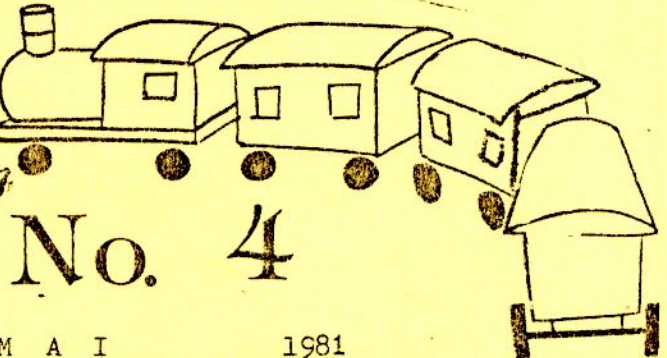


Euroropa Express

Welcome to the zine that puts an extra "ro" in its title just for you! Actually this is misspelled on purpose because there will seem to be a lot of misspelled words here in #4. BECAUSE our games start this time and the language used is Swedish. Did you know that "Herr" is "Mr." in Swedish also? And that the letter "Ö" comes after every other letter ?!



No. 4

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Welcome to EUROPA EXPRESS #4 in which the three games dominate! Each game had a lot of press and I was happy. It seems a mixture of Ter-ran, Retaliation, The Baltic Battler press-wise and the maps this time are different. Allen Wells, pubber of Dot Happy (address on page 14), was kind enough to send me one of his maps which I had photocopied and will be using. (Dot Happy along with The Shogun's Sword also uses maps with games)

And for the second issue in a row, EUROPA EXPRESS is going to a printer. I didn't mention it last time because I didn't know how it would turn out----which was beautiful. Last time I did the first two pages and this time I am doing the last two pages so I can address faster!

The games have opening moves' names listed---don't blame me, I didn't make up the names--which are culled from Sweden's The Baltic Battler via England's New Statesman. Further explanations are contained in each game's report. As promised all players in Europe, Canada and Alaska have received early notification of their game's results. From now on, the zine itself shall travel to Europe via "Air mail--printed matter" which is mucho cheaper and about as fast as "Air Mail-First Class" except I can't write personal messages. This is the reason for the pages of note in the table of contents.(Several will get it by Surface rate).

Prices: I have been asked about prices: This is the last time that prices shall be listed in EUROPA EXPRESS unless there is a price increase which I don't forsee. EUROPA EXPRESS sub rates are:

CANADA-----Sub fee for 10 issues is either \$7.00 or \$6.50 plus two (2) unused Canadian postal cards. (Canadian money)

UNITED STATES-----Sub fee for 10 issues is either \$6.00 or thirty (30) 20¢ stamps.

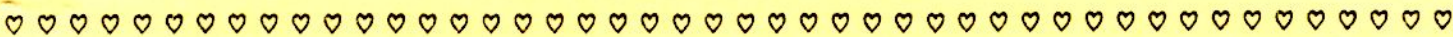
EUROPE-----Either a trade or become a player. A player pays the equivalent of \$4.00 American dollars in his own national currency. Unavailable as straight sub.

Only Americans may pay by check(chegue). I want to see actual foreign currency! And speaking of foreign, EUROPA EXPRESS can now be translated into another language if you can coax him to do so. At least we have this snippet of Finnish.

- - - Tämä esiteltä on saatavissa suomenkielisenä kirjoittamalla osoitteeseen: Carl-Gustaf Späre, Runebergsg. 33 B 15, 00100 Helsingfors 10 Suomi(Finland).

And with this you may begin to read EUROPA EXPRESS and hopefully respond to something!!

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(See the light hearts above? The Light-Hearted Player is below....)

Be wary of this type of player though, for he soon becomes a very powerful and potentially deadly force. After being in the hobby only a short time, he becomes aware of his gift of being able to laugh opponents right out of a game. Not satisfied with that, though, they seek methods to increase their power further.

