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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 <u>Ter-ran</u>, <u>Retaliation</u>, <u>The Baltic Battler</u> press-wise and the maps this time are different. Allen Wells, pubber of <u>Dot Happy</u> (address on page 12), 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

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comes after every other letter ?!

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Only Americans may pay by check(cheque). 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.

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

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"Three merry men be we" so says Sir Toby
Belch in Twelfth Night by Shakespeare.
The Bakersfield Three cooperate in putting out Murd'ring Ministers (Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, California 93304 USA) a zine which is studded with Shakespearean quotes. The three guys are Al Rodriguez, Dan Kuszynski and the ole Main Minister himself, Ron Brown.
Ron is so dedicated to the hobby that he purchased a mimeo machine to publish MM.

Another reason I have enjoyed <u>Murd'ring Ministers</u> so much is because Ron Brown put Jim Williams in my game. His letters have always brightened my day and I enjoy his sense of humor. His cartoons have appeared in several issues of EUROPA EXPRESS and in <u>Dot Happy</u> and <u>Lone Star Diplomat</u> as well. And now this zine has a genuine article by Jim as well in which each reader may see himself or someone else he has come across in one of his games.

### Ménage à Trois: General George Patton, Jacqueline Bisset and Bo Derek

----by Jim Williams

In a short time, I will be celebrating my  $l\frac{1}{2}$  year anniversary in the postal Diplomacy hobby. Being a sentimental guy, I looked back on the past and on the many different people I have met, and the many people who I have become friends with. I cried!

After regaining my composure, I realized that I have never known a bad Diplomacy player. There is a good reason for that: there are none. In all of the games I have been in, I have received two kinds of introductory letters. Some describe themselves as novices, and some classify themselves as good players, i.e. they have wins under their belts. Nobody---yet-has introduced themselves saying, "I have been playing for 5 years and best finish is a 6th place as Russia."

Bad players simply do not exist; the postal hobby does not allow it. Anybody who might fit the mold of a bad player drops out of the hobby so fast that it's hard to tell that they were even in it.

So basically we have two types of players: Novices and good players. Among these players though, we have many subcategories which some of them fit into. This article will take a look at a few of these categories and what can happen if you belong to one of them.

I. THE NORMAL PLAYER: This is a contradiction of terms. There is no such thing as a

normal player. I don't think I'll get much arguement on that.

II. THE GENERAL PATTON PLAYER: This is the true hard-core player. The never-say-die, gung-ho, there's-no-such-thing-as-a-two-player-win type of chap. These players will do anything for a win. They'll use threats, nasty phone calls, nice phone calls, nuclear annihilation and sometimes even (gasp!) deception of the GM. These players will propose concessions to themselves even when they have only one unit left. This kind of player is sometimes called the "Dave Grabar Type".

III. THE FRIENDLY PLAYER: This type of player is easy-going and easy to please. He'll agree to anything. He makes alliances with anyone on the board who wants one. After 1901 however, when his moves have been contrary to all of his alliances the other six players usually catch on to his game. The Friendly Player doesn't stay friendly for very long.

IV. THE LIGHT-HEARTED PLAYER: This type of player has enjoyed remarkable success in the hobby which partly explains his light-heartedness. He writes press, articles and letters in abundance and, more often than not, they are quite humorous.

One of the light-hearted player's reasons for success is that other players find it hard to stab him. He is generally so well liked by so many people, that a player risks the outrage of the entire hobby should he execute a stab of the light-hearted one.

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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 houserules 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 <u>can</u> 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 <u>before</u> 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 forth-coming 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.

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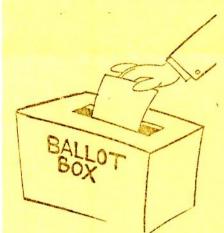
This article concludes on page 4. The next edition of the Zine Directory is due out in August, 1981. The ZD lists pertinent info on zines from all over the world but it could be better if all pubbers send info on their circulation, average issue size, prices, and their zine's physical description and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

Needless to say at this point, the FT's family life has begun to crumble. His only hope, would have been early detection and a complete withdrawal from Diplomacy immediately. Many FTs whose affliction was not detected early enough can be seen today in most major cities pushing baby buggies or shopping carts that contain all of their worldly possessions. You'll find them on Madison Avenue in Chicago, near Times Square in New York or in any of the seamier parts of most any city.

If you happen to see one on the street, look inside their old buggy or cart. If you look hard enough, beneath the Salvation Army clothes and other paraphernalia, you'll see a crumpled cardboard map and perhaps a few small pieces of wood, the once bright colors chipped and faded. And, if you look deep into "Hobo Joe's" eyes, you will see a look that seems to say: "Is this guy really interested in what I have in there or is he trying to set me up

for something?"

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BALLOT TIME! It is time to VOTE! It is time to make your voice heard! You only get this chance one time a year so don't waste it! The LEEDER NORTH AMERICAN POLL OF ZINES AND GMS is asking you to give your preferences on any zines and about any GMs that you have actively played under from April 1, 1980 until the present. Votes will be accepted until June 30th, 1981 by John Leeder, 121-19th Ave, NE

Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E 1N9

Now for specifics: John asks that you list the zines on one page and the GMs on a separate page since this is a 2-part poll. He requests that you list your choices in alphabetical order. You must sign both of your ballots and you must indicate, on both ballots, how you participated in the hobby in the specified period of April 1, 1980 to the present such as "I play in 1980xx, or I sub to such-and -such, or I am a pubber."

The zines and the GMs are to be rated from l(for lousy) to 10 (for perfection). No fractions please! Subzines should be rated separately

from their parent zine. Please base your votes on the zine's quality itself or your GM's skill and not on the pubber's personality or hobby feuds etc. Defunct zines may be rated if they were active after April 1st.

