

Europa Express

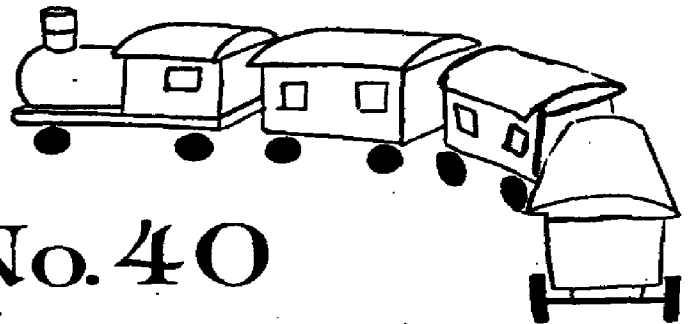
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I don't like to brag but I've recently found out that I have 4 things in common with.....

DOLLY PARTON!!

It seems my 4 first cousins on my mother's side are Dolly's 4th cousins. My aunt by marriage is Dolly's 3rd cousin and their grandfathers were brothers.



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§ So how does it feel? Now you can brag to your friends and relatives that you subscribe to a zine published by someone who has cousins in common with Dolly Parton. Isn't it a small world?! And the next door neighbors I grew up with were cousins of the kid who played the son of The Rifleman (Chuck Connors?). And then....

§ Lots in this issue for you....a contest for free EEs (page 7), a new picture contest (page 16), a ballot needing your vote (page 67), New Year's cons for you to go to (page 6); something in your native language no matter where you live! (page 6); the debut of "The Europa Sexpress Box", an address list so you can see who reads EE along with you (page 20)---oh, The Europa Sexpress Box can be found on page 27), all 5 subzines made it this issue and much more.

§ The events which happened in the years 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918 are not just about World War I. I am interested in anything that happened during that time. I'm also adding 1919 to the chronology (it begins this issue on page 59). So if you can dig up something about W.C. Fields, Will Rogers, Mae West, earthquakes, inventions, dances, popular songs and plays or whatever that happened 1915-1919 as well as births and deaths, send it on to me with your source and I'll put it in the listing!

§ North Americans have been contacted or will be contacted but if you are European and you publish a zine, your copy of EE will contain a zine form for the Zine Register (see page 19). Please fill it out, telling all about your zine and publicize it in your countries. The Zine Register people would like to have the forms back by the middle of January. Thanks for your help in making it complete!

§ **SOME GOOD DEALS:** Turn to page 26 to find out the "Savonlinna Subscription Service". Put those stamps to work for you! Pubbers please announce this!..... The 50th issue of Don Del Grange's Life of Monty is coming up in February and he wants submissions from you. You either get issues of LOM or Don will send money in your name for any zine you designate. I don't know the going rate per page of submission though. Don's address is on page 20.

§ Have you read something you enjoyed during 1984 in a Dip zine concerning fiction, strategy & tactics, hobby-oriented or a special (like press, or whatever doesn't fit in the first 3 categories)? Well xerox it and send it to Larry Peery where it might win "The Walker Award". A committee, including me, narrow down the nominations and then submit it to the hobby for voting.....The Don Miller Award is for the individual who you think did the most for the hobby in 1984. It goes through the same procedure (I'm not on that committee) and it too goes to Larry Peery. His address is on page 20 and the deadline for nomination is mid-January.

§ Oh, hobby wide news is found on page 18-19 so you might want to check that out as lots of good things are going on now and in the coming months. One thing that hasn't been good is the feuding over the Runestone Poll. Randolph Smyth, its custodian, gives his viewpoint on page 32. You might want to check it out.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN 1985!!

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*Dear Doug, Loving to Dofan this year?
See page 7, your sub is up!
Gary*

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Pat Hart's DIPSCRIPTION could be of any EE subber--you may be next! This issue we learn about Minnesota's Scott Hanson who recently folded Irksome which also contained Maneater, the subzine by his "Gerwoman" wife Frauke Petersen. Let's learn more....

<u>NAME:</u> Scott Hanson	<u>SEX:</u> Germans only
<u>NICKNAME:</u> Phydoux	<u>HAIR:</u> See below
<u>HOME:</u> On a lake	<u>EYES:</u> See below
<u>BIRTHDATE:</u> Keeps changing	<u>LOOKS:</u> Sexist
<u>BIRTHSIGN:</u> NO SWIMMING!	

<u>NOTED FOR:</u> Pubber of <u>Irksome</u>	<u>AMBITION:</u> Pub <u>Maneater</u>
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<u>TURN-ON:</u> Zine reviews	<u>TURN-OFF:</u> Long Dip zines
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<u>FAVORITE DRINK:</u> Lite Beer	<u>FAVORITE FOOD:</u> Sauerkraut
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FAVORITE PHRASE: Dunk ~~Wahhah~~ Byrne!

<u>BETTER HALF:</u> Frauke	<u>OTHER HALF:</u> Who cares?
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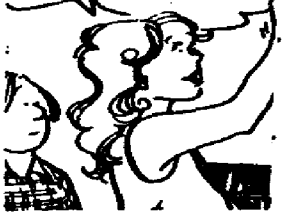
<u>FAVORITE ACHIEVEMENT:</u> Still looking	<u>FAVORITE SPORT:</u> Mens
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FAVORITE COMMERCIAL: First Lite Beer Camping Trip

FAVORITE DIP TACTIC: Use the woman player

FAVORITE POEM: Scott Hanson has a lot to say,
A dip zine is just one way,
His tirades sometimes show his bias,
But no one said that he was pious.

BUT I WON'T LEATHER!
I BEG, I NRG,
BRIBE, I THREATEN...



THESE ARE THE TALENTS A...MALMBERGER NEEDS! Be one and join these fighting 31 MalMBERgers: Ieapo Stabo, Peter Ansoff, Steve Arnawoodian, Don Del Grande, Stephen Dycus, Mike Ehli, Mark Frueh, Michael Ditz, Paul Gardner, Claude Gautron, Richard Gee, Evans Givan, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Nelson Heintzman, Matt Kazur, Mark Keller, Steve Knight, Pierre Kotschoubey, Dustin Laurence, John MacFarlane, Jim Meinel, John Pack, Ken Peel, Jane Proskin, Clark Reynolds, Carl Russell, Jeff Sandelin, Alan Stewart and James Wall. Thank you all! Being a MalMBERger(standby in other zines) gets your two EEs immediately added to your sub. You are only called to one position at a time. If you successfully stay with it to the end, you then receive 4 more (2) EEs. By "successfully" I mean win, lose or draw as long as it's to the bitter end!

Elvis Is Dead And I Don't Feel So Good Myself



Well Elvis is dead but I feel good even tho I wanted to use this illustration. This EE is mostly letters(I'm hoping) but in the next few pages I want to print excerpts from non-US zines because I enjoy seeing other viewpoints and I think most EE subbers enjoy that too. So we'll be "travelling" to Canada, the United Kingdom and West Germany at the least.



First up is Canada's Steve Hutton who put this "postal" stamp on my copy of his No Fixed Address. If you're looking for a new zine to sub to, make it NFA. Steve's up to issue 26 now, he has a great letter column, he's a superb article writer and his rates are reasonable(10 issues cost \$9 in

Canada, \$8 US in the US and \$10 US elsewhere) and his address is: 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, CANADA N5Y 3N1. And you'll enjoy his sense of humor, uh humour.

I knew Steve was a nice guy but I didn't realize how nice until I read a letter in his latest issue which really touched me, along with his response. A subber wrote Steve: "I appreciate your taking over and GMing the defunct..game. However, my eyesight is not very good and I find your 'zine difficult to read. Therefore I read no more than I think is necessary. It is probably for that reason that I have missed your previous calls for money."

The upshot is that Steve is sending this subber non-reduced game reports(like EE, NFA is reduced print) and offering the excellent NFA at non-reduced full size for the reasonable rate of 2 issues full-size at the price of 3 reduced-sized NFA.

Steve, this is a very good thing to do and I think you should be publicly commended for it. Commend, commend, commend!

Now for West Germany. Like most continental zines, West Germany's Spielwiese, published by Alexander Kakuschke and two other publishers, contains English sections and the continental European publishers virtually all know English. What this is getting at is that I didn't translate what appears below from Spielwiese and only emphasizes the fact that if you subscribe to a continental European zine there is something you can read in your own language.

In Spielwiese, there is an international game with 2 Americans: Ben Schilling is Austria(ha, ha, ha!) and I am Germany. 4 of the other 5 players are West German. The 7th player is from East Germany in the Communist Bloc and his name is Lothar Panzyk. It appears that this is one of the first times that someone from a Communist country has appeared in a Diplomacy game and another West German zine, Der Netzroller published by Konrad Dolata, carried the game announcement in full which had appeared in Spielwiese. The Dutch zine, Oxymoron published by Jaap Jacobs also mentioned it.

So I thought that the EE subbers would like to see what Alexander, the West German GM, printed about the type of letters we should, or should not, write to Lothar in East Germany. East Germany is also known as the DDR, the German abbreviation for Deutsche Demokratische Republik meaning German Democratic Republic. Here tis:

"My experience shows that a letter from West Germany to the USA needs about eight days. To send a letter from West to East Germany it takes a time between two and fourteen days. This simulates the unsafe mailing service in the early twenties. Good luck for your telegrams...

"Don't be afraid to be caught by the East German secret service only because of sending some harmless letter to the DDR. You shouldn't try to convince Lothar to leave the DDR, but most things are allowed. I hope he will not be in any trouble with any DDR authorities for receiving mail from the West. An example to calm you down! It is strictly forbidden to send magazines or other printed material to the DDR, but the SPIELWIESE reaches Lothar without stronger problems. So let's hope for the best. If you use the uncommon chance to play with a subber living in East Germany you have to ignore some unimportant risks."

Well, the letter that I wrote to Lothar(who is Italy while I am Germany) was the most careful letter I've ever written in the hobby! I did not even use the Olympic stamp which is the usual overseas stamp I use. And I spelled out the German name that East Germany prefers. I also sent Lothar a postcard picture of Memphis. It seems it is Lothar who is taking the so-called "unimportant risks" and I hope he is allowed to play it and that mail from the US does not get him into trouble. And now let's go to page 4 and the United Kingdom! (3)

If you are living in North America, how many zines do you think you need to see in order to get a grasp of "the hobby" and what it is like? I would say the average hobby member over here gets between 5-10 zines and there are roughly 60 or so zines and maybe 30 plus subzines all with viewpoints and opinions. It is very hard to get a "total picture".

So, I always enjoy it when British or European publishers review the American hobby based on the zines they receive. Many of their comments are true but it can be amusing for an American editor to see his zine used as representative of some American hobby characteristic. When I see reviews of EE from Europe, whether good or bad or mixed, I always think: "I wonder what they'd say if only they could read a few issues of _____ or _____!"

Remember in EE #37's front page where I mentioned the British zine NMR! and how it celebrated its 50th issue? Well, Ken Bain and Brian Creese, NMR!'s editors put that issue on a cassette tape and with the facilities of a sound studio created a hobby classic full of sound effects, actors reading the letter column and music. In NMR! 55, Brian reviews the American hobby in general and the 5 zines he receives from the US specifically. I think you'll enjoy seeing ourselves through other's eyes. Here's Brian.....

THE AMERICAN ZINES

I do not receive a great number of American zines, but those I do I find absolutely fascinating. It is hard to believe that when, and if, the day comes that I am not trading widely I will not find it necessary to keep a couple just to see how life looks from an entirely different perspective.

And it does look different. Probably the mildest of the zines I receive is Cathy's Ramblings from, I almost said 'our very own', Cathy Cunning. And she does often seem to be 'one of us' compared to the antics of many of her colleagues. CR is a pleasant little zine, A4, litho printed, a chatty editorial, a few letters, a few games. It often seems to be a little late, but hardly anything to notice from this side of the Atlantic. The only real problem with CR is that it features a truly appalling subzine Father Knows Less. Now since Cathy comes over as being a nice girl, and given the entirely nauseating quality of FKL, I am forced to assume that the subzine is a massive piss-take on all her European subscribers. I certainly hope so, for if you took the right-wing ramblings of John Caruso seriously we may as well all give up now! John's subzine sits oddly in the main zine since his major stance appears to be anti-Europeanism while Cathy is particularly keen to build up a large European subscribership. Odd. Maybe if I understood the American sense of humour I could make sense of it. But then agin....

Anduin is produced by schoolboy editor Eric Kane on his home computer and dot-matrix printer. Eric, too, is largely uncontroversial, though he certainly gets involved in a few rows. The most notable feature of Anduin is the length of the letter-column. It is largely unedited and huge. In general I have little sympathy with the American editors' lack of editing, which I believe to be an inverse laziness--it is easier to type up pages of letters rather than think about producing a readable end-product--but it is nevertheless rather impressive. Anduin is litho, reduced A5, and consists of a page of editorial, a huge letter-column and a few games, mostly including the board to make following the game easier. A neat and friendly zine.

Hardly how I would describe Terry Tallman's North Sealth West George. Reading this has much of the appeal of reading a forbidden Mayfair beneath the sheets in the dorm at boarding school, you know you shouldn't read any more of it, and yet it has its fascination; hell, it could even be true! Terry does not like many of the established figures of American Diplomacy. In fact he appears to hate many of them. He believes they do great wrongs to ordinary hobbyists, and he has set out to expose these evil deeds. Of late his particular target has been Bruce Linsey, and his most recent attack certainly took my breath away; he speaks of Bruce's habit of taking his attacks against hobby members outside the hobby, suggests that Bruce's part in the recent Bill Highfield scandal was motivated by jealousy and speaks of files of written evidence and tapes of verbal evidence to back up his claims. All in all a weird, worrying and totally idiosyncratic zine.

Bruce Linsey's zine is Voice of Doom and, in his own way, Bruce is clearly a loony of the first order. Although he seems to have calmed down of late I was, at one stage, receiving a VOD a week, each up to 40 pages long. He now seems to have settled back to monthly 70p+ issues. Bruce's zine is spirit duplicated (what I

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THE FAR SIDE



Aerobics in hell

Thanks to Ty Hare for the above cartoon!

¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!
 THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
 IN SPANISH.
 JOYEUX NOËL!
 THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
 IN FRENCH.
 FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!
 THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
 IN GERMAN.
 BUON NATALE!
 THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
 IN ITALIAN.



Flip
the
page!

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 A BRITISH EDITOR'S VIEW OF AMERICAN ZINES...Continued from page 4

would call Banda printing, and the Americans call ditto), A4 and huge. There are a lot of games, a huge and totally unedited letter-column and usually a number of articles, quizzes, pictures, cartoons, indeed almost anything which may be of interest. It is certainly true that a lot of the compliments which your average UK editor would cut out remain in the VOD letter column, but even so it is hard to really agree with Terry Tallman that you have to be 'an asskisser' to get on with Bruce and to be given space in his zine. VOD to me is a typical product from a Diplomacy nut; large, unedited and rambling, but containing sufficient gems to be worth fighting through. Personally, I'd cut the page count in half, but there you go.

Undisputed king of the Stateside hobby, at least from this perspective, is Gary Coughlan's Europa Express. EE is an interesting mix of styles. The style and mix of the letter-column shows his clear European influence, but the lack of editorialising and over-reaction to criticism is firmly centred on the other side of the Atlantic. EE is A5 reduced on yellow paper, runs to about 40 pages and contains a few games of Diplomacy, a large, well-edited letter-column, often on topics such as nuclear weapons and US policy in South America and featuring many European (as opposed to British) writers, a 'photo contest', a random range of subzines (peaking at 4 one issue), and several short articles, again often of a political bent, usually not by Gary. All in all an enjoyable and well controlled mix, and one which has won Gary the last two Leader Zine Polls. Gary, however, has shown the bad side of the US hobby in his legendary feud with Dick Martin, when he produced an entire issue for free purely to put over his case against Martin. At the time I found this the most astonishing thing I had ever read from the hobby--after recent North Sealth West George s I'm not so sure.

And there you have it, five zines from the States in five very different styles, but all showing to a greater or lesser degree the strains of the more serious feuding they indulge in over there. From Britain, however, I have to say that I find the whole thing quite remarkable. The Americans seem to take their hobby so much more seriously and yet it is hard to believe that they gain any greater satisfaction from this than the likes of peaceable folks such as Alan Parr or John Miller [Parr is a British editor, I don't know Miller-Gary]. While enjoying much of the content of these zines it is impossible not to remember just how close these great rows are to the surface, and how dominant they appear to be in the US world of Diplomacy. I

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ARF! ARF!  
ARF! ARF!  
THAT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"  
IN BEAGLE.



Boldog Újévet Kívánunk,

MAGYAR: Gabor and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha!!

ITALIAN: Felice Anno Nuovo, Alsace-Lorraine

FINNISH: Toivotan simulle hyvää joula ja onnellista uutta vuotta, C-G and Mike!!

TURKISH: Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun, House of Bourbon!!

IRISH: Bliadhan Nua Fe Mhaise Dhuit, Mike and Pete!!


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CONVENTIONS TO GO TO DURING NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS....

I know of four cons during the holidays which are open to all and which at any of them you would have lots of fun. But if you need directions, write the "hosts" listed below or call them on the telephone. It's only polite to let them know that you are coming. Also included are people who are or may be attending these cons.

1. Meet the Midwest In Milwaukee! This con, like the other 3 listed, here will begin the weekend before New Year's Day. Here you will discover what wapatuli can do to you when you drink it and meet "Cocomo". Probably attending will be Paul Rauterberg, Konrad Baumeister, Marc and Debi Peters, Mark Frueh, Nancy Irwin, James Wall, Dale Bakken, Cathy Cunning, Eric Ozog, Mark Luedi, Russ Rusnak and perhaps Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen. For info, write or call: Paul Rauterberg, 4922 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208 USA... (414)-778-0750 or Marc and Debi Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, Wisconsin 53711-3357 USA... (608)-273-0983.

2. BRUX-Con. Elsie certainly won't be at this one since BRUX plans on serving cow's tongue! Those attending BRUX-Con are: Nelson Heintzman, Ty Hare, Steve Hutton, Mike Barno, Eric Kane and Bruce Linsey, the host. For more info write to: Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, Massachusetts 01226 USA... (413)-684-0567. Hobby members on the East Coast can attend two cons and several are going to both BRUX-Con and ByrneCon. BRUX-Con will also feature a heated swimming pool.

3. ByrneCon. At this con, you can see Phyllis Byrne's fabled room, possibly see Bob Sacks attack Woody (it happened at the November ByrneCon again!), and hear a cassette tape of me singing along with Elvis, probably when Kathy wants to clear everyone out! Attending will be Kathy, her 3 kids, John Caruso, Steve "Woody" 

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SOUTHERN: Happy New Year, Y'all!!

YANKEE: Happy New Year, Youse Guys!!

CANADIAN: OK, Happy New Year, Eh, Doug, Ron, Dave, Claude, Steve, Ralph, Randolph and Alan!!

FRENCH: Bonne Et Heureuse Année, Michel, Charles-André, Georges-André, Luc, Claude, Alain, Pierre, Sylviane, Georges and Patrice and Rhino!!

ENGLISH: Happy New Year, Great Britain!!

GERMAN: Glückliches Neujahr, Thomas, Jutta, Konrad, Alexander, Frauke, Sylviane, Helmut, Christoph and Knut-Michael!!

DUTCH: Gelukkig Nieuwjaar, Ivo, Teijo, Jan, Jaap, Hauke and Paul!!

SWEDISH: Gott nytt år, C-G!!

WELSH: Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, John, Mike and Rhys!!

SCOTTISH: Bliadhna Mhath Ur, Mike!!

KOREAN: <H & H Sooki and Chocolate Soldiers!!

LUXEMBOURGIAN: Vill Glek am neie Joer, Rene!!

RUSSIAN: mbl BAC ПOXOPOHBM!!
R. Michael Conner, Guy R. Hail,
Elizabeth R. Hail and Iliad!!

"enjoy reading a few American Diplomacy zines, but if I lived there it is hard to believe I would be interested in taking any active part in their hobby."

((I think the last sentence of Brian's review of American zines can be shared by many new people coming into our hobby these days. It's very difficult, especially for a publisher, not to get on one person's or one clique's bad side and for a second person or the other clique to take the opposite side, the more public the better seems to be the prevailing view.

I know I'm sick of it and hope 1985 is better. Since I haven't been directly attacked, EE has had little or nothing to say about feuds since late March, a policy I hope to continue. But this doesn't mean that I don't have opinions because I do.

The latest episode in the on-going hobby feuds is a group of people who seem intent on denying Randolph Smyth, the custodian of the Runestone Poll, from selecting his own successor---a "right" that every custodian from the BNC to the Marco Poll to the Whitestonia Players Poll to the Miller Number Custodian to the Zine Register Custodian has always exercised. I hope these people reconsider the damage they may cause and the precedent they are trying to set. The letter column may have a letter from Randolph Smyth on this subject. If so, it will begin on page 32 .

If you are interested in seeing foreign zines, write to the guy in your country or on your continent to get zines from across the Atlantic. This is the International Subscription Exchange and for as small a sum of \$5.00 or 2 British pounds, you can see how some of the other half lives. Write to either Steve Knight, 11905 Winterthur Lane, Apt. 103, Reston, Virginia 22091 USA or Doug Rowling, 228 Kinnell Avenue, Cardonald, Glasgow, Scotland, UNITED KINGDOM G52 3RU. Specify the zine you want (you can check out zines by obtaining the next Zine Register--see pages 19 for details) and the convenience is that you only have to deal in your own currency if you are American or a Briton.

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Arnawoodian, Tom Mainardi, Dick and Julie Martin, Steve Hutton, Mark Larzelere and Bob Sacks. For more info write to: Kathy Byrne, 160-02 43 Ave, 2nd Floor, Flushing, New York 11358 USA...(718)-353-9695.

4. Dafcon IV will be held in the Sacramento, California home of Steve and Daf Langley. Here you can sing along with John Mirassou's magical guitar like I did last New Year's, play Dungeons and Dragons (send the Langleys a capsule description of the character you wish to be) and see the final outcome of the contest for Hobby Sex Ghod between Terry Tallman and Mike Ehli. Others coming, not already named are: Mike, Peggy and Amanda Mazzer, Don Williams, Bob Olsen, Ken Peel, Mark Keller, Clark Reynolds, Evans Givan, Pete Gaughan, possibly Michael Lee, Mark Fassio and Chuff Afflerbach. For further info write: Steve and Daf Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, California 95825 USA...(916)-927-4077. Add Don Del Grande too!

And if you can't go to any of these cons, why not call one or four? Someone is always up at all hours and callers are always appreciated.

CONTEST...WIN FREE EEs!!!!

With each December EE, I try to have a contest so you can win up to a year's sub of EE. This year the contest is worth 1,000 points in 7 different categories. Please pay attention to the categories and read the quiz carefully! The deadline is Saturday, January 19, 1985. For North Americans there are 5 prizes. If you score the most points, you win 10 EEs, if you come place second you win 7 EEs and if you place 3rd you win 5 EEs. Non-North Americans have the same rewards for the first 3 places. Both are then eligible for 4th place for 3 EEs and 5th place for 1 issue. In case of ties, earliest postmark wins.

I. FAMOUS MEETINGS?? (Total Points- 210 points, each individual correct answer is worth 30 points apiece.) Many famous people have lived at the same time and often the famous met each other. But sometimes not. Simply answer yes or no whether these pairs met or not....

1. Queen Elizabeth II of England and the Beatles
 2. Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe
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3. General Douglas MacArthur and Emperor Hirohito of Japan
4. Queen Victoria and Chancellor Otto von Bismarck of Germany
5. Winston Churchill and Benito Mussolini
6. Queen Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots
7. Theodore Roosevelt and Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany
8. Richard the Lionhearted and Saladin

II. BOOKS (Total Points- 80 points, each individual correct answer is worth 20 points apiece). Answer the questions below:

1. What was Captain Nemo's nationality?
2. What was Tarzan's Jane's nationality?
3. What happened to the vampire, Count Dracula, when he was exposed to sunlight?
4. Who said this: "Your guilty secret is safe with me!"