They start by getting a job with the U.S. Postal Service. You would be surprised how much one man, in one city, can disrupt postal service nationwide. If you have ever mailed orders in on time and still NMRed or sent letters that never arrived or just never received an issue of a zine, you probably know or are in a game with a Light-Hearted Player.

Ironically though, this player's meteoric rise to the top of the hobby is what leads to his eventual downfall. After all, when you are loved by all who know you and doing well in all of your games, the next logical step is to publish your own zine. That's when the trouble begins for the Light-Hearted Player.

Typically this type of player-turned-publisher chooses an off-the-wall name for his zine which no one understands. He tries and explains but nobody laughs. Then he panics. He lays down strict house rules and, sometimes, he even goes so far as to threaten prospective players by saying "You had better measure up...or else." In a short time, he no longer holds that magic spell that made everyone love him. He is treated normally by other players. He is stabbed, he is eliminated and he doesn't like it at all.

Only the strongest of these can handle this sudden turn of events. Those that cannot, drop out of Diplomacy to pursue mass murder as a hobby. Those that can handle it eventually run for Congress but are narrowly defeated by an incumbent under a Grand Jury indictment for fraud.

V. THE MYSTERY PLAYER: Nearly every postal dip player falls into this category at one time or another, usually due to lack of free time. This player writes to only one or two players in a game. He writes to the person he wants an alliance with, and to the person he wants to stab. He figures he can always write to someone else when his units are closer.

Mystery players do have some degree of success but they can easily be spotted in any game. They are the ones that go from 10 centers in 1905 to 3 centers in 1907.

VI. THE FULL-TIME PLAYER: This is one of the more common, and tragic, of all the categories. To some degree, everyone belongs here. The Full-Time Player, called FT after this, enters the hobby and gets into a few games. He likes it so he gets into a few more games. Unlike the overburdened player, the FT keeps his number of games at a manageable level.

The FT is hard to spot from the point of view of another player. He is most easily recognized by family and friends who knew him before he began to play Diplomacy by mail. He begins his trek down that lonely road of the FT by memorizing the board position of all his games. Having done that, he begins to plot future moves, diplomatic strategy and he even writes letters in his head while performing various family duties.

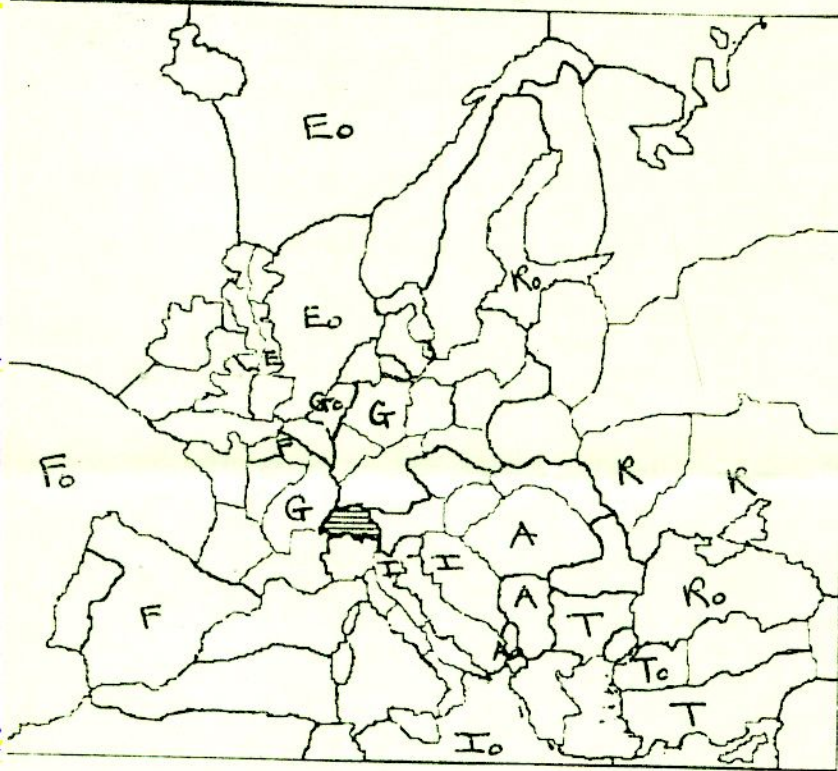
He starts to see all things through the eyes of a Diplomacy player. The first day of a new job, for example, would be "Spring 1901" to an FT. Reality begins to slip away as the hobby eats away at his very soul. An expected baby is no longer "a blessed event" but rather "a much needed build." When his wife is in a romantic mood, he wonders "Is she sincere or is she trying to set me up for a stab?" There have been documented cases where marriages involving a FT have turned into endless negotiations. "All right, we'll go to your mother's house for vacation but I want that riding lawnmower." Or "If you let me buy those golf clubs, I won't watch a single football game next season." (Of course, the forthcoming stab is obvious in that one!)

