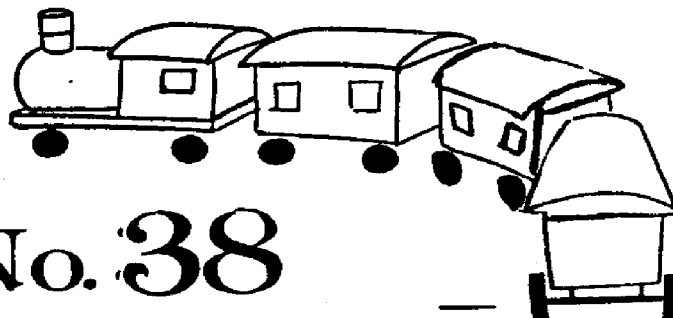


# Europa Express

**THE PUBBER:** Gary L. Coughlan

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How many of you will be going to Indiana this coming October 26-28 for a con hosted by Dave Kleiman, Mark Luedi and Pete Gaughan? I'm going and hope to see you there. More details are on page 29. Mark says upwards of 40 may be there.



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§ I've only been to one con this year and that was MadCon II in May. My heart belongs to the MidWest cons as they are the most accessible to me and where I've had the most fun. Next year, 1985, my first con of the year will be at Joan Extrom's and Ken Corbin's LepreCon which is March 15-17 in Oregon. After that I probably won't be flying to any more cons except maybe one in Minneapolis that Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen have mentioned they might hold. BUT I will be going to any in St. Louis (where several now live, Mark Frueh, Nancy Irwin etc.) and perhaps ones in reach of St. Louis like the Indiana one if I get enough notice to make arrangements at work. And that's it for my cons in 1985.

§ EE will probably be smaller as it's getting difficult for me to put it out like I want, when I want. The culprit is OVERTIME again. It's been going on since the beginning of September and it's very energy-draining.

§ Sorry all you fans of Femme Fatale and Chomps & Miams (see pages 19 and 29) but one of them didn't make it this time. See which one...

§ Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian visited me at the end of September and I took him to the Mid-South Fair. They had a likeness of Michael Jackson all made from butter (life-size) with an aluminum foil glove. And there were some animals which did tricks. One was a chicken which beat me at Tic-Tac-Toe but I must have worn her down because Woody only tied the chicken after that.

§ After careful consideration, I've decided to vote for Walter Mondale for President in November. I am by no means enthusiastic about Mondale but I'm tired of soldiers being killed in Lebanon and Reagan continuing to blame it on Carter. My God, the man's been out of office for 4 years. No one despises Carter as much as I do but he's not to blame, again, for needless deaths in Lebanon. I'm also tired of Reagan's platitudes. We don't need someone who sounds good and talks soothingly. We need someone who will tackle our problems with thought-out plans and who is based in reality. Mondale is trying; I don't see where Reagan is.

§ Doonesbury is back(see page 27) and hopefully my typewriter will be working for some time now. Those of you who like large type will find most of the letter column this time in a larger-print than usual. This issue has been done on 3 different typewriters, an experience I don't soon want to repeat!

§ I'm in another international game this time with an interesting twist. Ben Schilling and I are the only two Americans. 4 of the other players are from West Germany. The 7th player is from.....East Germany.

\$ The World War I Chronology continues with November, December 1914 on page 16. Next issue, I will have some more explanations and then probably print the first 3 months of 1915 in EE's December issue. In the meantime, I'm asking for you help (see page 19) on any dates between 1914 and 1918. Tell me where you get them!

§ DIPLOMACY is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and copyrighted by The Avalon Hill Company.

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"Give Peace a chance. Give Reagan a ranch." --Jesse Jackson while on a campaign stop for Geraldine Ferraro in Memphis in early October, 1984.

Dear Beng & Marie, I want to be at Sof Con this year. are you planning on attending? Love

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**DIPSCRIPTION TIME!** Dipscription is a word coined by Pat Hart of South Carolina about the impressions you make on him based on what he reads about you in the hobby's zines. You could be next but this month it's Mark Luedi, one of the 3 hosts of an October con in Indiana (see page 29). Nicknamed "Vegetable" by Kathy Byrne, he runs the annual Toady Poll in his zine, 30 Miles of Bad Road. And that's not all....

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## EE ADDS 2 NEW SUBZINES!



I have been in the hobby now for exactly five years. In late October, 1979, I wrote away for samples of dipzines although I didn't know that was what I was doing. All I knew was that, following a funny name, was a person's name and address. My first sample was Ron Brown's Murd'ring Ministers from California.

I did not know the meaning of simple terms like "NMR", "zine", "GM" or even how to write orders. Eventually I received samples of every zine published in North America.

Many of these were advanced issues, like #19 or #37 or #23 or #10. But, at the time I entered the hobby, two new zines had just started. These were Mike Mills' Emhain Macha and Bruce Linsey's Voice of Doom. I asked for both's first issue so I could be a part of a zine, a zine that was totally mine, that I would be a part of from the beginning. Ironically, both are folding at the approximate same time after publishing for

"Let's see, now - I'm sure we can fit you in somewhere."

5 years each. Emhain Macha ends at Issue #50 and Voice of Doom at #100. Congratulations to both of you Mike and Bruce for publishing in an exemplary manner and for such a long period of time.

And also ironically, two zines which I have been a part of from the beginning of my involvement in the Diplomacy Hobby, will now be published in EE and I am proud to welcome both Mike and Bruce here. I'd like to tell you something about each of them and what they have meant to me.

Through Mike's Emhain Macha, I became exposed to one of my first Diplomacy games and my first variant game as well. Mike also was the only North American pubber that I knew who had contact with the British hobby and, wonders of wonders, actual letters from Europeans. Mike is of Irish descent (so am I) and I also learned a lot about current-day Ireland.

Mike has also contributed in other ways to the hobby. He was the "instigator" of the PDO and its auctions (see page 4), he ran the Eminent Awards which recognized Best Zine, Best Letter Column, Best GM etc., and he did the first Zine Directory which listed facts and statistics, not only about North American zines, but British and European ones as well.

Emhain Macha itself ends with issue #50. Within EE, Mike's new subzine will be called Savonlinna and the first issue is on page 32 of this issue. It is more of an introductory issue than anything and he explains the games he will be running and other things. Mike is studying Finnish and I believe Savonlinna is a Finnish name as well. I'll be playing in his S.P.Q.R. game.

Through Bruce Linsey's Voice of Doom, I became acquainted with just about the entire hobby. One of VOD's features was the printing of almost anything (letters, articles, press) that was sent to Bruce and for a period of many months, VOD was being published every 2 weeks. The zine also had its share (and more!) of controversy and on many topics I disagreed with BRUX, even to the point of cutting my sub at one point. But I knew I was missing a great deal of good things so I soon returned.

Bruce was the inspiration for the hobby's novice packet, Supernova, to which many hobby members contributed and it is given away free to novices out of Bruce's own pocket. Bruce is famous (or infamous?) for his 19 pages of houserules and he was good enough to spot the bugs in EE's houserules.

Voice of Doom itself ends with issue #100. I've not yet seen it but am told it has set a new hobby record by being 270 pages! The Letter Column alone is 69 pages. Bruce says he has been planning to fold since VOD was in the 60s and he told Joan Extrom and Steve Knight months ago. I learned of it in early September so I've had a month to prepare for a VODless hobby. It's hard to picture.

In EE, Bruce's subzine will be called Echo of Doom and will run the remaining VOD games to conclusion. Bruce says he does not plan on continuing it after the games are finished and the endgame statements are published. I will be a standby for the Echo of Doom games.

Mike and Bruce, you've both earned a long rest from publishing your respective zines. Welcome to EE and thanks for wanting to come here. (3)

### HOBBY-WIDE NEWS

§ The regular typewriter used for EE is now fixed. YYYYYAAAAAAAYYYYYYYYYY!!!!'

§ The Whitestonia Player Poll is now to be known as the Diplomacy Players Poll and John Caruso has handed it over to Dan Stafford. The Runestone Poll will now be conducted by Bruce Linsey instead of Randolph Smyth. Stafford is also running the Marco Poll, formerly by Mark Larzelere. Next year's Runestone Poll will also include European zines for the first time. Don't quote me but it seems like during the last 1½ years all the hobby polls in North America have changed hands.

§ Don Del Grande, pubber of Life of Monty, is offering a game of "World Cup" Soccerleague. Each player(who is a "coach" of a "team") will represent, not a local team, but a national team and will have more money to spend than in regular soccer-league games. Don says prospective coaches can contact him for details and for a self-addressed stamped envelope, he will send you the rules to check out. Non-Americans can send IRCs(International Reply Coupons) available from your post offices. Don's address is: 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, California 94904-1339 USA.

§ North America has one. The United Kingdom has one. And now West Germany will have one. Konrad Dolata, publisher of Der Netzroller(and teacher of young women--see page 29), is opening up the German Variant Bank and is working closely with Fred Davis in North America and Andrew Poole in the United Kingdom. Variants are any games which are a variation on an existing game. (For example, our Diplomacy game has inspired many games of variant Dip.) Good luck, Konrad!!

§ Are you ready for "Rockin' Bakken"? Dale Bakken is doing So I Lied's latest subzine and it's called Bottoms Up!. BU is sports-oriented from its first issue. To get BU and several other good subzines plus the zine So I Lied itself (all for the cheap price of 60¢ per issue, write to: Marc and Debi Peters(compliments to him, complaints to Debi, Marc says...), 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, Wisconsin 53711 USA.

§ The 2nd annual PDO Auction(People's Diplomacy Organization) was conducted by Tom Swider and the final total of money raised for the various hobby services was....da da.....\$280.46. Each auction offers various gifts you can bid on donated by hobby members. Tom says, for a "good time", call...(212)-976-2727....

§ It was true. Kathy Byrne did resign after doing an excellent job as the Boardman Number Custodian. The new BNC is Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301 USA. He can be reached during the day at...(409)-756-6867. By night the telephone number is...(409)-856-7607. Bill was the publisher of Everything which is the BNC's publication and he was closely associated with Kathy and will be a good BNC. However, he does need a publisher because being BNC is a full-time job in itself. If you are interested, write to Bill to find out the pertinent details.

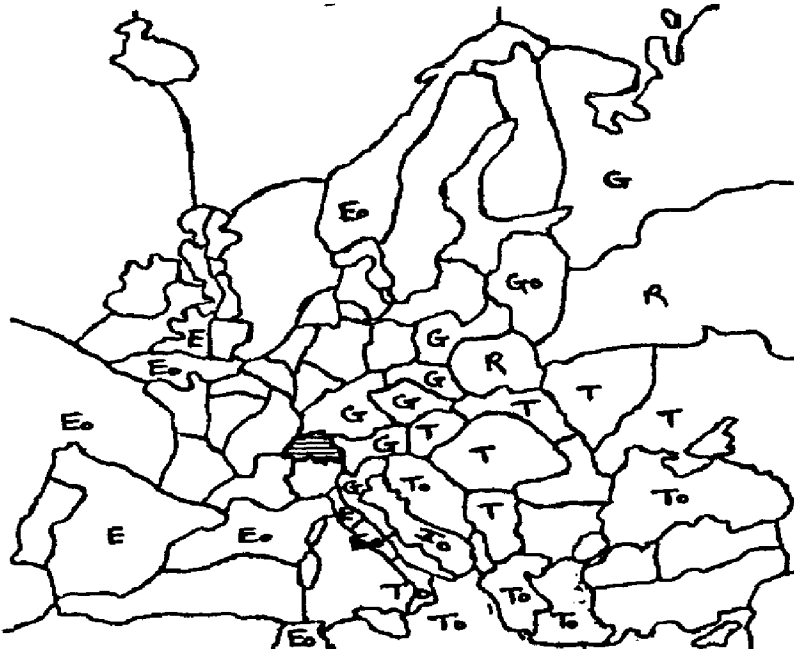
§ The British hobby has several polls, among them the United Kingdom Zine Poll(whose results are published on page 12 of this issue), and now there is to be another. John Marsden, pubber of Ode, has begun the "Ode Diplomacy Magazine Poll". The poll is limited to British zines which carry at least 2 games of postal Diplomacy and which have published at least 3 issues between September 1, 1984 and January 1, 1985. The deadline for voting is January 4, 1985 and anyone who trades or subscribes to at least 2 British zines is eligible to vote. If you North Americans who did not bother to vote in the U.K. Zine Poll for your favorites, now is the chance to redeem yourselves. You've got 3 months to write and vote by listing your most favorite zine first, then your 2nd most favorite and so on. John's address is: 17 Church Road, St. Leonards, Hastings, East Sussex, UNITED KINGDOM TN37 6EF.

§ HOBBY SEX CHOD!!!! Maybe you cannot be it, but you determine who it should be. Details await you on page 28.....

§ What is "pretty uniformly anapestic" and could win you a prize? Why, a limerick contest which will be carried out in Rod Walker's Erehwon. The deadline has not yet been set, so send your limerick to Rod Walker: 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, California 92024 USA. You can send more than one but Rod asks that you put each limerick on a separate piece of paper. (4)

§ Late News...The Prince(by Jim Meinel) has been faked. Details next issue!