You should only vote on publications of which you saw enough copies to be able to form an accurate assessment. A large turnout is urged because this is the only hobby-wide poll we have and because there will be grudge votes. A large vote will determine some degree of accuracy. In 1979, there were 72 ballots cast and in 1980 there were 93 ballots. Let's break 100 this time. We can if YOU vote! Remember it takes about 1 week for US mail to reach Canada.

This poll is supposed to be only for North American zines although last year Sweden's The Baltic Battler made the list. I assume Europeans may vote but unless they can judge from at least 5 zines in North America, I don't think that they should. The Europeans have their own polls and if I get some word before this goes to print, it will be in this issue. And there maybe a new poll for North Americans; I'm waiting for details on this also.

A ZINE PLUG A



In all of North America there are only three pubbers who are also postal clerks. I am one and Gerry Austin of Klepto Mania is two(Watch some anti-P.O. try to make something of that title!) and Steve Heinowski of Ter-ran is the third. Ter-ran is available from Steve at 1630 W. 28th St., Lorain, Ohio 44052, USA and is one of my favorite stomping grounds since I play in this zine.

Ter-ran is a family-type zine as it has a homey, friendly atmosphere with good-natured ribbing via articles, letter columns and press. Steve is the inspiration of a lot of this. One of the funniest articles I have ever read involved him going to Florida where Kathy Byrne was also vacationing. He approached several females, thinking they were Kathy, and asked for their support into some province on the Dip board. Of course they thought he was a masher and mashed him in the ribs. Ter-ran is tops with me even if I don't know what the name means!

FRANCO-ITALIAN PINCER MOVEMENT ON MUNICH??
WICKED WITCHES LEARN ABOUT "B.O." AND "SCREWING"

§ GAME: "Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM

GM: Herr Garmar L. Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1901

§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Thursday, June 18th

§ GAME COLOR: Gul

¶ GAME NOTES: Bruce Linsey has a COA: 24A Quarry Drive, Albany, New York 12205,

effective when you read this.

Yes, gul is yellow in Swedish and this is the Year of Swedish in EUROPA EXPRESS. Under your orders is a name and some figures. Most opening moves have names and statistics have been compiled on their use from Sweden's The Baltic Battler via England's New Statesman. In North America, these charts are available in some back issues of Mike Mills Emhain Macha (address on page 12). The first percentage is how many used these moves as their opening in the 232 games compiled for the study. 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. That is, wins, not draws.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1901 §

ENGLAND: A Lpl-(YOR), F Edi-(NWG), F Lon-(NTH)

(Herr Garry Hamlin) NORTHERN OPENING YORKSHIRE VARIATION - 36.3% - 9 - 31%

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

(Herr Bruce Linsey) BURGUNDY OPENING - 13.4% - 1 - 3.6%

ITALIEN: A Ven-(TYO), A Rom-(APU), F Nap-(ION)
(Herr Bob Osuch) GERMAN ATTACK - 3.6% - none - none

RYSSLAND: F Stp-(BOT), A Mos-(UKR), A (WAR)-Gal, F (SEV)-Bla

(Herr Bob Olsen) SOUTHERN DEFENCE - 22% - 12 - 24%

TURKIET: A Con-(BUL), A Smy-(CON), F (ANK)-Bla

(Herr Dave Tucker) "RUSSIAN DEFENCE" - 29.3% - 5 - 18.5%

YSKLAND: F Kie-(DEN), A Ber-(KIE), A Mun-(RUH)
(Herr Randolph Smyth) BLITZKRIEG OPENING DENMARK VARIATION - 41.6% - 16 - 51.6%

USTERRIKE-UNGERN: F Tri-(ALB), A (VIE)-Gal, A Bud-(SER)

(Herr Dick Martin) BALKAN GAMBIT GALICIA VARIATION - 18.5% - 8 - 24.2%

Austria: If Brux is gonna invent datelines, I will not be outdone! I claim "Crud", "Rockville", "The Great Doomie at Sea" and the "Legitimate Information Exchange Service" (LIES) news agency as my own. Now what do I do with them?

Memphis to Austria: All are OK except for "The Great Doomie at Sea" since that it too much like France's. You shouldn't have bragged that you had it. Some, even now, persist in their ignorance.

THE GREAT DOOMIE OF THE YEAR to THE GREAT DOOMIE AT SEA(Russia): The ESM made me do it!

Leisureville to Queen Victoria: So "we are not amused", are we? Why, that's an insult!

Everyone should be amused at the ridiculous antics and garbled words of the Great Doomie.

It's up to you, mon vieux, whether you choose to become amused or abused.

CRUD to BRUX: Brux is a 4-letter word! Wait! Why am I teasing you? Nah, you're not worth the effort.

Moscow to Paris: I always wanted to meet you in a game, and now I've done it. Ckay, you're dismissed.

York to Paris and Berlin: The English Midlands have been afflicted with a strange new disease, Insanus fames Luxembourgae, and the afflicted population is dropping like flies. Medical experts maintain that the disease is the result of a vitamin deficiency and can only be cured by ingesting massive doses of Brussels sprouts, freshly picked. While not usually found in England, this essential vegetable is common in a nearby neutral country which has selfishly refused to sell us the much-needed produce. Symptoms of Luxembourgae in its advanced stages include suicidal tendencies, acute paranoia, inexplicable aggression, and logoria (diarrhea of the press). The Queen, herself, is said to be at death's door due to the disease, and the grieving populace offers its unswerving support to any power who reserves this difficulty with the much needed support.

LONDON(LIES): Reliable sources report that queen Victoria spent another mirthless day yesterday at Buckingham Palace. The locals are becoming restless for the old bag to kick off so that

they could once again laugh.

Burgundy to Munich: I'm pretending you're a beautiful girl in a bikini; I'm doing an awful lot of hungry looking, but ---- keeping my hands off!

London to Berlin: Lassen Sie von sich hören; der Hunger ist schrecklich!