The horrors of being an FT go on and on.....While making love, instead of fantasizing that he's with Jacqueline Bisset or Bo Derek, he envisions fleets entering the English Channel, fleets into the Adriatic, fleets slipping into the Eastern Med and then, a sudden rush of convoyed armies piercing the soft underbelly of Turkey into Smyrna onto Syria and Armenia. Suddenly a tidal wave of Russian units are sweeping down, annihilating, or forcing back all but a few intruders and, ultimately, forcing the weary and shrunken fleet Eastern Med to retreat. Worse yet, if the FT is playing Italy in too many games, making love will cease altogether and a kind of priestly disposition seems to set in.

This article concludes on page 4. The next edition of the Zine Directory is due out in August, 1981. The ZD lists pertinent info on zines from all over the world but it could be better if all pubbers send info on their circulation, average issue size, prices, and their zine's physical description and publishing philosophy to Mike Mills (Address on page 12)

GERMANS INVADE FRANCE WITH ENGLAND'S NEUTRALITY UNCERTAIN!
 ITALIANS SEIZE TRIESTE WHILE RUSSIA MOBILIZES AGAINST THE SULTAN!!

Ω Positions in Spring 1901 Ω



§ GAME: "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" 1981 AN

§ GM: Garmar L. Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1901

§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Thursday, June 18th

§ GAME COLOR: grön

¶ GAME NOTES: Patrick J. Conlon's zip code is "09189" not "01989" which was my error. He informed me that he had corrected it. Also, in late May, Mark Fassio ("Faz") will have a new address in SOUTH Carolina. (Patrick had corrected my error I meant to say!)

As promised this season is in Swedish and so will the nations' names and my name! Under each of your orders is a name and some figures. Most opening moves have names and statistics have been compiled on their use. These facts were derived from Sweden's The Baltic Battler which derived them from England's New Statesman. Statistics were taken from 232 games. The first percentage is how many used these moves as their opening. The second number is how many won with that opening. The last percentage is how many of your country's wins were won using these openings. Wins not draws!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1901 §

- ENGLAND : F Lon-(NTH), F Edi-(NWG), A Lpl-(YOR)
 (Herr Mark Fassio) NORTHERN OPENING YORKSHIRE VARIATION - 36.3% - 9 - 31%
- FRANKRIKE: A Par-(PIC), A Mar-(SPA), F Bre-(MAO)
 (Herr John Marsden) PICARDY OPENING - 13.4% - 7 - 25%
- ITALIEN: A Ven-(TRI), A Rom-(VEN), F Nap-(ION)
 (Herr Allen Pearson) TRIESTE ATTACK - 11.8% - 3 - 12%
- RYSSLAND: F Stp-(BOT), A War-(UKR), A Mos-(SEV), F Sev-(BLA)
 (Herr Patrick Conlon) TURKISH ATTACK - 7.4% - 2 - 4%
- TURKIET: A Con-(BUL), F Ank-(CON), A (Smy) Holds
 (Herr Alan Waisanen) "Juggernaut Prelude" - 17% - 4 - 14.8%
- TYSKLAND: F Kie-(HOL), A Ber-(KIE), A Mun-(BUR)
 (Herr Jack Fleming) BURGUNDY OPENING HOLLAND VARIATION - 12.3% - 5 - 16.1%
- ÖSTERRIKE-UNGERN: F Tri-(ALB), A Bud-(SER), A Vie-(BUD)
 (Herr Kerry Blant) BALKAN GAMBIT BUDAPEST VARIATION - 14.7% - 8 - 24.2%

