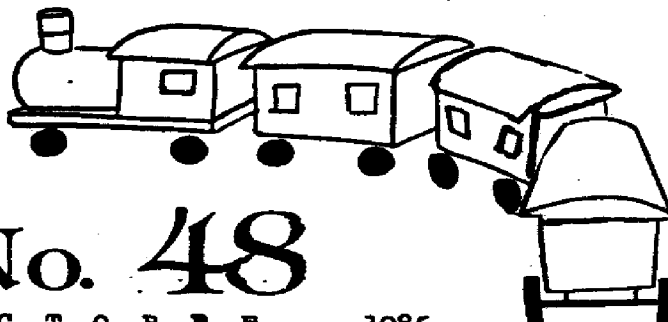


# Europa Express

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"Maybe I was blessed by God. I'm alive when I should have died. But if God had really liked me, He would have pulled me out on the first day."--Ruben Vera Rodriguez after being buried alive for 4 days in Mexico City's earthquake.



## No. 48

17 OCTOBER 1985

§ Ever have one of those days, like Mr. Rodriguez? I have lately and that is why this issue of EE is late. Overtime has increased for me at work, (it's that time of the year), but most importantly my 79-year-old grandmother had to undergo surgery and I wanted to be with her as much as I could. By the way, this issue of EE is free to all subbers. Now look at the bottom of this page and start flipping!

§ Cartoons: The three cartoons on page 2, from top to bottom, are Cathy, Bloom County and For Better Or Worse. I could not have fit them all in unless I cut their logo off. The Dixie cartoon at the top of the paper is from Ken Peel. On page 36, the Mitterrand cartoon was sent in by Chris Farrar. Thank you both!

§ By now you must have read page 3 and I have some clarifications to make here. The bargain offer has a deadline of November 15 because Diplomacy World needs your support now. I am not re-figuring your subs--if your label says 60, you still have til issue 60 before your sub runs out. If you have just sent me a subber check during the interval before this zine arrived at your home, you are still eligible to extend your sub another 10 issues. If you have already subbed to the new Diplomacy World, let me know that fact and I will still credit you with 10 issues of EE. EE samples will still cost the cost of the postage to mail them which is currently 39 cents.

§ If you are a publisher, like me, whom Doug Beyerlein left in charge of his sub money which he asked me to give to something which would act to bring peace to the hobby, or good will, why not do what I did---send it to Diplomacy World. To find out how to donate to DW, see page 38.

§ John Kelley (see page 14) is looking for a new name for his EE subzine, formerly called The Beholder. Send John your suggestion and if he picks it, you'll win a free EE added to your sub.

§ Page 38 and 39 has Briton Simon Billenness, now residing in America, asking all publishers' cooperation in listing your zine. In Europe, Jaap Jacobs, pubber of Holland's Oxymoron, also wants a complete listing of all continental European zines and he says he is willing to trade with any European zine. Let him know about yours by writing to him at: Kaiserstraat 10-B, 2311 GR Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS.

§ The prize game run by Don Williams in his EE subzine, Son Of Fiat Bellum is found on page 11 and has had Spring 1901 delayed so there is only one page.

§ Did many of you see the recent mini-series The Long Hot Summer starring Don Johnson and Cybill Shepherd? I love hokey Southern accents but this time one was a natural. Cybill is from Memphis.

§ Just listening to the news that U.S. planes have captured the airplane carrying the 4 terrorists who, so bravely, murdered a 69-year-old wheel-bound American and threw his body into the sea. BRAVO RONALD REAGAN, YOU'VE FINALLY DONE SOMETHING AND I APPRECIATE IT!! We got "those sons of bitches"!!!!

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

Your EE Will Be Doubling In Price In November. See Page 3 for details!

Dear Larry, see pages 1, 3, 8, 12-13 (then 10), 20, 29, 34-35 and 38-39. Will be sending you a



Well, everybody isn't lucky enough to be from Dixie, but everyone can be a Malmberger! A Malmberger is what other zines call a standby. When you join you get 2 EEs added to your sub at once, you can count on only being called for one position at one time (no overkill) and, if you play your position to either elimination or to the game's end, you get 4 more EEs. Join these 28 supportive Malmbergers: Steve Arnawoodian, Derwood Bowen, Jim Briggs, Steve Cooley, Don Del Grande, Michael Ditz, Teijo Doornkamp, Stephen Dycus, James Early, Mike Ehl, Nick Felella, Jim Finley, Paul Gardner, Evans Givan, Scott Hanson, Pat Hart, Steve Heinowski, Len Kay, Steve Knight, Mark Iarzelere, John MacFarlane, John Marsden, Conrad Minshall, Ken Peel, Jane Proskin, Christoph Schunck, Dennis Walker and Jeff Zarse.

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## INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

Update 10/1/85

RANK	NAME	IPR	W&D	W	GS
1.	Dan Stafford	11.3	17	8	1
2.	Kathy Byrne	9.9	18	6	7
3.	Dave Carter	8.4	18	3	3
4.	Dick Martin	6.8	12	5	2
5.	Jack Masters	6.0	7	6	-
6.	Paul Rauterberg	5.8	11	3	12
7.	Blair Cusack	5.6	9	4	1
8.	Randolph Smyth	5.3	6	5	1
9.	Tom Ripper	5.1	8	4	-
10.	Al Pearson	4.5	7	3	9
11.	Ron Brown USA	4.5	6	4	-
12.	Keith Sherwood	4.4	14	1	2
13.	Russ Rusnak	4.4	8	3	2
14.	Steve Arnawoodian	4.1	11	2	8
15.	Don Ditter	4.1	10	2	-
16.	Kevin Kozlowski	4.1	7	2	1
17.	Jim Meinel	4.0	7	3	1
18.	Pete Fuchs	4.0	4	4	1
19.	Don Swartz	3.9	6	3	2
20.	Bill Becker	3.9	6	3	1
21.	Lee Kendter	3.8	7	3	-
22.	John Kador	3.8	6	2	-
23.	Bill Quinn	3.8	5	3	-
24.	Fred Townsend	3.6	6	3	1
25.	Stan Johnson	3.5	6	2	1
26.	Ron Brown CAN	3.3	5	2	1
27.	Dave Grabar	3.3	5	2	-
28.	Tim Haffey	3.3	4	3	-
29.	Steve Langley	3.2	7	2	2
30.	Eric Kane	3.1	7	2	-
31.	Ken Iverson	3.1	6	2	-
32.	Dan MacLellan	3.1	5	2	-
33.	Mike Mazzer	3.0	7	1	2
34.	James Wall	3.0	6	2	12
35.	Gene Boggess	3.0	6	1	1
36.	Mark Frueh	3.0	5	2	5
37.	Greg Haskew	3.0	3	3	-
38.	Mark Passio	2.9	6	1	2
39.	Bob Osuch	2.8	5	2	-
40.	John Horn	2.8	5	2	-

This is a Calhamer-type rating systems which awards points (IPR's) to postal players for their wins and draws. Only those games completed in the last 4 years are rated - this update contains the game results from the BNC's zine Everything, issues 50-65.

W&D = wins and draws

W = wins

GS = game starts in  
past 12 months

Win = 1.0  
2-way draw = .5  
3-way draw = .3  
4-way draw = .2  
5-way draw = .1  
6-way draw = .0

THE SULTAN OPTS FOR A PRO-ITALIAN POLICY WHICH CAUSES THE AUSTRIANS TO LOSE SERBIA!!!  
 ENGLAND AND FRANCE DRIVE THE KAISER OUT OF SCANDINAVIA AS MOSCOW REMAINS GERMAN!!!  
 RUSSIA OFFERS TO HELP ANYONE WHO WILL HELP HER "BUT YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR IT" !!!

Ω POSITIONS IN FALL 1905 Ω



§ GAME: "Iliad" 1984 AG

§ GM: Monsieur Gârfaux L.  
 Çoughlânique

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1906

§ ZAT: Friday, October 25, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Vert

¶ GAME NOTES: I'm glad Mike came back as I discovered that George Graessle has been in Europe!

There is a concession to France proposed. Vote with your next orders. A "No Vote Received" (NVR) counts as a "yes" vote.

§ Dislodgements This Time: Austria's Army Serbia and Germany's Fleet Norway. On the EE maps, a dislodged unit is never shown; only the dislodger unit which is circled.

Your 1905 Supply Center Chart is on page 6.

Your cartoon is from Mary Worth this time. See you next month!

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1905 §

ALLEMAGNE: F (NWY) ~~Stp(nc)~~ (r-Bar-Ska-OTB), F Swe-(BAL)  
 (Monsieur Jim Burgess) A Tyo-(PIE)

ANGLETERRE: A Bhi-(NWY), F (NWG) C A Bhi-Nwy  
 (Monsieur Rob Winslow) F (LON) Holds

AUTRICHE-HONGRIE: A (SER) ~~Tri~~ (r-Alb-OTB), A (RUM)-Ser  
 (Monsieur Mike Mills) A (VIE) S A Ser-Tri, A (BUD) S A Ser-Tri

FRANCE: F (NTH) S English A Bhi-Nwy, F Nao-(LPL), F Ska-(SWE)  
 (Monsieur Mark Frueh) A (DEN) S F Ska-Swe, F (ENG) S F Nth  
 A Ber-(PRU), A Mun-(BOH), F Mao-(POR), A Gas-(SPA)

ITALIE: A Gre-(SER), A (TRI) S A Gre-Ser, A (VEN) S A Tri  
 (Monsieur Marvin Baker) F (ADW) S A Tri, F (TYS) Holds  
 A Apu-(GRE), F (ION) C A Apu-Gre, A Sil-(MUN)

RUSSIE: A Ukr-(WAR), A (STP)-Mos  
 (Monsieur Matt Kazur)

TURQUIE: A (BUL) S Italian A Gre-Ser, F Aeg-(EAS), F Con-(AEG)  
 (Monsieur Jerry Lucas) A (SEV)-Mos, A (ARM)-Sev



Who's Talking? The French Army In Prussia or The German Army In Piedmont or The French Army In Bohemia????!!

Russia to Germany: So this is your idea of an A-I-R-T-G-E alliance?

Mark to Jim: Looks grim for you my friend.

Germany to Memphis: Time to get out of the toilet!

[RUSSIA]- I am willing to help anyone who will help me. But you have to ask for it, and perhaps even be willing to help me in return.

Mark to Marvin: It's tough to trust me but you're made of the right stuff.

Germany to France: No, you're right. You have been both lucky and smart, a sure path to victory. I doubt I can stop you, maybe someone else.....

The Virgin to Memphis(Via Turkey): Cool off Memphis, I can't take urgency. The swing room sounds like fun. Maybe you'll let me play with your little nixie.

Memphis to The Virgin: I think you'd find my unzipped item more fun....







## HOBBY-WIDE NEWS

§ You can save half the cost of your EES and save Diplomacy World. See page 3!

§ A NEW BNC IS NEEDED! Bill Quinn, who has been an excellent Boardman Number Custodian for the hobby, is stepping down and looking for a successor. The BNC is the one who assigns numbers to our Diplomacy games and announces game starts and publishes the game end results in the BNC publication, Everything. Bill announced the job requirements needed(!): "Must be thoroughly familiar with Dipdom. Must have good clerical and bookkeeping skills. Must be able to devote 3-6 hours per week to the job. Must be a master diplomat and have the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job. Thick skin or light body armor helpful. Pay: stacks of 'zines, bundles of mail, occasional kicks in the head. To apply, send resume to: Bill Quinn, 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301 USA."

As BNC you "just" have to type up the statistics, I believe. The actual publishing is done by Dave Kleiman who says that he will continue doing this if the new BNC wishes it.

§ DIP ZIP!.....Tom Hurst has come out with the first issue of Dip Zip which is a listing of zines who tell about their games offered, sub and game fees and a short description of the zine by the publisher. It is to be printed 3 times a year on January 1st (the next deadline ~~is~~ make sure you are included!), May 1st and September 1st. Tom prints the information as it comes in so it is not in alphabetical order which turns out to be very good, since one must read Dip Zip so that he doesn't miss anything like.....

THE POSTAL LOCATOR: "Postal Locator was established in April, 1985 to provide a place where players' own game requests could be listed. Their requests are listed by game title, and according to their mode of desired participation (game start or standby)." If Dip Zip had been alphabetical I'm sure I would have missed this entry, so I like Tom's system. So if you want to play say, "Kingmaker", just let the Postal Locator know by writing.....well that would be telling and cheating you out of the enjoyment of Dip Zip. You can get it by sending a large self-addressed stamped envelope to Tom Hurst. at: DIP ZIP, c/o Thomas H. Hurst, 2686 Richardson Drive, Fitchburg, Wisconsin 53711.

§ ZINE REGISTER AND NOW A NORTH AMERICAN "ZINE BANK".....On pages 36 and 39 of this issue, Simon Billenness, a Briton now living in the US, has taken charge of the Zine Register and plans to give us on the side of the ocean what the British have enjoyed so much, a Zine Bank. Read about it on page 38.

