "Love them Shipwrecks, uh, Showboats! How 'bout y'all down thah in Memphisdown?"

The "Gary G." sounds really disgusting. Sounds like the punch we used to make at our fraternity parties, tasted like hell, but used to get the young ladies real horny (or at least render them helpless, heh-heh). Do you have any good mint julep recipes?

Getting back to sports, I hope that the Soviets boycott the LA Olympics this summer [This letter was written April 23, 1984]. Since the IOC has politicized the Olympics to such an extent, there's no reason to invite the nation that has given psychiatric hospitals a new meaning. If South Africa is denied admittance due to apartheid, the Soviets and their kind should also be denied. I certainly don't endorse apartheid (I abhor it), but isn't there a form of apartheid in the USSR between the Communist Party members and the rest of the country? The only reason to let the Soviets come would be to kick their asses in basketball. I hope you enjoyed the Olympic cartoon I enclosed.

Anyway, keep up the mediocre work (just kidding about mediocre, but I couldn't end this letter like everybody else does) with EE."

□ Sure you could, try it next time, ha ha! Rob's cartoon won't reproduce here because it was in color but it was a Soviet athlete chained with a ball and chain and the ball was held by a KGB agent. The caption read: "Our Olympic team is training constantly for Los Angeles." The Showboats did very well for a first season team, let's drop the subject okay! The Soviets are so powerful that they cannot be regarded, with impunity, as a "pariah nation". It's much easier to assign that status to relatively weaker nations like South Africa, Israel and Taiwan. There is definitely a double standard.

Rob was the author of "How To Recognize A European (Through American Eyes) or Is "Useless" a Stringent Enough Word?" in EE #34. That article definitely drew some responses.....

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Jan Feringa(The Netherlands): "I do not agree with Rob Winslow. I'll try to explain why. The most idiotic remark in his article is: "We have fought your wars for you (Vietnam)". The man 's suggesting the American involvement in Southeast Asia was caused by pity for the poor French! The only reason the Americans got involved is that they couldn't wait to fight with the communists over there. The problems of the French created a golden opportunity to interfere. To convince the home front the Tonkin-Incident was set up. That the people of South Vietnam didn't like the corrupt Thieu regime seemed to be of no importance to the US Government. This phenomenon is characteristic for American foreign policy in my eyes (South Africa, Chile, El Salvador, Turkey etc.)

Half of Europe is owned or controlled by the USA. It seems the USA got a

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"Why doesn't anyone believe we want peace in Central America?"

To page 8 ((of EE #34)): our newspapers criticize those who deserve criticism. The Soviet Union and our own government aren't spared. Take a Dutch newspaper, preferably the "NRC Handelsblad" (the best newspaper I've seen in the whole of Europe) and try to read it. Pay attention to the large section "foreign news" and see who's whipped.

I do not understand when you say: "We of all people." Here it shows that you are wrapped up by American newspapers, magazines and television. Think of all the evil deeds the USA has perpetrated since World War II.

Not convinced? Let's try another approach: a comparison of the system in Germany in --let's say-- 1935 and the system in the USA in 1984:

(1) A strong leader with too much competences [This is Jan's word and since I only think it's meant in the sense of "power", I'll print his exact word]. True for Hitler-Germany and the same counts for the USA. No president (however bad he was) has ever been sacked by the Congress. The Congress makes a lot of noise, but its power is far too limited.

(2) The position of the minorities: women (not a true minority but comparable qua position), non-whites, homosexuals. According to the Nazis, women belonged in the kitchen. Notwithstanding Women's Lib, the position of 'the American woman' still isn't enviable. Any women in high positions in the US Government or in Wall Street? [This letter was written May 30, 1984].

I suppose I won't have to go on into the non-whites. You live in the South of the USA, so judge yourself. I suppose you know everything about the attitude of the Nazis towards negroes and gypsies.

The Nazis put homosexuals in a concentration camp; the USA does not allow them to visit the country. A slight difference, I must admit, but in both cases homosexuals are treated as lesser beings.

(3) The shape of democracy. Hitler got 99% of the votes in those days, but those elections weren't what you call "free." Voters were intimidated, competitors were killed or forbidden. Let's have a look at the American democracy.

Is it possible to become a senator or the President without vast amounts of money? No is the answer. Where do you get these amounts? From rich people and rich organizations. Will these rich support someone who vindicates the rights of the poor, the non-whites, the women? Never!

A guy like Jesse Jackson will never get a fair chance. He serves as a proof of the benefits of the American democracy while he actually is proving that the system isn't fair at all. Elections are controlled by the middle-class and the upper-class. The lower-class lacks the means to influence the elections properly.

(4) The conviction that communism is the cause of all evil. The Nazis were convinced of this, although the Jews got their share too. Perhaps the point of view of the American administration towards communism is a bit more shaded, but only marginally. I saw a speech by Ronald Reagan about Central America on TV a few weeks ago. He didn't mention the hunger, the illiteracy, the death squads, the large landowners. He did mention the word communism. 23 times he did. It's clear why he's interested in Central America. Not out of consideration for the people in those countries. The man is obsessed with hatred towards communism. The creep.

(5) The conviction that the Bible justifies the behaviour of the administration. The Nazis always claimed to act in the spirit of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church

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"fair reward for its efforts in World War II."

After that war, the USA had a huge amount of credit in Europe. Bit by bit, the credit crumbled off--McCarthy, Vietnam, all the CIA-triggered contrarevolutions, all the fascist regimes that were supported openly by the USA. You can't say that the USA took good care of its public relations.

Western Europe likes to be loyal, but you keep slapping us in our faces with unexpected disappointments. The pitcher goes so often to the well that it comes home broken at last. You're giving your allies a hard time. The USA keeps stabbing us with its paranoid foreign policy. Stop disappointing us and we will stop kicking instead of kissing.

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"showed sympathy for the "National-Sozialisten"[the Nazis]. They even assisted war-criminals in escaping to South America. Even the Vatican did! Ronald Reagan also claims to fight against the communists in the name of Jesus Christ. That his ways are often very un-Christian doesn't seem to bother him.

I've tried to make clear that for someone who's not biased pro-USA, it's rather easy to see resemblances between Germany in the 1930s and the USA in the 1980s. Of course, the Russians don't care much for human rights either, but don't feel yourself elevated so much. I'm not saying you're no better than the Russians or the Nazis but in my eyes, you have no right to say: "We of all people."

Page 20: The reaction of Michalski to the Russian boycott doesn't come as a surprise to me. Narrow-minded persons like Michalski don't understand the use of sports as a means of fraternization. Not meeting, not discussing is unwise, however big the differences of opinion are.

I got some enthusiastic remarks on Brutus #16 [his zine] yesterday. That felt good.

I'd like to say something on the Grenada subject. Suppose the USA gets very close with Iceland. Suppose some Americans fly over and the building of a new, long airstrip begins. Suppose the Russians say: "Hey, we feel threatened" and invade Iceland. How would the American administration react?