III. SHIPS (Total Points- 30 points, each individual correct answer is worth 15 points apiece). Name the famous personality associated with each ship.

1. The Pelican
2. The Reprisal

IV. TRUE or FALSE (Total Points- 80 points, each individual correct answer is worth 20 points apiece). Just answer whether the statement is true or false.

1. Betsy Ross was a real person.
2. The game of chess is illegal in Saudi Arabia
3. King John of England signed the Magna Carta in 1215.
4. A member of the British Royal Family was one of the suspects thought to be the infamous murderer, Jack the Ripper.

V. NAMES and NICKNAMES (Total Points- 200 points, each individual correct answer is worth 40 points apiece). Just give your answers to the following questions. However, anyone listing any hobby member will automatically have 700 points deducted from his/her score and it won't be printed anyway so why bother?

1. Men feared her in battle and she claimed that divine voices guided her actions. Who was she?
2. Who was known as "the universal spider"?
3. Monte Cerrino is much better known as what?
4. Who is "Gabor" on page 6 ?
5. La Gioconda is usually called what?

VI. LET'S LEARN LANGUAGES (Total points- 330 points. Identifying the language is worth 5 points per word; the meaning of the word is worth 10 points per correct answer). The following words are sexual terms. Identify the meaning and the language. I'll give the "clean" answer but you just make sure I know what you mean. And yes there are supposed to be two fannys.

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| 1. Arse | 12. Geslacht |
| 2. Boobies | 13. Glied |
| 3. Bum | 14. Humide |
| 4. Cha-chi | 15. Lem |
| 5. Cock | 16. Mâle |
| 6. Con | 17. MÛse |
| 7. Cunt | 18. Plot |
| 8. Efterdyningsmjukt | 19. Schoot |
| 9. Fanny | 20. Schoss |
| 10. Fanny | 21. SkÛte |
| 11. Fille | 22. Weiblichkeit |

VII. WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO (Total Points- 70 points). The following sentence is in Italian. Translate it into one of the following 3 languages: English, German or French. If you opt for German or French, please give me an English translation of your translation!

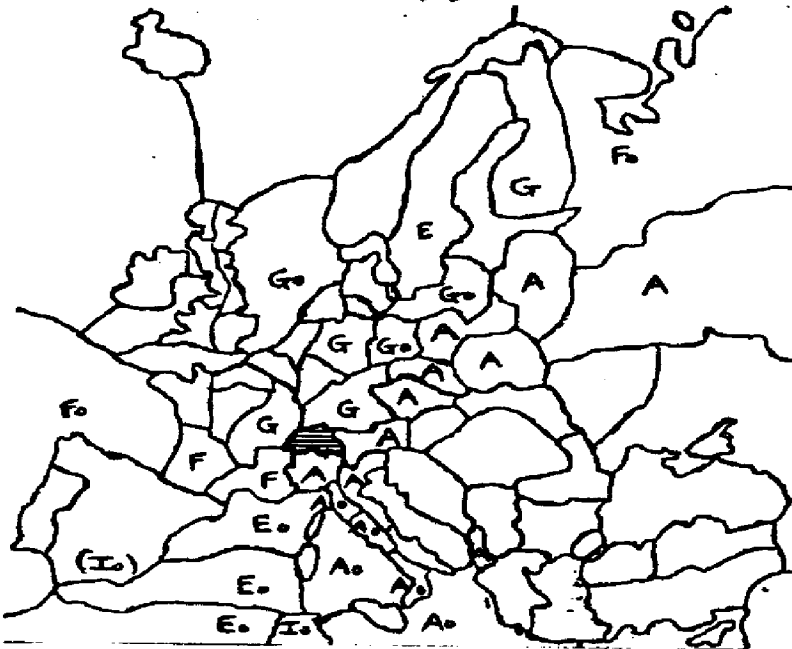
1. Si metta in libertâ e si diverta.

AND THAT'S ALL, FOLKS! Good luck!

"Join the U.S. Army. Travel to exotic, distant lands. Meet exciting, unusual people. And kill them." --slogan on many US Army posters and T-shirts. Unauthorized

AUSTRIA DANGLES THE PLUMS OF MARSEILLE AND SAINT PETERSBURG BEFORE GERMANY'S EYES!!!
 FRENCH MOVE SOUTH AS INCONCLUSIVE NAVAL BATTLES ARE FOUGHT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN!!!
 ENGLISH ENTER GERMAN-OWNED SWEDEN AS BERLIN ORDERS A SHIP TO THE NORTH SEA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1915 Ω



§ GAME: "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha"
 1981 AN

§ GM: Garlås L. Kullányi ur

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1915

§ ZAT: Friday, January 25, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Zöld

¶ GAME NOTES: Your next ZAT is roughly 7-weeks rather than the usual 5-weeks. This is so we can all fully enjoy the holiday season.

All the draws failed. 4 more are proposed: A-G, A-G-F, A-E-F-I and A-E-F-G-I. Please vote with your next orders. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes".

Tiny Spaces: There is an Austrian army in Albania.

Your cartoon is from Blondie. Any EE subber may submit cartoons for any game if it fits in and is not blatantly "pro" or "anti".

ZAT is the German abbreviation for "Zugabgabetermin" meaning "deadline".

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1914 §

Anglia: Fleet Tyrrhenian Sea retreats to Western Mediterrean

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1914 §

Ausztria-Magyarország: Build declined, plays one short.

Franciaország: Build Fleet Brest, plays one short.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1915 §

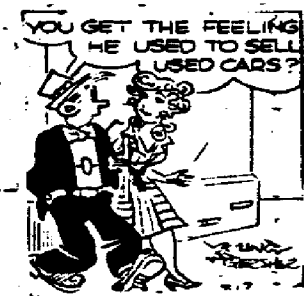
ANGLIA: A Nwg-(SWE), F (LYO) S French A Mar-Pie
 (Mark Fassio ur) F (WES)-Tys, F (NAP) S Italian F Tun

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZAG: A (PIE) S German A Bur-Mar(NSO)
 (Kerry Blant ur) A (LVN) S German A Fin-Stp, A Tri-(ALB),
 A (MOS) S German A Fin-Stp(NSO), A (SIL) S A Boh
 A (PRU) Unordered, A (WAR) S A Pru, A (VEN) S A Pie
 A (TYO) S A Pie, A (BOH) S A Tyo, F (ROM) S F Tys
 F (NAP) S F Tys, F (TYS) S F Tus-Lyo; F (TUS)-Lyo, F (ION)-Tun

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

NEMETORSZAG: F Nwg-(NTH), F (BER) S F Nwg-Nth(imp), F (BAL) S F Ber
 (Jack Fleming ur) A (FIN) S French F Stp(nc), A (MUN) S Austrian A Boh
 A (BUR) S A Mun, A (KIE) S A Mun

OLASZORSZAG: F (TUN) S Eng F Wes(OTM), F (SPA-sc) S English F Lyo
 (Allen Pearson ur)



Europeans Are Agog Over
 "The Adventures Of
 'West Virginia Al' "
 In Arabia!!

France to All: So, as this 1981 game meanders into 1985, we're all still here.

Merry Christmas!

Memphis to All: Yes, "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" (alias "Windsor") is EE's oldest-running original game. And, to date, with 6 of the 7 original players! Thanks!

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Memphis to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha: Now let's take an exotic journey to Saudi Arabia where Al spent several weeks. Since he didn't want any Dip mail going to him while he was there, he asked that I not give out the address. But now the story can be told...

ITALY: THE ADVENTURES OF WEST VIRGINIA AL AND THE TEMPLE OF DUMB! As we last left our intrepid hero, West Virginia Al, he was still impersonating his look-alike cousin Palsan Al, the reigning monarch of Italy (or what remnants still seem to survive). After being forced into this charade when Palsan Al took the chicken's way out after having his homeland invaded by his "ally" Archduke Blant, West Virginia Al attempted to rally the dispirited Italian sailors to at least hold the line against the Croatian invaders.

This Season's Episode: RENDEVOUS IN RIYADH

(West Virginia Al is seated, reviewing a map of the Mediterrean naval situation, when his faithful side kick "Short Hop" stumbled into the Room.)

"Boss, the U.S. Department of War wants you to drop everything, and rush over to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia," Short Hop sputtered.

"Drop everything?! Don't they realize how important it is to stop Austrian aggression before all of Europe is under Archduke Blant's sway? What's the mission to Riyadh, and where the hell is it?" West Virginia Al blustered.

Short Hop reached into the back of the liquor cabinet and produced "The Map of Europe" (on a single fold board, obviously of Canadian origin). Short Hop unfolded the board, clearing off the empty beer and whiskey bottles from the table, and pointed his short, grubby finger. "We go over here, Boss. Past Greece, south to Syria, then into the "Unknown Regions."

"For God's sakes, Short Hop," Al exclaimed, "That's off-the-board!"

"That's 'For Allah's sakes', Boss," Short Hop corrected "and as to the mission-- --it seems the Riyadh Police need help in analyzing automobile accidents."

"But Short Hop, there ain't enough automobiles in the whole world to fill a Zurich parking lot. These yahoos at the War Department always get things mixed up. Why should I go?"

Short Hop leaned over the Board, and whispered conspiratorially. "For the GOLD, Boss."

West Virginia Al ponders this startling revelation and responds "Gold, huh? Well, if the price is right, I could temporarily leave my post and help out. How long will the mission take, and what are the hazards and hardships?"

Short Hop strolled over to West Virginia Al's side and said "You should be gone at most two seasons, back here before Thanksgiving. As to hazards and hardships, they might be too much for the most seasoned American hero..even you, West Virginia Al."

"Give, Short Hop, what are they." West Virginia Al demanded. Short Hop looked at the floor, and mumbled, "Scorpions, sand vipers, sand storms, no water..."

"Doesn't sound so bad," West Virginia Al commented. "Anything else?"

Short Hop raised his eyes to meet those of his Boss and mentor. "Yes, no booze and no women."

West Virginia Al stared at Short Hop for a few seconds, his eyes glazed over and mumbled "No booze? No women?" He then fell backwards upsetting the table and all its contents.

ANNOUNCER: "Has West Virginia Al been struck by a piggy's drugged dart? Has he had a heart attack? Or has he fainted due to Short Hop's startling revelation? Tune in next season for our next exciting episode...."Jailed In Jeddah."

Memphis to West Virginia Al: I just love learning about foreign cultures!

France to England: I didn't think Jack would fancy my taking Belgium from him as well, and besides it seems more urgent to shore up the southern front.

Memphis to Saxe-Coburg-Gotha: I forgot to mention in the game notes that Faz will be in the east for the holidays. He'll be at: RD5, Box 1105, Leechburg, Pennsylvania 15656 USA from December 23-30. And now from the man himself....

[LONDON]- As the weather turns colder here at the Admiralty, we desperately await news of reassurance and dedication by our allies. The time for response before we make our moves grows short, but the silence is deafening. Perhaps the old saying is true after all: No news is good news(???)

England to France: John, I hope you went for Piedmont. Just for the fun of it. I also hope my moves sheets made some sort of sense. I apologize for the 8 million options--whatever you do, England backs you to the end.

Memphis to England: "moves sheets"? With "8 million options"??

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ACTIVE HOSTILITIES CEASE IN EUROPE FOR THE WINTER BUT THE ARMS BUILD-UP CONTINUES!!!
 AUSTRIANS ACCLAIM ARCHDUKE KEN, THE "HERO OF BULGARIA", AS NEW HAPSBURG EMPEROR!!!
 THE KING OF ITALY TELLS LONDON: "SEND MY REGARDS TO ELSIE"!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1902 Ω



§ GAME: "Chocolate Soldiers"
 § GM: 7/1 0/2 1/4
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1903
 § ZAT: Friday, January 25, 1985
 § GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: Since Mike Cannon NMRed out, Ken Corbin is now the player of record for Austria-Hungary. Thanks to Ken Peel for unused Malmberger orders.

Your next deadline is roughly 7 weeks, instead of the usual 5, so we can all fully enjoy the holidays.

Due to requests, your game is a winter only this time. I've held back some press til Spring 1903.

Write Dustin at his Terry address until he sends us a list of where he'll be when.

Your game remains in Korean for 1903. Your cartoon is from Punch. I wish all of you happy holidays! See you in January!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1902 §

Osut'ria-Hanggari: Fleet Aegean Sea retreats to Bulgaria(south coast)
 Rosia: Fleet Baltic retreats off the board;
 Army Saint Petersburg retreats to Moscow

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1902 §

ET'ALLI:	Build Fleet Rome
(Ken Gestiehr-ssi)	
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI:	Build Army Budapest
(Ken Corbin-ssi)	
P'RANGSU:	NO CHANGE
(Dave Carter-ssi)	
ROSIA:	NO CHANGE
(Daf Langley-buin)	
TOKIL:	NO CHANGE
(Nelson Heintzman-ssi)	
T'OK'I:	NO CHANGE
(Dustin Laurence-ssi)	
YONGGUK:	Build Army London and Army Edinburgh
(Pat Hart-ssi)	



The Tsarina Pleads With The Sultan To Give Her An "Empty Whiskey Bottle" of Singer David Lee Roth!!(See press)

Daf to Dustin: Have you ever met David Lee Roth? I mean like face to face? Have you ever shaken his hand? Did you wash it afterward? Could you possibly send me his autograph?

Daf to Gary: Of course he's a Van Halen roadie. He told me so himself and Dustin doesn't lie!

Daf to Dustin: How about a lock of David's hair? Maybe one of his empty whiskey (11)

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bottles?

Italy to London: What do I need with regards? Send them to Elsie!!

London to Rome: Give my regards to the French.

Munich to London (Via Italy): Next time you write press to me, could you be more specific.

Memphis to Munich: That's hard to do sometimes 'cause you don't know who's getting the message.....

London to Moscow: I'll get you yet my pretty! (Daf, that is you?)

Memphis to London: I think that's Daf...

Moscow to London: And after all your sincere postcards. The world is full of silver-tongued cads, I fear.

Memphis to London: And another thing....

Moscow to London: Oh, your wireless broke down? I hope your friggin' privy breaks down too!

Memphis to Moscow: He'll need it with his eating habits...

Rome to London: Hide the mayonnaise from the French? Why? You're the one in Belgium nibbling all the French fries!!

London to World: I've done my best to get the game language in English. How about y'all?

Moscow to Budapest: What a refreshing change it is to have a thinking human in charge of Austria.

Italy to Cannon: You better not come back from the grave now and haunt this game. (Good thing the Runestone Poll doesn't rate deadbeats!)

Italy to Memphis: Are you sure the two standbys you called weren't Kenny Rogers and Kenny Stabler?!

Memphis to Italy: EE nevah, Ah say nevah, boah, calls "standbys". Us'm's calls MALMEBERGERS!!!!

London to Budapest: You sure are an eager beaver.

London to Paris: One if by land.....

Italy to France: You have exquisite taste in dots. But since I consider mine the most fascinating, I think I'll hold on to them awhile longer.

Italy to Russia and Austria: Did you see France's press last season? He wants to take dots away from a guy named Ken. Sort of makes you feel welcomed, doesn't it?

Rome to Paris: Who benefits the most from a Franco-Italian conflict?

Rome to Belgium: Is that really the English rioting in your streets or a Southern "Rebel" American? I hear those Rebels can be pretty nasty when they go through Europe.

Memphis to Rome: Now, now, I wasn't the "Ugly American" in Europe last year! It was that YANKEE Woody!!

London to ~~Munich~~ Berlin: Was that a sonic boom or did you get your game flyer on November 4th?

Italy to France: If the trend keeps up, we will be the last two original contestants and the first two countries eliminated. What a strategy!

London to Constantinople: I liked you better when you didn't have time to write press!

Italy to Turkey: Thanks to you, we won the award last month for "Game With The Most Press". Keep it up. Maybe we can do it again this month, too. Gary loves to type.

Rome to Turkish Minstrel: Quick, I need a song. No not "It's Saturday night and I got some money, I'm in an awful way"! I was thinking of something more English, like The Beatles "Help, I need somebody. Help, not just anybody. Help Meeeee."

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: Don't believe that! I got a cassette tape from him filled with country music!!

Moscow to Ankara: And do you know young men like you are wonderfully delightful to mature women like me.

Moscow to Ankara: No, my dear, you're not being at all obvious. Try harder.

Daf to Gary: I heard that! Yes he knows about it and no, I don't tell him!

Italy to Turkey: I hate going after a moving target. That's why I had the French come to me.

London to GM: Do you know why people drive cars instead of riding cows? Because that's udder nonsense!

London to World: Have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Memphis to World: That goes ditto for me!! See y'all next year!!!

ENGLAND TIGHTENS HER GRIP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH 4 FLEETS NOW IN THOSE WATERS!!!
 CHAOS RULES IN BERLIN AND CONSTANTINOPLE AS THE KAISER AND THE SULTAN DISAPPEAR!!!
 DIE TAPFERE ITALIENER, FIGHTING TO THE LAST, SAIL AWAY TO VALHALLA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1908 Ω



§ GAME: "House of Bourbon"
1981 HK

§ GM: Effendi Garabdul a.L.
Korhlaamed

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1909

§ ZAT: Friday, February 15, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Mavi

¶ GAME NOTES: Very special thanks to Matthias John who took his father Horst's place as Italy and for playing the position out to the last. In honor of Matthias, my zine has its first non-English headline which means "The Valiant Italians"! I'll miss your press, Matthias!

I hope that Peter and Sellick will return but as a safety net I will ask Hauke Jansen to Malmberg for Germany. His address is:
 Beresteinlaan 385
 2542 JK Den Haag
 THE NETHERLANDS

To Malmberg for Turkey, I am calling on Helmut Schmidt whose address is: Rehgrund 73, D-8950 Kaufbeuren, WEST GERMANY. Both of them have your addresses. This game is run on the British/European method with 10-week deadlines also. Your cartoon was drawn by Dan Wilson and is always used whenever a country is eliminated.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1908 §

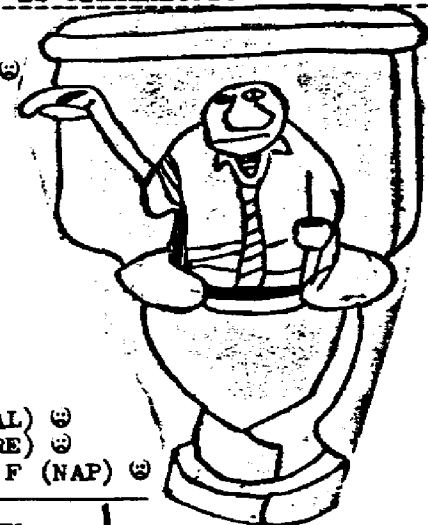
ALMANIA: NMR!! ☺☺ Has A (STP) ☺ F (LVN) ☺ A (PRU) ☺
 (Effendi Sellick Davies???) ☺ A (SIL) ☺ A (BOH) ☺
 ☺ A (MUN) ☺ A (TYO) ☺ A (VEN) ☺

INGILTRE: A Wal-(BRE), F (ENG) C A Wal-Bre,
 (Effendi Fred Winter) A Spa-(PIE), F (LYO) C A Spa-Pie
 F Rom-(TYS), F (TUN) S F Rom-Tys, A Tus-(ROM)
 F Mao-(WES), F (NWY) Holds

ITALYA: F (ADR)-Ion
 (Effendi Matthias John)

RUSYA: A (WAR) S A Mos, A (MOS) S A War
 (Effendi Dave Carter)

TÜRKIYE: NMR!! ☺☺ Has F (TRI) ☺ A (VIE) ☺ A (CAL) ☺
 (Effendi Peter McDonald???) ☺ A (BUD) ☺ A (SER) ☺ F (GRE) ☺
 ☺ A (UKR) ☺ A (SEV) ☺ F (BLA) ☺ F (AEG) ☺ F (ION) ☺ F (NAP) ☺



BYE, BYE ITALY!!

Rome to Anybody: No more silly orders (and no more tricky orders too), best wishes from Horst, located at Riyadh until 8/85.

Memphis to Rome: Matthias! Please send me your father's address in Riyadh. I just had another subber(subscriber) who was in Riyadh and who will be going back to Saudi Arabia in February I believe!

Rome to Memphis: Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and a never-ending game "House of Bourbon"!

Memphis to Rome: Don't wish that! See Winter 1908 on page 14 .

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§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1908 §

ALMANYA: (Effendi Sellick Davies???)	Gains: VEN Loses: Retains: Home, Den, Par, Stp, Bel, Mar Status: +1 -NER!! ☹☹ ☹ Plays one short! ☹
INGILTERE: (Effendi Fred Winter)	Gains: ROM Loses: Retains: Home, Bre, Nwy, Swe, Hol, Spa, Por, Tun Status: +2 ---Build Fleet Liverpool, Army London
ITALYA: (Effendi Matthias John)	Gains: Loses: Y er , K er Retains: Status: 0 --- O-U-T, Removes Fleet Adriatic
RUSYA: (Effendi Dave Carter)	Gains: Loses: Retains: Mos, War Status: NO CHANGE
TÜRKIYE: (Effendi Peter McDonald???)	Gains: Loses: Retains: Home, Sev, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Vie, Tri, Bud Status: NO CHANGE

§ TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPPLY CENTERS HELD IN WINTER 1907 §

Almanya:	9
Ingiltere:	11
Rusya:	2
Türkiye:	12
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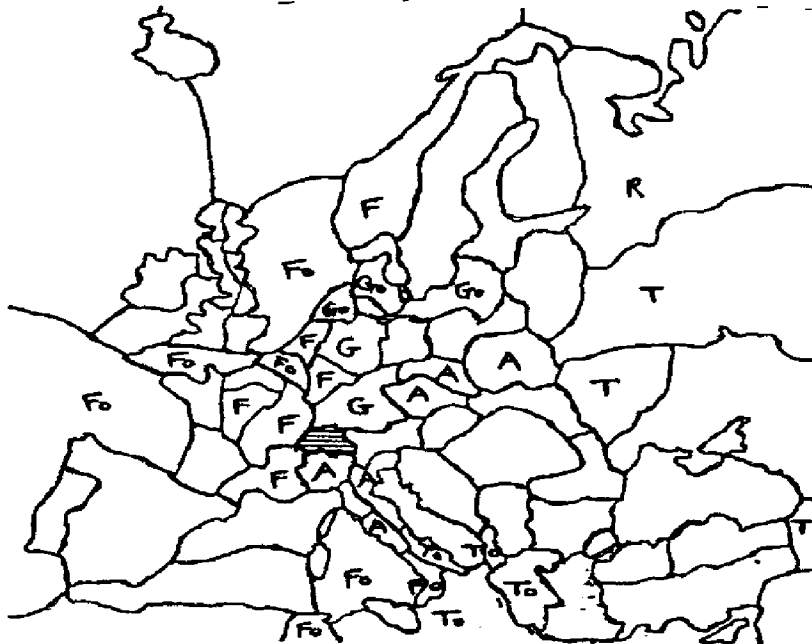
FEBRUARY 1915...Continued from page 60 .

