

OK, OK, I'll finish the story)... § Welcome to EE #43(BAM, BAM, BASH, BASH, "said, truthfully, five months, and then we all looked at Lars, who was still laughing. Finally he calmed down enough to speak."

§ That's it. If you want any more details you'll just have to sub to No Fixed Address, a great zine with many facets, as I mention on page 20, from Steve Hutton. However, Steve will soon be in Europe but he's promised to let me know how you can obtain back issues of NFA. Subs are: 10 issues cost \$9.00 in Canada, \$8.00 in the US and \$10.00 elsewhere. Individual subs cost 1/10 of the sub

price but NFA has several double issues.

§ Why am I pushing subs to No Fixed Address? So the feuding in this hobby can be ended as I point out on page 20. "Put Up or Shut Up" is a great policy. § Well, this issue is late although the games went out on time since they are separate from the zine. The reason is that for the last 6 weeks, my employer the US Post Office has taken one of my two off days, so I've had to do this issue in my spare time. I lucked out this weekend(April 19-20) in getting both days off. I came, as my grandmother says, "scandalous nigh" to sending out a letter to all you subbers saying there just wouldn't be an April EE. This has undoubtedly been the hardest issue I've ever had to do.

 \S I've got a new car. Well, at least it's new for me. It's a 1979 Ford Fairmont which replaces my 1974 Mercury Comet which I had had for 11 years. I felt I had lost a close friend when I gave up the Comet. What I really want is a Chevrolet Sprint (so far only available in "9 Western States") a joint project of the Americans and the Japanese with the best gas mileage and one of the cheapest prices of all cars according to the brochures. Do any of you drive one?

§ If you are not British, how would you like to become an "overseas correspondent" for the British zine, <u>War And Peace?</u> Editor Derek Caws is looking for "one or more". Your column doesn't have to appear every issue and it can be on the postal games hobby or real life or whatever. In return you'll get a free sub to War And Peace. If interested, write to Derek at: 17, Malta Road, Buckland, Portsmouth, UNITED KINGDOM PO2 7P2.

§ Due to the overtime, I couldn't do the World War I quotes that I wanted to this issue. On page 32 I do have a brief article on World War I, I hope you enjoy. There is also a contest for free EEs on page 20. The Freaky Fable from Punch magazine also re-appears on page 34. And if you are in to statistics about players, Dan Stafford brings us his Influential Player Rankings found on 33 . My LepreCon Report is on pages 3-6. And....

§ Say, does anyone ever read the table of contents on page 2.7 Most of what I tell you on this page is found there.. How about meeting me in Minneapolis(see p.10)

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*********************** Tear up and rip up your EEs! See how on page 7 !!

Hi J'all, Do you rebre "Freaky Fables"? Lee p. 34

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A DIPSCRIPTION, a term coined by Pat Hart, of each subber appears in EE based on what Pat has read about you in EE or other zines. You could be next but this time it's EE's Finnish subber, Carl-Gustaf Spare or C-G as he prefers. His father served in the last Tsar's army and C-G himself fired weapons at the invading Russians in World War II. Pat Hart tells us "the rest of the story"......

Carl-Gustaf Spare NAME: NICKNAME: C-G (Cannon Gun) HOME: Finland BIRTHDATE: See below

BIRTHSIGN: Doesn't have one

NOTED_FOR: Inquisitiveness

TURN-ON: Athletic events

FAVORITE TOY: A cannon

<u>PAST JOB:</u> Firing cannon salutes at visiting Russian soldiers

SEX Scandinavians only Some left

HAIR: Some lef LOOKS: Older

AMBITION: To be a spy

TURN-OFF: Not athletic

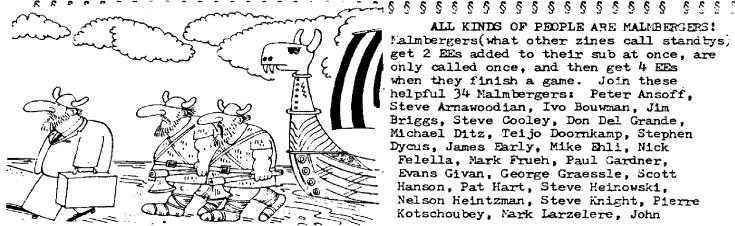
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FAVORITE APHRODISIAC: The 1812 Overture

CURRENT JOB: Firing cannon salutes for visiting dignitaries

PSYCHIATRIST REPORT: Has a cannon fixation; probably symbolic

FAVORITE POEM:------Carl-Gustaf Spare lives far up north, Only in Dipland will he come forth, Come out, come out, come out and play, Europeans don't bite---they say.



ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE ARE MALMBERGERS! Malmbergers (what other zines call standbys) get 2 EEs added to their sub at once, are only called once, and then get 4 EEs when they finish a game. Join these helpful 34 Malmbergers: Peter Ansoff, Steve Arnawoodian, Ivo Bouwman, Jim Briggs, Steve Cooley, Don Del Grande, Michael Ditz, Teijo Doornkamp, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Mike Ehli, Nick Felella, Mark Frueh, Paul Gardner, Evans Givan, George Graessle, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Nelson Heintzman, Steve Knight, Pierre Kotschoubey, Mark Larzelere, John

MacFarlane, Conrad Minshall, John Pack, Ken Peel, Jane Proskin, Clark Reynolds, Carl Russell, Christoph Schunck, Alan Stewart and James Wall. I appreciate 🦟 each of you helping me make sure the EE games are able to run smoothly!

We should have at least Particles this time (EE alternates between articles issues and a mostly letter columns' issues) and first up will be about my trip to Oregon for LepreCon II at the home of Joan Extrom, hubby Ken Corbin and their 2-year relations done by Holland's own Faul Michel, one of the 7 editors of the Dutch zine Je Maintiendrai. But first is my article.... ts an article by Michael Lee about old daughter Samantha. Begingling on page

THE OREGON TRAIL TO LEPRECON II -by Gary L. Coughlan

Just a short time ago, Oregon to me was Jim Bumpas, pubber of Liberterrean in hobby terms. But now Oregon positively sprouts zines and pubbers and players much like its fabled fertile soil was said to grow crops in American pioneer history. On March 14 to 18, 1985, I went to Oregon for LepreCon II.

16 people from 4 US states and one Canadian province came to the con and you

might read their reports in their zines/subzines. Those there(with their publication listed in parentheses) were: Jim Bumpas(Liberterream), Linda Bumpas, Ken Corbin, Gary Coughlan (EE), Mike Ehli (FNORD), Joan Extrom, Jack Fleming (Paranoiacs' Monthly), Paul Gardner (Not New York), Evans Givan, Wendy Givan, Ron Grace, Michael Lee (The Concert of Europe), Stephen Lee(Rhinoceros Heart), Bruce McIntyre(Excelsior), Bob O'Donnell and Terry Tallman (North Sealth West George). We came by plane, car, train and bus from British Columbia, Tennessee, Washington, Oregon and California.

I had been working overtime, plus an off day each week so I was looking forward to this trip as a break(until April 19, I didn't another 2 days off per week hence this late EE). I had a stopover in Dallas and then it was on to Portland, Oregon. Joan had told me she and Samantha would be dressed in Mickey Mouse T-shirts and not to eat lunch. I just told her that she would recognize me(I wore a Lake Woebegone T-shirt with a colorful cow on it. L.W. is part of a mythical Minnesota community which appears on public radio and which is a favorite with Ken and Joan).

We had no trouble spotting each other! I exchange cassette tapes with Joan quite often so we were just friends who had never met. I got to ride in the "Bonnie Blue Bus", the van in which Joan and Ken had toured the country after their "hippy-style" outdoor wedding on a mountain-side. During that time they had spent 6 weeks picking apples in Washington, one year in New York living in a plastic greenhouse and 5 months in New Mexico. There was a bed in back and windows all around the van.

We went to a nice restaurant called "Rose's" and I tried to make a phone call to a woman whom my mother had gone to nurses' school with and who had kept my father and grandparents "posted" when I was, ahem, "delivered." I finally got her husband,

she was asleep having worked the night shift.

Joan gave me a choice(this was Thursday and the con wouldn't start until Friday) of driving to their home in Philomath via the ocean drive or along the "Mid-Valley" after seeing the Columbia River which divides Oregon and Washington. I chose the river because I had seen the ocean before and I wanted to see where Lewis and Clark had explored in the early 1800s.

The scenery in Oregon is vast, giant and spectacular. I saw Beacon Rock and we went to Bonneville Dam where I saw "fish ladders" which aid the salmon in migrating upstream to spawn. Oregon, like most of the North-West, is generally rainy but the LepreCon weekend was sunny and warm. We headed for Philomath.

I had worked late the night before, had gotten up at 5:30 AM for the airplane and Oregon was 2 hours behind Memphis time. I conked out for awhile on the bed. ((continued on page +))



When I woke up I began wondering if the cars and trucks passing us on the highway could have seen my underwear since the windows were all around the bed. Oh well, no one outside the hobby knows me in Oregon except my Army buddy Ron Grace who was to also show up. I also got to see Multkomah Falls and we lat a hamburger chain called "Bob's" ("It's not a hamburger, it's a Bob's!") and at an ice cream parlor called 'Olga's."

Nearing home, we stopped off at a grocery store. Oregon has no sales tax so the price listed is exactly what you pay which is great. Joan boycotts bananas because she believes that the fruit companies exploit the Third World but Samantha is allowed to choose and eat a banana ("Better than candy", Joan says) each time.

The site for LepreCon at last. Joan and Ken have ahuge yard behind a power station and perched on top of a hill which slopes down to the Marys River. Outside are the 3 dogs(Kelty, Snowball and Misty) and a wooden patio which overlooks the river. Inside was a large living room with an indoor stove heater which used wood. There was also a "Happy St. Patrick's Day" banner and a bulletin board full of pics of hobby members. In the kitchen the cupboards were labeled for visitor convenience ("Plates", "Forks", "Glasses" etc.). Here were Ken Corbin and Bob O'Donnell who had been playing games on the computer. Earlier in the week, Ken, who is a volunteer fireman, had taken part in training which involved burning down an old house.

We started a game of Empire Builders(each player is a railroad owner and by use of plastic pens you "create" your own raillines across North America; it's easy to see why our real railroads are so confusing). This was a British game so that explained, I guess, why there was no sugar in Louisiana but in San Francisco and why there was bauxite in Memphis. BAUXITE? All I had wanted to do was sleep but I got so caught up in this game we stayed up til 3 AM Oregon time. Joan and Ken gave me a sleeping bag and it was off to slumber land....

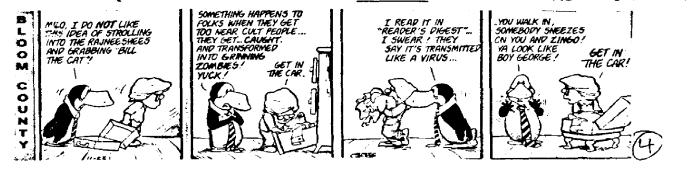
FRIDAY, MARCH 15: A very sunny day and we finished our Empire Builders game. I had some of Joan's homemade granola for breakfast. Ron Grace, who was in the Army with me in Korea and whom I hadn't seen since 1978, arrived and we began talking over old times. We both had more hair this time. He was from east of the Cascade Mountains, not the Mid-Valley like Ken and Joan, and it was fun to learn the state differences within Oregon("Mid-Valley people have webbed-feet because it rains so much there."). Tennesseans regard themselves as Tennesseans but also as Southerners but apparently Oregon feels no solidarity with her neighbors.

The Oregonians love discussing their characteristics and one man, named Cloutier, has put out a series of books about "Orygone". One excerpt said: "There's a place in Scripture that speaks about God creating Oregon...it's the part that says, "and He shall reign forever and ever." Joan said that similar books for Idaho, California and Washington failed.

Then 2 of the 3 members of the Eugene Ensemble arrived, Michael Lee and Mike Ehli. I had met M. Ehli before but had only done cassette tapes with M. Lee until now, who didn't fit my mental image of him but sounded just like himself.

We talked on the patio some more then trekked down to the river over steep hills. Ken himself had hacked the trail and he was planning another one. Samantha was a real trooper on this journey and I was honored when she let me carry her back up and wouldn't even let her father! She sings "Old MacDonald Had A Farm" but can't get pass the E's and I's ("E-I-E-I-E-I-E-I"). You can also ask her how an animal sounds and she can do sheep, cows, horses, dogs, cats etc.

Terry Tallman arrived from Seattle, Washington with fellow rider Bruce McIntyre who made this an international con. All of you know Bruce---he's the one who sent hundreds of copies of the new Canadian zine Excelsion to EVERYONE! ((go to page 5))



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Terry had been to Atlanta the previous week and said that everyone there talked just like me. Well shut Mah Mawth.

This night we played regular Diplomacy, gunboat Diplomacy and Scotland Yard, where you race over London via the subway(underground), tram and taxi trying to carent a criminal. We had tuna casserole for supper. Joan did all the cooking and she had thoroughly planned out everything. All of us took turns doing the Paul Gardner arrived in his van which he slept in.

Earlier in the day, I helped Joan put new letters and names on her mailbox.

The post office had changed their address. They really live out in the country.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16: This was the day the rest of the crowd arrived. After a breakfast of coffee cake and bacon, we got into a Risk game. I hate Risk and they played differently than I had learned the rules ("What's that, where the South always wins?"). I went in with Joan to the bus station to pick up Jack Fleming, also from Seattle. Jack was in one of my earliest Dip games beginning in 1979 in Jim Bumpas's zine Liberterrean. It was a variant where the only communications between players had to take place in the press. Jim, the GM, would mail instructions for the secret codes used to the various players. Jack and I had worked out the most involved codes and I told him if he came to LepreCon that I would bring all my codes from that game and show him. He is really into ciphers.