§ NEW ZINE: France now has a new zine! It's called Tiens Il Pleut, roughly meaning I think, "Hello there, it's raining" and the zine is referred to as a "meteorological Diplomacy zine". This one is done by Georges Lebigot, who puts up hobby members who visit him in his country home, even Yankees and Southerners, after preparing them an enjoyable meal! Georges used to publish Courrier Royal, so it is good to see him back among the publishing ranks again! He plans on naming one of his games after me and I feel very honored over this gesture. His address is: Georges Lebigot, Cedex 856, Chemin du Lunot, Saint-Laurent-Nouan, F-41220 La Ferté-Saint-Cyr, FRANCE.

§ HOBBY CHANGES.....Jim Bumpas put out his zine Libe-terrean for an incredible 229 issues! Jim is ending his publishing career but the Lib is to go on with new editor Kevin Kozlowski, 505 N. Roosevelt Blvd, #515, Falls Church, Virginia 22044 USA.....The Buzzard's Breath (Mark Matuschak, 74 Commonwealth Ave., #8, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 USA) is switching its format from mimeo to xerox....Paul Pautenberg, pubber of Midlife Crisis, is leaving Milwaukee for Madison, Wisconsin, where he has just purchased a bar which will feature an "extensive stock of imported beer". Sounds ideal for a con.....Briton John Marsden, editor of Ode, is getting married in February, congratulations!...Steve Langley has handed the Magus Poll over to Jim Burgess. Stay tuned for further details....Fred Davis is now in charge of the Variants Bank. If you devise rules for a new variant game or are interested in getting the rules for some already created, write to Fred at: 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, Maryland 21207 USA.

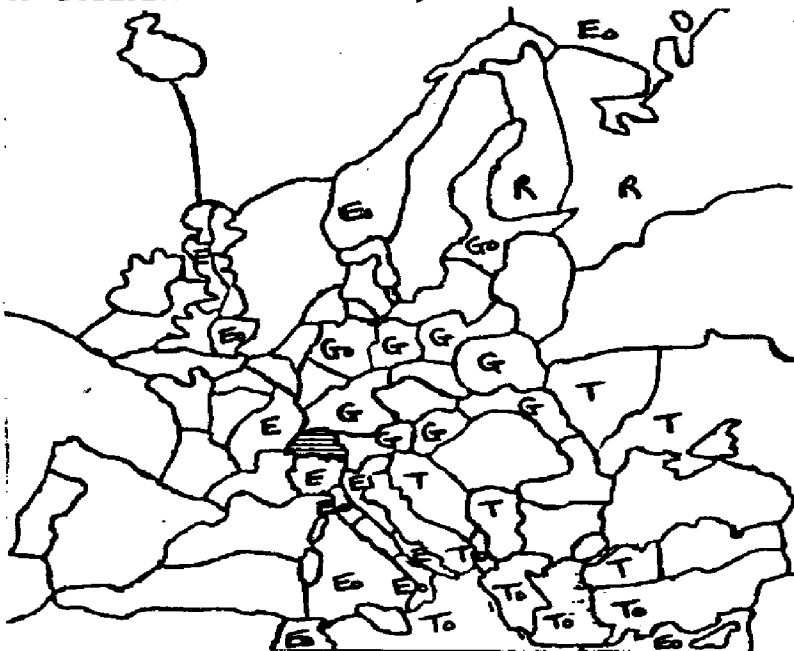
((More Hobby News on page 30 ))

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RETURNING SULTAN RENEWS STRUGGLE AND INFORMS THE KAISER THAT RAMADAN IS NOW OVER!!!  
THE ENGLISH FLEET SAILS INTO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AFTER LOSING THE IONIAN!!!  
THE GERMANS OUST THE TURKS FROM WARSAW BUT FAIL TO TAKE BUDAPEST FROM THEM!!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1910 Ω



§ GAME: "House of Bourbon"  
1981 HK

§ GM: Mister Gary L. Coughlan

§ NEXT SEASON IS: Spring 1911

§ ZAT: Friday, December 6, 1985

§ GAME COLOR: Blue

¶ GAME NOTES: Thanks to Ivo Bouwman for unused Malaberger orders! Ivo's press is used!

A proposal to change your game to 7-week deadlines has been made. It must be an unanimous vote.

§ Dislodgements This Time:  
England's Fleet Ionian Sea and Turkey's Army Warsaw.

In 1981 HK, language changes occur during the Winter so that is why your game begins in Turkish and changes to English.

Your cartoon is from Punch magazine. Any EE subber may send in cartoons for use (or players!)

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR FALL 1910 §

ALMANYA: A Sil-(WAR), A (PRU) S A Sil-War, A (VIE)-Bud  
(Effendi Sellick Davies) A (GAL) S A Sil-War  
F (BOT)-Stp(sc), A (TYO)-Vie, A (MUN)-Tyo

INGILTÈRE: A (VEN) S German A Tyo-Tri(NSO)  
(Effendi Fred Winter) F (ION) Holds(r-Eas-OTB)  
F (NWY) Holds, F (BA<sup>9</sup>) S F Nwy, A (APU) S A Ven  
F (TYS) Holds, F (NAP) Holds, A (BUR) Holds  
A Mar-(PIE), F Wes-(TUN), F (TUS) S A Mar-Pie

RUSYA: A (STP)-Nwy, A (FIN) S A Stp-Nwy  
(Effendi Dave Carter)

TÜRKIYE: A (WAR) Holds(r-Lvr-Mos-OTB)  
(Effendi Helmut Schmidt) A (UKR)-Rum, A (SEV)-Rum  
F Bul(sc)-(GRE), A (SER) S F Bul(sc)-Gre, F Adr-(ION)  
F (ABG) S F Adr-Ion, F (ALB) S F Adr-Ion, A (TRI)-Bud

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR AUTUMN 1910 §

Ingiltère: Fleet Ionian Sea retreats to Eastern Mediterranean  
Türkiye: Army Warsaw retreats off-the-board.

The Sultan Salutes  
The Tsar's Efforts!



"Here's lookin' at you, kid."

Memphis to House of Bourbon: Your 1910 Supply Centre Chart is on page 10 .

Turkey to Germany: Yes, there was Ramadan but it is over and your brother cannot be big enough to save you from my revenge. Wait and see.

Kaiser to Sultan: Come out, come out, whoever you are!

Memphis to Kaiser: There was a power struggle in Turkey. This is Ivo's press next.

Sultan Osman LXIV to World: After a long and bloody struggle I have regained power over the Turkish people. As a result we cease all hostilities against neighbouring countries. We are open for negotiations again.

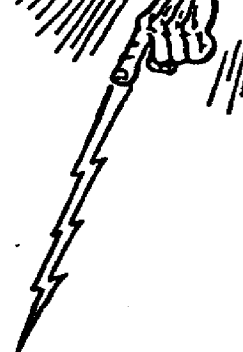
Kaiser to Albion: Don't drink all the vino. Save some for me.

Memphis to House of Bourbon: Your press continues on page 10 .

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SON OF  
FIAT  
BELLUM!



SEPTEMBER 1985

"What took you so long?"

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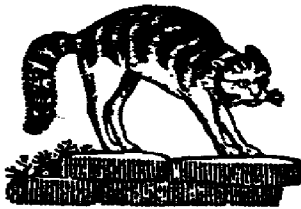
Um, well, golly-gee...er, believe it or not, I didn't actually run off with the money, only to have second thoughts and come running back. . Really, I didn't...hell, \$70 won't get you much further than San Diego from here. Any number of things have combined to keep me from getting this out in a timely manner, not the least of which was my own laziness. Other contributing factors which, if not specifically responsible, were nevertheless part of the delay: George and Laurie's trip to Europe; Conrad's trip to New York; DipCon; Terry's delay in getting some stuff back to me, and; my own efforts at getting a job. (Spitzer and Fassio surely had something to do with this as well, but I'm not quite sure what it is...)

Harrumph! That's now all in the past, and from here on out we'll be on a much tighter schedule, so please forgive me the slow start. (Those of you who sub to MAGUS know that it took me about 2½ years to buckle down and get Fiat Bellum in on time every month; this will not take that long...I simply won't allow it to.)

Okay. Son of Fiat Bellum is a subzine in search of its own identity. Consequently (or is that "subsequently?"), SoFB will discontinued (as in "cut loose to, presumably, find itself") as of next month. In its stead, the much awaited (...eh...) return of the award-winning zine-cum-subzine, Flick of the Wrist! FotW was a zine I pubbed to run one game, and I folded it when that game ended, at issue #21. We will restart it at issue #22... ain't logical progression grand? It's all no big deal, really, but I wanted to let you know so that when it shows up in your mailbox next month, y'all won't indiscriminantly toss it ~~where it belongs~~.

Son of Fiat Bellum or Flick of the Wrist (or whatever I happen to be calling it...they should pass laws against people like me...) is pubbed by me, Don Williams; 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, CA 92374. (714) 793-6751. Subscriptions are free to players of 1985-AU "Soldiers of Fortune" and those who read it in EE, and 75¢ to all others. (Uh, that is per issue.)

And now, without further phillipics or excuses or mindless Tallmanese, let's turn the page and get down to the business at hand.....  
(SoFB is only one page in EE this time due to delay of Spring 1901))



A Proposal to End the Feud



by Bruce Linsey

Yes, I'm totally serious. The six-point proposal which follows is my (very rough) draft of an agreement which maybe, just maybe, could end the terrible feud which has been plaguing people in our hobby for a year and a half now. I have read this to several people whose opinions I value, and they have told me that the plan seems reasonable; that is, it addresses what appear to be the chief concerns of both sides. So I throw this open to discussion; those publishers who don't mind printing feud material are welcome to print this, and I'd like to hear from as many people as possible whether this plan is a good one -- and please let Kathy Byrne know your views as well, pro or con. Anyhow, here goes:

1. Kathy will remain as DW editor. There will be no more DW fakes, and no attempt to found a rival publication. DW will retain its plug for Supernova, and will print the Runestone Poll ballots and instructions, as well as the main lists of the results, on an annual basis. Feuds will not be publicized in DW.

2. Bruce will remain as Runestone pollster. There will be no further attempts to discredit the Poll, and the rival poll will be discontinued. Bruce promises to continue the practice of having an assistant oversee his running of the Poll and serve as an alternate repository for ballots.

3. With the sole exception noted in #4 (below), Bruce will drop all demands for retractions of past charges made against him, and all other past complaints. Bruce will not pursue the answers to the "97 questions" as posed in NFA #32/33.

4. Kathy will publicly retract in full her charge that Bruce wrote a "sick letter" to her pre-teen daughter, and admit that Bruce's version of events, as stated in NFA #29/30, pp 64-65, is 100% accurate.

5. Each side will refrain from printing or writing further charges or attacks against the other. Feudesse and Bad Doggie will no longer be published, and the "Fighting Words" section will be dropped from NFA. The Not for Hire, if continued, will drop feuds from its letter column, and Bruce will exclude feuds from any future mass mailings.

6. If either side feels that the other has violated, or may have violated, any terms of this agreement, the first action taken in response will be to attempt to settle the question privately through a neutral party. ((I have in mind about five people who I'd consider as candidates for this awesome role, but I haven't asked them privately yet, and won't name them here...)) All parties will attempt to channel their energies into constructive and peaceful pursuits.

Now, my peripheral discussion of each of these six points.

1. Yes, there has been occasional talk of a rival publication. However, I think that, so long as the content of DW remains acceptable to the entire hobby (which implies that Supernova and the Runestone Poll continue to receive coverage), there is no great need for this.

2. Actually, the Runestone Poll is in no danger, financial or otherwise. The '85 Poll proved that the institution is established enough even to flourish in the face of a boycott. Despite that, it would be nice to have a Poll freed from the silly and spurious attacks that have been launched against it.

3. This is my big concession. There are numerous charges that I would like to see cleared up, and on which I have (let's face it) an incredibly strong case. A few examples would include the "missing children" pictures that Kathy printed, the Olsen claim that I sent Dick Martin a letter gloating that Kathy would be out of the hobby in two weeks, the "love triangle" business, the letter Kathy claims I wrote to Meinel's wife, Martin's charge that I am a "child molestor", Tallman's bogus claim that I contacted the FBI regarding Jack Masters, and so on. THESE WOULD ALL BE UNILATERALLY DROPPED, not pressed and pressed as they will be should the feud continue. Believe

me, it sickens me to think that I might have to live with some of these nasty charges hanging over my head, but for the sake of peace, I'm willing to make this concession and stop pursuing them.

4. And now we get to the point Kathy must concede...the charge I absolutely cannot live with--the Francine letter. That charge must go, unequivocally and totally. It's not that I think people still believe it (even Ken Peel and Pete Gaughan have told me that they believe my story on this point), but that the charge was so nasty and so far removed from the truth. It was a smear that I will not allow to stand. Therefore, Kathy must make a full and public retraction, and it must appear in the zines which publicized her initial charge. I'm sorry...I cannot agree to drop this complaint until it is cleared up.