I want to stress that it is not forbidden to write. On the contrary, any kind of letter of any kind of person is welcome, even from Caruso or Michalski. Push them, show them my brutal letters, blackmail them, threaten them, anything. I want that letter column filled!"

☐ Thanks for such a wide-ranging letter, Jan! Brutus is desirous of letters from North Americans for its letter column so write Jan at: Radijsstraat 11 B, 9741 BJ Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS. It only costs 40¢ for Americans and I think(?) 65¢ for Canadians. As you can see, Jan writes excellent English, and with each issue of Brutus, he explains the Dutch sections of the zine.

Where to start?! I think you have quite a warped view of the United States. You will automatically lose American listeners when you compare our country to Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union. There is no realistic comparison and Americans will tend to write you off as hopelessly biased and impossibly unrealistic.

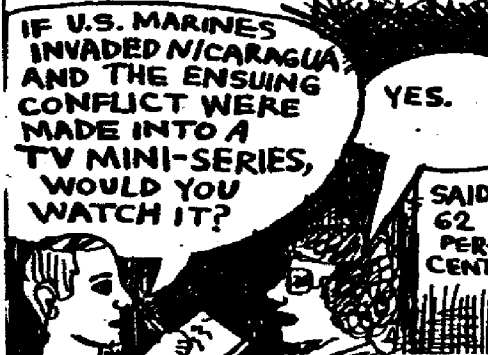
As for US history since World War II, I think it's because we saw that the isolationist policy of the 1920s-1930s did not work. Our goal became to be prepared to always defend ourselves and our allies against aggression anywhere in the world. That is how I viewed, and view, our involvement in Vietnam. In the 1930s, the word was "appeasement" of the aggressor--and he continued to take more and more. Our postwar policy saved Western Europe, both militarily and economically. We also saved Iran, Greece, Turkey, South Korea, Taiwan and for many years Vietnam. The Thieu government in South Vietnam was not democratic, it's true, but it was incomparably ^{better} than what rules there now. And what also rules Cambodia and Laos.

Americans, in the main, believed we were helping the South Vietnamese. What I, and many Americans, objected to was that our soldiers were being killed while the war was not being fought as a war, in the sense of "Fight the war, get it over with and get out." It has made us wary as a people of involvement overseas and that is why there is so much opposition to what Reagan seems to be doing in Central America. Grenada was quick and successful and the Grenadan people approved of it. Those conditions do not exist in Central America. I still think Grenada was wrong.

I agree with you that Reagan has a mind-block about communism and that the right answer to Central America is to help the people economically for the long range rather than short-term military solutions. The Congress is not as powerless as you suppose nor are our media or the man in the street.

I see a wide range of newspapers, and magazines and TV. The cartoon on this page, originally from Denmark, appeared in an American publication devoted exclusively to telling North Americans what is being said in media overseas. I do not think the Dutch media is as objective as you seem to suggest. Who decided to count the number of times "communism" appeared in Reagan's speech, and came up with "23"? Perhaps had the counter listened to the context he might have gotten more out of the speech. And when I was in Holland last October, I saw a Dutch news program about the nuclear demonstrations. Of course I don't understand Dutch but I could clearly see the anti-nuclear Dutch poster behind the reporter's desk ((this poster appeared in EE's "A" issue)). I don't have to ask where her sympathies lay. I could write a lot more but I've got to move on! ((continued on page 27)) 26

Meanwhile, EXHAUSTIVE
OPINION POLLS WERE BEING
taken.



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Just a tad more on Jan's letter...Yes, I agree there is a "slight difference" between putting homosexuals in a concentration camp and not allowing them to visit the country.

White males have a lock on the top positions in this country at this time. Women and minorities have made tremendous strides in this country, not to mention the South. Did you know that until Jimmy Carter's election in 1976 that no Southern president had ever been elected on his own (i.e. without first becoming president due to the death of the president he was serving as vice-president) in over 100 years? Before that time, the South had contributed 9 of the first 16 Presidents.

(Woodrow Wilson was raised in the north). So what's fair?

Has a Frisian ever become the Dutch Prime Minister? Does your Royal Family still give preference to males, even if older females are present, in line to the throne? (Sweden now treats the royal sexes the same). What are the percentages of Surinamese and Indonesians in your country from your former colonies and their representation in your government?

As for Iceland, isn't that the country that puts a quota on how many American servicemen can enter the country so that they are not contaminated by our presence? I doubt a Grenada situation would arise with Iceland. If it did, there would be a demand for war by the American people, in the situation you describe.

Alexander D.M. Kakuschke (West Germany): "Reading the article of Rob Winslow's, I really get angry. It must be very fine to be the citizen of a powerful (I don't dare to say the most powerful) nation and to wait for the allies to kiss your feet.

America built Europe up from ashes and fought our wars for us? May I laugh? Okay, basically Rob is right, but did we have a chance to declare our agreement? Did we??? I think, you feel it's a rhetorical question. No!!

Germany today is a tiny country, filled up with arms and soldiers up to its brink, waiting each day for the first strike the Russians will perhaps undertake. Our nation is divided up into two parts and many experts say that America isn't innocent of this status. We have lost World War II and we have to be guilty, because if you lose a war, you are guilty of all. But I'm nineteen years old and don't feel guilty about a war my mother cannot remember. Germany is spending the highest amount for the EC ((the Common Market)) and NATO in Europe and Britain and France demand more money for their peasants, with which they support their industry.

Decades after the last war we have the right to pay for Europe and to install your Pershings (provoking the Soviet Union, but uselessly), each day we try to be the friend of everyone and President Reagan celebrates the great victory in Normandy. Germany could celebrate victories each week.

What I want to say: to be a citizen of West Germany means to stay between six or more groups of different interests, and so don't be surprised if we sometimes (only sometimes) announce our own opinion.

As a giant you should be able to accept the voice of a dwarf, when the dwarf is waiting for the red dragon. You are right when thinking Europe is lost without America, but then the red dragon is knocking at your door and I don't know, whether the Caribbean rabbit will help you."

The growing perception in America is that Europe doesn't contribute its fair share to defending itself, it doesn't seem sufficiently aware of the danger from Russia (it's your continent, not ours yet our troops are thousands of miles away defending you) and West Europeans spend an inordinate amount of time unfairly criticizing America and this is increasingly resented. I think these perceptions are about as valid as some of the criticisms that Europeans make about America. All alliances have stress points, and both sides have faults.

I agree that Germans should not feel guilty about World War II, especially if they weren't even alive then. I'm a Southerner but I had nothing to do with slavery of the blacks or with segregation. I feel bad that it happened and that it happened in my homeland and among my people but I am not guilty for the past as you aren't.

Europeans and North Americans need to talk more and I hope EC provides that in a small way. Now for some North Americans... ((continues on page 28)) (27)

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "Europeans want it both ways when it comes to protection. They want the backing of the US military might but at the same time they want to be independent. It burns me up when I see hundreds of thousands of demonstrators in Europe protesting the US military involvement. Maybe they are just a little too blasé about US help? I wonder what would happen if the US would pull out of Europe?"