[GENEVA]- Members of the Convention on War and Peace have unanimously approved a last-minute proposal to avoid war between civilized nations. The proposal? Invite all civilized nations to a "Turkey Shoot."

[PARIS]- M. le President conferred anxiously with his advisors. "So, Messieurs, there is to be war in Europe, is there? Who says so?"

"We have had an urgent message from Memphis to that respect, President."

"Memphis? Where on Earth is that?"

"In the Southern United States, President."

"The South? But don't you idiots realise that Southerners always lie? This message is a falsehood. There is no war. I am resolved to that. Order our forces to make no aggressive moves that might annoy our neighbours."

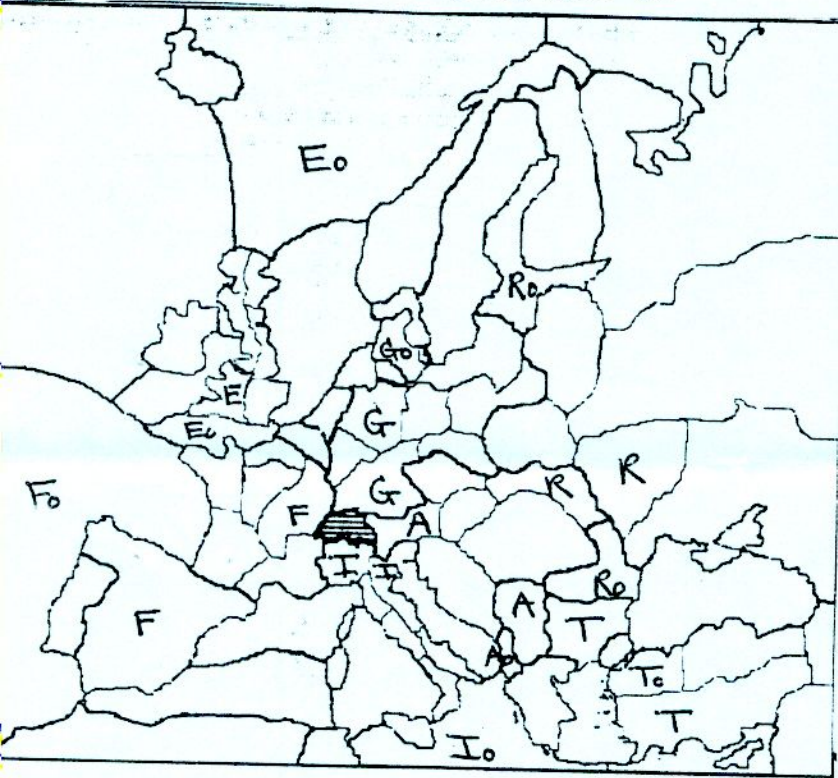
"Yes, President."

RUSSIANS APPARENTLY WANT HABSBERG CROWN PRINCESS AMANDA NOW!!

UNCERTAINTY REIGNS IN ITALY AND GERMANY!!

ENGLISH FLEET ESCALATES FOOD WAR WITH THE FRENCH!!!

Ω Positions in Spring 1901 Ω



§ GAME: "Apis" 1981 A0

§ GM: Herr Garmår L. Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1901

§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Thursday, June 18th

§ GAME COLOR: Blå

¶ GAME NOTES: Fredrik Malmberg has a COA: "C/O Armageddon Distributors, 2590 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, California 94702. Players were already notified.