Wendy and Evans Givan arrived from Sacramento, California. Evans, readers of EE #42 will remember, had insulted Oregon so the Oregonians were waiting for him. In Southern Solidarity (Wendy is from Chattanooga, Evans from Nashville), I wore my T-shirt which said: "American By Birth, Southern By The Grace Of God" . It was great to hear other Southern accents and Joan said that the Givanses' accents

were more pronounced than mine. Well shut Mah Mawth Agin.

I learned a lot of things this day. Terry Tallman taught several of us the basics of Titan. I learned and enjoyed Naval Wars and Can't Stop and Colonization Dip. I found out Oregon doesn't have self-service gas stations --- you are waited I found out that the big winners in the recent Washington State Lottery were all Oregonians. I also saw my first milk cartons which had the pictures of missing children on them. That's eerie seeing that in your refrigerator.

Chef Joan presented us with spaghetti and a salad this night and then it was back to gaming. Jim Bumpas and wife Linda and son Aden also arrived. Jim has some relatives in Nashville("We're everywhere! We're everywhere!"). At the first Leprecon last year, Samantha was 1 year old and Aden was 7 weeks old. It's really going to be something to see how much these two grow from year to year as the

pictures will clearly show.

Wendy had worked at a carnival before where she had to guess people's age and weight. Bruce McIntyre and Bob O'Donnell both can quote long passages from Monty Python movies which was really funny to listen to for the rest of us. Michael Lee works in a game shop(Thanks for giving me "Frederick The Great", Michael!) and he told of a trick he uses on young kids buying their first game: They have carefully counted out their pennies and wait expectantly to pay. Michael wraps it up and then calmly says: "Thank you. That will be \$64.00 please." Can't you just see those poor kids' faces!

Ron Grace left and then Wendy and Evans . We played "Fortune Cookie" Dip courtesy of Michael Lee and "The Prophet of the West" whose medallion Michael wore around his neck. In this variant, you don't play the game, you just read the out-come

as predicted by the fortune cookie. Mike Ehli won his first game!

Joan had sent out directions and instructions for LepreCon as invitations and one rule was no "BRUX-Bashing". I sort of dreaded being around Terry Tallman but he was most pleasant the whole weekend and I really enjoyed his company. The only time feuds were discussed was in fun as we all imitated the various things the entire hobby had come to hear: "I have a copy of your copy and I can prove I didn't say that", "I heard it from a reliable source on the telephone". My favorite though was Michael Lee's imitation of Melinda Holley and her zine Rebel which he did in a hokey Southern accent: "Rebel is Mah Zine. I created it. And now, control has been taken from Mah hands. Ah have lost control."

Another game we enjoyed was called "The Great Game of Britain" where you speed all over the island trying to collect items(3 hard, 3 easy) before your opponents. You are constantly distracted by event cards. Bob 0 Donnell was declared a "Public Nuisance" by one card and lost 2 turns. I read some in a book about Dorothy Parker

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and the rest either went to sleep or into the kitchen to play Chinese Checkers. Then it was was sleeping blanket time again.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: We awoke to pancakes and St. Patrick's Day cards from Joan. This day most of the people left. We took Jack Fleming back to the bus station and then played another "The Great Game Of Britain" and said goodbye to Mikes Ehli and Lee.

This left Joan, Ken, Bob O'Donnell and me. Ken was putting Samantha to sleep and we 3 talked about everything. Bob was raised as a Mormon so I showed him Michel Liesnard's letter about Mormons from EE #42. Did you know that the Mormons are required to have 10 years of food on hand? That they figured it was better to feed the Indians than to fight them? It's a fascinating religion. Joan told about her college experiences and how she met Ken. I told about being Southern and I wonder, am I the only person in this hobby who has double third cousins?

Jean showed us slides of her trip to Europe when she was in high school. She was one of the mini-skirted brigade. She had been to Greece, Turkey, Italy Germany and England.

Then arrived Kent McNeer who works with Ken and whom I had been hearing about all weekend because he was from Kingsport in East Tennessee and both Ken and Joan thought Kent and I reminded them of each of us. I could talk to Kent about hushpuppies and Martha White commercials by Tennessee Ernie Ford and moon pies and I showed him the form letter I had gotten from Robert E. Lee IV. As I've travelled up and down the Old Confederacy and the sympathetic border states, I've realized with a shock how much we're in danger of losing. The carpetbaggers and scalawags aren't dead, by any means. Very much alive, they're still trying to destroy the form and substance of the Southern way of life. "Dixie" has been outlawed at sports events at many so-called Southern educational institutions. Southern state songs, like "Maryland, My Maryland", have been attacked or abolished if they show the slightest trace of Confederate sentiment.... Steadily, northern liberal propaganda is replacing everything truly Southern-in the schools, in the history books, in public events. I think you know that story all too well. The noble Confederacy and all it stood for blatantly misrepresented -- loving the South branded as "racist" -- the real issues of the War Between the States obscured.").

We had salad, chicken and some hushpuppies and E-I-E-I-E-I-E-I. Then Joan played a recording of a country song about a Baptist turned Buddhist. This con truly had everything. Since I had to get up early I went to sleep.

MONDAY, MARCH 18: I ate breakfast while flipping through Joan's high school year book, then we headed north for Portland. We drove through Salem, the capital city, and saw the "Pioneer" atop the Capitol Building. It was gold-plated and the money had been collected by the Oregon Cirl Scouts. We also passed field after field of what is and will be Christmas Trees. Then I flew home to Memphis with another layover in Dallas.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS: Bruce McIntyre imitating a Canadian order-taker at a fast food restaurant—it sounded like one long word.....Drinking Stephen Lee's year old wine—last year he hadn't brought a cork-opener...Bob O'Donnell and his "motorcycle mama", Samantha, running over Bruce McIntyre's prone body.........Terry Tallman being called "punk" by Michael Lee. You would have to see these two to know just how funny that was....Joan preventing Samantha from wearing her bra into a living room full of men...Jim Bumpas and Ken Corbin both playing with their children on their level...Mike Ehli and Terry Tallman squabbling over who was the real Hobby Sex Ghod....Paul Gardner seeing his ships sunk in Naval War....Evans Givan's Southern charm in winning over the Oregonians...Bruce McIntyre and Michael Lee, both real-life musicians, trying to harmonize by blowing on their bottles of beer, and getting drunker and drunker...Joan burning hushpuppies...

In short, I had one of the best times I've had in Diplomacy. If I can, I'll go back. This year the airline price was very reasonable. Joan and Ken have said they may change the date in future years because it is too near college exams for some students who probably have to choose between the con and studying. Any suggestions, write to Joan. Her "new" address is on page 25

Oh yes, and Bruce "Canadians Can Be Fun" McIntyre educated us Americans on how to pronounce Pegina, Canada. It seems it rhymes with.....vagina.....

HOBBY-WIDE NEWS

- § UP COMING POLIS: On page 37-38 of this issue of EE, is a ballot which can be detached for your vote in the Runestone Zine and GM Poll. See pages 35-36-67 instructions. Also on page 39 are two ballots, one for the Don Miller Memorial Award and the other for the Rod Walker Award. These ballots are also detachable. Please use them and make our polls meaningful! A p them
- § PRINTER NEEDED: The Boardman Number Custodian, Bill winn, is again looking for someone to print Everything, the journal of the BNC which lists game starts and finishes. If you are interested please contact Bill at: 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301 USA.
- § INTERNATIONAL GAMES: If you'd like to pit your skills against foreign opponents for a change here are two men to write to for details: Jan Feringa, Radijsstraat 11 B, 9741 BJ Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS who publishes <u>Brutus</u> and/or Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St., Burnaby, British Columbia, CANADA V5B 2IT, who publishes <u>Excelsior</u>. I believe Jan is interested in more North Americans and Bruce is interested in more Europeans for their respective games.
- § FORMAT CHANGES: Dave Kleiman's <u>The Diplomat</u> from the USA and Geoff Callinger's <u>Home Of The Brave</u> from England have both switched over to a digest format. A few years ago, only a few zines were digest-format and now I think a majority are digest.
- § FOLDS: Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian has put out the last issue of Coat of Arms. Debate rages whether it was issue #33 or issue #100!....Konrad Baumeister has folded his Give Me A Weapon.
- § VARIANT GAMES: Cosmic Balance III is being offered by <u>Ter-ran</u>'s Steve Heinowski who will soon have the rules available on computer. If interested, send Steve a self-addressed stamped envelope for the rules....Also available from <u>Ter-ran</u> is a game of Prize Diplomacy. The game is an undetermined \$17-18 US dollars so the winner will receive around \$100.00. Steve Heinowski's address is 12034 Pyle So. Amherst, Oberlin, Ohio 44074 USA......Greg Ellis is opening up a number of gunboat Diplomacy games. The game fee is \$5 and a sub to his zine, <u>Feuilletonist's Forum</u> which is currently \$5/10 issues. Games will be run with no preference lists, no press and with maps. Greg's address is: 700 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas 78701 USA.....Interested in playing "GO" by mail? Write to Michael Lee, 3480 Danna Court, Eugene, Oregon 97405 USA with a brief outline of your "experience" so it can be "determined" who gets the "handicap."
- § NORTH AMERICAN VARIANT BANK TO CHANGE HANDS: Fred Davis, in his most recent <u>Bushwacker</u>, mentions that he will replace Rod Walker sometime in June. The NAVB is "the master repository of over 600 known Diplomacy variants..cataloged into approximately 20 different categories." Write to Rod til June at: 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, California 92024 USA.
- § ZINE REGISTER: Envoy, pubbed by Roy Henricks, is just out with the news that the Zine Register, which contains info on zines world-wide in which you might be interested, will be available beginning April 22, 1985. The ZR lets you see what games are offered in what zines, if someone who publishes lives near you and also carries "ads". I'm assuming the cost will be about \$2.00 but you can write Roy and find out yourself at: 128 Deerfield Dr., Pittshe Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235 USA. The 15 ft 2.00 and write-warth it.
- § ORPHAN GAMES: If you are a GM willing to take over an abandoned, or "orphaned", game, or if you are willing to be a standby in an orphaned game, both of which are great helps, contact either Keith Sherwood, 8866 Cliffridge Ave., La Jolla, California 92037 USA or Jim Burgess, 100 Holden St., 3rd left, Providence. Phode Island 02908 USA. ((Hobby Wide News continues on page 10))

FRESHMAN POLL RESULTS 1985

Each year the zines and subzines which began during the year have a poll of their own. Steve Langley, pubber of Magus, tabulated the ballots of 44 voters which equalled 1982's record(In 1983 41 voted, and in 1984 38 people voted).

KEY: Rank--NAME OF ZINE or SUBZINE--number of votes--average vote--preference--((The Preference grid shows how one zine was preferred compared with another zine))

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		FRESHMAN	ZINE POL	L RESULTS		
ı.	FLICK OF THE WRIST	7	8.29	9.43		
2.	THE INNER LIGHT	16	8.25	7.94		
3.	NOT NEW YORK	7	8.29	6.71		
4.	SO I LIED	23	7 • 57	5.91		
5.	THE CONCERT OF EUROPE	18	7.50	5.78		
6.	Feudesse	17	5.88			
7.	REBEL	13	6.38	4.85		
8.	FROBOZZ	11	7.00	4.00		
9•	ST ABBACK	5	8.20			
10.	FEUILLETONIST'S FORUM	15	5.73			
11.	COSTAGUANA	9	5. <i>5</i> 6			
12.	ELECTRIC PENGUIN	12	5.83	2.75		
13.	COMMAND	6	4.67	3.50		
14.	HANSARD	5	4.40	2.20		
	((Zines receiving few	er than f	ive votes	were not r	anked))	
	KZINE FROM KAZOO	2	7.50	8.00		
	PROTOZOAN	2	8.00	3.50		
	THE ORPHANAGE	4	5.25	5.75		
	DRAGON'S LAIR	1	6.00	1.00		

FRESHMAN SUBZINE POLL RESULTS

((The parent zine of the subzine is given after the subzine's name))

ı.	SEX APPREL (Politesse)	8	7.88	16.38	
2.	HARE OF THE DOG (Magus)	21	8.38	14.86	
3.	THE BOOB REPORT (North Sealth West Geor	rge) 16	7.25	12.88	
4.	GALAMATIAS (The Prince)	10	6.80	12.70	
5.	ORPHAN CITY (30 Miles Of Bad Road)	13	6.85	12.62	
6.		20	6.75	11.90	
7.	SUBMARINE WARFARE (Life of Monty)	10	6.70	11.70	
8.	BOTTOMS UP (So I Lied)	9	6.33	12.00	
9.	SAVONLINNA (Europa Express)	19	6.63	10.63	
10.	EAHNHOF ZOO (Ruropa Express)	9	6.67	10.22	
11.	THE LITTLE DIPPER (The Prince)	7	5.71	10.86	
12.	BAD DOGGIE (North Sealth West George)	19	6.42	10.00	
13.	DEBI'S FILLER (So I Lied)	13	6.23	9.46	
14.	CHOMPS & MIAMS (Europa Express)	16	6.44	8.88	
15.	FEUDETTE (Feudesse)	6	6.50	8.33	
16.	BUT I'M HAPPY (So I Lied)	12	5. <i>5</i> 8	9.17	
17.	CORN OFF THE COBB (Xenogogic)	9 8	5.67	9.00	
18.	SPACE VIKING (Life Of Monty)	8	5.63	7.50	
19.	THE ECHO OF DOOM (Ruropa Express)	24	5.33	6.04	
20.		30	4.83	4.33	
21.	THE BEHOLDER (Europa Express)	21	4.24	3.05	
	((Subzines receiving fewer than five vot	es were	not rank	ed))	
	TEMPORARILY DELAYED (Envoy)	2	6.00	19.00	
	MALAGUEÑA (Stabback)	3	7.67	3.33	
	PERLMUTTER'S REVENGE (The Prince)	1	6.00	5.00	(

Ballots for 3 more polls are found on pages 37, 35+39. Cut them out and use them. They are purposely placed so you lose nothing else in EE.