We had a recent peacenik trial in Canada recently. A group of Peace Activists blew out a wall of a factory making Cruise Missile Guidance systems here in Toronto. 11 people were injured, one seriously. At the trial, most of the defendants were not remiss at what they had done and seemed to think that it was their God-given right to blow up factories that supported the military machine. If it wasn't so damned irritating, it would be funny. Blowing up people for peace is like fucking for virginity."

John Pack(New Mexico, USA): "Yes, Europeans criticize their own governments (I already went to Germany, I saw it), but the problems are that their governments listen to them. American government listens to Americans, not Europeans. Americans criticize their government a lot too, just on different topics and at different times, but we have the best government in the world. The amount spent on charities in the US speaks well for us, not to mention foreign aid, and our attitude of trying to help (though often interpreted as sticking our nose in). Who else tries to do this? The Russians? HAHahaha."

I wish Europeans realized how much face they've really lost over here. I know several people here who've changed to believing that we need to get out of Europe (my dad for instance was very pro-European, but now isn't so sure we should be taking all that crap from them). I think we need to get out of NATO myself. I enjoyed the article on that subject."

□ The Europeans complain about nuclear weapons--well, I often felt that we were not weak in nuclear weapons but rather in conventional weapons, i.e. non-nuclear, and that the Europeans should have no qualms about beefing up those non-nuclear weapons. After all it is primarily for their defense. I don't think I would go so far as to advocate pulling out of NATO and letting them defend themselves, but I did agree with a proposal introduced in the Senate by Georgia Senator Sam Nunn, who is a firm believer in a strong defense. He is also a Democrat.

This proposal said the US would cut its troops in Europe by 90,000 by 1990 (there are currently 326,414 American servicemen in Europe) if NATO allies failed to beef up their own non-nuclear defenses. The bill was defeated 55-41 which shows the amount of dissatisfaction with Europeans. The Senators then voted 94-3 to no increase the number of Americans stationed in Europe.

Senator Nunn said: "Can you imagine young American pilots flying over to Europe to fight World War III, and find that the military and political leaders have not given them the ability to fight the war they've been trained for? And that they'll be sitting there, like a sitting duck, because our European allies have not done what they said over and over again they would do? Now what kind of deal is that?"

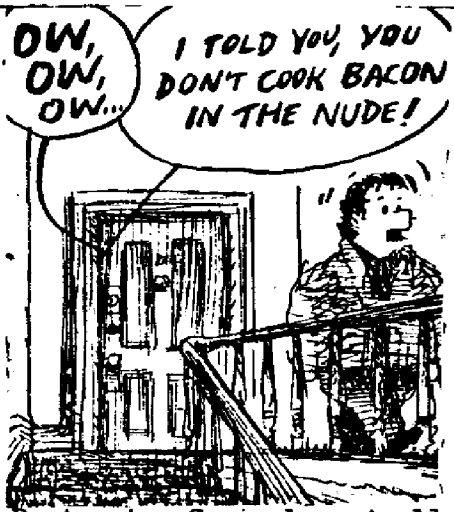
Not a very good one from the US standpoint. Instead of passing the Nunn proposal which had some teeth in it, the newspaper article said: "As an alternative to Nunn's proposal, the Senate was offered a watered-down substitute that would urge NATO countries to spend more on their own defense but would impose no threat of US troop withdrawals if the allies fail to meet the goal."

I think Reagan is an advantage for the Western Europeans. He wanted to send 35,000 ~~or~~ more American troops to Europe. I think his mind is wired in World War II and he sees the Europeans as our gallant comrades-in-arms instead of the reality. Europeans should become much more responsible for their defense. Let's talk about something else for awhile!

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James Briggs(West Germany): "Now just you stay away from the Playboy Channel! I know a guy at Ft. Bliss and when six o'clock rolled around we all knew where he was...in his room watching the Playboy Channel, with the door locked! Every time he answered the door after six he had a towel wrapped around him! Just watch yourself, Gary!"

□ I only get the Playboy Channel on cable TV on Fridays and Saturdays and I know now why "group sex" is translated as "rabbit party" in Swedish! Memphis is having decency rallies to force the cable TV to drop the Playboy Channel(see page 29) (28)



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I don't see why they feel they must impose their moral standards on other people. I got the movie channel, since my cable TV does not have Cinemax or HBO; one of its features is the PlayBoy Channel on weekends but no one forces you to watch it so I really don't see the decency rally's beef.

Why did your friend always seem to take a bath or shower when the PlayBoy Channel was on?

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John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "Did I tell you that our Reserve unit has been notified we'll be called up to deliver mail if you guys strike? Go ahead, I could use the money."

You know that Post Office employees are forbidden by law to strike! I hear the talks are now going to a Federal mediator. I thought it hilarious that the Postmaster General sent all of us postal employees a letter urging us to urge our union representatives to not demand pay raises, sort of a let's-all-pitch-in-together-and-not-waste-money idea. Then he went ought and bought himself an airplane with postal funds to fly around the country. Why he couldn't use commercial airlines is beyond me. One critic said, quite rightly: "This is not what the public means by air mail!" At any rate I won't strike and I don't think anybody will.

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Thomas Franke(West Germany): "I've read your MadCon report with great interest and enjoyed it very much as well as the whole EE #35. Of course we know "Apfel" Schnaps--it's called "Apfel Korn". Korn means "crop", but also the kind of Schnaps which is made out of wheat and that stuff we drank here in Germany(together). So the term "Apfel Korn" is not correct because it's made from apples. Of course I (we) have drunk it, but made a very bad experience with it, because you usually get headaches next morning..."

Mike Lee(Oregon, USA): "Your account of MadCon II contained one factual error. LepreCon I had 5 women in attendance making MadCon II tied for the record."

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Jean-Michel Jarré is the son of Maurice Jarré, a famous French composer of musical films. J-M Jarré has also been, some years ago, one of the first European musicians authorized to perform in public in Red China. He is married to the English movie actress Charlotte Rampling."

Peter McDonald(United Kingdom): "Have just received, and read, EE #35, and was amused by the coincidence that occurred to me, since I have recently had to try to gain an insight into statistics, so that I can use the office computer in a meaningful way. It was during this time that I came upon the term Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD for short), which when defined statistically is rather dry, but when one applies the term in other areas, it is rather expressive--MADCon for example was the first article in EE #35, and coincided with my review of what I had learnt about statistics. Now do not get MAD at me for applying those words to the con, it's just that all during reading your report, I had in mind that y'all were the absolute meanest deviants, playing all those silly boardgames!"

Hush up yore mawth! MadCon was definitely an experience on all levels and everyone spoke of it highly. I'm glad y'all enjoyed the report. Jarré, of course, was the composer of the tapes we listened to in Steve Knight's car on the drive up to Madison. Mike Lee, are you counting baby Samantha as a woman?!