Spring and Fall 1901 will be in Swedish as will the countries and my name, ha ha. Under each of your orders is a name and ~~some figures~~ some figures. Most opening moves have names and statistics have been compiled on their use from Sweden's The Baltic Battler and New Statesman of England. Statistics were taken from 232 games. The first percentage is how many used these moves as their opening. The second number is how many won with that opening. The last percentage is how many of your power's wins were won using these openings. Wins not draws. Sorry Mike, I could not find anything but the name on your move. TBB hasn't done the Austrian chart and I was lucky to find games

in TBB that used the moves that the other two Austrias used. When I know, you'll know!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1901 §

ENGLAND: F Lon-(ENG), A Lpl-(WAL), F Edi-(NWG)

(Herr Jim Williams) ENGLAND SPLITS WALES VARIATION - 0.6% - none - none

FRANKRIKE: F Bre-(MAO), A Par-(BUR), A Mar-(SPA)

(Herr Fredrik Malmberg) BURGUNDY OPENING - 13.4% - 1 - 3.6%

ITALIEN: A Rom-(VEN), A Ven-(PIE), F Nap-(ION)

(Herr Steve Heinowski) ALPINE CHICKEN - 14.7% - 3 - 12%

RYSSLAND: F Sev-(RUM), A Mos-(UKR), A War-(GAL), F Stp-(BOT)

(Herr Don Swartz) AUSTRIAN ATTACK - 16.9% - 14 - 28%

TURKIET: A Con-(BUL), F Ank-(CON), A (SMY)-Tro (in effect this unit holds)

(Herr Dave Carter) "JUGGERNAUT PRELUDE" - 17% - 4 - 14.8%

TYSKLAND: F Kie-(DEN), A Ber-(KIE), A MUN Holds

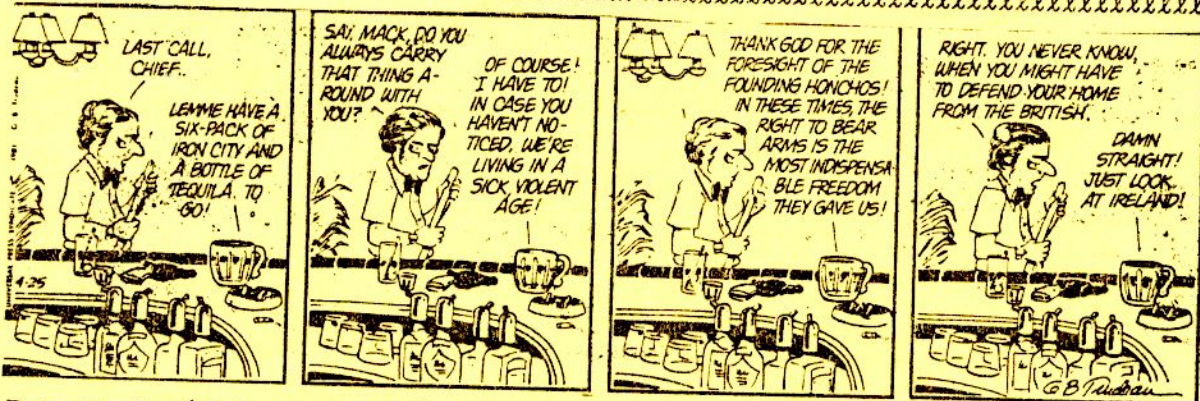
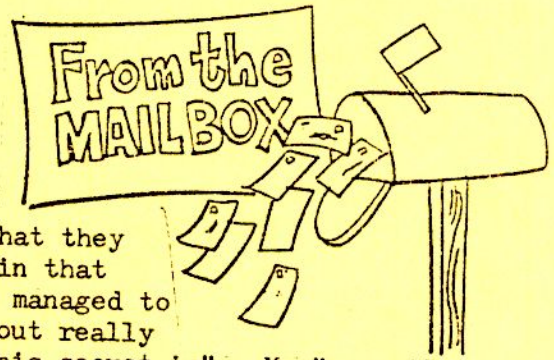
(Herr Bobby Stephens) ANSCHLUSS OPENING - 1.9% - none - none