♂ POSITIONS IN SPRING 1908 ♂



§ GAME COLOR: Mavi

Your cartoon is from Hagar  
The Horrible. Hope to see all of  
you again in December!

TÜRKİYE: F (TRI) S Italian A Ven(OTM), A (SER) S F Tri  
(Effendi Peter McDonald) A (UKR) S Russian A Sil-War, F Smy-(AEG), F (ION)-Apu  
F (NAP)-Tys, A Ank-(SEV), F (BLA) C A Ank-Sev, A Rum-(GAL), A (VIE) S A Rum-Gal  
A (BUD) S A Vie, F (GRE)-Ion



**The Kaiser and The King  
of England Have Acquired  
Many Italian Vineyards  
In Recent Battles!**

**Rome to Memphis: (Via Italy):** If you don't like your new shoes--Peter McDonald (Turkey) is next in line to test them. Sounds like a fairy tale--I don't its name in English.

**Memphis to Rome:** I think you're referring to "Cinderella" which my magnificent dictionary tells me is "Aschenbrödel". Is this what you were thinking of?

**Memphis to House of Bourbon:** Hope to see a little more press next time!

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"Chess, played since remote antiquity, originated in Iran and spread throughout the world. The Russian word for chess--shakmati--is closest to its original name. The Iranian term is "shah mat" (meaning, appropriately, "the Shah is dead"). The Anglicized version of this term is 'checkmate' --from Native Tongues by Charles Berlitz. ((For "checkmate", the Dutch say "schaakmat"; the Germans say "Schachmatt"; the Swedes say "Schackmatt" and the French say "Echec et mat". Italians say "scacco matto" while the Spanish say "jaque mate".))

# WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



## NEW SUBBERS AND COAs (And Their Zines/Subzines)

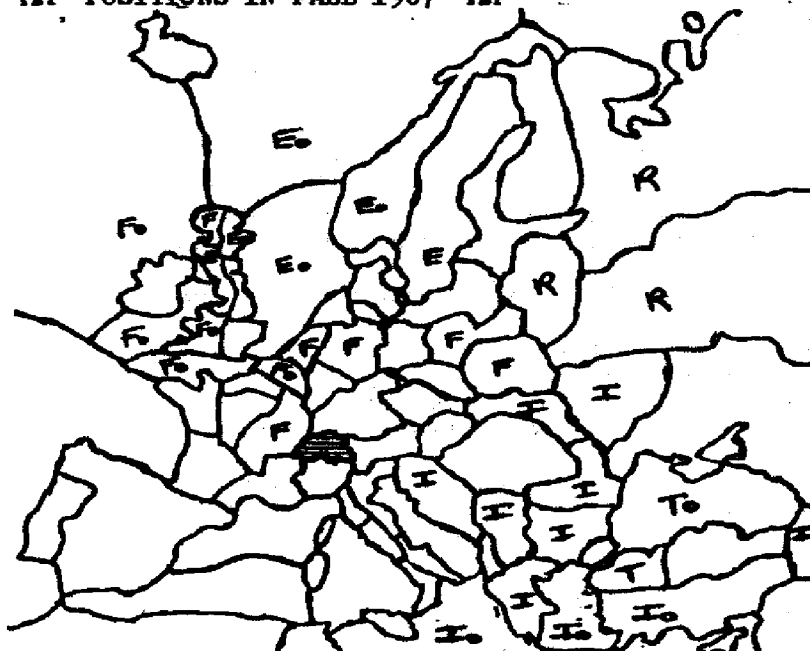
1. Doug Black: PO Box 76, Leamington, Ontario, CANADA N8H 3W1
2. Derek Caws: 17, Malta Road, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hants, UNITED KINGDOM (War And Peace)
3. Mike Ehli: Hamilton Box 60505, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403-6005 USA (FNORD)
4. Alain Henry: C/O Mr. P. Denis, La Place 31, B-5872, Vieuxsart, Corroy-Le-Grand, BELGIUM (Mach Die Spuhl)
5. John Pack: Broadbent Hall #21, Heritage Halls, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84604 USA
6. Marc and Debi Peters: 1814 Cameron Dr. # 3, Madison, Wisconsin 53711 USA (So I Lied)
7. Helmut Schmidt: Rehgrund 73, D-8950 Kaufbeuren, WEST GERMANY
8. James Woodson: 850 A Stephens Rd., Milton, Florida 32570 USA (Raging Main)

## WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY....C ontinued from page 17 . \*~~DECEMBER~~ 1914

- 2- Austrians take Belgrade, Serbia's capital(see 12-6) as they fight Serbs at the Rudnik and Maljen ridges(S); German Socialist Karl Liebknecht is refused right to speak out against the war in the Reichstag(see 8-4), votes against further war credits, the first in Germany to do so.
  - 3- Serbia renews its offensive against Austria(see 12-6)
  - (6)- Serbs rout Austrians(see 12-15)(S); Germans take Lodz(E)
  - 7- Germans begin 2nd battle for Warsaw(E); Serbia's Parliament calls for the "liberation and union" of all Serbs, Croats and Slovenes(Serbia was thus claiming large sections of Austro-Hungarian territory)(S, Inflexible and Invincible arrive at the Falklands(see 11-11,12-8); Baden prisoners arrive at Malta(see 11-9)
  - 8- English naval victory at the Falklands, Von Spee and 1,800 die(N); Indecisive battle near Cracow(E); De Wet's rebellion in South Africa is suppressed(see 12-1) French Government returns to Paris from Bordeaux(see 9-3)
  - 9- English establish bridgehead at Tigris and Euphrates rivers(T); Allies take Bougainville and Buka in the north Solomon Islands(C)
  - 10- Von Spee's destruction(see 11-1) is announced to the Germans(N); Choising leaves Padang, Sumatra(see 11-28, 12-15)
  - 11- Exford is off Padang, captured by the English(see 11-8, 12-15)
  - 12- Russians retreat from Cracow(E)
  - (13)- English submarine "B-11" penetrates the Dardanelles(Constantinople on the Diplomacy board) and sinks the Turkish battleship @"Messudieh"
  - 15- Sortie by Austrian garrison of Przemyśl(E); Serbs retake their capital Belgrade, clear Serbia of all Austrians(S); Ayesha is sunk after joining Choising(see July, 8-1, 11-28, 1-9-15)(N); Exford prisoners taken to Singapore(see 12-11, 2-15-15)(N)
  - 16- German cruisers bombard Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool in England, 700 die(N)
  - 17- English ships bombard Alexandretta, Turkey(N,T)
  - 18- Russian retreat ends on the Bzura River(35 miles west of Warsaw(E); England proclaims Egypt its protectorate. Egypt, a province of Turkey, had been occupied by the English since 1882(T)
  - 22- Turks launch attack on Kars-Sarikamis railway near Russia(T)(See November 1914)
  - 24- English launch air raids on Brussels and Cuxhaven(W)
  - 25- 2nd German attack on Warsaw fails(see 12-7)(E); English launch air raids on Brussels and Cuxhaven(W); an Austrian sub sinks French battleship @Jean Bart" in the Strait of Otranto(between Italy and Albania)
  - 26- Italians occupy Valona, Albania(see 10-30)
- in December 1914: Germans launch air raids on Dover and Erith, England; ~~English win naval control in Lake Tanganyika in German East Africa(O)~~; Mexican Civil War is renewed(see 1-28-15); Masaryk, a Czech patriot, leaves Austria for exile; Adolf Hitler is awarded the Iron Cross, Second Class; @Fascio d'azione rivoluzionaria" is formed in Italy--it was the germ cell of Fascism. ; FRENCH Deputies in the Parliament protest against "almost dictatorship" of Premier Viviani since August; T.E. Lawrence(later "Lawrence of Arabia") arrives in Cairo from England; English unemployment rate is 2.5%; French casualties-855,000 (C)

THE ENGLISH RECOVER THEIR HOME CENTERS; CRISIS IN ROME AS ITALY IMMOBILIZED!!!  
 THE SULTAN SLAUGHTERS HIS AUSTRIAN ENEMIES, RE-ENTERS CONSTANTINOPLE!!!  
 THE RUSSIAN ARMIES MOVE NORTH, ABANDONING WARSAW TO THE FRENCH!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1907 Ω



\$ GAME: "Alsace-Lorraine"  
 1981 IC

\$ GM: 74 | 012144

\$ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1908

\$ ZAT: Friday, November 2, 1984

\$ GAME COLOR: Gumbich'

\$ GAME NOTES: The F-I draw failed.  
 There are 4 proposals for next time:  
 E-R-F-I; a concession to Italy;  
 a concession to France; a concession  
 to England-Russia.

I'm sure Kathy will be back  
 next time but I'm asking Ken Corbin  
 to submit Malmberger orders for  
 Italy as a matter of course. He  
 has your addresses and his is:

Rt. 1, Box 26 W  
 Philomath, Oregon 97370 USA

\$ Annihilations This Time:  
 Austria's Army Constantinople.

Thanks to Jim Burgess for his  
 great press; we'll miss you! Your

cartoon was drawn by EE subber, Dan Wilson. See you in November!

\$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1907 \$

Rosia: Army Ukraina retreats to Moscow

T'ok'i: Fleet Constantinople retreats to the Black Sea

Yongguk: Fleet Clyde retreats to Edinburgh

\$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1907 \$

ET'ALLI: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has A (BUL) ☹ A (SER) ☹  
 (Kathy Byrne-yang???) ☹ A (TRI) ☹ A (GRE) ☹ F (ION) ☹  
 ☹ F (ABG) ☹ F (SMY) ☹ A (ARM) ☹ A (GAL) ☹ A (UKR) ☹ A (RUM)

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: A (CON)☹☹☹ S Italian A Gre-Smy(NSO)  
 (Jim Burgess-ssi)

P'RANGSU: A (CLY)-Lpl, F (WAL) S A Cly-Lpl, F (NAO)-Nwy  
 (Thomas Franke-ssi) F Mao-(IRI), F (ENG)-Lon, F (BEL)-Nth  
 A Sil-(WAR), A (PRU) S A Sil-War, A (KIE)-Den  
 A (HOL) Holds, A (MUN) Holds(NSU), A (BUR) Unordered

ROSIA: A Mos-(STP), A Sev-(MOS), A War-(LVN)  
 (Doug Beyerlein-ssi)

T'OK'I: A Ank-(CON), F (ELA) S A Ank-Con  
 (Jaap Jacobs-ssi)

YONGGUK: A (LPL)-Cly, F (EDI) S A Lpl-Cly, F (NTH)-Lon  
 (Mike Close-ssi) F (NWG)-Nth, F (NWY) S F Nwg-Nth, A (SWE)-Den



BYE BYE AUSTRIA!!!

Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: Your 1907 Supply Centre Chart is on page 8 .

Jim-Bob to Kathy: I done good, didn't I? I'm still here. Turkey was a very  
 pleasant place to visit. Can I visit Russia next?

Memphis to Jim-Bob: Uh, Jim, there's something you should know....

France to Austria: Sure, you are only a puppet--poor guy!

Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: Your press continues on page 8 .

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\$ 1908 Supply Centre Chart \$

	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Has</u>	<u>Builds/Removes</u>
ET'ALLI:	BUL		Home, Tri, Vie, Bud Tun, Smy, Ser, Gre, Rum	12	+ 1
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:		<del>WY</del>		0	O-U-T
P'RANGSU:	WAR	<del>LPI</del>	Home, Bel, Por, Spa Hol, Kie, Mun, Ber	11	No Change
ROSIA:	STP	<del>WXX</del>	Mos, Sev	3	No Change
T'OK'I:			Ank, Con	2	No Change
YONGGUK:	LPL	<del>SLP</del>	Edi, Lon, Nwy Den, Swe	6	No Change
				<u>34</u>	

Austria to France: Mais non, Monsieur! I have not yet begun to write!!

France to Italy: Don't get nervous and keep cool--I don't stab serious allies, who are that nice and beautiful.....!

Austria to France: Don't worry, she came, but I'm fine; in fact, I feel much better now that she's been here.

England to Italy: I hope you've done the right thing and left Russia alone!

Now how's about a couple of fleets in Naples and Rome?

**Austria to Cutey-Pie Italian:** Who needs fleets when you've got me!

France to All: Let's have an end to this game and vote "yes" to the draw proposal, please!

France to Russia: Good move to Livonia, but why help England by your own sacrifice?

Austria to Italy: Aw shucks, t'weren't nothin'. You know I'd do anything for you.

France to England: In trouble now, eh? London will be mine soon!

Austria to France: Who's this guy Rhys? I may have to defend Kathy's honor if he doesn't stop spreading lies about you and Kathy.

Memphis to Austria: Rhys is on vacation it seems....

France to Memphis: Do the winners of Alsace-Lorraine get a kiss from Elsie?