- 11- English launch air raid on Zeebrugge, Belgium; Kaiser sends awards to Emden(N) Germans(see 2-8)
 15-20..Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil and partner Fred "Deacon" Buckminister set up phony stocks in Chicago and make \$200,000.
 15- Sweden protests English action of 2-2; German POW Lauterbach in Singapore gets his Indian guards to run amuck, he and 17 escape(see 12-15-14, 2-27)
 16- England decides to use soldiers also in Gallipoli operation(see 1-28, 2-19)
 18- Germans declare blockade of England in effect(see 2-4, March) but only two subs are available then.
 19- Allies bombard Turkey's Dardanelles Forts but discontinue because of bad weather(see 2-25)
 20- US proposes to Germany and England that some arrangement concerning the use of mines, neutral flags and subs be made; Marie Curie at Joinville for Red Cross(W)
 (21)- German Zeppelin raid on Calais(W)
 22- South Africans head from Swakopmund to Windhoek, German South West Africa
 23- Robert Small, 75, dies in South Carolina, was Reconstruction^{black} Congressman
 24- Germans take Przasnysz from Russians(E)
 25- Allied bombardment of Dardanelles renewed, continues until March 16; Mussolini in a duel with Merlino, an anarchist lawyer. Both slightly wounded by sabers(see 3-29)
 26- Severe fighting in Champagne(W); Russians retake Przasnysz(E); English begin landing marine demolition parties in Dardanelles(T)
 27- English recapture 6 of 17 German POWs(see 2-15); Germany agrees to cede Austria some of its Polish land in compensation for cession to Italy
 (28)- Germans begin retreat from north Poland(E); Germans disagree with US note of 2-20(see 3-13); English blockade coast of German East Africa.
 --in February 1915: American poet Robert Frost sails back to US from England; Turkey begins dismissing Armenian government officials and employees and removes Armenian soldiers from combat positions; Babe Ruth, US baseball player, is 21; (14)

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ITALIANS SCUTTLE THEIR FLEET AS PARIS NEWSPAPERS REVEAL KAISER'S NAVAL MISHAP!!!
 FRANCO-RUSSIAN COLLISION IN FINLAND BOTCHES WARPLANS FROM PARIS TO THE UKRAINE!!!
 GERMANS AGREE TO EDINBURGH PEACE TALKS AS THE TSAR OFFERS ST. PETE TO THE SULTAN!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN SPRING 1910 Ω



§ GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U
 § GM: Monsieur Gârdeaux L. Çoughlânniqué
 § NEXT SEASON IS: Fall 1910
 § ZAT: Friday, January 18, 1985
 § GAME COLOR: Jaune

¶ GAME NOTES: Your next deadline is about 7 weeks, rather than the usual 5 weeks, so we can all fully enjoy the holiday season.

I hope Russ will return but just in case I'm asking Mark Iarzelere to Malmborg for Austria. He has your addresses and his is: 7607 Fontainebleau, #2352 New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

I want to thank Jim Briggs who, though eliminated, sent in press to the last. Thanks also to Michael Lee for sending his order by Express mail to avoid a possible NMR. B.C. is the cartoon.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1909 §

Italie: Fleet Naples retreats to Apulia

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1909 §

Autriche-Hongrie: NBR! ☹☹☹ Plays 2 short ☹☹
 France: Build Army Paris, build Fleet Brest
 Italie: Remove Fleet Apulia
 Russie: Remove Army Prussia, remove Army Livonia
 Turquie: Build Army Smyrna

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1910 §

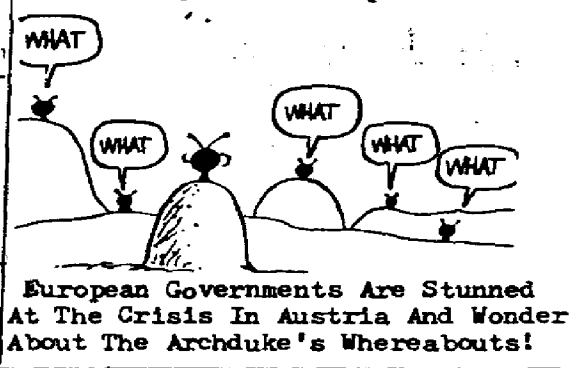
ALLEMAGNE: F (DEN)-Nth, F (HEL) S F Den-Nth
 (Monsieur Bob Foote) F Ber-(BAL), A (KIE)-Den
 A (MUN) Holds

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: NMR!! ☹☹☹ Has A (WAR) ☹ A (SIL) ☹ A (ROM) ☹
 (Monsieur Russ Rusnak???) ☹ A (VEN) ☹ A (BCH) ☹ A (PIE)☹☹

FRANCE: A (HOL)-Nwy, A (NWY)-Fin, F (NTH) C A Hol-Nwy, A (RUH)-Hol, A (BUR)-Ruh
 (Monsieur Bert Schoose) F (ENG) S F Nth, F (BEL) S A Ruh-Hol, A (PAR)-Bur
 A (MAR) S A Par-Bur, F Bre-(MAO), F Tys-(TUN), F Tus-(TYS)
 F (NAP) S F Tus-Tys

RUSSIE: A (STP)-Fin
 (Monsieur Michael Lee)

TURQUIE: F (ION)-Tys, F (ALB)-Ion, F (GRE) S F Alb-Ion, F Adr-(APU)
 (Monsieur Marc Peters) A Smy-(ARM), A (MOS)-Stp, A (UKR)-Mos



Michael to Gary: Since I didn't create this wreck would you please remove my name from the game results and replace it with "Player X"? My honor is at stake so I thank you in advance.

Gary to Michael: And deprive you of the glory of bringing Russia back from the grave?!
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Player X to Sultan Peters: I am more than willing to surrender my last center to you. Your offer to ake it off my hands was shameless but amusing. However, you owe me a few The Concert of Europe stand-bys for this. Heh, heh, heh.
Paris to The Tsar: "Whatever rules in France" is a President. Long live the Tsar!!
Kaiser Fuß to President Schoose (Hey that rhymes!): Peace talks? Sure! I'll meet you in Edinburgh in the Fall!

Memphis to Kaiser Fuß: Not this year; maybe in 1985! Congratulations on surviving the assassination attempt.....

[PARIS NEWSABLE]- French spies have determined that the new Kaiser Fuß inflicted significant damage to the Fatherland's navy during christening ceremonies upon his taking power. Reliable sources report that saboteurs were able to replace some of the fine French champagne bottles with plastic explosives that caused the damage upon impact. There is no word of injuries but apparently Kaiser Fuß survived the assassination attempt. Chalk one up for French Sympathizers.

Memphis to Kaiser Fuß: Ach du lieber, but von won troubles zu annuder....

Tsar X to Kaiser Fuß: No, I'm not shopping for Sweden. I'm merely bailing out of a potential one-center power spanning twelve years.

Memphis to Tsar X: I knew I made the right decision to keep on printing up the name of MICHAEL LEE!!!

Italian Fleet Apulia Scuttles In The Isole Tremiti Group and challenges anyone to usurp their right to settle on the islands.

Memphis to Italy: I think they'd have trouble finding that island group!

Italy to Austria and Turkey: I told you I'd fight the French to the end. I hope you two can carry on my work to its rightful conclusion. Long live the Alliance!

France to Austria: I was a bit outspoken last time and I apologize. A letter will follow shortly and hopefully we can work out some sort of an acceptable agreement. Until then, however, I will continue to defend myself and I will still not attack your possessions even though you continue attacking me.

Russia to Rhino: My only regret is that I won't be able to write any more press after I'm eliminated. I'd like to say it's been fun but....

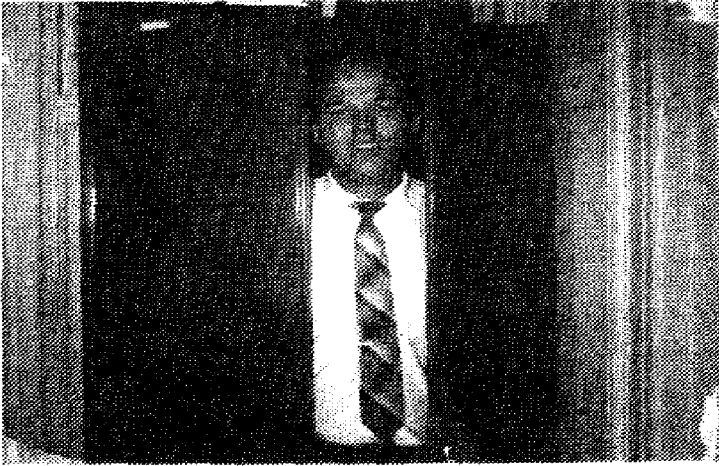
Italy to Gary: Thank you for running a most enjoyable game. I only wish I had started in 1901 and that you had run the whole game.

Gary to Italy: Ah, but then you wouldn't be getting your 4 free issues for being a MalMBERGER!

Gary to Rhino: See y'all next January and have a happy New Year!

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NEW PICTURE CONTEST!!



January 22, 1985. Remember that date because it is the deadline for guessing about the man in this picture!

If you guess his identity correctly, you win one free issue of EE. But if you are like most EE subbers, you've never met any of the people in these pictures and have no earthly idea who they are.

BUT...each picture does make an impression of some sort on you and tells you something about this man.

So what is your hunch this time? Is he a publisher? What's his job? What is he doing in this picture? What

kind of music does he like? Is he a stabber or a push-over in his Diplomacy games? Is he better at playing a country like Austria or Turkey? Have you written him a letter this week? Or ever talked on the phone with him? Is he Dutch, Canadian, American, British, Belgian or what nationality? Why? Is he organized or is he on the mellow side? Or anything that comes to your mind. The results of the latest picture contest begin on page 30. Send a black and white photo of yourself to EE and see what people think of you based on your pic alone. And you get to respond!

THE FRENCH DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THEIR ARMAMENTS WHILE ENGLAND'S STRENGTH IS HALVED!!!
 A NEW RULER REIGNS IN ROME AS THE VIRGIN IS APPARENTLY ABANDONED YET AGAIN!!!
 VIENNA AND THE ENGLISH "PIRATES" OFFER THEMSELVES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1902 Ω



\$ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

\$ GM: H/OZ/LL

\$ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1903

\$ ZAT: Friday, January 18, 1985

\$ GAME COLOR: Nok-saek

Ⓢ GAME NOTES: Due to requests your game is a winter only and since the language only changes in a new year you're still in Korean. But Russia has "won" 1903 so your game's greeting(see page 6) is in Russian.

Thanks to Michael Ditz for unused MalMBERGER orders. Since John Schuler NMRed out, Marvin Baker is now the player of record for Italy.

Some of your press is being held over since there was no movement. If I get a "green light", more may be printed so check the game when you get your copy of EE.

Your deadline is roughly 7 weeks instead of the usual 5 weeks so that we can all take a long holiday break.

Tiny Spaces: There is a German fleet in Yorkshire. Your cartoon is from Geech.

Ⓢ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1902 Ⓢ

ET'ALLI: (Marvin Baker-ssi)	NO CHANGE
OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: (Mike Mills-ssi)	NO CHANGE
P'RANGSU: (Mark Frueh-ssi)	Build Fleet Brest, Army Paris and Fleet Marseille
ROSIA: (Matt Kazur-ssi)	Build Army Warsaw and Army Saint Petersburg
TOKIL: (Jim Burgess-ssi)	Build Fleet Kiel
T'OK'I: (Jerry Lucas-ssi)	NO CHANGE.
YONGGUK: (Rob Winslow-ssi)	Remove Army Wales and Army Edinburgh



Europe's War Machines Take A Winter Breather!

England to All: Pirates for hire. Any "contracts" will last for as long as I have fleets. Any takers?

[DER CHANCELLOR]-(Austria): Friends, Kazur and Lucas, what's it to be?

Vienna to EE GM: Kuinka te voitte?

GM to Vienna: Olette väärällä tiellä.

[VIENNA]- We accept the first reasonable offer.

French Readers to Turkish Tales: Horror of horrors--what will happen to the Virgin(?) on the road with the prickly Rose? A scumbag by any other name still lies the same.

Memphis to France: Yes, it is time to glimpse the Virgin's latest adventure....

[IN SANTA ROSA]-(Turkey): The rumblings in the Virgin's stomach took on new importance

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§ Information On ORIGINS: Well actually only DipCon since it is to be separated from ORIGINS this year. DipCon will be held in Seattle, Washington on August 23 to 25, 1985 and guiding it along are Rod Walker, Terry Tallman and Pete Gaughan. Pete has put out issue #1 of Ectopia which is "the official newsletter of the DipCon Administrative Committee" which will come out every two months and keep you up to date on what to expect. Pete asks that you send five 20¢(US) stamps if you wish to receive all issues. I'd suggest sending six however since postal rates are supposed to increase in February. Pete's address is on page 21 .

§ GET-TOGETHERS COMING UP IN COMING MONTHS! Joan Extrom and Ken Corbin will be hosting their second LepreCon on March 15-17, 1985 in Philomath, Oregon. Among other hobby members, I'll be going to this one. Again all addresses can be found on the address pages of 20-23.....Eindhoven, Holland is the site of EUROCON being organized by Jan Feringa for April 12-14, 1985. You'll be able to play wargames, multi-player games and the European Diplomacy Championship with Dutch, Belgian, German and possibly French players. It's almost a foregone conclusion that no British will bother to cross the Channel to attend. Pity.....And sometime in the early summer, Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen are planning a con at their Minneapolis, Minnesota home. I'll be at this one too. Maybe some Canadians can make this one?

§ The latest hobby rage in the US seems to be "Boycott BRUX and his projects" because only he is apparently with "sin" so everyone now has two choices of who to deal with on 3 hobby services....(1) SUPERNOVA is the hobby novice packet and many hobby members contributed to it. It is indispensable to novices and older hobby members alike for sheer good reading. It costs one American dollar and you can get it from Bruce Linsey or Ron "Canada" Brown.....(2) ZINE REGISTER is a listing of publishers, their addresses, zine, games offered and sub fees and is a cheap way to find zines tailored to your own particular interests and budget. All publishers of zines and subzines are requested to either fill out the form that Bruce mailed to you or write to him for the form. You can return the form to Roy Henricks if you prefer.....(3) The RUNESTONE POLL has Bruce as its new custodian, despite some controversy(see page 32). If you feel you can't trust Bruce with your ballot or you do not want Bruce to see how you voted, you have the option of sending your ballot to Patrick J. Conlon, whom everybody loves--even his mother!

§ FRESHMAN ZINE POLL! Let the new zines and new subzines of 1984 know what you think of them. EE has provided a ballot especially for you to rip out and mail without damaging your "precious" EE! Steve Langley is running the poll this year and the deadline is February 22, 1985. Turn to page 67 and vote today!

§ ORPHAN GAMES! When publishers fold their zines or just drop out of sight, any games they were GMing are said to be "orphaned" and in need of new GMs. And someone has to find those games a new home and collect all the pertinent game information to hand them over to their new GMs. Would you be interested in helping out on this important hobby job? If so, there is a vacancy as one of the 2 current Orphan Games Service custodians is retiring on December 31, 1984. Scott Hanson has done an excellent job and will be missed. If you are wanting to find out more about this job, or better yet assume it, write to either Scott or Dick Martin, who will be remaining on the job. Dick's address is: 26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, Maryland 20854 USA.

§ NIXON AWARD! Who's lied to you so badly in one of your games during the past year that they deserve to win the NIXON AWARD? Well, write a nomination for them and send it to Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, California 93304 USA. The deadline will probably in late January or mid-February 1985.

§ Have you ever imagined yourself at the head of Roman legions out for gold, booty, power, able to bribe votes in the Senate and withhold wheat and money from your rivals? Well, it is a vicious business and its name is S.P.Q.R. If you'd like to try it out by becoming a standby, just write to Chuff Afflerbach for the rules and further information. His address is on page 20 . This is really a fun game. Mike Mills will also be running it. (See page 25)

§ ELECTION RESULTS: Bob the extinct Moa is now the hobby mascot by 3-2. The PDO has just elected its new officers. See details on page 25. (19)

EUROPA EXPRESS'S ADDRESS LIST:

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It's time once again to find out who reads this zine along with you. If a subber publishes a zine or subzine, it appears after his name. Canadians have a "C". Europeans and other non-North Americans are *

This list is being typed ahead of most of the zine so if you don't see your name, check after Dan Young's. The topic this time is...holidays. If you have () around your name, you have lied to little children about the existence of Santa Claus. If (appears, you are so sentimental that you always left a snack for Santa.) means to you it's just not the holiday season unless you see Miracle On 34th Street (1947) and It's A Wonderful Life (1946). And nothing around your name at all, well that means your mother has or had pictures of you sitting on a fat old man's lap who was bewhiskered with a flowing white beard. Statistics on us are on page 23

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SAVONLINNA

In the last issue of SAVONLINNA I made some nasty remarks about the Dutch. I would like to add to them.

Not only do the Dutch understand their failed position in the world, but they are determined to drag everyone else down into the sewer with them. That sort of behavior is, to say the least, defeatism of the worst kind. I don't think there's much good to say about the current Liberal Dutch, except that they're in the Netherlands and really don't count very much.

I was very happy to see the last issue of EE say goodbye to both VOD and EM. I didn't know Brux was leaving, and I sure am glad that he's coming here. Now I can slap his cherubic little puss for him. Brux ain't bad, but he does get on tears sometimes, which have really amounted to him washing in mud over the years. Perhaps, he'll elevate his style when the EOD comes to EE?

Gary mentioned that he thought SAVONLINNA was Finnish. Yes, it is, or kylla se on, which is the same thing. If you look at a map of Finland, you'll notice a huge system of interco-nected lakes and waterways in the eastern portion of the country close to the border with the U.S.S.R. The biggie is Samina, and around there the Swedes built a castle (linna=castle) to guard against the vicious Slavs of Russia. Hence, you might deduce that SAVONLINNA will be an outpost against the rather tawdry elements of Dipdom and you'd be right.

I've been reading a rather interesting book lately, Barbara Tuckman's, MARCH OF FOLLY. The theme is that governments, composed of men who are capable of acting on vanity and other vices, often direct policy that is patently not in the best interests of their government and/or country. The book is divided into four sections--- The Trojan Horse, The Papacy of the Middle Ages, The American Revolution, and the U.S. Experience in Vietnam. Each one is a classic case of a government policy that ran contrary to the public interest and the disasterous consequences. It's highly readable and should be read by anyone who considers themselves intelligent.

With that in mind, you can start weighing the effects of the Reagan Administration's support of Nicaragua's CONTRAS, their unflinching/undying support of Israel, the Beirut Experience, the arms buildup, the anti-Commie hard-line, and the deployment of short-range nukes in Europe. If you try to sum up the above and make them equate national security and a peaceful world, you come up short in every calculation. With Tuckman's book as a reminder, you'll also become aware of the impending trouble we face because of the dogmatism of the conservative Republicans, whose message is imagery, slogans, crass jokes, and silence on the issues and the record.

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*S.P.Q.R. Six openings, but one is taken by Gary Coughlan. Rules and map are free. The game is free. Just send your name and address to me. We'll play with six, and when I have them, you can send in your province preference lists etc.

*KONIGREICH Need five players for this 17th century/18th century game of conquest in central Europe, where players try to form landed dynasties and win the game. Rules and map are free. The game is free. Just tell me.

//Both of the above games were designed by Michael Mills, which is me. They are games requiring a lot of player interaction; if you don't write, don't play. It's unfair to the other players to waste time with gunboat players.//

From The Office of The Provisional Grand Kommissar of The Peoples Diplomacy Organization, November 7, 1984.

The Results of the Zone Kommissar Elections.

Zone 1		Zone 2	
<u>Michael Mills</u>	44.4%	<u>Steve Arnawoodian</u>	100%
<u>Robert Sacks</u>	33.3%		
<u>Tom Swider</u>	11.1%		
<u>Jeff Bohner</u>	11.1%		
Zone Dixie		Zone 5	
<u>Gary Coughlan</u>	54.5%	<u>Melinda Ann Holley</u>	66.6%
<u>Ed wrobel</u>	45.4%	<u>Al Pearson</u>	16.6%
		<u>Ben Schilling</u>	16.6%
Zone 6		Zone 7	
<u>John Michalski</u>	66.6%	<u>Bob Clsen</u>	100%
<u>F. Gaughan</u>	33.3%	(Write in)	
Zone 8		Zone 9	
<u>Don Williams</u>	60%	<u>Jack Fleming</u>	100%
<u>Steve Langley</u>	40%		
Zone 10		Zone 11	
<u>Dave Carter</u>	100%	<u>Randolph Smyth</u>	100%
Zone 12		Zone 13	
<u>Peter Birks</u>	100%	<u>Luc Dodinval</u>	100%
Zone 14 & 15 / AT LARGE /			
<u>Kathy Byrne</u>	36.6%	<u>Chuff Afflerbach</u>	10%
<u>Nelson Reintzman</u>	23.3%	<u>Don Swartz</u>	6.67%
<u>Jim Burgess</u>	20%	<u>Roy Henricks</u>	3.3%

Total ballot received: 48.

I, the Provisional Grand Kommissar, hereby certify that the above record is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

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Savonlinna



By Robyn Finley, 1466 Bonair Rd., #71, Vista, CA 92083, USA. It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. Speaking of endings, Jim and I, by mutual decision, are ending our marriage. After counseling and much discussion, we both feel that this is the best thing to do. We wish each other luck and are parting on good terms. His new address can probably be found on the COA page of EE.

I know you all must be sick of Christmas stuff, but I won't get another chance 'til next year to go:

In Search of...The Plausible Claus

Santa arrived by helicopter at the local shopping mall the day after Thanksgiving. My three year old is asking questions: "Why is that man dressed like that?", "Where does he live?", "Does he sleep at the mall?"

I can't decide what to do. Should I hand him the whole Santa Claus Fantasy, North Pole, reindeer and all? Or do I tell him the bare facts? Believing in SC makes Christmas such a magical time for children. Is that good or bad? I grew up a true believer. Even when my siblings and I had our doubts, our parents reassured us that YES, Santa is real, and if you don't keep your room clean he's going to know about it.

My eighth Christmas erased all my doubts about SC. We were staying at my Grandmas. After staying up half the night giggling with my cousin, eating oranges and stuffing the peels under the mattress, I woke in the grey hour, needing to pee, but too warm to get out of bed. As I was lying there, wondering what to do, I heard a whoosh noise on the roof, like something had landed. Curiosity pulled me out of bed and I crept to look at the tree. No presents. I was terrified. What if Santa caught me? I wouldn't get anything! I ran to the bathroom to hide and was intercepted by my father. He seemed mad. Did the sleigh noise wake him up too? He ushered me into their bedroom and closed the door, blocking my view of the tree. I heard something. What was going on out there? After what seemed like forever, I was led back to my room (via the bathroom, at last!). We passed by the tree, and the presents were there! Tons of them. I knew right then that the rumor of Santa really being your mom or dad wasn't true. With Mom sleeping, and Dad guarding the door, who else could it have been?

To this day, I still don't know. It must have been one of my uncles, because my Grandma was sleeping too.

On the other hand, when I was told the truth about SC two years later, I was crushed. And I was mad at my parents for lying to me. Without the Santa Claus myth, Christmas seems so matter of fact. What about tradition? It does encourage skepticism at an early age, though. Is that good or bad?

With all the t.v. specials, maybe I won't have to say anything. He'll come to his own conclusions. Kids' minds are strange places. They'll become obsessed with a certain phrase and repeat it over and over. I have a feeling, "Who is Santa?" will be one of them. Last year, it was, "Jesus and Mr. T. are fighting under the couch!"

Have a good holiday, and if you hear any sleighs on the roof, let me know! *****

And on the eighth day, God awoke and decided to create

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KATHY'S SAUCE?



The famous béarnaise sauce, the recipe of which is given here below for Gascony, is of course originating from Béarn, a region of southern France since 1607. Béarn, the country of Henry III of Navarra, who became King of France under the name of Henry IV, of his mother Joan of ALBRET and of Jean BERNADOITE, Prince of Pontecorvo, King of Sweden under the name of Charles XIII. But also Béarn, the "country of bears", like Bern, the capital city of Switzerland, is the "city of bears". And indeed some bears still survive in the Pyreneans today.

Now, if we admit that BYRNE, the family name of our Lady of Flushing, means nothing else than "bear", we must admit that the béarnaise sauce is in fact "BYRNE's sauce", or "Kathy's sauce" for the intimate friends... How to prepare it?