SIX FLEETS MANEUVER OFF SPAIN AS MASSIVE SEA BATTLE LOOMS BETWEEN ROME AND PARIS!!!
ENGLAND FIGHTS AT THE SIDE OF FRANCE OFFERING BOTH SUPPORT AND A CONVOY!!!
ITALY WIPES TURKEY OUT AND WARNS RUSSIA NOT TO "HELP" THE WESTERN DUO!!!

 $\Omega\Omega$ POSITIONS IN FALL 1909 $\Omega\Omega$ GAME: "Alsace-Lorriane" 1981 IC Signore Gario L. Coughlaniano NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1910 § ZAT: Friday, May 17, 1985 § GAME COLOR: Oro W GAME NOTES: Thanks to Jaap for playing out Turkey to the very end! The draws failed. The F-I-E draw is reproposed. § Dislodgements This Time: Turkey's Fleet Rumania A proposal has been made to shorten the current 7-week deadlines. You can go to either 5-week or 6-week deadlines but it must be a unanimous vote. Remember to vote when you vote on the draw. Your cartoon is done by Dan Wilson who drew it especially for eliminated countries in EE! ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1909 Prancia: Army Silesia retreats to Berlin § ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1909 § A (BER) S A Mun, A (MUN) S A Ber (Signore Thomas Franke) A Ruh-(BUR), F Bel-(PIC) A Wal-(BEL), F (ENG) C A Wal-Bel, F (SPA-sc)-Lyo A (MAR)-Spa, A (GAS) S A Mar-Spa, F Mao-(POR). F Iri-(MAO) NGHILTERRA: A (NWY)-Stp, F (BAR) S A Nwy-Stp (Signore Mike Close) F (NTH) C French A Wal-Bel INCHILTERRA: F Swe-(BAL), A (KIE) S French A Mun A (TYO)-Mun, A (SIL) S A Tyo-Mun, A (PIE)-Mar ITALIA: (Signorina Kathy Byrne) A (BOH) S A Tyo-Mun, A (WAR) S A Sil A Ukr-(RUM), A (SEV) S A Ukr-Rum, A Con-(BUL), A (ANK) Holds F Tun-(NAF), F (WES) S F Tun-Naf, F (LYO) S F Wes F Ion-(TYS), F Aeg-(ION), A Nap-(ROM) RUSSIA: A (MOS) S A Stp, A (STP) S A Mos BYE. BYE TURKEY!! (Signore Doug Beyerlein) F (RUM) TO Holds (T-Bla-OTB) TURCHIA:

Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: Your 1909 Supply Center Chart is on page : Italy to Russia: If you help them, I'll consider that hostile and retaliate!

Italy to Turkey: Are you still here?! I hope not.

Memphis to Italy: Seems like there's a lot of that sentiment going around...

France to Italy: Yes, please resign and leave the game. I would be glad to take over all your centers—I'm sure the population will like the French way of life!

Memphis to France: Sorry, Thomas I can't let you make that "sacrifice", ha ha!

Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: Turn to page 10 for more press.

(Signore Jaap Jacobs)

£ 3000 # 3					
§ 1909 Supply	Center Chart Gains	§ <u>Loses</u>	Retains	<u>Has</u>	Builds/Removes
FRANCIA:		K1\$	Home, Bel, Por, Spa Hol, Mun, Ber, Lpl	10	-1
INGHILTERRA:	KIE		Edi, Lon, Nwy Den, Swe	6	+1
ITALIA	ANK		Home, Tri, Vie, Bud Tun, Smy, Ser, Gre, Rus Bul, War, Sev, Con	16	+1
RUSSIA:			Mos, Stp	2	No Change
TURQUIE:		MAK		<u>0</u> 34	0-U-T
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France to Memphis: We are playing together in a game now! I like that ... Yes, SPuR. That variant has a lot of Romans in it. Does Memphis to France: that sound familiar?! Italy to France: Ever play tag? Well, guess what you are 1t, and now you must come and get me! Memphis to Italy: It looks like y'all are coming to meet each other off of Spain! Italy to England: What are you griping about—this was all your idea! Italy to GM: Could we try for shorter deadlines again? I mean it seems like last baseball season was the last time I submitted orders and the new baseball season is already upon us. My how time flies when you are having fun! GM to Italy: I'll go with either 5-week or 6-week deadlines(see game notes) but nothing shorter than that. At least we're doing better than the original 10-week deadlines, ha ha! Give Elsie a kiss from me -- what does she say about "Alsace-France to Memphis: -Lorraine", who'll win? Memphis to France: Elsie gives the definitive bovine answer: MOO MOO!!! Memphis to Alsace-Lorraine: See y'all in May!

- NEW ZINES AND SUBZINES: The Razor's Rige, pubbed by James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504 USA, offers both Regular and Confusion Diplomacy and the sub rates are \$5/10 issues. Standbys receive 3 free issues. TRE also features cartoons and histories of famous diplomats. James has proven himself by doing the subzine Malaguena before this....The Canadian Diplomat, comes from Robert Acheson, P.O. Box 4622, Station SE, Elmonton, Alberta, CANADA TOE 2AO and costs 2 issues for one dollar and trades are welcome. CD offers Regular and Variant Diplomacy, quizzes and baseball predictions. Robert works in the Northwest Territories of Canada, or did....The Cubists' Corner is a new subzine in The Concert of Europe. CC discusses paintings and art and offers a "limited intelligence gunboat game" in which you don't know the other players and you only know the location of units which are adjacent to you. If interested write to Harvey Zeychek, 490 East 30th, Eugene, Oregon 97405 USA who'll tell you what you have to do (I imagine a sub to TCOE).
- § MINN-CON: Don't forget Minn-Con, which will be May 24-27, 1985 at the home of Scott Hanson and Frauke Petersen, 2626 Stevens Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 USA...(612)-874-0082. Scott and Frauke are currently in West Germany until May 9th, so you can wait until after then to write them for the instruction sheet they have prepared or you can get it from me. I'll be there and so will Bruce McIntyre of British Columbia who does Excelsior and Mike Barno. Many from the Mid-West should be there and Mark Frueh and Nancy Irwin may even be driving up from St. Louis with...John Michalski: Try to make it.
- § WEST VIRGINIA CON: Al Pearson, P.O. Box 898, Charles Town, West Virginia 25414 USA...(304)-725-5537, is hosting a con at his home May 4-5 with Diplomacy, Civilization, Rail Baron and Titan among the games offered. Charles Town is 50 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. so I'm sure that many East Coast hobby members will be there. Let Al know if you plan to attend!

THE AUSTRIAN ARMADA MOVES FORWARD WHILE ANGLO-FRENCH FLEETS LAUNCH LYON RAID!!!
BERLIN, CRITICIZED BY LONDON AND PARIS, LOSES BELGIUM TO FRANCE!!!
WITH ITALY'S ELIMINATION, ENGLAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY ACHIEVE ARMS PARITY!!!

POSITIONS IN FALL 1916 M

§ GAME: "Windsor" 1981 AN § GM: Garlás L. Khollányi ur § NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1917 § ZAT: Friday, May 10, 1985 § GAME COLOR: Zöld

GAME NOTES: Thanks to Al Pearson who played Italy from the beginning of the game to the end this season!

All the draws failed. A-E-F is reproposed. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes" so don't forget to vote or the game might not end as you prefer...

Faz says he will be out of touch as he'll be in Washington, D.C. from April 6-15.

Your 1916 Supply Center
Chart is on page (2. Your cartoon
was drawn by Dan Wilson, especially
for eliminated countries in EE games!
ZAT is German shorthand for

"Zugabgabetermin" meaning order handover date or deadline.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SUMMER 1916 §

Anglia: Fleet Gulf of Lyon retreats to Wes Mediterranean \$ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1916 \$

ANGLIA: F (WES) S French F Spa(sc)-Lyo, A (STP) Hold (Mark Fassio ur) F (NAF) S F Tun, F (TUN) S F Wes

AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZÁG: F (LYO) S F Tys, F (TYS) S F Lyo
(Kerry Blant ur) F Rom-(TUS), F Nap-(ROM), F Ion-(NAP)
F Adr-(ION), A Ven-(APU), A (PIE) Hold, A (TYO) S A Pie
A (BOH) S German A Mun, A (PRU) S A Sil, A (SIL) S A Pru
A (WAR) S A Pru, A (MOS) S A Lvn, A (LVN) S A Mos, A (GRE) Hold:

FRANCIAORSZÁG: F (SPA-sc)-Lyo, F (BAR) S English A Stp (John Marsden ur) F (MAC) S English F Wes, A Pic-(BEL)
A (MAR) Holds, A (GAS) S A Mar

NÉMETORSZÁG: <u>F (IRI)-Nao</u>, F (BER) S Austrian A Pru (Jack Fleming ur) F (BAL) S F Ber, A (MUN) S F Ber A (BUR) S A Mun, A (KIE) S A Mun, A (FIN) S English A STP

OLASZORSZÁG: (Allen Pearson ur) F (NAO)-Mao



BYE. BYE ITALY!!

Memphis to Windsor: Your 1916 Supply Center Chart is on page 12. France to Germany: Jack, if you're really that uninterested, quit, and let someone else have a try.

England to Germany: What shall it be, Jack? More of the same dreadful nothingness with which you are now so famous? Or perhaps an active offense(be still, my heart!)? Or perhaps you'll vote yourself out of the draws you so hate and take your sister to a movie? How's about SOME type of response? Oh, good sailing if you went into Liverpool; couldn't be helped, I suppose, what with the rogue Italian; pity.

Memphis to England: Pity nothing! Liverpool is still English! Flip on over to page | 2 for more press!

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§ 1916 Supply Center		•	D-1-1	17	D 43.4 /D
	<u>Gains</u>	Loses	Retains	<u>Has</u>	Builds/Removes
ANGLIA:	STP, TUN		Home, Nwy	6	+2
AUSZTRIA-MAGYARORSZÁGI			Home, Con, Gre, Rui Ser, Smy, Ven, War, Bu Mos, Sev, Ank, Nap, Ro	11	No Change
Franciaország:	BEL	\$4B	Home, Por, Spa	6	No Change
németország i		161	Home, Swe Den. Hol	6	-1
OLASZORSZÁG:		754	Jon, 102	0 34	0-U-T

Italy to World: If I only would have had the nerve to order F Mao-Eng last season, I would be a viable unit in this game. France to Italy: You can be a nuisance as long as you like (as far as I am concerned

that's all you ever have been), but I still won't need you.

Italy to Germany: I hope you enjoy Liverpool. It looks like another French

ally will bite the dust.

England to Al: Salutes, paisan. My guess is that they will block you from getting a center and sustaining yourself. If so, I appreciate your efforts this game, and you shall be missed, good sir! Best in your other match-ups, Al. England to France: John, thanks for the fleet support, old chap. I think we've managed to glue-up the south, although at a slight disadvantage to the cause. Still, it'll hold, bringing yet another era of trench warfare into the area--groan!. Hope this stabilises things a bit. File: Windsor moves? France to England: [IONDON] - The draw concessions will separate the interested from the disinterested (or so-called disinterested). If indeed the idea of a 5 (or 4)-way is so repellant, then I say let's do a 3-way, minimum! Germany seems out of touch and out of interest this game, so let's see what the draw votes show.

England votes for the 3-way, and blows off the other 2 draws. England to All: England to Austria-Hungary: Kerry, thanks for the recent letter. Like I said, we are at an impasse, and neither of us can afford to stray from the basic game--plan, but hey--communication is what the game's all about..or so I was always led to believe....good hunting.

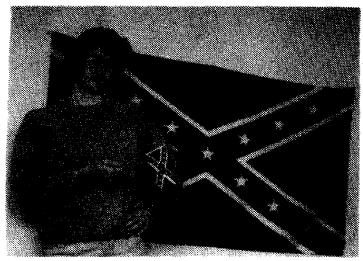
France to GM:

I'm looking forward to EE #70. I'm sure it'll be a beauty! P.S. It snowed here again yesterday....

GM to France: EE #70 and this game in Winter 1929 --- that's not funny, John! [LONDON] - (Joke I heard on the radio): Question: Why don't Congressmen use bookmarkers?......Answer: They like their pages bent over.

GM to London: Now that, that's funny!