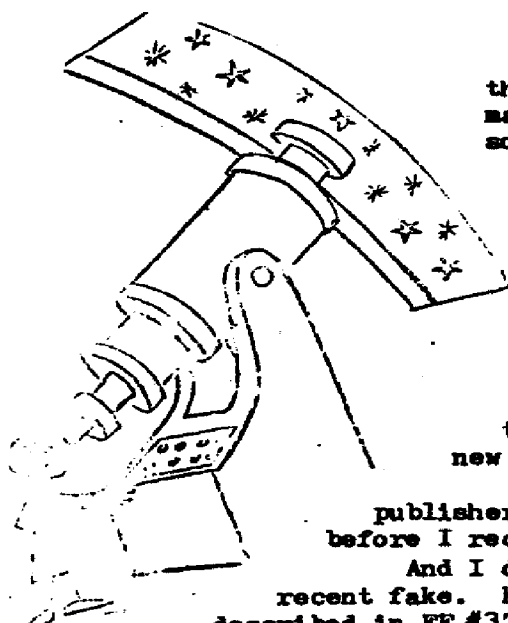
**Memphis to France:** Yes, a wet, sloppy one!

France to Memphis: How about another international game after having finished this one?

Memphis to France: Let's finish this one first, ha ha!

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## FOCUS ON FAKES!



This EE Department exists to give publicity to any and all fakes sent to me. I faked 3 zines and the first two times no recognition was given. Fakes make us laugh, are free and all a faker asks is that someone let him or her know how much it was enjoyed or

even if it was received. Since last issue, I've seen no new fakes but have up-dates on 2 fakes.

First of all, Jan Feringa, pubber of Holland's

Brutus which now has an English-Dutch letter column writes in: "You didn't mention the Brutus fake."

After the summer holiday of 1983, two versions of

Brutus were produced. One by Rob [van de Burg] and Guus [Lobach], one by Teijo [Doornkamp]. We faked a quarrel and didn't stop insulting each other. Most of the subbers believed it and sent money to receive the new Brutus too. Unbelievable, how funny that hoax was."

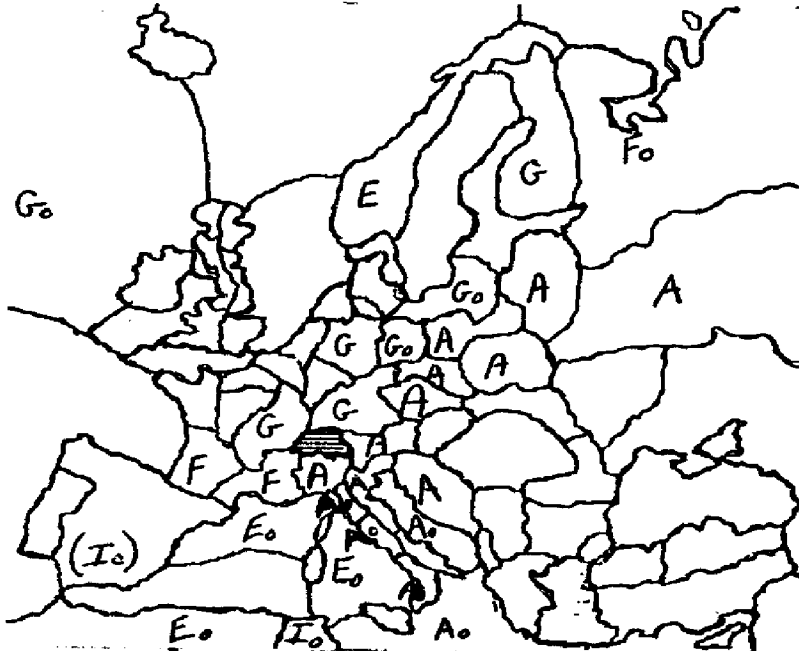
Brutus, like many continental zines, has more than one publisher; it has 4. Thanks for telling me, Jan, as this was before I received Brutus.

And I didn't give credit where credit was due in another more recent fake. Kathy Byrne co-produced the fake Perlmutter's Revenge described in EE #37. Her letter about it appears on page 18. (2)



ENGLISH SLIP INTO THE TYRHENIAN AS AUSTRIANS AMASS FLEETS ALONG ITALIAN COAST!!!  
 GERMANS RECAPTURE MUNICH JUST IN TIME FOR THE OKTOBERFEST!!!  
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1914 Ω



§ GAME: "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha"  
 1981 AN

§ GM: Estefas Harnavoodian

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1914

§ ZORK: Friday, November 2, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Zblä

¶ GAME NOTES: All proposals were defeated. None were repropoed.

§ Annihilations This Time:

'Germany's Army Munich

§ I hope Al will return.

But just in case the standby is James Wall 1805 University Arc #5 Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

And yes he has your addresses.

(That was a stupid question Faz)

For those of you interested your cartoon is from Peanuts.

While visiting Mr. Coughlan for a few days I noticed that one of the players mentioned my name in his press. Because of that I, Woody will be GMing your game this season!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1913 §

ANGLIA: Removes Fleet Skagerrak

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG: Builds Fleet Trieste, plays one short.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1914 §

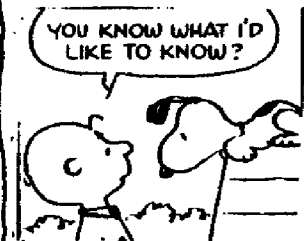
ANGLIA: F Wes-(TYS), F(LYO)-Pie, F (NAF) S Italian F Tun  
 (Mark Fassio ur) A (NWY) S French F Stp(nc)

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG: A (MOS) S German A Fin-Stp (NSO),  
 (Kerry Blant ur) A(LVN) S A Pru, A (WAR) S A Sil, F Apu-(NAP)  
 A (PIE) S German A Bur-Mar (nso), A(MUN)@@@ H, A(SIL) S A Boh  
 A (PRU) S A Lvn, F (ION)-Tun, F Rom-(TUS), F Nap-(ROM)  
 A Ven-(TRI), A Tus-(VEN), A (BOH) S A Tyo, A (TYO) S A Pie  
 F Tri-(ADR)

FRANCIAORSZAG: A Bre-(GAS), F(STP-nc)-Holds  
 (John Marsden ur) A (MAR) S Eng F Lye-Pie

NEMETORSZAG: A Ruh-(MUN), A (BUR) S A Ruh-Mun, F(BER)-H  
 (Jack Fleming ur) F Mao- (NAO), F (BAL) S F Ber,  
 A(KIE) S F Ber, A (FIN) S French F Stp(nc)

OLASZORSZAG: NMR!! @ @ @ Has F (TUN) @ @ @ @ @  
 (Allen Pearson ur???) @ F (SPA-sc) @ @ @ @ @



Austria Wonders,  
 What has England  
 To "Gloat" About!  
 (See Press)

Austria-Hungary to England: Granted I have not been playing as many years as some. And I know my tactics are probably inferior. (afterall I never managed to control as much as you.) But never have I seen anyone gloat and be so happy over a five way draw. You can't really be serious.

If "you all" can't do any better than that you must be as bored with this game as I am. Woody-Kerry: First let me compliment you on your fine penmanship. You have to understand Faz (often referred to as Athlete's Foot face), The fool has nothing going for him. To him a five way draw is perfection.

Woody to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha: Faz is ripped apart on page 10



THE ENGLISH ENTER THE BARENTS SEA AS BOTH GERMANS AND FRENCH MOVE EAST!!!  
 THE SULTAN SHUFFLES HIS MILITARY FORCES AS HE PREPARES HIS PEOPLE FOR WAR!!!  
 ARCHDUKE OUSTS TSARINA FROM RUMANIA AS RUSSIANS CONQUER SILESIA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1902 Ω



\$ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"  
 1984 AH

\$ GM: 7-11 or 21 44

\$ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1902

\$ ZAT: Friday, November 2, 1984

\$ GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: Y'all do like Korean, right? If not, break that tie in the number of supply centers owned.

\$ Dislodgements This Time:  
 Germany's Army Silesia and Russia's Fleet Rumania.

Remember where dislodgements have occurred, only the dislodger unit is shown and it is circled. The dislodged unit is not shown.

Your cartoon is from Hagar The Horrible.

Lately I've been subject to work on deadline day which are Fridays. I'm usually not home at nights and I'd urge you to mail in!

# \$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1902 \$

ET'ALLI: A (VEN) Holds, A (TYO) S A Ven  
 (Ken Gestiehr-ssi) F Nap-(APU)  
 F Tun-(ION)

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: F Gre-(AEG), A Bud-(RUM)  
 (Mike Cannon-ssi) A (SER) S A Bud-Rum  
 A (TRI) S A Vie, A (VIE) S A Tri

P'RANGSU: F Mar-(LYO), A Spa-(MAR)  
 (Dave Carter-ssi) A Por-(SPA)  
 F Mao-(WES), F Bre-(MAO)

ROSIA: F (BAL) S English F Nth-Den(NSO)  
 (Daf Langley-buin) A (STP) Holds  
 F (RUM) S Turkish A Bul(r-Bla-Sev-OTB), A War-(SIL), A (PRU) S A War-Sil

TOKIL: A (MUN)-Boh, A (SIL) S Boh(r-Ber-Gal-OTB), A Hol-(KIE)  
 (Nelson Heintzman-ssi) F Kie-(DEN), F (SWE) S F Kie-Den

T'OK'I: A (BUL) Holds, A Smy-(ANK)  
 (Dustin Laurence-ssi) F Ank-(CON), F Con-(SMY)

YONGGUK: F Nwy-(BAR), F Lpl-(NAO)  
 (Pat Hart-ssi) A Yor-(NWy), F (NTH) C A Yor-Nwy

HAGAR  
 the  
 HORRIBLE

THE ENEMY  
 COMETH!!

TAKE  
 COVER!

France's Warning(See Press) Prompts  
 The Italians To Look At Their  
 Western Horizon!

France to Italy: Ken, ya shouldn't have said that about the French fries! I hope that I am not underestimating the success of my mission.

London to Paris: I knew you would do that.

London to Moscow: You shouldn't have built in St. Petersburg.

London to Rome: It's time to let the chips fall where they may.

Moscow to Venice: Belgium or Bust, eh? This is going to be a fun game.

Moscow to Germany: You look mahvelous, darling. Just mahvelous!

London to Budapest: I agree. Let's get her.

London to World: Dunk Hanson and Byrne!

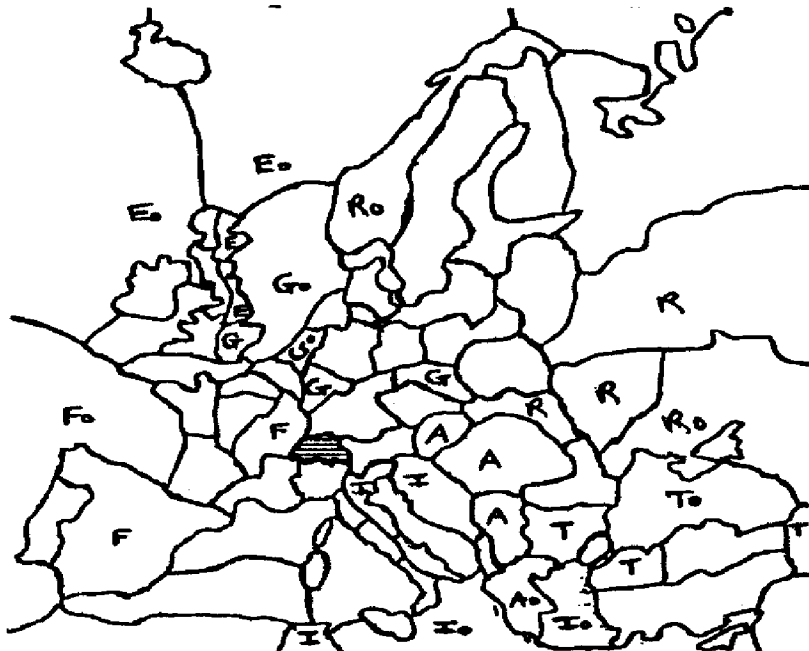
Memphis to Chocolate Press: See page 12 for the rest of your press.

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LONDON FALLS TO GERMANS IN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING; ITALIAN FLEETS STREAM EAST!!!  
 RUMANIA REMAINS FREE OF AUSTRIANS AND TURKS; PARIS SENDS WARNING TO ROME!!  
 THE TSAR'S TROOPS PREVAIL IN GALICIA AS RUSSIANS OCCUPY NORWAY!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1902 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

§ GM: 71-0-21-11

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1902

§ ZAT: Friday, October 26, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Nok-saek

§ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Steve Heinowski for unused Malmberger orders.

Your game is in Korean because when one or more great powers is tied in number of supply centers owned, Korean is used for ties. And as of 1901 Iliad has a 4-way tie for the most.

I learned Korean in the Army and never found a use for it til the hobby. It's also used to show that the Oriental countries had a large role in World War I on which our Diplomacy game is based.