5. I realize that it's extremely vague to talk about writing further charges or attacks...what is feuding to one may be legitimate discussion of a hobby issue to another. Nonetheless, it's worth a try--we have to start somewhere. Perhaps we could all try to err on the side of caution for a few months, at least? This agreement just won't fly without some provision restricting further conflict. (Incidentally, Feudesse may have already folded...)

6. This point recognizes that the road to peace isn't going to be an easy one, and that regardless of how badly one side thinks the other may be trying to "cheat", there has to be a means of response other than immediate conflict--otherwise, the whole thing falls apart, and we're back to where we began. This doesn't insure, of course, that the feud won't rekindle...it just reduces the probability by specifying a procedure which all parties will attempt to use to remedy potential difficulties.

What do you say folks...can we use the above as a framework with which to end the Diplomacy Hobby War? Discussion is invited, publicly or otherwise.

The advantages of the above agreement would be tremendous. The biggest obvious advantage would be the end of this awful feud that has ruined the hobby for many people, including some of my best friends. But there's another advantage to all this. If this agreement is signed by all feuding parties (and that means people on both sides), then I will try to get a deal for DW's printing (at least temporarily) which could save DW's hide financially. Larry Peery told me that the next issue is going to cost around \$400 to print. I was able to get the printing done for the fake DW--52 pages long--for less than one-fourth of that figure. I will be writing Larry with some exact numbers fairly soon, at his request. The printing isn't exactly the highest quality in the world, but it's certainly more than adequate, and the resulting windfall will be an enormous boon to DW. I am willing to do my best to pull this off (it's not 100% certain, and it might not last forever) IF AND ONLY IF WE CAN GET THE ABOVE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND END THIS FEUD. I am perfectly willing to do this for a Kathy Byrne-run DW, provided I'm not feuding with her; and with the exceptions noted in point 1 of this proposed truce, I make no demands about the content of the zine...nor do I ask to be "officially" associated with it (whatever that means).

The disadvantages of not having the above agreement signed? Well, I'm confident that DW will survive in any event, thanks to the hard work of Larry Peery and the support of the rest of the hobby (I'd still be contributing to it myself), so that's no problem. But, the feud will continue, for god knows how long, and it's not going to get any prettier. I don't think that any sane person could want the feud to continue--it means considerable damage to the hobby, and more people hurt.

So those are my proposals...what do you people have to say? And, are you willing to help and support this truce?

Sincerely, Bruce Linsey

It sounds good to me (this is Gary now) and I wouldn't give up point 4 either. Last year, ONE YEAR AGO, Kathy Byrne sent a mass mailing to most of the hobby's publishers accusing Bruce Linsey of various and sundry "crimes" among them writing her daughter Francine a "sick letter" which Kathy claimed was seen by "at least 5 people." In that mass mailing, Kathy Byrne stated: "I am asking all publishers to please print this. I can prove what I am saying. And that proof is available to anyone." and later in the same paragraph "All I am asking is that my side be printed, and yes, I can prove it."

Well for a year Kathy Byrne has not done so, and many have written her asking for a xerox of the letter, even a synopsis, or just to have the names of the 5 people who saw the letter so we could get to the bottom of this.

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# USFL puts spotlight on Kelley

← Smile, John,  
just having fun  
with you too!  
Gary

#1

9 Sep 85

This is an issue of \_\_\_\_\_, a subzine to Europa Express which no longer has any fixed goal, subject, or convention. It used to be called The Beholder, but I'm sick of that name and have yet to come up with something else that is not still more ridiculous. It is edited by John Kelley, 1112 Mansee Hall, McCarty Complex Office GR-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Gary has been tearing his Southern-furied hair out for two years now because I don't bother to confirm my COAs for him, preferring to just write them in and let him send EE to wherever he supposes he should, knowing that it will be forwarded. It's really fun to read the little notes e.g. 'John--which address are you at now?' -Gary, and not have to worry. Smile, Gar, just having fun with you.

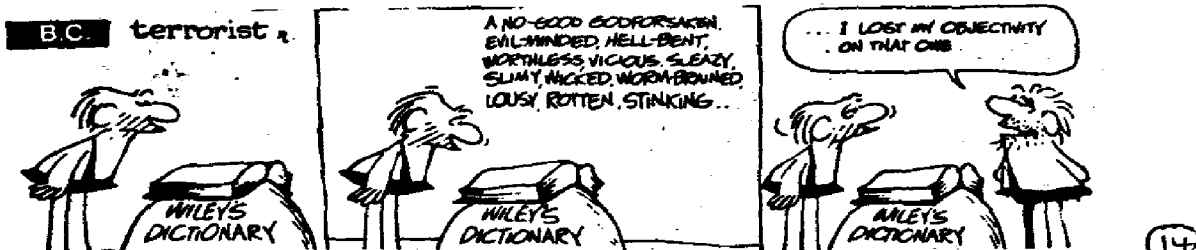
Do the Americans still like the Dutch? Like Gary, I hadn't heard 'Dutch disease' anywhere before EE 47. I have heard 'Finlandization', which has come to mean being next door to the Soviet Union and accommodating some of their wishes while denying as many as they dare. I hear more anti-French sentiment and anti-Swedish comments than anti-Dutch. These pain me. I feel that France and the US have a long history of friendship that remains healthy except where the US tries to deal with France as a tributary state rather than a world leader of equal class. Considering the depth of penetration of French culture worldwide (here especially!), France's independent foreign policy, and her respectable nuclear armory (if there is such a thing...), this strikes me as a reasonable expectation on the part of the French.

With Sweden, I think many Americans bristle at a tendency for Sweden to be rather thorough in pointing out the US's errors and faults. In their haste to defend some of these, Americans easily overlook Sweden's accomplishments. For producing Raoul Wallenberg, I could forgive them twice the amount of lecturing they have done to date. I bet the criticism would not be so frequent if Americans would stop and listen to it with respect occasionally. We're a young nation, and we can be childish.

Oddly, I'm studying both French and Swedish this fall.

Paul does make some penetrating observations about the rural parts of the US. I was given a rifle at 15 and most get them earlier. And many families that don't really need meat hunt anyway. I don't oppose this--we've slain all the old predators. I do not, however, think that it would be realistic to ban handguns or even firearms of all types. It would be rather like trying to ban pornography, alcohol, prostitution, or marijuana. All of these have been tried. None of them work worth a damn.

Isn't 1985 a little long for either side to be holding grudges about the Civil War? A lot of stupid and cruel things were done on both sides. Nobody's proud of them. (Except, that is, for a few fanatics.) Now we're on the same side, or so I feel.



Why has the Byrne/etc.-Linsey/etc. feud degenerated into such a sad comedy? I feel that the first side to drop the whole fiasco will be acclaimed the 'victor'. Neither can resist the urge to 'get' the other 'last'. Remember playing tag when you were a kid?

Isn't it wild how natural human traits have shaped what began as a medium for the playing of multi-player games? It took very little time for all those great pastimes (libel, mudslinging, feuding, politics, larceny, scheming, forgery, duelling, etc., etc.) to find their way into this hobby. I'm not condemning this (then again, I don't fancy myself a modern-day King Canute), just reflecting on it. We sure managed to put our stamp on it, didn't we? I'll spare you all the bestial analogies to this.

I agree with Bob O'Lonnell about Mormon personnel. While I do not care to listen to what they have to say, I have found them quite accepting of this. They return courtesy with courtesy for me, and never approach me on the street (which puts me off very quickly). I maintain warm friendships with a number of Mormons who have no pressing need to convert me.

Just got laid off from the planing mill for the summer. It has been a difficult one. Klickitat is boring enough that I looked forward to my job (either feeding a planing machine or dragging lumber to a saw and using it to cut it up) most of the time. Very nearly got injured permanently, though. Got hit in the neck (below the rim of the hard-hat) with a thick board and flattened. They took me to the hospital for observation and found me in my normal state of dementia, pronouncing me to be as all right as I was ever going to be. My boss's only comment (based on the fact that my father is his supervisor) was, "I didn't think you could hurt a Kelley by hittin'im in the head." What a charmer.

I'm marvelling at the strange changes in my shape, though. Most of my life I've been short, inclined to be fat, and weak. Somehow, forty pounds fell off and left me at 5'9" and 130.. (That's 175 cm, 22 kg for those on metric) And these strange things called shoulders have cropped up near my neck, kind of at the tops of my arms. My beard is getting thicker. I wonder if I'm going through a 'second puberty' similar to a 'second childhood'? Or maybe this is the tail-end of the first one? It's too strange.

I wonder how Dip-Jon was? Normally I'm averse to reading convention writeups, but I'm interested this time because it's the first one I could have gone to and elected not to. I don't really like playing Diplomacy much these days, but I might go to meet people. My burning question is, How much of the postal hostility do people carry over into FTP? For example, John Caruso and I have had words. I would as soon leave them in the mail, aware that I do not really know John as a person. Would that be a realistic hope? I don't want to go and argue. Do postal adversaries usually get along at conventions? My impression is that they sometimes do.

How somebody respond to this, even to tell me that I'm full of crap if that's how you feel. Please? I like discussions. Until later...

# Bahnhof Zoo

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A mun-SIL; A BOH-gal; A PRU-war; A MAR-pie; A GAS-war; A BUR-mun;  
F SPA/SC-wes; F BRE S gro F mid.

GROSSER ITANNIEN

A nwy-SWE(S F BOT); F nwg-NWY; F NTH-den; F BAL-den; A FIN-stp;  
F MID / fra F spa/sc-wes.

ITALIEN

F PIE-lyo; F WES-lyo; F NAF-mid; A TYO-mun; A alb-GRE(S A SER);  
F AEG-bul/sc.

RUSSLAND

F swe-nwy(d,r SKA); F STP/NC / F swe-nwy; A MOS S F stp/nc;  
F SEV H / makes obscene gestures to Turkish F Bla; A RUM F sev;  
A WAR-gal; A VIE-gal.

TÜRKEI

F con-SMY(S A ARM); A ank-CON; A gre-bul(d,ann); F BLA S A gre-bul.

### 1905 SUPPLY CENTERS

FRA home	por spa ber bel mun	8 even
GRO home	den swe hol kie NWY	8 bld F LVP
ITA home	tun <del>fra</del> tri ser GRE	7 even
RUS home	rum bud <del>fra</del> VIE	7 even
TUR home	<del>fra</del> bul	4 even

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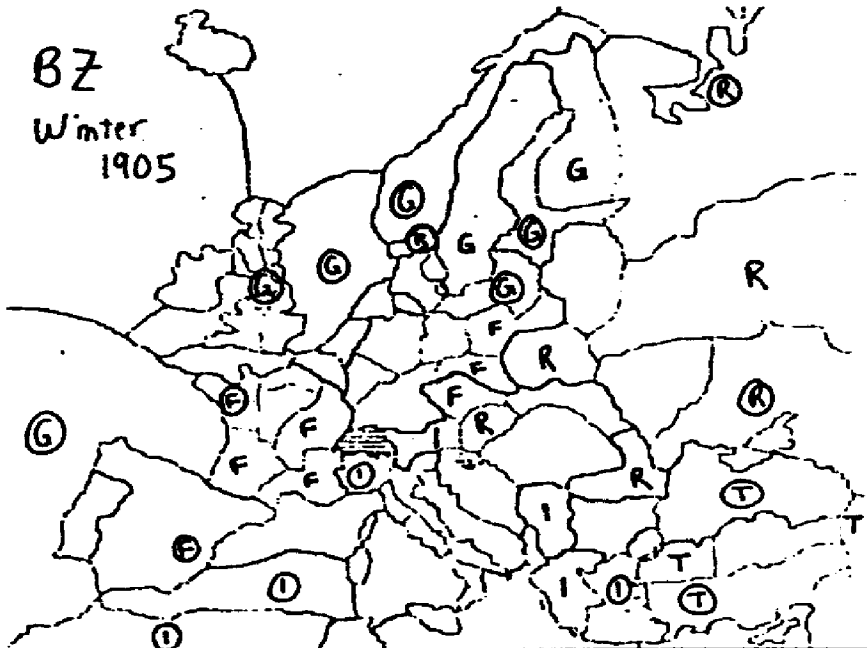
The English/French draw was defeated 3-ja, 2-nein. Draws for next season's vote are English/French and English/French/Italian/Russian. Not voting is "nein," as always.

Possible retreats for next season include:

FRA A pru, A boh, F spa/sc; GRO F nwy  
F mid; ITA F wes, A tyo; RUS F ska,  
F stp/nc, A war, A vie, F sev, A rum;  
TUR none.

BZ

Winter  
1905



presso presso

ITA-RUS: We zullen de draw er wel uitslepen, denk je ook niet?

IVO-GARY: Do you know what I've just said? Good....

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Dat is bijzonder vriendelijk van U.

FRANCE-ITALY: De volgende keer moet U eens bij ons komen.