Moscow to Berlin: If you have any press this season, I'll credit to your account as a letter.

Maybe I'll even credit you for submitting moves. Your account is in arrears!

BRUX to GARRY: Gee, I guess I can understand your mix-up in the envelopes. After all, they are both Bob O. Tell you what. From now on Bob Osuch will be known as "Rumpelstiltskin", o.k.? Canterbury to Paris: J'ai faim terrible! Nourrissez-moi vite, avant je deviens enrage tel le Brux de Black Jack Masters.

[WARSAW] - Scientists here have revealed that, in violation of all international law, the Tsar is now in control of two countries, Russia and Italy. The scientists explained that the Italian government is run by a clone of the Tsar, under the slightly changed name of "Bob Osuch" (not very convincing but the best they could do on short notice). The clone was unmasked by a crusading BBC reporter, who noted that the Russian government had gained access to highly confidential diplomatic correspondence sent from England to Italy. When questioned, the Tsar shrugged off the charges, and Pope Osuch also issued a denial. However, it was noted that when the Pope spoke, the Tsar's lips moved.

[VENICE] - General Antonio Viviano was officially relieved of his command early today for refusing to send the troops to their ordered site. When asked for an explanation, Viviano told reporters: "Thata crazy Frog, hea tella me 'Tro' isa no good fora the Tyrolia." The general was immediately transported to Rome for a thorough rebriefing on the legality and interpretation

of military orders.

[ROME] - After intense psychoanalysis, it was determined that General Antonio Viviano has been stricken with a terminal case of 'nitpickitis', a dreaded disease common to military leaders and Diplomacy gamemasters. Since there is no known cure for the fatal illness, Viviano will be held in the "rubber room" here until early next week, when he will be put to sleep. Constantinople to the Rest: Has anyone ever stopped to consider how peaceful Europe would be if we all stayed within our own frontiers? No killing, maiming, gouging and doing other nasty things to foreigners; no great expense on war material; no waste of natural resources.

Admittedly, it would be rather boring --- Avalon Hill wouldn't like it but the Turkish Empire hereby proposes a 7-way draw. Incidentally, Turkish troop movements are notoriously wayward but this is entirely due to the fact that our maps are printed in Swahili: La ilaha

il-Allah Muhammadum rasulu'llah.

Athens(VIA British Embassy): Thnasksoiteh, kuonas, tis on. Hoy Akyoy kratessousi autous! [MEMPHIS] - No, I'm not going to say it's Greek to me! Tyrolia(Austria): Well, what have we here?

[TRIESTE] - I don't know but it's green and ugly!

Paris to Moscow: Are you still into inserting long rectangular objects into dungheaps? If so, I have the perfect target for one of your fleets. Shall I? No, I think I oughtn't. Moscow to Black Jack Masters: I always knew Brux was a bad person but your recent editorial in Black Frog really opened my eyes. However, I tell you what: if Brux manages to write 12 letters to every one of mine, I'll not only pay for his next gamefee, I'll also blow up my typewriter!

Leisureville to Midland: Typing in capitals I can tolerate; your awful handwriting I can live with. Just don't send me any letters in red crayon!
[MEMPHIS]- Well, I have to send "Swedish Roundabout" to page ! for the rest of the press.

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

M Positions in Spring 1901 M Eo G Fo Ro F Io

§ GAME: "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" 1981 AN

GM: Garmar L. Kaufflandsson

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1901

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§ GAME COLOR: gron

¶ 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 SOU'TH 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!

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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%

F Stp-(BOT), A War-(UKR), A Mos-(SEV), F Sev-(BLA) RYSSLAND: (Herr Patrick Conlon) TURKISH ATTACK - 7.4% - 2 - 4%

A Con-(BUL), F Ank-(CON), A (Smy) Holds (Herr Alan Waisanen) "Juggernaut Prelude" - 17% - 4 - 14.8%

F Kie-(HOL), A Ber-(KIE), A Mun-(BUR) TYSKLAND:

(Herr Jack Fleming) BURGUNDY OPENING HOLLAND VARIATION - 12.3% - 5 - 16.1%

USTERRIKE-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."