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Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "I have fallen completely off the edge of the world and become the epitome of deadwood. I knew things were bad, but I didn't realize how low I had sunk until EE #35 arrived, and for the first time since I've been subbing(some 33 issues) there was not some little note scribbled on the front cover! The ultimate degradation! Sherwood, thy name is Deadwood. There was a time once, long ago, when I wrote a lot of letters, articles, played in many games and was involved in a controversy or two, I maintained a high enough profile in the hobby so that if someone asked anyone else to name 50 or 30 people in the hobby

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"He has my hair and Gerald's teeth."

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"I would be mentioned. Today Mark Lew keeps a higher profile than I, and then you don't scribble a note to me. Nothing inside to call my attention to, nothing to say to me; I'm ZILCH. "

☐ You wretch, you! Actually only 2 people got little scribbled notes from me last time. See, I got EE back from the printer late one afternoon, and was typing up the address labels when I went to get my mail about an hour before I was to leave for work. I should say "tried to go" as my car wouldn't stop! While I worked on it, Al Pearson, who was visiting me, was kind enough to put the address labels and stamps on plus staple the zines

up for me so I could take them with me to work that evening. So I wasn't really ignoring you. I like to get notes or messages on the zines that I receive so I more often than not write notes on the EEs that go out. I'll bet you have a note on this issue, Keith!

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Peter McDonald(United Kingdom): "When the PDO article was going on about Kommissars, I rather lost interest, until you mentioned that Hauke Jansen covered Europe. I'd never heard of it before, and can only assume that there has not been much publicity."

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "Didya ever play a game called "Junta"? I feel a lot like what I'm doing now is like that game--a coup to uproot the dictator and his Swiss bank account."

Tom Mainardi(Pennsylvania, USA): "The Grand Kommissar will not tolerate revisionist tendencies in his Zone Kommissars. The new zones herein [The Caruso Commission "suggestions"] stand until the GK either OKs them or changes them."

Bruce Linsey(Massachusetts, USA): [From Voice of Doom #97, page 2] "One of the letters Gary did print was from Michael Lee, who asks about the PDO: 'What on earth are they talking about? Does it have anything to do with anything, or is it just another ludicrous plan to 'organize' the hobby?' Gary then responds in great detail about the PDO, naming some of the 'Zone Kommissars' and discussing the geographic regions, and so on. I dare say that you've never read much about the PDO before in VD, and probably won't after this. That's because the correct answer to Michael's question is, no, it doesn't have anything to do with anything; and yes, it is just another ludicrous attempt to organize the hobby(but then, all such attempts are ludicrous). I wish that Gary would have answered this way..."

☐ BRUX, BRUX, you ignorant slut! The PDO [Peoples Diplomacy Organization] is a totally fun organization which, as a sideline, holds a tongue-in-cheek auction which raises money for hobby services, and raises it better than any thing else ever has. We definitely have something to do with something. And new elections are coming up!

The Grand Kommissar, Michael Mills, has decreed that all Zone Kommissar positions go up for elections. He has also changed the boundaries of the zones. Zone 3 and Zone 4 which is currently under my jurisdiction is now known as "Dixie" whereas the other zones still retain numbers. Zone 12 is the United Kingdom, currently vacant, and Zone 13 is Continental Europe, held by Hauke Jansen. Two new Zones, 14 and 15 are to be "Zone Kommissars at large". Nominations are due in to Mike Mills by August 3rd. The elections will be held November 6th, rather the deadline will be then. Mike's address is: 26 Laurel Road, Sloatsburgh, New York 10974 USA.

I talked with Tom Swider who is handling the recent second PDO Auction. No final totals yet but he says that the most heavily bid on item was M-17, which was 10 letters from Mark "Puppy Poison Pen" Frueh. Kathy Byrne bid \$20.00 for a cassette tape of me reading excerpts of Gone With The Wind and singing Elvis songs!

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Georges André Brugger(Switzerland): "Can you tell me the number of the last Plis en Deux that you received. I think I forgot some?..Where can I find a zine with the American statistics on Diplomacy?"

☐ Issue 20 was the last issue I received of Plis en Deux, the first French-language Swiss zine. As for statistics on games' starts and endings, write to the Boardman Number Custodian, Kathy Byrne: 160-02 43 Ave, 2nd Floor, Flushing, New York 11358 USA for the zine Everything. For players' standings, Keith Sherwood can help with his You Know My Name. His address is: 8866 Cliffridge Ave., La Jolla, California 92037 USA. ||| ((Letters continue on page 32))

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Nelson Heintzman(New York, USA): "Regarding Mark Fassio's comment in EE #33 that "we would still be selling wampum and beads if we didn't exercise some Manifest Destiny in the last 2 centuries", I was amazed at the casual indifference evident in such a remark. As one who views the human suffering and misery caused by the concept of Manifest Destiny with the same abhorrence as that caused by The Final Solution and Auschwitz, I can only stand appalled by such an insensitive analysis.

Ethnocentrism also raises its ugly head with the condescending reference to "wampum and beads." Such an attitude reflects a total lack of appreciation of the traditional purpose of wampum belts as historical records of treaties and of their major role later on as a medium of exchange on the colonial frontier. And what is wrong with wearing beads, pray tell? One should also not forget that the "cheap trinkets" so easily produced in Europe were, by and large, rare commodities to the Native American.

In precisely the same way, the fur of wild animals, so abundant in North American forests, was a precious commodity to the European! How does one attach an intrinsic value upon a handmirror in the middle of a remote forest or a beaver hat on the streets of London? To my mind, there is none; scarcity makes an item valuable or cheap in any given locale.

A far better reply than mine, however, comes from the mind of Vine Deloria, Jr., author, scholar, Sioux, who has written such books as Guster Died For Your Sins, God Is Red, and We Talk, You Listen (from which this quote comes, Intro., p.9). In his fresh and ironic style, he remarks:

'Every now and then I am impressed with the thinking of the non-Indian. I was in Cleveland last year and got to talking with a non-Indian about American history. He said that he was really sorry about what had happened to Indians, but that there was good reason for it. The continent had to be developed and he felt that Indians had stood in the way and thus had had to be removed. "After all," he remarked, "what did you do with the land when you had it?" I didn't understand him until later when I discovered that the Cuyahoga River running through Cleveland is inflammable. So many combustible pollutants are dumped into the river that the inhabitants have to take special precautions during the summer to avoid accidentally setting it on fire. After reviewing the argument of my non-Indian friend I decided that he was probably correct. Whites had better use of the land. How many Indians could have thought of creating an inflammable river?'

□ The treatment of the Indians was a dark period in American History, even for those who adapted to the white man's ways. Remember the "Trail of Tears" when President Andrew Jackson uprooted the Indians and sent them to what is now Oklahoma? These Indians, mostly from the South, were farmers who lived in houses and many had slaves. It didn't matter, they were Indians and their land was desired by their white neighbors. Fas's comments were in reference to Grenada and I guess it's about time to return to that topic...Thanks for the interesting comments, Nelson!