FRANCE-TURKEY: Dieu est toujours pour les gros bataillons! (Comment ça se fait?) Je ne connais personne a Galicie et je ne sais ou aller. J'ai perdu mon chemin, voulez-vous m'aider?

FRANCE-ENGLAND: Komm, wir pflücken Unkraut....Sollen wir uns mit einen Kleinen Spiel die Zeit vertreiben?

FRANCE-FRAUKE: Hallo, Prachstück! Ich bin Zollbeamter in Zivil; ich glaube, Sie haben Schmuggelware an sich. Ist das das Bikini-Oberteil?

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THE LATEST COST OVERRUNS FROM BAHNHOF ZOO

FRANCE-ENGLAND: What Italy means by "a good game in Holland, then we would show you how Diplomacy should be played." means they will play like they did in Liege in that Junta game when all the Dutch ganged up together. We are showing them that we can cut across national boundaries and ally with a non-countryman for a change.

FRANCE-ITALY: What would I have done, before you launched your totally unsuccessful stab in the back of me, you ask? I would have probably attacked England who was much more vulnerable than you. At that point in the game, as you were told, you were writing me a lot. England wasn't writing me at all. But your premature stab blew up in your face. Italy and France are fighting and neither of us is gaining any centers from the other. France is totally happy with the English alliance.

IVO-SCOTT: Is Christoph really as ugly as his picture in EE showed? ((I'll answer that only if you tell me if you still beat your wife?))

FRANCE-SCOTT: Have you got a lot of grass yet? How are those vegetables in the garden coming along? Now BZ is in 4 zines in 4 different countries. I'm impressed! ((The grass is fine. The garden is nicht so gut, the squirrels didn't leave very much for us. And now that BZ has become a multinational conglomerate, I'm sure the Diplomacy hobby will never be the same.))

IVO-SCOTT: I did get tickets for Wembly!!! I saw two great shows again, both of which had Little Steven joining the band during the encores. Particularly the versions of Independence Day (on July 14th) and Highway Patrolman moved me. It was great again, and I think I will come over to the Staes in a few years, if he has made another record, to see him perform in his homeland. Did you see him in Chicago? ((no.))

RUSSIA-WORLD: I don't like Springsteen. ((I guess we can't all have good taste...))

DEUTSCHLAND-FRANKREICH: Na Du potenter Zollbeamter? Ich schmuggel genauso viel in meinem Bikinioberteil wie Du in Deiner Hose!

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Thus are the results of the soap opera game. The plot never really changes, but there are enough little changes to keep you interested. Italy seems to have a clever little position to keep E/F out of the Med; can it last with just three fleets? What can Russia do with his two isolated fleets in the North? Will they even bother the 6 British units in the Neighborhood? Are relations between Italy and France as strained as they seem? And what about Turkey...all these answers, and more, in the next episode of Bahnhof Zoo!

Speaking of soap operas; I've always marvelled at the attention TV shows like "Dallas" and "Dynasty" (i.e. "Denver-Clan" in Germany) receive in Europe. It came up again when I was typing letters in my zine; Michel Liesnard said something about "going back to Southfork" and I had no idea what he meant until Frauke told me that was the ranch in "Dallas." Noone I know in the States watches those shows at all; the only dedicated fans of "Dallas" I know are in Germany. I would guess they are more popular in Europe than they are here; it must be worth the bother to have the shows translated and dubbed so quickly.

I wonder why. I have my suspicions. I'd guess that the shows seem no less stupid in Europe than they do here. But the shows are stupid and American, and they give Europeans a chance to laugh at Americans. The characters conform somewhat to the image of America a lot of people have. They can watch the shows and have their stereotypes confirmed. The fact that they have nothing in common with reality is forgotten.

But the Americans have the last laugh. The producers of the shows don't make any money at all showiw these programs in America; they make all their profits on selling them to foreign networks. So all of you in countries with state-supported TV are paying your tax money to the producers of "Dallas" and "Dynasty." I think I'll just laugh and keep my television turned off.

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I already have two people signed up for my next international game. I may even be persuaded to start the new game before the old one ends. No game fee, of course; and I want all the people I can get from outside North America. If the game starts, I won't have to waste space with my opinions of TV!

*Handwritten signature*  
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Nuclear war is far more likely to come about like World War I than like World War II. In other words, through the accidental escalation of a crisis situation.

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Warsaw and were driven back 200 miles. In the West, it was the Allies (France and England) who made 7 of the 8 offensives launched. During all of 1915 though the Allies did not advance more than 3 miles at any point on the Western front and that effort cost the French Army alone nearly 1,500,000 casualties.

In an attempt to bypass the stalemate in the West, the Allies attacked Turkey at Gallipoli in an attempt to knock Turkey out of the war, invade Austria's rear thereby and get supplies to the needy Russians. By the end of 1915, the Allies had begun evacuations. In May, Italy had joined the Allies by declaring war on Austria.

Births in 1915 (not already listed in the regular chronology): George Baker who would become the cartoonist for the "Sad Sack", actress Ann Sheridan, jazz singer Billie Holiday, actor Zero Mostel, actor Hans Conreid, actor Kevin McCarthy, Thomas Merton born in France, actress Hedy Lamarr born in Vienna and actor Fernando Lamas born in Argentina (Comedian Billy Crystal bases his "You look marvellous" on Lamas's accent). And present-day Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss.

Literature in 1915: "Of Human Bondage" by W. Somerset Maugham; "The 39 Steps" by John Buchan; "Victory" by Joseph Conrad; "A Spoon River Anthology" by Edgar Lee Masters; "The Rainbow" by D. H. Lawrence; "Knulp" by Hermann Hesse; "A Boy's Will" and "North of Boston" by Robert Frost; "Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" by T.S. Eliot; "Dubliners" by James Joyce; "The Song of the Lark" by Willa Cather; "Bealby" and "Boon" and "The Research Magnificent" by H.G. Wells.

Agatha Christie writes her first poisoning called "The Mysterious Affair At Styles" although it was not published until 1920. She had met a colony of Belgian refugees at Devonshire and from her association with them developed the character mystery readers known as Hercule Poirot.

Sports: The Boston Red Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies, armed with Grover Cleveland Alexander 4 games to 1 in the Baseball World Series. Gavy Cravath of the Phillies sets record for homeruns in one season: 24. The New York Yankees are sold to a new manager for \$460,000. The Federal League (Baseball) collapses at the end of 1915 and, with no competition, baseball salaries begin to fall.

Entertainment: D. W. Griffith's movie "Birth Of A Nation" is protested by the NAACP. Marie Dressler makes her 1st film "Tillie's Punctured Romance" which also stars Charlie Chaplin; W. C. Fields joins the Ziegfeld Follies as a regular. He did comedy and juggling. Composer Richard Strauss's "Alpine Symphony". Popular songs by this time were "It's a long way to Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles In An Old Kit Bag". Scott Joplin's ragtime opera "Treemonisha" is performed in Harlem. Douglas Fairbanks stars in "The Lamb". Ivor Novello writes the war song "Keep the Home Fires Burning".

Neville Chamberlain becomes the Lord Mayor of Birmingham; the U.S. Coast Guard is founded; Auguste Rodin completes a bust of Pope Benedict XV; Ruth Gordon (of "Harold and Maude" and "Maxi") aged 19 leaves Quincy, Massachusetts for New York City with \$50.00 to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She was told she would never be an actress; Orville Wright sells Wright Aeroplane Company at Dayton, Ohio.

The U.S. Supreme Court orders West Virginia to pay \$12,393,929.50 to Virginia as part of their shared state debt before 1863 (when both states were Virginia); Blacks in the US began their great migration from the South to the Northern factories; US pays Columbia \$25 million to settle outstanding claims over Panama gaining its independence from Columbia so the US could then build the Panama Canal; taxicabs appear in the US, with a short ride costing a nickel (5 cents), or a "jitney" in slang and so they became known as a jitney.

The Washington Post made a famous typo in 1915--President Wilson had taken his fiancee (whom he married in December 1915) to a theatre but they didn't pay close attention except to each other. The paper meant to put "entertaining" but the sentence in the early editions said: "The President spent most of his time entering Mrs. Catt." The edition was hastily retrieved.

2-year-old Leslie Lynch King Jr.'s parents divorce. He would grow up to be President Gerald R. Ford. Anchorage, Alaska is founded; F. Scott Fitzgerald joins the staff of The Tiger at Princeton University. Switzerland votes a Federal War Tax to keep its army under arms (It was neutral all during World War I).

After controversy, by 1915 most cars in the US had left-hand steering. (19)

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As Triple A (the auto insurance company I used) put it: "Why do we drive from the left side of the front side? There's a reason--it's safety. When cars were first introduced to replace the horse and buggy, the steering wheel was usually found on the right side, the same side occupied by buggy drivers. However, it wasn't long before the issue of passenger safety was brought up to the attention of the public. Scientific American magazine in March of 1913 pointed out, that when cars passed on the road, there wasn't much room to spare. If a driver sat on the right side he or she wouldn't be able to see how much room there was between the passing vehicles."

Wireless service is established between the US and Japan. The largest railway station in Europe is completed in Leipzig, Germany. Jess Willard defeats Jack Johnson to win the heavyweight boxing crown. Automobile speed record of 102.6 miles per hour (roughly 163 kilometers per hour) is set at Sheephead Bay, New York by Gil Anderson driving a Stutz.

"Typhoid Mary" was apprehended at a hospital while preparing gelatin for a friend during an outbreak of typhoid. She was, this time, quarantined by the health authorities for the next 23 years until her death in 1938.

According to Isaac Asimov's The Book Of Facts: "The German chemist Fritz Haber devised a method for combining the nitrogen of the air into compounds from which explosives and fertilizers could be manufactured. This meant that Germany, during World War I, did not have to depend upon nitrates from Chile for its explosives. Because Great Britain controlled the seas, Germany would have been forced out of the war by 1916 if it hadn't been for the Haber process. Haber also headed Germany's program for development of poison gas. When Hitler came to power, Haber was deprived of his job and forced into exile. He was Jewish."

Pope John XXIII served as a sergeant in the Italian army during World War I. Alice Liddell Hargreaves lost 2 of her 3 sons in World War I. She was the little girl who inspired the book, and the name of, "Alice In Wonderland."

Next time we'll head into 1916!

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FOCUS ON FAKES!

This EE Department appears whenever fakes or spoofs of zines appear in my mailbox. I think fakers should get feedback on their spoofs and imitations of the "real thing." I have faked 3 zines and none of them got much publicity and that is the reason I created this department and make sure that fakers, who provide us with free fun, ~~get~~ some public feedback.

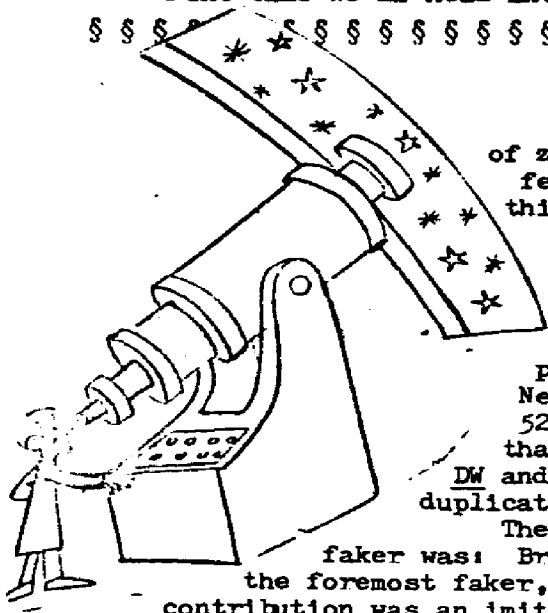
In September, Diplomacy World was faked. It came in the regular large yellow envelopes and was postmarked as coming from George Graessle in Newark, New Jersey who mails the real DW. Inside was "Issue 40", 52 pages long complete with the special thick cover that is a DW trademark. It is incredibly like the real DW and it had to have cost hundreds of dollars for printing, duplication and postage because DW has roughly 400 subbers. The fake was liberally studded with clues as to who the

faker was: Bruce Linsey. But he was not alone. Although Bruce was

the foremost faker, several of us contributed articles and such. My contribution was an imitation of that Hobby Enquirer "Lynne" who usually only punctures the egos of <sup>hot</sup> "Kathy's Krowd", including mine, in the pages of Lagus. The real "Lynne" whoever "she" is, made the mistake of not answering a neutral question that I sent her, with a stamp, via Mike Mazzer whom I sure forwarded it, so I welcomed the chance to turn the tables on the one who pointedly "Kazurized" me.