"ssi" is to Korean as "san" is to Japanese. Your cartoon is from Steve Roper. See you in October.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1902 §

ET'ALLI: A (TRI) Holds, A (VEN) S A Tri  
 (John Schuler-ssi) F Ion-(AEG), F Nap-(ION)  
 A (TUN) Holds

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: F (GRE)-Lon(Imp)  
 (Mike Mills-ssi) A (VIE)-Gal  
 A (BUD)-Rum, A (SER) S A Bud-Rum

P'RANGSU: F Eng-(MAO), A Bel-(BUR)  
 (Mark Frueh-ssi) A Por-(SPA)

ROSIA: F (SEV) S Turkish A Arm-Rum(NSO)  
 (Matt Kazur-ssi) A (MOS) S F Sev  
 A War-(GAL), A (UKR) S A War-Gal, F Swe-(NWY)

TOKIL: A Den-(LON), F (NTH) C A Den-Lon, A Ber-(SIL)  
 (Jim Burgess-ssi) A Hol-(RUH), F Kie-(HOL)

T'OK'I: A (CON)-Rum, A (BUL) S A Con-Rum  
 (Jerry Lucas-ssi) F (BLA) C A Con-Rum, A (ARM)-Sev

YONGGUK: F Nwg-(NAO), F Nwy-(NWG)  
 (Rob Winslow-ssi) A (EDI)-Nwy(Imp), A Lpl-(YOR)

HOLY MOLY! HE'S BORIN  
 RIGHT IN ON ME!!



The War Is Brought Home To The  
 English As The Germans Capture London!

Mark to John: Now I'll know--are you a story-maker or are all the other players story-tellers? Piedmont means bad news for both of us. Let me tell you a story if such an event happened. There once were two concrete blocks sinking in water.  
 Berlin to London: I decided to drop by for a chat again since I heard that you were under new leadership, but no one was at home again...I told you I'd try again later.

The Boob's Abode(via Germany): The Boob sits at his kitchen table, steaming after his long hot shower and scheming for revenge. The thought crosses his infantile mind that he still doesn't know what it means to "jiggelate," Elsie's luhlisibles, but he quickly dismisses that fact as irrelevant and gets on with his plotting...

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FRENCH FORCES SECURE NORWAY AND THE IONIAN SEA AS PARIS REBUKES VIENNA'S TACTICS!!!  
 TSAR DISAPPEARS WHILE MOSCOW AND WARSAW FALL TO AUSTRIANS AND TURKS!!!  
 NEW KAISER INSTITUTES NAVAL POLICY, LOSES RUHR; ITALIAN LEADER RETURNS!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1909 Ω



§ GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U

§ GM: Monsieur Gâréaux L.  
 Çoughlânniqué

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1909

§ ZAT: Friday, October 26, 1984

§ GAME COLOR: Jaune

¶ GAME NOTES: Walter Loy NMRed out so Bob Foote is now the German player of record. Thanks to John MacFarlane for unused Italian Malmberger orders.

I'm asking Michael Lee to submit Malmberger orders for Russia. Ed, it's time to fork over some sub money or Mike gets the position. Addresses are on another sheet. Note that Marc Peters has a COA.

§ Annihilation This Time:

Russia's Army Moscow.

§ Dislodgements This Time:

Turkey's Fleet Ionian Sea and Russia's Army Warsaw. Your cartoon is from Punch magazine.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1908 §

Allemagne: Fleet Holland retreats to Heligoland Bight,  
 Army Silesia retreats OTB,  
 Fleet Belgium retreats OTB

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1908 §

Allemagne: Build Fleet Berlin  
 Autriche-Hongrie: Build Army Trieste  
 France: Builds Army Paris, Fleet Brest, Fleet Marseille  
 Turquie: Build Fleet Constantinople

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1909 §

ALLEMAGNE: F Bal-(DEN), F (HEL) S F Bal-Den  
 (Monsieur Bob Foote) F (BER)-Kie, A (KIE)-Ruh  
 A (MUN) S A Kie-Ruh

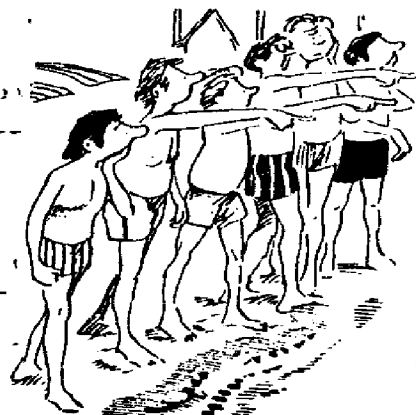
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A Gal-(WAR), A (SIL) S A Gal-War  
 (Monsieur Russ Rusnak) A Ven-(TUS), A Tri-(VEN)  
 A (BOH)-Mun, A Tyo-(PIE)

FRANCE: A Bel-(RUH), A (HOL) S A Bel-Ruh, A (BUR) S A Bel-Ruh, F Eng-(BEL)  
 (Monsieur Bert Schoose) F Bre-(ENG), A Edi-(NWY), F (NTH) C A Edi-Nwy, A Far-(GAS)  
 F Mar-(LYO), F Tun-(ION), F (TYS) S F Tun-Ion, F (ROM) S F Tys

ITALIE: F (NAP) S Turkish F Ion-Tys  
 (Monsieur Jim Briggs)

RUSSIE: NMR!!! ☹☹☹ Has A (LVN) ☹ A (WAR)☹☹(r-Pru-OTB) ☹  
 (Monsieur Ed Jacobs???) ☹ A (STP) ☹ A (MOS)☹☹☹ ☹☹☹

TURQUIE: A Sev-(MOS), A (UKR) S A Sev-Mos, F Aeg-(GRE), F Con-(AEG)  
 (Monsieur Marc Peters) F (EAS)-Ion, F (ION)☹☹☹ -Tys(r-Adr-Alb-Apu-OTB)



Frenchmen On The Riviera  
 Note The Presence Of Austrians  
 In Neighboring Piedmont!

Memphis to Rhino! Your press continues on page 16 ! Or rather begins.

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Constantinople to Marseille: Three builds, and Austria as an ally--how disgusting. Congratulations, however.

Memphis to Constantinople: There's been a change in the weather, there's been a change in...

[PARIS]- The French Government announced, with great regret, that peace talks with the Austrian Government have broke off due to unreasonable threats and demands by their leaders. The President is hoping that talks will resume shortly and he has decided that no military action will be directed towards Austria unless their troops provoke it.

Smyrna to Naples: So who the heck are you now: the old player; the standby? Do you even yet own Naples? Will this whole mess resolve itself? And does anybody but France and myself care?

Memphis to Rhino: For these, and the answers to other wrenching heart-felt questions, tune in next month for another thrilling episode of "As the Rhino Charges".

Ankara to Kiel: Read the note to Italy. You know, you just might have some friends in this game if you'd bother to write.

[NORWAY]-(via France): France has entered this Russian province to begin "conflict-ending" peace-talks with all countries that are interested in joining us.

Memphis to France: Perhaps the new government in Germany or the possible new government in Russia will be amenable. Then there's always Italy, Austria and Turkey!

Sevastopol to Moscow(alias "Mr. Excitement"): Boy, those sure are some pretty daring moves on your part, Ed. And such variety, too. The saddest part of all is that you actually believe you are playing Diplomacy. You don't write to anyone, you make no attempt to achieve anything--how pathetic. Well, at least you're following the same pattern of letting Russia win that you established long ago. No doubt you think you're playing Dip in that game too. Close enough, actually--you ARE the Dip.

Memphis to Turkey: Now, Marc, is that any way to treat the Tsar who organized the "Marc Peters Epithet" contest?!

Memphis to Rhino: See you guys in October!

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#### WORLD\*WAR I CHRONOLOGY

—by Gary L. Coughlan

Our Diplomacy game is based on World War I and EE began last issue giving a chronology of that war day-by-day. Most of the explanation is contained in EE #37, beginning on page 30. If I have room this issue(I only intend on doing November and December 1914), I'll add further explanations on page 70. I'd also appreciate subbers sending me any event which happened between 1914 and 1918; this chronology is not just about the war. Send it and tell me where you found it. Now for...

The following Code is used: W : the Western Front(Belgium and France); S : the Southern Front(Serbia and the Balkans); E : the Eastern Front(Russia); T : the Turkish Front(which ranged from Egypt, to Iraq, to Armenia; C : the German colonies in Africa, Asia and the Pacific; and N : naval actions. Anything else is others. Sundays are put in parentheses so you can find the day of the week easily, to make this seem move alive to you.

#### NOVEMBER 1914

1,440 die

(1) Russia declares war on Turkey(see 10-29); German fleet under Von Spee(see 10-26) wins naval victory over the English off Coronel, Chile(see 11-11)(N); Germany makes Hindenburg a Field Marshal and named Commander-in-Chief of German forces in the East; Moltke's removal and replacement(see 9-14) by Falkenhayn as Germany's Commander-in-Chief; announced.

2-3 English troops assault Tanga in German East Africa(now Tanganyika or Tanzania)

3- Austrians launch 3rd attack on Serbia(S); German cruisers bombard Yarmouth, England(N); Allies bombard Turkey's Dardanelles forts(T); England declares all of the North Sea a "military area" due to mines and dangerous to merchant ships

4- English troops leave Tanga(see 11-2,3)—it was a complete fiasco(C); German cruiser Karlsruhe blown up at sea off Barbadoes(N) ((continued on page 17)) 16



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 WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY...Continued from page 14.

- 5- France Declares War on Turkey, England declares war on Turkey; England annexes Cyprus, a Turkish possession they had occupied anyway since 1878
- 6- Australians take over German colony of Nauru in the Pacific(C)
- 7- Japanese take Tsing-tau(see 9-24)(C)
- (8)- German Emden(N) sends collier Exford away to Socrota with 17 men(see 12-11)(11-9)
- 9- German Emden destroyed by Australian cruiser Sydney near Cocos Islands(N), but 50 men had been left behind on Cocos—they escape on an ancient schooner called "Ayesha"(see 11-27)
- 10 - Germans take Diksmude(W); Russians ~~xx~~ cut Posen-Cracow railway inside Germany(E)  
 The Sydney arrives at the Cocos Islands(see 11-9)
- 11- English dispatch battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible to the Falkland Islands(N) ((The naval disaster at Coronel(see 11-1) infuriated the English that they determined to confront Von Spee with overwhelming force which ever way he went(see 12-8). In all they would dispatch 30 ships to hunt the Germans down))
- 12- Russians are within 20 miles of Cracow, Austria(E); German commander in German South West Africa(Namibia), Heydebreck dies of wounds, Viktor Franke is new commander.
- 13- Germans begin 2nd assault on Warsaw(E)
- 14- Germans drive Russians back to Kutnow(E); Benito Mussolini publishes the first edition of his "Il Popolo d'Italia"(see 10-19, 11-24). Emden City Council Holds service.
- 17- End of the First Battle of Ypres(W)(see 10-21), it was inconclusive;
- 18-20 Sir Roger Casement, an anti-English Irish patriot, goes on a tour of the Western Front courtesy of his German hosts(See 10-31, January 1915)
- 18- Russo-Turkish naval battle in the Black Sea(T)
- 21- English troops from India take Basra from the Turks(in Iraq,T)
- (22) Allies offer southern Albania to Greece if she enters the war immediately on their side ((The Allies refers to England, France, Russia etc. The Central Powers was used to refer to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey))
- 23- Russian front broken by Germans at Lodz(E); Portuguese troops in Africa are committed to action against the Germans(see 9-11); Americans begin evacuating Veracruz, Mexico which they had occupied since April 21, 1914
- 24- Benito Mussolini is expelled from the Socialist Party in Milan(See 11-14)
- 25- Winston Churchill proposes a naval attack on Gallipoli, Turkey(Where Constantinople is on the Diplomacy board)(See February, 1915)
- 27- Russians begin to evacuate Lodz(see 12-6)(E); Ayesha arrives in Padang, Sumatra(N)(See 11-9, 11-28)
- 28- Ayesha leaves Padang, Sumatra for a rendezvous 200 miles South, Southwest(see 12-10, 12-15)(N)
- 30- Serbs evacuate Belgrade, their capital(S), see 12-2)  
 —in November, 1914: After failure to knock France out of the war, the Germans adopt policy of crippling Russia's power while going to the defensive in France(W); Russians threaten Konya, Turkey(T); Persia(Iran) declares its neutrality; English air raids against Cologne, Dusseldorf and Friedrichshafen(See September, October, 1914)  
 Sigmund Freud of Austria returns to Vienna(see 9-16). A Baltimore, Maryland analyst had offered him asylum in America. Dr. Freud said "It shows what the Americans think of our chances."; Lenin, in Switzerland finishes an article on Karl Marx; a Polish National Committee calls for Russia's support to unify all Poland(see 8-14, 8-16)  
 Germany introduces restrictions on the hours of baking and selling bread.

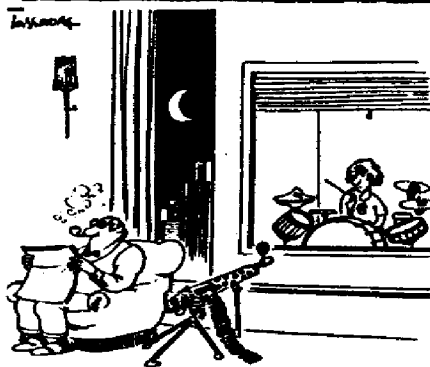
DECEMBER 1914

- 1-South Africans take De Wet prisoner(see 10-28)(C); Von Spee's squadron rounds the Cape Horn, south tip of South America(see 11-11)

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## THE LETTER COLUMN



Should a big letter column on many subjects so let's jump in. First of all, the new picture contest is on page 14 and the deadline is Friday, November 2, 1984. Ed Wrobel (one of the persons in the couple's pic in EE #34 and #35) mailed a response to your guesses about his picture which didn't get here in time for the last issue. It will begin the letter column.....