ÖSTERRIKE-UNGERN: F Tri-(ALB), A Vie-(TYO), A Bud-(SER)

(Herr Mike Mazzer) BALKAN GAMBIT TYROLIA VARIATION - no statistics available at this time)

[VIENNA]- With great pomp and pageantry, the Thousand Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Austria and Russia was signed and the Emperor and the Tsar announced the betrothal of the Habsburg Crown Princess Amanda to the little Tsarevitch to cement the accord.
[ST. PETERSBURG]- All of Russia celebrated the coronation of the beloved Don Juan the First, as Tsar of all the Russias. Don Juan has initiated a vigorous program for exporting vodka and caviar. Demand for Russian products is reportedly high in Rumania and Sweden.
France: Eliminate our empire and we'll quit playing in US zines. I ain't kidding!
Turkey to France: Armageddon Distributors? I'll take 3, don't bother wrapping them.
Vienna to Berlin: Manure punting?

Well we have our letter column once again! I say "our" because unless YOU write to me, this letter column is nothing. I owe so many of you letters that I hope I am forgiven and that you continue to write. It galls me sometimes to have to leave out interesting parts of your letters but please don't take this personally. And I am writing everyday--there is no way that I can answer all of you quickly but know that I appreciate those letters and that they mean a lot to me. Allen Wells, pubber of Dot Happy, wrote in that zine's last issue: "Gary Coughlan (pubber of EUROPA EXPRESS) managed to get a huge letter column of the sort I would like, and without really trying! I will have to write him and try to find out what his secret is". My "secret" is good subbers like YOU who take the time to write to me and who have become my friends. I remember in the Army people would ask me how come I got so many letters and I said it was because I wrote letters. Hopefully what you see in EUROPA EXPRESS will cause you to want to write in whether I am able to answer you personally or not. On with the show! This month we are beginning to get some feedback about previous issues and differences between and within several nations, which I have found very interesting. (Notice the gun in the cartoon below)



--from Doonesbury by George B Trudeau no relation to the Canadian one! After I did the letter column, the news on the Pope came out Senseless violence.

Pete Tamlyn (United Kingdom): "I notice from the morning Times that it's open season on U.S. Presidents again. I'm not surprised. Every report I heard about Reagan's election seemed to expect him to be assassinated. How do you do it? Everyone here talks about shooting Thatcher but nobody ever does anything about it except for the IRA. Perhaps it's the gun laws or maybe it's because you guys get put in the army and learn how to handle guns."

□ The fact that even Reagan himself, after the assassination attempt, was opposed to gun control shows how emotional a subject this is in the US. Americans read how foreigners can walk their streets at night and are amazed at this even as they are sickened by the violence in their own country. But then every country has its own problems---there is racial discord in Great Britain and Sweden, terrorism in West Germany, differences between two groups in both Northern Ireland and Belgium. I was in the army and I detest guns and I don't own any. pete pubs Acolyte

Bob Olsen (Kansas, USA): "Are you getting much response to EUROPA EXPRESS from overseas?"

Dick Martin (Maryland, USA): "By the way - what is the usual pubbing rate for the Europeans?"

Keith Walter (United Kingdom): "The rumour is that EUROPA EXPRESS is free to Anglo-Saxons. Can this be true?"

□ Yes, I have had a good response from Europe. In the strictest sense, EUROPA EXPRESS is not free to the Europeans. Those that get it are giving me something that I want in return. Either I am trading them zine for zine or in the case of a European non-pubber, they must play in a game (another one is being devised) and pay only a game fee in their own currency which equals what a Canadian or an American pays in their currency. In return, as long as they survive in the game (and their funds are partly recoverable also in case of early elimination) they don't have to pay a sub fee. Other Europeans, like some Americans, get EUROPA EXPRESS by writing me articles which broaden the appeal of this zine. The issue of a straight fee for EUROPA EXPRESS to a European who is not a pubber has not come up. It would be expensive and probably prohibitive. Dick pubs Retaliation

§ § § § § § § § § § Mike Barno, these are called "sections" § § § § not "sea horses" § § §
Dave Tucker(United Kingdom): "Incidentally I must say that I enjoy your letter column. The extract pertaining to Mr. McAuley was very interesting; he probably doesn't realise how difficult it is to uncover complimentary quotations in respect of the Irish."