You need 6 oz butter; 2 tbsp vinegar; 2 tbsp white wine; 10 peppercorns; 3 shallots, finely chopped; 1 tbsp coarsely chopped fresh tarragon or tarragon leaves preserved in vinegar; 3 egg yolks; salt and white pepper or cayenne; 1 tbsp finely chopped fresh tarragon or tarragon leaves preserved in vinegar to finish, with 1 tbsp finely chopped chervil or parsley.

Clarify the butter and cool to lukewarm. In a small heavy saucepan combine the vinegar, wine, peppercorns, shallots and 1 tbsp coarsely chopped tarragon. Boil until the liquid is reduced to 2 tbsp then cool. Whisk in the egg yolks and salt and pepper or cayenne. Whisk for 30 seconds or until pale. Place the pan over a very low heat or in a water bath and whisk continuously until the mixture is creamy and thick enough for the whisk to leave a trail in the bottom of the pan. It should be slightly thicker than hollandaise sauce. The pan should be hot but never too hot to touch. Remove from the heat and whisk in the clarified butter drop by drop; when the sauce starts to thicken it can be added in a thin stream. When all the butter has been added, strain the sauce. Stir in the finely chopped tarragon leaves and chervil or parsley. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Béarnaise sauce should have a peppery taste and is served warm rather than hot. It can be kept warm in a water bath for up to 1 hour but is best served immediately. Serve with steak or with grilled or sautéed oily fish such as mackerel or herring.



THE LETTER COLUMN

We should have a big letter column this time. I never did get a pic response from Konrad Bolata so if it comes in, I'll print it sometime somewhere. The newest picture contest and details about it can be found on page 16. Now it's time to see your guesses about the man to the left in this picture. Any late guesses will be printed eventually and they will be sent on immediately to the pic person so he can respond. And let's see....

Keith Sherwood (California, USA): "He'd better not be a foreigner! That better be a full-blooded American in the Vice President's seat! Is it Ferraro in drag? Actually it must be Larry Bush, the Vice President's nephew who's in the face-to-face hobby in New Brunswick. P.S. Whoever it is ^{isn't} Ultimately Cool. If he were, he wouldn't have settled for second best, but snuck into the Oval Office."

Kevin Stone (New York, USA): "The guy in the picture contest is Richard Nixon in 1959. Thought you could fool us with the old photo, eh?"

Steve Arnawoodian (Pennsylvania, USA): "I'm getting a little tired of the way you select photos for print. One must meet the following criteria to have his/her photo in EE: (1) A Californian (2) Southern (3) European."

This month you have a Marylander who is a Californian transplant. This guy is the type who will vote for the party instead of the candidate. He is a true Democrat. Put him in a voting booth and he'll pull his party's lever. I am proud to say this type of person is rare to find in the States (unlike Europe!). This photo is of Ken Peel. The high point of his life was when he became toilet-trained (2 years ago). Knowing that Ken is a Democrat makes me proud to be a Republican."

Robyn Finley (California, USA): "I know it's too late for the picture guess, but I just have a feeling that this is John Michalski as a young man! I suppose I'll find out soon enough!"

Paul Gardner (Oregon, USA): "No contest--it's obvious that this is a man who thinks he has imagination and vision and is trying to project his image of himself as an original. Well if he wanted to be imaginative he would have walked into the ladies' room at the Veep's office wearing a Ferraro button and had himself photographed among a bunch of startled and screaming women--that's a whole more interesting than some dumb desk. Besides then I'd know what happens to people who walk into ladies' restrooms uninvited."

I'm sure I've never played this guy F-T-F, but then he's probably so dull I would have forgotten him if I had. I'm sure he publishes a zine and if I didn't know better I'd say it was Terrible Terry Tallman--it would be like him to send a picture of himself in the nation's Capitol.

On the other hand he might be the publisher of Life of Monty--an offbeat joke there for sure. It could even be some one of my Midwest or Southern acquaintances--not James Wall--this guy lacks the fuzzy cheeks, however I would not put this past Pat Conlon, Matt Fleming or anyone of the Mad Ladders. I would rule out any one from Florida, Virginia, Maryland and especially New York--D.C. is anathema to them.

About this guy--he is definitely no rocker. He probably has the hots for Olivia Neutron-Bomb or some equally trivial M.O.R. female singer. And I wouldn't put Frank Sinatra past him as being mellow. I'm sure his penmanship as his attention to all detail is excellent. He probably plays England, Russia and Turkey the best, though he fancies himself a "great" underdog player with Italy or Austria. If I had to pick a state--I'd say Ohio. He's too obviously Mr. America to be from anywhere else."

Ben Schilling (Michigan, USA): "Once upon a time, there were two boys. One of them ran away to sea. The other was elected Vice President of the United States. Neither of them was ever heard from again."--Thomas Marshall.

If you don't know who Thomas Marshall was, I'll give you a clue. He, Daniel Thompkins and Richard Nixon share a distinction that no one else has.

So that's what the Vice President looks like. I didn't know that George Bush played Diplomacy. You've got another one to go with Helmut Schmidt."

John Pack (Utah, USA): "Well, obviously the man in the picture these fast few months is a Diplomat. How else could he have bribed his way ((continued on page 31)) 30

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"into the Vice President's office? Of course, there is the possibility that he's a Communist spy who's infiltrated our government and is presently planting bugs throughout the office, but he doesn't look devious enough. He definitely looks like he's a thoughtful player--one of the kind that thinks day and night about his moves for the whole month and enjoys games with 8-week deadlines."

Kathy Byrne(New York, USA): "Picture Contest: Is he gullible? Is he stupid? Does he always look like a wimp? The answer to all of the above is YES!! I hate to say it Gary, but you must really be hard up for pictures to have to print a picture of such an ugly dude in your classy zine! From Michael Close(what a hunk!) to Ken Peel(all time jerk), EE is definitely no competition for Playgirl! After Michael I expected bigger and better men--Toots Michalski, Jim Boob, Marc Peters, Honey Olsen, yet all I get is the associated press. The man who spreads more gossip than Rona Barrett. I would hope that I at least get free issues after having to embarrass myself like this, by admitting that I have been known to associate with the likes of the congressional page--Ken Peel!!!

Ken Peel(Maryland, USA): "While your latest picture contest contains a seemingly non-descript personage, in actuality, the picture has in it a number of revealing clues. Let's start with the fact that the picture appears to have been taken in the office of the Vice President of the United States. This alone is nothing out of the ordinary, but let me tell you as someone who works in a congressional office in Washington, that the person in the picture is definitely an outsider. This person is not wearing a tie, his collars do not button down, and there is no blue blazer anywhere in sight. Even more telling is the fact that this man is wearing(gasp!) a checkered shirt. No one in Washington, D.C. would even be caught at a diplomatic reception in a checkered shirt (nice topic for a speech, though). Obviously, this individual is from California.

So, with the field narrowed down somewhat, let's look at a few more clues. Vice President Bush is from Connecticut and Texas. What do these two states have in common? Right. Defense contracts. What state in the Union reaps more defense contracts than any other? Again, the clues point toward California. Now, the clincher is, what California Dipdomite works for a defense contractor and has the "Nixon Connection" alluded to by the checker(ed) ~~shirt~~ shirt? Obviously, the clues lead us straight to Mike "Nixon" Mazzer, who works for the illuminati-ish organization Hughes Aircraft, which actually produces no aircraft at all and does all of its business with the federal government, primarily the Department of Defense.

Little do you know, Gary, you have cracked open the biggest government scandal of the year! In a conversation I had with Mike Mazzer some months back, he let it slip that he had been in Washington, D.C. once a few years ago on a "business trip." It is clear now that Mike's business trip actually consisted of secret rendezvous at various levels of the federal bureaucracy. Why else the bulging suitcase for a three-day stay? This is even bigger than the production of dud missiles at Hughes Aircraft plant #2 in Tucson. Wow! Photographic proof of a seamy trail of graft all the way up to the office of the Vice President! In Diplomacy, Mike must gamble big, roll for the high numbers and wield a fast knife. In the real world, though, I think Mike will come out of this alright. He can always adopt a pseudonym, switch over to Boeing designing cruise missiles that don't work, and hide out in Seattle with the bag man himself, Terry Tallman."

Mike Mazzer(California, USA): "The photo contest has me stupefied. I can't imagine who it is in the Vice President's office. I always thought Spiro Agnew had more hair. Since it's in the Washington area I'll guess it is either Ken Peel or Ed Wrobel. I can never tell those two apart."

Ed Wrobel(Virginia, USA): "This is a man of action, a decisive man, a deep-thinking, take-charge, hard-headed, Real-Politik kind of guy. The identification card clipped to his shirt may show that he does require an American Express card with his name imprinted thereon, but his bold body language clearly communicates his impatience with his second-banana billing. Thus, he publishes no zine but rather a mere non-subzine. In Diplomacy, he plots game-long strategy, meticulously revising his plans each season so as to ensure that he secures a strong second position. In love, he seeks out strong women who will dominate him. This man is none other than the provisional Premier of the Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly Organized Gamesters! Ken P. "Potato" Peel!!"

Mark Stegeman(California, USA): " I hear that you recently asked readers to identify a man sitting behind the desk of the Vice President of the United States. The man

YOU'VE GOT TO
BE KIDDING!



"is Ken Peel--I am sure because I took the picture in 1978! Walter Mondale was off fishing when the President was unexpectedly called away, so Jimmy asked Ken to fill in for the afternoon and keep Amy away from the buttons. In the picture Ken is trying to decide how much support to give to the Shah. (After that the President sprung for a regular babysitter.)"

□ My favorite guess this time was Mark Stegeman's. It really hit my funny bone. The man in the picture is indeed Ken Peel. Ken is a native Californian who now lives in Maryland and who works for Maine Congresswoman Olympia J. Snowe and his picture was indeed taken in the real Vice President's office. Let Ken tell the circumstances around it in his own words:

"In summer 1979 I hadn't yet moved out to the D.C. area, but I was out here visiting a friend who worked in the Old Executive Office Building (in the Carter Administration, of course). Yes, that is really Walter Mondale's old VP office. It was a weekend, and as we were walking down the hall to my friend's office (he was escorting me, of course..pretty tight security), he said, "And oh, that's the Vice President's Office." As we got closer, I noticed that the door was ajar and the lights were off. We stopped, I poked my head inside, and no one was there. In a sudden whim of madness, I gave my friend my camera, dashed behind the VP's desk, we turned on the lights for just a few seconds, and "click" that moment was preserved for your enjoyment. I look pretty much the same now, though with glasses (due to studying Arabic. Really!) and with slightly less hair."

And I'm sure Ken will have some response to your picture guesses this time and his rebuttal will be printed in EE #41 which comes out in February. The next pic contest has a January deadline and all the details and the new picture are found on page 16 .

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Keith Sherwood (California, USA): "No mention in your latest of Meinel's circular letter about the Runestone[Foll].....Is this out of a desire to avoid all controversial matters or just desire not to give any publicity to something you feel is out of line?"

Jim Meinel (Alaska, USA): "I'm sorry to hear you won't support a new custodian, but I wasn't surprised, since you are taking him [Bruce Linsey in The Echo of Doom in EE] on as a subzine. The letter was meant to garner support--I have written Randolph [Smyth, the former Runestone Poll custodian] twice and as soon as I get a response I'll decide what to do."

□ Jim's circular letter was aptly described by Pete Gaughan in his Perelandra #27 as: "Jim Meinel, in a mass mailing, has requested that the hobby choose a different pollster because of Bruce's reputation and charges being levelled against him." My own feelings are that Randolph, whom Jim did not write before his mass mailing, is like any other custodian in this hobby and whomever he chooses to be his successor is his right. Randolph's right, not a pack of individuals or a mob for whatever reasons. I like and respect Jim but I think his method is wrong in this case.

Paul Rauterberg in his Midlife Crisis #18 printed some very good advice for all of us in this hobby and I'd like to reprint it here: "People, before you make public pronouncements on who is guilty or innocent, don't just take people's word for it. Ask for the physical evidence, and if it is not forthcoming, take accusations with a very large grain of salt. View "testimony" critically--do accusers or witnesses have axes to grind against the accused? If so, it doesn't mean that they are lying, but one has to be careful." Tremendously good advice.

I also wrote to Randolph Smyth to ask if he had any comments on the controversy which has been generated about the Runestone Poll and his letter appears next.

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Randolph Smyth (Alberta, Canada): "Here's the statement on the Runestone Poll that you wanted; hope it arrives in time. I've just got EE #39, but it only seems to mention the bare facts. My opinion on the subject is still in formation as more correspondence arrives, so I'll try to stick to observations that aren't likely to change based on further information.

Gary has offered me space in EE in order to present "my side" of the Runestone Poll affair to a wide audience. This seems to be necessary, as a fair bit of correspondence has arrived in the last couple of weeks with some rather odd assumptions about my role. Correcting everyone individually is getting somewhat bothersome.

Firstly, the availability of the custodianship was advertised in my own zine,

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Fol Si Fie, which has a subscription list of just over 40 but includes eight major publishers. My decision to step down was first noted in #158, of August 3 (though in hindsight I should have made the announcement more obvious), and no decision was made until the last few days of September when I gave Bruce [Linsey] the OK to announce it in VOD #100[Bruce's zine]. He was the only applicant; as far as I know, nobody else in the hobby had publicized the request for volunteers. Disinterest, I thought at the time--obviously not.

Some have suggested that I was required to do more; those who didn't know what I HAD done have implied that the transfer was carried out rather sneakily. Within the past couple of months, the hobby has seen changes in two institutions far more important than any poll: the BNC [Boardman Number Custodian--Kathy Byrne resigned and gave the position to Bill Quinn] and the DW editorship [Diplomacy World where Managing Editor Rod Walker brought Kathy Byrne in as DW General Editor]. Nobody, as far as I know, was told in advance that these positions were available... ..but nobody, it seems, is making a fuss. Write properly, because project custodians ALWAYS "anoint" their successors. I reject the idea of improper procedure in this case; some people are allowing their dissatisfaction with the choice to colour their observations of the process.

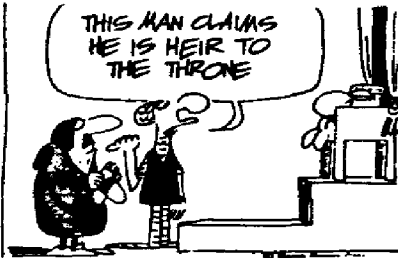
It's hard to say whether Bruce was a "good" choice. He seems more enthusiastic about the job that I ever was, which is a plus; but he's also more controversial than I've EVER been, which is a minus in a position that REQUIRES hobby support to succeed. Jim Meinel has said that I'm isolated from the mainstream: he's right (thank God!), because I haven't seen any arguments against Bruce more persuasive than the assertion that a lot of people don't trust him and won't vote with him in charge. Personality conflicts ARE a valid objection to one's handling of such a "hobby support" project, and I think Bruce must accept the fact that one of the "job requirements" is more circumspection in his other hobby activities. He's badly miscast as a pollster if he also intends to remain at the center of a lot of controversy: without VOD to worry about, I'll expect him to define his hobby role more precisely and work within it in the future. If "lack of trust" is the major objection, though, it's too vague to make any ouster actions appropriate at this time. People have told me about more specific problems off-the-record, but as far as I'm concerned it's a lot of wind unless I see the evidence myself. This hobby has always been long on accusations and short on the proof of them.

Things could be resolved fairly quickly--i.e. before a split ruins the 1985 poll--if we could get some idea of what percentage of the hobby backs Bruce and what percentage doesn't. I may indeed be "isolated", but it seems that others have also acted on the basis of their own little cliques' opinions. If I solicit the opinions of [Jim] Meinel, [Steve] Langley and [Kathy] Byrne, I will quit asking in the belief that the whole hobby thinks Bruce is a slimeball. If I happen to hit on [Bruce] Linsey, [Gary] Coughlan and [Mark] Berch, I will rest easy in the knowledge that the poll has never been in better hands. Both sides base their best arguments on the general issue of hobby support, but nobody really seems to KNOW.

Perhaps if both sides of the controversy published a list of those willing to back them publicly ("toadystashing" in some quarters, but it seems appropriate in this instance), then we could all compare the length and strength of the two lists and decide by early February whether any change in the status quo is necessary. If both sides are honest about their concern for the "good of the poll", lists of obvious inequality will end the discussion. Such a process may be quite divisive but the alternative seems to be using the 1985 poll as the testing ground, which will only prolong the agony and perhaps wreck the poll for that year.

Based on results such as those, I would be willing to make a decision and act on it, over Bruce's objections if need be, to maximize the chance of success of the 1985 and future polls. That's as far as I'm willing to go in "giving the hobby a voice" in the transfer. Legally, if that has any meaning, I HAVE made Bruce my successor officially, and have no more right to interfere than anyone else, but it looks like the hobby will be needing direction from someone with a vestige of both authority and neutrality. Otherwise each faction may read what they like into the results, with nothing solved.

A final note: the only thing that has bothered me so far is the assumption--- --unintentional, I'm sure---from some people who aren't even directly involved with either side, that my brain has somewhat less discretionary ability than dogment, and



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"that Jim Meinel is the guy to see about solving this problem and volunteering to take over from Bruce. Now, nothing against Jim, but since he's chosen to play the role of Bruce's chief antagonist on this one, he's the WORST possible choice as a mediator! Just for the record, since I feel somewhat to blame for all this (despite the above disclaimers), I don't mind taking the lead in sorting it out.

That's it, I guess, Gary; the next issue of Fol Si Fie will feature any updated opinions, based on what comes in over the next couple of weeks."

□ Well a new wrinkle has been added as readers of Echo of Doom will see on page 62 Pat Conlon has volunteered to assist Bruce in the Runestone Poll. If the loud few of you who do not trust Bruce to properly record your ballot or tabulate the results, you can send your ballots to Pat. Pat will then transcribe them and send them on to Bruce who will not know who you are or how you voted. Once the tabulation is done, Bruce will send all the ballots, including the ones sent to Bruce, to Pat to check over and verify that the results are indeed correct. That should satisfy everyone.

I'm like the, I would estimate, 97.9% of this hobby who are sick to the gills of all this feuding. BUT when any individual or groups of individuals reach out their hands to try to destroy a poll or force a change in the custodian merely because they don't like who is running it, it's time to speak up. If such an attempt is made and it's successful, who or what is next? Who would be the mob's next target?

Randolph, I think voting for who backs Bruce or who doesn't back Bruce, is a bad idea. For example, two years ago I was being blasted by the likes of Bruce Linsey, Kathy Byrne, Mark Berch and John Caruso. Hell, anybody that has all those big league names against you at the same time, must have something wrong with him I would certainly have thought that had I not had a more subjective opinion and an intimate knowledge of the individual concerned. I don't think such attacks would have impaired my ability to either run a zine or a poll adequately.

As for Bruce being "at the center of a lot of controversy", that should have nothing to do with his running the poll. His Echo of Doom has not been used to respond to the vicious attacks made by several people. Bruce has every right to respond to the lies being printed about him in those zines; failing that his only resort is to mass mailings. Every individual in this hobby has that right.

For years Bruce has done an excellent job with Supernova, the novice packet. He is now helping out with the Zine Register(see pages 65) to the approval of both ZR editors, Roy Henricks and Cathy Cunning, and with the best wishes of the first publisher of the then-called Zine Directory, Mike Mills(see page 66). And he has many good ideas for running the Runestone Poll, and with Pat Conlon's help, I think he should be given the chance.

If not, you can do what I've done. If a poll is run by someone I don't like or respect, I don't vote in it or plug it. But I don't try to destroy it or replace it with someone I do like and respect. EE will not back a rival poll to the Runestone Poll.

Now let's leave this topic and go to Europe and Saudi Arabia!

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Ty Hare(Colorado, USA): "Nothing like a little Black Sabbath and Beethoven to fire one up for letter writing, eh? I've often wondered how Ludwig would have orchestrated "Iron Man" if he'd had the chance..."

There is no one more to whom I owe a letter than you(that sentence sounds odd).[I agree, I owe letters to everyone!]. To start with, I could recount my journey through Europe. Boring, overall. It doesn't make good reading. To be general, I enjoyed Great Britain(excluding Ireland, which I'm saving for another trip) and Holland the most, followed closely by West Germany. I've friends in Holland(They're Dutch), a carpenter and his girlfriend both living on a farm. I spent(over 3 visits) about 1½ weeks with them and their friends, all farmers or labourers of some sort(electricians, carpenters, etc.). It makes such a difference to travel where one has friends, people who can show you the sights from a local's point of view, rather than a tourist's. They are, with some luck, coming to the States around the first of the year to live and work for awhile. Their English is very, very good. Makes me wish I'd studied Dutch rather than German.

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"Speaking of which, while I like the country's culture, it quickly became frustrating, exhausting to speak my elementary German to the Germans. Of course, I felt obligated to use German whenever I could--that was important to me. One amusing anecdote: I'd cruised the West German autobahn to the East German border on my way to West Berlin (I was driving a rented car at the time). Accustomed to the unbounded speed of the West German autobahns, I quickly accelerated to 110 kilometers [roughly 70 MPH] in East German territory, ignoring the 80 KM/Hr signs. Sure enough, 3 kilometers over the border, I get pulled over by an East German patrolman. The plates on my rented car were English, so he asks me, in German:

"Sprechen Sie etwas Deutsch?" ("Do you speak a little German?")

Of course I did, but I thought I'd be safer to deal with the fellow in English so I answered, "No." Good thinking, Ty. Quickest way to get on this guy's wrong side, lie to him and admit you're lying in one word. He was nice, though, and let me off with a warning. And I drove 75 KM/Hr the rest of the way to Berlin (on a highway, which passed through a Soviet military base, by the way! Holy Cow, was I surprised! Tanks, soldiers, red stars--the whole bit.).

I also spent an evening in Lübeck, a West German port just off the Baltic Sea along the East German border. Lübeck was the former head of the Hanseatic League, the Merchant's Guild which covered the entire continent (at one point) between the 12th and 17th Centuries or so. While I was there (to do research for a D & D [Dungeons & Dragons] campaign I'm going to run revolving around the Hanseatic League and, specifically, Lübeck), I ran into two Americans who were heading to Copenhagen to get married. I wound up, along my travelling, meeting many Americans, all very friendly and (so it seemed) not of the "Ugly American" mold.

My other amusing adventure was in meeting (being accosted by is more accurate) 5 schoolgirls from Northern Ireland (Belfast) who were returning from a holiday in Belgium (which they all hated). We talked for the duration of the 4-hour ferry trip from Oostende to Dover, and I got a very genuine middle-class perception of America, Americans and the activities in Northern Ireland from these girls. They love Michael Jackson and hate the Queen. Oh, yes--they're Catholic."

□ How can anyone not like Belgium????!!! Thanks for an interesting letter, Ty. I've read now that West Germany may be establishing a speed limit of about 66 miles per hour on its autobahns because it seems auto emissions are damaging their forests. Keep us informed about your interesting D & D campaign.

Now let's head for Saudi Arabia where Al Pearson was recently sent by his company. Al has also turned his trip into interesting press in "Saxe-Coburg-Gotha" on pages 9-10 as episodes began of "West Virginia Al and The Temple of Dumb."

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Al Pearson (West Virginia, USA): "Sorry for the short piece of paper; it happens to be the only one handy at the moment, and I do have time to write. I got your note with the cartoons on the 10th, so it looks like 10 or 11 days in transit based on the postmark of September 30. I'm here in Riyadh [capital of Saudi Arabia] teaching the police who handle traffic accidents how to fill out a new form that can be entered into a computer. The other guys on the project include two traffic engineers and a computer specialist (all from the United Kingdom). The purpose of the project is to gather data on traffic accidents and then through training, enforcement or engineering changes, reduce future accidents.

When I flew over, I came by way of Geneva, but it was cool and rainy there, so I didn't get to do much sightseeing. It did seem that about 20% of the stores were video tape sales and rentals.