The fake DW contained much that the real DW #40 would have contained: the answers to the cross-word puzzle, a letter column, announcements of new zines and up-coming cons, a list of hobby services (but the fake included "Feud Number Custodian" and "Hobby Prison Custodian!"), the DW demonstration Dip game, a detailed description of a variant, this time "Far East" complete with a 2-page center-fold map, many articles and tributes. (See page 34)

I have always felt that when any zine is faked, its subbers, all of them, should get a copy and they did here. Bruce Linsey says copies are still available for \$1.00 (Europe will go surface) so, if you didn't get one and want one write him at: 73 Ashdelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, Massachusetts 01226 USA. (20)



# Savonlinna

In this issue you'll find BREAD AND CIRCUSES and the start-up of BELLUM FAMILIARIS, both S.P.Q.R. games. Interest in the third game of S.P.Q.R. is steady. I've got three people wishing to play the game, but there's one hitch. I'm GMing BF and playing in B&C. If you've gotten the knack of the game you'll realize that my involvement won't allow me to GM another game. So, I am looking for someone to GM the next game of S.P.Q.R. for the troops out there. The prime candidate has played S.P.Q.R. before, or is reasonably conversant about treaties and general strategy, etc. He has no other heavy commitments in PBM and won't for a while. He likes a challenge and he can put out what amounts to a six page game report every month, etc. If anyone out there would like to volunteers, then step forward. Of course, you'll be paid the sum of 100\$ per year. I am also editing the rules, rewriting certain sections, correcting geographical spellings per the direction of Thomas Franke and tidying up matters there. A small band of readers will be going over the rewrites to suggest clarity and form and if you would like to get your suggestions to me as per rule changes, aides or other suggestions please do in the near future. As for the on-going games themselves, it's beginning to look like bang-bang time in BC and posing time in BF. Time will tell and cull the wheat from the chaff here. Other things of dubious merit or worth mentioning are the Sexpress Foxes that Gary "forces" me to print. I hope that you just love this month's attraction. I'm sure that she'll just change your entire outlook on life. Did you catch some of the LIVE AID show? Wasn't Dylan lame? I mean he could've watched it on TV for the performance he gave. Jimmy Page looked and sounded like the hammer of Thor had crushed his skull a few times backstage. The solo on Stairway... just didn't work. Sounds as if he's radioactive now. For all his eccentricity, Neil Young really came off very well, both in his own set of songs and then later with CSN&Y. (But poor ole David Crosby...he just isn't all there, is he?) Memorable moments were: Madonna saying she wasn't going to "take shit off this time," referring to her Playboy and Penthouse pictures; Elton John's set; Collins, Sting and Julian Lennon; Whole Lotta Love from the Zep. The ending when Ritchie et al. were singing "We are the world" was a joke, but geez...ain't it great...I mean zowie, peace, love and happiness because we're just all one big family...Oh wow Lionel Ritchie with all those out-of-tune, poorly mixed voices...Further comments of the month include: Dave Carter's upside down jokes in S.K. continue his claim to fame as the white man's white man. Actually, their more fulfilling than his trivia questions, which are always either sports or science fiction. I mean geez Dave how about some real pertinent trivia, like "How much of Reagan's intestine was removed? And how long could a family of four in Philadelphia live on it? Or, If the USA is so good and strong, how come they always get little countries mad at them? Or, If Canada blew up would Americans care...? I guess I got off the track. Actually, Canada's a nice place...yeah, I'll admit that. It's the sort of place most Americans would like to say was America.

"Two things only the people anxiously desire . . ."

# BREAD and CIRCUSES

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PEOPLE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

S.P.Q.R.II

VOL. XVII

WINTER 194 A.D.

## SHUFFLE DIPLOMACY: FIVE PROVINCES CHANGE HANDS

In a last-minute bid to avert what promised to be a grueling two-front war, the Pyrrhonists have negotiated a wide-ranging shake-up in the Empire's provincial alignments. On their western border they have rescinded the bitterly disputed transfer of Noricum, returning the province to the Invictii along with the provincial resources collected this year. And to counter the Populare threat, the Pyrrhonist leaders have announced an outright trade--Cappodocia, a major holding, for Dalmatia, one of the smallest. Fourteen food shipments and 12 of timber from each province were included in the transaction.

In the midst of these rapid developments came yet another surprising announcement--the abdication of Severus, senior of the Severi. The aging Patrician had long been inactive and seldom seen in public, giving rise to rumors of failing health. But in a dramatic and final gesture, he doubled the strength of the Italian, Thracian, and Severi Legions before handing them over to his young protege:

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This newest Patrician promises to pursue the interests of his faction with a rekindled enthusiasm, and the Empire welcomes him.

Nor was all quiet on the far side of the known world; the Lusitanians, foremost financiers of the Empire, were back at work. Those 25 shipments of silver ferried from Hispania to Mauretania in the fall have ended up in the grateful hands of the Populares. Patrician M. Claudius Miles did not pause long enough to carry the silver across his own border into Africa before cashing it all in on a massive troop build-up.

Indeed, so universal was the Empire's rush to arms that by this winter every Legion save one has raised as many cohorts as the law allows. Barbarians have been inducted wholesale. And a scorecard is needed to chart the treaties making the rounds--in this season alone four new papers have been signed, three expired, and one even voided (for the usual fee.) Is it War or Peace that all these shufflings and dealings will bring? Only time can tell us what is in the cards.

WEATHER BULLETIN....URGENT....HURRICANE RAVAGES BRITANNIA....CITIES AND FARMLAND INUNDATED....THOUSANDS FEARED LOST....CROP DAMAGE MODERATE TO SEVERE....DETAILS WILL FOLLOW....

## IMPERIAL TREASURY PRICES FOR PRECIOUS METALS--FISCAL YEAR 195 A.D.

<u>Gold:</u>	0\$ for 1 sm in spring	<u>Silver:</u>	120\$ for 6 sm in spring
	200\$ for 10 sm in fall		40\$ for 2 sm in fall
	200\$ ÷ 11 = 18\$ per sm		160\$ ÷ 8 = 20\$ per sm

TREATIES REGISTERED: Agreement #21  
Agreement #76  
Treaty of the Piave  
Transfer of Metals Agreement #6

TREATY VOIDED: Treaty of Singidunum (effective end of Spring 195)

TREATIES EXPIRED: Treaty of Aquincum  
Treaty of Asia  
Farmers Fund Treaty

TREATIES CURRENTLY ON FILE: Baleric Treaty of Peace  
Emergency Food Agreement #1  
Treaty of Saguntum  
Treaty of Castra Regina  
Treaty of the Capoline  
Treaty of the Aegean  
Treaty of the Hinterlands  
Treaty of the Dual Empires

NOTE: All treaties signed by the departed Severus shall remain in effect, according to B&C precedent. The opinion poll sent to all

Patricians revealed no consensus on this matter--the only item of unanimous agreement was that each had decided on a philosophical basis. The new Patrician CROWZIUS is invited by the Honorable Afflerbacchus to present his own philosophical views before the Senate; the matter of treaties and succession will be the focus of a special hearing at the upcoming Senate Session.

OFFICIAL DOCKET OF THE SENATE SESSION OF 195 A.D.  
253 Senators in Attendance  
The Honorable Afflerbacchus Presiding

The following Proposals shall pass if YES votes equal twice the NO votes:

- 195A -- The Populares propose the repeal of Senate Bill 193B, being the Cohort and Barbarian authorizations for all Pyrrhonist Legions.
- 195B -- The Populares propose the repeal of Senate Bill 193C, being the fleet authorizations for the Pyrrhonist Faction.
- 195C -- The Populares propose that all Pyrrhonist-controlled Imperators be exiled to Melita.
- 195D -- The Populares propose that all Pyrrhonist income be taxed at 10%, the proceeds to be donated to the Praetorians, who guard and protect our way of life.
- 195E -- The Pyrrhonists ask the Senate to repeal Senate Bill 193U, which neutralized a) Mare Adriaticum, b) Mare Ibericum, and c) Mare Aegean.

The following Proposals shall pass if YES votes exceed NO votes:

- 195F -- The Invictii hereby formally make request of the Senate for a loan of 800 sesterces, remunerated according to the provisions of Item 4.27, and used to provide for the defense and betterment of Gallia, Germania, and the Impericum Romanum.
- 195G -- The Populares propose that the Praetorians tender the sum of 400 sesterces to the Populares as a loan with the Senate's permission.
- 195H -- The Populare hereby request Senate Permission to raise and maintain a) the Cohorts of Legion Cappodocia at ten, and b) its Barbarians at ten.
- 195I -- The Populares propose that all Pyrrhonist-controlled Imperators be summoned to Rome.
- 195J -- The Pyrrhonists ask the Senate to summon the Imperators Caracalla, Vespasian, Geta, and Papinian to Rome to explain their faction's failure to attend the Senate.

The following Proposals are non-binding:

- 195K -- The Invictii of Gallia hereby propose a resolution whereby Emperor Marcus Juventus and Emperor Mercutius shall be proclaimed by the S.P.Q.R. to be absolved of any treason against the Empire and exonerated in the eyes of all the citizens of Rome.
- 195L -- The Lusitanian faction, mindful of the real "real thing", proposes the banishment of Nova Coca-Cola from the Empire.

OPEN FORUM

(VIA INVICTII) SOMEWHERE IN THE HIPPOCRATES FREE CLINIC, ROMA:

"I've got what??!! By Jupiter, when I get my hands on that..."  
"Calm down, Imperator. I'm afraid it's true--lucky for you we detected it early. This Lusitanian strain can be mighty nasty if left untreated. But hey, with some of these new miracle herbs from Britannia, we'll have you good as new in no time. Now, stand still..."

THE PERGAMUM PRESS, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE PYRRHONIST FACTION:

"All truth will be printed, should we ever come across any; meanwhile, we print whatever we damn well please."

**PERGAMUM:** The Executive Committee of the Pyrrhonist faction met in a crisis session to discuss the Populare deceit and the Pyrrhonist lack of preparation. Several military commanders were dismissed. A call was put out to the countryside for volunteers. An entire army of volunteers was put on standby notice while last minute negotiations were held with the Populare commanders.

**ULPIA TRAIANA:** In an unrelated development, the Legion of Dacia suffered a mutiny. On learning that the infamous Governor of Dacia, A. Pompous Laedar, was ordering the Legion into Britannia, the Pyrrhonist Imperators stormed the Governor's tent and took the Governor prisoner. Their spokesman, Marcus Moe, said, "I'm not crossing the Ocean Britannicus just because Governor Laedar threw a silver sesterce across." His companions, Cassius Curly and Lucretius Larry, nodded in agreement. The rumor in Ulpia is that Laedar was to be turned over to the Lusitanians.

**PERGAMUM:** Fortune 500 Company down on its luck seeks to divest itself of unprofitable subsidiaries. Inquire at the Pergamum Press Office.

**EDITORIAL:** The Populare have stopped spouting about Equalists and have instead taken up the banner of deceit and greed. We are sure, however, that this change of theme, if not policy, has been noticed by the other factions.

**ANTIOCH (CNN):** The Claudian News Network today notified the Praetorians in Rome and all the peoples of the Empire that the Pyrrhonists had capitulated in Cappodocia. Under pressure from the Populare invasion, Pyrrhonist wisdom opted to abandon their eastern slave kingdom. During capitulation negotiations the Claudian Family sought to redress the balance of power in the west by granting the Pyrrhonists the Province of Dalmatia. Populare control now extends across the lower Empire from the Mauretanian border around and up to the Province of Asia with Sicilia serving as the Roman Gateway.

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GALLIA, MASSILIA:** The Governor's office is pleased to announce to citizens of the Empire everywhere that the two fleets commissioned late last year are now seaworthy and ready for service to the Empire. As part of the Governor's plan to bring the Empire's lagging shipping industry to life, he has also issued an edict creating the Massilian Port Authority. The M.P.A. will be responsible for the trade import/export activity of Gallia and Germania, and all inquiries regarding timber and naval escort (at reasonable rates) should be henceforth directed to the M.P.A., Gallia.

**NICAEA:** Reports of foul play continue to filter into the port of Nicaea regarding the fate of the Invictii diplomatic entourage sent to Ravenna last fall. Citing silence from Ravenna, and lack of any news from Italia in the last year, the untoward rumors of treachery and assassination of entourage legati at the hands of Severi factionalists have begun to achieve credibility. Though no actions have yet been taken by Gallian authorities, continued silence from Ravenna will force the Invictii to request, at least, a Senate inquest.

**CASTRA REGINA: REFUGEES CONTINUE TO SWARM!** Since the province of Noricum passed into the hands of the Pyrrhonists earlier this year, political enemies of the new governor have sought asylum in Castra Regina by the thousands. Though Roman by birth in many cases, refugees claim that the Pyrrhonists have begun a program of discrimination and displacement against long-time Noricum citizens, especially those who hold the Treaty of Aquincum in contempt. Among the many complaints voiced by the refugees, that of usurpation of villas and agricultural lands and harvests are the most prevalent. The Governor's office has declined comment, but has sent a commission to look more closely into the matter.

**COLONIA AGRIPPINA:** C. Lupastax Gythion, Warrior of Gaul, in a celebrated stroke of diplomacy, has enlisted the support and aid of King Heerot and the Juthungi tribes of the Danube. As the ranks of I Ulpia Rapax more than doubled in size with the move, Gythion proclaimed a total Roman victory and the Governor of Germania, at Gythion's suggestion, proclaimed the occasion a holiday.