See y'all all in the merry month of May, I hope! GM to Windsor:



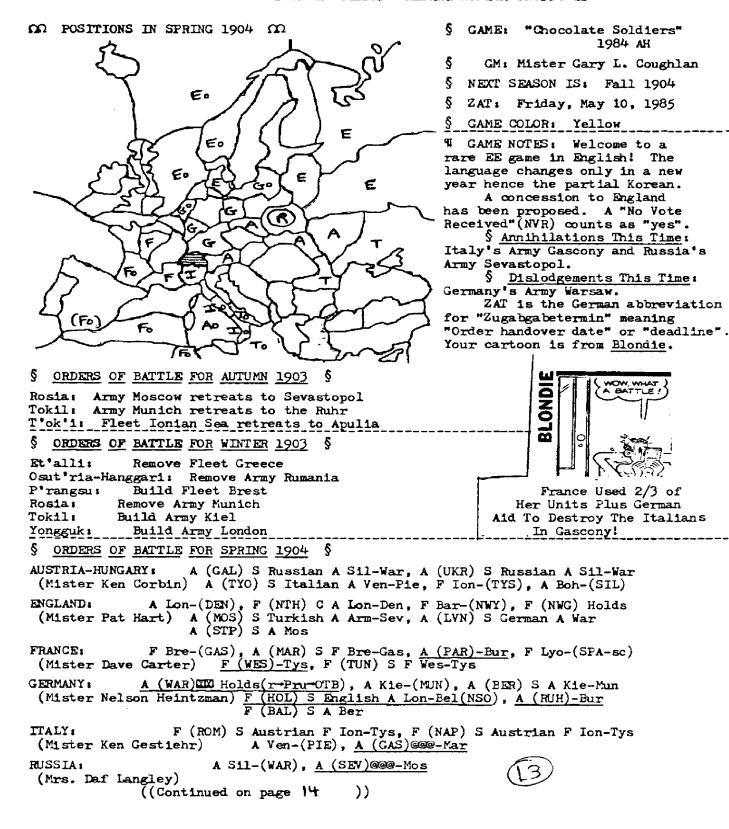
NEW PICTURE CONTST!!

does this picture tell you about this guy? One picture is worth a 1000 words and if you guess the correct identity, you win a free EE. The deadline for this contest will be June 14, 1985, most appropriately since that date is known as "Flag Day" in the USA. What is this person's politics, music tastes, job or is a student studying what? he American, Canadian or European? Is he an ally, or enemy, in one of your Diplomacy games? Have you perhaps written him a letter this week or talked with him on the telephone? Does he 12 play Austria or France better? Send your pic too but be sure and send a guess!

FRANCE IS DEFEATED IN NAVAL BATTLE BUT ANNIHILATES THE ITALIAN ARMY IN CASCONY!!!

THE ENGLISH CONVOY INTO DENMARK AND AID THE SULTAN'S ATTACK ON SEVASTOPOL!!!

THE RUSSIANS RECOVER WARSAW AS GERMANS RETAKE MUNICH UNOPPOSED!!!



Rome to Paris: Keep guessing, you're bound to do something right! I admit that I'm having some problems living up to my end of our France to Italy: agreement but I'm working on it. Don't be so hard on me... I need time. meanwhile, can we talk about where you're going with that renegade army? London to Paris: Looking forward to some cute French-type floosies, but, I hear there are "sure things" in Scandinavia! Keep those floosies on ice. London to Rome and Berlin: Don't worry, when I stab, there's no doubt who's doing what to whom. Occoopps! Did I say that? Memphis to London: Yes, and this too.... London to Budapest: I've made my move. We await your response, [CONSTANTINOPLE] - Hey guys and gal, I'm sorry about my performance letter-wise. I just can't do much but school during the school year, and this is by far the worst I've ever had it. I wouldn't have started this game if I knew that I would not be able to play correctly. As it is, my resignation would be as big a hassle as my silence, and besides, I'm rather attached to Chocolate Soldiers and its players. So just wait until school is out, OK? Thanks. London to Constantinople: Your last export never made it. We're playing musical chairs in Munich. Is that permissible? Rome to London: I suppose, as long as it's done in English.... Memphis to Rome: I'll be glad to teach the former English players in EE the art London to GM: of getting English as the game language. [THE LONDON TIMES] TSARINA EVADES SECRET SERVICE! British commandos failed to capture the elusive Daf in a raid on the Imperial Palace. Intelligence says she broke the German blockcade and fled to Denmark. More as it comes in. Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: And here's the latest.... London to Sevastopol: I'll get you yet my pretty. I will grapple(Southern foreplay for you Yankees) with thee.... Memphis to Sevastopol: If he means you Dustin, resist real hard!! So, you want some press, eh? W-e-1-1, my well has sort of Berlin to London: run dry, but how about I give you a small dose of Clark Ashton Smith? To wit, a journey into his mystical land of Zothique:

"On Zothique, the last continent of Earth, the sun no longer shone with the whiteness of its prime, but was dim and tarnished as if with a vapor of blood. New stars without number had declared themselves in the heavens, and the shadows of the infinite had fallen closer. And out of the shadows, the older gods had returned to man: the gods forgotten since Hyperborea, since Mu and Poseidonis, bearing other names but the same attributes. And the elder demons had also returned, battening on the fumes of evil sacrifice, and fostering again the primordial sorceries.

"Many were necromancers and magicians of Zothique, and the infamy and marvel of their doings were legended everywhere in the latter days. But among them all there was none greater than Namirrha, who imposed his black yoke on the cities of Xylac, and later, in a proud delirium, deemed himself the veritable peer of Thasaidon, lord of Evil. (Smith, Clark Ashton, Zothique, "The Dark Eidolon," pp. 128-129.

Of course, Your Royal Majesty, there are numerous creatures of hideous disguise which inhabit this strange, dark world of Zothique. For instance, in the following passage, we witness the approach of the living dead:

"Then, coming forward, the mummies said in dusty accents: 'All is made ready, and the feast awaits the arrival of Zctulla.' And the cerements of the mummies stirred and fell open at the bosom, and small rodent monsters, brown as bitumen, eyed as with accursed rubies, reared forth from the eaten hearts of the mummies like rats from their holes and chittered shrilly in human speech, repeating the words. The skeletons in turn took up the solemn sentence; and the black and saffron serpents hissed it from their skulls; and the words were repeated lastly in baleful rumblings by certain furry creatures of dubious form, hitherto unseen by Zotulla, who sat behind the ribs of the skeletons as if in cages of white wicker. (Ibid. p. 144)

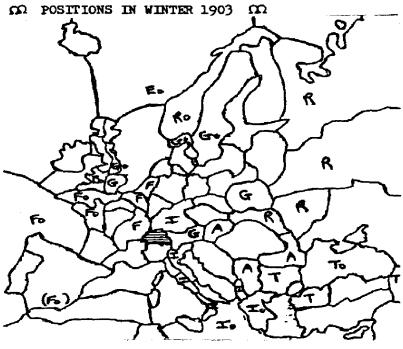
Kaiser, here again! Well, cheerio, old chap! Have a nice day..more later...

Memphis to Kaiser: Volenti non fit injuria but are you homo unius libri?

Memphis to Chocolate Soldiers: See y'all in May!

IK HEB OVERAL PIJN. MIJN OOR DOET PIJN. MIJN OGEN DOEN PIJN. IK BEN ZIEK!!!!

WINTER LULL HITS EUROPE AS FRANCE PROMISES "FESTIVE FOLLIES" IN JUNE!!! THE VIRGIN WAKES UP IN THE HOSPITAL WITH A "CUTE" YOUNG DOCTOR!!! RUSSIAN FORCES EVACUATE BUDAPEST AND SEVASTOPOL!!!



GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

Gospodin Garinoid L. Khoughlanikov

NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1904

ZAT: Friday, May 3, 1985

GAME COLOR: Zelyonyy

W GAME NOTES: Due to requests, your game is a winter only this time. Since that makes it still 1903, your game is still in Russian but remember that Korean arrives in 1904!

Tiny Spaces: There is an Italian Army in Naples

Your cartoon is from Berry's World. See you in May!



The Tsar Calls Germany's Anti-Russian Actions "Foolish"!!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1903

Avstriya Vengriya: Army Budapest retreats to Vienna, Fleet Albania retreats Off-The-Board

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1903 §

ANGLIYA: NO CHANGE

(Gospodin Rob Winslow)

AVSTRIYA-VENGRIYA:

(Gospodin Mike Mills

NO CHANGE

NO CHANGE

BUILD FLEET BREST

FRANTSIYA:

(Gospodin Mark Frueh)

(Gospodin Jim Burgess)

ITALIYA:

GERMANIYA:

(Gospodin Marvin Baker)

ROSSIYA:

(Gospodin Matt Kazur)

TURTSIYA:

NO CHANGE

(Gospodin Jerry Lucas)

Memphis to Iliad: I have Spring 1904 orders from each of you on hand. [PARIS] St. Louis presents "festive follies" this June 8th thru the 9th. Gateway Con sponsored by the Dragon's Lair Gaming Shop. D and D, sci-fi and all other kinds of board games. Small Diplomacy tourney too! More info forthcoming. Russia to Germany: You may have ruined me in 1903, but you should lose at least three centers in 1904. You really have proved to be more foolish than your reputation would lead one to believe. England to GM: I don't know how much more of this fun I can take. GM to England: There's more on page 16 !

BUILD ARMY ROME, BUILD ARMY NAPLES

REMOVE ARMY BUDAPEST, REMOVE FLEET SEVASTOPOL

[IN SANTA ROSA]-(Turkey): The Emergency Room doctor was cute in his white outfit. Why do all young doctors have mustaches? He reminded her of John, the guy who'd left her naked on the beach in Guereneville. That seemed so long ago, yet it was just that morning. So much had happened, or had it? She didn't know. They had taken away the old man with the tubes in his nose who had been lying on the next bed.

"It's good to see you're feeling better," the doctor said as he bent over her face to examine her eyes. "Do you know where you are?"

"I seem to be in a hospital. Is this still Santa Rosa?"

"Yes it is. How are you feeling, any headaches?"

"No, I feel fine. Just a little hungry."

"The nurse will bring you something to eat. You've been asleep for quite a little while. But before we bring you something to eat, I'd like to run a couple of tests. They won't take long. How did you come to be lying in the street? The patrolman who brought you in said he found you downtown."

Downtown? She remembered the cop tugging on her dress, but nothing after.

"I don't really know."

"Well, maybe it will come to you later. Nurse, schedule her for a CT scan. Then see if you can get her something to eat."

"Yes, doctor," the nurse said as she left the room.

The doctor finished his examination and announced: "Everything seems to be OK. The tests will help us make sure. If everything checks out, you can leave."

Leave? To go where? I have no money, no way to call anyone, no place to go.

The doctor parted the curtain and left. Looking about her, the Virgin spotted her dress and shoes on the chair beside the bed. Without hesitation, she put on her clothes and peeked through the curtains. No one could see her. She walked toward a door passing a well-lit room in which a nurse was busy bandaging someone's hand. She paused at the door to listen, opened it and entered the waiting room. Still no one seemed to pay much attention to her except a couple sitting in the waiting room holding a baby. She walked across the waiting room and entered the rest room, which she used. Exiting the rest room, she walked toward the door. Just as she was leaving, she heard a commotion behind her and froze, Russia to Memphis: If, as you threaten, you cut my subscription to EE(and thus eject me from 1984 AG) that can do nothing save ruin your reputation. At the very least, I feel that you have harrassed me. And why? Simply because I once called EE "gloomy". Contrary to what you may believe, I have not written you "solely to aggravate" you. Unfortunate that you choose to look at it that way. If you wish to continue any dialogue with me, please do so in honest, open letters. I refuse to honor any further "off the record" labels you may put on letters, as you seem to merely abuse the privilege. In the future, please refrain from attempting to antagonize me. I am not in this hobby for the power trip (or the glory of winning x-number of consecutive polls), merely to play Diplomacy by mail. Thank you. Memphis to Hiad: Matt Kasur has been sending garbage like this to me for over a year, even before Iliad began. He constantly runs EE down, he has an abnormal interest in my dormant feud with Dick Martin and after a year of this I'm just fed up. However, I have no intention of removing Matt Kazur from this game as he well knows having been told as much in letters dated January 15 and February 15 this year alone.

Here is a quote from my January 15 letter to Matt Kazur: "You continually complain about EE and its short-comings, its gloominess, its so-called "vendettas", its this, its that etc. Obviously EE irritates you very much. Why put yourself through this misery, Matt!!! There are many other zines I know you would enjoy if you gave them half a chance....As I've said before(I feel I have to keep repeating myself with you so that elementary facts will sink in), you can continue in your EE game without subbing to EE. It would be my pleasure to send you your game reports (and the endgame statements when Iliad ends) free of charge. It would do my conscience good to know that Matt Kazur is no longer having to suffer through yet another issue of EE."

Only one of Matt Kazur's many letters to me has been off-the-record. The others, including my responses, were seen by several of my hobby friends. Their opinions are:

Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian: "This guy is a trouble-maker. I wouldn't put him in the EE game, auction or no auction."

Pruce Linsey: "It sounds like Dick Martin."

Daf Langley: "This guy sounds like he is deliberately trying to

((Conclusion on page 25))

France conquers piedmont, offers co-operation to both Russia and Turkey!!! AUSTRIANS VACATE BERLIN, TAKE MUNICH AND GIVE WARSAW TO THE GERMANS!!! TURKISH FLEETS WIN CONTROL OF THE IONIAN SEA!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1911 Ω 6 R G

GAME: "Rhino" 1982 U

Monsieur Garéaux L. GM: Coughlannique

NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1912

§ ZAT: Friday, April 26, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Jaune

9 GAME NOTES: Note that the next deadline is for 4-weeks and not the usual 5. Bob Foote is going to be away for about a month starting May 5(Your deadline would have been May 3) so this prevents a delay. Is okay, man?

A French-Austrian-Turkish draw has been proposed. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a

§ Dislodgements This Time: Austria's Army Piedmont.

Tiny Spaces: That's a German fleet in the Skaggerak. Your cartoon is from Blondie.

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1911 §

A (KIE) Holds, F (HEL) S A Kie, A Sil-(WAR) (Monsieur Bob Foote) F (DEN) S A Kie, F Swe-(SKA)

A (PRU) S German A Sil-War, A Ber-(SIL) AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: (Monsieur Russ Rusnak) A (GAL) S German A Sil-War, A (ROM) Holds A Tyo-(MUN), A (BOH) S A Tyo-Mun, A (VEN)-Tri, F (ADR)-Tri A (PIE) WW-Mar(r-Tus-Tyo-OTB)

A Mar-(PIE), F (LYO) S A Mar-Pie, F (TYS)-Rom (Monsieur Bert Schoose) F (TUN)-Ion, A (BUR)-Mun, A (BEL)-Hol A (HOL)-Kie, A (RUH) S A Hol-Kie, F (NIH) S A Bel-Hol A (NWY) S Russian A Fin-Swe(NSO), F (NWG) S A Nwy

F (ENG) S F Nth

Kaiser Fuß Explains

WAKE IT ?]