It's very entertaining being an Infidel here in Saudi Arabia. You very seldom see any women out, and if they are out, they have a full length black robe on and almost always have a complete veil covering the entire head. It sometimes looks like a Black Mummy is stalking the street. I have found it best to pretend all these women are extremely ugly and are forced to keep their faces covered.

Staying at the Hyatt Regency does allow one to see the occasional foreign woman. In fact, Saudi Airlines uses the hotel for its crews, but still, it is an unusual day if I see more than three "Western women." On Monday nights there is an extremely good seafood buffet so then there are numerous foreign women around (say 10 or more, the saints be praised). In fact last night I saw a blonde who wore her skirt at her knees without a robe. I felt sure such "immodest" behavior

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*would have gotten one of the Islamic police there to beat her with his cane.

The Brits are always eating out--Korean, Chinese, Indonesian, Indian etc. Two of the Saudi police officers took me out to lunch one day to a "Pizza House." The place looked generally familiar, but when served the pizza the Saudis put Louisiana hot sauce all over it and dipped it in ketchup. Well, when in Rome...It turns out the place is really a "Pizza Hut". The people here are also very big on greasy "Colonel Chicken."

I went to the local market or "sook" yesterday and looked at jewelry, rugs, etc., but I didn't buy anything. I'll probably pick up some things in a couple of weeks, but since prices don't change often, why should I store the stuff at my hotel when I can buy it later?

Five days after the Presidential debate I hear that Mondale got the best of Reagan, or at least so says the Arab News English Edition. I also learned that the Tigers and the Padres are in the World Series and two games are over[baseball]. Since this is the first paper I read in a week, maybe I should pick up one more often. In case World War III breaks out, I'd at least like to know about it.

The weather is warm--usually in the 90s in the day and the 70s at night, but the lack of humidity is a problem. We had major problems with the computer due to static electricity build-up, and when we checked the humidity was "0%". Now we have a humidifier in the room and it feels cold and clammy. I think I'm coming down with a cold. Ah, well....."

□ Check out the press of House of Bourbon on page 13, Al. One of the players in that game that I inherited from John Leeder will be in Riyadh until August 1985. Maybe you can see him when you're back in Saudi Arabia. Did you try the Korean or Indonesian foods; I really like both of those. You mentioned the Presidential debates; you might find this next section as interesting as I did then...

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Ivo Bouwman(The Netherlands): "For the first time this year--apart of course from my extensive vacations--I have a day off! Not for just any reason, but because I spent the past night watching the results of the U.S. elections, which lasted until about 5 AM, our time. So I guess we've seen a so-called landslide, eh? Reagan taking 49 states, Mondale 1 1/2 (you can't call District of Columbia a state, now can you?). Did you go and vote? Perhaps for one of the many alternative candidates? You may like to hear that in some European countries there were polls to see what American candidate Europeans would vote for. In Holland we would have elected Mondale for President! France--with a socialist government!-- elected Reagan and Germany and Great Britain were sort of 50/50."

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "I really hope that Reagan won't be elected again and I'm looking forward to November. But I fear so..Mondale looked well in the TV discussion recently, but not enough to make it. What do you think?"

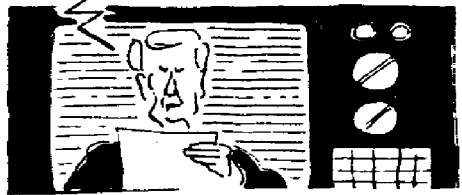
Paul Michel(The Netherlands): "A thing that interests me and I think a lot of other people are the campaigns from the elections in the US. There has been the debate between Reagan and Mondale. Maybe you can write an article about it in the new EE. I think this can be a new subject of discussion. I'm sure that the Europeans are interested in this subject too. Is it true that Mondale has a better chance now after this debate or are the chances not moving? I think that Reagan will be elected again but a real battle is of course more interesting than the almost sure knowing of the re-election of Reagan."

□ Most Americans agreed that Mondale won the first debate and that the second debate was roughly a tie. I was amazed at the TV commentators who said that Mondale had to "score" a "knock-out blow" and make Reagan stumble badly. I wouldn't want that at all! You have

to have some confidence that a man who would be your President for at least 3 more months. That is an unrealistic expectation and likens our political process to nothing more than a sports event!

IN THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, WALTER MONDALE KNEW HIS FACTS...

PRESENTED CLEAR ARGUMENTS AND ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE ISSUES



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I don't know how anyone who saw that first debate could want that doddering old fool's finger on the nuclear button. Most people felt that Vice President George Bush won his debate over Geraldine Ferraro. I didn't. I had never seen Bush speak for length and I was appalled that this man is next in line to be the President. Ferraro made her points logically and unemotionally. I am reminded of what some Germans said of their Kaiser Wilhelm the II when he was on a hunting trip. "What ever you do, don't shoot him! The son[Bush in my analogy here] is worse than the father!" Some reactions came in to my support of Mondale. I might add when I wrote my support in EE #38 that was before the debate. After the debate I did become enthusiastic for Mondale.



Jan Feringa(The Netherlands): "Good to see that you are not going to vote for RR after all. I'm not really enthusiastic about Walter Mondale, though, but at least Mondale doesn't make such a shallow impression on me."

Mark Fassio(California, USA): As for your election choice, while Mondale has even improved his image in MY eyes, I still won't vote for him. He's big on words and criticisms of foreign policy, but his dismal record under Jimmy Carter and the whole laissez-faire attitude toward the Russians is one of the reasons we have the trouble with them we do now. The Soviets are shrewder diplomats than we are and they get the edge because we try to be fair, legalistic and assume they will adhere to "our ways" as we gradually improve contacts with them. "Taint so"..Fritz is the pits, but I'm glad to hear your views."

John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "I'm sorry to see you decide to vote for Mondale. Reagan has his faults--his age, his atrocious environmental record, his record--breaking deficits--but Mondale is no alternative. Indeed, his candidacy shows the pitiful state of the Democratic Party, and is an insult to thinking Americans. Please consider voting for any third party on the ballot, like I will. In Oklahoma, Liberterians are all there is, but a protest vote for the "Socialist Labor" Party or whatever's around, is lots better than Mondale. Hell, there's a mathematical chance Mondale could be elected! The only thing Mondale has going is that if elected, some radical feminist will blow him away, and then we'll have a woman leader that will bring peace and prosperity, just like Indira Gandhi in India or Golda Meir in Israel....."

Kevin Stone(New York, USA): "The election is just a day off, so I figured I'd drop you a line. I am a strong supporter of the Reagan/Bush ticket because of the economic programs proposed by both sides. It appears to me that the people who like Mondale don't like Reagan's foreign policy and that the people who like Reagan like his economics policy. For instance, if I have a secure, well-paying job in a healthy economy, I couldn't give two shits about what we are or aren't doing to combat the commies."

Doug Beyerlein(California, USA): "The Reagan sweep was pretty thorough. Fortunately he is still going to have to try to work with Congress."

□ Yes, that's what I'm glad for too. John Kelley, in his The Beholder on page 44, wonders who claimed a Reagan "mandate" that I mentioned in EE #39. It seems to me that Reagan's people have done this by saying that he is not in a "compromising mood". Never forget 41% of Americans rejected Reagan and that is millions of people. I voted for Mondale because he was the only one who conceivably beat Reagan and was definitely, in my eyes anyway, the lesser of the two evils. Kevin, I would worry very much about what is going on in Nicaragua. Some of your younger friends or younger relatives may very well be fighting a war done there because of Reagan's "anti-commie" mindset. Doesn't anybody remember Vietnam? Did we go through that

for nothing?! John, your vote surprised me--I had you pegged as a Reagan man.

Faz, I don't think the Soviets are shrewder than we; I think they are much more patient and can afford to wait whereas we seem to want solutions NOW.

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Jan, it is no surprise ((continued on page 38))

PRESIDENT REAGAN MADE ONLY ONE SERIOUS GAFFE, RAMBLED LESS THAN LAST TIME AND SEEMED TO KNOW WHERE HE WAS THE EXPERTS HAVE PRONOUNCED IT A DRAW



to Americans that the Europeans would criticize no matter who is the American President. I sometimes feel that all Europeans do is complain and that nothing the Americans do or don't do pleases them. Luigi Barzini in his The Europeans writes:

"Today, it is almost impossible for any president to win the whole-hearted approval of all of them [the Europeans]. When he happens to be, like Jimmy Carter, a sentimental humanitarian, a born-again Christian devoured by doubts, scruples, and retroactive remorse, or Ronald Reagan, who is nostalgic for the American dream, when the American forces seem to Europeans in danger of becoming a division of the YMCA in uniform or the Peace Corps with not enough guns and American foreign policy appears to move "from appeasement to panic" and back again, a substantial number of Europeans (including some of the leading statesmen, intellectuals and commentators) are disconcerted. Some are downright frightened. They feel abandoned. They lament the fact that nobody leads the Western world any more. They suspect the United States is forgetting its global responsibilities and entrusting the future to juvenile, deceptively optimistic, fairy-tale hopes....."

...."On the other hand, when a new president firmly assumes the leadership of the free world with all its obligations, takes courageous decisions, follows an inflexible foreign policy based on a clean division between good guys and bad guys, and asks Congress for countless billions for defense, many Europeans, more or less the same substantial authoritative minority, are by no means reassured. They are even more disconcerted and perplexed. Some are downright frightened. They see America unwisely provoking the Soviet Union, making war ineluctable, a nuclear duel fought mainly on their own Continent, Europe."


..."In other words, no matter who the president is, whether he is well up on foreign affairs or not, whether he leads or forgets to lead the West, no matter how well or badly armed the American defense establishment is, and no matter what the American foreign policy is at the moment, hard or soft, a large number of Europeans will not be pleased."

This is perhaps the reason many Americans don't care to pay very much attention to Europeans and their opinions, when it just seems to be nothing but a constant stream of criticism, deserved and undeserved both. Ah, but we know who really wants to rule the world.....

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...EVERY TREE...

EVERY BLADE OF GRASS, EVERY BODY -MINE, ALL MINE! Patrice Verry (France): "From: The Secret Master of Fandom...To: Gary L. Coughlan (how do you pronounce your name?)...Hello, The S.M.O.F. strikes back and I'll become the Master of the World when Chantecler, Mach Die Spuhl, Plié en Deux, Confrontation, Quinipique, EE...and all the fanzines become "filiales" of the great VOPALIEC trust!!!

 But it's a secret! Do not tell anyone, or...you know a man named 'Marquis de Sade'? He had habits exceedingly odd. When he met me, he broke out in a sweat, for...I was much crueller!! Nyark! Nyark! Nyark! (How do you say that??) (Do not be afraid: it was just the crazy scientist only a role in a game) (who said "perhaps"?)

Michel Liesnard has sent to me EUROPA EXPRESS No. A [my Europe trip report] and I was very happy to read it. Your "trip to Europe" seemed to be very funny and I think you have enjoyed the French telephone! My phone number is 011-33-41684015 (from the US) or 16-41684015 (from Beaugency!).

Many science fiction fans are also war-gamers, role players or..anything else! So we created VOPALIEC-JEUX [Patrice's zine] especially for Diplomacy. But there are many other things that we can do. In Angers [his home city], for example, we are playing: Dungeons & Dragons, Cosmic Encounter, Diplomacy, Car Wars, Illuminati (if you know this last one, you know it's Steve Jackson's game and you immediately understand that I am the SECRET MASTER OF FANDOM!!)"

□ Your Memphis subject hears and obeys, Master! Thanks for giving us a closer look at French hobby members and their interests. Patrice refers to our troubles with the French telephone in Beaugency. None of the inhabitants would help us and it was fairly obvious that we didn't know how to operate their pay telephone. After two hours we figured it out. □□□

Robyn Finley (California, USA): "Well, time to go mach die spuhl."

□ And time to go to page 39 too. Mach Die Spuhl means "Wash the dishes"! (38)

LETTER COLUMN...Continued from page 38 .

Jim Finley(California, USA): "Gary, I'm a reasonable, moderate, open-minded man, but some things are as unchangeable as the laws of nature, and chili is made with pinto beans. Who better to know than someone who grew up in the region that gave chili to the rest of you? Tell you what. When I come through on my way to OCS [the Marines' Officer Candidate School in Virginia], I'll make you some chili, and you make me some--like the Holy Grail, the True Chili will be unmistakable and the scales will fall from your tastebuds. If you want references, ask Larry Peery about this--I've made chili at Peericons and similar events at his place.

I'm sure you make a splendid kidney bean stew though."

□ Chomps & Miams [See page 29 for this month's issue] published by Michel Liesnard of Belgium is devoted to recipes for all types of food. In EE #38, page 30, Michel printed a chili recipe from Scott Hanson which included kidney beans. In the C & M in EE #39, page 24, Jim Finley took issue with this and insisted that real chili does not have kidney beans at all, but rather pinto beans. I took issue with that.

And I did more than that. I asked my mother, friends and people at work what they put in their chili. It was unanimously kidney beans and what's more many of my respondents simply called the kidney beans, "chili beans". Almost all looked askance at the suggestion that one could put pinto beans in chili. BUT the local fast food places in Memphis serve chili with pinto beans. Is this a regional difference? I seem to remember that Steve Langley at last year's DAF CON(see page 7) made chili with kidney beans and someone there wondered at his adding kidney beans.

Uh, Jim, if you make your chili here according to your recipe listed in EE #39's Chomps & Miams, it's going to take you 4 days to cook it! That's a long time to wait to eat thus proving that chili with kidney beans is infinitely superior!

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Jan Feringa(The Netherlands): "I thought Teijo had written a letter to you? Did you receive it? Or is it true that a letter must be at least two months old to get published in EE?"

□ That is most definitely not true! Some take much longer! Lately, I've been alternating EEs between articles mostly one issue, followed by mostly letters the next issue. I did get a letter from Teijo--indeed he was called as a MalMBERGER in "Alsace-Lorraine" in EE #39. And I'll print it now as it was quite interesting. Teijo is, like Jan, one of several publishers of the excellent Dutch zine Brutus.

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Teijo Doornkamp(The Netherlands): "Jan Feringa has lent me a few issues of your zine(in fact all the issues he's got) and I liked them very much. So, instead of borrowing further issues I'd rather receive them myself. Furthermore I thus get the opportunity to react on the discussions going on in EE.

I've been to both great demonstrations in Holland against the Pershing IIs and the Cruise Missiles(the first one in Amsterdam and the second one in Den Haag). In the second one, half a million people tried to convince our government not to place the missiles. Enough to postpone the decision until 1985, when they will only not be placed if the Russians have stopped their SS20s. This cowardly compromise saved the government because too few of the nuclear pacifists in the (governing) Christian Democratic Party (CDA) voted against it. I can only hope the Dutch people will take revenge in the next elections. In any case the coalition of the two governing parties has lost its majority in the polls already.

Why was I there? Why am I against the installment of the Pershing IIs and the Cruise Missiles?

(1) I don't want to be defended by nuclear arms. Some Americans seem to forget that after the use of nuclear weapons(tactical or strategical!) not much of Europe will be left over. After fighting a nuclear war, people like Mark Fassio will see that the very thing they wanted to protect--the freedom of Europe and its peoples--has no meaning anymore: what does freedom mean to a dead man? The onslaught caused by nuclear warfare is just too big.

I do want to be defended(and to defend myself) with conventional armory. But if our defences will be too weak(which I doubt), I'd rather be red than dead. I don't think the Russians will be able to control such an enormous amount of people and territory. Europe will fight its way free again as they've done in the past.

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"with a population less than the State of Oregon, and with fewer natural resources except for coffee and bananas, can YOU believe they will make such an attack?"

On the other hand, I'm sure the US could never show the same restraint showed by Nicaragua. What if Russia conducted continuous joint military maneuvers for the past 4 years, building air bases and training camps from which 10,000 paid mercenaries raided into Texas and Arizona to mine ports, destroy power transmission facilities and oil refineries, assassinated town mayors and school teachers. What if Russian artillery spotters and aircraft controlled mortar batteries located inside Mexico and aimed at US military establishments inside the US? If the Mexican government failed to suppress these activities? I'm certain the US military would hesitate for about 10 minutes before taking action.

Well, Nicaragua has suffered these precise conditions for several years. Just substitute the US for Russia and Honduras for Mexico in my hypothetical example."

□ Jim's comment appeared in Issue #217 of his zine Liberterrean. Jim and Ruth, I wonder how Jan will explain you to Europe! Now we will have some all-too-rare (because they hardly ever write!) British views....

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Brian Creese(United Kingdom): "Election time has been and gone and Reagan, for good or ill, is President for another 4 years. A depressing prospect, perhaps but at least, on the good side, Nicaragua has also had an election. And a good election, by all accounts. Certainly all British observers were impressed, one MP [Member of Parliament] describing their electoral system as "marginally superior to the British model." 87% of the electorate voted with well over 50% voting for the Sandinista government. Opposition parties and opposition media have and still are operating--headline after the election, "13% Boycott Election!" giving the Sandinistas a rather better vote of confidence than Reagan.

So all is well. The Americans can stop worrying about having a dictatorship on their doorstep, cos they're just as democratic as the good old US of A, and they can finally leave the Nicaraguans alone. Another crisis point is resolved.

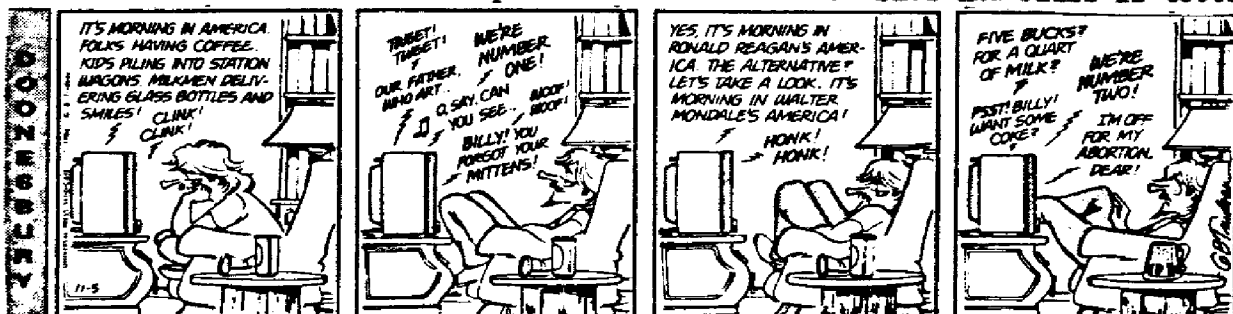
Hmmm. So why have the Americans deliberately violated Nicaraguan territorial waters? Why are American reconnaissance planes daily invading Nicaraguan airspace? Why do Americans in Nicaragua demonstrate with placards saying "We don't want to be saved"?

From this side of the Atlantic it is increasingly difficult to find any justification for American action in Nicaragua, which looks increasingly identical to the Soviets in Afghanistan."

□ It looks the same to many of us on this side of the Atlantic too. It pissed me off that Reagan criticized Nicaragua on not having a representative system since the opposition parties boycotted the election. That was their choice. If Reagan is so gung-ho on non-representative systems, let him turn his blind eye to South Africa where roughly 75% of the population, because they're not a member of the "superior white race", have no rights at all. Reagan is a hypocrite!

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Pete Birks(United Kingdom): "Jim Finley's 'The Warrior' article[in EE #37] reminded me of Churchill's 'Blood, Sweat and Tears' speech--a glorification of sweat and muscle. His quote of Kennedy is a misquote--that great man did not only say that credit belonged to men marred by dust and sweat and blood(incidentally, Kennedy was a great phrase-stealer--his 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country' was stolen from an earlier, and greater President). Kennedy's main thrust in that speech was that he who tries and fails is better



Western European allies criticized the Dutch, and the Russians still denounced the decision. Why didn't the Dutch simply do like Denmark and Norway and refuse to station the missiles in the first place?

My impression is that the Dutch, and many other Europeans, are in favor of the "American connection" and NATO just as long as they are not required to do anything that is not easy or that costs them. Sure, when the weather's beautiful who doesn't want to go sailing, but when it's rough weather, it's "don't look for me."

Teijo, you say that you don't want the missiles. I agree totally with your reasons, they are valid and I wish the American government would pull any missiles out of your country. But you state that you are in favor of conventional weapons and that you "doubt" those "defences" are "too weak." That sounds to me that you don't think any additional defense for Western Europe is needed. I think NATO is not well-prepared for a conventional war. And defense costs. And the impression in America is that the West Europeans aren't paying their fair share.

Jan, I get the prevailing impression from Europeans whom I've read about and who I've written to that if the American troops were to be pulled out that the Russians wouldn't invade. (See Pete Birks' letter later for another confirmation of that opinion). That it is the Americans who are hysterical about the "Comms", and the threat they pose. Let me ask you a direct question: Do you think that if the Americans were withdrawn from Europe, that the Russians would invade? If so, then why aren't you in favor of increased spending on conventional weapons because I don't get the impression that you or Teijo are? And if not so, why should we keep American troops in Europe, going on now for close to 40 years, to defend people who should be defending themselves if they need to do so?

After all France is primarily responsible for her own defense and not a drain on America's pocket-book. We criticize them and they criticize us but we realize that they did have the gumption to defend themselves and not keep bitching at us. And it seems France has decided it needs nuclear weapons and I believe that their government is in favor of the stationing of missiles in West Europe and that the French people back it in that opinion.

I await your letter.

As for Ian Hardy, as long as it is American troops who are in Europe defending Europeans, and not Europeans in America defending Americans, I would say that it is Europe who needs the public relations job more. I would say our media is at least as biased as the European views of America. Your media is nothing to brag about in this regard. Let me stress that many Americans are intelligent, they don't believe everything they read and they can quite often come up with an objective view of world events, hard as that may be for a European to grasp.

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Ruth Glaspey(Michigan, USA): "To Steve Knight: I don't think the majority of Americans "hold our World War II involvement over the Europeans' heads" to the extent of still expecting, 40 years later, abject gratitude for saving them. We do, however, expect that Europeans might have learned the value of being prepared for future possibilities, however unpleasant, over wishful thinking.

To Jan Feringa: Your comments regarding the hatchet job that CBS did on the Dutch Social Security system certainly were on target. CBS apparently doesn't care whether they are reporting in a responsible, balanced way--just as long as they can stir up a sensation, they are satisfied. This seems to apply to subjects of every political stripe; everything is fair game to CBS."

Jim Bumpas(Oregon, USA): "The Reagan Administration hysteria over poor little Nicaragua has stepped up a few notches since the election. How dare Nicaragua try to buy the MiG 21(a 25-year-old fighter) without US permission! The major threat to Nicaraguan security is the US and its paid mercenaries operating out of Honduras from US-built and US-supported bases. The US also is patrolling off both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Nicaragua and violating Nicaraguan airspace with military aircraft. And yet the Reagan administration says Nicaragua's 60,000 man armed forces are trying to equip themselves to a level beyond what they need for defense. If you ask me, Nicaragua could never obtain sufficient military might with which to defend themselves from the US.

Will Nicaragua attack a neighboring Central American country, like Honduras, for example? With enemy fleets off both coasts to blockade sea supply, and enemy control of the air overhead, with 8-10,000 mercenary soldiers acting as rebels (41) inside Nicaragua, with military and economic clients of their enemy on every border ((continued on page 42))

People on both sides of the Atlantic must see to it that conflicts are not exacerbated by misperceptions, misunderstandings and ill will.

LETTER COLUMN.....Continued from page 31 .

"Even the Russian gerontocracy will not always be ruling in Russia..."

As long as I live I can fight back. When we start using nuclear arms there's nothing to fight for anymore.

(2) Pershing IIs and Cruise Missiles are tactical nuclear devices. Thus they make nuclear war more possible, not less. I get the shivers when Mark Fassio writes that NATO has to use them in the event of a Russian attack. That's easy for an American to say! The use of even the small tactical weapons will

make parts of Europe uninhabitable for years. In Hiroshima and Nagasaki, children with all kinds of radiation diseases are born every day. I think Mark Fassio would talk differently if the next war took place on American soil.