□ Oh you go too far, sir! Not only am I of Irish descent but Mickie McAuley is a female! I will give you two quotes, one about Ireland by George Bernard Shaw: "Ireland is a country in which the political conflicts are at least genuine: they are about patriotism, about religion, or about money: the three great realities." and one about England by Duncan Spaeth: "I know why the sun never sets on the British Empire: God wouldn't trust an Englishman in the dark." So there Mr. Tucker-----go pick on some other nationality!

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Dave Tucker(United Kingdom): "Re: John Marsden's piece, I was under the impression that the Welsh wore leeks, not daffodils, on St. David's Day - meaning vegetables just about sums up the Welsh. That probably alienated Mike Close as well as John. Just joking lads!"

□ You may be leading England to a new age of "Splendid Isolation." We'll see!

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Ron Brown(Québec, Canada): "I can't sleep tonight realizing that some Brits confuse Canucks and Americans! Ye gads, what are they dreaming of over there? What are we supposed to call the people who live between the Canadians and the Mexicans? United Statians? We can't call them Yankees, as that refers only to those in the Northeastern part of the country. I'm insulted, outraged, humiliated and spittin' fire to think that the British can't distinguish between those guys who threw tea in Boston Harbor and those of us who've waited politely all these years to go begging, asking, "Please sir, can we have our own constitution?"

□ I couldn't sleep nights if I thought anyone confused Southerners with Yankees! It is nice to never feel personally insulted when you see foreigners holding up signs saying "Yankee Go Home!" After all we said it first! But I think the Europeans are at last aware that there are Americans and that there are Canadians which was my original point. Ron is the pubber of Snafu and is not to be confused with Ron Brown the pubber of Murd'ring Ministers.

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Carl-Gustaf Spare(Finland): "It was interesting to read that Germany in Korean is "To Kill" and England "Young gook." I know that this is not exactly as you spelled it, but why should your transliteration be the only right one? The Koreans have a gift of looking into the character of a people, it seems."

□ C-G refers to the Korean words for England and Germany which appeared in #1. The Koreans told me that "Tok-il" meant the "alone country" for Germany. I never found out what "Yong-guk" meant. Glad another is supporting the promotion of Korean!

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Kerry Blant(Illinois, USA): "Regarding John Marsden's letter regarding overseas mail: You can send an aerogramme to England for 30¢....You can get a lot of writing on one of those things. Two aerogrammes....arrived within 10 days. This brings the cost down quite a bit but it does force you to pre-plan your letter a little."

□ I work for the post office and I didn't know about aerogrammes, thanks Kerry! They are indeed a less expensive alternative not only for Americans and Canadians but for Europeans as well. Just ask for them at the post office.

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Mike Close(United Kingdom): "I've heard that 'black press' is illegal in many zines in America - is this true of EUROPA EXPRESS? This sort of thing-----'Germany's press: England to France: If you stand me out of Belgium, there'll be trouble."