[BERLIN] - Greetings to the crown heads of Europe. I hope each of you ends up a winner. Except for Turkey who hasn't written. And France who wrote one short letter compared to England's 5. I'd also like to take this chance to explain my move to Burgundy. While Gary was quite explicit in his instructions concerning biting, butting and hitting on the break (He and I have already been neighbors in a game and he thought it would be best to go over the rules with me again), he failed to mention anything about hitting before the bell. I wonder if the punch landed? [CONSTANTINOPLE] - The Sultan is coming out of his opium stupor and will be contacting his neighbors shortly. [MEMPHIS] - I enjoyed the phone call from Alaska, Alan! AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to the World: Let Green be an example to a troubled world. I roll for a 7-way draw. We shall show that the world can be a peaceful place to live and love. [ROME]- You notice I opened with the 13th most popular Italian opening. I hope you feel the honor of this; less than 1 in 50 games start with it. Memphis to Rome: I don't think your "Green" is too popular with the Austrians. [LONDON] - His imperial majesty, Duke Sir Mark, Prince of Fazdorf, Earl of Bath, Knave of Shower and Sir Loin of Beef, welcomes all the players into the realm of 1900 Europe. May the better, sneakier more low-life scumbags win. Memphis to London: But Faz! I thought you had reformed! [ODESSA] - Tsar Nicholas, on a tour of the shipyards in this bustling port city on the Black Sea, had this to say about the tension in the Balkans. "War is imminent. This war will not be fought on Russian soil. We will strike first, if necessary." England to Russia: Zdrastvoitye, Tovarich! Na zdarovye, e pobede. Peace in the North! Paris to England & Russia: Hey guys, I've heard that the Army and the Air Force don't like each other much. How about using real weapons on each other? England to France: What ho, noble Gaul? What say ye to some sort of truce? Austria-Hungary to John: Why aren't you playing England? Austria-Hungary to Pat: Why aren't you playing Germany? Austria-Hungary to Mark: Why aren't you playing Italy? Austria-Hungary to Austria-Hungary: Why am I playing? England to Austria-Hungary: The King wishes the Archduke of A/H the best of luck! [PARIS] - Note that my official datelines are: "France", "Paris" and "Rambler" (My Ode GM dateline) Rambler: Hey, y'all, how's about writin' allus press in Suthahn, jus't' make Gary feel at home? After all, it's no stranger to me than Yankee! France: Hey, I hope I'm not supposed to write press in Korean! Memphis to France: Not till you learn to write Southern and knock off the Idi Amin British. Paris to London: Al says you offered him help against an unspecified power. If you meant me, see you in Liverpool! England to Germany: Greetings, Kaiser! The Prime Minister in London is anxious to set up negotiations for trade between our countries. You send us German women (Bavarian babes, bitte) and we'll send you all the English stout you can pound down. England to Italy: Being Italian myself, all I can say is Avanti, avanzante and "Keep in touch." Rambler to Foul Al: Your reputation precedes you across the Atlantic! Maybe we should copy the stout fellas (and Kathy) in 19810? Memphis to Rambler: Did he tell you about the blueberry whip too? England to Turkey: May the sand from the desert storms never infest your navel, oh muslim-type Mullah. Blant to CM: Stand me by for those mellow yellow stabbers. GM to Blant: No can do. Players cannot be Malmbergers. But I will let you talk to them. Blant to Swedish Roundabout: I've waited for two years to get in a game with Crud, and Brux. Spiced by Olsen, Osuch press, no less. I didn't know you guys played in games that did not allow black press. Now we'll see who can write, right! Austria-Hungary to Non-writers: You're my enemy. England to All: Any of you guys got pretty, unattached sisters that like short, big-nosed, bonehead Italian-Americans? You got my address, bubs. [MEMPHIS] And on that high note we will end "SOC:" until next time. "SOC:" seems to be

There was a fake <u>Life of Monty</u> in April but since I was not sent a copy of it although I am a subber of <u>LOM</u>, I cannot review it. "Focus on Fakes" is for fake publicity. Let all know

off to a more intensive start than the other two games and it is more geographically diverse than they are with players ranging from Alaska to England and West Germany. Keep it up!

RUSSIANS APPARENTLY WANT HABSBURG CROWN PRINCESS AMANDA NOW!!

UNCERTAINTY REIGNS IN ITALY AND GERMANY!!

ENGLISH FLEET ESCALATES FOOD WAR WITH THE FRENCH!!!

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§ NEXT DEADLINE IS: Thursday, June 18th

§ GAME COLOR: Bla

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

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

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

USTERRIKE-UNGERN: F Tri-(ALB), A Vie-(TYO), A Bud-(SER)
(Herr Mike Mazzer) BALKAN CAMBUT TYROLIA VARIATION

(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]- The city was dazzled at the arrival of the Sultan of Turkey and his entourage in all their Byzantine splendor for the signing of the Thousand Year Treaty of Friendship between Austria and Turkey. The accord was cemented by the announcement of the betrothal of the Crown Princess Amanda to the Sultan(bringing the total of his wives to 78 at last count). Turkey to GM: I hope that you are not going to be as picky about the orders as you-know-who. GM to Turkey: As long as no one causes any TROuble or conTROversy. French Ministry of Defense: Reports indicate massive liver diseases in bordering countries, evidently caused by excessive feasting. Feasting for what? They are doomed! Any who dare oppose the red-eyed wine-drinkers of our special forces(go get their beers, fellas!) will have to take the consequences. But do you have to talk so loudly?? London Globe: King James III ill!!! Gordon Fitzroy Jr., an aide to the King, has advised this reporter that King James III was taken ill this afternoon, apparently as a result of eating meatballs --- Swedish meatballs to be exact. Foul Play is suspected and the King's official taster, Sven Haarkenin, has been taken into custody.

As the investigation continues, more arrests have been made. Inge Jonson and Frieda Stenberg, both chambermaids at the Royal Palace, were caught carrying concealed weapons as they attempted to get near the ailing monarch. H.R. "Blimey" Beauregard of Scotland Yard had this comment: "No doubt about it. The French are behind this. Who else would slip a deadly Malmberger on a plate of Swedish meatballs? Melvin Kaminski perhaps? London to Berlin: What's made with ground frogs, onions, parsley and corm flakes, tastes delicious and is too big for one person to eat? --- A Malmberger! How would you like yours

cooked? I prefer bloody rare.

London to Rome: I think there is enough for you too, if you dare. London to Paris: Sorry Fred. The Channel is just socoo inviting early in the century. [VIENNA] Today, the Thousand Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Austria and France was signed by the Emperor and M. le President Malmberger(pronounced "Mom-bair-zhay). To cement the accord, the betrothal of Crown Princess Amanda to M. Malmberger(a heretofore confirmed bachelor) was announced.

John Parker, Paris residence: "Don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war,

let it begin here!" Washington, D.C. (VIA the German Embassy): In a White House statement released through the office of the Presidential Press Secretary, the U.S. Government announced its decision to recall ALL ambassadors from their embassies in Europe. Reasons cited were neutrality and isolationism. One White Horse source, requesting anonymity, said, "We just prefer to let those silly Europeans (expletive deleted) settle their silly little wars themselves. good American boys will shed a drop of blood for those(expletive deleted)." Although the government has pledged not to get involved, another high source from the Pentagon said that if the government did decide to reverse its decision, only young men from New Jersey would go. France: Philippe de Golff, brother of Hugue de Golff's son, said last fall that the powers of Europe would fall. Hey guys, he seems to have been right!!! Here they all are attacking my native country. You thought I didn't know about it, huh? Hah! The pen is mightier than

the sword! I took your letters to a handwriting analyst --- YOU LOSE TURKEYS! (My, my, what'll I do if they didn't, after all!)