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Mark Larzelere(Maryland, USA): If Reagan is re-elected(something I'm pretty much resigned to), there's a very real chance of US troops seeing action in Central America. Reagan made a point of mentioning at his last news conference that no new nations have "gone communist" since he took office, and some of his aides say that he wishes very much to leave office with that record. Nothing wrong with that, just in his tactics. It's very unlikely that he'd consider sending American troops in to be too severe a step. Reagan's whole approach to defense and foreign policy is not only girulant, it is tarkish and smorpid."

Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): "You wonder why you never heard Pat Conlon's argument before and why the administration doesn't publicize it"? I don't. It's full of very selective facts, it has a repulsive premise, and it's a gross insult to the US armed forces, in particular the Southern Command. Pat argues that while we could avoid the range of un-refueled Russian MIGs based in Cuba, such planes based in Grenada could stop all the oil travelling from Venezuela, and therefore, we had to act. This is a joke. Why should we assume that the Russians cannot refuel their MIGs just like we do? Who said that the Russian MIGs are the only things capable of sinking oil tankers?

Boats, especially submarines, are just as capable of doing that, and Russian

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"subs would pose a much greater threat. A scrambled jet is obvious for all to see; a sub is not necessarily so easy to spot. Indeed, our best attack jets are probably better than their best MIGs, but this may not be true for attack subs, as there is some evidence that they have a sub which is both faster and quieter than our best.

Moreover, the notion that we'd be helpless in the face of these Grenada-based jets (and thus, the only approach is to prevent such a thing from happening in the first place) is preposterous. How long do you think that airport in Grenada would last once the first Grenada-based MIG sank an oil tanker? C'mon, this is our backyard! We've got satellites and we can see who is attacking from where, and in no time flat US bombers would wipe out the airfield. We know it and they know it. Unless this were the start of World War III (in which case, the loss of Venezuelan oil will be #874 on our list of problems) the Russians are not going to dream of attacking oil tankers in a region where they cannot be even close to parity in military terms. The Russians are not suicidal. I'll give you one guess as to Venezuela's stance in all this.

And finally, Conlon's reasoning is premised on the notion that in the Caribbean basin, you can be unfriendly, or have a large airport, but not both. What happened to the notion of free and sovereign nations? By this reasoning, the USSR would be justified in attempting the violent overthrow of the West German government, which, after all is part of NATO, and has very long airstrips indeed. The same would be true of Denmark, which after all can harass or even attack Russian shipping in the Baltic.

Whether or not the airfield under construction in Grenada was intended for military purposes is a matter of considerable dispute, and we are not going to resolve that here. I'll say this:

1. The British Government determined that the airfield was not being built to military specifications, and accordingly, permitted the prime contractor for much of the construction, a British firm, to proceed with the project.

2. The US is now committed to completing the airstrip. Does that mean that if a hostile government comes to power there, we will always have the right to blow them away? If so, what happens to the notion of people having the right to determine their own form of government?"

Michel Lleanard (Belgium): "In the latest EE (#34), I read something that infuriated me: the words "banana republic". Who used them, I cannot remember. Someone who takes other nations with such blatant disdain does not deserve remembrance. And someone who calls "banana republic" the isle of Grenada, whose main export is nutmeg, is probably ignorant.

I am the citizen of a small country, a member of a little nation. And perhaps for these reasons I do know pretty well that man's value is never a function of the size of his land. Cheers and kisses!

Those Central American countries some of your compatriots call "banana republics" have been forced into this condition by the overwhelming power of your "United Fruits" and the cupidity of their ruling classes. Each time they tried to take their destiny into their own hands, with Arbenz or Sandino for instance, your marines (Hi Jim!) were on their beaches with a Somoza in their pocket...

You and I may think what we like about Castro and his own private gulag, but what was Cuba like before him? The brothel of America and Batista's racket. Was that so much better? At least, I know that if my only way to survive would be by prostituting my daughters, I would start looking for a second-hand Kalashnikov rifle...An armalite would suit me too. I'm not a rascist...

When Amerigo Vespucci, who gave his name to your continent and your country, was still a spermatozoid, the Indians who today populate Central America were erecting Teotihuacan, Chichen-Itza and Palenque. On their backs since they had no horses and no oxen. At the same time, the Africans who were once to populate the Caribbean were living in peace in the empires of Mali, Ife, Benin...Perhaps they were eating bananas for lunch and supper, in plates dating back to the Nok culture (600 B.C.)..

The history of mankind is like an Echternach's procession: two steps ahead, then one behind. Within 20 years, the largest city on this planet will be Mexico City with some 30 million inhabitants. I suppose Hernando Cortez, who razed down



"Sarge! Sarge! Where am I?"

"Tenochtitlan, will turn over in his grave."

□ Those were the anti-Grenada operation statements. I think Mark Berch hits the nail on the head in his last paragraph. We are completing the airstrip and it's quite possible that a free election will bring to power a government which will not be pro-American. What would we do then? I am against American interference in Central America a la Grenada. Our government really bungled it with Castro in the late 50s, early 60s. Unless we respect the rights of other nations, there will be no satisfactory solution. Now for another side of this question....

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Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "I find it absolutely incredible that anyone with any sense at all can see any similiarity between the US invasion of Grenada and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. We invaded after a coup

when the democratically-elected head of government was murdered. The first thing the Soviet thugs did was murder their puppet head of government in Afghanistan. One thing that I remember hearing at that time was a Soviet statement that they wouldn't care if we took a similiar action in the Americas. We did and they're screaming bloody murder. Another point to note is that one 747 carries 250 people and there weren't that many hotel rooms on Grenada before the invasion. Did they really need that airstrip for tourism?

Mark Fassio(California, USA): "Mark Berch mentions the fact that 18 soldiers (and assorted Cubans/Grenadan) died, making this operation "short of 'successful'." I disagree: while any loss of life is sad, 18 is "manageable." Cruel, cold statement? Maybe. But Mark shouldn't forget why we serve: if the country calls, we lay our lives on the line for it; death, while not desirable, is nonetheless a possibility, and that's what makes the Armed Forces different than the "corporate executives" who wouldn't be asked to scale barbed wire to win a new business account.

And yes, there was poor intelligence, but the US can't be expected to home in on every nation and have information on every country. Napoleon had faulty info about the La Haye Sainte sunken road, McDowell had Lee's Antietam plans but blew it, and the Germans cracked the D-Day code on 4-5 June, but didn't exploit it. You only hear about the "failures" of intelligence, but no one realizes the "pluses" intelligence makes, because no one publicizes success. Same thing with bombing that mental hospital: regrettable..just like bombing Dresden in 1945, and Monte Cassino in 1943, but war is not a pretty sight.

One last comment, Mark---there are elections and political parties scheduled/being formed in Grenada, and that's a far cry from one-man Socialism. Everyone criticizes the US, but no one bothers to ask the Grenadans what they like. Seems to me they don't want us to go....