Catfish And Maybe How He Kept Sweden!

A (FIN)-Nwy (Monsieur Michael Lee)

F Alb-(ION), F (NAP) S F Alb-Ion, F (APU) S F Alb-Ion, A Rum-(SEV) (Monsieur Marc Peters) F (GRE) S F Alb-Ion, A (LVN)-Stp, A (MOS)-Stp

Memphis to Rhino: Your 1911 Supply Center Chart is on page 18 Lubbock to Eugene: Schubert may have liked trout, but Mozart liked catfish. That's

Lennie Mozart, of course, the famous sax player.

Paris to Constantinople: It was nice to hear that you know I exist in this game. I thought it'd be nice to let you know that I know you exist as well. I suggest we get to know each other even better. How about a meeting in Berlin or Vienna? I'm sure that a two-way draw is something worth discussing and since the Austrians want a solo win---we should stop him.

Greek Resident to GM: Were four supports enough to get the Ionian? GM to Greek Resident: Ever hear of "overkill"?!

Kaiser Fuß to the Pale Blue Slime: I can't imagine why you are in the Norwegian Sea. It's illegal to move to Iceland, you know.

Memphis to Kaiser Fuß: So let's move to page 18 for more press!

§ 1911 Supply Cen	ter Cha	<u>rt</u> §			· ·
<u> </u>	Gains	Loses	<u>Retains</u>	Has	Builds/Removes
ALLEMAGNE:	WAR	phydyl	Kie, Ber, Den, Swe	5	No Change
AUTRICHE-HONGRIE:	MUN	nap. Ant	Home, Ser, Rum, Ven, Ro	m. 8	-1 (unless OTB)
FRANCE:			Home, Bel, Edi, Lpl Lon, Par, Spa, Tun		
			Hol, Nwy	12	No Change
RUSSIE			Stp	1	No Change
TURQUIE:	NAP		Home, Bul, Sev, Gre, Mos	8 34	+1

Constantinople to Budapest: Tell me that we've gotten it straight, Russ, and that nobody did anything foolish. Certainly I wouldn't---not ever. Well, seldom -- just once in awhile. Silesia (formerly Munich) to Lubbock (Via Germany): Look at this mess you've gotten us into ... France pounding at us in the west, and now our capital is occupied by Austrians. This is lunacy! What?...You want us to move further east? Lubbock to Silesia: Shut up and follow orders! Turk to Michael (Player X) Lee: Gary may be a blabbermouth, but you can rest assured your secret is safe with me. Memphis to Turkey: (This must be spoken with an exaggerated Southern accent) I do hope that Michael Lee doesn't lose control. It's his creation and he should have control of his creation! I think Russia missed the point on your cartoon. I thought he France to Gary: looked good, however, he wasn't the clump of grass. He was the clump "behind" the big dog. I noticed the other dogs laughing at him. Gary to France: Monsieur, are y'all am intimating that Michael has lost control?? I wonder if any sociologists have ever studied Dip players..it's Bob to Gary: such a sick way to have fun. I'm sure that Bert is really a nice guy in real life, but I just can't help myself. You don't think he will take personally the fact that he will be wiped off the board within two game years? Do you? Somehow, I don't think his greeting to you is said in that vein.... Gary to Bob: France to Germany: Nice knowing you! See y'all in April. Don't forget the 4-week deadline! Memphis to Rhino:

The Letter Column....



A short letter column this time which will probably deal mainly with the picture guesses for the man on this page. (The new picture contest begins on page 1λ). You win one free issue of EE if you correctly guess the person in the picture. The person is always a subber of EE....

Mark Luedi (Indiana, USA): "This guy is a BRUX toady--look at those eye brows."

John Pack (New Mexico, USA): "This man definitely looks like the military type; if he can't beat you in a game, he can at least stomp on your face for after-game-pleasure. He

definitely takes the game seriously; he can still claim to have always "had the last laugh". His favorite country is whichever one is winning at the moment, usually that of his master. He looks a little hypnotized from the last game he played as a puppet. How about John Michalski?"

Christoph Schunck (West Germany): "It's funny--I never saw this man and should tell you something about him? If a picture is really worth 1,000 words, then the first 980 of them are cries of laughter. This fellow with a Donald Duck T-shirt and short hair cut can't be American in any case. The settee he's sitting on seems to bend. But as he doesn't look fat, it must be very old. Only Europeans have such old furniture, and only Dutch people use such ugly patterns. Since Ivo Bouwman is the only Dutch hobby member I haven't seen yet, he's my guess!"

((More guesses follow on page [4]))

Judy Winsome (California, USA): "This is somebody's brother. Look at those great eyebrows, that long neck, the Donald Duck T-shirt. These are the qualities every girl looks for in a big brother. This guy is destined to become a Marine, he may already be one. He believes in a strong defense, that's why he loves to play England. He's tall enough to be Terry Tallman, but he's not pretty enough. He's definitely a Californian, lives in Southern California (the Donald Duck clues are prevailing here obviously). I'd say he was Mike Mazzer but I've seen Mike Mazzer. Do you know why he's got that smile on his face? I do, I've seen that look before. It occurs just about the time I unsnap my bra and let it fall to the floor. My brother used to look at me the same way. This must be James Woodson. (A little risque, but what the heck, you've got Savonlinna and Femme Fatale..)
Ben Schilling (Michigan, USA): "Taking a look at the new picture contest, I can see that he's wearing a Donald Duck tee-shirt and seems to have a military haircut. Now, who's known for signing letters "Semper Fidelis (the U.S. Marines' motto) and his friendship with ducks? None other than Don Williams, right? So that's who it has to be."

Don Williams (California, USA): "Where did you dig up this one? EGAD!! The guy's American. He can't cook worth a dingle-damn, but he's a great stand-up comic. Judging from the short hair and squared jaw, he's military: his AFSC/MOS is field artillery. Hence, the sinister half-grin, half-sneer on his feisty mein. It's funny you should mention talking to him on the phone, 'cause I think I did last Monday. Yes, he's in the hobby-no, he doesn't play Dip(he only thinks he plays Dip). This guy's favorite tune is "Dead Puppies Aren't Much Fun." His favorite color is "mottled ocre" and his lucky number is 13 (said number doubles as his I.Q.) When he reads that, he'll probably tell me to "Eat Shit And Die". then I'll know for sure it's--- Mark Fassio?" [ESAD is Mark's roving subzine] Mark Fassio(California, USA): "The photo contest: C'mon, Gary! Really! It's bad enough that you have shown "Geeks On Parade" for the last 12 issues -- but now you've made it a baker's dozen! Where on earth (or any other constellation) did you find this maroon? The short hair (at least that a an improvement over Baldy from last issue) is indicative of a military type--whose army, I'm not sure of. The eyebrows look like mine(is that my picture? Nah..?). No, wait--those eyebrows are a dead ringer for Leonid Brezhnev's. This guy must be Russian. That would explain the retarded T-shirt with the meaningless design on it. And the eyes look like Rasputin's, all right. But you don't have any Russkies in the zine, so my guess is he's just a "European". Definitely a continental type, either French or Belgian or Gypsy or something equally blase. So, after all this, I'll reverse myself and say it's James Briggs, our pseudo-Russian-looking G.I. who happens to be in Europe; that should fill all the requirements I mentioned above. Do I win 10 more free issues now, buh, do I?" Michel Liesnard (Belgium): "Let's breathe. I know the man portrayed for your latest picture contest. He's Jim "Pinto Bean" FINLEY from Vista, California.

probably a nicer person than some Tennessean I won't name here...

But in fact, FINLEY is but a pseudonym. His real name is Reilly H. CRABB(no, not "Really A Crab"), and he's in charge of the Foundation for Paranormal Sciences Research, still in Vista, California. It's him who made such a lot of fuss about the "Philadelphia Experiment", some years ago, and who pretended that EINSTEIN, etc., had tried to make Woody invisible. Ha ha! Woody invisible? Why not me portrayed

with a glass of milk in my hand?"

<u>Keith Sherwood</u>(California, USA): "Do I already have a picture guess in? Did I mention this person's similarity to David Byrne? Now that Dan Stafford is subbing again, maybe it's him---he certainly has The Brow."

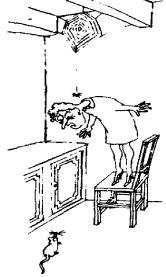
is one of those heroic sods who send me a letter from time to time. He's thus

D Again, some good guesses and this time one of you actually guessed the person's identity. Michel Liesnard, pat yourself on the back. This is Jim Finley who is in the U.S. Marines and insists that pinto beans, and not kidney beans, are the proper beans for chili. Jim lives in California now but he is a native New Mexican and proud of it. Faz, the "meaningless design" on Jim's T-shirt was Donald Duck, dagnabbit! Now for the results of another contest....In EE #42, Bruce McIntyre posed the following problem: "What is the only place on the Diplomacy board that cannot be legally moved to in 1901, though it is accessible

from then on?" Turn to page and we'll see some of the guesses..

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THE LETTER COLUMN....Continued from page 19



Stephen Dycus (Indiana, USA): "Concerning the trivia question posed by Bruce McIntyre in EE #42---my answer is St. Petersburg, north coast. It is accessible only by fleet, and the closest anyone can come in 1901 is the Barents Sea(by England). Conrad Minshall (Texas, USA): "I'll bet McIntyre's Dip place is St. Petersburg(north coast)!" Mark Fassio (California, USA): "I have been trying to figure out Bruce McIntyre's puzzle question, about where you cannot legally go in 1901. I have to admit that I'm stumped. My only (half-assed) guess is that you can't get a fleet to Syria in 1901, but that only answers it halfcorrectly, for a "unit" can indeed get there in 1901--from Smyrna in the spring. So I'm at a loss...I'm sure it'll be something so miserably obvious that I'll be ashamed to see the answer later on!" Jan Feringa (The Netherlands): "The unreachable place is St. Petersburg(north coast). It took somewhere between 5 and 10 minutes."

D Well, it wasn't obvious to me but you four guys plus Evans Givan who gave me the correct answer at LepreCon in Oregon, each win a free issue of EE. Jan asked that his be given to his fellow countryman, Peter Aars. OH NO!! Is the North American hobby ready for another Dutchman?!! Jan, tell Peter that he will receive EE #44.

And now if you are game for another contest, this will involve your dictionary, specifically your <u>Finnish</u> dictionary. Visit your local main library and go to the foreign dictionaries area. The contest......

<u>C-G Spare</u>(Finland): "A puzzle for you to answer: If you were to put on the enclosed T-shirt (and supposing the message would be understood) why would they clobber you in Battle Creek, Michigan but elect you honorary mayor in Barrington, Illinois?"

The T"shirt, which incidentally I wore to LepreCon in Oregon, says:

The two first right answers(one from Europe, one from North America) win a free issue each. An amusing answer will win you a further free EE but you must get at least one word correct in Finnish(so I know that you actually tried). In case it isn't clear the "O" in the second word "Löytyy" has an umlaut over the "O".

Luc Dodinval (Belgium): "Could you please make a short objective summary of what's going on with Bruce Linsey? Seems stupid to me anyway for a feud to gain that importance..."

Steve Cooley(California, USA): "You may be right on this feud business; that it can't be ignored. I will say this, however, that I throw most of those mass mailings in the trash without reading more than a paragraph. At times, I wish I had my own zine to let these people know how much I resent their taking up my time with this tripe. I also wish that all of my PBM opponents spent as much time writing me as the "feuders" -- tho' more on negotiations than on finger pointing. In your letter, you mentioned Steve Hutton's No Fixed Address, it sounds perfect!"

In the latest go-round of feuding in the U.S. hobby, lots of accusations have been made but this is the worst that I have ever seen it and I've been around for almost 6 years. I don't want to see it happen again but people do have a right to clear their reputations. The mass mailings have tapered off and I think Steve Hutton in his NFA has the right idea: Put Up or Shut Up. In a separate section of his zine, "Fighting Words", he prints anything from anyone. Then he thoroughly analyzes it and asks for proof if it is lacking. So far most of the feuders, with the notable exception of Kathy Byrne, have used NFA as a forum to express their side and Steve is extremely fair and even-handed. If you want to see the feuders who have made life miserable for all of us take some well-deserved licks, send \$3.20 US(either cash or check) to Steve Hutton ((contined on page 2)

WHISPERING - "There is a time for everything under the sun," was the substance of a remark once made by the wise man but there are times when whispering is in decided bad taste, not to say positively ill-mannered. There are several classes of whisperers that have won our cordial disapprobation; for instance, the ladies (so called) who whisper in the street; those who whisper in church; those who whisper at the table; those who whisper at social gatherings; and those who whisper in the next room so softly loud as to disturb our slumbers and oblige us to listen to their tender confessions. We dare say all those ladies have thoughts they would not care to express in company, and which we should not care to hear but why need they confess to them in public so frequently? We would suggest the propriety of erecting oratories at convenient distances along the street, of having confessionals attached to all our churches, and setting apart a private room at all evening parties for the exclusive use of those who cannot restrain their utterance. Without endorsing the old saying, "That whispering is always lying," we are inclined to think that no good ever comes from it. It has a suspicious look, and we have circumstantial evidence to believe that beginning with small gossip, and ill-natured criticism, it degenerates into slander and fosters a kind of communication that corrupts good manners and the better feelings of the heart.