[ZURICH]- It cannot be as yet confirmed, but reports have been received out of Italy that the Italian government is reportedly drafting men between the ages of 93-100. It is reported the men are to be darkened by use of skin pigmentation to a deep blackish-brown and then stripped to the skin and smuggled into the French vineyards where they will await orders. Sweden(VIA the French Embassy): We support our cousins in France with our souls -- nor fyr laglo

Phillipe de Golff(France): True as it was said.

[VIENNA] - Today the Thousand Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Austria and Italy was signed by the Emperor and Italian King 'Legs' Puzzi. The accord was signed in blood, of course. To cement the alliance, the betrothal of Crown Princess Amanda to the Italian heir, Prince Ugo, was announced. The Crown Princess had to pass the traditional Italian test of virginity(she did indeed float) before the betrothal was made public. "That's a relief, after all, she's only three months old." declared the Emperor.

The Royal Family of France announces that the new castle is going well along the line. The 3000 kilometer building stretches from Paris to Kiel, and construction work is almost finished all the way to the border. "It is only a matter of time, of course," proclaimed the royal architect, "before we complete the work. Before supper, I'd say." [MEMPHIS] - And the press for this game will be completed on page \\.

[VIENNA]- Today the Thousand Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Austria and Germany was signed by the Emperor and his cousin the Kaiser. To cement the accord, the Emperor announced the betrothal of himself to German Crown Prince Otto the Odd. "I thought I'd take some of the burden off of Amanda" the Emperor declared.

London to Paris: Hi Svedey! London to Berlin: Hiya Hun!

[VIENNA] - Today the Thousand Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Austria and England was signed by the Emperor and His Majesty Kind Edward. To cement the accord, HRH agreed to allow the Emperor occasional use of his mistress, Miss Lilly Langtree. Commenting on the terms of the agreement, the Emperor said, "Hubba, Hubba!" an obscure phrase, possibly of Magyar origin.

Vienna to 'Swedish Roundabout' France: I suggest A Mar-Tro.

[MEMPHIS]—For the benefit of any unaware readers, Europeans or novices, the province of Tyrolia is special in North America today. It is considered to be English by Retaliation readers. A player in Bruce Linsey's Voice of Doom submitted an order which read "A Vie-Tro" to test an ambiguity. Bruce ruled it invalid since it could go to either Trieste or Tyrolia and he considered it ambiguous. An uproar in his letter column has ensued. It will not ensue in EUROPA EXPRESS's letter column!

Vienna to 'Swedish Roundabout' Russia: How do you do it? Magnificient! Here it is, Spring 'Ol and already you are ahead in supply centers!

Memphis to "Apis": Thank you for the high level of enthusiasm that everyone has shown. I thought this would be an interesting bunch and I haven't been disappointed. I can't wait to see the Fall moves and press for this one!

Russia to GM: I propose we drop the name "Swedish Roundabout" from this game, for two reasons: first, because there are no Swedes in the game or anywhere roundabout; and second, because Sweden is Russian property and therefore a private matter. Why not change the name to something else? I've come up with a perfect name which both symbolizes the South and also you, Gary Coughlan, as well (and why not name your games after yourself? This is a tradition founded by Jack Masters in his game, 'Pestilence'.) So from now on, let's call 1981 AM, "Lost Cause".

Memphis to Russia: The name stays! Why don't you just admit that you don't know what it means? And I can think of another name that fits Jack Masters socooo much better. Russia to GM: I've always been curious—what does the "L." in your name stand for? Brux says it stands for "Lincoln" but I'm not so sure. After all, your last name sounds suspiciously like a transposition—"Lan-cough" = a corruption(but of course!) of Lincoln—and it'd be silly even for a Southerner to be called Gary Lincoln Lincoln. Patriotic, but silly.

Memphis to GM: Such curiosity kills parakeets. The "L." is for "Lover".

Constantinople to Vienna: Ah! These American colloquialisms: when you state "Let's screw Russia" what exactly do you have in mind?

Austria to Turkey: Admittedly, I'm not one to talk, but why the mysterious silence? Zurich to Austria: Hey, ding-dong, this game is called Diplomacy. That means write me more than just a dinky postcard with red streaks on it!

Warsaw to ALL: Gary accidentally disclosed Austria's secret code word to me. Just submit Austrian orders signed "Sniddlewort" and watch the fun begin.

[MEMPHIS]- I tried to get player codes that fitted each person's own individual uniqueness and Dick has certainly been a Sniddlewort lately, makin' all sorts of demands and thangs. Austria to GM: Liar, liar, pants on fire! You told me that games would start on 4/10. But, I got the game start long before then. I demand that you cease this shabby treatment of your players. I insist on a full apology to us, that you always print "Swedish Roundabout" (whatever that is) before the other games, and some other, hideous torture to be thought up at a later date. Any of you guys got any ideas?

Memphis to Austria: Perhaps we can compromise? If we do, I know I'll keep my word. THE GREAT DOOMIE IN THE SKY to all you little puny doomies: Have I succeeded in antagonizing all of you yet? No? My next moves will be to Ukraina, Vienna and Berlin-that ought to do the trick.

[MEMPHIS]- Our next move will be to page 12 for the wrapup(lloks funny doesn't it).

BRUX: I hereby initiate one more dateline for my press: "The Mendacious Excrescence".

Memphis to BRUX: Alright, as long as you realize that anyone mentioned by John Boardman in that list deserves this title too. I know I do.

Madrid to Paris(VIA British Embassy): Prohibida la entrada.

Leisureville: There once was a fellow named Krud
Whose letters were fully a dud.
With great exaltations

Puts out huge <u>Retaliations</u>
But in this game, his name will be mud!