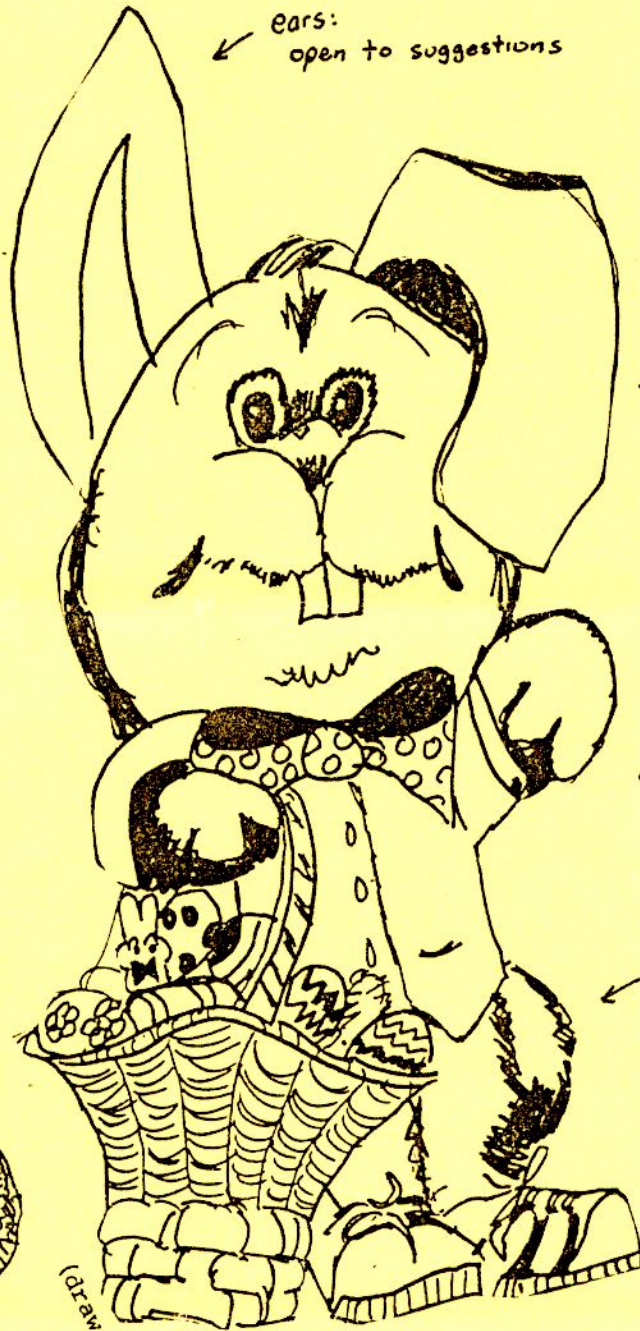
□ I would say that black press is illegal in most zines in North America but there are many designated black press games available in many zines too. Such press is illegal in this zine. I personally would never play in a black press game---I want credit for my press! Also such press tends to be obscene and of low quality. A variation on it is so-called "grey press" which comes from a neutral center and the source is not identified. That press is legal in EUROPA EXPRESS as long as it is datedlined from Switzerland or a Swiss city.

THE ANIMAL DIPDOM # 1

To the right is "Hobbicus Novicitis" which we all begin as. Some more than others. This illustration and captions represent a talented duo in collabration who wish to remain anonymous for now. As long as they offer EUROPA EXPRESS work of this quality I shall abide by their wishes. This was inspired by Easter and it is not too late to run it I felt and I think the readers will agree with me.

disposition:
friendly. wouldn't
harm a fly.

eggs:
all in one
basket.



ears:
open to suggestions

eyes:
glassy - not able to
see past 1901.

lifespan:
Short. too many
predators live off
of the hobbicus novice.

tail:
ready to be kicked.

shoes:
Perfect for running
into trouble.

(drawing courtesy of Al Pearson)

HOBBY QUEEN: Al Pearson and I have a lot in common: deep feelings toward Jack Masters. Jack has started yet another contest, this one for hobby queen. Many nominations have poured in to Jack (the deadline for nominations is now July 1st with voting instructions to come later). This drawing, by Al appeared in For Women Only (See page 12) and is an excellent likeness of Jack Masters and EUROPA EXPRESS fully supports Jack's election. Lanny Myers is pushing "The Queen Banana" and Jeff Albrecht favors Pussy Galore. Both guys sent out impressive campaign statements and Jeff even enclosed pics!

Look at this drawing and think of Jack. Can't you just hear him say, "We are not amused." But I sure am!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