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Ed Wrobel (Virginia, USA): "I take the strongest possible exception to Kathy Byrne's comment on my private fantasy ~~family~~ family life. The fact is that Ms Byrne has been trying to lure my imaginary daughter Edwina, to one of her sordid "Byrne Cons" for months. Edwina, although not as disciplined as one might wish, is familiar with Rod Walker's opinion of New York City and, having the greatest respect for Rod's insight into the horror and decadence of the place, would never dare set foot there, even if it were spelled backwards. I should certainly hope that my actual child, Eric, does not develop ~~such a fondness for the city~~ Ms Byrne's unfortunate lack of intellect in the field of following the advice of the Hobby Elders. How could any normal upstanding member of the bourgeoisie question the wisdom of those who have been making the same mistakes for more than a decade, especially when it comes to something completely new and different? Ach du l'vie!

As for my twin, Mr. Peel—his snide allusion to my feudal activities shall not be allowed to go unpunished. Everyone knows that I am a very nice person as long as I am not behind a typewriter or playing choo-choo games. There's just something about the trappings of journalism and near-obsolete modes of transportation that stimulate my aggressive instincts. Other than that, I'm a creampuff—and you better remember that, Peel! Your provisional status is becoming tenuous as you continue this public criticism of your loyal vice premier. A coupe is not an impossibility. ((Ken Peel and Ed Wrobel serve as the strongmen of WARTHOG—the Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly Organized Gamesters, both on a provisional basis pending ever-increasing imminent elections—Gary)). Gary, I already included a parenthetical explanation for you!"

# Thanks, Ed, what a WARTHOG! And now, if anyone only suspected before, this page provides undeniable proof that my Smith-Corona Electric typewriter is not in working order and that I, in desperation have turned to my high-school days' Underwood Manual typewriter (circa 1960s). The S-C died at 5 PM Saturday leaving me with either not typing for two days or going the Underwood route. Even the keys are in different places!

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Joan Extrom (Oregon, USA): "The guy's picture in #36: If he's single, send me his name and his address."

# Joan's guess about Konrad Dolata, the man in the pic in #36, arrived after the last EE was printed. Konrad's response to Joan's and the others' guesses will be printed in EE #39. Any late guesses are always sent on the picture person and printed in the following issue. And Joan now knows Konrad is married!

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Kathy Byrne (New York, USA): "Dear Mr. Coughlan, While reading EE, I came across a tremendous error. In issue #37, page 29, you gave Woody, and Woody alone ((Steve Arnawoodian)) credit for doing the fake Perlmutter's Revenge. What do I look like—Kasper the Ghost? Since I wrote half of that zine, why don't I get half the credit? Have you ever known Woody to do a fake without me? Of course not, we do everything together—we feel that we'd rather share the ~~fake~~ credit. I am really surprised by your shoddy journalism and lack of credit for my brilliant fake. If I do not get credit, you will be removed from the Woody/Byrne mailing list! Sincerely, Ms Byrne"

# Seeing the errors of my ways, I have corrected the false version and given you the credit you so richly deserve on page 8. Here's another faker of your subzine, Paul! Go get her!!

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LETTER COLUMN...Continued from page 18.

Kevin Stone(New York, USA): "Chomps & Miams is interesting. I enjoy cooking and trying new foods, no matter how terrible they look or sound. Just ~~that~~ tried anchovies—too salty! One of these days I'll send them a recipe for western New York's own "Buffalo-style chicken wings." They are among my favorite foods."

Jim KIMMI Finley(California, USA): "I distinctly remember explaining the difference between bleu cheese and Roquefort to Michel; these Europeans just don't understand fine food, I suppose."

Michael Ditz(Florida, USA): "To put it mildly I am shocked and horrified! First I send you a very good and tasty recipe for peanut butter and jelly sandwich and you turn around and invite some foreign French Fool to write a recipe column for you. Then you actually publish a recipe for SNAILS. How could you! And I thought you was a good ol Southern boy. Hell no you seem to be no better than a DAMNYANKEE! Then you let that boy piss and moan about bying Red Pepper. Give me a break, everybody knows if it ain't jalapeno or plablono it ain't worth trying. And even kids know enough to read the label of anything new you by."

Well now that I am done pissing and moanin' about Frenchy, it's time for STEAK & POTATOES — the unauthorized subzine! (insert comic)



Next time the missing ingredient from Frenchy's snail (ugh) recipe."

Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "Chomps & Miams would be fine as a Belgian subzine but it has no place in an American zine. I suppose Michel Liesnard is jealous of our superior postal Diplomacy Hobby and wants to be part of it. I plan to circulate a petition to keep Europeans out of our hobby and Americans from belittling participating in the European Diplomacy Hobby."

# Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian has just had the first issue of his new subzine Woody's Place published in Belgium's Mach die Spuhl whose featured topic was "Paris, the 51st State." Michael, your Southern dialect is much more pronounced than mine but nevah evah evah call me a DAMNYANKEE! Chomps & Miams seems to be quite popular.

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Marvin Baker(Alabama, USA): "I just finished reading your article on World War I and enjoyed it very much. The intrigue is bewildering. I have wanted to learn more about "The Great War" but didn't know where to get good information."

Mark Fassio(California, USA): "Your World War I chronology is first rate—outstanding detail! What historical encyclopaedia are you using? Trivia: How many sons did the Kaiser have?"

Fred Davis(Maryland, USA): "I thought your idea for a World War I Chronology was terrific!"

Don Del Grande(California, USA): "Speaking of World War I, which you were in EE, you left out a few "after-shocks" of the war...1950s: "Diplomacy" invented—later called a "great game, lousy history". Note that with the exception of England, all (6) "major powers" have identical-strength armies!...1960s: Avalon Hill introduces "1914". I'll put it this way: it's great history, but a lousy game—so bad that it hasn't been made ~~more~~ in over 10 years...1980s: Avalon Hill does it again with "The Guns Of August". Almost as bad as "1914". As far as I know, there are no new World War I games in anybody's future."

# The WWI Series seems to be a big hit and I hope lots of you help me with dates. I have yellow legal pad sheets(one sheet per one month) and am going through several

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history books plus quick glances through many famous people's memoirs and biographies. I know I'm missing a lot which would make it interesting—it's not just about the First World War but about ANYTHING that happened during 1914 until ~~1914~~ 1918. After this series ends, Jim Burgess of Rhode Island, USA, will do a chronology of the American Civil War. Fred Davis sent along a chronology of World War II which will also be printed in EE. Eventually I'd like to do one of the Napoleonic Wars! The Kaiser was quite an interesting personality. The eldest grandson of Queen Victoria of England, he had 7 sons, uh 6 sons and one daughter. Right, Faz?

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Jim Bumpas(Oregon, USA): "We were contacted by a wargamer in Budapest who asked for games. Libertesrean subbers took a collection and we bought and mailed several games to him. They have difficulty getting these items since their government controls foreign exchange so severely."

□ Jim is the pubber of Lib who once had contact in Hungary and this refers to the letter in the last EE. A couple of other subbers have said that the hang-up is money, and that the Hungarians would not be hassled for receiving items from America. Michael Lee, pubber of The Concert of Europe, often writes friends in Russia and says that items of his, and theirs, are sometimes returned to sender. So if anyone wants to help the Ungarian part, uh Hungarian part of the hobby, feel free to do so!

It's now Monday, and I went and rented a Smith-Corona while mine is being repaired. The type is larger but the keys are in the right place and I can use my changeable type.

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Jim Finley(California, USA): "It doesn't look as if I'll be travelling east on schedule. A couple of weeks ago my left knee started giving me a lot of trouble and discomfort. I had hurt the knee a few times in years past but not lately; but it kept getting worse, so I finally went to see about it at sickbay. It took me a couple of weeks to get to an orthopedic surgeon, and when I finally did, the other day, he told me I had torn my left medial meniscus--cartilage, the standard football injury--and I'm scheduled for knee surgery the day I was supposed to be leaving. Needless(kneeless?) to say, I'm pissed but there isn't a thing anyone can do to speed things up, and I won't be starting OCS[Officers Candidate School--Jim's a Marine] on October 8th. Now I have to get my C.O. to call HQMC and try to get me rescheduled for a later class. There's one in February, I believe....After seeing the movie Patton several times over the years, it suddenly struck me that the tanks used in filming it were not World War II era tanks, probably because there weren't enough of the old ones left in running order. The filmmakers used modern American tanks for both Allied and German ones. Intrigued, I noted that the Allied tanks in the film were actually M-60s; and, irony of ironies, the tanks with the crosses painted on them, the bad guys, were American M-48s. Just as different aircraft have names--the Mustang, the Camel, the Phantom--so do some armored vehicles. And all those Nazi tanks in the movie Patton were really M-48 Patton tanks."

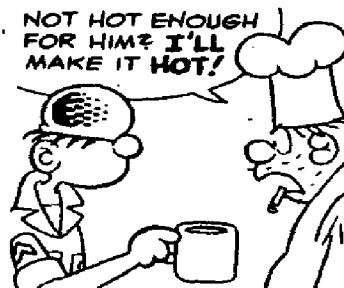
□ Nothing surprises me anymore. It's funny the things different people notice. Since I was in the Army, I can't watch a war film without seeing the concertina wire and hating the officers. James Woodson, in the air force, told me that he and his brother cracked up laughing in a theatre watching Clint Eastwood in a movie flying a different plane from from he was said to be in. Everyone wondered what they found so funny. Jim was to have come through Memphis on his way east, so I'll look for you in February instead! Hope your leg gets better soon!

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Marvin Baker(Alabama, USA): "Darlene says hi!"

□ Why are they always married??!! ((continued on page 21 ))

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John Marsden(United Kingdom): "I ought to correct what appears to be a misconception held by many of your American correspondents, doubtless generated by the media. Those Europeans who welcome American weapons and servicemen are generally in favour of increased defence spending to match American commitments. Those who want to spend less on defence generally figure they can do without the Americans as well. The inconsistency America sees isn't really there--it's a split, instead."

Mark Matuschak(MassACHUSETTS, USA): "Oh, by the way, someone should invite Jan Feringa over here or at least send him a copy of some US history/government. civics books. Then at least he'll know something when he criticizes the US! I'll chip in."

□ Jan Feringa's letter criticizing the US in EE #36 certainly generated a response which appears next. It's important to remember that there always exist misconceptions. In Jan's zine, Brutus, he has a bi-lingual letter column which is also concerned with examining the differences between Americans and "Europeans", that catch-all term. I would urge several of you to write to Jan letters for print in Brutus. He would see that you got a copy of your comments and his response. Both he and I will probably reprint from each other's letter columns. Jan's address is: Jan Feringa, Radijsstraat 11 B, 9741 BJ Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS. Letters to Europe cost Americans 40¢ and I believe Canadians 65¢. Jan also has a letter in this issue(p.25)

Pete Gaughan(Texas, USA): "Jackson(and Ferraro !) aren't elected, not because they're minorities(Jan Feringa's letter) but because they're not qualified. Americans, when they vote for a President or Vice President, like(in no particular order) former Presidents, Vice Presidents, Senators and Governors."

Kevin Stone(New York, USA): "As for Jan Feringa, he has a badly distorted view of life in the US, but I am afraid it is all too typical of Europeans. I will answer point-by-point:

1) I feel that the system of checks and balances that has worked for over 200 years is still the best system of government yet devised by man. Reagan does not have near-dictatorial powers because of a rubber-stamp Congress. On the contrary, he has to fight for every gain in the House of Representatives, because it is controlled by the opposition party. I feel that instead of being too weak, the Congress is too strong. I am talking however of state versus Federal power, not the balance of power between the President, Congress and the Supreme Court. By the way, although it is true that no president has been kicked out by Congress, Richard Nixon was well on his way when he resigned. Interestingly, when the Founding Fathers wrote the constitution, they expected Congress to use the tool of impeachment [Impeachment is only bringing charges against, not removing. Only one US President has ever been impeached--Andrew Johnson of Tennessee a "counterfeit Confederate"] fairly often, much as I imagine a vote of no confidence is used by other governments.

2) As for minorities, there are now more women working in the US than men. More than 50% of US cities have a black or woman mayor. We now have a woman running for Vice President. If she should be elected, she would be one heart-beat away from the Presidency. Concentration camps are slightly different from not allowing homosexuals into the country??? Yes, and day is slightly different from night.

3) The comparison of American elections to those in Nazi Germany is a joke. While Hitler received almost every vote, a President garnering 55% of the vote here would be called a landslide winner. While it is true that it takes vast amounts of money to win an election, over half the money raised by the Republican party this year is in small (under \$100) contributions. The poor, non-white, and women who will "never be vindicated" is exactly the same kind of votes the (21)

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"Democrats try to string together every year. What does it mean to say "the lower-class lacks the means to influence the elections properly"? That they lack the power to vote in a person like Jesse Jackson who favors taking money from people who work and giving to people who are too lazy to work? Jesse Jackson will never be elected president because he does not represent the majority of Americans.