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Of special note, the Juthungi also turned over to Gythion's men the sought-after jaded lion of the Batavians, T. Swidericus. King Heorot claimed Swidericus had done little other than "incite unrest, babble, and drool over the women of the tribe" since his arrival in Juthungi lands last spring. Gythion, at the Governor's personal edict, immediately sent Swidericus--with escort--on th the provincial capital of Argentoratium.

# Bellum Familiaris

The Third Game of S.P.Q.R.

GM: Michael Mills, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974

INTREPEDII AND LAKEDAEMONII WIN BIG IN FINAL AUCTION ROUND!

Third Round Results:

DACIA	806\$	Intrepedii
NORICUM	556\$	Intrepedii
SICILIA	500\$	Poseidonisti
DALMATIA	949\$	Lakedaemoni

(Above: province-successful bid-top bidder)

Current Holdings: End of Auction Rounds 191.

RAV (Freuh)  
Italia Africa Germania  
Ravenna: 20F 4T 10S 6G  
Argentorium: 10F 6T 12S 6G

396\$  
L. Magna: 10F 2T 8S 6G

LAK (Williams)  
Cappodocia Asia Dalmatia  
Antioch: 20F 4T 10S 4G  
Salonae: 8F 4T 6S 4G

300\$  
Smyrna: 14F 4T 12S 4G

INT (Spare)  
Thracia Dacia Noricum  
Athenae: 18F 2T 10S 4G  
Vindobona: 6F 4T 8S 8G

635\$  
Singidunum: 6F 6T 18S 14G

CLA (Gautron)  
Gallia  
Massilia: 20F 6T 16S 6G

2000\$

POS (Coughlan)  
Aegyptus Sicilia  
Alexandria: 28F 2T 12S 6G

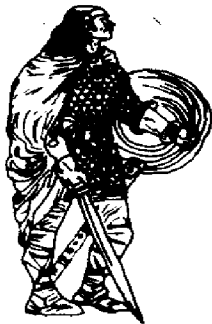
1475\$  
Siracusae: 10F 2T 4S

AUR (Franke)  
Hispania Brittania Mauretania  
Saguntum: 18F 4T 28S 20G  
Londinium: 12F 6T 8S 4G

375\$  
C. Mauretania: 14F 2T 8S 4G

TREATIES REGISTERED: Treaty of the Nereides Minus A(\*)

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## JOIN NOW

S.P.Q.R. is a game of "ripple effects," in that a change in one of the strategic elements of the game eventually causes changes in the other elements. For instance, if the price of metals drops drastically, your income shrinks, then you start removing cohorts from the board, which in turn lessens your Senate clout and may set you up for a fall via legislation, or if you lose a major province, not only do you lose a big income, but Senate votes and probably exportable food shipments that can keep your marginal producers above the famine line. This is the sort of game that requires A LOT of player interaction. As a player and GM, I've heard that from everyone I've had to deal with. It's a constant stream of letters, treaties and deals through the mails each and every season and, since the silent player often is looked on as too dangerous, necessary for prolonged health. If you like devising strategies that will include military strength and position, provincial resources, deals with other factions, political clout in the Senate, financial clout, plus a considerable measure of commodity trading and other peripherals, then you should play S.P.Q.R.

S.P.Q.R. is also a game of alliances, of cooperation, of deals and horse-trading. No one can effectively plot a course of action without the complete understanding and aid of at least another faction in the game. There are simply too many variables that your foes can tamper with to thwart you.

I'm not trying to encourage everyone to play this game because it's not quite like "Diplomacy." It's a much more intricate sort of world you'll have to deal with, where a legion and its auxilleries and Imperators board transports, escorted by fleets and set sail to conquer foreign lands, worried about replacement of combat losses, hoping to capture shipments of gold and silver, praying a strike isn't launched against their homeland or an ally doesn't balk at an opportunity. Multiply this situation by six players with 21 legions numerous deals and you'll get the gist.

In a way it's sort of like "Third Reich," where that game would be considered child's play by a person whose pushed S.P.Q.R. to the hilt. You can get a copy of the rules from me for 39¢ postage. I have two players waiting to go with a new game. It portends to be an international contest, too.

DUE TO popular demand initial deployments of units has been delayed. These will be due on July 27, 1985. I will then need the starting locations of your provincial cohorts (LHQs start in capitals), your optional faction legion and your optional first fleet, plus any Imperators that you care to hire. Also, you may build any number of TRANSPORTS you care. PLEASE NOTE that the faction legion will cost 100\$, Imperators will cost 100\$ and first fleets 3 shipments of timber plus 75\$.

ALSO NOTE: that you must inform me about how many shipments of food you are going to release within each province to feed your peoples. Read the rules carefully if you wish to be wise.

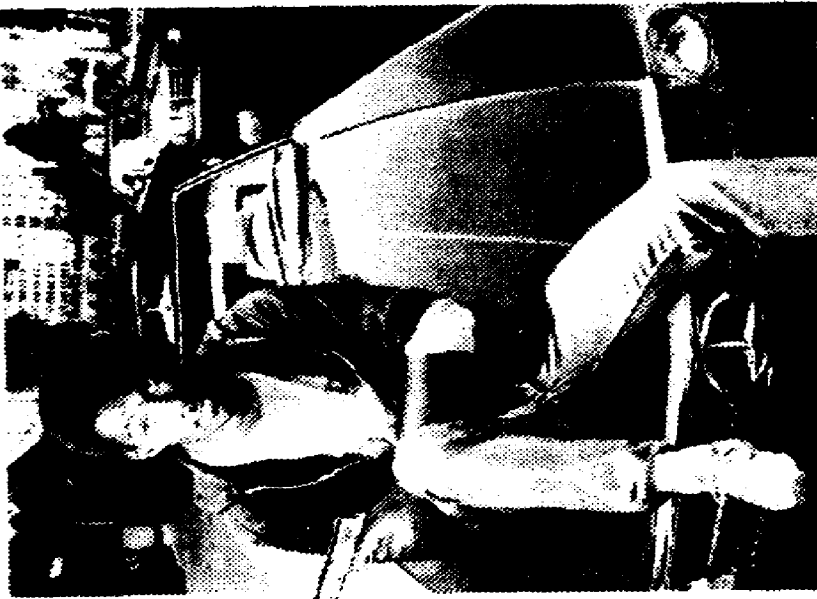
**PRESS:**

**Aegyptus - Thracia and Hispania: PSST! The Praetorians are illiterate! (pass it on)**

**PRAETORIAN DECORUM ASSOCIATION:** For that slur, the Guard hereby fines you 3000\$, 1700 shipments of food, 17 transports, 12 fleets, 87 shipments of silver, 14 vestal virgins, 4500 lances, 600 celtic battle chariots, 7 monuments to be erected in the Valley of the Kings to exceed a heights of 500,000 hands, Sicilia, Sun Records, a free concert by Elvus and Jerrus From Lee, 7000\$ in gold ignots, 54 transports and several hundred slaves to be delivered by July 27th. (vicious slime).

**Thracia-Hispania:** "Gutta" who? "Gutta cavat lapidem non vi, sed saepe cadendo"---that "Gutta?" Muttu vielleicht' deine Kalligraphie vabessan --- wat sagste dazu, Jutta?  
**Praetorians:** Mikä hän sanoit?

EDDIE MURPHY ELOKUVISTA "48 TUNTIA" JA "VAIHTOKAUPAT"  
 ON NYT KYTTÄ DETROITISTA JA LOMALLA BEVERLY HILLSISSÄ.



VOIKO EDDIE MURPHY  
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 KUIN "VAIHTOKAUPPISSA"?

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Tämän vuoden lyömätön naurupommi!

SUURI NAURUENSI-ILTA

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Samanalaisesti: Tampere, Turku, Jyväskylä, Lappeenranta ja Pori.

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Your EUROPA SEXPRESS FOXES are Catherine The Great and Elizabeth I of England. They need no introduction to you. You can give them a ring if you'd like at 202-456-1414.



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# A Call to Contain the Great Feud

October 6, 1985

Over the past few weeks, I, and several others, have been talking to the primary feuding parties to see if a general amnesty and cease-fire could be called. We came very close to an agreement, but it fell through because of one or more individuals who ultimately proved unwilling to call a halt to the bloodletting without key concessions from the other side. Thus, it appears that the process will continue with no end in sight.

I strongly believe that so many unexcusable things have been said and done on all sides of the feud that the handful of individuals intent on continuing to propel this process forward do not deserve the kind of vindication they still seek. This complex feud has continued to grow and deepen for one and a half years, and it is now threatening the very organic integrity of DipDom. For those who have lost themselves deep in the feeding frenzy of the feud, I care little. Let them hack off limbs, dismember their own reputation, and continue with name-calling and obscenities in the dark recesses of the hobby, but let all hobiests who are tired of it all take action to contain it.

The combined synergy of our individual actions can have great force. Diplomacy fandom is for gaming, positive creativity, and the joys of simulated lying and deception. Let us reclaim it for ourselves. I urge those who share my views to follow suit, and set off an "ever-widening gyre." These actions can have positive result if enough individuals are also tired and disgusted by the great feud, and if we all keep scrupulously even-handed:

1. Resign from 'zines that give sanctuary to the feud. After this presentation has gained wide circulation, I will procede to resign from any 'zine that remains infected with the feud. I will send a letter for print explaining the reasons for my action, and will enclose a self-addressed post card for notification by the publisher when the editorial policy has changed (so that I may resubscribe). If you play in the 'zine, you might ask to continue the game by flier, or you might move the game elsewhere if the other players share your views on the feud. I will make no statements on the "substance" or personalities of the feud. More feuding does not feuding end; only ending it can end it.

2. Freeze the custodial status of feuders. An "honorable" feuder will assign a temporary substitute for important custodial projects, rather than allow his or her continued involvement in the great feud to harm the projects by osmosis. If a person formally active in the feud draws back and ceases participation, that person ought to retain his or her position (despite the rantings of those who choose to continue). This is a process that should be encouraged. If a feuder refuses to voluntarily withdraw (even temporarily while the feud plays out), I believe that the establishment of duplicative services or projects would be preferable to continued sole custodianship by a feuder.

This great feud is a holocaust of a different nature than the simple feuds of the past, save perhaps the Boardman/Walker feud of many years ago that literally split the hobby. Let's not let that happen to us again. It is time to move forward and reclaim control of our own destiny.

Very sincerely,  
Ken Peel

((Ken also has a letter in this issue on page 35 ))



"If only a small minority kept them, the vast majority of Southerners condoned it and would have bought one or two of their own if they had been rich enough. In places where Southerners actually spoke against slavery, they were persecuted and killed. It was the one issue that polarized the masses, no matter what sublime or ulterior motives the politicians may have had.

So don't let one more Yankee trick you into defending the South and your own honor. Removing your license plate at the request of your friend said everything about your character that needs to be said. You are no bigot, and your friends know that. Go ahead and fight for your rights, but not for a cause better left behind."

□ Let me make absolutely certain that no one is left under the impression that I was defending slavery in any way. John Boardman called me, in his zine, a "racist" and in another issue "this piece of racist scum." Since Mr. Boardman doesn't know me from Adam, he can only base his sentiments on my place of birth, the South, which I rightly resented and which led me to institute the John Boardman Department on page 3 of EE issues. One's place of birth doesn't make one a racist or a non-racist.

John Boardman has a reputation of trashing people he doesn't like and he often goes after Bruce Linsey and myself. Bruce has sent out several mass mailings to the Graustark subbers but nothing Boardman has done has ever angered me enough until he called me "racist". Whenever Linsey sent the Graustark readers a letter Boardman always claims that it is a pseudonym.

I, in contrast, sent all his subbers who did not know me, issue 46 of EE complete with an address list. It's quite hard then to pretend to the Graustark readers that I do not exist but Boardman has a one-track mind. The man has to be a nut case. Here are some of his comments from Graustark #510, his latest issue:

"Whenever we deal with Linsey or Coughlan, we are dealing with proven, admitted unregenerate forgers. That is the starting point with them.....Over Michalski's name, Coughlan propagated some viciously racist statements about blacks. While Michalski was an outspoken conservative, he is not to the best of my knowledge a racist. Coughlan's attempt to make him seem one cannot be endorsed or excused by any human being whose opinion is worthy of respect. Coughlan later claimed to excuse this conduct by saying that he himself is black" and so on.

I wonder if it's the New York water which causes this erratic behaviour?

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Chris Farrar(Missouri, USA): "I think your note on page one of EE #47 about the newspaper clippings is excellent. I don't read the St. Louis papers during the week, but I do read the Chicago Tribune and I will keep a look out for anything interesting anyone might be interested in."

Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "Thanks for all the clippings and punk cartoons you keep sending to me. It's great that you take the time to think of me, clip and send them. I send some of them on to my Mom--she wants to know why I am receiving a Memphis paper...."