Midland to Wichita: I've tried to find ways to limit Russian expansion, and this is the best I can come up with. I challenge you in public, Bob, to a 30lb.(maximum) weight loss agreement—each of us to lose 2 lb. for each center he gains. If we don't lose the weight by the necessary deadlines, we don't send in the builds. If you like to diet as little as I'm told you do, this agreement ought to assure your containment easily. This is a weighty matter, Bob. You're a coward if you don't accept.

[MEMPHIS] - But nooooooooooo!!!!!!!

[ROME]- "Hillrod" (hil rad') syn. Hick, hayseed, hillbilly, haychucker, bumpkin, pigsticker; one who lives in or comes from the mountains or backwoods, especially of the South. P.S. I have a lifelong friend who moved to Memphis four years ago. Do you call your friends "geese" too?

Memphis to Rome: No we don't Chicago down here. We say, normally, "guys". And you blew your chance(never good, Yankee!) at having another lifelong friend in Memphis!

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WHO is this man in the picture? Well it's not me but he is one of the subbers of EUROPA EXPRESS(and I hope the picture comes out good!). Try and guess who it is. Knowing that most of you cannot guess that, just write in what you assume this guy is like, for example, is he trustworthy, or a stabber or a writer or a pubber. What does he probably do for a living? Which country would he find most comfortable to play? Or any thing you care to write—this may become a feature of EUROPA EXPRESS if I get some response. And is this an European or American or Canadian or.....

¶ Bern Sampson, pubber of Torpedo(123 Sixth St., Middlesex, New Jersey 08846) sent all his American subbers a free stamped ballot already addressed for the Leeder Poll(See page + ). I gave mine to Al Giddings who visited here with his wife Patty since I had already voted. Thanks Bern!

Mew York 14502. An example is <u>Life of Monty</u>(Since I couldn't mention the fake, I'll mention the zine) from the last ZD: "<u>Life of Monty</u>: Don Del Grande: 142 Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae, CA 94904. 415-461-2692: 10/0/M/X: Games D, K, Third Reich, Empires of the Middle Ages, M: Sf 55¢/per issue: Gf none: July 1980: Zine includes articles and humor(including Python, of course). Player input encouraged." Each ZD comes with instructions on how to read the above. The 10/0/M/X means this zine is an average 10 pages of open page monthly xeroxed. July 1980 is when the first issue came out. "D" stands for Diplomacy and "M" for Machiavelli. Last is a pubber's statement. All the zines in the world can fully present themselves in the next ZD which is due in August if their pubbers write the information to Mike Mills NOW!

¶ Jihad! (Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, Michigan 48030) now has a new subzine entitled For Women Only edited and controlled by Jeri and Pam Overby. It will cater to the views of all women connected in any way with the hobby. Men will only be allowed to play and submit press as I understand it. Sub to Jihad! (A beautiful digest zine) and you get FWO.

Well we have our letter column once again! I say "our" because unless YOU write to me, this letter column From the 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" 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 suns 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 publing rate for the Europeans?" Keith Walter (United Kingdom): "The rumour is that EUROPA EXPRESS is free to Anglo-Saxons. Can

☐ 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

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<u>Dave Tucker</u>(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!

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!

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.

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!

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.

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.

Lanny Myers (Maryland, USA): "I also do not think that you should close your sub list. This is fine for a warehouse zine or one close to it(no insult meant), but a zine which is involved in the hobby-events-personalities-etc, should, it seems to me, allow anyone to sub. Likewise for a zine printing high-class articles, etc. that many will want to read." Allen Wells (Massachusetts, USA): (A Suggestion): "Lick, not tape, the stamps (I think taping them is illegal anyway since it prevents postmarking the stamps)." Dick Martin (Maryland, USA): "I can't figure out your "pages of note" for me. Why would I get 2 listings for page 1, for example?"

Don Swartz (Kentucky, USA): Did you really mean that impersonation of the GM is permitted?"

☐ The sub list is not closed yet but I don't want to grow much larger, EUROPA EXPRESS is manageable now. Besides there are other zines for all tastes. I tape stamps so they wan't fall off--my saliva is not what John Caruso's is. If you receive two or more listings on the same page it is because you are mentioned twice or more. There is no way that I can prevent impersonation of the GM but I consider it impossible due to the player codes. Allen pubs Dot Happy and Dick pubs Retaliation.

Rod Walker (California, USA): "You know of course that horse racing is the sport of Kings. So what's the sport of Queens? Drag Racing of course! (Well don't blame me. Mike Mazzer brought it up (#4 in the "Jugular of the Year" list)."

Thomas Franke (Germany): Please publish more articles like "Princess Margaret gets how much?" Very informative and very interesting .... I liked Jane Proskin's sentence that she loves your zine and the Europeans because they sound so sexy! Well--- I think she also sounds sexy when saying this!"

Bobby Stephens (Texas, USA): "I enjoyed to the article on the British system of monetary silliness. I'd always hoped to get a denomination of currency named after me...the Bob-Bob."

□ Always nice to have some feedback on articles and I know the authors appreciate it. If you Want more, send it on! I was afraid the Europeans would discover Jane and they have......

Thomas is co-editor of Der (minsende Bechanke III) (see fage 16)

Fredrik Malmberg (Sweden): "Hey send me Jane Proskin's address! My gosh, I've heard of people getting off on the phone, but via a magazine? We'll have to do something about this, you know. Since I am moving to the west coast, we will probably meet, I and Jane. Origins perhaps. I may not know as much about technique as a father of six kids, but then he seemed to know

Carl-Gustaf Spare (Finland): "I am somewhat peeved to see how much space and attention the traitor Malmberg is getting in EUROPA EXPRESS.(A dipper is like a girl: Both will not ever forget their very first stabber). Beware, Malmbergers! This man will take your gold and jewels and sell you for 5 years as unable seamen to Ahab the Whaler." Mike Barno (New York, USA): "I'm proud to be a Malimberger."