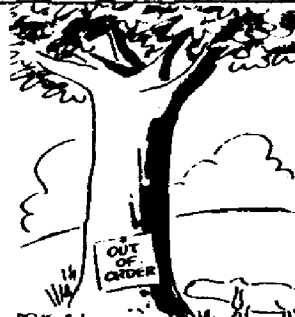
Jan Feringa shows that he has no concept of power politics, and that he, like so many of his naive countrymen, prefer to squawk, ostrich-like, at the US while they bury their heads in the sand at every Russian indiscretion. Who gives ANY country the right to decide what good a country is? Maybe we should still be a crown colony of Britain, huh? Who gave our forefathers the right to decide the British were bad? Maybe Holland should have stayed a colony of Spain? Why did they want freedom?

I see also that Mr. Feringa is either a mind-reader or has access to the White House, as he seems to know what the President does and does not want. But why the insult on our leader for his actions, and the silence on the policy of subjugation in Eastern Europe by the Soviets, or their genocide in the villages of Afghanistan? Where's the "maniacal" Russian rhetoric, sir? I'd rather face up to the Soviets with the only thing they understand (force) than roll over and die, like you people did in a few days in 1940. How soon you all forget...

Michel Liesnard really blows it. So, sir, we cannot react the same way (on a lesser scale) the Soviets do, can we? We are too good, more civilized, are we? I assume, then, you would rather go through the UN and moan about all the bad stuff in the world, and have nothing done, rather than to act to stop it? That would be like all the futile efforts taken to the League of Nations: all gums, no teeth. Also, you say we are the "Children of History", but your analogy of "gladiator games

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"to soccer matches" is poor; witness the stupidity and senselessness of modern day European soccer brawls in the UK and on the continent. If this is "progress", then I'm Queen Beatrix, or whoever the Dutch have ruling them. (Queen Wilhelmina and Prince "Lockheed Scandal" Bernhard, I believe).

Michel, you say we have "nothing to win, except our own decay and the denial of ourselves, in copying the Soviet's behaviour." I say we have much more to lose if we don't act as we do; we have our freedom to lose, and you and the Europeans should realize that, after acquiescing in two World Wars and trying to placate dictators.

You mention that the Nicaraguans declare themselves in favor of Socialism; how do you know this? Maybe you've talked to members of the ruling elite, who get as many perks and benefits as Somoza used to, at the expense of the masses. Or don't you read the reports from that country of food shortages, repression of the Church, banning of political parties, and the promise of elections "sometime in the future."? Maybe you don't want your ideological concepts clouded by reality? Not many leftists care to....

The last comment on your stuff, Michel. We don't equate the Sandinistas with the Nazis; that's like comparing a battleship with a toy gun, given the level of power and danger. What we equate is the SIMILARITY OF ACTION that rightist and leftist totalitarian regimes have when it comes to preserving their right to be above their ruling masses. The Nicaraguans do NOT have an "equalitarian rule", just as the elite of any COMMUNIST/SOCIALIST government is not equal with the people. If they were equal, 6% of the USSR's people (ruling elite) would not be the only ones with cars, dachas and wealth--the people would.

You try and apply an outdated, equalitarian philosophy with modern-day reality. The shortages of everything in Communist societies, along with their repression, concentration camps and unceasing military buildup (what do the Nicaraguans need with so many pieces of war weaponry?) show your ideas to be full of so much wishful thinking and a blind eye to reality. What you see in a current-day communist/socialist society is what you'll get forever, and if you think there will come a day when ruling leftist elites will relinquish their grip on the country and make it a true "People's Government", then you are truly a naive individual, and one who deserves to be overrun by the Russians."

□ I'm going to break in here because the next Grenada comment is also long so I'll answer Ben and Mark now. If we have the "right" to invade Grenada, I say that the Soviets had the "right" to likewise invade Afghanistan. Both are in each one's "backyard." Ben, I never heard that Soviet statement about giving us a green light in an Afghanistan-style action in the Americas. Whatever the airstrip was for, we are now completing it.

Faz, I generally agree with your comments to Mark Berch but almost not at all with your remarks to Jan Feringa and Michel Liesnard which I found rather insulting in tone. Jan's letter on page 25 shows that the Dutch do criticize the Soviets; it's just not publicized in this country as criticism about us is. I do agree that their demonstrations against the US are much larger in scale than any they conduct against the Soviets. As for "rolling over and dying in 1940", I'd like to quote from Luigi Barzini's great book The Europeans:

"True, another policy than neutralism was probably impossible for the Dutch to pursue, particularly in the thirties, when France and Britain also consoled themselves with wishful thinking, were incredulous of Hitler's so evidently insane intentions, and were therefore reluctant to spend money on armaments. It is also true that even if Holland had burned with a patriotic flame, had armed itself to the teeth, signed secret treaties with France, Belgium, Britain and Luxembourg, the German invasion would have been inevitable and the defeat probably retarded by only a few days."

The Dutch did fight and suffered terribly during the war. Denmark was the country who passively accepted the Germans without a struggle until it became quite obvious that Germany was going to lose. Geography and population dictate the fates of nations. Had there not been an English Channel or an Atlantic Ocean separating the US from the Germans and Japanese, would we have fared much differently from Holland, Belgium and France?

Concerning Michel Liesnard, Queen Beatrix is the present Dutch Queen. Her mother Queen Juliana is married to Prince Bernhard who was involved in the Lockheed Scandal. Queen Wilhelmina was the famous Dutch Queen of World War II fame and the mother and grandmother of Juliana and Beatrix respectively.

I disagree over Grenada but I agree that after two World Wars that the continuing divisiveness of the Europeans is quite frustrating. But, after all, they are different peoples, different cultures, different histories, different languages. If Western Europe would truly work together economically, politically and militarily instead of maintaining narrow nationalistic interests which have caused so much grief to Europe and consequently the rest of the world, a great deal of good would come of it for mankind. The recent Common Market squabble illustrates how far Western Europe has to go in these areas.

Too often America's idea has been when confronted with a choice of a Somoza or the Sandinistas, is to back the non-Communist side by saying something along the lines of: "Sure, he's a son-of-a-bitch but he's our son-of-a-bitch." Quite honestly I don't often see that there is a viable alternative for America, as in South Korea for instance. We are not alone in this as many European countries and Japan have cozied up to North Korea, Nicaragua, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Vietnam, Russia---all fine upstanding friends you'd be proud to bring home to Mom. Let he who is without sin cast the first stone...

And I have to agree that the Europeans don't always seem realistic. We are one of the two superpowers constantly watched, constantly criticized and analyzed. Non-superpowers can afford to be what seems to us at times, flippant and irresponsible. And yes naive. But then I know that we seem that way to them also.

Before I print Mark Matuschak's letter on Grenada, I'd like to print some from Michel Liesnard on France. I mentioned in EE #34 that when we Americans think of "ungrateful" Europeans, we focus almost immediately on France. I've talked with some others since then and the answer always is "Yes, France!" Michel has some interesting points to make in this regard...

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Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "France now. I'm sneering when I read that a majority of Americans are taking France as their worst ally. Let's be serious--and this applies to all European peoples--what kid likes his family repeating "you'll be a lawyer because I've spent so much money to raise you?" My parents wanted me to become an engineer, that's the main reason why I became a translator and Freud or Oedipus, please shut up!