We shall speak of other who indulge in this vice at another time. (Buffalo <u>Daily Courier</u>, November 22, 1854)

AT IT AGAIN - Jerry Sheehan, a gentleman who is just out of jail (on bail) where he had been awaiting trial on a charge of watch-stuffing, was arrested yesterday at Dunkirk by a police officer, having just stuffed a watch upon an unfortunate youth, with the usual gushes of sorrow in relation to a sick mother and a valuable gold watch. Sheehan was brought to Buffalo early this morning, and is now in his old quarters, supping sorrow. We learn that this is his second offence, and if so, as watch-stuffing is considered by law a larceny, a state prison offence will be made out, and Jerry will have to bid Buffalo farewell for a season, whereat we feel hugely grieved, as do many of our citizens.

(Buffalo Daily Republic, May 2, 1860)

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS - This evening, at the room under Temperance Hall in the Kremlin, entrance on Main street. The DAVENPORT BOYS will exhibit the fact of the communications of spirits with mortals. The physical manifestations are said to be very wonderful - such as playing on a number of instruments at the same time, displaying spirit hands, holding conversations with the audience, &c., &c. Admission 25 cents.

(Buffalo Daily Republic, April 14, 1860)

THE LETTER COLUMN....Continued from page 20

at: 27 Columbia St. W., Waterloo, Ontario, CANADA N2L 3K4 and ask for issues 27/28 and 29/30. Since Steve is going to Europe soon for several months, write him first before you send money. If you want to get an over-all view, not just the slant of one side of THE FEUD, No Fixed Address is your best chance.

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Scott Hanson/Franke Petersen - see below for addresses.

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ZAT für FRühjahr 1904 ist 27 AFRIL 1985 auf FRAUKE PETERSEN, BAHNHOFSTR. 5, 2330 ECKERNFORDE, BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCH-LAND. If there are any problems with this game report, write to us here in Minneapolis before March 30 (2626 Stevens Ave S, Mpls MN 55408 USA). We'll be in Germany April 1 to May 9. Thanks to Helmut Schmidt for his unneeded standby orders. Condolances to Ed Wrobel for his poor but interesting showing in this game. Good luck to Jaap Jacobs at his new address. Hearty wishes to Ivo Bouwman on vacation in Africa until April 7. And thanks to Gary Coughlan and Christoph Schunck for printing BZ in their zines. These units have possible retreats next season: FRA A BER, A KIE, F SPA/SC; CRO F MID, F HOL; ITA A MAR, F WES; RUS A SER, A RUM, F SEV; TUR A BUL, A CRE.

ROME-WORLD: His Royal Highness is paying an official visit to the German East African colonies, to gain support for his struggle against the agressive French hordes. FRANCE-ITALY: Our President Roosevelt said about Italy's attack on France: "The hand that held the dagger has struck it into the back of its neighbor." I see you're upholding the "jackal" tradition of your scavenger nation. FRANCE-TURKEY: Allons voir un film d'évouvante..... "Bahnhof Zoo" SAURI'S-BAHNHOF ZOO: White is much better and you will be printed from Autumn 1903 onwards. We wanted to give one Gary Coughlan the chance to stop his obscene "Hüftgürtel"talking. ((You shouldn't have mentioned it; I have a feeling he'll start again.)) RUSSIA-WORLD: Please note COA. FRANCE-RUSSIA: Et tu, Jacobus? LONDON-MOSCOW: Looks like you don't like any peace here? So here's to you: After the German death, we will no longer consider you a friend! FRANCE-GERMANY: I'm sorry, sorrier than you are no matter in at happened! RUSSIA-GERMANY & FRANCE: Apologies for not responding to your letters, COA's to blame. 'S CRAVENHAGE-TRIER: You must be kidding! Compared with Springsteen Genesis is like like F.C. Trier to H.S.V.! ((So what band is Bayern München?)) MEMPHIS-TRIER: Lissen bud, you got to get those decadent British rock groups like Genesis out of your system! What you need is to get some moonshine, settle back in a rocking chair and put some Loretta Lynn or Conway Twitty on the cle sterec. I think Europe is ready to "Go Country"!! GM-TRIER: I just want to say that I think Genesis is a very nice band and I only wish Phil Collins would devote more time to the band than to his solo career. I mean, gag, "Against All Odds," give me a break! Or "One More Night." yech! FRANCE-SCOTT & FRAUKE: And wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to have ZAT when a certain someone is on the "Hountains of the Moon"? Oh, I do!! CHRISTOPH-FRAUKE: Die blöde Birne, die mir versprochen hatte, FlePi zu besorgen, hatte es "mal wieder vergessen". Sorry, aber von ihm bin ich abhängig. Vielleicht habe ich am Eurocon Gelegenheit, Dir die Flaschen zu geben? ((I think that could be arranged...)) LONDON-CONSTANTINOPLE: Be aware, that England is on your side. And keep the fire burning. The pressure on Russia's north will surely be increased in 1904! PARIS-ROME: I don't have a capitol. I have a capital. PARIS-SCOTT: But I really need some capital now! Where is that income tax refund!? SCOTT-PARIS: Must be nice, to have a refund. Those of us unfortunate two-income households who didn't have enough tax withheld aren't so lucky. But we may have a small measure of revenge on the IRS. We'll mail our check on April 15. From Europe (perhaps Eindhoven?). Surface mail. (I hope that's legal...) ENGLAND-FRANCE: Graduated from high school in 1969? I haven't even been in school since then...((Yeah, we're all young pups next to Gary.)) FRANCE-BOARD: I wrote my heart out this past season. I wonder what effect my letters had? I'm either a crippled power or one of the biggest kids on the block depending on those reactions! CHRISTOPH-SCOTT & FRAUKE: Will you take the Eurocon (April 12th to 14th) into your planning? I'd be glad to meet you then. IVO-GM'S: If you have the chance, you should go to the convention in Eindhoven. You'll be able to get to know quite a few faces to names. I'm not sure if I will be there, since it starts less than a week after my return from Africa.

How could we turn down so many invitations? We just received the brochure in the mail this week (thanks Jaap) and right now it looks like we can make it. I don't that we'll stay for the whole time or even officially register for the con (niether of us are really gamers) but as for talking to people at the nearest pub, we'd be all for that!

I sure hope it's spring wherever you all are. It sure looks that way here, with sunny skies and melting snow. Our backyard is just one big mud puddle. I guess it's time to think about getting the bicycles out!

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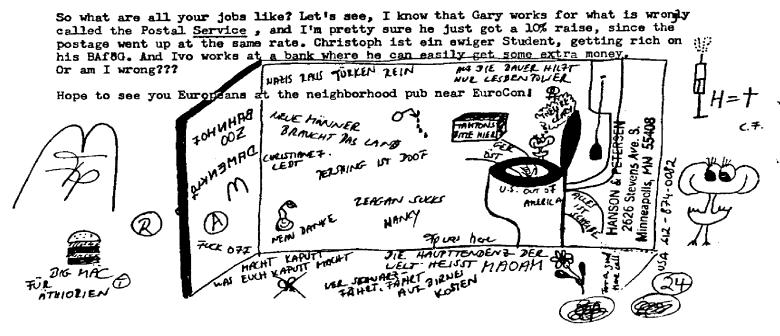
Hi guys,

The incredible Gerwoman is back! In today's lesson I will tell you about the hardships of supporting a family of four - my favorite husband Scott the Schnucki, Mausi the cat, Hasi the VW "Rabbit" (Golf), and last not least my poor self. Of course, the first thing you need is money, which is not necessarily earned as easily in the U.S. as most people think.

Well, of all the jobs I could have as an immigrant I turned out to become part of one of America's greatest success stories... McDonald's. Ha, sounds pretty easy to supervise the cooking of the fiftysomebillionth burger, but it's not quite as simple. First of all, it's so important a job that it cannot be done in the civilized world's 40 hour work week. I'm glad to have the privilege of working 48 hours a week. Then again, it pays pretty good, so I won't complain.

Right now I have the position of a first assistant manager (my store manager is on vacation right now, so I'm the boss) and hopefully some time this fall I will be promoted to store manager. Until themmy workday will look like this: it begins at a time that especially college students consider the middle of the night - 4;50 a.m. A 10 min. bus- or bikeride (depending on the season) gets me to work at 5:30. My store opens at 7:00 a.m. because unlike European McDonald's, we serve a breakfast menu, consisting of high colesterol, high calorie items like scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, all those good things that ensure heart diseases to remain America's #1 killer. What I do early in the morning is basically making sure that the store is set up properly, double-checking the previous night's bookwork and, most importantly, having the store look nice when my store manager comes in at 8:00(1). Later on in the day, when we approach our major lunch rush around noon, I'm mostly out of the office to be sure everything is set to handle around \$1000 in sales with approximately 20 people. Then there are also certain expenses to control, like labor and food costs. On top of that I get to hire and fire employees, order supplies and so much more.

Surprisingly, the money I earn is spent by far more easily than it is earned. Scott the Schnucki needs to be educated at college, fed, and clothed, Mausi the cat requires to be fed (and he is determined to let you know if you don't, regardless what time of the night it may be), Hasi the Rabbit needs to get his weekly supply of diesel, yet Frauke the Gerwoman only needs sleep when she works her famous 5:30 - 4:00 shifts.



"pick a fight with you."

When Al Pearson visited me last summer I showed him the letters and my responses to Matt Kazur. Al was puzzled about this virtual unknown's intense, abiding interest in the Martin-Coughlan feud and his pointed remarks, about something which shouldn't concern Matt Kazur to the degree it has.

For most of the year Matt Kazur has been writing this crap to me, I've been extremely patient but lately it's stretched thin. When I sent Steve and Daf Langley a copy of my February 15 letter to Matt Kazur, I wrote them: "More and more I am convinced that this is really Dick Martin...I really rubbed in things I thought would irritate Dick if this is indeed him. I also laid it on thick about polls and EE, trying to be as obnoxious as I could."

Steve Armawoodian, Bruce Linsey, Steve and Daf Langley and Al Pearson are all getting a copy of the Iliad game report this time and this is the last you will see of this issue in EE. If Matt Kazur wants to pursue his cock-eyed views, he

can write you himself.

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And Matt, you say you want "merely to play Diplomacy by mail." I'll grant you your wish, in so far as I am concerned. Send me orders and Iliad-related press for your game but otherwise cross me off your list of correspondents. The game reports will be the only item you will receive from me in the future. Your EE refund subscription check is arriving via certified mail. Matt Kazur remains in this game as Russia. Did you get that, Matt?

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FOCUS ON FAKES!

This is the EE department that gives public recognition to any and all fakes sent my way. Fakes of zines are fun and they are always free and the hobby can always use some laughs and they were provided in a spoof of Politesse called Polesse. ℀ Politesse was so flattered by this 10-page fake, done by admitted faker Sean Vessey, that it reprinted 3 pages of it. Politesse aims to provide a forum for face-to-face gaming in the Virginia and Maryland area. "Poli" is before everything as in "Poli-editor", "Poli-subber", "Poli-sub" etc and its covering organization is known as WARTHOG which stands for Washington Area Retinue of (Tactically) Highly Organized Camers. Polesse aped Politesse in almost all areas except for photographs. The fake sponsored the "Official WARTHOG figurehead

The fake sponsored the "Official WARTHOG figurehead contest", informs about computer Diplomacy("Would you pay \$2,550.00 just to play Diplomacy?") and offers openings in a new game called "PAX BRITANNICA (the game for civilized people)".

Sean says: "Here is the real thing! Politesse is the fake." Good job, Sean!

SAVONLINNA

SAVONLINNA is an independent subzine of EUROPE EXPRESS, edited by Michael Mills, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974, U.S.A.

Well, we're off and running with the third S.P.Q.R. game. Our six fresh players are Gary Coughlan; who edits a 'zine somewhere in Memphis, Mark Frueh; who gets confused with Irwin Frueh in St. Louis; Claude Gatron living on rue Masson in Winnipeg; Carl Gustav Sparre, living in Helsinki or Helsingfors, as he writes it; and Thomas Franke from the little burg of Dinslaken in Deutsheland. This should be a very, very novel game. Not only are we going to use an untried transport rule with timber, we are going to try to keep "up the spirit" of the game in the international mails --- I hope they all have lots of postage stamps handy.

In the next SAVONLINNA you'll see the announcement and the start of the auction, etc. Right now, I have about 35 copies of the S.P.Q.R. rules with the new map, which appeared in EE last time for anyone who wants one. I need standbys for this game and Chuff Afflerbach, who is GMing the second S.P.Q.R. game "Bread & Circuses" would also like some standbys, too! So, for 39¢ postage I'll send you a copy. Then you can write to me or Chuff and sign up as a standby.

If there's enough interest in a fourth game, I will pull teeth to find you all a good GM. You see, since S.P.Q.R. is a fairly involved little game, it's more than enough work for a GM to do just one; two games would be torture and we don't do that in this country, do we?

I have yet to come up with a name for this third game and would welcome any suggestions. I saw a reference to Roman legionairres as "Miles Gloriosus," meaning Glorius Soldier, but didn't think too highly of it.

Well, what else. How about a quick plug for P.D.O. Have you written to your Zone Kommissar lately? Better yet, have you stabbed him? In the next few weeks the P.D.O. will undergo some major changes with a manifesto amendment, an omnibus reorganization bill and a new Grand Kommissar, even though that person has declined national office. Stay tuned and find out all about it next month.

Well, (that's my favorite introductory word) bye now. Keep the faith and, when they ask you for your number, say 202-456-1414.



Valhalla

Valhalla, 1984 T Winter 1902

Austria: removes A Tri, F Gre retreats to Alb England: removes A Lpl. F Nwy retreats to Ska

Germany: builds A Berlin

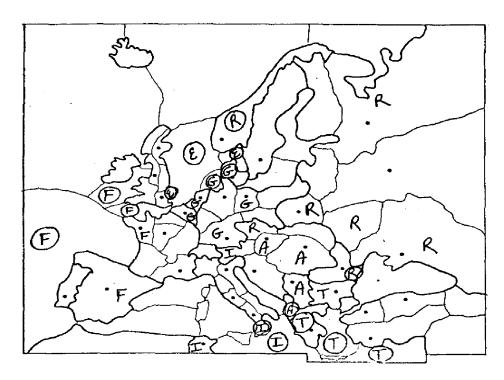
Russia: builds A War and A Sev Turkey: NMR! A Rum retreats OTB

Below is the map showing current dispositions of units after Winter 1902. Several players asked for a separation of seasons due to the complexity of removals, retreats and builds. Obviously, it was granted.