Ralph Morton(Ontario, Canada): "The clipping concerning the Gallup Poll on the advantages and disadvantages of farming, I found particularly interesting. The primary advantage...being your own boss...doesn't quite apply in my case because I'm also holding down a full-time job. Country living and most important, a self-sufficient lifestyle is the biggest appeal as far as I am concerned."

Fred Davis(Maryland, USA): "Did we thank you for the German Tribune? T was very interesting."

Patrick Conlon(Louisiana, USA): "I guessed you probably wouldn't understand the clipping I sent you. But I never imagined you might assume that I was involved in an accident. Far from it, so don't fret. A couple of clippings from you concerned accidents in the military. It seemed you were making a point about how dangerous military life could be, so I decided to make own own point, with a touch of satire. Civilian life can be dangerous too!".....[I answered his letter. Pat had been stationed in Pirmasens, West Germany a few years before in the Army]... "Oh ho! So Pirmasens was the common link in those cut-outs. I wonder how I missed that."

Steve Langley(California, USA): "Thanks for the clippings. I'd read the 'Senko' one already but not the Bocco news. Interesting that they fired him from Hill

Street Blues and then hired him to replace it. I take that to mean that this

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"is Hill Street Blues' final season."

Dave Carter(Ontario, Canada): "Thanks for the advertising stuff on Ontario. I wonder why the Ontario Government is pushing so hard for Tennesseans to come North?"

Rich Reilly(Idaho, USA): "Thanks for the clipping about Boise; I did enjoy it. Of course, I've never been to Boise for more than an hour at a time; always I've been on my way to another part of Idaho. Nevertheless, the article and the photograph illustrated much of what I love in Idaho. I'm not sure if I've been to that lake in the picture--it looks vaguely familiar, but I'm unable to place it--yet I've certainly been to some spectacular high-mountain lakes that were similar, and I'll tell you what: I'm rarely as at peace with myself as I am at this sort of place. It's just a good feeling."

□ It seems the news clippings idea has a lot of support, so if y'all save for me, I'll cut out for you, just let me know your interests. Chris is interested in anything having to do with Josef Mengele. Derwood Bowen(see page 18 )likes to read pizza related articles. He works for Domino's Pizza and uses items in his subzine, Submarine Warfare. I enjoy clippings on Iceland, World War I, editorial cartoons, languages, and how writers and authors go about writing their books.

Dave Carter also sent me a brochure on missing children which leads into the next topic. To sum up, Kathy Byrne one year ago accused Bruce Linsey of writing a "sick" letter to her daughter Francine and mass-mailed that accusation all over the hobby claiming she had "proof" and "I am asking all publishers to please print this. I can prove what I am saying." It's been a year and despite repeated requests by many hobby members, Kathy Byrne hasn't produced any "proof".

But what she did do was print a missing kids' ad in her zine and joke that her other daughter Phyllis had disappeared at the hands of Bruce Linsey. This only trivialized her claims for Francine.

One of my friends, Tom Mainardi, said that he and Tom Swider submitted the missing kids' ad and that it wasn't Kathy's fault that it was printed in her zine. I've written to Tom and quoted Kathy's own words from her publication Whitestonia/Kathy's Kornor #62/63(December 6, 1982), p. 4 of KK: "If you write here and it's printed, I take all responsibility for the material. You have no responsibility."

It is time for Kathy Byrne to start acting like a responsible hobby member. Bruce Linsey wouldn't get away with this.... □□□

Keith Sherwood(California, USA): "Personally, I think you've gone way overboard on the milk carton thing. I don't think it should have been printed but I think it doesn't deserve what you're making of it. I described the milk carton to Rod Walker at dinner and he burst out laughing saying that's the only funny thing to come out of the feud."

□ You're entitled to your opinion and I'm entitled to mine. I wonder, though, why you had to describe the milk carton missing kids' ad to Rod Walker? After all he is a subber of EE and presumably reads this zine. Maybe he'll read this next section... □□□

Steve Langley(California, USA): "I finally got the chance to finish reading EE #47 letter column. I was a bit upset with the Linsey letter, but I can see his point. When I saw the same thing in Whitestonia/Kathy's Kornor I totally missed the Dalton reference[Dalton is the home of Bruce Linsey, the only hobby member who lives there] and so I thought he was flipped out until I got to the end of his letter. I think he made his case a lot stronger than it really is, the 'when will she stop hurting people' line especially--but he still had a point of sorts."

Bob O'Donnell(Oregon, USA): "What has Kathy done!? What garbage! She must be crazy?! How silly and stupid can a person get? The item is a serious one, finding lost children is one of the most serious problems in the U.S. I can't understand why anyone would stoop to that sort of tactics. This does not set right with me, and you can print this so all know that I share your revulsion at that "stupid" and "assinine" article." ((continued on page 33 ))





Rich Reilly(Idaho, USA): "The Byrne-Linsey feud has gone too far. Yet, although I sympathize with Bruce in this, ultimately Kathy is the one I feel sorry for. I say this in all honesty: a person who would do such things as Kathy does must have some psychological problems. I cannot help but feel sorry for such a person. I wish there were a psychiatrist in the hobby who could explain it."

James Early(Texas, USA): "I wanted you to know that I'm on your side with the Byrne/Boardman deal(pp. 17-18, EE #47). I thought Byrne's "missing child" thing was very tacky. I sub to that zine although I don't really enjoy it. I'll probably just quietly let my sub run out."

Mark Berch(Virginia, USA): "Kathy Byrne's use of the "missing child" photograph of Antonella Mattina as part of her feud with Bruce Linsey(see EE #47, page 19) is incredibly thoughtless and insensitive. I wonder if those who have accused Bruce Linsey of going "outside the hobby" will say the same about Kathy? I really would like to know what Kathy would say if one of Antonella's parents showed up at her front door and asked "Why are you using my daughter's photograph as part of your feud with Bruce Linsey?"

Michel Liesnard(Belgium): "Now, I must write a letter to our Kathy about "Fifi" and the like. Wish me good luck."

□ You'll need it since Kathy Byrne, in my experience, views any criticism of her actions, however justified, as an "attack". The little girl on the milk carton, whose family lives in Kathy's hometown of Flushing, is still on the missing list we've found out. Her real name had been scratched out in Kathy Byrne's Whitestonia/Kathy's Kornor and replaced with "Phyllis 'Fifi' Byrne."

Mark, I think a better question that both Kathy and her supporters on this missing child ad should be asked by Antonella's mother is: "Please tell me why this is considered humor?"

As for me, I've had it with Kathy Byrne and her crowd. I left their zine in January and now that Kathy's EE game has ended, I no longer have to receive any mail from her in which she might include abuse along with her orders. I no longer have to listen to hate-filled telephone calls from her, which I understand several hobby members have been receiving lately. But we're talking about me now.

I mentioned abuse above. Here's an example of a Byrne letter to me. Kathy Byrne is the only person I know who uses a Christmas card greeting as an act of war. December 15, 1985 Kathy wrote, among other choice comments: "Get off your high horse, Linsey is not the saint you seem to think. I personally don't care if he runs EE and you into the ground. But don't you dare tell me that I have no right to boycott Linsey. In view of all that he has done to me and others--he is getting exactly what he deserves. He is getting just the type of treatment he deserves...Do me a favor, don't send me anymore of your off-the-record junk or your bleeding heart letters. Also don't you dare ask me to confirm the fact that you aren't a drunk or that you aren't a child abuser. You support Linsey's attacks on me--well you can cry on his shoulder from now on! With friends like you--no one needs enemies!!"

Sad, isn't it? I have frequently criticized Bruce Linsey(see EE #47, p.18) and I've never considered him a saint. But I've never considered you a saint either and that's what's really bugging you. Almost 3 years ago, you and John Caruso attacked me all over this hobby and I said nothing. You've crapped on me for the last time without me responding. So go ahead, get your little lynch mob and accuse me of child abuse and being a drunkard. More and more people are learning exactly what you are like.

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Dan Stafford(Ohio, USA): "Your comments on page 18, EE #47, strongly imply that I agree with your comments, that John [Caruso] has "done [his] best to revive a feud between [us]". I don't. At worst, John could be accused of seeking an ally--and Kathy had nothing to do with the letters to me. Don't force me to choose a side in this matter by using my name in attacks on John and Kathy."

□ Again, you are entitled to your beliefs and I am entitled to mine. In EE #42, page 20, I wrote the following words: "In December [1984], 19 of you received a letter from me, along with advance copies of EE #40's comments on the Unestone Poll (33)  
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"Our position as neutrals is becoming increasingly difficult."

-the-record letter to John. The copy of my OTR letter went to Dan from John and Kathy's household, as he has told me in letters we've discussed on this matter. So I cannot accept your statement that "Kathy had nothing to do with the letters to me" since she had to be the one to hand over an off-the-record letter sent to her, to John Caruso to mail out. Or else this means that off-the-record letters sent to Kathy Byrne wind up in the hands of John Caruso without her knowledge and are used for purposes which she doesn't know anything about. I don't buy that for a minute.

Whatever Dan, I don't want you or anyone else to have to be put into a position to choose sides. With this issue of EE #48, any direct communication between Kathy and John on one hand and myself on the other comes to an end and they will no longer be a part of my hobby, because I am sick and tired of year after year of their constant tantrums and hate campaigns. Let's make one thing clear: I don't dislike them on account of Bruce Linsey; I dislike them because of all the hateful things that they have done to me over the years.

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Jerry Falkiner(Ontario, Canada): "I believe I have a logical solution to the feud. Oh yea. You can print this (I'll stick my neck out because nobody knows me and I don't live close to the combatants). My solution is this:

Bruce and Kathy should get married! They spend most of their days and nights thinking of each other,(they'd make great honeymooners), and they could fight eye to eye, nose to nose, and tooth to tooth under the same roof. This would leave the hobby enthusiasts more press space devoted to interesting subjects and leave the newlyweds to take their dirty laundry to the washing machine in the basement.

Whew. How's that? Now everyone will be asking "Who is that masked man?" Please don't print my address."

□ But Jerry, what if they had children?!!!

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Bill Quinn(Texas, USA): "Did Linsey really do the Diplomacy World #40 fake?"

X Paul Gardner(Vermont, USA): "By now you've probably gotten Bruce's DW #40 [fake]. It looks very good I think and is really an outstanding piece of work from another "boy" whose energy and creativity amaze me. This doesn't mean I think Bruce is faultless. I think the fake would have worked better if he had kept his name behind the scenes more, but that's Bruce's style and if he wasn't somewhat egotistical, I doubt he'd have pulled off the job. As it is, Bravo Bruce!"

Rod Walker(California, USA): "Note on the fake DW. You know Linsey is guilty. It would not have been so bad had he resisted taking gratuitous pokes at Kathy. This involves DW in the Feud, and I have real difficulty ever forgiving him for that lapse. I will, though. The big deal is that he mailed the fake to everyone on the DW mailing list. He was given that list to help the Runestone Poll, with the strict stipulation (and his solemn promise) that he would not use the list for any other purpose, particularly not for anything relating to the Feud. This betrayal is the last straw. I can never trust Bruce again, and I will have difficulty thinking well of him. He has totally blown it with me. I've sent him a rather stiff letter, with an on-the-record copy to Kathy. There is no way that I will do him the favor of trying to keep it secret."

□ Lighten up Rod. If you can laugh about a missing kids ad done by Kathy in her ((continued on page 35 ))

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zine, I'm quite sure you can enjoy the DW fake. If a zine that I sub to gets faked; and I don't get a copy(as has happened in the past because I wasn't well-known), I would feel left out. The DW subbers, all of them, have been brought into the very mainstream of the Diplomacy Hobby, and DW is supposed to be the hobby's flagship zine. Bruce Linsey tells me that he did not promise you not to use the DW mailing list; it would seem that you have assumed this.

As it is, the fake DW cost Bruce hundreds of dollars and if the people running the real DW had any financial savvy, they would use that effort and count it as part of the solution to the tremendous DW debt. I(see page 3) and many others have been asked to shell out money to shove up DW and help it pay off the monies it owes to the DW subbers. Since DW is only published 4 times a year, and was only seen once in 1985, the fake DW could count as 1/4 of that humongous debt.

But we all know the real, unspoken reason why that won't be done, don't we? Kathy Byrne, the general editor of Diplomacy World, has a paranoiac hatred of Bruce Linsey. Sure he made some jibes at her but he was much kinder than I would have been toward her. What better revenge for her than to let Linsey's great expense of hundreds of dollars be used to bail out DW's real-life debt?

But instead you send her, the Fiesty Feminine Flushing Feuder herself, a letter specifically for her to use to further fuel the flames of feuding. Why don't you send me one where you blast her, as you've blasted Linsey, for her failure to provide "proof" of the "sick" Francine letter Linsey supposedly wrote.?

No, scratch that last request. I don't want that garbage in my zine anymore. I've said my peace. I'm not going to waste any more of my precious time on Kathy and her hatreds which drag in so many people. Life is too short.