4) I must admit that Reagan does overdo the Communist bit, but on the other hand it is easy to understand his dislike of an ideology that lists the destruction of capitalism as one of its goals. I guess he could be called a lot worse things than "creep" though.

5) "Ronald Reagan also claims to fight against the communists in the name of Jesus Christ." This is not a true statement. Reagan has mentioned religion in regard to school prayer, but not in foreign policy. The only other mention I have heard about Reagan and religion is when Ferraro said he wasn't a good Christian, and he said she was wrong.

Yes, I have a pro-USA bias. But even if I didn't, I would find it very difficult to find resemblances between Germany in the 1930S and the USA in the 1980s. Once you know the facts, the differences become clear."

□ Most of these "Feringa Letters" speak for themselves so I won't comment much. And there are more....□□□

John Pack(Utah, USA): "Jan Feringa almost makes a point in #4[that the US acts as if Communism is the root of all evil]. I think Reagan is a bit too anti-communist. Communism is not the root of all evil, just some of it. The USA needs to learn about supporting the morals it claims it supports, rather the business it actually supports.

I think that both Americans and Europeans are bit confused and upset at the other ones. Our press only reports the negative things coming from Europe(good things don't seem to make "good" news). Since criticism of other nations by Europeans isn't seen here(since it doesn't involve us), we get a little ticked off. Europeans obviously enjoy some misconceptions about us too.

I can't say I agree with any of the interventions anywhere in the world or the covert wars we're fighting. If they're really important, then let's fight a war, otherwise, let's get out.

In South America, communism is seen as an alternative to the current regime/dictatorship. We get a black eye with the Latin people by supporting such a government. As "defenders of freedom, democracy, and human rights", we should be putting pressure on these governments to change their ways or get out. If they refuse, providing an alternative to the people would be a good idea. We should lead the "revolution" against tyrannies, not the communist. Where else can Latins turn but to communism when the "good guys" are supporting their oppressive government? Shouldn't we be expecting communism there?

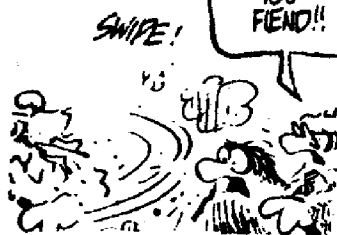
□ I still don't think it's America's business to be going around setting up democratic governments. It still smacks heavily of gun boat diplomacy. On the other hand, I can't see how any thinking person can consider turning toward communism considering its failures and how the rights of people are inevitably muzzled. □□□

Scott Hanson(Minnesota, USA): "Reading the letters in EE about international politics reminds me of the statistics I've heard in so many of my political science classes. Only 10% of Americans pay attention to international news. Only 10% bother to keep track of what is happening in the world. And judging from what I read in EE, the Diplomacy hobby isn't doing much better. The arguments between the Americans and the Europeans seem so pointless..what I mean is they miss the real questions.

Instead of dealing with specific incidents like Grenada or El

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"Salvador, or the stationing of missiles in Europe. I'd like to see people asking "What does America(or Europe) need to be secure?" "What kind of threat is the Soviet Union to security?" and then "How does (Grenada) (El Salvador) (nuclear weapons) (Cruise missiles) meet this threat and/or enhance security?" Then we could see some real discussion. Of course, maybe I've been in school too long, and ask questions that are too difficult. But the namecalling in your letter column I think causes more harm than good."

□ I think EE's letter column has been remarkably free from name-calling. Calling Reagan a "crook" is the only one that immediately comes to my mind. Both Europeans and Americans have been insulting to each other's countries but that wouldn't come under "name-calling" and I think it is helpful in shaking up some cherished national illusions from time to time.

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Steve Knight(Virginia, USA): "Jan Feringa's letter was definitely thought-provoking. I'd have to ultimately side with you in concluding that comparing the US with Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union is hyperbolic--but dismissing the argument on those ~~bases~~ alone doesn't address the real question. The fact that Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union had/have more repressive policies does not in any way exonerate those aspects of our society which are repressive. To me, the "America, love it or leave it" sentiment is as wrong-headed and ultimately repressive a sentiment as there is. Me, I'll crusade against things in America which I dislike(including most of the things on Jan's list) not because I dislike the US but because I, as a citizen, have an interest in and want very much to make it a better country for all by pointing out and correcting the flaws that I see. If we lose our ability to do that, we become all the more like the Nazi and Soviet governments we purport to abhor.

I definitely see both sides of the military involvement issue. On the one hand, why be in Europe if we're not wanted? On the other how long are we going to hold our World War II involvement over the Europeans' heads? (in other words, how often do they have to say "Oh, thank you, thank you, USA for saving us"?) Life goes on. My own sentiment is that we're in Europe/NATO as much for our own benefit as for Europe's---stopping the communist hordes, etc., etc.. Assume we pull out and the Soviets invaded Europe. We'd be back over there fast enough to make your head swim, I'd bet. Militarily then, it makes sense to stay there regardless of whether or not we are "wanted."

Which makes me even more inclined to see the European point of view. So I end up bouncing back and forth, convinced that I don't have enough facts to really decide one way or the other. Glad I'm not responsible for setting our policy on the issue."

□ There are more Western Europeans in NATO than there are Americans. How long do 230 million Americans have to "defend" 250 million Western Europeans from 270 million Russians? Europe's incessant squabbling has involved this planet in countless wars. Western Europe has the resources to defend itself(indeed large segments of public opinion there don't think Russia would militarily invade them) and I just don't subscribe to the theory that if the Americans were gone, that Europe would roll over and play dead for Russia. And I really feel that if the Americans left Europe it would be because of considerable disagreements with European "allies". And in that scenario, I don't think many Americans would want to go back to bail out Europe for the 3rd time in one century.

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Jim Burgess(Rhode Island,USA): "It seems to me that Americans and (23) Europeans could learn more from each other.((continued on page 24))

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"This "mediocre" szine is good just because it promotes dialogue, even if we still don't all agree. I think that Rob Winslow [Rob had an article in EE #34 about "useless? Europeans] and Jan Feringa are taking equally unsupportable extreme positions. It is always tempting to fight extremism with extremism and that gets both American political parties in trouble, for example. The parties cater to us ordinary middle-of-the-roaders just enough to keep us from forming a party of our own(as John Anderson tried to do in 1980 in this country and as we have seen recently in Britain and elsewhere). Rob and Jan don't care about that and make it easy to take a middle position.

I get angry when people won't listen to each other and grant other people the right to behave in their own self-interest. Maybe Dave Carter[of Canada] is right but only to an extent. We should pull some of our troops out of Europe, but not all of them and the "build-down" should be negotiated, not used as a threat. Let's remember what Diplomacy games teach us. Threats make people angry but carefully worded requests can do wonders."

□ Well I think that Rob and Jan do listen to other viewpoints and both have indicated to me that some of their comments were designed to provoke people into thinking and reacting. That certainly happened!

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "About Jan Feringa's letter: the problem is not how the Americans feel about their country, but how their country is perceived by the inhabitants of other nations. And I know it's sad and often unjust, but Truth forces me to say that it is not well-perceived.

For instance, the "values" upon which President Reagan's electoral platform is based--God, Family, Country, Effort--are exactly those upon which was based Petain's regime[the leader of Vichy France who collaborated with the Nazis]--Travail, Famille, Patrie..To the average American, this perhaps doesn't mean much, but to a European it speaks...

For instance also, America is certainly a democracy, but it is a cruel democracy, a society where you must win, or die. To a certain extent, The Origin of The Species[Charles Darwin's book on evolution] is perhaps prohibited in many American schools, but the whole American society is built upon a Darwinist pattern. This is perhaps a good thing perhaps a bad one, but at least it's far from the social-democrat ideals which have spread all over Europe after the great shock of the fascist plague."

□ People may not all be "winners" in American society but no one "dies" either. Despite cuts by Reagan, there are many charitable organizations and government programs for the needy. And I know of no school where Darwin's Theory is prohibited, unless it is a small minority of religious, not public, schools.

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Steve Arnawoodian(Pennsylvania, USA): "I was most impressed by Jan Feringa's letter in EE #36. Obviously Mr. Feringa spent a considerable amount of time in the US to make such strong statements. During 12 years of public schooling and 4 years of college, I thought I learned that Nazi Germany was a less-than-desirable place to live. But, according to Mr. Feringa, Nazi Germany is comparable to modern day USA. Since I have no major complaints concerning life in the US, all those history books I read downgrading Hitler's ~~axxxx~~ Nazi Germany must have been in error.

I must also thank Mr. Feringa for pointing out the problems of my country. I will admit that I never thought the US and its policies were perfect but I always thought our intentions were basically good. I now know seems as though I was a narrow-minded ignoramus. I now realize that the US is an imperialistic nation who should pull in its horns and adopt a policy of isolationism. ((Continued on page 25 ))

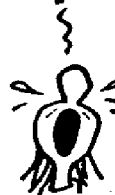
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"I wish Mr. Feringa had written his "words of wisdom" sooner. Can you imagine how foolish I feel thinking the US Congress did have power? So much in fact that they were the reason Nixon resigned in August of 1974. I suppose the man was simply bored with the job.

OW!



After reading Mr. Feringa's letter I have ceased to read all American newspapers. One of these days I'll get around to subscribing to a Dutch newspaper; probably the NRC Handelsblad, after all they criticize those who deserve it which is so unlike the US news media.

It's no secret that our news publications are all obsessed with the Hollywood scene or ugly communists. They ignore our politicians in Washington like the plague. It's a wonder that Americans know there are corrupt politicians. For the life of me I can't imagine why former Vice President Spiro Agnew or former President Nixon resigned. Then there's the Pennsylvania State Treasurer and the Montgomery County [In Pennsylvania] sheriff who left office under a cloud. It's amazing how I could be aware of any of this with such a weak American press.

Thank you Mr. Feringa, you are beyond any doubt, a true scholar. The next time I see the 4 blacks who work for me (who earn \$18,000 to \$25,000 per year) I'll remind them that they are suppressed. I'll also tell the black boss of a friend of mine who is a foreign exchange trader that I have an attitude towards him.

Again Jan Feringa, thank you for pointing out the faults of myself and my country. You're so astute on the US. Please write more and help to educate us ignorant Americans."

☐ Jan must have heard you for he has written another letter!

Jan Feringa (The Netherlands): "Two of your countrymen wrote me, Mark Fassio and Michael Lee. At last the communication has started. I intend to use part of their and your letters for the Letter-Column [in his zine Brutus]. I hope more North Americans will subscribe and write. Patience, I suppose. A lot of patience.

So Woody was furious? Good for him. Perhaps he realises now how irritated you can be by reading boastful stuff. I got really fed up by these characters proclaiming "Sure, we make some minor mistakes, BUT the Russians, BUT the Europeans, BUT the Sandinistas etc."

No I haven't seen Luigi Barzini's book [The Europeans by Barzini, an Italian writer] I'll ask for it in the Library of the University. Mark Fassio's remarks in EE #36 were insulting indeed, not to me but to all those people who gave their lives to oppose the Fascist advance.

I'm proud that a small country like the Netherlands has such good newspapers as NRC Handelsblad, de Volkskrant and Trouw. Furthermore, the amount of gossip in our newspapers is very low, compared with German (Bild, aaargh!), English and Danish newspapers. As for magazines, unfortunately gossip magazines are very popular but we still have an offer of wide-ranging news magazines. Elsevier (right), de Tijd (middle) Haagse Post (mild left) and so on. This is what I miss in the USA. Rightwing newspapers and magazines plenty, but leftwing? The Dutch government helps news magazines with money problems, to preserve this wide range of magazines and to break the power of the large publishers. West Germany could use something like that, with the Springer-Verlag controlling the German publishing business.

"Western Europe needs to do a much better PR job?" To hell we need to, but how? American newspapers print what they like and American broadcasting companies regularly infuriate our governments with their extremely one-sided documentary films. Half a year ago [Jan's letter was dated August 30, 1984], there was a big row about a documentary about the Dutch Social Security. Our government gave a lot of cooperation and a lot of information. CBS [one of the "Big 3" US TV stations] neglected all the reasonable aspects of our system and made a parody of it. All attention was given to provisions that were strange in the eyes

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"of CBS. The documentary showed a caricature of our social security system. Of course the government was angry and demanded rectification. Too late, the damage was done.

Let's say something on my article in EE #36(I mean about your comments). First, who's got a warped view of whom? Everything I've seen and read about the USA(well, almost everything) amplifies my opinion. These idiotic conventions, Reagan's "joke", Republicans singing "Gerry back in the kitchen", the horrible ABC TV coverage of the Olympics, this childish Ferraro-Affair, the unbelievable acquittal of the KKK-killers(while I've seen the killing on the telly!). Perhaps this is normal to you, since you were raised in this country, but you amaze me daily.