The deadline for this season was Nov. 17, 1984, and it's close to Feb. 17th! (1985). This is three months late. I won't ever do this to you again. If you must know some reasons, it was due to some work-related matters, other interests, death in the family, Xmas and New Year's, and the fact that I finally folded up Emhain Macha.

Thanks for bearing with me for these three months and now on with the show!

Deadline for Spring 1902: March 2, 1985.



*from Louis R. MCNULTY. Buenos Aries, Argentina. "Tell your British readers for me that we welcome them back with open arms and clean hands. Gee, I remember when we used to be friends. They owned everything, took everything we could give them, and promised to help us in the future. Now they don't give a damm. I lost a bundle on the Falkland's thing. I bought 100 lots of grazeland, and now the Chuckies won't honor the deeds. They say I'd have to pay their govt and then pay back taxes to pay for the new airfields and all.

/"Chuckies?" I guess you mean Prince Charles being "Chuckie." Well, I guess.../

*from Conrad SCHWARTZWALDER, Dortmund, Germany. "I very much liked your comments about the Dutch. They are a strange lot of peoples, neither English, American, Russian, German, or French --- and those are the groups that matter. Keep it going and best of wishes to you and your family."

/Vielen Danke, mine brüder!/



I'm Sherry, your EUROPA SEXPRESS KITTEN OF THE NOWTH MONTH. I hear that all the big strong men are playing S.P.Q.R. these days and I was just wondering if those Imperators were any good. If you'd like to tell me write me at S/EE, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY.

Barbarossa, 1983 D Spring 1908/Winter 1907

France: NBR!
Turkey: builds A Ank

Barbarossa

Spring 1908:

Austria: Earl Anderson: NMR! A Rum, Bud, Ser all H England: Ron Brown: NMR! As Fin, Nwy, Edi, Liv, Pru;

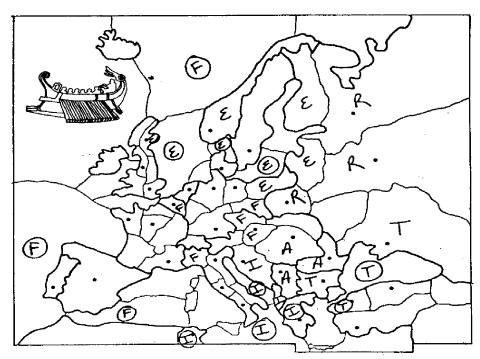
Fs Nth, Ska, Bal all H
France: Bill Placek: As Pie, Vie, Boh, Sil, Bel; Fs
Was, Mac, Nwg all H
Italy: Jake Walters: A Ven-ALB/F ADR C A Ven-Alb/F GRE
S A Ven-Alb/A TRI-Ser/F Aeg-ICN/F TUN S F Aeg-Ion
Russia: John Crosby: NMR! A Stp, Mos and War all H
Turkey: Dave Carter: A Ank-Bul/

A SEV-Rum/F BLA C A Ank-Bul

Of six players there were four NMRs! Earl Anderson sent in his resignation without orders. The new Austrian player will be Gary Coughlan of 4614 Martha Cole Ln., Memphis, TN 38118.

The other players (?) continue their positions until they resign or are eliminated. Below is the current map for Barbarossa showing dispositions after Spring 1908.

(See reverse side for explanation of three month turnaround on this game from me. Sorry about that, though.)



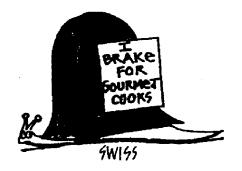
FALL 1908 deadline, March 2, 1985

*from Patty ANDERSON, Las Vegas, Nevada. "Didn't you tell me that Woody was going to phone me about nine months ago? Well, where is he!? What is he, really? A real man or an imaginary dipper?"

/Uh, Patty...I don't do. I gave him the number and told him all about you, but you know (well, you don't) Woody.../

*from David WHISTLEBAUM, Winslow, Arizona. "Hey, a joke for you and Coughlan. Why is Martina Navratilova such a good tennis player? Because she eats what men eat."

/I don't get it, Dave. What are you trying to say this time./



You must be warned. What follows is CHOMPS & MIA'S n° 15 and MIPubl 271. Once again, that LIESNARD will annoy you and disturb you while you're eating hamburgers or hot dogs and can't even spell "canard à l'orange" correctly (this was for you, Pat HART!)



Laughing at Pat HARF, when you're a French speaker, is too easy to get mentioned. Pat-ââât, patate, potatee, one can easily slip from one pronounciation to the next one. Let's just say that "patate", in French, is not only the name of a noble vegetable but also a common insult. Va done, eh patate!

Of this, Pat HART is certainly not responsible, nor are potatoes. But the fact is that Pat could perhaps pay more attention to foreign languages and recipes when he picks Don WILLIA'S in his collection and executes him for dessert in a dish of "duck l'orange"...

I know Luc DODINVAL has sent me a recipe of grated cheese soup, that Ty HARE's girlfriend honoured me with the secret formula of her roulades, that Frog and Kraut, I mean Scott and Frauke, were kind enough to explain me how to prepare spactzle and punsch, but energency is emergency, and it seems it's become time to drill the saveges from the melting pot with the true techniques of the "canard à l'orange". Let's play in strict time, fellows.

CHICKEN STOCK: 1 31b chicken: 2 onions, quartered: 2 carrots, quartered: 2 sticks celery, roughly chopped: 1 large bounder garni (a small bay leaf, a sprig of fresh thyme and three or four stems of parsley): 10 peppercorns: 1 clove garlie: 3 1/2 pints water.

Place all the ingredients in a large saucepan: the chicken should be covered with water. Bring slowly to the boil over a period of 20-30 minutes, skimming frequently. Remove the chicken after 1-1/2 hours when the thigh is tender when pierced with a skewer. Strip the meat from the bones and return the bones to the pot. Add nore water, if necessary, to keep the bones covered and continue to cook for a further 2-3 hours. The chicken meat may be used in another dish. Strain the stock and taste: if not well flavoured, boil to reduce and concentrate the flavour.



MOADT DUCK WITH ORANGE SAUCE: 3 oranges: 1 4-5 1b duck: 3 tbsp brandy: salt & pepper: 1/4 pint chicken stock: 1 tbsp Grand Mernier liquor. For the sauce: thinly pared rind of 2 of the oranges: 2 oz granulated sugar: 3 tbsp water: neck & gizzard from the duck: 2 tbsp vegetable oil: 1 onion. diced: 1 carrot. diced: 2 tbsp plain flour: 1 pint chicken stock. 3 tbsp vinegar.

Proheat the owen to moderately hot (200°C, 400°F, gas 3). Use a vegetable prefer to pare the rind from two of the oranges and place a few strips of pref inside the duck, reserving the remaining perf for the sauce. Press the duck, and place it one one thigh in a roasting tin and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Prick all over to release the fat during cooking. Roast the duck on one side for 20 minutes, then turn over on to the other thigh and cook for a further 20 minutes. Flace the duck on its back for the remaining cooking time. Spoon excess fat from the roasting pan occasionally. Continue to roast until the skin is crisp and browned and the juice runs clear. Fotal cooking time should be 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

Use a serrated knife to cut the pith from two of the peeled oranges. Separate the segments, discarding the membrane and reserving any juice. Put the orange segments in a small pan with 2 they of the brandy. Flute the remaining orange by using a canelle knife to cut lengthways grooves and thinly slice for garnish.

Place the cooked duck on a serving plate and remove the trussing string. Cover the duck with foil to keep warm. Discard the fat from the roasting pan and pour in the stock. Bring to boil, stirring to dissolve any brown juices on the bottom of the pan and strain in the orange sauce with the juice from the orange segments. Add the remaining brandy and Grand Marnier. Heat through gently without boiling. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Stir in the orange segments, spoon a little sauce over the duck and arrange the orange segments on the platter. Garnish with the fluted orange slices and serve with the remaining sauce handed separately.

ORANGE SAUCE: Cut the reserved orange into very thin strips and place in a small saucepan two-thirds full of cold water, bring to the boil and boil for 3 to 4 minutes to blanch. Drain, rinse in cold water and drain again; set aside. In a small heavy saucepan, heat the sugar in 3 thep of water until dissolved, then bring to a boil. Continue to boil until the liquid turns to a light brown then remove from the heat immediately. Pour in the vinegar, standing well back as the vinegar vapour can sting the eyes. Heat gently until the caramel is dissolved.

Cut the neck & gizzard of the duck into chunks. Heat the oil in a medium-sized heavy saucepan and sauté the giblet chunks in oil until well browned. Remove from the pan and stir in the diced onion and carrot. Cook over low heat until just beginning to brown, then stir in the flour. Cook, stirring, until browned but do not let the flour scorch. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil, stirring often. Add the brown giblets with the caramel mixture. Simmer for 40-50 minutes, stirring occasionally until the cauce is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon and is reduced to 3/4 pint. Okim the sauce and strain, pressing the vegetables to extract as much liquid as possible. Este and adjust the seasoning. Stir in the strips of orange peel.

WORLD WAR I STORY....Continued from page 32 . Read page 32 first!!

Le Fatin(France): According to information to the Corrière della Sera from Cologne via London, it is confirmed that the barbaric conquerors of Antwerp punished the unfortunate Belgian priests for their heroic refusal to ring the church bells by hanging them as living clappers to the bells with their heads down." ((Moral: Try to get proof when you hear a rumor!))

WORLD WAR I AND ALL THAT

Since World War I, on which our Diplomacy game is based, was happening exactly 70 years ago, EE has been running a day—by-day chronology in recent issues and we are up to May, 1915. Due to my excessive overtime at work, I was unable to do the quotes for this time period that I wanted so they will have to

wait. This series seems to be quite popular with y'all so I'm glad of that: Steve Cooley(California, USA): "I've especially enjoyed the WWI series." Dan Stafford(Ohio, USA): "I especially enjoyed the WWI chronology and hope to see it continue."

I'd also like to re-emphasize that any subber can submit dates to me for the years 1915 to 1919 on any event, that happened during those years, and I'll put it in if you tell me your source. Wasn't any science fiction being written then? I know some of you are SF fans so give me some input. Now for this installment:

INFORMATION SOURCES IN WWI

When World War I happened, it was before the age of radio or television. Unless you were under fire in the war or your city was being invaded, the only information about the war you got came from the printed word, usually the newspaper. In this manner, the era of World War I is remarkably like our hobby today.

Most of us have contact with each other only via printed words like now. If you only read certain zines, that tends to form your opinions. How things are presented to us initially also greatly forms our impressions. We tend to believe what our friends say, and we would probably choose to believe our friends over more distant acquaintances. This is especially so when only our friends' views are available to us.

It was the same in World War I. England controlled the seas and the English cut the cables which connected Germany to the outside world. This made it quite difficult for the Germans to get their view of what was going on into the hands of world opinion. What tended to happen was that the English reached American and other neutral countries with their side first. Since this was news, it usually made the front pages. The German version was invariably last and by that time was old news so was relegated to the back pages.

This had also been a very chivalrous age. Today we are almost inured to death and disasters. Back then, in 1915, it was quite shocking to see women and babies killed when the Germans blew up the <u>Lusitania</u>. That was vivid, that was easily perceived. The Germans could counter that the English blockcade was slowly starving German women and innocent children but that didn't have the same impact as drowning people did. And don't forget, the English could get their version over first. That plus clumsy German propaganda lost the Germans the important battle for world opinion.

A lot of what the Germans had done was bad like their cruelty in Belgium and the sinking of the <u>Lusitania</u>(from the world opinion standpoint). Later they shot an English nurse who had helped prisoners of war escape which further shocked the world. Her name was Edith Cavell and I'd wager there is a book on her in your library. The Allies also shot female nurses for the same reason, but you don't hear about them. The Germans inexplicably failed to exploit the same emotional issue.

The cumultive effect of what the Germans were known to have done was to make whatever the English and French accuse them of, believable. Neutrals and Americans would think: "They are capable of doing such things. Perhaps they also did this and that, just as the English and French say." There was no way to really check.

After the war, Englishman Arthur Ponsonby pursued the growth of these rumors which newspapers picked up from one another. Note how Le Matin appears twice: Kölnische Zeitung(Germany): "When the fall of Antwerp ((in Belgium)) got known, the church bells were rung((meaning in Germany))....Le Matin(France): "According to the Kölnische Zeitung, the clergy((priests)) of Antwerp were compelled to ring the church bells when the fortress was taken."...The Times(England): "According to what Le Matin has heard from Cologne((Köln is the German word)), the Belgian priests who refused to ring the church bells when Antwerp was taken, have been driven away from their old places."....Corriere della Sera(Italy): "According to what The Times has heard from Cologne via Paris, the unfortunate Belgian priests who refused to ring the church bells when Antwerp was taken have been sentenced to hard labor."

INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

Update 4/1/85 (By Dan Stafford))

RANK	NAME	IPR	W&D	W	GS
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Kathy Byrne Dan Stafford Dave Carter Jack Masters Dick Martin Paul Rauterberg Blair Cusack Randolph Smyth Tom Ripper Hon Brown USA	11.4 10.1 8.2 6.8 6.6 6.0 5.6 5.3 5.1	20 15 17 9 11 12 9 6 8	773653454	7 1 5 3 11 1 2
11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.	Lee Kendter Stan Johnson Keith Sherwood Steve Arnawoodian Don Ditter Kevin Kozlowski Bill Becker Russ Rusnak John Kador Pred Townsend	4.7 4.1 4.1 4.1 3.8 3.8 3.6	8 ? 14 11 10 ? 6 6 6	4 3 1 2 2 2 3 3 2 3	-329 -514
21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.	Dan MacLellan Al Pearson Greg Haskew John Stewart* Hon Brown CAN* Dave Grabar Tim Haffey Peter Fuchs Bob Osuch Mike Mazzer*	3.6 3.5 3.5 3.3 3.3 3.2 3.1	6645554467	2 2 3 3 3 3 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 2 1 2	9 - 1 2 - 1 - 2
31. 32. 33. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39.	Arturo Guajardo Gene Boggess Walter Blank Eric Kane Don Swartz John Horn Tom Swider* Tim Burton Bill Quinn Steve Langley*	3.0 3.0 2.9 2.9 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8	6 4 6 5 5 5 4 4 6	2 1 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 3 1 -

This is a Calhamer-type rating system which awards points (IPR's) to players for their wins and draws in games of postal Diplomacy. Only the latest 4 years of games are rated. For this update game finishes from Everything #63 were added while those from E #47 were deleted.

W&D = wins and draws

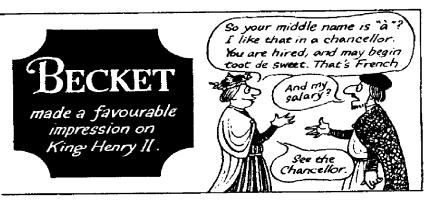
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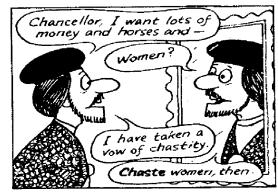
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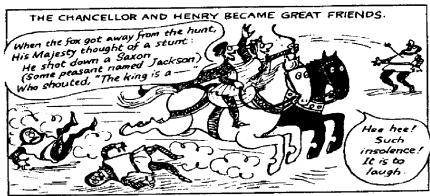
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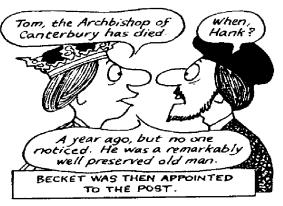


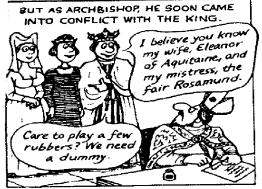
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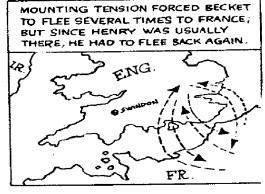






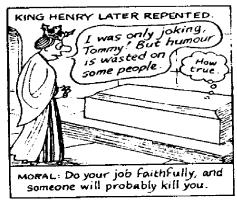












PUNCH March 20 1985



The 1985 Runestone Zine & GM Poll

THE NINTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL: You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy of which you have seen more than two issues since April 1, 1984. Rate the series, not individual issues. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Specify subzines and rate them separately from the parent zine; subzines will be listed separately. Publishers may not rate their own zines or subzines. Sign your ballot and indicate one way in which you participate in the hobby (e.g. "I sub to zine XXX", "I play in game 1984YY", "I publish zine ZZZ", etc.). All votes will be kept confidential (but please note that Pat Conlon will see all of them). Please list the zines alphabetically to make tabulation of the results easier. I reserve the right to tabulate or ignore ballots which do not follow the format outlined above.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMESMASTER POLL: You may rate any GM in whose postal game or games you were a player during the year beginning April 1, 1984, and under whom you played for long enough to gain an objective assessment of his or her competence as a GM. Rate each GM on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Gamesmasters may not rate themselves. Others may not rate GMs in whose games they were not active players during the poll period. Rate each GM by NAME, not by zine. Votes which do not use the GM's name will not be tabulated. Please list the GMs in alphabetical order by SURNAME. Distinguish between Ron Brown of California and Ron Brown of Canada if you vote for either or both.

The deadline for both polls is June 29, 1985. The deadline for ballots sent to Pat Conlon is June 22, 1985. Results will be tabulated as soon after the poll deadline as possible, and will be released as they become available to anyone wishing to phone. Please rate only North American zines, subzines, and GMs; though any readers or players living outside North America are welcome to participate. Send all ballots to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226, USA or Pat Conlon, Box 17014, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70893, USA.

CHANGES AND OTHER NOTES PERTAINING TO THIS YEAR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the turmoil surrounding the change of pollsters this year, I have attempted to keep procedural changes to a minimum. Nonetheless, we do have a few:

There is no "official" proclamation against grudge votes this year. As a voter, you may vote using any criteria that you deem fair and reasonable. Some people tend to ignore such a restriction anyway, as Randolph Smyth mournfully pointed out after last year's poll. So the restriction was unenforceable -- and in my opinion, unrealistic as well. That is, I believe that the quality of a zine (or the voters' opinions thereof, which is after all what the poll is supposed to measure) CAN be affected by the publisher's ethics or his stance regarding feuds -- the basis of most grudge votes, if you will. Vote as you see fit.

Anyone who has participated in the Diplomacy hobby since April 1, 1984 is eligible to vote.

I will be discounting the top and bottom 10% (as opposed to last year's 8%) of the votes cast for any given zine, subzine, or GM. This figure will be rounded down, so that zines (etc.) receiving fewer than ten votes will not be subject to this provision. I believe that Randolph applied this lopping-off procedure only to the zines last year; I'll be applying it to the subzines and GMs as well -- but only in determining the "averaging" scores, NOT in forming the preference matrix. Which brings me to...

The preference matrix. Randolph had initially planned to come up with a preference matrix for the zines last year, and generate two lists. This ended up not working out; this year <u>I</u> plan to draw up a preference matrix for zines only, and generate a score for each zine. The preference matrix scores will then be averaged with the zines' "averaging" scores to produce a single final list.

In addition to providing a second list of scores to be combined with the zines' mean scores, the preference matrix should prove to add interest to the poll results by itself, as it will be portrayed in graphic form. I have devised a formula which will translate a zine's raw score from the matrix to a number ranging from 0 to 10, so that the combining of the lists will be practical.

There may be other embellishments to the presentation of the results, depending on what I can dream up to make the final product more interesting to the readers.

We'll see.

A few clarifications regarding specific publications and GMs: as mentioned in the GM poll announcement, be sure to distinguish between the two Ron Browns if you vote for either or both. Treat Whitestonia as a zine, Kathy's Korner as a subzine (to keep the status quo from years past.) The editor of Bad Doggie treats that product as a subzine even though it sometimes appears separately from the parent zine; therefore the poll will tabulate BD as a subzine. Ditto for Orphan City: treat it as a subzine.

The cutoffs for inclusion in the main lists will be the same as last year's: ten votes for zines, five for subzines and CMs. Zines which do not make the main

list will not be included in the preference matrix.

A clarification to the rule that you must have seen more than two issues of a zine in order to vote for it: if you were <u>supposed</u> to see more than two issues of a zine but did not (i.e. because the publisher has not published regularly), then you may still vote for that zine. I can think of one or two "active" publications that fall into this category: sorry, guys, but being grossly irregular ain't gonna get you off the hook around here if the voters wish to send you a message...

The Conlon Arrangement: Voters who for any reason do not wish to send their ballots to me (Bruce Linsey) may send them instead to Pat Conlon, whose address appears with the announcement above. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR BALLOTS GOING TO PAT IS A WEEK BEFORE MY DEADLINE. This is so that Pat will have time to transcribe the ballots and send them to me by the poll deadline. I will not know who voted how among those ballots received by Pat -- he will be copying them onto blank, unsigned ballots which will then be sent on to me. However, he will be providing me with a list of names so that I can 1) check to make sure no one voted twice, and 2) publish a list of all people who voted.

After the poll results are tabulated, I will be sending all of the ballots

(or copies thereof) to Pat, who will verify the results if necessary.

For ease in voting, I suggest that voters use the official ballots which will accompany this mailing (and I'll be very grateful to those publishers who choose to print the ballots); but of course this is not required.

Any questions on the voting procedure should be directed to me.

The Runestone Poll is the oldest and most highly regarded of the Diplomacy hobby's polls. It is my intention to maintain this status by publishing the results accurately, impartially, promptly, and in a (hopefully) interesting manner. I ask each and every member of the hobby to do his or her part by getting out there and voting. May the best publications -- and GMs -- win!











1985 RUNESTONE ZINE POLL OFFICIAL BALLOT

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THE APPALACHIAN GENERAL	FEUDESSE	PONTEVEDRIA
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THE ARMCHAIR DIPLOMAT	FLICK OF THE WRIST	PROTOZOAN
BERSAGLIERI	FOL SI FIE	RAGING MAIN
BIG HITS OF MID-AMERICA	FROBOZZ	REBEL
BOAST	THE GAMER'S ZINE	REDWOOD CURTAIN
THE BROADSIDE	GIVE ME A WEAPON	RETALIATION
BUSHWACKER	GRAUSTARK	SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS
THE BUZZARD'S BREATH	HAI! JIKAI!	SNAFU!
THE CANADIAN DIPLOMAT	HANSARD	_ SO I LIED
CATHY'S RAMBLINGS	HOOF AND MOUTH	STABBACK
CHEESECAKE	HOUSE OF LORDS	TACKY
COAT OF ARMS	THE INNER LIGHT	TER-RAN
COMMAND	IRKSOME!	THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD
THE CONCERT OF EUROPE	ITALIANO PRIBE	TORPEDO
COSTAGUANA	KAISSA	TOUCHÉ
D-DAY!	LIBERTERREAN	THE VOICE OF DOOM
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PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE VOTING! Send this ballot to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226 U.S.A. or Pat Conlon, Box 17014, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70893 U.S.A. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE POLL RESULTS BY MAIL, enclose \$1.00 U.S. (to Bruce Linsey). (Results will include a complete statistical analysis, preference matrix, etc.)

1985 RUNESTONE SUBZINE POLL OFFICIAL BALLOT

BAD DOGGIE	EXPLETIVE DELETED	MeANNderings
THE BEHOLDER	FATHER KNOWS LESS	MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT
BEN ZENE	FEMME FATALE	ONLY YESTERDAY
BETTY DALY'S SUBZINE	FEUDETTE	ORPHAN CITY
THE BOOB REPORT	FIAT BELLUM	PERLMUTTER S REVENCE
BOTTOMS UP	FNORD	PHYLLIS'S PYRAMID
BUT I'M HAPPY	FOOT IN MOUTH	SAVOLINNA
BUTTER BATTLES	GALIMATIAS	SCREED
CHOMPS & MIAMS	HARE OF THE DOG	SEX APPEEL
CONFERENCE CALL	HIGH PLAINS GONZO	SHADOWPLAY
CORN OFF THE COBB	HUMBOLDT	THE SPACE VIKING
CUBISTS · CORNER	KATHY'S KORNER	STRANGE DOINGS
DAYLESFORD	KNOWN GAME OPENINGS	SUBMARINE WARFARE
DEBI'S FILLER	THE LITTLE DIPPER	TEMPORARILY DELAYED
DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT	MAGGIE'S ZINE	THE TOAST OF PHILADELPHIA
THE ECHO OF DOOM	MAGNIFICENT 7	VERTIGO
E*S*A*D	MALAGUEÑA	VICIOUS HATE SHEET
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Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226 U.S.	A. or Pat Conlon, Box 17014,	to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St. LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70893 U.S.
QUESTION: Would you like to GMs included in the 1986 Rune	see non-North American public stone Poll? (Please check on	ations and yes no e response.) don't care

beetle bailey 🥸







((Thanks to Jim Briggs for the above cartoon! Jim serves in the US Army in West Germany.))

The ballots on this page (cut this page out and use them--you can do that and save the above cartoon) are for the 1985 Don Miller Memorial Award and the 1985 Rod Walker Award and both have a deadline of July 4, 1985. The winners will be announced at DipCon this summer.

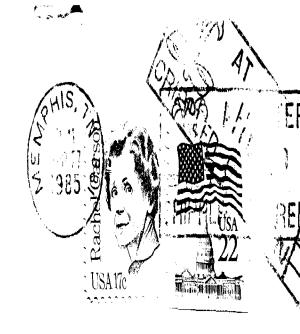
The Don Miller Memorial Award (DMMA) is for who you think did outstanding service to the hobby during 1984. Vote only for one. You may write-in votes if someone not on the list in your opinion should be on the list.

The Rod Walker Award (RWA) is for the person who in your opinion showed "outstanding literary excellence in the hobby during 1984." If you wish to see what they wrote, enclose an SASE and write to the nominees for a copy. You can obtain the addresses from me. Steve Hutton will be on vacation in Europe so I will provide requested copies of his nominated piece.

Fill out the instructions below, join one or all of the committees and become a nominator for next year. Mail the completed ballots to: Larry Peery, C/O DMMA/RWA, Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102 USA. The deadline again is July 4th, 1985. Mail early. Make our polls and awards meaningful by voting.

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3.	Gary Coughlan	7. (Write-In)						
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4.	4. Bruce Linseyfor"The History Of A Diplomacy Zine"/VOICE CF DOGN #100							
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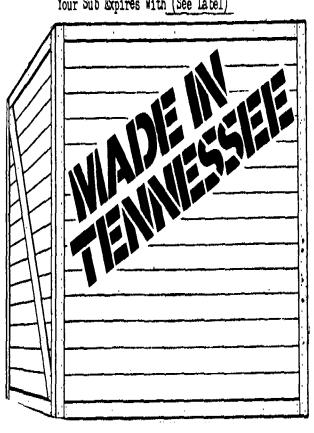
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