After all, France stood by your side in your early wars against England. After all, the French armies had repelled Ludendorff's offensive of 1918 even before the "Sannies" reached the front. After all, against all odds and if you take the time to think, the French army of 1940 was crushed down by a superior and eviller force. This was the fate of Poland in 1939, but no American ever hates Poland for this..After all, the French were by your side in Korea at that very moment when you were happy to see them defeated in Indochina. After all, when the British and the French attacked Egypt in 1956 who forced them back?

You, my Tennessean friend are not guilty. But try to consider the misdeeds of America in the same way we "Europeans" consider ours.

The American opinion about France and the French fascinates me. Everybody in America (and I'm able (Go to page 37))



'Self-protection is so... uncivilized.'

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What's fair is fair. Of course that doesn't apply to the darling French! "Oh no, not again. Are the Scenes writers going to trash the French again?!" Bet your brioche. This time the frogs deserve it more than before. They aren't playing fair. the Allied Powers in Europe), and this should make a difference to well-informed people...

The French nuclear forces, even if they cannot be compared with the American or Russian arsenals, are not to be taken with pure disdain. They are formed of 35 Mirage IV supersonic bombers (are your aging B-52s supersonic, by the way?), of 18 MIRVed land-based missiles on the plateau of Albion (near the Italian border) and of 5 nuclear submarines, each carrying 16 missiles (MIRVed also). Five wings of "Jaguar" fighter-bombers, three wings of "Mirage", three wings of "Etendard" based on the Foch and the Clémenceau aircraft carriers, are equipped with "tactical" A bombs. Five regiments of Pluto" tank-carried rockets are deployed along the German border. If this sounds like a farce, I'm JOHN CARUSO!

Yet, the French army is formed of 6 armored divisions, 3 infantry divisions and a rapid deployment force of 47,000 men. Poke me in the ribs if this sounds funny."

(7 And the French gave the US our Statue of Liberty too. I think, as I told Michel, that much of the ill-feeling that America has for France goes back to De Gaulle whose continual criticism rubbed Americans the wrong way. De Gaulle was the visible symbol of France during the dark days of World War II and our country did so much to help free France that we resented his criticizing us as he did.

In a past EE I mentioned that the French, since they defended their own selves, were rather sympathetic to America's point of view over the missiles in Western Europe and that I wished we had more allies like the French. France definitely gets a bad press in America and I think it should rightfully be other nations who should be analyzed more closely by the US press. Now for Mark Matuschak...

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Mark Matuschak(Massachusetts, USA): "First, I'd like to respond to a point often heard, one made by Mark Berch and implied by Jan Feringa and Alain Henry. Mark said: "We lose our moral standing to criticize the Russians for invading a neighbor when we do the same." In other words, acting inconsistently ourselves obviates any justification.

I call this the "amoral" viewpoint. It talks about morality, but in fact is amoral, since it strenuously avoids making any difficult moral judgments. It looks only to objective factors (Did you invade or did you not invade?) and refuses to consider subjective ones (Why did you invade and is it a good reason?). There is a great, expansive, huge, enormous, immeasurable difference between the Soviet invasions of Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan and the U.S. invasion of Grenada. The difference is far more than the fact that the Afghan invasion was "more brutal" (Berch). The difference lies in the reasons the invasions took place and the consequences of those invasions. It simply amazes me that so many people will refuse to consider those differences in the "moral" calculations. It reminds me of The Three Stooges when Curly says: "I can't see! I can't see!"; and Moe replies, "You've got your eyes closed!"

In my view, we'd have to go a long way yet to forfeit our moral advantage over the Soviets in this regard. We could start, maybe, by using poison gas, insuring that a "people's" democracy was set up, and refusing to allow the press to print anything at all about Grenada unless it was previously approved by Ronald Reagan and his cohorts.

Second, Alain and Jan ask why we don't also invade South Africa, El Salvador, Chile or Guatemala if we really believe what we say. Of course, that's just an "argumentative" argument--neither, I trust, would be cheering in the streets if we did do so. The easy answer to that question is the same answer the US Supreme Court gave when federal regulations outlawing discrimination and setting forth minimum wage and working conditions standards were challenged by those pointing to inconsistencies and the failure to write more regulations that would apply equally

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"to understand why) blames the Europeans for not being able to build up a defense of their own. Then, when one European country (France, not to mention it) decides to get rid of the American nuclear umbrella and to insure its defense by its own means, everybody sneers and laughs. And everybody shouts that "France has left NATO"..Sorry, sir, France is still a member of NATO, but it has left SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters of



"to all similar situations (this was also an "argumentative" argument since the arguers opposed these regulations and looked only for an excuse to invalidate them). The Court's basic answer was that the government had no obligation to do everything at once or not at all. A somewhat more subtle answer is that republics like the US cannot be consistent in foreign affairs, since anything we do must be supported by a consensus, which does not always form in a rationally-predictable pattern.

Next, I'd like to respond to Michel Liesnard. First, I did not say the US could violate international law because the Soviets do too. However, I would say that Michel puts too much weight on international rules when the use of force is involved. The fact is that these rules are "nothing else than words and wishes printed on sheets of paper." Basically, countries have acted with military force when they feel either that they must do so or that it would be advantageous to do so. That's been the rule since Year One and nothing in recent history has changed that trend. The UN Charter is based on a world situation where everyone lives happily under the government with full human rights and governments cooperate to enforce those rights.

What happens when "nonintervention" is given such great weight? Well, it upholds the Nazi sovereign right to exterminate Jews, the Khmer Rouge sovereign right to purposely starve a third of Cambodia's population, the Soviet sovereign right to exterminate millions in "purges", the South African sovereign right to continue a modern-day form of slavery, the Sandinista sovereign right to wipe out the Miskito Indians as well as the Somozan sovereign right to torture and repress. Whose rights are being protected by non-intervention?

It's easy, too, for the Europeans to criticize the US in this regard. Since they count on the US, rather than themselves, to defend any important interest they do have (whether it be freedom or oil), they don't ever have to worry about being inconsistent in action (as they rarely act), although they are frequently inconsistent in word (compare criticism of US bombing in Vietnam with Soviet bombing in Afghanistan, for example).

And Michel needn't worry---I understand that the Sandinistas have an "equalitarian" philosophy--some people are more equal than others (dead giveaway is that they usually are the ones enforcing their "more equal" rights with AK-47s).

Well, now everyone probably considers me to be a reactionary, right-winger, when I really am a liberal democrat (honest!). I simply agree with Woodrow Wilson, that some rights are "more precious than peace."

[] I'm so tempted to say, and I think I will, that it seems you are saying that when America invades a country it's okay but when the Soviets invade a country, it's not okay because they don't have our high and lofty principles. I still feel that Grenada was a bad precedent---we just can't go in and overthrow governments of countries that displease us. Mark, what are your feelings on a possible Reagan invasion of Nicaragua? Would that be "OK" too? Why or why not? I think you sum up well a growing view of the Europeans' characteristics, certainly it is becoming mine. A "liberal democrat"? Ah, what would Walter say about that....