The scary thing is this: with the increasing amount of tactical nuclear weapons the possibility of starting a limited nuclear war increases as well. Even if it were possible to stop escalating such a war, Europe and the Europeans will still be a mess. The difference between tactical and strategical nuclear weapons is only important to Americans.

(3) The Pershing II and the Cruise Missiles stationed on Dutch soil are controlled by the American government, not by the Dutch. This means that when war comes, the American government will decide if the missiles in Holland will be used. So every old man, who calls himself President of the USA can fire them whenever he likes in reaction to aggression of the bunch of old men who call themselves the Prime Soviet of the USSR. But these missiles are an enormous threat to Holland because they are on our soil. The first targets for nuclear attack will be the launch installations of our missiles, of course.

(4) There are already too many nukes. Enough is enough. Statistics like John Pack makes them are very dangerous. It may be true that the main military targets in the USA aren't dense population centers, but one bomb on Holland will destroy it totally. But maybe John Pack will say this will only kill 14 million people. Hell! German leaders were condemned at Nuremberg for genocide. Are users of nukes any better? Jan Feringa (The Netherlands): "When I wrote John Kelley that a vast majority of the Dutch newspapers and broadcasting companies are pro-NATO and pro-NATO [you wrote "pro-NATO" twice, Jan; did you perhaps mean "pro-American"?], he answered: "It comes as a surprise to me that the Dutch media is pro-NATO and pro-USA. I was under the impression (propagated by our media) that the entire Dutch nation (media, people and government) was anti-both. This ignorance is common among Americans (until you set me straight, it was a firmly held conviction of mine) and graphically illustrates the fact that the Allies have to keep talking to each other no matter what." Is John a special case or are we really denigrated by the USA-media?

What is this "large segments of public opinion there [in Europe] don't think Russia would militarily invade them", Mr. Coughlan? Where did you learn this? Probably from one of your oh-so-objective newspapers! I must admit you piss me off with these kinds of assumptions, Gary. Jesus, calling my knowledge superficial." Ian Hardy (United Kingdom): "If, as Gary Coughlan admits, many Americans don't know about, or understand, NATO, then why is it the Europeans who should do a better public relations job? Surely, in this situation it is up to the media of that society to educate the ignorant. But who is going to educate the American media?"

□ Ian's letter came from Brutus where a quite interesting letter column is being developed and many Americans have contributed. I had mentioned that I had cousins who know nothing about NATO or care and that many Americans were in a similar way.

Jan, what I am about to say is my own opinion. I do not base it on any one of the many publications I read nor are all those publications American and, hence, "tainted" in your eyes. I sometimes wish that the Dutch and the Swedes would get into a debate about which is the most conscientious and moral nation on earth!

I don't know where John Kelley gets his information but I'd guess that 99% of Americans you talk to know nothing about the Dutch opinion on anything or care. It did make news, briefly, when the Dutch government refused to station the missiles in Holland this year like the other allies did. I agree that it was a cowardly decision--after all it was the West European governments who requested these missiles in the first place and the USA who didn't want to station them. Now the positions are reversed. As I understand it, through my American-filtered news, the other

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*than he who tries not at all. The physical reference was a minor point.

I am not a 'self-styled pacifist'(although the phrase is a fraction confusing--are there pacifists not so self-styled? Are there people who call themselves pacifists who are not really such? Was it a phrase which came from the fingertips rather than the brain?). I am, and will remain, a person willing to fight for that which in I believe. I like to think, although I would be the first to admit that it may not be true, that I would have gone to Spain during the Civil War(I leave it to Jim to work out on which side) and I would most certainly have fought for my country in World War II. I also like to think that had I been a conscript in 1956 I would not have gone to Suez. These are the thoughts of a person who does not say 'My Country, Right Or Wrong'. Jim refers to 'the terrible ingratitude of the Sixties and Seventies'. Did he stop to consider(and if he did, why did he not write about it?) those winners of Purple Hearts who threw them at the White House, whose bravery could not be questioned, but who had actually thought about the war they were fighting to 'defend' America, 4,000 miles away[actually 10,000 miles away is closer to the mark and concluded(rightly or wrongly) that that war was wrong? Does he condemn those men on any grounds? Cowardice? 'Self-styled pacifists'? Or perhaps, people who had sat down and thought about it?

Jim refers to two menaces. The first is the do-gooder who knows what's good for you and is determined to protect you from too much freedom. In domestic terms I assume he is referring to the new 'moral majority', and as such he deserves applauding for standing up to these loons who want the theory of the creation to be given equal credence as the theory of evolution.

His concept of foreign aggressors is stranger. Why should anyone want to 'enslave' the people of the USA? "For the benefit of their own", says Jim. Ham, but what he claims to be defending is 'the millions of men who have fought and died to defend their way of life'. Therefore, those 'other people' do not have the benefit of that way of life. If those 'foreign aggressors' aren't giving their people the way of life they want(presumably because they are oppressors) then why should they want to enslave the people of the USA?

Sorry, Jim, but the USSR is an inefficient old-style empire--The Revolution of 1917 changed virtually nothing. They are scared, almost running scared. They are also broke. The lack of luxuriant lifestyle is not a result of deliberate oppression; it is a result of spending one hell of a lot on armaments which they would rather not spend. The invasion of Afghanistan was not part of an imperial design, it was the reaction of a load of old senile right-wingers against the Islamic revival which is sweeping the Middle East. Given the chance, they would love to draw a nice line through Germany and down to the Aegean, with buffer states like Finland, Austria and Yugoslavia ensuring no military conflict. Their October 7th parades are just that--parades. The last thing they are planning is a war of advancement to enslave that freedom which you are so sure you are defending.

At which point, no doubt, Jim will say that he knows more about it than me, and he's only doing it for my own good. That's rather reminiscent of the society he condemns. By the way, I live nearer to Moscow than I do to San Francisco.

Anduin and Voice of Doom have folded--two of the American zines I traded with. Have you any recommendations for replacements?

□ I'll let Jim answer you. I'd unhesitatingly recommend Canada's No Fixed Address by Steve Hutton(see page 3), Don Del Grande's Life of Monty and Keith Sherwood's The Inner Light(Don's and Keith's addresses can be found on pages 20, 23.). I know these would be interested in European trades; I won't mention others since I don't know that. US and Canadian pubbers, let me know! Pete, what about World War I?

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John Michalski(Oklahoma, USA): "Just got EE 38: that World War I chronology is more interesting than I would have thought. Shows the value of publishers doing what they want, rather than what the audience might ask for."

Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "I really like the day-by-day history lesson. I don't know much about this time period, but this is very informative."

John Pack(Utah, USA): "I enjoyed the World War I stuff this last issue. It's interesting to learn a little more about the nations we represent in the game. I'm a history buff myself, but World War II has always been a little more fascinating to me than WWI(though the latter is certainly very interesting and a critical part of the former)." □The next installment begins on page 59! Happy Holidays! (43)

THE BEHOLDER #23

This is the 2 December 1984 issue of The Beholder, a subzine devoted to the discussion of topics marginally pertinent to the postal Diplomacy hobby, and edited by John Kelley, 1009 McMahon Hall GO-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195 USA.

Well, here I am after a short vacation. There wasn't much to write about the last two issues, so I didn't.

Gary, by your logic, no president ever has any sort of mandate from the people unless s/he gets an impossible percentage (such as, say, 75%) of the popular vote. Is this your contention? Incidentally, I would agree with it. I believe in a country governed primarily by representative assemblies with an executive who can do little to overrule them. That's pretty much what we have now. Another point in passing: who was it that was claiming a Reagan 'mandate'? The media. Your statement implies that you accuse them of gross misrepresentation of the facts and irresponsibility. Do you so accuse them? If so, we're on the same beam again.

Russ Rusnak seems like an interesting and unique person as well as a real party animal. Or am I just being presumptuous?

Once again, I recommend abolishing the NA zine poll, GM poll, etc. I am not voting and do not encourage others to vote. This has nothing to do with the person putting it on; I felt the same way when it was in Randolph's hands as I do with it in Bruce's. My feelings will be the same if it passes from Bruce to irresponsible hands (which he probably will not permit), and are the same about all 'competitive' polls that might be instigated by parties interested only in taking a cut at Bruce. Let's bag the whole sodding thing.

FE #39 p. 46 paragraphs 3-5 just go to show that there's always someone who thinks that it makes him/her look brilliant to barge uninvited into the hobby and try to tell everybody that everything's screwed. If that person has, say, six or eight years of experience it's worth listening to. If not, it's just another opinion among many, and certainly not worthy of much serious consideration.

On to other things. I sure live (and work) in a rowdy place. People ralphing in the hallways, throwing things off the balconies at passerby (from eleven floors up), ripping down anything made of paper, putting purses in microwave ovens (it doesn't improve their condition), water-fighting with fire extinguishers, blasting stereos so as to aggravate neighboring districts, etcetera. It's pretty strange sometimes. I work for the Housing department and am supposed to be helping keep a lid on it. It gets interesting sometimes.

Nothing more to say--

Best,

John Kelley

WORLD WAR I CHRONOLOGY...Continued from page 14

Other events in February 1915: Turks retreat across the Sinai Peninsula; Zeppelins cross the North Sea for the first time to attack England; Allied Nations hold a Socialist Conference in London (see January, April); German Socialist Rosa Luxemburg is arrested; German U-Boats sink Norwegian "Belridge" near Varne Bank in English Channel--U-Boats sink 7 English ships this month as well; French attack German positions in Champagne(W)(see March); Italy decides on war with Austria since Austria refuses to make substantial territorial concessions.

Comments: Stalemate on the Western Front turned both enemies to other "theatres" of war--the Germans toward Russia and the Allies against Turkey, which would give easy access to Russia. The new weapon, the submarine, was making its presence felt. Germany's nationalization of foodstuffs and declaration of a blockade against England prompted the English to really tighten the naval screws by declaring almost anything contraband--this policy would eventually starve the Germans. Neutral powers protested Germany's U-Boat(submarine)attacks and England's use of their flags to avoid destruction by the Germans as endangering THEM. Italy continued to go for the higher bidder. One of the most thrilling stories of this time was the trek of the German sailors from the Emden from the south Indian Ocean all the way back home to Germany in spite of so many perils. Has a movie been made of this? (44) Mexico's civil war continued and the first use of poison gas was made. See you in #41!

Wheeze...wheeze...wheeze...

THE ECHO OF DOOM

#2

December 4, 1984

Circulation: Whaddever Gary's address list sez...

by BRUX

Asthma is truly one of the world's most wonderful diseases, and it is my sincere hope that I shall someday perish horribly in an agonizing fit of asthmatic seizure; hands clawing at my throat in a desperate, vain attempt to draw one final gasp of air, my face bloated and purple. The reason I say this is that the remarkable power of this great disease was driven forcefully home to me this past weekend as I attempted to type up the endgame statements for the now-finished VD games. Part way through this, I suddenly developed what was easily the greatest asthma attack of my entire publishing career, and had to drop everything to get rushed to the emergency room. This presaged a totally unexpected two-day hospital stay, during which time it was impossible not only to work on ED, but even to think about it, as the bulk of my attention was necessarily directed toward the laborious task of breathing. Did you ever try typing with tubes sticking out of most of your body's orifices? (Aside from which I was placed in a room with an 80-year-old man with terminal lung cancer, so converting my suite into a temporary Doom Headquarters would have been inexcusably tacky as well, and I hate being tacky.) So it was that this great disease did what rain, snow, and the Wrath of Byrne never could quite accomplish: it kept me from publishing in time to meet a deadline! Welllllll...almost. If I finish all this typing tonight, I can still Federal Express this thingie to Gary tomorrow and hopefully have it arrive on the last possible day to make it into EE #40. But anything that can come that close to making the ol' BRUXer come out late deserves a healthy dose of respect; thus my apparently incongruous tribute to the virtues of asthma. Hey -- don't knock it till you've tried it!

Anyhow, that is the reason that seven pages of Rich Reilly's RIGEL endgame statement will appear here unretyped; I just didn't have time to do it all. Stop yer bitching. Wheeze going to do our best...

This issue will contain some discussion on the procedure to be used in the 1985 Runestone Poll; Echo of Doom #3 will appear in the February issue of EE and will be my final issue. At that time the polling procedures will be finalized and formally announced.

Golly. I'm beginning to miss publishing...!

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Game-end Chart:

	<u>1901</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	
AUSTRIA	4	4	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ENGLAND	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	draw
FRANCE	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	2	draw
GERMANY	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	7	6	6	draw
ITALY	4	4	5	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	draw
RUSSIA	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	draw
TURKEY	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	9	10	12	12	12	draw

Game: 1982Y
Zine: The Voice of Doom
GM: Bruce Linsey

Cast of Players:

AUSTRIA: Eric Ozog (out 1904)
ENGLAND: David Newell (resigned W '01) *, Jeff Panches (resigned F '02) *,
David Newell (dropped F '07), Peter Ansoff (drew 1916)
FRANCE: Ed Wrobel (resigned S '07), Brent Bennett (dropped S '11),
Don Williams (drew 1916) **
GERMANY: Rob Wittmond (drew 1916)
ITALY: Mark Johnson (dropped S '02), Bob Howerton (drew 1916)
RUSSIA: Peter DeLuca (dropped S '08), Doug Beyerlein (drew 1916)
TURKEY: George Leritte (drew 1916)

Game Notes: (*) Jeff Panches was a temporary substitute for Dave Newell from S '02 to F '02 while Dave travelled across the country. Under the Voice of Doom houserules, player changes in this situation are treated as resignations for the purpose of game records.
(**) That's Don Williams of Massachusetts, not California.

Endgame Statements:

Doug Beyerlein (standby for RUSSIA): I took over the play of Russia in 1908. Russia was on the decline, as Turkey decided to head north in search of supply centers. My only real hope in this game was to survive in the north (St. Petersburg). To do so I received England's permission to take back St. Petersburg. Then as the Turkish armies marched northward I retreated to StP until I was left with just a single army. However, with English support of my A StP it was impossible for Turkey to advance any further and my survival was guaranteed. I voted against all draws that did not include Russia in the hope that the game would end with a six-way draw -- which it finally did. While the six-way draw was excellent for me, it was a real mistake for the larger countries on the board who could have easily cooperated to remove at least France and myself to get a better draw. But I am not complaining. My thanks to Peter Ansoff for making Russia's survival possible and to you, Bruce, for your gamesmastering.

George Leritte (TURKEY): When I started this game, I had never played Turkey. I also started with the express intention of winning at any cost. I started off quick with a close alliance with Pete DeLuca (Russia) to eliminate Austria. I had talked to Ozog (Austria) and didn't like his ideas. Austria lies across the expansion routes of Russia and Turkey. So Pete and I wrote letters to
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Austria suggesting ideas that would get him off balance for a quick kill. It was humorous when he annotated our letters and passed them to each other. Mark Johnson (Italy) hadn't been too clear with his letters or ideas and dropped out early. When Bob Howerton came in, we immediately struck up an alliance and speeded Austria's demise. We then had a three-way alliance while England, France and Germany were still squabbling in the West. Then DeLuca started NMRing when he had a chance to break through in the North and cripple England. This was offset by Germany's mismoves and NMRs. In the space of three seasons; S '07, F '07, and S '08, we had three new players in the game: France, England and Russia. By this time, it was too late to break through in the North. Also by this time, I had moved twice and had lost most of my interest in this game, but Bob and I were still plugging away. Communications due to personal problems between Russia, Italy and me were sparse at this time and I figured to shake things up and see what fell. Germany promptly stabbed France and England took StP. Bob and I patched things (the stab wasn't permanent anyway) and tried to break out of the Med. Doug quickly fell to one center from my attack, but it was a critical one, StP, which when supported by England bottled the North. To break out of the Med, Bob and I needed to eliminate one English or German fleet. We had a plan to break out, but since the level of my interest was low, I NMRed twice, the last one coinciding with Bob's NMR and resulting in the draw in 1916.

My congratulations to Bob Howerton, as good an ally as there ever was, to Rob Wittmond, as good and tenacious an enemy as can be, to Doug Beyerlein, Don Williams, and Peter Ansoff, for plugging away in a semi-dead end situation, and to Bruxus, for putting up with this slow group of players for two years.

Rob Wittmond (GERMANY): So ORION has finally ended! And with a 6-way draw, no less. I feel kinda bad, depriving George of the win or two-way draw he really deserves, but that's the fortunes of war.

For me, this game had four critical moments. The first was in 1902, when I first allied with France against England, and then reneged, trying to take Belgium and go back to an alliance with England against Russia. Lay it on this being my first PBM game and my having an overly active imagination.

Following this was an interesting period where France attacked England, England and I attacked Russia and tried to help Austria, and France and I tied up four units bouncing in Belgium. This was brought to an end by 1) the demise of Austria (unmourned); 2) a letter from George Leritte that fooled me into attacking Bur instead of War, which I otherwise would have gotten ((don't ask me about the tactics involved in that maneuver!)); and 3) the realization that Turkey was not attacking Italy, but was instead moving through Italy to attack France. With the clear thinking that impending doom occasionally creates, England, France and I put aside our differences to set up a defense that quickly stalemated the game.

For the next five years, the stalemate endured, while we endeavored to get Turkey to stab his allies, which he was ideally positioned to do. Finally, in 1909, he did so. Believing that he and I had an arrangement, I took this opportunity to attack England and Russia, and prepared to attack France. Unfortunately, George took the opportunity to yell, "I told you so" to my ex-allies, patched things up with Italy, and attacked the West again. I guess George just couldn't bring himself to ally with me. Either that, or he doesn't like to change his game plan. In any case, England, France and I patched things up again, and we set up a new stalemate line, and so the game ended.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate George for his diplomatic ability -- I've never understood how he got Italy to agree to have Turkish fleets pass through his home waters, and on at least one occasion he got me to make a key

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mistake -- and chastise him for his lack of flexibility. If he had been willing to ally with me after the '09 stab of Russia, we could have taken the game. In any case, this game was, if not particularly exciting, at least instructional. It's been a pleasure playing under BRUX, and I'm sorry to see VD go. Good wishes to all of you who have been involved in this game at one time or another, or, as stated by the one and only Zippy-the-Pinhead, "Yow! I am having fun!"

BRUX Linsey (GM): Thanks to all of you, too. You were a great crew and I wish each of you could have won. It was a blast.

Q U A S A R

1982AE

Game-end Chart:

	1901	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
AUSTRIA	4	4	5	4	6	4	4	5	5	6	5	6	draw
ENGLAND	5	7	8	8	9	9	9	11	10	10	10	13	draw
FRANCE	5	5	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	6	8	draw
GERMANY	5	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	4	0	
ITALY	3	5	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	0	-	-	
RUSSIA	4	6	6	5	4	4	3	0	-	-	-	-	
TURKEY	4	4	4	7	5	5	6	7	8	8	9	7	draw

Game: 1982AE
Zine: The Voice of Doom
GM: Bruce Linsey

Cast of Players:

- AUSTRIA: David Spector (dropped S '07), Brian Orloff (resigned F '11), Jerry Lucas (drew 1913)
- ENGLAND: Ruth Glaspey (drew 1913)
- FRANCE: Don Burd (drew 1913)
- GERMANY: Bob Howerton (out 1912)
- ITALY: Mark Paul (resigned S '07), Michael Kettman (out 1910)
- RUSSIA: Michael Harris (dropped F '01), Larry Lansing (out 1908)
- TURKEY: Gregg Stebbins (resigned F '04), Bob Sweeney (drew 1913)

Endgame Statements:

Bob Sweeney (standby for TURKEY): When Gregg resigned in 1904, I took over as a novice to PBM Dip. When I asked Gregg what was up in the game, he replied, "I haven't written anyone in the game, but I think I'm allied with Russia." Huh? Well, I called the Russian player (Larry Lansing) and talked to him on the phone. Have you ever known someone who can lie well in writing but does poorly on the phone?

Well, Gregg was to submit his F '04 moves (his last) and I asked him to throw away his and submit mine instead -- my moves differed (slightly) from his. Mine took 3 Russian and 1 Austro-Hungarian center. Sure enough, Larry stole 1 of my home centers despite his assurances.

Then Larry called me 2 hours after the deadline and laughingly said that he took Con from me and that although he'll have 8 centers to my 3, I could still perform in the alliance. I acted shocked, said you shouldn't have done it -- you know, "warm fuzzies".

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When the zine came out, I used the same line: "Although I have 7 units and you 5..." Larry never answered a letter or call till he was eliminated in '08. I apologize to Larry for taking all those centers -- but I'm NOT SORRY!

I then merged an alliance (on again, off again -- mainly due to his NMRs) and rushed to a stalemate line which his NMR caused us to lose! Yah-h-h-h! Then along came Mr. Lucas. I wrote telling him of the game-long E-F alliance, reasoned with him that he was between them and me. Sure enough, he stabbed me -- E/F grew by 5 units in 1911! And I dropped 2 and he grew 1. I knew my (and his) time was limited. Time to draw.

I'd like to say that the "8 years" of playing QUASAR saw some of the best (and worst) schemes attempted, and in some cases they succeeded. Bob Howerton's play as Germany from 1 unit back to 4 was surprising and speaks much for him. Ruth Glaspey and Don Burd astounded me as they held the alliance despite adversity (ex: Germany/England taking French centers, the French retreat in the Med, etc.). Jerry's stab was unexpected; foolish, but unexpected. We played and maybe communicated too little to judge each other.

I, quite simply, enjoyed QUASAR enormously. Thanks, BRUX. Ave! QUASAR!

Jerry Lucas (standby for AUSTRIA): I was the latecomer to this game. I wrote to everyone, but only Ruth Glaspey responded to my first round of letters. She is an excellent letter writer, appealed to my uncommon good sense and reasonableness, and came away with a draw as a result. I was very impressed with Ruth's diplomacy. She is a very capable player. Turkey didn't reply until after I had taken over Austria, and even then his card didn't arrive until the day after the deadline. That USPS fouled up a possible alliance again, or did it? Germany never did write me, so I had no qualms about helping eliminate him. Don Burd (France) wrote and helped cement the new F/E/A alliance. This is the fourth time I have played as Austria, and feel fortunate to come out with a draw. I'm beginning to feel the resident expert on playing Austria, though there must be someone out there who has played it much more often if not a higher percentage of the time. I was honored to have played in a game in Voice of Doom (R.I.P.) before its conclusion. From my brief experience I can see that Bruce's reputation as a reliable GM who takes care of his players is well deserved.

R I G E L

1983K

Game-end Chart:

	1901	02	03	04	05	06	07	
AUSTRIA	4	5	6	4	3	3	4	
ENGLAND	4	3	1	0	-	-	-	
FRANCE	5	5	6	6	7	9	9	draw
GERMANY	5	7	7	9	9	11	12	draw
ITALY	3	3	2	3	2	0	-	
RUSSIA	6	6	7	7	8	6	4	
TURKEY	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	

Game: 1983K
Zine: The Voice of Doom
GM: Bruce Linsey

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Cast of Players:

- AUSTRIA: Steve Knight
- ENGLAND: Bob Sweeney (out 1904)
- FRANCE: Ty Hare (drew 1908)
- GERMANY: Nelson Heintzman (drew 1908)
- ITALY: Michael Frick (dropped F '02), Dudley Kidd (resigned S '03),
Greg Ellis (out 1906)
- RUSSIA: Dave Kleiman
- TURKEY: Rich Reilly

Endgame Statements:

Bob Sweeney (ENGLAND): In the beginning...always wanted to start an endgame statement that way...I was the Premier of England, guiding her destinies. I was in about 12-14 games at that time and starting about 4 at one time. My opponents (several of whom were in more than one game) began telling me how "standardly" I was playing. They could anticipate my moves. Accordingly, I decided to change my style deliberately, using various "models" for my actions.