The Thieu government was not democratic indeed. If the Americans would have desired a democratic government in South Vietnam, they would have established one, but their interest in South Vietnam was only military, not human.

I think the power of your Congress is far too limited. A parliament (or congress) should judge the government and if the government disappoints, it should be dismissed. This is quite usual in Europe (a bit too usual in Italy, I'm afraid) and very healthy. The American Congress has never sent a President away. Nixon showed us how powerful a President is in the USA, by deceiving the powerless Congress again and again. Provided a President of the USA stays within the borders of the law, he'll never be sent away, however clumsy his policies are.

A journalist videoed Reagan's speech and counted the number of times he said "communism" later. It really attracted my attention too.

The broadcasting company that broadcasted about the demonstrations [that I saw while in Holland last October] was a left one, indeed. We have them of all kinds. Protestant, Catholic, Socialist, liberal[which is the conservative in Holland], left-intellectual, etc. Can't say that about ABC, CBS or NBC, can you?

Sorry, Gary but Frisian is not a race! At least not with humans (only with cows). Frisians are good politicians by the way and there are plenty of them. As far as I am concerned, we'd be disposed of our royal family tomorrow, so don't attack me on that..I loathe royalty.

I'm afraid some of your readers have taken my comparison too literally. I'd like to stress what I said in the second paragraph of page 26. Or: if I had to choose between living in the USSR or the USA, I'd not hesitate to choose the USA. If I had to choose between living in Nicaragua or Paraguay(to name one of the several USA-supported Fascist Reigns of Terror in South America), I'd choose Nicaragua. By the way, the brother of my neighbor has been twice to Nicaragua ~~time~~ to help rebuild the country. He assured me the Sandinistas still enjoy the confidence of the Nicaraguan people.

Mark Passio took my comparison literally too and tried to explain why I was wrong. In fact he failed, he strengthened my arguments. Especially his comments about homosexuality(deviants he calls them) could be taken out of the mouth of someone like Himmler.

I realise that I've been lucky. I've been raised in a rich internationally-oriented country with a fine educational system. I'd like to improve my English, since I'm not satisfied at all with the current level of it. I am able to communicate with Americans and Britons, but it is very obvious that my letters are written by someone whose native tongue is not English. That irritates me.

Funny, that Americans feel offended when someone says unplesant things about American leaders. Leaders are politicians, so they can't be genuine good guys, can they?

I just read something in the papers about an article in the Washington Post. In this article, the writer describes the devious and and complex ways of handing American choppers over to Nicaraguan contras without breaking the law. I wonder whether the CIA knows what it's doing? They always have driven the Sandinistas into the hands of the Soviets and they still are. Will they ever learn?

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□ I think I may have to switch back to my Underwood with its smaller type to get in what I want in the letter column this time! Jan, I still think your view of the US is warped--you have great superficial knowledge but in some cases you don't seem to see beyond the surface and I think you stress what agrees with your prejudices. I also took your comparison of America with Nazi Germany literally. How many of the TV channels available to you do you watch on a regular basis?

So the Frisians are not a separate race--then why do they have an autonomy movement? You also failed to give me statistics on the Surinamese and Indonesians in your country and their representation in your Parliament. Your country will not sink or swim depending on what America thinks of your Social Security Program. Believe me the South has been misrepresented in the US media also so I know how it feels. I get Europe magazine which is put out by your Common Market. Even the Russians put out Soviet Life over here. Americans can be reached. Your English is virtually flawless, right down to the idioms. Since I'm no expert on Holland, I turned to an EE subber who actually lived there. I sent him a copy of your letter and here's what I got...

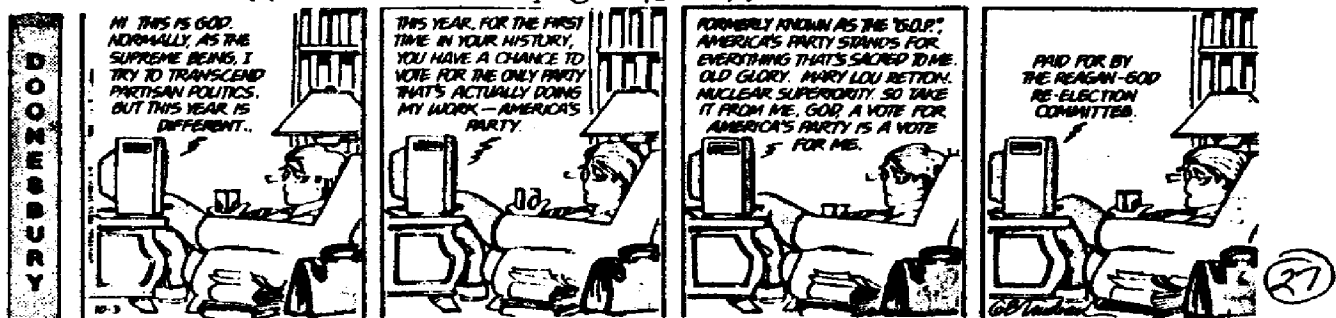
Porter Wightman(Florida, USA): "I really can't comment on the Dutch press as I never really read Dutch that well. I lived in Arnhem from 1963 to 1967 so my data is also old. I do remember that the Dutch TV which didn't come on until the evening had news that consisted mainly of "talking heads". That is to say there wasn't much video--mainly it was a televised radio broadcast. I'm sure this has changed since then.

As to Dutch people--those we knew were mainly well-educated and English-speaking. This, I'm sure, biased the view I got of them. I found them intelligent, well-informed and interested in the world. I found they mostly had a hard time understanding and appreciating the checks and balances built into our system of government. Jan seems to continue this tradition. The Prime Minister-headed parliamentary multi-party system is worlds apart from our system.

As to Jan's remark that the Congress doesn't check the President, I must just say that in most instances, the President can't seem to keep the Congress in line. The one exception to this is in foreign policy. This is because our foreign services--the State Department, CIA and military services are all constitutionally executive departments [Executive is the President] However I would venture to say that all our foreign entanglements have been expanded or contracted as much for partisan political reasons as for any reason one particular President might have had. The main point I'm making here is that because our foreign services are executive departments, almost all problems of foreign policy start out executive problems. The Congress only gets involved when political hay is to be made or when problems are serious enough that they can't be ignored.

Getting back to Holland--I found that the Dutch realized they were a very small dot in the world and thus followed foreign events much more intensely than we do in the US. I did find, and still do find, that we Americans have a very parochial attitude towards the rest of the world. I think this stems mainly from being able to travel thousands of miles in any direction and find everyone still speaking English and using

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"dollars—even the Canadians use a dollar, with most speaking English.

Having said this I must say that twenty years ago most Dutch still despised Germans the most. There were numerous war casualties walking or hobbling around with concentration camp tattoos. Rebuilding and growing were priorities—the reclamation of IJsselmeer waters for polders was a matter of national priority and unequivocal pride. This contrasts with today when debate rages over whether to construct more polders and thus threaten the existence of the smee—a type of duck.

The Dutch were—to a certain extent—arrogant about our race relations. Always stating amazement at evils it represented while being conveniently blind to their own problems of Turkish "guest workers" and South Mollocans. In correspondence later with some of these people we discussed how it is easy to criticize when you don't perceive the same problems in your own backyard.

Near the end of my stay in Holland I did begin to hear certain grumbling about "Americanization". What people were objecting to was the faster pace of life that came with the spread of the automobile and the creeping of American words into the vernacular. I think I can understand this last point. I think I'd feel culturally raped if large numbers of foreign words entered English.

As to news balance; I found the Herald Tribune foreign edition to be the best paper I've ever read. Well-written like only the Wall Street Journal currently is and wide-ranging as absolutely nothing—not even the New York Times—is in this country today. The Herald Tribune was not parochial. Unfortunately I believe it has followed its American name-sake—the New York Herald Tribune—to the grave.

As time heals most wounds, maybe the Dutch have made up with the Germans and now have Americans as the people they "love to hate". After all, it's much more rewarding to criticize your ally—who will at least squirm—than your enemy who will continually ignore you, shoot down unarmed passenger airlines and promote the general in charge—keep the Gulags open and bring even more dishonor to the pseudo-science of psychiatry."

# Thanks Porter. When we talked to Hruke Jansen in Holland last year he said that the older generation still doesn't like the Germans but that the younger generations hate the Germans because of their excellent soccer teams! I would like to point out that Holland, and many Western countries including Finland, criticized the Soviet shooting down of KAL 007. And the ~~gover~~ general in charge has been "kicked upstairs". And now for a change of pace....

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Mike Ehli(Oregon, USA): "INVASION OF THE LOGO SNATCHERS update: Hate to tell you this, Gary but all of my "fakes" from Life of Fnord to Discordia World were all done on the same typer. You'll notice that No Fnord Address is being done on a different typewriter, the one I'll be using for at least the next academic year. I'm glad you like my efforts though. Actually the only fake where I was really looking forward to contributions was Whitestonia/Kathy's Korner, it being a big reader-participation zine and all, but I'll take what I can get."

# Thanks for the update Mike. EE READERS!!! This OREGONIAN needs your help! Send Mike a postcard saying "I vote for Mike Ehli for Hobby Sex Ghod" at his address: Box 60505, Rm 114, Caswell, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403-6005 USA. He'll appreciate it and the hobby will finally have a deserving Sex Ghod.

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Dave Kleiman(Indiana, USA): "You have succeeded in getting me to write a letter to EE. My first and foremost purpose for writing this letter is not because of you, but because you allowed some "deadwood" from West Virginia to write a brief review of DipCon. Yes, sports fans, Mr. Al Pearson has referred to the premier Diplomacy player of 1984 as "deadwood". Now, just what is deadwood? Well, according to my American Heritage Dictionary(always liked it better than Webster's) DEADWOOD is "Anything burdensome or superfluous." Now, come on, Al. I may be many things, but I am not superfluous. OK, back to DipCon. Now, there were 4 victories at DipCon this year. I placed 5th (not tied for 5th with Jack Brawner; the tie-breaker awarded it to me). What does this tell you? Nothing. But, of course, one can only assume that those that won their games stabbed someone during that victory. I didn't(Gary,

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"could you print that in real dark letters so that some of my current postal allies will read it). So, you see I may be deadwood, but I am an honorable deadwood.

OK, so what else is new? Well, you should plug the CON that Mark Luedi, Pete Gaughan and I are holding October 28-30 in Indianapolis. More on this later, but I can assure you that many of the Madlads are going to attend (or so Mark Frueh promises). Nelson Heintzman has sworn to make this his first public appearance in DIPDOM, and many others. So, come on up Gary—come to a town with a real football team. Oh, how'd that get into this paragraph?!

# I guess because I wasn't watching for Showboat insults closely enough! I am relying on one of Mark Frueh's promises—he was nice enough to invite me to St. Louis (where he lives), 6 hours from Memphis, to ride with him, Nancy Irwin and some others (including host Pete Gaughan!) to Indianapolis. I even hear that Mike Barno and Bruce Linsey are going. If you want to go, write Dave for instructions at: 651 Fenster Court, Indianapolis, Indiana 46234 USA..or call (317)-271-9217. This con has no name as of now. Any suggestions?

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Steve Knight (Virginia, USA): "Femme Fatale is shaping up into a very ~~interesting~~ subzine! More, more...!"

Ty Hare (Colorado, USA): "Columns I've really, truly, Gary, enjoyed are Michel Liesnard's Chomps & Miams and Robyn Finley Finley's Femme Fatale. I much prefer the subzine, if you will, with a theme, over the random thought subzines which don't often (cut that out!) say anything. So while I've not yet tried any of Michel's recipes, nor submitted my most embarrassing moment to Robyn (nor my picture in black/white to you, now that you mention it), I still like them and will often skip ahead to them over the letter column (which is requiring more and more thought nowadays, eh?) Actually, I'm going to take a stab at Michel's culinary quiz.

Don Del Grande (California, USA): "I also noticed something about Charles-Andre Brouwers' article—did he bother to deduct from the EEC medal count those medals the EEC would not have won had they been under the same limitations as the USA was? For example, each country gets one boxer per weight class, one wrestler per class, two swimmers per event, and one team in basketball, soccer, handball and field hockey. Maybe the gold medal count is more accurate, since there can only be one of these no matter how the countries divide up the athletes. Also, if 8 or our 12 medals (in swimming) were in diving, then that must mean we won 4 medals in the swimming events themselves—off the top of ~~the~~ my head, I recall 2 men's relay golds, two medals in the famous "dead heat", and Mary Meagher winning at least one—2 plus 2 plus 1 equals trouble for somebody. (By the way—could missile shooting mean trap shooting?)

Konrad Dolata (West Germany): "I won't be able to write much this time as my job really doesn't give me much time for PBMing. Still it's quite interesting and a lot of fun (especially if you've got to teach 30 girls at the age of 18 to 23 and the weather is fine—you know what I mean??)"

Thomas Franke (West Germany): "Good to hear that you've got cable TV, perhaps we'll get it too soon because they are assembling cables in Dortmund too just down the street. I'm shocked (hint! hint!) that you are watching the "Playboy Channel" with that pornographic stuff—I'm curious if we'll get that too when having cable TV! I'm really wondering how you get to see porno from West Germany!! In fact I don't know the plot you have told me of (with "Thomas" trying to get 7 necklaces in 7 days)."