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Ken Peel(Maryland, USA): "This is for print! I am, oh, so tired of this feud and the feuders. I'm serious about this, and am sending the fliers to the pubbers I know. Looks like I might be resigning from a few 'zines soon."

□ Ken's circular letter is to be found on page 29. It reminds me of one that Mike Barno sent out to all the hobby publishers in 1980 and it was about the same crowd: John Caruso, Bruce Linsey and Kathy Byrne. I have ended my sub already to many feuding zines in the past and have recently sought to get everyone who wants to talk about feuds to confine their remarks to Steve Hutton's No Fixed Address's "Fighting Words"(a separate section so the rest of NFA can be totally enjoyed without having to read about feuds) and Steve Langley's The Not For Hire, a separate publication from Steve's Magus. Addresses are: Steve Hutton, 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, CANADA N5Y 3N1.....and Steve Langley, 2296 Elen Noc Lane #1, Sacramento, California 95825 USA.

As for me and EE, ~~the camp~~, as Ken puts it in his circular letter, will not remain "infected with the feud." As it is, much too much appeared in this issue of EE so it will be free to everyone. If other publishers would follow my action in this(it costs, believe me), with the exception of No Fixed Address and The Not For Hire, feud material would vanish.

I agree with so much of Ken's letter but I would like to stress that I think Bruce Linsey should remain as the Punestone Poll Custodian(see his proposal to end the feud on page 12, point 2) and Kathy Byrne should remain as the general editor of Diplomacy World. No matter what any of us think of either of these two individuals, they are both full of energy, have both contributed many good things to the hobby and are capable of doing much good for the hobby if their talents are channeled in the right directions. ((Oh, I'll send Kathy Byrne's 60¢ of this now-free issue to the DW fund.))

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Ron Brown(Ontario, Canada): "What do I have to do to get a letter printed in EE? Signed, Perplexed."

□ Dear Perplexed: I see as I gaze into my crystal ball, a letter, yes a letter from the Cold North arriving in the South. I see this letter being printed in a publication. I see a number....it's 40, 40... ~~again~~ I see 2 numbers. I see 48 and then 49. A long letter in 49. Does this end your perplexity?

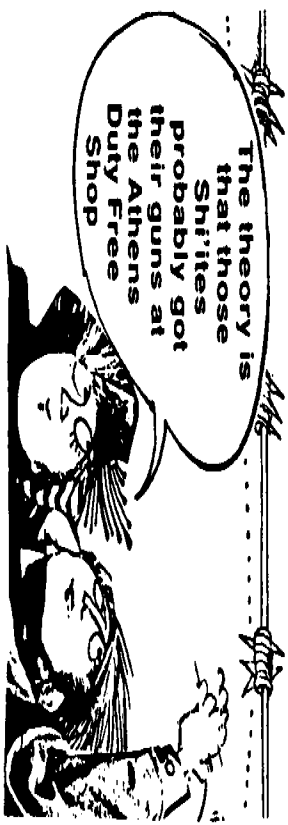
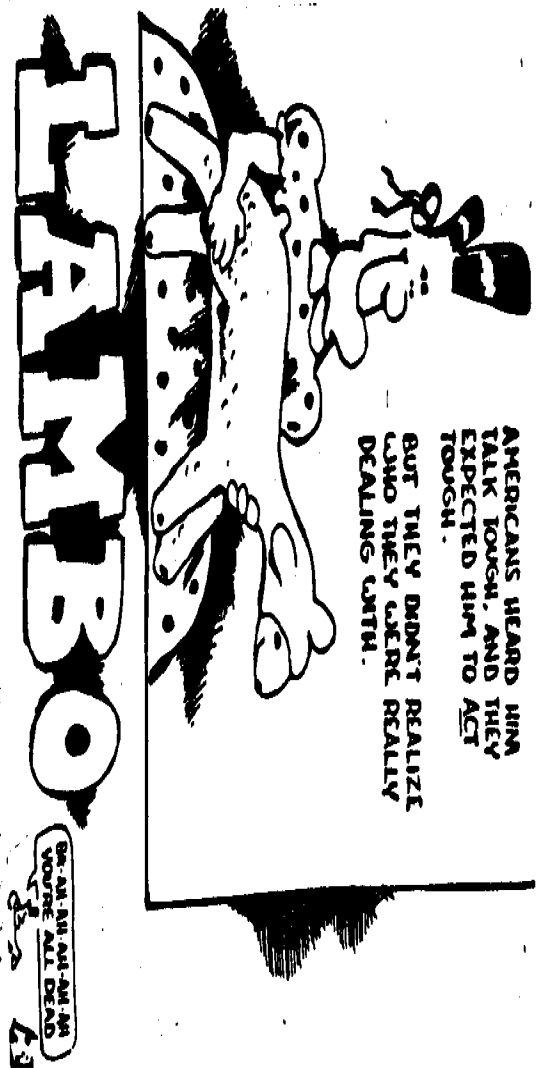
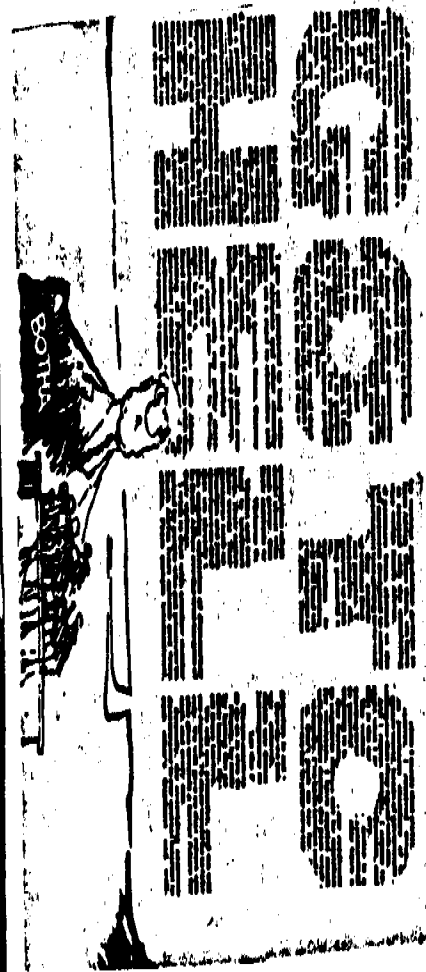
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Ron Brown(Ontario, Canada): "OK! I give up! Enough's enough!"

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□ That's the letter column for this time as well. See y'all shortly with #49.

"GORBACHEV'S MY NAME AND PR'S MY GAME... YOU LOOK MARVELOUS... GOT TO RUN NETWORK WEST EUROPE... A FREEZE WOULD BE COOL... LET'S DO GENEVA... WE'LL BURY YOU... JUST KIDDING... CIAOI



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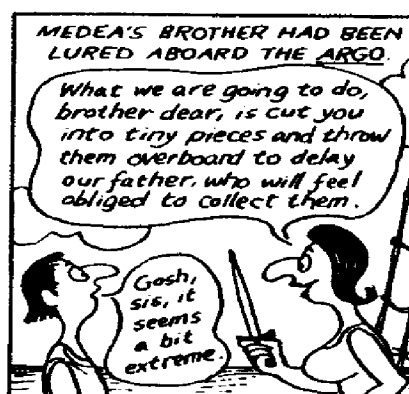
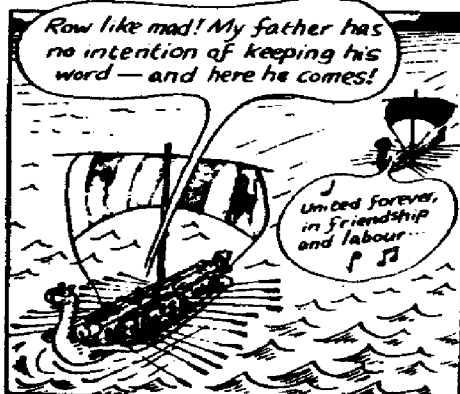
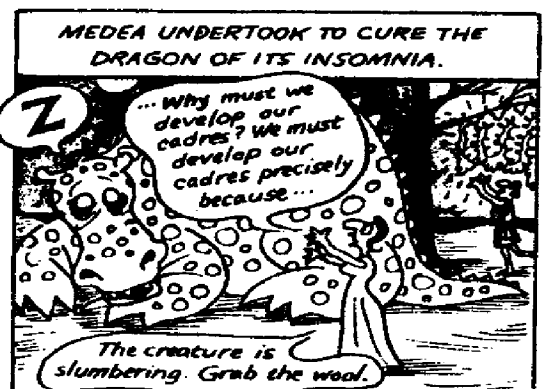
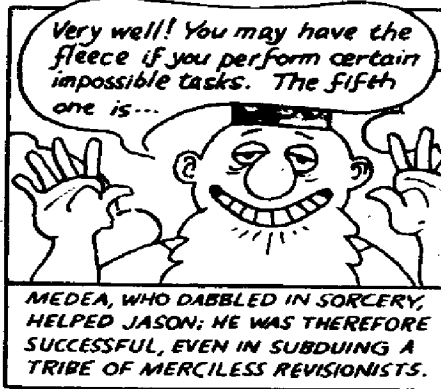
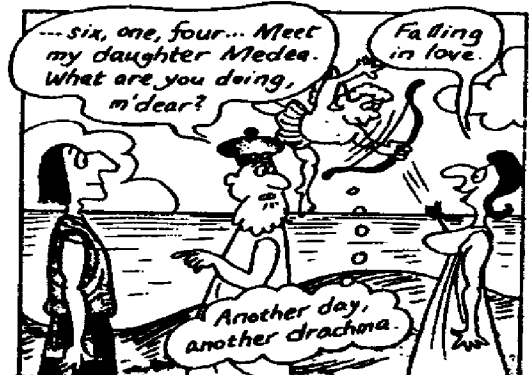
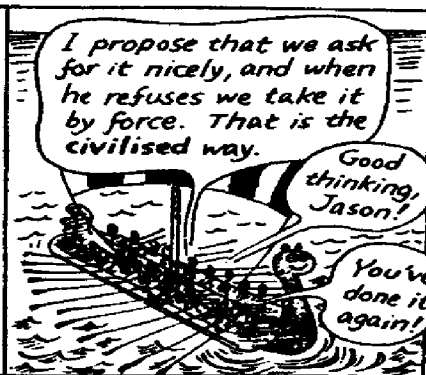


# HANDELSMAN FREAKY FABLES

Jason & Co, having arrived in the future Soviet Union, held council to decide how best to obtain the

## GOLDEN FLEECE

from the local nasty king.  
(PART I)



MORAL: Fleece or be fleeced.

THE ZINE REGISTER 1985..... & THE AMERICAN ZINE BANK

EDITOR: Simon Billenness.  
PUBLISHER: Roy Hendricks.

Hello America! I'm a 21 year old Englishman working in the USA through the good luck of marrying Barbara, a US citizen. I've played postal Diplomacy for a long time and for two years I edited and published "20 Years On", the quarterly European zine listing. I think I have the right experience to edit the "Zine Register"; I hope I'm also sufficiently fair and objective to do so with the support of all sections of the American hobby.

The only change I intend to make is to turn the "Zine Register" into a regular four-monthly zine with subscribers and traders... You may think it odd that such an infrequent zine is asking for trades with larger and faster zines, nevertheless it will be worth your while. It will help me to get to know your zines and allow me to write your listing if you're too busy to do your own. In addition all trades will go to form the new "American Zine Bank". This will be a new hobby service based on the successful British Zine Bank. Any newcomers to the hobby who want to sample zines in bulk can simply send me a large envelope and \$1-\$2 postage and in return they will receive as many zines as I can send. This idea has proved very popular in Britain, so I hope it will catch on here.

Please support and publicise the Zine Register and Zine Bank. Their success depends on the response by you, the editors. Please send the below information, trades and any ideas or questions to:  
Simon Billenness, 61A Park Avenue, Albany, NY 12202, USA.

Please send me the following information about your zine or subzine:

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| Page count (average)   | Circulation                            |
| Games running (type and number)  | Games open (include standby positions) |
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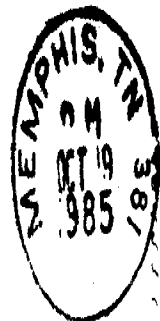
((There is a form on page 39 for all publishers to clip out and send to Simon. Please make the Zine Register as complete as possible! I've used the Zine Bank in England so we are very lucky to finally get one here. Let's cooperate with Simon!

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You can make a donation by sending any amount, made out to "Institute For Diplomatic Studies" and mail it to Larry Peery. His address is on page 39 . You can also write an article for DW and send it to Kathy Byrne as I am doing. Her address is: 29-10 164th St., Flushing, New York 11358 USA. I also plan on doing a multi-part series of articles on the Kaiser this next year in DW. Do what YOU can please!



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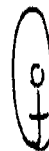
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*"Elvis had his faults, and he  
shot out a few televisions —  
but wouldn't you like to  
sometimes?"*

*—Rev. Nash Pritchett*

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