In RIGEL, I wrote von Heintzman (Germany), Ty Hare (France) and Dave Kleiman (Russia) attempting to dictate (not negotiate) coordinated moves. I demanded Hol/Bel/Nwy/Swe and threatened "suiciding out" as a means of enforcement. (You know, the "Rabid Dog Syndrome"). This went over about as well as a rock floats. Dave, Ty, and Nelson promised "warm fuzzies" and nailed my hide but good. By 1902, I was changing back to my preferred style and was as apologetic as hell!

I continued to concentrate my letters on Ty, Nelson and Dave hoping to break the alliance while I used my military forces to stop France COLD! Well, my letters didn't work, but I succeeded in stopping Ty's expansion and could've done so for a long time if it weren't for Russia and Germany grabbing exposed centers. (I'd done the same thing.)

I tried pretty much everything:

- 1) Writing everyone pointing out Germany's rapid expansion...
- 2) Writing Germany, France couldn't resist our attacks and wouldn't I make a smallied (and hence better!) ally?
- 3) Writing France, you aren't growing but Germany is...we could bring him to his knees my friend...
- 4) Writing Russia, Germany surely wants all of England and part of Scandinavia -- there's no room for you. But...

Plus my letters to A/H, Turkey and Italy. Nothing worked. In '04, I fell -- the rest is history.

Playing with "THE CREW" has been a real experience. Note that SIX of SEVEN players were STARTING PLAYERS, the press was always pages long and fresh new material, and that we are discussing ((now playing)) RIGEL II (in another zine) adds up to a GREAT bunch of guys!!! I hope we all get together in another game -- mainly so I can get even!

Thanks to BRUX for the GMing and I hope your typing fingers recover nicely...

Ty Hare (FRANCE): Well, having put this off until two days before the deadline, looks like it's gonna be an abbreviated endgame statement. Which is okay, because there're only a couple of comments I want to make.

The course of the game was set by two factors. First, Bob's role-playing England as a paranoid pushed Nelson and me very close together early in the game. Closer, I imagine, than we'd have been if there'd been a fully-negotiating third power in the West. I admire Bob, by the way, for trying something as

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unusual as role-playing not just a particular style of play, but an entire personality. In this game, he just happened to choose the wrong personality to play. Hope you play Bob next game -- I want to get to know you.

The second factor was the inability of the East to get together to stop F/G. Why this was so, I don't know. I suppose some of the ruses that Nelson and I ran (feigning the squabble over Belgium, and Nelson moving to London apparently without my permission in Fall '04) were successful (which is pleasing to a PEM tyro). My relation with Dave didn't develop until mid-game (and then quickly seemed to fade), and with Steve not until towards the end of the game. I didn't have much contact with Rich this game, and I hope this changes next game.

Yes, yes, my correspondence with other players throughout the game was generally abysmal. This will change next game (especially if I play Austria, ha ha). I received the greatest volume of letters from Greg during his short stint as Italy. Question, Greg: Was there some sort of alliance between you and Dave? Nelson kept telling me there was, but I never saw it. Also, speaking of Greg, Rich: ask him if I'm a non-stabbing goody-goody. And Bob, for that matter. You've gotta stab without ripping out your own throat at the same time.

Well, there it is. Yes, Nelson and I had a game-long 2-way agreement which, by the way, nearly fell apart right there at the end. Otherwise, we'd briefly considered three-way draws with Dave and then Steve, but these were fleeting. No, Rich, nothing I sent you was true. And I confess, I'm the one with the Dick Nixon poster on his door. "Famous Diplomats" for \$20 please, Dave.

The predd. No, let's call it press. The press helped make this game as enjoyable as it was. I admit, I'm vaguely disappointed that my RIGEL Affair press didn't receive the approbation that it so richly deserved. My only really inspired piece of press. Hmm... Maybe it was the timing? My vote, then, for the winner of the press war: Rich, 1/3 point; Nelson, 1/3 point; Dave, 1/3 point. Well. There it is.

Finally; Bruce, you did a fine job GMing, though you fell down a bit during the last game year (i.e. the two corrections made in the last turn report). And the rest of you: the absolute best bunch of ~~****~~ guys, clones or otherwise, in the hobby. I'm really looking forward to RIGEL II, though I hope we can do something more creative with that name. Nelson, congratulations.

P.S. Is Vangelis God?

P.P.S. Who is Tommy the Wondertrout, and what does he want with us?

Rich Reilly (TURKEY): My droogs, I sincerely regret what I am going to have to tell you next. It is a story both sad and shocking, and most unfortunately, true. And though it bereaves me greatly to have to relate this tale, I feel that I must because it is the truth, and the truth is sacred. Without truth, where would we be?

In any case, the story is not mine, gentle readers, but our beloved gamesmaster's. It is a story which he hoped to keep hidden, in fact, but he was careless, and your humble narrator found the clues which led to this shocking discovery. What clues, you ask? You know them, and will see them for what they are when I point them out to you. First of all, I learned that France was not actually being played by a separate French player; that the French orders were all coming from Germany. This I found strange and disagreeable, but no cause for alarm. But then there was the infamous RIGEL Affair, in which it was disclosed that the Russian orders had been submitted by the French player (whose orders were submitted by Germany), and so I became suspicious. Something was seriously wrong with RIGEL, and I wanted an explanation.

Therefore, I phoned Bruce Linsey, confronted him with these facts, and demanded he tell me the truth. He resisted, but then broke down under the force of my powerful will, and almost crying, declared, "RIGEL was a fake!"

A fake! As you might well imagine, my droogs, I was stunned. So you will be too, when you've heard the story that follows: the story of one of the greatest and most insane deceptions in the history of the hobby. I give it to you now, much as it was told to me by BRUX...

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I knew something was wrong all along...but somehow I managed to entirely ignore it. You know exactly how it is: you're busy all the time, working

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each day and typing Voice of Doom each night. I just sort of put my worries about Rigel out of my head, told myself I was being silly. . .

Until the Rigel Affair, that is; then it all came together: all the rumors, especially that all the press was being written by one person, and that France was under German control. . .it suddenly occurred to me that someone out there, I didn't know who, was playing all the positions of Rigel all by himself. I could hardly believe it was possible, but I decided I'd better look into it.

Fortunately, I keep all the envelopes I get, so I got out all the orders and envelopes for Rigel. I figured maybe the perpetrator had gotten careless somewhere. . .left a clue. . .

To be sure, all the writing did have a similarity of style and format, but overall this proved fruitless. I'd thought maybe the postmarks would reveal the origin of all the letters, but they were all what they should be. This reassured me somewhat, although of course I knew that postmarks could be faked. So I continued my investigation, by attempting to call the Rigel players on the phone.

To my horror, I soon found that all of the numbers had been disconnected, except for Reilly's. . .and that wasn't his number, but the number of his parents. And when I asked them for Rich's number, they claimed they didn't know, and it was as if they didn't want to talk to me about him. I hoped maybe it was just that he and his parents didn't get along, you know?

So anyway, I decided to write to him, ask him if he was playing some kind of joke. He never answered. So I wrote again. . .still no reply. Then came the big surprise: Rigel abruptly ended as all the players voted "yes" to an F/G draw. Considering that for the past 3 turns the F/G had nbt a single supporter, this was an amazing, and ridiculous, end. I decided that the hoax had gone far enough, and so bought a plane ticket and flew out to Moscow Idaho.

Moscow, of course, is too small a town to have an airport where jets can land, so I ended up renting a car in Lewiston and driving up. It was a short, pleasant drive, and when I reached Moscow I stopped in a gas station to ask for directions to the University. The attendant's answer was a surprise. . .

"University?" he said. "What university?"

"The University of Idaho," I answered. "This is Moscow, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is, but there's no university here."

"Oh com'on. . .there's gotta be."

"No. . .I don't think so. . .unless you're talking about a barber school or something. . ."

"No, I'm talking about a college, you know? But wait a minute. . . could you tell me where to find Upham Hall?"

His face lit up.

"Upham Hall? Oh, you were talking about The Ward!"

"What? The Ward?"

"Yea, it's just about a mile from here. Go up a block and hang a left. . .you can't miss it!"

"Up a block and left. . .Thanks."

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I left, wondering what he meant by "the Ward". . . I soon found out, as I approached this large, red brick building, like a hospital. . . Upham State Hospital. . .

It was an insane asylum!

Now I was really worried. Could this really be Richard Reilly's "dorm?" Could this be why his parents didn't want to talk about him?

Anyway, it was an asylum. There were all these weird people on the lawn around it, playing games, yelling and laughing. I hesitated a bit, you know, because you had to walk right past all these people to get in, and I thought, what if someone thinks I'm one of them, and won't let me out? But. . . I figured that it had cost quite a bit to get out here, so I'd better see it through. Trying to look as normal as possible, I went in.

The nurses and doctors were really surprised to hear that I wanted to see Richard Reilly. Apparently, nobody ever goes to see him. So I had to explain to them in detail what my situation was. Finally, I asked, "What's Reilly doing here anyway?"

"Well," replied a young doctor who'd come out to talk to me, and apparently sympathized with my predicament. "Why don't I show you?"

He then led the way up several flights of stairs in this old, plaster building, down long narrow white halls to the "east wing."

"Reilly has his own room there," the doctor explained. "His parents are fairly well-off, so. . . he gets special treatment."

"But what exactly is wrong with him?"

"Well. . . it's hard to describe. . . the problem is that we can't seem to help him. Nothing does any good. He's unreachable." Here he stopped by an iron door marked "308."

"What do you mean, 'unreachable'?"

"He's totally cut himself off from the real world. He lives in a dream-world he's created. . . an elaborate fantasy which meets all his emotional needs."

"Is he dangerous?"

"No, never. The only violence in him now is in his mind. . . his fantasy world."

The doctor then fumbled with his keys for a few moments, unlocked the door, then knocked politely as he slowly swung the door inward. . .

Behind a desk, a young man with long, wavy brown hair sat writing, oblivious to our presence.

The room was furnished nicely. In fact, it did remind me of a college dorm. Besides the desk there were two sets of shelves, one with a stereo on it, another loaded with books. Likewise there was a sink, a toilet, a couch-bed, and even a refrigerator!

"His parents pay for it all." The doctor told me quietly.

"As I said, he's incurable, so the parents have accepted the fact and give him everything he wants. . . but they won't keep him at home."

"But. . . my god! Where did he get all these posters?" I asked, for the pale white walls were completely covered with a myriad of brightly colored posters. About half of them seemed to be fantasy/science-fiction artwork--I recognized some by Frazetta--but the other half. . . Good grief! They were all females! Dozens of posters, pin-ups, and centerfolds. . . playmates I hadn't seen in

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years. . .the famous Farrah poster. . .and most amazing of all, above his desk, a Bo Derek collage! It was incredible!

"Wh. . .Where'd he get all these?"

"He collected them. . .still does, in fact, through mail-order catalogs. They're part of his fantasy world. He spends half his time in his posters."

"In' them?"

"Well. . .he imagines that he's in these fantastic worlds. We've read pages from his journal. . .it's really quite fascinating. The early pages of his journal show him as being merely confused about reality. . .but gradually, as time goes on, the entries show him delving more and more into his fantasy. Eventually there comes a point where all he writes about are his experiences in his fantasy world."

I noticed that Reilly, still apparently unaware of us, was gazing lovingly up at the Bo Derek collage. He seemed totally entranced. . .then he nodded his head slowly, as if in agreement, and went back to his writing.

"What was that all about?" I whispered.

"He talks to them." He replied simply.

"What?!"

"Well, not to all of them. Bo seems to be his favorite; he talks to her all the time. Farrah gets quite a bit of attention too. But most of the others he just refers to collectively as "girls" or sometimes "my little droogies."

"What's that, girls?" Reilly asked suddenly. "Anything wrong?"

The doctor and I watched silently as he appeared to be listening to his "girls."

"There's someone here? Visitors? Thank you." Then he hastily straightened his hair, and turned his wild eyes upon me.

"Lord Linsey!" he gasped, then fell to his knees and bowed low. The doctor didn't seem the least surprised.

"Can I talk to him?" I asked.

"Of course. I doubt it could do any harm."

I hesitated, then, "Rich. . ."

He looked up. "My lord."

"Rich. . .stand up."

"Thank you my lord." He stood quickly, at attention. I glanced nervously at the doctor, who nodded encouragement.

"So. . .how are you, Rich?"

"Excellent, m'lord. And may I ask your lordship how he is doing?"

"Yes, I'm fine, Rich, fine, but. . .Well, I've got something important to talk to you about."

"Certainly, my lord, certainly." He looked about anxiously, then asked "Would you like to have a seat?" motioning toward the couch-bed.

"Thank you, yes." I said, and sat down. He reseated himself at his desk, and waited for me to begin. The Bo Derek collage caught my attention. "Nice posters." I commented.

"Yes indeed, she is lovely, isn't she?" He replied, turning to gaze up Bo's half-nude form. "She does make me happy. . ."

"Yes, I imagine." I nodded. "But anyway, Rich, we need to talk about Rigel."

"Rigel?"

"Yes, the Diplomacy game you're in. I, uh. . .I've discovered that there's been a bit of a hoax. . ."

"Hoax?"

"Yes. . ."

I took out some of the letters I'd brought with

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me. "Do you recognize this letter?" I asked, handing him one from Dave Kleiman, which he paused to read. He leaned back as he read it.

"Yes, I recognize it." he said finally. . . but his voice was no longer the same. . . It was the voice I'd heard when Dave Kleiman had called in his orders!

"Lori!" he called over his shoulder. "Is there any pink lemonade left?" He waited a moment, then asked, "Would you like some lemonade, Bruce?"

"Er. . .yes. Thanks." I glanced fearfully to the doctor, who was watching with interest.

"Yea!" he called out again, then, "It must have been hot driving all the way out here."

"Yes, it was. . . Dave."

"Well I'm glad you could make it. It's always nice to find faces to match with the names we know."

"It certainly is. . .but, about this letter. . ."

He laughed. "Well, I was a bit angry when I typed it up, Bruce, as you might well imagine. But I'm really not all that mad at you."

I laughed now in relief. "Oh, good. I was worried when you threatened to drop out of the game."

"Well, I figured it was about over anyway. Besides, I knew Rich was depending on me."

"Oh really? I thought you and he were enemies."

"We were, for a while. It was kind of interesting. Rich really worked hard to keep communicating with me after he stabbed me. . .then the press wars started, and we ended up as allies in the press."

"Really! I'm not sure anything like that has ever happened before. I mean, usually in the press it's every man for himself."

"Well, Rich and I saw that we were the only ones writing much of anything at the time, so I suggested we work together. That's how our "joint-press" came about."

"That must have been fun."

"It was. Rich was nice to work with. You know, when he wrote his famous "Late in the evening" release, he actually wrote to Lori, sending her a copy, to be sure she wouldn't take offense."

"That's amazing. I guess he doesn't want to take any chances of making enemies in the hobby."

"Yea, he's a nice guy. . .a perfect guest."

"That's right, he came to visit you didn't he?"

"Yea, he and a friend. . ."

"He visited you here in Moscow?"

"What?"

"I said, did he visit you here in Upham Hall?"

He stared at me, as if stunned by what I'd said. Then his eyes seemed to lose focus, as if he were no longer aware of my presence.

"I think you've caused a crisis." the doctor said calmly. "He didn't know how to handle the paradox your question created for him. He's escaping into his mind."

"Will he be all right?"

"Oh yes, I think so. It happens quite often."

"What do you suppose he's thinking?"

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"Most likely he's in one of his fantasy worlds, fighting dragons, rescuing fair maidens, and such. . ."

"Sounds like a role-playing game."

"Well, as a matter of fact, role-playing games played a major part in the development of his psychosis. Among other things. . . You know, we rather hoped that Diplomacy might help him, force him to interact more with other people. It was some time before we realized he was playing the game with himself. . . that the letters he received were letters he'd written. It's rather amazing how he went about it. On some level he must know what's really happening, but. . . he won't admit it."

"Indeed!" Reilly suddenly interrupted. "I won't admit anything. Bruce, have you ever heard of a philosopher by the name of Descartes?"

"Descartes? Yes, of course, I. . ."

"Descartes rightly proposed that we can doubt everything, except that we exist, on the ground that our senses may fool us; that life may be nothing but a dream."

"So?"

"Everything, Bruce, is just an illusion. You, the Voice of Doom, everything you think you know as real. . . all of it is merely a creation in my mind. You have no reality of your own. . ."

"What?: Now you just. . . you're not taking credit for my zine, Rich! I worked hard. . ."

"Your zine, your interminable houserules, your hard work. . . All just a creation, an illusion, unreal. . ."

"You've got to be kidding! You're crazy! What a bunch of nonsense!"

"Mr. Linsey, calm down!"

"No! He's trying to take credit for my zine!"

"But Mr. Linsey, he's not sane!"

". . . an illusion. . ."

"You're damned right he's not!"

"Mr. Linsey, please. . ."

With great effort, I stifled my anger, and glared at Rich, once again lost in his dream world. He seemed to be listening intently to some distant sound. . .

On his desk still lay several sheets of paper, which I stepped over to look at. It was a press release--the last in the series about the mad Sultan and his aide, and an end'game statement, from Turkey. . .

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Alone and cold, the Sultan's loyal friend and most trusted aide sat on the edge of the cot, listening intently to the speech and cheers coming to him from the small barred window high on the cell's wall. He had been placed in prison and forgotten, since that day on which he'd lost control, and foolishly attempted to destroy the insane leader who was certainly destined for Hell. . . but who was, nevertheless, his friend. . .

"Since the Spring of 1901, our armies have been undefeated, and are as strong as they ever were. And our navy, the finest in the world, has increased its strength 66%: Greece and Bulgaria are ours. The Eastern Mediterranean is ours! The Russians are ours! The French have conquered Italy, but they are helpless

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against us! We shall drive them from the Mediterranean just as we drove them from our coast a year ago. We crushed them then, and we shall crush them again!"

The aide shuddered in horror. The war would never end as long as the Sultan was alive. He was mad, he was obsessed. The thousands of useless deaths meant nothing to him. . .only victory.

"Our Austrian allies may doubt us, but we shall not be discouraged: They are cowards! Whores! Selling themselves out to the enemy! Encouraging the noble Tsar to attack us. . .but the Tsar knows the justice of our cause!"

If only he hadn't broken down, given in to the Sultan's overpowering will. If only he weren't so weak. If only he'd fired, ended it all. . .

"We shall not surrender. . .the French shall! We will have Victory: VICTORY! VIC. . ."

Then the aide lurched at the crack of the gun shot, abruptly ending the insane cries, followed by screams and chaos.

A few hours later, they came to get him.

"He wishes to see you." They said.

"Will he live? Is he all right?"

They shook their heads sadly. "There is no hope."

The aide bowed his head, then followed them out, and to the palace. . .to the Sultan's private chambers, where he lay, pale and silent, surrounded by his grieving friends and family. The aide hesitated, then approached and stood by his friend's side.

The Sultan's eyes fluttered open, and recognized the face of his favorite.

"Ah. . .my friend, I knew you would come to see me before the end. Everyone, please. . .leave us alone, so we might talk."

Respectfully, the mourners departed. The Sultan gazed fondly at the sad face of his aide. "Your loyalty has not faded, even though I put you in a cell. . ."

"You did what was right. . .I was treasonous."

"No, I should've trusted you. You always saw the truth. You. . . had not the will to be a leader, but the wisdom."

The aide looked away.

"No, do not be ashamed, my friend. . .my true friend. . .you did what you felt was right."

"But I was wrong still."

"No. . .the war should end. . . the killing has gone on long enough. . ."

"And the French?"

"They will win in the end. . .there is no hope."

The pair sat silent for several moments, neither looking at the other, each lost.

At last, the Sultan said quietly, "The end comes. . .suddenly. . . too soon."

"Yes." the aide nodded.

A tear escaped the Sultan's eyes. "My friend. . .even when you held the gun against my life. . .you were still my friend. . ."

"Yes, I was always your friend. . .and always will be."

"Then. . .there is still hope. . ."

The Sultan closed his eyes.

"Yes." the aide nodded, tears flowing freely down his face.

"There is always. . .hope."

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And so the war ends. My first game of PBM Diplomacy, thanks to our beloved gamemaster, Bruce Linsey. To those of you who say VD would be a terrible place for a novice because of all the house-rules: You're wrong! I was a novice, and I loved playing in The Voice of Doom. And I never had any problems with Bruce using his house-rules to screw me over. If VD were to continue, I'd gladly join another game there.

But about the game itself. From my own point of view I see a couple of events in particular as crucial. First of all was my decision to stab Russia in alliance with Austria. Strategically, I believe that was my major mistake. At the time, it seemed the best thing to do, because I was ridiculously paranoid and felt sure that if I didn't stab Russia, he was going to stab me. An unwarranted paranoia, I later discovered. In any case, I'm glad that Russia and I were eventually able to make peace with each other. Of course, I was also pleased by the solid relationship that developed between *myself* and Steve Knight, although that actually seemed to deteriorate towards the end. . .

So there Steve and I were, struggling in vain to make progress against Russia, while the French/German alliance was finishing operations in England. Suddenly we realized that the F/G would soon be coming east, at which time the A/T would be in big trouble if still at war with Russia. . .time to make peace! And this was crucial point number 2. Steve and I wanted a RAT alliance to stop the FG (or was it FIG?), but Dave, understandably, wasn't sure which side to go on. After all, he'd been working with Germany for some time now; if it hadn't been for German help, Russia would've been in sad shape. And of course, Dave probably believed that Steve and I weren't really trustworthy in the long run. So he made the great mistake, continuing with the untrustworthy German, attacking Austria, and, fortunately for me, making peace with Turkey. But soon it was too late. The FG proved a solid alliance--our attempts to form a FIAT against GR were futile--and soon Italy, Austria, and Russia were all suffering, while I desperately tried to hold off the French.

Well, I'm no quitter; I never give up hope. As long as Russia was friendly, I thought perhaps I could frustrate the French to the point where they might at last stab Germany. But I soon learned that I was the only one who wanted to continue. By this time, the high level of correspondence that had existed earlier in the game had faded to an almost non-existent level. Everyone had lost interest. . .everyone wanted to end it. So I said, "Okay," and voted "yes" to all proposals.

Meanwhile, Greece and Bulgaria are still mine, I'm the third largest power on the board, and I achieved my secondary goal, which was to hang on to all I'd gained, and to keep the French at bay until the end.

As for the press wars. . .well, I don't recall anyone agreeing that they were over. I propose that we continue them in "The Echo of Doom." What? Bruce says "no way?" Oh well, let's see. . .Steve practically won the entire war with his "Press Wars" release. . .the equivalent of a nuclear weapon. Too bad he didn't have more than one; he could've blown the rest of us out of the zine.

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9- Austrian Emperor refuses to consider giving Italy the Trentino(see 1-6, 1-11); Germans from the Emden(N)(see 12-15-14) land at Hodeida(Al Hudaydah) in Arabia(see 1-27) Sweden prohibits the transits of arms and ammunition across its territory to annoy English who were trying to curb Swedish exports to Germany. England was sending aid to Russia via Swedish territory.

(10)- Pancho Villa in Mexico takes Monterrey.