# Oh, I haven't got the time for this! My singing career is finally a paying proposition combined with an acting career on the side! Someone paid \$20.02 for a 60 minute cassette of me singing Elvis songs and reading passages from Gone With The Wind. But one thing I must know....what do you, teach, Konrad????!!!!

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Kathy Byrne (New York, USA): "I loved your reading from Gone With The Wind, however until I heard your version, I had no idea they held Byrne Cons back then or went "yuck" when they heard the city Philadelphia. As for your singing voice, I was <sup>(29)</sup> always convinced that I had the worst singing voice in history. Well, thanks to you  
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oil. Add cumin seeds, paprika, Tabasco, garlic and onions to beef. Sprinkle mixture with masa flour. Toss gently. Add green chiles and chili powder. Add beer and broth. Mix well to blend ingredients. Add water if mixture is too thick. Cook covered for two hours, stirring occasionally.

**Chili Corpus Christi:** 1 1/2 pounds beef (fatty), cut into 1-cm cubes; 1 1/2 pounds pork, cut into 1-cm cubes; 1/2 cup olive oil; 3 cups water; 1 tbsp. paprika; 1 tbsp. chili powder; 1 tbsp. salt; 1 tbsp. cumin powder; 1 tsp. brown sugar; 3 cloves garlic, minced; 2 cups beef broth; 1 1/3 cup masa flour; 1/4 cup cornmeal.

Brown meats together in olive oil in a large skillet. Drain half the drippings. Place the meat in a medium-sized pot and add water and remaining ingredients. Cook for 2 hours over low heat, stirring occasionally.

**Outback chili (from Australia):** 3 pounds kangaroo meat, cut into 1/2-cm cubes; 1/4 cup coconut oil; 1 cup chopped onion; 3 cloves garlic, minced; 4 tbsp. cumin seeds; 1 tsp. salt; 2 tsp. paprika; 1 cup bamboo shoots; 1/2 tsp. white pepper; 2 pounds cherry tomatoes, quartered; 2 10 1/2-cans beef bouillon; 1 tsp. dry mustard.

Directions much the same as the other recipes. If kangaroo is unavailable, pork can be substituted, but then you must change the name!

Today is August 23rd, and a great day indeed since I got 2 letters commenting upon C&M in my mail this morning. One is from Ty HARE (are you a boy or a girl, Ty? To a French-speaker like me, your name is of no help.), and among other interesting things, it says:

"I've been meaning to write to comment on C&M in EE and otherwise congratulate you on a fine column (probably the best in EE, but don't tell Gary...)."

I like people like you, Ty, and just to prove it, I have decided to create a special "Miamburglars of Honour" category. You are the first in it. But do not feel too lonesome, 'cause our very Gary is gonna join you right now, for having written:

"I LOVE C&M... And I hope you continue doing it. I was very lucky when I got you as my friend. Ah, Michel, you are everything I will never be... sophisticated, urbane, debonair, with panache, congenial in all circumstances."

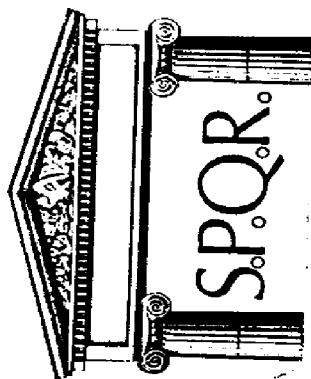
What can I add to such an apologetics, except perhaps that LACAN would have loved the implicit meaning of this word, "con-génial"...

Now, I'm going to leave you here. I'm on the point of doing something that American eyes cannot stand. My dinner has just been served, and yes, it is juicy, delicious, tasteful HORSE MEAT!



# SAVONLINNA

SAVONLINNA is a subzine of Europa Express edited by Michael Mills, 26 Laurel Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974; 914-753-5513. You have to sub to EE to play in SAVONLINNA.

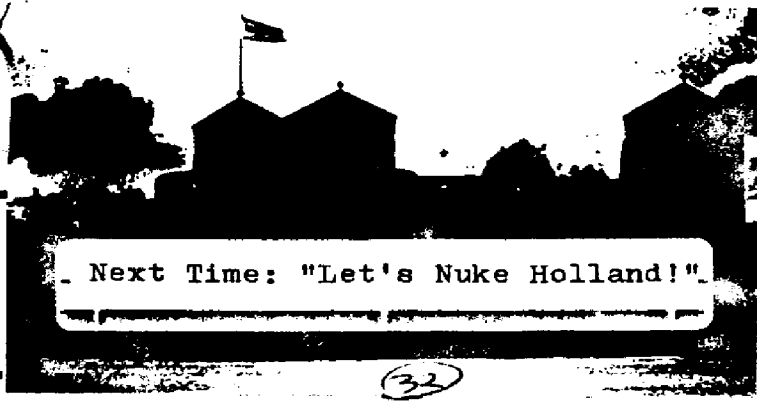


## GAME OPENINGS: S.P.Q.R., KONIGRIECH.

S.P.Q.R. is a game of Imperial Roman politics, finance, trade and war set in the hey-day of greed and corruption. Each player is a powerful patrician attempting to lead his faction to supremacy and to take the throne of the EMPEROR. The game is for five or six players. A preference list of provinces is nearly mandatory. The game features Legions with their cohorts and auxiliaries, Imperators, Senate voting, trade in foodstuffs, gold, silver and timber, Fleets, Enforceable Treaties, military campaigns, and diplomacy, diplomacy, diplomacy. You can get the rules from me for 37¢ in U.S. postage. (Outside the U.S. mint stamps of your country equal to 37¢ are acceptable.) When the game starts each player will have a full-sized map of the Empire (16"X22") to help him out; free from me. There is no gamefee for S.P.Q.R. Standbys are welcome. (Rules in use are OPTIONAL Rules A & B.)



KONIGREICH is a game of 18th century European empire-building, where each player is the duke/king of a small duchy/province seeking to form a dynastic empire. He uses his regiments of grenediers, infantry and his cavalry and artillery to conquer and hold territory. He can bribe and can have his own military units bribed by others as all players seek to weaken the opponent. Play has been revised; the hex map is "out," a new area set-up is to be used to simply such mechanics. The terrain modifiers, however, are still in force. You can get the rules from me for 20¢ in postage. Again, the above applies for foreign readers. We need four or five players, through six would probably be best. No gamefee, and standbys are more than welcome.



Next Time: "Let's Nuke Holland!"



# Savonlinna

Welcome to the first issue of SAVONLINNA, my new subzine in Europa Express. I used to publish a zine called EMHAIN MACHA, but that folds with #50 later this month. After five years it was time for a rest, a change.

The next issue of SAVONLINNA will have two Diplomacy games and a S.P.Q.R. game, which is being GMed by Chuff Afflerbach, a CNN editor and excellent GM. Thus, this first issue is to acquaint you with me and SAVONLINNA.

Since Gary runs Dippy, I won't. I have two under way right now (Barbarossa and Valhalla). When they end so will my GMing of Dip. SAVONLINNA will carry other multi-player diplomatic strategy games, like S.P.Q.R. and KONIGREICH. Both of them were designed by me. (Read the blurbs on the first page for more information!)

You will soon be receiving a set of S.P.Q.R. rules in the mail. I'm sorry but I won't be sending them to overseas subbers to EE because of the price of postage; U.S. and Canada only.

Well, while I'm on the subject of "overseas," I want to bring something to the attention of the pubbers of JE MAINDEREI, the Dutch Dippy zine. I see that in their last issue that they are using Diplomacy maps. In fact, they looked great, and they were mine. BUT did they point that out in their zine or write me about using the maps I outlines and reproduced? NO! I cry foul!

You can re-print just about anything I print or mail to you just so long as you give me credit or ask my permission. When you do neither I say, "Fuck The Dutch, viscious Orange slime, rotting on the banks of the North Sea, polluting the world with their League-of-Nations whimpishness!"

I don't mean to get uppity or upset, but one of the rules of pleasant conduct is to ask permission and give credit. (nuff said?)

On to other things of better merit. I have lately read of such things as craven American foreign policy versus genteel European diplomacy. Only trouble with those folk over there is that you can't lead from strength when you don't have it. European diplomacy is secondary to American initiatives and always will be so long as there is a U.S.S.R. Europe used to have colonies, and now the U.S. has Europe; economically and politically.

If you disagree vehemently with the Reagan Administration's handling (mis-handling) of foreign policy, as I surely do, then we agree, but you can say that we've got the ECM boys by the nuts when it comes to the Soviets.

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When SAVONLINNA "really" moves in, I'll be trying to fill a game of S.P.Q.R. You'll be hearing a lot about it in the very near future, and I wanted to use this space to introduce it to you without getting very technical.

The first thing you do is submit a preference list for one of the six major provinces --- these are the large provinces on the board, where there are 15 in all. I'll review each province in terms of its strengths and weaknesses and in turn you'll get a feel for the flavor of the game.

AEGYPTUS: It's only direct road link to another province is into Cappodocia. This is good because it means that there's just one worrisome border, but it is also bad because there's just one possible way to expand or direction to launch a very-surprise attack to. Aegyptus' strength is its isolation, corner position and tremendous grain harvests. It can export up to 14 shipments of food a year, nearly three-times that of anyone else. Since food keeps order in the provinces, this breadbasket is a plum.

CAPPODOCIA: Borders Aegyptus and Asia, which is a plus. Asia goes up for auction in the firsts round of the auction and winning it is crucial, though it's just as important for the Thracians. Cappodocia is the easiest province to get around in. The road net allows the cohorts to bolt from one end of the province to the other very fast, which is good for defense and offense.

THRACIA: A troublesome place. But it lies south of some of the most delectable smaller provinces. It lies across the Bosphorus from Asia, too. Friendship with the Cappodocian over Asia is desireable. The strength lies in the capital's situation. It is easily defended and the province is the stepping stone to Dacia, Dalmatia, and other things later in the game.

ITALIA: The big prize if you can weasel strength to keep it. In the middle of the board and the cross-roads of East and West. Very strategically located. Hit Gallia or pillage the Danube Basin for gold and silver. This is where the action is or will be.

GALLIA: A strong military province. It can claim rightful ownership to Germania, Noricum and possibly Brittania. If this bloc forms under one person, he can move a substantial force of Legions from east to west quickly. The backroad through Nor/Ger is a killer defense so that only a small force of cohorts is necessary in the long run. Great opportunity to expand (or to be imploded upon by nasty neighbors). But military prowess should deter rash adventurers.

HISPANIA: A rich province. Full of gold and silver. Isolated from the dangerous world at large. Same trouble as Aegyptus' --- expansion is overseas, away from power-base. Can set the economic tempo of trading if sales of precious metals are handled correctly.

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Basically, each province is different and demands to be played differently, as each player must maximize each's strengths and cover each's weaknesses. With four real and independent aspects of power in the game, juggling and positioning in different realms is possible, which allows each player to stake his claim of leadership.

**MILITARY POWERS:** Gallia is first. With the right minor provinces under wing, it can wield a great force that must be reckoned with. Italia must bring up a military force to counteract the power of Gallia and to probe into the Balkan provinces. Thracia, to a lesser extent, must field a force that deters bold strokes from Italia and Cappodocia (in Asia).

**FINANCE:** Hispania can lead the way and set the tempo with its huge reserves of gold and silver. Dacia (a minor) will also have something to say about it, and Hispania should be kept away from more gold than it already has.

**FOOD:** Aegyptus holds sway here. Look at the amount of food needed by a province each year and what it needs to feed its people. Those high exports from Aegyptus can feed the biggest provinces for a year. The Aegyptian can snare other high-export provinces and use food as a club to punish offending foes and favor friends in need. He will also be defending his breadbasket with all he's got.

**SENATE VOTES:** In a balanced start game, where no one person has acquired many more provinces than the next most powerful person, everyone is equal, but as time goes on votes change hands and power falls into the hands of the lucky and the long-range planners. Votes are power to be used without regard in the Senate.

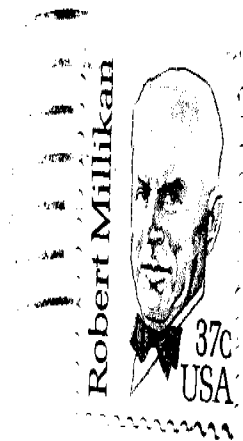
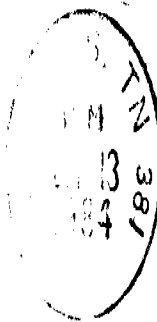
With the above in mind, perhaps a few words are necessary to describe the milieu of the game. The player is the head of a power political faction in the Roman Empire (circa 191 AD). To win he seeks to be proclaimed emperor. He has the above resources at his disposal, but faces a huge obstacle in the form of five other players who can also count. His skills must be diplomatic and making deals. Deals run the empire; nothing gets done without cooperation and all of that. The trouble lies in allowing someone a true edge in the game. So the patrician must balance his resources, plot a strategy and deal, deal, deal to get what he wants, without giving more than he can afford.

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