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Jan Feringa (The Netherlands): "I'd like to play an international game, preferably with a lot of North Americans. How should I take that matter up? Become a Malmberger, subscribe to another zine (since you have no waiting lists), please give me a piece of advice."

Alexander Kakuschke (West Germany): "I'm sorry, but there is not much time for me to write this letter, because in a few hours I'm forced to go back to the barracks, where the army is waiting. The first two weeks in the army really were very hard and the weekend is very short and time passes...."

The reason for this letter: I want to start a Dip-game and the participants shall be only non-West Germans. Maybe there are some subbers of EE who are interested in this attempt. So I request you to publish a notice in the next EE... ..Thank you!!!! Press can be written in English or German. The Spielweise has

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"a new subber from the USA. It's Ben Schilling and he wants to participate in the Dip-game too."

□ Zines in 6 countries offer international games and/or are looking for standbys in those games. Some addresses: In the US--there is EE whose address you should know; Cathy's Ramblings Cathy Cunning, 1526 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60651 USA Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen are running a German-English Dip+game in their subzine Bahnhof Zoo, published in Politesse. Their address is: 2626 Stevens Ave S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408.....Once Jim Briggs finds a printer in West Germany where he is with the US Army, he may be seeking international players. His address is: SP4 James M. Briggs, D Btry 2/57 ADA, Box 1043, APO New York 09452.

In Canada, Steve Hutton of No Fixed Address runs international games, including one with players from 7 different countries. Steve's address is: 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, CANADA N5Y 3N1.

In Germany there are three zines dealing with international games: Alexander's Spielweise mentioned above. His address is: AM Löken 79, D-4030 Ratingen-Lintorf, WEST GERMANY.....Sauri Allstar Unlimited has several international Diplomacy games with players from Germany, Sweden, Belgium and the US. Write to Thomas Franke, Rosenstrasse 11, D-4220 Dinslaken, WEST GERMANY....For non-Dip games, like United, try Konrad Dolata's Der Netzroller. His address is: Hermann-Loens-Weg 34, D-5650 Solingen 11, WEST GERMANY.

In Belgium, Mach die Spuhl offers international games, including one featuring seven women players. Write to Luc Dodinval, Parc de Mehagne, Au Passou 18, B-4600 Chênée, BELGIUM.

The United Kingdom has 3 zines for international games at least...it's late, give me a break!...Mike Dean's Psychopath at: 32 Newlands Avenue, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire, UNITED KINGDOM YO12 6PS.....John Marsden's Ode at: 17 Church Road, St. Leonards, Hastings, East Sussex, UNITED KINGDOM TN37 6EF.

The 3rd British zine is War and Peace by Derek Caws(see page 15) who is bringing into his zine a Swedish GM, Ake Jonsson, who has run international games for many years and comes highly recommended. The players will get the game results directly from Ake. Write to Derek about these games at: 94, Mill Hill Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, UNITED KINGDOM PO31 7BA .

I am now playing in three international games and enjoying them very much. Not only do you get to play our FAVORITE game, you get to make foreign friends and, with all the countries now offering international games, the country of your choice. All these GMS speak and write excellent English and can answer any question you may have. Try it out, you won't be sorry!

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Robyn Finley(California, USA): "I liked Dustin Laurence's article. Has he started a chapter of LA (Luhtsibles Anonymous) in Montana? It was also good to hear from Al Pearson. He's fun to read."

Don Del Grande(California, USA): "Those "(" will do it every time!"

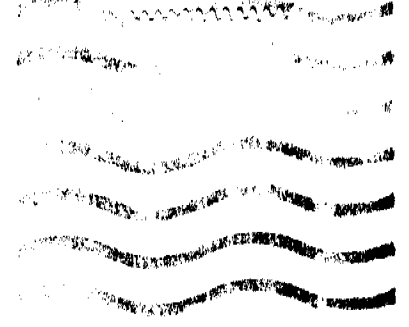
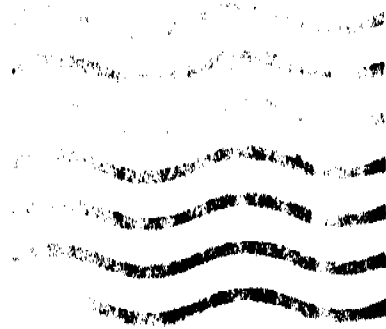
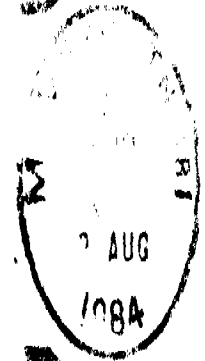
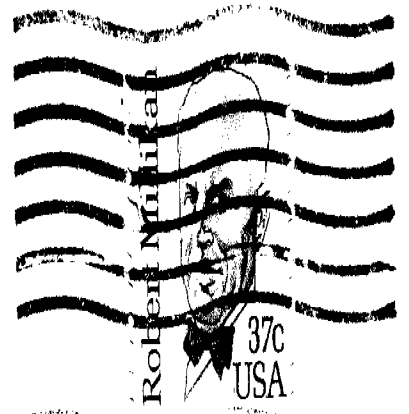
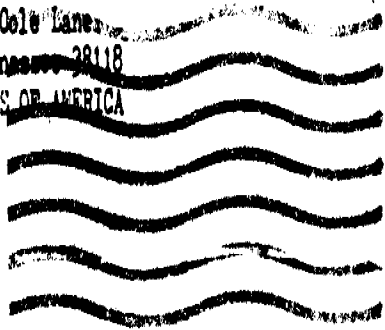
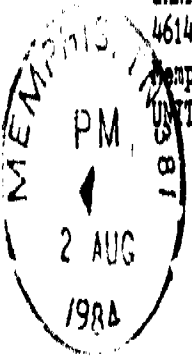
□ Dustin's started a new subzine in Don's Life of Monty. Al wrote his article very early in his visit here. Maybe we can get him to write about his night with the mouse under my sink! Instead of going to sleep about 10 PM, I found Al waiting up for me when I came in at 2:30 AM (my old hours!).

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Eric Kane(New York, USA): "My girlfriend is originally from South Africa, before she moved to Great Neck, she lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She has a friend here for a week named Cynthia who is a native of NC, and I couldn't get over her accent. Not only does she sound like you, but she has what I would call "Southern Mannerisms". By this I mean the way her mouth and face looks, with the chin protruding slightly, and how sometimes when she talks she closes her eyes like you do. I couldn't believe how much she reminded me of you when she talked except of course that her voice was feminine. I wonder if these characteristics are the same for all Southerners? I hope I don't sound like some dumb ignorant Northerner. I'm curious."

□ Well, dunno. Kathy Byrne says that Melinda Holley of West Virginia has the same accent pattern that I do and was struck by the similarity. A girl at work has a husband from Alabama who she says is a dead ringer for me accent-wise, and in what you called "Southern Mannerisms". I'd like to meet these people to see for myself! There is more than one kind of Southern accent though. Probably like you and your family, we don't think we have accents until confronted with an "outsider"! (31)

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