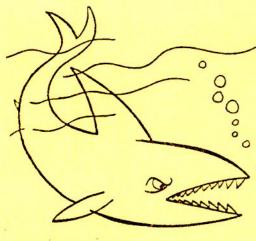
□ C-G, if Mike Barno and the ESM(Endwellian Society of Mediocrity) are fond of Fredrik, that is enough of a burden. More from C-G in future issues. Jane's address is "OCCUPANT, P.O. Box 6824, Burbank, California 91510." And Jane, Fredrik"s address is "C/O Armageddon Distributors, 2590 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, California 94702."Mike pubs The Shogun's Sword.

Ron Brown (Quebec, Canada): "I notice a complaint from Ralph Morton about deadlines....It takes 3-5 days for a letter to reach me from anywhere in the USA(even California) or Canada, except for Alberta and British Columbia where letters take weeks---but a six week deadline wouldn't solve that problem. I will go to five weeks if the players ask, but no one has mentioned it."

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "Western Canada has always been bad for mail. I think it has something to do with trying to find a Western Canadian who can read."

□ Watch it or Randolph Smyth of Alberta will cut off your oil! Dave's zine Sleepless Knights ran a newspaper article which concluded that US internal mail service was worse than Canadian internal mail service. The chart CLEARLY showed that all US mail had been delivered within 4 days whereas Canadian mail took sometimes 5-6 days and in one instance which I am sure that Randolph noticed too showed that mail from Alberta to Toronto had not been delivered YET. Both of these pubbers (Ron publishes Snafu) are offerring longer deadline games in their zines and are worth checking out. Dave at 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 129 and Ron at RR 2 Maniwaki, Québec, Canada J9E 3A9 (Ron gets a new address in mid-June). W 15

§§ THERE MUST BE A RUNOFF!!! §§



There is a rising fury all across North America! Mounting anger demands a runoff for the true hobby mascot and such justified anger is growing by leaps and bounds. Bushwacker (Fred C. Davis, 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Maryland 21207) and Torpedo (Bern Sampson, 123 Sixth St., Middlesex, New Jersey 08846) have openly joined EUROPA EXPRESS in its call for a runoff among the top candidates. 12 votes out of 62 votes cast should not bind an entire hobby! 50 votes or fully 80% of the voters did not want and did not vote for Brux, Jack Masters' dog and so-called "winner."

A very perceptive Texan, Bobby Stephens, anticipated such a situation and, even before the election, proposed a runoff. But what about his fellow Texan, Mike Conner, pubber of Lone Star Diplomat, organizer of the mascot contest? What was his reaction when a runoff was politely requested? He merely thought that the matter had been settled and said "Two of the leading candidates, Caruso the Cat and Trouble Linsey(another dog), made gracious

statements." This only shows me that Caruso gives up much too easily and therefore wasn't even fit for second place. And Trouble, yes what about Trouble?

According to my sources, the Voice of Doom's next issue will declare Trouble the hobby mascot unilaterally! Does this sound "gracious"? Nor is it fair. Only the Shark and Mark Lew's Nobody among the candidates has been willing for a runoff. Write Mike Conner at 3214 Beverly Road, Austin Texas 78703 and insist on justice and fairness being done!

Once again, the Great White Shark who is very desirous of a legitimate hobby mascot poll has an admirer from overseas. Thomas Franke, the co-editor of West Germany's Der Grinsende Beobachter, writes: "Hey---what's that to start a poll for the best mascot? And a shark? How "extravagant"?" Extravagant perhaps but the best choice undoubtedly. And now for the further reading enjoyment of EUROPA EXPRESS's subbers, a continuation of the shark serial last seen in EUROPA EXPRESS #2. Let us return to those sailors adrift in the Pacific.

"We banded together and formed a circle -- a tight defensive perimeter -- facing outward. Practicality and survival were the key words. We stripped life jackets off mutilated seamen and brought them into the perimeter for spares. We linked arms and after several false starts paddled away from the filthy carnage around us. The rest of the night passed quietly except for some moaning and sobbing. Occasionally a shriek would pierce the still night air, but this was the result of bad nightmares rather than sharks.

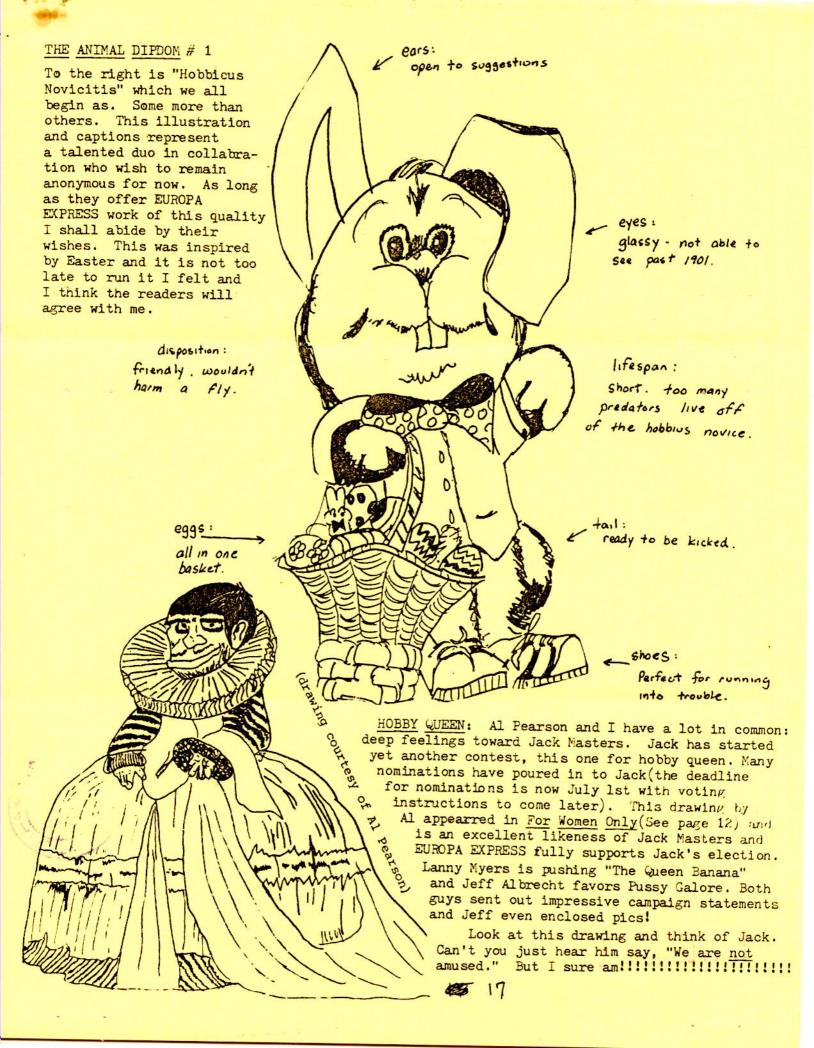
At 5:45 the sun broke over the blue water. We felt we could better handle the terrors of those dark shadows in the full light of day. Several men volunteered the information that sharks fed mostly at night. This was partially true. The sun beat unmercifully for 15 long hours. Lips cracked, faces swelled, noses blistered and bald heads peeled like old paint. As the sun began going down, the sharks began to circle. The first attack occurred on a group (several groups were formed) to our north. The men there kicked, screamed and thrashed. I watched with a mixture of horror and fascination as first one then another point of their