11- Berchtold, Austrian Foreign Minister, tells Italian ambassador no to cession of territory to Italy(see 1-9, 2-6)

12- Starr gang robs banks in Garber and Terlton, Oklahoma(see 1-5, 1-13)

13- English decide on Gallipoli invasion of Turkey(see 1-3, 1-28); Berchtold resigns(see 1-11); 29,880 die in Avezzano, Italy earthquake; Starr Gang robs bank in Vera, Oklahoma(see 1-12)

14- Turks capture Tabriz, Persia(see 1-30, March)

15- End of Battle of Soissons(W)(see 1-8)

(17)- Russians now occupy most of Bukovina(E)(see 1-4);

18- Austrians retake Czernowitz(E); Japan presents a list of "21 Demands" to China which would cripple Chinese independence if accepted(see 5-11)

19- English sortie in Heligoland Bight(N); German air raid on Norfolk, England; Germans capture Yasina, Kenya(C)

22- American ship Wilhelmina leaves New York headed for Hamburg with foodstuffs (see 1-25)

23- Turkish army in Caucasus now at 12,400 men(had started with 190,000)

25- German government nationalizes foodstuffs and introduces bread rationing of 225 grammes daily(about 8 oz.)(see 1-22, 2-9); 1st transcontinental telephone call is made between New York City and San Francisco

(24)- Naval Battle in Dogger Bank in North Sea, German Blücher sunk with 951 deaths; England offers Greece Turkish territory if they will enter war on Allied side.

27- Emden(N) Germans leave Hodeida for Sa'naa, Yemen(see 1-9, 2-6)

28- English reaffirm that they will only launch naval assault on Gallipoli(i.e. no soldiers)(see 1-13, 2-16); General Obregon retakes Mexico City(see 3-10)

30- German U-Boats sink Tokomani and Ikaria without warning; Russians take Tabriz, Persia from Turks(see 1-14, March)

(31)- Germans begin 3rd attack on Warsaw(E); 1st use of poison gas ever is done by Germans against Russians at Bolimów(see 4-22), it was too cold to be effective and the Russians either didn't know or didn't tell their Western allies of this new weapon(hence the surprise on 4-22)

--in January 1915: Anchorage, Alaska founded; Gandhi returns to India from England; Socialist Conference held in Copenhagen, Denmark but none attend from the warring nations; Lt. Rommel, his wounds healed, joins his unit in France; England and France consider direct intervention in the Balkans, thereby hoping to get additional backing from Greece as a prop for Serbia; Italy was still willing at this point to reach an agreement with Austria but only if substantial Austrian territorial concessions were made to enable the government to resist pressure of those who wanted to enter the war on the side of the Allies against Austria; South Africans take Swakopmund in German SouthWest Africa(C); Turks in the Sinai; American feminist Margaret Sanger arrives in Holland to study Dutch birth control.

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2- Turks are now east of the Suez Canal(see February); English Admiralty instructs English merchant ships on Dutch routes to hoist neutral flags when submarines were known to be about(see 2-10, 2-18)

3- Maritz, a Boer renegade in De Witt's Rebellion, surrenders to South Africans

4- German advance on Warsaw(E) checked(see 1-31); Germans proclaim blockade of England and begin unrestricted sinking of ships; W. Somerset Maugham in London on leave to be with his pregnant wife. (see 2-10, 2-18)

6- Russians enter East Prussia, advance to Tilsit(E); German Chancellor urges Austria to keep Italy neutral by making concessions(see 1-11, 2-10); Emden (N) Germans at Sa'naa(see 1-27, 2-8, 3-8)

(7)- Russians retreat after Germans defeat them near the Nieman River(E)

8- Turks learn of Emden(N) Germans, notify German government(see 2-11)

9- English seize the American ship Wilhelmina as contraband(see 1-22, 1-25)

10- US President Wilson warns Germany of "strict accountability" if US ships are attacked; US protests English action of 2-2; German Chancellor again urges Austria to try and keep Italy neutral(see 2-6, 2-27) ((continued on page 14)) (60)



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Dave Kleiman's first "Jeopardy" release was another strong attack...indeed, a stunning blow so early in the war. It wasn't easy coming up with an effective counter-attack.

I'm afraid those two are the only ones that stick out in my mind. As a whole, Nelson's "Black Forest" releases were perhaps strongest, but none of them in particular strikes me as being particularly devastating...

The winner? Well, it's obvious to me: Bruce Linsey was the winner. No, I'm not referring to the press he wrote. I'm referring to the fact that all of our releases were being used by Lord Linsey to further his own ends. He manipulated us...he used us, to help bring Voice of Doom to its powerful position in the hobby.

Oh yes, it's obvious that our beloved GM was the real winner in the press war.

(And besides, I think everybody contributed to the fun of the press war, and feel it would be inappropriate to select any one writer as being the "winner". I enjoyed it all! My thanks to each and every player for making this an immensely enjoyable game!)

And will this insanity continue in RIGEL II? Or have we all learned our lessons?

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With the doctor's permission, Bruce took these papers and left. Returning home, he decided that his only reasonable course was to keep the whole story secret...until I forced it out of him. Bruce was too upset to write the story himself, so he asked me to do it for him.

My droogs, I know you are sad to have heard this tale, and perhaps you are angry at our beloved publisher for not having detected the hoax much earlier, and then attempting to hide it from us as if we were too inept to see the truth. We must forgive him his faults, however; it was a most difficult position to be placed in. As Bruce himself told me, he feared that Kathy Byrne would have a field day with this affair, and, even worse, that one of his games might finally be declared "irregular". I cannot imagine how I would react if I discovered that a game I was running was entirely played by one player with eight-plus personalities. It would almost be enough to make me give up publishing...

But now, gentle readers, I beg you to excuse your humble narrator for a while. My beloved is calling to me, and I must attend. Until we meet again, farewell!

Thanks again, Bruce, for all the fun. Take care!

Your droog,
Richard Reilly

BRUX Linsey (GM): And with that final endgame statement, so typically RIGELian in style, the press wars for which this game was famous come now to a close. I had had Nelson very slightly ahead of Rich until now, and just a tad more ahead of both Steve and Dave, but with this final piece of writing Rich Reilly has pulled into the lead ever so slightly and is hereby declared the victor. Unless... well, I still don't have endgame statements from Nelson, Dave and Steve, and I know at least one of them is planning to do one for next issue of ED, so...

...so is this press war really over? (Yeah, Gary'll shoot me. Besides, I'm paying him \$4.25 a page for this drivel...) Obviously RIGEL was a classic game, probably the single most widely followed and talked-about game since I've joined the hobby...and I include the DW Demo Games in that remark. Thanks, fellows. It was fun. And I hope you all learned that any country which attacks Austria just isn't going to end up doing well. Remember that in RIGEL II...

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Runestone Poll: The Discussion

I have received several comments from various hobby members regarding how we are going to run the Runestone Poll next summer. These will be printed below. As you can see, final decisions have not yet been made on most points, so further comments are welcome. In the February issue of EE, I will make a final announcement on the Poll procedures for 1985.

Before getting to people's comments, it is necessary for me to remark on the proposed boycott of the Poll, which you may have read about elsewhere. It seems that a small group of hobbyists are concerned that I can't (or won't) run the Poll properly, and won't vote with me running it. In order to address the concerns of these people, valid or otherwise, I have come up with a compromise, which you have perhaps already read about elsewhere in this issue of EE. Pat Conlon has generously offered to receive ballots from anyone who wishes not to send them to me, and then to forward these votes directly to me for tabulation. Additionally, he has offered to verify the Poll results after they are published, which means that I'll be passing on all the ballots to him. (He will be sworn to secrecy regarding the votes, of course.) I personally have no problem at all with this, aside from the fact that I think the proposed boycott is silly and unnecessary to begin with. I trust Pat implicitly. He is a highly respected and hard-working member of the hobby, and so far as I'm aware he has no enemies. It was very thoughtful of him to volunteer to help out in this manner. This compromise strikes me as far superior to a massive boycott, or to a second poll, or to my just knuckling under to pressure and giving up the poll (is that the way we want hobby custodianships to be determined in the future?), or to my just ignoring all the complaints. Hopefully, this will soothe the fanatics. I'll now get to the comments sent in on the questions brought up last month.

1. Should we include non-North American zines and GMs in the Poll?

Dave Carter: Including UK zines would be a mistake because I think you overestimate their popularity over here. Some publishers may trade for them (I don't) but I doubt if there is that many. What will probably happen is that most European zines will not get enough votes to reach the cutoff mark. What may be worse is that some may barely reach the cutoff mark and be included in the main listing, but with a non-representative number of votes (i.e. 5 or 6 non-playing traders). Since the way the games are handled/presented is important in the ranking of a zine, this small cross-section may not be an accurate assessment. Should you decide to include the commie-loving Europeans does that mean they will allow NA zines to compete in their poll?

Steve Heinowski: I see no reason why not to include European zines if one could generate enough votes from the European community. Whether one could do this at some point in time is doubtful. It might be better to coordinate with someone in Europe, have him run his poll using the same scoring system, and then share results. To start a "world poll" based in the States is a bit presumptuous for one; and to do so without a fair amount of European voters would be a farce.

Fred Davis: Since this is the Runestone Poll, it should be limited to North American zines and GMs. However, Europeans should be invited to vote, if they receive some zines or play in our international games.

I know the British recently opened up their Zine Poll to Continental zines, but that's only a distance of a few miles. There is much more circulation of British zines in Germany and v.v. than there is of American zines in Europe and v.v., because intra-European postage is less expensive than transatlantic air mail.

Perhaps you might wish to work with the British Zine Poll custodian on some sort of Worldwide Zine Poll, over and above their Poll and our Runestone Poll, for sometime next year, but this should be kept separate from our own North American rating system.

BRUX: Well, pretty negative comments on this idea overall, though I've also received several verbal yeses on the idea. I'm still undecided, so we'll wait till next month to make any decisions on this point. More input, please?

I do have some specific comments about what was said. I may very well contact the British pollster (Richard Walkerdine) and see whether we can't work something out for the year after next. I wouldn't expect to draw a large number of European votes here, at least not right away, maybe never. But would this really render the whole idea impractical? I think not. There are quite a few Americans who do read European zines, and they are part of the hobby.

Dave's comment that few if any European zines would draw the required number of votes is right on, but again, is this really a problem? Maybe the turnout would be small this year, but would gradually build. As for the possibility of one UK zine just barely making the main list and thereby receiving an inaccurate score: we might have that problem anyway with a U.S. zine that just manages to pull in the minimum number (10) of votes. In fact, I believe that the presence of such "fluke finishes" is what inspired Randolph (or was it John Leeder?) to raise the minimum two or three years ago. Graustark won the Poll one year with a measly five votes. I think ten votes is sufficient data for any zine, U.S. or otherwise.

Non-North Americans are already permitted to vote in the Runestone Poll.

2. Should I keep the subzine poll or scrap it?

John Daly: Keep (the) subzine poll.

Steve Heinowski: Why not keep the subzine poll; everyone likes to see their name in print, why should subzine pubbers be any different? As long as they keep their own category, who cares?


Fred Davis: Keep the subzine poll, since there are so many subzines. However, I'd tend to deemphasize it. Perhaps only the top ten finishers might be listed in detail.

BRUX: OK, it seems popular enough, so we'll keep it. However, I'm not going to do as much statistical analysis on it as on the main zines. I'll list all the finishers that qualify, with their modified means, but won't be doing a preference matrix or anything like that for the subzines. Hokay?

3. Should I allow people to vote for zines they don't receive? GMs they haven't played under? Their own zines?

Steve Heinowski: Allowing players to vote for GMs they haven't played under is bullshit, the same goes for zines they haven't received. All this does is encourage grudge/friendship votes on one hand, and irresponsible votes on the other. (By irresponsible I mean like letting my wife who sees a fair amount of zines but who doesn't give a damn about Dip, vote.) True, some will say that those who dislike a zine leave, but seriously if they've been gone over a year or more, whether they like the zine or not, it may well not be the same quality any more (as my survey of a couple of issues ago showed), and they are no longer in a position to assess its worth.

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Fred Davis: Voting for zines they don't receive? NO (unless they were receiving it until recently; maybe until 3 or 4 months before the voting date). GMs they haven't played under? NO. Their own zines? Definitely NO! (Of course you can't enforce any of these except the latter, but people should at least be told they're on their honor on the other categories. I don't think you should change the standards under which the prior Leeder/Runestone Polls have been run.)

BRUX: In the zine poll, I'll probably just keep Randolph's proviso that people should have seen more than two issues of a zine in order to vote for it. Steve's point that a zine's quality can change drastically is a valid one.

In the GM poll, my reasons for thinking that voters should be allowed to rate GMs they haven't played under are, in a nutshell, that playing is only one of several ways (and not always the most valid!) of determining GM quality. You can learn a lot more about a GM from reading his zine or his houserules sometimes than you can by playing under him. However, the effect Steve mentions may be something to worry about. Perhaps allowing non-players to vote will encourage too many grudge or buddy-buddy votes. I'm now leaning toward ~~keeping~~ the rule banning votes for GMs the voter hasn't played under. On voting for one's own zine: this doesn't seem like such a big deal to me. Further discussion on all of these points is requested.

4. Should I keep Randolph's provision for lopping off the top-and-bottom 8% of the vote for each zine (and subzine, and GM)?

John Daly: Drop high and low votes.

Steve Heinowski: Problematical...as long as everyone does it or has it done, who cares?

Fred Davis: YES. This eliminated grudge votes, so please do so.

BRUX: The provision stays. It's a good one. The alternative provision made by Steve Langley last year, that votes more than a standard deviation away from the mean be dropped, is probably more accurate statistically, but too complicated for some non-mathematicians to follow easily, and too much work for me for the potentially slightly improved result. 8% it is.

On the preference matrix: I will attempt to do this for the zines only. If I am successful, I have devised a simple technique which will translate a zine's score onto a 0-10 scale, which means this can then be averaged with the zine's "average" score to obtain a final result. However, this is also a fair bit of work, and isn't really valid for entries with only a few votes, and so I won't be doing the matrix for subzines or GMs -- just the main zines, and only those that make the main list. I did receive one comment on this...

Steve Heinowski: Again as long as it's done to all...however, the more complications you add to the thing, the less reliable it becomes. Simplicity has its advantages. not so much for adjudication but to the people making the votes.

BRUX: The preference matrix won't cause any alteration in the voting procedure at all, though: the extra work will be entirely mine. And I think it'll be very interesting to look at when it's finished. Finally, I got one miscellaneous comment...

Scott Hanson: I hear you've got the Leeder Poll now. Please drop me and my zine from any results.

BRUX: Sorry, no can do. The Poll will tabulate any legitimate votes that come in.

Let's have some more discussion before things are finalized in February (64)

The Zine Register

As you may have already read elsewhere in this issue of EE, I will be helping out with the Zine Register. Needless to say, there has been talk of boycotting this project since the notice went out. I suppose a few people would rather see this project die entirely than cooperate with Bruce Linsey in its production. To address the concerns of these people, ZR forms may be sent to Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Roy will then send the form on to me for the typing phase.

Forms have been mailed to the following 122 North American publishers and hobby project custodians. (See below for footnote explanations.)

Bob Acheson	Fred Davis *	Steve Langley \$	Marc Peters
Chuff Afflerbach	Don Del Grande *	Mark Larzelere	Frauke Petersen
Dennis Agosta	James Early	Dustin Laurence	Bruce Poppe
Peter Ansoff	Mike Ehli *	Ramon Lazaro *	Lew Pulsipher ?
Steve Arnawoodian	Greg Ellis	Michael Lee	Bill Quinn *
Dale Bakken	Mark Fassio	Stephen Lee	Paul Rauterberg
Herb Barents	Robyn Finley	Mark Lew	Jeff Richmond
Mike Barno ©	Jack Fleming	Michel Liesnard #	Russ Rusnak
Konrad Baumeister	Paul Gardner *	Bruce Linsey *	Robert Sacks *
Bill Becker *	Pete Gaughan *	Andy Lischett	John Schuler
Jim Benes *	Claude Gautron	Jerry Lucas *	Mike Scott *
Mark Berch *	Dave Grabar *	Mark Luedi	Keith Sherwood
Doug Beyerlein *	Jake Halverstadt	Tom Mainardi *	Don Sigwalt
John Boardman	Garry Hamlin	Dave Marshall	Russell Sipe *
Derwood Bowen	Scott Hanson *	Dick Martin *	Randolph Smyth
Ron (CAL) Brown	Steve Heinowski *	Mark Matuschak	Richard Snitzer *
Ron (CAN) Brown	Roy Henricks *	Mike Mazzer	Dan Stafford
Jim Bumpas	Lu Henry	Bruce McIntyre *	Tom Swider *
Jim Burgess *	Elmer Hinton	Bo McSweeney *	Terry Tallman *
Phyllis Byrne \$	Melinda Holley	Jim Meinel *	Kevin Tighe
Kathy Byrne \$	Bob Howerton *	John Michalski	Conrad von Metzke *
Dave Carter	Steve Hutton	Mike Mills *	Peter Walker
John Caruso *	Wes Ives *	Conrad Minshall *	Rod Walker *
Chip Charnley ?	Eric Kane ©	John Mirassou	James Wall *
Howard Christie *	Mark Keller	Dan Palter	Stephen Wilcox *
Mike Conner	John Kelley *	Mark Paul	Don (CAL) Williams *
Ted Cook	Lee Kendter *	Al Pearson	Jim Williams
Gary Coughlan *	Dave Kleiman	Ken Peel *	Brad Wilson *
Francios Guerrier	Steve Knight	Larry Peery *	Rob Winslow
Cathy Cuning	Daf Langley \$	Debi Peters	James Woodson *
John Daly *			Ed Wrobel *

Footnotes:

(no footnote) means I have no info from this person; s/he hasn't responded. In some cases these may have folded. Further info appreciated.

* means I have an info sheet from this person; either directly from the publisher, or through Roy Henricks. NOTE: the sheets from Roy are several months old, and some of you with info on file may wish to update it by filling out a new form.

Michel Liesnard lives in Europe but publishes a U.S. subzine, so is included.

© These people have informed me directly that they no longer publish anything.

\$ These people have refused to send the completed ZR forms to me, AND I have no info on file for their publications.

? These forms came back in the mail -- I had the wrong addresses and would appreciate it if someone would update me so I can contact them.

IF THERE IS ANY NORTH AMERICAN PUBLISHER NOT ON THE ABOVE LIST, PLEASE LET ME HEAR ABOUT IT!!!!

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As you can see from the previous page, I've got a ways to go before I get all the info I need to complete this thing. And I haven't even started on the Europeans yet! On that score, I'll be using the latest 20 Years On and hopefully getting some help from Cathy Cuning, who has extensive British contacts. Anyone who has any info I might be able to use is asked to please help out.

I have notes regarding this project from both the current ZR custodian and the man who founded the project to begin with:

Roy Henricks (excerpt): ...I'm really grateful for your help on this project -- your efforts will not be in vain. ((As long as we get it out to the hobby, that's what counts!))

Mike Mills: Well, well, well, Bruce Linsey on the ZR. That is a real one on me. And I'm sure that you're just the person to do the work correctly. Congratulations and I know that the ZR is in very good hands, though I hope that folks out there don't start lambasting you for it. (Meinel thinks you're too firey for the NA Zine Poll, but you heard about that.)

Anyhow, I'm sure that you'll do a great job. It seems that whatever you decide to do in Dip, you do well and I wish you all the luck. If you think that this is an endorsement from the first Zine Directory editor, it is. ((Thanks for the vote of confidence. I'll do my best to do a good job, so that the hobby once again has this valuable publication.))

On other hobby projects: I have just about run out of the second run (300 copies) of Supernova, so will be having a third batch of 300 printed by the end of January at the latest. There has been a recent (you guessed it!) boycott proposal made public regarding Supernova, since a few hobbyists feel that I shouldn't be introducing novices to postal Diplomacy. To address the concerns of these people, valid or otherwise, Supernova orders may be sent to Ron Brown, 70 F Chesterton Dr., Nepean, Ontario, CANADA K2E 5S9. Ron will then forward the orders to me. This all seems rather silly to me, but if it means that more publishers will plug the Novice Packet, then it's worth it. Those publishers who can't stand to print my name in a positive context can now steer their readers to Ron for a copy of Supernova. Hokay? Goody.

Nominations for the 1985 Don Miller Memorial Award for service to the hobby are now being accepted by Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. (Each nomination should be signed, name an individual, have a short 50-word reason for the nomination, and be sent to Larry by mid-January.) Kathy Byrne has resigned from the nominations committee; Clark Reynolds and Konrad Baumeister have been added this year, so they join Larry Peery, John Kador, Fred Davis and me.

James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504 has asked me to plug his new subzine, Malagueña, which appears in Howard Christie's Stabback, available from Howard at P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17848. Send a SASE for a sample. James was also kind enough to buy me a gift sub to Stabback, and Fred Davis has given me a lifetime complimentary sub to Bushwacker. My thanks to both -- they are two kind people.

As you may have heard elsewhere, Kathy Byrne is now sharing the Diplomacy World editorial duties with Rod Walker, in an effort to bring in more subscribers and articles. I urge all hobbyists to support Kathy in her new editorship, and hopefully DW will be improved as a result. The union may or may not end up working, since Rod and Kathy have had a shaky past relationship, but it has a chance of succeeding only if we, the hobby, support it. If Kathy does half as well with DW as she did with the Orphan Service and Boardman Numbers, then we're in good shape indeed.

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THE 1984 FRESHMAN ZINE POLL!!

Each year, the zines and subzines that began publishing during the past year have a poll of their own where they are rated by their subbers against the other new zines and subzines. Please take the time to let the new kids on the block know that you appreciate them. The deadline is February 22, 1985, you rate each zine and subzine (only those you have personally seen, please) on a scale of 0 to 10. You sign the ballot and indicate in what way you are a member of the hobby so there won't be any fake ballots. Mail your ballot to: Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, California 95825 USA. This ballot is purposely placed here so you can rip it out, without losing any of the rest of your EE, and use it. Vote and make our polls meaningful. (Some zines and subzines began late in 1983 and are eligible for 1984 as has been done in past years). If some zines or subzines are missing, please let Steve know as soon as possible as his Magus will be carrying a ballot in January listing the same zines and subzines that EE is. (We compared lists). I'm leaving blank spots for any that I missed. You may not vote for your own zine/subzine. So....VOTE!!

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 COSTAGUANA _____
 ELECTRIC PENGUIN _____
 ERENWON _____
 FEUDESSE _____
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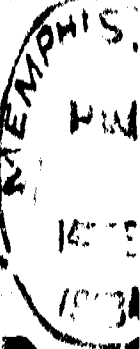
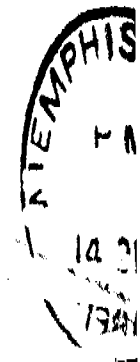
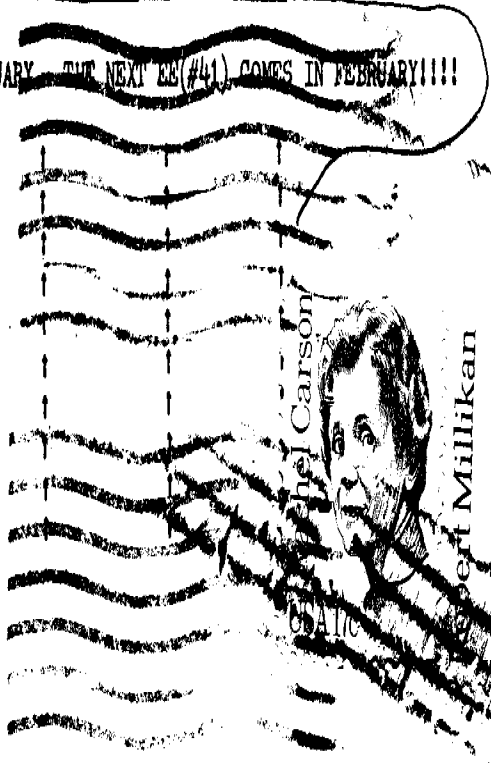
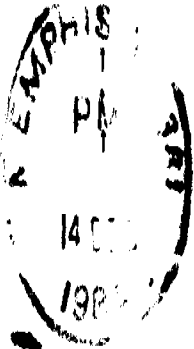
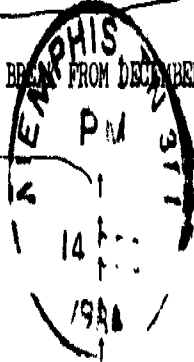
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 DEBI'S FILLER _____
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