perimeter exploded in a frenzy of thrashing and screaming.

Perhaps for the first time, I became acutely aware that the sharks were not just attacking and killing. They were eating. I don't know why this didn't occur to me before, but now it hit me with all the impact of a sledgehammer. They were eating us. We were food. Fish food. To bring this fact home, I watched as a shark rose out of the water near the neighboring group with two jean-clad legs in his mouth. He swallowed the legs, then turned on the previou owner of them. The sailor, a young boy, was still very much alive and was lying face down in the water, thrashing his arms. He was apparently trying to right himself but, without legs, he couldn't get the necessary leverage. The shark, a 20-foot monster, skimmed the surface, opened his huge jaws and swallowed the man whole, head first. For a second, I wonder what was in that man's mind as he went into the foul mouth, slid past the throat and into the stomach. How long did it take him to die? Did he actually live for any length of time in that stinking stomach?" (To be continued in the June 18th issue of EUROPA EXPRESS)......



Theda Bera, alias the VAMP, wants to vamp YOU! That is if you decide to become a Malmberger(aka "Standby"). Join Mike Barno, Rich Carlson, Don Del Grande, Al Giddings, Mark Lew, Mr. Dave Manuel, Jane Proskin, Bern Sampson, Ieapo Stabo and Allen Wells who are EUROPA EXPRESS's merry Malmbergers!



I Don't be surprised if EUROPA EXPRESS #5 comes in a digest-form next time. I've been

talking to the printer and it just may be a good possibility.

Two Old New Zines: The Great War in Modern Memory (Guy R. and Elizabeth R. Hall, 1103-B Lorrain, Austin, Texas 78703) until now was a local zine. A 4-pager which bears watching. One innovation is using the monarchical symbols for each nation instead of the country's name. And Hoof and Mouth (Don Sigwalt, 125 Hebard St., Rochester, New York 14605), formerly a subzine of the now defunct Claw and Fang offers a very personable pubber with a proven record as a GM. Tune in to #15 where we may find out-----Will Don win Angie back? Will Don get his job back that he lost when he lost Angie? Will Don file a sex discrimination suit? Rebuffed by the Air Force will Don now head for the French Foreign Legion? --- Send a stamp to both these zines. Wanna play Squad Leader by mail? Write Rick Ragsdale(1009 Grazing Lane, Jacksonville,

Arkansas 72076) for details.

¶ Dot Happy is a fantastic zine featuring maps, articles, tiddlywinks, and an enthusiatic pubber Allen Wells, 550 Memorial Drive, #2E3, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139. Allen has given me maps (which EUROPA EXPRESS now uses), feedback and advice, which has made me like this zine better. Allen wants to trade with a European zine and several of you have asked me for my advice --- well this would be unfair of me so just read the next paragraph on what to do ..

To see a sampling of British Zines from the U.K. Zine Bank, write to Alan Parr, 6 Longfield Gardens, Tring, Herts., United Kingdom HP23 4DN. You must send a check(cheque) for one English pound. (Large banks will convert dollars into pounds for you for a price!). Tell Alan the type of zines you are interested in. Example: Zines with letter columns, or that concentrate on Dip, or on non-Dip games. You will receive around 4-6 zines for this amount of money. Please don't use this service unless you seriously plan on trading or subbing.

Are you a left-handed pauper who is a convicted felon on the F.B.I.'s 10 Most Wanted List and who was born a bastard and a Taurus and who owns an Edsel and who uses Preparation H and has Type AB+ Blood with sickle-cell anemia with written proof of all of the above? Well,

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if you also have \$40.00, Jean Marie Corfeld's new zine Navel Orange has the game for you. And what navel "oranges" Jean Marie has. In a related development, Bruce Linsey of the Voice of Doom admitted faking Y'all #3.

Malmbergers (See page 16) get two free issues of EUROPA EXPRESS immediately and four issues when they complete an assignment.

Marion Bates is offering Plague Times T-shirts for \$6.00 postpaid. I'm getting one by writing to Marion at P.O. Box 381, Kalkaska, Michigan 49646.

I I'm going to Eastcon and will be staying with Bruce Linsey and Mike Mills and making a swing(a reverse Sherman's march?!) through New York. Hope to see you there.

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